

Equifax Quarterly Commercial Insights Q3 2022



Business credit demand returns to growth, despite economic volatility

Commercial Credit Demand

BY TYPE



Business Credit
Applications grew by
(vs Sept quarter 2021)



Asset Finance
Applications increased by
(vs Sept quarter 2021)



Business Loan
Applications increased by
(vs Sept quarter 2021)



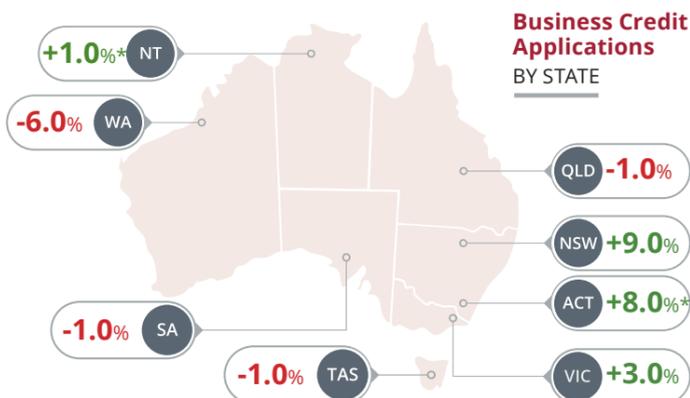
Trade Credit
Applications improved by
(vs Sept quarter 2021)



Business Credit Applications



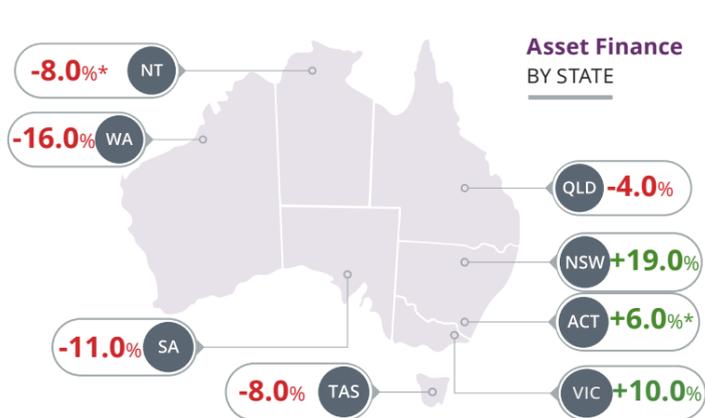
Overall Business Credit Applications increased year-on-year in the **September 2022** quarter, returning to growth following a dip in Q2.



Business Loan Applications



Asset Finance



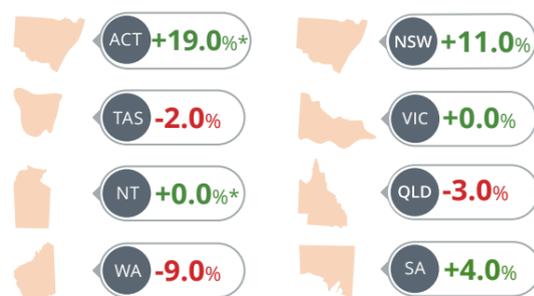
Asset Finance Applications saw strong growth in Q3, increasing **+5.2%** compared to the same period in 2021.

Demand volumes have also improved by **+14.1%** compared to Q3 2020.

Trade Credit



Demand is up **+2.8%** on levels observed in Q3 2020.



Trade Credit BY STATE

*Low volumes

Insolvency Insights

Insolvencies surged in Q3 2022, up **+59%** in September 2022 vs the same month in 2021.



Construction insolvencies were **+122%** higher in Q3 2022 vs 2021.

Although recent economic pressures contributed to the uptick, this increase continues the upward trend in insolvencies that has been observed throughout 2022, as volumes get closer to pre-Covid levels.



"Consumer demand continues to outstrip supply when it comes to construction, which is why we are seeing healthy asset finance growth for this sector - up 8% year-on-year.

However, these demand figures don't mean that construction operators are out of the woods, as insolvency rates in the sector continue to rise."

Scott Mason
General Manager
Commercial and Property Services, Equifax.

NOTE TO EDITORS The Equifax Quarterly Commercial Insights (formerly Business Credit Index) measures the volume of credit applications that go through the Equifax Commercial Bureau by financial services credit providers in Australia. Based on this, it is a good measure of the intentions to acquire credit by businesses. This differs from other market measures published by the RBA/ABS, which measure new and cumulative dollar amounts that are actually approved by financial institutions.

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