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Basis of preparation

This report presents the Pillar 3 disclosures of Bank of Scotland plc ('the Bank') as at 31 December 2024 and should be read in conjunction with the Bank of Scotland plc Annual Report and Accounts 2024.

The disclosures have been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure section of the PRA Rulebook. Pillar 3 templates required to be disclosed on an annual basis that have not been included in this report are listed in the table below along with the reason for exclusion.

PRA reference	Template name	Reason for exclusion
INS1	Insurance participations	Not applicable to the Bank
INS2	Financial conglomerates information on own funds and capital adequacy ratio	Not applicable to the Bank
CR2a	Changes in the stock of non-performing loans and advances and related net accumulated recoveries	Threshold for disclosure not met
CQ2	Quality of forbearance	Threshold for disclosure not met
CQ6	Collateral valuation – loans and advances	Threshold for disclosure not met
CQ7	Collateral obtained by taking possession and execution processes	No collateral taken into possession is recognised on the balance sheet
CQ8	Collateral obtained by taking possession and execution processes – vintage breakdown	No collateral taken into possession is recognised on the balance sheet
CR7	IRB – Effect on the RWAs of credit derivatives used as CRM techniques	Excluded on materiality basis
CR10.3	Specialised lending: Object finance (Slotting approach)	Not applicable to the Bank
CR10.4	Specialised lending: Commodities finance (Slotting approach)	Not applicable to the Bank
CR10.5	Equity exposures subject to the simple risk weight method	Not applicable to the Bank
MR2-B	RWA flow statements of market risk exposures under the IMA	Not applicable to the Bank
LIQA	Qualitative information on Liquidity risk management	
LIQ1	Quantitative information of LCR	Liquidity is managed at a DoLSub level, refer to the Lloyds Bank plc FY 2024 Pillar 3 disclosures for further information.
LIQ2	Quantitative information of NSFR	
LIQB	Qualitative information on LCR, which complements template LIQ1	
REMA	Remuneration policy	
REMI	Remuneration awarded for the financial year	
REM2	Special payments to staff whose professional activities have a material impact on institutions risk profile (identified staff)	Excluded as Bank staff are contractually employed by the Bank parent company HBOS plc.
REM3	Deferred remuneration	
REM4	Remuneration of 1 million EUR or more per year	
REM5	Information on remuneration of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on institutions risk profile (identified staff)	

The information presented in this Pillar 3 report is not required to be, and has not been, subject to external audit.

A description of the main features of common equity tier 1 (CET1), additional tier 1 (AT1) and tier 2 (T2) capital instruments issued by Lloyds Banking Group plc (the ultimate parent company) and its large subsidiaries (including Bank of Scotland plc) are included in a separate document on the Lloyds Banking Group website located at www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/investors/financial-downloads. In addition, the report identifies and provides a description of the main features of debt instruments that are recognised as eligible liabilities in accordance with the Bank of England's MREL framework. Template TLAC 2 is included within the Pillar 3 disclosures for Lloyds Banking Group plc and details the creditor hierarchy and nominal values of instruments issued by Bank of Scotland plc. The Lloyds Banking Group plc 2024 Year-End Pillar 3 Disclosures can be found on the Lloyds Banking Group plc website.

Key metric and overview of risk weighted exposure amounts

KMI: Key metrics^{1,2}

KMI	LR2		31 Dec 2024	30 Jun 2024	31 Dec 2023
Ref	Ref	Available own funds (amounts)			
1		Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital (£m)	11,028	10,859	11,966
2		Tier 1 capital (£m)	13,628	13,409	14,516
3		Total capital (£m)	15,402	15,182	16,410
		Risk-weighted exposure amounts			
4		Total risk-weighted exposure amount (£m)	81,493	80,928	80,254
		Capital ratios (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)			
5		Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%)	13.5%	13.4%	14.9%
6		Tier 1 ratio (%)	16.7%	16.6%	18.1%
7		Total capital ratio (%)	18.9%	18.8%	20.4%
		Additional own funds requirements based on SREP (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)			
UK 7a		Additional CET1 SREP requirements (%)	1.1%	1.5%	1.5%
UK 7b		Additional AT1 SREP requirements (%)	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
UK 7c		Additional T2 SREP requirements (%)	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%
UK 7d		Total SREP own funds requirements (%)	10.0%	10.6%	10.6%
		Combined buffer requirement (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)			
8		Capital conservation buffer (%)	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
9		Institution specific countercyclical capital buffer (%)	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
11		Combined buffer requirement (%)	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
UK 11a		Overall capital requirements (%)	14.5%	15.1%	15.1%
12		CET1 available after meeting minimum SREP own funds requirements (%) ³	7.9%	7.4%	8.9%
		Leverage ratio			
13	UK-24b	Total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks (£m)	310,190	305,010	303,647
14	25	Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%
		Additional leverage ratio disclosure requirements			
UK 14a	UK-25a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%
UK 14b	UK-25c	Leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.4%	4.7%
UK 14c	UK-34	Average leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%) ⁴	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%
UK 14d	UK-33	Average leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%) ⁴	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
	UK-31	Average total exposure measure including claims on central banks ⁴	313,040	305,435	305,666
	UK-32	Average total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks ⁴	310,277	303,257	302,695
	27	Leverage ratio buffer (%) ⁵	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
UK 14e	UK-27b	Of which: countercyclical leverage ratio buffer (%)	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%

1 Includes extracts of LR2 (Leverage ratio common disclosure) that are required to be disclosed on a quarterly basis.

2 Where available, the Bank applies dynamic relief in accordance with the IFRS 9 transitional arrangements for capital as set out under CRR Article 473a (revised). In addition the Bank applies a 100 per cent risk weight to the consequential Standardised credit risk exposure add-back as permitted under paragraph 7a of the arrangements. At 31 December 2024, no dynamic relief has been recognised (31 December 2023: £nil).

3 Represents, as a percentage, the level of CET1 capital left available to meet buffer requirements after subtracting the minimum amount of CET1 capital required to meet total Pillar 1 plus Pillar 2A capital requirements, also referred to as total SREP own funds requirements. The minimum CET1 requirement is equivalent to 4.5 per cent (Pillar 1) plus the additional CET1 SREP requirement (56.25 per cent of Pillar 2A).

4 The average leverage ratio is based on the average of the month end tier 1 capital position and average exposure measure over the quarter.

5 The additional leverage ratio buffer (ALRB) does not apply for the Bank.

Key metric and overview of risk weighted exposure amounts continued**IFRS 9-FL: Capital**

Comparison of institutions' own funds and capital and leverage ratios with and without the application of transitional arrangements for IFRS 9 or analogous ECLs.

	31 Dec 2024	30 Jun 2024	31 Dec 2023
Available own funds (amounts)			
1 Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital (£m)	11,028	10,859	11,966
2 CET1 capital as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	11,028	10,859	11,966
3 Tier 1 capital (£m)	13,628	13,409	14,516
4 Tier 1 capital as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	13,628	13,409	14,516
5 Total capital (£m)	15,402	15,182	16,410
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Risk-weighted exposure amounts			
7 Total risk-weighted exposure amount (£m)	81,493	80,928	80,254
8 Total risk-weighted exposure amount as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (£m)	81,493	80,928	80,254
Capital ratios (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)			
9 Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%)	13.5%	13.4%	14.9%
10 CET1 ratio as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	13.5%	13.4%	14.9%
11 Tier 1 ratio (%)	16.7%	16.6%	18.1%
12 Tier 1 ratio as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	16.7%	16.6%	18.1%
13 Total capital ratio (%)	18.9%	18.8%	20.4%
14 Total capital ratio as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	18.9%	18.8%	20.4%
Leverage ratio			
15 Total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks (£m)	310,190	305,010	303,647
16 Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%
17 Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks as if IFRS 9 transitional arrangements had not been applied (%)	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%

Common Equity Tier 1

The Bank's common equity tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio reduced from 14.9 per cent at 31 December 2023 to 13.5 per cent at 31 December 2024. Profit for the year, including dividends received from subsidiaries, was more than offset by the payment of interim ordinary dividends, the accrual for foreseeable ordinary dividends and an increase in risk-weighted assets.

Total Capital

The total capital ratio reduced from 20.4 per cent at 31 December 2023 to 18.9 per cent at 31 December 2024, reflecting the increase in risk-weighted assets, the reduction in CET1 capital and the reduction in eligible provisions recognised through tier 2 capital.

Risk-Weighted Assets

Risk-weighted assets increased by £1,239 million to £81,493 million at 31 December 2024 compared to £80,254 million at 31 December 2023. This includes the impact of lending growth and Retail secured CRD IV increases, partly offset by optimisation including capital efficient, net present value positive securitisation activity and other movements.

Leverage

The Bank's UK leverage ratio decreased from 4.8 per cent at 31 December 2023 to 4.4 per cent at 31 December 2024, reflecting the reduction in the total tier 1 capital position and the increase in the leverage exposure measure following lending growth net of securitisation activity.

OVI: Overview of risk-weighted assets

	Total RWA		Total own funds requirements
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
	£m	£m	£m
1 Credit risk (excluding CCR)	74,629	71,822	5,970
2 Of which the standardised approach	3,136	3,457	251
3 Of which the foundation IRB (FIRB) approach	1,446	1,563	116
4 Of which slotting approach	713	929	57
UK 4a Of which equities under the simple risk weighted approach	2,770	2,920	221
5 Of which the advanced IRB (AIRB) approach	65,594	61,956	5,247
Of which: non-credit obligation assets ¹	970	997	78
6 Counterparty credit risk (CCR)	187	234	15
7 Of which the standardised approach	136	162	11
UK 8b Of which credit valuation adjustment (CVA)	51	72	4
16 Securitisation exposures in the non-trading book (after the cap)	707	931	56
17 Of which SEC-IRBA approach	298	494	24
18 Of which SEC-ERBA approach (including IAA)	409	437	32
20 Position, foreign exchange and commodities risks (Market risk)	61	468	5
21 Of which the standardised approach	61	468	5
23 Operational risk	5,909	6,799	473
UK 23b Of which standardised approach	5,909	6,799	473
24 Memo: Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (subject to 250% risk weight)	2,926	3,205	234
29 Total	81,493	80,254	6,519
Pillar 2A capital requirement ²			1,632
Total capital requirement			8,151

¹ Non-credit obligation assets (IRB approach) predominately relate to other balance sheet assets that have no associated credit risk.

² As at 31 December 2024, the Pillar 2A capital requirement was around 2.0 per cent of risk-weighted assets, of which around 1.1 per cent was to be met with CET1 capital.

Risk-weighted assets increased by £1,239 million to £81,493 million at 31 December 2024 compared to £80,254 million at 31 December 2023. This largely reflected:

Credit Risk: RWAs increased by £2,807 million to £74,629 million, including AIRB RWAs which increased by £3,638 million predominantly reflecting Retail Secured CRD IV increases and Retail lending growth, partially offset by capital efficient securitisation of primarily legacy Retail mortgage portfolios.

Market Risk: RWAs decreased by £407 million to £61 million primarily due to foreign exchange exposure falling below the de-minimis threshold (31 December 2023: £392 million foreign exchange RWAs).

Operational Risk: RWAs decreased by £890 million due to lower 3 year average income reflected through the annual recalculation.

Credit risk

The table below summarises the movements of risk-weighted assets for credit risk exposures under the Internal Ratings Based (IRB) Approach. The table excludes counterparty credit risk exposures, securitisation exposures, other non-credit obligation assets and equity exposures.

CR8: Risk-weighted assets flow statements of credit risk exposures

	Total RWA quarter to 31 Dec 2024	Total RWA YTD 31 Dec 2024
	£m	£m
1 Risk weighted exposure amount as at the end of previous reporting period	66,851	64,448
2 Asset size (+/-)	231	2,199
3 Asset quality (+/-)	(398)	252
4 Model updates (+/-)	175	175
5 Methodology and policy (+/-)	1,766	2,033
6 Acquisitions and disposals (+/-)	(871)	(1,345)
7 Foreign exchange movements (+/-)	(1)	(9)
9 Risk weighted exposure amount at the end of the reporting period	67,753	67,753

Key movements 30 September 2024 to 31 December 2024

- Asset size movement largely driven by Retail lending growth.
- Asset quality movement mainly driven by model calibrations across certain portfolios.
- Methodology and policy movement driven by Retail Secured CRD IV increases.
- Acquisitions and disposals reflect the derecognition of Retail mortgage exposures via securitisation.

Individual Capital Requirement (UK OVC)

Pillar 1 of the regulatory framework focuses on the determination of risk weighted assets and expected losses in respect of the firm's exposure to credit, counterparty credit, market and operational risks.

The minimum amount of total capital, under Pillar 1 of the regulatory capital framework, is set at 8 per cent of total risk-weighted assets. At least 4.5 per cent of risk-weighted assets are required to be met with CET1 capital and at least 6 per cent of risk-weighted assets are required to be met with tier 1 capital.

A range of approaches, varying in sophistication, are available under the regulatory framework to use in measuring risk-weighted assets and thereby determine the minimum level of capital required under Pillar 1. The Bank's risk-weighted assets are predominantly calculated using internal models that are prudently calibrated based on loss experience and are subject to a number of internal controls and external approval from the PRA. Bank models designed to meet revised regulations implemented by the PRA on 1 January 2022 remain in development and as a result the Bank has applied temporary model adjustments to risk-weighted assets and expected loss amounts.

The PRA sets an additional minimum capital requirement under Pillar 2A. This reflects a point in time estimate of the amount of capital required to cover risks that are not fully covered by Pillar 1, such as credit concentration and operational risk, and those risks not covered at all by Pillar 1, such as pension obligation risk and interest rate risk in the banking book (IRRBB).

Pillar 2A capital requirements consist of a variable amount (being a set percentage of risk-weighted assets), with fixed add-ons for certain risk types.

A key input into the PRA's Pillar 2A setting process is a bank's own assessment of the minimum amount of capital it needs to cover risks that are not covered or not fully covered by Pillar 1; the Bank's own assessment forms part of the consolidated Lloyds Bank plc Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP).

Some of the key risks assessed within the Pillar 2A assessment part of the Bank's ICAAP include:

- Concentration risk – greater loss volatility arising from a higher level of loan default correlation than is assumed by the Pillar 1 assessment. Such correlation can arise from, for example, geographic, industry sector and single name concentrations.
- Underestimation risk – where it is considered that the Pillar 1 capital assessments for credit, market, credit valuation adjustment (CVA) or operational risk underestimate the risk, including as a result of climate change related considerations. The operational risk assessment includes consideration of conduct risk.
- Pension obligation risk – the potential for losses that the Bank would incur in the event of a significant deterioration in the funding position of the Bank's defined benefit pension schemes.
- Interest rate risk in the banking book – the potential losses in the non-trading book resulting from interest rate changes or changes in spreads between different rates.

The detailed ICAAP document is subject to a robust review process, approved by the Board Risk Committee and submitted to the PRA annually for their consideration ahead of setting the Bank's P2A requirement.

The Bank is not permitted by the PRA to disclose any details on the individual components of its Pillar 2A capital requirement.

Own funds

CC1: Composition of regulatory own funds

The capital positions presented below reflect the application of the transitional arrangements for IFRS 9.

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	
	£m	£m	CC2 reference
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital: instruments and reserves			
1	5,847	5,847	
	5,847	5,847	a
2	4,987	5,389	c
3	3,253	3,249	c
UK-5a	(250)	—	
6	13,837	14,485	
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital: regulatory adjustments			
7	(39)	(45)	
8	(709)	(703)	d
10	(1,812)	(1,810)	e
11	78	76	
12	(238)	—	
14	(1)	(1)	
15	(38)	(36)	f
19	(50)	—	g
28	(2,809)	(2,519)	
29	11,028	11,966	
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital: instruments			
30	2,600	2,550	b
31	2,600	2,550	
44	2,600	2,550	
45	13,628	14,516	
Tier 2 (T2) capital: instruments			
46	1,500	1,500	h
50	274	394	
51	1,774	1,894	
Tier 2 (T2) capital: regulatory adjustments			
58	1,774	1,894	
59	15,402	16,410	
60	81,493	80,254	
Capital ratios and buffer			
61	13.5%	14.9%	
62	16.7%	18.1%	
63	18.9%	20.4%	
64	10.1%	10.5%	
65	2.5%	2.5%	
66	2.0%	2.0%	
68	7.9%	8.9%	
Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (before risk weighting)			
73	1,108	1,168	
75	63	114	
Applicable caps on the inclusion of provisions in Tier 2			
78	274	414	
79	413	394	

1. The reported amount for 31 December 2024 through row UK-5a reflects the year end foreseeable dividend accrual only as the externally audited profits for the year to 31 December 2024 are included in row 2 (Retained earnings).

Own funds continued

CC2: Reconciliation of regulatory own funds to balance sheet in the financial statements

The following table presents the Bank's accounting balance sheet as at 31 December 2024 which forms the basis for the calculation of the Bank's regulatory own funds as presented in table CC1. There is no difference between the Bank's accounting and regulatory balance sheets.

		Balance sheet at 31 Dec 24	
		£m	Reference ¹
Assets			
1	Cash and balances at central banks	2,853	
2	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	117	
3	Derivative financial instruments	3,337	
4	Loans and advances to banks	78	
5	Loans and advances to customers	294,782	
6	Debt securities	1,350	
7	Due from fellow Lloyds Bank Group undertakings	18,896	
8	Financial assets at amortised cost	315,106	
9	Investment in subsidiary undertakings	1,284	d, g
10	Goodwill and other intangible assets	325	d
11	Current tax recoverable	1,354	
12	Deferred tax assets ²	1,886	e
13	Retirement benefit assets	52	f
14	Other assets	1,554	
15	Total assets	327,868	
Liabilities			
1	Deposits from banks	179	
2	Customer deposits	165,053	
3	Repurchase agreements at amortised cost	22,168	
4	Due to fellow Lloyds Bank Group undertakings	107,189	
5	Derivative financial instruments	3,366	
6	Notes in circulation	2,121	
7	Debt securities in issue	8,077	
8	Other liabilities	1,031	
9	Current tax liabilities	—	
10	Deferred tax liabilities	—	
11	Other provisions	464	
12	Subordinated liabilities	1,533	h
13	Total liabilities	311,181	
Shareholders' equity			
1	Called up share capital	5,847	
2	of which: share capital	5,847	a
3	Other equity instruments	2,600	b
4	Retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income and other reserves ³	8,240	c
5	Total equity excluding non-controlling interests	16,687	
6	Non-controlling interests	—	
7	Total equity	16,687	
8	Total equity and liabilities	327,868	

1 The references (a) to (h) identify regulatory balance sheet components that link initially to items disclosed in table CC1, prior to the application of regulatory definitions and adjustments per the rules for calculating own funds.

2 Deferred tax assets that rely on future profitability may be reduced by associated deferred tax liabilities where the conditions specified in Article 38 of the CRR are met. The resultant net deferred tax asset positions are deducted from CET1 capital, except in the case of deferred tax assets that arise from temporary differences which may be risk weighted instead of deducted from capital for the portion of the balance that does not exceed a threshold limit. Deferred tax assets are also adjusted to reflect the application of the IFRS 9 transitional arrangements.

3 The regulatory definition of eligible items for inclusion in retained earnings differs from the accounting definition. The aggregate of retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income and other reserves is comparable on both bases but the allocation between categories differs.

Own funds continued

CCyBI: Geographical distribution of credit exposures relevant for the calculation of the countercyclical buffer

31 Dec 2024														
Breakdown by Country	General credit exposures ^{2,3}		Relevant credit exposures - Market risk ²		Securitisation exposures ³	Own fund requirements - relevant credit exposures								
	Exposure value under the standardised approach	Exposure value under the IRB approach	Sum of long and short positions of trading book exposures for SA	Value of trading book exposures for internal models	Exposure value for non-trading book	Total exposure value	Credit risk ^{2,3}	Market risk ²	Securitisation positions in the non-trading book ³	Total	Risk-weighted exposure amounts	Own fund requirements weights	Countercyclical buffer rate	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%	
United Kingdom	7,251	337,279	-	-	1,844	346,374	5,734	-	32	5,766	72,071	99.42%	2.00%	
Denmark	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	5	0.01%	2.50%	
France	-	-	-	-	59	59	-	-	3	3	31	0.04%	1.00%	
Germany	-	32	-	-	222	254	3	-	2	5	59	0.08%	0.75%	
Hong Kong	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	0.00%	0.50%	
Ireland	-	12	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	1	9	0.01%	1.50%	
Luxembourg	-	47	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	0.50%	
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	63	63	-	-	1	1	6	0.01%	2.00%	
i) Total¹	7,251	337,378	-	-	2,188	346,817	5,738	-	38	5,776	72,182	99.57%		
ii) Total¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
iii) Rest of the World¹	32	105	-	-	1,388	1,525	5	-	18	23	310	0.43%		
Total	7,283	337,483	-	-	3,576	348,342	5,743	-	56	5,799	72,492	100.00%		

CCyBI: Geographical distribution of credit exposures relevant for the calculation of the countercyclical buffer continued

31 Dec 2023														
Breakdown by Country	General credit exposures ^{2,3}		Relevant credit exposures – Market risk ²		Securitisation exposures ³	Own fund requirements – relevant credit exposures								
	Exposure value under the standardised approach	Exposure value under the IRB approach	Sum of long and short positions of trading book exposures for SA	Value of trading book exposures for internal models	Exposure value for non-trading book	Total exposure value	Credit risk ^{2,3}	Market risk ²	Securitisation positions in the non-trading book ³	Total	Risk-weighted exposure amounts	Own fund requirements weights	Countercyclical buffer rate	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%	
United Kingdom	7,765	322,352	–	–	2,346	332,463	5,485	–	51	5,536	69,208	99.31 %	2.00 %	
Denmark	–	6	–	–	–	6	1	–	–	1	7	0.01 %	2.50 %	
France	–	–	–	–	57	57	–	–	3	3	32	0.05 %	0.50 %	
Germany	–	36	–	–	232	268	3	–	2	5	55	0.08 %	0.75 %	
Ireland	–	47	–	–	–	47	4	–	–	4	49	0.07 %	1.00 %	
Luxembourg	–	48	–	–	–	48	3	–	–	3	34	0.05 %	0.50 %	
Netherlands	–	–	–	–	58	58	–	–	–	–	6	0.01 %	1.00 %	
i) Total ¹	7,765	322,489	–	–	2,693	332,947	5,496	–	56	5,552	69,391	99.58 %		
ii) Total ¹	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		
iii) Rest of the World ¹	2	125	–	–	1,318	1,445	5	–	18	23	297	0.42 %		
Total ¹	7,767	322,614	–	–	4,011	334,392	5,501	–	74	5,575	69,688	100.00 %		

1 The breakdown by country is disclosed on the following basis:

i) those countries for which a countercyclical capital buffer rate has been set and the Bank holds applicable exposures.

ii) those countries for which a countercyclical capital buffer rate has not been set and have an own funds requirement weighting of greater than or equal to one per cent, the threshold having been determined by the Bank in accordance with guidelines on materiality for Pillar 3.

iii) the aggregate of all remaining countries for which a countercyclical buffer rate has not been set and individually have an own funds requirement weighting of less than one per cent.

2 For the purposes of the calculation of the countercyclical capital buffer, general credit risk and trading book exposures exclude exposures to central governments, central banks, regional governments, local authorities, public sector entities, multilateral development banks, international organisations and institutions. In addition, trading book exposures are limited to those that are subject to the own funds requirement for specific risk or incremental default and migration risk.

3 General credit and securitisation exposures include counterparty credit risk and are stated on a post CRM basis.

CCyB2: Amount of institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
1 Total risk exposure amount	£81,493m	£80,254m
2 Institution specific countercyclical capital buffer rate	1.99%	1.99%
3 Institution specific countercyclical capital buffer requirement	£1,622m	£1,595m

Leverage

LR2: Leverage ratio common disclosure

		31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
		£m	£m
On-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and SFTs)			
1	On-balance sheet items (excluding derivatives, SFTs, but including collateral) ¹	324,262	317,839
3	Deductions of receivables assets for cash variation margin provided in derivatives transactions	(121)	(161)
6	Asset amounts deducted in determining tier 1 capital (leverage)	(2,854)	(2,556)
7	Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and SFTs)	321,287	315,122
Derivative exposures			
8	Replacement cost associated with SA-CCR derivatives transactions (i.e. net of eligible cash variation margin)	115	223
9	Add-on amounts for potential future exposure associated with SA-CCR derivatives transactions	220	240
13	Total derivatives exposures	335	463
Securities financing transaction (SFT) exposures			
14	Gross SFT assets (with no recognition of netting), after adjustment for sales accounting transactions	5	5
18	Total securities financing transaction exposures	5	5
Other off-balance sheet exposures			
19	Off-balance sheet exposures at gross notional amount	44,495	40,770
20	Adjustments for conversion to credit equivalent amounts	(36,554)	(33,625)
21	General provisions deducted in determining tier 1 capital (leverage) and specific provisions associated with off-balance sheet exposures	(70)	(74)
22	Off-balance sheet exposures	7,871	7,071
Excluded exposures			
UK-22a	Exposures excluded from the total exposure measure in accordance with point (c) of Article 429a(1) of the CRR	(16,455)	(16,005)
UK-22k	Total exempted exposures	(16,455)	(16,005)
Capital and total exposure measure			
23	Tier 1 capital (leverage)	13,628	14,516
24	Total exposure measure including claims on central banks	313,043	306,656
UK-24a	(-) Claims on central banks excluded	(2,853)	(3,009)
UK-24b	Total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks	310,190	303,647
Leverage ratio			
25	Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.8%
UK-25a	Fully loaded ECL accounting model leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.8%
UK-25c	Leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%)	4.4%	4.7%
26	Regulatory minimum leverage ratio requirement (%)	3.25%	3.25%
Additional leverage ratio disclosure requirements - leverage ratio buffers			
27	Leverage ratio buffer (%)	0.7%	0.7%
UK-27b	Of which: countercyclical leverage ratio buffer (%)	0.7%	0.7%
Additional leverage ratio disclosure requirements - disclosure of mean values			
28	Mean of daily values of gross SFT assets (over the quarter), after adjustment for sale accounting transactions and netted of amounts of associated cash payables and cash receivable ²	—	—
29	Quarter-end value of gross SFT assets, after adjustment for sale accounting transactions and netted of amounts of associated cash payables and cash receivables ²	—	—
UK-31	Average total exposure measure including claims on central banks	313,040	305,666
UK-32	Average total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks	310,277	302,695
UK-33	Average leverage ratio including claims on central banks	4.4%	4.5%
UK-34	Average leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks	4.4%	4.6%

1 Includes an adjustment to exclude lending under the UK Government's Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs).

2 Excludes intragroup SFT assets amounting to £5 million, exempted in accordance with point (c) of Article 429a(1) of the CRR.

Leverage continued**LRI: Summary reconciliation of accounting assets and leverage ratio exposures**

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£m	£m
1 Total assets as per financial statements	327,868	321,109
4 Adjustment for exemption of exposures to central banks	(2,853)	(3,009)
6 Adjustment for regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets subject to trade date accounting	1	(2)
8 Adjustment for derivative financial instruments	(247)	(223)
10 Adjustment for off-balance sheet items (i.e. conversion to credit equivalent amounts of off-balance sheet exposures) ¹	7,941	7,145
11 Adjustment for items and specific and general provisions which have reduced tier 1 capital (leverage)	(2,924)	(2,630)
UK-11a Adjustment for exposures excluded from the total exposure measure in accordance with point (c) of Article 429a(1) of the CRR	(19,331)	(18,330)
12 Other adjustments ²	(265)	(413)
13 Total exposure measure	310,190	303,647

1 Gross of specific provisions. The amount net of specific provisions at 31 December 2024 is £7,871 million (31 December 2023: £7,071 million).

2 Includes an adjustment to exclude lending under the UK Government's Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs).

LR3: Split-up of on balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives, SFTs and exempted exposures)

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£m	£m
UK-1 Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives, SFTs, and exempted exposures), of which:	307,886	301,913
UK-2 Trading book exposures	—	—
UK-3 Banking book exposures, of which:	307,886	301,913
UK-5 Exposures treated as sovereigns	3,232	3,671
UK-7 Institutions	56	64
UK-8 Secured by mortgages of immovable properties	276,753	267,551
UK-9 Retail exposures	11,343	11,086
UK-10 Corporates	3,773	3,920
UK-11 Exposures in default	3,284	3,400
UK-12 Other exposures (e.g. equity, securitisations, and other non-credit obligation assets)	9,445	12,221

LRA: Disclosure of LR qualitative information**Description of the processes used to manage the risk of excessive leverage**

Capital is actively managed and regulatory ratios, including leverage, are a key factor in the Bank's internal risk appetite assessment and planning processes.

Capital plans include an assessment of leverage requirements over the forecast period which considers the risk of excessive leverage and potential mitigating actions that could be undertaken in response.

The Bank monitors its leverage position through a combination of actual and projected ratios, including those under stressed scenarios, ensuring that the ratio exceeds regulatory minimums and internal risk appetite and reports these on a regular basis to a range of committees as well as at the Board and the Ring-Fenced Bank's Board Risk Committee.

The risks of contingent leverage are appropriately assessed as part of the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP).

Description of the factors that had an impact on the leverage ratio during the period to which the disclosed leverage ratio refers

Further details on the factors that had an impact on the leverage ratio during the period are discussed on page 5.

Credit risk quality

UK CRB: Additional disclosure related to the credit quality of assets

The scope and definitions of 'past-due' and 'impaired' exposures used for accounting purposes and regulatory purposes

On 1 January 2022, as part of changes to new CRD IV regulations applicable to internal ratings based (IRB) models, the Bank amended its definition of default for UK mortgages which aligned accounting and regulatory definitions of default. For UK mortgages, regulatory default was previously deemed to have occurred no later than when a payment was 180 days past due. In line with CRD IV, this definition was reduced to 90 days, as well as including end-of-term payments on past due interest-only accounts and any non performing loans. As such, all exposures greater than 90 days past due are now considered impaired and in default for both accounting and regulatory purposes.

The change in definition of default was one element of a wider range of CRD IV changes for modelled outputs. The Bank's models to meet these new requirements remain subject to further development and final approval by the PRA. As a result the Bank has applied temporary model adjustments to risk-weighted asset and expected loss amounts reflecting the new modelling requirements. Regulatory IRB figures for Exposure at Default (EAD), Probability of Default (PD) and Loss Given Default (LGD) in these disclosures are based on existing (pre-CRD IV) models. For EAD disclosures this includes the reporting of defaulted exposures on a 180 days past due basis.

The extent of past-due exposures (more than 90 days) that are not considered to be impaired and the reasons for this.

As noted above, all exposures greater than 90 days past due are considered impaired.

Methods used for determining general and specific credit risk adjustments.

All expected credit losses are calculated in line with IFRS 9 (Financial Instruments). All expected credit losses are allocated against individual exposures and so all are considered as specific credit risk adjustments. The Bank does not recognise any general credit risk adjustments.

The institution's own definition of a restructured exposure (CRR Articles 178(3)(d) and 47b)

Following the change in definition of default recognised by the Bank on 1 January 2022, the Bank's definition of a restructured exposure aligns to Article 178(3)(d) and Article 47b.

Credit risk

The tables in this section reflect FINREP categories and definitions. The reported values for defaulted exposure reflect a definition of default backstop of 90 days.

CRI: Performing and non-performing exposures and related provisions

		31 Dec 2024														
		Gross carrying amount/nominal amount ¹						Accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions ¹						Collateral and financial guarantees received		
		Performing exposures			Non-performing exposures			Performing exposures – accumulated impairment and provisions			Non-performing exposures – accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions			Accumulated partial write-off	On performing exposures	On non-performing exposures
		Of which stage 1	Of which stage 2		Of which stage 2	Of which stage 3		Of which stage 1	Of which stage 2		Of which stage 2	Of which stage 3				
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
005	Cash balances at central banks and other demand deposits	828	828	–	–	–	–	–	–	(2)	(2)	–	–	–	–	–
010	Loans and advances	309,393	278,222	31,056	6,270	350	5,920	(665)	(176)	(489)	(904)	(25)	(879)	(62)	276,055	5,093
020	Central banks	1,751	1,751	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
030	General governments	33	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–
040	Credit institutions	13,425	13,425	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
050	Other financial corporations	4,110	4,109	1	35	–	35	(1)	(1)	–	(35)	–	(35)	–	18	–
060	Non-financial corporations	5,446	4,812	556	349	8	341	(52)	(18)	(34)	(150)	–	(150)	(62)	1,797	84
070	Of which SMEs	2,129	1,879	250	108	8	100	(18)	(7)	(11)	(12)	–	(12)	–	562	23
080	Households	284,628	254,106	30,499	5,886	342	5,544	(612)	(157)	(455)	(719)	(25)	(694)	–	274,228	5,009
090	Debt securities	2,057	2,055	–	1	–	1	(2)	(2)	–	(1)	–	(1)	–	–	–
110	General governments	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
120	Credit institutions	141	141	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
130	Other financial corporations	1,916	1,914	–	–	–	–	(2)	(2)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
140	Non-financial corporations	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	(1)	–	(1)	–	–	–
150	Off-balance-sheet exposures	44,633	42,875	1,758	98	53	45	(78)	(37)	(41)	(3)	(3)	–		142	–
170	General governments	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
180	Credit institutions	22	22	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
190	Other financial corporations	2,481	2,481	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
200	Non-financial corporations	1,764	1,582	182	5	4	1	(12)	(3)	(9)	–	–	–	–	142	–
210	Households	40,364	38,788	1,576	93	49	44	(66)	(34)	(32)	(3)	(3)	–	–	–	–
220	Total	356,911	323,980	32,814	6,369	403	5,966	(747)	(217)	(530)	(908)	(28)	(880)	(62)	276,197	5,093

Credit risk continued

CRI: Performing and non-performing exposures and related provisions continued

	31 Dec 2023														
	Gross carrying amount/nominal amount ¹						Accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions ¹						Collateral and financial guarantees received		
	Performing exposures ²			Non-performing exposures			Performing exposures – accumulated impairment and provisions			Non-performing exposures – accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions			Accumulated partial write-off	On performing exposures	On non-performing exposures
	Of which stage 1	Of which stage 2		Of which stage 2	Of which stage 3		Of which stage 1	Of which stage 2		Of which stage 2	Of which stage 3				
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
005 Cash balances at central banks and other demand deposits ²	2,819	2,819	–	–	–	–	(5)	(5)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
010 Loans and advances ²	301,029	262,464	38,454	7,237	492	6,745	(984)	(301)	(683)	(1,029)	(27)	(1,001)	(62)	265,826	5,850
020 Central banks	1,421	1,421	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
030 General governments	28	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–
040 Credit institutions ²	12,095	12,095	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
050 Other financial corporations	6,532	6,527	4	36	–	36	(3)	(3)	–	(36)	–	(36)	–	13	–
060 Non-financial corporations	5,975	4,978	923	460	88	372	(82)	(19)	(63)	(172)	–	(172)	(62)	2,235	104
070 Of which SMEs	2,393	2,003	390	166	36	130	(21)	(7)	(14)	(14)	–	(14)	–	859	64
080 Households	274,978	237,431	37,527	6,741	404	6,337	(899)	(279)	(620)	(821)	(27)	(793)	–	263,566	5,746
090 Debt securities	2,374	2,374	–	1	–	1	(5)	(5)	–	(1)	–	(1)	–	–	–
110 General governments	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
120 Credit institutions	97	97	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
130 Other financial corporations	2,277	2,277	–	–	–	–	(5)	(5)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
140 Non-financial corporations	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	(1)	–	(1)	–	–	–
150 Off-balance-sheet exposures	39,379	37,521	1,858	108	50	57	(84)	(40)	(44)	(3)	(2)	(1)		311	–
170 General governments	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–
180 Credit institutions	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–
190 Other financial corporations	1,663	1,663	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–
200 Non-financial corporations	1,796	1,498	298	2	1	1	(12)	(4)	(8)	(1)	–	(1)		311	–
210 Households	35,918	34,358	1,560	106	49	56	(72)	(36)	(36)	(2)	(2)	–		–	–
220 Total	345,601	305,178	40,312	7,346	542	6,803	(1,078)	(351)	(727)	(1,033)	(29)	(1,003)	(62)	266,137	5,850

¹ Staging analysis will exclude those assets and provisions that can not be allocated to a stage such as those classified as 'purchased or originated credit impaired' (POCI) and those measured at fair value.

² The performing exposures for Dec-23 have been restated.

Credit risk continued**CRI-A: Maturity of exposures**

		31 Dec 2024					
		Net exposure value					
		On demand	<= 1 year	> 1 year <= 5 years	> 5 years	No stated maturity	Total
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
1	Loans and advances	7,632	7,389	18,618	280,432	23	314,094
2	Debt securities	139	231	1,479	264	—	2,113
3	Total	7,771	7,620	20,097	280,696	23	316,207

		31 Dec 2023 ¹					
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
1	Loans and advances	7,649	6,456	23,879	268,249	21	306,254
2	Debt securities	93	19	1,986	272	—	2,370
3	Total	7,742	6,475	25,865	268,521	21	308,624

1 The maturity profile for Dec-23 has been restated.

CR2: Changes in the stock of non-performing loans and advances

		Gross carrying amount
		£m
010	Initial stock of non-performing loans and advances at 31 December 2023	7,237
020	Inflows to non-performing portfolios	2,246
030	Outflows from non-performing portfolios	(3,213)
040	Outflows due to write-offs	(458)
050	Outflow due to other situations	(2,755)
060	Final stock of non-performing loans and advances at 31 December 2024	6,270

Credit risk continued

CQ1: Credit quality of forborne exposures

31 Dec 2024									
Gross carrying amount/nominal amount of exposures with forbearance measures					Accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions		Collateral received and financial guarantees received on forborne exposures		
Non-performing forborne					On performing forborne exposures	On non-performing forborne exposures	Of which collateral and financial guarantees received on non-performing exposures with forbearance measures		
Performing forborne	Of which defaulted		Of which impaired				£m	£m	£m
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
010 Loans and advances	788	2,399	2,280	2,280	(17)	(406)	2,445	1,766	
50 Other financial corporations	–	2	2	2	–	(2)	–	–	
60 Non-financial corporations	44	334	332	332	(1)	(149)	77	72	
70 Households	744	2,063	1,946	1,946	(16)	(255)	2,368	1,694	
080 Debt Securities	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
090 Loan commitments given	48	56	29	29	(1)	(2)	–	–	
100 Total	836	2,455	2,309	2,309	(18)	(408)	2,445	1,766	
31 Dec 2023									
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
010 Loans and advances	945	2,704	2,542	2,542	(26)	(481)	2,758	1,919	
050 Other financial corporations	1	36	36	36	–	(36)	–	–	
060 Non-financial corporations	35	428	356	356	–	(171)	81	73	
070 Households	909	2,240	2,150	2,150	(26)	(274)	2,677	1,846	
080 Debt Securities	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
090 Loan commitments given	58	53	26	26	(1)	(2)	–	–	
100 Total	1,003	2,757	2,568	2,568	(27)	(483)	2,758	1,919	

Credit risk continued

CQ3: Credit quality of performing and non-performing exposures by past due days

		31 Dec 2024											
		Gross carrying amount/nominal amount											
		Performing exposures			Non-performing exposures								
		Not past due or past due ≤ 30 days		Past due > 30 days ≤ 90 days	Unlikely to pay that are not past due or are past due ≤ 90 days		Past due > 90 days ≤ 180 days	Past due > 180 days ≤ 1 year	Past due > 1 year ≤ 2 years	Past due > 2 years ≤ 5 years	Past due > 5 years ≤ 7 years	Past due > 7 years	Of which defaulted
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
005	Cash balances at central banks and other demand deposits	828	828	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
010	Loans and advances	309,393	308,340	1,053	6,270	2,231	1,004	961	1,154	676	115	129	5,887
020	Central banks	1,751	1,751	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
030	General governments	33	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
040	Credit institutions	13,425	13,425	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
050	Other financial corporations	4,110	4,110	—	35	—	—	—	—	31	—	4	2
060	Non-financial corporations	5,446	5,440	6	349	34	26	80	155	19	32	3	341
070	Of which SMEs	2,129	2,123	6	108	26	19	11	39	10	2	1	100
080	Households	284,628	283,581	1,047	5,886	2,197	978	881	999	626	83	122	5,544
090	Debt securities	2,057	2,057	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
110	General governments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
120	Credit institutions	141	141	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
130	Other financial corporations	1,916	1,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
140	Non-financial corporations	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
150	Off-balance-sheet exposures	44,633			98								43
170	General governments	2			—								—
180	Credit institutions	22			—								—
190	Other financial corporations	2,481			—								—
200	Non-financial corporations	1,764			5								1
210	Households	40,364			93								42
220	Total	356,911	311,225	1,053	6,369	2,231	1,004	961	1,154	676	115	130	5,931

CQ3: Credit quality of performing and non-performing exposures by past due days continued

		31 Dec 2023											
		Gross carrying amount/nominal amount											
		Performing exposures ¹			Non-performing exposures								
		Not past due or past due ≤ 30 days	Past due > 30 days ≤ 90 days	Unlikely to pay that are not past due or are past due ≤ 90 days	Past due > 90 days ≤ 180 days	Past due > 180 days ≤ 1 year	Past due > 1 year ≤ 2 years	Past due > 2 years ≤ 5 years	Past due > 5 years ≤ 7 years	Past due > 7 years	Of which defaulted		
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m		
005	Cash balances at central banks and other demand deposits ¹	2,819	2,819	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
010	Loans and advances ¹	301,029	299,754	1,275	7,237	2,790	1,528	1,296	756	619	106	143	6,745
020	Central banks	1,421	1,421	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
030	General governments	28	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
040	Credit institutions ¹	12,095	12,095	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
050	Other financial corporations	6,532	6,532	—	36	1	7	7	14	4	3	1	36
060	Non-financial corporations	5,975	5,958	17	460	67	116	86	76	78	19	18	372
070	Of which SMEs	2,393	2,382	11	166	67	29	16	22	20	6	6	131
080	Households	274,978	273,720	1,258	6,741	2,722	1,405	1,203	666	537	84	124	6,337
090	Debt securities	2,374	2,374	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
110	General governments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
120	Credit institutions	97	97	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
130	Other financial corporations	2,277	2,277	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
140	Non-financial corporations	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
150	Off-balance-sheet exposures	39,379			108								57
170	General governments	2			—								—
180	Credit institutions	—			—								—
190	Other financial corporations	1,663			—								—
200	Non-financial corporations	1,796			2								1
210	Households	35,918			106								56
220	Total	345,601	304,947	1,275	7,346	2,790	1,528	1,296	756	619	106	144	6,803

¹ The performing exposures for Dec-23 have been restated.

Credit risk continued

CQ4: Quality of non-performing exposures by geography

		31 Dec 2024				
		Gross carrying/nominal amount		Accumulated impairment	Provisions on off-balance-sheet commitments and financial guarantees given	Accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk on non-performing exposures
		Total performing and non-performing	Of which defaulted			
		£m	£m			
010	On-balance-sheet exposures	317,721	5,888	(1,572)		—
040	United Kingdom	317,436	5,887	(1,569)		—
070	Other countries	285	1	(3)		—
080	Off-balance-sheet exposures	44,731	43		(81)	
110	United Kingdom	44,696	43		(81)	
140	Other countries	35	—		—	
150	Total	362,452	5,931	(1,572)	(81)	—

		31 Dec 2023				
		£m ¹	£m	£m	£m	£m
010	On-balance-sheet exposures	310,642	6,745	(2,018)		—
040	United Kingdom	310,321	6,745	(2,013)		—
070	Other countries	321	—	(5)		—
080	Off-balance-sheet exposures	39,487	57		(87)	
110	United Kingdom	39,404	57		(88)	
140	Other countries	83	—		1	
150	Total	350,129	6,802	(2,018)	(87)	—

¹ The performing exposures for Dec-23 have been restated.

Credit risk continued

CQ5: Quality of loans and advances to non-financial corporations by industry

		31 Dec 2024			
		Gross carrying amount		Accumulated impairment	Accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk on non-performing exposures
		£m	Of which defaulted £m	£m	£m
010	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	509	22	(8)	—
020	Mining and quarrying	5	—	—	—
030	Manufacturing	173	2	(2)	—
040	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	15	—	—	—
050	Water supply	9	—	—	—
060	Construction	648	140	(110)	—
070	Wholesale and retail trade	413	21	(7)	—
080	Transport and storage	290	2	(8)	—
090	Accommodation and food service activities	381	16	(5)	—
100	Information and communication	28	1	—	—
110	Financial and insurance activities				
120	Real estate activities	2,819	110	(49)	—
130	Professional, scientific and technical activities	142	4	(3)	—
140	Administrative and support service activities	56	3	(1)	—
150	Public administration and defence, compulsory social security	—	—	—	—
160	Education	47	1	(1)	—
170	Human health services and social work activities	175	11	(2)	—
180	Arts, entertainment and recreation	36	7	(5)	—
190	Other services	49	1	(1)	—
200	Total	5,795	341	(202)	—

		31 Dec 2023			
		£m	£m	£m	£m
010	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	567	30	(11)	—
020	Mining and quarrying	16	—	(5)	—
030	Manufacturing	147	5	(2)	—
040	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	20	—	—	—
050	Water supply	12	—	—	—
060	Construction	729	166	(140)	—
070	Wholesale and retail trade	399	8	(10)	—
080	Transport and storage	329	3	(6)	—
090	Accommodation and food service activities	411	22	(8)	—
100	Information and communication	72	2	(1)	—
110	Financial and insurance activities				
120	Real estate activities	3,102	91	(56)	—
130	Professional, scientific and technical activities	169	4	(1)	—
140	Administrative and support service activities	99	5	(1)	—
150	Public administration and defence, compulsory social security	1	—	—	—
160	Education	46	1	(1)	—
170	Human health services and social work activities	210	20	(4)	—
180	Arts, entertainment and recreation	54	13	(6)	—
190	Other services	52	2	(2)	—
200	Total	6,435	372	(254)	—

UK CRC: Qualitative disclosure requirements related to CRM techniques

Collateral

The principal types of acceptable collateral include: residential and commercial properties; charges over business assets such as inventory and accounts receivable; financial instruments such as debt securities; vehicles; cash; and guarantees received from third parties.

The Bank maintains appetite parameters on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral.

For non-mortgage retail lending to small businesses, collateral may include second charges over residential property and the assignment of life cover.

Collateral held as security for financial assets other than loans and advances is determined by the nature of the underlying exposure. Debt securities, including treasury and other bills, are generally unsecured, with the exception of asset-backed securities and similar instruments such as covered bonds, which are secured by portfolios of financial assets. Collateral is generally not held against loans and advances to financial institutions and debt securities. Debt securities are classified as financial assets held at amortised cost.

Collateral requirements at origination depend on the transaction's nature and the borrower's credit quality, size and structure. For non-retail exposures, the Bank may seek:

- A first charge over land and buildings owned and occupied by the business
- A debenture over the assets of a company or limited liability partnerships
- Limited personal guarantees from directors of a company or limited liability partnership
- Key man insurance

The Bank has policies on acceptable collateral valuations, maximum loan-to-value (LTV) ratios, and other criteria for application reviews. The customer must demonstrate its ability to generate funds from normal operations to repay a customer or counterparty's financial commitments, rather than relying on the disposal of collateral.

The Bank requires collateral to be valued by a qualified, independent source at the time of borrowing. For retail residential mortgages, automated valuation models may be used, subject to accuracy and LTV limits. Third party valuations are regularly monitored and reviewed. Collateral values are reviewed based on lending type, collateral and account performance to ensure they remain appropriate. If collateral value declines, the Bank may seek additional collateral or amend facility terms. The Bank adjusts estimated market values to take account of the costs of realisation and any discount associated with the realisation of the collateral when estimating credit losses. In some circumstances, where the discounted value of the estimated net proceeds from the liquidation of collateral (i.e. net of costs, expected haircuts and anticipated changes in the value of the collateral to the point of sale) is greater than the estimated exposure at default, no credit losses are expected and no ECL allowance is recognised.

The Bank considers risk concentrations by collateral providers and collateral type with a view to ensuring that any potential undue concentrations of risk are identified and suitably managed by changes to strategy, policy and/or business plans.

Application of Credit Risk Mitigation

Where collateral is held, the eligible collateral for loans and advances and contingent liabilities is classified as either financial collateral or other collateral, as outlined below:

Eligible financial collateral

- Eligible financial collateral includes cash on deposit with the bank, gold, rated debt securities (subject to certain restrictions), equities or convertible bonds included in a main index and units in certain collective investment undertakings or mutual funds.
- The Bank predominantly applies financial collateral to its corporate (IRB and Standardised) and institutions (IRB) exposures.

Other eligible collateral

- Real estate collateral includes charges over residential and commercial properties, for example, for the Bank's mainstream mortgages.
- Other eligible collateral includes short term financial receivables, credit insurance, life policies and other physical collateral for example, vehicles, providing the criteria for eligibility are met.
- The Bank largely applies other eligible collateral to the IRB corporate main, corporate SME and retail asset classes.

The Bank also undertakes asset sales, credit derivative based transactions, securitisations (including Significant Risk Transfer transactions), purchases of credit default swaps and purchase of credit insurance as a means of mitigating or reducing credit risk and/or risk concentration, taking into account the nature of assets and the prevailing market conditions.

- Credit derivatives are a method of transferring credit risk from one counterparty (the protection buyer) to another (the protection seller). Capital relief under regulatory requirements is restricted to the following types of credit derivative: credit default swaps (CDS); total return swaps; and credit linked notes (CLN) (to the extent of their cash funding).
- The Bank makes limited use of credit derivatives as credit risk mitigation from a capital perspective.

Guarantees

- In addition, guarantees from eligible protection providers including governments, institutions and corporates, can also provide regulatory capital relief, although there are minimum operational and legal requirements which must be met before reflecting the risk mitigating effect. On the basis that these requirements are met, alternative forms of protection, for example indemnities, may be classified as a guarantee for regulatory capital purposes. Export Credit agencies can provide risk mitigation in the form of a guarantee (typically up to 85% – 95% of a contract value) providing cover and guarantee of payment in relation to commercial and political risk.
- Regulatory capital relief is taken for guarantees provided by appropriate governments, institutions or corporates, as well as for collateralised guarantees from corporates where available. This includes COVID-19 government lending schemes.

UK CRC: Qualitative disclosure requirements related to CRM techniques continued

The Bank's application of different types of credit risk mitigation from a regulatory capital perspective is outlined below:

	Standardised		IRB		
	EAD	Other	EAD	LGD	PD
Eligible financial collateral					
trading book	✓		✓		
non-trading book	✓			✓	
Other eligible collateral					
real estate collateral ¹		✓		✓	✓
other physical collateral				✓	✓
credit insurance ²		✓			✓
receivables	✓			✓	
life policies	✓			✓	
Credit derivatives ²		✓			✓
Collateralised guarantees		✓		✓	
Non collateralised guarantees ²		✓			✓

1 Real estate collateral determines the exposure class under the Standardised Approach as explained below.

2 As per application under the Substitution Approach, as explained below.

Application under the Standardised Approach

Where a credit risk exposure subject to the Standardised Approach is covered by a form of eligible financial collateral the EAD value is adjusted accordingly under the Financial Collateral Comprehensive Method (FCCM) applying adjustments for volatility and currency mismatch, in addition to maturity mismatches for all collateral types and appropriate value discounts as needed.

For unfunded credit protection, where both the protection provider and the original obligor are reported under the Standardised approach, for example where certain guarantees or credit derivatives apply, the exposure class and therefore risk weight applied to the portion of the exposure covered by the protection provider is based on the exposure class of the provider, referred to as the Substitution Approach. The covered portion is determined after the application of 'haircuts' for currency and maturity mismatch applied to the protection provided. The risk weight applied to the uncovered portion of the exposure is not impacted.

Real estate collateral does not impact EAD directly under the Standardised Approach, however, it instead determines the exposure class and directly impacts the risk-weight applied to the exposure.

Collateral may also be used as an input for modelling SCRAS against exposures, which will also indirectly reduce the EAD for exposures subject to the Standardised Approach.

Application under the IRB Approach

In recognising eligible financial collateral under the FIRB Approach, the Bank adjusts the relevant LGD value in accordance with the application of the FCCM, applying adjustments for volatility and currency mismatch, in addition to maturity mismatches for all collateral types and appropriate value discounts as needed.

Other eligible collateral, collateralised guarantees and real estate collateral applied under the FIRB Approach will typically result in an adjustment to the regulatory LGD value, subject to floors as prescribed in the CRR. The adjustment applied is dependent on the value and type of collateral used.

Where appropriate guarantees or credit derivatives apply and both the protection provider and the original obligor are reported under the FIRB approach, the PD applied to the portion of the exposure covered by the protection provider is based on the PD of the provider, referred to as the PD substitution approach. The covered portion is determined after the application of 'haircuts' for currency and maturity mismatch applied to the protection provided. The PD applied to the uncovered portion of the exposure is not impacted.

Under the Retail IRB Approach, own estimates of LGD are used, taking into account eligible collateral, including real estate collateral or other physical collateral, among other factors. As well as impacting LGD, real estate collateral may also influence a counterparty's PD under the Retail IRB approach in certain cases, for example, for residential mortgages.

Application between the IRB and Standardised Approaches

Under the Substitution Effect a non-collateralised guarantee could also result in an exposure moving between regulatory approaches, i.e. SA to IRB or IRB to SA. This occurs where the original obligor and the protection provider would be reported under different approaches due to their specific characteristics. This is most notable for COVID-19 government lending schemes where the UK government (as protection provider) is reported as a Standardised obligor whilst the majority of the original obligors are reported under the FIRB or RIRB approaches, though it can also occur for other government, corporate or institutional guarantees (including centrally cleared credit default swap protection). When this situation arises the covered exposure, after taking account of the specific exposure covered by the protection and application of 'haircuts' for any currency and / or maturity mismatches, is substituted from its original approach/exposure class into the approach/exposure class of the protection provider. Where this results in the exposure moving to the Standardised approach the risk weight is then based on the exposure class of the protection provider. If it results in the exposure moving into the IRB approach the RWA is based on the PD of the protection provider. Such substitution is only undertaken if the resultant position benefits from a lower capital requirement than was originally required.

Within Pillar 3 reporting this is evident as the Gross Exposure (or On and Off Balance Sheet Exposure pre CCF and CRM) shown in a particular table will include the exposure against the original obligor's exposure class as this is usually presented pre-CRM. The EAD for that asset class will not include that same exposure as it is shown post-CRM and therefore reflects that the exposure has substituted into the exposure class of the protection provider. EAD can therefore be higher or lower than the pre-CRM Gross Exposure as a result of this substitution effect.

Credit risk continued

CR3: CRM techniques – Overview

	31 Dec 2024				
	Unsecured carrying amount	Secured carrying amount	Of which secured by collateral	Of which secured by financial guarantees	Of which secured by credit derivatives
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Loans and advances	32,946	281,148	280,777	371	–
Debt securities	2,055	–	–	–	–
Total	35,001	281,148	280,777	371	–
Of which non-performing exposures	273	5,093	5,076	17	–
Of which defaulted	120	4,863	–	–	–

	31 Dec 2023				
	£m ¹	£m	£m	£m	£m
	Loans and advances	34,578	271,675	271,077	598
Debt securities	2,369	–	–	–	–
Total	36,947	271,675	271,077	598	–
Of which non-performing exposures	359	5,850	5,811	39	–
Of which defaulted	153	5,563	–	–	–

1 The unsecured carrying amounts for Dec-23 have been restated.

CR4: Standardised approach – credit risk exposure and Credit Risk Mitigation (CRM) effects

Exposure classes	31 Dec 2024					
	Exposures before CCF and before CRM		Exposures post CCF and post CRM		RWAs and RWAs density ¹	
	On-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	On-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	RWAs	RWAs density
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%
1 Central governments or central banks	3,168	–	3,499	–	156	4%
6 Institutions	15,182	50	15,182	10	12	–%
7 Corporates	2,946	972	2,935	199	784	25%
8 Retail	1,474	330	1,211	39	835	67%
9 Secured by mortgages on immovable property	2,386	14	2,386	5	857	36%
10 Exposures in default	305	3	271	1	305	112%
16 Other items	224	–	224	–	187	83%
17 Total	25,685	1,369	25,708	254	3,136	12%

Exposure classes	31 Dec 2023					
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%
1 Central governments or central banks	3,512	–	4,041	–	285	7%
6 Institutions	13,322	30	13,323	6	5	–%
7 Corporates	2,951	884	2,929	160	751	24%
8 Retail	1,641	331	1,221	11	815	66%
9 Secured by mortgages on immovable property	2,847	13	2,846	1	1,025	36%
10 Exposures in default	393	5	345	–	386	112%
16 Other items	238	–	238	–	190	80%
17 Total	24,904	1,263	24,943	178	3,457	14%

1. Risk-weighted assets and density reported in this table are disclosed after application of supporting factors.

Credit risk continued

CR7-A IRB - Disclosure of the extent of the use of CRM techniques

31 Dec 2024

		Credit risk mitigation techniques										Credit risk mitigation methods in the calculation of RWAs	
		Funded Credit Protection (FCP)						Unfunded Credit Protection (UFCP) ²					
		Part of exposures covered by financial collaterals	Part of exposures covered by other eligible collaterals ¹	Part of exposures covered by immovable property collaterals ¹	Part of exposures covered by receivables	Part of exposures covered by other physical collateral	Part of exposures covered by other funded credit protection	Part of exposures covered by cash on deposit	Part of exposures covered by life insurance policies	Part of exposures covered by instruments held by a third party	Part of exposures covered by guarantees	Part of exposures covered by credit derivatives	RWA with substitution effects (both reduction and substitution effects)
A-IRB	Total exposure at default £m	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	£m
4	Retail	–	92.08%	92.08%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	65,594
4.1	Of which Retail – Immovable property SMEs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4.2	Of which Retail – Immovable property non-SMEs	305,701	–	99.90%	99.90%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	54,038
4.3	Of which Retail – Qualifying revolving	21,533	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6,639
4.4	Of which Retail – Other SMEs	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4.5	Of which Retail – Other non-SMEs	4,408	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,917
5	Total	331,642	–	92.08%	92.08%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	65,594
F-IRB													
1	Central governments and central banks	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2	Institutions	57	47.56%	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10
3	Corporates	3,634	12.34%	26.51%	26.50%	0.01%	–	–	–	–	1.02%	–	2,149
3.1	Of which Corporates – SMEs	649	2.45%	27.57%	27.50%	0.07%	–	–	–	–	3.20%	–	390
3.2	Of which Corporates – Specialised lending ³	1,104	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	713
3.3	Of which Corporates – Other	1,881	23.00%	41.70%	41.70%	–	–	–	–	–	0.86%	–	1,046
4	Total	3,691	12.89%	26.10%	26.09%	0.01%	–	–	–	–	1.00%	–	2,159

CR7-A IRB - Disclosure of the extent of the use of CRM techniques continued

31 Dec 2023

		Credit risk mitigation techniques										Credit risk mitigation methods in the calculation of RWAs	
		Funded Credit Protection (FCP)								Unfunded Credit Protection (UFCP)		RWA with substitution effects (both reduction and substitution effects) £m	
		Part of exposures covered by financial collaterals %	Part of exposures covered by other eligible collaterals %	Part of exposures covered by immovable property collaterals %	Part of exposures covered by receivables %	Part of exposures covered by other physical collateral %	Part of exposures covered by other funded credit protection %	Part of exposures covered by cash on deposit %	Part of exposures covered by life insurance policies %	Part of exposures covered by instruments held by a third party %	Part of exposures covered by guarantees %		Part of exposures covered by credit derivatives %
A-IRB	Total exposure at default £m												
4	Retail	316,886	-	91.84%	91.84%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,956
4.1	Of which Retail – Immovable property SMEs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.2	Of which Retail – Immovable property non-SMEs	291,326	-	99.90%	99.90%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,103
4.3	Of which Retail – Qualifying revolving	21,369	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,952
4.4	Of which Retail – Other SMEs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.5	Of which Retail – Other non-SMEs	4,192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,901
5	Total	316,886	-	91.84%	91.84%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,956
F-IRB													
1	Central governments and central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Institutions	58	36.86%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
3	Corporates	3,852	10.20%	29.73%	29.04%	0.69%	-	-	-	-	1.35%	-	2,481
3.1	Of which Corporates – SMEs	606	5.00%	34.59%	34.59%	-	-	-	-	-	5.97%	-	365
3.2	Of which Corporates – Specialised lending ³	1,260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	929
3.3	Of which Corporates – Other	1,986	18.26%	47.10%	45.77%	1.33%	-	-	-	-	0.80%	-	1,186
4	Total	3,910	10.60%	29.29%	28.61%	0.68%	-	-	-	-	1.33%	-	2,492

1. For AIRB the value of eligible collateral has been capped at individual exposure amount. The percentage immovable property collateral for Retail immovable property non-SMEs without capping collateral is 242 per cent. For FIRB, the amount is capped at the value used in determining the LGD.

2. For AIRB, the unfunded credit protection includes only cases where unfunded credit protection is taken into account in own estimates of LGD. For FIRB, it relates to unfunded credit protection which has substitution effect.

3. 100% of the exposures disclosed in the 'Of which Corporates – Specialised lending' row, use the Slotting approach.

Credit risk continued

CR10.1: IRB – Specialised lending – Project Finance (Slotting approach)

		31 Dec 2024					
Regulatory categories	Remaining maturity	On-balance sheet exposure £m	Off-balance sheet exposure £m	Risk weight	Exposure value £m	Risk weighted exposure amount £m	Expected loss amount £m
1) Strong	Less than 2.5 years	1	5	50%	2	1	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	166	30	70%	189	132	1
2) Good	Less than 2.5 years	3	–	70%	3	2	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	6	5	90%	11	10	–
3) Satisfactory	Less than 2.5 years	–	–	115%	–	–	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	44	9	115%	51	58	2
4) Weak	Less than 2.5 years	–	–	250%	–	–	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	–	7	250%	5	13	–
5) Default	Less than 2.5 years	59	–		59	–	30
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	1	2		3	–	1
Total	Less than 2.5 years	63	5		64	3	30
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	217	53		259	213	4

		31 Dec 2023					
Regulatory categories	Remaining maturity	On-balance sheet exposure £m	Off-balance sheet exposure £m	Risk weight	Exposure value £m	Risk weighted exposure amount £m	Expected loss amount £m
1) Strong	Less than 2.5 years	6	7	50%	9	5	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	144	24	70%	162	113	1
2) Good	Less than 2.5 years	4	–	70%	4	2	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	31	11	90%	40	36	–
3) Satisfactory	Less than 2.5 years	–	–	115%	–	–	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	27	5	115%	31	36	1
4) Weak	Less than 2.5 years	–	–	250%	–	–	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	–	10	250%	8	20	1
5) Default	Less than 2.5 years	58	–		58	–	29
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	2	1		2	–	1
Total	Less than 2.5 years	68	7		71	7	29
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	204	51		243	205	4

Credit risk continued

CR10.2: IRB – Specialised lending – Income-producing real estate and high volatility commercial real estate (Slotting approach)

		31 Dec 2024					
Regulatory categories	Remaining maturity	On-balance sheet exposure £m	Off-balance sheet exposure £m	Risk weight	Exposure value £m	Risk weighted exposure amount £m	Expected loss amount £m
1) Strong	Less than 2.5 years	201	6	50%	204	93	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	95	8	70%	101	67	–
2) Good	Less than 2.5 years	154	22	70%	170	116	1
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	148	3	90%	149	123	1
3) Satisfactory	Less than 2.5 years	11	–	115%	11	10	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	55	1	115%	55	64	2
4) Weak	Less than 2.5 years	8	–	250%	8	20	1
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	2	–	250%	2	4	–
5) Default	Less than 2.5 years	79	1		80	–	40
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	2	–		2	–	1
Total	Less than 2.5 years	453	29		473	239	42
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	302	12		309	258	4

		31 Dec 2023					
Regulatory categories	Remaining maturity	On-balance sheet exposure £m	Off-balance sheet exposure £m	Risk weight	Exposure value £m	Risk weighted exposure amount £m	Expected loss amount £m
1) Strong	Less than 2.5 years	169	8	50%	173	86	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	127	9	70%	131	89	–
2) Good	Less than 2.5 years	223	21	70%	238	167	1
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	190	4	90%	192	172	2
3) Satisfactory	Less than 2.5 years	93	7	115%	99	114	3
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	66	1	115%	66	76	2
4) Weak	Less than 2.5 years	2	–	250%	2	4	–
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	3	–	250%	3	9	–
5) Default	Less than 2.5 years	39	–		39	–	19
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	2	–		2	–	1
Total	Less than 2.5 years	526	36		551	371	23
	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	388	14		394	346	5

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