# The UK's digital Building Society Mortgage Bar

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In an online world customers are demanding more from their financial services providers. In this research Altus looks at how building societies rank in terms of their digital maturity for mortgage purchases.

While the 4 largest societies offer comprehensive online functionality and the top 15 provide affordability calculators, many lenders are missing even basic digital content such as a product inventory.

Today, Digital is the channel of choice for a significant & growing number of customers. With the trend set to continue, it's clear the Digital journey for most of these lenders is only just beginning.

### 'Buy a Mortgage' Digital Journey

#### **Product Inventory**

Does the lender have a full list of their mortgage products, rates & fees on their website.

#### **Online DIP**

Does the lender offer an online Decision in Principle.

#### Other Calculators

Does the lender provide other useful calculators, e.g. buy to let; overpayments; early repayment charges etc.



#### **Knowledge Base**

Does the lender provide a knowledge repository containing Q&As; help guides; jargon busters etc.

## Quick Affordability Calculator

Does the lender have an online quick affordability calculator.

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- B Maturing capability
- C Initial capability
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#### **Repayment Calculator**

Does the lender have an online repayment calculator.

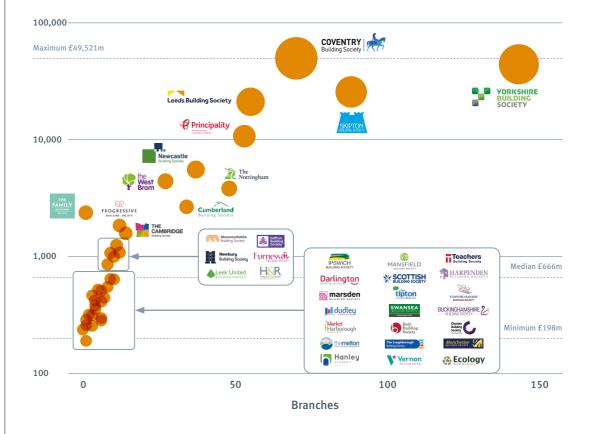
#### **Full Affordability Calculator**

Does the lender have an online full affordability calculator taking in to account dependents, additional income etc.

### Branches and Group Assets by Building Society

In the world of building societies, Nationwide are by far the largest, both in terms of asset and branch network; the remainder of the top ten stand alone with the rest tending to operate in regional markets.





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# 'Buy a Mortgage' Digital Journey

The infographic below benchmarks each of the top 40 building societies against our assessment criteria. As you would expect, the lenders with the larger market shares appear to have digital covered with the smaller lenders lagging quite some way behind. With Digital innovation on the rise in mortgage sales & origination coupled with the need to drive operational efficiency (without negatively impacting customer experience), this is a market sure to evolve for the better over the next few years.

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- 1: Product Inventory
- 2: Knowledge Base
- 3: Quick Calculator
- 4: Full Affordability Calculator
- **5:** Repayment Calculator
- **6:** Other Calculators
- 7: Online DIP

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