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CONSUMER CREDIT

Total consumer credit outstanding at the end of June is estimated at more than 14.1 billion dollars, representing an increase of about 2 per cent from a month earlier. Approximately two-thirds of the 331 million dollar increase was attributable to further gains in the instalment components and virtually all of the remainder to an expansion in charge-account indebtedness.

Instalment credit continued upward at about the same rate which prevailed in the two preceding months and on June 30 reached approximately 7.2 billion dollars. In the first six months of this year, total instalment credit has increased 1 billion dollars.

The amount outstanding on automobile sales rose 6 per cent during June while other sale credit expanded at about one-half that rate. Together they represented an indebtedness of nearly 3.4 billions, an amount more than two-thirds larger than is estimated for June 30, 1947. An increase of 88 million dollars during June brought instalment loan balances to 3,793 millions. This total was nearly 31 per cent higher than on the same date last year.

Charge accounts receivable, which customarily show little change during June, rose 3 per cent. At the end of the month, they were one-sixth larger than a year earlier.

CONSUMER CREDIT OUTSTANDING

(Short-term credit. In millions of dollars. Figures estimated)

Type of credit	June 30, 1948	Increase or decrease from:	
		May 31, 1948	June 30, 1947
Total consumer credit <sup>1/</sup>	14,149	+331	+2,905
Total instalment credit	7,192	+229	+2,259
Instalment sale credit:			
Automobile	1,631	+ 95	+ 751
Other	1,768	+ 46	+ 612
Instalment loans <sup>2/</sup>	3,793	+ 88	+ 896
Charge accounts	3,364	+101	+ 477
Single-payment loans	2,662	+ 2	+ 154

1/ Includes service credit not shown separately.

2/ Includes repair and modernization loans.

NOTE.—Revisions in estimates of instalment and single-payment loans and the resultant changes in estimates of total instalment credit and total consumer credit for earlier months will be published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin for August 1948.

ESTIMATED OWNERSHIP OF FEDERAL SECURITIES 1/  
BY TYPE OF SECURITY AND CALL CLASSES, JUNE 30, 1948

(Par values in billions of dollars)

Type of security	Total - All investors	F. R. Banks	Commer- cial banks	Nonbank Investors			Total
				Life ins. cos., Mutual & Sav. & Loan assoc.	Federal agencies & trust funds	Residual Nonbank, excl. Fed. ag. & savings institutions	
<b>Marketable securities, due or callable:</b>							
<b>A. Within 1 year:</b>							
1. Treasury bills	13.8	8.6	2.5	.2	*	2.5	2.7
2. Certificates of indebtedness	22.6	4.6	10.3	.4	*	7.3	7.7
3. Treasury notes	11.4	2.0	5.2	.1	*	4.1	4.2
4. Treasury bonds	2.2	.1	1.6	.1	*	.4	.5
5. Total	<u>49.9</u>	<u>15.3</u>	<u>19.6</u>	<u>.8</u>	<u>.1</u>	<u>14.1</u>	<u>15.0</u>
<b>B. 1 - 5 years:</b>							
1. Treasury bonds	46.1	2.6	32.9	3.9	.3	6.4	10.6
<b>C. 5 - 10 years:</b>							
1. Treasury bonds	10.5	.5	6.5	1.1	.3	2.1	3.5
<b>D. After 10 years:</b>							
<b>a. Treasury bonds</b>							
a. Bank eligible	4.3	.3	2.9	.2	.3	.6	1.1
b. Bank restricted	49.6	2.7	1.3	25.5	4.4	15.7	45.6
c. Total	<u>53.9</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>25.7</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>16.4</u>	<u>46.8</u>
E. Total mktb. securities	<u>160.3</u>	<u>21.4</u>	<u>63.2</u>	<u>31.5</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>38.9</u>	<u>75.8</u>
<b>Nonmarketable securities:</b>							
A. Savings bonds	53.3	--	1.2	.5	*	51.6	52.1
B. Savings notes	4.4	--	*	*	*	4.4	4.4
C. Special issues to Gov. agencies and trust fds.	30.2	--	--	--	30.2	--	30.2
D. All other	<u>4.1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>.6</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>.1</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>3.5</u>
E. Total nonmktb. securities	<u>252.4</u>	<u>21.4</u>	<u>65.0</u>	<u>32.5</u>	<u>35.7</u>	<u>97.8</u>	<u>166.0</u>
	<u>92.0</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>30.3</u>	<u>58.9</u>	<u>90.2</u>
Total, all securities	<u>252.4</u>	<u>21.4</u>	<u>65.0</u>	<u>32.5</u>	<u>35.7</u>	<u>97.8</u>	<u>166.0</u>

\* Less than 50 million dollars.

1/ Gross public debt and guaranteed obligations.

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