

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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December 8, 1950

Retail Instalment Credit at Furniture and Household Appliance Stores

OCTOBER 1950

Instalment accounts receivable at furniture and household appliance stores leveled off in October following seven months of uninterrupted expansion. The amount outstanding at both kinds of outlet continued substantially larger than in the corresponding period of 1949. Over the twelve months ending October 31, instalment accounts outstanding at furniture stores increased about one-fourth while those at household appliance stores rose by more than one-half.

Collections on instalment accounts at both furniture and household appliance stores continued to be made at about the same rate as in the preceding three months. Instalment accounts at household appliance stores were being repaid, on the average, at a slower rate than in October 1949, while those at furniture stores were being liquidated at approximately the same rate as a year earlier.

Indexes of Instalment Accounts Outstanding at End of Month
December 31, 1939 = 100

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FURNITURE:												
1948	104	103	104	108	112	116	117	122	128	128	130	140
1949	131	128	126	127	131	134	136	141	146	153	160	174
1950	168	166	163	170	174	177	182	186	192	190		
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE:												
1948	90	90	94	103	112	118	124	131	138	139	138	142
1949	134	129	128	129	134	140	148	153	160	167	170	183
1950	180	180	184	190	197	206	219	241	257	256		

Instalment Collection Ratios
Instalment collections during month as percentage of accounts outstanding at beginning of month

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FURNITURE:												
1948	14	14	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
1949	12	12	14	13	13	12	12	12	11	11	11	10
1950	10	10	11	10	10	10	11	11	11	11		
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE:												
1948	19	17	13	17	18	17	17	17	16	16	15	15
1949	15	14	15	14	14	14	13	14	12	12	12	12
1950	12	11	12	11	12	10	11	11	11	11		