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CONSUMER INSTALMENT CREDTT AT CCMMERCIAL BANKS
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Consumer instalment credit held by commercial banks amounted to $\$ 17,261$ million at the end of January, $\$ 863$ million higher than at the end of the previous month. The increase was due to a net purchase (not reflected in volume figures) of about $\$ 1$ billion of "other consumer goods paper". Other types of consumer instalment credit at commercial banks declined.

The volume of credit extended in January was somewhat smaller than in December, with the decline distributed among all major types of credit except other consumer goods paper.

Consumer Instalment Credit at Commercial Banks (Estimates. In millions of dollars)

|  | Arounts outstanding: |  |  | Volume extended * |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } 31, \\ 1961 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Change from: |  | Jan.$1961$ | Change from: |  |
|  |  | Month ago | $\begin{gathered} \text { Year } \\ \text { ago } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Month } \\ \text { ago } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & \text { ago } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Automobile papef Furchased | 5,196 | - 68 | $+379$ | 344 | -12 | -33 |
| Direct | 2,757 | - 19 | + 222 | 217 | - 3 | - 8 |
| Other consumer goods paper* | 3,683 | +993 | + 902 | 273 | $+5$ | -21 |
| Repair and modernization loans | 2,131 | - 32. | + 103. | 82 | $-16$ | -11 |
| Personal loans | 3,494 | - 11 | + 289 | 405 | -23 | +26 |
| Total* | 17,261 | +863 | +1,895 | 1,321 | -49 | -47 |
| Federal Reserve District: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston | 908 | + 35 | + 130 | 71 | - 4 | $\pm 4$ |
| New York | 2,745 | + 94 | + 300 | 218 | - 7 | -11 |
| Philadelphia | 1,195 | $+94$ | + 188 | 76 | - 8 | - 9 |
| Cleveland | 1,148 | + 12 | + 102 | 90 | + 3 | $+1$ |
| Richmond | 1,216 | + 35 | + 145 | 97 | - 6 | $+2$ |
| Atlanta | 1,345. | $+27$ | + 63 | 125 | $+1$ | - 9 |
| Chicago | 2,650 | +262 | +379 | 178 | $-7$ | -29 |
| St. Louis | 782 | + 53 | + 105 | 59 | $+3$ | + 5 |
| Minneapolis | 582 | + 13 | + 54 | 44 | - 3 | -1 |
| Kansas City | 825 | $+16$ | + 70 | 73 | - 4 | $+6$ |
| Dallas | 943 | + 51 | + 109 | 81 | - 2 | - 3 |
| San Francisco | 2,922 | +171 | + 250 | 209 | -15 | - 3 |

*Figures for volume are adjusted to exclude the effects of a jurchase of "other consumer goods paper", arounting to about $\$ 1$ billion, by commercial banks from a major retail outlet.

