

statistical release

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CONSUMER INSTALMENT CREDIT AT COMMERCIAL BANKS

MARCH 1971

Consumer instalment credit outstanding at commercial banks increased \$117 million in March with the expansion concentrated largely in direct automobile loans and personal loans. All major types of instalment indebtedness except purchased automobile paper shared in the \$1,607 million increase over March 31, 1970.

The volume of instalment credit extended in March was considerably larger than in the preceding month and well above the volume of March last year. Increases were recorded for all major types of credit and in all sections of the country.

> Consumer Instalment Credit at Commercial Banks (Estimates, in millions of dollars)

Type of credit	Amounts	Amounts outstanding			Volume extended		
	March 31, 1971	Change Month ago	from: Year ago	Mar. 1971	Change Month ago	from: Year ago	
Automobile paper, total	19,814	+ 88	-276	1,735	+409	+254	
Purchased Direct	12,147 7,667	- 18 +106	-405 +129	1,001 734	+230 +179	+ 79 +175	
Other consumer goods: Credit cards Other	3,005 5,494	- 49 + 13 - 12	+608 +415 + 14		+ 80 +. 72 + 32	+ 94 + 68 + 20	
Home repair and modernization loans Personal loans: Check-credit Other	2,692 1,159 9,399	- 6 + 83	+157 +689	148	+ 20 +182	+ 18 +123	
Total	41,563	+117	+1,607	3,783	+795	+577	
Federal Reserve District:					ĺ		
Boston New York Philadelphia Cleveland Richmond Atlanta	1,758 5,696 2,549 3,334 3,887 4,184	- 8 - 6 + 10 + 5 + 42 + 23	- 8 +472 + 94 +184 +276 +188	155 518 214 292 374 383	+ 32 +125 + 59 + 96 + 74 + 77	+ 1 + 58 + 30 + 49 + 64 + 59	
Chicago St. Louis Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	5,748 2,113 1,355 2,246 2,470 6,223	- 9 + 22 + 11 + 8 + 24 - 5	+108 +178 + 32 + 46 - 97 +134	482 203 111 209 215 627	+ 99 + 36 + 29 + 30 + 40 + 98	+ 68 + 56 + 14 + 16 + 42 +120	

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