

FEDERAL RESERVE statistical release



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CONSUMER CREDIT March 2003

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Consumer credit edged up in March, bringing the increase over the first quarter to an annual rate of 3-3/4 percent, after little change in the fourth quarter of 2002. Revolving credit increased at an annual rate of 5 percent in the first quarter, while nonrevolving credit posted a 2-3/4 percent gain.

CONSUMER CREDIT OUTSTANDING^{1,2} Seasonally adjusted

						2002				2003			
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 ^p	Jan ^r	Feb ^r	Mar ^p
Percent change at annual rate ^{3,4}													
Total	6.0	7.5	10.2	6.9	3.6	4.9	5.4	4.0	-0.1	3.7	9.6	0.9	0.6
Revolving	5.9	6.3	11.6	5.1	1.6	1.7	4.7	2.9	-2.9	5.0	5.2	5.9	3.9
Nonrevolving ⁵	6.0	8.4	9.1	8.2	5.0	7.3	5.8	4.7	1.9	2.8	12.7	-2.7	-1.7
Amount: billions of dollars													
Total	1,317.0	1,415.5	1,559.5	1,666.8	1,726.4	1,687.4	1,710.0	1,726.9	1,726.4	1,742.4	1,740.2	1,741.5	1,742.4
Revolving	562.5	598.0	667.4	701.3	712.4	704.2	712.5	717.7	712.4	721.4	715.5	719.1	721.4
Nonrevolving ⁵	754.5	817.5	892.1	965.5	1,014.0	983.2	997.5	1,009.3	1,014.0	1,021.0	1,024.7	1,022.5	1,021.0

TERMS OF CREDIT AT COMMERCIAL BANKS AND FINANCE COMPANIES⁶ Percent except as noted: not seasonally adjusted

Institution, terms, and type of loan

Commercial banks

Interest rates

48-mo. new car	8.72	8.44	9.34	8.50	6.71	7.50	7.74	5.95	5.67	7.11	n.a.	7.11	n.a.
24-mo. personal	13.74	13.39	13.90	13.22	11.59	11.72	12.57	11.28	10.78	11.62	n.a.	11.62	n.a.
Credit card plan													
All accounts	15.71	15.21	15.71	14.89	13.42	13.65	13.55	13.37	13.13	13.20	n.a.	13.20	n.a.
Accounts assessed interest	15.59	14.81	14.91	14.44	13.09	12.98	13.34	13.26	12.78	12.85	n.a.	12.85	n.a.

New car loans at auto finance companies

Interest rates	6.30	6.66	6.61	5.65	4.29	5.32	5.97	2.68	3.18	3.65	3.13	3.99	3.83
Maturity (months)	52.1	52.7	54.9	55.1	56.8	53.9	57.3	58.9	57.4	59.1	58.5	59.2	59.5
Loan-to-value ratio	92	92	92	91	94	90	92	96	96	96	96	97	96
Amount financed (dollars)	19,083	19,880	20,923	22,822	24,747	23,314	23,432	25,959	26,283	25,486	26,443	24,864	25,152

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CONSUMER CREDIT OUTSTANDING

(Billions of dollars)

Not seasonally adjusted

						2002				2003			
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1 ^p	Jan ^r	Feb ^r	Mar ^p
Total	1,346.6	1,446.1	1,593.1	1,701.9	1,762.3	1,677.2	1,701.3	1,721.8	1,762.3	1,732.2	1,755.2	1,740.5	1,732.2
<i>Major holders</i>													
Total	1,346.6	1,446.1	1,593.1	1,701.9	1,762.3	1,677.2	1,701.3	1,721.8	1,762.3	1,732.2	1,755.2	1,740.5	1,732.2
Commercial banks	508.9	499.8	541.5	558.4	587.4	550.7	554.9	575.7	587.4	575.3	582.2	581.6	575.3
Finance companies	183.3	201.5	219.8	236.6	232.3	232.3	235.6	246.1	232.3	226.1	232.1	232.3	226.1
Credit unions	155.4	167.9	184.4	189.6	195.7	187.7	191.6	195.9	195.7	194.2	195.2	194.4	194.2
Savings institutions	51.6	61.5	64.6	69.1	68.6	68.6	68.5	65.1	68.6	65.7	67.6	66.7	65.7
Nonfinancial business	74.9	80.3	82.7	68.0	56.9	58.1	53.0	49.2	56.9	48.5	52.9	49.6	48.5
Pools of securitized assets ⁶	372.4	435.1	500.1	580.3	621.4	579.8	597.7	589.9	621.4	622.5	625.3	615.9	622.5
<i>Major types of credit⁸</i>													
Revolving	586.2	621.9	693.0	727.3	738.4	697.2	709.3	711.7	738.4	714.3	727.0	719.3	714.3
Commercial banks	210.3	189.4	218.1	224.9	231.4	216.1	215.8	226.2	231.4	213.9	221.3	220.0	213.9
Finance companies	31.9	32.5	37.6	31.5	38.9	28.0	32.1	37.3	38.9	36.6	38.7	37.3	36.6
Credit unions	19.9	20.6	22.2	22.3	22.2	20.8	21.0	21.3	22.2	20.8	21.6	21.2	20.8
Savings institutions	12.5	15.8	16.6	17.8	16.2	17.0	17.8	14.8	16.2	15.0	15.8	15.4	15.0
Nonfinancial business	39.2	42.8	42.4	29.8	19.2	22.4	17.9	14.1	19.2	13.6	16.5	14.2	13.6
Pools of securitized assets ⁷	272.3	320.8	356.1	401.1	410.4	392.9	404.7	398.0	410.4	414.3	412.9	411.2	414.3
Nonrevolving	760.4	824.2	900.1	974.6	1,023.9	980.0	992.0	1,010.1	1,023.9	1,017.9	1,028.3	1,021.2	1,017.9
Commercial banks	298.6	310.4	323.4	333.5	355.9	334.6	339.1	349.5	355.9	361.4	360.9	361.6	361.4
Finance companies	151.4	169.1	182.2	205.0	193.3	204.3	203.5	208.8	193.3	189.5	193.4	194.9	189.5
Credit unions	135.5	147.3	162.2	167.3	173.5	166.9	170.6	174.6	173.5	173.3	173.5	173.3	173.3
Savings institutions	39.2	45.7	48.0	51.3	52.4	51.6	50.7	50.3	52.4	50.7	51.8	51.2	50.7
Nonfinancial business	35.7	37.5	40.2	38.2	37.7	35.7	35.2	35.0	37.7	34.9	36.3	35.4	34.9
Pools of securitized assets ⁷	100.1	114.2	144.0	179.2	211.0	186.9	192.9	191.9	211.0	208.2	212.4	204.7	208.2

1. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised from January 1998 forward as a result of new seasonal factors.

2. Covers most short- and intermediate-term credit extended to individuals, excluding loans secured by real estate.

3. The series for consumer credit outstanding and its components may contain breaks that result from discontinuities in source data. Growth rates are adjusted to exclude the effect of such breaks.

4. Percent changes calculated from unrounded data.

5. Includes automobile loans and all other loans not included in revolving credit, such as loans for mobile homes, education, boats, trailers, or vacations. These loans may be secured or unsecured.

6. Interest rates are annual percentage rates (APR) as specified by the Federal Reserve's Regulation Z. Interest rates for new-car loans and personal loans at commercial banks are simple unweighted averages of each bank's most common rate charged during the first calendar week of the middle month of each quarter. For credit card accounts, the rate for *all accounts* is the stated APR averaged across all credit card accounts at all reporting banks. The rate for *accounts assessed interest* is the annualized ratio of total finance charges at all reporting banks to the total average daily balances against which the finance charges were assessed (excludes accounts for which no finance charges were assessed). Finance company data are from the subsidiaries of the three major U.S. automobile manufacturers and are volume-weighted averages covering all loans of each type purchased during the month.

7. Outstanding balances of pools upon which securities have been issued; these balances are no longer carried on the balance sheets of the loan originators.

8. Includes estimates for holders that do not separately report consumer credit holding by type.

r=revised. p=preliminary.