

FEDERAL RESERVE statistical release



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CONSUMER CREDIT March 2006

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Consumer credit increased at an annual rate of 2-3/4 percent in the first quarter. Revolving credit was about unchanged in March, whereas nonrevolving credit rose at a 2-1/2 percent pace.

CONSUMER CREDIT OUTSTANDING¹ Seasonally adjusted

						2005				2006			
	2001 ^r	2002 ^r	2003 ^r	2004 ^r	2005 ^r	Q1 ^r	Q2 ^r	Q3 ^r	Q4 ^r	Q1 ^p	Jan ^r	Feb ^r	Mar ^p
Percent change at annual rate ^{2,3}													
Total	7.7	4.5	4.2	4.2	2.7	3.0	3.8	4.7	-0.9	2.7	4.1	2.5	1.4
Revolving	5.8	2.8	2.4	3.5	2.4	-0.5	4.2	5.8	-0.1	0.6	1.9	0.1	-0.2
Nonrevolving ⁴	9.0	5.6	5.3	4.6	2.9	5.2	3.5	4.0	-1.3	3.9	5.5	3.9	2.4
Amount: billions of dollars													
Total	1,842.3	1,925.3	2,006.6	2,091.0	2,147.0	2,106.9	2,126.8	2,151.7	2,147.0	2,161.4	2,154.4	2,158.9	2,161.4
Revolving	721.0	741.2	759.3	786.1	804.6	785.1	793.4	804.8	804.6	805.8	805.9	805.9	805.8
Nonrevolving ⁴	1,121.3	1,184.1	1,247.3	1,305.0	1,342.4	1,321.8	1,333.4	1,346.9	1,342.4	1,355.6	1,348.5	1,352.9	1,355.6

TERMS OF CREDIT AT COMMERCIAL BANKS AND FINANCE COMPANIES⁵ Percent except as noted: not seasonally adjusted

Institution, terms, and type of loan

Commercial banks

Interest rates

48-mo. new car	8.50	7.62	6.93	6.60	7.08	6.86	6.93	7.08	7.43	7.39	n.a.	7.39	n.a.
24-mo. personal	13.22	12.54	11.95	11.89	12.05	12.01	12.03	12.22	11.95	12.18	n.a.	12.18	n.a.
Credit card plan													
All accounts	14.87	13.40	12.30	12.71	12.50	12.21	12.76	12.48	12.57	13.29	n.a.	13.29	n.a.
Accounts assessed interest	14.46	13.11	12.73	13.21	14.54	14.13	14.81	14.75	14.48	14.38	n.a.	14.38	n.a.

New car loans at auto finance companies

Interest Rates	5.65	4.29	3.40	4.36	5.46	4.86	5.18	5.80	5.97	5.34	5.13	5.54	5.35
Maturity (months)	55.1	56.8	61.4	60.5	60.0	59.3	59.5	60.2	61.1	61.8	62.6	61.8	61.1
Loan-to-Value Ratio	91	94	95	89	88	86	88	88	89	90	88	90	91
Amount financed (dollars)	22,822	24,747	26,295	24,888	24,133	24,116	23,477	24,575	24,363	24,926	24,522	24,766	25,490

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CONSUMER CREDIT OUTSTANDING

(Billions of dollars)

Not seasonally adjusted

						2005				2006			
	2001 ^r	2002 ^r	2003 ^r	2004 ^r	2005 ^r	Q1 ^r	Q2 ^r	Q3 ^r	Q4 ^r	Q1 ^p	Jan ^r	Feb ^r	Mar ^p
Total	1,869.0	1,952.7	2,034.4	2,120.6	2,177.3	2,097.0	2,112.8	2,152.9	2,177.3	2,151.2	2,176.9	2,161.1	2,151.2
<i>Major holders</i>													
Total	1,869.0	1,952.7	2,034.4	2,120.6	2,177.3	2,097.0	2,112.8	2,152.9	2,177.3	2,151.2	2,176.9	2,161.1	2,151.2
Commercial banks	568.4	602.6	669.4	704.3	707.1	683.1	684.0	708.2	707.1	689.2	707.9	699.0	689.2
Finance companies	238.1	237.8	295.4	366.8	363.1	360.9	355.6	362.0	363.1	348.6	362.5	349.6	348.6
Credit unions	189.6	195.7	205.9	215.4	228.6	216.7	221.3	229.5	228.6	228.7	229.7	228.9	228.7
Federal government and Sallie Mae	119.5	129.6	114.7	98.4	102.1	100.6	98.6	103.9	102.1	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Savings institutions	71.1	68.7	77.9	91.3	109.1	90.8	94.0	99.4	109.1	111.1	109.8	110.3	111.1
Nonfinancial business	75.6	77.5	63.3	64.7	62.2	60.9	60.9	62.0	62.2	58.4	60.5	59.0	58.4
Pools of securitized assets ⁶	606.6	640.8	607.9	579.8	605.1	584.0	598.4	587.9	605.1	610.8	602.2	609.9	610.8
<i>Major types of credit⁷</i>													
Revolving	741.7	762.8	781.6	810.1	829.2	778.1	789.5	799.1	829.2	798.6	816.5	806.2	798.6
Commercial banks	234.9	246.4	285.0	314.6	311.2	288.0	293.7	300.6	311.2	283.4	302.4	290.9	283.4
Finance companies	31.5	38.9	37.6	40.5	54.2	41.6	44.5	46.2	54.2	52.3	53.7	53.0	52.3
Credit unions	22.3	22.2	22.4	23.2	24.7	22.3	22.8	23.2	24.7	23.2	24.7	23.4	23.2
Federal government and Sallie Mae	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Savings institutions	17.9	16.3	23.8	27.9	40.8	27.2	28.2	29.9	40.8	41.0	40.9	40.9	41.0
Nonfinancial business	37.4	39.8	19.4	17.9	14.4	17.2	17.3	18.2	14.4	13.7	14.1	13.9	13.7
Pools of securitized assets ⁶	397.6	399.1	393.4	385.9	383.9	381.8	383.0	381.2	383.9	385.1	380.8	384.2	385.1
Nonrevolving	1,127.3	1,189.9	1,252.8	1,310.4	1,348.0	1,318.9	1,323.3	1,353.8	1,348.0	1,352.6	1,360.5	1,354.9	1,352.6
Commercial banks	333.5	356.2	384.4	389.6	395.9	395.1	390.2	407.7	395.9	405.8	405.5	408.0	405.8
Finance companies	206.6	198.8	257.8	326.3	308.9	319.3	311.1	315.8	308.9	296.3	308.8	296.6	296.3
Credit unions	167.3	173.5	183.5	192.1	203.9	194.4	198.5	206.3	203.9	205.5	205.0	205.6	205.5
Federal government and Sallie Mae	119.5	129.6	114.7	98.4	102.1	100.6	98.6	103.9	102.1	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4
Savings institutions	53.2	52.4	54.0	63.4	68.3	63.6	65.8	69.5	68.3	70.1	68.9	69.5	70.1
Nonfinancial business	38.2	37.7	44.0	46.8	47.8	43.7	43.7	43.8	47.8	44.7	46.4	45.1	44.7
Pools of securitized assets ⁶	209.0	241.7	214.5	193.8	221.2	202.2	215.4	206.8	221.2	225.7	221.4	225.7	225.7

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

2. 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.

3. Percent changes are at a simple annual rate and are calculated from unrounded data.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

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

r=revised. p=preliminary.