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SALES FINANCE COMPANIES
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Consumer-instalment credit outstanding at sales finance companies rose \$131 million above the June level. All types of credit contributed to this greater than seasonal increase.

Total consumer instalment paper acquired during July showed a greater than seasonal decline of \$118 million. Retail auto paper accounted for \$62 million of this decrease.

Business credit outstanding dipped \$148 million in July. Model changeover contributed to the \$176 million drop in the wholesale automotive category, the first such decline since September 1965. All categories of business credit contributed to the \$480 million decline in business extensions.

> Outstanding Credit Held by Sales Finance Companies (In millions of dollars)

	July 31.	Increase or decrease during:			
Type of credit	1966	July	July	Year ended	
	1900	1966	1965	July 31, 1966	
Consumer instalment credit	16,585	131	193	1,020	
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Retail automotive (passenger cars)	9,457	62	119	283	
Other consumer goods	4,579	41	44	512	
Home repair and modernization	112	1	0	- 21	
Personal loans	2,437	27	30	246	
Business credit $\underline{1}/$	7,567	<u>-148</u>	<u>- 10</u>	848	
Retail automotive					
(commercial vehicles)	1,027	12	9	124	
Wholesale automotive	2,916	-176	- 41	448	
Wholesale other than automotive	596	- 17	- 17	106	
Other business credit	3,028	33	39	170	
		444			

 $\overline{1}/$ Excludes some credit extended to business, such as that extended by factoring subsidiaries.

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Credit Extended by Sales Finance Companies (In millions of dollars)

		Chang	ge from:
Type of credit	July	Month	Year
	1966	ago	ago
Consumer instalment credit	1,265	<u>-118</u>	<u>- 53</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	661	<u>- 80</u>	<u>- 77</u>
New Used	449	- 43	- 48
	212	- 37	- 29
Other consumer goods	348	- 25	12
Home repair and modernization	8	1	1
Personal loans	248	- 14	11
Business credit $\underline{1}/$	1,969	-480	-220
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	95	<u>15</u>	10
New	75	- 12	10
Used	20	- 3	0
Wholesale automotive paper	1,303	-404	-269
New (passenger and commercial) Used (passenger and commercial)	1,251	-397	-266
	52	- 7	- 3
Wholesale other than automotive Other business credit $\underline{1}/$	133	- 26	3
	438	- 35	36

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Number of Motor Vehicles Financed by Sales Finance Companies (In thousands)

		T., 1.,	Change from:	
Type of vehicle		July 1966	Month	Year
			ago	ago
Total financed at retail		328	- 44	<u>- 58</u>
New passenger	- 1	155	- 16	- 22
Used passenger		152	- 24	- 28
New commercial		13	- 4	- 6
Used commercial		8	0	- 2
Total financed at wholesale	٠. ا	<u>523</u>	<u>-141</u>	<u>-100</u>
New (passenger and commercial)	1	480	-137	- 98
Used (passenger and commercial)		43	- 4	- 2

Credit Sales of New Passenger Cars as a Per Cent of Total Number Sold at Retail 1/

Credit Sales		Per Cent
1966 - July		82
1966 - June		r76
1965 - July		77

^{1/} Based on new car instalment contracts acquired by banks, sales finance companies, other financial institutions, and automobile dealers. Data for prior menths may be obtained by writing to the Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C. 20551.

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