Consumer instalment credit outstanding at sales finance companies showed a very slight decline in October and levelled off at $\$ 16,698$ million. Rises in outstandings in the other consumer goods and personal loan categories balanced the decline in passenger car credit.

Paper acquired by sales finance companies in october rose $\$ 142 \mathrm{million}$ to $\$ 1,284$ million. Extensions of auto credit, reflecting the introduction of new models, were the major portion of the overall rise. Repayments were also up in October, especially in the auto category.

Business credit outstanding rose slightly from September, primarily due to a rise in other business credit. Extensions of business credit rose $\$ 549$ million, with wholesale automotive paper accounting for the major part of the increase.

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

|  |  | Increa | or de | ase during: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of credit | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } 31, \\ 1967 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 1967 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 1966 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Year ended Oct. 31,1967 |
| Consumer instalment credit | 16,698 | - 3 | 12 | -73 |
| Retail automotive (passenger cars) | $\therefore 9,024$ | -55 | - 29 | -374 |
| Other consumer goods | . 4,863 | 39. | 33 | 137 |
| Home repair and modernization | 107 | 0 | 0 | - 5 |
| Personal loans | 2,704 | 13 | 8 | 169 |
| Business credit 1/ | 6,653 | 11 | 362 | -195 |
| Retail automotive (commercial |  |  |  |  |
| vehicles) | 1,061 | 4 | 12 | 6 |
| Wholesale automotive | 1,785 | -9 | 221 | -384 |
| Wholesale other than automotive | 519 | -10 | - 4 | - 72 |
| Other business credit | - 3,288 | 26 | 133 | 255 |

[^0]Credit Extended by Sales Finance Companies (In millions of dollars)


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

| Type of vehicle | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | Change from: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Month } \\ \text { ago } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year } \\ \text { ago } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Total financed at retail | 285 | 49 | - 15 |
| New passenger | 130 | 28 | - 19 |
| Used passenger | 123 | 16 | - 9 |
| New commercial | 20 | 0 | 9 |
| Used commercial | 12 | 5 | 4 |
| Total financed at wholesale | 546 | 143 | -101 |
| New (passenger and cormercial) | 507 | 137 | - 98 |
| Used (passenger and cowercial) | 39 | 6 | - 3 |

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

Credit Sales
1967 - October
1967 - September
1966 - October

## Per Cent

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


[^0]:    I/ Excludes some credit extended to business, such as that extended by factoring, subsidiaries.

