



*Finance Companies*

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### FINANCE COMPANIES

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Finance company holdings of consumer instalment paper decreased \$201 million during October; in the corresponding month of 1969 there was a \$210 million increase. Passenger car paper outstanding declined \$154 million from September to October bringing the cumulative reduction in such holdings in the four months since June to \$608 million. Personal loans also showed a sizable drop in October but holdings of nonautomotive consumer goods paper edged up for the third month in a row.

Credit extended to consumers by all types of finance companies totaled nearly \$2.4 billion in October, an increase of \$87 million from September extensions, but \$302 million less than the October 1969 volume. Although all types of consumer credit extensions showed increases as compared with September, extensions of each type of credit were below those reported in October 1969. The largest year-to-year decline was in passenger car credit--this category accounted for \$277 million of the total drop in extensions of \$302 million.

Business credit outstanding at finance companies decreased \$321 million during October; a decline of \$597 million in wholesale automotive paper was only partly offset by increased holdings of commercial vehicle paper and other business credit. Extensions of business credit, which had risen sharply in September, fell back in October because of a \$414 million reduction in wholesale automotive paper.

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

Type of credit	October 31, 1970	Increase or decrease during:		
		Oct. 1970	Oct. 1969	Year ending Oct. 31, 1970
Consumer instalment credit	<u>31,309</u>	<u>-201</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>124</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	10,465	-154	135	-542
Other consumer goods	6,594	26	40	143
Home repair and modernization	94	2/	2	- 14
Personal loans	14,156	- 73	37	537
Business credit <u>1/</u>	<u>18,515</u>	<u>-321</u>		Not available at present due to revisions in reporting
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	3,030	59		
Wholesale automotive	3,172	-597		
Other business credit	12,313	217		

1/Excludes some credit extended to business, such as that extended by factoring subsidiaries.

2/Less than 0.5 million dollars.

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Credit Extended by Finance Companies  
(In millions of dollars)

Type of credit	October 1970	Change from:	
		Month ago	Year ago
Consumer instalment credit	<u>2,387</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>-302</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	610	32	-277
New	425	14	<u>3/</u>
Used	185	18	<u>3/</u>
Other consumer goods	504	52	- 3
Home repair and modernization	2	<u>2/</u>	- 2
Personal loans	1,271	3	- 20
Business credit <u>1/</u>	<u>3,612</u>	<u>-248</u>	Not available
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	190	15	at present
Wholesale automotive paper	1,281	-414	due to
Other business credit	2,141	151	revisions
			in reporting

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

Type of vehicle	October 1970
Total financed at retail	266
New passenger	124
Used passenger	102
New and used commercial	40