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### FINANCE COMPANIES

AUGUST 1971

The holdings of consumer instalment paper by finance companies rose \$192 million during August bringing the total holdings to over \$31 billion. This increase was reflected in all of the major categories of consumer credit.

Total consumer credit extensions of \$2.7 billion in August were \$62 million less than the amount extended in July. Extensions of personal loans increased \$59 million over last month but the extensions of the other credit categories showed declines.

Total business credit extensions and outstandings at finance companies declined from July to August. Outstandings of wholesale automotive paper and other business credit continued to decline reducing the total outstandings to \$19.7 billion--the lowest since January. Total extensions for August were reduced to \$4.0 billion mainly because of a seasonal drop in extensions of wholesale automotive paper from July.

The number of motor vehicles financed by finance companies declined 16,000 units during August. A decline occurred in each of the three categories, the largest being in new passenger cars.

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

Type of credit	August 31, 1971	Increase or decrease during:		
		Aug. 1971	Aug. 1970	Year ending Aug. 31, 1971
Consumer instalment credit	<u>31,098</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-490</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	10,077	40	-39	-655
Other consumer goods	6,249	19	30	-280
Home repair and modernization	103	2	- 2	9
Personal loans	14,669	131	38	436
Business credit <sup>1/</sup>	<u>19,688</u>	<u>-1,068</u>		Not available at present due to revisions in reporting
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	3,061	12		
Wholesale automotive	4,401	-1,019		
Other business credit	12,226	- 61		

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

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Credit Extended by Finance Companies  
(In millions of dollars)

Type of credit	Aug. 31, 1971	Change from:	
		Month ago	Year ago
Consumer instalment credit	<u>2,729</u>	- 62	<u>313</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	<u>741</u>	- 62	<u>101</u>
New	534	- 53	<u>2/</u>
Used	207	- 9	<u>2/</u>
Other consumer goods	458	- 58	2
Home repair and modernization	5	- 1	3
Personal loans	1,525	59	207
Business credit <u>1/</u>	<u>4,007</u>	-844	Not available at present due to revisions in reporting
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	182	- 1	
Wholesale automotive paper	1,342	-877	
Other business credit	2,483	34	

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

2/Not available due to revisions in reporting.

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

Type of vehicle	August 31, 1971
Total financed at retail	<u>301</u>
New passenger	148
Used passenger	111
New and used commercial	42