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FINANCE COMPANIES - August 1973

Finance company holdings of consumer credit increased \$614 million during August. This greater than seasonal rise reflected growth in all of the major credit categories, with the largest increases occurring in retail automotive and personal loans.

Extensions of consumer instalment credit were \$54 million less than last month. A decrease of \$63 million in personal loans was largely responsible for this decline.

Business credit outstanding decreased \$1.2 billion in August, bringing the total to \$26.7 billion. A large decrease in wholesale automotive paper, reflecting the period of change to the 1974 models, offset increases in most of the other credit categories.

Bank debt of finance companies registered a greater than seasonal decline of \$683 million, while total commercial paper increased \$635 million over July.

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

Type of credit	Aug. 31, 1973	Increase or decrease (-) during:		
		August 1973	August 1973	Year ended Aug. 31, 1973
Consumer instalment credit	<u>35,634</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>5,170</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	11,583	218	108	1,761
Mobile homes	3,187	55	48	414
Other retail consumer goods	4,194	91	48	876
Home repair and modernization	771	38	33	413
Personal loans	15,899	212	162	1,706

Consumer Credit Extended and Repaid at Finance Companies (In millions of dollars)

Type of credit	Extended by finance cos.			Repaid to finance cos.		
	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972
Consumer instalment credit	<u>3,877</u>	<u>3,931</u>	<u>3,433</u>	<u>3,263</u>	<u>3,278</u>	<u>3,034</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	887	890	811	669	646	703
Mobile homes	147	143	153	92	92	105
Other retail consumer goods	1,079	1,075	897	988	974	849
Home repair and modernization	81	77	45	43	38	12
Personal loans	1,683	1,746	1,527	1,471	1,528	1,365

Change in Extensions and Repayments
(In millions of dollars)

Type of credit	Change in extensions from:		Change in repayments from:	
	Month ago	Year ago	Month ago	Year ago
Consumer instalment credit	<u>-54</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>-15</u>	<u>229</u>
Retail automotive (passenger cars)	-3	76	23	-34
Mobile homes	4	-6	*	-13
Other retail consumer goods	4	182	14	139
Home repair and modernization	4	36	5	31
Personal loans	-63	156	-57	106
Business credit	<u>-1,777</u>	<u>1,601</u>	<u>-793</u>	<u>1,452</u>
Retail automotive (commercial vehicles)	-18	-28	*	49
Wholesale automotive	-1,780	319	-215	511
Retail paper on business, industrial and farm equipment	61	203	195	339
Loans on commercial accounts receivable	-77	791	-157	787
Factored commercial accounts receivable	90	179	-89	97
All other business credit	-53	137	-527	-331

* Less than 0.5 million

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

Type of vehicle	August 31, 1973	Change from:	
		Month ago	Year ago
Total financed at retail	<u>359</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>-2</u>
New passenger	157	-4	3
Used passenger	126	6	-8
New and used commercial	76	-5	.3

Selected Liabilities of Finance Companies
(In millions of dollars)

Type of liability	August 31, 1973	Increase or decrease (-) during:		
		August 1973	July 1973	August 1972
Bank loans (excl. commercial paper)	6,351	-683	884	-291
Commercial paper	<u>19,814</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>-232</u>	<u>-1,214</u>
Directly placed	18,770	1,139	-676	-1,218
Dealer placed	<u>1,044</u>	<u>-504</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>4</u>