BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS, BY INDUSTRY AND PURPOSE

An increase of $259 million to manufacturers of metals and metal products, including large loans to aluminum companies, was the principal change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks, which increased $174 million during the week ended January 16.

This $259 million increase was the largest weekly changes in any industrial category since this series was started last spring. The metals and metal products industry has shown loan increases practically every week during this period; the current increase was reflected in all districts.

The only other substantial increase was $30 million in loans to public utilities (including transportation). Net repayments of $57 million were made by sales finance companies, $31 million by the wholesale and retail trade, and $11 million by commodity dealers.

Changes in loans classified by type of business, during the week and since mid-1951, were as follows:

Business of Borrower	Week ended January 16 p/ (In millions of dollars)	Since June 27 p/ (In millions of dollars)
Manufacturing and mining:		
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+ 6	+850
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 6	-397
Metals and metal products	+259	+1,227
Petroleum and other	+ 9	+300
Trade -- wholesale and retail	- 31	-102
Commodity dealers	- 11	+679
Sales finance companies	- 57	- 50
Public utilities and transportation	+ 30	+306
Construction and other	- 19	- 98
Classified changes - net	+179	+2,714
Unclassified changes - net	- 5	-493
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+174	+2,221

p/ Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

Loans for defense and defense-supporting activities increased $223 million. Non-defense loans decreased $45 million.

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS
BY INDUSTRY, PURPOSE, AND BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1952
(In millions of dollars)

Business of Borrower	All Districts p/	Boston	New York	Philadelphia	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kansas City	Dallas	San Francisco p/
Manufacturing and mining:													
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+ 5.5	- 1.7	+ 8.5	- .9	+ 2.7	+ .6	- 1.5	+ 2.5	- 1.6	- .1	+ .9	- .8	- 3.1
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 6.2	- 1.8	- .8	- 2.1	+ 1.0	+ 1.0	- 1.2	- .4	+ .6	- .8	- .9	--	- .8
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+259.2	+ 8.8	+153.9	+ 6.8	+22.8	+ 2.6	+ 2.0	+42.7	+ 3.2	+ .3	+ .3	+ 3.1	+12.7
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+ 6.0	+ .9	- 3.1	+ .2	+ .7	+ .2	+ 1.3	+ .7	+ .3	- 1.0	- .6	+ 5.6	+ .8
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 2.8	- .8	+ .2	+ .2	+ 1.0	+ .4	+ .2	+ 1.2	+ .2	- .8	+ .3	+ 1.9	- 1.2
Trade:													
Wholesale	(-31.1)	- .1	- 6.8	- .5	+ .3	- .4	- .1	- .8	- .9	--	+ .1	(- 1.4)	- 2.1
Retail	( )	- 1.8	- 5.7	- 1.3	- 1.3	- .2	- .5	- 1.2	- 5.9	- .5	+ .6	( )	--
Commodity dealers	-10.8	+ .4	-13.2	- 2.3	- .7	- 2.8	- 2.5	- .6	+ 6.0	+ 1.2	+ .7	+ 4.0	- 1.0
Sales finance companies	-57.3	+ 1.0	-35.9	- 3.0	- .7	+ .4	+ .3	-16.3	+ .8	+ .1	+ .9	+ 1.5	- 6.4
Public utilities (including transportation)	+29.7	+ .3	+12.8	--	+ 3.1	+ .3	+ .2	+ 5.8	+ .1	--	+ .9	- .1	+ 6.3
Construction	+ 2.7	- .1	+ 2.8	- .4	+ .4	- .2	+ 1.2	- .6	+ .1	+ .5	- 1.5	--	+ .5
All other types of business	-21.9	+ .2	- 9.6	- .4	- 2.1	--	- 4.2	- 1.3	- .7	+ .7	+ 1.1	- .3	- 5.3
Net change of classified loans 1/	+178.6	+ 5.3	+103.1	- 3.7	+27.2	+ 1.9	- 4.8	+31.7	+ 2.2	- .4	+ 2.8	+13.5	- .2
Unclassified changes	- 4.6	- .3	- 7.1	- .3	+ 2.8	- .9	- 1.2	- 3.7	- 2.2	- 1.6	- 1.8	+ .5	+11.2
Net change in com'l, ind'l, & agr'l loans	+174.0	+ 5.0	+96.0	- 4.0	+30.0	+ 1.0	- 6.0	+28.0	--	- 2.0	+ 1.0	+14.0	+11.0
Purpose Classification													
Defense contracts	+67.9	+ 6.5	+35.1	+ 6.4	+ 4.5	+ .9	+ .3	+ 3.2	+ 1.8	+ 1.0	+ .3	+ 1.8	+ 6.1
Defense-supporting activities:													
Plant and equipment	+146.4	+ .2	+102.8	+ .2	+13.7	+ .7	+ 1.0	+23.2	- .1	+ .1	+ .4	--	+ 4.2
All other	+ 8.9	--	+ 4.0	- .3	+ .8	--	--	+ 2.0	+ .1	--	+ .2	--	+ 2.1
Non-defense activities:													
Inventory and working capital	-44.7	- 2.3	-34.0	-10.1	+ 8.7	- 1.1	- .6	+ 3.2	+ 1.9	- 1.3	+ .6	+ 7.9	-17.6
Plant and equipment	+10.5	--	- 1.3	--	+ 1.2	+ .3	+ 1.8	+ .2	+ .3	- .2	+ 1.4	+ .6	+ 6.2
Retirement of non-bank debt and preferred stock	+ 1.9	+ .1	+ 1.1	--	--	--	--	- .2	--	--	+ .1	+ 1.0	- .2
All other (for loans classified)	-12.3	+ .8	- 4.6	+ .1	- 1.7	+ 1.1	- 7.3	+ .1	- 1.8	--	- .2	+ 2.2	- 1.0
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p/ Preliminary; final totals will appear in the F.R. Bulletin and final San Francisco District figures appear in a release of the Reserve Bank.

1/ About 220 weekly reporting member banks are reporting changes in their larger loans as to industry and purpose; these banks hold nearly 95 per cent of total commercial and industrial loans of all weekly reporting member banks and about 75 per cent of those of all commercial banks.