BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS, BY INDUSTRY AND PURPOSE

Repayments by practically all business classifications resulted in a decrease of $105 million in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended March 26. The only ones reporting net increases were manufacturers of metals and metal products, public utilities, and "other" manufacturers and miners.

The decrease of $58 million in loans to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products was the third largest weekly decrease this year. The decline of $19 million in trade loans in the Chicago District was partly offset by net increases in other districts. The decrease of $11 million in loans to manufacturers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products followed ten weeks of moderate increases. The decrease in commodity loans was largely in the Dallas and San Francisco districts. The decrease in sales finance and the increases in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products and in public utilities was largely in the New York District.

Changes in loans during the week and since the year-end were as follows:

Business of Borrower	Week ended March 26p/	Since December 26p/
	(In millions of dollars)	
Manufacturing and mining:		
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 58	-418
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 8	+ 16
Metals and metal products	+ 38	+947
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	- 11	+192
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 3	+ 55
Trade -- wholesale and retail	- 12	-123
Commodity dealers	- 17	-333
Sales finance companies	- 26	-324
Public utilities and transportation	+ 24	- 10
Construction	- 5	- 35
Other types of business	- 10	- 36
Classified changes - net	- 83	- 67
Unclassified changes - net	- 22	-161
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	-105	-228
Purpose Classification		
Defense	+ 32	+609
Non-defense	-115	-676

p/ Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS
BY INDUSTRY, PURPOSE, AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 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	-58.2	- 3.9	-38.1	+ .6	- 3.4	- 1.9	+ .3	- 5.3	- 1.8	- 1.5	- 1.0	- .7	- 1.5
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 7.8	- .9	- 7.6	- .3	- .1	+ .2	+ 1.6	- .2	- .4	--	+ .3	- .3	- .1
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+37.7	+ .2	+25.0	+ 1.3	+ 5.2	+ .4	+ 1.3	+ 4.6	--	+ .2	+ .1	- .5	- .1
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	-11.2	- .1	- 8.3	- .3	+ .6	--	+ .3	- 2.4	--	- .6	+ .7	- 1.0	- .1
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 3.3	- .6	+ 2.6	+ .1	+ 1.0	+ .5	- .2	+ 4.6	- .2	+ .1	+ .3	- .5	- 4.4
Trade:													
Wholesale	(-11.8)	- .9	+ 3.1	+ .2	+ 1.1	- 1.0	- .1	+ .2	- .7	+ .5	+ .4	(+ 2.2)	- .9
Retail	( )	- .3	+ 1.1	+ .2	+ .4	+ .1	+ .3	-19.0	+ .4	+ .2	+ 1.7	( )	- 1.0
Commodity dealers	-17.1	- 2.5	+ 7.8	- 1.0	- 1.2	- .5	- 1.1	- 3.7	- 1.3	- .4	- .9	- 7.8	- 4.5
Sales finance companies	-25.8	+ 2.3	-24.1	- .6	- .2	- 1.3	- .4	- .6	- 2.0	+ .4	- .3	--	+ 1.0
Public utilities (including transportation)	+23.8	- .8	+22.3	+ .5	+ 1.2	--	+ .7	+ .5	+ .2	- .5	+ .3	- .1	- .5
Construction	- 5.4	+ .5	- .4	+ .8	- .1	+ .3	+ .3	- 5.3	- .2	- .3	- .1	- .1	- .8
All other types of business	-10.1	+ .3	- 7.3	- 1.4	- .6	- .5	- 1.7	+ .8	+ 1.1	+ .3	- .1	- .5	- .5
Net change in classified loans 1/	-82.6	- 6.7	-23.9	+ .1	+ 3.9	- 3.7	+ 1.3	-25.8	- 4.9	- 1.6	+ 1.4	- 9.3	-13.4
Unclassified changes - net	-22.4	- 2.3	- 9.1	- .1	- 1.9	- 1.3	+ .7	- 8.2	- 1.1	- .4	- 1.4	- 1.7	+ 4.4
Net change in com'l, ind'l, & agr'l loans	-105.0	- 9.0	-33.0	--	+ 2.0	- 5.0	+ 2.0	-34.0	- 6.0	- 2.0	--	-11.0	- 9.0
Purpose Classification													
Defense contracts	+16.6	+ .1	+ 9.3	+ .7	+ 3.6	- .1	+ .8	+ 3.1	--	+ .1	- .3	- .3	- .4
Defense-supporting activities:													
Plant and equipment	+17.8	- .6	+12.6	+ .4	+ 3.4	+ .1	- .1	+ .4	+ .1	--	+ .1	--	+ 1.4
All other	- 2.5	--	--	+ .7	- 2.3	+ .1	+ .1	- .3	- .3	--	+ .5	--	- 1.0
Non-defense activities:													
Inventory and working capital	-110.1	- 6.6	-41.4	- 1.9	- .8	- 4.0	+ 1.5	-32.2	- 5.0	- 1.7	+ .1	- 8.8	- 9.3
Plant and equipment	+ .2	--	+ 2.0	+ .2	- .1	- .2	+ .4	+ .8	--	--	+ .4	- .6	- 2.7
Retirement of non-bank debt and preferred stock	+ .8	--	+ .3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+ .7	- .2
All other (for loans classified)	- 5.4	+ .4	- 6.7	--	+ .1	+ .4	- 1.4	+ 2.4	+ .3	--	+ .6	- .3	- 1.2
Net change in classified loans 1/	-82.6	- 6.7	-23.9	+ .1	+ 3.9	- 3.7	+ 1.3	-25.8	- 4.9	- 1.6	+ 1.4	- 9.3	-13.4

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.