

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Increases of \$70 million in loans to the wholesale and retail trade, \$36 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products, \$33 million each to commodity dealers and to "other" types of business, \$18 million to manufacturers of metals and metal products, and \$50 million to unclassified borrowers were the principal factors in the \$104 million increase in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended October 12. Partly offsetting decreases included \$128 million in loans to sales finance companies and \$12 million to manufacturers and producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products.

The wholesale and retail trade increase occurred in all districts and was the largest weekly increase in this business category since August 1951. Loans to manufacturers and producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products decreased \$20 million in the New York District but was partly offset by increases in eight other districts.

Changes in loans during the week and since the mid-year are shown below; the third column shows the changes during the comparable period last year:

<u>Business of Borrower</u>	Week ended Oct. 12 <sup>p/</sup>	<u>Cumulative since mid-year</u>	
		June 29, 1955 to Oct. 12, 1955 <sup>p/</sup>	June 30, 1954 to Oct. 13, 1954
(In millions of dollars)			
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+ 36	+ 197	+224
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 1	+ 181	+ 98
Metals and metal products	+ 18	+ 3	-444
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	- 12	+ 66	- 5
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 6	+ 68	- 10
Trade -- wholesale and retail	+ 70	+ 201	+113
Commodity dealers	+ 33	+ 282	+276
Sales finance companies	-128	- 10	-173
Public utilities and transportation	- 6	+ 5	-184
Construction	+ 5	+ 72	+ 46
Other types of business	+ 33	+ 279	+111
Classified changes - net	+ 55	+1,345	+ 53
Unclassified changes - net	+ 50	- 50	-742
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+104	+1,295	-689
Loans reclassified on October 5		+ 318	
Total		+1,613	

<sup>p/</sup> Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS  
 BY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,  
 WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1955

Business of Borrower	All Dis- tricts p/	Boston	New York	Phila- delphia	Cleve- land	Rich- mond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minne- apolis	Kansas City	Dallas	San Fran- cisco p/
(In millions of dollars)													
Manufacturing and mining:													
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+35.5	--	+17.5	+ 2.0	+ .3	+ .3	- .1	+ 4.9	+ 1.0	- .4	+ .6	+ 2.6	+ 6.8
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 1.2	+ 2.0	- .3	+ .7	- 1.0	+ 1.5	+ .6	- 1.2	- 2.3	- .1	--	+ .1	- 1.2
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+18.4	- 1.3	+ 6.3	- .1	+ 3.8	+ 1.4	--	+ 5.8	+ .6	+ .3	+ .3	+ .3	+ 1.0
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	-12.0	+ 1.5	-20.2	+ .6	+ .5	+ .8	- .1	+ 3.6	- .1	- .1	+ .2	+ .5	+ .8
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 5.5	- .3	- .1	- .4	+ .8	+ .2	+ 1.2	+ .9	+ .3	--	- .3	--	+ 3.2
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+69.8)	+ 8.8	+ 6.6	+ 3.0	+ .6	+ 1.1	+ 1.0	+ 8.7	- .1	+ .4	+ .8	(+ 2.4)	+ .7
Retail		+ 2.6	+ 9.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.4	+ 2.1	+ .4	+10.1	+ 2.1	+ .6	+ 2.7		+ 1.5
Commodity dealers	+32.9	+ 1.2	+15.7	+ 1.2	+ 1.5	+ .8	+ 2.3	+ 4.9	+ 6.6	+ 2.1	- .7	- 3.6	+ .9
Sales finance companies	-127.6	- .1	-82.1	- 1.3	-14.3	- .7	+ .7	-19.2	- 6.9	+ 1.1	- 1.2	+ 1.6	- 5.2
Public utilities (including transportation)	- 5.6	+ .2	- 2.5	- .1	+ .5	- .2	+ .1	- .1	+ .2	+ 1.0	- 2.4	- 1.2	- 1.1
Construction	+ 5.4	- .6	- 1.1	+ 1.3	+ .1	+ .1	+ .5	+ 1.7	+ 4.4	- .3	- .4	- 1.5	+ 1.2
All other types of business	+33.4	- 1.2	- 1.7	+ 1.0	+ .7	+ .6	+ 3.2	+ 1.0	+ .4	+ .7	+ 1.4	+13.4	+13.9
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+54.5	+12.8	-52.0	+ 9.3	- 4.1	+ 8.0	+ 9.8	+21.1	+ 6.2	+ 5.3	+ 1.0	+14.6	+22.5
Unclassified changes - net	+49.5	- 2.8	+ 6.0	+ .7	+ 7.1	--	+ 1.2	- 4.1	+ 2.8	+ 1.7	+ 1.0	+13.4	+22.5
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+104.0	+10.0	-46.0	+10.0	+ 3.0	+ 8.0	+11.0	+17.0	+ 9.0	+ 7.0	+ 2.0	+28.0	+45.0

p/ Preliminary; final totals will appear in the F. R. Bulletin and San Francisco District final figures appear in a release of the Reserve Bank.

1/ About 210 weekly reporting member banks are reporting changes in their larger loans as to industry; these banks hold over 90 per cent of total commercial and industrial loans of all weekly reporting member banks and nearly 70 per cent of those of all commercial banks.