

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Increases of \$124 million in loans to sales finance companies, \$38 million to "other" types of business, \$37 million to manufacturers of metals and metal products, and \$18 million to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products were the principal factors in the \$200 million increase in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended December 14. The principal offsetting decrease was \$84 million in loans to public utilities.

The increase in loans to sales finance companies was the largest weekly increase in this business category since the middle of June; it was reflected in all districts. The increase in loans to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products was the first weekly increase in this category since the first week of October. Following 13 weeks of increases, loans to commodity dealers decreased \$9 million.

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 <u>Dec. 14^{p/}</u>	Cumulative since mid-year	
		<u>June 29, 1955</u> to <u>Dec. 14, 1955^{p/}</u>	<u>June 30, 1954</u> to <u>Dec. 15, 1954</u>
(In millions of dollars)			
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+ 8	+ 450	+523
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 18	+ 81	- 25
Metals and metal products	+ 37	+ 143	-540
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	+ 13	+ 154	+ 70
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 12	+ 67	- 57
Trade -- wholesale and retail	- 1	+ 375	+179
Commodity dealers	- 9	+ 472	+510
Sales finance companies	+124	+ 446	- 85
Public utilities and transportation	- 84	- 55	-312
Construction	+ 12	+ 111	+ 75
Other types of business	+ 38	+ 346	+169
Classified changes - net	+169	+2,590	+506
Unclassified changes - net	+ 31	- 92	- 31
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+200	+2,498	+475
Loans reclassified on October 5		+ 318	
Total		+2,816	

^{p/} 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, DECEMBER 14, 1955

Business of Borrower	All Dis- tricts <u>p/</u>	Boston	New York	Phila- delphia	Cleve- land	Rich- mond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minne- apolis	Kansas City	Dallas	San Fran- cisco <u>p/</u>
	(In millions of dollars)												
Manufacturing and mining:													
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+ 8.2	+ 1.3	+ 5.5	+ 1.4	+ 2.7	+ 2.3	- .2	+ 5.4	- .9	- .7	- .5	- .1	- 8.0
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+18.2	+ 1.0	+14.0	+ .1	+ .5	- .4	+ .3	+ 1.3	+ .9	+ .1	+ .1	+ .5	- .2
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+37.3	+ .5	+16.1	+ 1.3	+ 7.7	- .4	+ .7	+ 6.1	+ 1.0	+ .2	+ 1.4	+ .5	+ 2.2
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+13.4	- .2	+ 6.0	- .5	- .3	+ .2	+ .3	+ 3.5	+ .6	+ 1.4	+ 1.8	+ 1.7	- 1.1
Other manufacturing and mining	+11.9	+ .3	+ 7.5	+ 1.3	- .8	+ .1	+ .1	- 2.0	+ .1	+ .2	+ .2	- .1	+ 5.0
Trade:													
Wholesale	(- 1.4)	+ 2.3	+ 5.4	+ 1.7	+ .2	+ 1.3	+ .5	+ 2.8	+ 1.7	+ .1	+ .1	(- 1.1)	+ 1.8
Retail	(- 1.4)	- 1.7	- 9.8	+ .6	- .7	- .3	+ .7	- 3.5	- .4	- .3	+ .5	(- 1.1)	- 3.3
Commodity dealers	- 8.9	+ 2.2	- 5.9	- 2.7	- .5	+ 1.4	+ .3	- .1	+ 1.7	- 1.8	+ .7	- 1.0	- 3.2
Sales finance companies	+124.0	+ 2.2	+43.9	+ 8.1	+15.9	+ .7	+ 3.5	+21.8	+ 7.7	+ 1.1	+ 4.5	+ 2.2	+12.4
Public utilities (including transportation)	-83.9	+ 1.0	-91.2	- .1	- 2.2	- 1.1	- 1.6	--	- 1.2	- 2.0	+ .3	- .5	+14.7
Construction	+12.3	+ .2	+ .4	+ .3	+ .3	+ .3	+ 1.7	+ .4	- .8	+ .4	+ 2.3	+ 4.5	+ 2.3
All other types of business	+37.8	+ .2	+28.4	- 1.7	+ 2.5	+ .1	+ .1	+ 2.7	+ .9	- .1	+ .1	+ 5.6	- 1.0
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+168.9	+ 9.3	+20.3	+ 9.8	+25.3	+ 4.2	+ 6.4	+38.4	+11.3	- 1.4	+11.5	+12.2	+21.6
Unclassified changes - net	+31.1	+ .7	- 6.3	+ 1.2	+ 3.7	+ 1.8	- .4	- 2.4	+ 6.7	+ 1.4	+ 2.5	- 5.2	+27.4
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+200.0	+10.0	+14.0	+11.0	+29.0	+ 6.0	+ 6.0	+36.0	+18.0	--	+14.0	+ 7.0	+49.0

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.