

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Net increases of \$61 million in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products, \$48 million to public utilities, \$28 million to "other" types of business, \$24 million to the wholesale and retail trade, and \$16 million to the construction industry were the principal factors in the \$101 million increase in commercial and industrial loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended April 11.

Offsetting decreases included \$29 million in loans to sales finance companies, \$25 million to "other" manufacturing and mining, and \$22 million to commodity dealers.

The increase in loans to the construction industry was the largest weekly increase in this business category since July 1955. The decrease in "other" manufacturing and mining was the first weekly decrease in this business category in ten weeks and it was the largest decrease since May 1954. Loans to sales finance companies decreased \$69 million in the New York District, but increases were reported in eight of the other districts.

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

<u>Business of Borrower</u>	Week ended <u>Apr. 11^{p/}</u>	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
		<u>Dec. 28, 1955</u> to <u>Apr. 11, 1956^{p/}</u>	<u>Dec. 29, 1954</u> to <u>Apr. 13, 1955</u>
(In millions of dollars)			
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 8	- 228	-345
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 8	+ 154	+192
Metals and metal products	+ 61	+ 877	+ 91
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	- 12	+ 260	+191
Other manufacturing and mining	- 25	+ 193	+ 60
Trade--wholesale and retail	+ 24	+ 128	+ 16
Commodity dealers	- 22	- 142	-324
Sales finance companies	- 29	- 321	+197
Public utilities and transportation	+ 48	+ 168	+ 99
Construction	+ 16	- 11	+ 22
Other types of business	+ 28	- 18	+ 32
Classified changes - net	+ 88	+1,060	+231
Unclassified changes - net	+ 14	- 10	<u>1/</u> -111
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+101	+1,050	<u>1/</u> +120

^{p/} Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

1/ Prior to 1956, unclassified changes and total net change included changes in agricultural loans.

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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS
BY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1956

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	- 8.3	+ .5	-16.7	- .3	+ 8.6	- .4	- .4	+ 4.4	-1.7	+ 1.3	-2.9	- .2	- .5
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 7.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.0	+ .9	+ .8	+ 1.1	- .9	- .4	- .2	--	+ 1.4
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+ 60.9	+ .6	+25.9	+ 2.8	+ 5.7	+ 1.1	+ .4	+11.6	+1.1	+ 1.7	+ .6	- .2	+ 9.6
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	- 11.8	- .2	- 3.5	- .5	-10.1	+ .6	+ .5	- 2.9	+1.6	+ .3	+ .8	+ .8	+ .8
Other manufacturing and mining	- 25.4	+ 1.0	-26.7	- 5.4	- .5	+ .1	- .9	+ 7.2	+1.3	+ .3	+ .9	+ .6	- 3.3
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+ 23.5)	+ 1.4	+ 1.4	+ 2.4	+ 1.1	+ .1	+ .1	- .9	+ .6	+ .7	+ .2	(+ 2.7)	+ 1.7
Retail	(+ 23.5)	+ 1.0	- 1.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.5	+ .5	+1.7	+ 4.2	+1.4	+ .9	+1.8	(+ 2.7)	- .1
Commodity dealers	- 21.9	+ 2.6	-11.7	- .8	--	- .8	- .1	- 1.1	-6.0	+ 1.8	-1.3	- 3.2	- 1.3
Sales finance companies	- 28.7	- .6	-69.0	- 8.7	+10.4	+ 4.3	+ .9	+12.9	+6.8	+ .8	- .6	+ 4.0	+10.1
Public utilities (including transportation)	+ 47.7	+ .8	+26.5	+ .3	- 1.8	+ .1	+ .2	+ 3.0	-1.9	+ .1	-1.0	- .1	+21.5
Construction	+ 16.1	+ .3	+ 1.0	+ .7	+ 3.7	+ .6	+1.2	+ 1.6	+ .3	+ 1.8	- .3	+ 4.0	+ 1.2
All other types of business	+ 27.5	+ 3.2	+11.3	- 3.4	- .1	- 1.1	+1.2	+ 5.4	+ .4	+ .5	+1.7	+ 2.2	+ 6.2
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+ 87.5	+11.6	-61.3	-10.8	+19.5	+ 6.0	+5.6	+46.5	+3.0	+ 9.8	- .3	+10.6	+47.3
Unclassified changes - net	+ 13.5	+ 3.4	+ 6.3	- .2	+ 5.5	+ 4.0	+1.4	+ 6.5	+1.0	+ 1.2	+1.3	- 2.6	-14.3
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+101.0	+15.0	-55.0	-11.0	+25.0	+10.0	+7.0	+53.0	+4.0	+11.0	+1.0	+ 8.0	+33.0

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.