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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Net increases of \$56 million in loans to sales finance companies, \$26 million to public utilities, \$17 million to "other" manufacturing and mining, and \$14 million to the wholesale and retail trade were the principal factors in the \$73 million increase in commercial and industrial loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended April 25.

Offsetting decreases included \$27 million in loans to manufacturer of food, liquor, and tobacco products, \$18 million to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products, and \$10 million to commodity dealers.

The decrease in loans to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products followed eight consecutive weekly increases. Loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products decreased \$31 million in the New York District but were more than offset by increases in ten of the other districts; the net increase was \$3 million.

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:

		Cumulative since year-end					
	Week	Dec. 28, 1955	Dec 29, 1954				
	ended ,	to ,	to				
Business of Borrower	Apr. 25P/	Apr. 25, 1956 <u>p</u> /					
Manufacturing and mining:		(In millions of	dollars)				
Food, liquor, and tobacco	-27	- 244	-409				
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 18	+ 138	+185				
Metals and metal products	+ 3	+ 912	+ 72				
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	- 6	+ 261	+271				
Other manufacturing and mining	+17	+ 231	+ 59				
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Tradewholseals and retail	+14	+ 105 - 182	- 369				
Commodity dealers	-10						
Sales finance companies	+56	- 279	+304				
Public utilities and transportation	+26	+ 188	+ 98				
Construction	- 2	- 3	+ 31				
Other types of business	<u>- 9</u>	<u>- 41</u>	+ 30				
Classified changes - net	+1+1+	+1,167	+322				
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Unclassified changes - net	+29	+ 51	<u>1</u> / <u>-200</u>				
Net change in commercial and							
industrial loans	+73	+1,218	1/ +122				
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p/ Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

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

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS BY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT, WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1956

Business of Borrower	All Dis- tricts <u>p</u> /	Boston	New York	Phila- delphia	land	Rich- mond	Atlanta		St. Louis	Minne- apolis	Kansas City	Dallas	San Fran- cisco <u>P</u> /
(In millions of dollars)													
Manufacturing and mining: Food, liquor, and tobacco Textiles, apparel, and leather	-26.6 -18.0	-2.2 -4.2	-16.6 -12.2		- 2.3 + .4		-1.1 -1.5	+1.5 - ·3	-1.9 -1.0	1	8	+ .6 + .9	- 3.9 1
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment) Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber Other manufacturing and mining	+ 3.4 - 5.8 +17.1	+4.5 + .9 + .8	-30.9 + 1.4 + 4.4	+ .2	+ 8.4 - 5.5 + 3.9	+ .3	+1.3 +1.1 +1.6	-2.6 -3.3 + .2	+5.0 + .2 + .6	+1.3 8 + .1	+1.8	+ 3.1 - 1.0 + 1.0	+ 6.7 + .9 + 1.5
Trade: Wholesale Retail	(+13.6)	2 + .3	+ 4.5	+ .6 - 3.4		+ .7 2	+ .2 +1.4	4 +2.2	+ .9	+ ·3 -1.0	+ .7 +1.1	(+ 6.0)	+ .2 - 1.0
Commodity dealers	-10.2	+1.3	+ 7.2	3	- 1.5	7	-3.1	+ •5	- 8.9	-2.1	5	- 1.6	5
Sales finance companies	+56.3	+2.8	+24.5	+ 7.8	+ 9.2	7	+1.2	+4.7	+1.1	+ •5	+1.2	+ .2	+ 3.8
Public utilities (including transportation)	+25.5	+ .3	+21.8	2	- 1.6	3	+ .4	-3.2	+1.1		1	+ .4	+ 6.9
Construction	- 1.8	4		+ .1	+ .7	+ .6		-1.1	5	+1.2	+ . 8	- 1.0	- 2.2
All other types of business	- 9.1	-3.1	-16.2	3	+ 1.4	-4.1	+2.2	+3.8	6	+ .8	4	+ 2.0	+ 5.4
Net change in classified loans $\underline{1}/$	+44.4	+ .8	-10.1	+10.5	+13.1	-2.4	+3.7	+2.0	-5.3	+ .2	+3.6	+10.6	+17.7
Unclassified changes - net	+28.6	+2.2	- 8.9	+ 1.5	+ •9	+3.4	7		+ .3	-1.2	+3.4	+ 7.4	+20.3
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+73.0	+3.0	-19.0	+12.0	+14.0	+1.0	+3.0	+2.0	-5.0	-1.0	+7.0	+18.0	+38.0

p/ Preliminary; final totals will appear in the F. R. Bulletin and San Francisco District 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.