News Release Archive

National Credit Default Rates Decreased in December 2013 According to the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices

Four Cities Saw Default Rates Increase in December 2013

PR Newswire
NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 21, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Data through December 2013, released today by S&P Dow Jones Indices and Experian for the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices, a comprehensive measure of changes in consumer credit defaults, showed decline in national default rates during the month. The national composite was 1.35% in December, a slight decrease from 1.37% in November. The first mortgage default rate was 1.27% in December, marginally down from 1.28% last month. The second mortgage posted 0.76% in December, down from 0.78% in November. The auto loan default rate was 1.12% in December, down from 1.15% in the previous month. The bank card rate rose to 2.98%, slightly higher than its historic low of 2.97% set in the past two months.

"Consumers' financial condition continues to improve," says David M. Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the Index Committee for S&P Dow Jones Indices. "Across all categories default rates are continuing a downward trend. Other data confirm the improving trends: mortgage foreclosures were sharply lower in 2013 compared to 2012, the Federal Reserve's measure of consumer debt service as a percentage of income is at a record low and consumer credit usage is expanding. The indices remain at pre-financial crisis levels.

"Four out of the five cities saw default rate increases.Miami saw the highest increase; it posted 2.74%, 28 basis points higher than last month's level. Los Angeles saw its default rate decline for a fifth consecutive month; it recorded 1.07%, the lowest default rate since July 2006. Miami has the highest rate among the five cities whileLos Angeles had the lowest. Four cities – Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and New York remain below default rates they posted a year ago, inDecember 2012."

The table below summarizes the December 2013 results for the S&P/Experian Credit Default Indices. These data are not seasonally adjusted and are not subject to revision.

S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices
National Indices

Index	December 2013 Index Level	November 2013 Index Level	December 2012 Index Level
Composite	1.35	1.37	1.72
First Mortgage	1.27	1.28	1.68
Second Mortgage	0.76	0.78	0.69
Bank Card	2.98	2.97	3.53
Auto Loans	1.12	1.15	1.09

Source: S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices
Data through December 2013

The table below provides the S&P/Experian Consumer Default Composite Indices for the five MSAs:

Metropolitan Statistical Area	December 2013 Index Level	November 2013 Index Level	December 2012 Index Level
New York	1.38	1.30	1.51

Chicago	1.62	1.59	2.12
Dallas	1.27	1.26	1.26
Los Angeles	1.07	1.19	1.84
Miami	2.74	2.46	3.07
Source: S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices			
Data through December 2013			

About S&P Dow Jones Indices
S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a part of McGraw Hill Financial, is the world's largest, global resource for index-based concepts, data and research. Home to iconic financial market indicators, such as the S&P 500® and the Dow Jones Industrial Average™, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC has over 115 years of experience constructing innovative and transparent solutions that fulfill the needs of investors. More assets are invested in products based upon our indices than any other provider in the world. With over 830,000 indices covering a wide range of asset classes across the globe, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC defines the way investors measure and trade the markets. To learn more about our company, please visit www.spdji.com.

About Experian
Experian is the leading global information services company, providing data and analytical tools to clients around the world. The Group helps businesses to manage credit risk, prevent fraud, target marketing offers and automate decision making. Experian also helps individuals to check their credit report and credit score, and protect against identity theft.

Experian plc is listed on the London Stock Exchange (EXPN) and is a constituent of the FTSE 100 index. Total revenue for the year ended 31 March 2013 was US$4.7 billion. Experian employs approximately 17,000 people in 40 countries and has its corporate headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, with operational headquarters inNottingham, UK; California, US; and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

For more information, visit http://www.experianplc.com.

For more information:

Dave Guarino
Communications
S&P Dow Jones Indices
dave.guarino@spdji.com
(+1) 212-438-1471

David Blitzer
Managing Director and Chairman of the Index Committee
S&P Dow Jones Indices
david.blitzer@spdji.com
(+1) 212-438-3907

Jordan Takeyama
Experian Public Relations
jordan.takeyama@experian.com
(+1) 714-830-7561

Jointly developed by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC and Experian, the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices are published on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am ET. They are constructed to track the default experience of consumer balances in four key loan categories: auto, bankcard, first mortgage lien and second mortgage lien. The Indices are calculated based on data extracted from Experian's consumer credit database. This database is populated with individual consumer loan and payment data submitted by lenders to Experian every month. Experian's base of data contributors includes leading banks and mortgage companies, and covers approximately $11 trillion in outstanding loans sourced from 11,500 lenders.

For more information, please visit:www.consumercreditindices.standardandpoors.com.

SOURCE S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC

---

https://press.spglobal.com/2014-01-21-National-Credit-Default-Rates-Decreased-in-December-2013-According-to-the-S-P-Experian-Consumer-Credit-Default-Indices