

S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices Show Composite Default Rate Drop To Five-month Low In May 2017

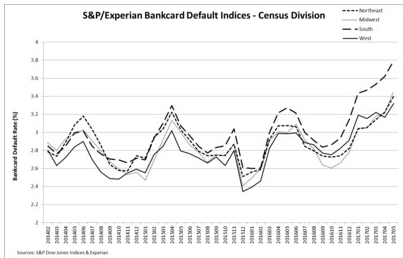
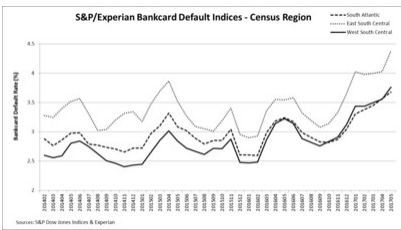
Bank Card Default Rate Rises Seven Straight Months

NEW YORK, June 20, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Dow Jones Indices and Experian released today data through May 2017 for the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices. The indices represent a comprehensive measure of changes in consumer credit defaults and show that the composite rate dropped four basis points from last month to 0.86%. In addition, the bank card default rate increased 18 basis points from April to 3.53%, auto loan defaults decreased five basis points from the previous month to 0.85%, and the first mortgage default rate dropped five basis points from April to 0.64%.

Four of the five major cities saw their default rates decrease in the month of May. New York experienced the largest decrease, down nine basis points from April to 1.01%. Los Angeles reported 0.66% for May, dropping three basis points from the previous month. Dallas came in at 0.67%, down two basis points from April. Miami was down one basis point from April to 1.29%. At 0.97%, Chicago was the only city reporting a default rate increase of three basis points from the previous month.

The National bank card default rate of 3.53% in May set a 48-month high. When comparing the bank card default rate among the four census divisions, the default rate in the South is considerably higher than the other three census divisions. The East South Central Census Region – comprised of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi – has the highest bank card default rate. As per the Bureau of Labor Statistics, these states have some of the lowest median household income.

"Easy come, easy go: bank cards where borrowing money requires simply swiping a credit card are experiencing rising defaults, while defaults on other kinds of consumer credit which depend on paperwork are flat or down," says David M. Blitzler, Managing Director & Chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. "Default rates on bank cards are at the highest level since May 2013, four years ago. In the past, default rates began to climb around the same time the growth of bank card credit outstanding began to slow. The year-over-year growth of bank card credit outstanding peaked at 6.8% last November and was at 5.7% in April, the latest figure available. Bank card defaults rose from 2.81% in November to 3.35% in April, and up to 3.53% in May.



"The pictures of auto loans and mortgages are quite different. Default rates for auto loans have drifted down in the last four months. At the beginning of the year there were reports of a sub-prime crisis in auto loans; these concerns seem to be behind us. The default rate on first mortgage remains at 1%, lower than the pre-crisis period. Rising home prices and increases in the equity mortgage borrowers have in their home are helping lower default rates. One factor in the difference between rising bank card defaults and stable defaults on mortgages and autos may be the difference in interest rates: about 4% on mortgages and 4.4% on auto loans, compared to 12%-18% on bank card loans."

The table below summarizes the May 2017 results for the S&P/Experian Credit Default Indices. These data are not seasonally adjusted and are not subject to revision.

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Index	May 2017 Index Level	April 2017 Index Level	May 2016 Index Level
Composite	0.86	0.90	0.81
First Mortgage	0.64	0.69	0.63
Second Mortgage	0.54	0.51	0.51
Bank Card	3.53	3.35	3.11
Auto Loans	0.85	0.90	0.92

Source: S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices
Data through May 2017

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	May 2017 Index Level	April 2017 Index Level	May 2016 Index Level
New York	1.01	1.10	0.89
Chicago	0.97	0.94	0.98
Dallas	0.67	0.69	0.69
Los Angeles	0.66	0.69	0.67
Miami	1.29	1.30	1.27

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