S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices Show Default Rates Stable In August 2018

Bank Card Default Rate Lower for Fourth Consecutive Month

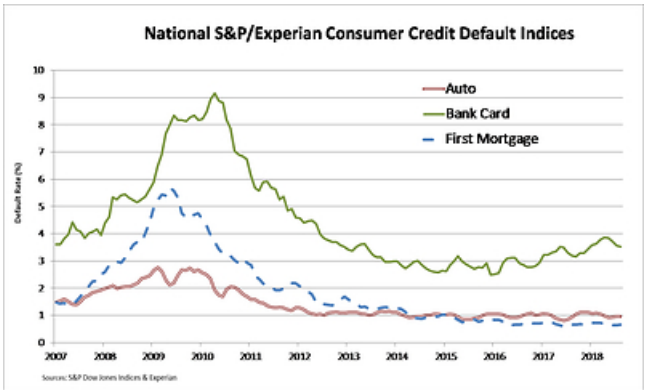
NEW YORK, Sept. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Dow Jones Indices and Experian released today data throughAugust 2018 for the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices. The indices represent a comprehensive measure of changes in consumer credit defaults and show that the composite rate was one basis point higher than last month, at 0.87%. The bank card default rate dropped four basis points to 3.52%. The auto loan default rate increased one basis point to 0.97%. The first mortgage default rate was up two basis points, to 0.65%.

Three of the five major cities recorded decreases in composite default rates inAugust 2018. Miami showed the largest decrease, falling 11 basis points to 1.57%. The default rate for New York fell four basis points to 0.83%, while the rate forDallas fell two basis points to 0.84%. The default rate for Chicago increased five basis points to 0.91%, while the default rate forLos Angeles increased four basis points to 0.65%.

August 2018 saw a continuation of the trends of the prior three months, namely lower bank card default rates as well as lower default rates for Miami. Despite this, the overall composite rate has seen little movement, remaining within a 3 basis point range during this time. This is consistent with the longer term trend of stability for the composite rate, which has been between 0.81% and 0.97% in each of the past 41 months.

"Recent economic reports point to continued stability in consumer credit default rates," saysDavid M. Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. "A review of economic statistics covering the consumer economy is favorable. Job creation continues at about 200,000 per month with the unemployment rate just below 4% and wage gains are approaching a 3% annual rate. While jobs and incomes advance, the spending side is showing modest retail sales growth and auto and home sales are flat to down. These trends favor stable default rates in the near term.

"Non-revolving credit outstanding, principally auto loans,continue to grow by 4%-5% annually while balances on bank cards and revolving credit grew more slowly in the first half of 2018 than in 2017. Consumer balance sheets have been largely restored in the decade since the financial crisis and have room for further credit expansion. Interest rates for both groups of loans rose in response to gradual tightening by the Federal Reserve. Thirty-year fixed rate mortgage rates are now around 4.5%, auto loans at 5% or more, and bank cards in the neighborhood of 15%."



The table below summarizes the August 2018 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	**August 2018 Index Level**	**July 2018 Index Level**	**August 2017 Index Level**
Composite	0.87	0.86	0.86
First Mortgage	0.65	0.63	0.65

Bank Card	3.52	3.56	3.19
Auto Loans	0.97	0.96	0.95

Source: S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices
Data through August 2018

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area	August 2018 Index Level	July 2018 Index Level	August 2017 Index Level
New York	0.83	0.87	0.95
Chicago	0.91	0.86	0.94
Dallas	0.84	0.86	0.74
Los Angeles	0.65	0.61	0.66
Miami	1.57	1.68	1.13

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