# RETAIL CREDIT <br> THIRD QUARTER, 1959 



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Retail credit, as measured by accounts outstanding on the books of retail dealers, rose 4.6 per cent at September 30 , 1959 over the same date a year ago. The $\$ 898.1$ million was comprised of $\$ 466.4 \mathrm{million}$ in instalment accounts receivable and $\$ 431.7$ million in charge accounts receivable. All trades, except motor vehicle dealers, had an increase in outstanding instalment accounts at the end of the third quarter in 1959 as compared to the same date of last year, whereas garages and filling stations and jewellery stores were the only trades to register a decrease in outstanding charge accounts at the same dates. In total. credit outstanding, motor vehicle dealers and garages and filling stations showed slight decreases from September 30, 1958; the other trades showed increases ranging from $\$ 0.3$ million in Jewellery Stores to $\$ 18.7$ million increase in Department Stores.

Accounts receivable shown in this third quarter report are comparable in that the outstandings for lumber and building material dealers and farm implement dealers have been excluded.

## Percentage Change in Accounts Receivable

## on the Books of Retailers

Sept. 30, 1959 over Sept. 30, 1958

| Trade | Instalment Receivables | Charge Account Receivables | Total <br> Receivables |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL, ALI TRADES ........... | $+3.4$ | $+6.0$ | $+4.6$ |
| Department Stores ................. | $+8.0$ | $+7.4$ | $+7.9$ |
| Motor Vehicle Dealers ............. | -22.5 | + 6.5 | - 0.1 |
| Men's Clothing Stores | +27.0 | + 1.2 | + 8.9 |
| Family Clothing Stores | +10.5 | + 3.5 | + 7.2 |
| Women's Clothing Stores .......... | +23.8 | + 8.8 | +11.6 |
| Hardware Stores . . . . . ............. | +27.0 | + 5.9 | +10.0 |
| Furniture, Appliance and Radio Stores ............ | $+0.7$ | + 8.0 | + 1.6 |
| Jewellery Stores ......... | + 3.3 | - 2.0 | +1.8 |
| Grocery and Combination <br> (Independent) Stores .... | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | +10.6 | +10.6 |
| General Stores .... | n/a | +8.5 | +8.5 |
| Fuel Dealers | +21.4 | + 8.1 | +8.8 |
| Garages and Filling Stations .... | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | - 5.3 | - 5.3 |


| Date | Arount |  |  | Fercentage Composition |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalment | Charge | Total |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% | \% | \% |
|  | Total, All Trades |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1958 - March 31 | 444.3 | 384.4 | 828.7 | 53.6 | 46.4 | 100.0 |
| June 30 ...... | 445.3 | 396.1 | 841.4 | 52.9 | 47.1 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 . . .$. . | 451.2 | 407.1 | 858.3 | 52.6 | 47.4 | 100.0 |
| Dec. $31 . . . .$. | 489.6 | 447.6 | 937.2 | 52.2 | 47.8 | 100.0 |
| 1959 - March 31 (r).. | 455.6 | 409.8 | 865.4 | 52.6 | 47.4 | 100.0 |
| June 30 (r) ... | 458.5 | 418.6 | 877.1 | 52.2 | 47.8 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 \ldots .$. . | 466.4 | 431.7 | 898.1 | 51.9 | 48.1 | 100.0 |


| Motor Vehicle Dealers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1958 - March $31 \ldots \ldots$. | 22.9 | 76.3 | 99.2 | 23.1 | 76.9 | 100.0 |
| June $30 \ldots \ldots$. | 24.8 | 80.2 | 105.0 | 23.6 | 76.4 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 \ldots \ldots$. | 23.6 | 79.4 | 103.0 | 22.9 | 77.1 | 100.0 |
| Dec. $31 \ldots \ldots$. | 17.8 | 76.6 | 94.4 | 18.9 | 81.1 | 100.0 |
| 1959 March $31 \ldots \ldots$. | 18.1 | 80.2 | 98.3 | 18.4 | 81.6 | 100.0 |
| June $30 \ldots \ldots$. | 19.4 | 86.4 | 105.8 | 18.3 | 81.7 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 \ldots \ldots$. | 18.3 | 84.6 | 102.9 | 17.8 | 82.2 | 100.0 |


|  | Men's Clothing Stores |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1958 - March 31 ...... | 4.0 | 9.4 | 13.4 | 29.9 | 70.1 | 100.0 |
| June 30 | 4.0 | 9.3 | 13.3 | 29.9 | 70.1 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 . . .$. | 3.7 | 8.6 | 12.3 | 29.8 | 70.2 | 100.0 |
| Dec. 31 ...... | 4.4 | 11.0 | 15.4 | 28.4 | 71.6 | 100.0 |
| 1959 - March 31 | 4.7 | 9.1 | 13.8 | 34.1 | 65.9 | 100.0 |
|  | 4.9 | 9.4 | 14.3 | 34.5 | 65.5 | 100.0 |
|  | 4.7 | 8.7 | 13.4 | 35.1 | 64.9 | 100.0 |
| 1958 - March 31 $\begin{array}{r}\text { June 30 } \\ \text { Sept. } 30 \\ \text { Dec. } 31\end{array}$ | Family Clothing Stores |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.1 \\ & 8.1 \\ & 8.5 \\ & 9.9 \end{aligned}$ | 17.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 54.6 \\ & 54.4 \\ & 52.6 \\ & 54.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45.4 \\ & 45.6 \\ & 47.4 \\ & 45.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 9.7 |  | 17.8 |  |  |  |
|  | 9.5 |  | 18.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 11.8 |  | 21.7 |  |  |  |
| 1959 - March 31June 30Sept. 30 | 10.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.6 \\ & 8.6 \\ & 8.8 \end{aligned}$ | 19.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 55.0 \\ & 55.1 \\ & 54.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45.0 \\ & 44.9 \\ & 45.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 10.5 |  | 19.1 |  |  |  |
|  | 10.5 |  | 19.3 |  |  |  |

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| Date | Amount |  |  | Percentage Composition |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalment | Charge | Total |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% |  | c |
|  | Women's Clothing Stores |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1958 - March 31 | 2.3 | 8.8 | 11.1 | 20.5 | 79.5 | 100.0 |
| 1938 30 | 2.1 | 8.6 | 10.7 | 19.8 | 80.2 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 \ldots$. | 2.1 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 18.8 | 81.2 | 100.0 |
| Dec. $31 . . . .$. | 2.6 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 19.8 | 80.2 | 100.0 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1959 \text { - March } 31 \text { (r) } \quad . . \\ \text { June } 30(\mathrm{r}) \quad \ldots \\ \text { Sept. } 30 \ldots . . . \end{array}$ | 2.3 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 20.2 | 79.8 | 100.0 |
|  | 2.5 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 21.5 | 78.5 | 100.0 |
|  | 2.6 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 20.7 | 79.3 | 100.0 |
| 1958 - March 31June 30Sept. 30Dec. 31 | Hardware Stores |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 5.5 \\ & 5.8 \\ & 6.3 \\ & 6.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.8 \\ & 24.6 \\ & 25.6 \\ & 25.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26.3 \\ & 30.4 \\ & 31.9 \\ & 31.8 \end{aligned}$ | 21.019.2 | 79.080.8 | 100.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 |
|  |  |  |  | 19.8 | 80.2 | 100.0 |
|  |  |  |  | 21.5 | 78.5 | 100.0 |
| - March 31 $\qquad$ <br> June 30 <br> Sept. $\qquad$ | 6.6 | 22.0 | 28.6 | 23.2 | 76.8 | 100.0 |
|  | 7.3 | 26.4 | 33.7 | 21.7 | 78.3 | 100.0 |
|  | 8.0 | 27.1 | 35.1 | 22.7 | 77.3 | 100.0 |

Furniture, Appliance and Radio Stores


Department Stores

| Date | Amount |  |  |  | Percentage Composition |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Instalment |  | Charge | Total | Instalment |  | Charge | Total |
|  | C.S.A.1/ | Other2/ |  |  | C.S.A.I/ | Other $2 /$ |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{\$}$ | \$. | \$ | \$ | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| March 31 | 161.6 | 30.8 | 38.8 | 231.2 | 69.9 | 13.3 | 16.8 | 100.0 |
| June $30 \ldots$ | 162.4 | 28.7 | 39.7 | 230.8 | 70.4 | 12.4 | 17.2 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 . . .$. | 164.0 | 28.7 | 43.0 | 235.7 | 69.6 | 12.2 | 18.2 | 100.0 |
| Dec. $31 . . . .$. | 186.5 | 37.1 | 58.2 | 281.8 | 66.2 | 13.2 | 20.6 | 100.0 |
| 1959 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 31(r) | 172.6 | 32.7 | 42.0 | 247.3 | 69.8 | 13.2 | 17.0 | 100.0 |
| June 30 (r) .. | 171.4 | 34.0 | 43.1 | 248.5 | 69.0 | 13.7 | 17.3 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 . . .$. | 152.9 | 55.3 | 46.2 | 254.4 | 60.1 | 21.8 | 18.1 | 100.0 |

1. Conditional-sale agreements

2/ Other deferred payment plans

Grocery and Combination
Stores (Independent)

| Date |  | Charge |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1958 |  | $\$$ |
| March 31 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 31.5 |
| June 30 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 32.4 |
| Sept. 30 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 32.2 |
| Dec. 31 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 35.3 |
| 1959 |  |  |
| March 31 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 33.4 |
| June 30 | $\ldots .$. | 34.6 |
| Sept. 30 | $\ldots .$. | 35.6 |

General Stores


Garages and
Filling Stations


All Other Trades

| Date | Amount |  |  | Percentage Composition |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Instalment | Charge | Total | Instalment | Charge | Total |
| 1958 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% | \% | \% |
| March 31 | 32.9 | 64.8 | 97.7 | 33.7 | 66.3 | 100.0 |
| June 30 | 33.0 | 77.5 | 110.5 | 29.9 | 70.1 | 200.0 |
| Sept. 30 | 34.7 | 82.9 | 117.6 | 29.5 | 70.5 | 100.0 |
| Dec. 31 | 35.1 | 81.8 | 116.9 | 30.0 | 70.0 | 100.0 |
| 1959 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 31 | 31.7 | 70.7 | 102.4 |  | 69.0 | 200.0 |
| June 30 | 31.1 | 80.4 | 111.5 | 27.9 | 72.1 | 100.0 |
| Sept. $30 \ldots$ | 33.2 | 88.4 | 121.6 | 27.3 | 72.7 | 100.0 |

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