3rd Quarter, 2011

Overall consumer debt in Utah continued to decline in the third quarter of 2011, consistent with national trends (Fig. 1). The average debt per consumer (excluding first mortgages) in Utah was close to $16,700 for Q3, which was lower than the national average of roughly $17,200. Average revolving debt per consumer in Utah, which includes balances related to bank cards, revolving home equity, and retail, was roughly $7,500 for Q3, which was lower than the national figure of about $7,800. Total consumer debt and revolving debt have fallen since their peaks in 2009, but debt levels remain above those from the earlier part of the decade.

For the third quarter, the average outstanding balances for student and auto debt for Utah consumers were roughly $7,200 and $12,700, respectively (Fig. 2). Average bank card debt for Utah consumers was roughly $1,800, which was slightly lower than the U.S. average of $2,000.

Average delinquency rates (loans that are at least 30 days past due) varied across trade lines, as shown in Fig. 3. About six percent of outstanding student loans in Utah were delinquent in Q3, which was lower than the national average of just over 11 percent for the U.S. as a whole. Approximately 2.8 percent of auto loans and 1.5 percent of bank card loans were past due in Utah, compared to the national rates of 3.8 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively.
As shown in Fig. 4, 8.4 percent of outstanding mortgages in Utah were past due (30 days or more delinquent) and 4.7 percent were seriously delinquent (more than 90 days past due). Nationally, these figures were 11.1 percent and 6.9 percent, respectively. For the 12th District as a whole, 9.8 percent of mortgages were past due, and 6.6 percent were seriously delinquent.

Within Utah, Iron, Beaver, and Tooele Counties had the highest rates of seriously delinquent loans at 6.6 percent, 6.5 percent, and 6.1 percent, respectively (Fig. 5).

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