

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2011

Overall consumer debt in Alaska continued to decline in the third quarter of 2011, consistent with national trends (Fig.1). The average debt per consumer (excluding first mortgages) in Alaska was close to \$18,000 for Q3, which was higher than the national average of roughly \$17,200. Average revolving debt per consumer in Alaska, which includes balances related to bank cards, revolving home equity, and retail, was roughly \$7,700 for Q3, on par with 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 debts for Alaska consumers were roughly \$6,800 and \$15,100, respectively (Fig. 2). Average bank card debt for Alaska consumers was roughly \$2,800, which was higher 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. Roughly 11.6 percent of outstanding student loans in Alaska were delinquent in Q3, which was slightly higher than the national average of about 11.3 percent for the U.S. as a whole. Approximately 2.4 percent of auto loans and 1.7 percent of bank card loans were past due in Alaska, compared to the national rates of 3.8 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively.



Note: Based on oustanding loans; bank card averages include accounts with zero balances Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax



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## Figure 3: Average Consumer Delinguency Rates, AK and U.S. 3Q2011



Figure 4: Mortgage Delinquencies in the 12th District

Source: LPS(Lender Processing Services Inc.) Applied Analytics Note: Share of outstanding mortgages. Past due mortgages are 30 or more days delinquent, including those inforeclosure. Serious delinquencies are 90 days or more past due or in some stage of forclosure.

As shown in Fig. 4, 5.2 percent of outstanding mortgages in Alaska were past due (30 days or more delinquent) and 2.2 percent were seriously delinquent (more than 90 days past due). Nationally, these figures were 11.1 percent and 6.9 percent, respectively. For the 12<sup>th</sup> District as a whole, 9.8 percent of mortgages were past due, and 6.6 percent were seriously delinquent.

Within Alaska, Northwest Arctic County had the highest share of seriously delinquent loans at 4.9 percent. The counties of Bethel, Matanuska Susitna, and North Slope had rates of serious delinquency of 3.2 percent, 3.1 percent, and 3.3 percent, respectively.





Serious delinquencies represent mortgages that are 90 days or more past due or in the foreclosure process.

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