

## CONSUMER CREDIT DEFAULTS UP SLIGHTLY ACCORDING TO THE S&P/EXPERIAN CONSUMER CREDIT DEFAULT INDICES

### Three of the Five Cities Report Default Rate Increases in August 2016

**New York, September 20, 2016** – Data through August 2016, released today by S&P Dow Jones Indices and Experian for the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices, a comprehensive measure of changes in consumer credit defaults, showed small increases in numerous default rates. The composite rate was 0.85% in August, up two basis points from the previous month. The first mortgage default rate reported 0.68% for August, up two basis points from the prior month. Auto loan defaults recorded a 1.01% default rate, up eight basis points from July. The bank card default rate was the only decrease in August at 2.86%, down six basis points from last month.

The five major cities reported mixed results in August with three cities showing higher default rates. New York reported 0.91% for August, rising 14 basis points from July's 0.77%. Dallas's default rate increased five basis points from the prior month to 0.74%. Chicago also saw its default rate increase, up four basis points, to 0.93%. Los Angeles reported a default rate of 0.60%, a decrease of three basis points. Miami reported a decrease, the first since February 2016, of 16 basis points at 1.21%.

“Despite small monthly movements in consumer credit defaults, the overall default rates are stable and close to the lowest levels since shortly before the financial crisis,” says David M. Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. “Bank card default rates are more volatile and slightly higher than those tracking mortgages or auto loans. Compared to a year earlier, auto and bank card defaults rose 11 and 15 basis points, respectively; mortgage loan defaults are 16 basis points lower. The overall consumer credit picture gives little reason to be concerned about default rates.

“Related data published by the Federal Reserve show that the growth in consumer and household debt is currently about 4.4% per year, increasing about two percentage points faster than nominal GDP growth. Consumer credit – bank cards and auto loans – grew before, during, and after the recent recession and is currently at an all-time high. Mortgage debt peaked in the first quarter of 2008 and reached its most recent low point in the first quarter of 2015. It is now up 2.1% from the low. Barring a repeat of the recent and severe recession, both consumer credit and mortgage debt outstanding are expected to continue growing at, or faster than, the pace of nominal GDP growth.”

The table below summarizes the August 2016 results for the S&P/Experian Credit Default Indices. These data are not seasonally adjusted and are not subject to revision.

<b>S&amp;P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices</b>			
<b>National Indices</b>			
<b>Index</b>	<b>August 2016 Index Level</b>	<b>July 2016 Index Level</b>	<b>August 2015 Index Level</b>
Composite	0.85	0.83	0.96
First Mortgage	0.68	0.66	0.84
Second Mortgage	0.52	0.44	0.57
Bank Card	2.86	2.92	2.71
Auto Loans	1.01	0.93	0.90

Source: S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices  
Data through August 2016

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

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>August 2016 Index Level</b>	<b>July 2016 Index Level</b>	<b>August 2015 Index Level</b>
New York	0.91	0.77	1.04
Chicago	0.93	0.89	1.21
Dallas	0.74	0.69	0.71
Los Angeles	0.60	0.63	0.76
Miami	1.21	1.37	1.46

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Data through August 2016

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