

# **S&P/EXPERIAN CONSUMER CREDIT DEFAULT INDICES SHOW BANK CARD DEFAULT RATES HIGHER FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH IN MARCH 2018**

## **Bank Card Default Rates at Highest Level Since July 2012**

**NEW YORK, April 17, 2018:** S&P Dow Jones Indices and Experian released today data through March 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 unchanged at 0.96%. The bank card default rate rose 14 basis points to 3.78%. The auto loan default rate fell four basis points from last month to 1.05%. The first mortgage default rate was unchanged at 0.72%.

Three of the five major cities saw an increase in composite default rates in March. Miami had the largest rise, up 59 basis points to 2.13%. The default rate for Dallas rose two basis points to 0.91% while New York's increased one basis point to 0.95%. Chicago had the largest decrease, falling 11 basis points to 1.04%. The rate for Los Angeles dropped four basis points to 0.60%.

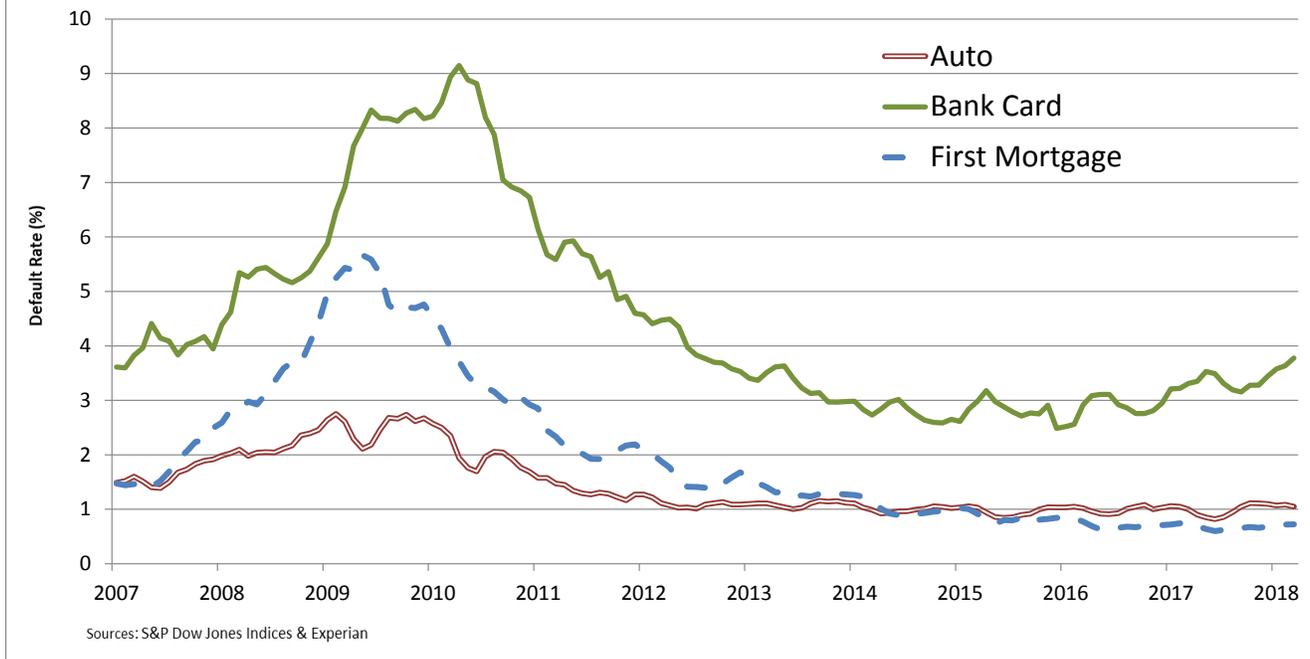
Composite default rates for Miami have increased for four consecutive months, moving up a total of 116 basis points in that span. The other four major cities have seen little change to their composite rates over the same period.

Bank card default rates have been higher or unchanged for six consecutive months, and now are at their highest level since July 2012. Auto loan and first mortgage default rates continue to remain stable.

"Recent patterns in consumer credit defaults continue" says David M. Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. "The recent volatility in the stock market has not affected consumer sentiment and spending. The default rate on bank cards continues the modest increases seen in recent months while default experience on mortgage and auto loans is little changed. The favorable economic environment of stable inflation and unemployment explains the positive results seen in mortgages and auto loans. At current levels, the bank card numbers are not a cause for concern.

"Among the cities reported here, Miami is the only one with a noticeable composite default rate increase. Miami tends to have more volatile and somewhat higher default rates than the other cities. The sharp regional variations that characterized the period during and after the financial crisis are less evident in the data for the last few years. Changes in home prices vary less across the country. Moreover, mortgage rates are largely set on a national basis depending on monetary policy. Consumer credit defaults are less regional than ten years ago."

## National S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices



The table below summarizes the March 2018 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>March 2018 Index Level</b>	<b>February 2018 Index Level</b>	<b>March 2017 Index Level</b>
Composite	0.96	0.96	0.94
First Mortgage	0.72	0.72	0.75
Bank Card	3.78	3.64	3.31
Auto Loans	1.05	1.09	1.00

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

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

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>March 2018 Index Level</b>	<b>February 2018 Index Level</b>	<b>March 2017 Index Level</b>
New York	0.95	0.94	1.09
Chicago	1.04	1.15	1.05
Dallas	0.91	0.89	0.79
Los Angeles	0.60	0.64	0.75
Miami	2.13	1.54	1.40

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Data through March 2018

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