

3rd QUARTER 2014

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of KANSAS CITY

Summary

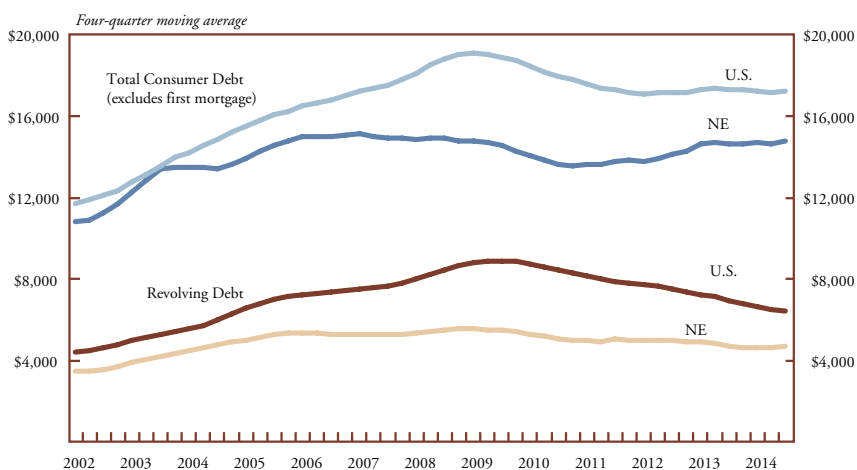
Average consumer debt in Nebraska increased by \$85 to \$14,780 in the third quarter (Chart 1). Consumer debt has climbed 8.6 percent from the first quarter of 2011, but, along with New Mexico, remains the lowest in the District (Chart 2). Revolving debt increased for the first time in three years, but was down dramatically from its peak in the depths of the recession. Upticks in average consumer debt in recent quarters and the substantial decline in revolving debt imply installment debt, made up largely of student loans and auto loans, has been increasing fairly rapidly.

Delinquency rates on consumer debt in Nebraska were substantially lower than national rates in all categories (Chart 3). The delinquency rate for any account in Nebraska was 2.5 percent, changing little from the second quarter. The personal bankruptcy filing rate fell and was significantly lower than the U.S. rate, which also fell. The past-due mortgage rate increased in the third quarter, to 5.5 percent from 5.4 percent in the second quarter (Chart 4). Mortgage delinquency rates varied widely across the state (Map).

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The rise in automobile sales following the recession has led to a rise in auto debt, as 73 percent of U.S. auto sales are financed. Average outstanding balance has also increased in both Nebraska and the U.S. (Chart 5). While auto loan balances have increased, delinquencies have declined. Finance company debt is much more likely to be delinquent than bank debt, with third quarter rates in Nebraska at 6.3 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively, well below delinquency rates in other District states (Chart 6).

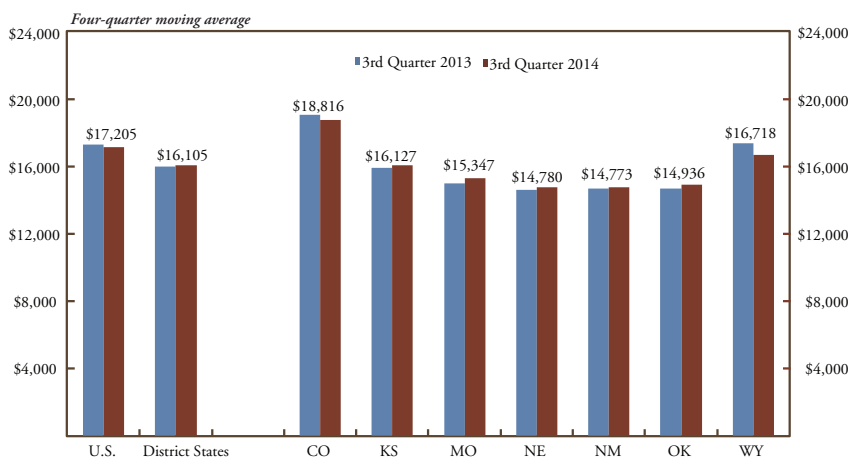
Chart 1: Average Debt Per Consumer



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax.

Notes: Excludes first mortgage. A first mortgage represents the primary note on the home and typically is not used to purchase consumer goods.

Chart 2: Average Debt Per Consumer



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax.

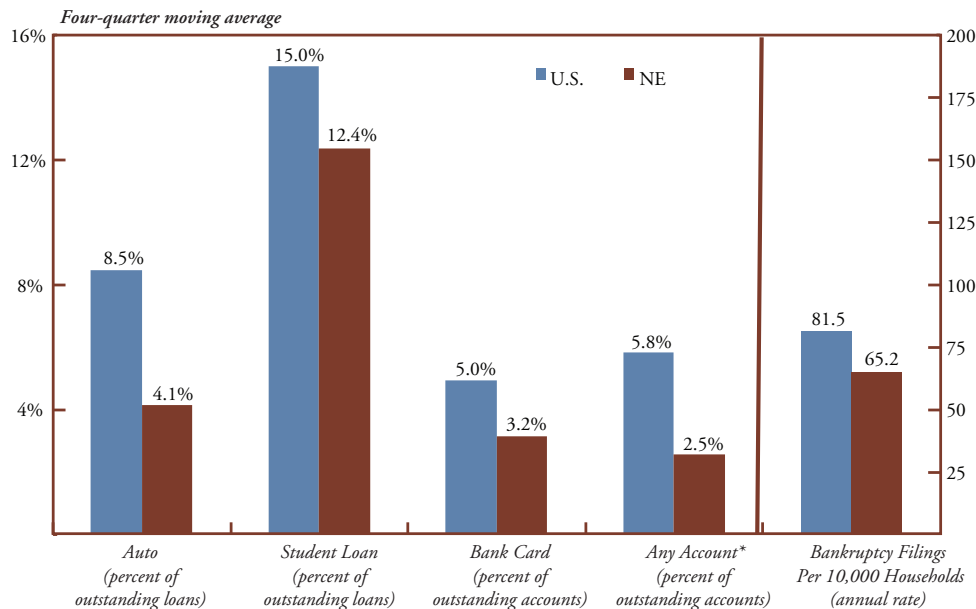
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Chart 3: Average Consumer Delinquency Rates

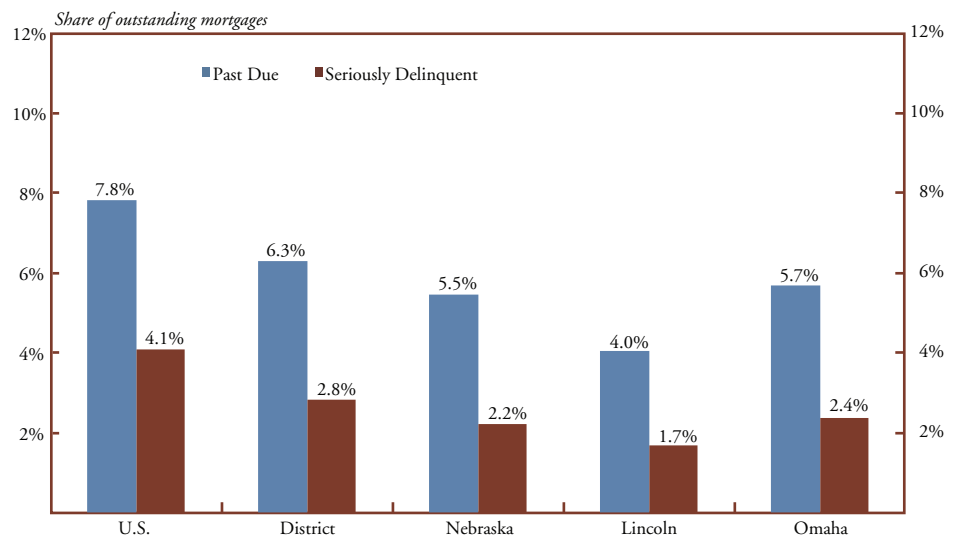


*"Any Account" includes accounts not otherwise reported in the chart, such as first mortgages.

Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax; the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Notes: At least 30 days past due. Beginning in the first quarter, "severe derogatory" accounts are included in the calculation of delinquency rates, which makes delinquency rates higher than in other quarters, all else being equal. Thus, these delinquency rates are not comparable to delinquency rates provided in reports prior to 2014. Severe derogatory debt has been charged off by the lender (not through bankruptcy) but is still owed by the borrower.

Chart 4: Mortgage Delinquencies



Source: Lender Processing Services Inc.

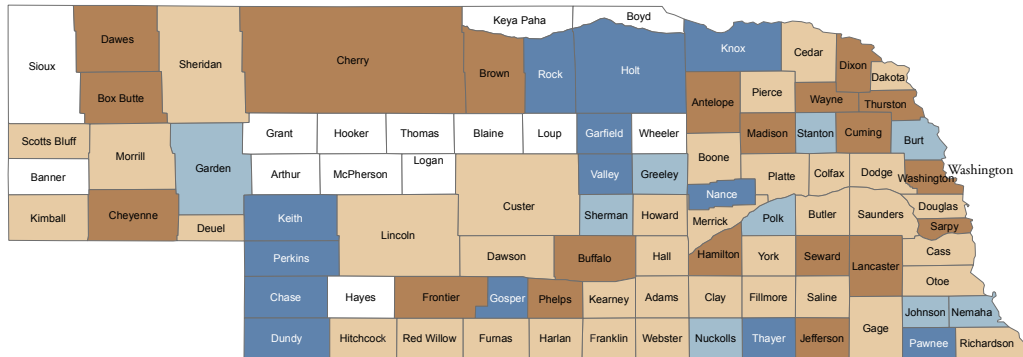
Notes: "Past due" represents mortgages that are 30 days or more delinquent, including those in foreclosure. "Seriously delinquent" represents mortgages that are 90 days or more past due or in foreclosure.



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Map: Seriously Delinquent Rates By County



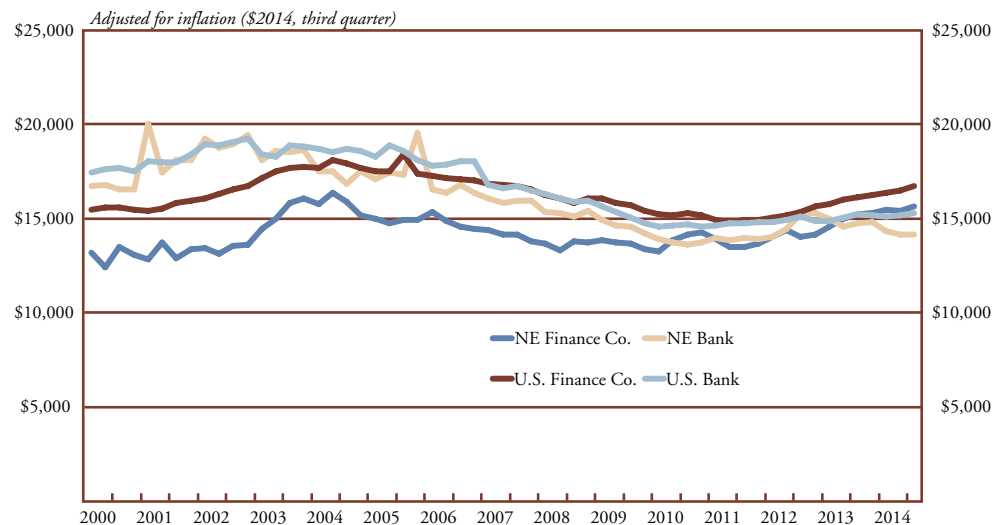
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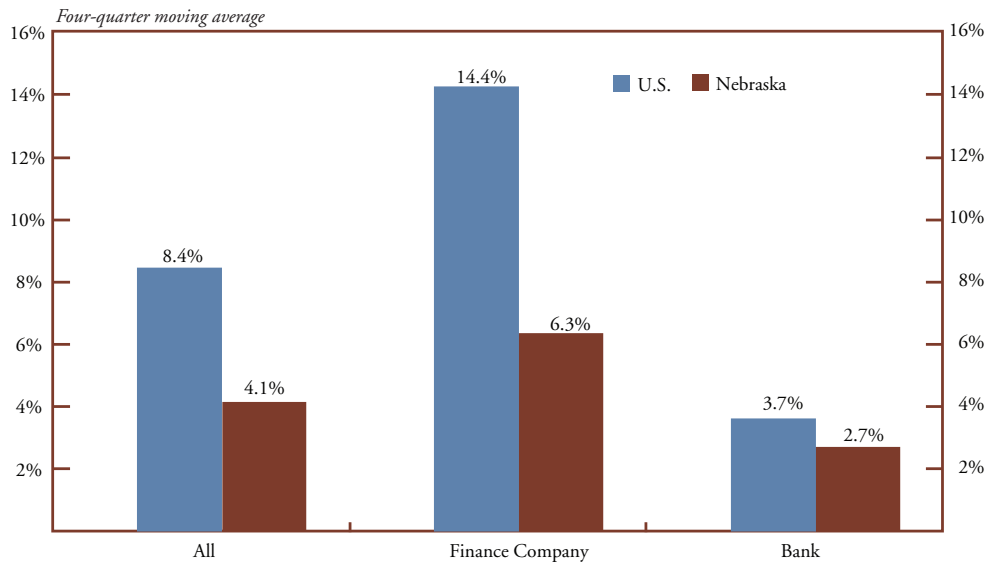
Chart 5: Outstanding Auto Loan Balance by Issuer Type



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax.



Chart 6: Auto Loan Delinquencies



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax.

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