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**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER
SMALL BUSINESS LENDING SURVEY RESULTS**
New Small Business Commercial & Industrial lending declines

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City today released the results from the First Quarter 2019 national Small Business Lending Survey. The quarterly survey of U.S. banks provides data on lending activity and terms for small businesses, a critical source of employment and economic growth for the country.

The survey determined that new small business commercial and industrial (C&I) lending declined in first quarter. Complete results of the survey are now available from the Kansas City Fed's website.

Key findings include:

- New small business C&I loans declined 9.9 percent year-over-year, driven by a 19.9 percent decrease in new small business C&I credit lines.
- Total small business C&I loan balances increased at the lowest rate in five quarters.
- Credit standards remained stable but most loan terms tightened.
- Interest rates on variable rate term loans and lines of credit increased and demand for small business loans rose.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's national quarterly Small Business Lending Survey (FR 2028D) includes quantitative and qualitative data on credit market conditions for bank lending to small businesses across the country. The survey results provide detailed information on commercial banks' lending activity and terms and offer a snapshot of small businesses' access to credit.

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