



To: Fast Facts List

## **Fast Facts: 2011 LENDING REPORT**

**FACT:** [Lending has returned to pre-crisis levels of nearly \\$7 trillion](#), according to data from the Federal Reserve. U.S. commercial banks had extended \$6.944 trillion of loans as of November 2011, which is \$187 billion above November 2007 levels.

**FACT:** [Business lending grew by 8% during 2011](#). Commercial banks had \$1.34 trillion in loans extended to businesses of all sizes at the close of 2011, which is \$100 billion more than the end of 2010, according to FDIC data.

**FACT:** [Small business borrowing hit a four-year high](#) in November 2011, according to the Thomson Reuters/PayNet Small Business Lending Index. The index was up 18% from November 2010.

- The Roundtable's 2011 Small Business Report shows that \$600 billion in small business loans were extended in 2011, and the [largest banks pledged \\$100 billion more](#) over the next three years.

**FACT:** [Consumer credit surged by the most in a decade](#) in November 2011. "In the biggest gain since November 2001, credit jumped to \$2.48 trillion, indicating that households are gaining the confidence to take on debt and banks are more willing to lend," Bloomberg reported.

**FACT:** The [credit quality of loans on banks' books has significantly improved](#). Data from the St. Louis Federal Reserve shows the ratio of nonperforming commercial loans to commercial loans has decreased by 54% from the height of the crisis in July 2009 to 2011.

- During 2009, for every 1 performing commercial loan on a bank's books, there were an average of 3.5 nonperforming ones. Now, the ratio of performing loans to nonperforming ones is 1 to 1.

**FACT:** As of the third quarter of 2011, the amount of noncurrent loans (90 days or more past due) had fallen for six consecutive quarters, according to the [FDIC Quarterly Banking report](#).

*For more information, please contact Abby McCloskey, Director of Research at the Financial Services Roundtable, at [abbyresearch@fsround.org](mailto:abbyresearch@fsround.org), or Scott Talbott, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, at [scott@fsround.org](mailto:scott@fsround.org).*

**Learn more about the Financial Services Industry at [www.OurFinancialFuture.com](http://www.OurFinancialFuture.com).**

OurFinancialFuture.com is continuously updated to bring you the most useful information about our industry in real-time.

**Financial Services HOTLINE:** If you have questions about this topic or any other issue facing financial services, please reach out to Abby directly at 202-589-2531.



**Quarterly Change in Business Loans**

2008-2011

