Summary

Average consumer debt in Oklahoma increased by $75 to $14,936 in the third quarter (Chart 1). Although consumer debt has climbed 10.2 percent from the fourth quarter of 2012, it is still well below District and national levels (Chart 2). Revolving debt, flat in most District states, continued to decline in Oklahoma and remains 22.3 percent below its 2009 peak. Upticks in consumer debt in recent quarters and the substantial decline in revolving debt imply that installment debt, made up largely of student loans and auto loans, has been increasing rapidly.

The delinquency rate for any account in Oklahoma was 5.3 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from the second quarter and down 3.4 percentage points from the fourth quarter 2011 rate (Chart 3). While the delinquency rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the national rate, the difference is explained largely by delinquencies on junior mortgage liens. The student loan delinquency rate, at 19 percent, was the highest in the nation. The personal bankruptcy filing rate fell modestly. The past-due mortgage rate increased substantially to 8.5 percent from 8 percent (Chart 4). Mortgage delinquency rates were especially high in northeast Oklahoma (Map).

In This Issue: Developments in the Automobile Credit Market

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 increased in both Oklahoma 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 at 17.4 percent and 4.2 percent, respectively, in Oklahoma (Chart 6).
Chart 3: Average Consumer Delinquency Rates

Four-quarter moving average

- **Auto (percent of outstanding loans)**
  - U.S.: 8.5%
  - OK: 10.0%
- **Student Loan (percent of outstanding loans)**
  - U.S.: 19.0%
  - OK: 15.0%
- **Bank Card (percent of outstanding accounts)**
  - U.S.: 5.0%
  - OK: 5.3%
- **Any Account* (percent of outstanding accounts)**
  - U.S.: 5.8%
  - OK: 5.3%
- **Bankruptcy Filings Per 10,000 Households (annual rate)**
  - U.S.: 68.5
  - OK: 81.5

"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

Share of outstanding mortgages

- **Past Due**
  - U.S.: 7.8%
  - District: 4.1%
  - Oklahoma: 6.3%
  - Oklahoma City: 4.0%
  - Tulsa: 2.8%
- **Seriously Delinquent**
  - U.S.: 8.5%
  - District: 8.0%
  - Oklahoma: 3.8%
  - Oklahoma City: 4.1%
  - Tulsa: 4.1%

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.
Map: Seriously Delinquent Rates By County

Legend
- <1%
- 1%-2%
- 2%-4%
- 4%-6%
- 6%-8%
- >8%
- Insufficient Data

Source: Lender Processing Service Inc.
Note: "Seriously delinquent" represents mortgages that are 90 days or more past due or in foreclosure.

Chart 5: Outstanding Auto Loan Balance by Issuer Type

Adjusted for inflation ($2014, third quarter)

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