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Consumer Credit Rebounds in November

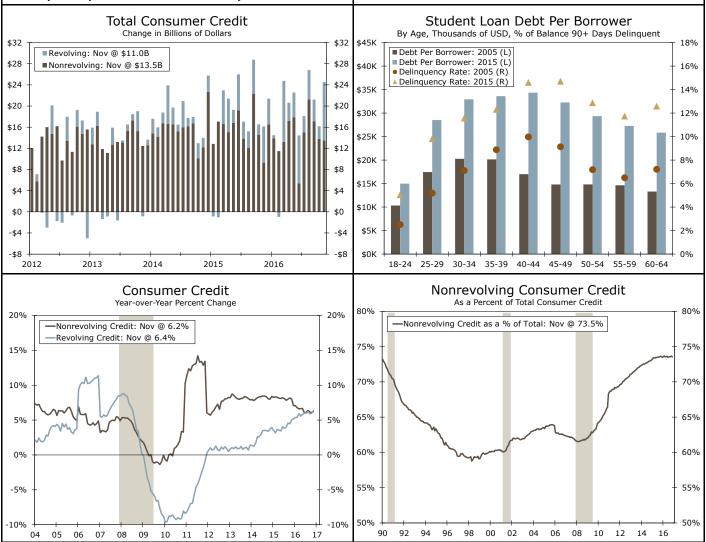
Consumer credit rebounded in the first month of the holiday shopping season, increasing \$24.5 billion. Revolving credit growth accounted for nearly half the gain and the year-ago pace marked a new cycle-high.

Revolving Credit Keeps Climbing Higher

- Total consumer credit increased \$24.5 billion in November, aided by a \$11.0 billion jump in revolving credit. On a yearover-year basis, revolving credit is growing faster than nonrevolving credit for the first time since 2008.
- Given the sizable jump in consumer confidence to end 2016 and the ever-tightening labor market, revolving credit seems likely to carry its momentum into the new year.

Nonrevolving Credit Starting to Lose Ground?

- As we have previously highlighted, nonrevolving credit has accounted for a growing share of total consumer credit in recent years, largely due to the exponential growth in student loans.
- There are signs, however, that the nonrevolving/revolving split
 has peaked. Nonrevolving credit as a share of the total has begun
 to level off amid a rebound in revolving lending and a
 deceleration in student and auto loans.



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