

The Quarterly Catch-up, Q3 2025

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By Ambika Nair

Consumer Credit Explorer (<https://www.philadelphiafed.org/surveys-and-data/community-development-data/consumer-credit-explorer>)

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Early Results: The Federal Reserve’s 2025 CDFI Survey.

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