

Micro Report Series Description

Series Mnemonic	QFCS
Series Name	Quinquennial Finance Company Survey
Starting and Ending Date	1955 Continuing
Frequency	Every fifth year.

Reporting Panel

In the more recent surveys, the FR 3033p panel consisted of about 3,000 finance companies and FR 3033s panel consisted of about 600 finance companies. In 2005, the FR 3033p panel consisted of 3,800 finance companies and the FR 3033s panel consisted of 750 finance companies. Participation is voluntary.

Major Changes to Reporting Panel

Beginning 2005, the scope of the survey was broadened to include mortgage companies.

Data Mode

Thousands of dollars

Data Availability

Approximately sixteen weeks after the report date.

Major Series Changes

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Background Information

The Finance Company Questionnaire was initiated in 1955 to evaluate and improve the FR 2248 respondent panel and benchmark its monthly data. Initially, the survey was mailed to all known finance companies, but in 1980 the number of respondents was limited to a stratified random sample. The survey has been revised every five years to reflect changes in the credit markets. The 1990 update included the addition of a number of supplemental items on asset-backed securities.

Public Release

Aggregate data are published in the Federal Reserve System's G.19 statistical release and the U.S. flow of funds accounts.

Confidentiality

Microdata are confidential.