



Los Angeles County: 3rd Quarter Credit Union Snapshot

- **Membership Hits a Record 2.96 Million Individuals**
- **Used Auto Loans Hit Record \$4.8 Billion; New Autos Hit 2007 Level**
- **1st Mortgages Hit Record \$17.6 Billion; HELOC/2nd Mtgs. Hit 2012 Level**
- **Total Loans and Total Deposits Hit Records (\$32.3 Billion and \$41.5 Billion)**

(All data trends are year-over-year unless otherwise noted. Historical trends represents credit unions currently operating and may not completely capture some trends from some credit unions merged-out or liquidated over the years, depending on circumstance)

109 credit unions were headquartered in Los Angeles County as of Sept. 30, 2017 (third quarter). They were serving **2.96 million** members—an **8 percent** year-over-year (YOY) increase (or **210,000** new members), and a **record high** in membership. (Historically, current membership is up 22 percent from 2.43 million in 2011. The last historical peak was 2.57 million in 2008)

Loans

Credit unions in Los Angeles County had **\$32.3 billion** loaned-out within the local community—a **14 percent** year-over-year (YOY) increase. Historically, this \$32.3 billion figure has jumped 66 percent from a post-recession low in 2011 of \$19.5 billion and now represents a **record outstanding dollar amount** (first-mortgages, second-mortgages, HELOCs, business loans, new and used auto loans, credit cards, and sometimes other consumer loans). The last historical peak was \$24.3 billion in 2008. Here's the category breakdown:

- **15 percent** increase in first-mortgages. This may include a mixture of fixed-rate, adjustable-rate, purchase, traditional refinance, and cash-out refinance:
 - Hit a **record outstanding dollar amount** of \$17.6 billion, rising 66 percent from the most recent low in 2011 of \$10.6 billion. (The last historical peak was \$12.4 billion in 2008)
 - **25 percent** year-over-year (YOY) decrease in originations (incoming pipeline)—falling to **\$2.87 billion**—compared to same quarter in prior year
(\$2.87 billion is year-to-date comparison: a combined 1Q, 2Q, and 3Q 17' compared to same in 16')
- **9 percent** increase in combined category of Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOCs)/home equity loans (second-mortgages):
 - Hit an outstanding dollar amount **not seen since 2012** (\$3.06 billion) and has jumped 15 percent from the most recent low in 2013 of \$2.7 billion. (The record high was \$4.17 billion in 2008)
 - **10 percent** year-over-year (YOY) increase in originations (incoming pipeline)—rising to **\$783 million**—compared to same quarter in prior year
(\$783 million is year-to-date comparison: a combined 1Q, 2Q, and 3Q 17' compared to same in 16')
- **26 percent** increase in new auto loans
 - Hit an outstanding dollar amount **not seen since 2007** (\$3 billion) and has nearly tripled (rising **191 percent**) from the most recent low in 2012 of \$1.03 billion. (The record peak was \$3.5 billion in 2006)
- **14 percent** increase in used auto loans
 - Hit a **record outstanding dollar amount** of \$4.8 billion and has more than doubled (rising **146 percent**) from the most recent low in 2010 of \$1.96 billion. (The last record high was \$2.66 billion in 2007)



- **6 percent** increase in credit card lending
 - Hit a **record outstanding dollar amount** of \$1.56 billion and has doubled (rising **100 percent**) from \$780 million in 2006. (This category has almost always grown from 2003-2017 and rarely ever dipped during that period)
- **4 percent** decrease in business loans, falling to \$3.6 billion (includes landlord real estate loans)
 - This category has fluctuated greatly between 2004-2017 from \$915 million – \$3.8 billion. *(A large portion of this \$3.6 billion is in non-owner occupied residential real estate loans that receive a “business loan” classification on call reports. Additionally, the long-term volatility in this category may be due to quick entrance or exit of business lending “participations,” and/or call report data differences from mergers or closures of credit unions whether inside or outside the region)*
- **Loan percentage increases are year-over-year (YOY) and reflect dollar amounts. Dollar amounts not specified are available upon request. Originations are approximate estimates.*

Deposits

Credit unions in Los Angeles County held **\$41.5 billion** in deposits for local consumers—a **10 percent** year-over-year (YOY) increase (checking accounts, savings accounts, CDs, IRAs, Keogh retirement accounts, and local government checking/savings accounts when applicable). Here’s the category breakdown:

- Hit a **record outstanding dollar amount** of \$41.5 billion and has doubled (rising **100 percent**) from \$20.7 billion in 2003
 - Hit individual **record outstanding dollar amounts** in checking (\$6.3 billion), savings (\$14.3 billion), and money market (\$10.3 billion) accounts (for other deposit accounts please inquire)
- **Deposit percentage increases are year-over-year (YOY) and reflect dollar amounts. Dollar amounts not specified are available upon request.*

Operations

Credit unions in Los Angeles County spent **\$452 million*** on employees and operations (employee payroll, benefits, property, office equipment, occupancy, and vendor contracts). **Estimated quarterly figure based on year-over-year data (estimated annual figure is \$1.5 billion)*

Jobs

Credit unions in Los Angeles County employed **8,352** individuals—a **7 percent** year-over-year (YOY) increase

Information Source

Publicly-filed balance sheet data extracted from the National Credit Union Administration as of Sept. 30, 2017 (third quarter). Percentage changes are year-over-year (YOY), or Sept. 30, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017. Although all credit unions mentioned are headquartered within the county/region described, some might have branches outside the county/region that affect this locally captured data.

California (all counties)

Statewide, regional, and U.S. data available upon request (contact Matt Wrye at mattw@ccul.org or 909-212-6043).

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