

Louisiana Small Business Defaults Stable in April

PayNet, the leading provider of small business credit assessments on private companies, reports that in April 2017 overall defaults have not changed among Louisiana's small businesses. Of the 18 major industries, 12 dropped and 6 rose.

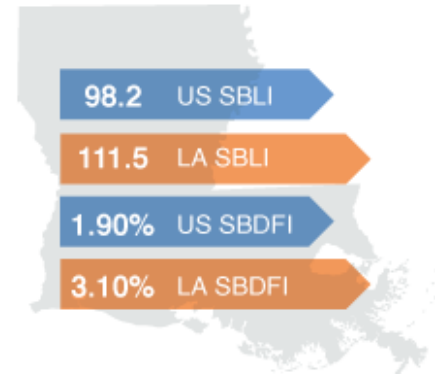
Following a similar performance to March, Louisiana's PayNet Small Business Default Index (SBDFI) at 3.10% ranked 50th nationally and was 120 basis points greater than the national SBDFI level of 1.90%. However, the uptick in defaults over the past three months may signal deteriorating financial health in the state. Louisiana's SBDFI increased 54 basis points over the last year, while the national SBDFI increased 26 basis points.

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (7.49%); Transportation and Warehousing (6.11%); and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (4.25%) displayed the worst default rates of all industries in Louisiana. Nationally, Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction had a default rate of 4.46%, with a change of +1.51% compared to the prior year versus a variance of +3.72% in Louisiana.

At 111.5, Louisiana's PayNet Small Business Lending Index (SBLI) improved 0.2% from last month's level and was 13.5% above the national SBLI level this month. Year-over-year, business investment deteriorated 3.0% in the state.

"Despite the performance of defaults over recent months, lending appears to be turning up," states William Phelan, president of PayNet.

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About

PayNet is the leading provider of credit ratings on small businesses enabling lenders to achieve optimal risk management, growth and operational efficiencies. PayNet maintains the largest proprietary database of small business loans, leases and lines of credit encompassing over 23 Million contracts worth over \$1.4 Trillion. Using state-of-the-art analytics, PayNet converts raw data into real-time marketing intelligence and predictive information that subscribing lenders use to make informed small business financial decisions and improve their business strategy. For more information, visit www.paynet.com.

PayNet Small Business Lending Index (SBLI)

The PayNet SBLI is based on new commercial loan and lease originations by major U.S. lenders in PayNet's proprietary database. This index measures the volume of loans to small businesses formulated on a rolling 12-month basis. Small businesses generally respond to changes in economic conditions more rapidly than do larger businesses; this statistic is a leading indicator of macroeconomic and industry trends

PayNet Small Business Default Index (SBDFI)

The PayNet Small Business Default Index (SBDFI) measures the percent of loans and leases to small businesses that have defaulted in the past 12 months.

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