Payday and Auto Title Lending in Texas

Austin MSA 2013

- Store Locations: 217
- New Loans: $75,490,713
- Fee Charges: $73,403,797
- Refinances: $92,589,279
- Repossessions (Auto Title): 1,678—32 cars per week
- Repossession Rate: 9% of borrowers had car repossessed

Refinances and High Fees Drive Costs

Payday and auto title businesses in Texas offer two main loan types: single payment loans, due in full in 2 weeks or 1 month, and installment loans, due in a series of payments over a period of up to 6 months. Longer loan terms mean installment loans have fewer refinances, but even higher fees.

- In the Austin MSA, refinances make up 65% of single payment loan transactions.
- On average, installment borrowers paid $1.76 in fees for every dollar borrowed.

The dollar amount of fees for all installment loans increased by 212% from 2012 to 2013. Fees for installment payday loans increased by 301%.

- Across all four loan types, the average cost to repay a $500 loan with no refinances is $602 to $1,377. For borrowers who refinance, the average cost to repay a $500 loan can reach over $3,000. Average APRs for payday and auto title loans in the Austin MSA range from 257% to 580% (see table on back).

![Austin MSA Dollar Amount of New Loans, Fees, and Refinances](chart.jpg)
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New Trend: Installment Payday Loans
Installment payday loans made up 21% of dollars lent for all types of loans in 2013, but 52% of total fees, indicating that this product is a huge fee driver. Depending on the loan terms, fees for one installment loan are often the same as the fees charged for 5 to 12 single payment loan transactions.

### Austin MSA at a Glance: Profile of Loan Terms and Repayment, $500 Loan

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<td><strong>Average Loan Term (Days)</strong></td>
<td>151</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>210</td>
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<td><strong>Average Fees per $100</strong></td>
<td>$171.22</td>
<td>$22.16</td>
<td>$119.76</td>
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<td><strong>Ave. Annual Percentage Rate (APR)</strong></td>
<td>580%</td>
<td>486%</td>
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<td><strong>Amount Repaid with No Refinances</strong></td>
<td>$1,376.76</td>
<td>$613.08</td>
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<td><strong>Percent of Borrowers Who Refinance (Ave. of Quarterly Rates)</strong></td>
<td>4.64%</td>
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<td><strong>Average Refinances per Borrower</strong></td>
<td>3.04</td>
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<td><strong>Amount Repaid with Ave. Refinances</strong></td>
<td>$4,038.28</td>
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2013 Comparison of Total Dollars Lent to Total Fees

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