

Payday and Auto Title Lending in Texas

Austin MSA 2014

Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos

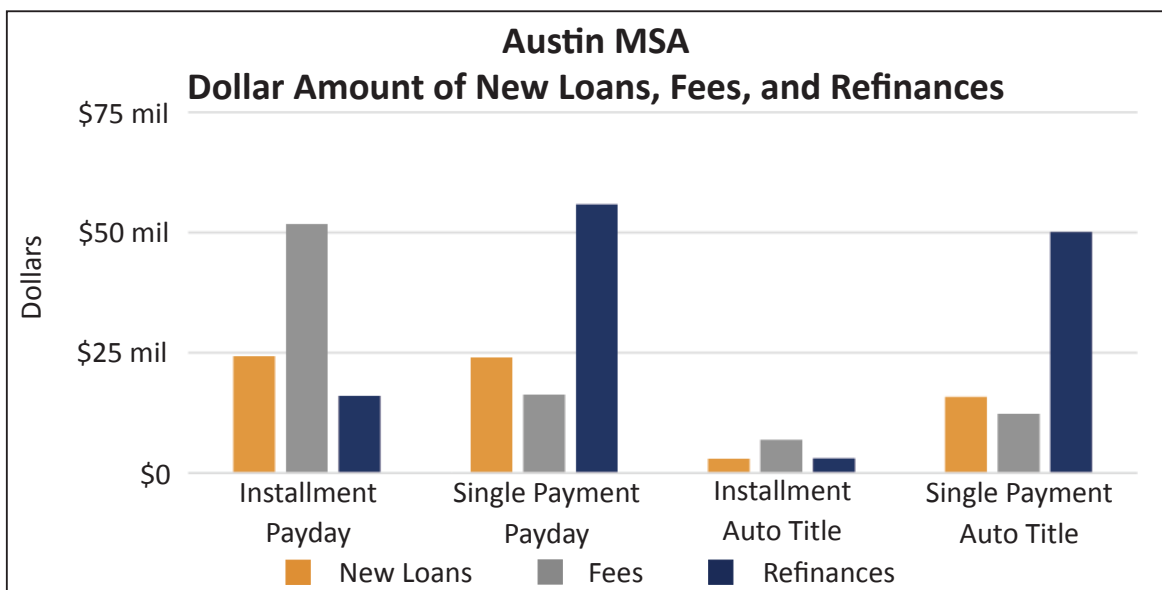


- **Store Locations:** 209
- **New Loans:** \$67,131,848
- **Fee Charges:** \$87,371,822
- **Refinances:** \$124,974,623
- **Repossessions (Auto Title):** 2,392 or 46 cars per week
- **Repossession Rate:** 20% of borrowers had car repossessed

Refinances and High Fees Continue to 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 60% of single payment loan transactions.**
- **On average, installment borrowers paid \$2.15 in fees for every dollar borrowed.**
- **Across all four loan types, the average cost to repay a \$500 loan with no refinances is \$597 to \$1,422. 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 236% to 605% (see table on back).



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

	Installment Payday	Single Payment Payday	Installment Auto Title	Single Payment Auto Title
Average Loan Term (Days)	155	18	237	30
Average Fees per \$100	\$180.12	\$25.05	\$130.88	\$18.58
Ave. Annual Percentage Rate (APR)	605%	518%	309%	236%
Amount Repaid with No Refinances	\$1,421.83	\$627.27	\$1,186.81	\$597.00
Percent of Borrowers Who Refinance (Ave. of Quarterly Rates)	8.55%	56.34%	12.65%	45.86%
Average Refinances per Borrower	3.44	4.00	3.14	4.67
Amount Repaid with Ave. Refinances	\$4,596.84	\$1,137.77	\$3,342.47	\$1,050.24

Installment Payday Loans a Major Fee Driver

Installment payday loans made up 21% of the total dollars lent for 2014, but 60% of fee charges. Installment payday loans continued to hold the biggest percent share of total fees compared with other loan types. Average fee charges for installment payday and auto title loans increased from 2013 to 2014. Fees per \$100 borrowed for installment payday loans increased from \$171.22 to \$180.12 and fees for installment auto title loans increased from \$119.76 to \$130.88. 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.**

