Commercial Lending Market Insight - Q3 2026

Bank C&I loan growth accelerates, again

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Executive Summary:

Commercial and Industrial loan growth accelerated in Q2 2026 to its fastest pace since 2022, when the U.S. economy was emerging from the pandemic. The increase marked a second consecutive quarter of strong commercial and industrial lending activity and stands out as an encouraging sign amid ongoing economic headwinds.

Methodology:

CLA is a unique offering, backed by our market-leading data set of commercial loan transactions used to help measure a bank's relative performance compared to independent, third-party metrics. Our experience in cleansing and standardizing commercial loan data, combined with our strong business knowledge and analytical methods, enables us to understand detailed pricing levels and trends nationwide. Our clients are principally top 40 U.S. commercial banks by asset size, with Crisil Coalition Greenwich collecting data on nearly 1.7 million loans on a monthly basis, accounting for $1.9 trillion in commitments.

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