

OPERATING STATISTICS

In 2007, Philadelphia's total volume of commercial checks processed decreased 2 percent and the dollar value of transactions decreased 28 percent as a result of the general decline in check processing in the nation's payment system. The volume of commercial checks received as Check 21 electronic images increased 259 percent, and the dollar value increased 120 percent in 2007.

The volume and dollar value of U.S. government checks decreased 40 percent in 2007. This trend follows the same pattern as the decline in commercial checks due to the Treasury's increased use of electronic payments and because depositing banks are converting government paper checks to Check 21 electronic images. As part of the reorganization of check processing due to the decline in government paper checks, Philadelphia's government check operation is scheduled to be transferred to the St. Louis Reserve Bank in July 2008. The Philadelphia Reserve Bank will

remain a contingency site for U.S. government check processing.

In 2007, Philadelphia continued to be a major processor of cash in the Federal Reserve System, although the volume of currency processed decreased almost 15 percent. Because the Bank processed a greater proportion of larger denomination notes, the actual dollar value of currency processed did not decrease as significantly (4 percent). In 2007, off-site terminal holdings were increased; therefore, the volume of coin bags processed on site declined 32 percent. The processed coin value decreased less significantly (17 percent) because the Bank processed an increased proportion of presidential dollar coins.

In 2007, both the number and value of loans to depository institutions were significantly higher than in the previous year because of increased volume in seasonal loans.

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	2007 Volume	2007 Dollar Value	2006 Volume	2006 Dollar Value
Check services:				
Commercial checks – Paper processed	998.3 million checks	\$2,174.9 billion	1,020.3 million checks	\$3,019.9 billion
Check 21 received	583.7 million checks	\$1,677.0 billion	162.6 million checks	\$763.3 billion
U.S. government checks	51.4 million checks	\$63.5 billion	85.9 million checks	\$105.4 billion
Cash operations:				
Currency processed	1,903.9 million notes	\$37.1 billion	2,236.5 million notes	\$38.6 billion
Coin paid and received	375.5 thousand bags	\$195.8 million	549.0 thousand bags	\$236.8 million
Loans to depository institutions during the year				
	107 loans	\$991.9 million	75 loans	\$86.3 million