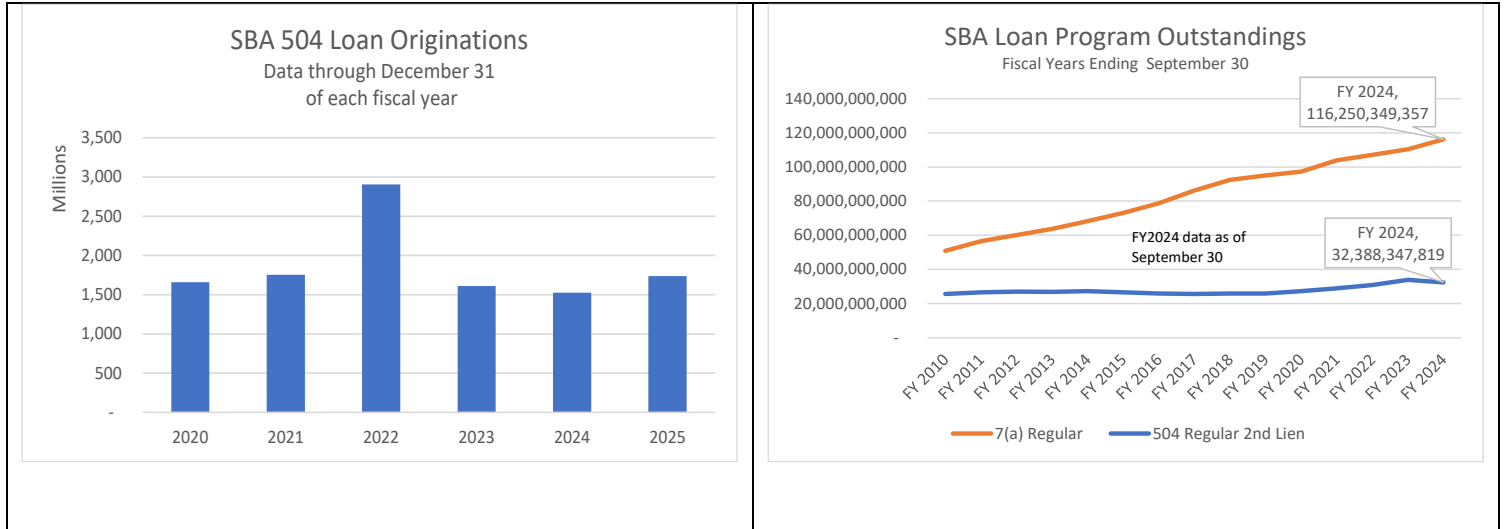
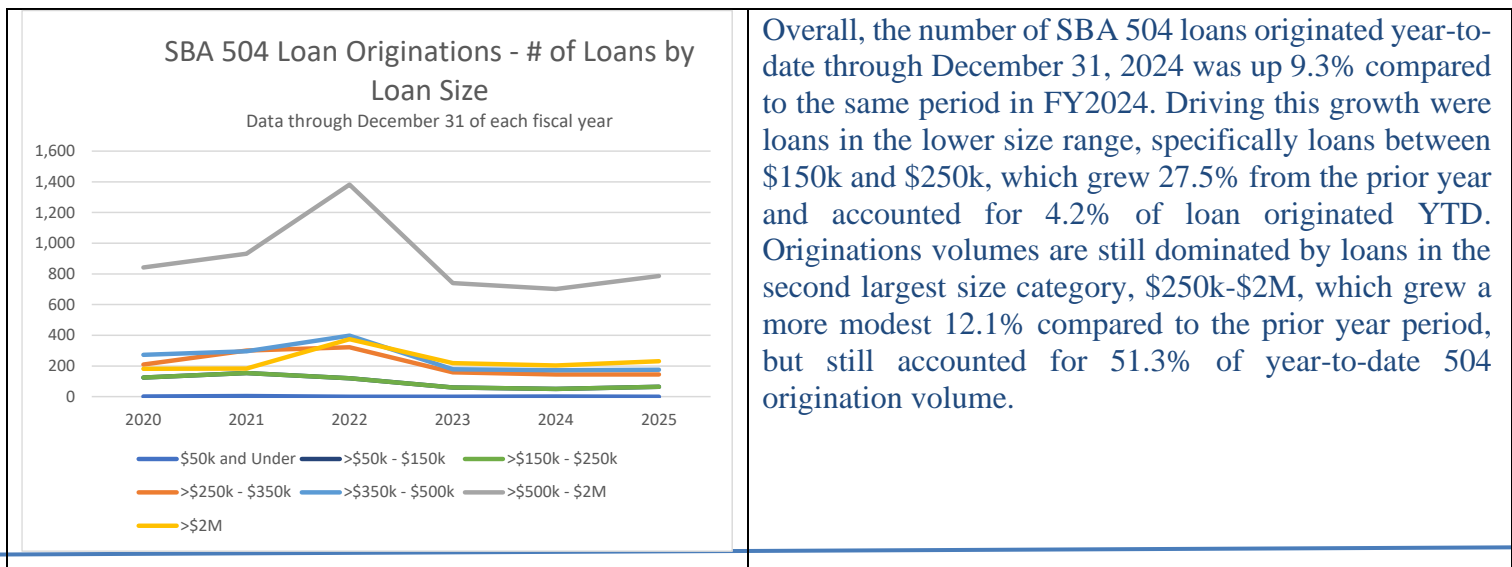


Three months into fiscal year 2025, SBA 504 loan originations are up 13.9% through December 31, 2024 compared to the prior year. This represents a modest deceleration compared to the 18.6% rise posted as of November 30, 2024. Year-to-date volumes are the highest since the origination levels produced during the pandemic year of FY2022. Originations in the SBA’s other major loan program, SBA 7(a) loans, grew significantly to a 37.8% increase compared to the prior fiscal year, up from the 26.1% jump in originations in recorded through November 30 2024.



The 7(a) program has shown steady growth in loans outstanding in recent years that continued into FY2024 (up 5.3% in FY2024, 3.1% in FY2023, 3.1% in FY2022, and 6.8% in FY2021). 504 loans posted a 4.1% decline in originations in FY2024 compared to the prior year, after rising 9.7% in FY2023, 6.7% in FY2022, and 6.4% in FY2021. However, as noted above, origination volumes in the 504 program have started strong in FY2025 following two years of lower volumes. If this trend continues, it should lead to renewed growth in loans outstanding. We continue to note that the published 504 loan figures in the chart above include only the CDC/SBA second lien portion of a 504 loan package, If we include the private lender portion of the same loan projects, which typically accounts for roughly 50% of 504 projects, The total projects supported by the SBA 504 second lien loans at September 30, 2024 would be roughly \$81 billion, equal to approximately 70% of the 7(a) balance.



Overall, the number of SBA 504 loans originated year-to-date through December 31, 2024 was up 9.3% compared to the same period in FY2024. Driving this growth were loans in the lower size range, specifically loans between \$150k and \$250k, which grew 27.5% from the prior year and accounted for 4.2% of loan originated YTD. Originations volumes are still dominated by loans in the second largest size category, \$250k-\$2M, which grew a more modest 12.1% compared to the prior year period, but still accounted for 51.3% of year-to-date 504 origination volume.

**News Blurb(s) of the Month — Agencies release annual asset-size thresholds under Community Reinvestment Act regulations.** Joint Press Release – Federal Reserve Board and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

**December 19, 2024** – The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced the 2025 updated Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) "small bank" and "intermediate small bank" asset-size thresholds.

<https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/bcreg20241219a.htm>

<b>Top SBA 504 Lenders</b>				
	<b>FY2023 (Through Sep. 30, 2023)</b>	<b>Volume (\$Millions)</b>	<b>FY2024 (Through Sep. 30, 2024)</b>	<b>Volume (\$Millions)</b>
<b>CDCs</b>	Mortgage Capital Development C	\$632.9	Mortgage Capital Development C	\$644.6
2nd Liens	Florida Business Development C	\$402.3	Florida Business Development C	\$443.8
	Florida First Capital Finance	\$338.9	Florida First Capital Finance	\$387.3
	Empire State Certified Develop	\$291.3	Business Finance Capital	\$361.4
	Business Finance Capital	\$284.5	California Statewide Certified	\$290.7
	California Statewide Certified	\$281.5	Empire State Certified Develop	\$264.6
	Mountain West Small Business F	\$197.5	Mountain West Small Business F	\$225.5
	Small Business Growth Corporat	\$196.8	Capital Certified Development	\$218.1
	Capital Certified Development	\$190.5	Small Business Growth Corporat	\$193.7
	CDC Small Business Finance Cor	\$166.5	WBD, Inc.	\$179.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,419.4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,664.9</b>
<b>Banks/</b>	BANK FIVE NINE	\$272.6	BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$334.9
<b>TPLs</b>	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$250.8	FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY	\$279.9
1st liens	BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$238.4	CELTIC BANK CORPORATION	\$253.3
	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$165.9	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$251.1
	CELTIC BANK CORPORATION	\$163.8	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$189.7
	POPPY BANK	\$143.1	BANK FIVE NINE	\$188.1
	ZIONS BANK, A DIVISION OF	\$142.2	HARVEST COMMERCIAL CAPITAL, LLC	\$148.9
	CALPRIVATE BANK	\$119.3	FIRST BANK OF THE LAKE	\$138.2
	U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$111.7	LIVE OAK BANKING COMPANY	\$137.0
	HARVEST COMMERCIAL CAPITAL, LLC	\$107.0	CALPRIVATE BANK	\$116.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,982.6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,312.8</b>

<b>Top States for SBA 504 Loan Approvals</b>				
	<b>FY2023 (Through Sep. 30, 2023)</b>		<b>FY2024 (Through Sep. 30, 2024)</b>	
CA	\$1,494,047,000	CA	\$1,513,696,000	
FL	673,256,000	FL	719,626,000	
TX	425,687,000	TX	490,906,000	
IL	299,333,000	IL	289,962,000	
UT	239,479,000	GA	275,557,000	
NY	236,476,000	NY	237,401,000	
GA	214,696,000	AZ	208,118,000	
MN	181,884,000	WI	188,337,000	
AZ	180,408,000	UT	182,489,000	
MA	177,558,000	MA	176,094,000	
Source: SBA			SBA Fiscal Years end on September 30	

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Full Yields & Rates Table						
Asset Yields	Current	1-month ago	1 month change	3-months ago	1-year ago	3-years ago
1m US T-Bill (BEY)	4.42%	4.53%	-0.11%	4.98%	5.53%	0.05%
3m US T-Bill (BEY)	4.36%	4.41%	-0.05%	4.75%	5.46%	0.13%
6m US T-Bill (BEY)	4.27%	4.35%	-0.08%	4.45%	5.23%	0.28%
1y US T-Bill	4.25%	4.22%	0.03%	4.22%	4.82%	0.46%
2y US T-Note	4.40%	4.15%	0.25%	3.98%	4.37%	0.92%
3y US T-Note	4.46%	4.08%	0.38%	3.88%	4.10%	1.21%
5y US T-Note	4.59%	4.09%	0.50%	3.91%	3.99%	1.53%
10y US T-Note	4.77%	4.22%	0.55%	4.09%	4.04%	1.78%
20y US T-Bond	5.04%	4.49%	0.55%	4.44%	4.35%	2.15%
30y US T-Bond	4.96%	4.41%	0.55%	4.38%	4.20%	2.11%
Federal Funds	4.33%	4.58%	-0.25%	4.83%	5.33%	0.08%
Fed Discount Rate	4.50%	4.75%	-0.25%	5.00%	5.50%	0.25%
Prime Rate	7.50%	7.75%	-0.25%	8.00%	8.50%	3.25%
TED Spread	0.12%	0.07%	0.06%	0.11%	0.11%	0.09%
<b>Swap Rates</b>						
2 Year Swap	4.66%	4.42%	0.24%	4.22%	4.65%	1.15%
5 Year Swap	4.69%	4.23%	0.46%	4.03%	4.14%	1.76%
10 Year Swap	4.72%	4.20%	0.52%	4.07%	4.10%	2.01%
<b>SBA 504 2nd Lien Loan Rates</b>						
10 Yr	6.64%	6.46%	0.18%	5.82%	6.53%	3.07%
20 Yr	6.58%	6.16%	0.42%	6.10%	6.42%	3.07%
25 Yr	6.51%	6.09%	0.42%	6.03%	6.36%	3.21%
<b>Average Prime Rate Offer (APOR) Rates</b>						
10 Yr Fixed	6.23%	6.47%	-0.24%	5.50%	6.04%	2.51%
10 Yr Variable	6.69%	6.79%	-0.10%	7.05%	6.96%	2.91%
<b>Depository Rates</b>						
1 Mon. CD - Non Jumbo	0.23%	0.23%	0.00%	0.24%	0.23%	0.03%
3 Mon. CD - Non Jumbo	1.50%	1.52%	-0.02%	1.55%	1.64%	0.06%
6 Mon. CD - Non Jumbo	1.65%	1.68%	-0.03%	1.81%	1.49%	0.09%
1 Yr CD - Non Jumbo	1.83%	1.84%	-0.01%	1.88%	1.86%	0.13%
2 Yr CD - Non Jumbo	1.52%	1.52%	0.00%	1.55%	1.57%	0.17%
3 Yr CD - Non Jumbo	1.33%	1.35%	-0.02%	1.43%	1.41%	0.21%
Savings	0.42%	0.43%	-0.01%	0.46%	0.46%	0.06%
Checking	0.07%	0.08%	-0.01%	0.08%	0.07%	0.03%
Money Market - Non Jumbo	0.66%	0.60%	0.06%	0.64%	0.64%	0.07%
<b>Regulatory &amp; Interbank Rates</b>						
Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)	4.29%	4.60%	-0.31%	4.84%	5.31%	0.05%
CME Term SOFR 1M	4.30%	4.48%	-0.18%	4.82%	5.34%	0.06%
CME Term SOFR 3M	4.29%	4.43%	-0.14%	4.68%	5.33%	0.11%
CME Term SOFR 6M	4.26%	4.33%	-0.07%	4.47%	5.18%	0.24%
FHLB Fixed Advances (30 day, < \$15m)	4.47%	4.62%	-0.15%	4.96%	5.52%	0.33%

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