

Lending Club Cracks \$70 Million, Prosper Has a Down Month

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It was another great month for p2p lending with total loan volume for August coming in at \$84.4 million. But it was two different stories from [Lending Club](#) and [Prosper](#) this month.

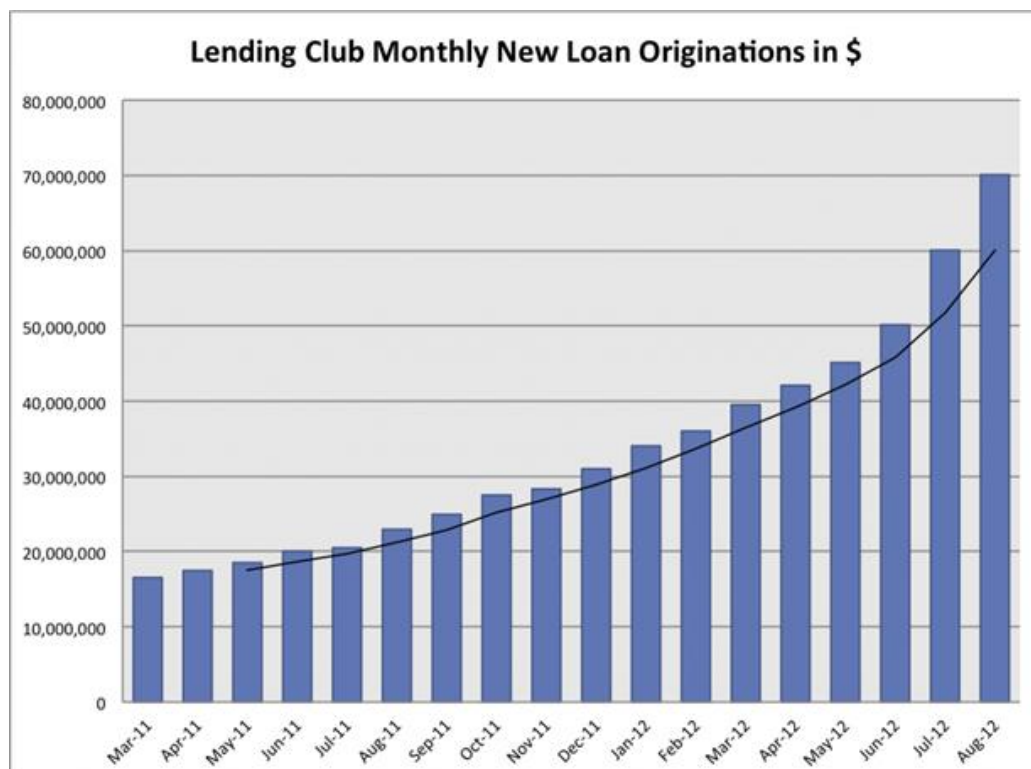
Lending Club Jumps Another \$10 Million to \$70 Million

After first crossing \$50 million in new loans issued in June and then \$60 million in July Lending Club kept up their impressive growth and hit another round number: \$70 million in August.

The pattern that is playing out at Lending Club these days was exemplified in August. The month started out strong with over \$30 million in loans in just the first week alone. Then it settled down to a \$1 million to \$2 million daily average for the rest of the month. The huge surge at the beginning on the month halved the number of loans on the platform and then it slowly built up again towards the end of the month.

The number of loans issued at Lending Club broke 5,000 for the first time. There were 5,419 loans issued in August with an average loan size of \$12,932. This average has been maintaining around \$13,000 now for the last several months. But what is staggering is the loan numbers themselves: it was just back in February when Lending Club issued 2,540 loans – they are now well over double that number in just six months.

This recent rapid growth is reflected in their 18-month chart below. The black line is the three month moving average.



Prosper Has Their First Down Month Since September 2010

It was a different story at Prosper this month. After 22 months of new loan growth Prosper's impressive record came to an end this month. Their total for August was \$14.3 million down from \$14.9 million in July. The number of loans was also down to 1,819 in August from 1,961 the previous month. The average loan size was a record, though, at \$7,867 as the higher loan maximum for B and C grade borrowers took effect.

Unfortunately with [Lendstats](#) still down for Prosper investors I was not able to do any analysis to see the loan volume of large investors like Worth-blanket2 or Index_Plus this month. The Prosper numbers only look poor when compared to the stellar growth that is currently being shown by Lending Club. August was their second best month ever and was still up over 100% from August of last year. I expect they will be back to loan growth again next month.

But there is now a little hiccup on their 18-month growth chart.

