

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

February 15, 2019
Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36560
(Commission
File Number)

51-0483352
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

777 Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut
(Address of principal executive offices)

(203) 585-2400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

06902
(Zip Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Synchrony Financial (the "Company") hereby furnishes the information in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, Monthly Charge-Off and Delinquency Statistics as of and for each of the thirteen months ended January 31, 2019.

The Company intends to continue to furnish these statistics on a monthly basis, noting that for the last month of each calendar quarter, the statistics will be furnished contemporaneously with the Company's announcement of its financial results for such quarter.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly stated by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished as part of this report:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Monthly Charge-off and Delinquency Statistics as of and for each of the thirteen months ended January 31, 2019

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

Date: February 15, 2019

By: /s/ Jonathan Mothner
Name: Jonathan Mothner
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

MONTHLY CHARGE-OFF AND DELINQUENCY STATISTICS

AS OF AND FOR EACH OF THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED

(unaudited, \$ in billions)

The following table provides monthly charge-off and delinquency statistics as of and for each of the thirteen months ended January 31, 2019.

The increase in over-30 day loan delinquencies as a percentage of period-end loan receivables (the "30+ delinquency rate") at January 31, 2019 compared to the same period in the prior year, is primarily due to the reclassification of loan receivables related to the Walmart portfolio to loan receivables held for sale. The loan receivables held for sale do not include certain loan receivables we believe will charge-off prior to the expected closing date of the sale of the Walmart portfolio.

The core 30+ delinquency rate⁽¹⁾ at January 31, 2019 increased slightly compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to the PayPal Credit program. Excluding the PayPal Credit program, the core 30+ delinquency rate at January 31, 2019 was lower than January 31, 2018 by approximately 15 basis points. There is no change to the Company's expectations for both our net charge-off rate for the year ended December 31, 2019 and our loan loss reserve build in the first quarter of 2019 from the outlook provided during the Company's 4Q 2018 earnings conference call held on January 23, 2019.

	Jan 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Nov 30, 2018	Oct 31, 2018	Sep 30, 2018	Aug 31, 2018	Jul 31, 2018	Jun 30, 2018	May 31, 2018	Apr 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2018	Feb 28, 2018	Jan 31, 2018
Period-end loan receivables	\$ 82.6	\$ 93.1	\$ 90.5	\$ 88.2	\$ 87.5	\$ 87.4	\$ 87.1	\$ 78.9	\$ 78.7	\$ 77.6	\$ 77.9	\$ 78.4	\$ 80.1
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$ 91.5	\$ 92.0	\$ 88.6	\$ 87.3	\$ 87.4	\$ 86.9	\$ 86.1	\$ 78.5	\$ 77.7	\$ 77.4	\$ 77.6	\$ 79.1	\$ 80.6
30+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables	5.2 %	4.8 %	4.9 %	4.8 %	4.6 %	4.3 %	4.1 %	4.2 %	4.2 %	4.3 %	4.5 %	4.9 %	4.8 %
Adjustment to exclude Walmart portfolio ⁽¹⁾	(0.6)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	(0.4)%	(0.3)%
Core 30+ delinquency rate ⁽¹⁾	4.6 %	4.5 %	4.6 %	4.5 %	4.3 %	4.0 %	3.8 %	3.9 %	3.9 %	4.0 %	4.2 %	4.5 %	4.5 %
Net charge-offs (annualized) as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale ⁽²⁾	5.7 %	5.8 %	5.5 %	5.3 %	4.9 %	4.8 %	5.2 %	5.8 %	5.9 %	6.3 %	5.8 %	6.7 %	6.0 %
Recovery adjustment ⁽³⁾	— %	(0.1)%	0.1 %	— %	(0.1)%	0.1 %	— %	(0.1)%	— %	0.1 %	0.1 %	— %	(0.1)%
Adjusted net charge-offs as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale ⁽⁴⁾	5.7 %	5.7 %	5.6 %	5.3 %	4.8 %	4.9 %	5.2 %	5.7 %	5.9 %	6.4 %	5.9 %	6.7 %	5.9 %

(1) Core 30+ delinquency rate is a non-GAAP financial measure. This measure represents the Company's 30+ days past due loan receivables as a percentage of period-end loan receivables, adjusted to exclude the delinquent accounts related to the Walmart portfolio and the effects of the reclassification of loan receivables related to the Walmart portfolio to loan receivables held for sale. The loan receivables held for sale do not include certain loan receivables we expect to charge-off prior to the sale date, leading to a temporary increase in our delinquency metrics. We believe the presentation of this measure is useful to investors as it represents the measure more indicative of the performance of our ongoing credit programs.

(2) Charge-offs are executed on charge-off cycle dates which occur on various days during each calendar month. The number of different charge-off cycle dates in each month varies based on such factors as the calendar and the timing of billing cycles. As a result, the amount of charged-off loan receivables can vary between monthly periods with no corresponding change in the performance of the portfolio. The following table sets forth the number of different charge-off cycle dates for our consumer credit card loan receivables, which represent greater than 95% of total period-end loan receivables at January 31, 2019, for the calendar months indicated.

	2018	2019
January	29	28
February	28	28
March	25	28
April	30	28
May	28	28
June	26	28
July	30	29
August	28	27
September	28	28
October	29	28
November	27	26
December	28	30

(3) Represents adjustment to allocate recoveries, including debt sales, evenly across the three calendar months of each respective quarterly reporting period. The adjustments for periods other than for the last month of each calendar quarter incorporate estimated recoveries for the applicable full quarterly reporting period. Such estimates are subject to change within each applicable quarter and may differ from actual quarterly results.

(4) Adjusted net charge-offs represent a non-GAAP financial measure. Adjusted net charge-offs as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale, represent the Company's net charge-off rate for each month including the 'recovery adjustment' defined above. We believe the presentation of this measure is useful to investors as it represents a monthly measure which is more indicative of both our quarterly and annual net charge-off rates.