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A new survey shows that small business lending increased slightly in December.

The SB Authority Index, produced by [Newtek](#) Business Services, the Russell Microcap Index, Newtek Merchant Processing and approved SBA lending, resulted in a December index score of 124.46 points. This is an increase of 0.80 percent from November 2013. On a year-over-year comparison, the SB Authority Index is up 7.35 percent.

Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of [The Small Business Authority](#) commented, "With the overall stock market up 30 percent in 2013, it is hard to imagine the small business economy not performing better considering the current low interest-rate environment. Our index is telling us there is more capital available for small business, business owners feel wealthier and the consumer continues to spend albeit modestly."

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