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Summary: This October, for the first time in more than 3 years, Americans were once again required to make payments on their \$1.5T of outstanding Federal student debt. Starting in August, payments to the US Department of Education, most of which represent student loans, surged back to about their pre-pandemic rate of more than \$75B annualized, up from the extreme lows of less than \$13B annualized seen just months prior. Perhaps most importantly for the broader economy, America's youngest households have made a substantial cutback in their consumption as student loan payments resume. Since the start of September, real retail spending by those 25-34 years old has fallen by 1.5% at the same time it has risen by between 2.5%-4.2% for all other age groups. However, this recent effect was concentrated among the young with the broader population of all former college attendees regardless of age not seeing a commensurate decrease in spending.

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