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Federal Housing Finance Agency Report Shows Refinance Volumes on the Rise for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

More than 2.9 Million Loans Refinanced

Washington, DC – Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac refinanced more than 2.9 million mortgage loans in 2009 through July of this year. Since the inception of the Making Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) in April, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac refinanced almost 1.9 million mortgage loans through July. The numbers were announced today by James B. Lockhart, Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, in the first monthly report on Enterprises' refinance volumes and the Administration's Making Home Affordable Refinance Program.

“This report shows that more than 190,000 homeowners that are current in their mortgage payments have been assisted through the GSE streamlined refinance process,” said Lockhart. “Borrowers refinancing their loans are enjoying significant interest rate reductions refinancing through the GSE streamlined refinance process with an average rate reduction of 1.3 percent. Importantly, over 60,000 borrowers with mortgage loans that exceed 80 percent of the house value up to 105 percent have been refinanced. We are now seeing significant results from the HARP and the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), but much more work needs to be done. I commend the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac teams for helping drive this effort.”

Under HARP, borrowers whose loan-to-value (LTV) ratio is above 80 percent up to 105 percent are able to refinance without added mortgage insurance requirements, a previous key barrier to refinancing.

Through July, Fannie Mae had refinanced 1.7 million loans. Of that total, approximately 138,000 loans were refinanced under the company's DU Refi Plus and Refi Plus flexibilities that were put in place to support the HARP. Approximately 32,000 of the loans refinanced through July had LTVs above 80 percent up to 105 percent.

Freddie Mac refinanced 1.2 million loans through July. Of that total, approximately 53,000 loans were refinanced under the company's Relief Refinance program that was put in place to support HARP. Freddie Mac had refinanced approximately 29,000 loans with LTVs above 80 percent up to 105 percent.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency recently announced the expansion of HARP to allow borrowers with LTVs up to 125 percent to participate. Fannie Mae will begin accepting deliveries of refinanced loans with LTVs over 105 percent up to 125 percent as of September 1. Freddie Mac will begin accepting deliveries of these loans on October 1.

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The Federal Housing Finance Agency regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks. These government-sponsored enterprises provide more than \$6.3 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.



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Refinance Report
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Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Refinance Volumes

January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009



Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Refinance Volumes

	July 2009	Inception to Date ²	Year to Date
Total Refinances	422,499	1,863,211	2,903,114
Streamlined GSE Loans¹			
LTV < 80%	47,684	129,992	129,992
LTV 80% - 105%	30,192	60,484	60,484

¹Streamlined GSE loans: Home Affordable Refinance Program

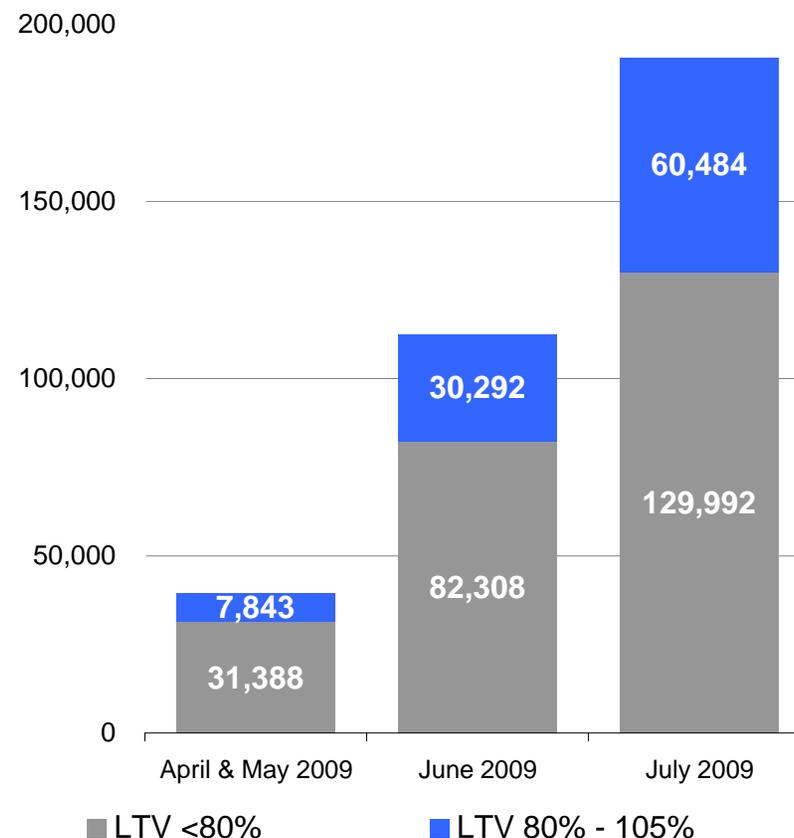
Fannie Mae: Fannie Mae implements Home Affordable Refinances through the Refi Plus product for manual underwriting and DU Refi Plus product for loans underwritten through Desktop Underwriter. The product is available for refinances of existing Fannie Mae loans only.

Freddie Mac: Freddie Mac implements Home Affordable Refinances through the Relief Refinance Mortgage product. Loans may be originated by any Freddie Mac approved servicer.

The HARP was extended to loans with LTV ratios up to 125 in late July 2009. Loans in the 105-125 LTV range are not yet reflected in this report.

²Inception to Date - Since April 1, 2009

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Streamlined Refinance Volumes Cumulative



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January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009



	July 2009	Inception to Date ²	Year to Date
Total Refinances			
Fannie Mae	264,317	1,107,799	1,711,494
Freddie Mac	158,182	755,412	1,191,620
Streamlined GSE Loans¹			
LTV < 80%			
Fannie Mae	38,144	106,155	106,155
Freddie Mac	9,540	23,837	23,837
LTV 80% -105%			
Fannie Mae	15,617	31,723	31,723
Freddie Mac	14,575	28,761	28,761

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