



## REFINANCE REPORT

Fourth Quarter 2015



## Fourth Quarter 2015 Highlights

- Total refinance volume fell slightly in December 2015 as mortgage rates hovered just below four percent over the previous four months. Mortgage rates rose in December: the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage increased to 3.96 percent from 3.94 percent in November.
- In the fourth quarter of 2015, 21,079 refinances were completed through HARP, bringing total refinances through HARP from the inception of the program to 3,380,558.
- HARP volume represented 5 percent of total refinance volume in the fourth quarter of 2015.
- Year to date through December 2015, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 24 percent of the volume of HARP loans.
- In December 2015, 7 percent of the loans refinanced through HARP had a loan-to-value ratio greater than 125 percent.
- Year to date through December 2015, 28 percent of HARP refinances for underwater borrowers were for shorter-term 15- and 20-year mortgages, which build equity faster than traditional 30-year mortgages.
- Year to date through December 2015, HARP refinances represented 12 or more percent of total refinances in Florida and Georgia, more than double the 5 percent of total refinances nationwide over the same period.
- Borrowers who refinanced through HARP had a lower delinquency rate compared to borrowers eligible for HARP who did not refinance through the program.

## Overview and Eligibility of the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP)

### HARP Overview

HARP was established in 2009 to assist homeowners unable to access a refinance due to a decline in their home value. The inception date of the program was April 1, 2009.

The program is designed to provide these borrowers with an opportunity to refinance by permitting the transfer of existing mortgage insurance to their newly refinanced loan, or by allowing those without mortgage insurance on their previous loan to refinance without obtaining new coverage.

HARP enhancements took effect in 2012 to increase access to the program for responsible borrowers. The program was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013, and was extended to expire on December 31, 2015. On May 8, 2015, HARP was extended again to expire December 31, 2016.

### HARP Eligibility

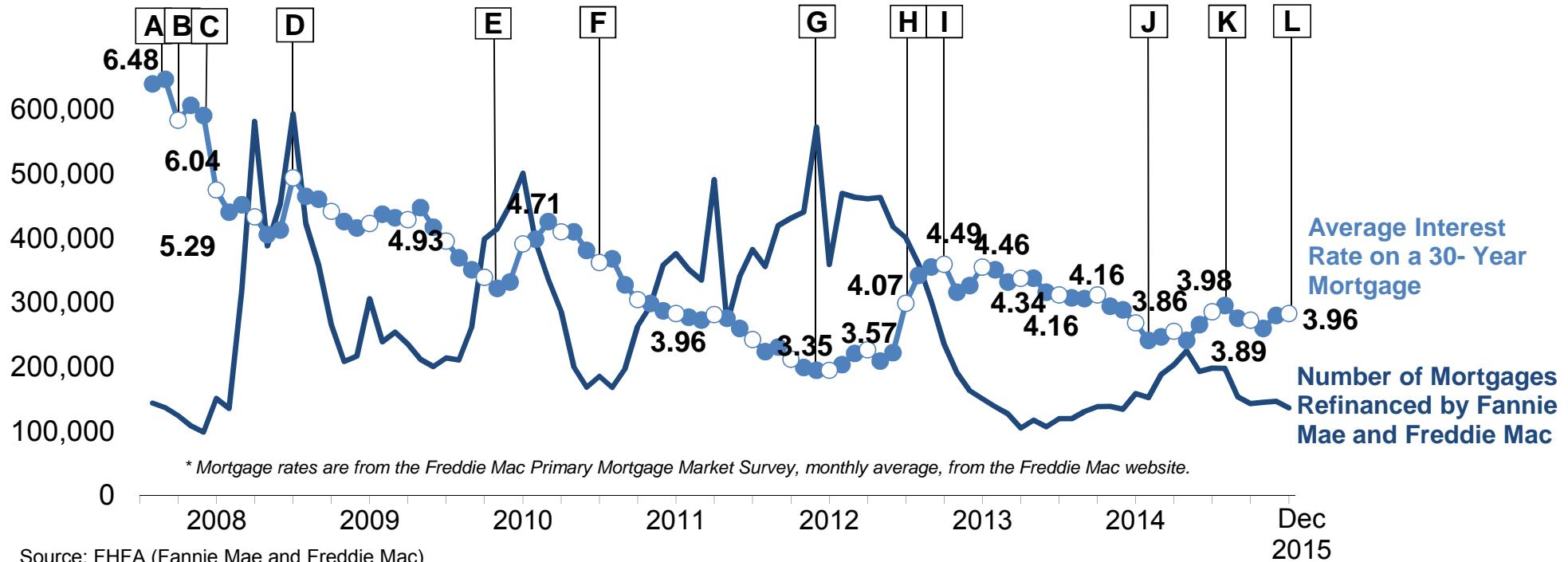
Below are the basic HARP eligibility criteria:

- Loan must be owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.
- Loan must have been originated on or before May 31, 2009.
- Current loan-to-value ratio -- LTV -- (outstanding mortgage balance/home value) must be greater than 80 percent. There is no LTV ceiling.
- Borrower must be current on their mortgage payments at the time of the refinance.
- Payment history – borrower is allowed one late payment in the past 12 months, as long as it did not occur in the 6 months prior to the refinance.



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### Mortgage Rates vs Refinance Volume



Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

- A - Highest rate in 2008 for a 30-year mortgage.
- B - GSEs placed into conservatorship on 09/06/08.
- C - Fed announces MBS purchase program on 11/25/08.
- D - Treasury rates sharply rose and reached a 2009 high on a better than expected June unemployment report.
- E - 30-year mortgage rates reached 4.17 percent in early November, marking the lowest level observed since Freddie Mac began tracking rates in 1971.

- F - Treasury rates fell amid ongoing concerns of a growing debt crisis in Europe.
- G - 30-year mortgage rates reached new historic lows in November 2012.
- H - Mortgage rates rose after Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke stated in late May that the central bank was considering slowing its \$85 billion per month bond buying program known as quantitative easing.
- I - Highest rate for a 30-year mortgage since July 2011.
- J - 30-year mortgage rates reached a monthly average of 3.67 percent in January, the lowest level seen since mid 2013.

- K - 30-year mortgage rates reached a monthly average of 4.05 percent in July 2015, the highest level observed since September 2014, amid expectations of a rate hike by the Federal Reserve.
- L - The Federal Reserve raised the target federal funds rate from a range of 0%-0.25% to a range of 0.25%-0.5% on 12/16/15 in response to a strengthening economy.



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### Refinances Through December 2015

	3Q15	4Q15	2015	2014	Inception to Date
<b>Total Refinances</b>					
Fannie Mae	274,865	248,701	1,187,896	936,755	13,845,660
Freddie Mac	220,603	179,607	897,049	600,033	8,648,323
<b>Total</b>	<b>495,468</b>	<b>428,308</b>	<b>2,084,945</b>	<b>1,536,788</b>	<b>22,493,983</b>
<b>Total HARP</b>					
Fannie Mae	15,488	12,769	65,564	130,241	1,998,791
Freddie Mac	10,337	8,310	44,549	82,247	1,381,767
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,825</b>	<b>21,079</b>	<b>110,113</b>	<b>212,488</b>	<b>3,380,558</b>
<b>HARP LTV &gt;80% -105%</b>					
Fannie Mae	12,008	9,847	50,964	96,189	1,420,461
Freddie Mac	7,731	6,317	33,224	57,882	950,777
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,739</b>	<b>16,164</b>	<b>84,188</b>	<b>154,071</b>	<b>2,371,238</b>
<b>HARP LTV &gt;105% -125%</b>					
Fannie Mae	2,274	1,961	9,596	20,894	323,590
Freddie Mac	1,704	1,320	7,559	15,571	257,218
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>17,155</b>	<b>36,465</b>	<b>580,808</b>
<b>HARP LTV &gt;125%</b>					
Fannie Mae	1,206	961	5,004	13,158	254,740
Freddie Mac	902	673	3,766	8,794	173,772
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>8,770</b>	<b>21,952</b>	<b>428,512</b>
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>					
Fannie Mae	29,993	25,971	132,568	171,616	2,360,103
Freddie Mac	20,801	16,661	85,677	96,410	1,379,383
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,794</b>	<b>42,632</b>	<b>218,245</b>	<b>268,026</b>	<b>3,739,486</b>

<sup>1</sup> Inception - April 1, 2009

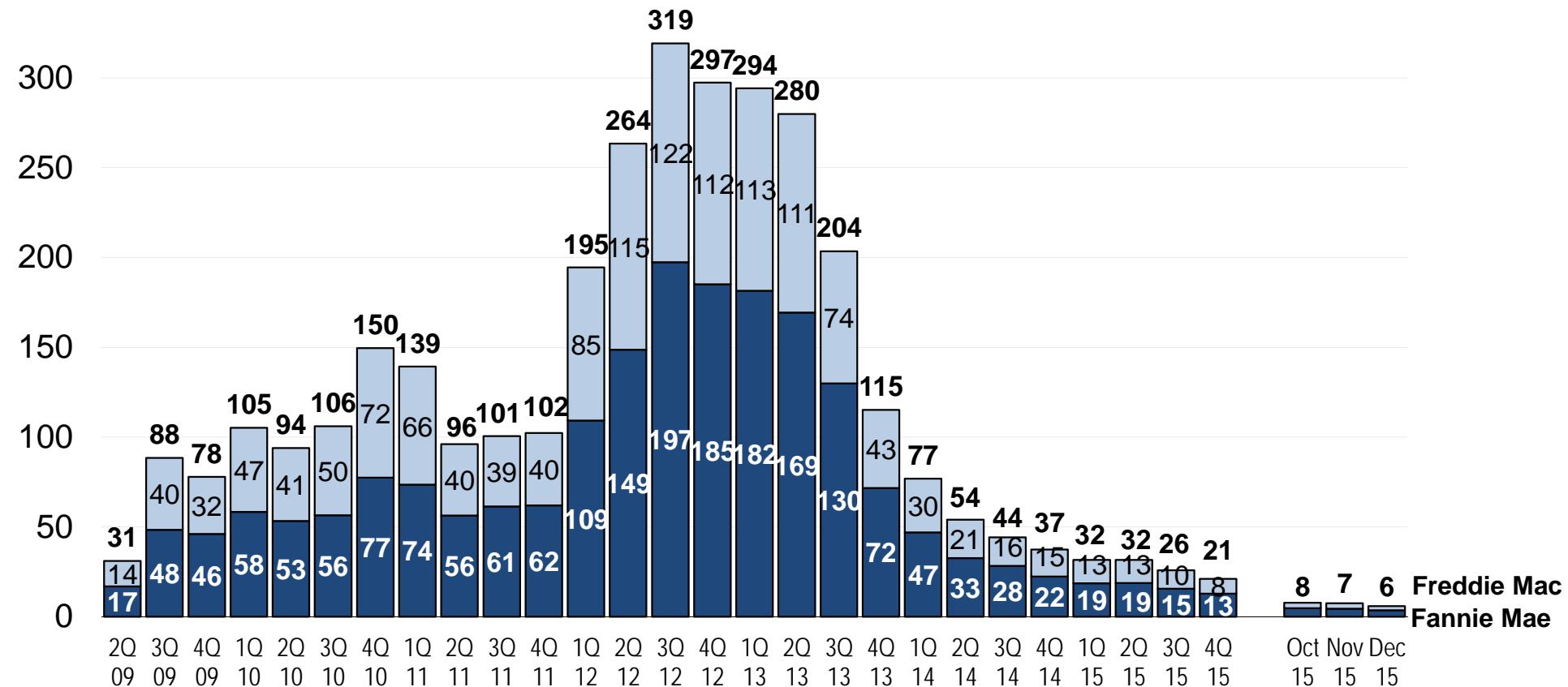
Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



In the fourth quarter 2015, 21,079 loans were refinanced through HARP, representing 5 percent of total refinance volume during the quarter.

### HARP Refinance, Quarterly Volume

(Number of loans in thousands)



Percent  
of Total  
Refinances

2% 8% 11% 14% 15% 12% 11% 14% 17% 16% 10% 17% 27% 26% 22% 21% 22% 23% 23% 21% 16% 11% 9% 6% 5% 5% 5%

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Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



From inception<sup>1</sup> through December 2015, 2,831,000 loans refinanced through HARP were for primary residences, 107,619 were for second homes and 441,939 were for investment properties.

### HARP Loans by Property Type Inception through December 2015

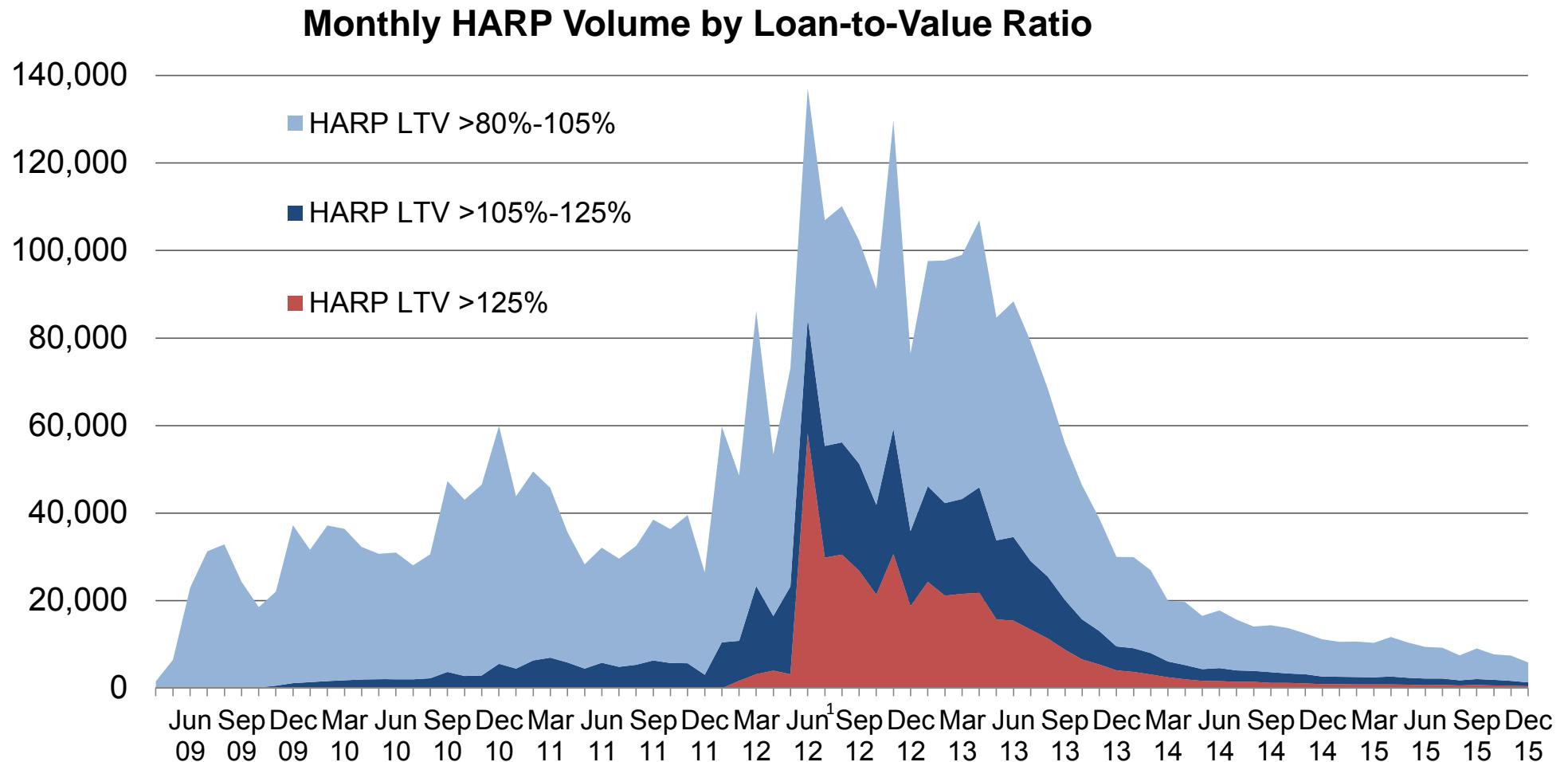
	Total	Primary Residence	Second Home	Investment Property
<b>Total HARP</b>				
Fannie Mae	1,998,791	1,651,098	60,567	287,126
Freddie Mac	1,381,767	1,179,902	47,052	154,813
Total	3,380,558	2,831,000	107,619	441,939
<b>HARP LTV &gt;80% -105%</b>				
Fannie Mae	1,420,461	1,197,690	43,993	178,778
Freddie Mac	950,777	829,909	30,666	90,202
Total	2,371,238	2,027,599	74,659	268,980
<b>HARP LTV &gt;105% -125%</b>				
Fannie Mae	323,590	260,629	8,658	54,303
Freddie Mac	257,218	214,122	8,873	34,223
Total	580,808	474,751	17,531	88,526
<b>HARP LTV &gt;125%</b>				
Fannie Mae	254,740	192,779	7,916	54,045
Freddie Mac	173,772	135,871	7,513	30,388
Total	428,512	328,650	15,429	84,433

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

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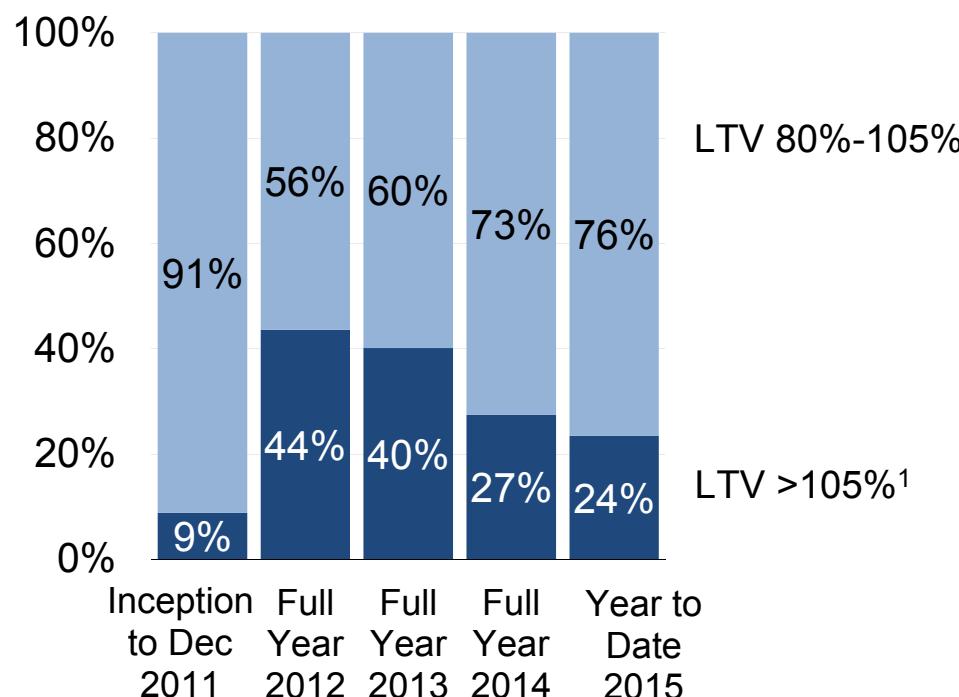
<sup>1</sup> The number of completed HARP refinances reported for deeply underwater borrowers increased sharply in June 2012 as further enhancements to HARP went into effect. Starting June 1, 2012, lenders became able to deliver loans with loan-to-value ratios greater than 125 percent refinanced through HARP to the Enterprises to be securitized.

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



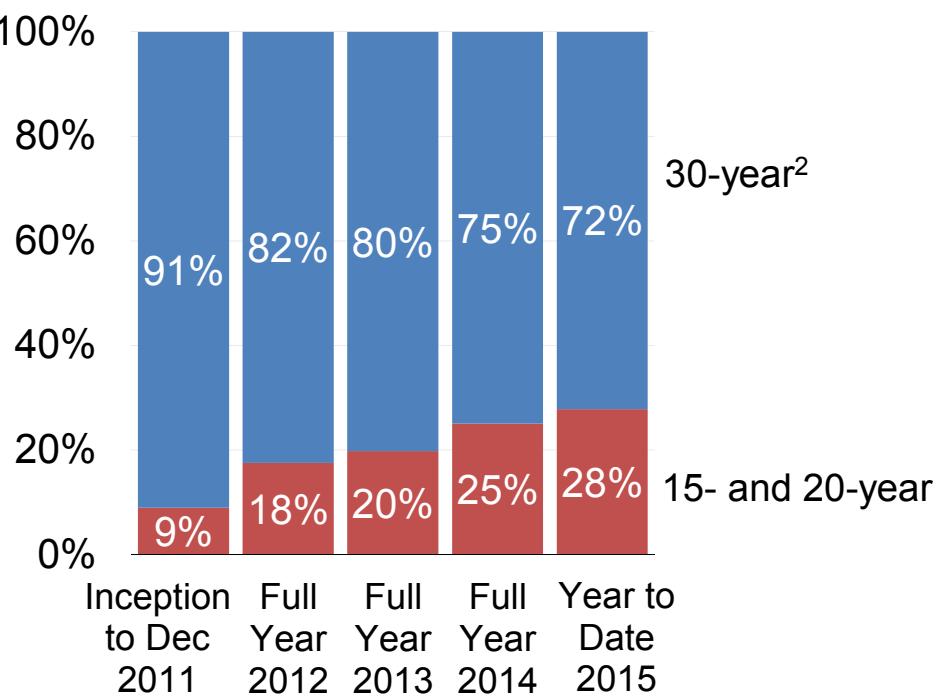
Year to date through December 2015, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 24 percent of the volume of HARP loans. The proportion of HARP refinances for underwater borrowers (LTV greater than 105 percent) refinancing to shorter term mortgages reached 28 percent. Shorter term 15- and 20-year mortgages build equity faster than traditional 30-year mortgages.

Percentage of HARP Refinances  
by Loan-to-Value Ratio



<sup>1</sup> Includes HARP LTV >105%-125% and HARP LTV >125%.  
Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

Mortgage Term of HARP Refinances  
of Underwater Borrowers  
(LTV Greater than 105%)



<sup>2</sup> Includes 25-year and 40-year mortgages.  
Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



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### **Ever 90 Days Delinquency Rate<sup>1</sup>: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac**

Refinance or Eligibility Month	Category	>80-105%	>105-125%	>125%	Total
June 2009	Loans Refinanced through HARP <sup>2</sup>	7.4%			7.4%
	Loans Eligible for HARP <sup>3</sup>	13.8%			13.8%
June 2010	Loans Refinanced through HARP	8.4%	16.9%		8.9%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	9.7%	17.9%		11.2%
June 2011	Loans Refinanced through HARP	5.1%	9.5%		5.9%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	6.3%	10.7%		7.3%
June 2012	Loans Refinanced through HARP	1.9%	3.1%	5.6%	3.7%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	4.4%	6.8%	10.3%	6.1%
June 2013	Loans Refinanced through HARP	1.3%	2.2%	3.3%	1.8%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	3.8%	6.0%	8.3%	4.8%
June 2014	Loans Refinanced through HARP	1.2%	1.9%	2.2%	1.4%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	2.3%	3.7%	4.8%	2.8%

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#### Notes

1. This measures the cumulative percentage of loans that have become 90 or more days delinquent in any of the months after June 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014 (the refinance or eligibility date) through September 2015 for loans refinanced through HARP or eligible for HARP.

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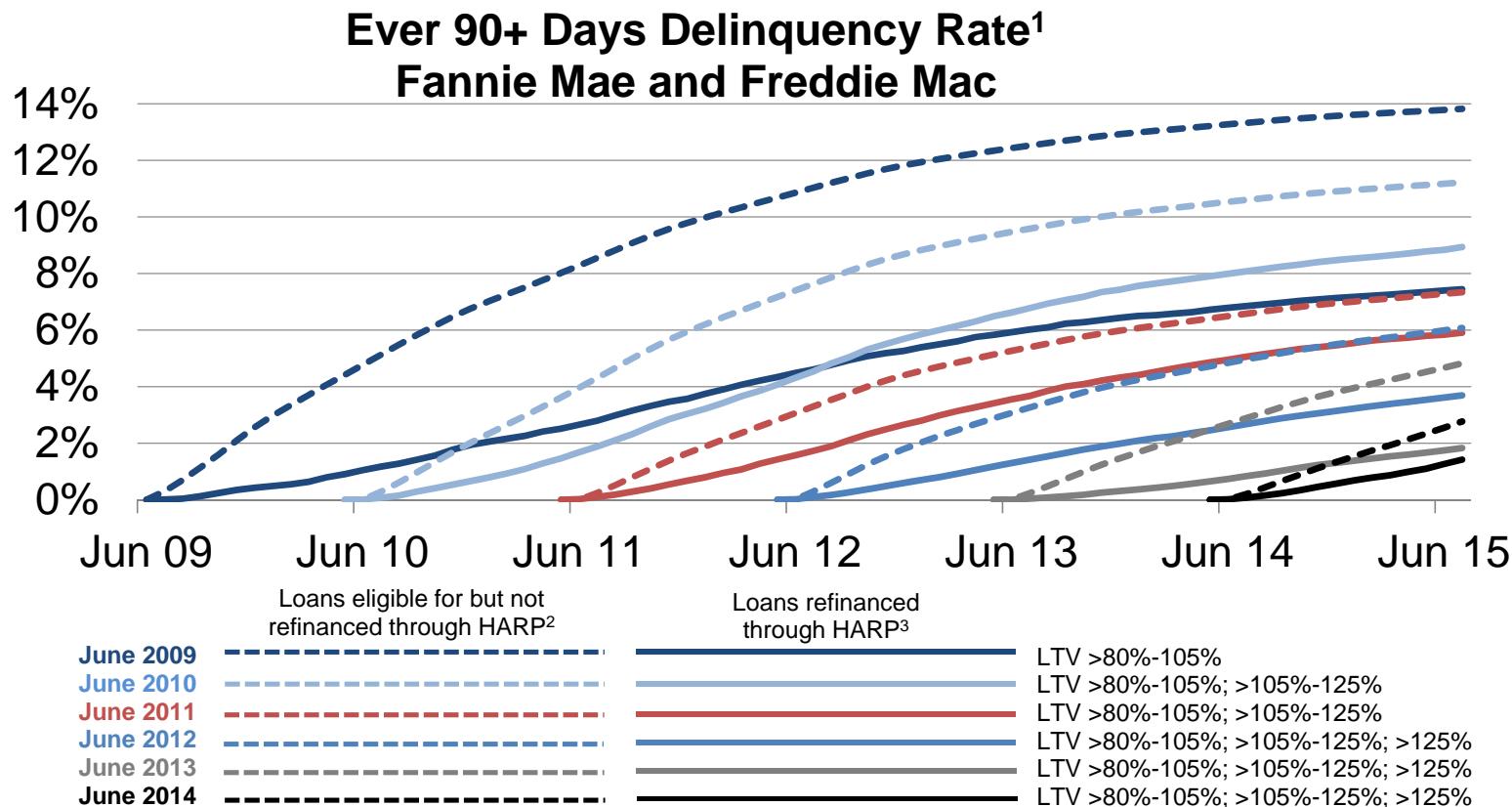
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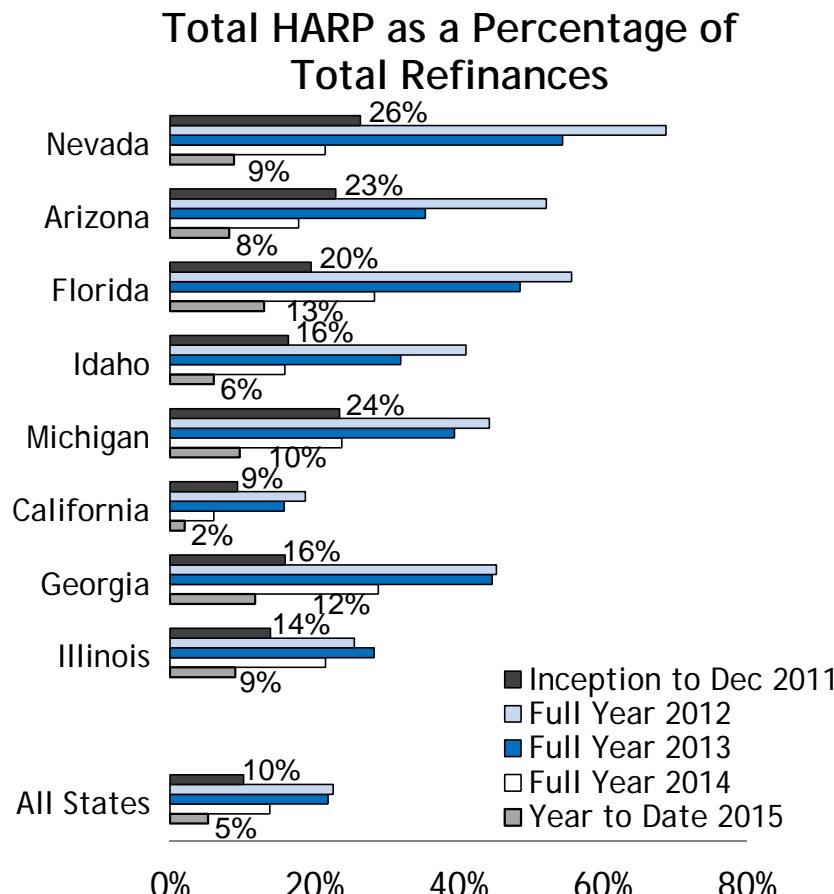
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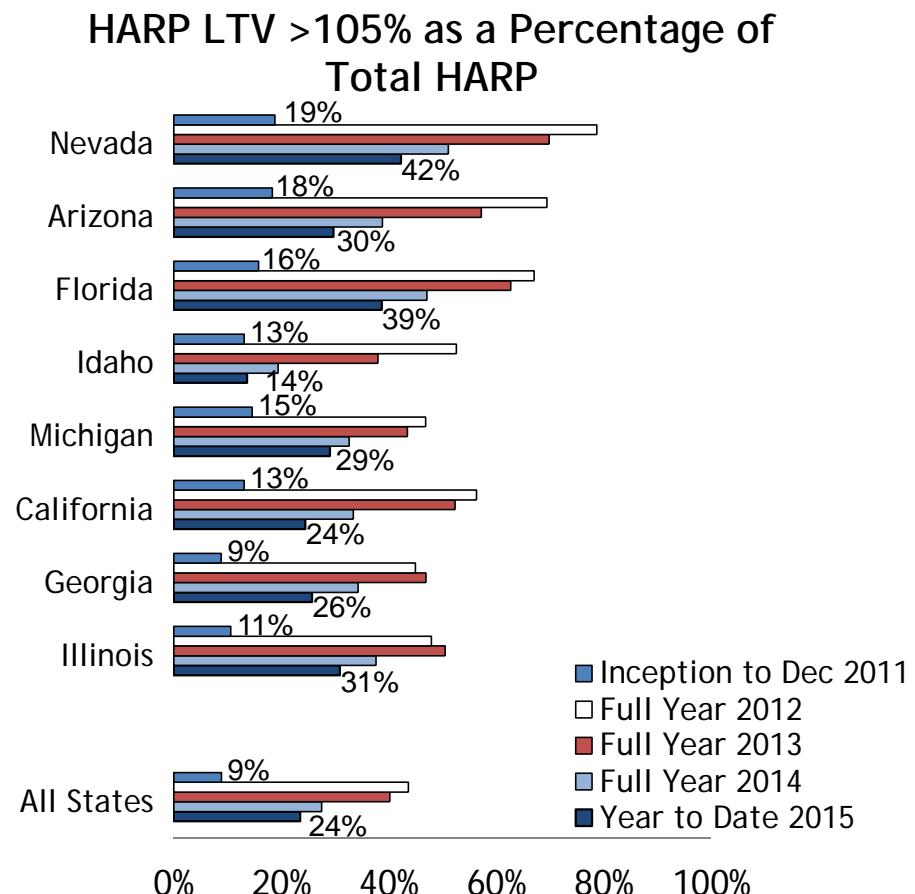


HARP continued to account for a substantial portion of total refinance volume in certain states. Year to date through December 2015, HARP refinances represented 12 percent or more of total refinances in Florida and Georgia, more than double the 5 percent of total refinances nationwide over the same period.

Underwater borrowers accounted for a large portion of HARP refinances in a number of states. Year to date through December 2015, underwater borrowers represented 39 percent or more of HARP volume in Nevada and Florida.



Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



# FHFA Refinance Report

Fourth Quarter 2015

## Appendix: Data Tables

### Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - Quarterly Refinance Volume (# of loans)

	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15
<b>Total Refinances</b>													
Fannie Mae	868,020	864,451	787,042	586,737	330,350	232,324	211,818	227,880	264,733	320,297	344,033	274,865	248,701
Freddie Mac	505,347	530,932	495,323	311,375	175,701	138,372	132,688	161,334	167,639	223,906	272,933	220,603	179,607
Total	1,373,367	1,395,383	1,282,365	898,112	506,051	370,696	344,506	389,214	432,372	544,203	616,966	495,468	428,308
<b>Total HARP</b>													
Fannie Mae	185,198	181,504	169,357	129,966	71,713	46,884	32,622	28,340	22,395	18,597	18,710	15,488	12,769
Freddie Mac	112,278	112,801	110,577	73,565	43,427	30,034	21,419	15,792	15,002	13,051	12,851	10,337	8,310
Total	297,476	294,305	279,934	203,531	115,140	76,918	54,041	44,132	37,397	31,648	31,561	25,825	21,079
<b>HARP LTV &gt;80% -105%</b>													
Fannie Mae	99,448	99,361	101,021	83,400	49,030	33,338	24,549	21,189	17,113	14,413	14,696	12,008	9,847
Freddie Mac	60,939	63,216	64,676	45,433	27,843	20,328	15,254	11,242	11,058	9,547	9,629	7,731	6,317
Total	160,387	162,577	165,697	128,833	76,873	53,666	39,803	32,431	28,171	23,960	24,325	19,739	16,164
<b>HARP LTV &gt;105% -125%</b>													
Fannie Mae	40,506	39,043	35,479	25,250	12,964	7,886	4,996	4,623	3,389	2,684	2,677	2,274	1,961
Freddie Mac	25,780	25,656	25,814	15,866	9,214	6,034	3,958	2,954	2,625	2,344	2,191	1,704	1,320
Total	66,286	64,699	61,293	41,116	22,178	13,920	8,954	7,577	6,014	5,028	4,868	3,978	3,281
<b>HARP LTV &gt;125%</b>													
Fannie Mae	45,244	43,100	32,857	21,316	9,719	5,660	3,077	2,528	1,893	1,500	1,337	1,206	961
Freddie Mac	25,559	23,929	20,087	12,266	6,370	3,672	2,207	1,596	1,319	1,160	1,031	902	673
Total	70,803	67,029	52,944	33,582	16,089	9,332	5,284	4,124	3,212	2,660	2,368	2,108	1,634
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>													
Fannie Mae	133,482	148,145	143,928	105,825	67,191	50,437	43,905	39,760	37,514	35,873	40,731	29,993	25,971
Freddie Mac	79,054	84,145	88,774	60,657	36,563	28,550	24,346	20,501	23,013	22,353	25,862	20,801	16,661
Total	212,536	232,290	232,702	166,482	103,754	78,987	68,251	60,261	60,527	58,226	66,593	50,794	42,632

Notes:

**Initially HARP Refinance Loans** were defined as Fannie Mae to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to Freddie Mac first-lien refinance loans with limited and no cash out that have loan-to-value ratios over 80 percent up to 125 percent.

**HARP Enhancements:** On October 24, 2011, FHFA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac announced HARP changes to reach more borrowers. Effective December 1, 2011, existing Enterprise borrowers who are current on their mortgage payments can refinance and reduce their monthly mortgage payments at loan-to-value ratios above 80 percent without any maximum loan-to-value limit.

Starting with the November 2012 Refinance Report, the definition of HARP for Fannie Mae has been expanded to include second home and investment property refinances with LTVs greater than 80 percent, which is consistent with the definition of HARP for Freddie Mac since the inception of the program.

**All Other Streamlined Refis** are streamlined refinances that do not qualify as HARP refinances. Fannie Mae implements streamlined 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 implements streamlined refinances through the Relief Refinance Mortgage product. Loans may be originated by any Freddie Mac approved servicer.



**Appendix: Data Tables****Fannie Mae - Loan Count by LTV and Product (Mortgage Term)**

	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13	4Q13	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15
<b>Total Refinances</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	506,378	521,982	464,524	320,709	178,678	123,433	108,288	127,296	151,573	195,964	205,283	160,542	145,781
FRM 20	77,185	73,438	66,955	49,881	26,700	18,412	18,178	20,637	23,178	27,475	31,641	21,392	19,132
FRM 15	270,697	258,540	244,632	203,407	117,024	81,421	77,655	71,739	82,477	90,192	102,016	87,556	78,307
<b>HARP &gt;80-105 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	71,083	72,509	71,334	56,115	31,855	21,068	14,719	12,883	10,836	8,845	8,765	7,370	6,203
FRM 20	12,246	11,537	11,844	11,000	6,672	4,388	3,810	3,736	2,929	2,710	3,109	2,087	1,444
FRM 15	15,575	14,978	17,448	15,653	9,956	7,276	5,504	4,195	3,109	2,726	2,716	2,384	2,070
<b>HARP &gt;105-125 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	32,950	31,655	28,277	19,801	10,043	5,996	3,595	3,342	2,473	1,900	1,872	1,665	1,412
FRM 20	4,165	3,860	3,310	2,489	1,237	846	645	669	519	391	421	283	249
FRM 15	3,391	3,528	3,892	2,960	1,684	1,044	756	612	397	393	384	326	300
<b>HARP &gt; 125 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	38,274	36,599	27,147	17,285	7,595	4,426	2,264	1,867	1,449	1,104	997	872	725
FRM 20	3,786	3,667	2,759	1,725	802	484	320	337	185	166	174	163	105
FRM 15	3,184	2,834	2,951	2,306	1,322	750	493	324	259	230	166	171	131
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	65,949	75,815	69,823	47,620	29,572	22,232	18,140	17,512	17,307	16,391	18,481	13,230	11,798
FRM 20	19,105	22,746	21,392	14,414	8,985	5,756	5,772	6,162	6,003	6,161	8,090	4,846	3,565
FRM 15	47,797	49,071	52,193	43,151	28,110	21,809	19,427	15,591	13,852	13,095	13,960	11,644	10,383



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FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	297,374	312,778	271,585	173,105	98,679	78,142	73,260	94,597	100,306	140,600	163,908	115,603	104,076
FRM 20	38,998	37,659	38,643	28,138	14,951	10,634	9,363	10,292	12,062	16,716	24,253	19,462	13,235
FRM 15	157,246	168,943	172,629	99,037	57,700	44,961	42,530	49,271	47,056	58,982	79,103	79,921	57,649
<b>HARP &gt;80-105 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	44,083	46,653	46,122	29,799	17,669	13,177	9,646	7,270	7,194	6,046	5,863	4,809	3,953
FRM 20	6,766	6,647	7,128	6,822	4,104	2,898	2,044	1,604	1,569	1,482	1,673	1,133	946
FRM 15	9,834	9,739	11,274	8,673	6,023	4,209	3,519	2,337	2,240	1,986	2,076	1,743	1,381
<b>HARP &gt;105-125 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	20,253	20,438	20,305	11,802	6,675	4,569	2,959	2,179	2,002	1,696	1,538	1,242	990
FRM 20	2,554	2,258	2,391	1,705	1,033	595	377	280	265	261	261	172	108
FRM 15	2,973	2,960	3,118	2,359	1,506	870	622	495	358	387	392	290	222
<b>HARP &gt; 125 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	21,374	19,985	16,318	9,368	4,651	2,807	1,653	1,138	1,075	843	718	649	490
FRM 20	2,004	1,815	1,696	1,167	664	324	166	165	89	106	93	91	50
FRM 15	2,281	2,129	2,073	1,731	1,055	541	388	293	155	211	220	162	133
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	36,575	42,707	43,384	26,304	15,610	12,722	10,041	9,206	10,744	10,088	11,462	9,190	6,937
FRM 20	9,333	11,041	11,152	9,112	4,647	3,666	3,161	2,613	3,046	3,311	4,394	2,969	2,264
FRM 15	32,889	30,185	33,983	25,014	16,240	12,082	11,074	8,619	9,168	8,898	9,950	8,554	7,367







