



Federal Housing Finance Agency

Refinance Report May 2013

This report contains data on refinance program activity of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the Enterprises) through May 2013.

Report Highlights

- Refinance volume fell slightly in May 2013 as mortgage rates remained slightly above record low levels.
- HARP volume represented 20 percent of total refinance volume in May.
- In May 2013, 84,648 refinances were completed through HARP, bringing the total refinances through HARP from the inception¹ of the program to 2,650,899.
- In May 2013, 19 percent of the loans refinanced through HARP were at a loan-to-value ratio greater than 125 percent.
- Year to date through May 2013, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 44 percent of the volume of HARP loans.
- Year to date through May 2013, 18 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 May 2013, HARP refinances represented 60 percent of total refinances in Nevada and 51 percent in Florida, more than double the 21 percent of total refinances nationwide over the same period.
- Year to date through May 2013, underwater borrowers represented 62 percent or more of HARP volume in Nevada, Arizona and Florida.

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 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.

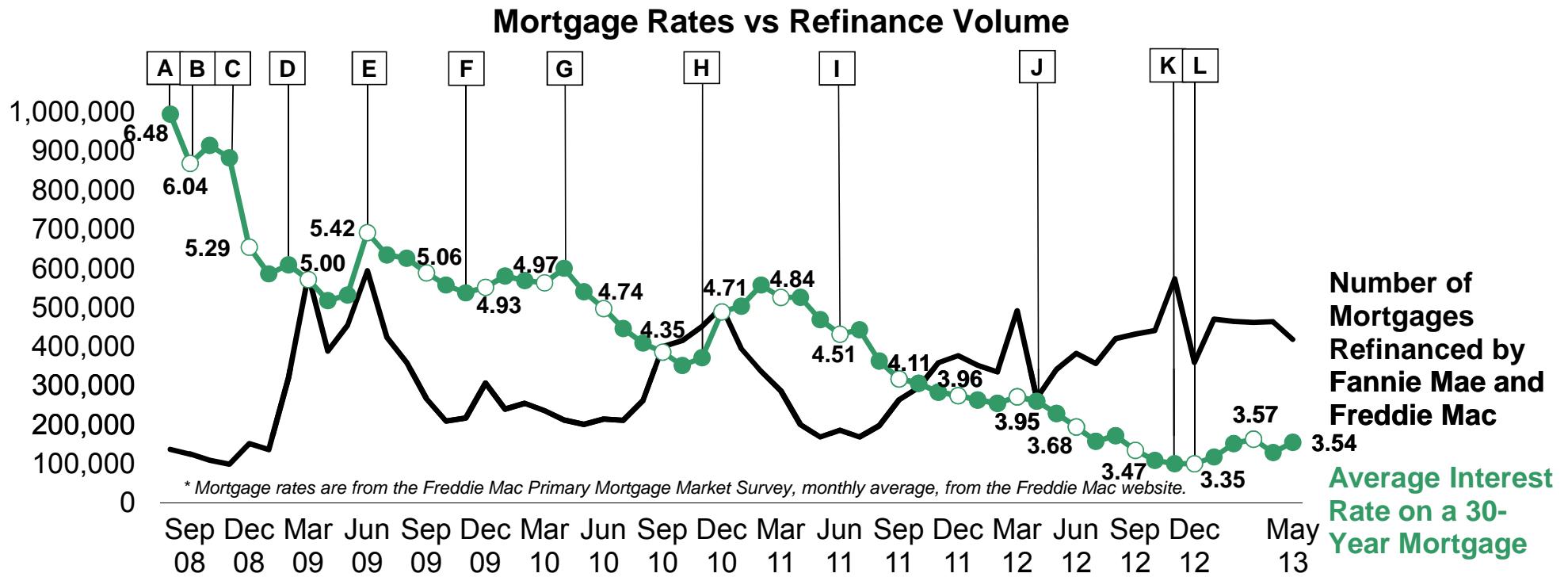
HARP enhancements took effect in 2012 to increase access to the program for responsible borrowers. The program was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013 and was recently extended to expire on December 31, 2015.

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 delivered to the Enterprises 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.

Refinance volume fell slightly in May as mortgage rates remained slightly above record low levels.



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 - Obama Administration's Making Home Affordable announcement 02/20/09.
- E - Treasury rates sharply rose and reached a 2009 high on a better than expected June unemployment report.
- F - Treasury rates fell sharply after Dubai sought to delay sovereign debt payments.
- G - Treasury Rates rose on optimism of a recovering U.S. economy and a temporary lull in news of a developing debt crisis in Europe.
- H - 30-year mortgage rates reached 4.17 percent in early November,

- marking the lowest level observed since Freddie Mac began tracking rates in 1971.
- I - Treasury rates fell amid ongoing concerns of a growing debt crisis in Europe.
- J - Refinance volume surged in March and dipped in April, as seller-servicers completed refinancings ahead of a 10 basis point guarantee fee increase that took effect April 1, 2012, mandated by the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011.
- K - 30-year mortgage rates reached new historic lows in November 2012.
- L - Refinance volume surged in November and dipped in December, as seller servicers completed refinancings ahead of a 10 basis point guarantee fee increase that took effect December 1.

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Refinances Through May 2013

	May 2013	Year to Date 2013	2012	Inception to Date
Total Refinances				
Fannie Mae	264,093	1,413,203	3,090,463	10,565,634
Freddie Mac	153,911	863,776	1,660,067	6,501,686
Total	418,004	2,276,979	4,750,530	17,067,320
Total HARP				
Fannie Mae	49,155	296,454	640,474	1,546,889
Freddie Mac	35,493	189,409	434,295	1,104,010
Total	84,648	485,863	1,074,769	2,650,899
HARP LTV >80% -105%				
Fannie Mae	29,807	167,107	373,833	1,107,594
Freddie Mac	21,050	107,316	232,124	765,819
Total	50,857	274,423	605,957	1,873,413
HARP LTV >105% -125%				
Fannie Mae	9,916	63,214	137,055	243,576
Freddie Mac	8,138	43,682	103,611	201,220
Total	18,054	106,896	240,666	444,796
HARP LTV >125%				
Fannie Mae	9,432	66,133	129,586	195,719
Freddie Mac	6,305	38,411	98,560	136,971
Total	15,737	104,544	228,146	332,690
All Other Streamlined Refis				
Fannie Mae	42,889	246,646	476,629	1,837,469
Freddie Mac	26,813	143,467	252,606	1,070,624
Total	69,702	390,113	729,235	2,908,093

¹ Inception - April 1, 2009

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

From inception¹ through May 2013, 2,277,052 loans refinanced through HARP were for primary residences, 84,889 were for second homes and 288,958 were for investment properties.

HARP Loans by Property Type Inception through May 2013

	Total	Primary Residence	Second Home	Investment Property
Total HARP				
Fannie Mae	1,546,889	1,310,013	47,820	189,056
Freddie Mac	1,104,010	967,039	37,069	99,902
Total	2,650,899	2,277,052	84,889	288,958
HARP LTV >80% -105%				
Fannie Mae	1,107,594	956,461	35,365	115,768
Freddie Mac	765,819	685,434	24,612	55,773
Total	1,873,413	1,641,895	59,977	171,541
HARP LTV >105% -125%				
Fannie Mae	243,576	201,335	6,417	35,824
Freddie Mac	201,220	171,659	6,760	22,801
Total	444,796	372,994	13,177	58,625
HARP LTV >125%				
Fannie Mae	195,719	152,217	6,038	37,464
Freddie Mac	136,971	109,946	5,697	21,328
Total	332,690	262,163	11,735	58,792

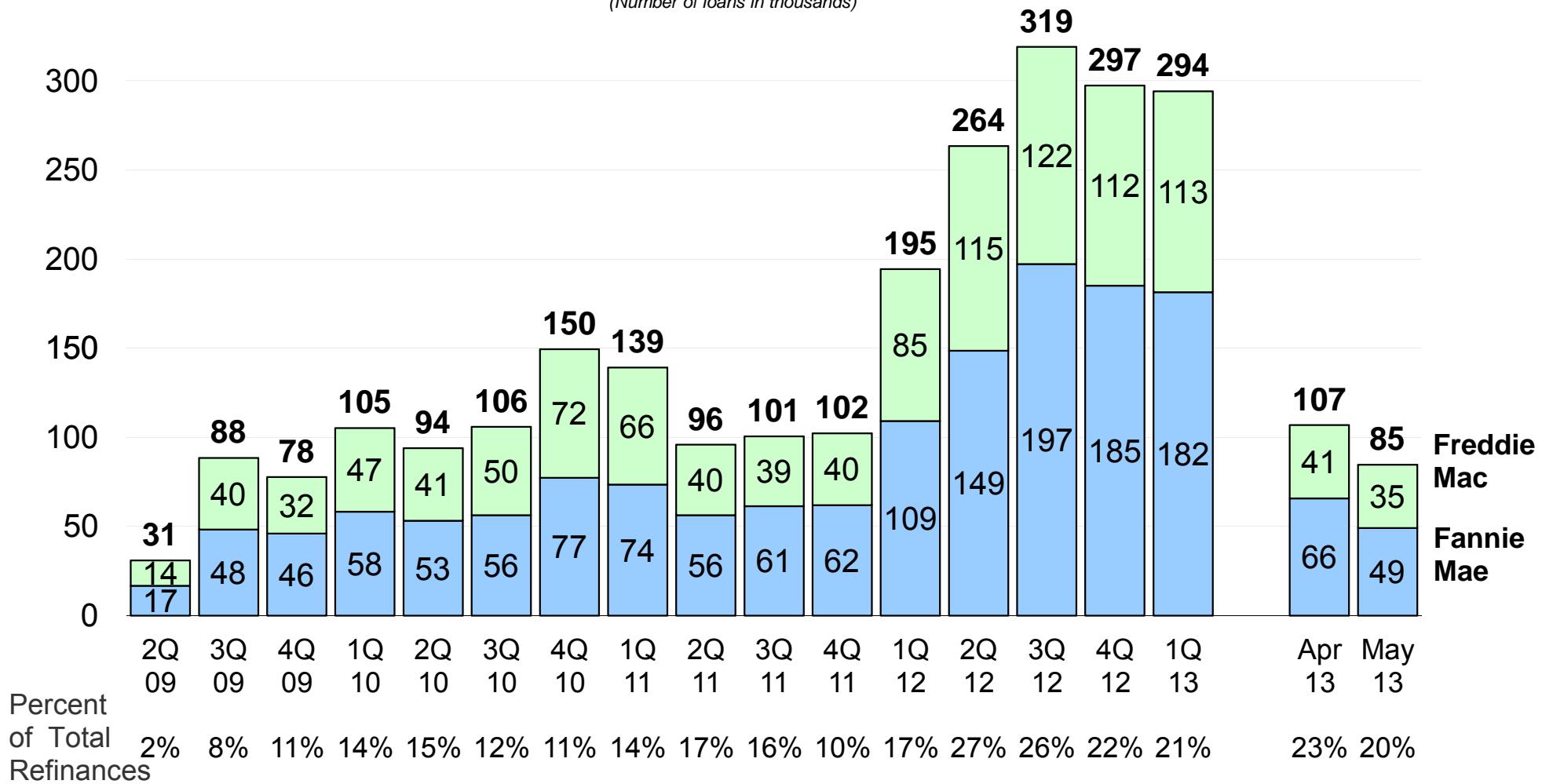
Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

¹Inception - April 1, 2009

HARP volume reached 84,648 refinances in May 2013, representing 20 percent of total refinance volume during the month.

HARP Refinance, Quarterly Volume

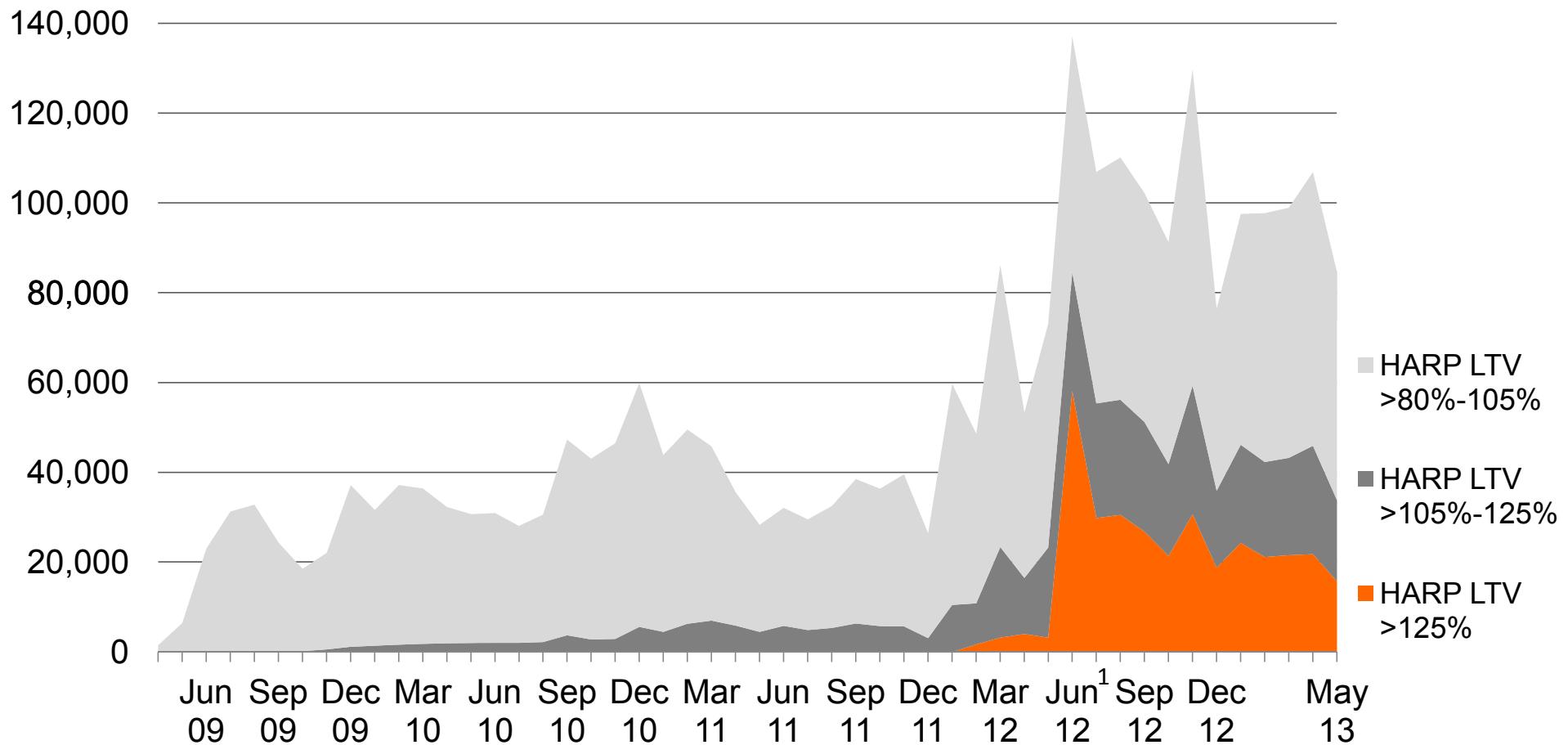
(Number of loans in thousands)



Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

The number of completed HARP refinances reported for deeply underwater borrowers continued to represent a significant portion of total HARP volume. In May 2013, 19 percent of the loans refinanced through HARP had a loan-to-value ratio greater than 125 percent.

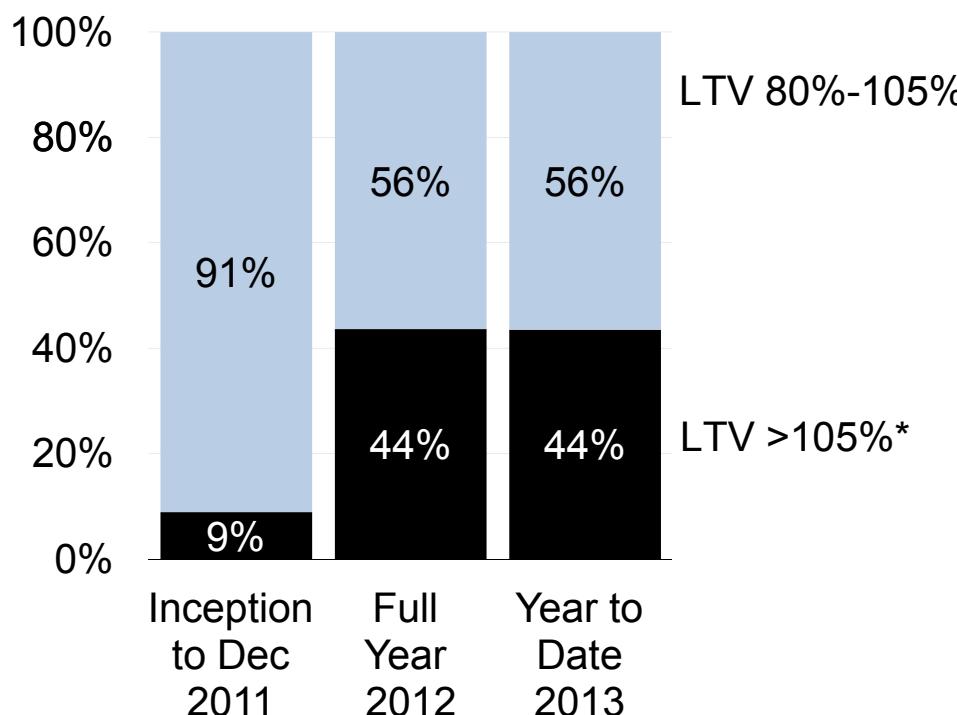
Monthly HARP Volume by LTV



¹ 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.

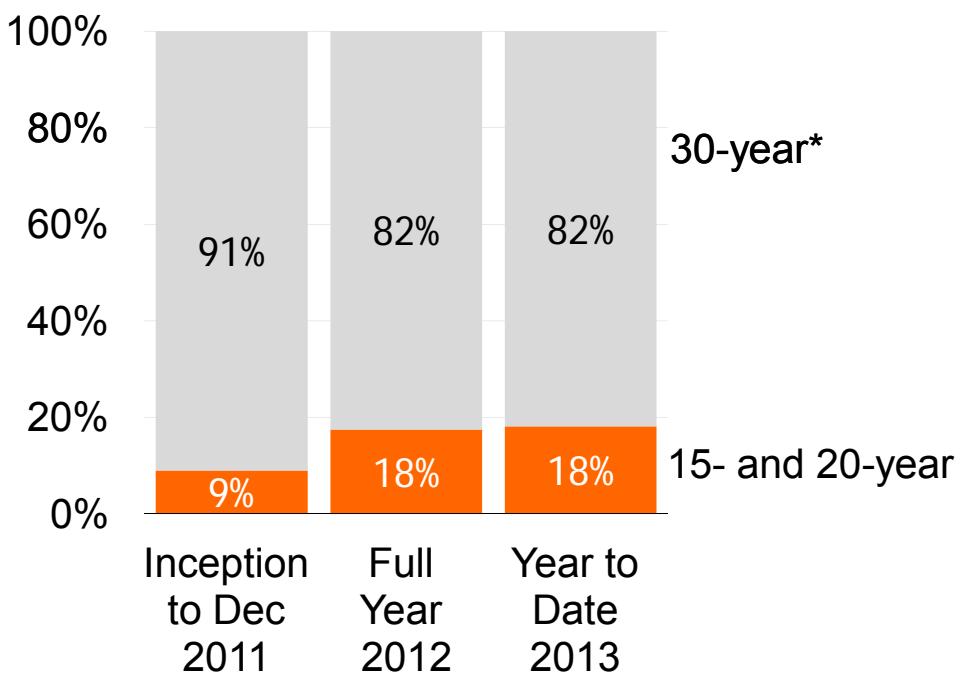
Year to date through May 2013, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 44 percent of the volume of HARP loans, and 18 percent of HARP refinances for underwater borrowers were for shorter-term 15- and 20-year mortgages, which build equity faster than traditional 30-year mortgages.

Percentage of HARP Refinances
by Loan-to-Value Ratio



* 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%)

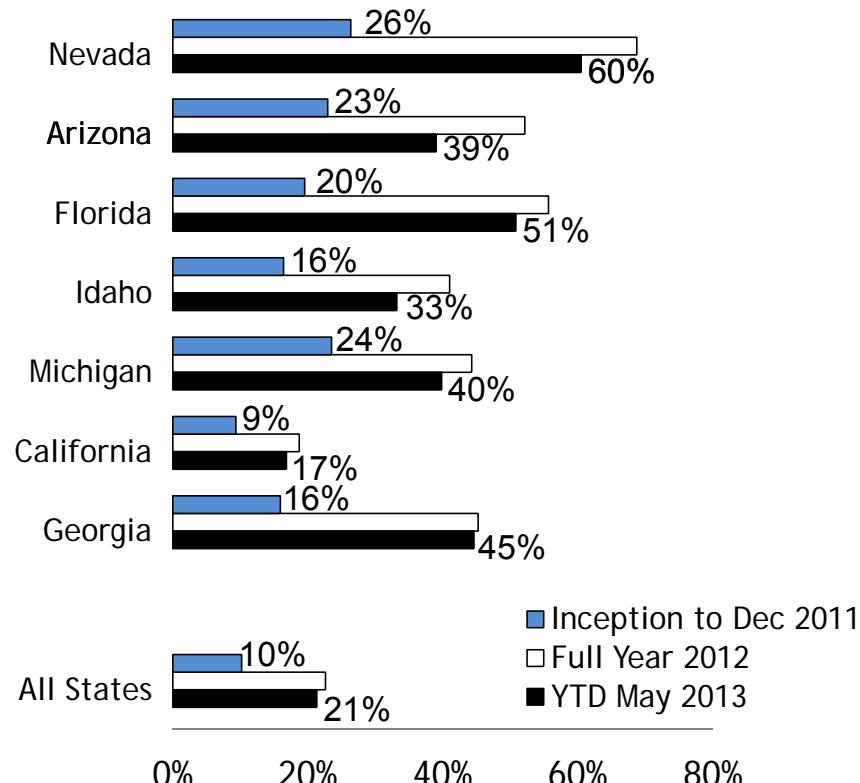


* Includes 25-year and 40-year mortgages.
Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

HARP continued to account for a substantial portion of total refinance volume in certain states. Year to date through May 2013, HARP refinances represented 60 percent of total refinances in Nevada and 51 percent of the total refinances in Florida, more than double the 21 percent of total refinances nationwide over the same period.

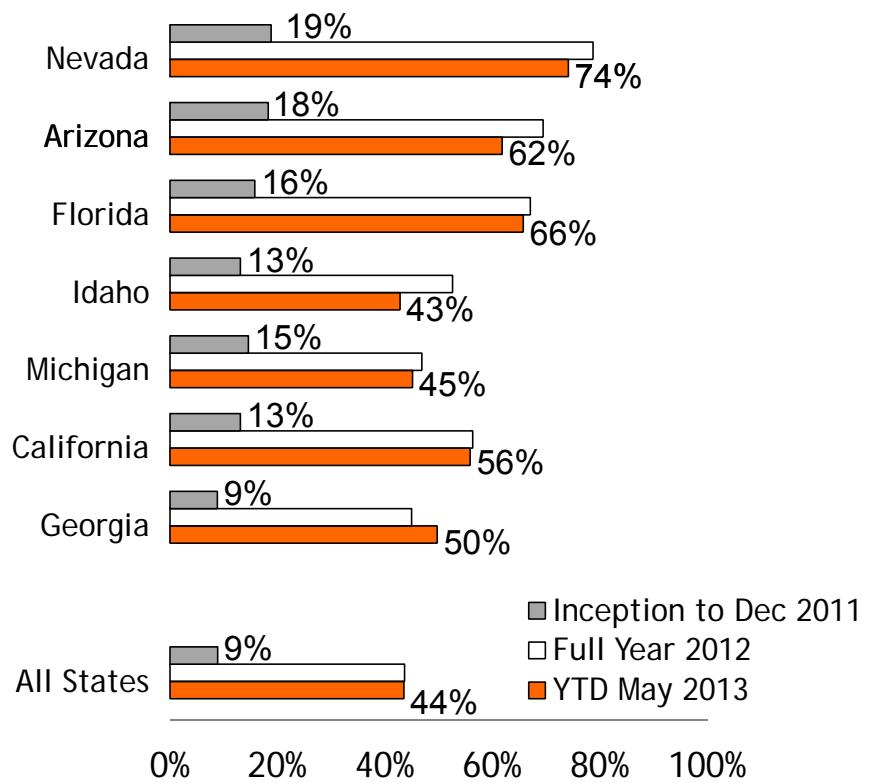
Underwater borrowers accounted for a large portion of HARP refinances in a number of states. Year to date through May 2013, underwater borrowers represented 62 percent or more of HARP volume in Nevada, Arizona and Florida.

Total HARP as a Percentage of Total Refinances



Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

HARP LTV >105% as a Percentage of Total HARP



Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

Appendix: Data Tables**Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - Monthly Refinance Volume¹ (# of loans)**

	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13
Total Refinances													
Fannie Mae	230,499	234,330	244,627	281,336	293,118	270,286	349,379	248,356	305,383	294,299	264,774	284,654	264,093
Freddie Mac	110,686	148,202	111,457	138,678	138,223	170,729	223,773	110,845	164,557	169,501	196,874	178,933	153,911
Total	341,185	382,532	356,084	420,014	431,341	441,015	573,152	359,201	469,940	463,800	461,648	463,587	418,004
Total HARP													
Fannie Mae	45,598	72,356	64,851	68,103	64,391	56,832	77,303	51,056	62,516	60,968	58,020	65,795	49,155
Freddie Mac	27,503	64,704	42,056	42,030	37,814	34,426	52,445	25,407	35,070	36,770	40,961	41,115	35,493
Total	73,101	137,060	106,907	110,133	102,205	91,258	129,748	76,463	97,586	97,738	98,981	106,910	84,648
HARP LTV >80% -105%													
Fannie Mae	31,573	32,771	32,215	34,481	32,893	31,109	41,873	26,459	31,510	34,824	33,026	37,940	29,807
Freddie Mac	18,270	19,734	19,328	19,494	18,062	18,281	28,550	14,108	19,916	20,604	22,696	23,050	21,050
Total	49,843	52,505	51,543	53,975	50,955	49,390	70,423	40,567	51,426	55,428	55,722	60,990	50,857
HARP LTV >105% -125%													
Fannie Mae	11,804	14,531	14,879	15,387	14,891	12,537	16,569	11,401	14,070	12,730	12,245	14,253	9,916
Freddie Mac	8,273	11,897	10,658	10,257	9,566	7,954	12,087	5,739	7,791	8,426	9,439	9,888	8,138
Total	20,077	26,428	25,537	25,644	24,457	20,491	28,656	17,140	21,861	21,156	21,684	24,141	18,054
HARP LTV >125%													
Fannie Mae	2,221	25,054	17,757	18,235	16,607	13,186	18,861	13,196	16,936	13,414	12,749	13,602	9,432
Freddie Mac	960	33,073	12,070	12,279	10,186	8,191	11,808	5,560	7,363	7,740	8,826	8,177	6,305
Total	3,181	58,127	29,827	30,514	26,793	21,377	30,669	18,756	24,299	21,154	21,575	21,779	15,737
All Other Streamlined Refis													
Fannie Mae	37,877	34,422	32,370	41,767	40,315	40,591	56,276	36,619	45,693	52,167	50,280	55,617	42,889
Freddie Mac	19,261	17,636	15,699	21,522	19,487	25,366	35,554	18,134	27,587	26,735	29,823	32,509	26,813
Total	57,138	52,058	48,069	63,289	59,802	65,957	91,830	54,753	73,280	78,902	80,103	88,126	69,702

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 Product¹ (Mortgage Term)**

	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13
Total Refinances													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	135,621	133,147	137,639	161,118	169,029	154,733	208,484	143,161	184,898	182,602	154,485	168,451	154,295
FRM 20	19,205	22,900	21,657	26,423	28,311	24,427	31,467	21,292	26,031	24,512	22,895	25,181	21,402
FRM 15	69,290	72,102	79,399	88,206	89,637	86,359	104,428	79,910	90,600	84,353	83,589	87,434	84,530
HARP >80-105 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	21,914	22,878	22,344	24,180	23,170	21,968	30,177	18,933	22,752	25,829	23,928	27,366	20,582
FRM 20	3,679	4,166	4,139	4,677	4,245	3,729	5,330	3,186	3,700	4,040	3,797	4,488	3,357
FRM 15	5,691	5,377	5,434	5,384	5,192	5,210	6,178	4,186	4,900	4,839	5,238	5,916	5,738
HARP >105-125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	10,161	11,899	12,179	12,681	11,893	9,979	13,761	9,211	11,416	10,323	9,917	11,462	7,784
FRM 20	1,643	1,776	1,765	1,622	1,630	1,383	1,532	1,250	1,419	1,317	1,125	1,321	863
FRM 15	0	856	935	1,084	1,368	1,175	1,276	940	1,235	1,090	1,203	1,470	1,269
HARP > 125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	2,021	21,459	14,988	15,786	13,764	11,005	16,139	11,129	14,371	11,306	10,922	11,297	7,769
FRM 20	200	3,004	1,899	1,409	1,773	1,163	1,489	1,134	1,523	1,210	933	1,151	752
FRM 15	0	591	870	1,040	1,070	1,018	1,233	933	1,042	898	894	1,154	911
All Other Streamlined Refis													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	18,954	17,218	15,010	20,392	19,550	20,204	28,601	17,147	22,980	27,495	25,334	28,439	19,428
FRM 20	3,615	4,148	4,080	6,407	5,792	5,405	8,427	5,274	6,970	8,088	7,688	8,485	6,310
FRM 15	15,013	12,743	13,010	14,715	14,758	14,769	18,987	14,041	15,535	16,426	17,111	18,484	16,960

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

	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13
Total Refinances													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	51,153	93,431	61,764	81,230	76,410	98,982	135,985	62,407	96,635	97,480	118,663	102,195	81,909
FRM 20	10,696	12,911	11,890	12,795	12,248	14,167	17,305	7,526	10,783	13,291	13,585	14,036	11,244
FRM 15	44,461	38,170	34,330	41,171	45,578	54,102	65,751	37,393	52,773	55,036	61,134	59,008	56,410
HARP >80-105 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	12,263	13,428	12,925	13,770	12,293	12,925	21,033	10,125	14,613	15,151	16,889	16,372	15,312
FRM 20	2,471	2,696	2,355	2,270	2,479	2,237	3,115	1,414	1,937	2,277	2,433	2,637	2,202
FRM 15	3,363	3,478	3,878	3,344	3,144	3,043	4,306	2,485	3,308	3,127	3,304	3,993	3,480
HARP >105-125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	6,062	9,032	7,858	7,889	7,375	6,225	9,604	4,424	6,076	6,779	7,583	7,826	6,457
FRM 20	1,103	1,303	1,268	1,137	1,015	791	1,219	544	770	671	817	940	620
FRM 15	1,108	1,562	1,532	1,231	1,176	938	1,264	771	945	976	1,039	1,122	1,061
HARP > 125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	807	27,238	9,649	9,787	8,452	6,929	9,789	4,656	6,056	6,523	7,406	6,736	5,143
FRM 20	79	2,749	1,008	1,385	882	639	967	398	549	574	692	697	454
FRM 15	74	3,086	1,413	1,107	852	623	1,052	606	758	643	728	744	708
All Other Streamlined Refis													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	9,049	7,761	6,064	11,339	8,422	10,520	18,909	7,146	14,958	13,349	14,400	15,848	12,974
FRM 20	2,160	2,118	1,965	2,367	3,088	3,277	3,752	2,304	3,021	3,569	4,451	4,375	3,410
FRM 15	7,951	7,611	7,570	7,745	7,883	11,523	12,762	8,604	9,548	9,764	10,873	12,197	10,347

