



# REFINANCE REPORT

May 2016

## May 2016 Highlights

- Total refinance volume increased in May 2016 as rates remained below the levels observed at the end of 2015. Mortgage rates decreased in May: the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage fell to 3.60 percent from 3.61 percent in April.

In May 2016:

- Borrowers completed 6,091 refinances through HARP, bringing total refinances from the inception of the program to 3,412,982.
- HARP volume represented 4 percent of total refinance volume.
- Six percent of the loans refinanced through HARP had a loan-to-value ratio greater than 125 percent.

Year to date through May 2016:

- Borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 22 percent of the volume of HARP loans.
- Twenty six 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.
- HARP refinances represented 9 or more percent of total refinances in Florida and Georgia, more than double the 4 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.
- Ten states accounted for over 60 percent of the nation's HARP eligible loans with a refinance incentive as of December 31, 2015.

## 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

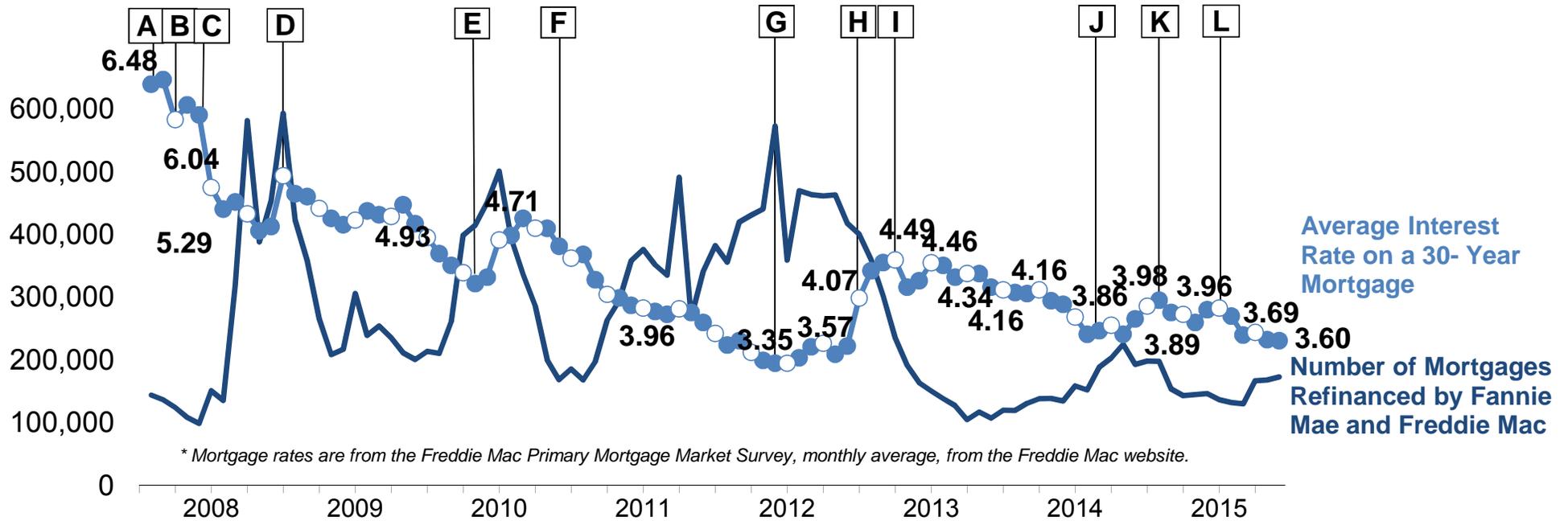
Below are the basic HARP eligibility criteria:

- 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 May 2016

	May 2016	Year to Date 2016	2015	Inception to Date
<b>Total Refinances</b>				
Fannie Mae	101,204	461,144	1,187,887	14,306,794
Freddie Mac	72,013	309,758	897,049	8,958,081
Total	173,217	770,902	2,084,936	23,264,875
<b>Total HARP</b>				
Fannie Mae	3,929	20,210	65,562	2,019,000
Freddie Mac	2,162	12,215	44,549	1,393,982
Total	6,091	32,425	110,111	3,412,982
<b>HARP LTV &gt;80% -105%</b>				
Fannie Mae	3,184	16,085	50,962	1,436,545
Freddie Mac	1,710	9,346	33,224	960,123
Total	4,894	25,431	84,186	2,396,668
<b>HARP LTV &gt;105% -125%</b>				
Fannie Mae	497	2,804	9,596	326,393
Freddie Mac	308	1,949	7,559	259,167
Total	805	4,753	17,155	585,560
<b>HARP LTV &gt;125%</b>				
Fannie Mae	248	1,321	5,004	256,062
Freddie Mac	144	920	3,766	174,692
Total	392	2,241	8,770	430,754
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>				
Fannie Mae	8,667	43,022	132,568	2,403,129
Freddie Mac	5,215	25,923	85,677	1,405,306
Total	13,882	68,945	218,245	3,808,435

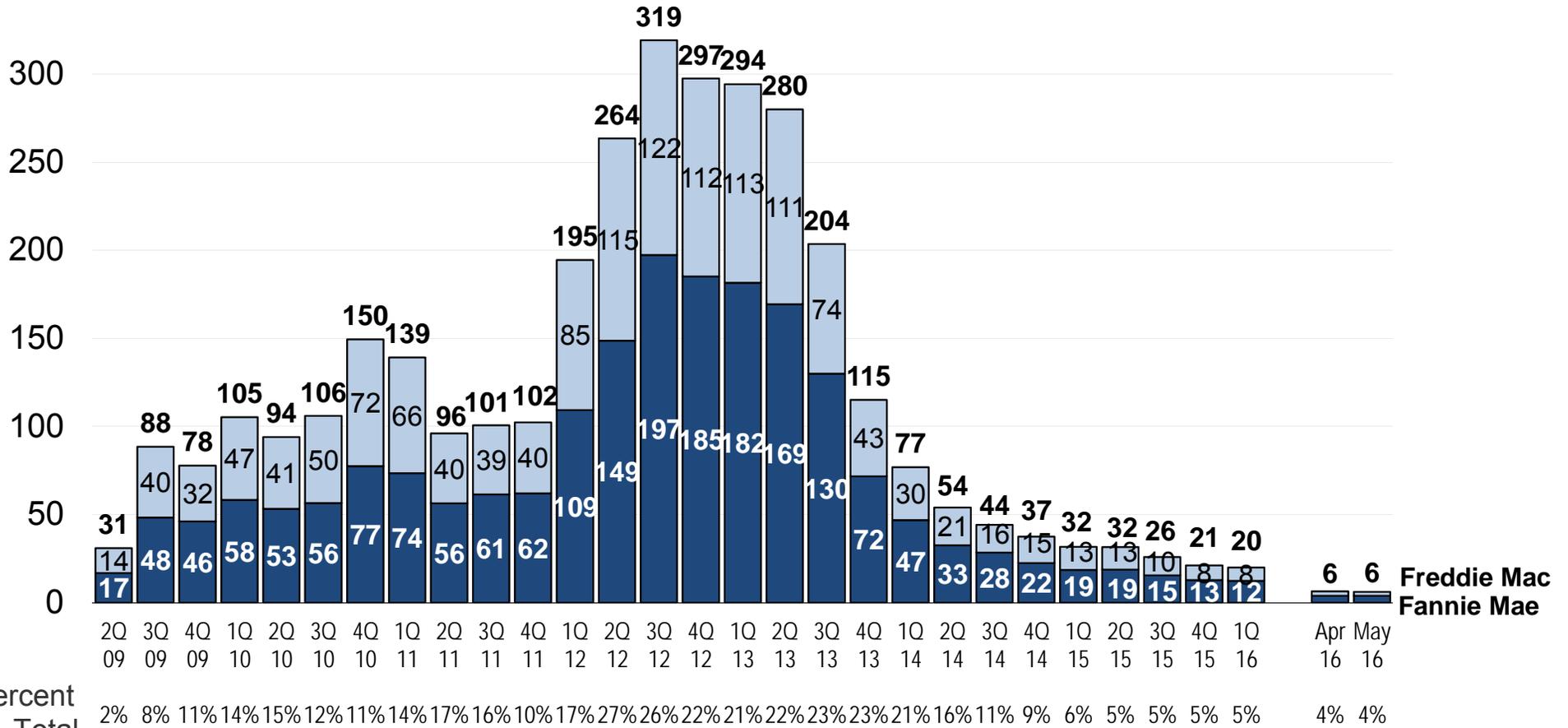
<sup>1</sup> Inception - April 1, 2009

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



In May 2016, 6,091 loans were refinanced through HARP, representing 4 percent of total refinance volume during the month.

**HARP Refinance, Quarterly Volume**  
(Number of loans in thousands)



Percent of Total Refinances

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



From inception<sup>1</sup> through May 2016, 2,856,037 loans refinanced through HARP were for primary residences, 108,559 were for second homes and 448,386 were for investment properties.

### HARP Loans by Property Type Inception through May 2016

	Total	Primary Residence	Second Home	Investment Property
<b>Total HARP</b>				
Fannie Mae	2,019,000	1,666,776	61,084	291,140
Freddie Mac	1,393,982	1,189,261	47,475	157,246
Total	3,412,982	2,856,037	108,559	448,386
<b>HARP LTV &gt;80% -105%</b>				
Fannie Mae	1,436,545	1,210,429	44,390	181,726
Freddie Mac	960,123	837,207	30,975	91,941
Total	2,396,668	2,047,636	75,365	273,667
<b>HARP LTV &gt;105% -125%</b>				
Fannie Mae	326,393	262,693	8,741	54,959
Freddie Mac	259,167	215,579	8,945	34,643
Total	585,560	478,272	17,686	89,602
<b>HARP LTV &gt;125%</b>				
Fannie Mae	256,062	193,654	7,953	54,455
Freddie Mac	174,692	136,475	7,555	30,662
Total	430,754	330,129	15,508	85,117

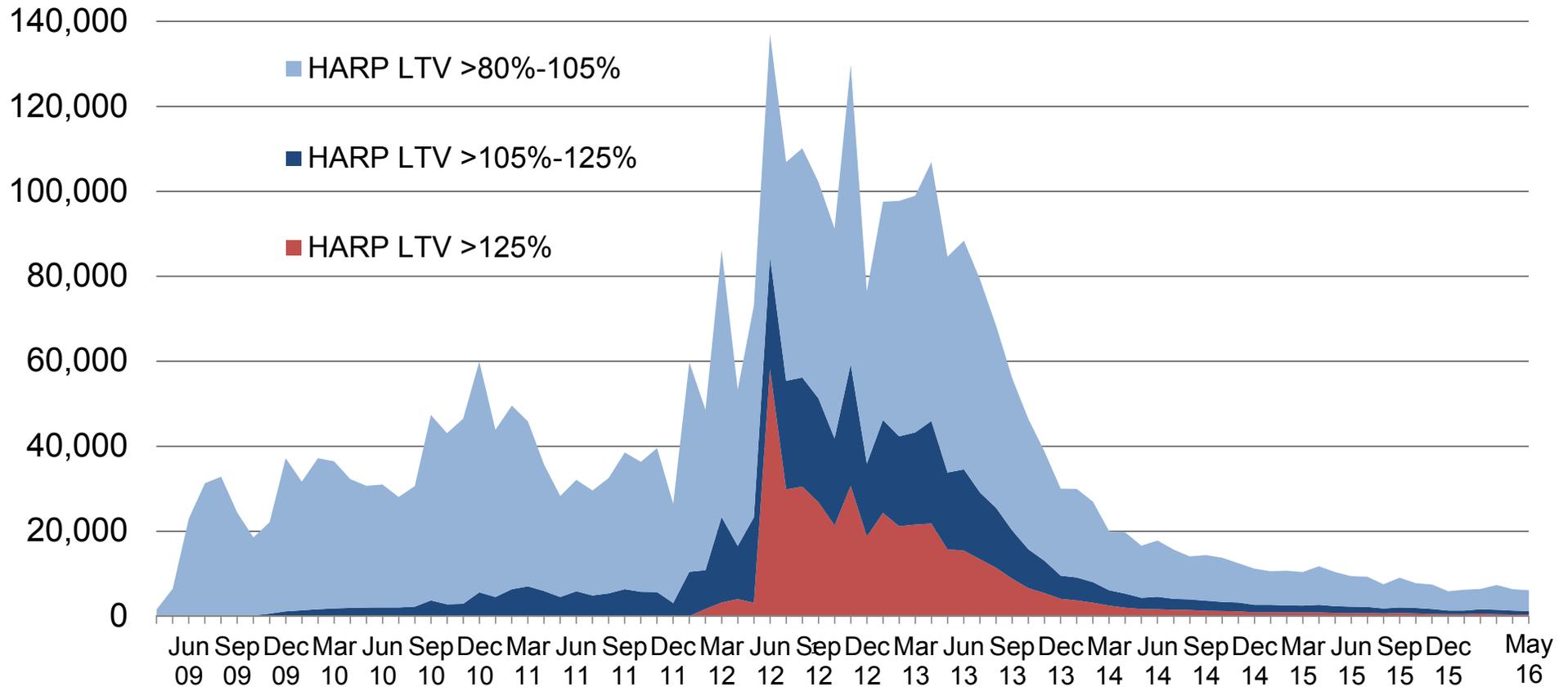
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### Monthly HARP Volume by Loan-to-Value Ratio



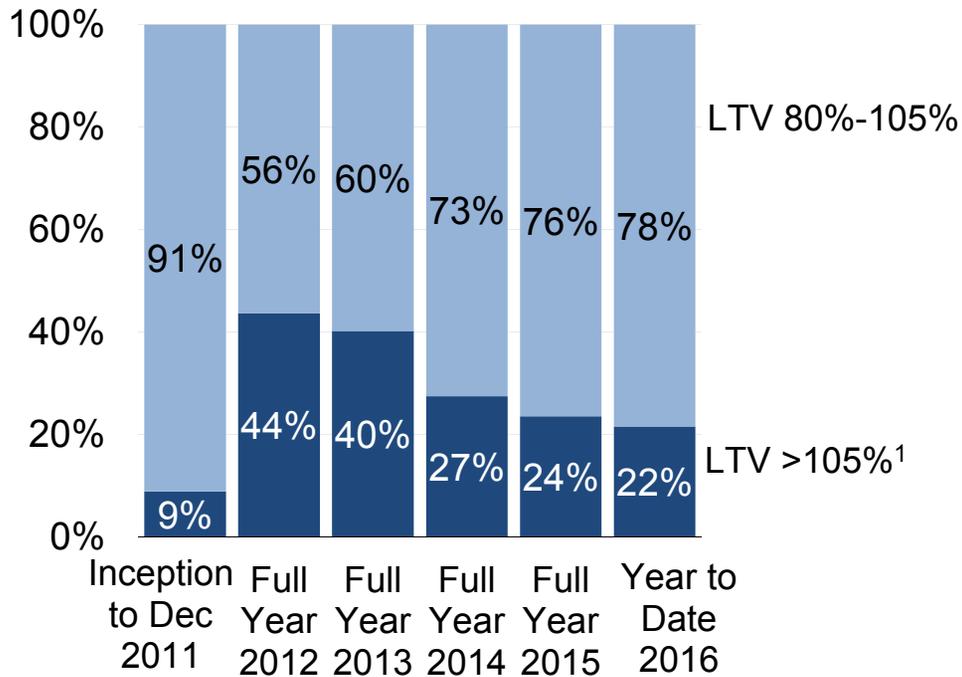
<sup>1</sup> The number of completed HARP refinances reported for deeply underwater borrowers increased sharply in June 2012 as further enhancements to HARP went into effect. Starting June 1, 2012, lenders became able to deliver loans with loan-to-value ratios greater than 125 percent refinanced through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

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



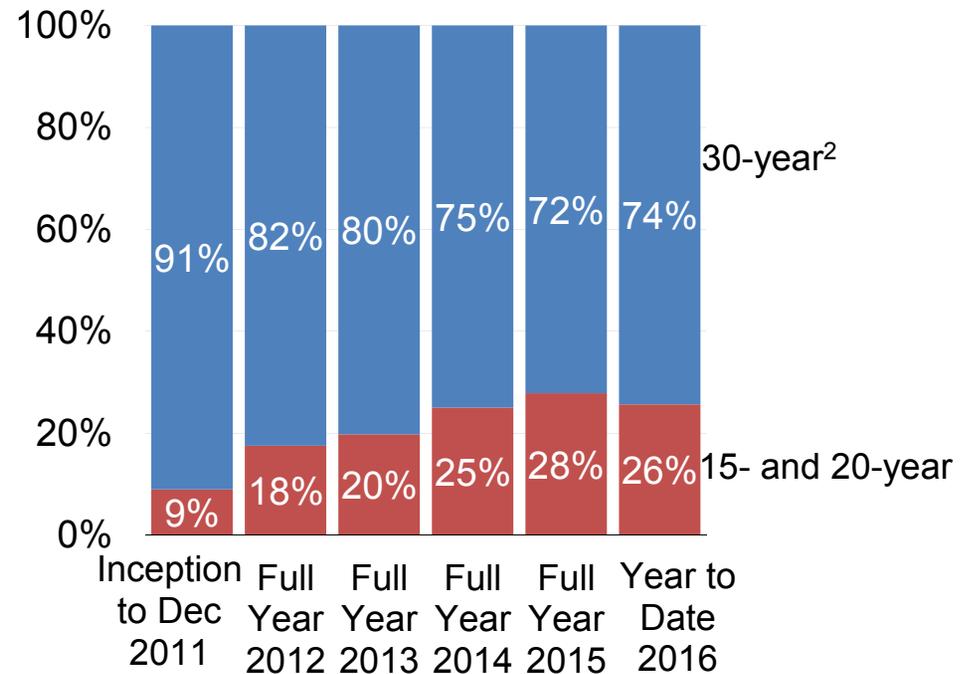
Year to date through May 2016, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 22 percent of the volume of HARP loans. The proportion of HARP refinances for underwater borrowers (LTV greater than 105 percent) refinancing to shorter term mortgages accounted for 26 percent. Shorter 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>	7.7%			7.7%
	Loans Eligible for HARP <sup>3</sup>	14.0%			14.0%
June 2010	Loans Refinanced through HARP	8.7%	17.3%		9.3%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	9.9%	18.2%		11.5%
June 2011	Loans Refinanced through HARP	5.4%	10.1%		6.3%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	6.6%	11.1%		7.6%
June 2012	Loans Refinanced through HARP	2.2%	3.5%	6.2%	4.1%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	4.8%	7.3%	11.0%	6.5%
June 2013	Loans Refinanced through HARP	1.6%	2.7%	4.0%	2.3%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	4.5%	7.0%	9.6%	5.6%
June 2014	Loans Refinanced through HARP	2.0%	2.9%	3.6%	2.3%
	Loans Eligible for HARP	3.3%	5.3%	6.8%	4.0%

Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

#### 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 March 2016 for loans refinanced through HARP or eligible for HARP.
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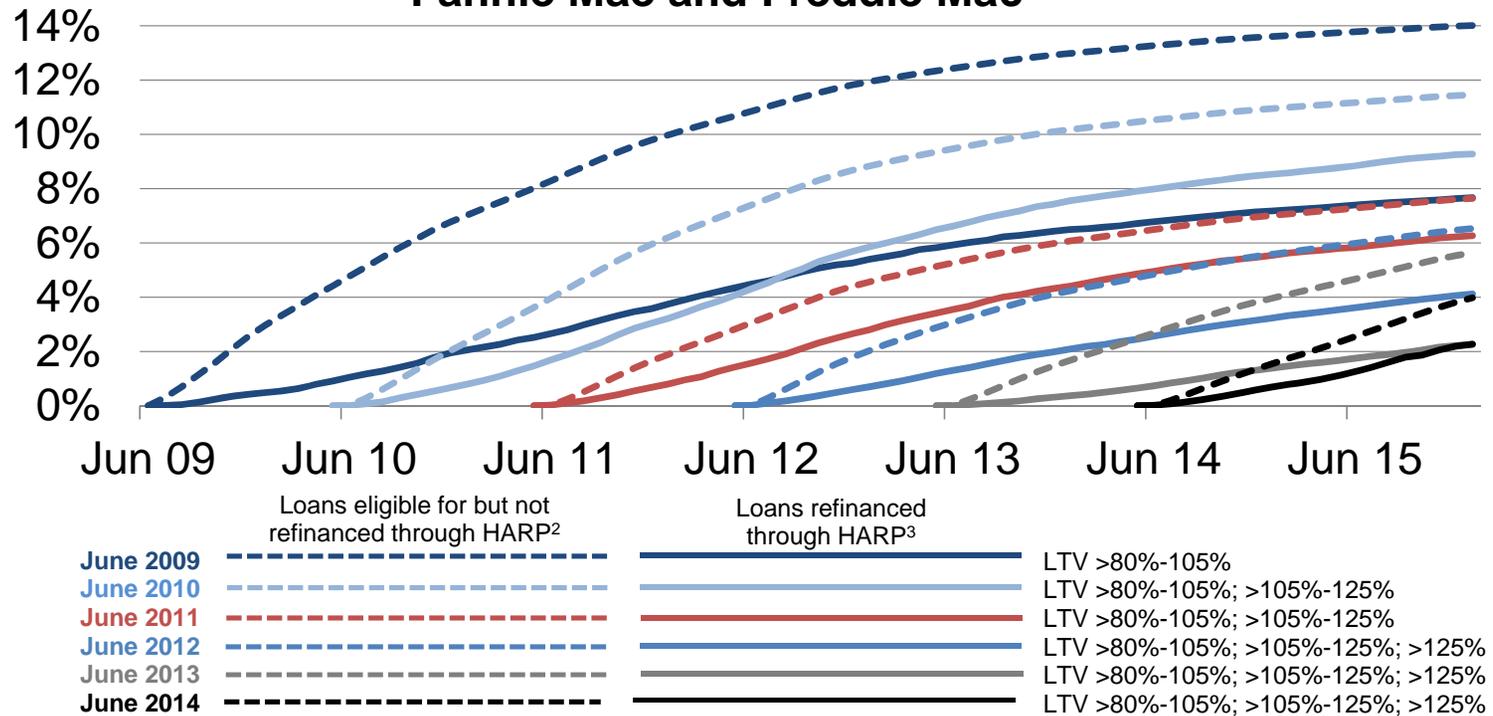
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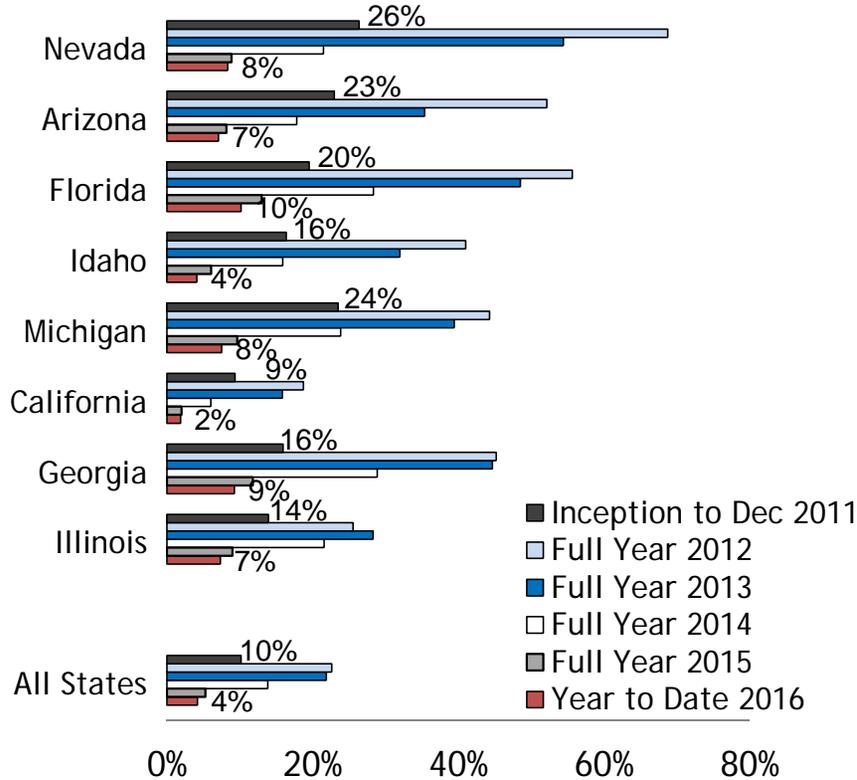
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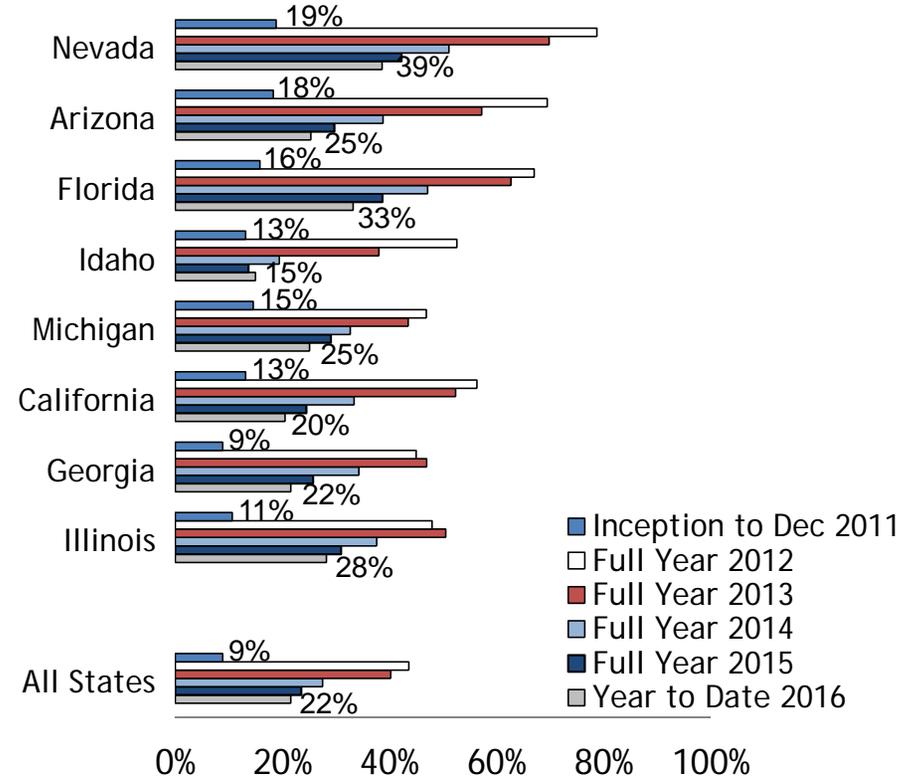
HARP continued to account for a substantial portion of total refinance volume in certain states. Year to date through May 2016, HARP refinances represented 9 percent or more of total refinances in Florida and Georgia, more than double the 4 percent of total refinances nationwide over the same period.

Underwater borrowers accounted for a large portion of HARP refinances in a number of states. Year to date through May 2016, underwater borrowers represented 33 percent or more of HARP volume in Nevada and Florida.

### Total HARP as a Percentage of Total Refinances



### HARP LTV >105% as a Percentage of Total HARP



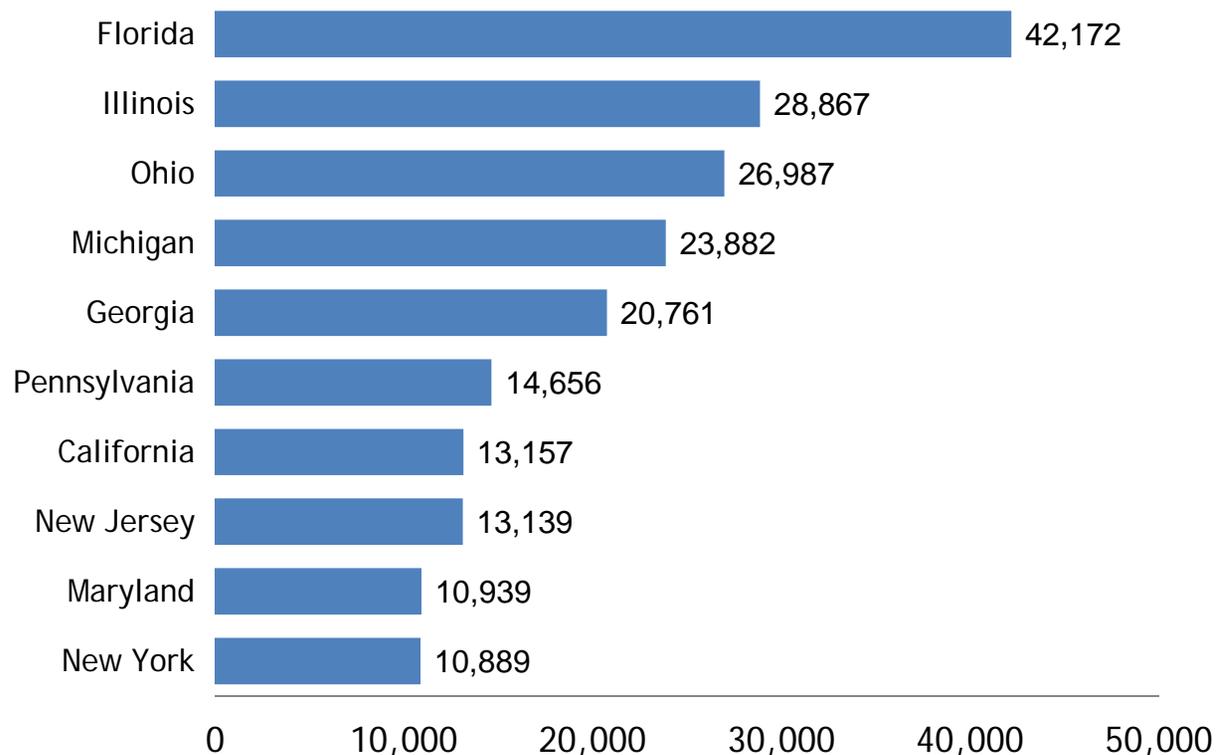
Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)



Ten states accounted for over 60 percent of the nation's HARP eligible loans with a refinance incentive. The national total of HARP eligible loans with a refinance incentive was 325,295 as of December 31, 2015. Additional information can be found in an interactive map at [www.HARP.gov](http://www.HARP.gov).

### HARP Eligible Loans with a Refinance Incentive\*

#### Top Ten States as of December 31, 2015



Source: FHFA (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

\* FHFA uses the following criteria to identify HARP eligible loans: Conventional loans originated before 6/1/2009; unpaid principal balance greater than 80 percent of current property value; and meet the payment history requirement of no delinquencies in the prior six months and at most one delinquency in the prior 12 months. To estimate the HARP-eligible with a refinance incentive population, FHFA applies the following filters to the HARP-eligible loans: Remaining balance greater than \$50,000; remaining term greater than ten years, and note rate 150 basis points (1.5%) above the market rate.



## Appendix: Data Tables

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

	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
<b>Total Refinances</b>													
Fannie Mae	105,650	106,296	98,961	89,178	86,726	86,070	85,289	77,334	77,435	79,527	99,261	103,717	101,204
Freddie Mac	87,538	92,213	99,119	64,878	56,606	58,949	61,375	59,283	54,833	50,548	67,872	64,492	72,013
Total	193,188	198,509	198,080	154,056	143,332	145,019	146,664	136,617	132,268	130,075	167,133	168,209	173,217
<b>Total HARP</b>													
Fannie Mae	6,212	5,570	5,506	4,540	5,443	4,731	4,488	3,545	3,806	4,016	4,545	3,914	3,929
Freddie Mac	4,207	3,857	3,761	2,957	3,619	3,024	2,958	2,328	2,433	2,408	2,779	2,433	2,162
Total	10,419	9,427	9,267	7,497	9,062	7,755	7,446	5,873	6,239	6,424	7,324	6,347	6,091
<b>HARP LTV &gt;80% -105%</b>													
Fannie Mae	4,902	4,305	4,296	3,472	4,241	3,555	3,544	2,743	3,056	3,066	3,629	3,150	3,184
Freddie Mac	3,156	2,894	2,767	2,209	2,755	2,281	2,215	1,821	1,850	1,718	2,199	1,869	1,710
Total	8,058	7,199	7,063	5,681	6,996	5,836	5,759	4,564	4,906	4,784	5,828	5,019	4,894
<b>HARP LTV &gt;105% -125%</b>													
Fannie Mae	856	866	783	704	787	759	647	555	506	615	614	572	497
Freddie Mac	711	658	681	479	544	504	497	319	376	475	408	382	308
Total	1,567	1,524	1,464	1,183	1,331	1,263	1,144	874	882	1,090	1,022	954	805
<b>HARP LTV &gt;125%</b>													
Fannie Mae	454	399	427	364	415	417	297	247	244	335	302	192	248
Freddie Mac	340	305	313	269	320	239	246	188	207	215	172	182	144
Total	794	704	740	633	735	656	543	435	451	550	474	374	392
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>													
Fannie Mae	13,811	11,977	10,199	9,128	10,666	9,085	9,806	7,079	7,998	8,040	9,493	8,824	8,667
Freddie Mac	8,604	8,062	7,682	6,563	6,556	6,190	5,930	4,541	4,786	4,496	6,042	5,384	5,215
Total	22,415	20,039	17,881	15,691	17,222	15,275	15,736	11,620	12,784	12,536	15,535	14,208	13,882

#### 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)

	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
<b>Total Refinances</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	63,763	62,313	58,098	51,652	50,792	51,993	48,742	45,037	45,644	45,544	59,627	63,032	59,989
FRM 20	10,600	9,341	8,074	6,196	7,122	6,945	6,628	5,559	6,546	6,516	8,070	8,408	8,896
FRM 15	29,792	32,891	31,185	29,506	26,865	25,205	27,968	25,135	23,760	26,115	29,854	30,924	31,065
<b>HARP &gt;80-105 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	2,993	2,564	2,529	2,053	2,789	2,225	2,233	1,740	1,994	1,971	2,430	2,019	2,017
FRM 20	1,025	832	885	565	637	579	515	350	416	434	500	437	514
FRM 15	859	858	837	795	752	686	751	633	621	635	680	671	637
<b>HARP &gt;105-125 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	587	592	551	503	611	547	479	386	380	445	429	429	368
FRM 20	149	128	120	89	74	118	75	56	54	66	77	69	52
FRM 15	120	146	112	112	102	94	93	113	72	104	108	74	77
<b>HARP &gt; 125 LTV</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	364	285	299	256	317	301	236	188	168	258	251	122	200
FRM 20	52	50	77	38	48	40	25	40	14	27	33	20	17
FRM 15	38	64	51	70	50	76	36	19	62	50	18	50	31
<b>All Other Streamlined Refis</b>													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	6,291	5,513	4,389	4,005	4,836	4,065	4,389	3,343	3,738	3,700	4,424	4,079	4,027
FRM 20	2,951	2,106	1,821	1,161	1,864	1,402	1,393	770	1,041	1,026	1,320	1,130	1,247
FRM 15	4,512	4,268	3,905	3,870	3,869	3,531	3,934	2,918	3,183	3,284	3,714	3,581	3,354



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## Freddie Mac - Loan Count by LTV and Product (Mortgage Term)

	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
Total Refinances													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	52,550	56,247	44,699	38,543	32,361	32,301	36,186	35,589	33,559	30,505	40,683	39,744	44,912
FRM 20	8,122	7,924	10,129	4,946	4,387	4,287	4,753	4,195	4,134	4,008	6,062	5,322	5,849
FRM 15	25,000	26,046	42,458	19,615	17,848	20,478	19,053	18,118	16,065	14,850	20,307	18,246	20,286
HARP >80-105 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	1,968	1,818	1,695	1,386	1,728	1,406	1,360	1,187	1,202	1,068	1,353	1,169	1,052
FRM 20	580	440	453	285	395	349	362	235	260	279	342	262	266
FRM 15	601	631	608	521	614	503	484	394	380	368	503	426	386
HARP >105-125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	485	455	482	341	419	367	379	244	308	340	332	263	231
FRM 20	103	99	84	42	46	49	56	3	15	50	29	39	31
FRM 15	123	104	115	96	79	88	62	72	53	85	47	80	46
HARP > 125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	223	225	198	215	236	163	190	137	165	164	124	120	101
FRM 20	33	14	31	30	30	25	13	12	9	16	16	24	16
FRM 15	84	66	84	24	54	51	43	39	33	35	32	38	27
All Other Streamlined Refis													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	3,863	3,898	3,263	3,100	2,827	2,424	2,340	2,173	2,170	1,813	2,554	2,310	2,207
FRM 20	1,658	1,127	1,218	744	1,007	861	878	525	603	716	849	718	742
FRM 15	3,061	3,022	3,175	2,693	2,686	2,857	2,684	1,826	1,988	1,946	2,632	2,332	2,255







