



Federal Housing Finance Agency

Refinance Report February 2013

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

Report Highlights

- Refinance volume remained high in February 2013 as mortgage rates hovered near historic low levels.
- HARP volume represented 21 percent of total refinance volume in February.
- In February 2013, 97,738 refinances were completed through HARP, bringing the total refinances through HARP from the inception of the program to 2,360,347.
- In February 2013, 22 percent of the loans refinanced through HARP were at a loan-to-value ratio greater than 125 percent.
- Year to date through February 2013, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 45 percent of the volume of HARP loans.
- Year to date through February 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 February 2013, HARP refinances represented 64 percent of total refinances in Nevada, more than triple the 21 percent of total refinances nationwide, and 54 percent in Florida, more than double the 21 percent of total refinances nationwide.
- Year to date through February 2013, underwater borrowers represented 65 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.

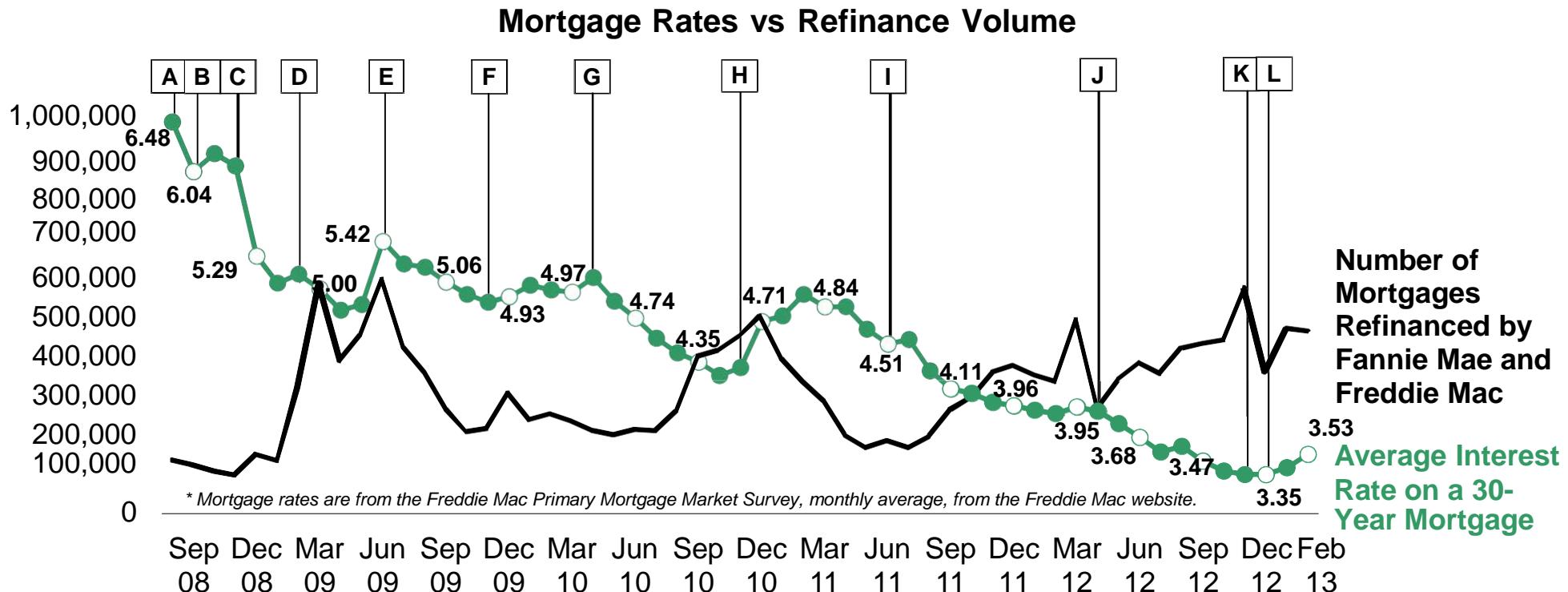
HARP was enhanced in 2012 to increase access of the program for responsible borrowers. The program was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013 and was recently extended to expire on December 31, 2015.

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 remained high in February as mortgage rates hovered near historic low levels.



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.

In February 2013, 97,738 refinances were completed through HARP, bringing the total refinances through HARP from the inception of the program to 2,360,347.

	Feb 2013	Year to Date 2013	2012	Inception to Date ¹
Total Refinances				
Fannie Mae	294,303	599,699	3,090,463	9,752,129
Freddie Mac	169,501	334,058	1,660,067	5,971,968
Total	463,804	933,757	4,750,530	15,724,097
Total HARP				
Fannie Mae	60,968	123,487	640,459	1,373,906
Freddie Mac	36,770	71,840	434,295	986,441
Total	97,738	195,327	1,074,754	2,360,347
HARP LTV >80% -105%				
Fannie Mae	34,824	66,337	373,820	1,006,810
Freddie Mac	20,604	40,520	232,124	699,023
Total	55,428	106,857	605,944	1,705,833
HARP LTV >105% -125%				
Fannie Mae	12,730	26,800	137,055	207,162
Freddie Mac	8,426	16,217	103,611	173,755
Total	21,156	43,017	240,666	380,917
HARP LTV >125%				
Fannie Mae	13,414	30,350	129,584	159,934
Freddie Mac	7,740	15,103	98,560	113,663
Total	21,154	45,453	228,144	273,597
All Other Streamlined Refis				
Fannie Mae	52,167	97,861	476,620	1,688,668
Freddie Mac	26,735	54,322	252,606	981,479
Total	78,902	152,183	729,226	2,670,147

¹ Inception to Date - Since April 1, 2009

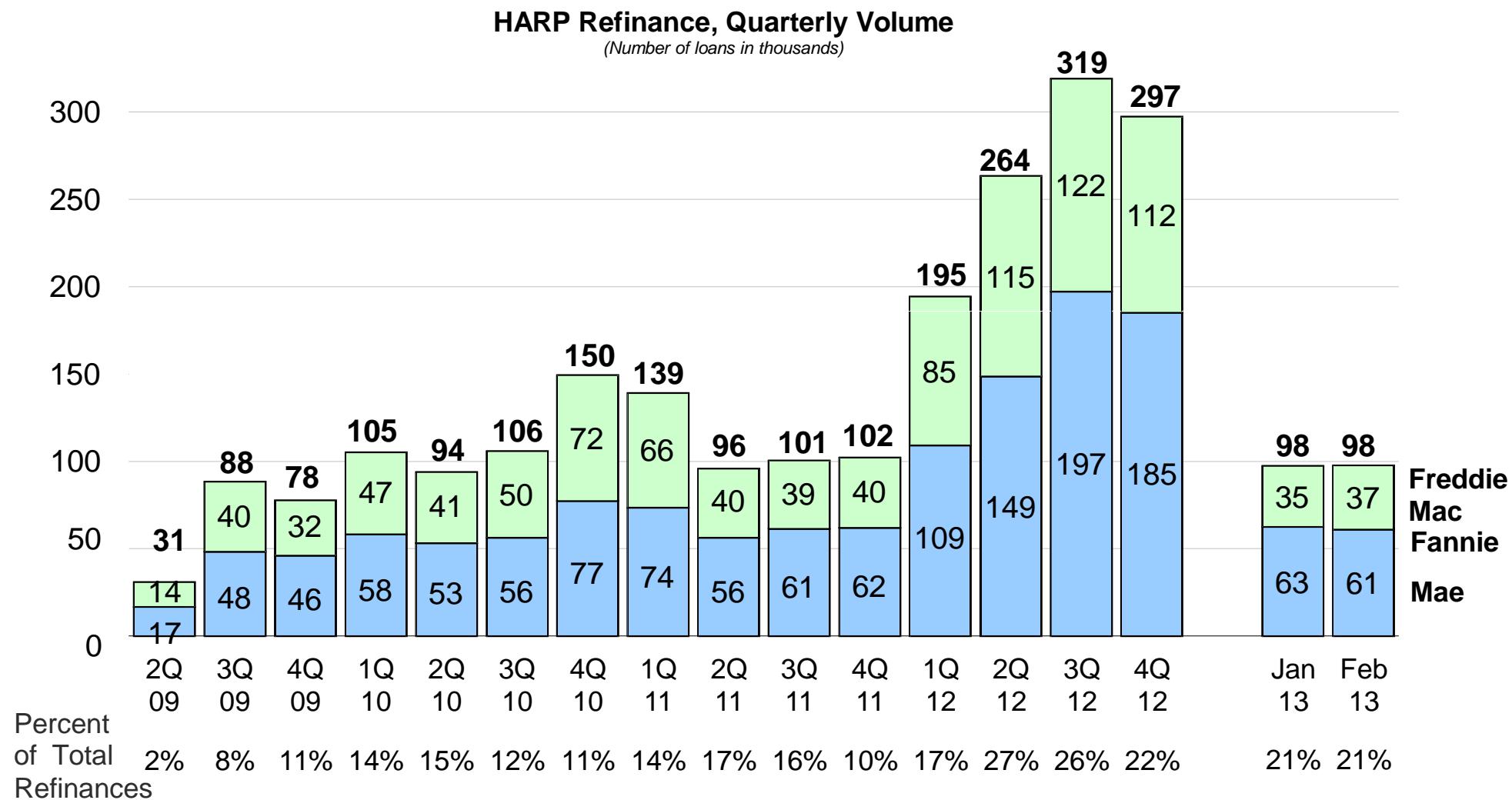
From inception¹ through February 2013, 2,051,866 loans refinanced through HARP were for primary residences, 75,444 were for second homes and 233,037 were for investment properties.

HARP Loans by Property Type Inception through February 2013

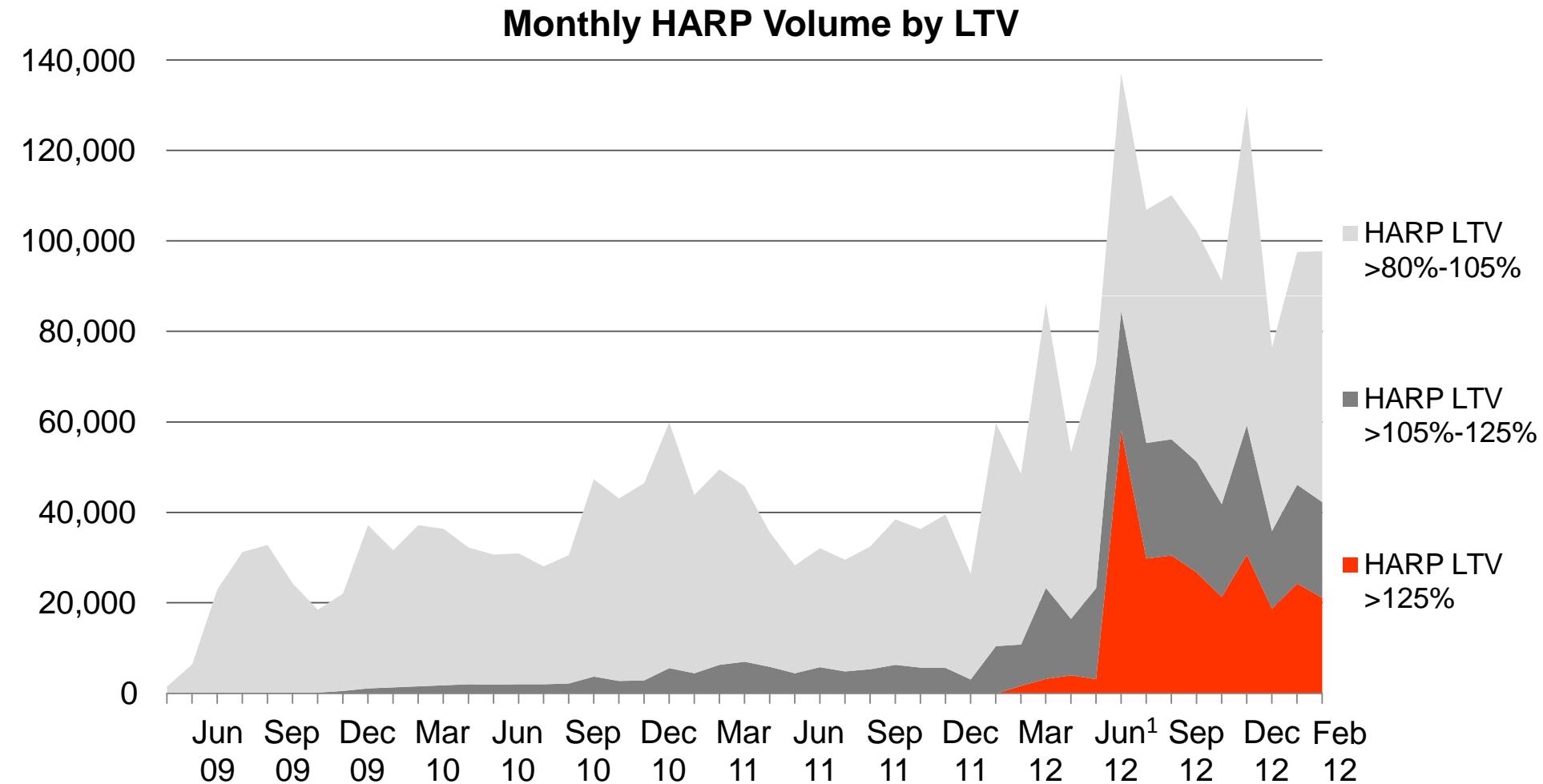
	Total	Primary Residence	Second Home	Investment Property
Total HARP				
Fannie Mae	1,373,906	1,177,776	42,485	153,645
Freddie Mac	986,441	874,090	32,959	79,392
Total	2,360,347	2,051,866	75,444	233,037
HARP LTV >80% -105%				
Fannie Mae	1,006,810	877,394	32,244	97,172
Freddie Mac	699,023	631,500	22,458	45,065
Total	1,705,833	1,508,894	54,702	142,237
HARP LTV >105% -125%				
Fannie Mae	207,162	173,654	5,388	28,120
Freddie Mac	173,755	149,963	5,790	18,002
Total	380,917	323,617	11,178	46,122
HARP LTV >125%				
Fannie Mae	159,934	126,728	4,853	28,353
Freddie Mac	113,663	92,627	4,711	16,325
Total	273,597	219,355	9,564	44,678

¹Inception - April 1, 2009

HARP volume reached 97,738 refinances in February 2013, representing 21 percent of total refinance volume during that month.

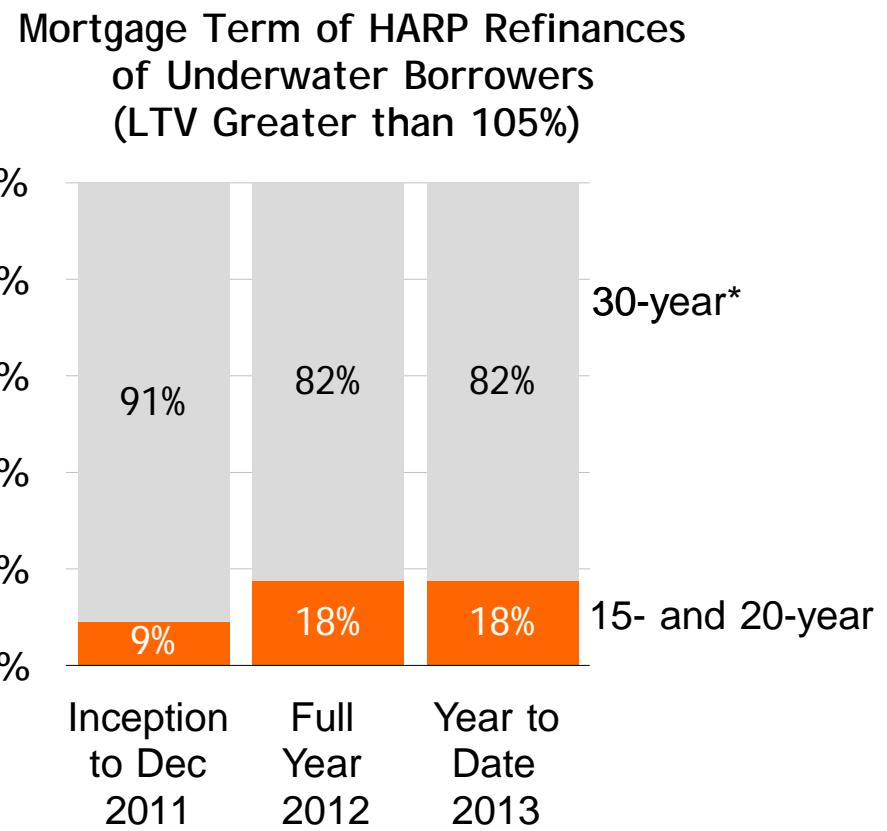
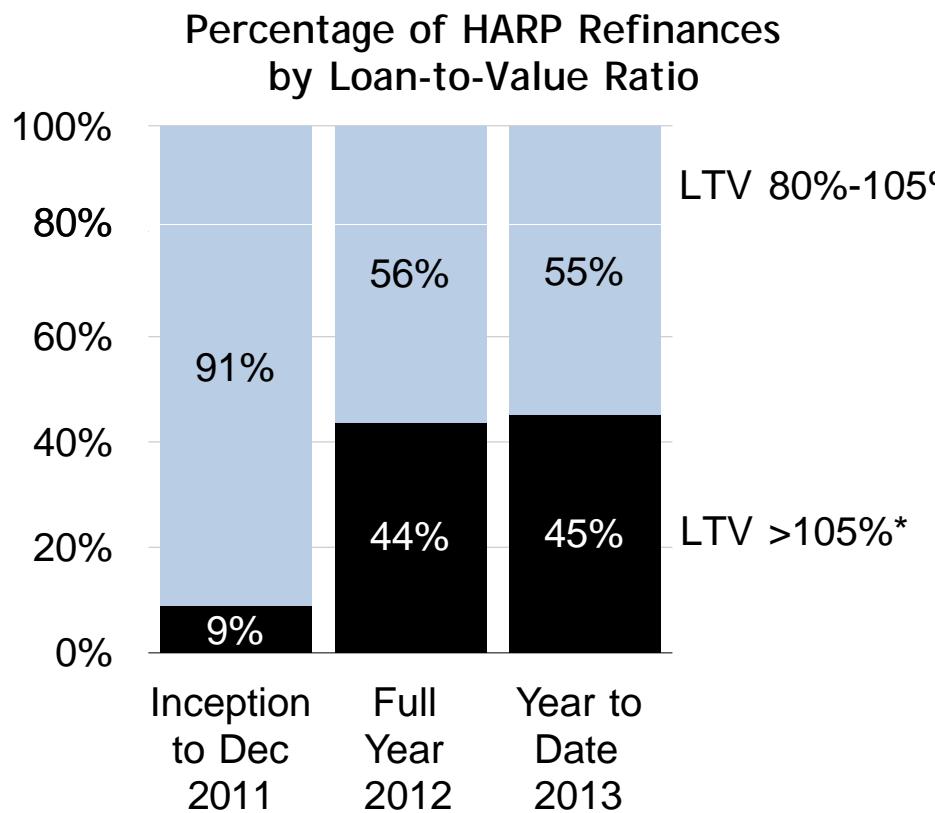


The number of completed HARP refinances reported for deeply underwater borrowers continued to represent a significant portion of total HARP volume. In February 2013, 22 percent of the loans refinanced through HARP had a loan-to-value ratio greater than 125 percent.



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.

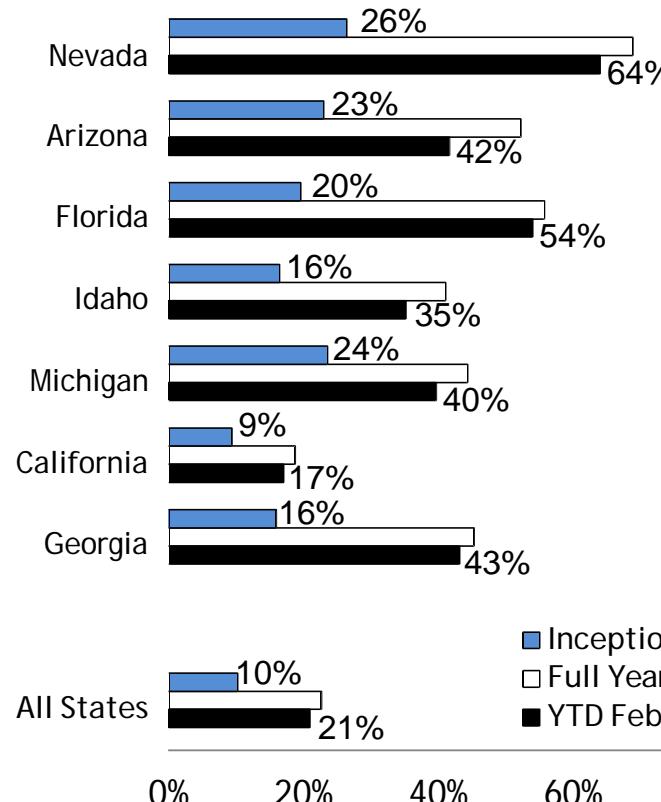
Year to date through February 2013, borrowers with loan-to-value ratios greater than 105 percent accounted for 45 percent of the volume of HARP loans, and 18 percent of HARP refinances for underwater borrowers were for shorter-term 15- and 20-year mortgages, which build equity faster than traditional 30-year mortgages.



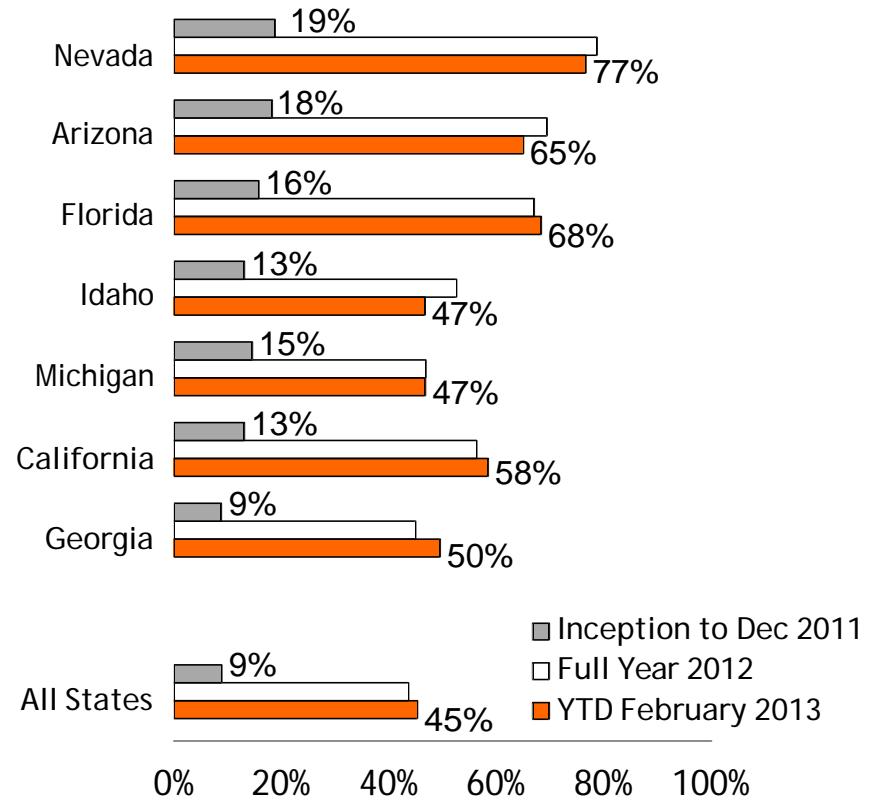
HARP continued to account for a substantial portion of total refinance volume in certain states. Year to date through February 2013, HARP refinances represented 64 percent of total refinances in Nevada, more than triple the 21 percent of total refinances nationwide, and 54 percent in Florida, more than double the 21 percent of total refinances nationwide.

Underwater borrowers accounted for a large portion of HARP refinances in a number of states. Year to date through February 2013, underwater borrowers represented 65 percent or more of HARP volume in Nevada, Arizona and Florida.

Total HARP as a Percentage of Total Refinances



HARP LTV >105% as a Percentage of Total HARP



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

	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13
Total Refinances													
Fannie Mae	211,428	329,206	176,629	230,499	234,330	244,627	281,336	293,118	270,286	349,379	248,356	305,396	294,303
Freddie Mac	123,603	162,239	90,977	110,686	148,202	111,457	138,678	138,223	170,729	223,773	110,845	164,557	169,501
Total	335,031	491,445	267,606	341,185	382,532	356,084	420,014	431,341	441,015	573,152	359,201	469,953	463,804
Total HARP													
Fannie Mae	28,080	48,344	30,718	45,598	72,357	64,848	68,101	64,389	56,828	77,301	51,053	62,519	60,968
Freddie Mac	20,531	37,840	22,625	27,503	64,704	42,056	42,030	37,814	34,426	52,445	25,407	35,070	36,770
Total	48,611	86,184	53,343	73,101	137,061	106,904	110,131	102,203	91,254	129,746	76,460	97,589	97,738
HARP LTV >80% -105%													
Fannie Mae	22,617	37,316	22,500	31,572	32,772	32,213	34,480	32,892	31,104	41,871	26,457	31,513	34,824
Freddie Mac	15,176	25,522	14,345	18,270	19,734	19,328	19,494	18,062	18,281	28,550	14,108	19,916	20,604
Total	37,793	62,838	36,845	49,842	52,506	51,541	53,974	50,954	49,385	70,421	40,565	51,429	55,428
HARP LTV >105% -125%													
Fannie Mae	4,571	9,237	6,432	11,805	14,531	14,878	15,388	14,891	12,538	16,568	11,400	14,070	12,730
Freddie Mac	4,557	10,896	6,067	8,273	11,897	10,658	10,257	9,566	7,954	12,087	5,739	7,791	8,426
Total	9,128	20,133	12,499	20,078	26,428	25,536	25,645	24,457	20,492	28,655	17,139	21,861	21,156
HARP LTV >125%													
Fannie Mae	892	1,791	1,786	2,221	25,054	17,757	18,233	16,606	13,186	18,862	13,196	16,936	13,414
Freddie Mac	798	1,422	2,213	960	33,073	12,070	12,279	10,186	8,191	11,808	5,560	7,363	7,740
Total	1,690	3,213	3,999	3,181	58,127	29,827	30,512	26,792	21,377	30,670	18,756	24,299	21,154
All Other Streamlined Refis													
Fannie Mae	37,846	54,048	26,441	37,877	34,419	32,372	41,767	40,315	40,594	56,276	36,618	45,694	52,167
Freddie Mac	19,378	25,899	13,122	19,261	17,636	15,699	21,522	19,487	25,366	35,554	18,134	27,587	26,735
Total	57,224	79,947	39,563	57,138	52,055	48,071	63,289	59,802	65,960	91,830	54,752	73,281	78,902

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)**

	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13
Total Refinances													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	116,828	194,159	96,232	135,621	133,147	137,639	161,118	169,029	154,733	208,484	143,161	184,910	182,604
FRM 20	16,783	26,968	14,500	19,205	22,900	21,657	26,423	28,311	24,427	31,467	21,292	26,031	24,513
FRM 15	70,518	98,983	59,534	69,290	72,102	79,399	88,206	89,637	86,359	104,428	79,910	90,601	84,354
HARP >80-105 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	16,422	26,172	15,845	21,913	22,879	22,343	24,180	23,169	21,965	30,175	18,931	22,755	25,830
FRM 20	2,237	4,601	2,607	3,679	4,166	4,138	4,676	4,245	3,729	5,330	3,186	3,699	4,040
FRM 15	3,680	6,161	3,814	5,691	5,377	5,434	5,384	5,192	5,208	6,178	4,186	4,901	4,838
HARP >105-125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	4,111	8,178	5,952	10,162	11,899	12,178	12,682	11,893	9,980	13,760	9,210	11,416	10,323
FRM 20	460	1,059	480	1,643	1,776	1,765	1,622	1,630	1,383	1,532	1,250	1,419	1,317
FRM 15	0	0	0	0	856	935	1,084	1,368	1,175	1,276	940	1,235	1,090
HARP > 125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	833	1,666	1,688	2,021	21,459	14,988	15,784	13,763	11,005	16,140	11,129	14,371	11,306
FRM 20	59	125	98	200	3,004	1,899	1,409	1,773	1,163	1,489	1,134	1,523	1,210
FRM 15	0	0	0	0	591	870	1,040	1,070	1,018	1,233	933	1,042	898
All Other Streamlined Refis													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	18,724	27,336	12,774	18,955	17,215	15,011	20,392	19,550	20,206	28,602	17,148	22,980	27,494
FRM 20	3,956	6,070	2,892	3,615	4,148	4,081	6,407	5,792	5,405	8,427	5,273	6,971	8,088
FRM 15	14,801	20,157	10,506	15,012	12,743	13,010	14,715	14,758	14,770	18,986	14,040	15,535	16,427

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	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13
Total Refinances													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	65,538	81,006	43,422	51,153	93,431	61,764	81,230	76,410	98,982	135,985	62,407	96,635	97,480
FRM 20	10,227	17,029	8,785	10,696	12,911	11,890	12,795	12,248	14,167	17,305	7,526	10,783	13,291
FRM 15	43,334	58,863	35,155	44,461	38,170	34,330	41,171	45,578	54,102	65,751	37,393	52,773	55,036
HARP >80-105 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	10,839	17,503	9,384	12,263	13,428	12,925	13,770	12,293	12,925	21,033	10,125	14,613	15,151
FRM 20	1,686	3,641	2,047	2,471	2,696	2,355	2,270	2,479	2,237	3,115	1,414	1,937	2,277
FRM 15	2,499	4,211	2,781	3,363	3,478	3,878	3,344	3,144	3,043	4,306	2,485	3,308	3,127
HARP >105-125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	3,827	9,139	4,849	6,062	9,032	7,858	7,889	7,375	6,225	9,604	4,424	6,076	6,779
FRM 20	328	936	436	1,103	1,303	1,268	1,137	1,015	791	1,219	544	770	671
FRM 15	402	821	782	1,108	1,562	1,532	1,231	1,176	938	1,264	771	945	976
HARP > 125 LTV													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	670	1,200	1,840	807	27,238	9,649	9,787	8,452	6,929	9,789	4,656	6,056	6,523
FRM 20	49	96	226	79	2,749	1,008	1,385	882	639	967	398	549	574
FRM 15	79	126	147	74	3,086	1,413	1,107	852	623	1,052	606	758	643
All Other Streamlined Refis													
FRM 30 (incl FRM 25 & 40)	8,733	11,959	4,264	9,049	7,761	6,064	11,339	8,422	10,520	18,909	7,146	14,958	13,349
FRM 20	2,066	3,278	1,911	2,160	2,118	1,965	2,367	3,088	3,277	3,752	2,304	3,021	3,569
FRM 15	8,447	10,553	6,856	7,951	7,611	7,570	7,745	7,883	11,523	12,762	8,604	9,548	9,764

