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Higher Mortgage Rates Put the Housing Market Between Two Extremes

Following a steep increase in 2022, mortgage rates have continued to climb in 2023. On a weekly basis, mortgage rates now sit at 7.23 percent. This is the highest level in over twenty years. The increase in mortgage rates over 2023-to-date has largely responded to an increase in the 10-year treasury rate, reflecting still solid labor market conditions as inflation begins to cool. While the low unemployment rate has given the Fed room to raise the federal funds rate, which has discouraged new mortgage originations, it has also helped current homeowners continue to pay their existing mortgage. Indeed, the story of the past six months is the dichotomy between those that are already homeowners and those that are not.

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Source: Freddie Mac, Federal Reserve Board and Urban Institute calculations

In January 2023, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate, measured by Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey, retraced a portion of its 2022 increase, declining to 6.09 percent by February 2nd. Since then, mortgage rates have increased by 114 basis points. A portion of that increase, 35 basis points, reflects an increase in the primary mortgage risk premium. This is the difference between the 10-year Treasury rate, the risk-free rate that the 30-year mortgage is often priced off and the 30-year fixed mortgage rate. The increase in the primary risk premium largely reflected increased interest rate risk in the face of greater uncertainty over the macroeconomic outlook, the costs of originating mortgages now spread over fewer originations, as well as heavy bank selling of mortgage backed securities coupled with the continued runoff of the Federal Reserve portfolio. Evidence also suggests that prepayment and duration risk may have played a role as well.

However, most of the increase in mortgage rates since February reflects the rise in the 10-year Treasury rate. The table above indicates that the increase in the 10-year Treasury rate mirrors the increase in the federal funds rate, suggesting that monetary policy is playing a key role boosting mortgage rates. The impact of the rate on shorter-term federal funds on longer-term mortgage rates is likely amplified as inflation has cooled and the Fed as well as other economists have moved from their earlier predictions of a recession.

Price stability is one part of the Fed’s mandate. To bring down inflation to a rate consistent with price stability, often believed to be 2.0 percent, the Fed has increased the federal funds rate. The Fed’s ability to raise the federal funds rate in its fight against inflation has boosted the 10-year Treasury because job gains have been robust. As a result, the risk of reducing the federal funds rate is lower because the Fed’s other legislative mandate, maximum employment, remains intact helping to keep the unemployment rate low.

Unemployment Rate is Positively Correlated with Mortgage Delinquency Rate

In a reversal, the volume of FHA cash-out refinances now exceeds that from other agency channels (page 11).
In the first quarter of 2023, the total value of the housing market owned by households declined by 1.5 percent to $41.2 trillion, driven by a 2.2 percent decrease in households’ housing equity to $28.7 trillion. Outstanding mortgage debt owed by households rose by 0.4 percent over the quarter to $12.5 trillion. Despite the quarterly decline, the total housing market value owned by households remains 70.6 percent above its fourth quarter of 2006 peak. The strong growth in market value of homes owned by households largely reflects households’ housing equity, which doubled over this time period, rising by 101.9 percent. Outstanding mortgage debt owed by households expanded by 25.9 percent during the same time. By the end of 2022, agency MBS accounted for 66.2 percent ($8.9 trillion) of the total mortgage debt outstanding while private-label securities and home equity loans make up 3.2 percent each ($0.43 trillion and $0.44 trillion, respectively). Unsecuritized first liens, both Bank Portfolio and Other, comprise the remaining 27.3 percent ($3.7 trillion) with banks making up 19.2 percent ($2.6 trillion), credit unions 4.1 percent ($0.56 trillion), and other non-depositories accounting for 4.0 percent ($0.54 trillion) of the total (not shown).
MARKET SIZE OVERVIEW

As of Q1 2023, unsecuritized first liens held outside banks and credit unions totaled $0.54 trillion, an increase of about 12.6 percent relative to Q1 2022. Amid higher interest rates, holdings by federal/state/local governments, the largest holders of these unsecuritized first liens, grew by 22.4 percent over the year. By the end of Q2 2023, outstanding securities in the agency market totaled $8.8 trillion according to loan-level data, 40.9 percent ($3.6 trillion) of which was Fannie Mae, 33.3 percent ($2.9 trillion) Freddie Mac, and 25.8 percent ($2.3 trillion) Ginnie Mae. After closing the gap in securitized volume with Freddie Mac in the aftermath of the Great Recession, Ginnie securitized volumes have lagged over the past few years.

Unsecuritized 1st Liens Held by Non-Depositories

($ trillions)


Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities

($ trillions)

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.
Amid rising interest rates, mortgage origination volume totaled $400 billion in the second quarter of 2023, versus $650 billion for Q2 2022. The decline in originations largely reflects fewer refinance loans. The GSE share was lower in Q2 2023 at 43.1 percent, compared to 48.2 percent in Q2 2022. The PLS share was 2.0 percent in Q2 2023, down from 3.2 percent in Q2 2022. The decline in the share of GSE and PLS originations was offset by portfolio loan share which reached 32.1 percent in Q2 2023, an increase compared to the 30.6 percent share in Q2 2022. The FHA/VA share in Q2 2023 stood at 22.9 percent, up from 18.0 percent in Q2 2022. However, while the shares of portfolio and FHA/VA originations rose year-over-year, origination volume in each of these segments fell over the same period.

After peaking at 4.87 percent in November 2018, mortgage rates began to decline, falling to 2.68 percent in December 2020. Amid falling mortgage rates, the share of agency loans considered refinancable rose from 6.8 percent in October 2018 to 87.4 percent in December 2020. Lower mortgage rates contributed to a burst in refinancings over 2020, 2021 and the first four months of 2022. The share of agency mortgages with a rate less than 3.5 percent expanded significantly, from 11.0 percent in December 2019 to 54.9 percent in April 2022. As mortgage rates rose over 2022, remaining elevated through 2023 to date, the share of agency mortgages considered refinancable has plummeted to 0.5 percent in July 2023. Higher mortgage rates helped reduce both refinancability, with many current borrowers having already refinanced into lower rates, and homebuyer affordability, as inventory of affordable remains low. Amid higher rates, the share of outstanding mortgage volume with a rate of 3.5 percent or less has declined by only 4.8 percentage points from a high of 54.9 percent in April 2022 to 50.1 percent in July 2023.

**Refinancable Share of Agency Loans**

*Source:* eMBS, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute Calculations

*Note:* Loans are counted as refinancable if the note rate is at least 50 basis points over the mortgage rate reported by Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey.

**Outstanding Agency Mortgage Volume by Interest Rate**

*Source:* eMBS, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute Calculations.
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PRODUCT COMPOSITION AND REFINANCE SHARE

The adjustable-rate share of weekly mortgage applications varied widely in the 1990s and the early to mid-2000s, ranging from a low of 5 percent to a high of over 35 percent. From 2009 to early 2022, the ARM share remained very low, generally between 5 to 8 percent, as ultra-low rates persisted, and product risk was wrung out of the market following the housing bust. However, with rates rising substantially in 2022 and affordability worsening, the ARM share increased from 3.1 percent in the week ending January 7, 2022 to 12.8 percent as of the week ending October 14, 2022. While rates have stayed in the 6-7.25 percent range, the yield curve inverted further; as a result the adjustable-rate share broadly decreased to 7 percent by the week ending August 11, 2023.

Adjustable-Rate Mortgage Share of Applications

Despite some monthly variation, from late 2018-though March 2021 the percent refi at issuance (refi share) generally increased for both the GSEs and for Ginnie Mae as interest rates dropped. Refinance originations reflect mortgage rates from 6-8 weeks earlier. Since April 2021, and in reaction to higher interest rates, the refi share has declined significantly. In June 2023, the Fannie Mae was 14.6 percent, and Freddie Mac refi shares reached a new series low 11.0 percent. The Ginnie Mae refi share was 15.5 percent, exceeding the rates among Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The refi share across the GSEs has declined much more than Ginnie Mae’s as rates increased in 2022. This has led to a rare convergence in refi share for GSE and Ginnie Mae channels.

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.
Note: Based on at-issuance balance. Figure based on data from July 2023.
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CASH-OUT REFINANCES

When mortgage rates are low, the share of cash-out refinances tends to be relatively smaller, as rate/term refinancing allows borrowers to save money by taking advantage of lower rates. But when rates are high, the cash-out refinance share is higher since the rate reduction incentive is gone and the only reason to refinance is to take out equity. The cash-out share of refinances generally declined in 2020, reaching 25 percent in September 2020 due to increased rate refinances amidst historically low rates. With rates rising dramatically and the bulk of rate-refinance activity behind us, the cash-out share increased to 84.8 percent as of January 2023 but has modestly declined to 74.0 percent in July as rates have settle modestly below their recent peak. The cash-out share remains elevated, but the absolute volume of cash-out refinances is low. The cash-out refi share of total originations continues to decline, but the cash-out refi share is lower in Fannie and Freddie than FHA or VA. While FHA may not be the optimal vehicle for home equity extraction, it may be the only way for lower credit borrowers to extract cash from their homes.

Cash-out Share of Conventional Refinances

Cash-out Refi Share of All Originations

Cash-out Refinance Volume by Agency

Sources: Freddie Mac, eMBS and Urban Institute.
Note: The cash-out share for conventional market is calculated using Freddie Mac’s quarterly refinance statistics from 1995 to 2013. Post 2013 it is calculated monthly using eMBS. Data as of July 2023.
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AGENCY NONBANK ORIGINATION SHARE

The nonbank share for agency originations has been rising steadily since 2013, standing at 81 percent in July 2023. The Ginnie Mae nonbank share has been consistently higher than the GSEs, standing at 91 percent in June 2023. Fannie and Freddie had nonbank shares of 77 and 74 percent, respectively, in July 2023. Overall, nonbanks accounted for a larger share of refis than purchase loans. However, this reflected the greater nonbank share across Ginnie Mae refi loans. The nonbank purchase share was higher among both Fannie and Freddie purchase loans relative to refi loans in July 2023.

Nonbank Origination Share: All Loans

Nonbank Origination Share: Purchase Loans

Nonbank Origination Share: Refi Loans

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.
The non-agency share of mortgage securitizations increased gradually from 1.2 percent in 2012 to 7.4 percent in 2018. In 2020, the non-agency share dropped to 2.41 percent, reflecting increased agency refines and less non-agency production due to COVID-19. The non-agency share has risen modestly since 2020, rising to 5.2 percent by July 2023, nearer its 2018 level. In dollar terms, non-agency issuance reached $13.4 billion in Q2 2023, a decrease relative to the $33.3 billion in Q2 2022 and $43.0 billion in Q2 2021. Non-agency securitization totaled $3.4 billion in July 2023, a decrease from June 2023. These numbers remain small compared to 2021 and the first half of 2022 levels.

Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute.
Note: Based on data from July 2023. Monthly non-agency volume is subject to revision.
CREDIT BOX

HOUSING CREDIT AVAILABILITY INDEX

The Urban Institute’s Housing Credit Availability Index (HCAI) assesses lenders’ tolerance for both borrower risk and product risk, calculating the share of owner-occupied purchase loans that are likely to go 90+ days delinquent over the life of the loan. The HCAI stood at 4.8 percent in Q1 2023, up from 4.7 percent in Q4 2022 but 10 basis points lower than Q1 2022. The tightening from Q1 2022 to Q1 2023 likely reflected increased uncertainty about the broader economic outlook amid higher interest rates. Over the past year, tightening occurred across all channels but was led by a 9 basis point decline among the GSEs to 2.6 percent and an 11 basis point decline among portfolio and private label securities to 2.8 percent. In the government channel the share of owner-occupied purchase loans that are likely to go 90+ days delinquent over the life of the loan declined by 3 basis points to 11.0 percent. Note that we updated the methodology as of Q2 2020, see new methodology here. More information about the HCAI is available here.

All Channels

The trend toward greater credit availability in the GSE channel began in Q2 2011. From Q2 2011 to Q1 2019, the total risk taken by the GSE channel more than doubled, from 1.4 percent to 3.1 percent. This is still very modest by pre-crisis standards. However, accelerated tightening throughout 2020 induced by market conditions due to COVID-19 drove down credit risk to 2.5 percent in Q4 2020. The increase in Q1 2021, to 2.58 percent, marked the first expansion of credit availability in the GSE channel since Q1 2019. In Q1 2023, credit availability stood at 2.6 percent, slightly up from 2.5 percent in Q4 2022 but down from 2.6 percent in Q1 2022.

GSE Channel

Sources: eMBS, CoreLogic, HMDA, IMF, and Urban Institute.
Note: Default is defined as 90 days or more delinquent at any point. Last updated August 2023.
Government Channel

The total default risk the government loan channel is willing to take bottomed out at 9.6 percent in Q3 2013. It fluctuated in a narrow range at or above that number for three years. In the eleven quarters from Q4 2016 to Q1 2019, the risk in the government channel increased from 9.9 to 12.1 percent but has since receded. After declining to 10.4 percent in Q3 of 2020, the government channel had begun to expand risk as the government channel HCAI rose to 11.3 by Q1 2022, before dropping to 11.0 percent in Q1 2023; far below the pre-bubble level of 19 to 23 percent.

Portfolio and Private Label Securities Channels

The portfolio and private-label securities (PP) channel took on more product risk than the government and GSE channels during the bubble. After the crisis, the channel’s product and borrower risks dropped sharply. The numbers have stabilized since 2013, with product risk well below 5.0 percent and total risk largely in the range of 2.3-3.0 percent. In the first quarter of 2023, PP risk was measured at 2.7 percent aa basis points below its level one year ago. Overall, risk in the PP channel is a shadow of the default risk taken prior to the Great Financial Crisis.

Sources: eMBS, CoreLogic, HMDA, IMF, and Urban Institute.
Note: Default is defined as 90 days or more delinquent at any point. Last updated August 2023.
Over 2023, credit standards appear to have tightened particularly along the FICO dimension. In contrast, median DTI and LTV remain looser than in December 2021, just prior to the significant increase in interest rates. Since December 2022, median FICO score at origination rose from 733 to 745, back to its level in December 2021. Over the same December 2022-to-date period, median DTI has held steady at 42 percent, but it remains above its December 2021 rate of 39 percent. Median LTV ticked down in June to 93 percent, from 95 percent in April, but also remains above its December 2021 level of 90 percent.

Sources: Black Knight, eMBS, HMDA, SIFMA, CoreLogic and Urban Institute.

Note: Includes owner-occupied purchase loans only. DTI data prior to April 2018 is from CoreLogic; after that date, it is from Black Knight. A back-update to the Black Knight historical series was made in September 2021 for data starting from 2001 onward. Data as of June 2023.
FICO scores for banks and nonbanks in both GSE and Ginnie Mae segments increased during the Q1 2019 to Q1 2021 period due to increased refi activity in response to lower rates; as refi activity tapered, FICO scores fell. Borrowers of refi loans typically have higher FICO scores than borrowers of purchase loans which boosted median scores amid the most recent refi wave and reduced scores as rates rose. There has also been a sharp cut-back in FHA lending by banks post-2008. As pointed out on page 11, banks now comprise only about 7 percent of Ginnie Mae originations. But after falling in 2021 and most of 2022, median FICO scores have risen modestly in 2023 from 726 to 740, despite a sharp contraction in refinance activity. This likely reflects the fact that with affordability stretched due to the increases in interest rates and home prices, qualification often requires higher FICO scores to compensate. The gap between agency bank and nonbank FICOs reached 27 points in May 2023. The difference between the median FICO on bank and non-bank GSE loans stood at 6 points in May 2023. But across Ginnie Mae loans, the gap currently sits at 15 points.

**Agency FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank**

**GSE FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank**

**Ginnie Mae FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank**

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.
Nonbanks are more expansive in their lending than their bank counterparts, as indicated by higher back-end DTIs in both GSE and Ginnie Mae markets. From early 2017 to early 2019, there was a sustained increase in DTIs, which has reversed beginning in the spring of 2019. This is true for both Ginnie Mae and the GSEs, for banks and nonbanks. As interest rates in 2018 increased, DTIs rose, because borrower payments were driven up relative to incomes. As rates fell during most of 2019 and 2020, DTIs fell as borrower payments declined relative to incomes. Since March 2021, DTIs have increased, reflecting the rise in rates and steep house price increases, both of which force households to borrow more in relation to income. In recent months, median DTIs have exceeded 2019 levels.
Across all channels, the share of purchase lending to applicants of color reached a peak of 32.3% in 2006. Following the Great Recession and amidst a period of very tight credit, the share of purchase loans extended to borrowers of color declined to a low of 21.7% in 2013. Since then, it has slowly recovered. In 2022, the borrower of color share stood at 33.1% in 2022, up from 31.8% in 2021. But, the share of purchase lending to borrowers of color varied widely by channel in 2022. At 49.6 percent and 43.1 percent, respectively, borrowers of color accounted for a larger share of FHA and PLS purchase lending. Borrowers of color represented a smaller loans share in the GSE, Portfolio and VA channels, 29.4 percent, 31.4 percent and 32.9 percent, respectively.

Note: Includes purchase loans only. Shares based on loan counts
STATE OF THE MARKET

MORTGAGE ORIGINATION PROJECTIONS

For the full year of 2023, both Fannie Mae and Mortgage Bankers’ Association organization expects total origination volume to be below its level in 2022 continuing the decrease from the recent peak established in 2021. The lower full year projections of mortgage originations in 2023 is primarily due to the expectation that the refi share will also be lower. Another contributing factor, as illustrated on page 21, is an expectation of fewer home sales in 2023 relative to 2022. However, expectations for originations over full year 2024 are expected to exceed their 2023 level, but not return to 2022 levels, reflecting a sizeable increase in the 2024 refi share.

Total Originations and Refinance Shares

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Sources: Fannie Mae, Mortgage Bankers Association and Urban Institute. Fannie Mae, as of August 2023.
Note: Shaded boxes indicate forecasted figures. All figures are estimates for total single-family (1-4 unit) market. Regarding interest rates, the yearly averages for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 were 4.0, 4.6, 3.9, 3.0, 3.0, and 5.3 percent.

Originator Profitability and Unmeasured Costs

In June 2023, Originator Profitability and Unmeasured Costs (OPUC) stood at $3.59 per $100 loan, up from $3.43 per $100 loan in May 2023. Higher profitability seen in 2020 and early 2021 reflected lender capacity constraints amidst strong refi demand. Reduced profitability in 2022 reflected slower refinance activity, forcing originators to compete more aggressively on price. OPUC, formulated and calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is a good relative measure of originator profitability. OPUC uses the sales price of a mortgage in the secondary market (less par) and adds two sources of profitability: retained servicing (both base and excess servicing, net of g-fees), and points paid by the borrower. As volumes decline, fixed costs are spread out over fewer loans, overstating the relative profitability. OPUC is generally high when interest rates are low, as originators are capacity constrained due to refinance demand and have no incentive to reduce rates. Conversely, when interest rates are higher and refi activity low, competition forces originators to lower rates, driving profitability down. While higher rates are limiting volume, originators are adapting to the new environment by slashing head counts and fixed costs.

Note: OPUC is a is a monthly (4-week moving) average as discussed in Fuster et al. (2013).
STATE OF THE MARKET

HOUSING SUPPLY

Months’ supply of existing homes, single-family and condos/co-ops, remains low, although higher than the record low levels seen in 2021. Months’ supply increased over much of 2022, reflecting some seasonality and coinciding with rising interest rates over most of the year, but it declined from the end of 2022 through the first quarter of 2023. Entering the spring and summer buying season, months’ supply of existing homes, single-family and condos/co-ops has increased to 3.3 in July 2023, up from 2.6 in March. Fannie Mae, the MBA, and the NAHB expect that housing starts over full year 2023 will lag its level in 2022. Amid the lack of inventory, and reduced affordability, industry forecasters project fewer existing home sales over 2023 as well.

Months’ Supply


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Sources: Mortgage Bankers Association, Fannie Mae, National Association of Home Builders and Urban Institute.

Note: Shaded boxes indicate forecasted figures; column labels indicate source of estimate. The NAHB home sales also excludes existing condos and co-ops reported by NAR.
New residential production, including single-family and multifamily completions as well as manufactured housing shipments, reached 1.55 million units in June 2023, 2.8 percent higher than its level in June 2022, 1.51 million. Since reaching a low of 565,000 units in January 2011, new production has risen by 175 percent. However, current production is 46.4 percent of its March 2006 level of 2.38 million units. While single-family completions and manufactured housing shipments in June 2023 remain 51.6 percent and 28.3 percent of their respective 2000s peaks of 1.91 million units and 307,000 units respectively, multifamily unit completions in June 2023 are 23.0 percent above their 2000s peak of 392,000. However, only 4.1 percent of multifamily units completed in 2023 Q1 were for-sale, down significantly from its 2007 Q2 peak of 43.9 percent. Among single-family completions, 73.6 percent were built for-sale in 2023 Q1. In 2009 Q2, the share fell to as low as 59.8 percent. The owner-occupied share of mobile homes fell from 2006 to 2014, but partially recovered in the ensuing years.
National Mortgage Affordability Over Time

Mortgage affordability worsened in July, nearing levels last seen in December 2022. As of July 2023, with a 20 percent down payment, the share of median income needed for the monthly mortgage payment stood at 34.8 percent, higher than the 30.9 percent at the peak of the housing bubble in November 2005; and with 3.5 percent down it is 40.4 percent, also above the 35.8 percent prior peak in November 2005. As shown in the bottom picture, even amid seasonality, active listings have largely declined over time and the distribution has shifted markedly towards higher priced homes.

Active Listings by Price Tier Over Time


Note: Mortgage affordability is the share of median family income devoted to the monthly principal, interest, taxes, and insurance payment required to buy the median home at the Freddie Mac prevailing rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and property tax and insurance at 1.75 percent of the housing value. Data for the bottom chart provided by Realtor.com as of July 2023.
HOME PRICE INDICES

National Year-Over-Year HPI Growth

According to Black Knight’s updated repeat sales index, year-over-year home price appreciation was 2.3 percent in July 2023, up from the previous month’s 0.81 percent, indicating that home prices have bottomed. Year-over-year home price appreciation as measured by Zillow’s hedonic home value index was 1.01 percent in July 2023, down from 1.15 percent in June 2023. Home price appreciation has continued to slow since March 2022; that may have modestly improved affordability. However, affordability remains low amid the broader increase in home prices combined with a sharp rise in interest rates over 2022.

Year-over-year growth

Sources: Black Knight, Zillow, and Urban Institute.
Note: Black Knight modified the methodology behind their HPI in February 2021, resulting in changes to historic price estimates. Data as of July 2023.

National Year-Over-Year HPI Growth by Price Tier

House price growth accelerated in the second half of 2020 into 2022 across all price tiers. With higher-priced homes experiencing steeper appreciation in 2020 and 2021, year-over-year growth in the highest-tier had surpassed the middle and lowest tiers by Feb 2022. With rates rising sharply in 2022, the rate of appreciation has slowed for all price tiers. From June to July 2023, year-over-year house price appreciation increased at each price tier. Annual appreciation for all price tiers is now positive, with the greatest appreciation at the lowest end of the market at 5.34 percent. This considerably outpaces the 1.53 and 1.75 percent appreciation for middle and high tier homes.

Sources: Black Knight and Urban Institute. Note: Black Knight modified the methodology behind their HPI in February 2021, resulting in changes to historic price estimates. Data as of June 2023.
Home prices are now rising in all areas of the country. In July 2023, house prices in the West region were 0.4 percent lower than their level 12 months ago, rebounding from year-over-year trough of a 5.6 percent decline in April. Meanwhile, the three other regions, the Northeast, Midwest and South are solidly in the positive range on a year on year basis, with annual appreciation of 6.2, 5.4 and 1.4 percent, respectively. In 2020-Q1 2022, home prices rose sharply, led by the South and West. From Q2, 2022 to Q1, 2023, home prices fell for most of the country, with the most dramatic drops in the South and West. While house price performance across the South is traditionally not an outlier region compared to the other three regions of the country, house prices across the West are historically more volatile.

Source: Black Knight and Urban Institute Calculations.

Year over Year House Price Appreciation by Region

Source: Black Knight and Urban Institute Calculations.

Year over Year House Price Appreciation by Metro and Micropolitan Areas

Source: Black Knight and Urban Institute Calculations.
In the second quarter of 2023, the homeownership rate was at 65.9 percent, 0.1 percentage point lower than its first quarter of 2023 rate, 66.0 percent, and 0.1 percentage point higher than its rate in the second quarter of 2022, 65.8 percent. However, after falling to 62.9 percent in the second quarter of 2016, the homeownership rate has begun to recover. But the homeownership rate remains 3.1 percentage points below its first quarter of 2005 peak of 69.0 percent. By age groups, senior households are more likely to be homeowners relative to younger households. In addition, the homeownership rate for households 65 years old and above is closest to its 2000s peak levels. By race and ethnicity, white households are more likely to be homeowners relative to households of color. However, the homeownership rate among Hispanic households is closest to returning to its 2000s peak.

**Overall Homeownership Rate**

![Graph showing overall homeownership rate over time.]

**Homeownership by Owner Age**

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**Source:** Moody’s Analytics, U.S. Census Bureau (BOC) and Urban Institute Calculations.

**Note:** Data from 2020 and 2021 is poor due to low response rates during the pandemic.

June 2023
STATE OF THE MARKET
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS
First-Time Homebuyer Share

In June 2023, the FTHB share for FHA, which has always been more focused on first time homebuyers, was 82.7 percent. The FTHB share of GSE lending in April was 49.8 percent; the VA share was 48.8 percent. The bottom table shows that based on mortgages originated in May 2023, the average FTHB was more likely than an average repeat buyer to take out a smaller loan, have a lower credit score, and have a higher LTV.

Comparison of First-Time and Repeat Homebuyers, GSE and FHA Originations

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Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.
Note: Based on owner-occupied purchase mortgages originated in June 2023.
Loans in and near negative stayed steady at 2.5 percent from Q4 2022 to Q1 2023. The share of loans in or near negative equity in Q1 2023 consists of approximately 2.1 percent with negative equity, and 0.4 percent with between zero and 5 percent equity. The share of loans that are 90 days or more delinquent or in foreclosure decreased by 20 basis points, from 1.81 percent in Q1 2023 to 1.61 percent in Q2 2023. This number includes loans where borrowers have missed their payments, including loans in COVID-19 forbearance. The bottom chart shows the share of loans in forbearance according to the MBA Weekly Forbearance and Call Volume Survey, launched in March 2020. After peaking at 8.55 percent in early June 2020, the total forbearance rate declined to 2.06 percent as of October 31st, 2021, the final week of the call survey. The MBA has since moved to conducting a monthly survey with the most recent forbearance rate decreased 5 basis points to 0.35 percent as of July 31, 2023. GSE loans have consistently had the lowest forbearance rates, standing at 0.20 percent at the end of July. The most recent forbearance rate for Other (e.g., portfolio and PLS) loans was 0.45 percent; Ginnie Mae loans had the highest forbearance rate at 0.80 percent.
The Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac portfolios remain well below the $225 billion cap mandated in January 2021 by the new Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements (PSPAs). From June 2022 to June 2023, the Fannie portfolio contracted year-over-year by 12.6 percent, and the Freddie portfolio grew by 9.0 percent. Within the portfolio, Fannie Mae contracted their less-liquid assets (mortgage loans, non-agency MBS), by 19.8 percent and Freddie Mac increased their less-liquid assets by 8.4 percent, over the same 12-month period.

**Fannie Mae Mortgage-Related Investment Portfolio Composition**

- FNMA and non-FNMA agency MBS
- Non-agency MBS
- Mortgage loans

Current size: $79.8 billion
2021 PSPA cap: $225 billion
Shrinkage year-over-year: 12.6 percent
Shrinkage in less-liquid assets year-over-year: 19.8 percent

**Freddie Mac Mortgage-Related Investment Portfolio Composition**

- FHLMC and non-FHLMC agency MBS
- Non-agency MBS
- Mortgage loans

Current size: $88.1 billion
2021 PSPA cap: $225 billion
Growth year-over-year: 9.0 percent
Growth in less-liquid assets year-over-year: 8.4 percent

**Sources:** Fannie Mae and Urban Institute.

**Note:** Effective March 2021, Freddie Mac doesn’t provide FHLMC/non-FHLMC breakout of agency MBS. The above charts were updated in May 2021 to reflect this.
GSES UNDER CONSERVATORSHIP

EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE FEES

Guarantee Fees Charged on New Acquisitions

Fannie Mae’s average g-fees charged on new acquisitions increased from 61.6 basis points in Q1 2023 to 62.2 basis points in Q2 2023. Freddie’s increased from 65.0 basis points in Q1 2023 to 67.0 basis points in Q2 2023. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac’s average g-fees charged have largely converged since the first quarter of 2020, but the current gap of 5.2 is the widest it has been since Q1 2022. And, today’s g-fees are markedly higher than g-fee levels in 2011 and 2012, contributing to the GSEs’ earnings amid sharp drops in acquisition volume. The bottom table shows Fannie Mae LLPAs, which are expressed as upfront charges. In October 2022, the GSEs announced the elimination of LLPAs for loans to FTHB’s earning up to the AMI, affordable mortgage products such as Home Possible and Home Ready, and for loans supporting the Duty to Serve program. In January 2023, the GSEs released an updated LLPA Adjustment Matrix, effective May 1, 2023.

Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute.
Last updated June 2023.

Fannie Mae Upfront Loan-Level Price Adjustments (LLPAs)

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Sources: Fannie Mae and Urban Institute.
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GSE UNDER CONSERVATORSHIP
GSE RISK-SHARING TRANSACTIONS

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been laying off back-end credit risk through CAS/STACR and reinsurance transactions and front-end risk via originators, reinsurers and mortgage insurers. Since 2014, the GSEs have transferred majority of their credit risk to private markets. Fannie Mae’s CAS issuances since inception total $2.20 trillion; Freddie’s STACR totals $2.71 trillion. After the COVID-19 spread widening in March 2020, and the re-proposed capital rules released by FHFA shortly thereafter, Fannie Mae did not issue any deals from Mar 2020 to Sep 2021, while Freddie Mac continued to issue. With the changes in the final Capital Rule more CRT friendly, and more positive attitude toward CRT at FHFA, Fannie resumed CAS issuance in October 2021.

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Freddie Mac – Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR)

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Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute. Note: Classes A-H, M-1H, M-2H, and B-H are reference tranches only. These classes are not issued or sold. The risk is retained by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. “CE” = credit enhancement.
The figures below show the spreads on 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 indices, as priced by dealers. Note the substantial spread widening in March 2020. This reflected expectations of higher defaults and potential credit losses owing to COVID-19, as well as forced selling. Since then, spreads have narrowed significantly. Spreads, while volatile, were generally widening from February through November of 2022. This reflects slower prepayment expectations and longer exposure to default risk in the face of higher rates. The widening is more pronounced for 2021 and 2022 indices due to less embedded home price appreciation including recent price declines in some market and a growing risk of a recession. Spreads have largely declined since late 2022 as mortgage non-performance and the unemployment rate remain low and consumer inflation appears to be receding. Note that the 2020 and 2021 indices are heavily Freddie Mac as Fannie did not issue any new deals from Q2 2020 to Q4 2021.

**Sources:** Vista Data Services and Urban Institute.

**Note:** Data as of August 15, 2023.
Serious delinquency rates for single family loans have continued their decline. Fannie Mae single-family loans decreased slightly from 0.56 percent in May 2023 to 0.55 percent in June 2023, the serious delinquency rate among Freddie Mac loans likewise decreased slightly from 0.58 percent in May to 0.56 percent in June. Serious delinquency rates for FHA loans, which are higher than those on GSE or VA loans, decreased from 4.30 percent in May to 4.21 percent in June. In Q1 2023, VA serious delinquency rates declined to 2.26 percent from 2.43 percent in Q4 2022. Note that loans that are in forbearance are counted as delinquent for the purpose of measuring delinquency rates. Fannie and Freddie multifamily delinquencies started leveling off in June 2023. Fannie’s serious multifamily delinquency rate decreased slightly from 0.40 to 0.37 percent and Freddie’s increased marginally from 0.19 to 0.21 percent from May to June 2023.

**Serious Delinquency Rates—Single-Family Loans**

![Graph showing serious delinquency rates for single-family loans from 2007 to 2023.](image)

Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Housing Administration, MBA Delinquency Survey and Urban Institute.

Note: Serious delinquency is defined as 90 days or more past due or in the foreclosure process. Not seasonally adjusted. VA delinquencies are reported on a quarterly basis, last updated for Q4 2022. GSE and FHA delinquencies are reported monthly, last updated for June 2023.

**Serious Delinquency Rates—Multifamily GSE Loans**

![Graph showing multifamily delinquency rates from 2007 to 2023.](image)

Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute.

Note: Multifamily serious delinquency rate is the unpaid balance of loans 60 days or more past due, divided by the total unpaid balance.
AGENCY ISSUANCE

AGENCY GROSS AND NET ISSUANCE

Agency gross issuance totaled $588.1 billion over the first seven months of 2023, $369.8 billion by the GSEs and $218.3 billion by Ginnie Mae. These levels are considerably lower than early 2022 issuance activity. Total 2023 net issuance (new securities issued less the decline in outstanding securities due to principal pay-downs or prepayments) also lags 2022 levels. However, Ginnie Mae has been stronger to-date as the $82.0 billion issued through July exceeds the $63.8 billion issued over the same period in 2022.

### Agency Gross Issuance

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**YTD 2023 % Change Over 2022**

-57.5%  -36.7%  -51.6%

**2023 Annualized**

$633.9  $374.2  $1,008.1

### Agency Net Issuance

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**YTD 2023 % Change Over 2022**

-97.9%  28.6%  -71.2%

**2023 Annualized**

$8.6  $140.6  $149.1

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.
Note: Dollar amounts are in billions. Data as of July 2023.
**AGENCY GROSS ISSUANCE & FED PURCHASES**

**Monthly Gross Issuance**

While FHA, VA and GSE lending have dominated the mortgage market since the 2008 housing crisis, there has been a change in the mix. The Ginnie Mae share of new issuances has risen from a pre-crisis level of 10-12 percent to 34.8 percent in February 2020, reflecting gains in both purchase and refinance shares. The Ginnie share then declined to a low of 20.4 percent in November 2020, reflecting the more robust ramp up in GSE refinances relative to Ginnie Mae refinances. The Ginnie share increased in recent months while refinances were low reaching a high of 40.8 percent in November 2022. The Ginnie share increased marginally from 35.4 percent in May 2023 to 36.2 percent in June and remains high by historical standards.

*Source: eMBS and Urban Institute Calculations*

**Fed Absorption of Agency Gross Issuance**

As of July 2023, agency MBS on the Federal Reserve’s balance sheet totals $2.52 trillion, down from $2.71 trillion in July 2022. The Fed’s purchases of agency MBS dropped to $0 in November 2022 and has remained negligible since, reflecting their policy of allowing paydowns up to $35 billion to run off. Beginning in June 2022, the Fed allowed up to $17.5 billion to run off each month; the cap on runoffs increased to $35 billion per month in September 2022. The Federal Reserve's portfolio was a critical policy tool during the pandemic. In March of 2020, the Fed announced they would buy mortgages in an amount necessary to support smooth functioning markets; March and April of 2020 were the largest two months of mortgage purchases ever and exceeded total issuance. Once the market stabilized, the Fed began to purchase $40 billion net of MBS each month; this buying plus runoff replacements equated to purchases of $100 to $125 billion per month. In November 2021, the Fed began to reduce purchases, with these purchases ending in March 2022.

*Sources: eMBS, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Urban Institute.*
MI Activity

In the second quarter of 2023, private mortgage insurance written decreased by $39.5 billion, FHA decreased by $20.9 billion, and VA decreased by $38.2 billion relative to Q2 2022. Over the same period (i.e. from Q2 2022 to Q2 2023), the private mortgage insurers share decreased from 48.2 to 46.6 percent, FHA's share increased from 30.4 to 32.0 percent, and VA's share decreased from 21.4 to 21.3 percent.

MI Market Share

FHA premiums rose significantly in the years following the housing crash, with annual premiums rising from 50 to 135 basis points between 2008 to 2013 as FHA worked to shore up its finances. In January 2015, President Obama announced a 50 basis points cut in annual insurance premiums. In February 2023, Vice president Harris announced another 30 basis points cut to FHA insurance premiums, making FHA mortgages more attractive than GSE mortgages for the overwhelming majority of borrowers putting down less than 5%. As shown in the bottom table, a borrower putting 3.5 percent down with a FICO score less than 740 will currently find FHA financing to be more financially attractive, borrowers with FICOs of 740 and above will find GSE execution with PMI to be more attractive. This calculation reflects both the FHA MIP cut and the more favorable GSE LLPAs for LMI borrowers.

### FHA MI Premiums for Typical Purchase Loan

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**Sources:** Ginnie Mae and Urban Institute.

**Note:** A typical purchase loan has an LTV over 95 and a loan term longer than 15 years. Mortgage insurance premiums are listed in basis points.

* For a short period in 2008 the FHA used a risk based FICO/LTV matrix for MI.

* Applies to purchase loans less than or equal to $625,500. Those over that amount have an annual premium of 150 bps.

* Applies to purchase loans less than or equal to $625,500. Those over that amount have an annual premium of 155 bps.

* Applies to purchase loans less than or equal to $625,500. Those over that amount have an annual premium of 105 bps.

### Initial Monthly Payment Comparison: FHA vs. GSE with PMI

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**Sources:** Enact Mortgage Insurance, Ginnie Mae, and Urban Institute. FHA and 30-year conforming rates from MBA Weekly Applications Survey.

**Note:** Rates as of August 16, 2023.

Mortgage insurance premiums listed in percentage points. Grey shade indicates FHA monthly payment is more favorable, while blue indicates PMI is more favorable.

The PMI monthly payment calculation is based on the 25 percent coverage that applies to Fannie Mae’s HomeReady and Freddie Mac’s Home Possible (HP) programs.
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