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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for being a valued reader of this chartbook over the years. We are starting off 2019 with several new charts with more relevant and topical content. Specifically, we are adding data related to the following four topics:

- Cash-out refinances (page 10)
- The availability of housing credit (pages 13-14)
- Long-term historical perspective on debt-to-income ratios or DTIs (page 15)
- Housing supply (page 20)

Cash-out refinances have been in the news recently as the cash-out share of all refinances is now close to bubble-era highs. This has fueled concern about a return to the excesses in lending at the root of the last housing crisis. While the cash-out share of all refis has no doubt surged, the increase is driven by a sharp curtailment in rate refi activity, as opposed to a boom in cash-out volumes. As shown on page 10, in Q3 2018, US homeowners extracted a total of \$14.6 billion in home equity through cash-out refinances. In Q3 2006, the number was over \$80 billion. Additionally, we expect future cash-out activity to remain tempered because homeowners with ultra-low rate mortgages will be highly reluctant to refinance to a higher rate. Instead, we would expect to see a comeback of the second lien market.

We have added more detail on our housing credit availability index (HCAI) that shows the HCAI for each origination channel separately:

- Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac,
- Government (the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Affairs and the US Department of Agriculture) and
- Fully private (portfolio and private label securities.)

This breakout allows for a more detailed comparison of credit conditions across channels and shows that credit remains very tight by historical standards for all three channels. Having said that, since the post-crisis lows, the GSE channel has expanded the credit box for borrowers proportionately more than the government and private channels.

The rise in DTIs in recent years has been another source of concern for housing market observers. The median DTI for purchase originations in October 2018 was 40 percent, roughly equal to the

bubble-era peak. The median DTI for government loans was even higher at 43 percent. While this bears monitoring, we note that DTI is only one of the several dozen variables that determine how risky any given mortgage is. For instance, the median FICO score for today's originations is about 30 points higher compared to the pre-bubble era, thus offsetting the risk of higher DTIs. Moreover, rising DTIs are an inevitable result of rising interest rates. A 1 percent rise in interest rates from 3.5 to 4.5 percent, the move since the 2016 election, will result in a 13 percent rise in monthly payments, raising the DTI ratio. We will be monitoring the rise in DTI for additional evidence of risk-layering.

Finally, given the historic shortage of housing, we added a data on months of supply, housing starts and home sales on page 20. As of November 2018, there was a total of 3.9 months of supply on the market. Pre-bubble, from 1999 to 2005, it averaged about 5 months supply.

Lastly, we reorganized the chartbook for better overall flow and readability. We consolidated a few charts to eliminate duplicity and to improve general readability. We hope you enjoy the new data. If you have any questions about any of the changes, please email us at: ataglance@urban.org

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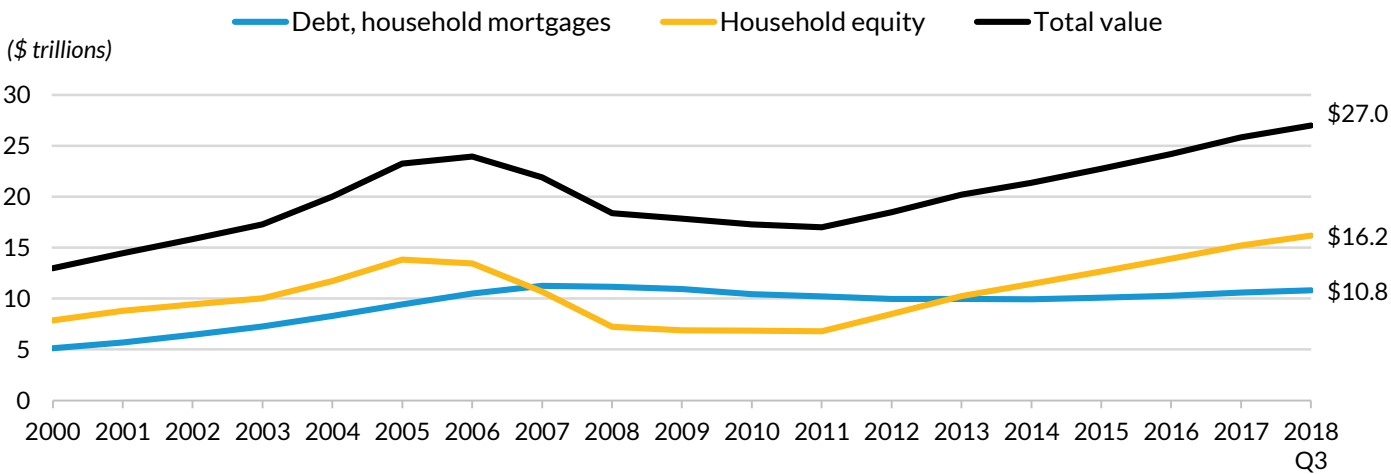
- The cash-out refinance share is near pre-crisis highs as rate refinances have dried up; cash-out volumes remain low (page 10).
- The Ginnie Mae nonbank origination share reached a new peak of 83 percent in December 2018 (page 11).
- Credit availability declined slightly in the third quarter of 2018 due to a shift in market share between channels (page 13).
- Current housing supply of 3.9 months is well below the pre-crisis average of 5 months (page 20).

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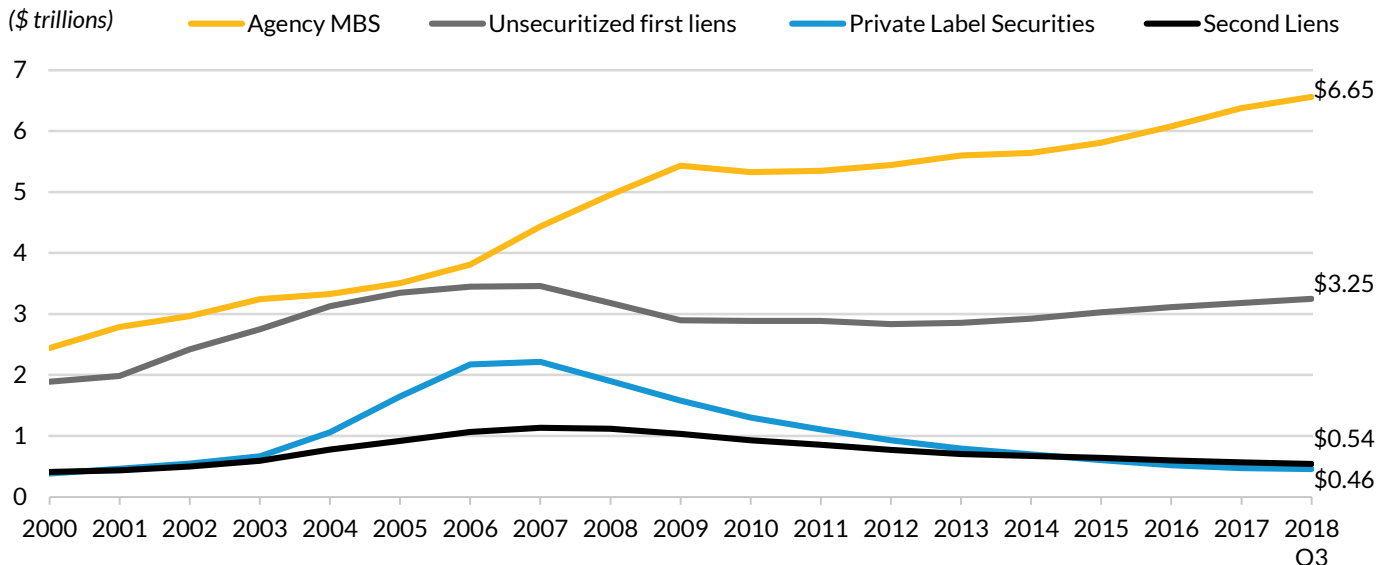
MARKET SIZE OVERVIEW

The Federal Reserve's Flow of Funds report has consistently indicated an increasing total value of the housing market driven by growing household equity since 2012, and 2018 Q3 was no different. While total mortgage debt outstanding was steady at \$10.8 trillion, household equity reached a new high of \$16.2 trillion, bringing the total value of the housing market to \$27.0 trillion, 11 percent higher than the pre-crisis peak in 2006. Agency MBS make up 60.7 percent of the total mortgage debt outstanding, private-label securities make up 4.2 percent, and unsecured first liens make up 30.1 percent. Second liens comprise the remaining 4.9 percent of the total.

Value of the US Housing Market



Size of the US Residential Mortgage Market

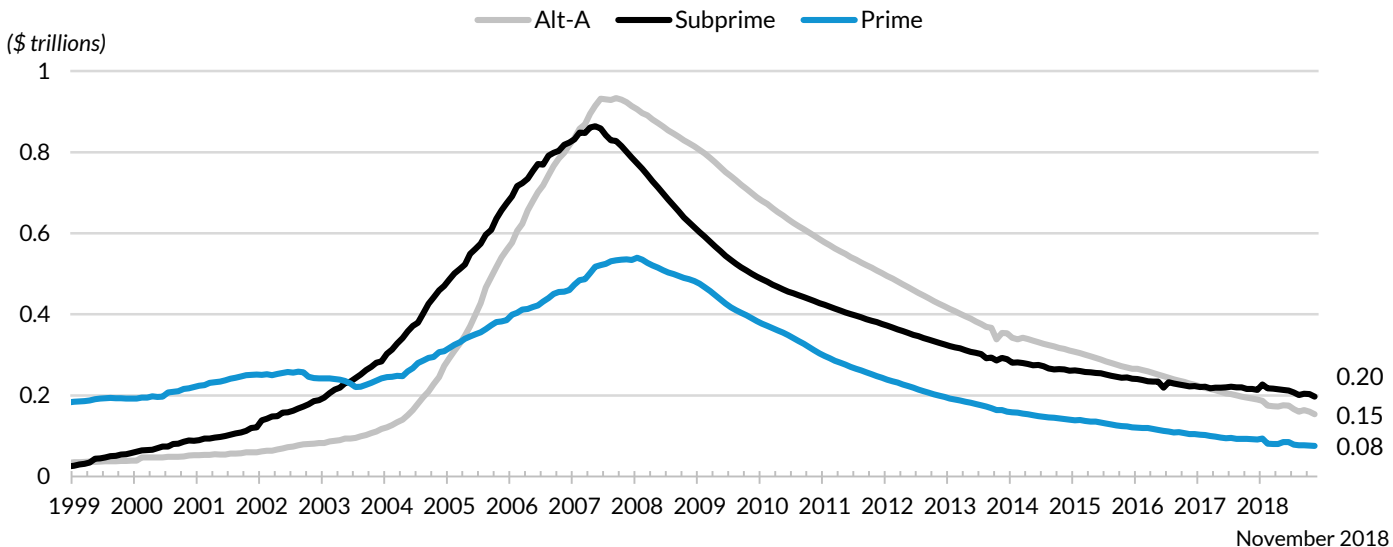


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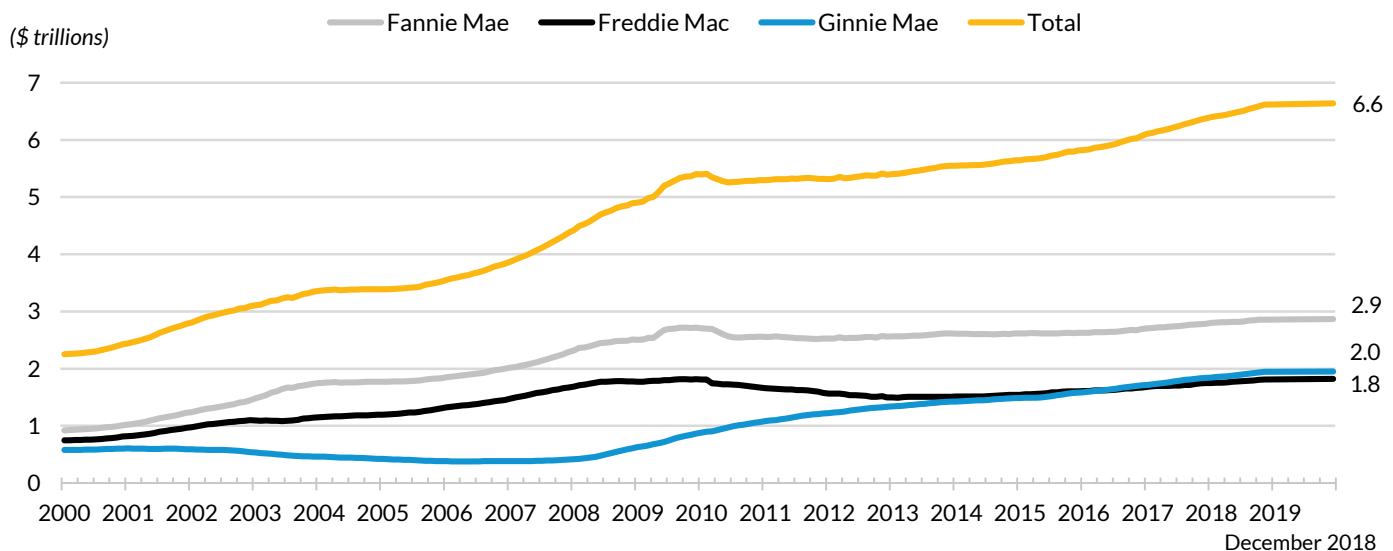
MARKET SIZE OVERVIEW

As of November 2018, debt in the private-label securitization market totaled \$426 billion and was split among prime (17.7 percent), Alt-A (36.1 percent), and subprime (46.2 percent) loans. In November 2018, outstanding securities in the agency market totaled \$6.6 trillion, 43.2 percent of which was Fannie Mae, 27.4 percent Freddie Mac, and 29.4 percent Ginnie Mae. Ginnie Mae has had more outstanding securities than Freddie Mac since May 2016.

Private-Label Securities by Product Type



Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities

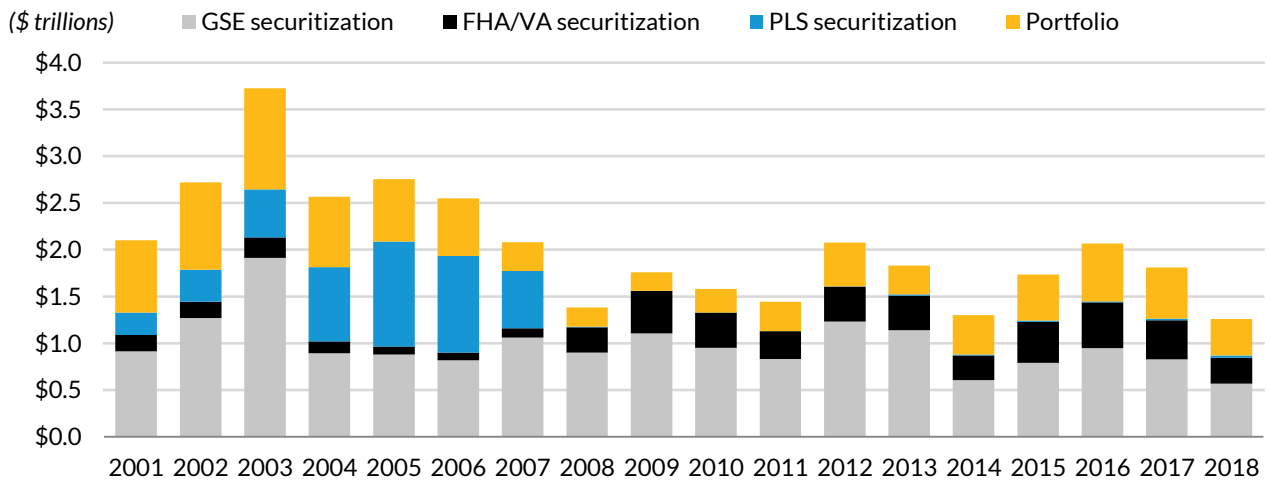


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ORIGINATION VOLUME AND COMPOSITION

First Lien Origination Volume

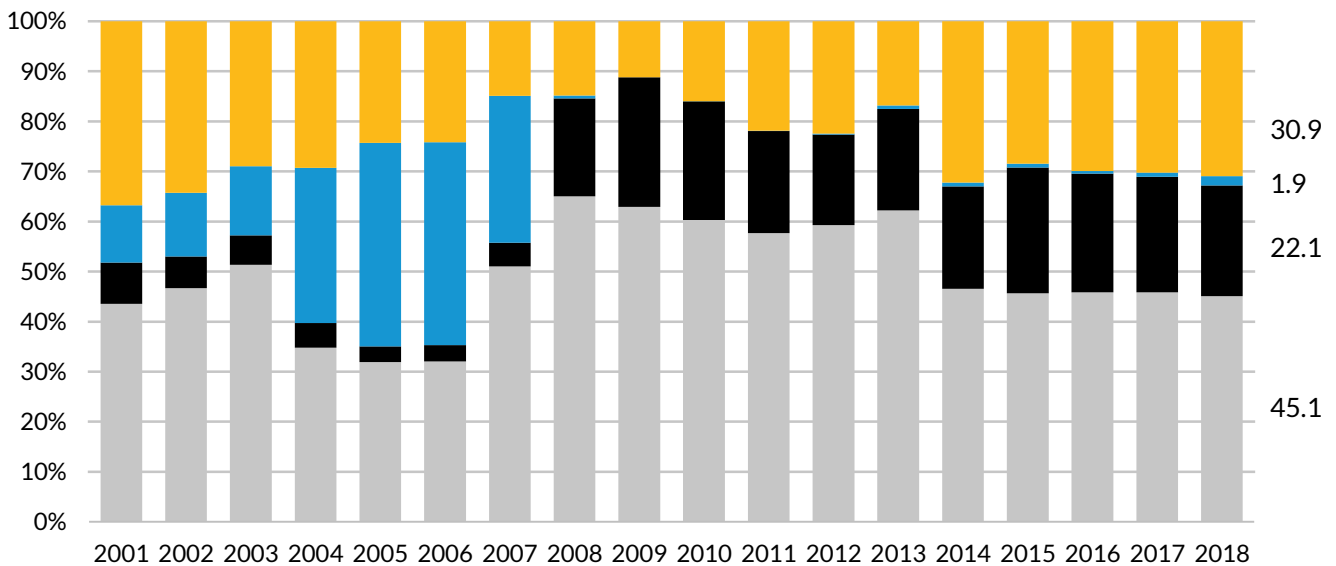
First lien originations totaled \$1.26 trillion in the first three quarters of 2018, down slightly from the same period in 2017, as higher interest rates curtailed refinance activity. The share of portfolio originations was 31 percent in the first three quarters of 2018, up from 30 percent in 2017. The GSE share was around 45 percent, down from 46 percent in 2017. The FHA/VA share was slightly down: 22 percent for the first three quarters of 2018 versus 23 percent in 2017. Origination of private-label securities was just under 2 percent, higher than the 2017 share of 0.6 percent.



Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute. Last updated January 2019.

Q1-Q3

(Share, percent)



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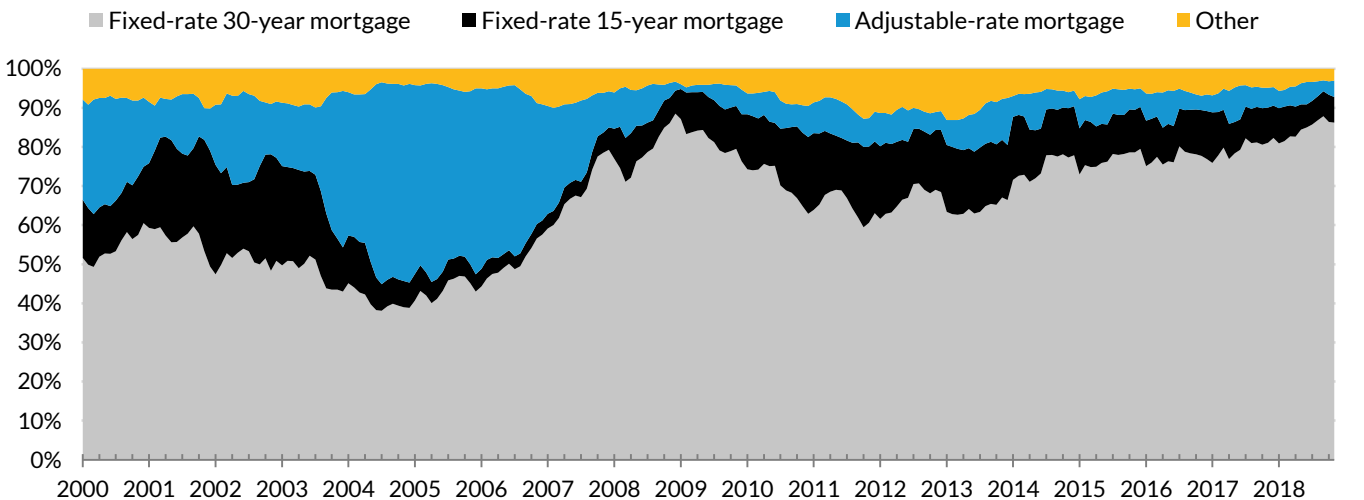
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PRODUCT COMPOSITION AND REFINANCE SHARE

Adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) accounted for as much as 52 percent of all new originations during the peak of the housing bubble (top chart). The ARMs fell to a historic low of 1 percent in 2009, and then slowly increased to a high of 12 percent in December 2013. Since then, ARMs have declined to 4.1 percent in November 2018. The 15-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM), predominantly a refinance product, accounted for 6.6 percent of new originations in November 2018.

In the last few months, purchase activity has been down, due to seasonal factors, causing small increases in the refi share. The December refi share defied the typical seasonal pattern, with Freddie and Ginnie down and Fannie largely unchanged.

Product Composition

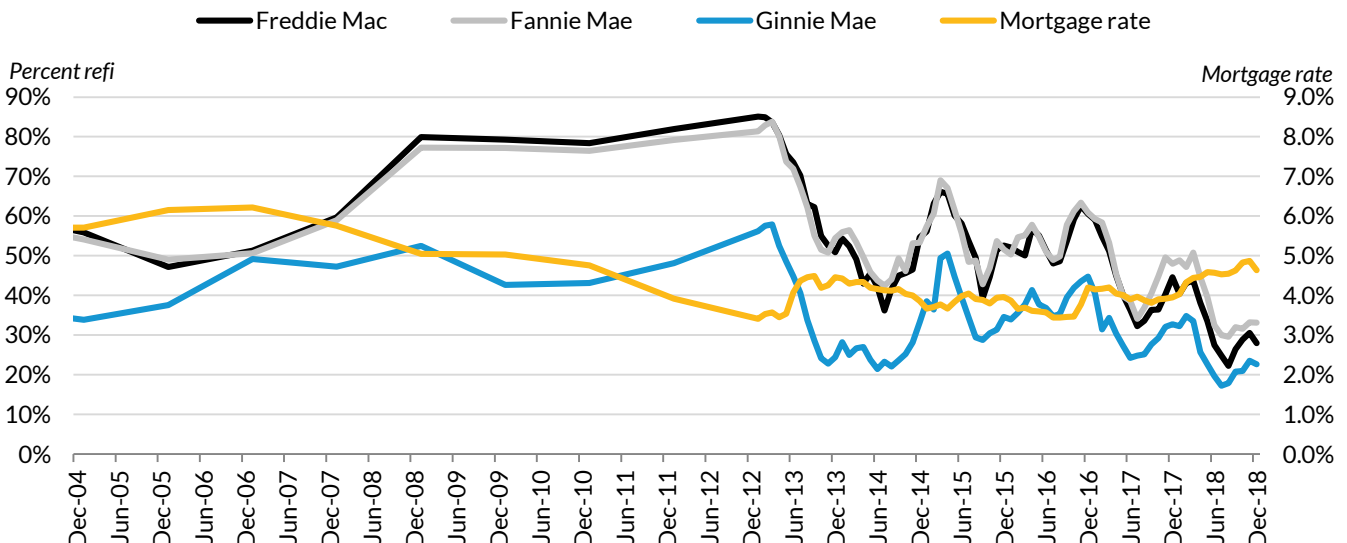


Sources: Black Knight, eMBS, HMDA, SIFMA and Urban Institute.

Note: Includes purchase and refinance originations.

November 2018

Percent Refi at Issuance



Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.

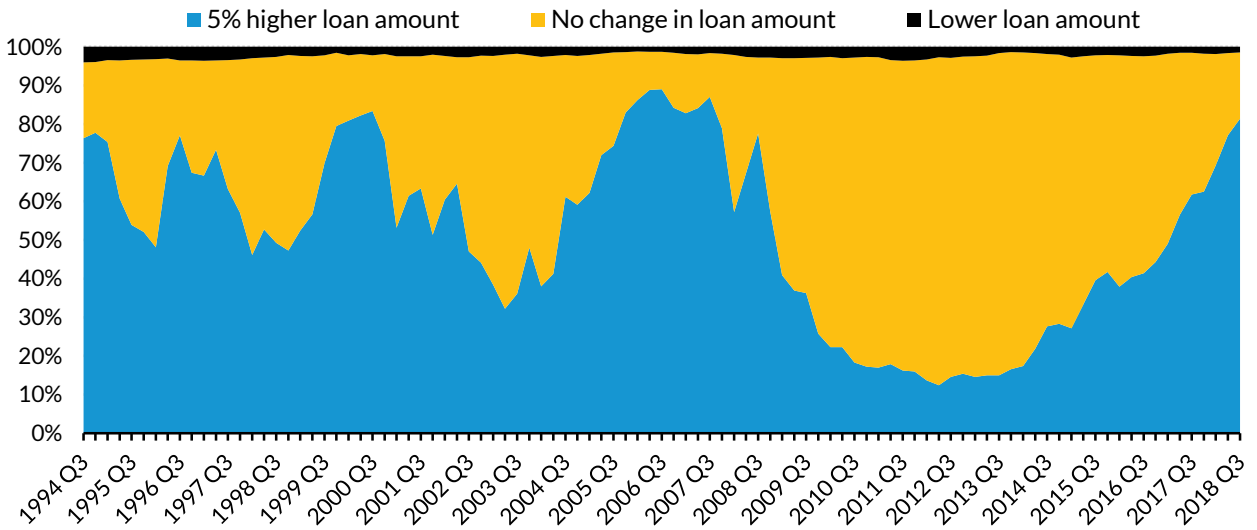
Note: Based on at-issuance balance. Figure based on data from December 2018.

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CASH-OUT REFINANCES

When mortgage rates are low, refinancing allows borrowers to save money by taking advantage of lower rates; hence the share of cash-out refinances tends to be small. But when rates are high, borrowers have no incentive to refinance for rate reduction. Thus, at higher rates, refinances are driven more by a desire to cash out, causing the cash-out share to be higher. In the third quarter of 2018, the cash-out share of all refinances was 81 percent, mostly reflecting the drop in rate refinances. While the cash-out refinance share for Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae is close to bubble year peak, cash out volumes are substantially lower.

Percentage of Refinances Resulting In

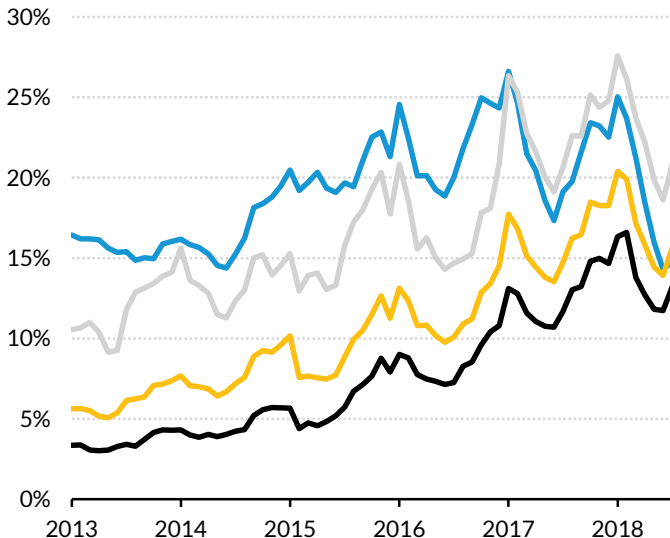


Sources: Freddie Mac and Urban Institute.

Note: Estimates include conventional mortgages only.

Cash-out Refi Share of All Originations

Freddie Mac Ginnie Mae
FHA VA

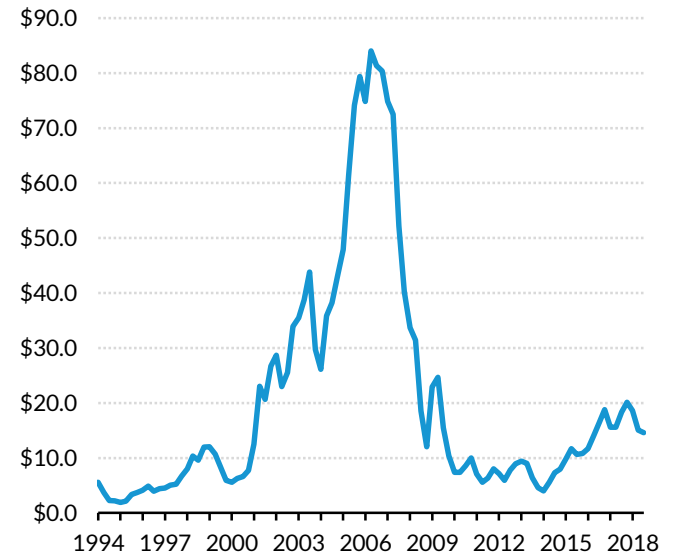


Sources: Freddie Mac and Urban Institute.

Note: Cash-out refinance data not available for Fannie Mae. Data as of December 2018.

Cash-out Refi Volume

\$ billions



Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.

Note: Estimates include conventional mortgages only.

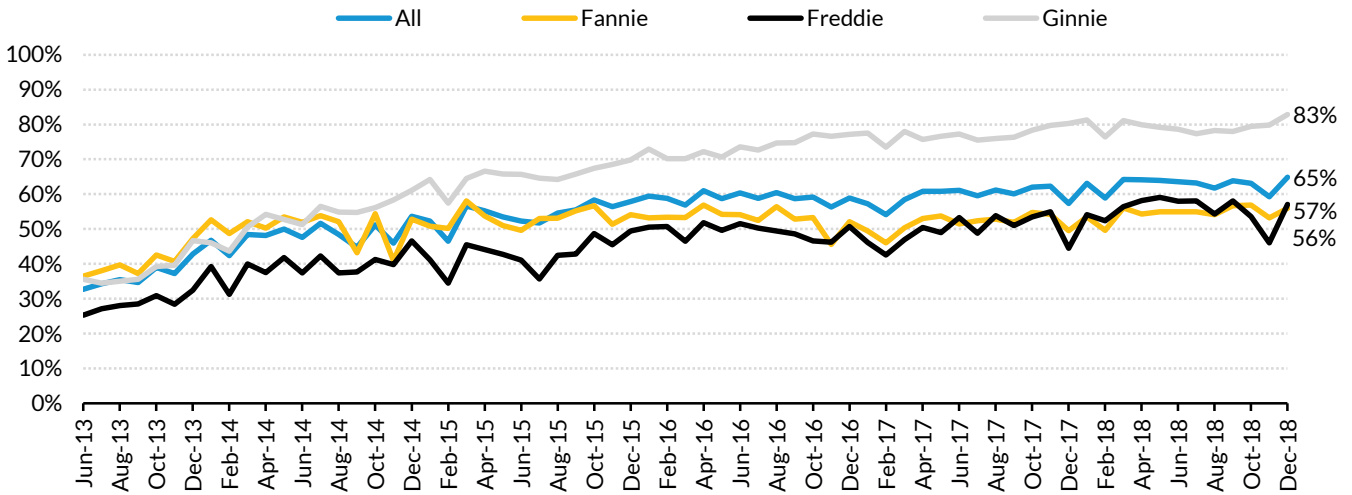
Q3 2018

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AGENCY NONBANK ORIGINATION SHARE

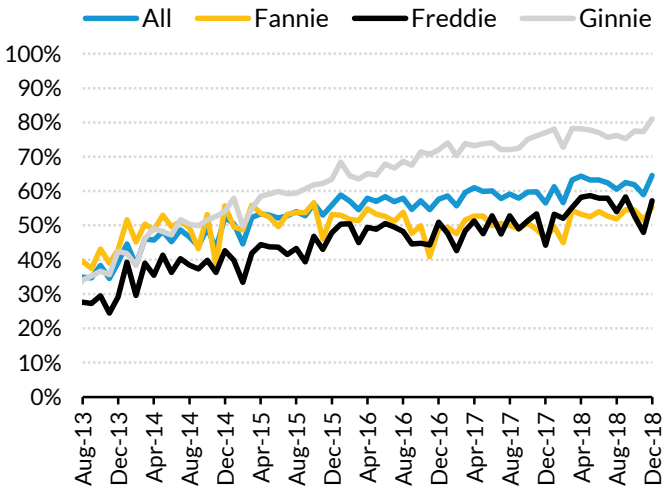
The nonbank origination share has been rising steadily for all three agencies since 2013. The Ginnie Mae nonbank share has been consistently higher than the GSEs, standing at 83 percent in December 2018, a new record. After falling in November, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac nonbank shares both grew in December, standing at and 57 percent respectively. The nonbank originator share is higher for Ginnie refis than for purchase loans; for the GSEs, purchase and refi loans have a similar bank/nonbank mix.

Nonbank Origination Share: All Loans



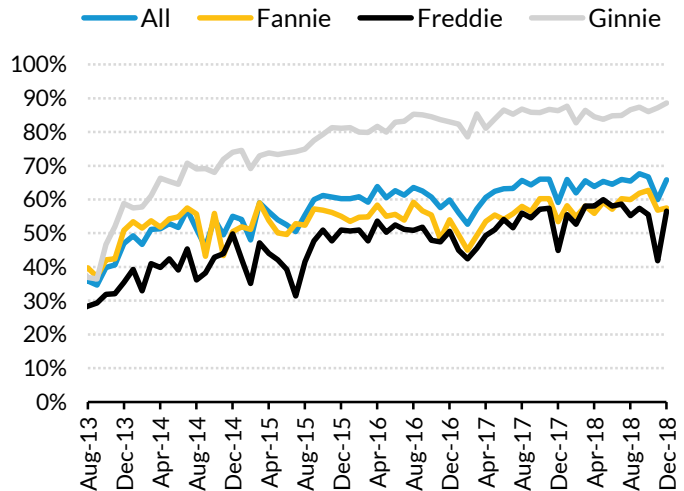
Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.

Nonbank Origination Share: Purchase Loans



Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.

Nonbank Origination Share: Refi Loans



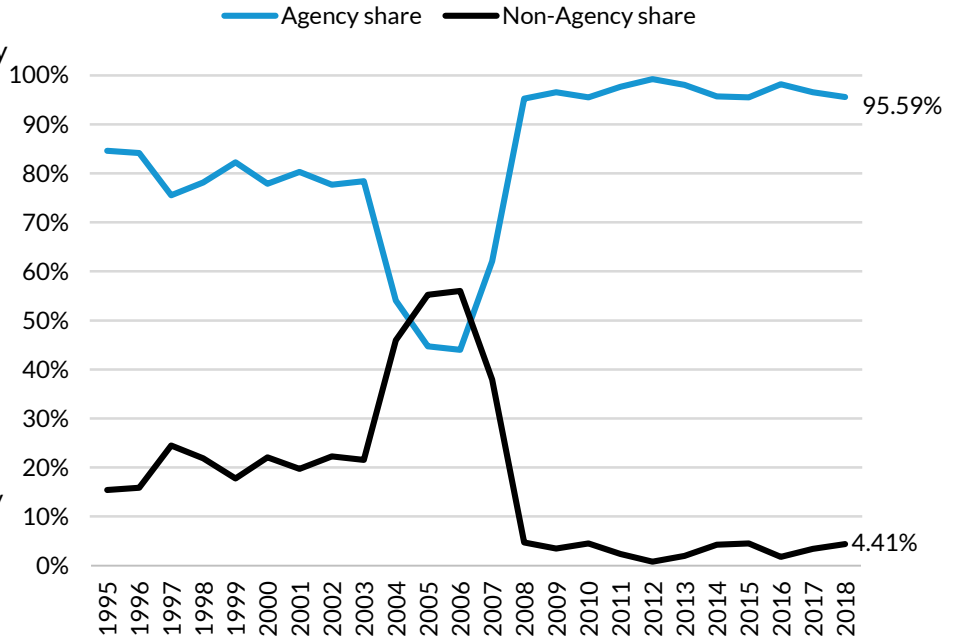
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SECURITIZATION VOLUME AND COMPOSITION

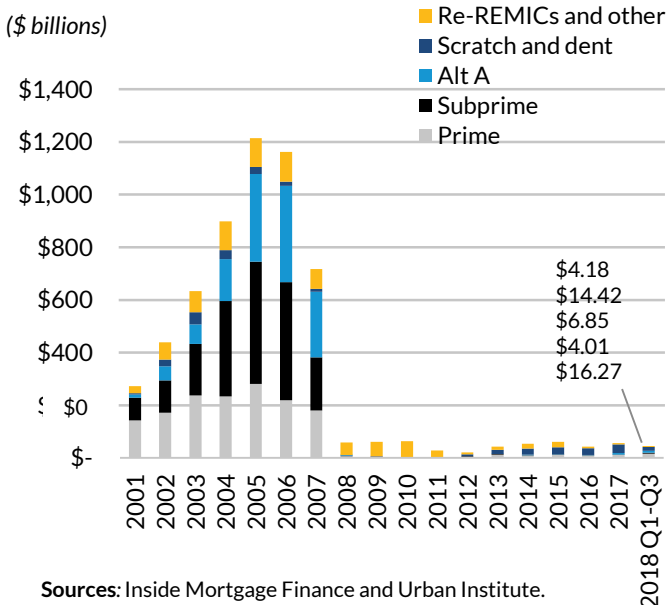
Agency/Non-Agency Share of Residential MBS Issuance

For full year 2018, the non-agency share of mortgage securitizations was 4.4%, compared to 3.4% for 2017. The non-agency securitization volume totaled \$45.7 billion in the first three quarters of 2018, a 12 percent increase over the same period in 2017, but there is a change in the mix. Prime securitizations continued to surge through the third quarter, while scratch and dent were down from the same period in 2017. Non-agency securitizations continue to be tiny compared to pre-crisis levels.



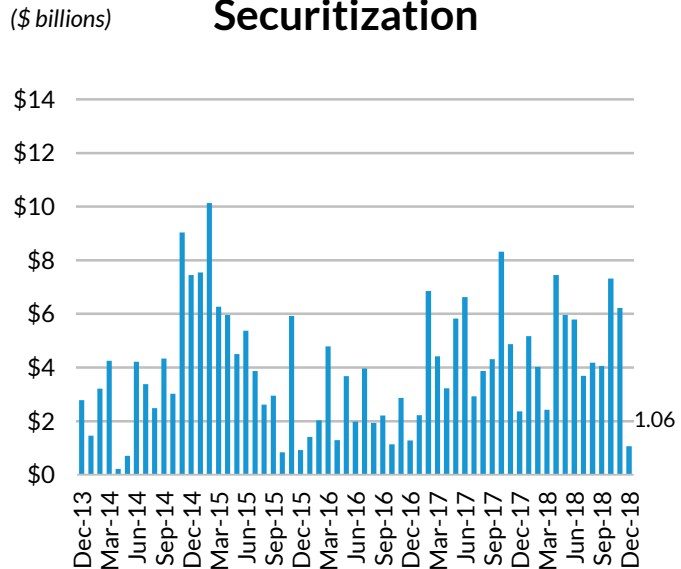
Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute.
 Note: Based on data from December 2018.

Non-Agency MBS Issuance



Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute.

Monthly Non-Agency Securitization



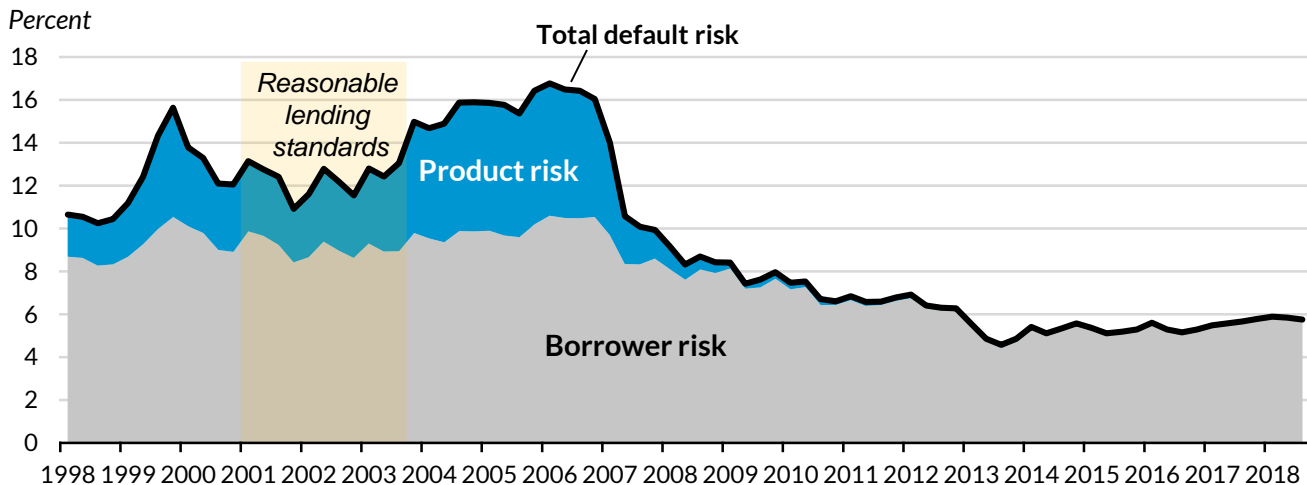
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HOUSING CREDIT AVAILABILITY INDEX

HFPC'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 index shows that mortgage credit availability for all channels stood at 5.75 percent in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2018), down slightly from the previous quarter (5.84 percent). The decline was primarily driven by a shift in market composition, as the government channel, which caters to higher risk borrowers, lost market share to the portfolio channel which caters to lowest risk borrowers. More information about the HCAI is available [here](#).

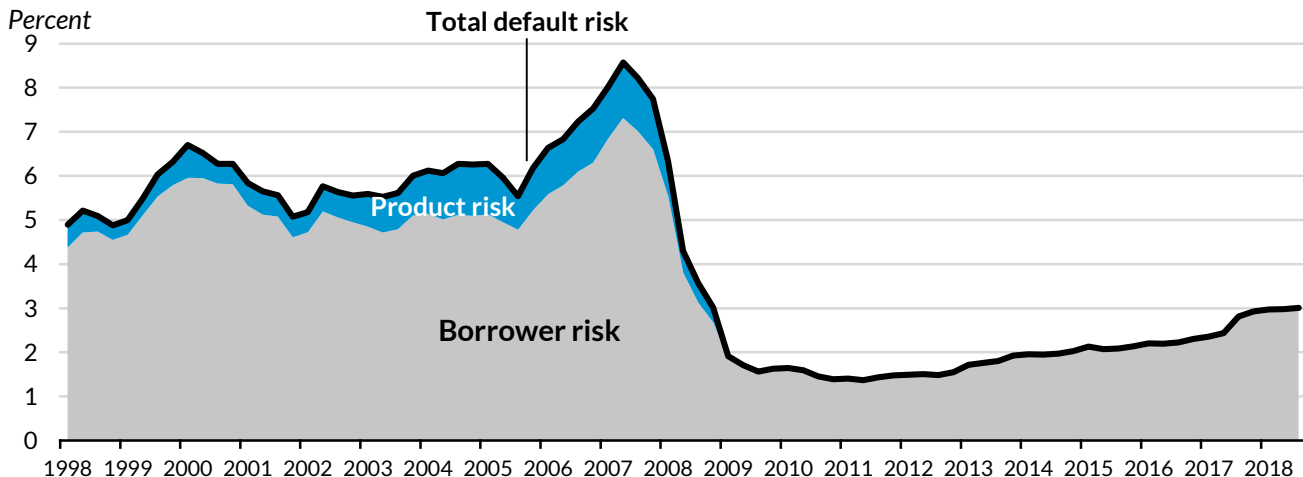
All Channels



GSE Channel

Q3 2018

Between Q2 2011 and Q3 2018, the total risk taken by the GSE channel has more than doubled, from 1.4 percent to 3.0 percent. The GSE market has expanded the credit box for borrowers more effectively than the government channel has in recent years



Sources: eMBS, CoreLogic, HMDA, IMF, and Urban Institute.

Note: Default is defined as 90 days or more delinquent at any point. Last updated January 2019.

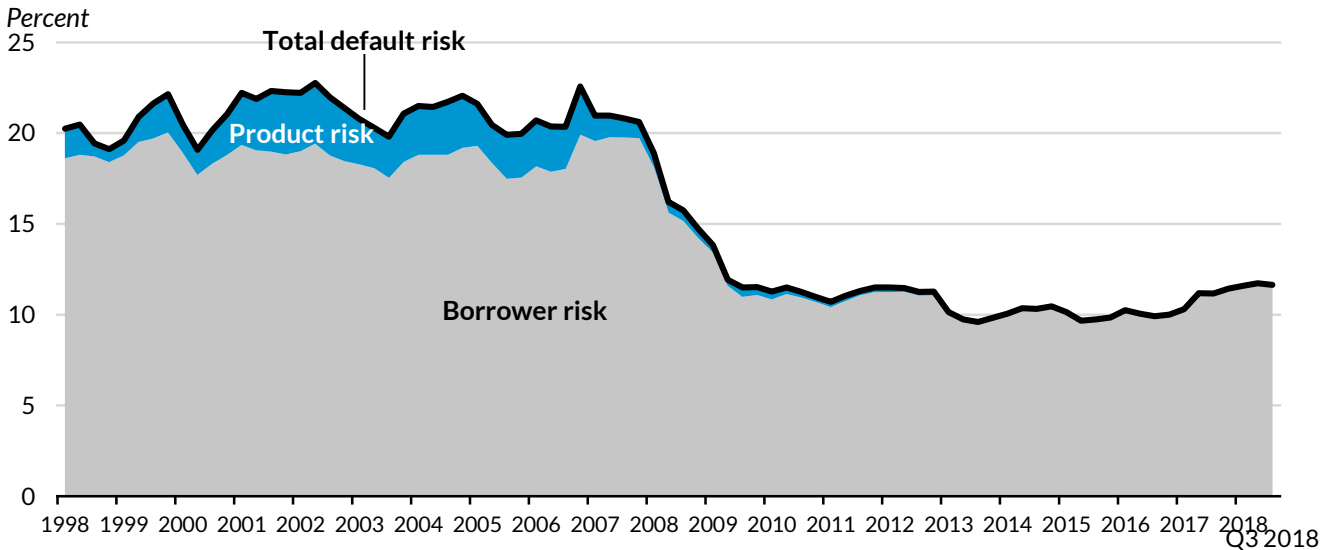
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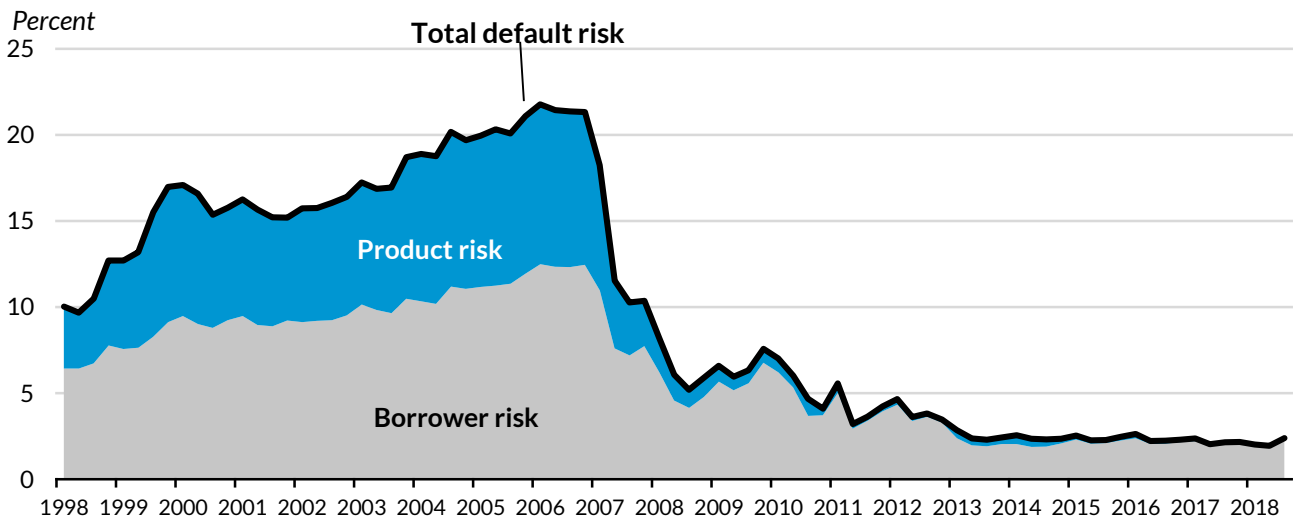
Government Channel

The total default risk taken by the government channel bottomed out at 9.6 percent in Q3 2013. Since then has risen to 11.7 percent, but is still about half the pre-bubble, normal range of 19 – 23 percent.



Portfolio and Private Label Securities Channel

The portfolio and private-label securities channels collectively experienced a substantial increase in product and total default risk during the run up to the bubble. This was followed by a sharp decline post-crisis. The total default risk taken by portfolio and PLS channels remains very low and stood at 2.4 percent in Q3 2018, in contrast to 15 to 18% in the early 2000s.



Sources: eMBS, CoreLogic, HMDA, IMF, and Urban Institute.

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Q3 2018

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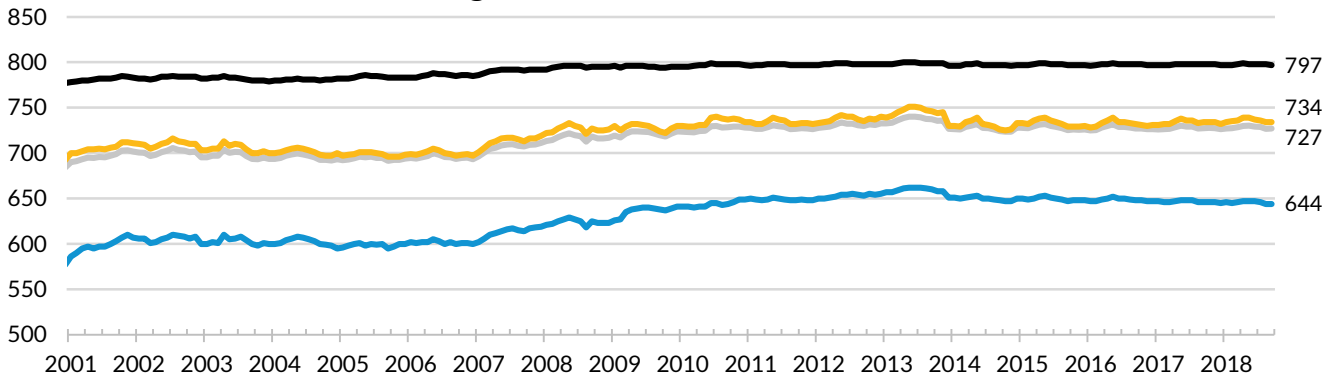
CREDIT AVAILABILITY FOR PURCHASE LOANS

Access to credit remains tight, especially for lower FICO borrowers. Median FICO for current purchase loans is 30 points above the pre-crisis level. The 10th percentile, which represents the lower bound of creditworthiness to qualify for a mortgage, stood at 644 in Oct 2018 compared to low-600s pre-bubble. Median LTV at origination of 95 percent remains relatively high, reflecting the rise of FHAVA lending. Although current median DTI of 40 percent exceeds the pre-bubble level of 36 percent, higher FICO scores serve as a strong compensating factor.

— 90th percentile — Mean — Median — 10th percentile

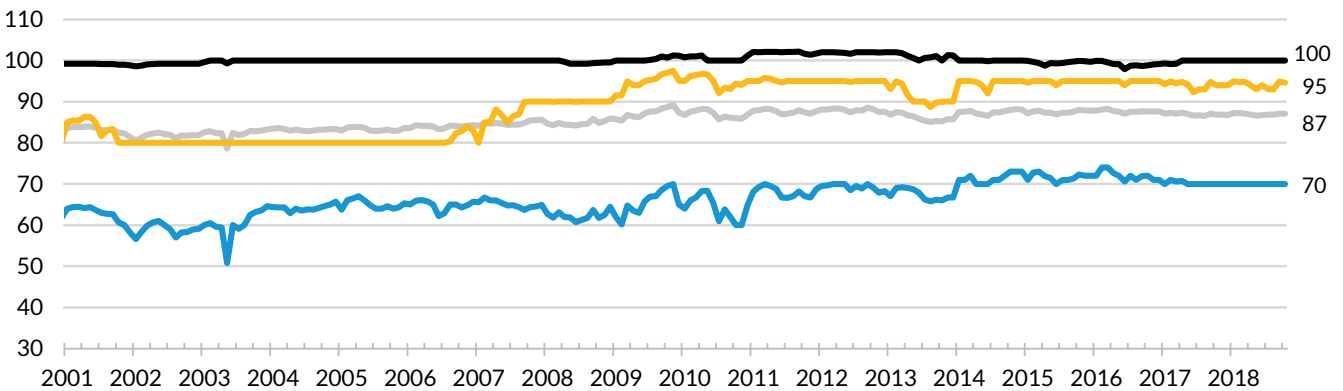
Borrower FICO Score at Origination

FICO Score

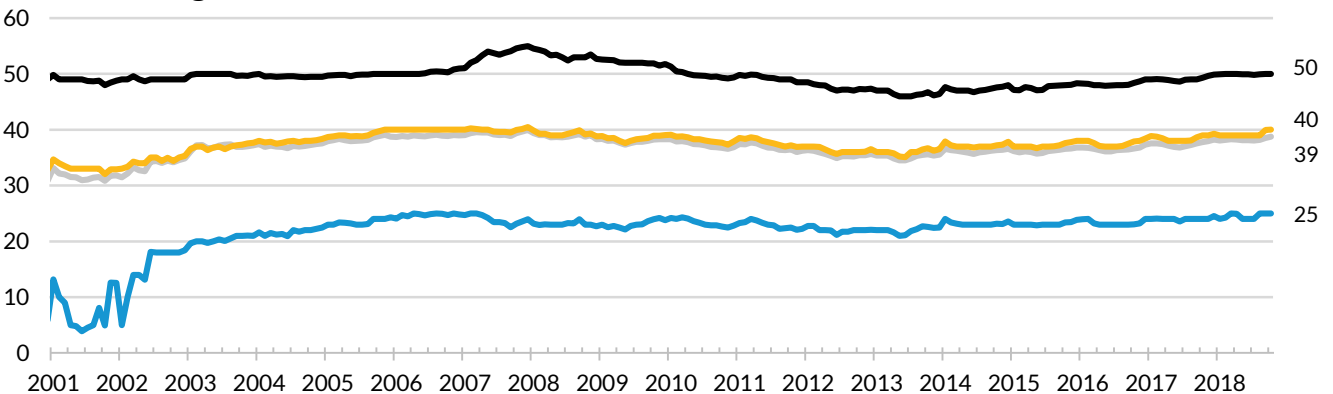


Combined LTV at Origination

LTV



DTI at Origination



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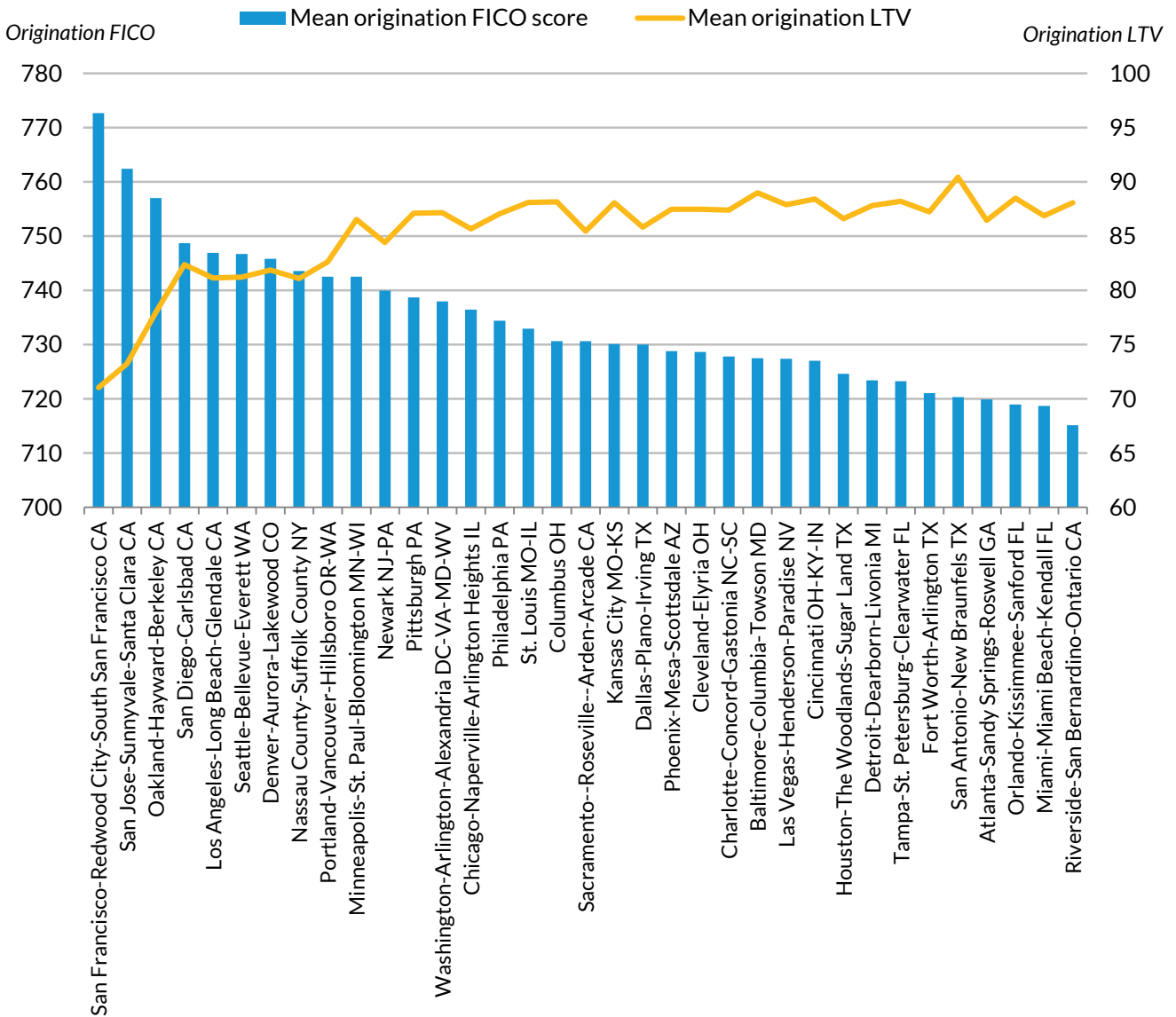
Note: Includes owner-occupied purchase loans only. DTI data prior to April 2018 is from CoreLogic; after that date, it is from Black Knight.

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CREDIT AVAILABILITY BY MSA FOR PURCHASE LOANS

Credit has been tight for all borrowers with less-than-stellar credit scores- especially in MSAs with high housing prices. For example, the mean origination FICO for borrowers in San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco, CA is 772, while in Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA it is 715. Across all MSAs, lower average FICO scores tend to be correlated with high average LTVs, as these MSAs rely heavily on FHA/VA financing.

Origination FICO and LTV



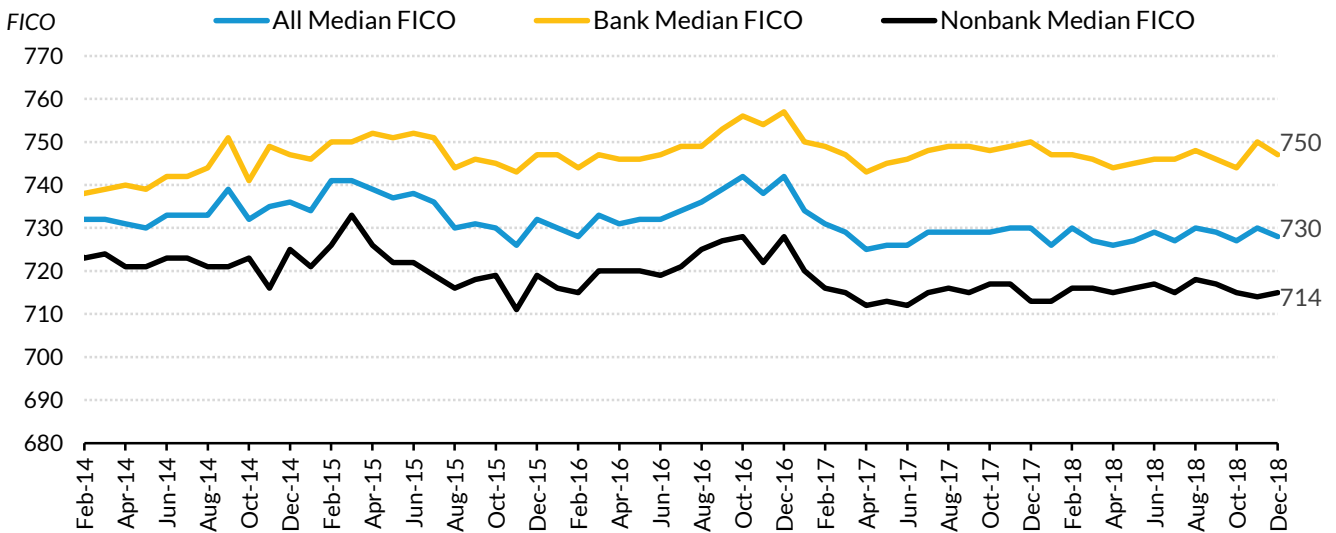
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AGENCY NONBANK CREDIT BOX

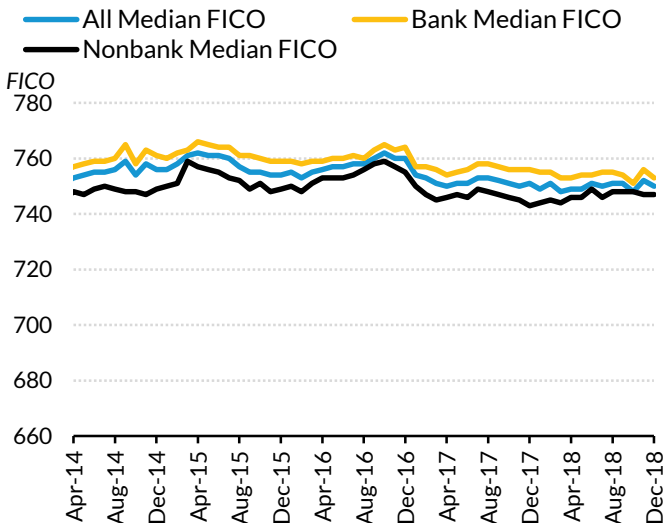
Nonbank originators have played a key role in opening up access to credit. Median GSE and Ginnie Mae FICOs for nonbank originations are lower than their bank counterparts, with a larger differential in the Ginnie Mae market. Within the GSE space, bank FICOs have declined slightly since 2014 and nonbank FICOs are roughly constant. In contrast, within the Ginnie Mae space, FICO scores for bank originations have increased since 2014 while nonbank FICOs have declined. This largely reflects the sharp cut-back in FHA lending by many banks.

Agency FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank



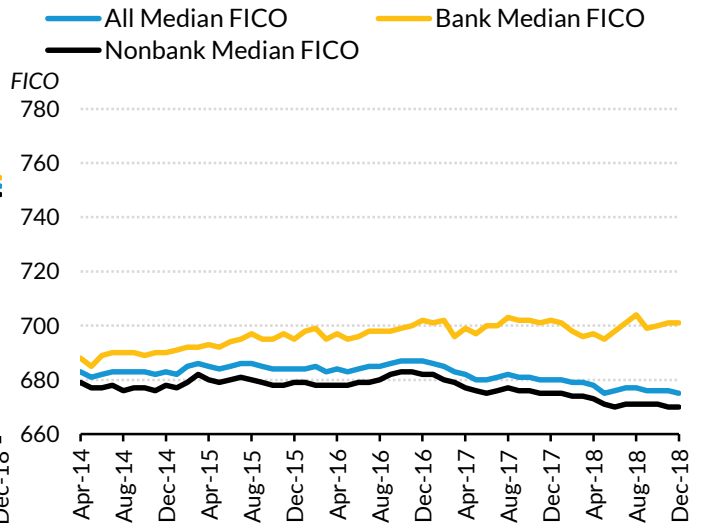
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GSE FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank



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Ginnie Mae FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank



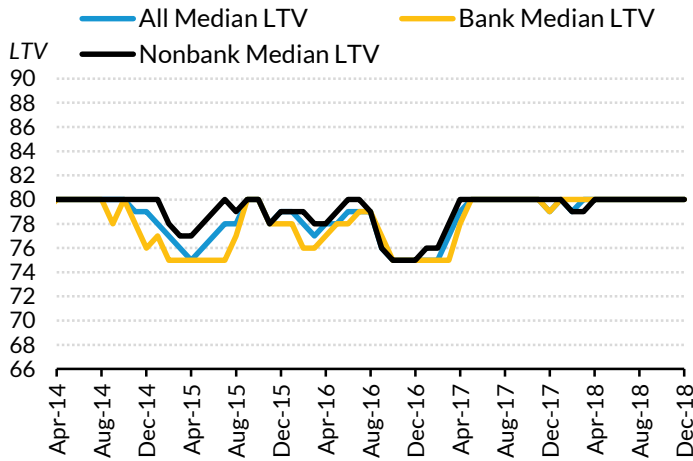
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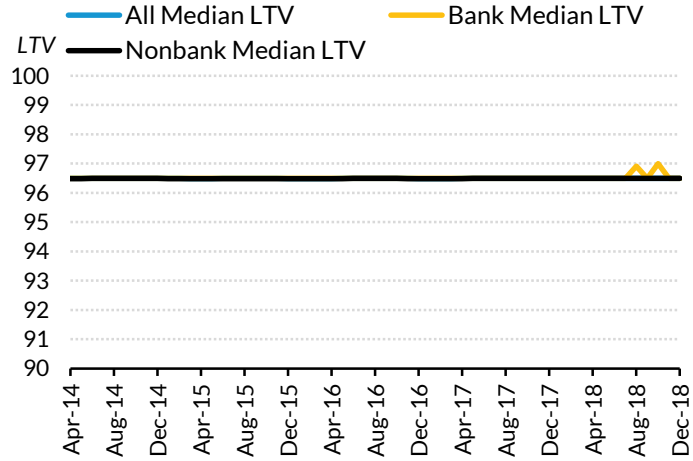
The median LTV for nonbank and bank originations are comparable, while the median DTIs for nonbank loans are higher, indicating that nonbanks are more accommodating in this dimension as well as in the FICO dimension. Since early 2017 there has been a measurable increase in DTIs. This is true for both Ginnie Mae and GSE, for banks and nonbanks. Rising DTIs are to be expected in a rising rate environment, as higher interest rates, which usually accompany higher home prices, drive up borrowers' monthly payments, and the reduction in refinance volumes makes lenders more apt to work a bit harder to get a loan approved for a marginal borrower.

GSE LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank



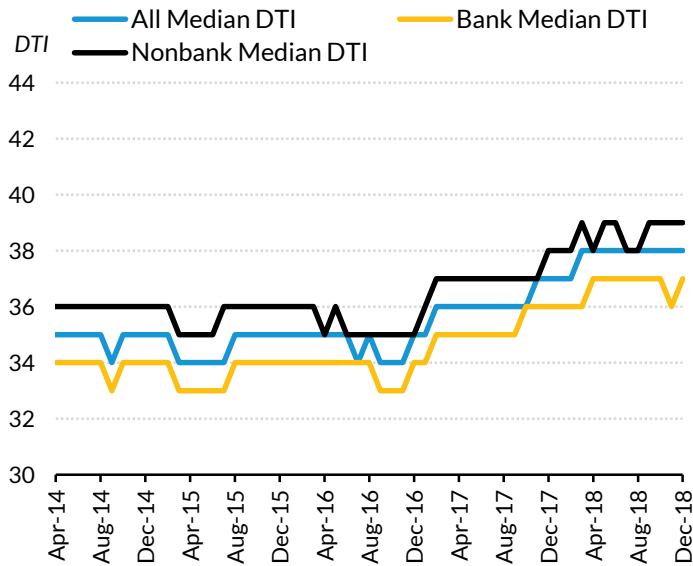
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Ginnie Mae LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank



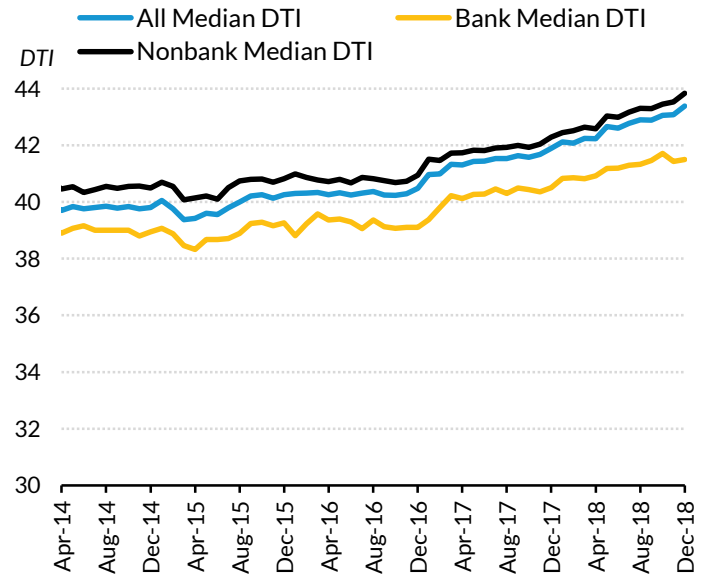
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GSE DTI: Bank vs. Nonbank



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Ginnie Mae DTI: Bank vs. Nonbank



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STATE OF THE MARKET

MORTGAGE ORIGINATION PROJECTIONS

Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the MBA all forecast origination volume in 2018 to be 1.63-1.65 trillion, lower than the 1.8 trillion in 2017 and much lower than the 2.0 trillion in 2018. The differences owe primarily to a decline the refi share: from 47-49 percent in 2016 to 35-36 percent in 2017 to a forecasted 28 -30 percent in 2018. 2019 volumes are expected to be close to 2018 volumes, despite a small further drop in the refi share.

Total Originations and Refinance Shares

Period	Originations (\$ billions)			Refi Share (%)		
	Total, FNMA estimate	Total, FHLMC estimate	Total, MBA estimate	FNMA estimate	FHLMC Estimate	MBA estimate
2018 Q1	374	374	346	39	40	37
2018 Q2	447	455	447	25	29	26
2018 Q3	422	454	443	24	28	24
2018 Q4	384	372	370	27	24	27
2019 Q1	3324	415	328	32	24	28
2019 Q2	443	437	443	23	23	22
2019 Q3	439	429	450	24	24	22
2019 Q4	408	409	371	25	24	26
FY 2014	1301	1350	1261	40	39	40
FY 2015	1730	1750	1679	47	45	46
FY 2016	2052	2125	1891	49	47	49
FY 2017	1826	1807	1760	36	37	35
FY 2018	1626	1655	1636	28	30	28
FY 2019	1614	1690	1630	26	24	24

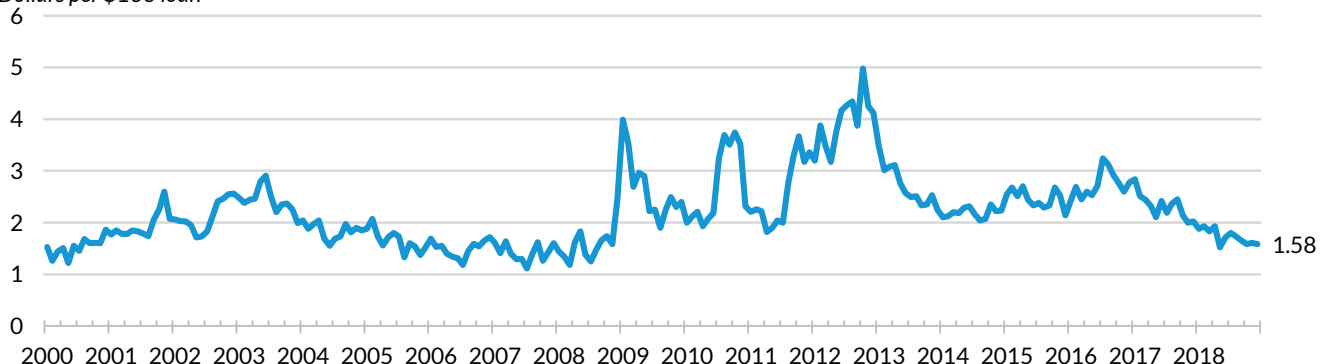
Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Mortgage Bankers Association and Urban Institute.

Note: Shaded boxes indicate forecasted figures. All figures are estimates for total single-family market. Column labels indicate source of estimate. Regarding interest rates, the yearly averages for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 were 4.2, 3.9, 3.8, and 4.0. For 2018, the respective projections for Fannie, Freddie, and MBA are 4.6, 4.6, and 4.9.

Originator Profitability and Unmeasured Costs

In Dec 2018, Originator Profitability and Unmeasured Costs (OPUC) stood at \$1.58 per \$100 loan, which is at lower end of the range in recent years. OPUC, formulated and calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is a good relative measure of originator profitability. OPUC uses 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. 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.

Dollars per \$100 loan



Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, updated monthly and available at this link:

<http://www.ny.frb.org/research/epr/2013/1113fust.html> and Urban Institute.

Note: OPUC is a monthly (4-week moving) average as discussed in [Fuster et al. \(2013\)](#).

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HOUSING SUPPLY

Strong demand for housing in recent years, coupled with a historically low new home construction has shrunk the supply of for-sale homes to 3.9 months. Pre-crisis this number averaged 4.6 months. Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the MBA all forecast 2019 housing starts to be 1.3-1.4 million units, up marginally from 2018's 1.3 million units. Freddie Mac and the MBA predict a rise in home sales in 2019, from 2018's 6-6.2 million level; while Fannie has home sales flat.

Months of Supply

Months of supply



Source: National Association of Realtors and Urban Institute.

November 2018

Housing Starts and Homes Sales

Year	Housing Starts, thousands			Home Sales, thousands				
	Total, FNMA estimate	Total, FHLMC estimate	Total, MBA estimate	Total, FNMA estimate	Total, FHLMC estimate	Total, MBA estimate	Existing, MBA estimate	New, MBA Estimate
FY 2014	1003	1000	1001	5377	5380	5360	4920	440
FY 2015	1112	1110	1108	5751	5750	5740	5237	503
FY 2016	1174	1170	1177	6011	6010	6001	5440	561
FY 2017	1203	1200	1208	6123	6120	6158	5542	616
FY 2018	1262	1320	1260	5987	6140	5990	5378	612
FY 2019	1265	1400	1285	5993	6360	6196	5561	635

Sources: Mortgage Bankers Association, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute.

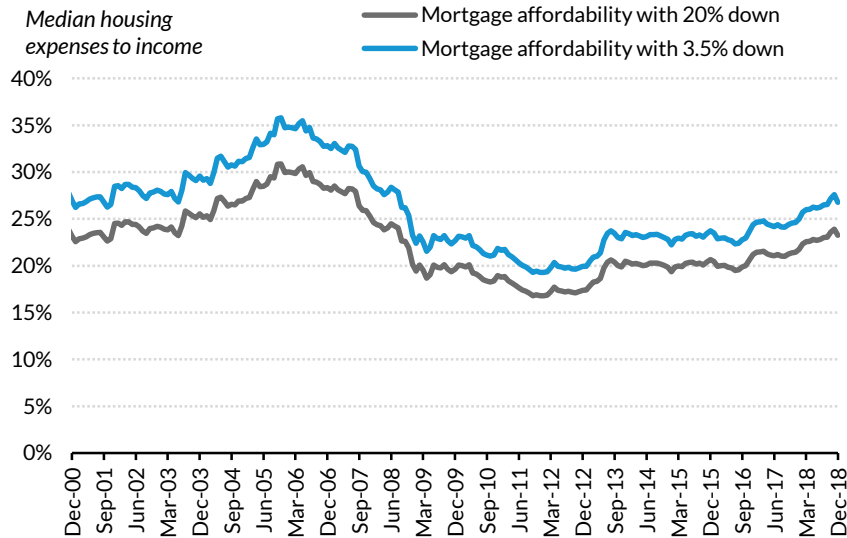
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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

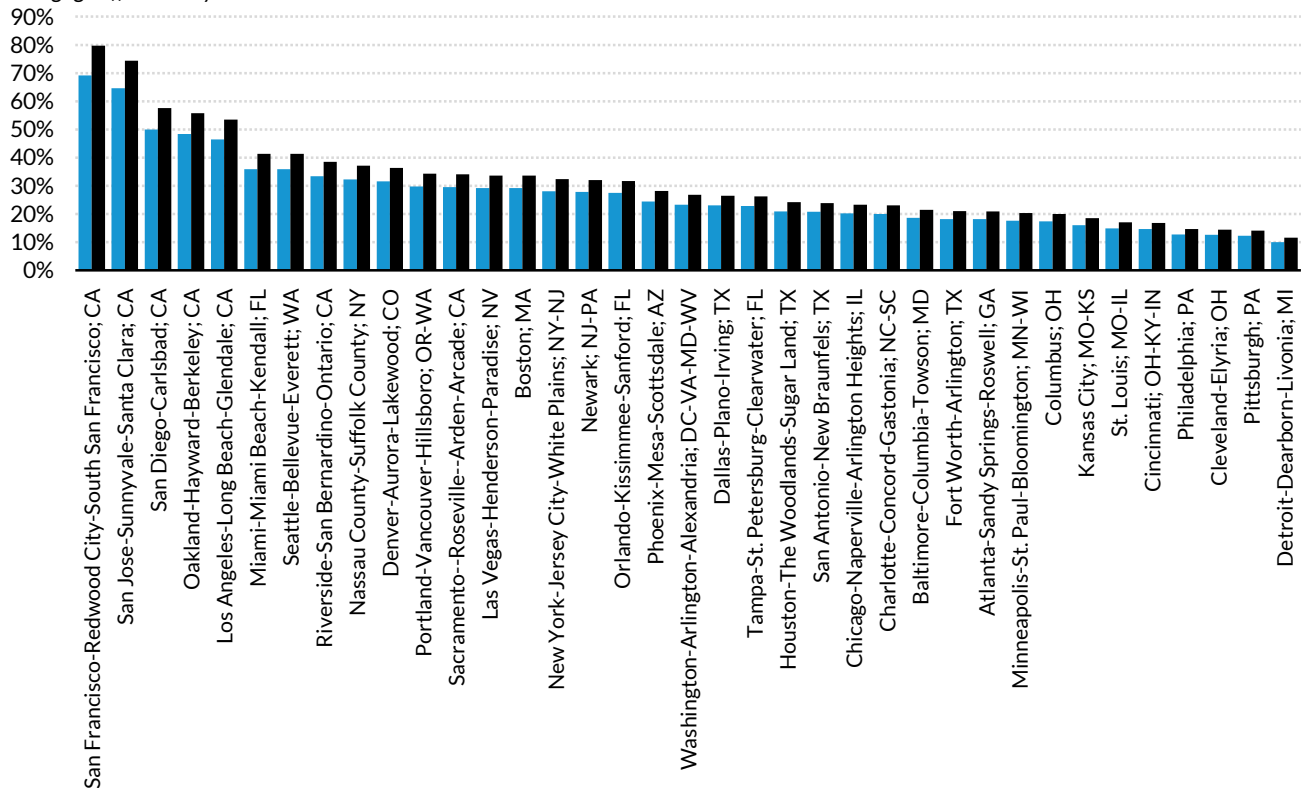
National Mortgage Affordability Over Time

Home prices remain affordable by historic standards, despite price increases over the last 6.5 years and recent interest rate increases. As of December 2018, with 20 down payment, the share of median income needed for the monthly mortgage payment stood at 23.2; with 3.5 down, it is 26.8. As of December, the median housing expenses to income ratio is in line with the 2001-2003 average. As shown in the bottom picture, mortgage affordability varies widely across MSAs.



Mortgage Affordability by MSA

Mortgage affordability index



Sources: National Association of Realtors, US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, American Community Survey, Moody's Analytics, Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey, and the Urban Institute.

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 2018 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 as of Q3 2018.

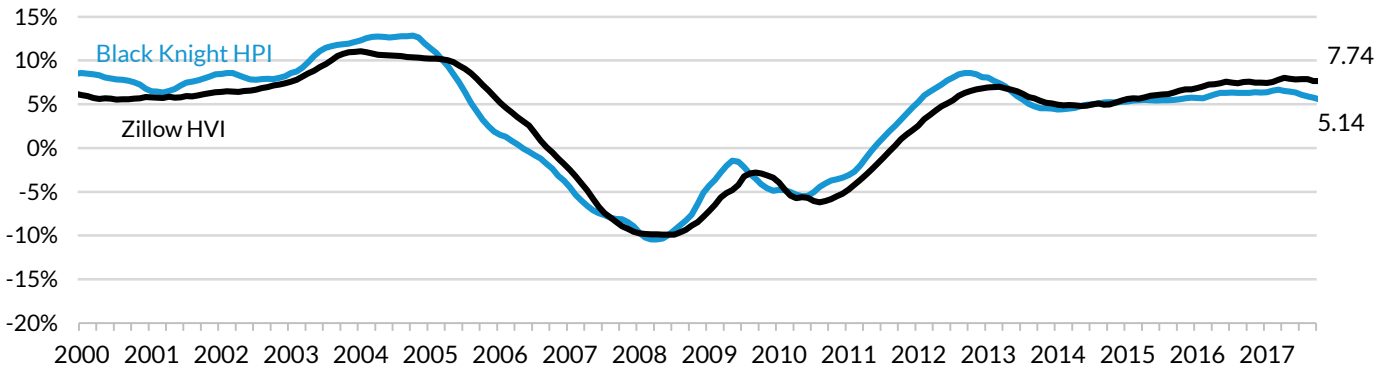
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HOME PRICE INDICES

National Year-Over-Year HPI Growth

Year-over-year home price appreciation slowed slightly but remained robust in November 2018, as measured by both the Black Knight's repeat sales index and Zillow's hedonic index. We will be monitoring the impact of rising interest rates on home prices. Historically, rising interest rates (generally observed in tandem with a stronger economy and higher inflation) have been associated with higher home price increases, despite the impact on affordability.

Year-over-year growth rate



Sources: Black Knight, Zillow, and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of November 2018.

Changes in Black Knight HPI for Top MSAs

After rising 48.8 percent from the trough, national house prices are now 10.7 percent higher than pre-crisis peak levels. At the MSA level, ten of the top 15 MSAs have exceeded their pre-crisis peak HPI: New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA; Atlanta, GA; Houston, TX; Dallas, TX; Minneapolis, MN; Seattle, WA; Denver, CO, San Diego, CA, and Anaheim, CA. Two MSAs particularly hard hit by the boom and bust—Phoenix, AZ and Riverside, CA—are 9.2 and 12.4 percent, respectively, below peak values.

MSA	HPI changes (%)			above peak
	2000 to peak	Peak to trough	Trough to current	
United States	75.9	-25.6	48.8	10.7
New York-Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ	127.9	-22.3	43.6	11.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA	180.6	-38.2	79.0	10.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL	67.2	-38.4	42.8	-12.0
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	32.7	-35.8	72.9	11.1
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	149.3	-28.3	31.3	-5.9
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	29.4	-6.7	44.7	35.0
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	113.3	-51.2	86.1	-9.2
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	177.1	-51.8	81.6	-12.4
Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX	26.5	-7.2	62.9	51.1
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	69.2	-30.2	52.5	6.4
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	90.6	-32.9	95.2	31.0
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	34.1	-12.1	84.7	62.3
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	123.7	-23.9	19.1	-9.4
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	148.5	-37.5	69.9	6.2
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, CA	163.4	-35.3	60.2	3.7

Sources: Black Knight HPI and Urban Institute. Data as of November 2018.

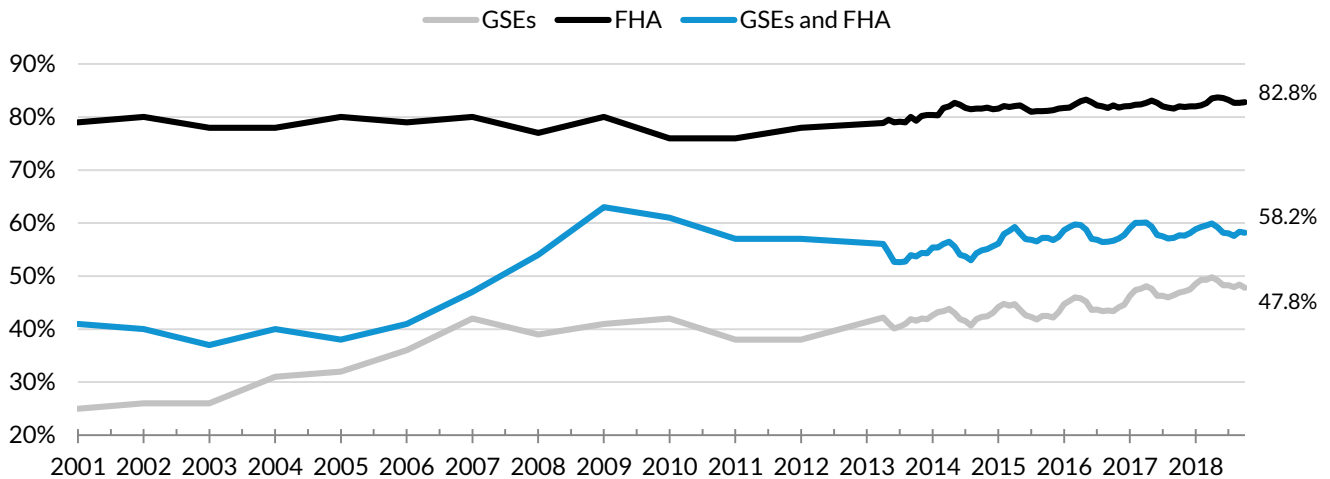
Note: This table includes the largest 15 Metropolitan areas by mortgage count.

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

First-Time Homebuyer Share

In October 2018, the first time homebuyer (FTHB) share of purchase loans increased very slightly for FHA and conventional mortgages. The FTHB share for FHA, which has always been more focused on first time homebuyers, stood at 82.8 percent in Oct 2018. The GSE FTHB share in Oct 2018 was 47.8 percent. The bottom table shows that based on mortgages originated in Oct 2018, the average FTHB was more likely than an average repeat buyer to take out a smaller loan, have a lower credit score, and higher LTV and higher DTI, thus paying a higher interest rate.



Sources: eMBS, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Urban Institute.

October 2018

Note: All series measure the first-time homebuyer share of purchase loans for principal residences.

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

Characteristics	GSEs		FHA		GSEs and FHA	
	First-time	Repeat	First-time	Repeat	First-time	Repeat
Loan Amount (\$)	230,952	252,825	207,278	223,712	221,250	248,593
Credit Score	737.8	754.1	669.7	676.0	709.9	742.8
LTV (%)	87.5	78.9	95.5	93.9	90.8	81.0
DTI (%)	36.6	37.0	43.7	44.6	39.5	38.1
Loan Rate (%)	4.94	4.84	5.04	4.96	4.98	4.86

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.

Note: Based on owner-occupied purchase mortgages originated in October 2018.

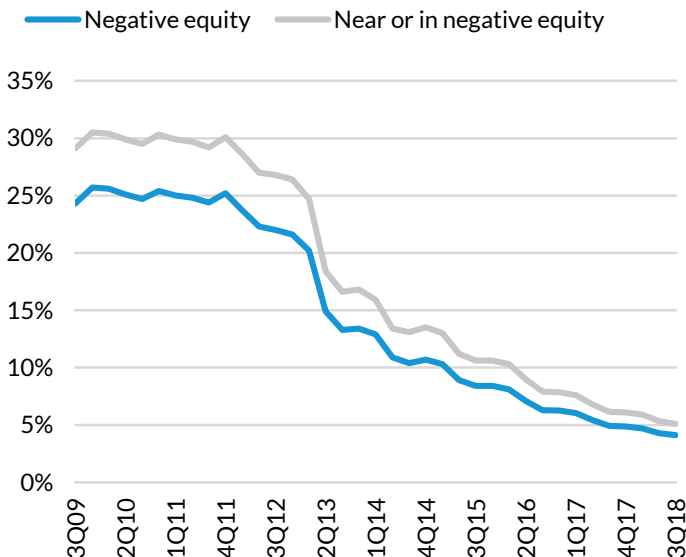
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DELINQUENCIES AND LOSS MITIGATION ACTIVITY

Loans in and near negative equity continued to decline in 2018; 4.1 percent now have negative equity, an additional 1.0 percent have less than 5 percent equity. Loans that are 90 days delinquent or in foreclosure have also been in a long decline, falling to 2.13 percent in the third quarter.

New loan modifications and liquidations have continued to decline. Since Q3, 2007, total loan modifications (HAMP and proprietary) are roughly equal to total liquidations. Hope Now reports show 8,491,929 borrowers have received a modification from Q3 2007 to Q2 2018, compared with 8,673,435 liquidations in the same period.

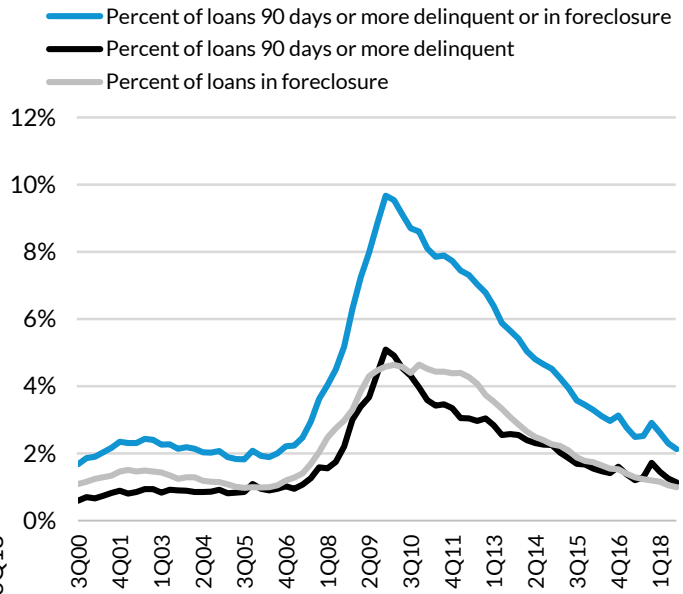
Negative Equity Share



Sources: CoreLogic and Urban Institute.

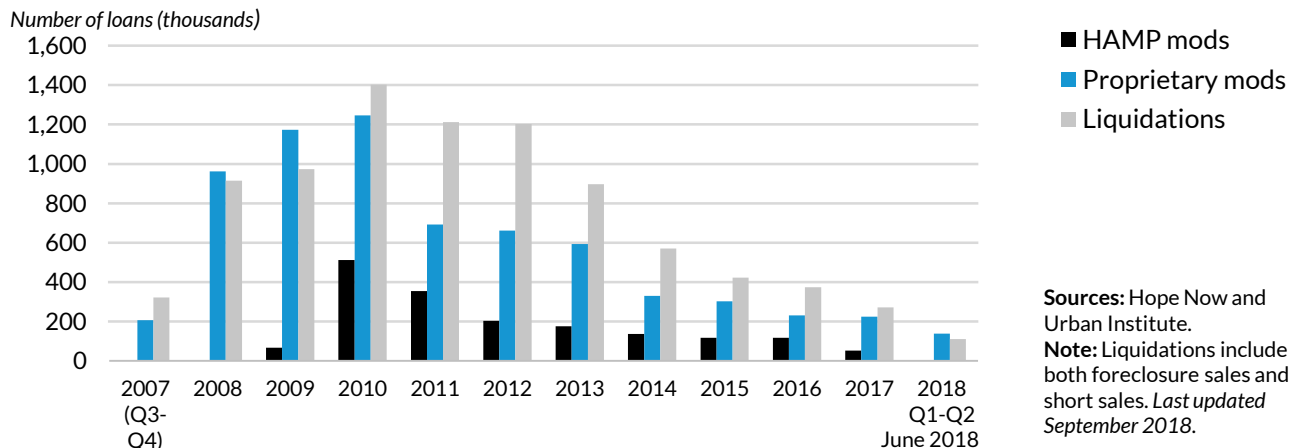
Note: Loans with negative equity refer to loans above 100 percent LTV. Loans near negative equity refer to loans above 95 percent LTV. Last updated December 2018.

Loans in Serious Delinquency/Foreclosure



Sources: Mortgage Bankers Association and Urban Institute. Last updated November 2018.

Loan Modifications and Liquidations



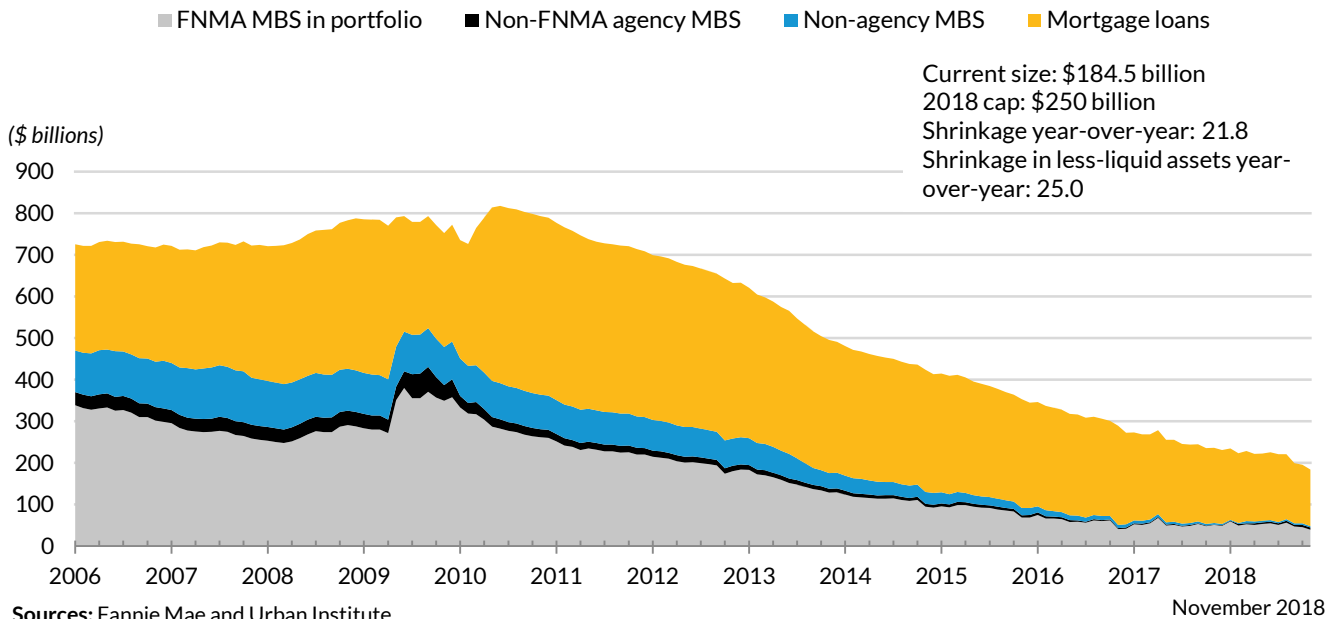
Sources: Hope Now and Urban Institute. Note: Liquidations include both foreclosure sales and short sales. Last updated September 2018.

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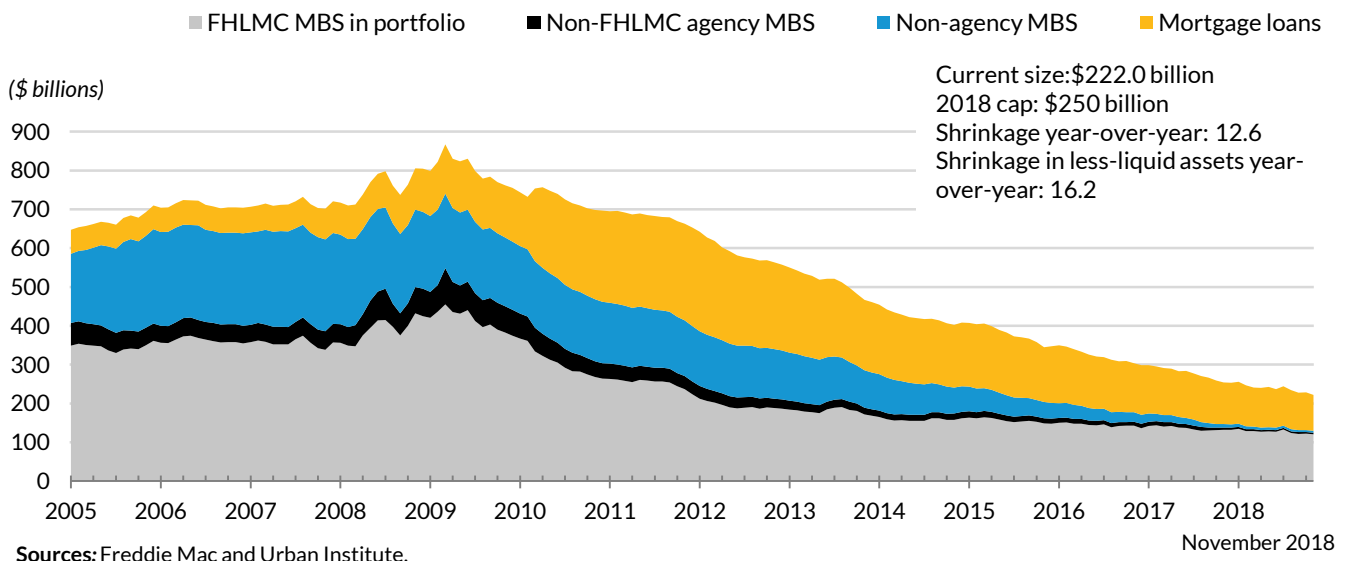
GSE PORTFOLIO WIND-DOWN

Both GSEs continue to contract their retained portfolios. Since November 2017, Fannie Mae has contracted by 21.8 percent and Freddie Mac by 12.6 percent. They are shrinking their less-liquid assets (mortgage loans and non-agency MBS) faster than they are shrinking their entire portfolio. The Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac portfolios are now both below the \$250 billion maximum portfolio size; they were required to reach this terminal level by year end 2018. Fannie met the target in 2017, Freddie met the target in February 2018.

Fannie Mae Mortgage-Related Investment Portfolio Composition



Freddie Mac Mortgage-Related Investment Portfolio Composition

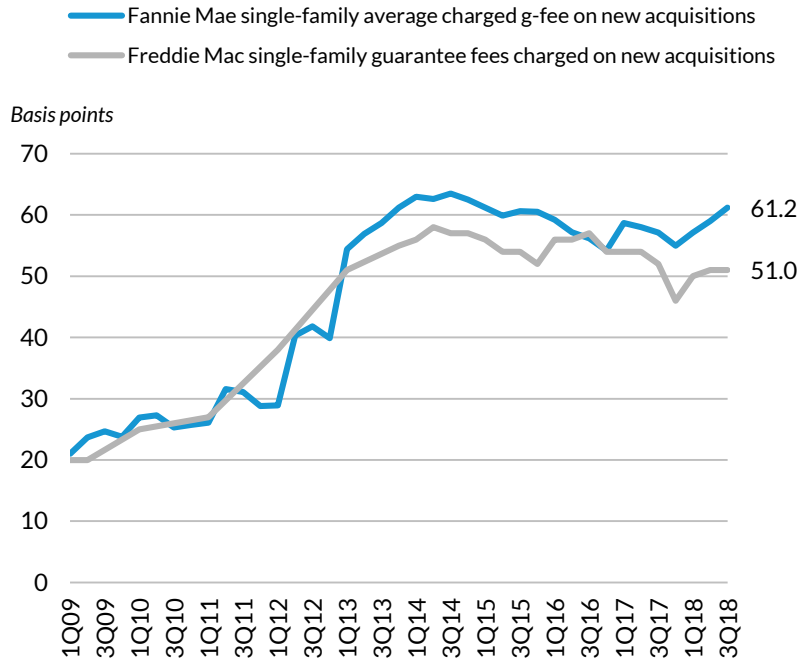


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EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE FEES

Guarantee Fees Charged on New Acquisitions

The latest 10-Q indicates that Fannie's average g-fees on new acquisitions increased from 59 to 61.2 bps in Q3 2018 while Freddie's remained at 51 bps. This is markedly higher than g-fee levels in 2011 and 2012, and has contributed to the GSEs' earnings. The GSE's latest Loan-Level Pricing Adjustments (LLPAs) took effect in September 2015; the bottom table shows the Fannie Mae LLPAs, which are expressed as upfront charges.



Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Urban Institute.
Last updated November 2018.

Fannie Mae Upfront Loan-Level Price Adjustments (LLPAs)

Credit Score	LTV							
	≤60	60.01 - 70	70.01 - 75	75.01 - 80	80.01 - 85	85.01 - 90	90.01 - 95	95.01 - 97
> 740	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.75
720 - 739	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00
700 - 719	0.00	0.50	1.00	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50
680 - 699	0.00	0.50	1.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.25	1.50
660 - 679	0.00	1.00	2.25	2.75	2.75	2.25	2.25	2.25
640 - 659	0.50	1.25	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.75	2.75	2.75
620 - 639	0.50	1.50	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.50
< 620	0.50	1.50	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.75
Product Feature (Cumulative)								
High LTV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Property	2.125	2.125	2.125	3.375	4.125	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sources: Fannie Mae and Urban Institute.

Note: For whole loans purchased on or after September 1, 2015, or loans delivered into MBS pools with issue dates on or after September 1, 2015.

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GSE RISK-SHARING TRANSACTIONS

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been laying off back-end credit risk through CAS and STACR deals as well as through reinsurance transactions. They have also done front-end transactions with originators and reinsurers, and experimented with deep mortgage insurance coverage with private mortgage insurers. FHFA's 2019 scorecard requires the GSEs to lay off credit risk on 90 percent of newly acquired loans in categories targeted for transfer. Fannie Mae's CAS issuances since inception total \$1.148 trillion, while Freddie's STACR totals \$1.079 trillion.

Fannie Mae – Connecticut Avenue Securities (CAS)

Date	Transaction	Reference Pool Size (\$ m)	Amount Issued (\$m)	of Reference Pool Covered
2013	CAS 2013 deals	\$26,756	\$675	2.5
2014	CAS 2014 deals	\$227,234	\$5,849	2.6
2015	CAS 2015 deals	\$187,126	\$5,463	2.9
2016	CAS 2016 deals	\$213,944	\$6,690	3.1
January 2017	CAS 2017 - C01	\$43,758	\$1,351	3.1
March 2017	CAS 2017 - C02	\$39,988	\$1,330	3.3
May 2017	CAS 2017 - C03	\$41,246	\$1,371	3.3
May 2017	CAS 2017 - C04	\$30,154	\$1,003	3.3
July 2017	CAS 2017 - C05	\$43,751	\$1,351	3.1
August 2017	CAS 2017 - C06	\$31,900	\$1,101	3.5
November 2017	CAS 2017 - C07	\$33,900	\$1,200	3.5
February 2018	CAS 2018 - C01	\$44,900	\$1,494	3.3
March 2018	CAS 2018 - C02	\$26,500	\$1,007	3.8
May 2018	CAS 2018 - C03	\$31,100	\$1,050	3.4
June 2018	CAS 2018 - C04	\$24,700	\$940	3.8
July 2018	CAS 2018 - C05	\$28,700	\$983	3.4
October 2018	CAS 2018 - C06	\$25,700	\$918	3.6
October 2018	CAS 2018 - R07	\$24,300	\$922	3.8
Total		\$1,148,172	\$35,400	3.1

Freddie Mac – Structured Agency Credit Risk (STACR)

Date	Transaction	Reference Pool Size (\$ m)	Amount Issued (\$m)	of Reference Pool Covered
2013	STACR 2013 deals	\$57,912	\$1,130	2.0
2014	STACR 2014 deals	\$147,120	\$4,916	3.3
2015	STACR 2015 deals	\$209,521	\$6,658	3.2
2016	STACR 2016 deals	\$199,130	\$5,541	2.8
January 2017	STACR Series 2017 - DNA1	\$33,965	\$802	2.4
February 2017	STACR Series 2017 - HQA1	\$29,700	\$753	2.5
April 2017	STACR Series 2017 - DNA2	\$60,716	\$1,320	2.2
June 2017	STACR Series 2017 - HQA2	\$31,604	\$788	2.5
September 2017	STACR Series 2017 - DNA3	\$56,151	\$1,200	2.1
October 2017	STACR Series 2017 - HQA3	\$21,641	\$600	2.8
December 2017	STACR Series 2017 - HRP1	\$15,044	\$200	1.3
January 2018	STACR Series 2018 - DNA1	\$34,733	\$900	2.6
March 2018	STACR Series 2018 - HQA1	\$40,102	\$985	2.5
June 2018	STACR Series 2018 - DNA2	\$49,346	\$1,050	2.1
September 2018	STACR Series 2018 - DNA3	\$30,000	\$820	2.7
October 2018	STACR Series 2018 - HQA2	\$36,200	\$1,000	2.8
November 2018	STACR Series 2018 - HRP2	\$26,200	\$1,300	5.0
Total		\$1,079,085	\$29,963	2.8

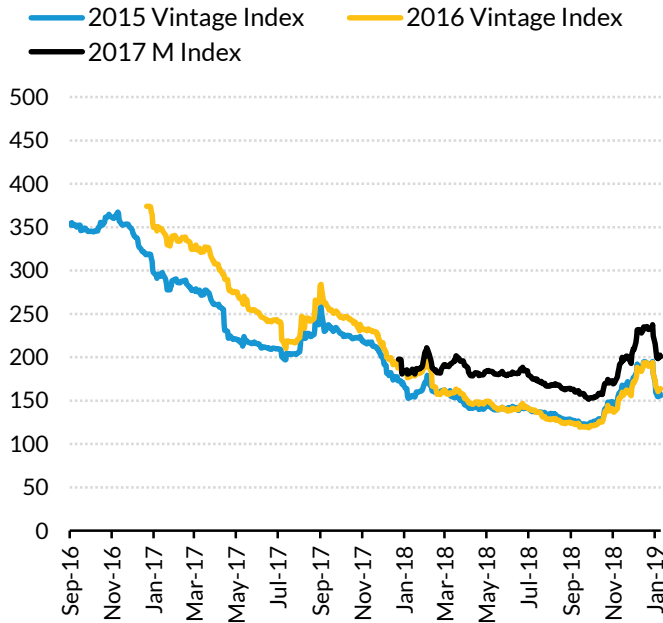
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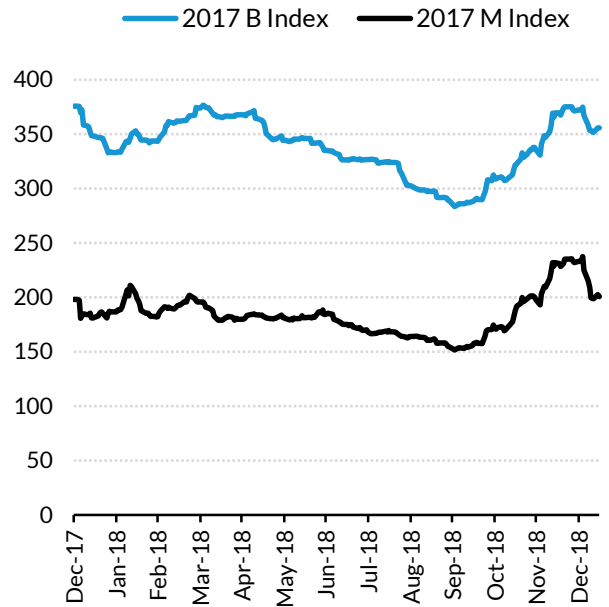
GSE RISK-SHARING INDICES

Spreads on older CRT securities have narrowed considerably through time, despite occasional bouts of volatility. In late 2018, there was considerable spread widening, followed by a sharp spread narrowing in 2019, a pattern also seen in the corporate bond market. The figures below show the spreads on 2015, 2016 and 2017 indices, as priced by dealers. Note that the 2015 and 2016 indices consist of the bottom mezzanine tranche in each deal, weighted by the original issuance amount; the equity tranches were not sold in these years. The 2017 indices contain both the bottom mezzanine tranche as well as the equity tranche (the B tranche), in all deals when the latter was sold.

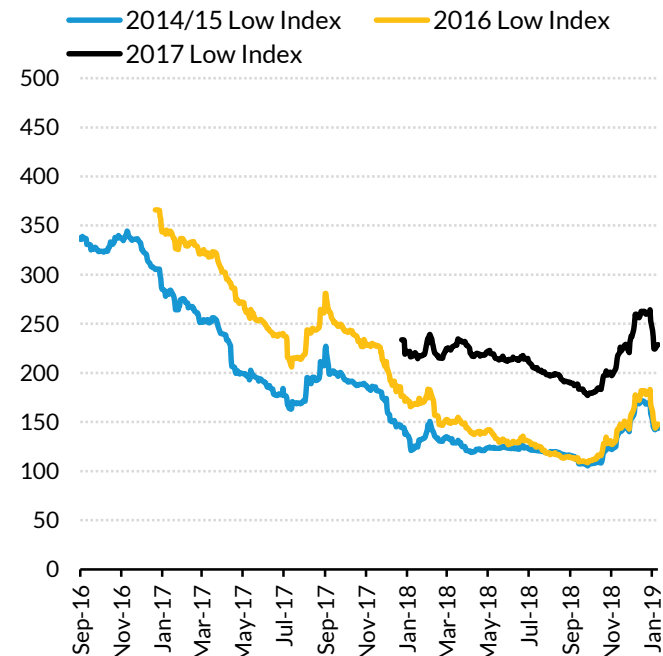
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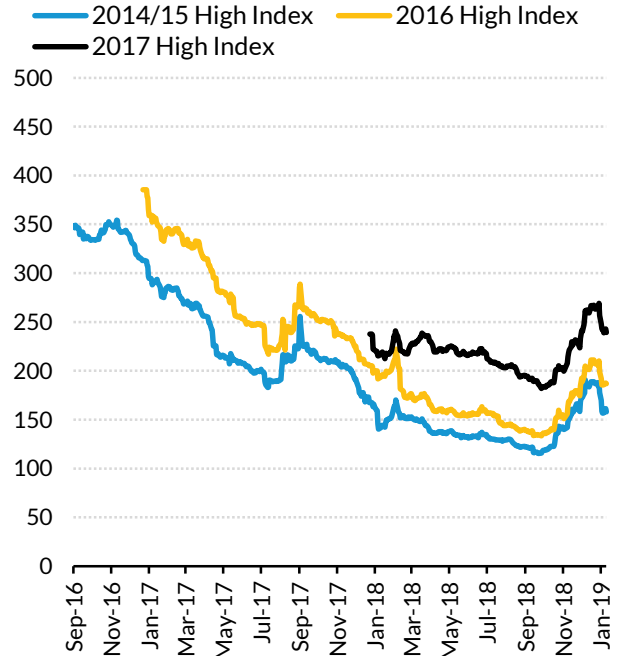
2017 Indices



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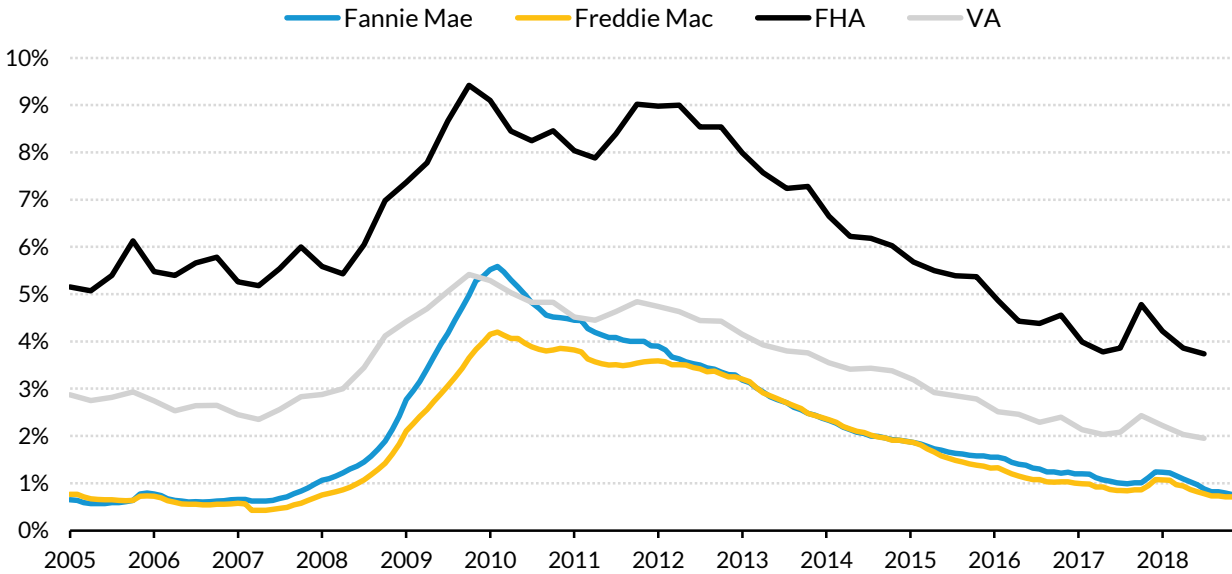
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SERIOUS DELINQUENCY RATES

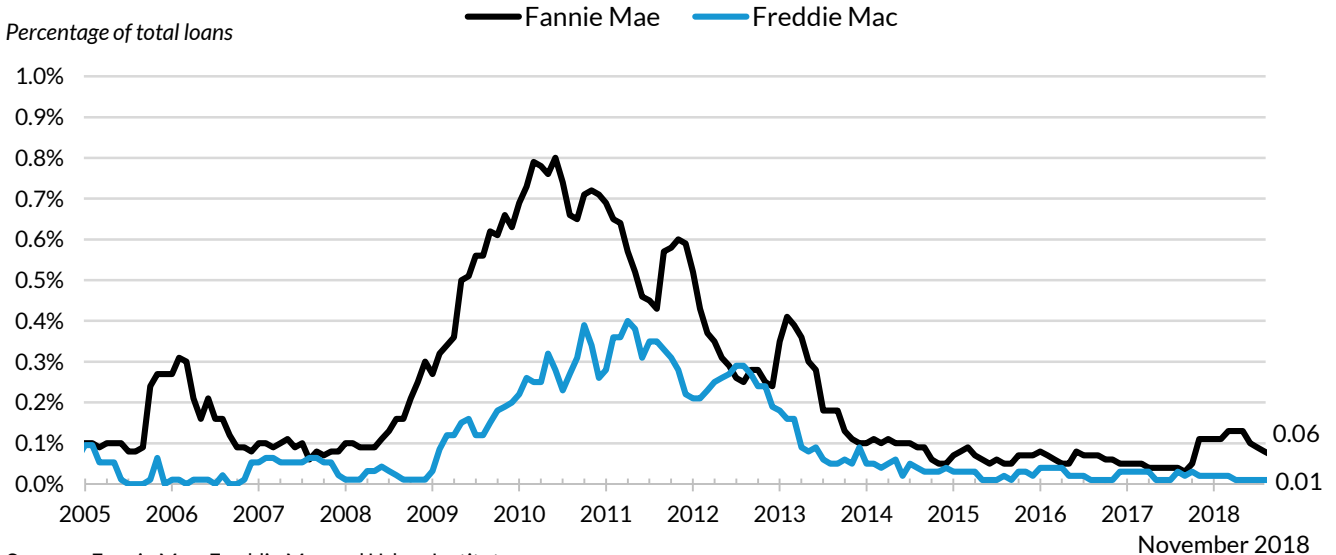
Serious delinquencies for single-family GSE, FHA, and VA loans continued their decline in recent months, after hurricane related uptick at the end of 2017. GSE delinquencies remain high relative to 2005-2007, while FHA and VA delinquencies (which are higher than their GSE counterparts) are at levels lower than 2005-2007. GSE multifamily delinquencies have declined post-crisis and remain very low.

Serious Delinquency Rates—Single-Family Loans



Sources: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, 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. FHA and VA delinquencies are reported on a quarterly basis, last updated November 2018. GSE delinquencies are reported monthly, last updated January 2019.

Serious Delinquency Rates—Multifamily GSE Loans



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 was \$1.195 trillion in 2018, down 10.3 percent year-over-year. When measured on a monthly basis, agency gross issuance year-over-year has been declining for 21 consecutive months since March 2017, reflecting higher mortgage rates. Net issuance (which excludes repayments, prepayments, and refinances on outstanding mortgages) totaled \$261.6 billion in 2018, down 12.7 percent from 2017.

Agency Gross Issuance

Issuance Year	GSEs	Ginnie Mae	Total
2000	\$360.6	\$102.2	\$462.8
2001	\$885.1	\$171.5	\$1,056.6
2002	\$1,238.9	\$169.0	\$1,407.9
2003	\$1,874.9	\$213.1	\$2,088.0
2004	\$872.6	\$119.2	\$991.9
2005	\$894.0	\$81.4	\$975.3
2006	\$853.0	\$76.7	\$929.7
2007	\$1,066.2	\$94.9	\$1,161.1
2008	\$911.4	\$267.6	\$1,179.0
2009	\$1,280.0	\$451.3	\$1,731.3
2010	\$1,003.5	\$390.7	\$1,394.3
2011	\$879.3	\$315.3	\$1,194.7
2012	\$1,288.8	\$405.0	\$1,693.8
2013	\$1,176.6	\$393.6	\$1,570.1
2014	\$650.9	\$296.3	\$947.2
2015	\$845.7	\$436.3	\$1,282.0
2016	\$991.6	\$508.2	\$1,499.8
2017	\$877.3	\$455.6	\$1,332.9
2018	\$795.0	\$400.6	\$1,195.3
2018 Change YOY	-9.4%	-12.1%	-10.3%

Agency Net Issuance

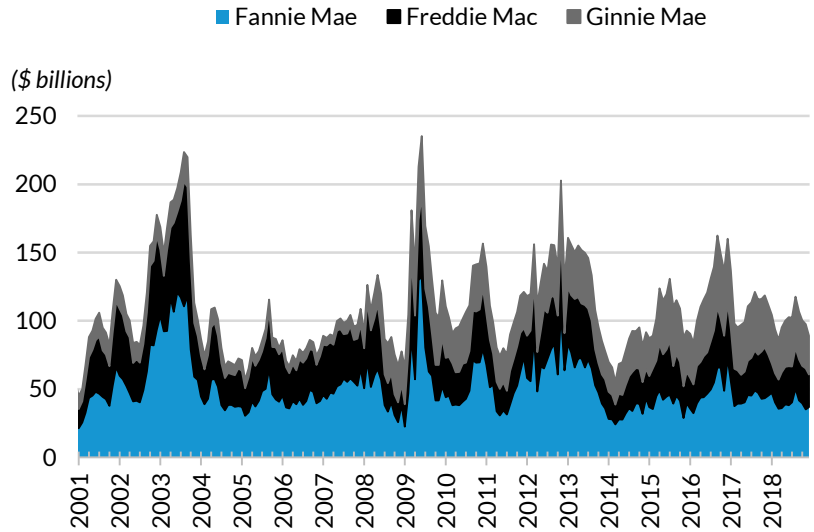
Issuance Year	GSEs	Ginnie Mae	Total
2000	\$159.8	\$29.3	\$189.1
2001	\$368.4	-\$9.9	\$358.5
2002	\$357.2	-\$51.2	\$306.1
2003	\$334.9	-\$77.6	\$257.3
2004	\$82.5	-\$40.1	\$42.4
2005	\$174.2	-\$42.2	\$132.0
2006	\$313.6	\$0.2	\$313.8
2007	\$514.9	\$30.9	\$545.7
2008	\$314.8	\$196.4	\$511.3
2009	\$250.6	\$257.4	\$508.0
2010	-\$303.2	\$198.3	-\$105.0
2011	-\$128.4	\$149.6	\$21.2
2012	-\$42.4	\$119.1	\$76.8
2013	\$69.1	\$87.9	\$157.0
2014	\$30.5	\$61.6	\$92.1
2015	\$75.1	\$97.3	\$172.5
2016	\$135.5	\$126.1	\$261.6
2017	\$168.5	\$131.3	\$299.7
2018	\$147.7	\$113.9	\$261.6
2018 Change YOY	-12.3%	-13.3%	-12.7%

AGENCY ISSUANCE

AGENCY GROSS ISSUANCE & FED PURCHASES

Monthly Gross Issuance

While FHA, VA and GSE lending have dominated the mortgage market since the crisis, there has been a change in the mix. The Ginnie Mae share of new issuances has risen from a precrisis level of 10-12% to 31.9 percent in December 2018, reflecting origination increases via FHA and VA. Ginnie's share was also assisted by rising rates since late 2016. Higher rates have curtailed GSE refi volume much more than Ginnie's, boosting Ginnie Mae's share of issuances.

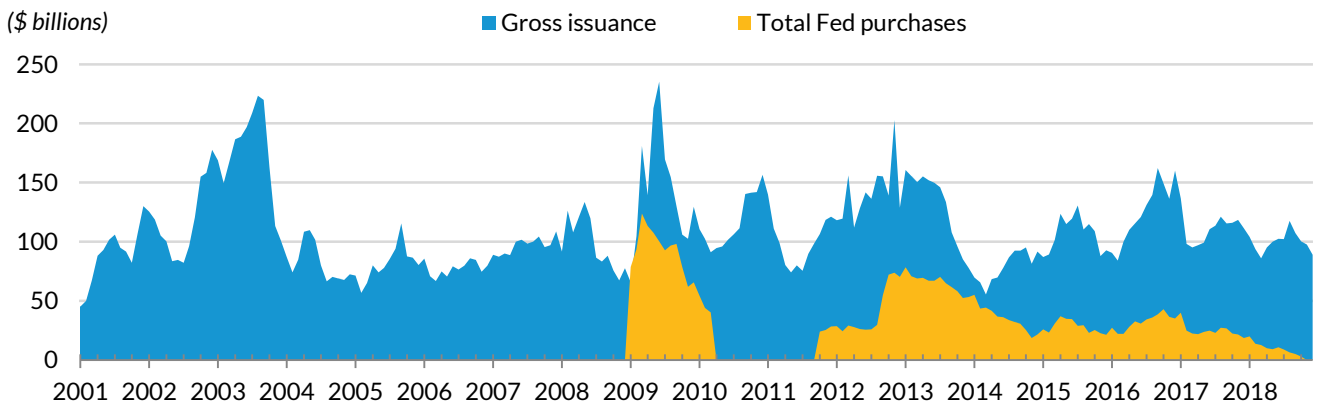


Sources: eMBS, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Urban Institute.

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Fed Absorption of Agency Gross Issuance

The Fed has begun to wind down their portfolio, and we are beginning to see the effects in slower absorption rates. During the period October 2014-September 2017, the Fed had ended its purchase program, but was reinvesting funds from mortgages and agency debt into the mortgage market, absorbing 20-30 percent of agency gross issuance. With the wind down, which started in October 2017, the Fed has continued to reinvest, but by less than prepayment and repayments. The amount of the MBS taper (amount permitted to run off each month) hit the \$20 billion cap under the current policy in October 2018. Since then the amount of Fed purchases has been tiny; in December total Fed purchases totaled \$288 million, corresponding to Fed absorption of gross issuance of 0.32 percent.



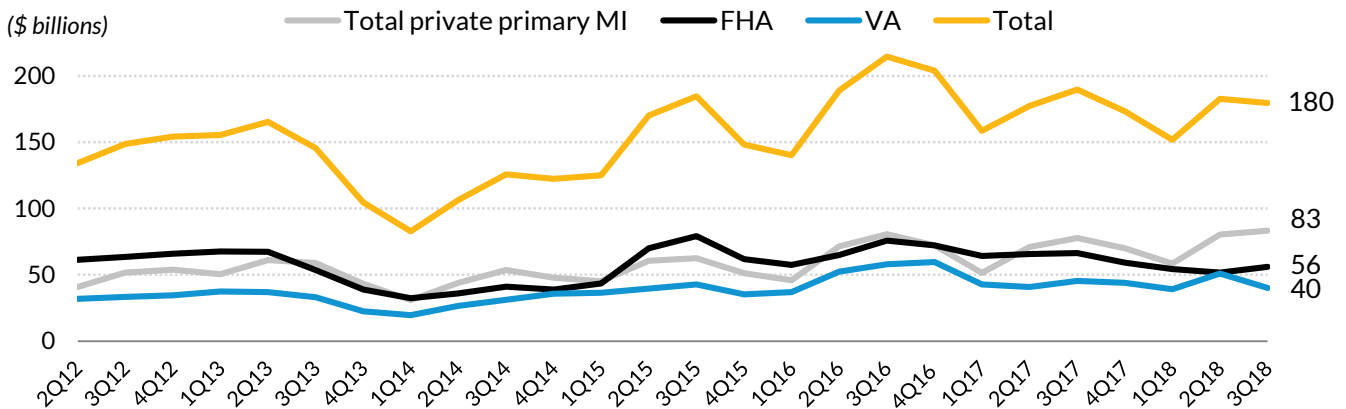
Sources: eMBS, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Urban Institute.

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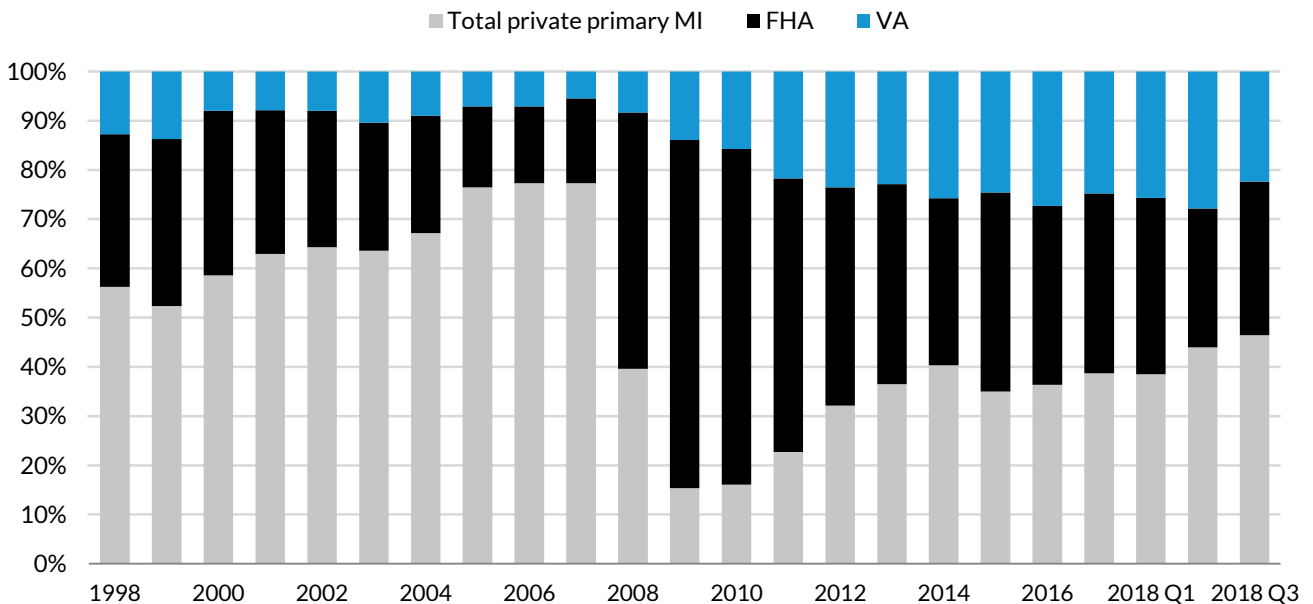
MI Activity

Mortgage insurance activity via the FHA, VA and private insurers declined from \$183 billion in Q3 2017 to \$180 billion in Q3 2018, or 1.6 percent. In the third quarter of 2018, private mortgage insurance increased by \$2.95 billion, FHA increased by \$4.53 billion, while VA decreased by \$10.7 billion from the previous quarter. In the third quarter of 2018, the VA share fell from 27.8 percent to 22.4 percent, while the FHA share rose from 28.2 percent to 31.2 percent and the private mortgage insurers share grew from 44.0 percent to 46.4 percent, compared to the previous quarter.



Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute. Last updated November 2018.

MI Market Share



Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute. Last updated November 2018.

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FHA premiums rose significantly in the years following the housing crash, with annual premiums rising 170 percent from 2008 to 2013 as FHA worked to shore up its finances. In January 2015, President Obama announced a 50 bps cut in annual insurance premiums, making FHA mortgages more attractive than GSE mortgages for the overwhelming majority of high LTV borrowers. The April 2016 reduction in PMI rates for borrowers with higher FICO scores and April 2018 reduction for lower FICO borrowers has partially offset that. As shown in the bottom table, a borrower putting 3.5 percent down will now find FHA more economical except for those with FICO scores of 740 or higher.

FHA MI Premiums for Typical Purchase Loan

Case number date	Upfront mortgage insurance premium (UFMIP) paid	Annual mortgage insurance premium (MIP)
1/1/2001 - 7/13/2008	150	50
7/14/2008 - 4/5/2010*	175	55
4/5/2010 - 10/3/2010	225	55
10/4/2010 - 4/17/2011	100	90
4/18/2011 - 4/8/2012	100	115
4/9/2012 - 6/10/2012	175	125
6/11/2012 - 3/31/2013 ^a	175	125
4/1/2013 - 1/25/2015 ^b	175	135
Beginning 1/26/2015 ^c	175	85

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.

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

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

^c 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. PMI

Assumptions	
Property Value	\$250,000
Loan Amount	\$241,250
LTV	96.5
Base Rate	
Conforming	5.16
FHA	5.08

FICO	620 - 639	640 - 659	660 - 679	680 - 699	700 - 719	720 - 739	740 - 759	760 +
FHA MI Premiums								
FHA UFMIP	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
FHA MIP	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
PMI								
GSE LLPA*	3.50	2.75	2.25	1.50	1.50	1.00	0.75	0.75
PMI Annual MIP	2.25	2.05	1.90	1.40	1.15	0.95	0.75	0.55
Monthly Payment								
FHA	\$1,501	\$1,501	\$1,501	\$1,501	\$1,501	\$1,501	\$1,501	\$1,501
PMI	\$1,877	\$1,814	\$1,768	\$1,645	\$1,595	\$1,540	\$1,492	\$1,452
PMI Advantage	(\$376)	(\$313)	(\$268)	(\$145)	(\$94)	(\$39)	\$9	\$49

Sources: Genworth Mortgage Insurance, Ginnie Mae, and Urban Institute.

Note: Mortgage insurance premiums listed in percentage points. Grey shade indicates FHA monthly payment is more favorable, while light blue indicates PMI is more favorable. The PMI monthly payment calculation does not include special programs like Fannie Mae's HomeReady and Freddie Mac's Home Possible (HP), both offer more favorable rates for low- to moderate-income borrowers. LLPA= Loan Level Price Adjustment, described in detail on page 25.

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