# TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES AND FORECLOSURES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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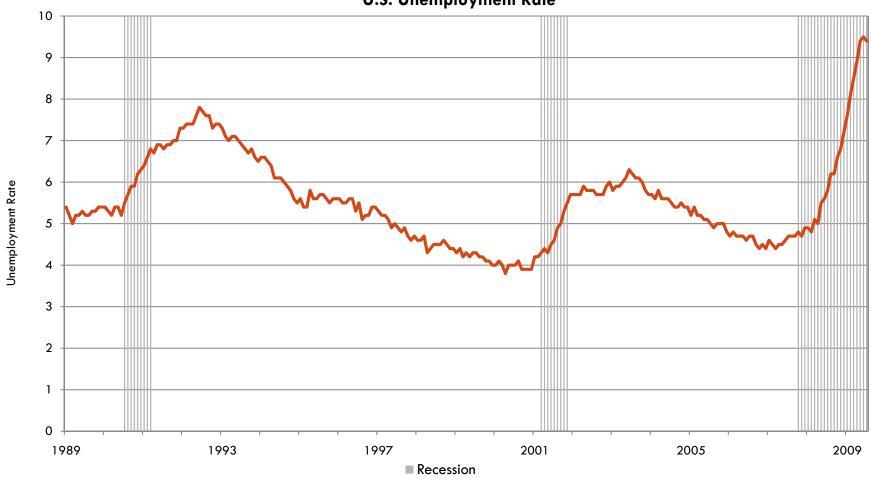
# **Outline of Presentation**

#### National Trends

- Recession and turmoil in financial markets has had broad repercussions, especially for lower-income households
  - Signs of stabilization in financial markets and consumer spending
- California
  - Rising unemployment across broad range of sectors
    - Ongoing weakness in the labor market may continue to push up foreclosures and poses risks to the recovery of the housing sector
  - Trends in foreclosures
    - California saw a sharp rise in foreclosure starts in 1st quarter 2009, followed by slight drop
  - House prices continue downward trend

# National Trends

## Weakness in Labor Market Grave Concern



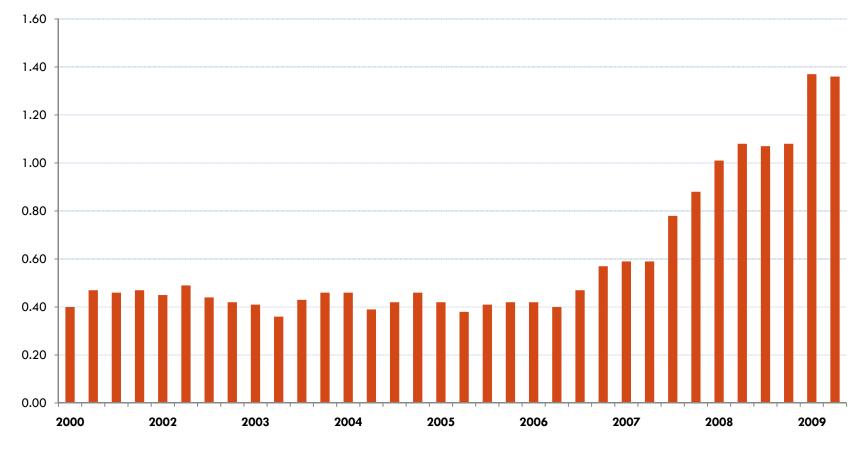
U.S. Unemployment Rate

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# National Foreclosure Starts Rose Sharply in 1st Quarter of 2009

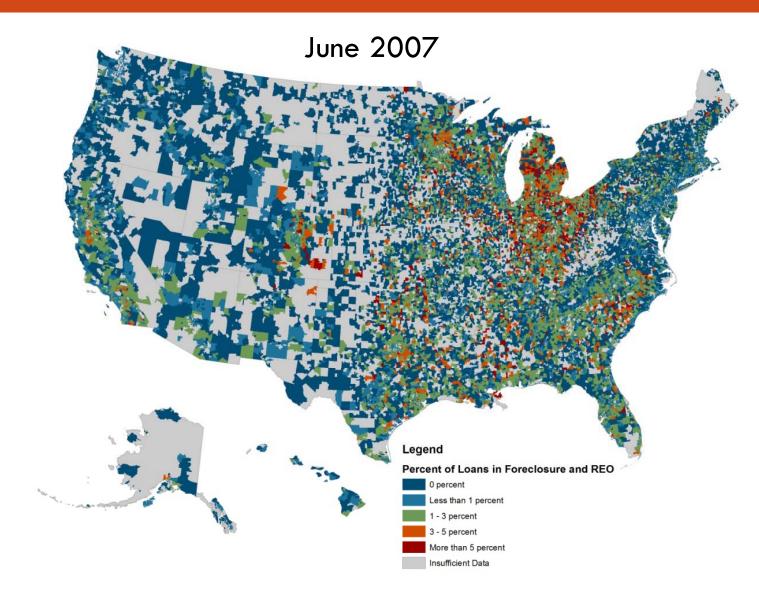
#### **National Foreclosures Starts**

**Percent of All Loans** 

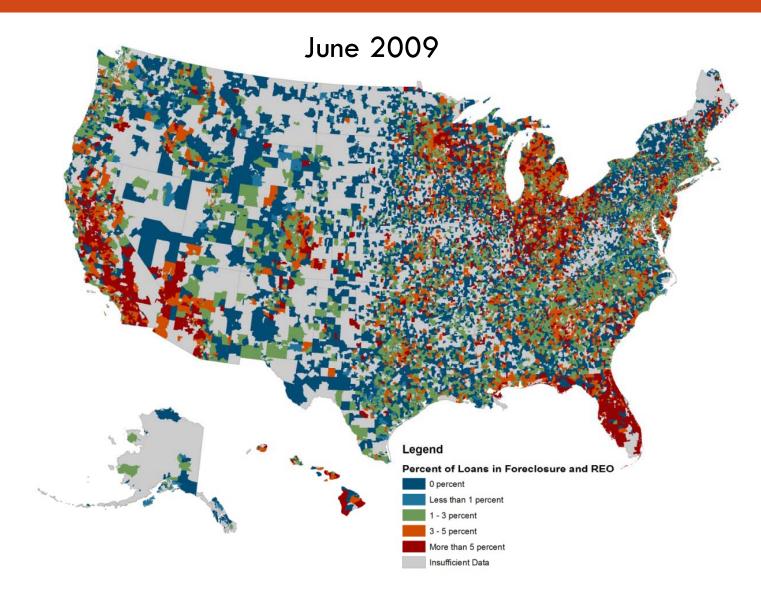


Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey

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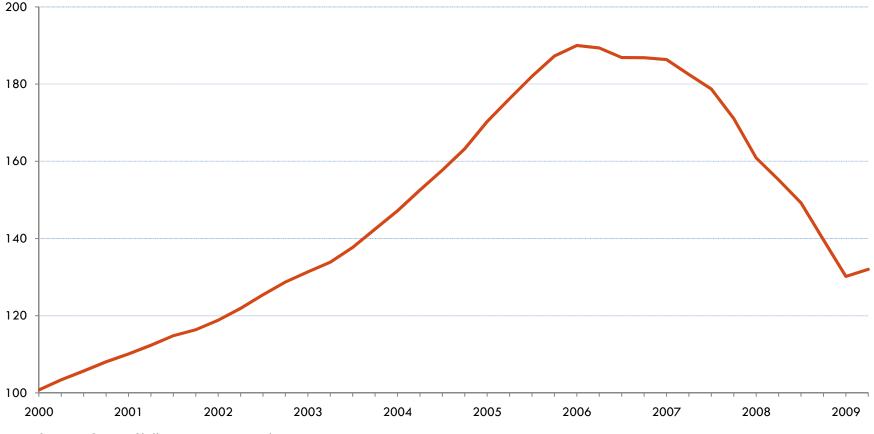
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# House Prices Rose Slightly in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009

**Case-Shiller National House Price Index** 

(2000 = 100, quarterly)





### How Does This Compare to Great Depression?

	Current Crisis	The Great Depression
GDP decline	3.9%	36%
Unemployment	9.4%	25%
Stock Market decline	48%	87%
Mortgage Delinquency	10.5%	50%
Bank Failures	100	Thousands

Source: FRBSF and Haver Analytics, as of July 2009.

#### Certain Market Indicators are Looking Up

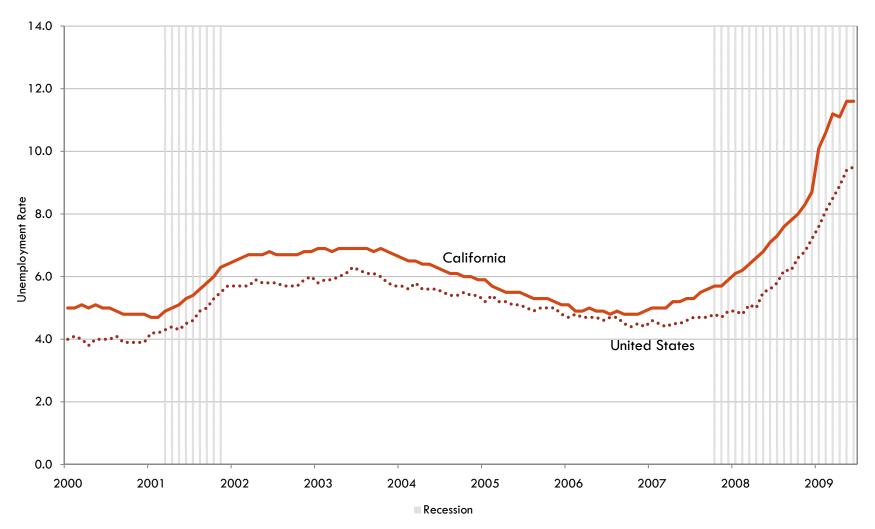
- Financial markets are improving, and the crisis mode that has characterized the past year is subsiding.
- The housing sector, which has been at the center of the economic and financial crisis, also looks to be stabilizing albeit, at a very depressed level. Housing starts and new home sales have leveled off, and existing home sales have edged up in recent months.
- Income from the federal fiscal stimulus, as well as some improvement in confidence, has helped stabilize consumer spending. Since consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, this is a key precondition for economic recovery.

Nevertheless, Recession is Likely to Have Long-Lasting Impacts, Especially for Lower-Income Families

- 48 states face significant budget shortfalls, and are cutting public services such as health benefits for children and public education.
- Tightening lending standards will make it more difficult for families and small businesses to access credit: the Federal Reserve's quarterly Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices found that 65 percent reported tightened standards for the fourth quarter of 2008.
- CDFIs are increasingly facing liquidity constraints; their borrowers are in more need of 'patient' capital at the same time it is becoming harder to provide it.

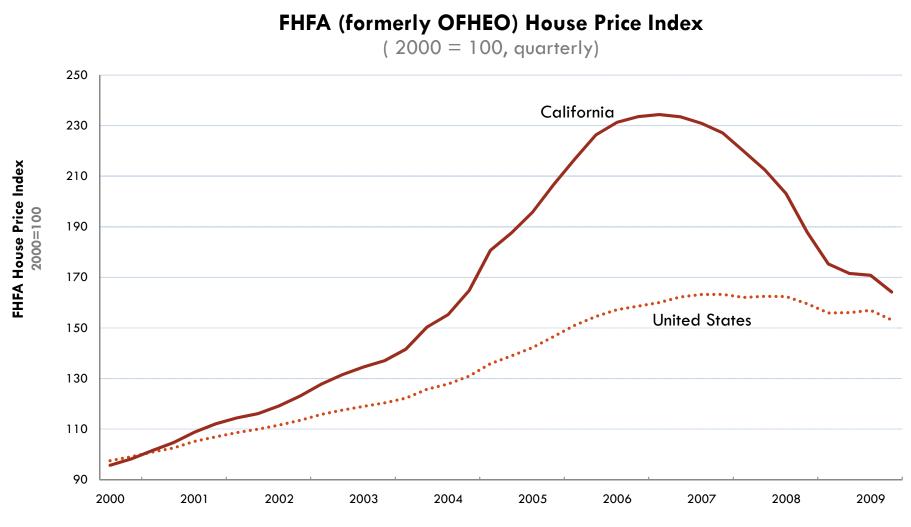
# California Trends

# Unemployment Rate Rose Steeply in 1<sup>st</sup> Half of 2009



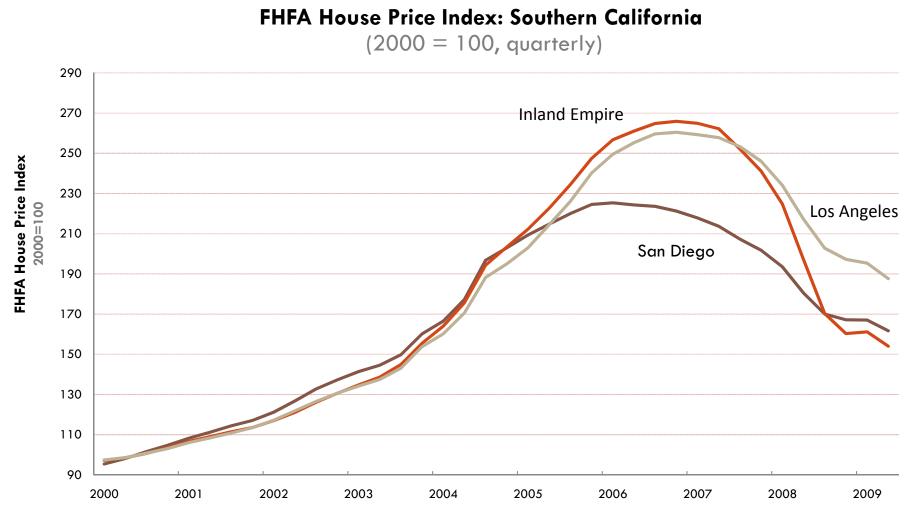
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# California Has Seen Significant and Steep Decline in House Prices



Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)

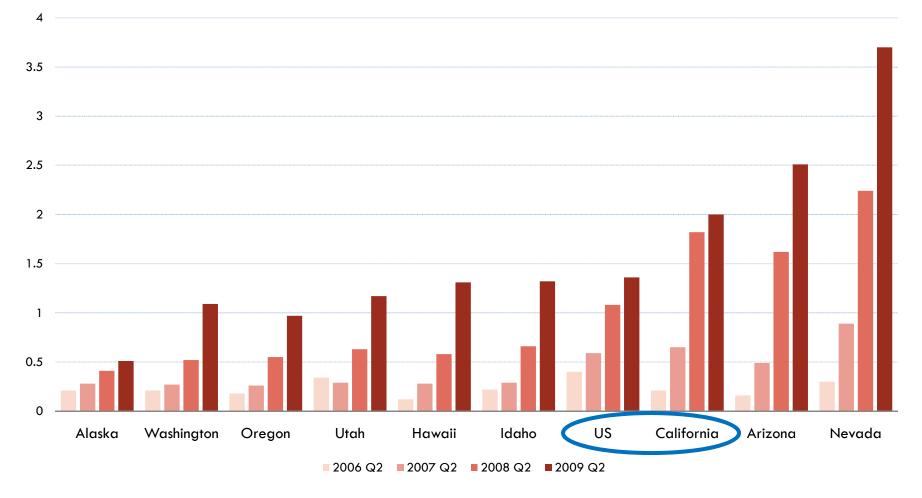
# Inland Empire has seen greatest rise and fall of home prices



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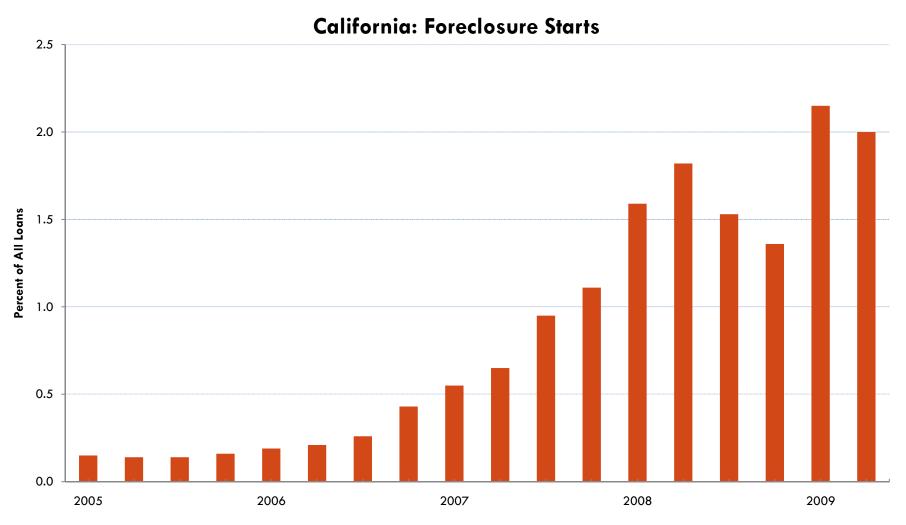
# Foreclosures in California are Above the National Average

Foreclosure Starts (Percent of All Loans)



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey

California Saw a Sharp Rise in Foreclosure Starts in 1st Quarter 2009, Followed by Slight Drop



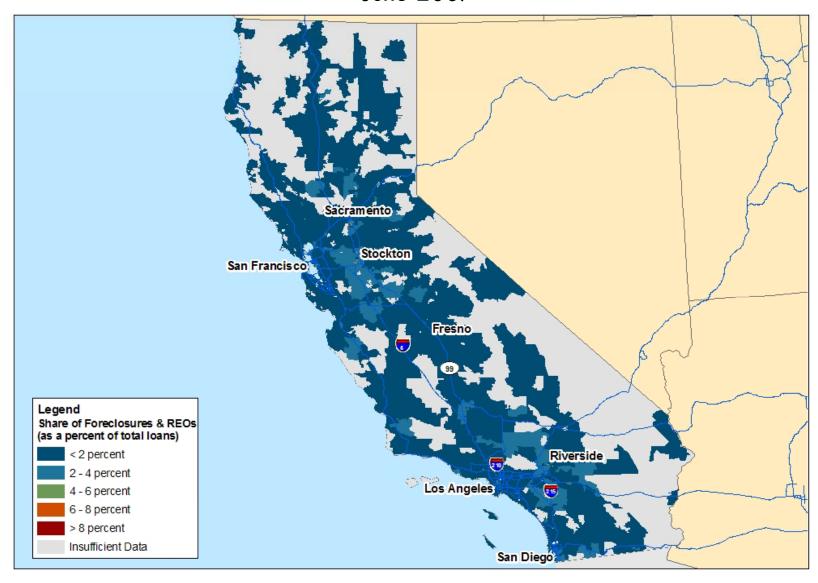
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Growing Concerns over Sustainability of Loans with Payment Options (in subprime, prime and Alt-A markets)

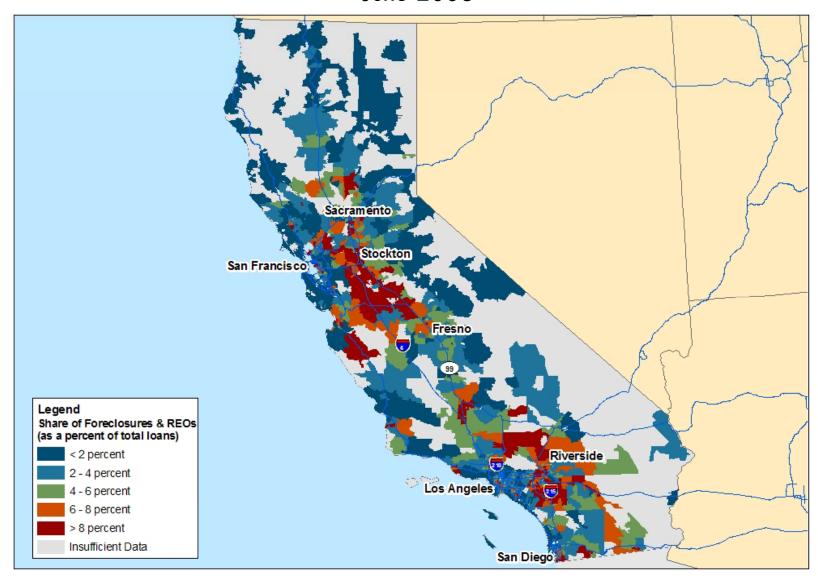
Characteristics of Remaining "Current" Loans

■ California ■ US

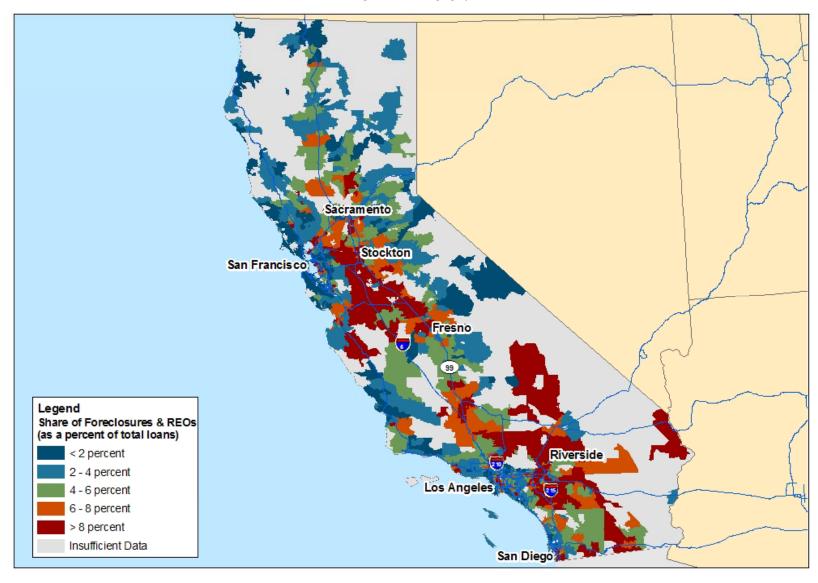
# State & Local Data Maps



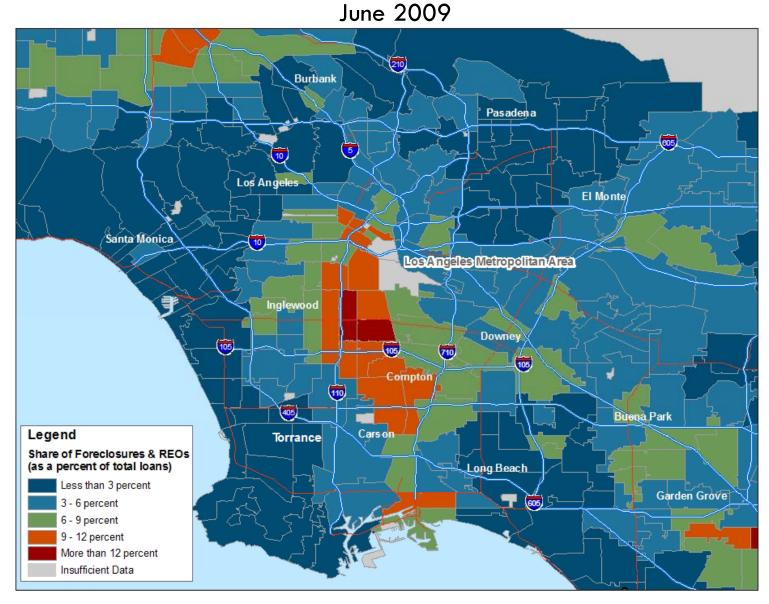
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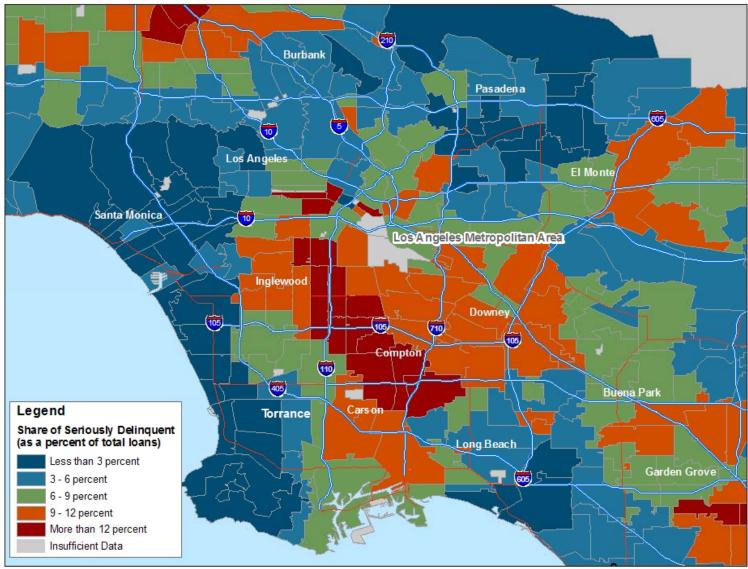
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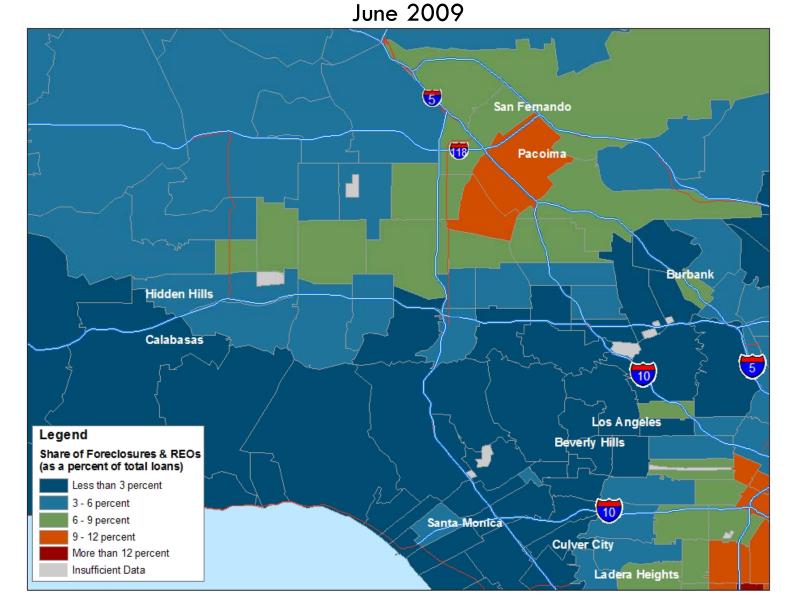
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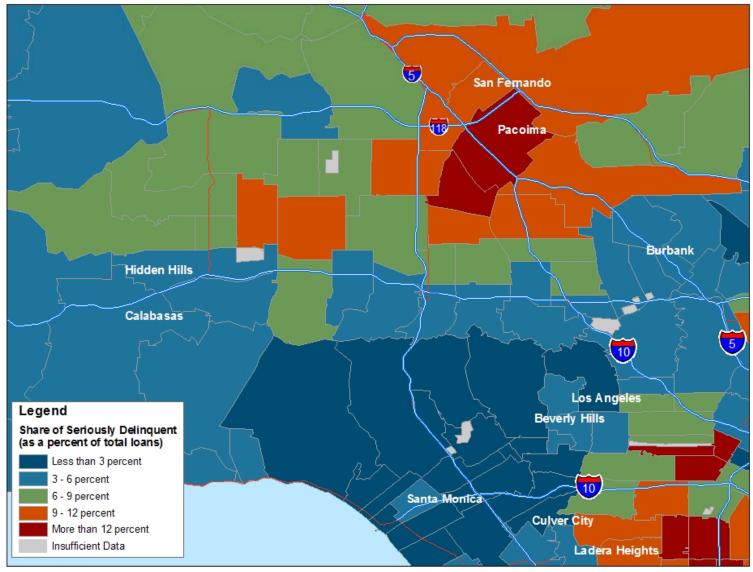
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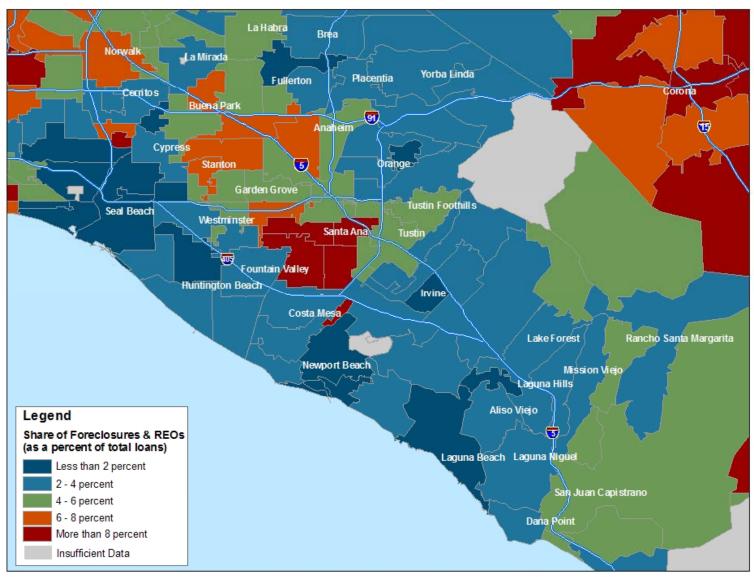
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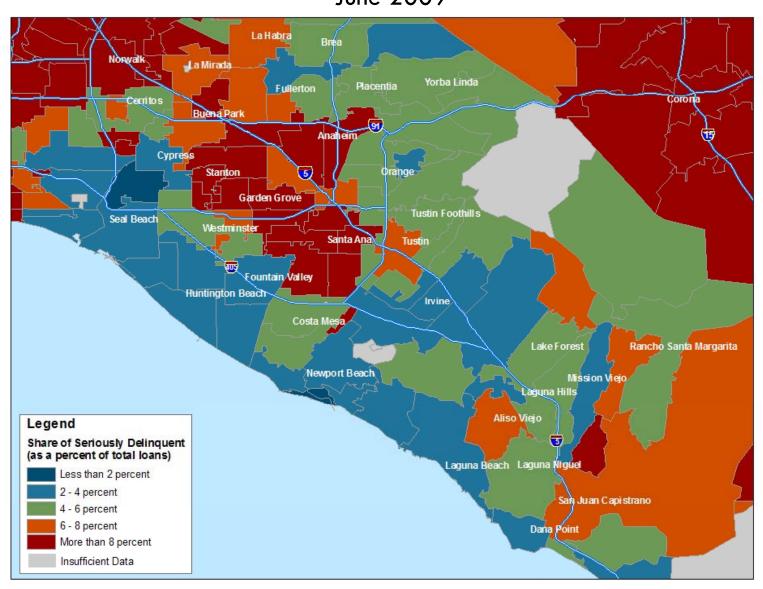


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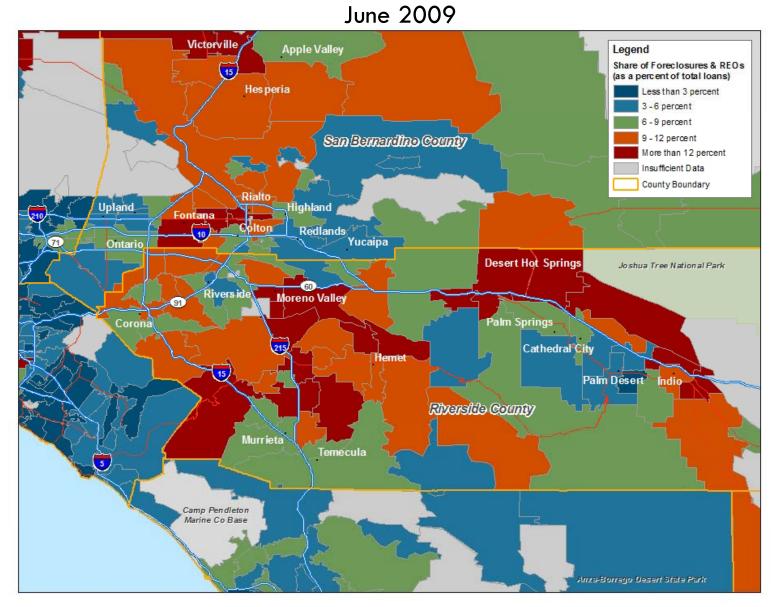


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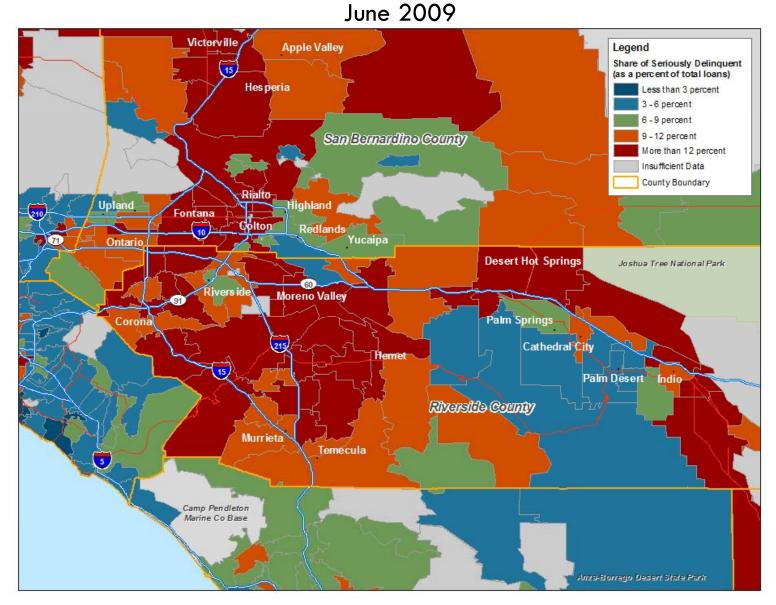


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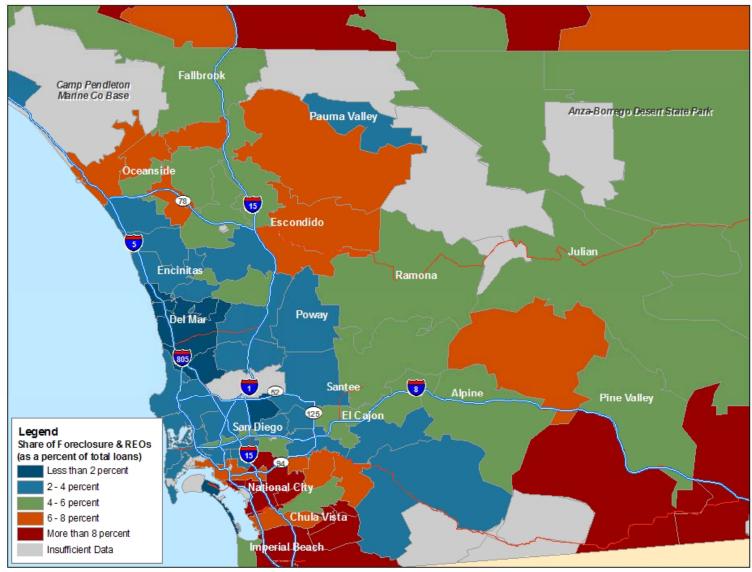
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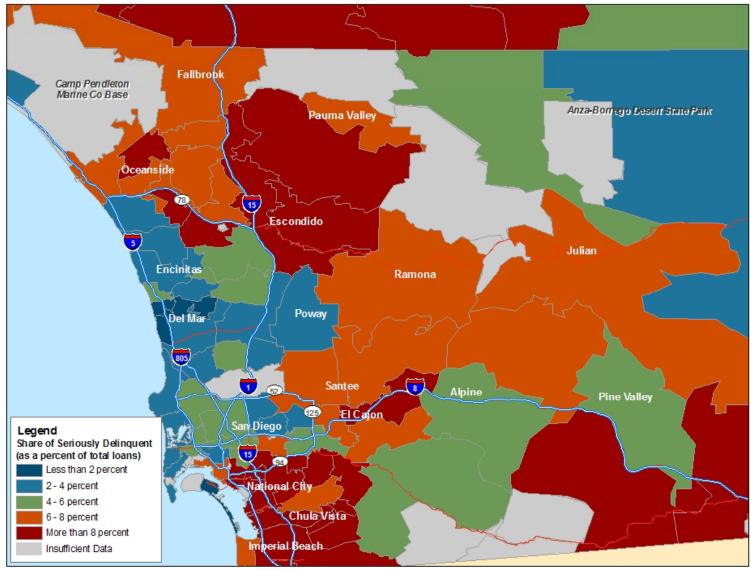
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## **Continued Need for Foreclosure Prevention**

- Important to reach borrowers with 'preventable' foreclosures
  - Borrower Outreach Events
    - Create a foreclosure prevention workbook -- for an example see Arizona's:

http://www.pima.gov/current/2008 November%20English%20Workbook.pdf

#### Making Homes Affordable

- Federal program provides both loan modification and refinance options
- Online form available that allows borrowers to assess if they qualify for the program
  - <u>http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/eligibility.html</u>

# **Preventing Foreclosure Scams**

- Foreclosure scams are proliferating, especially in markets with investor interest
  - Some counties are sending notices to all delinquent borrowers to warn them about foreclosure scams
  - Free media kit available from the Federal Reserve which includes a PSA and other resources:

http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm

- NeighborWorks PSA: <u>http://www.youtube.com/nwpad</u>
- Other 5 Tip brochures and resources available from the Federal Reserve <u>http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/fivetips.htm</u>
- FDIC Brochure: <u>http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/loans/prevention/rescue/index.html</u>

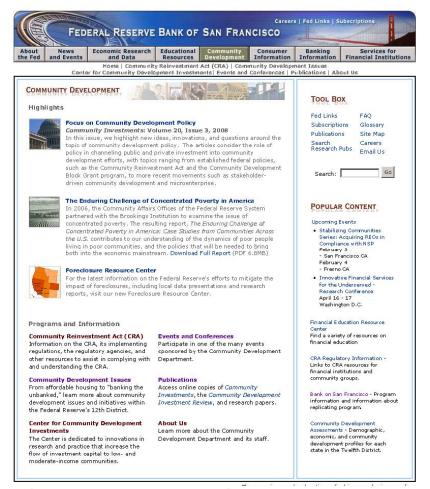
## Stabilizing Communities and Helping Families After Foreclosure

- Develop service delivery and resources for families who go through foreclosure
  - Rental housing assistance
  - Credit repair
  - Minimizing disruption for children (e.g. allowing them to finish the school year in their old school)
- Minimize negative spillover effects of vacant properties on surrounding neighborhood
  - Ensure servicer maintenance of REOs
  - Work with lenders/servicers to acquire and rehab foreclosures for affordable housing

# For More Information:

### **FRBSF** Community Development Website

- Links to other resources and research on foreclosure trends and mitigation strategies
- All publications, presentations available on our website
- Conference materials also posted shortly after events



http://www.frbsf.org/community/