TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES
AND FORECLOSURES IN
CALIFORNIA

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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

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
National Foreclosure Starts Rose Sharply in 1st Quarter of 2009

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Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey
In Last 2 Years, Foreclosure Crisis Has Spread Beyond “Rust Belt” Cities

June 2007
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June 2009
House Prices Rose Slightly in 2\textsuperscript{nd} Quarter 2009

\textbf{Case-Shiller National House Price Index}
\textit{(2000 = 100, quarterly)}

Source: Case - Shiller Home Price Index
How Does This Compare to Great Depression?

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<th>Current Crisis</th>
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<td>GDP decline</td>
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<td>Unemployment</td>
<td>9.4%</td>
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<td>Stock Market decline</td>
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Source: FRBSF and Haver Analytics, as of July 2009.
And 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 Rising Steeply in 1st Half of 2009

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
California Has Seen Significant and Steep Decline in House Prices

FHFA (formerly OFHEO) House Price Index
(2000 = 100, quarterly)

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
Northern CA MSAs Experiencing Significant House Price Declines

FHFA House Price Index: Northern California
(2000 = 100, quarterly)

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
Southern California MSAs also Experiencing Declining House Prices

FHFA House Price Index: Southern California
(2000 = 100, quarterly)

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
Central Valley Cities Have Seen Greatest House Price Declines

FHFA House Price Index: Central California
(2000 = 100, quarterly)

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
Foreclosures in California are Above the National Average

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey
California Saw a Sharp Rise in Foreclosure Starts in 1st Quarter 2009, Followed by Slight Drop

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey
Growing Concerns over Sustainability of Loans with Payment Options (in subprime, prime and Alt-A markets)

Characteristics of Remaining “Current” Loans

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<th>Percent of Total Current Loans</th>
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Areas Affected by Concentrated Foreclosures

June 2007

Legend
Share of Foreclosures & RECs (as a percent of total loans)
- < 2 percent
- 2 - 4 percent
- 4 - 6 percent
- 6 - 8 percent
- > 8 percent
- Insufficient Data

Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
Bay Area Data Maps

Areas Affected by Concentrated Foreclosures

June 2009

Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
Areas at Risk of Additional Foreclosures
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Sacramento Valley Data Maps

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Share of Foreclosures & REOs (as a percent of total loans)
- Less than 3 percent
- 3 - 6 percent
- 6 - 9 percent
- 9 - 12 percent
- More than 12 percent
- Insufficient Data
- County Boundary

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Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
San Joaquin Valley Data Maps

Areas Affected by Concentrated Foreclosures

June 2009

Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
Southern Central California Data Maps

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Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
Southern Central California Data Maps

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Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
Los Angeles Metro Region Data Maps

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Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics
Orange County Data Maps

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San Diego Regional Data Maps

Neighborhoods at Risk of Additional Foreclosures

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Conclusions
Continued Need for Foreclosure Prevention

- Important to reach borrowers with ‘preventable’ foreclosures
  - **Borrower Outreach Events**
  - **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
      - [http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/eligibility.html](http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/eligibility.html)
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](http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm)
  - NeighborWorks PSA: [http://www.youtube.com/nwpad](http://www.youtube.com/nwpad)
- Other 5 Tip brochures and resources available from the Federal Reserve: [http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/fivetips.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/fivetips.htm)
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/