# TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES AND FORECLOSURES IN UTAH

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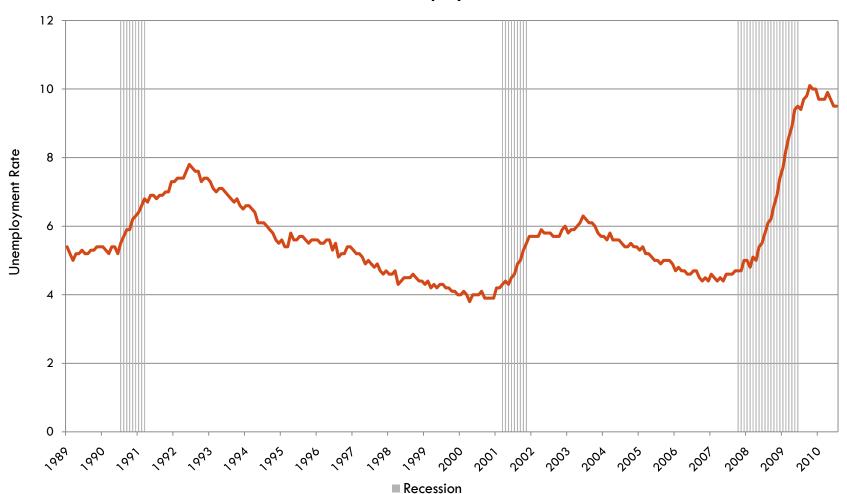
#### National Trends

- According to John Williams, Director of Research at the FRBSF, the economic outlook is for a slow and modest recovery
  - Unemployment still a major concern, and unlikely to see significant drops in the unemployment rate in the next year
  - While the housing market appears to be stabilizing, recovery is muted, and construction starts and home sales are both down in the most recent period
  - Growth of real gross domestic product (GDP), the broadest measure of the strength of the economy, is hovering around 2 percent in the current quarter
- Large "shadow" inventory of properties in delinquency or some stage of the foreclosure process also remains a concern

## National Trends

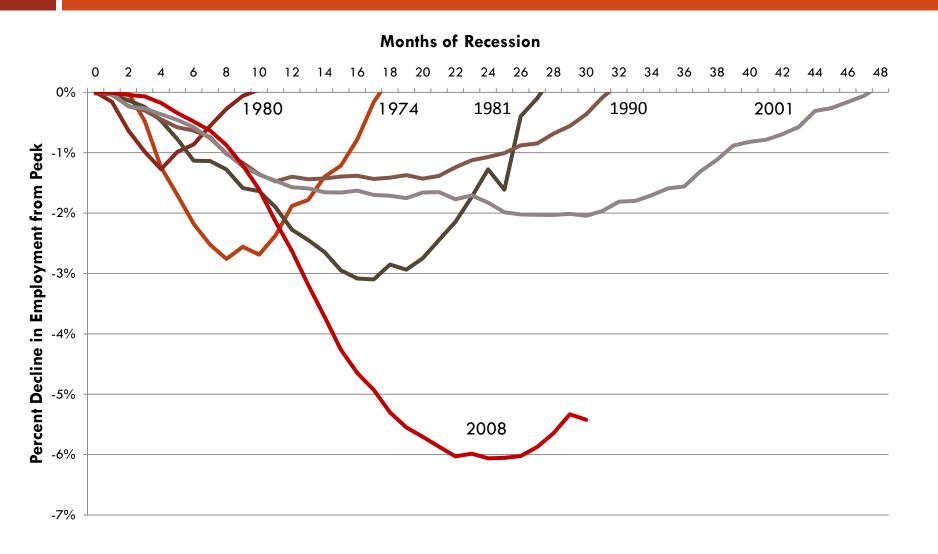
### Unemployment continues to hover around 10%

**U.S. Unemployment Rate** 



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2010

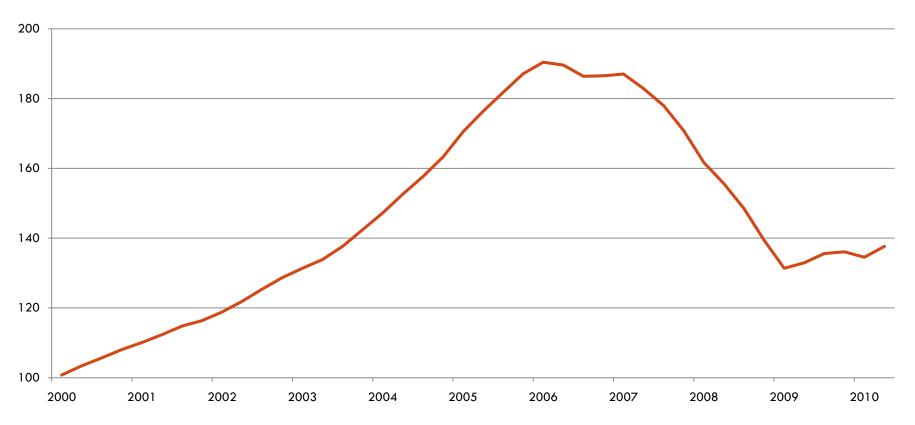
# Depth of this economic downturn eclipses past recessions



### Case-Shiller shows tepid housing recovery

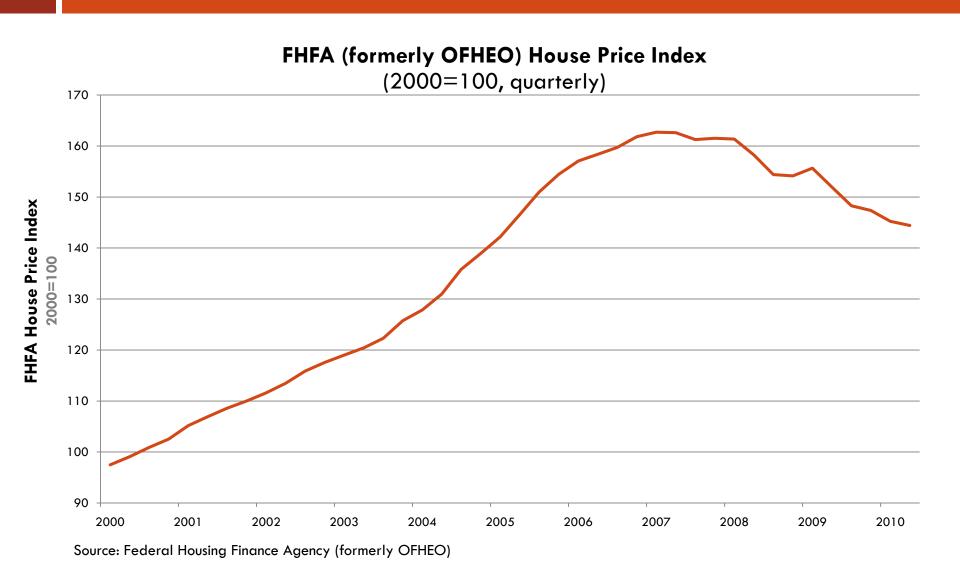
#### Case-Shiller National House Price Index

(2000 = 100, Quarterly)

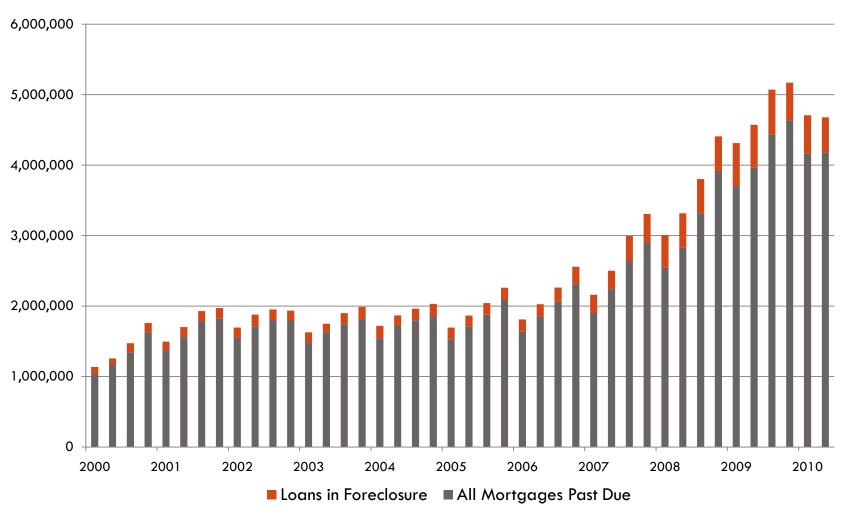


Source: Case - Shiller Home Price Index

# FHFA House Price Index continues to fall, reflecting activity at lower end of market

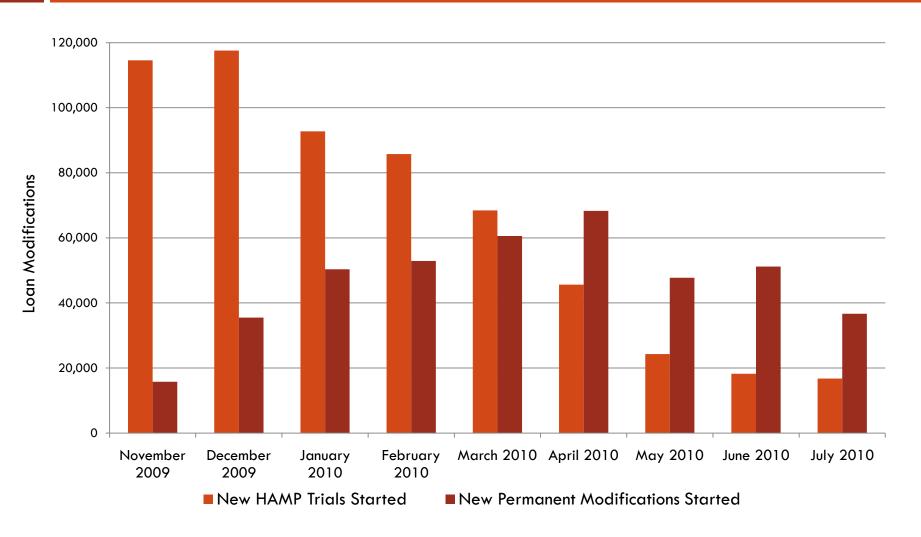


# Overall delinquencies drop, but still more than 4.5 million homes in distress



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey

## HAMP modifications down slightly in July; borrowers still face challenges in obtaining permanent modifications

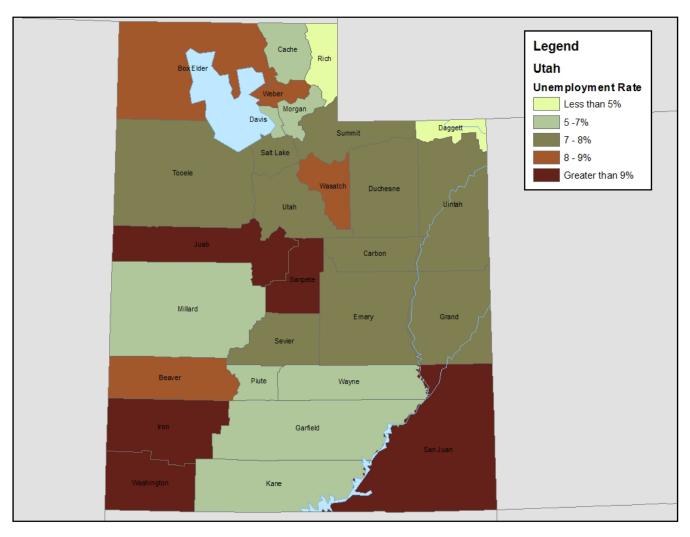


## Utah Trends

# Unemployment rate in Utah rising, though below US average

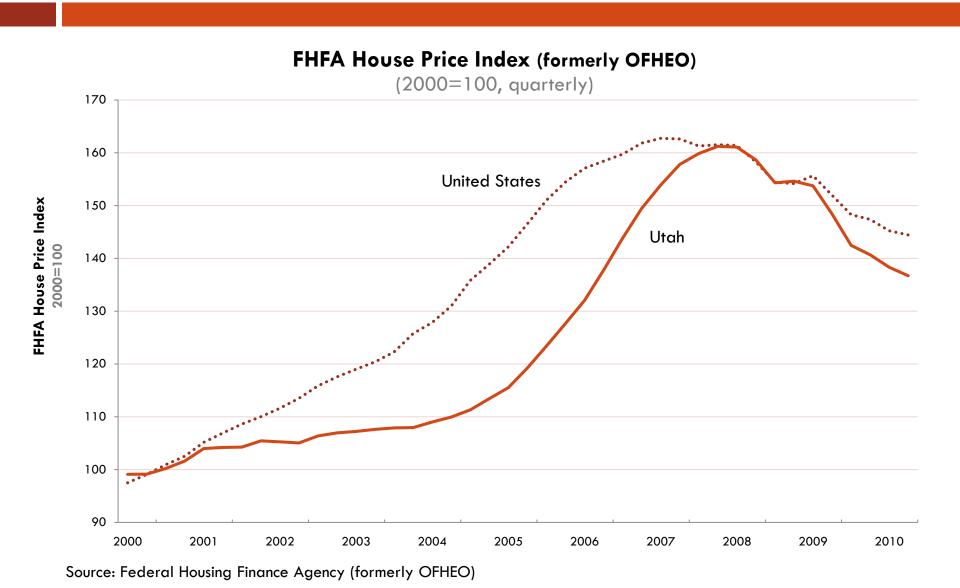


### Unemployment rates in Utah by county

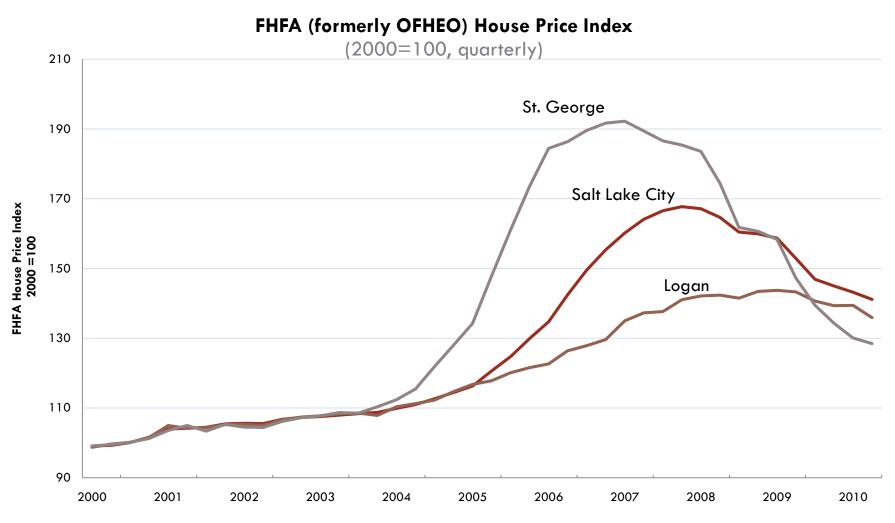


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2010

### Utah seeing continued decline in house prices

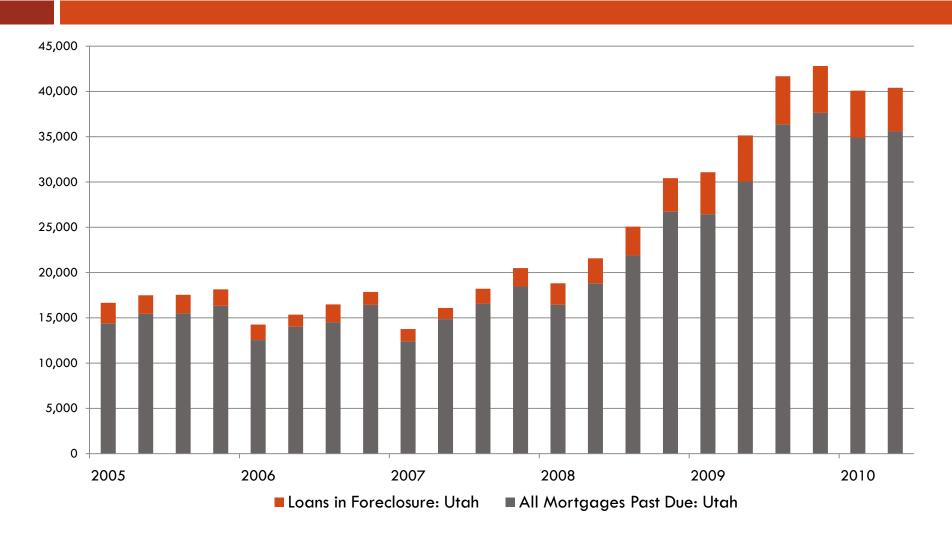


### House price declines in major metropolitan areas



Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)

# The number of distressed properties – delinquent and in foreclosure – seems to be stabilizing

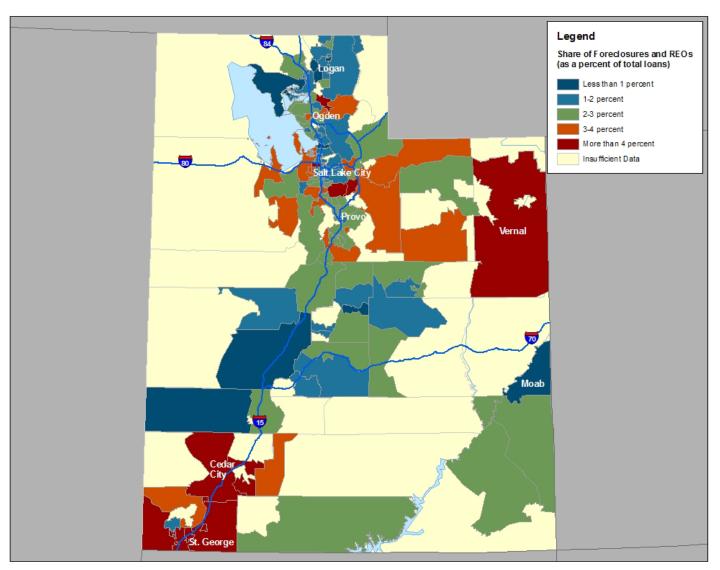


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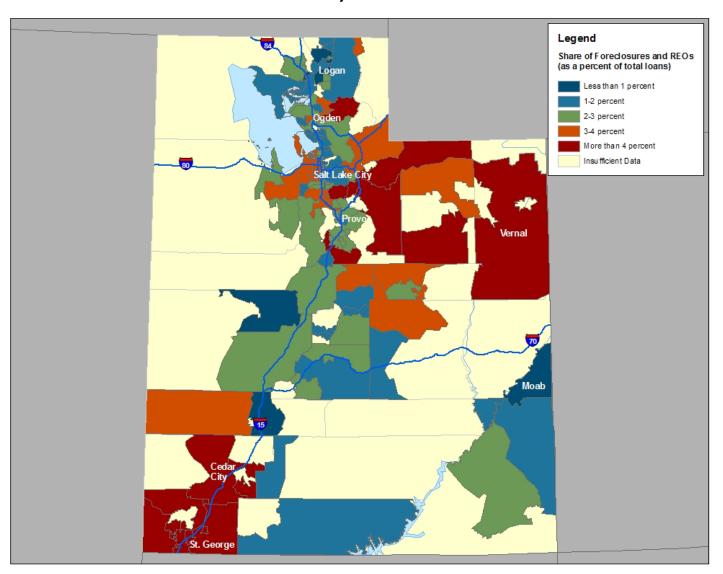
## Utah Foreclosure Data Maps

### **Areas Affected by Concentrated Foreclosures**

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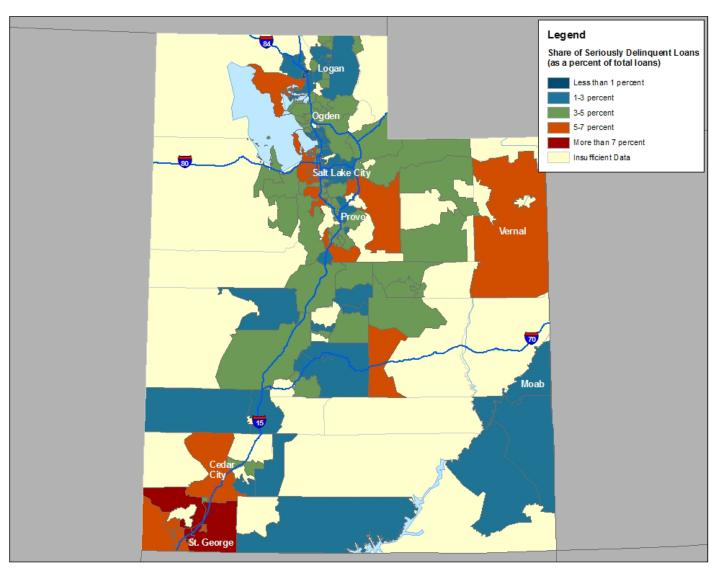


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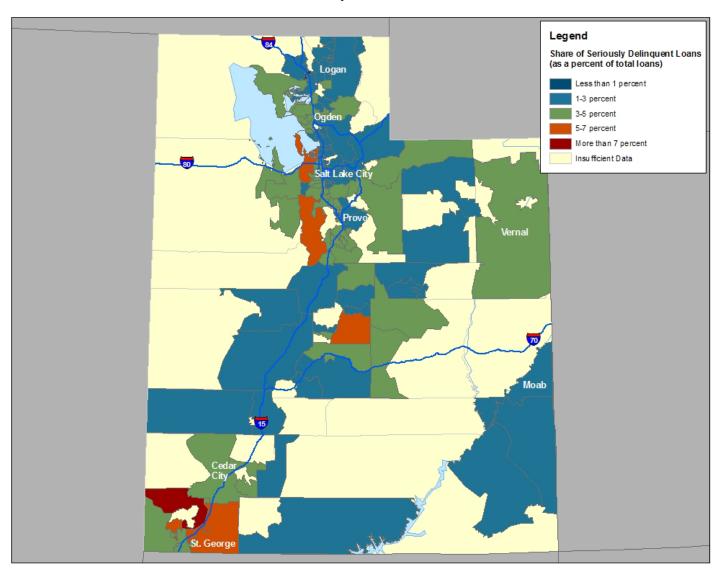


#### **Areas at Risk of Additional Foreclosures**

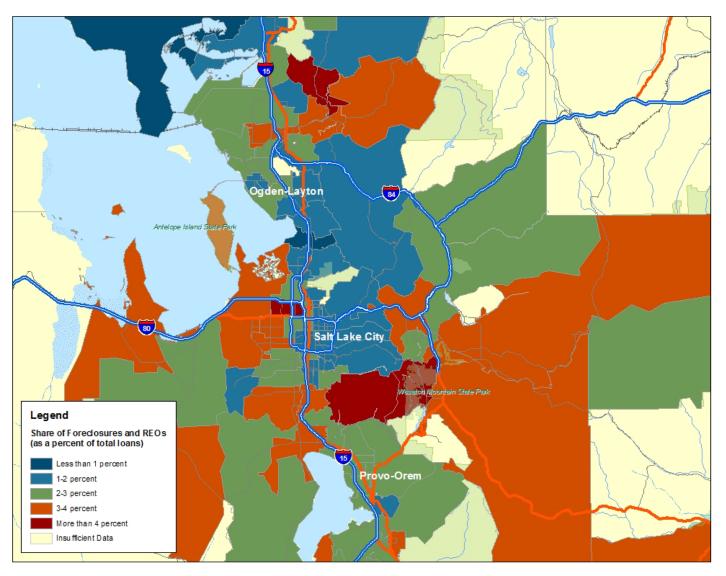
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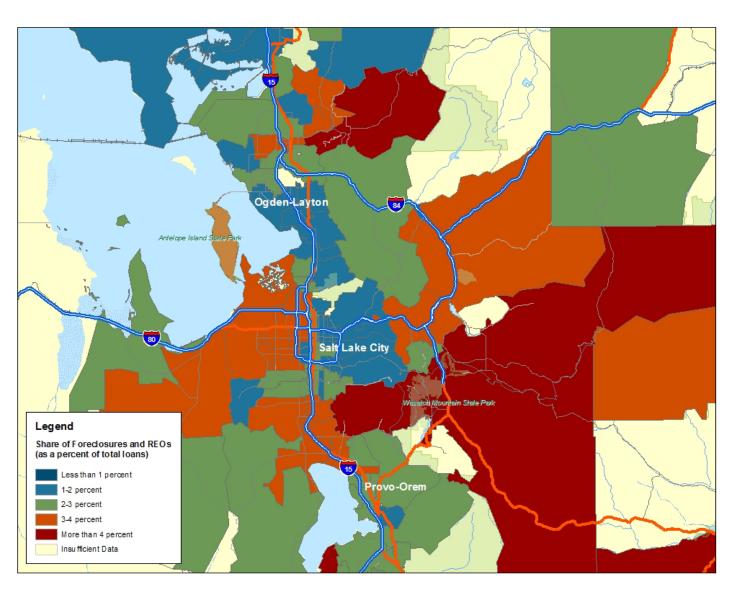


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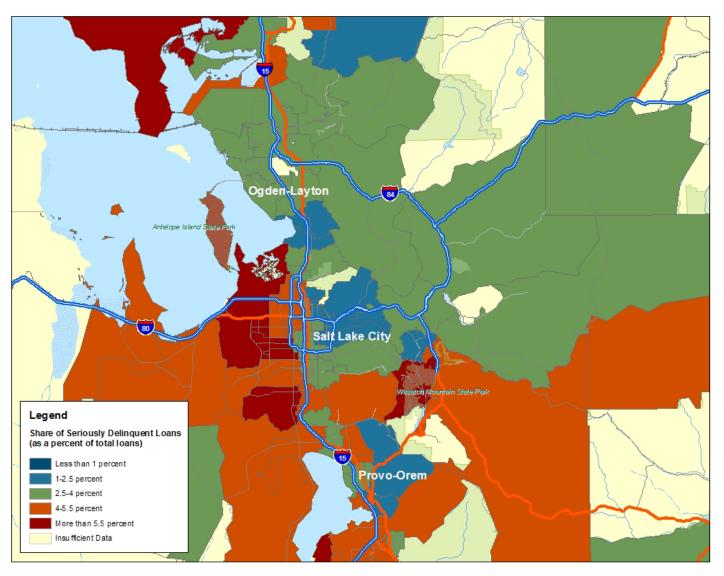


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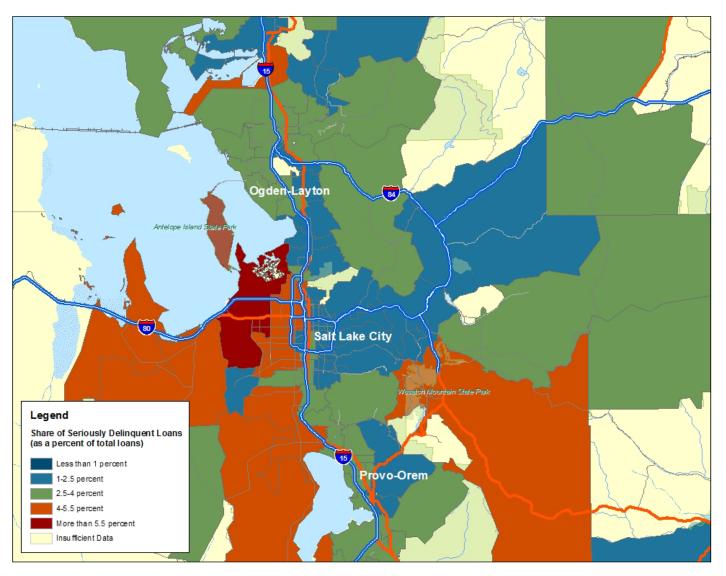


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## Conclusions

#### Continued Need for Foreclosure Prevention

- Important to reach borrowers with 'preventable' foreclosures
  - Borrower Outreach Events
    - Expand use of foreclosure prevention workbook

      <a href="http://www.utahhousing.org/documents/2008/5EPForeclosureWorkbook/5epf">http://www.utahhousing.org/documents/2008/5EPForeclosureWorkbook/5epf</a> English-1.pdf</a>
  - 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

### Preventing Foreclosure Scams

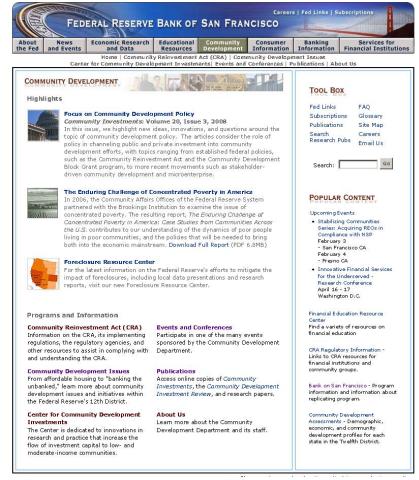
- Foreclosure scams are proliferating, especially in markets with investor interest
  - Some counties are sending notices to all delinquent borrowers to warn them about foreclosure scams
  - □ Free media kit available from the Federal Reserve which includes a PSA and other resources:
    <a href="http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm">http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm</a>
  - NeighborWorks PSA: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/nwpad">http://www.youtube.com/nwpad</a>
- Other 5 Tip brochures and resources available from the Federal Reserve
  - 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/