# Trends in Delinquencies and Foreclosures in Arizona

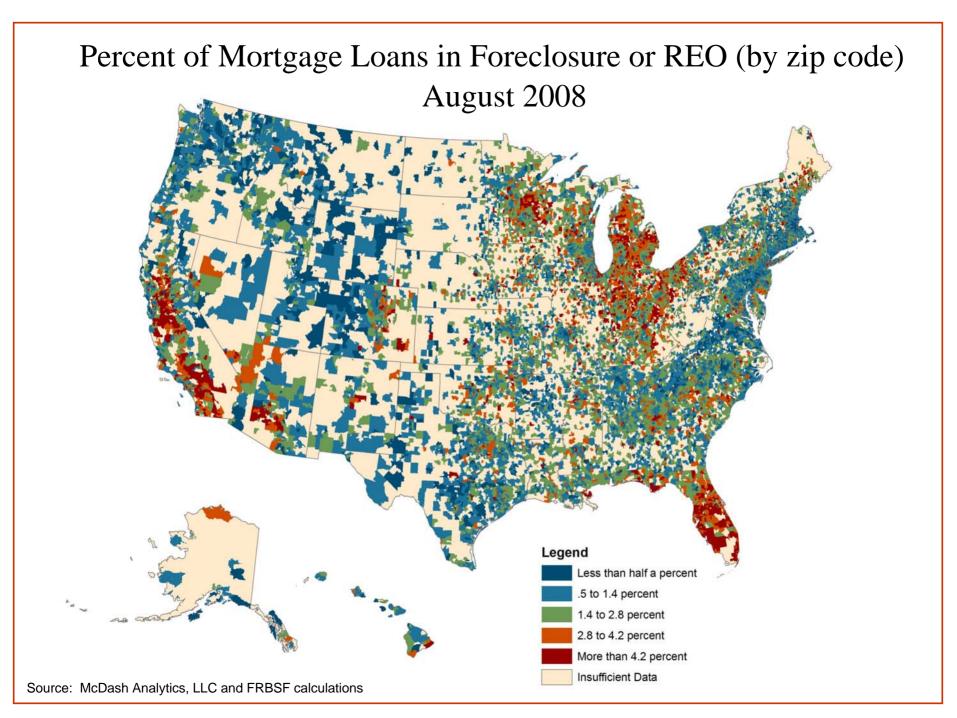
Jan Bontrager Community Development Department Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

November 3, 2008

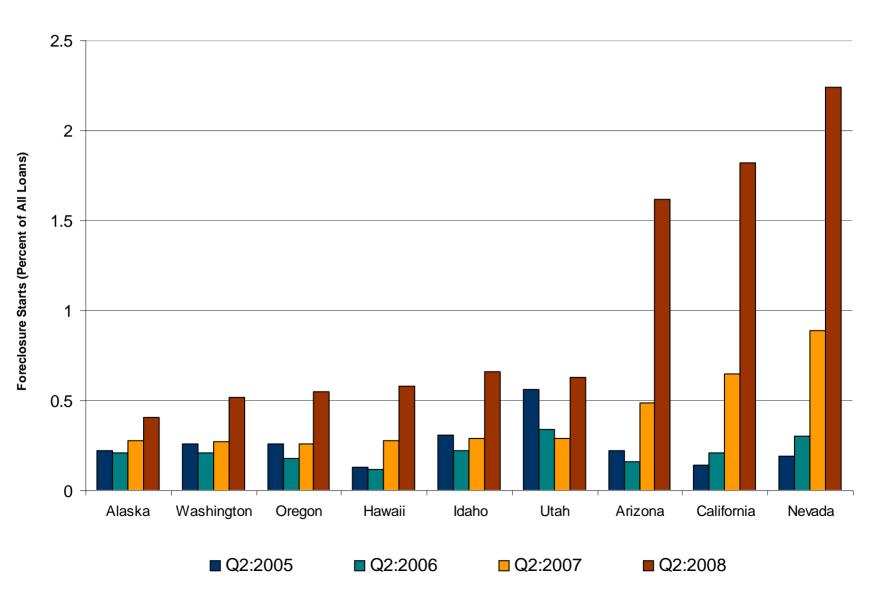
Do not cite or reproduce without permission.

### Data Caveats

- Data on the real estate and mortgage markets are collected by many different sources, most costly and proprietary
- As a result, it is important to consider the limitations of data presented
  - Different definitions of subprime may affect the reporting of rates of delinquencies and foreclosures
  - Different methodologies and different sampling methods may affect the reports
  - Aggregated data at the zip code level can mask significant geographic variation and the types of borrowers affected

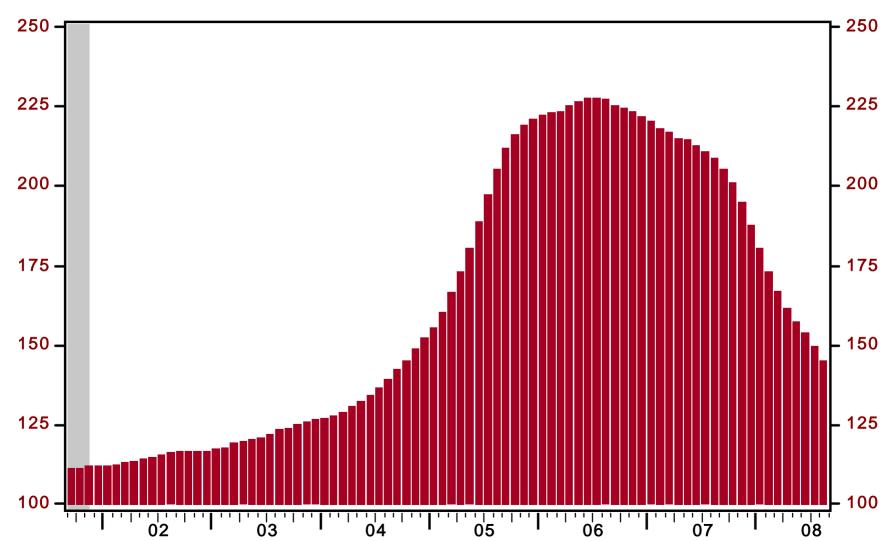


### Arizona foreclosure starts continue to rise



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey, 2nd Quarter 2008.

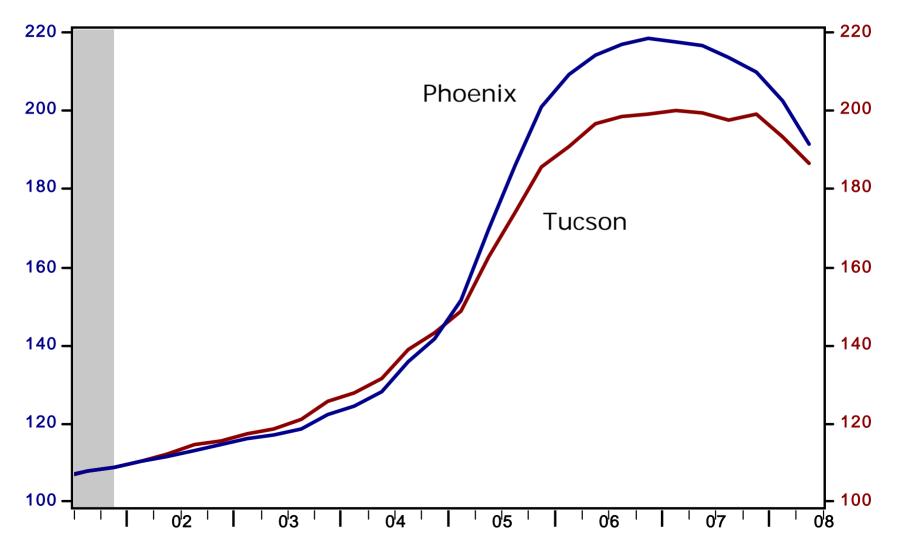
# Case Shiller Index shows dramatic house price declines in Phoenix



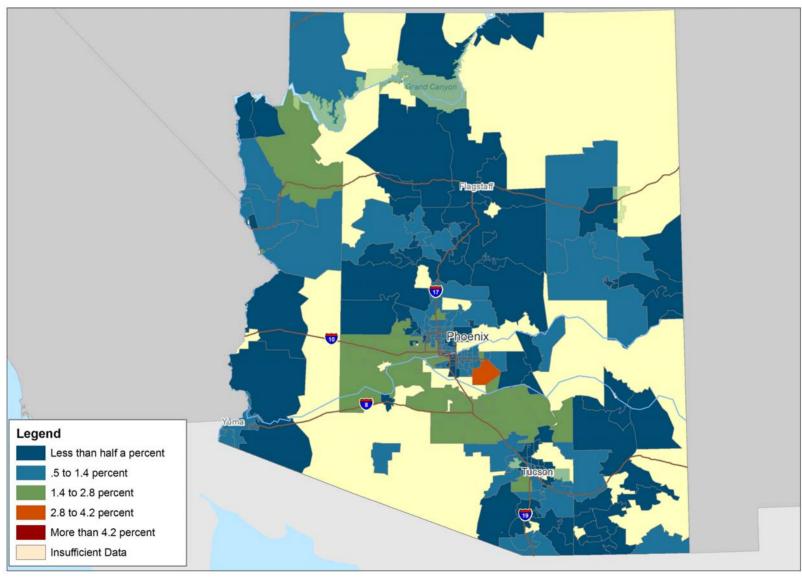
Case-Shiller Index (2000=100)

# Conventional house price drops less dramatic, but certainly significant

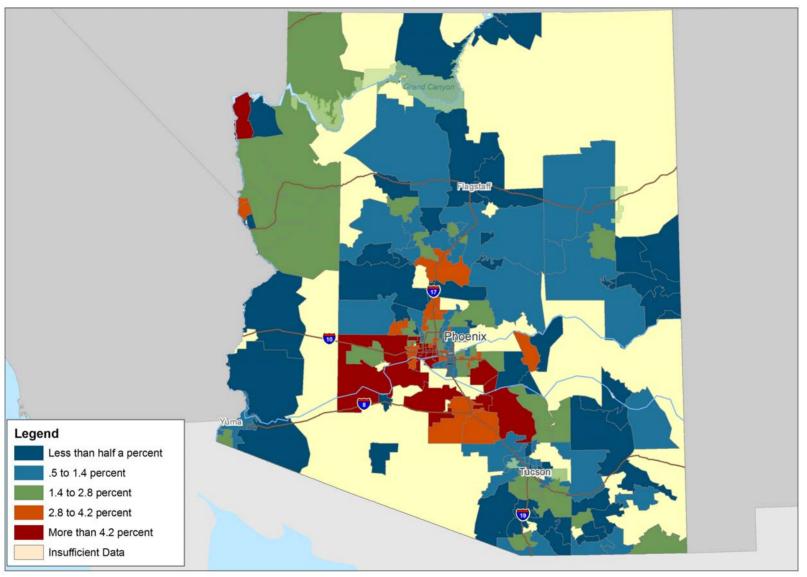
Conventional Mortgage House Price Index (2000=100)



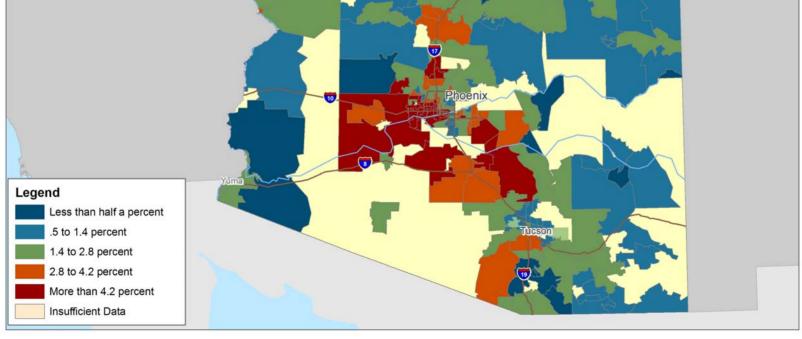
### Percent of Loans in Foreclosure or REO September 2007



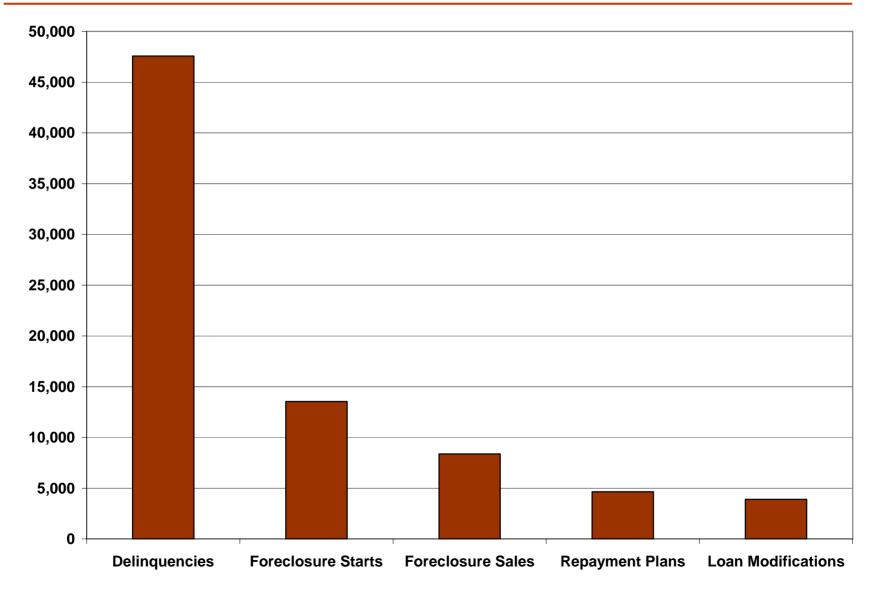
### Percent of Loans in Foreclosure or REO April 2008



# Percent of Loans in Foreclosure or REO August 2008 Flagstaff

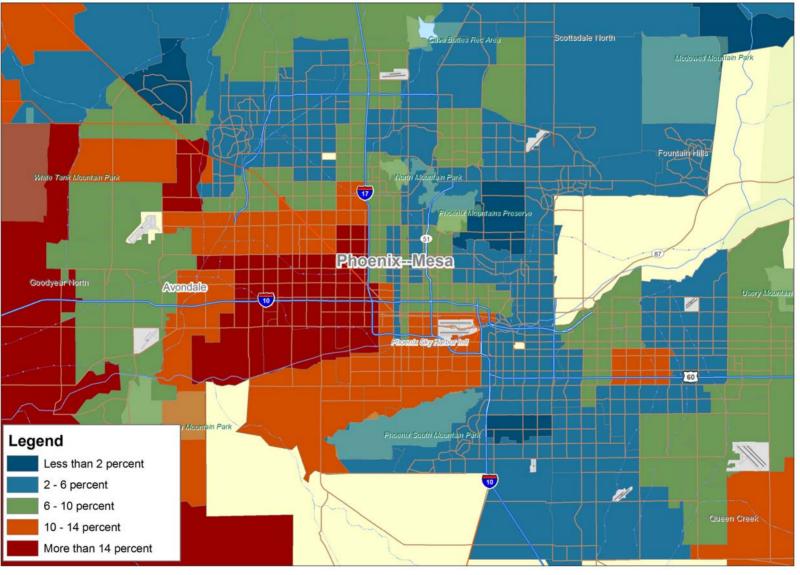


# Modifications still fall way short of borrowers in distress

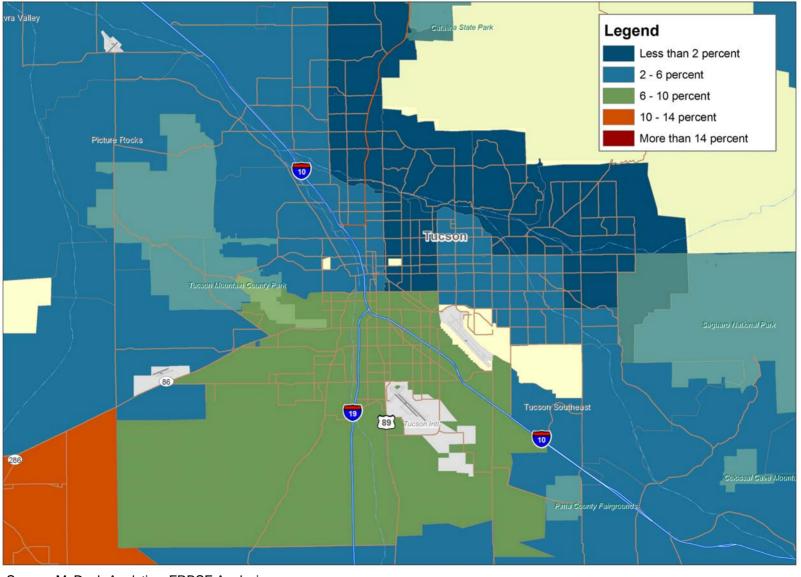


Source: HOPE NOW Alliance, data adjusted for HOPE NOW servicers

#### Concentrations of Delinquent Loans - Phoenix August 2008



### Concentrations of Delinquent Loans - Tucson August 2008



## Conclusions

- Arizona is likely to see a continued increase in delinquencies and foreclosures
- Multi-pronged strategy is needed to stem the foreclosure crisis
  - Foreclosure Prevention: borrower outreach, refinance and loan modification
    - Reaching these borrowers now may help to prevent unnecessary foreclosures
    - Encourage borrowers to call AZ Foreclosure Hotline:
      877-448-1211; Or, in Tucson: 520-792-3087
    - **Or (888)-995-HOPE** or visit <u>www.995HOPE.org</u>

## Responding to the Foreclosure Crisis

- Multi-pronged strategy is needed to stem the foreclosure crisis
  - Foreclosure prevention: borrower outreach, loan modification (including principal reduction)
  - Addressing vacant properties: ensuring that servicers maintain properties
  - REO property disposition: return REO properties into productive use, affordable housing
  - Ensuring continued access to credit and homeownership: credit repair, financial education, responsible lending

## **Foreclosure Mitigation Toolkit**

- Available online at http://www.frbsf.org/community/issues/toolkit/index.html
- The resources in the toolkit are presented as a four-step process
  - Step One: Assess the Foreclosure Situation
  - Step Two: Reach troubled homeowners
  - Step Three: Establish post-foreclosure support systems
  - Step Four: Stabilize neighborhoods