# TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES AND FORECLOSURES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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#### Outline of Presentation

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  - House price declines
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  - Rising unemployment
  - Scale of loan modifications still falls short of need

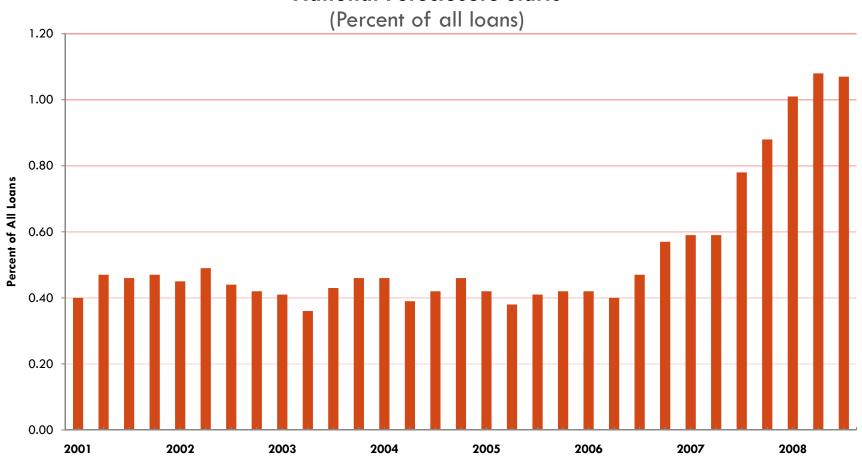


#### National Trends

- Foreclosures rose steadily in 2008, with wide repercussions for US economy
  - A slight decline in the national foreclosure rate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2008
- Factors driving foreclosures nationally
  - House price declines
  - Rising unemployment, coupled with turmoil in financial and credit markets, may further influence foreclosure rate going forward

# After Steady Rise, National Foreclosure Starts Dipped Slightly in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2008

#### **National Foreclosure Starts**

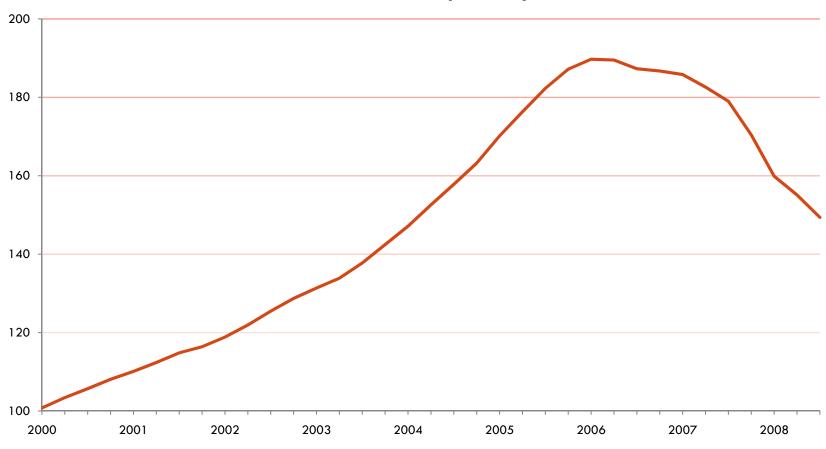


Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2008

### Nationally, House Prices Continue to Decline

#### **Case-Shiller National House Price Index**

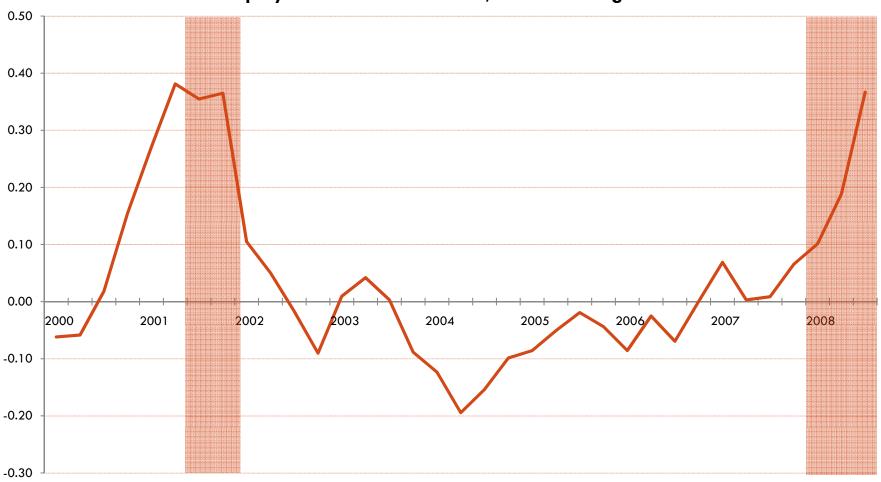
(2000 = 100, quarterly)



Source: Case - Shiller Home Price Index, 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2008

# Recession Marks Significant Jump in National Unemployment Insurance Claims

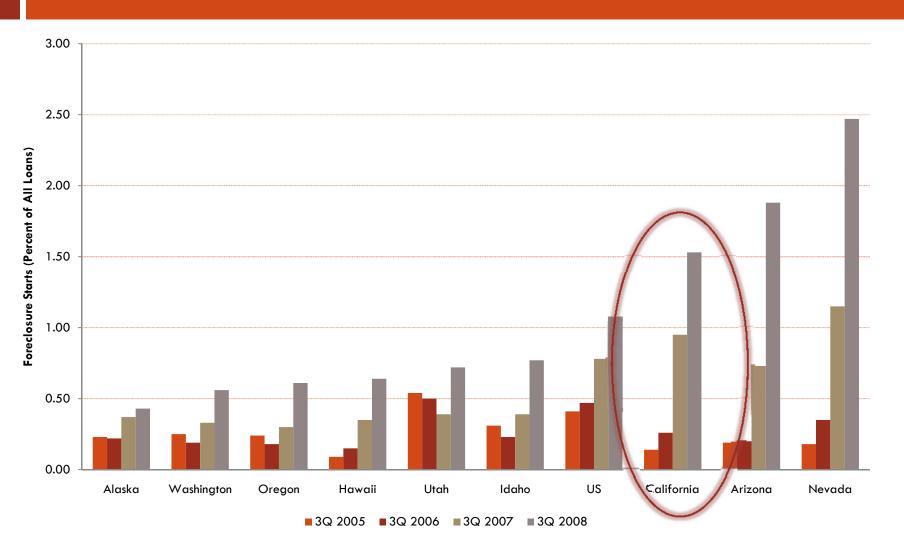
#### National Unemployment Insurance Claims, Percent Change Year-over-Year



Source: Haver Analytics and FRBSF Calculations, annual percent change, 2000 Q3 - 2008 Q3



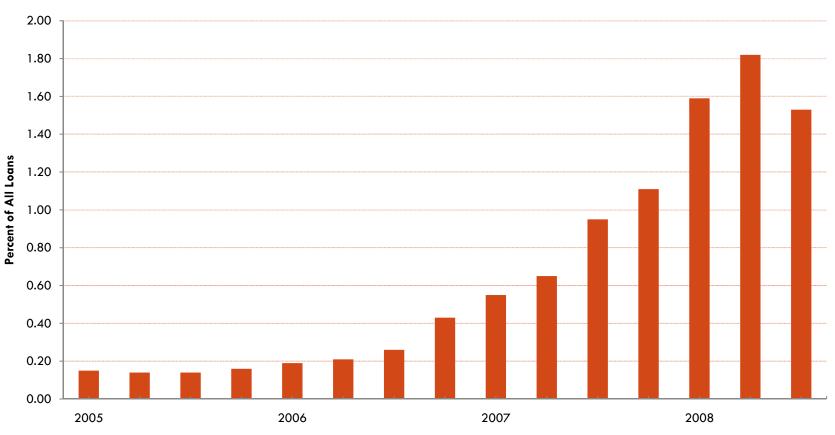
### Foreclosures in California Have Risen Significantly, Surpassing US Average



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2008

### Like National Trends, California Saw a Decrease in Foreclosure Starts in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008

#### **California: Foreclosure Starts**

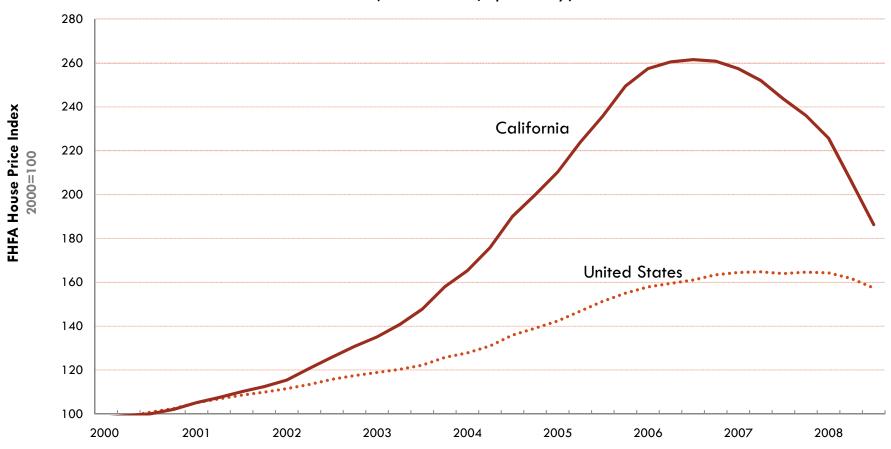


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# California Has Seen Significant and Steep Decline in House Values

#### FHFA (formerly OFHEO) House Price Index

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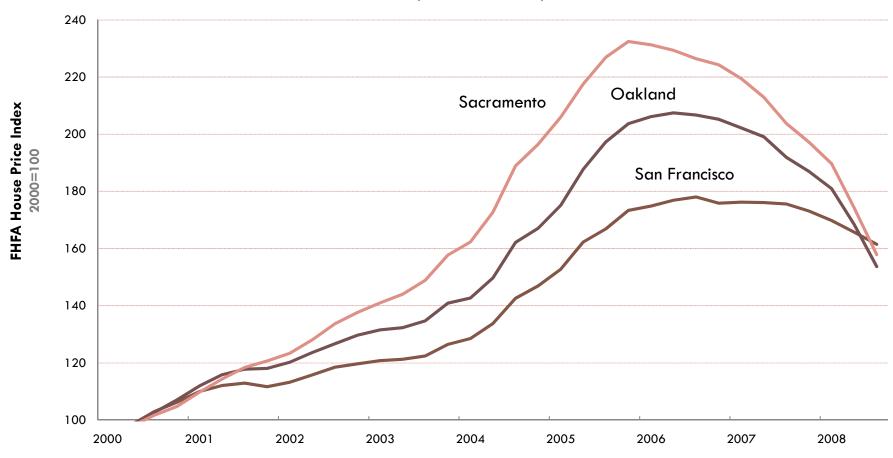


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# Metropolitan Areas also Experiencing a Softening Real Estate Market

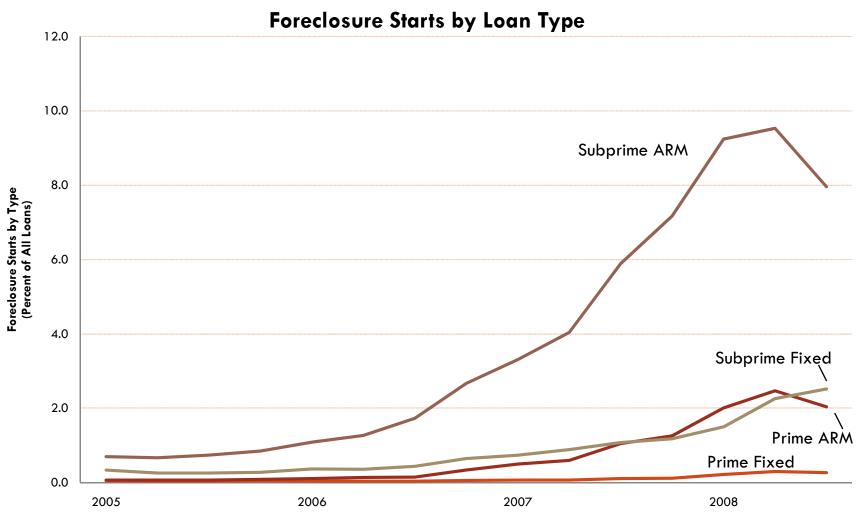
#### FHFA House Price Index: Northern California

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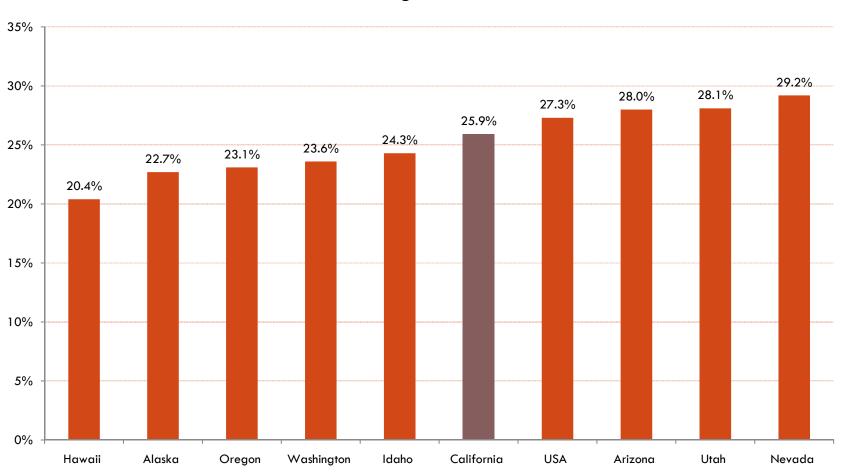
# California's Foreclosures are Concentrated in Subprime ARM Market



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey, 3rd Q 2008

### Approximately 1 in 4 California Households Received a High Cost Loan during the Housing Boom

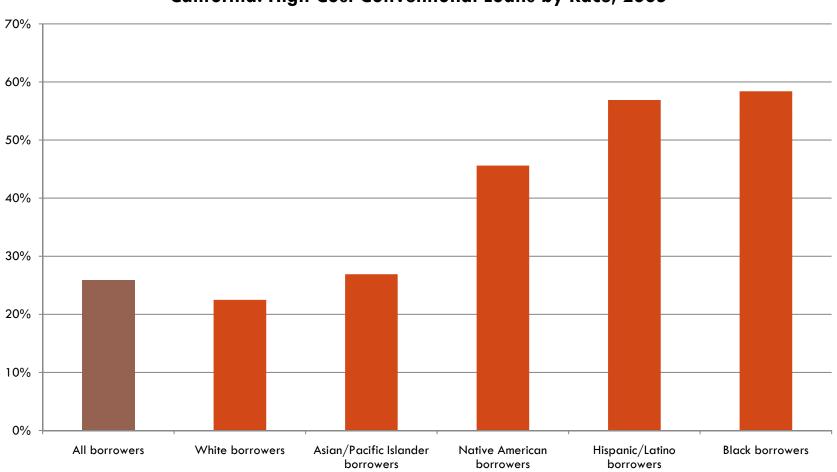
#### Percent of All Borrowers with High Interest Conventional Loans, 2005



Source: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data, 2005

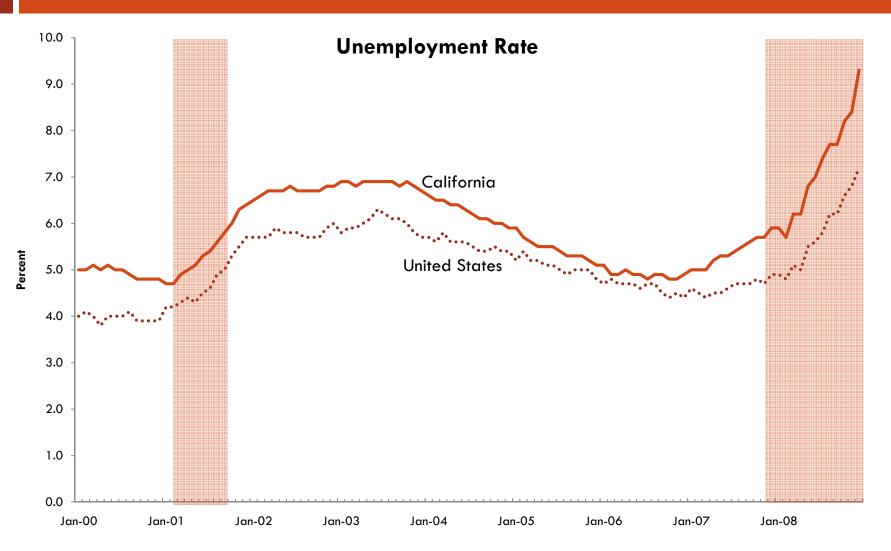
# High Cost Lending in California More Prevalent Among Minority Borrowers

California: High Cost Conventional Loans by Race, 2005



Source: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data, 2005

# Unemployment Rate in California on the Rise, May Affect Future Foreclosures



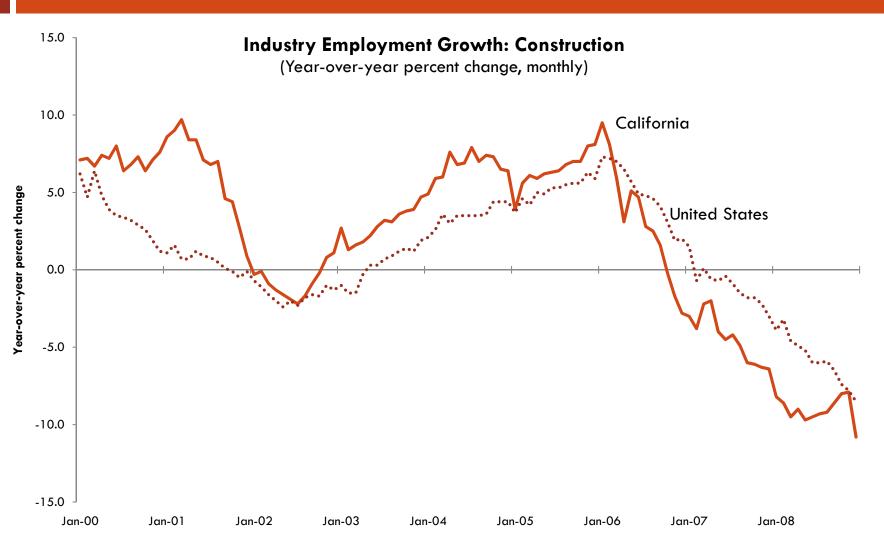
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2008

### Employment Trends by Industry in CA

	Total Employed (thousands)	Percent Change		
California	Dec-08	1-mo.*	3-mo.*	12-mo.
Total	14,913.6	-6.1	-4.7	-1.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,815.9	-10.2	-9.1	-3.2
Professional & Business Svcs.	2,252.0	-4.4	-3.5	-1.1
Educational & Health Srvs.	1,738.2	1.6	2.8	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	1,543.3	-5.1	-5.0	-1.2
Manufacturing	1,405.4	-7.8	-7.1	-3.2
Financial Activities	857.0	-4.5	-3.7	-3.4
Construction	763.4	-22.8	-19.1	-10.8
Other Services	513.6	-2.1	-1.2	-1.0
Information	468.8	-17.8	-4.2	-1.3
Government	211.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.2
Natural Resources & Mining	26.6	-12.6	-4.4	4.3

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2008; \*Annualized.

### Significant Drop in Construction Employment



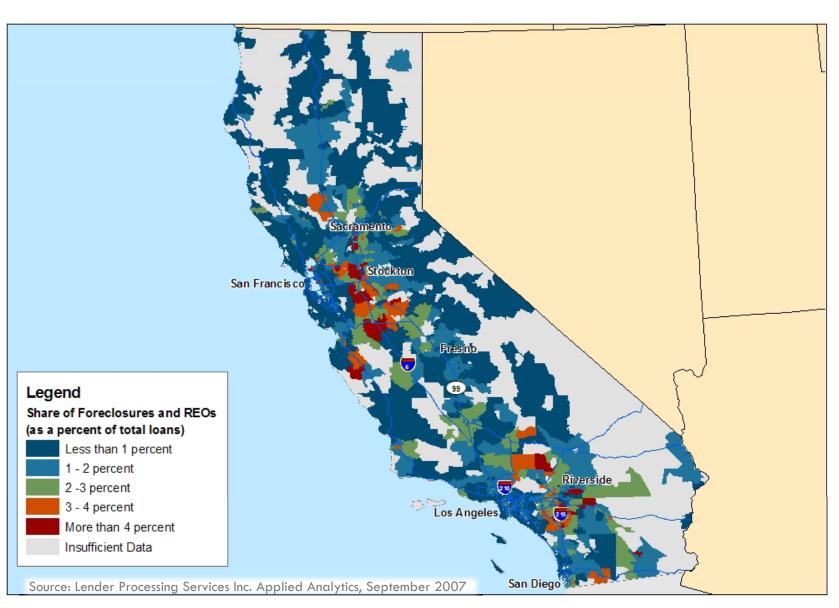
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#### California Data Maps

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

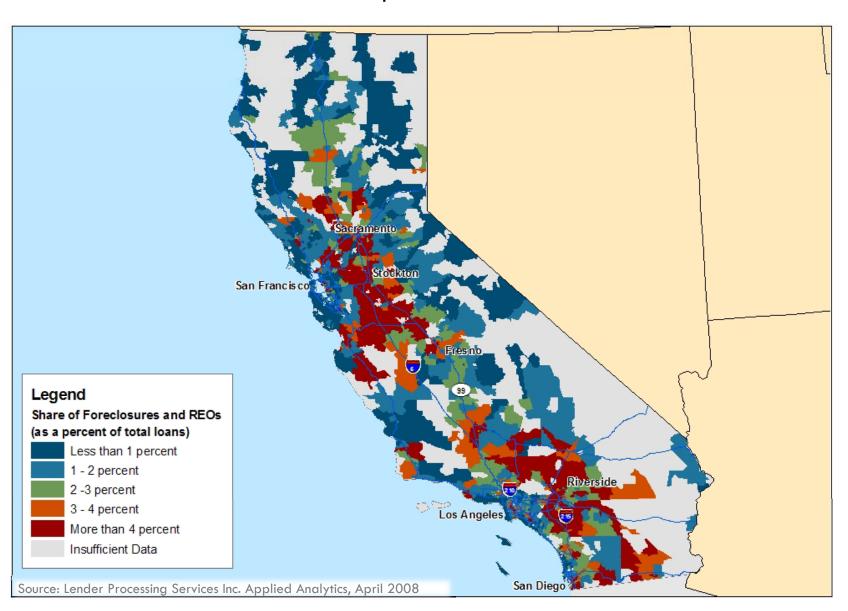
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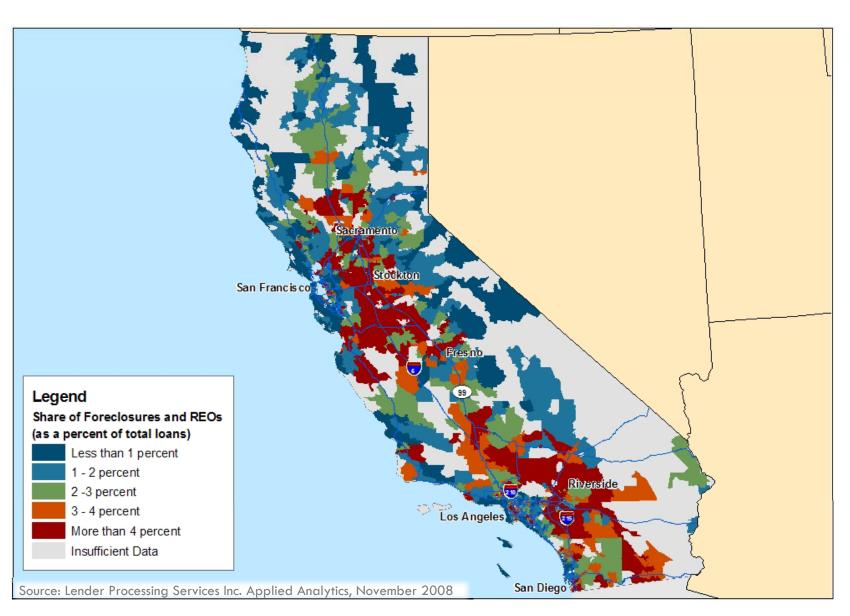
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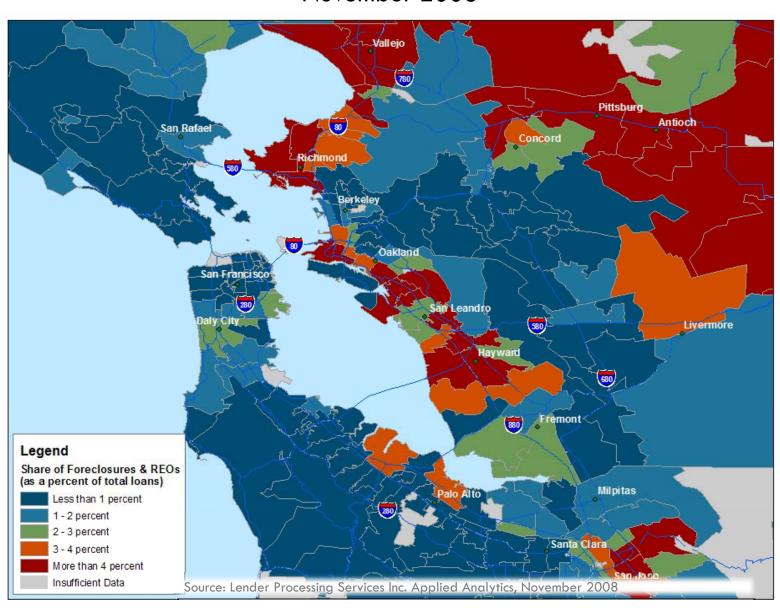
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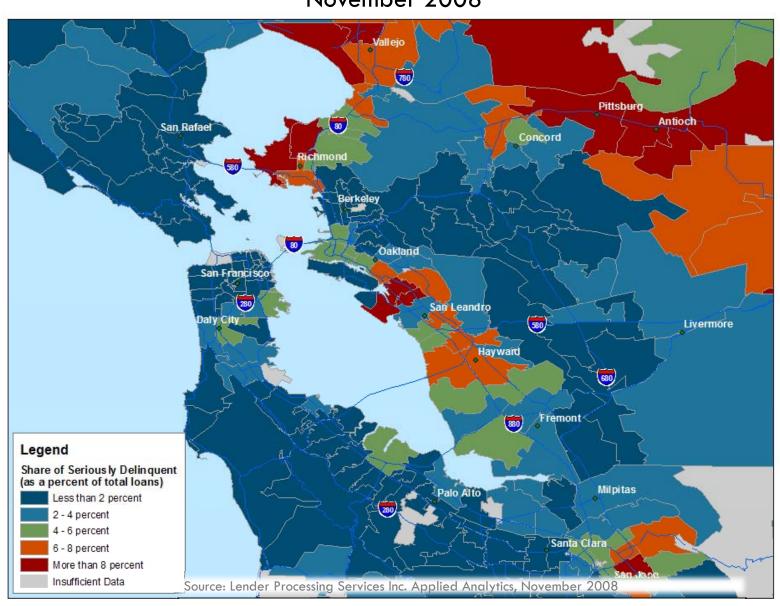
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#### **Neighborhoods Affected by Concentrated Foreclosures**



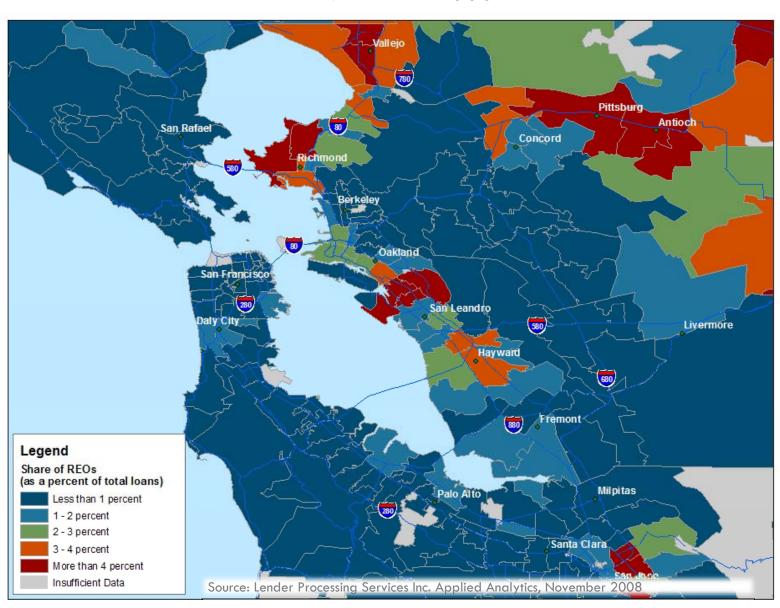
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### Neighborhoods at Risk of Additional Foreclosures



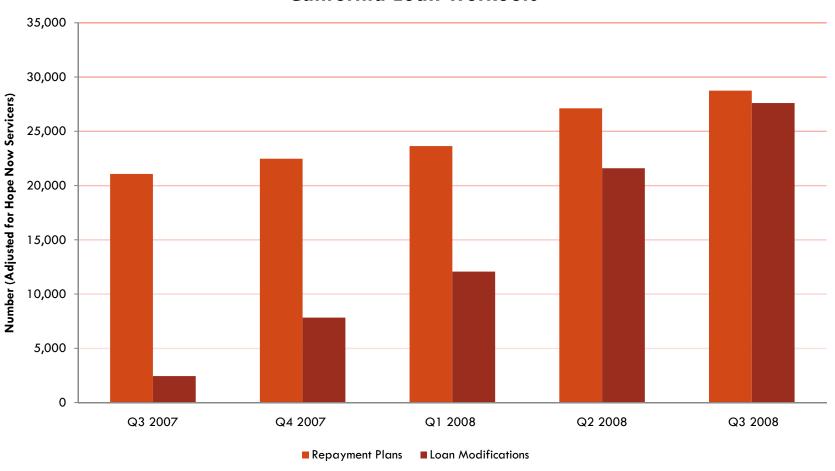
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### **Concentration of REO Properties**



### Loan workouts have increased

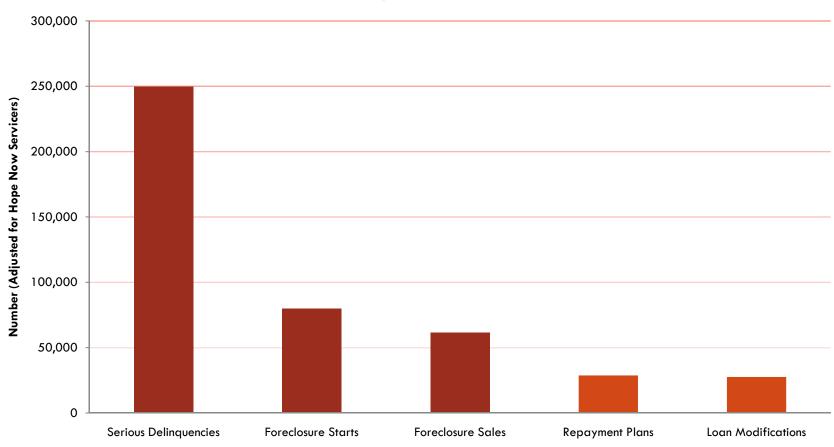
#### California Loan Workouts



Source: Hope Now Alliance Servicing Data, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008

### Yet, Still Fall Short of Need

Foreclosure & Delinquencies v. Loan Workouts in California 3rd Quarter 2008



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### Conclusions

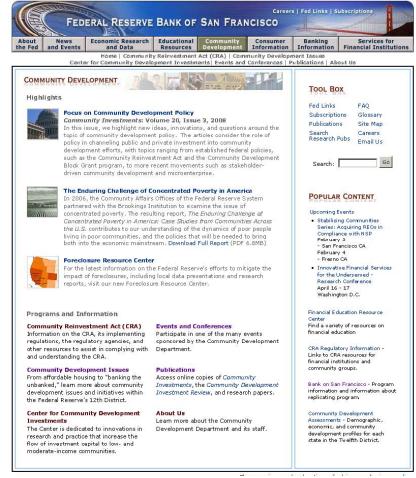
- Multi-pronged strategy is needed to stem foreclosure crisis
- Continued foreclosure prevention efforts are critical
  - □ Foreclosure Prevention: Borrower Outreach, Refinance and Loan Modification (including principal reduction)
    - Reaching these borrowers now may help to prevent unnecessary foreclosures
    - Encourage borrowers to contact the Hope Hotline by calling (888) 995-HOPE or visiting www.995hope.org

### Conclusions

- Other strategies that can help to mitigate the negative impacts of foreclosure on families and neighborhoods
  - 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

## 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



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