# TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES AND FORECLOSURES IN OREGON

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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

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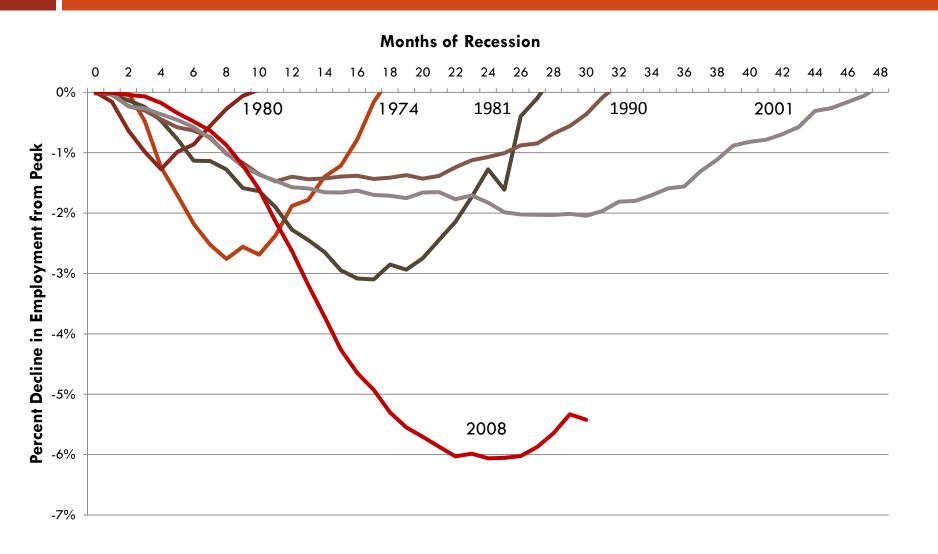
### Unemployment continues to hover around 10%





Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2010

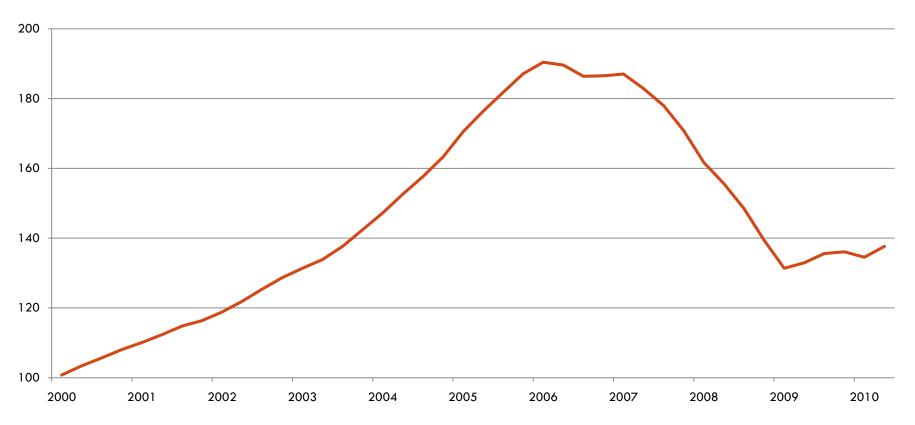
# Depth of this economic downturn eclipses past recessions



### Case-Shiller shows tepid housing recovery

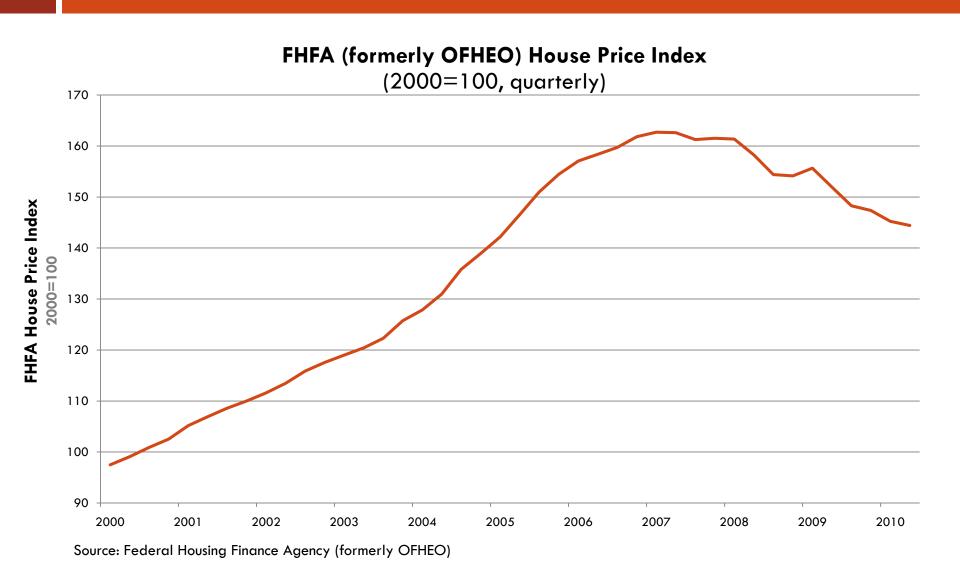
#### Case-Shiller National House Price Index

(2000 = 100, Quarterly)

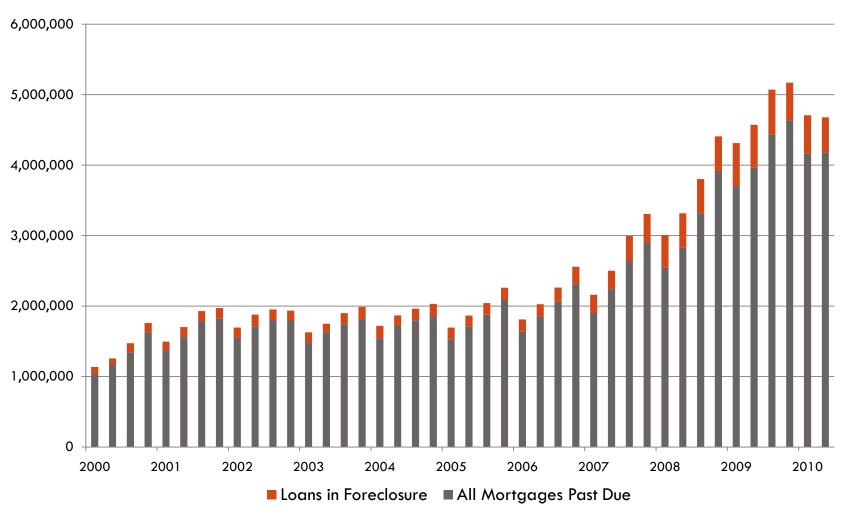


Source: Case - Shiller Home Price Index

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

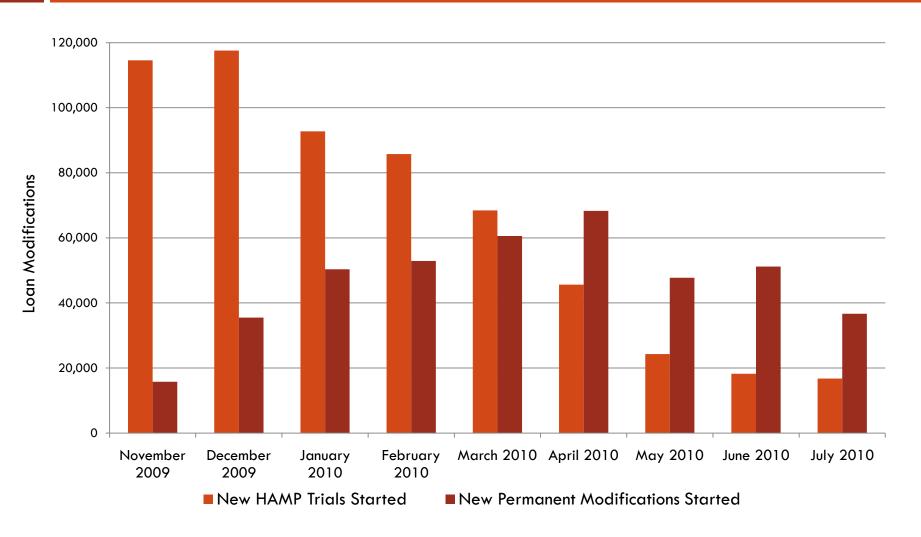


# Overall delinquencies drop, but still more than 4.5 million homes in distress



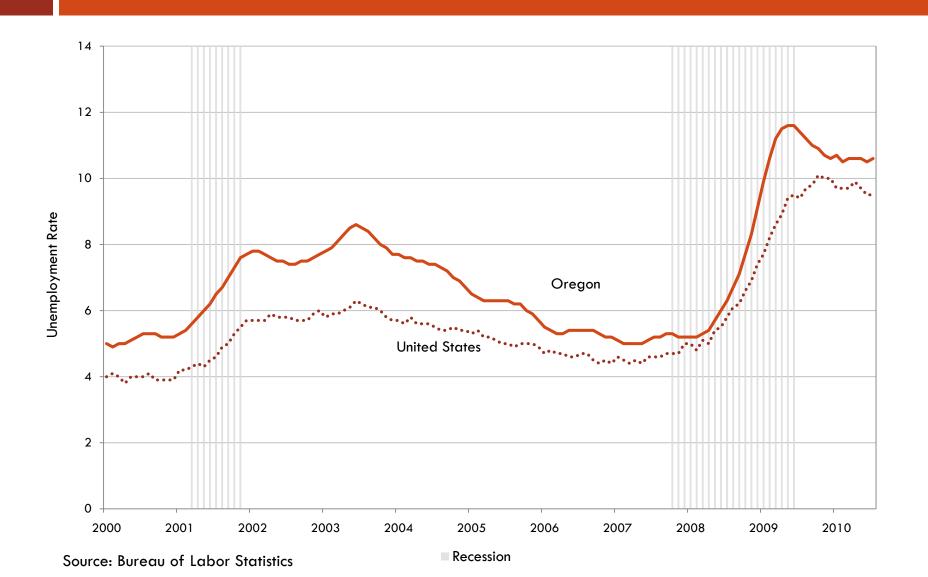
Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey

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

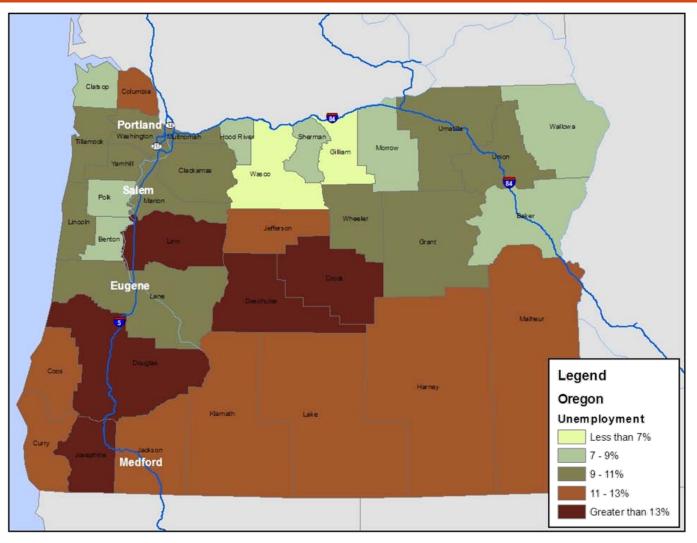


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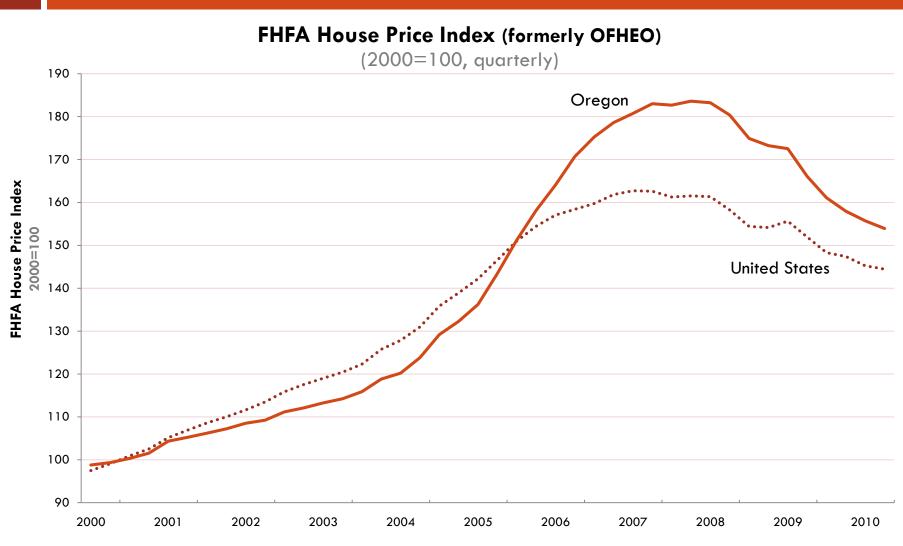
# Unemployment rate in Oregon remains above 10 percent through July 2010



# Unemployment in Oregon is higher in Central and Southern counties



### Oregon's real estate market continues to soften

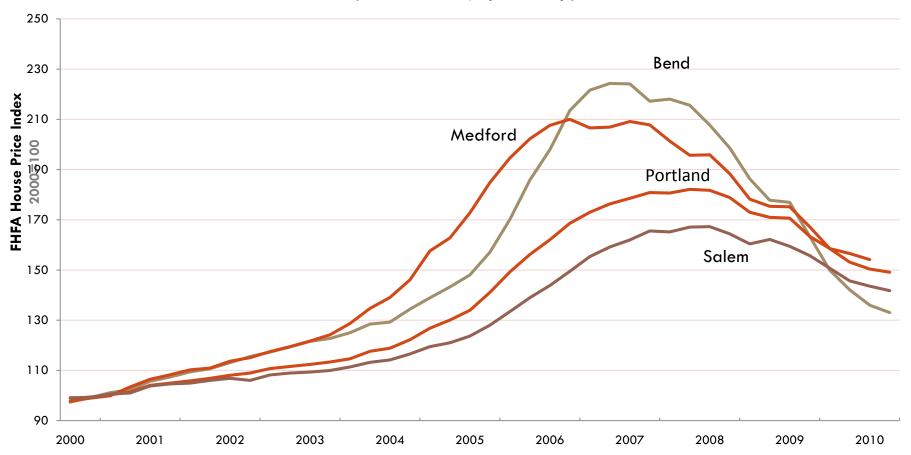


Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)

# Bend continues to experience steepest decline in house prices

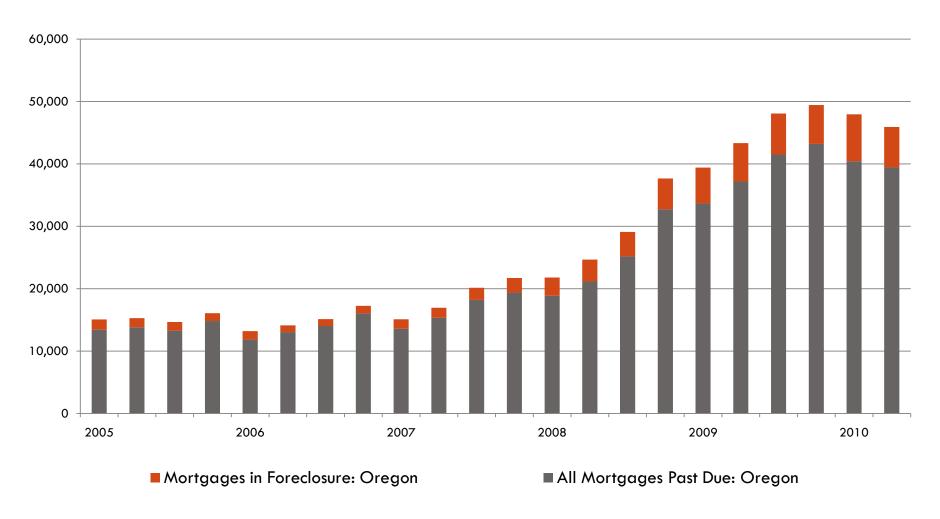
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## The number of distressed properties – delinquent and in foreclosure – seems to be stabilizing

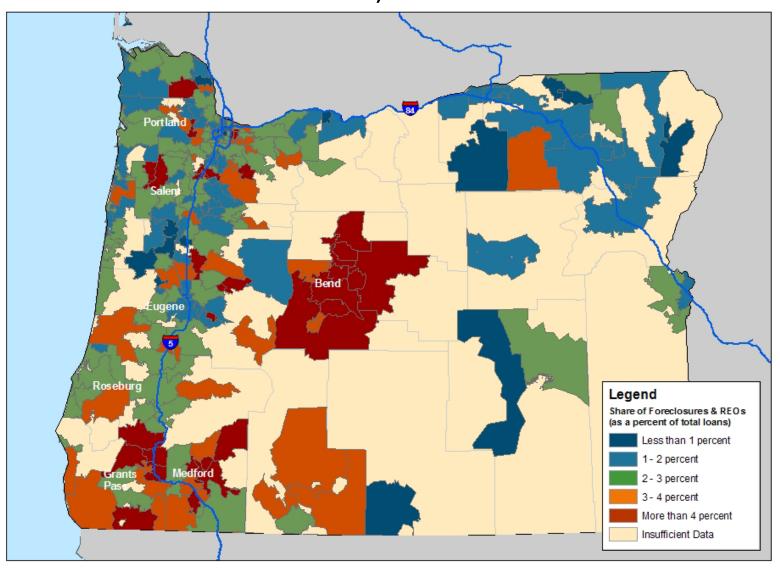


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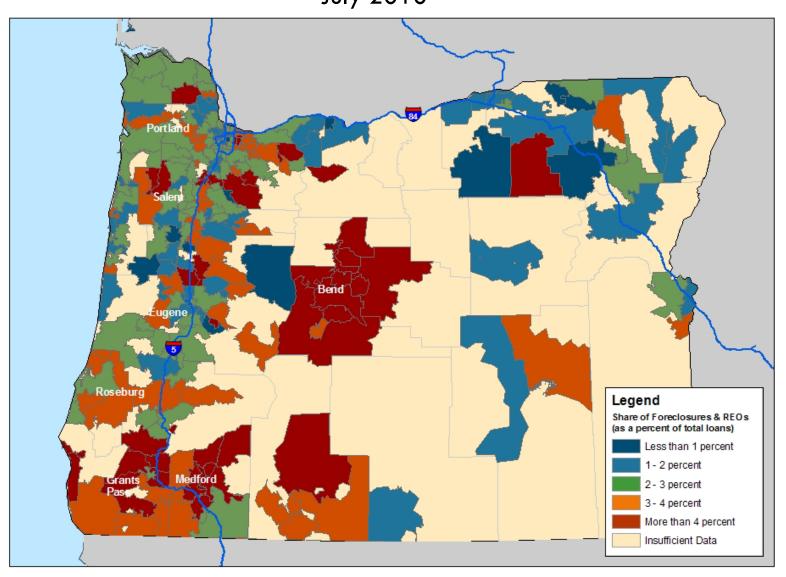
### Oregon Foreclosure Data Maps

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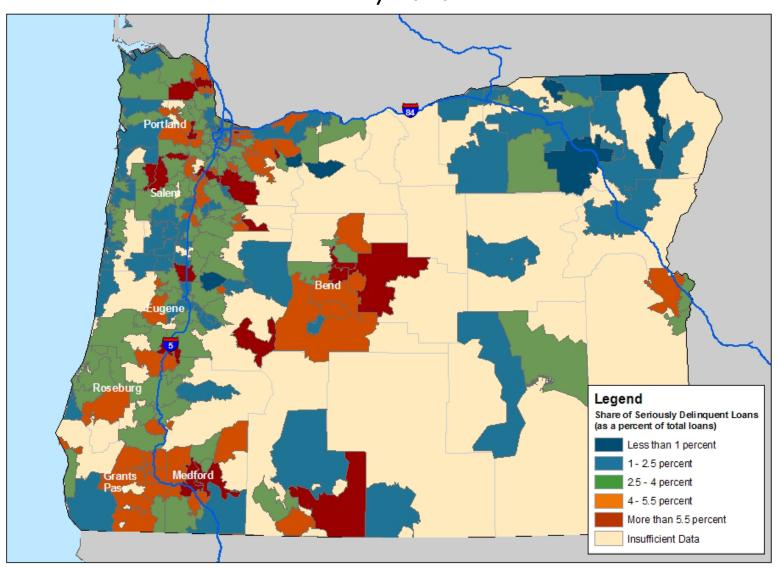


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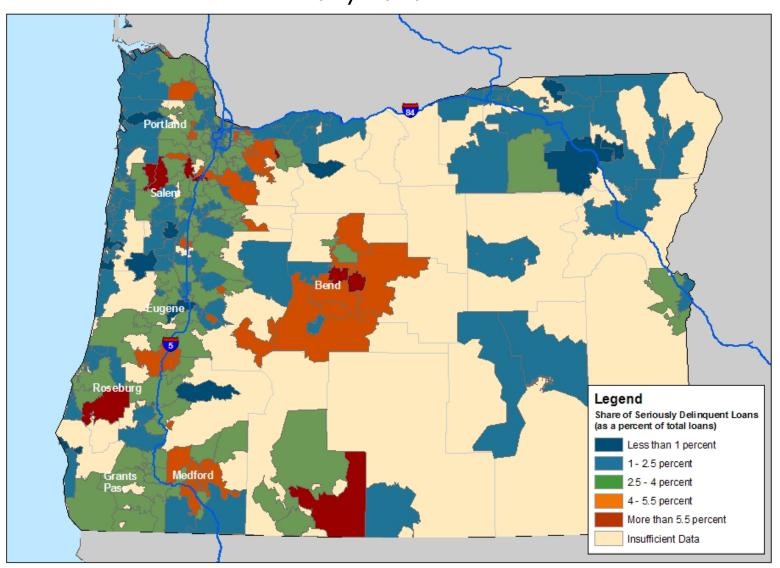
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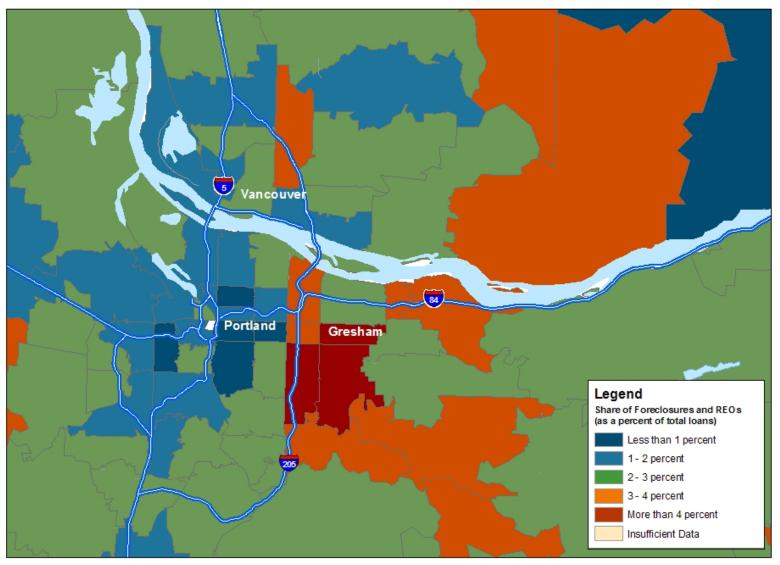
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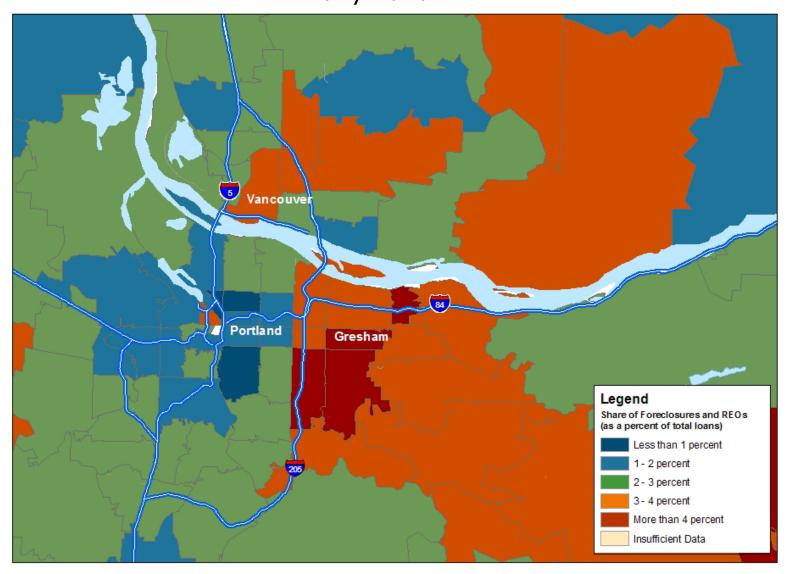
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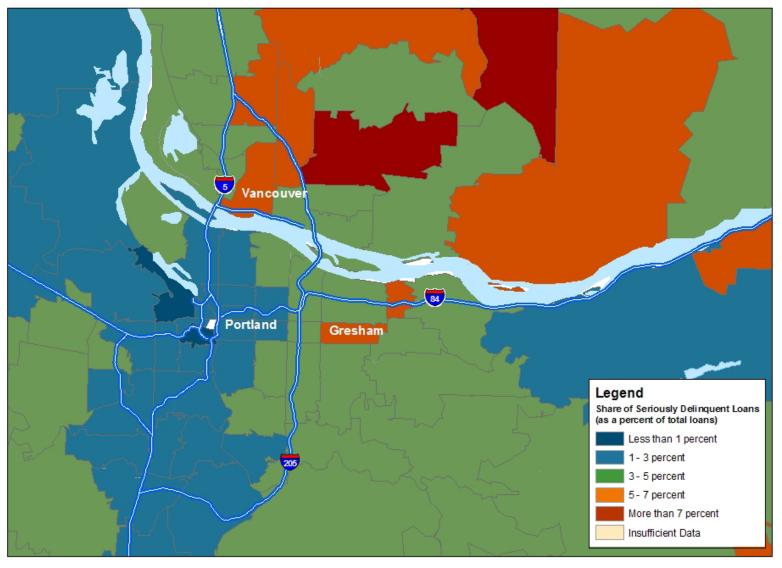
Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics & FRBSF Calculations

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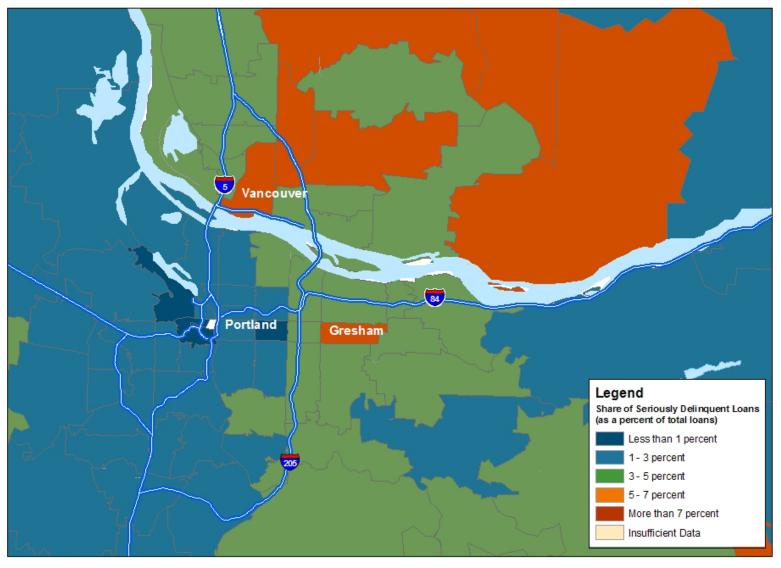
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### Conclusions

#### 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
      - http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/eligibility.html

### Preventing Foreclosure Scams

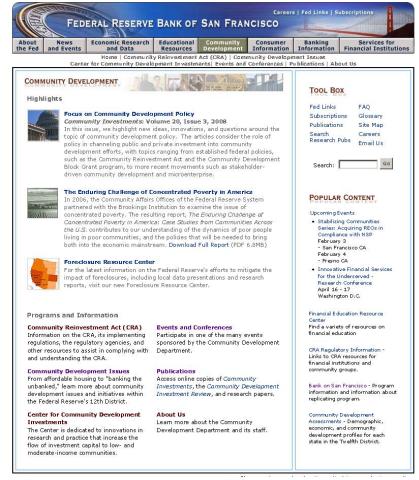
- Foreclosure scams are proliferating, especially in markets with investor interest
  - Some counties are sending notices to all delinquent borrowers to warn them about foreclosure scams
  - Free media kit available from the Federal Reserve which includes a PSA and other resources: <a href="http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm">http://www.fed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



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