TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES AND FORECLOSURES IN WASHINGTON

September 2010
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%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2010
Depth of this economic downturn eclipses past recessions

Percent Decline in Employment from Peak

Months of Recession

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2008
Case-Shiller shows tepid housing recovery

Case-Shiller National House Price Index
(2000 = 100, Quarterly)
FHFA House Price Index continues to fall, reflecting activity at lower end of market

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
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

Source: HAMP Service Performance Report Through July 2010
Unemployment rate in Washington has mirrored national trends.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Unemployment in Washington vary by county

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2010
Washington’s house values continue to decline

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Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
Tacoma has seen the largest swing in house prices

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Number of foreclosures rising; mortgages past due holding steady

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey
Washington Foreclosure Data Maps
Areas Affected by Concentrated Foreclosures
February 2010

Legend
Share of Foreclosures & REOs (as a percent of total loans)
- Less than 1 percent
- 1 - 2 percent
- 2 - 3 percent
- 3 - 4 percent
- More than 4 percent
- Insufficient Data

Source: Lender Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics & FRBSF Calculations
Areas at Risk of Additional Foreclosures

July 2010

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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
    - NeighborWorks PSA: http://www.youtube.com/nwpad
- Other 5 Tip brochures and resources available from the Federal Reserve
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/