Unemployment, Negative Equity, and Strategic Default

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- Our Approach: 2009-2011 PSID Mortgage Distress Supplement to answer the question
 - Self-reported home value, principal, months delinquent
 - Job loss information for both head and spouse
 - Wealth (liquid & illiquid assets, unsecured debts), many other shocks (medical, divorce, etc.)

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- Implications for policy makers:

- i. Need GE labor search and matching model with secured defaultable debt (in progress) PE Herkenhoff & Ohanian (2012)
- ii. Modifications: Principal reductions, temporary payment reductions
- Labor Market Policy: Payroll tax holidays, unemployment insurance (Hsu, Matsa, Meltzer 2013)

Related Literature

- Early empirical work: Campbell & Dietrich (1983), Foster & Van Order (1985),
 Vandell (1995), Deng, Quigley, & Van Order (1996), Capozza Kazarian Thomson (1997), Deng, Quigley, & Van Order (2000), UK Boheim & Taylor (2000) among others.
- Importance of interaction: Foote, Gerardi, and Willen (2008), Elul, Souleles, Chomsisengphet, Glennon, & Hunt (2010), Bhutta, Dokko, & Shan (2011), UK – Gathergood (2009) and Italy – Mocetti & Viviano (2013) among others, Chile– Alvazini, Martinez, Perez (2014).
- Importance of individual level unemployment: Gyourko & Tracy (2013)
- Aggregate implications: Mayer, Pence, & Sherlund (2009), Goodman, Ashworth, Landy, & Yin (2010), Mian & Sufi (2008) among others.
- Strategic Default: Many of the above and Guiso, Sapienza, Zingales (2010) among others.
- **Modifications**: Agarwal, Amromin, Ben-David, Chomsisengphet, & Evanoff (2011) among others.

Existing Models of Mortgage Default

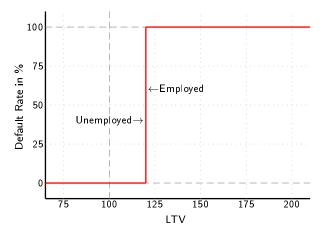
Compare default predictions from 3 types of theoretic models:

- (1) Option theoretic models of Kau & Keenan (1995)
- (2) Pure liquidity driven models of Bajari et al. (2008) & Bhutta et al. (2011)
- (3) Portfolio constraint models of Gerardi, Shapiro, & Willen (2008), Corbae & Quintin (2010), and Chatterjee & Eyigungor (2009)

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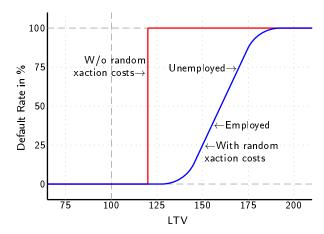
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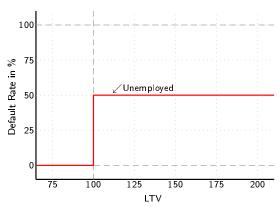
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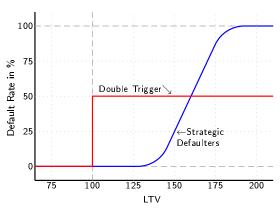




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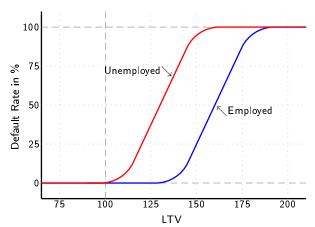




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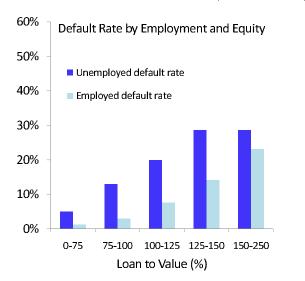
- Gerardi et al (2008), Corbae & Quintin (2010) among others
- **Assumptions:** Borrowing constraint, wedge b/w saving & borrowing rate
- Predictions: Strong interaction between liquidity shock and equity

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Data Supports Portfolio Constraint Model

Figure: Default rates by equity and liquidity (PSID 2009-2011)



Steps to measure interaction between income loss and equity

- Describe PSID mortgage distress supplement from 2009-2011

- Baseline model with linear interaction between job loss and equity

 Use non-linear squares to estimate the region of equity levels in which job loss and equity interact the most.

PSID Data

- Subsample: 2009-2011 Working age heads, labor force participants, mortgagors, & LTV<250%
 - 5281 total observations
 - 190 households 60+ days late

Table: PSID vs. American Housing Survey

	PSID 2009-2011	2011 AHS
	Median	ıs
Principal Remaining	120,000	120,000
Monthly Mortgage Payment	1,100	1,015
Mortgage Interest Rate	5	5.3
Mortgage Term Remaining	24	22
Loan to Value Ratio	0.71	0.71
	Fraction v	with
Second Mortgage	0.18	0.13
ARM	0.09	0.07

Representativeness

- Mortgage Bankers Association 60+ day delinquency rate in 2009= 5.8%
- PSID 60+ day delinquency rate in 2009= 4%.

Figure : Equity Distribution



Definitions

- LTV combined loan to value ratio.
- Unemployment Shock positive duration unemployment spell over the 12 months prior to the survey date.
- Low Liquid Assets insufficient liquid assets to cover 1 month's mortgage payment.

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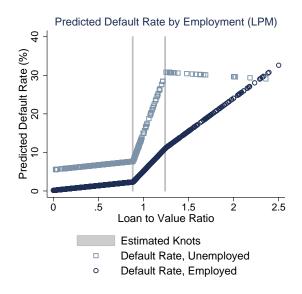
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Next:

- Allow for loan to value ratio to follow linear spline
- Along each segment of the spline, unemployment can interact differently with equity
- Use non-linear squares to optimally determine kinks of spline

Figure: Non-linear relationship between LTV and default (Source: 2007-2011 PSID)



Estimating the spline kinks without controls

- Use non-linear squares to estimate optimal spline kinks c_1 and c_2 .

$$\min_{\{b_k\}_{k=1}^{k=6}, c_1, c_2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \|d_i - \hat{d}_i\|^2$$

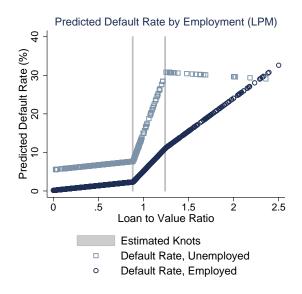
s.t.

$$\begin{split} \hat{d}_{i} &= b_{0} + b_{1} \cdot LTV_{i} \cdot \mathbb{I}_{LTV_{i} < c_{1}} \\ &+ \left\{ b_{1}c_{1} + b_{2}(LTV_{i} - c_{1}) + b_{4}(LTV_{i} - c_{1})\mathbb{I}_{Unempl_{i}} \right\} \mathbb{I}_{c_{1} < LTV_{i} < c_{2}} \\ &+ \left\{ b_{1}c_{1} + b_{2}(c_{2} - c_{1}) + b_{4}(c_{2} - c_{1}) \cdot \mathbb{I}_{Unempl_{i}} \\ &+ b_{3}(LTV_{i} - c_{2}) + b_{5}(LTV_{i} - c_{2})\mathbb{I}_{Unempl_{i}} \right\} \mathbb{I}_{LTV_{i} > c_{2}} \\ &+ b_{6}\mathbb{I}_{Unempl_{i}} \;, \; \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\} \end{split}$$

Table: Estimation of Spline Kinks, Non-Linear Least Squares. Dependent variable is 60+ Days Late Indicator.

		NLS
LTV, Up to 1st Kink	b_1	0.025
·	-	(1.94)
LTV Cutoff 1st Kink	c_1	0.884***
		(24.52)
LTV, Middle Segment	b_2	0.237***
		(5.23)
LTV*Unemployed, Middle Segment	<i>b</i> ₄	0.394*
		(2.56)
LTV Cutoff 2	c_2	1.250***
		(11.65)
LTV, Past Last Kink	b_3	0.176***
		(5.01)
LTV * Unemployed, Past Last Kink	b_5	-0.190
		(-1.76)
Unemployed	b_6	0.053***
		(5.24)
N		5281
R-squared		0.0562

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Spline Results with Controls

- Fix LTV kinks at current values of 88 and 125

- Augment regression of default rate on the LTV spline with controls

- Estimate using regular OLS

Spline Results with Controls

Table: Spline Linear Probability Model. Slopes of spline segment reported. Dependent variable is 60+ Days Late Indicator.

	(1)
LTV<88 Spline	0.014
	(1.10)
88< LTV <125 Spline	0.166***
	(2.80)
LTV >125 Spline	0.188**
	(2.54)
Unemployed (d)	0.034**
	(2.49)
88 < LTV <125 Spline * Unemployed (d)	0.413*
	(1.82)
LTV $>$ 125 Spline st Unemployed (d)	-0.221
	(0.95)

How does one interpret the coefficients?:

- LTV of 1, and 20% price drop.
- Employed default propensity increases by 3.2% (.2*.16=.032)
- Unemployed default propensity increases by 11.46% (.2*[.16+.413]=.1146)
- The impact for the unemployed is roughly 3.5 times larger

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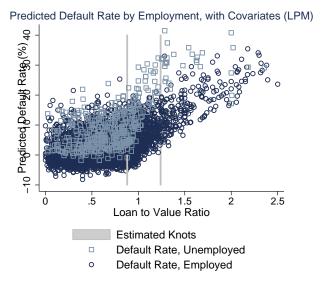
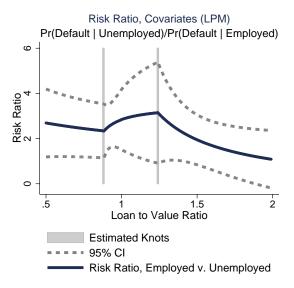


Figure: Risk ratios, LPM model, covariates included (PSID 2007-2011)



Shocks and the effect of equity

- Pure double trigger says equity doesn't matter if borrower has suffered shock.
- Evidence is mixed.
- Run regressions for *only* borrowers suffering shocks
 - For unemployed, some evidence that borrowers don't respond to equity.
 - For cash flow shocks, effect of equity as strong at 150 as at 100.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	LPM		Logit	
Dependent variable	Unemployment	Cash Flow	Unemployment	Cash Flow
<i>LTV</i> < 88 Spline	0.044	0.070	1.543	1.770**
	(0.60)	(1.59)	(1.13)	(2.03)
88 < LTV < 125 Spline	0.430*	0.208	3.070	1.663
	(1.77)	(1.36)	(1.42)	(1.26)
$\mathit{LTV} > 125~Spline$	-0.055	0.260*	-0.696	1.676**
	(-0.23)	(1.75)	(-0.25)	(2.01)
Spouse Unemployment	0.084	0.045*	1.077*	0.570**
	(1.55)	(1.74)	(1.83)	(1.96)
Observations	435	919	416	903
R-squared	0.219	0.109		

Robust t-statistics in parentheses. ***, p-val< .01.

Strategic Default

Table: What Fraction of Households in Default with Negative Equity Can Make 1 or 2 Months' Worth of Mortgage Payments

Defaulters with LTV>1, 2009-2011		
	Unwtd.	Wtd.
Liquid Assets < 1 Month's Mortgage Payment	67.5%	65.9%
Liquid Assets < 2 Months' Mortgage Payment	83.8%	85.1%
Liquid+Illiquid Assets- Unsecured Debt < 1 Month's Mortgage Payment	38.8%	40.8%
Liquid+Illiquid Assets- Unsecured Debt < 2 Months' Mortgage Payment	45.0%	49.4%
N=78		
Non-Defaulters, 2009-2011		
	Unwtd	Wtd.
Liquid Assets < 1 Month's Mortgage Payment	22.5%	19.5%
Liquid Assets < 2 Months' Mortgage Payment	31.6%	28.0%
Liquid+Illiquid Assets- Unsecured Debt < 1 Month's Mortgage Payment	21.2%	18.7%
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Conclusion

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Parameters

- Period is 1 year. Households discount the future at a rate of 4% (eta=.9615).
- Utility function is CRRA,

$$u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\sigma}}{1-\sigma}$$

- The household has a standard risk aversion parameter of $\sigma=2$.
- Initial endowment $y_0 = 1$.
- House price is given by $P_0 = 4.3 \cdot y_0$ to match the annual income to house price ratio.
- We choose m such that $\frac{m}{y_0} = .21$ to match the median back-end DTI in the 2009 Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID).
- We evaluate the model at various values of remaining principal, x_0 , and we set next years' principal balance to reflect the mortgage payment $x_1 = x_0 m$.
- Savings rate is 4%, and we set the borrowing rate to 12% to match the real historic credit card borrowing rate.

Parameters

- From the 2007 Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) we set the credit limit to annual income to 40% which implies $\phi = .4 \cdot y_0$.
- Wealth is set to match the 2007 SCF median liquid wealth to annual income ratio of w = 0.04.
- We assume that the distribution of households across beliefs over the state of the world at date 1 is uniform, $p_L \sim U[0,1]$.
- House prices in each state of the world are given by $P_1(H)=1.2$ and $P_1(L)=.8$.
- Labor income be given by $y_1(L) = .54$ and $y_1(H) = 1$.
 - In low state, households are 'unemployed,' and the income replacement rate is 54% as in the OECD Benefits Database for the US.

Table: Summary of Shocks and Default Rates

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		8.9%	2.69/.				
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faulters	Non-Defaulters	Defaulters	Non-Defaulters	Defaulters	Non-Defaulters	Defaulters	Non-Defaulters
3.2%	7.7%	42.1%	12.3%	66.8%	22.2%	13.2%	4.1%
190	5 091	1 90	5 091	1 90	5091	190	5091
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faulters	Non-Defaulters	Defaulters	Non-Defaulters	Defaulters	Non-Defaulters	Defaulters	Non-Defaulters
5.8%	2.0%	43.2%	16.4%	86.3%	56.3%	2.1%	1.0% 5091
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Table: Summary Statistics for All PSID Households Heads in Sample, 2009-2011

	(A) Demographics								
	All Households				Delinguent Households				
	Mean	p10	p50	p90	me an	p10	p50	p 90	
Age	44.08	30	44	58	43.19	31	42.5	57	
Male (d)	0.85	0	1	1	0.68	0	1	1	
Married (d)	0.74	0	1	1	0.55	0	1	1	
Less than High School (d)	0.08	0	0	0	0.14	0	0	1	
High School Education (d)	0.26	0	0	1	0.33	0	0	1	
Some College Education (d)	0.27	0	0	1	0.29	0	0	1	
College Grad+ Education (d)	0.33	0	0	1	0.17	0	0	1	
Number of Children	1.01	0.0	1.0	3.0	1.23	0.00	1.00	3.00	
In come	110,000	38,000	87,000	180,000	64,000	21,000	55,000	120,000	

	(B) Mortgage Characteristics							
	All Households			Delinquent Households				
	Mean	p10	p 50	p90	me an	p10	p50	p 90
Home value	240,000	80,000	180,000	450,000	1 90,000	50,000	140,000	350,000
Principal Remaining	150,000	35,000	120,000	290,000	180,000	31,000	130,000	350,000
Monthly Mortgage Payment	1253	500	1100	2200	1 34 9	459	1100	2528
Second Mortgage (d)	0.18	0	0	1	0.21	0	0	1
Refinanced Mortgage (d)	0.46	0	0	1	0.40	0	0	1
ARM (d)	0.09	0	0	0	0.22	0	0	1
Mortgage Interest Rate	5.15	4	5	7	5.81	0	6	9
Mortgage Term Remaining	20.56	7	24	29	23.10	10	25	30
Recourse (d)	0.24	0	0	1	0.26	0	0	1
Judicial (d)	0.39	0	0	1	0.38	0	0	1
Default (60+ Days Late) (d)	0.04	0	0	0				
Months Delinquent	0.20	0	0	0	4.95	2	3	11.5
Loan to Value Ratio	0.71	0.28	0.71	1.04	1.01	0.52	0.94	1.66

Table: Summary Statistics for All PSID Households Heads in Sample, 2009-2011

				(C) Emp	loyment			
	All Households			Delinguent Households			olds	
	Mean	p10	p50	p90	mean	p10	p50	p9(
Unemployed Head Last Year (d)	0.08	0	0	0	0.23	0	0	1
Unemployed Spouse Last Year (d)	0.05	0	0	0	0.12	0	0	1
Unemployed Head or Spouse Last Year (d)	0.13	0	0	1	0.31	0	0	1
Head Unemployed as of Survey Date (d)	0.06	0	0	0	0.21	0	0	1
Spouse Unemployed as of Survey Date (d)	0.04	0	0	0	0.10	0	0	1
Unemployment Duration	0.26	0	0	0	0.97	0	0	3
Unemployment Duration, Spouse	0.20	0	0	0	0.52	0	0	0

	(D) Wealth							
	All Households			Delinguent Households				
	Mean	p10	p50	p90	mean	p10	p50	p90
Value of Stocks	21,000	0	0	25,000	2,655	0	0	0
Value of Liquid Assets	20,000	0	5,000	45,000	3,238	0	250	5,000
Unsecured Debt	16,000	0	4,354	40,000	18,000	0	6,750	40,000
Value of Vehicles	19,000	2,000	12,000	40,000	11,000	0	8,000	27,000
Value of Bonds	13,000	0	0	6,800	14,000	0	0	0
Business Income	41,000	0	0	0	4,973	0	0	0
Value of IRA	33,000	0	0	90,000	1,870	0	0	0
Value of Other Housing	29,000	0	0	30,000	3,794	0	0	0
N	5281				N	190		

Definitions

- 'Unemployment' Shock positive duration unemployment spell over the 12 months prior to the survey date.
- 'Low Liquid Assets' is defined as insufficient liquid assets to cover 1 month's mortgage payment (23.8% of the sample falls into this category).
- 'High Unsecured Debt' as having unsecured debt greater than 5 years' worth of mortgage payments (5.1% of the sample falls into this category).
- 'High Medical Bills' is defined as annual medical bills greater than 1 year's worth of mortgage payments (21.3% of our sample falls into this category).
- 'High Hospital Bills' is defined as annual hospital bills greater than 1 year's worth of mortgage payments (1.08% of the sample falls into this category).
- 'Cash Flow' shocks divorce, unemployment of head or spouse, or a 50% reduction of income
- 'Generic Non-Equity' recent divorce, unemployment of head or spouse, a 50% reduction of income, low liquid assets, high hospital bills, or high medical bills
- Approximately 17% of the sample suffered a cash flow shock, and 57.4% of the sample suffered a generic non-equity shock

Figure : Option Theoretic Assumptions: Default Policy Function for one household with belief p_L =.4 in 2-Period Model Economy.

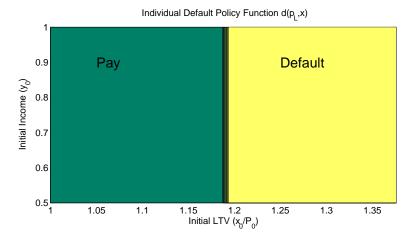


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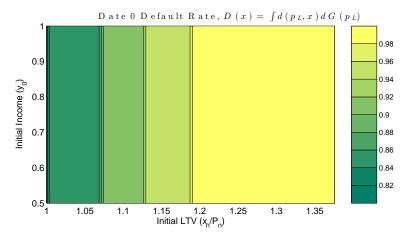


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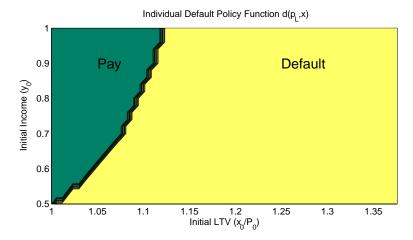


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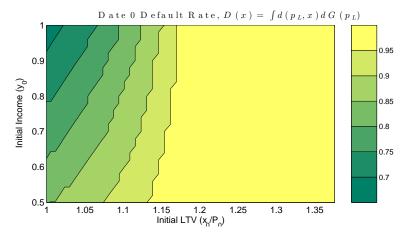


Figure: Empirical Default Rates by Income Loss and Loan to Value (Source: 2007-2011 PSID)

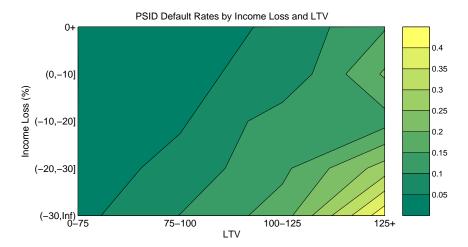


Table: Spline Linear Probability Model. Slopes of spline segment reported. Dependent variable is 60+ Days Late Indicator.

	(3)	(4)
LTV<88 Spline	0.019	0.023**
	(1.54)	(2.41)
88< LTV <125 Spline	0.231***	0.281***
. 	(3.89)	(4.67)
LTV >125 Spline	0.153**	
	(2.16)	, ,
$Unemployed\;(d)$	0.053***	0.066***
88 < LTV < 125 Spline * Unemployed (d)	(3.74)	(4.63)
LTV $>$ 125 Spline * Unemployed (d)		
Spouse Unemployed (d)	0.040**	0.034**
	(2.46)	(2.08)
Low Liquid Assets (d)	,	,
Controls	Y	N
Observations	5,281	5,281
R-squared	0.091	0.055
Controls include demographic, mortgage, a	nd state controls	

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	(2)	(3)	(4)
LTV<88 Spline	0.013	0.019	0.023**
	(1.04)	(1.54)	(2.41)
88< LTV <125 Spline	0.208***	0.231***	0.281***
	(3.53)	(3.89)	(4.67)
LTV >125 Spline	0.164**	0.153**	0.148**
	(2.33)	(2.16)	(2.05)
Unemployed (d)	0.049***	0.053***	0.066***
	(3.55)	(3.74)	(4.63)
$88 < LTV < 125 \; Spline * Unemployed \; (d)$			
LTV $>$ 125 Spline * Unemployed (d)			
Spouse Unemployed (d)	0.034**	0.040**	0.034**
	(2.11)	(2.46)	(2.08)
Low Liquid Assets (d)	0.054***	, ,	, ,
	(6.63)		
Controls	Y	Υ	N
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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
LTV<88 Spline	0.014	0.013	0.019	0.023**
	(1.10)	(1.04)	(1.54)	(2.41)
88 $<$ LTV $<$ 125 Spline	0.166***	0.208***	0.231***	0.281***
	(2.80)	(3.53)	(3.89)	(4.67)
LTV >125 Spline	0.188**	0.164**	0.153**	0.148**
	(2.54)	(2.33)	(2.16)	(2.05)
Unemployed (d)	0.034**	0.049***	0.053***	0.066***
	(2.49)	(3.55)	(3.74)	(4.63)
88< LTV <125 Spline * Unemployed (d)	0.413*			
	(1.82)			
LTV $>$ 125 Spline st Unemployed (d)	-0.221			
	(0.95)			
Spouse Unemployed (d)	0.034**	0.034**	0.040**	0.034**
	(2.14)	(2.11)	(2.46)	(2.08)
Low Liquid Assets (d)	0.054***	0.054***		
	(6.61)	(6.63)		
Controls	Υ	Υ	Υ	N
Observations	5,281	5,281	5,281	5,281
R-squared	0.108	0.105	0.091	0.055
Controls include demographi	ic, mortgage	e, and state	controls	