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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Key insights from latest data on foreign ownership of agency MBS

The US Department of Treasury just released latest annual data (as of June 2018) on foreign holdings of US agency mortgage-backed securities. This dataset covers cross-border securities investment flows between U.S. and foreign entities as of June every year for a wide range of asset classes in addition to agency MBS. While this dataset does not provide agency MBS breakout by agency (Fannie Mae versus Freddie Mac versus Ginnie Mae), it is still very useful in understanding broader trends in the foreign ownership of MBS, including key changes from previous year.

The foreign share of total agency MBS outstanding inched up marginally from 14.39 percent to 14.44 percent over this period while the dollar volume of foreign-owned MBS increased from \$890 billion to \$953 billion. The two largest holders, Taiwan and Japan added to their holdings, but Japan added more. Japan's share of foreign-owned agency MBS increased from 24.9% to 26.6% over the 12-month period while Taiwan's share rose from 25.5% to 26.2%. As a result, Japan became the single largest foreign-owner of agency MBS for the first time since 2004. The third largest owner, China, saw its holdings decline marginally from \$177.5 billion to \$176.3 billion over this period, continuing a multi-year downward trend.

Collectively, Japan, Taiwan and China held 71.3% of all foreign owned MBS as of Jun 2018, up slightly from 70.3% in Jun 2017. Asia's share of foreign owned MBS inched up by 0.6 percent (79.1% to 79.7%), while Europe's share declined from 12.6 to 12.2 percent.

Among the top 20 foreign owners, the countries with largest year over year increase in holdings were France (+49.1%), Canada (+30.7%), Luxembourg (+20.1%) and Japan (+14.6%). The countries with the largest declines were Saudi Arabia (-39%), Singapore (-29.1%), Switzerland (-21.7%) and United Kingdom (-10.1%). The table below summarizes the year-over-change for each top 20 holder.

Foreign Holdings of US Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities (Millions of dollars)

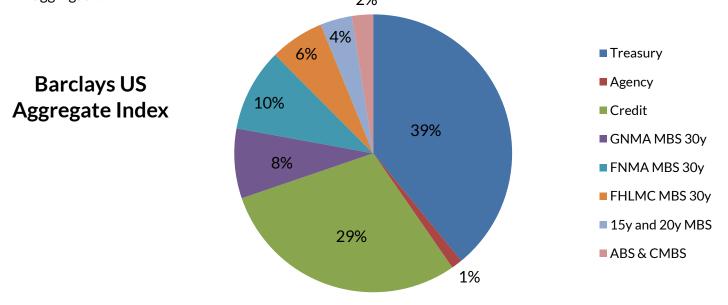
	2016	2017	2018	% Change Jun 16 to Jun 17	% Change Jun 17 to Jun 18
Taiwan	206,954	227,073	249,773	9.7%	10.0%
China, mainland	186,993	177,546	176,345	-5.1%	-0.7%
Japan	185,034	221,528	253,972	19.7%	14.6%
Ireland	37,695	33,663	37,832	-10.7%	12.4%
Korea, South	34,173	33,891	33,064	-0.8%	-2.4%
Luxembourg	27,187	28,314	34,012	4.1%	20.1%
Bermuda	23,994	23,156	24,969	-3.5%	7.8%
Cayman Islands	22,815	24,897	24,384	9.1%	-2.1%
Switzerland	11,717	13,867	10,863	18.3%	-21.7%
Netherlands	11,471	11,462	11,437	-0.1%	-0.2%
Malaysia	9,436	11,905	12,319	26.2%	3.5%
United Kingdom	7,516	9,809	8,819	30.5%	-10.1%
Hong Kong	7,425	8,815	9,510	18.7%	7.9%
Saudi Arabia	6,780	4,642	2,830	-31.5%	-39.0%
Mexico	4,975	5,223	5,416	5.0%	3.7%
Canada	4,373	3,646	4,766	-16.6%	30.7%
Kuwait	4,161	4,260	4,430	2.4%	4.0%
Singapore	3,927	4,615	3,270	17.5%	-29.1%
Indonesia	3,537	3640	3530	2.9%	-3.0%
France	2,666	3,037	4,527	13.9%	49.1%

Some volatility of ownership among smaller holders notwithstanding, these numbers show a continuation of trends in recent years, i.e. overall foreign demand for agency MBS remains robust and concentrated among the largest holders. In the coming months, we will release a more comprehensive report on the foreign ownership of agency MBS using the newly available data.

#### Highlights this month:

- After a sustained multi-year increase, the median DTI for Ginnie Mae loans declined in March 2019, as a result of falling interest rates (page 29).
- The nonbank origination share for Ginnie Mae originations reached a new historical high of 85 percent in March 2019. The nonbank origination share for FHA loans also reached a new historical high, at 90 percent (page 32).
- Prepayment speeds on recent origination cohorts jumped in April 2018, as mortgage rates dipped (page 43).
- New data indicates that the increase in foreign ownership of US Agency MBS from June 2017 to June 2018 was
  lead by purchases by Japan and Taiwan; since then, China and Taiwan have been the largest purchases (page 53).

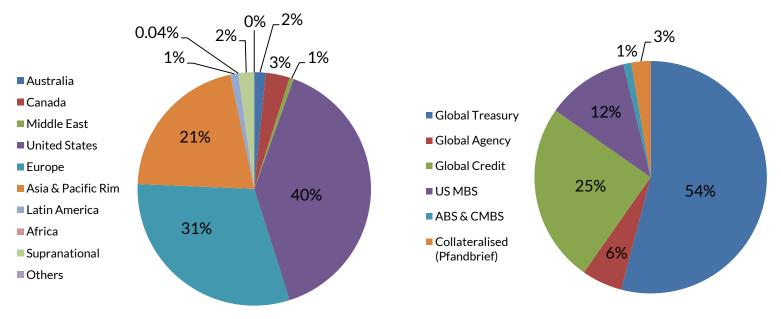
US MBS (Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac) comprise 28 percent of the Barclays US Aggregate Index-less than either the US Treasury share (39 percent) or the US Credit share (29 percent). Fannie Mae 30-year MBS comprises the largest percent of US MBS (10 percent), while Ginnie Mae 30-year MBS and Freddie Mac 30-year MBS comprise 8 percent and 6 percent of the market, respectively. Mortgages with terms of 15 and 20 years comprise the remaining balance (4 percent) of the US MBS share. US securities are the single largest contributor to the Barclays Global Aggregate, accounting for 40 percent of the global total. US MBS comprises 12 percent of the global aggregate.



Sources: Bloomberg and State Street Global Advisors. Note: Data as of March 2019.

#### **Barclays Global Aggregate Index by Country**

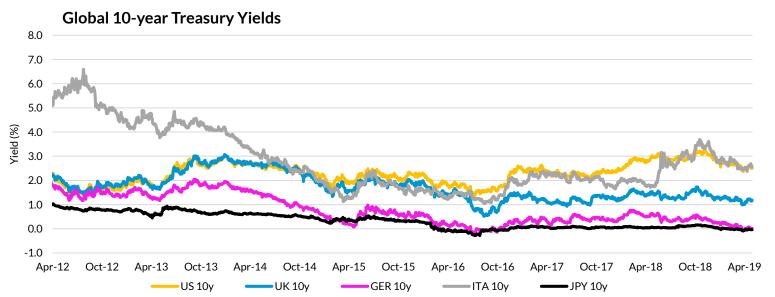
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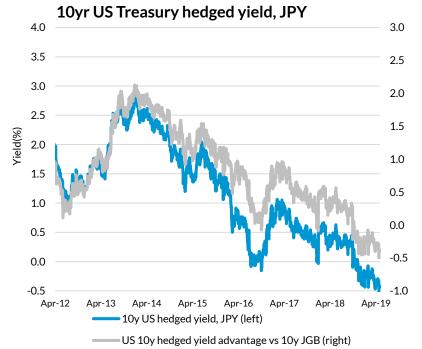
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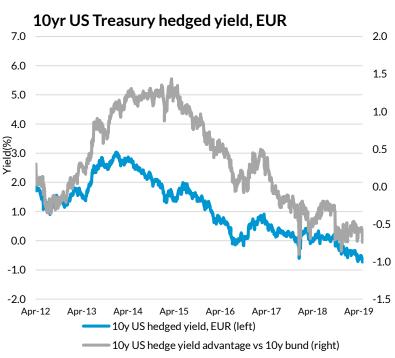
US 10-year Treasury yields have generally been the highest in the developed world over the past few years, but since August 2018, have been neck-in-neck with Italy. In April 2019, yield on the US 10-year note increased 10 bps to 2.50 percent, just below the 2.56 percent for the Italian 10-year note. In the UK, Germany, and Japan, 10-year government bond yields increased to 1.19, -0.04, and 0.01 percent, respectively. The hedged yield differential between the 10-year Treasury and foreign 10-year bonds, specifically JGBs and Bunds, now stand at -40 bps and -74 bps, respectively, a decline of 4 and 13 bps, respectively since March.



**Sources:** Bloomberg and State Street Global Advisors. **Note:** Data as of April 2019.

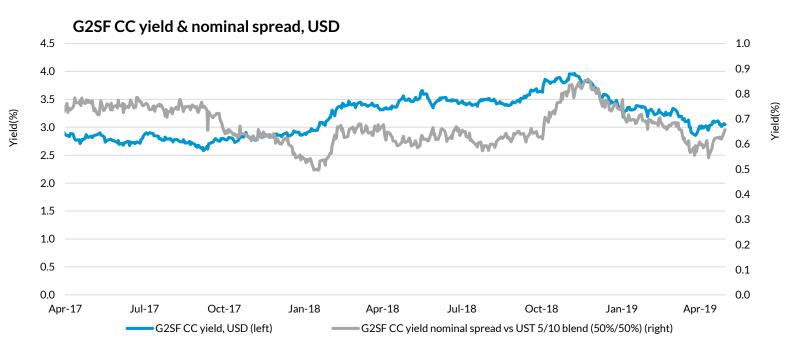


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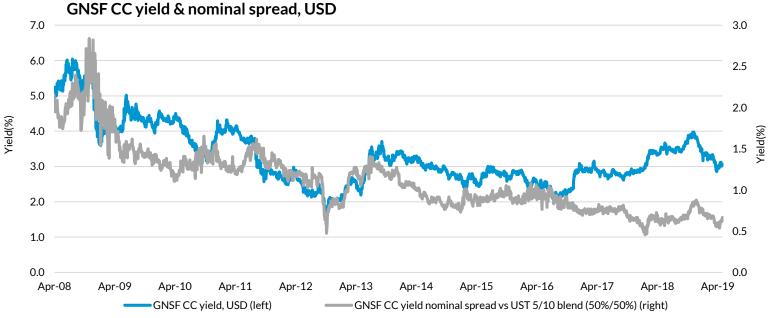


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The nominal yield on both the current coupon GNMA II and GNMA I securities increased in April 2019. Current coupon Ginnie Mae securities outyield their Treasury counterparts (relative to the average of 5- and 10-year Treasury yields) by 66 and 67 bps on G2SF and GNSF, respectively, a widening of 7 and 8 bps since last month. Spreads on the Ginnie 4.0 and 4.5% coupons also widened.

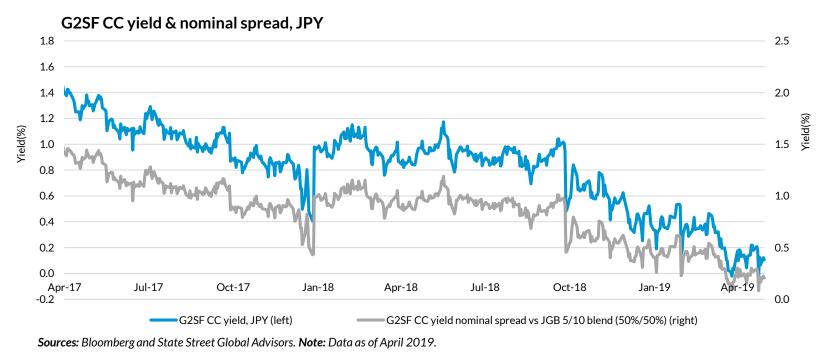


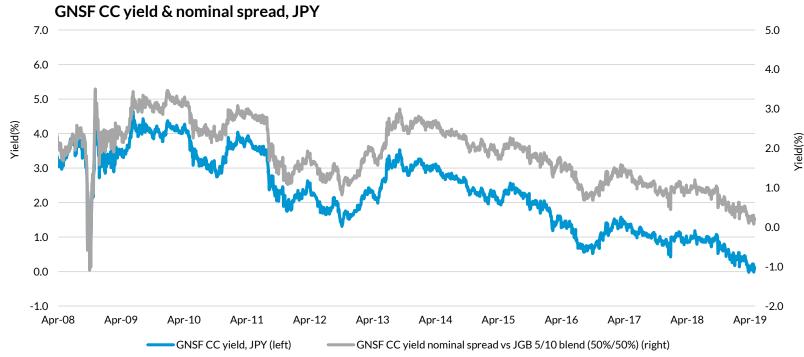
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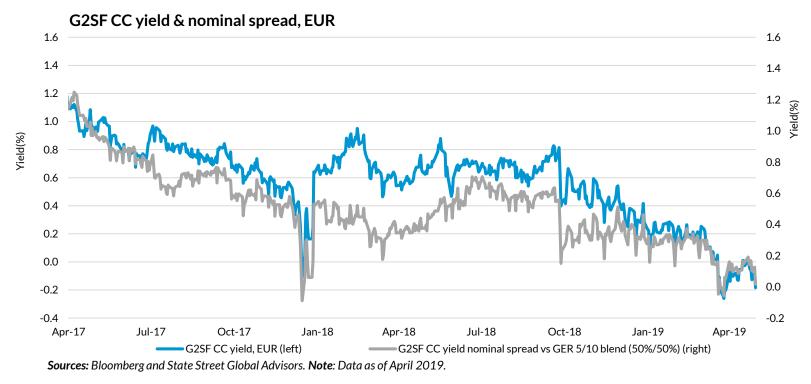
If Ginnie Mae securities are hedged into foreign currencies, they look fair to attractive on a yield basis versus many sovereign alternatives. The figures below show that current coupon G2SF and GNSF hedged into Japanese yen outyield the JGB 5/10 blend by 21 and 22 bps respectively at the end of April, relatively consistent with levels in March.

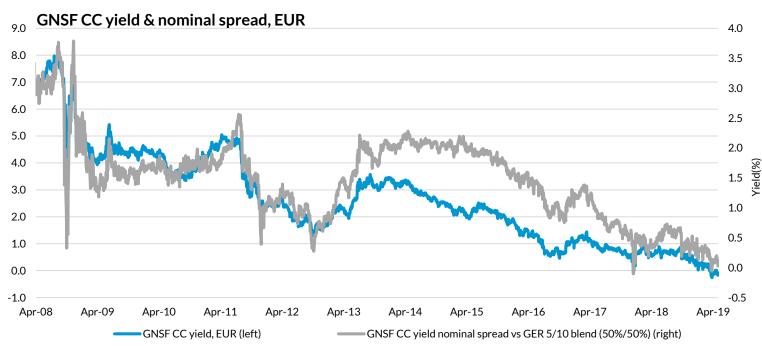




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If Ginnie Mae securities are hedged into foreign currencies, they look fair to attractive on a yield basis versus sovereign alternatives. The figures below show that, current coupon G2SF and GNSF hedged into euros outyield the average of the German 5/10 blend by 2 and 3 bps respectively at the end of April, less than the 8-9 bps at the end of March 2019, and significantly lower than the 22-23 bps at the end of February.



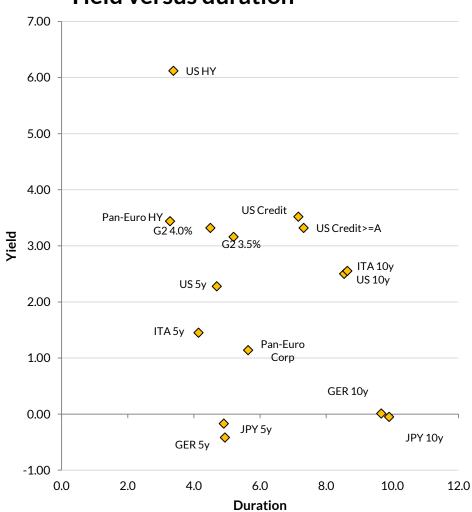


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Yield(%)

US MBS yields are about the same or higher than most securities with the same or longer durations, lower than corporate alternatives, including both the US and European investment grade and high yield indicies. The only security class with significantly more yield is the US high yield index, where duration, a measure of sensitivity to interest rate changes, does not fully capture the volatility of the high yield asset class. Investors are unable to match the yield on Ginnie Mae securities, while preserving the full government guarantee, even if they extend their duration significantly.

#### Yield versus duration



Security	Duration	Yield
US 5y	4.7	2.28
US 10y	8.5	2.50
GNMA II 4.0%	4.5	3.32
GNMA II 3.5%	5.2	3.16
JPY 5y	4.9	-0.17
JPY 10y	9.9	-0.05
GER 5y	4.9	-0.42
GER 10y	9.7	0.01
ITA 5y	4.1	1.45
ITA 10y	8.6	2.55
US credit	7.2	3.52
US credit >= A	7.3	3.32
US HY	3.4	6.12
Pan-Euro Corp	5.6	1.14
Pan-Euro HY	3.3	3.44

**Sources:** Bloomberg and State Street Global Advisors. **Note**: Yields are in base currency of security and unhedged. Data as of April 2019.

The average return on the Ginnie Mae index over the past decade has been slightly higher than the US Treasury index, but lower than many alternatives, including the US Investment-Grade Corporate and US and European High Yield indices. However, the standard deviation of the Ginnie Mae index is the lowest of any sector, as it has the least price volatility over a 3, 5 and 10 year horizon. The result: The Sharpe Ratio, or excess return per unit of risk over the 10-year horizon is only marginally lower than most of the corporate indices, although a good bit higher than the US Treasury Index.

	Average Return (Per Month)							
Time Period	US MBS Ginnie Mae	US Treasury	US Credit Corp	Pan Euro Credit Corp	US High Yield*	Pan Euro High Yield*		
1 year	0.39	0.39	0.53	0.29	0.56	0.26		
3 year	0.13	0.09	0.28	0.18	0.63	0.38		
5 year	0.18	0.17	0.30	0.27	0.41	0.36		
10 year	0.26	0.22	0.52	0.49	0.83	1.01		

	Average Excess Return (Per Month)								
Time Period	US MBS Ginnie Mae	US Treasury	US Credit Corp	Pan Euro Credit Corp	US High Yield*	Pan Euro High Yield*			
1 year	0.21	0.21	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.32			
3 year	0.02	-0.02	0.17	0.24	0.52	0.44			
5 year	0.12	0.10	0.23	0.32	0.34	0.41			
10 year	0.22	0.18	0.49	0.51	0.79	1.02			

_	Standard Deviation							
Time Period	US MBS Ginnie Mae	US Treasury	US Credit Corp	Pan Euro Credit Corp	US High Yield*	Pan Euro High Yield*		
1 year	0.76	0.96	1.15	0.75	1.72	1.43		
3 year	0.64	0.96	1.09	0.81	1.21	1.11		
5 year	0.59	0.95	1.12	0.98	1.57	1.30		
10 year	0.68	1.00	1.27	1.21	1.90	2.60		

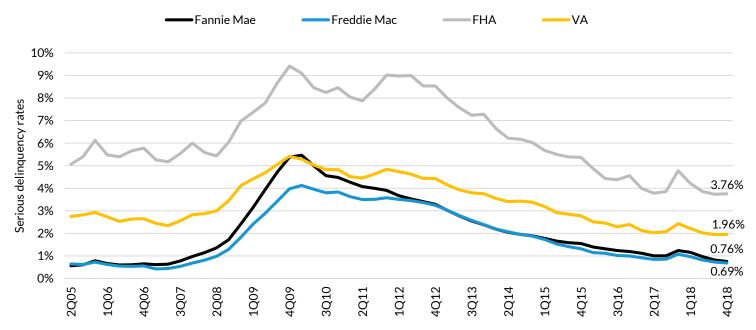
_	Sharpe Ratio								
Time Period	US MBS Ginnie Mae	US Treasury	US Credit Corp	Pan Euro Credit Corp	US High Yield	Pan Euro High Yield*			
1 year	0.28	0.22	0.30	0.47	0.22	0.22			
3 year	0.03	-0.02	0.16	0.30	0.43	0.40			
5 year	0.20	0.11	0.21	0.33	0.22	0.31			
10 year	0.33	0.18	0.38	0.42	0.41	0.39			

<sup>\*</sup>Assumes 2% capitalization max per issuer on high yield indices

Sources: Barclays Indices, Bloomberg and State Street Global Advisors Note: Data as of April 2019.

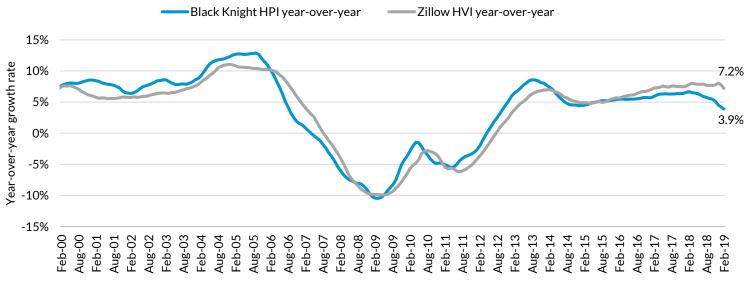
Serious delinquencies rates for single-family GSE loans, FHA loans, and VA loans remained stable in Q4 2018. GSE delinquencies remain slightly higher relative to 2006-2007, while FHA and VA delinquencies (which are higher than their GSE counterparts) are at levels lower than 2006-2007. After touching 6.5 percent in early 2018, year-over-year house price appreciation has slowed in recent months. It stood at 3.9 percent in Feb 2019 per Black Knight repeat sales index and at 7.2 percent per Zillow's hedonic index. does not exhibit the same trend.

#### Serious Delinquency Rates: Single-Family Loans



**Sources:** Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, MBA Delinquency Survey and Urban Institute. **Note:** Serious delinquency is defined as 90 days or more past due or in the foreclosure process. Data as of Q4 2018.

#### National Year-Over-Year HPI Growth



Sources: Black Knight, Zillow, and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of February 2019.

Nationally, nominal home prices have increased by 48.8 percent since the trough, and now exceed their pre-crisis peak valuation on a nominal basis by 10.7 percent. The picture is very different across states, with many states well in excess of the prior peak, while a number of states remain more than 11 percent below peak levels: Connecticut (15.7% below), Illinois (11.6% below), Maryland (11.6% below), Nevada (11.5% below), and Florida (11.2% below).

State	2000 to Peak	HPI Changes Peak to Trough Trou	gh to Current	YOY	Current HPI % Above Peak
National	75.7%	-25.6%	48.8%	3.9%	10.79
Alabama	44.0%	-16.1%	25.6%	6.2%	5.49
Alaska	69.6%	-3.2%	20.3%	1.6%	16.59
Arizona	110.2%	-48.0%	74.6%	6.2%	-9.19
Arkansas	41.7%	-10.6%	21.8%	3.0%	8.99
California	155.4%	-43.4%	84.8%	1.3%	4.79
Colorado	40.1%	-12.7%	73.9%	4.6%	51.89
	92.4%	-24.6%	11.9%	2.3%	
Connecticut					-15.79
Delaware	94.6%	-23.7%	27.0% 51.5%	3.5%	-3.19
District of Columbia	174.9%	-13.4%		2.9%	31.29
Florida	129.2%	-47.0%	67.5%	5.1%	-11.29
Georgia	38.3%	-32.2%	60.4%	6.2%	8.89
Hawaii	161.9%	-22.0%	47.1%	1.6%	14.69
Idaho	71.6%	-28.5%	70.8%	10.6%	22.29
Illinois	61.7%	-34.6%	35.2%	1.9%	-11.69
Indiana	21.4%	-7.5%	30.6%	6.4%	20.89
lowa	28.3%	-4.9%	22.5%	3.0%	16.59
Kansas	34.7%	-9.3%	39.3%	6.7%	26.49
Kentucky	29.7%	-7.5%	30.1%	3.9%	20.39
Louisiana	48.7%	-5.1%	21.3%	2.0%	15.29
Maine	82.4%	-12.5%	35.1%	9.1%	18.19
Maryland	129.4%	-28.5%	23.5%	1.9%	-11.69
Massachusetts	92.6%	-22.7%	47.6%	3.4%	14.19
Michigan	24.2%	-39.7%	69.6%	5.2%	2.39
Minnesota	66.3%	-27.6%	48.9%	4.0%	7.89
Mississippi	41.1%	-13.6%	25.7%	5.7%	8.69
Missouri	42.7%	-14.6%	26.9%	4.7%	8.39
Montana	81.5%	-10.6%	42.5%	3.6%	27.49
Nebraska	26.4%	-6.8%	36.2%	4.0%	27.09
Nevada	126.9%	-59.4%	117.8%	8.8%	-11.59
New Hampshire	90.8%	-23.5%	33.2%	4.0%	1.89
New Jersey	118.0%	-27.8%	23.7%	2.8%	-10.79
New Mexico	66.9%	-16.1%	17.5%	2.5%	-1.59
New York	98.9%	-15.2%	36.5%	3.9%	15.79
North Carolina	40.6%	-15.5%	31.9%	5.3%	11.59
North Dakota	53.9%	-4.0%	50.4%	0.4%	44.49
Ohio	21.2%	-18.3%	29.3%	4.0%	5.69
Oklahoma	37.4%	-2.4%	15.9%	2.9%	13.29
Oregon	82.4%	-27.9%	71.5%	3.6%	23.7
Pennsylvania	70.4%	-11.6%	20.3%	3.6%	6.49
Rhode Island	131.4%	-34.4%	44.0%	4.2%	-5.59
South Carolina	44.8%	-19.2%	30.9%	4.5%	5.9
South Dakota	45.2%	-4.0%	40.5%	5.4%	34.9
Tennessee	35.2%	-11.8%	38.7%	5.4%	22.3
Texas	33.2%	-5.8%	47.6%	3.7%	39.1
Utah	54.5%	-21.8%	65.2%	7.0%	29.2
Vermont	83.6%	-7.5%	26.2%	5.4%	16.7
Virginia	99.5%	-22.7%	23.0%	2.4%	-4.9
Washington	85.5%	-28.6%	79.5%	4.1%	28.1
West Virginia	43.1%	-5.9%	15.6%	2.7%	8.7
Wisconsin	44.9%	-16.3%	29.6%	4.9%	8.5
Wyoming	77.3%	-5.6%	24.5%	3.0%	17.6

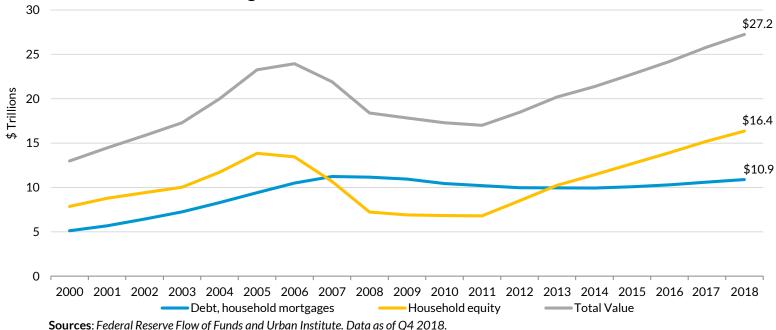
**Sources:** Black Knight and Urban Institute. **Note:** HPI data as of February 2018. Negative sign indicates that state is above earlier peak. Peak refers to the month when HPI reached the highest level for each state/US during the housing boom period, ranging from 09/2005 to 09/2008. Trough represents the month when HPI fell to the lowest level for each state/US after the housing bust, ranging from 01/2009 to 03/2012. Current is 02/2019, the latest HPI data period.

Ginnie Mae MBS constitute 30.6 percent of outstanding agency issuance by loan balance and 33.3 percent of new issuance over the past year. However, the Ginnie Mae share varies widely across states, with the share of outstanding (by loan balance) as low as 16.1 percent in the District of Columbia and as high as 51.5 percent in Alaska. In general, the Ginnie Mae share is higher in states with lower home prices.

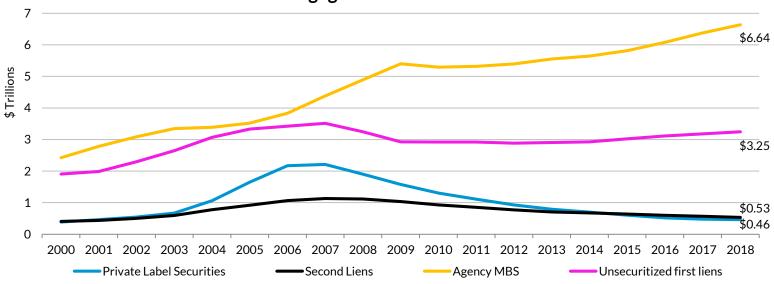
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State	Ginnie Mae Share Loan Siz	Mae Average	GSE Average Loan	Ginnie Mae	Ginnie Mae Average Loan Size (Thousands)	GSE Average Loan Size	
National	33.3%	216.6	Size (Thousands) 231.4	Share 30.6%	165.0	(Thousands) 187.6	
Alabama	43.8%	165.5	187.3	44.9%	128.6	151.2	
Alaska	51.1%	285.6	250.5	51.5%	233.7	198.7	
Arizona	31.9%	217.3	220.9	31.7%	166.2	177.4	
Arkansas	43.1%	145.0	170.3	44.5%	110.8	136.9	
California	27.6%	352.4	334.0	21.2%	270.2	266.8	
Colorado	31.7%	296.5	284.4	27.4%	219.3	223.4	
Connecticut	32.1%	216.6	226.2	29.4%	183.8	188.9	
Delaware	37.3%	215.8	227.2	36.2%	180.8	184.0	
District of Columbia	18.7%	421.5	359.9	16.1%	301.9	302.1	
Florida	40.2%	211.7	211.6	35.1%	164.6	169.7	
Georgia	39.7%	189.1	212.3	38.6%	142.9	168.9	
Hawaii	37.7%	493.2	396.6	30.7%	392.7	315.2	
Idaho	32.4%	209.2	214.0	31.9%	153.8	165.0	
Illinois	27.1%	179.1	198.2	24.6%	141.9	160.5	
Indiana	38.0%	145.6	160.7	37.6%	111.3	125.7	
lowa	27.4%	147.6	163.1	25.7%	114.2	131.1	
	36.2%	157.2	177.1	35.5%	120.6	138.6	
Kansas Kentucky	39.4%	157.2	168.4	38.9%	121.9	132.3	
Louisiana	42.0%	171.7	194.5	41.8%	137.3	158.6	
Maine	35.2%	187.7	203.7	32.2%	153.3	160.0	
Maryland	43.9%	284.9	265.6	39.3%	233.1	218.8	
		299.1					
Massachusetts	24.6%	149.7	284.6	19.3% 25.2%	237.2	227.6	
Michigan	25.6%	203.0	170.6	24.0%	113.6	134.4	
Minnesota	24.1%		214.9		156.6	170.1	
Mississippi	50.2%	154.9	174.8	50.3%	120.0	141.6	
Missouri	35.5%	154.6	173.6	34.9%	121.1	138.8	
Montana	29.8%	222.9	225.8	29.6%	170.0	175.8	
Nebraska	32.2%	167.9	174.0	32.8%	122.7	137.7	
Nevada	33.6%	256.5	239.7	35.4%	187.3	189.7	
New Hampshire	31.6%	238.3	228.5	29.1%	194.0 211.9	180.7	
New Jersey	29.8%	254.5	264.6	27.3%		218.8	
New Mexico	41.7%	182.7	190.5	42.5%	141.4	152.6	
New York	26.8%	250.2	269.1	25.3%	186.6	214.0	
North Carolina	34.0%	185.6	207.4	34.0%	141.7	165.5	
North Dakota	29.3%	214.1	206.3	26.2%	167.9	165.9	
Ohio Oklahoma	35.1%	145.2 155.2	157.9	35.9%	112.9 118.9	126.3 139.7	
	44.9%		174.1	47.9%			
Oregon	27.0%	264.1	264.9	23.6%	199.1	206.2	
Pennsylvania	32.3%	168.3	195.4	32.5%	137.2	158.2	
Rhode Island	38.5%	235.1	226.2	33.4%	187.6	182.0	
South Carolina	39.3%	187.7	196.8	37.5%	147.2	160.1	
South Dakota	37.3%	179.7	188.6	35.4%	143.4	149.4	
Tennessee	39.9%	187.9	205.1	39.9%	138.9	163.2	
Texas	34.7%	200.1	218.5	35.6%	141.7	174.3	
Jtah	28.4%	251.6	260.4	28.1%	190.8	205.8	
Vermont	22.2%	190.1	200.1	19.8%	166.0	159.8	
Virginia	45.1%	270.7	259.9	41.2%	223.8	216.4	
Washington	30.2%	295.9	295.6	27.7%	219.5	227.1	
West Virginia	49.1%	156.1	154.6	45.7%	126.7	127.1	
Visconsin	22.2%	169.9	178.2	20.8%	134.6	141.3	
Nyoming	41.2%	217.1	217.6	40.0%	178.0	175.8	

The Federal Reserve's Flow of Funds report has consistently indicated an increasing total value of the housing market driven by growing household equity since 2012, and 2018 Q4 was no different. Total mortgage debt outstanding increased slightly to \$10.9 trillion and household equity increased slightly to \$16.4 trillion, bringing the total value of the housing market to \$27.2 trillion, 13 percent higher than the pre-crisis peak in 2006. Agency MBS make up 61.0 percent of the total mortgage market, private-label securities make up 4.3 percent, and unsecuritized first liens at the GSEs, commercial banks, savings institutions, and credit unions make up 29.8 percent. Second liens comprise the remaining 4.9 percent of the total.

#### Value of the US Housing Market



#### Size of the US Residential Mortgage Market

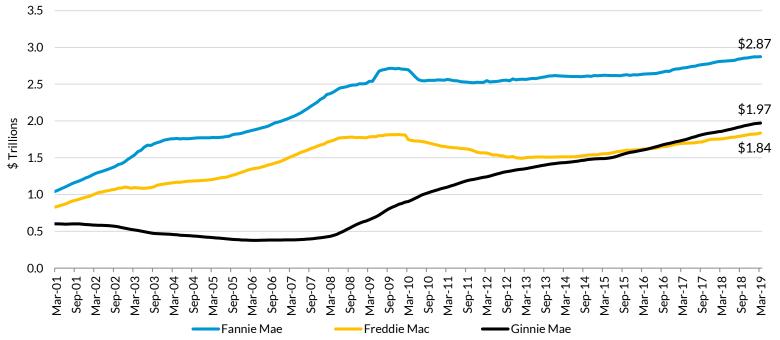


**Sources:** Federal Reserve Flow of Funds, Inside Mortgage Finance, eMBS and Urban Institute.

**Note:** Unsecuritized first liens includes loans held by commercial banks, GSEs, savings institutions, and credit unions. Data as of Q4 2018.

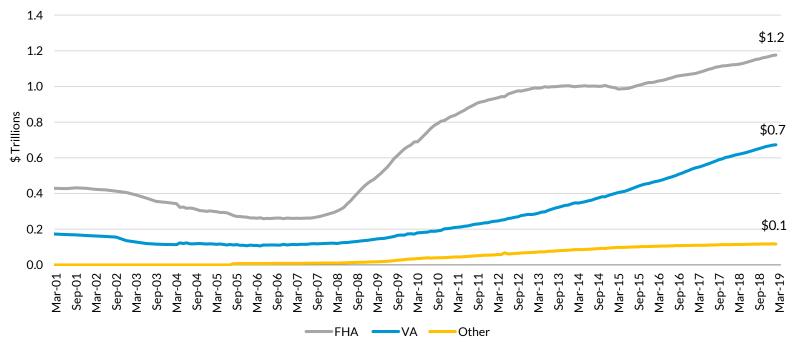
As of March 2019, outstanding securities in the agency market totaled \$6.68 trillion: 43.0 percent Fannie Mae, 27.5 percent Freddie Mac, and 29.5 percent Ginnie Mae MBS. Ginnie Mae has more outstandings than Freddie Mac. Within the Ginnie Mae market, both FHA and VA have grown very rapidly post-crisis. FHA comprises 59.8 percent of total Ginnie Mae MBS outstanding, while VA comprises 34.3 percent.

### **Outstanding Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities**



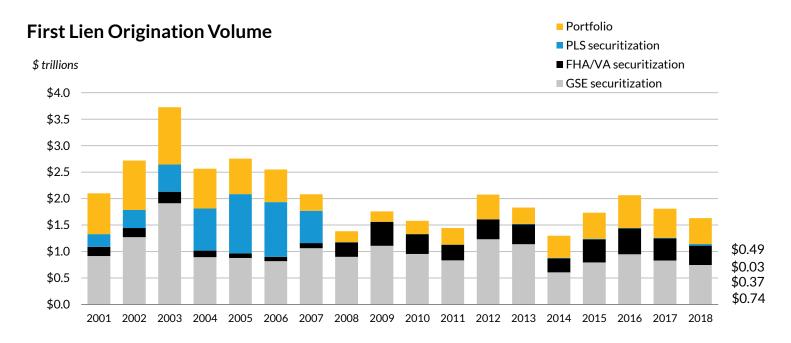
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### **Outstanding Ginnie Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities**



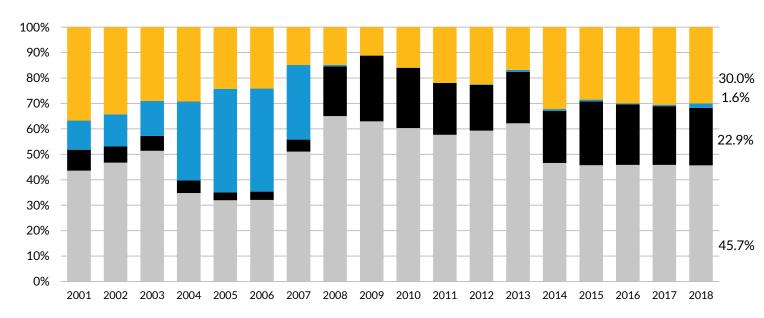
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First lien originations totaled \$1.63 trillion in 2018, down slightly from 2017, as higher interest rates curtailed refinance activity. The share of bank portfolio originations was 30.0 percent in the 2018, slightly below the 2017 level. The GSE share was 45.7 percent, on par with 2017. The FHA/VA share remained constant at 22.9 percent. Private-label securities comprised 1.6 percent of originations, higher than the 2017 share of 0.6 percent.



Sources: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of Q4 2018.

#### First Lien Origination Share



**Sources**: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of Q4 2018.

Fannie Mae

Agency gross issuance was \$235.8 billion in the first three months of 2019, down 17.0 percent compared to the same period in 2018. Ginnie Mae gross issuance was down by 18.1 percent and GSE gross issuance was down by 16.4 percent. Within the Ginnie Mae market, FHA was down by 10.9 percent and VA origination was down by 25.2 percent. The broad decline in origination volume is the result of higher interest rates curtailing refinance volume, particularly in January and February.

**Agency Gross Issuance** 

Freddie Mac GSE Total Ginnie Mae

**Total** 

issuance year	Fannie Mae	Freddie Mac	GSE TOTAL	Ginnie Mae	Total
2000	\$202.8	\$157.9	\$360.6	\$102.2	\$462.8
2001	\$506.9	\$378.2	\$885.1	\$171.5	\$1,056.6
2002	\$710.0	\$529.0	\$1,238.9	\$169.0	\$1,407.9
2003	\$1,174.4	\$700.5	\$1,874.9	\$213.1	\$2,088.0
2004	\$517.5	\$355.2	\$872.6	\$119.2	\$991.9
2005	\$514.1	\$379.9	\$894.0	\$81.4	\$975.3
2006	\$500.2	\$352.9	\$853.0	\$76.7	\$929.7
2007	\$633.0	\$433.3	\$1,066.2	\$94.9	\$1,161.1
2008	\$562.7	\$348.7	\$911.4	\$267.6	\$1,179.0
2009	\$817.1	\$462.9	\$1,280.0	\$451.3	\$1,731.3
2010	\$626.6	\$377.0	\$1,003.5	\$390.7	\$1,394.3
2011	\$578.2	\$301.2	\$879.3	\$315.3	\$1,194.7
2012	\$847.6	\$441.3	\$1,288.8	\$405.0	\$1,693.8
2013	\$749.9	\$426.7	\$1,176.6	\$393.6	\$1,570.2
2014	\$392.9	\$258.0	\$650.9	\$296.3	\$947.2
2015	\$493.9	\$351.9	\$845.7	\$436.3	\$1,282.0
2016	\$600.5	\$391.1	\$991.6	\$508.2	\$1,499.8
2017	\$531.3	\$345.9	\$877.3	\$455.6	\$1,332.9
2018	\$480.9	\$314.1	\$795.0	\$400.6	\$1,195.3
2019 YTD	\$90.3	\$66.4	\$156.7	\$79.1	\$235.8
2019 YTD % Change YOY	-26.8%	3.5%	-16.4%	-18.1%	-17.0%
2019 Ann.	\$361.1	\$265.6	\$626.7	\$316.3	\$943.0
		Breakdown: Agend			
Issuance Year	FHA	VA	Othe		Total
2000	\$80.2	\$18.8	\$3.2		\$102.2
2001	\$133.8	\$34.7	\$3.1		\$171.5
2002	\$128.6	\$37.9	\$2.5		\$169.0
2003	\$147.9	\$62.7	\$2.5		\$213.1
2004	\$85.0	\$31.8	\$2.5		\$119.2
2005	\$55.7	\$23.5	\$2.1		\$81.4
2006	\$51.2	\$23.2	\$2.3		\$76.7
2007	\$67.7	\$24.2	\$3.0		\$94.9
2008	\$221.7	\$39.0	\$6.9		\$267.6
2009	\$359.9	\$74.6	\$16.		\$451.3
2010	\$304.9	\$70.6	\$15.		\$390.7
2011	\$216.1	\$82.3	\$16.		\$315.3
2012	\$253.4	\$131.3	\$20.		\$405.0
2013	\$239.2	\$132.2	\$20. \$22.		\$393.6
2014	\$163.9	\$111.4	\$21.		\$296.3
2015	\$261.5	\$155.6	\$19.		\$436.3
2016	\$281.8	\$206.5	\$19.		\$508.2
2017	\$257.6	\$177.8	\$20.		\$455.6
2017	\$222.6	\$160.8	\$20. \$17.		\$400.6
2019 YTD					
2019 YTD 2019 YTD % Change YOY	\$45.7	\$30.8	\$2.6	5	\$79.1
2019 YTD 2019 YTD % Change YOY 2019 Ann.				%	

**Sources**: eMBS and Urban Institute (top and bottom).

**Issuance Year** 

**Note:** Dollar amounts are in billions. "Other" refers to loans insured by HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development. All data is as of March 2019.

Agency net issuance totaled \$44.9 billion in the first three months of 2019, down 13.5 percent compared to the same period in 2018. Ginnie Mae net issuance was \$25.0 billion, comprising 55.7 percent of total agency net issuance. Ginnie Mae net issuance was down 5.2 percent compared to the same period in 2019. Ginnie Mae net issuance in the first quarter of 2019 was comprised of 47.7 percent VA and 51.8 percent FHA.

Agency Net Issuance									
Issuance Year	Fannie Mae	Freddie Mac	GSE Total	Ginnie Mae	Total				
2000	\$92.0	\$67.8	\$159.8	\$29.3	\$189.1				
2001	\$216.6	\$151.8	\$368.4	-\$9.9	\$358.5				
2002	\$218.9	\$138.3	\$357.2	-\$51.2	\$306.1				
2003	\$293.7	\$41.1	\$334.9	-\$77.6	\$257.3				
2004	\$32.3	\$50.2	\$82.5	-\$40.1	\$42.4				
2005	\$62.5	\$111.7	\$174.2	-\$42.2	\$132.0				
2006	\$164.3	\$149.3	\$313.6	\$0.2	\$313.8				
2007	\$296.1	\$218.8	\$514.9	\$30.9	\$545.7				
2008	\$213.0	\$101.8	\$314.8	\$196.4	\$511.3				
2009	\$208.1	\$42.5	\$250.6	\$257.4	\$508.0				
2010	-\$156.4	-\$146.8	-\$303.2	\$198.3	-\$105.0				
2011	-\$32.6	-\$95.8	-\$128.4	\$149.6	\$21.2				
2012	\$32.9	-\$75.3	-\$42.4	\$119.1	\$76.8				
2013	\$57.5	\$11.6	\$69.1	\$87.9	\$157.0				
2014	\$0.5	\$30.0	\$30.5	\$61.6	\$92.1				
2015	\$10.2	\$65.0	\$75.1	\$97.3	\$172.5				
2016	\$68.6	\$66.8	\$135.5	\$125.3	\$260.8				
2017	\$90.2	\$78.2	\$168.5	\$131.3	\$299.7				
2018	\$79.4	\$68.4	\$147.7	\$113.9	\$261.6				
2019 YTD	\$8.7	\$16.3	\$25.0	\$19.9	\$44.9				
2019 YTD % Change YOY	-65.8%	190.2%	-19.2%	-5.2%	-13.5%				
2019 Ann.	\$34.6	\$65.3	\$99.9	\$79.8	\$179.7				
	Ginnie N	Mae Breakdown:	Net Issuance						
Issuance Year	FHA	VA	Othe	er	Total				
2000	\$29.0	\$0.3	\$0.0	)	\$29.3				
2001	\$0.7	-\$10.6	\$0.0	)	-\$9.9				
2002	-\$22.5	-\$28.7	\$0.0	)	-\$51.2				
2003	-\$56.5	-\$21.1	\$0.0	)	-\$77.6				
2004	-\$45.2	\$5.1	\$0.0	)	-\$40.1				
2005	-\$37.3	-\$12.1	\$7.2	2	-\$42.2				
2006	-\$4.7	\$3.8	\$1.2	2	\$0.2				
2007	\$20.2	\$8.7	\$2.0	)	\$30.9				
2008	\$173.3	\$17.7	\$5.4		\$196.4				
2009	\$206.4	\$35.1	\$15.	8	\$257.4				
2010	\$158.6	\$29.6	\$10.	0	\$198.3				
2011	\$102.8	\$34.0	\$12.		\$149.6				
2012	\$58.9	\$45.9	\$14.		\$119.1				
2013	\$20.7	\$53.3	\$13.	9	\$87.9				

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\$53.9

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72.4%

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2014

2015

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2017

2018

2019 YTD

2019 YTD % Change YOY

2019 Ann.

\$61.6

\$97.3

\$124.9

\$131.3

\$113.9

\$19.9

-5.2% \$79.8

Agency gross issuance moves inversely to interest rates, generally declining as interest rates have risen, rising when interest rates fall, but the seasonal trend is also very strong. This table allows for a comparison with the same month in previous years. March 2019 gross agency issuance of \$83.5 billion is slightly below the March 2018 level of \$85.9 billion.

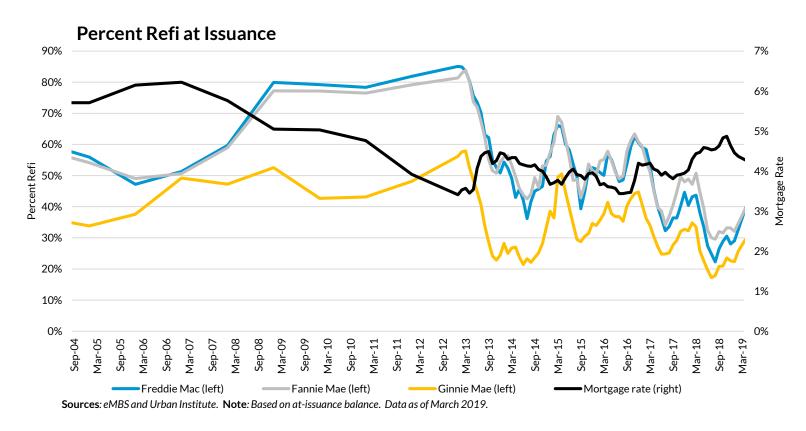
### Monthly Agency Issuance

		Gross Issuance				Net Issuance				
Date	Fannie Mae	Freddie Mac	Ginnie Mae	Total	Fannie Mae	Freddie Mac	Ginnie Mae	Total		
Jan-16	\$35.6	\$22.5	\$32.5	\$90.6	-\$0.6	\$1.0	\$7.3	\$7.8		
Feb-16	\$32.4	\$21.2	\$30.5	\$84.1	\$2.4	\$3.1	\$8.4	\$13.9		
Mar-16	\$39.7	\$27.5	\$32.9	\$100.1	\$7.9	\$8.2	\$9.6	\$25.8		
Apr-16	\$43.8	\$26.2	\$40.1	\$110.1	\$0.8	-\$0.2	\$8.8	\$9.4		
May-16	\$44.2	\$29.9	\$41.6	\$115.6	\$2.4	\$4.4	\$11.4	\$18.3		
Jun-16	\$46.7	\$30.1	\$43.9	\$120.8	\$2.7	\$3.0	\$11.9	\$17.7		
Jul-16	\$49.8	\$35.3	\$46.1	\$131.1	\$2.3	\$6.3	\$10.8	\$19.4		
Aug-16	\$54.9	\$37.9	\$46.7	\$139.5	\$10.4	\$11.0	\$13.8	\$35.2		
Sep-16	\$65.8	\$44.0	\$52.5	\$162.4	\$8.7	\$9.0	\$12.5	\$30.2		
Oct-16	\$66.0	\$35.9	\$47.4	\$149.3	\$11.8	\$2.7	\$9.3	\$24.5		
Nov-16	\$48.8	\$40.2	\$47.2	\$136.3	-\$3.5	\$7.9	\$10.3	\$14.8		
Dec-16	\$72.7	\$40.5	\$46.8	\$160.0	\$23.3	\$10.4	\$10.8	\$44.6		
Jan-17	\$55.6	\$38.5	\$42.6	\$136.6	\$10.3	\$10.7	\$10.3	\$31.9		
Feb-17	\$37.6	\$27.4	\$33.1	\$98.1	\$3.1	\$6.5	\$9.2	\$18.9		
Mar-17	\$39.5	\$24.4	\$31.3	\$95.2	\$10.3	\$6.2	\$9.6	\$26.3		
Apr-17	\$39.3	\$21.2	\$36.4	\$97.0	\$4.8	\$0.4	\$11.7	\$17.3		
May-17	\$40.3	\$22.6	\$36.4	\$99.3	\$7.6	\$2.7	\$13.1	\$23.6		
Jun-17	\$45.7	\$25.1	\$39.9	\$110.7	\$8.3	\$2.4	\$13.2	\$24.1		
Jul-17	\$45.3	\$27.6	\$40.6	\$113.5	\$5.8	\$3.5	\$12.1	\$21.5		
Aug-17	\$49.1	\$29.3	\$42.8	\$121.1	\$12.0	\$6.7	\$15.6	\$33.9		
Sep-17	\$47.3	\$27.9	\$40.2	\$115.5	\$7.4	\$3.8	\$10.5	\$21.7		
Oct-17	\$42.9	\$34.6	\$38.4	\$115.9	\$6.4	\$12.5	\$10.7	\$29.6		
Nov-17	\$43.5	\$37.2	\$37.8	\$118.5	\$4.6	\$13.6	\$8.2	\$26.4		
Dec-17	\$45.3	\$30.0	\$36.2	\$111.5	\$9.6	\$8.2	\$6.8	\$24.6		
Jan-18	\$47.4	\$21.4	\$35.2	\$104.0	\$12.4	\$0.3	\$7.8	\$20.6		
Feb-18	\$40.3	\$21.5	\$31.9	\$93.7	\$8.0	\$2.3	\$7.1	\$17.4		
Mar-18	\$35.6	\$21.3	\$29.0	\$85.9	\$4.9	\$3.0	\$6.1	\$14.0		
Apr-18	\$36.3	\$26.2	\$32.7	\$95.2	\$1.7	\$6.1	\$9.1	\$16.8		
May-18	\$38.9	\$27.5	\$33.7	\$100.1	\$4.5	\$7.2	\$10.6	\$22.4		
Jun-18	\$38.2	\$28.8	\$35.6	\$102.5	\$2.2	\$6.8	\$10.5	\$19.5		
Jul-18	\$40.3	\$26.2	\$35.6	\$102.1	\$4.2	\$3.7	\$10.7	\$18.6		
Aug-18	\$50.4	\$29.9	\$37.5	\$117.8	\$14.9	\$7.9	\$12.8	\$35.6		
Sep-18	\$41.8	\$30.1	\$34.8	\$106.6	\$5.7	\$6.2	\$9.1	\$21.0		
Oct-18	\$39.8	\$27.4	\$33.2	\$100.3	\$10.1	\$7.6	\$12.1	\$29.7		
Nov-18	\$35.1	\$30.1	\$32.4	\$97.6	\$2.6	\$10.8	\$9.6	\$22.9		
Dec-18	\$36.9	\$23.9	\$28.4	\$89.1	\$8.2	\$6.4	\$8.4	\$23.0		
Jan-19	\$33.3	\$19.2	\$29.0	\$81.6	\$5.5	\$2.5	\$9.5	\$17.5		
Feb-19	\$27.3	\$19.9	\$23.5	\$70.7	\$1.2	\$3.6	\$4.6	\$9.5		
Mar-19	\$29.6	\$27.3	\$26.6	\$83.5	\$1.9	\$10.3	\$5.8	\$18.0		

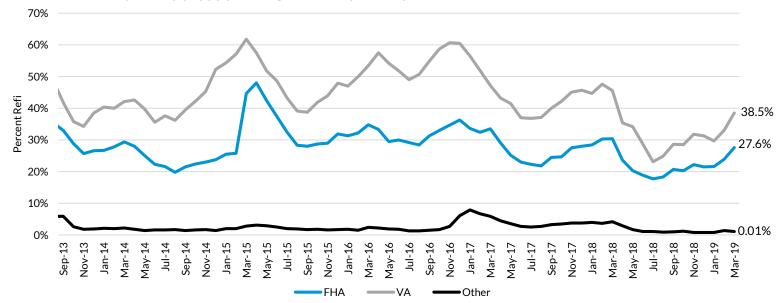
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The Ginnie Mae refi share stood at 30 percent in March 2019, below the 40 percent share for both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Within Ginnie Mae, VA had the highest refi share at 39 percent in March 2019, followed by FHA's 28 percent. In the spring and summer of 2018, refi share for all agencies fell sharply due to rising interest rates and seasonal upticks in purchase activity. The refi share stabilized after the summer surge in purchase activity ended; it ticked up in early 2019 as rates trended down.



#### Percent Refi at Issuance: Ginnie Mae Breakdown



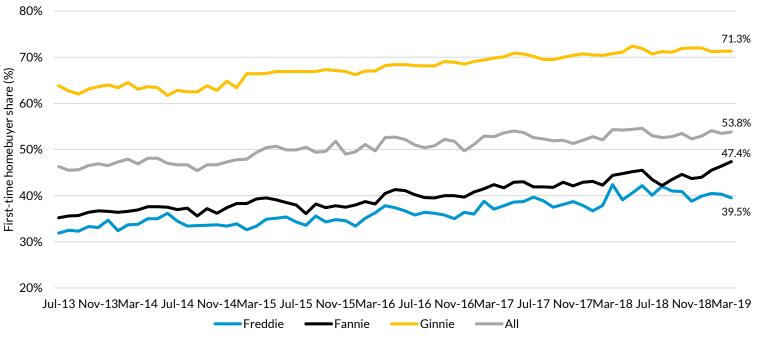
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## **Credit Box**

The first time homebuyer share of Ginnie Mae purchase loans was 71.3 percent in March 2019, just below the 72.4 percent historical high reached in May 2018. First time homebuyers comprise a significantly higher share of the Ginnie Mae purchase market than of the GSE purchase market, with first time homebuyers accounting for 47.4 percent and 39.5 percent of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac purchase originations respectively. The bottom table shows that based on mortgages originated in March 2019, the average first-time homebuyer was more likely than an average repeat buyer to take out a smaller loan, have a lower credit score, a much higher LTV and similar DTI.

#### First Time Homebuyer Share: Purchase Only Loans



Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of March 2019.

	Fannie Mae		Freddie Mac		Ginnie Mae		All	
	First-Time	Repeat	First-Time	Repeat	First-Time	Repeat	First-Time	Repeat
Loan Amount (\$)	237,625	264,657	255,658	269,560	208,614	251,108	227,459	262,801
Credit Score	734.9	750.3	744.4	758.1	677.1	697.0	708.4	738.3
LTV (%)	88.7	79.9	84.5	77.5	96.9	95.6	91.8	83.4
DTI (%)	37.0	37.5	35.0	36.0	42.0	43.1	39.0	38.5
Loan Rate (%)	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7

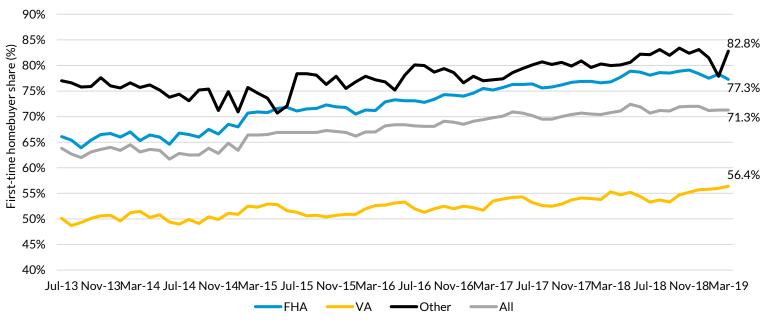
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**Note**: In May 2017 Ginnie Mae began disclosing issuer-reported LTV for FHA loans, which includes the financed upfront mortgage insurance premium. To make it consistent with the previously reported LTV, we removed the financed upfront mortgage insurance premium by subtracting 169 bps from this new issuer-reported LTV. Data as of March 2019.

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Within the Ginnie Mae purchase market, 77.3 percent of FHA loans, 56.4 percent of VA loans and 82.8 percent of other loans represent financing for first-time home buyers in March 2019. The bottom table shows that based on mortgages originated in March 2019, the average first-time homebuyer was more likely than an average repeat buyer to take out a smaller loan, have a lower credit score, higher LTV and lower DTI.

### First Time Homebuyer Share: Ginnie Mae Purchase Only Loans Breakdown by Source



Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of March 2019.

	FHA		VA		Other		Ginnie Mae Total	
	First-Time	Repeat	First-Time	Repeat	First-Time	Repeat	First-Time	Repeat
Loan Amount (\$)	204,900	217,670	247,027	296,129	141,428	154,070	208,614	251,108
Credit Score	667.2	668.9	696.7	725.7	692.9	696.1	677.1	697.0
LTV (%)	95.5	94.0	99.8	96.9	99.0	98.7	96.9	95.6
DTI (%)	43.4	44.2	41.3	42.9	35.2	35.9	42.0	43.1
Loan Rate (%)	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7

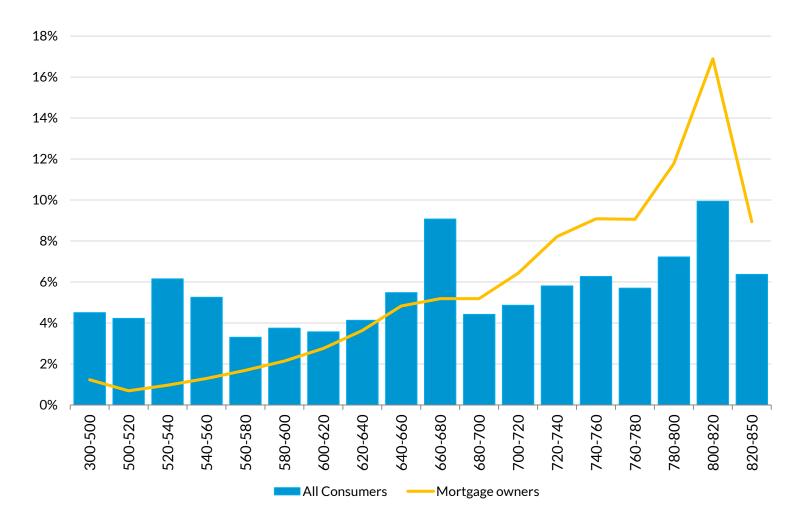
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## **Credit Box**

Consumers who have a mortgage are concentrated at the high end of the general credit score spectrum. The top table shows that the median FICO score for all consumers (682) is equal to the 25th percentile of those with a mortgage (682).

## FICO Score Distribution: Mortgage Owners vs All Consumers

All Consumers- Percentiles										
Minimum	P5	P10	P25	P50	P75	P90	P95	Maximum		
300	503	524	587	682	774	813	822	839		
	Mortgage Owners- Percentiles									
Minimum	P5	P10	P25	P50	P75	P90	P95	Maximum		
300	570	615	682	752	801	818	824	839		



**Sources**: Credit Bureau Data and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of August 2017.

## March 2019 Credit Box at a Glance

In March 2019, the median Ginnie Mae FICO score was 673 versus 744 Fannie and 756 for Freddie. Note that the FICO score for the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile was 615 for Ginnie Mae, versus 670 for Fannie and 687 for Freddie. Within the Ginnie Mae market, FHA loans have a median FICO score of 661, VA loans have a median FICO score of 700 and other loans have a median FICO score of 689.

			Purchase F	ICO			
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	204,375	641	680	731	775	797	724
Fannie	63,935	680	711	750	782	800	744
Freddie	63,789	694	725	761	788	802	754
Ginnie	76,651	620	642	674	721	767	683
		i	Refi FIC				
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	115,831	640	679	724	767	793	719
Fannie	40,723	659	692	733	772	795	729
Freddie	44,048	680	711	748	780	799	743
Ginnie	31,060	604	635	670	710	754	673
			All FICO				
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	320,206	641	680	728	772	796	722
Fannie	104,658	670	703	744	779	798	738
Freddie	107,837	687	719	756	785	801	749
Ginnie	107,711	615	641	673	717	764	680
	Durch	ase FICO.	Ginnie Mae	Breakdown	Ry Source		
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	76,651	620	642	674	721	767	683
FHA	46,109	612	635	662	696	736	668
VA	23,707	629	660	708	762	792	709
Other	6,835	637	657	689	728	763	693
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	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	31,060	604	635	670	710	754	673
FHA	16,732	598	627	658	690	726	659
VA	14,257	615	648	688	734	720	688
Other	71	647	667 <mark>Innie Mae Bre</mark>	725	800	800	725
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All	107,711	615	641	673	717	764	680
FHA	62,841	608	633	661	694	733	665
VA	37,964	624	655	700	752	787	701
Other	6,906	637	657	689	729	764	694

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## March 2019 Credit Box at a Glance

In March 2019, the median loan-to-value ratio (LTV) was 96.5 percent for Ginnie Mae, and 80 percent for both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile was 101 percent for Ginnie Mae, and 95-97 percent for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Within the Ginnie Mae market, the median LTV was 96.5 for FHA, 100.0 for VA and 100.7 for other programs.

			Purchase I	LTV			
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	205,905	70.0	80.0	95.0	96.5	100.0	87.2
Fannie	63,997	66.0	80.0	88.0	95.0	97.0	83.6
Freddie	65,094	60.0	75.0	80.0	90.0	95.0	79.8
Ginnie	76,814	93.3	96.5	96.5	100.0	102.1	96.5
			Refi LT\	/			
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	117,175	45.0	60.0	75.0	82.1	94.6	71.0
Fannie	40,727	40.0	55.0	69.0	78.0	80.0	64.9
Freddie	45,090	41.0	57.0	70.0	79.0	80.0	65.6
Ginnie	31,358	70.2	82.3	86.5	98.1	100.0	86.9
			All LTV	1			
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	323,080	56.0	74.0	83.0	96.5	98.7	81.3
Fannie	104,724	50.0	68.0	80.0	90.0	97.0	76.3
Freddie	110,184	50.0	66.0	80.0	80.0	95.0	74.0
Ginnie	108,172	83.0	92.9	96.5	100.0	101.0	93.7
	Purcl	nase LTV:	Ginnie Mae B	reakdown By	Source		
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	76,814	93.3	96.5	96.5	100.0	102.1	96.5
FHA	46,197	93.3	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	95.2
VA	23,747	92.7	100.0	100.0	102.2	103.0	98.5
Other				100.0	102.2	105.0	, 0.5
	6,870	94.5	98.6	100.8	101.0	101.0	98.9
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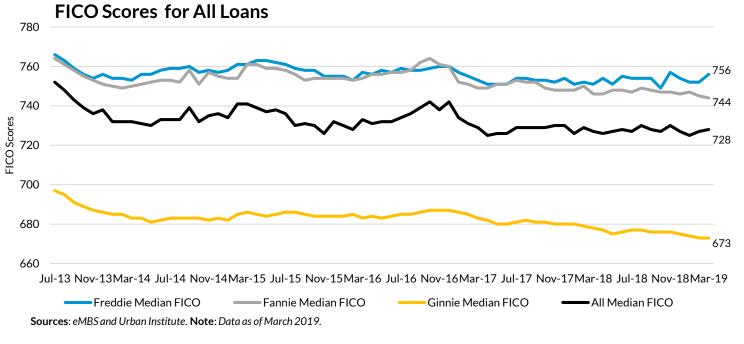
## March 2019 Credit Box at a Glance

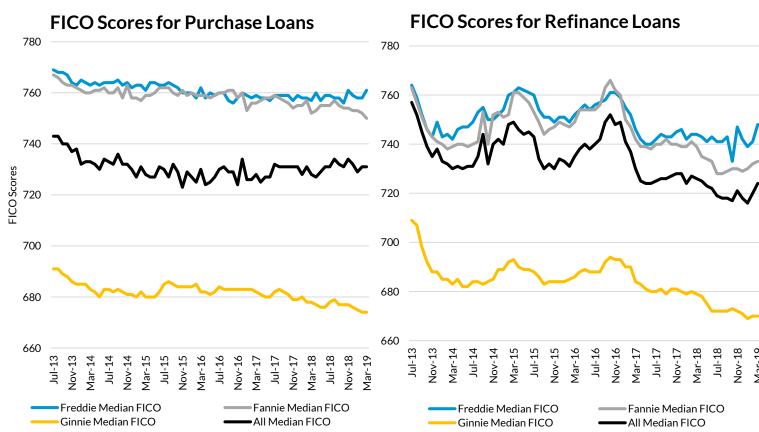
In March 2019, the median Ginnie Mae debt-to-income ratio (DTI) was 43.0 percent, considerably higher than the 36-38 percent median DTI for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for Ginnie Mae was 54.5 percent, also much higher than the 47-48 percent DTI for the GSEs. Within the Ginnie Mae market, the median FHA DTI ratio was 44.5 percent, versus 42.5 percent for VA and 36.2 percent for other lending programs.

			Purchase	DTI			
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	205,615	25.0	32.0	39.9	45.9	50.0	38.5
Fannie	63,996	24.0	31.0	39.0	44.0	48.0	37.0
Freddie	65,091	22.0	29.0	37.0	43.0	47.0	35.4
Ginnie	76,528	29.5	36.0	43.0	49.5	54.4	42.3
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	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	110,900	23.0	30.0	38.0	44.6	49.0	37.1
Fannie	40,438	23.0	30.0	38.0	44.0	48.0	36.7
Freddie	44,928	21.0	28.0	36.0	42.0	46.0	34.7
Ginnie	25,534	28.3	35.4	43.4	49.8	54.6	42.2
			All DT	l			
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	316,515	24.0	31.0	39.0	45.0	49.7	38.0
Fannie	104,434	24.0	31.0	38.0	44.0	48.0	36.9
Freddie	110,019	22.0	28.0	36.0	43.0	47.0	35.1
Ginnie	102,062	29.2	35.9	43.0	49.6	54.5	42.3
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	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	76,528	29.5	36.0	43.0	49.5	54.4	42.3
FHA	46,197	31.2	37.8	44.5	50.5	54.7	43.5
VA	23,514	28.4	35.2	42.6	49.4	54.9	42.0
Other	6,817	26.5	31.0	36.2	40.0	42.8	35.3
		Refi DTI: Gir	nnie Mae Bre	eakdown By So	urce		
	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	25,534	28.3	35.4	43.4	49.8	54.6	42.2
FHA	14,108	29.3	36.7	44.4	50.4	54.9	43.0
VA	11,381	27.3	34.1	42.2	49.0	54.1	41.4
Other	45	16.4	26.3	32.1	38.9	40.8	32.0
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A II	Number of Loans	P10	P25	Median	P75	P90	Mean
All	102,062	29.2	35.9	43.0	49.6	54.5	42.3
FHA VA	60,305 34,895	30.7	37.5 34.9	44.5 42.5	50.5 49.2	54.8 54.6	43.4
Other	6,862	28.0 26.5	34.9	36.2	49.2	54.6 42.8	41.8 35.3
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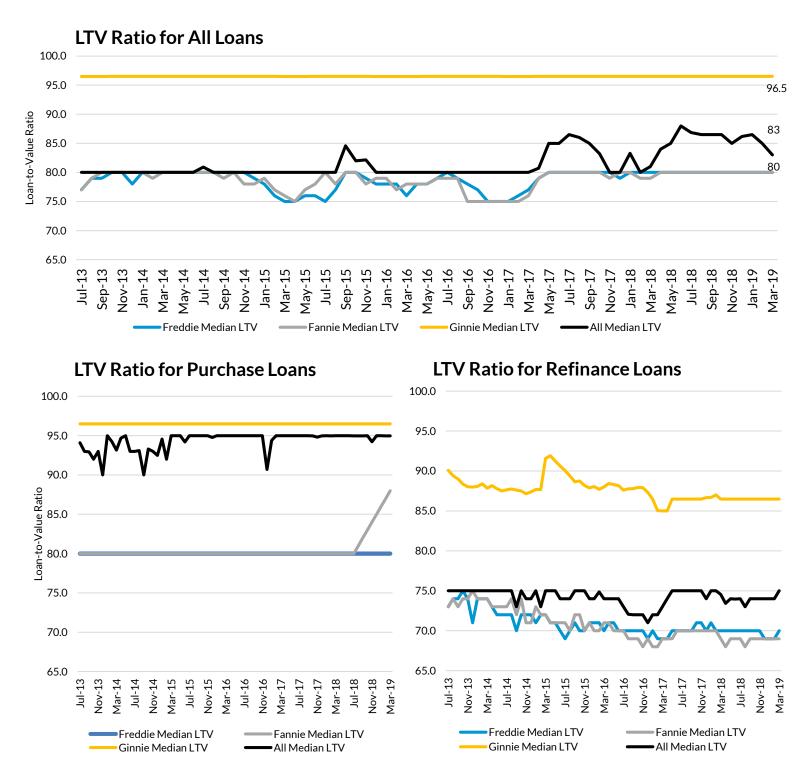
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The median FICO score for all agency loans originated in March 2019 was 728, slightly higher than in February 2019. The figures show that the median FICO score for Ginnie Mae borrowers has always been considerably lower than for GSE borrowers. Since early 2017, the median FICO score for Fannie and Ginnie originations has trended down while Freddie's median FICO is slightly up. The difference between Ginnie Mae and GSE borrowers is wider in purchase loans than in refi loans.



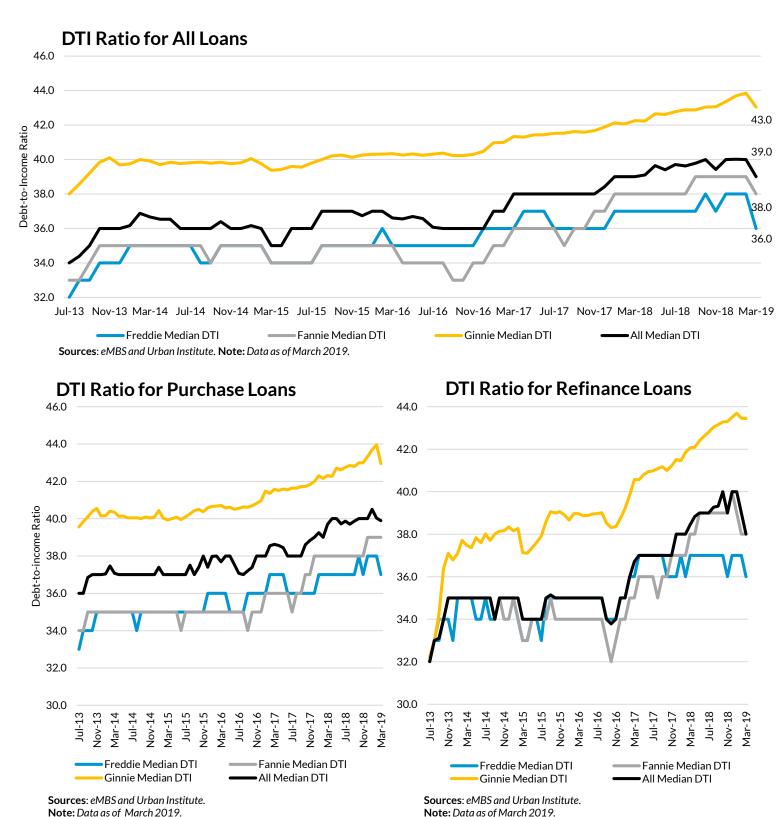


Median LTVs for Ginnie Mae loans have historically been at 96.5 percent, much higher than the 80 percent LTVs for the GSEs. Through time, both Ginnie Mae and GSE refinances have LTVs about 6-16 points lower than their purchase counterparts.



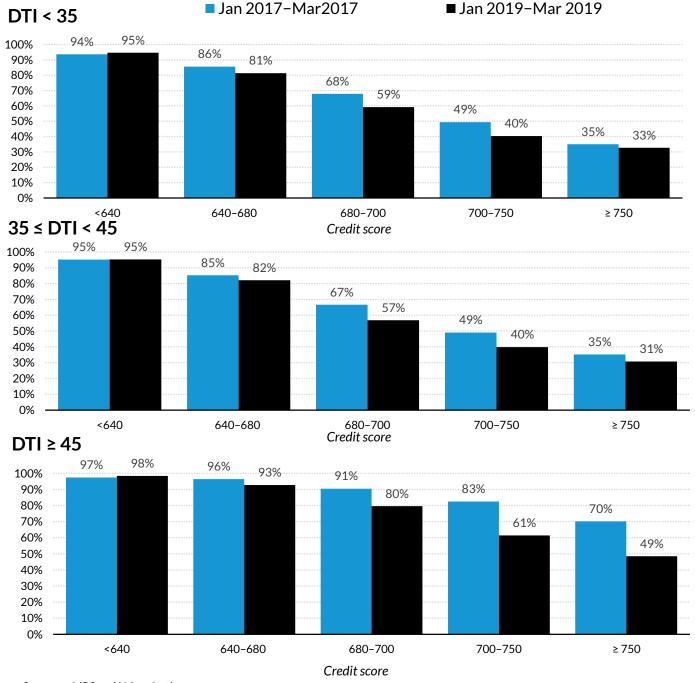
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Median debt-to-income ratios on Ginnie Mae loans have historically been in the low 40s, considerably higher than for the GSEs. DTIs have been inching up over the past two years for both Ginnie Mae and GSE loans, with the movement more pronounced for Ginnie Mae. Increases in DTI are very typical in an environment of rising interest rates and rising home prices. All three agencies saw a decline in DTIs in March 2019 driven by lower interest rates.



This table shows Ginnie Mae's share of agency high-LTV lending by DTI and FICO. In each DTI bucket, Ginnie Mae's share is more concentrated in lower FICO scores than in higher FICO scores. In the first quarter of 2019, Ginnie Mae accounted for 95 percent of agency issuance for DTIs under 35 and FICOs below 640, compared to just 33 percent for DTIs below 35 and FICO 750 and higher. The Ginnie/GSE split in the 35-45 DTI bucket looks a lot like the below 35 percent DTI bucket. In Q1 2019, Ginnie Mae's share of issuance was higher for DTIs of 45 and above, as compared with the two lower DTI buckets. Ginnie Mae share of loans with a DTI of 45 and above and a FICO of 680-700 was 80 percent; it was 57-59 percent for the same FICO in the lower DTI buckets. Comparing this period to 2 years earlier, it is clear that GSEs have stepped up their higher LTV lending in all but the lowest FICO buckets, taking market share from Ginnie Mae.

### Ginnie Mae Share of Agency Market by DTI and FICO for Loans with LTV ≥ 95



# High LTV Loans: Ginnie Mae vs. GSEs

Ginnie Mae dominates high-LTV lending, with 69.3 percent of its Q1 2019 issuances having LTVs of 95 or above, compared to 20.3 percent for the GSEs. The GSEs have increased their high-LTV lending share from 13.0 percent in Q1 2017, while Ginnie Mae has seen a slight decline, down from 70.1 percent Q1 2017. As home prices and interest rates have increased, the share of high-DTI lending (loans with DTI  $\geq$  45) has increased across the FICO spectrum.

#### Share of Loans with LTV ≥ 95

	Ginnie Mae	GSE	All
January 2017-March 2017	70.1%	13.0%	28.7%
January 2019-March 2019	69.3%	20.3%	36.5%

## Agency Market Share by DTI and FICO for Loans with LTV ≥ 95 January 2017-March 2017

_	FICO								
DTI	<640	640-680	680-700	700-750	≥ 750	All			
< 35	2.8%	6.0%	3.4%	8.3%	10.0%	30.4%			
35 -45	4.9%	10.3%	5.6%	12.5%	10.4%	43.7%			
≥ 45	3.3%	7.8%	3.7%	6.8%	4.3%	25.8%			
All	11.0%	24.1%	12.7%	27.5%	24.6%	100.0%			

#### January 2019-March 2019

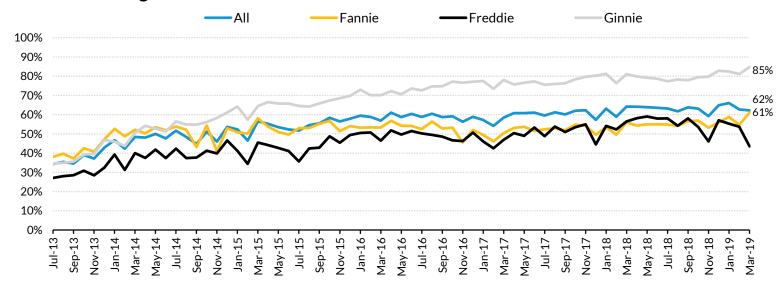
_	FICO							
DTI	<640	640-680	680-700	700-750	≥ 750	All		
< 35	2.8%	4.2%	2.4%	6.3%	7.8%	23.6%		
35 -45	5.7%	8.8%	4.7%	11.2%	9.8%	40.1%		
≥ 45	5.7%	9.6%	4.6%	9.7%	6.8%	36.3%		
All	14.2%	22.7%	11.6%	27.2%	24.4%	100.0%		

Sources: eMBS and Urban Institute.

## **Nonbank Originators**

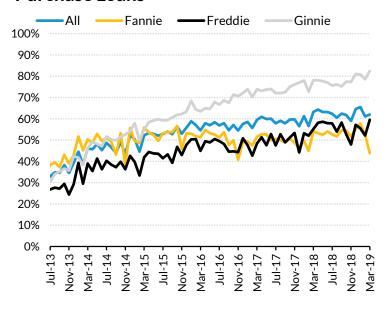
The nonbank origination share has been generally increasing since 2013. In March 2019, the Ginnie Mae nonbank originator share increased to 85 percent, the highest recorded share. This is considerably higher than the GSEs' 43-61 percent share. For Ginnie Mae, the nonbank share for refis was higher than for purchases. The differences were more modest for the GSEs.

#### Nonbank Origination Share: All Loans

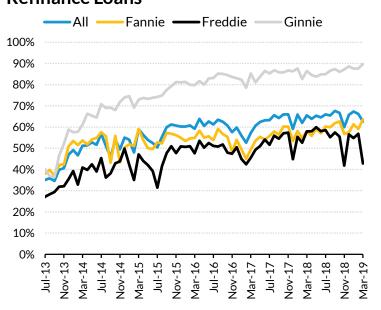


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## Nonbank Origination Share: Purchase Loans



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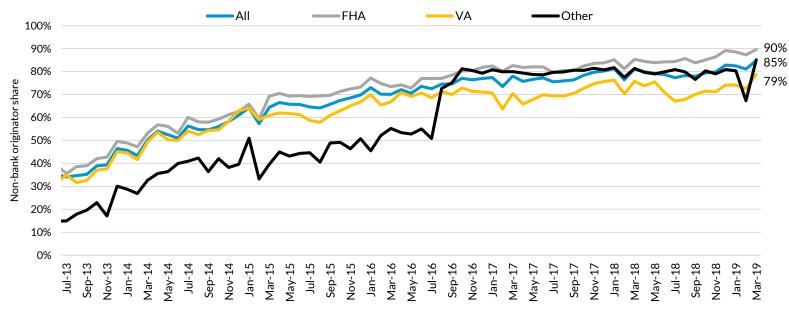


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# **Ginnie Mae Nonbank Originators**

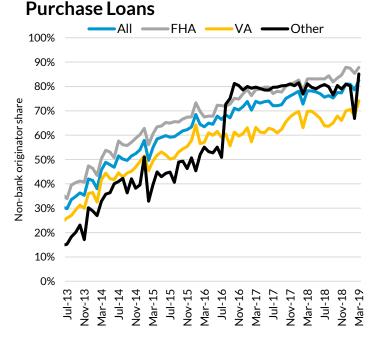
In March 2019, Ginnie Mae's nonbank share stood at 85 percent, a historical high. The nonbank originator share for FHA also hit a new historical high at 90 percent. The nonbank originator share for VA was 79 percent, and the nonbank originator share for other loans, which can fluctuate quite a bit month to month, increased to 85 percent.

#### **Ginnie Mae Nonbank Originator Share: All Loans**

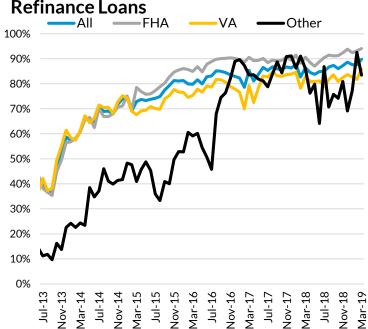


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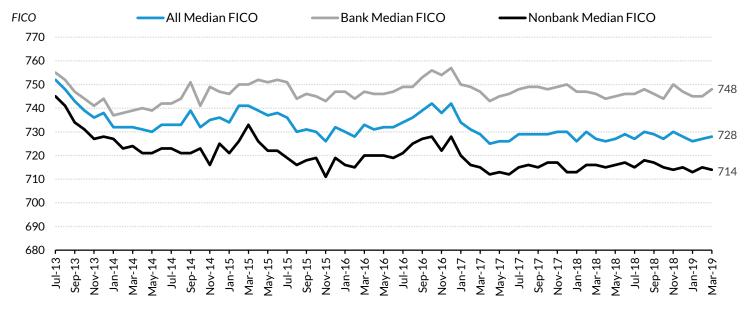


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## **Nonbank Credit Box**

Nonbank originators have played a key role in opening up access to credit. The median GSE and the median Ginnie Mae FICO scores for loans originated by nonbanks are lower than their bank counterparts. Within the GSE space, both bank and nonbank FICOs have declined since 2014 with a further relaxation in FICOs since early 2017. In contrast, within the Ginnie Mae space, FICO scores for bank originations are flat since 2014 while nonbank FICOs have declined. This largely reflects the sharp cut-back in FHA lending by many banks.

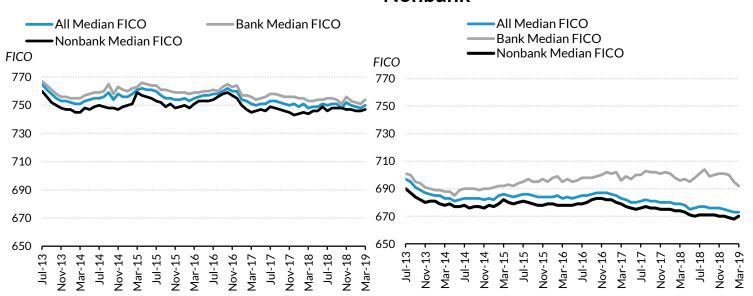
### Agency FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank



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### **GSE FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank**

### Ginnie Mae FICO: Bank vs. Nonbank



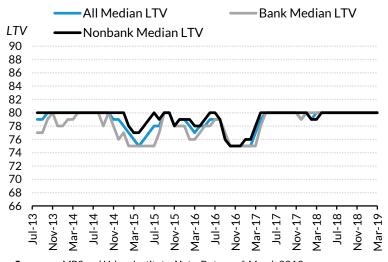
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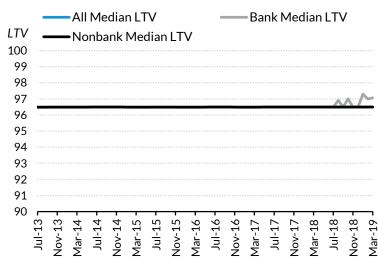
The median LTV ratios for loans originated by nonbanks are similar to that of their bank counterparts, while the median DTIs for nonbank loans are higher, indicating that nonbanks are more accommodating in this dimension as well as in the FICO dimension. Note that since early 2017, there has been a measurable increase in DTIs. This is true for both bank and non-bank originations. Rising DTIs are to be expected amid rising rates and strong house price appreciation. DTIs trended down in Mar 2019 as rates fell.

#### **GSE LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank**



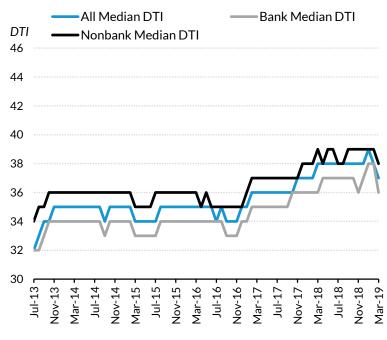
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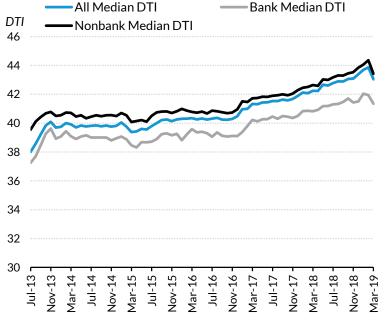


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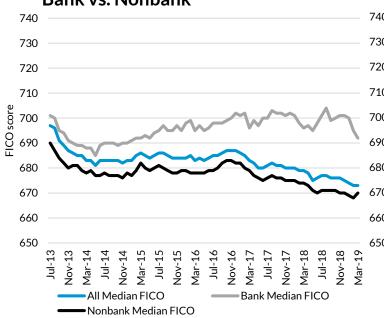
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# Ginnie Mae Nonbank Originators: Credit Box

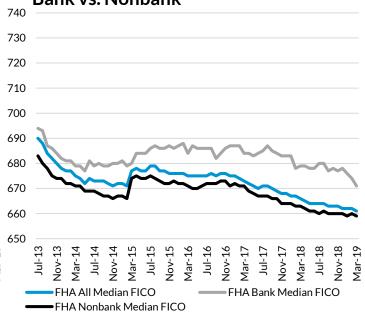
The FICO scores for Ginnie Mae nonbank originators ticked up slightly, while FICO scores for bank originations fell in March 2019. The spread in the FICO scores between banks and nonbanks has been increasing since 2013. The gap between banks and non-banks is very apparent in all programs backing Ginnie Mae securities: FHA, VA, and Other.

## Ginnie Mae FICO Scores: Bank vs. Nonbank



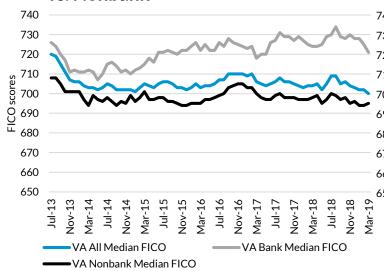
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## Ginnie Mae FHA FICO Scores: Bank vs. Nonbank



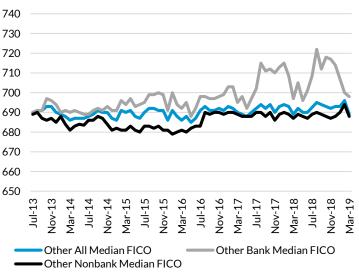
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## Ginnie Mae VA FICO Scores: Bank vs. Nonbank



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## Ginnie Mae Other FICO Scores: Bank vs. Nonbank



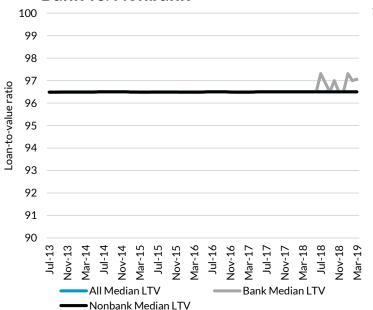
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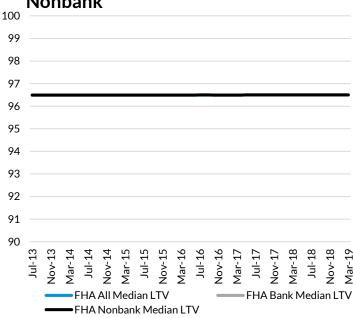
An analysis of the loans backing Ginnie Mae origination indicates that there are virtually no differences in median LTV ratios between bank originated loans and nonbank originated loans.

#### Ginnie Mae LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank



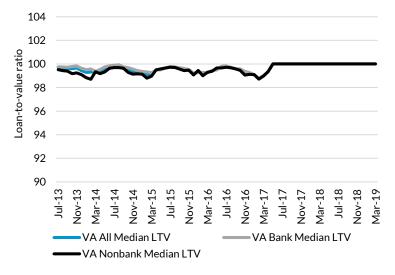
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## Ginnie Mae FHA LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank



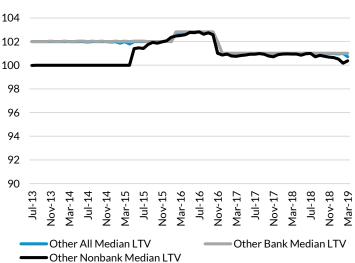
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## Ginnie Mae VA LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank



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## Ginnie Mae Other LTV: Bank vs. Nonbank



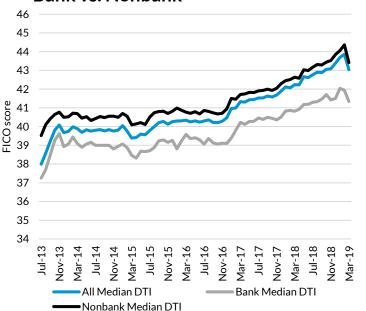
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# Ginnie Mae Nonbank Originators: Credit Box

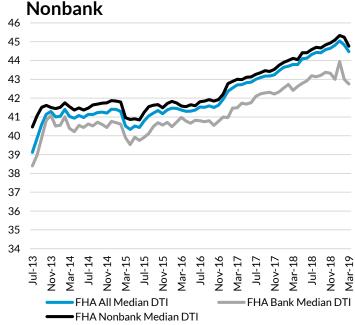
An analysis of borrowers' DTI ratios for bank versus non-bank originators indicates that the former have a lower median DTI. The DTIs for FHA and VA loans experienced notable increases since early 2017 for both bank and nonbank originations, while the Other origination DTIs stayed relatively flat. Rising DTIs are expected in a rising rate environment. Ginnie Mae DTIs trended down in Mar 2019 amid lower rates.

#### Ginnie Mae DTI: Bank vs. Nonbank



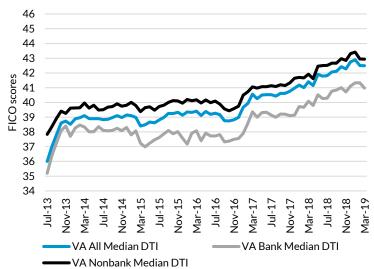
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## Ginnie Mae FHA DTI: Bank vs.



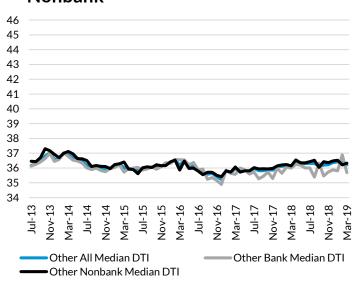
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#### Ginnie Mae VA DTI: Bank vs. Nonbank



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#### Ginnie Mae Other DTI: Bank vs. Nonbank



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### **Holders of Ginnie Mae MSRs**

This table shows 30 largest owners of mortgage servicing rights (MSR) by UPB for Ginnie Mae securitizations. As of March 2019, over half (52.2 percent) of the Ginnie Mae MSRs are owned by the top six firms. The top 30 firms collectively own 84.8 percent. Nineteen of these 30 are non-depositories, the remaining 11 are depository institutions.

Top 30 Holders of Ginnie Mae Mortgage Servicing Rights (MSRs), by UPB

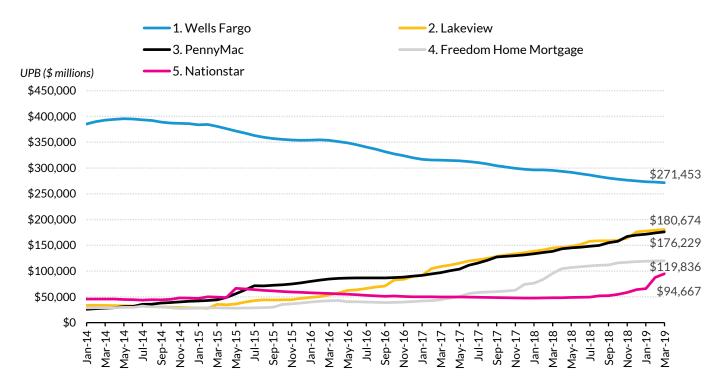
Rank	MSR Holder	UPB (\$ millions)	Share	Cumulative Share
1	Wells Fargo	\$271,453	15.6%	15.6%
2	Lakeview	\$180,674	10.4%	26.0%
3	PennyMac	\$176,229	10.1%	36.1%
4	Freedom Home Mortgage	\$119,826	6.9%	43.0%
5	Nationstar	\$94,667	5.4%	48.5%
6	Quicken Loans	\$65,980	3.8%	52.2%
7	US Bank	\$60,855	3.5%	55.7%
8	JPMorgan Chase	\$55,702	3.2%	59.0%
9	Caliber Home Loans	\$46,636	2.7%	61.6%
10	Carrington Home Mortgage	\$44,005	2.5%	64.2%
11	USAA Federal Savings Bank	\$37,606	2.2%	66.3%
12	Newrez	\$28,327	1.6%	68.0%
13	Navy Federal Credit Union	\$24,784	1.4%	69.4%
14	Midfirst Bank	\$23,827	1.4%	70.7%
15	The Money Source	\$21,776	1.3%	72.0%
16	Amerihome Mortgage	\$21,425	1.2%	73.2%
17	Suntrust	\$18,600	1.1%	74.3%
18	Ditech Financial	\$18,171	1.0%	75.3%
19	Home Point Financial	\$17,123	1.0%	76.3%
20	Branch Banking and Trust	\$16,280	0.9%	77.3%
21	Guild Mortgage	\$15,958	0.9%	78.2%
22	Roundpoint	\$15,131	0.9%	79.1%
23	Pingora	\$14,819	0.9%	79.9%
24	Loan Depot	\$14,186	0.8%	80.7%
25	Flagstar Bank	\$13,253	0.8%	81.5%
26	Ocwen	\$13,221	0.8%	82.2%
27	Bank of America	\$12,360	0.7%	83.0%
28	Citizens Bank	\$11,965	0.7%	83.6%
29	PNC	\$11,067	0.6%	84.3%
30	Planet Home Lending	\$9,403	0.5%	84.8%

**Sources**: eMBS and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of February 2019.

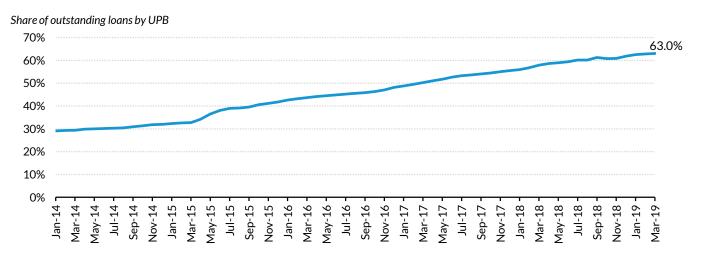
### **Holders of Ginnie Mae MSRs**

The composition of the largest owners of Ginnie Mae MSR has evolved quite a bit over time. In December 2013, Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase were the two largest owners of Ginnie Mae MSRs, holding \$375 billion and \$139 billion in servicing UPB respectively. Although Wells Fargo is still the largest player, its portfolio has shrunk to \$271 billion. Lakeview, PennyMac, Freedom Home Mortgage, and Nationstar (all nonbanks) make up the remainder of the top five largest holders of MSRs, owning \$180 billion, \$176 billion, \$119 billion, and \$95 billion respectively as of March 2019. JPMorgan Chase is no longer in the top five. As of March 2019, nonbanks collectively owned servicing rights for 62.8 percent of all outstanding unpaid principal balance guaranteed by Ginnie Mae. In December 2013, the nonbank share was much smaller at 27.7 percent.

Top 5 MSR Holders: Outstanding Ginnie Mae Loans by UPB



#### Share of Ginnie Mae MSRs held by Nonbanks

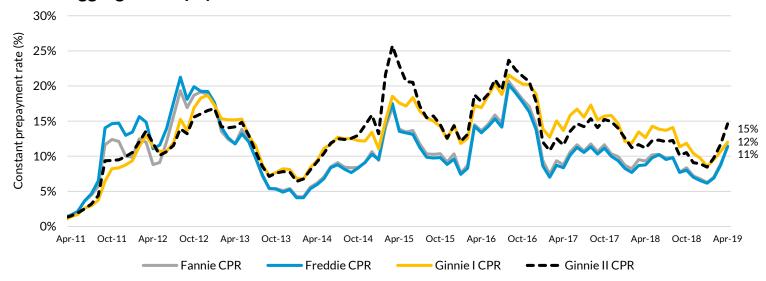


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Prepayments on Ginnie Mae securities were lower than on GSE securities from 2011 through early-2013, but have been higher since. These increased Ginnie speeds reflect the growing share of VA loans, which tend to prepay faster than either FHA or GSE loans. In addition, FHA puts fewer restrictions on streamlined refinances, and unlike GSE streamline refinances, requires no credit report and no appraisal. Some of the upfront mortgage insurance premium can also be applied to the refinanced loan.

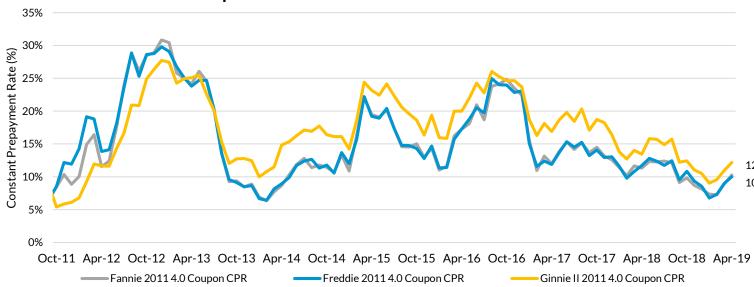
With the increase in interest rates since November 2016, the prepayment speeds for all agencies have slowed down considerably. Over the past 18 months, with the bulk of the mortgage universe finding it non-economical to refinance, the small month to month variation in speeds reflects seasonality, changes in day count and changes in rates. With the drop in rates in early 2019, we haven seen some pick up in prepayment activity in recent months, but expect it to remain muted as long as mortgage rates remain above 4 percent.

#### **Aggregate Prepayments**



**Sources**: Credit Suisse and Urban Institute. **Note:** Data as of April 2019.

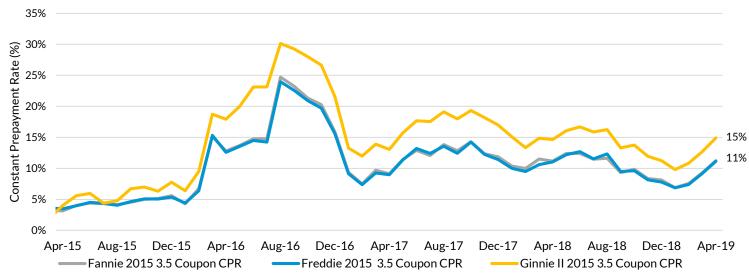
#### 2011 Issued 4.0 Coupon CPR



The 2015 Ginnie II 3.5s and the 2016 Ginnie II 3.0s, the largest coupon cohorts of those vintage years, have prepaid consistently faster than their conventional counterparts. 2015 and 2016 originations are more heavily VA loans than the 2011 origination shown on the preceding page. VA loans prepay faster than either FHA or GSE loans. The FHA streamlined programs are likely another contributor to the faster speeds.

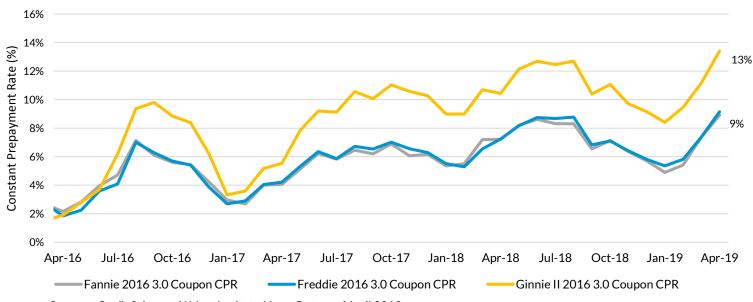
After a sharp mortgage rate increase in November 2016, the prepayment speeds of Ginnie Mae and conventional loans both fell dramatically. Over the past year, with the bulk of the mortgage universe finding it non-economic to refinance, the muted month to month variations in speeds reflect seasonality, changes in day count and changes in mortgage interest rates. With the drop in rates in early 2019, we haven seen some pick up in prepayment activity in recent months, but expect it to remain muted as long as mortgage rates remain above 4 percent.

#### 2015 Issued 3.5 Coupon CPR



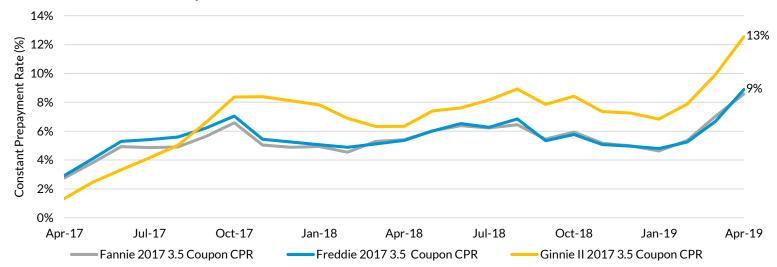
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#### 2016 Issued 3.0 Coupon CPR



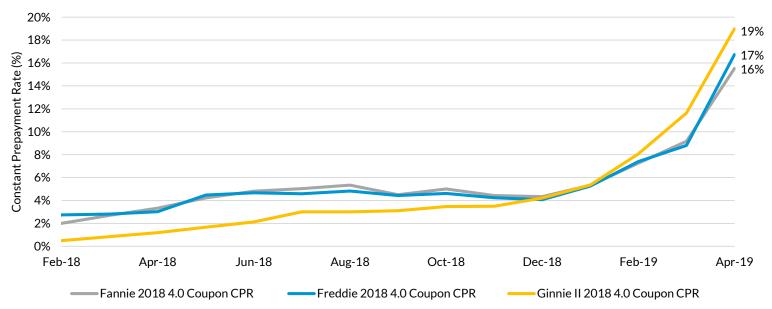
Ginnie Mae securities season more slowly than their conventional counterparts; they generally have lower prepayments in the early months. The charts below show the behavior of the 2017-issued 3.5s and the 2018-issued 4.0s, the largest coupon cohorts of those vintage years. Despite slower seasoning, 2017 Ginnie II 3.5s have been prepaying faster than their conventional counterparts since late 2017, due primarily to fast VA prepayment speeds. In comparison, the 2018 Ginnie II 4.0s have, for the most part prepaid slow than their conventional counterparts, but have been a few CPR faster the past few months. Speeds for 2018 4.0s have been trending upward since the end of 2018, and increased sharply in April 2019.

#### 2017 Issued 3.5 Coupon CPR



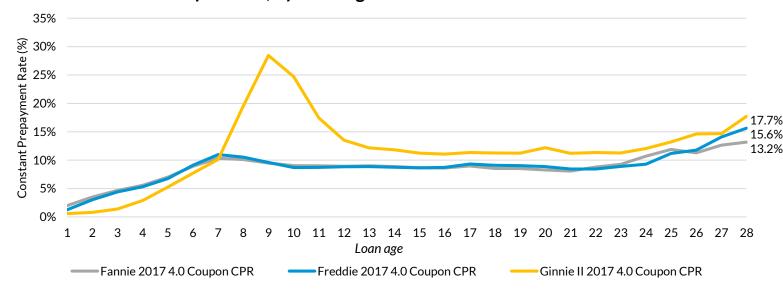
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#### 2018 Issued 4.0 Coupon CPR



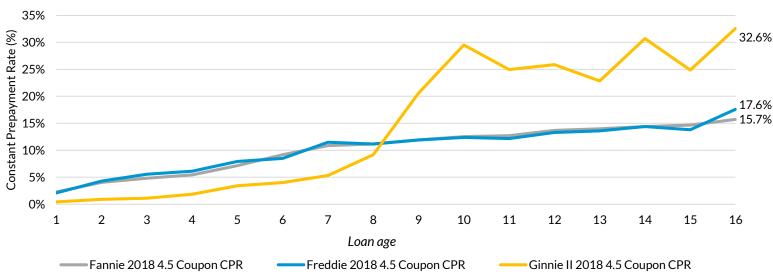
The charts below show the prepayment speeds by loan age for 2017 Ginnie II 4.0s and 2018 Ginnie II 4.5s—the cohorts 50 basis points above the largest coupon cohort for those years. Prepayment speeds on the 2017 Ginnie II 4.0s jumped up sharply at the 7-9 month loan age, reflecting abuse of the VA Streamlined Refi program (IRRRL). The 2018 Ginnie II 4.5s do not show increased speeds until the 9-10 month point; reflecting both the effect of lower rates and the actions taken by both Ginnie Mae and the VA in H1 2018 to curb this abuse. Ginnie Mae actions have included suspending a few servicers whose VA prepayment speeds are especially high from selling VA loans into Ginnie Mae II securities, as well as rewriting the pooling requirements so that if loans that do not meet the seasoning requirement are refinanced, the new loan is ineligible for securitization. In addition, VA has implemented a net tangible benefit test, requiring the lender to show the borrower has obtained a benefit from the refinance.

#### 2017 Issued 4.0 Coupon CPR, by Loan Age



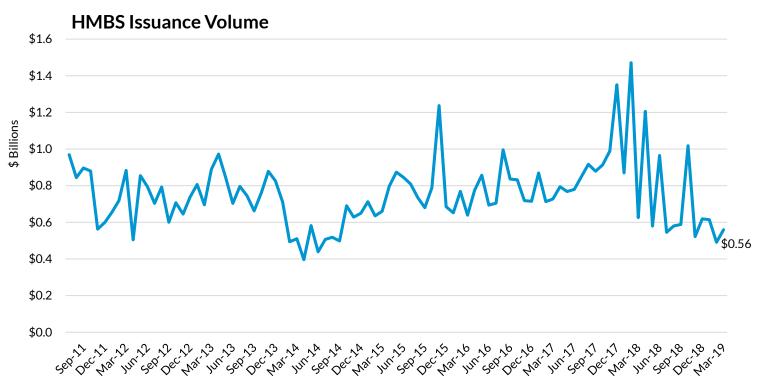
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#### 2018 Issued 4.5 Coupon CPR, by Loan Age



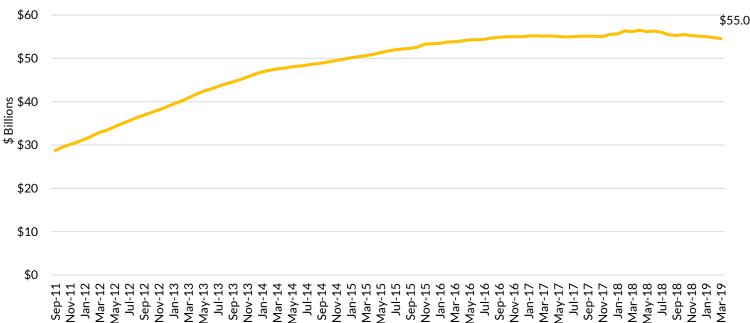
# Other Ginnie Mae Programs Reverse Mortgage Volumes

Ginnie Mae reverse mortgage issuance has been volatile in recent months. The March 2019 volume increased to \$0.56 billion, near the lower end of the range in recent years. Issuance has been declining since early 2018 largely due to the implementation of the new, lower principal limit factors. In March 2019, outstanding reverse mortgage securities totaled \$55.0 billion, lower compared to recent past, reflecting a lower volume of new issuances.



Sources: Ginnie Mae and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of March 2019.

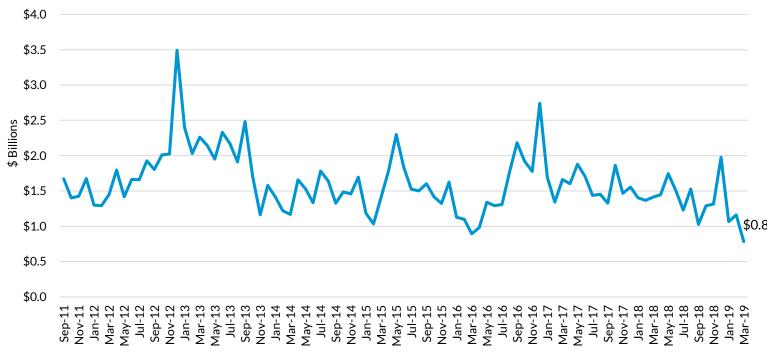
#### **HMBS Outstanding**



# Other Ginnie Mae Programs Multifamily Market

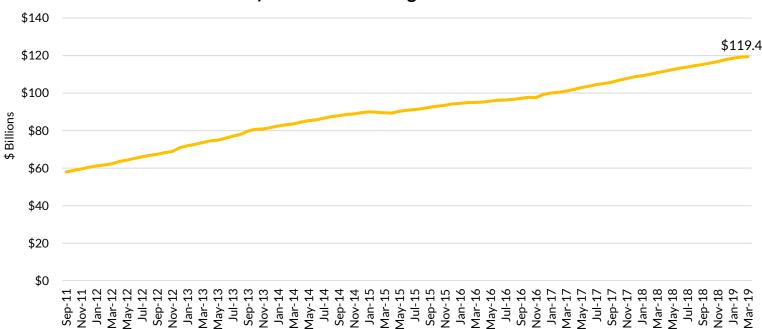
Ginnie Mae multifamily issuance volume in March 2019 totaled \$0.8 billion, below average issuance levels over the past 18 months and a decline from last month. Outstanding multifamily securities totaled \$119.4 billion in March.

#### Ginnie Mae Multifamily MBS Issuance



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#### Ginnie Mae Multifamily MBS Outstanding

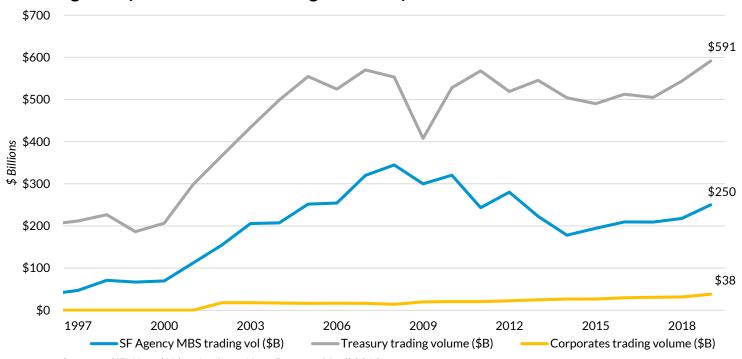


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### **Market Conditions**

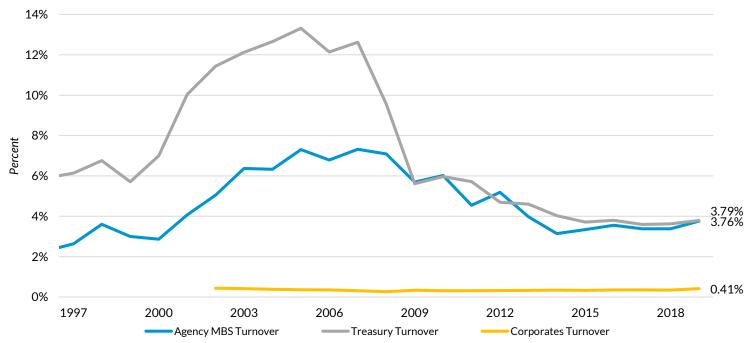
Agency MBS trading volume was \$250 billion/day on average 2019 YTD, more robust than in the 2014-2018 period. Agency MBS turnover in 2019 YTD also has been slightly higher than the 2014-2018 period; in the first four months of 2019, average daily MBS turnover was 3.76 percent, above the 2018 average of 3.39 percent. Both average daily mortgage and Treasury turnover are down from their pre-crisis peaks. Corporate turnover is miniscule relative to either Agency MBS or Treasury turnover.

#### Average Daily Fixed Income Trading Volume by Sector



**Sources**: SIFMA and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of April 2019.

#### Average Daily Turnover by Sector



**Sources**: SIFMA and Urban Institute. **Note:** Data as of April 2019.

## **Market Conditions**

Dealer net positions in agency MBS are down from the 2012-2013 time period, but remain within historic ranges. Gross dealer positions are likely to have fallen more than net positions. The volume of repurchase activity is up slightly from the near 13-year low in 2017. The large decline through time reflects banks cutting back on lower margin businesses.

#### **Dealer Net Positions: Federal Agency and GSE MBS**

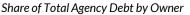


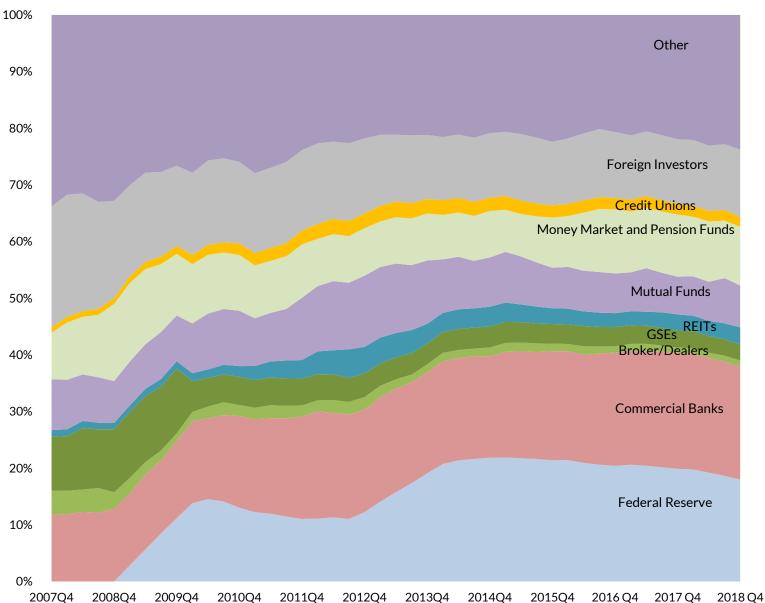
Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York Primary Dealer Statistics and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of April 2019.

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The largest holders of agency debt (Agency MBS + Agency notes and bonds) include the Federal Reserve (18 percent), commercial banks (20 percent) and foreign investors (12 percent). The broker/dealer and GSE shares are a fraction of what they once were.

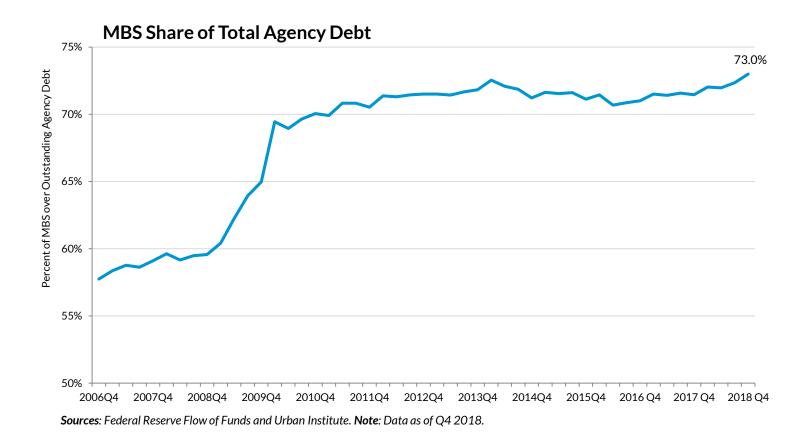
#### Who owns Total Agency Debt?





**Sources:** Federal Reserve Flow of Funds and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of Q4 2018.

As Fannie and Freddie reduce the size of their retained portfolio, fewer agency notes and bonds are required to fund that activity, hence the MBS share of total agency debt increases. As of Q4 2018, the MBS share of total agency debt stood at 73.0 percent. Commercial banks are now the largest holders of Agency MBS. Out of their nearly \$2.0 trillion in holdings as of the end of April 2019, \$1.4 trillion was held by the top 25 domestic banks.



		Commercial Bank Holdings (\$Billions)							Week Ending			
	Mar-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24
Largest Domestic Banks	1 282 7	1 318 7	1 319 8	1 332 8	1 360 1	1,389.4	1 399 0	1 412 8	1 416 8	1 428 9	1 434 5	1 441 1
Small Domestic Banks	480.1											
Foreign Related Banks	32.6										.,,,,	0 0 2.0
Total, Seasonally Adjusted						1,905.3				1,952.5	1,957.8	

Sources: Federal Reserve Bank and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of April 2019.

Out of the \$1.8 trillion in MBS holdings at banks and thrifts as of Q4 2018, \$1.4 trillion was agency pass-through: \$980.6 trillion in GSE pass-throughs and \$380.4 billion in Ginnie Mae pass-throughs. Another \$419.6 billion was agency CMOs, while non-agency holdings totaled \$37.38 billion. After three quarters of successive decline, MBS holdings at banks and thrifts increased in Q4, 2018. This increase came from Ginnie Mae and GSE pass-throughs, as well as agency CMOs.

#### **Bank and Thrift Residential MBS Holdings**

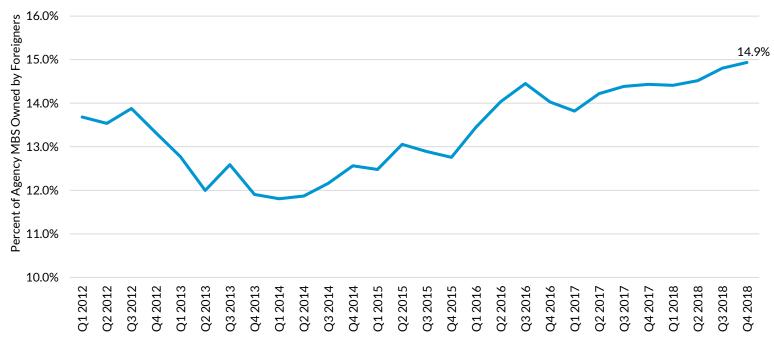
	All Banks & Thrifts (\$Billions)								
	Total	Agency MBS PT	GSE PT	GNMA PT	Agency CMO	Private MBS PT	Private CMO		
2000	\$683.90	\$392.85	\$234.01	\$84.26	\$198.04	\$21.57	\$71.43		
2001	\$810.50	\$459.78	\$270.59	\$109.53	\$236.91	\$37.62	\$76.18		
2002	\$912.36	\$557.43	\$376.11	\$101.46	\$244.98	\$20.08	\$89.88		
2003	\$982.08	\$619.02	\$461.72	\$75.11	\$236.81	\$19.40	\$106.86		
2004	\$1,113.89	\$724.61	\$572.40	\$49.33	\$208.18	\$20.55	\$160.55		
2005	\$1,139.68	\$708.64	\$566.81	\$35.92	\$190.70	\$29.09	\$211.25		
2006	\$1,207.09	\$742.28	\$628.52	\$31.13	\$179.21	\$42.32	\$243.28		
2007	\$1,236.00	\$678.24	\$559.75	\$31.58	\$174.27	\$26.26	\$357.24		
2008	\$1,299.76	\$820.12	\$638.78	\$100.36	\$207.66	\$12.93	\$259.04		
2009	\$1,345.74	\$854.40	\$629.19	\$155.00	\$271.17	\$7.53	\$212.64		
2010	\$1,433.38	\$847.13	\$600.80	\$163.13	\$397.30	\$7.34	\$181.61		
2011	\$1,566.88	\$917.10	\$627.37	\$214.81	\$478.82	\$3.28	\$167.70		
2012	\$1,578.86	\$953.76	\$707.87	\$242.54	\$469.27	\$17.16	\$138.67		
2013	\$1,506.60	\$933.73	\$705.97	\$231.93	\$432.60	\$26.11	\$114.15		
2014	\$1,539.32	\$964.16	\$733.71	\$230.45	\$449.90	\$20.33	\$104.94		
2015	\$1,643.56	\$1,115.40	\$823.10	\$292.30	\$445.39	\$11.14	\$71.63		
1Q16	\$1,660.58	\$1,133.29	\$833.25	\$300.04	\$448.63	\$10.27	\$68.39		
2Q 16	\$1,684.33	\$1,169.67	\$867.64	\$302.03	\$440.25	\$9.11	\$65.29		
3Q16	\$1,732.36	\$1,227.52	\$924.81	\$302.71	\$435.77	\$7.90	\$61.17		
4Q16	\$1,736.93	\$1,254.13	\$930.67	\$323.46	\$419.80	\$7.40	\$55.60		
1Q17	\$1,762.38	\$1,280.63	\$950.72	\$329.91	\$419.34	\$7.03	\$55.39		
2Q17	\$1,798.66	\$1,320.59	\$985.12	\$335.47	\$417.89	\$6.38	\$53.79		
3Q17	\$1,838.93	\$1,364.75	\$1,012.89	\$351.86	\$418.08	\$5.65	\$50.45		
4Q17	\$1,844.15	\$1,378.53	\$1,010.83	\$367.70	\$413.97	\$4.63	\$47.01		
1Q18	\$1,809.98	\$1,352.28	\$991.57	\$360.71	\$412.37	\$3.92	\$41.37		
2Q18	\$1,806.58	\$1,345.80	\$976.92	\$368.88	\$414.41	\$7.45	\$38.92		
3Q18	\$1,794.39	\$1,339.72	\$966.52	\$373.21	\$416.20	\$2.42	\$36.04		
4Q18	\$1,814.97	\$1,361.00	\$980.56	\$380.43	\$419.59	\$2.69	\$34.69		

				GNMA PT	Agency REMIC	Non-Agency	Market
	Top Bank & Thrift Residential MBS Investors	Total (\$MM)	GSE PT (\$MM)	(\$MM)	(\$MM)	(\$MM)	Share
1	Bank of America Corporation	\$315,763	\$185,917	\$118,080	\$11,650	\$116	17.4%
2	Wells Fargo & Company	\$238,434	\$166,422	\$65,471	\$3,781	\$2,760	13.1%
3	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	\$93,937	\$61,690	\$23,431	\$296	\$8,520	5.2%
4	U S. Bancorp.	\$79,863	\$48,123	\$12,299	\$19,441	\$0	4.4%
5	Charles Schwab Bank	\$79,492	\$38,334	\$15,571	\$25,587	\$1	4.4%
6	Capital One Financial Corporation	\$66,307	\$52,145	\$4,230	\$7,272	\$2,660	3.7%
7	Citigroup Inc.	\$65,827	\$28,208	\$14,551	\$22,121	\$947	3.6%
8	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	\$51,632	\$30,689	\$1,723	\$17,794	\$1,426	2.8%
9	PNC Bank, National Association	\$46,819	\$37,955	\$3,736	\$2,764	\$2,365	2.6%
10	Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$37,433	\$12,083	\$15,350	\$7,397	\$2,603	2.1%
11	State Street Bank and Trust Company	\$36,720	\$12,175	\$5,865	\$18,175	\$505	2.0%
12	E*TRADE Bank	\$23,817	\$10,707	\$7,298	\$5,812	\$0	1.3%
13	HSBC Banks USA, National Association	\$23,627	\$7,173	\$6,314	\$10,138	\$3	1.3%
14	KeyBank National Association	\$23,311	\$1,682	\$898	\$20,731	\$0	1.3%
15	SunTrust Bank	\$23,161	\$10,942	\$3,657	\$8,561	\$0	1.3%
16	Morgan Stanley	\$22,797	\$11,612	\$11,185	\$0	\$0	1.3%
17	Ally Bank	\$20,098	\$11,126	\$3,341	\$3,079	\$2,552	1.1%
18	The Northern Trust Company	\$17,468	\$10,356	\$4,365	\$2,745	\$2	1.0%
19	MUFG Union Bank	\$16,899	\$5,323	\$3,925	\$6,787	\$865	0.9%
20	Regions Bank	\$16,247	\$2,409	\$4,593	\$9,245	\$0	0.9%
	Total Top 20	\$1,299,653	\$745,069	\$325,884	\$203,376	\$25,325	71.7%

**Sources**: Inside Mortgage Finance and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of Q4 2018.

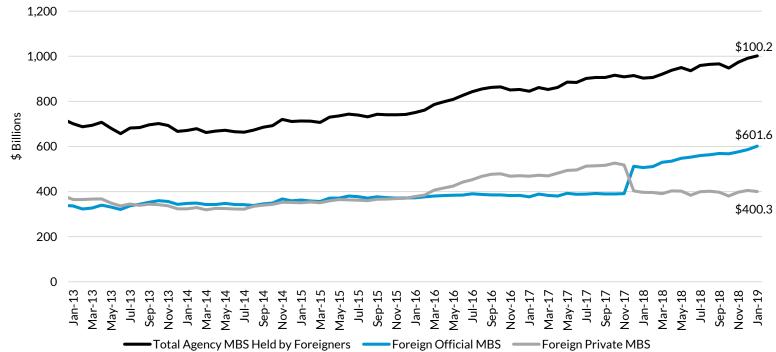
Foreign investors held 14.9 percent of agency MBS in Q4 2018, up from a low of 11.8 percent in Q1 2014. For the month of January 2019, this represents \$100.2 billion in Agency MBS; \$400.3 billion held by foreign private institutions and \$601.6 billion held by foreign official investors.

#### Foreign Share of Agency MBS



Sources: SIFMA and Treasury International Capital (TIC). Note: Data as of Q32018.

#### Monthly Agency MBS Holdings by Foreigners



**Sources**: Treasury International Capital (TIC) and Urban Institute. **Note**: Data as of January 2019. In December 2017, there was a data correction that moved about \$120 billion from privately held U.S. agency bonds to officially held U.S. agency bonds; this resulted in a series break at December 2017 in the split between the portion held by foreign private and the portion held by foreign official.

The largest foreign holders of Agency MBS are Japan, Taiwan, and China; these three comprise over 70 percent of all foreign holdings. Between June 2018 and January 2019, we estimate China has increased their agency MBS holdings by \$21.9.0 billion, Taiwan has increased their holdings by \$11.6 billion, and Japan has increased their holdings by \$3.6 billion.

#### Agency MBS+ Agency Debt

	Level of Holdings (\$Millions)*					Change in Holdings (\$Millions)*		
Country	Jun-18	Sep-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Q3 2018	Q42018	Jan-19	
Japan	257,547	254,511	262,772	261,455	-3,036	8,261	-1,317	
Taiwan	250,009	250,639	261,231	261,674	630	10,592	443	
China	180,635	190,203	188,921	202,985	9,568	-1,282	14,064	
Ireland	46,817	48,220	48,045	46,539	1,403	-175	-1,506	
Luxembourg	36,372	38,800	50,079	51,171	2,428	11,279	1,092	
South Korea	44,039	43,944	44,735	43,027	-95	791	-1,708	
Bermuda	27,866	27,610	28,004	27,664	-256	394	-340	
Cayman Islands	31,017	31,638	31,379	31,900	621	-259	521	
Malaysia	12,710	12,874	12,671	12,624	164	-203	-47	
Netherlands	11,995	12,229	9,618	9,586	234	-2,611	-32	
Rest of World	125,197	128,761	130,294	130,887	3,564	1,533	593	
Total	1,024,200	1,039,429	1,067,749	1,079,512	15,229	28,320	11,763	

#### **Agency MBS Only (Estimates)**

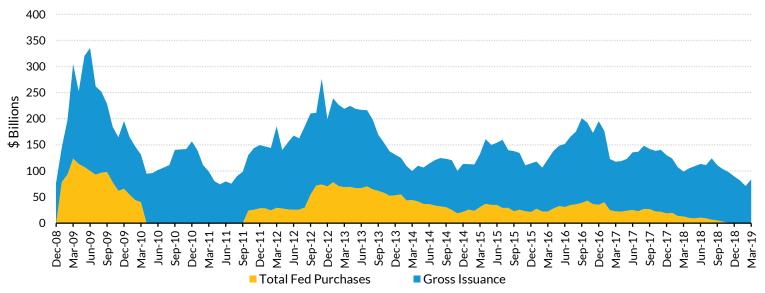
	Le	Change in Holdings (\$Millions)*					
Country	Jun-18	Sep-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Q32018	Q42018	Jan-19
Japan	253,972	250,853	258,898	257,525	-3,119	8,045	-1,374
Taiwan	249,773	250,398	260,975	261,415	625	10,578	439
China	176,345	185,814	184,272	198,268	9,469	-1,541	13,996
Ireland	37,832	39,027	38,309	36,661	1,195	-718	-1,648
Luxembourg	34,012	36,385	47,522	48,576	2,373	11,136	1,055
South Korea	33,064	32,715	32,843	30,961	-349	128	-1,882
Bermuda	24,969	24,646	24,865	24,479	-323	219	-386
Cayman Islands	24,384	24,851	24,192	24,608	467	-660	416
Malaysia	12,319	12,474	12,247	12,194	155	-227	-53
Netherlands	11,437	11,658	9,013	8,973	221	-2,645	-41
Rest of World	95,510	98,386	98,126	98,248	2,876	-260	123
Total	953,612	967,205	991,261	1,001,906	13,593	24,056	10,645

**Sources**: Treasury International Capital (TIC) and Urban Institute.

**Note:** \*calculated based on June 2018 report with amount asset backed per country. Revised to include Top 10 holders of MBS listed as of June 2018. Monthly data as of January 2019.

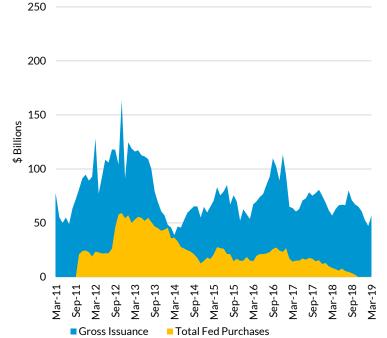
The Federal Reserve is actively winding down its mortgage portfolio, absorbing very little new issuance. During the period October 2014-September 2017, the Fed ended its purchase program, but was reinvesting proceeds from mortgage and agency debt into the mortgage market, absorbing 20-30 percent of agency gross issuance. In October 2017, the Fed began to taper their mortgage holdings, initially letting securities run off at the rate of \$4 billion per month in Q4, 2017; \$8 billion per month in Q1, 2018; \$12 billion per month in Q2; \$16 billion per month in Q3; and \$20 billion per month ins Q4, 2018 and thereafter. With the Fed now at its maximum taper, Fed absorption of gross issuance is 0.4 percent.

#### **Total Fed Absorption**



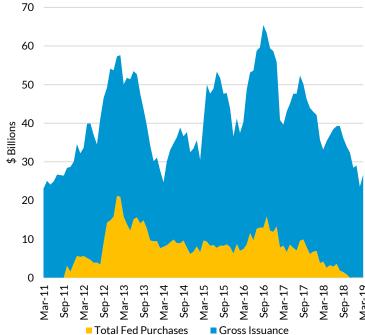
Sources: eMBS, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Urban Institute. Note: Data as of March 2019.

#### Fed Absorption of GSE MBS



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#### Fed Absorption of Ginnie Mae MBS



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