

## **Market Trends We Are Watching**

Below is snapshot of data we are watching that will directly or indirectly impact housing and our industry—namely focused on: (1) employment; (2) mortgage forbearance; and (3) access to credit. For the week ending May 9, jobless claims reached nearly 3 million, bringing the total number of claims to **more than 36.5 million in the last eight weeks**. Nevada, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana and Florida saw the largest rise in unemployment in March (+1.5 to +2.7% month over month). As of May 14, 33 states have partially reopened for business. Even as states allowed re-openings, the vast majority of businesses are doing so under restrictions.

Additionally, the total number of loans now in forbearance increased to 7.91% of servicers' portfolio volume as of May 3 compared to 7.54% the prior week. Total loans in forbearance reached 4.7 million as of May 15, with a total unpaid principal balance of over \$1 trillion. Access to credit was also tightened, with some large lenders making changes to their product or channel offerings. For the week of May 4 (week 19), purchase loan rate lock activity was 8% below that for the same week (week 19) in 2019. However, activity may be down as much as 22% after considering activity in January and February 2020 (weeks 1-8) was running 18% ahead of the same period in 2019.

## **Jobless Claims**

## 6m 36.5 million jobless claims filed in the last two months 2m Initial jobless claims, per week April July Oct. 2020 April

## **States Reopening**



Source: The New York Times

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## **Unemployment Rate**

# 1-month change in unemployment rates by state, seasonally adjusted, March 2020 1 month net change 1.9 to 2.7 1.5 to 1.8 1.3 to 1.4 1.0 to 1.2 0.7 to 0.9 0.1 to 0.6 No Change Less than 0.0

Source: <u>U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics</u> (Note: April map released on May 22)

## **Change in Purchase Loan Rate Lock Activity**

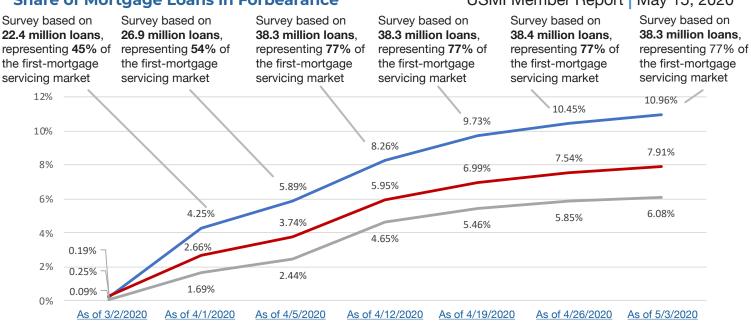
	% change in rate
Metros with an above	locks, week 19:
average decline	2019 vs 2020
Detroit, MI	-60%
Pittsburgh, PA	-42%
Philadelphia, PA	-39%
Las Vegas, NV	-33%
Boston, MA	-33%
New York, NY	-32%
San Francisco, CA	-29%
Minneapolis, MN	-26%
Seattle, WA	-24%
Miami, FL	-24%
Los Angeles, CA	-21%
Chicago, IL	-18%
Washington, DC	-14%
Jacksonville, FL	-14%
Orlando, FL	-13%
Phoenix, AZ	-12%
Cincinnati, OH	-12%
St. Louis, MO	-11%
Kansas City, MO	-11%
Nation	-8%

Metros with a below average or no decline	% change in rate locks, week 19: 2019 vs 2020
Nation	-8%
Baltimore, MD	-7%
Charlotte, NC	-5%
Nashville, TN	-4%
Atlanta, GA	-4%
Sacramento, CA	-3%
Virginia Beach, VA	-3%
San Diego, CA	-2%
Denver, CO	-2%
Raleigh, NC	-2%
Houston, TX	-1%
Riverside, CA	-1%
Austin, TX	-1%
North Port, FL	1%
Columbus, OH	2%
San Antonio, TX	2%
Cape Coral, FL	3%
Dallas, TX	4%
Portland, OR	4%
Indianapolis, IN	5%
Cleveland, OH	6%
Tampa, FL	14%

Source: AEI Housing Center and Optimal Blue

## **Share of Mortgage Loans in Forbearance**

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Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Forbearance and Call Volume Survey

## Active Forbearance Plans Starting April 3, 2020 Mortgage Credit Availability Index (MCAI)

**TOTAL** 

■GNMA ■ GSEs ■

Date	Loans in for- bear- ance	% of loans in forbear-ance	UPB of loans in forbear- ance	Est. Monthly P&I advances	Data
As of April 16	2.9 million	5.5%	\$651 billion	\$3.6 billion	53 million active loan count
As of April 23	3.4 million	6.4%	\$754 billion	\$4.2 billion	53 million active loan count
As of April 30	3.8 million	7.3%	\$841 billion	\$4.7 billion	53 million active loan count
As of May 7	4.1 million	7.7%	\$890 billion	\$5 billion	53 million active loan count
As of May 15	4.7 million	8.8%	\$1.026 trillion	\$5.7 billion	53 million active loan count

Source: Black Knight McDash Flash Forbearance Tracker

Month	MCAI Level	Change from previous month
<u>April 2019</u>	186.0	+2.1%
May 2019	189.5	+1.9%
<u>June 2019</u>	189.8	+0.2%
July 2019	189.0	-0.4%
<u>August 2019</u>	181.7	-3.9%
September 2019	183.4	+0.9%
October 2019	185.1	+0.9%
November 2019	188.9	+2.1%
December 2019	182.2	-3.5%
January 2020	181.9	-0.2%
February 2020	181.3	-0.3%
March 2020	152.1	-16.1%
<u>April 2020</u>	133.5	-12.2%

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association Mortgage Credit Availability Index (MCAI)

## **Lender Overlays and Product/Channel Changes**

Wells Fargo	Minimum credit score of 680. No longer accepting applications for HELOCs.
US Bank	Minimum credit score of 680 and maximum DTI of 50% for FHA, VA, and USDA mortgages. Minimum credit score of 700 and maximum DTI of 43% when any funds used for closings costs or down payment are not borrower's own funds or gift finds
Chase	Minimum credit score of 700 and maximum 80% LTV. No longer accepting applications for HELOCs.
Navy Federal Credit Union	No longer offering FHA loans.

Mr. Cooper	Closed its wholesale-broker platform.
Flagstar	Minimum credit score of 680 for FHA, VA, and USDA loans. Minimum credit score of 720 for HELOCs.
Better.com	Stopped offering FHA loans, increased minimum FICO score for borrowers, and no jumbo loans with LTVs above 80%.
loanDepot	Suspended investment properties with LTVs above 80% for all conventional products
TCF	Eliminated standalone HELOCs and limited pig- gyback 2nds to CLTVs of 85%.
Truist	Minimum credit score of 680 for FHA and VA loans. Maximum DTI of 50% for FHA and VA purchase loans.