

# Market Trends We Are Watching

Below is a 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 August 15, jobless claims reached 1,106,000, an increase of 135,000 from the previous week's revised level and the 21st time in the last 22 weeks that filings have topped one million. For the week ending August 8, the unemployment rate was 10.2%, a decrease of 0.4% from the previous week's unrevised rate. Nevada, Puerto Rico, Kansas, Hawaii and South Dakota saw the largest rise in unemployment. As of August 21, 25 states are reopened or reopening, and 25 states have paused or reversed re-openings.

Additionally, the total number of loans in forbearance decreased to 7.21% of servicers' portfolio volume as of August 9, compared to 7.44% the prior week. Total loans in forbearance remained flat at 3.932 million as of August 18, with a total unpaid principal balance of \$833 billion. The strong upward trend in purchase rate lock volume continued in weeks 32 and 33. Driven by ultra-low mortgage rates and a limited supply, the national home price appreciation is unsustainable and far exceeds the levels before the pandemic.

Best Metros

82%

76%

73%

68%

63%

18%

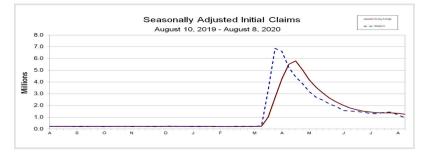
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22%

26%

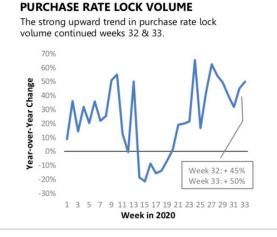
28%

#### **Jobless Claims**

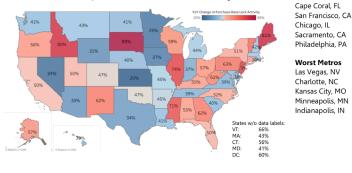


#### Source: U.S. Department of Labor

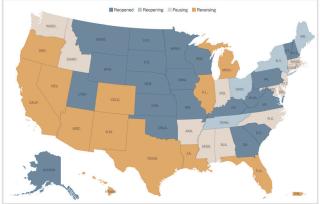
## **Change in Purchase Loan Rate Lock Activity**



PURCHASE RATE LOCK VOLUME by State & Select Metros States and Metros have experienced different trends in rate lock volume growth.

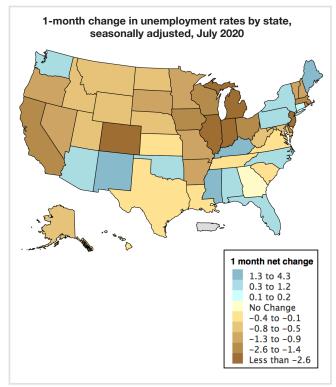


## **States Reopening**



Source: The New York Times

## **Unemployment Rate**

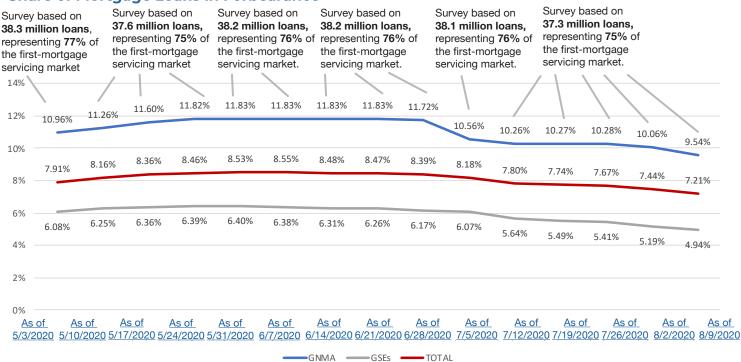


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Source: AEI Housing Center and Optimal Blue

## USMI Member Report August 21, 2020

#### Share of Mortgage Loans in Forbearance



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

#### **Active Forbearance Plans**

Date	Loans in forbearance	% of loans in forbearance	UPB of loans in forbear- ance	Est. Monthly P&I advances
As of April 16	2.9 million	5.5%	\$651 billion	\$3.6 billion
As of April 23	3.4 million	6.4%	\$754 billion	\$4.2 billion
As of April 30	3.8 million	7.3%	\$841 billion	\$4.7 billion
As of May 7	4.1 million	7.7%	\$890 billion	\$5 billion
As of May 12	4.7 million	8.8%	\$1.026 trillion	\$5.7 billion
As of May 19	4.8 million	9.0%	\$1.044 trillion	\$5.8 billion
As of May 26	4.8 million	9.0%	\$1.052 trillion	\$5.8 billion
As of June 2	4.7 million	8.9%	\$1.044 trillion	\$5.8 billion
As of June 9	4.7 million	8.8%	\$1.028 trillion	\$5.7 billion
As of June 16	4.6 million	8.7%	\$1.012 trillion	\$5.6 billion
As of June 23	4.7 million	8.8%	\$1.025 trillion	\$5.7 billion
As of July 3	4.6 million	8.6%	\$995 billion	\$5.6 billion
As of July 7	4.1 million	7.8%	\$898 billion	\$5.1 billion
As of July 14	4.1 million	7.8%	\$889 billion	\$5.0 billion
As of July 21	4.1 million	7.8%	\$890 billion	\$5.0 billion
As of July 28	4.1 million	7.7%	\$879 billion	\$5.0 billion
As of August 3	4.0 million	7.5%	\$852 billion	\$4.9 billion
As of August 10	3.9 million	7.4%	\$834 billion	\$4.8 billion
As of August 21	3.9 million	7.4%	\$833 billion	\$4.8 billion

#### Mortgage Credit Availability Index (MCAI)

Month	MCAI Level	Change from previous month
<u>April 2019</u>	186.0	+2.1%
<u>May 2019</u>	189.5	+1.9%
<u>June 2019</u>	189.8	+0.2%
July 2019	189.0	-0.4%
August 2019	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%
<u>May 2020</u>	129.3	-3.1%
<u>June 2020</u>	125.0	-3.3%
July 2020	126.9	+1.5%

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

Source: Black Knight McDash Flash Forbearance Tracker Data is based on a 53 million active loan count

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 funds.
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 piggyback 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.

## Lender Overlays and Product/Channel Changes