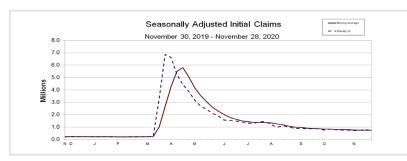


# **Market Trends We Are Watching**

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 December 3, **jobless claims fell to 712,000**, a decrease of 75,000 from the previous week's revised level and the 15th time in the last 36 weeks that filings have dropped below one million. For the week ending November 21, the insured unemployment rate was 3.8%, a decrease of 0.4% from the previous week's revised rate. Illinois, Michigan, Washington, Georgia, and California saw the largest rise in unemployment. As of December 3, 20 states are partially or mostly closed for business and 30 are mostly open.

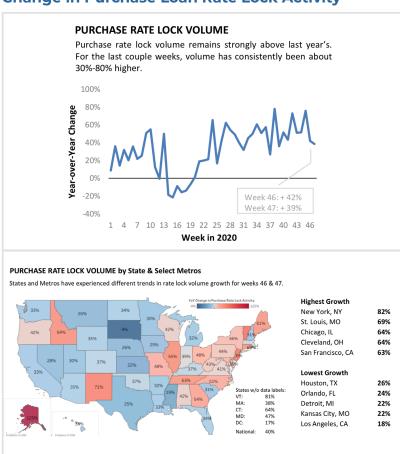
Additionally, the total number of loans in forbearance increased to 5.54% of servicers' portfolio volume as of November 22, compared to 5.48% the prior week. Total loans in forbearance fell to 2.762 million as of December 1, with a total unpaid principal balance of \$561 billion. Purchase rate lock volume remains strongly above 2019. For weeks 46 and 47, volume has consistently been about 30%-80% higher. 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. In recent weeks, the upward trend has plateaued at about 12% year-over-year.

#### **Jobless Claims**



Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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



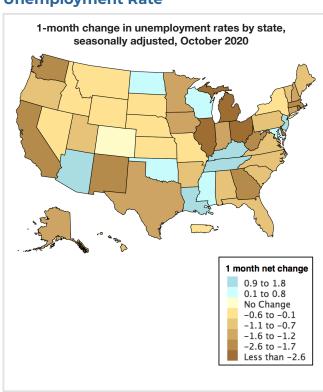
Source: AEI Housing Center and Optimal Blue

#### **States Reopening**



Source: The New York Times

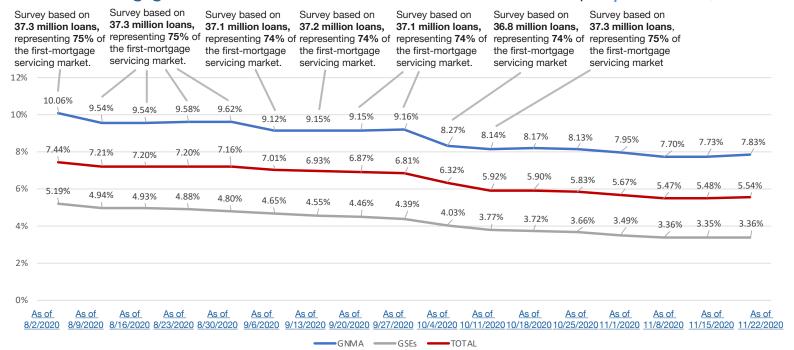
#### **Unemployment Rate**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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

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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 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
As of August 25	3.9 million	7.4%	\$828 billion	\$4.8 billion
As of Sept. 8	3.7 million	7.0%	\$789 billion	\$4.6 billion
As of Sept. 15	3.7 million	7.0%	\$781 billion	\$4.5 billion
As of Sept. 22	3.6 million	6.8%	\$751 billion	\$4.4 billion
As of Sept. 29	3.6 million	6.8%	\$751 billion	\$4.4 billion
As of Oct. 6	2.9 million	5.6%	\$614 billion	\$3.6 billion
As of Oct. 13	2.9 million	5.6%	\$617 billion	\$3.6 billion
As of Oct. 20	2.9 million	5.6%	\$616 billion	\$3.6 billion
As of Oct. 27	3.0 million	5.7%	\$619 billion	\$3.7 billion
As of Nov. 3	2.9 million	5.4%	\$584 billion	\$3.5 billion
As of Nov. 10	2.7 million	5.2%	\$559 billion	\$3.3 billion
As of Nov. 17	2.8 million	5.2%	\$564 billion	\$3.4 billion
As of Nov. 23	2.8 million	5.3%	\$564 billion	\$3.4 billion
As of Dec. 1	2.8 million	5.2%	\$561 billion	\$3.4 billion

#### **Mortgage Credit Availability Index (MCAI)**

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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%			
<u>July 2019</u>	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%			
May 2020	129.3	-3.1%			
June 2020	125.0	-3.3%			
<u>July 2020</u>	126.9	+1.5%			
<u>August 2020</u>	120.9	-4.7%			
September 2020	118.6	-1.9%			
October 2020	121.3	+2.3%			

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 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%.
IoanDepot	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.