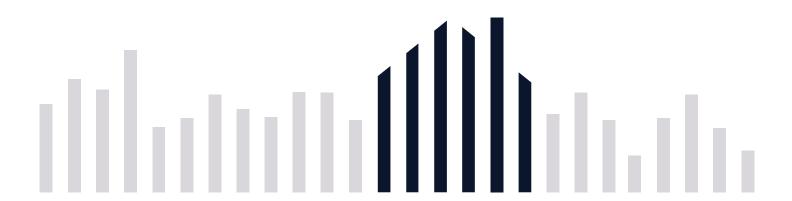


# **Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey**®

Providing Insights Into Current Lending Activities and Market Expectations

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# **Key Findings – Q3 2017:**

# Lenders report survey-high easing of credit standards amid constrained mortgage demand and negative profit margin outlook.

#### **Credit Standards**

- The net share of lenders reporting easing of credit standards over the prior three months has continued its upward trend since Q4 2016 across all loan types – reaching new survey highs since its start in March 2014.
- Expectations of future credit easing over the following three months showed marked improvement for all loan types on a year-over-year basis, with the net share reporting easing expectations for GSE Eligible loans reaching a survey high.

#### **Profit Margin Outlook**

Lenders' net profit margin outlook has remained negative for four consecutive quarters (since Q4 2016). "Competition from other lenders" was again cited as the key reason for lenders' decreased profit margin outlook, reaching a new survey high for the third consecutive quarter.

#### Purchase Mortgage Demand

The net share of lenders reporting growth in purchase mortgage demand over the prior three months
has fallen for all loan types when compared with Q3 2016 and Q3 2015, reaching the lowest reading
for any third quarter over the past two years. However, the net share of lenders expecting increased
demand over the next three months remains relatively stable for the same quarter year over year.



# **Research Objectives**

- The survey is unique because it is used not only to track lenders' current impressions of the mortgage industry, but also their insights into the future.
- The Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®, which debuted in March 2014, is a quarterly online survey among senior executives in the mortgage industry.

# Tracks insights and provides benchmarks into current and future mortgage lending activities and practices.

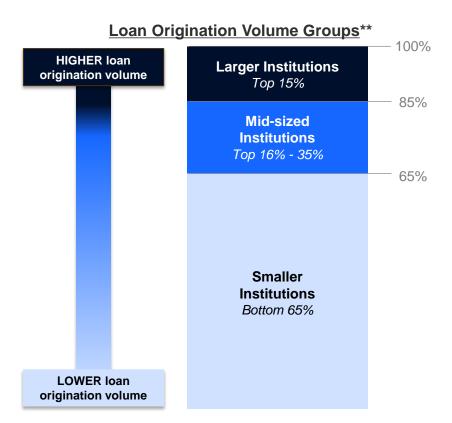
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- A quarterly 10-15 minute online survey of senior executives, such as CEOs and CFOs, of Fannie Mae's lending institution customers.
- The results are reported at the lending institution parent-company level. If more than one individual from the same institution completes
  the survey, their responses are averaged to represent their parent company.



# **Q3 2017 Respondent Sample and Groups**

For Q3 2017, a total of 206 senior executives completed the survey during August 2-13, representing 190 lending institutions.\*



Sample Q3	Sample Q3 2017							
The "Total" dat	Total Lending Institutions  The "Total" data throughout this report is an average of the means of the three loan origination volume groups listed below.							
	Larger Institutions Fannie Mae's customers whose 2016 total industry loan origination volume was in the top 15% (above \$1.01 billion)	58						
Loan Origination Volume Groups	Mid-sized Institutions Fannie Mae's customers whose 2016 total industry loan origination volume was in the next 20% (16%-35%) (between \$248.3 million to \$1.01 billion)	66						
·	Smaller Institutions Fannie Mae's customers whose 2016 total industry loan origination volume was in the bottom 65% (less than \$248.3 million)	66						
	Mortgage Banks (non-depository)	73						
Institution Type***	Depository Institutions	75						
Турс	Credit Unions	38						

<sup>\*</sup> The results of the Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey are reported at the lending institutional parent-company level. If more than one individual from the same institution completes the survey, their responses are averaged to represent their parent institution.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The 2016 total loan volume per lender used here includes the best available annual origination information from Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Marketrac.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Lenders that are not classified into mortgage banks or depository institutions or credit unions are mostly housing finance agencies.



# **Loan Type Definition**

Questions about consumer mortgage demand and credit standards are asked across three loan types: GSE Eligible, Non-GSE Eligible, and Government loans.

Loan Type Definition Used in the Survey								
Loan Type	Definition							
GSE Eligible Loans	GSE Eligible Mortgages are defined as mortgages meeting the underwriting guidelines, including loan limit amounts, of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac). Government loans are excluded from this category.							
Non-GSE Eligible Loans	Non-GSE Eligible Mortgages are defined as mortgages that do not meet the GSE guidelines for purchase. These loans typically require larger down payments and typically carry higher interest rates than GSE loans. Government loans are excluded from this category.							
Government Loans	Government Mortgages primarily include Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) insured loans but also includes other programs such as Rural Housing Guaranteed and Direct loans.							



# **Consumer Demand**(Purchase and Refinance Mortgages)

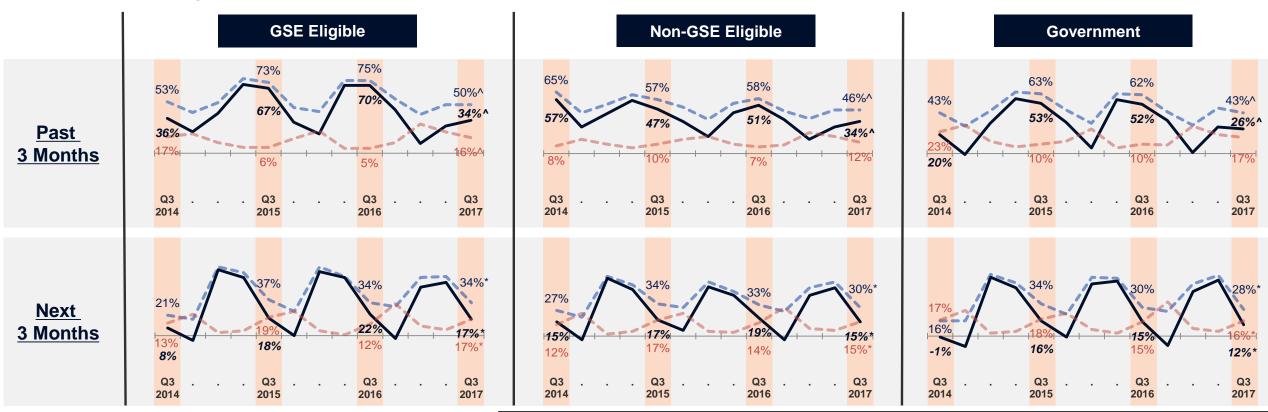
- For purchase mortgages, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months has
  fallen for all loan types when compared with Q3 2016 and Q3 2015, reaching the lowest reading for any third
  quarter over the past two years. However, the net share of lenders expecting increased demand over the next
  three months remains relatively stable for the same quarter year over year.
- For refinance mortgages, more lenders on net reported declining demand over the prior three months, which has been an on-going condition witnessed this year, despite a slight improvement compared with the prior quarter. Overall, the refinance market remains a stark contrast from a year ago, when the net share reporting rising demand over the prior three months hit a survey high.



# ---- Up ---- Down ---- Net Up +

# **Purchase Mortgage Demand**

The net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months has fallen for all loan types when compared with Q3 2016 and Q3 2015, reaching the lowest reading for any third quarter over the past two years. However, the net share of lenders expecting increased demand over the next three months remains relatively stable for the same quarter year over year.



Net Up + = % of lenders saying up minus % of lenders saying down The % saying "stay the same" is not shown

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes a statistically significant change compared with Q2 2017 (previous quarter)

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Q: Over the <u>past three months</u>, apart from normal seasonal variation, did your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>purchase</u> mortgages go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Went up significantly + Went up somewhat, "Down" = Went down significantly + Went down somewhat

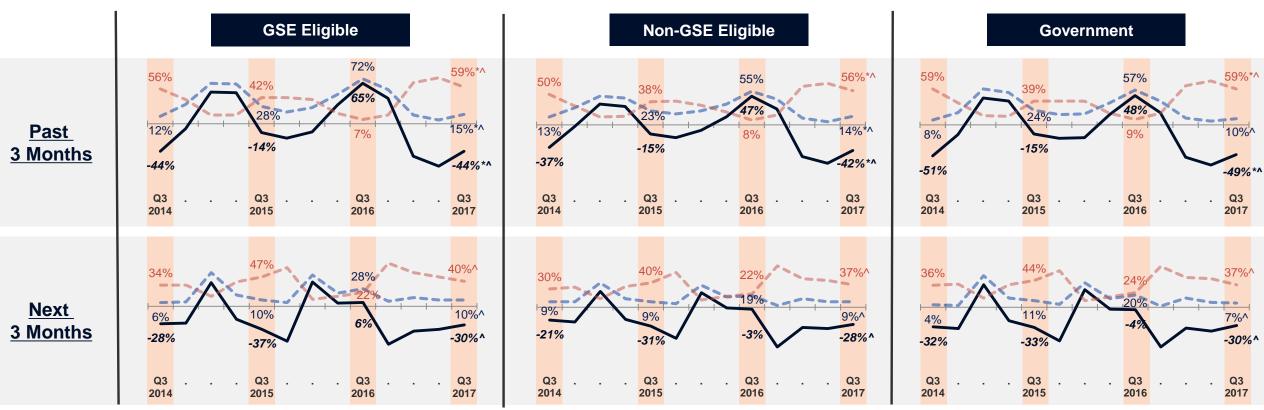
Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>purchase</u> mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Go up significantly + Go up somewhat, "Down" = Go down significantly + Go down somewhat





# **Refinance Mortgage Demand**

On net, more lenders reported declining demand over the prior three months, which has been an on-going condition witnessed this year, despite a slight improvement compared with the prior quarter. Overall, the refinance market remains a stark contrast from a year ago, when the net share reporting rising demand over the prior three months hit a survey high.



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Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>refinance</u> mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Go up significantly + Go up somewhat, "Down" = Go down significantly + Go down somewhat



# **Credit Standards**

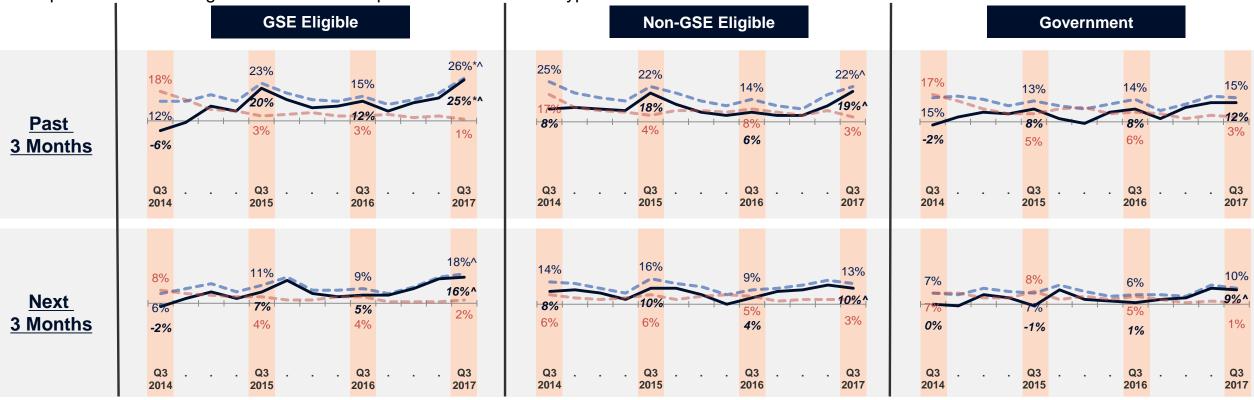
- The net share of lenders reporting easing of credit standards over the prior three months has continued its upward trend since Q4 2016 across all loan types – reaching new survey highs.
- On net, expectations of future credit easing were essentially unchanged from the prior quarter, with the net share expecting to ease standards for GSE Eligible loans over the next three months reaching a survey high.
   On a year-over-year basis, expectations of easing showed marked improvement for all loan types.





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Net Ease + = % of lenders saying ease minus % of lenders saying tighten The % saying "remain unchanged" is not shown

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Q: Over the <u>past three months</u>, how did your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for mortgage loans change (across both purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change (across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably



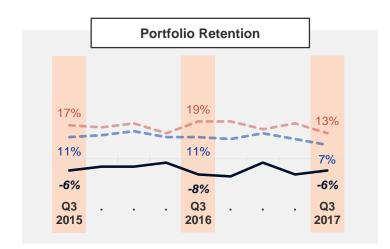
# **Mortgage Execution Outlook**

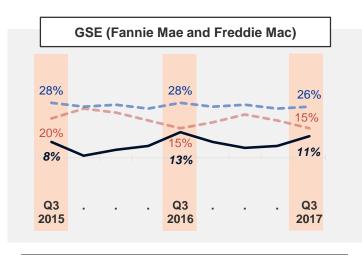
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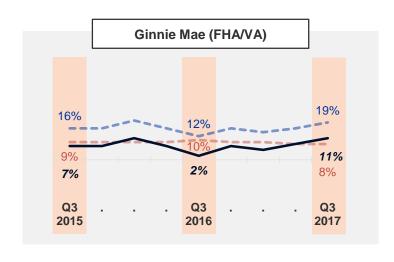


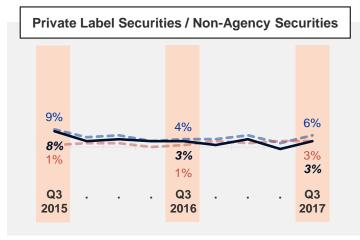
### **Mortgage Execution Outlook – Over Next 12 Months**

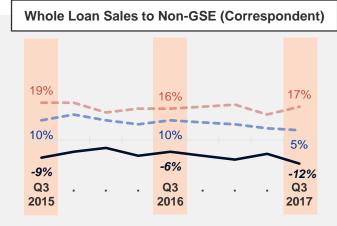
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Net Increase + = % of lenders saying increase minus % of lenders saying decrease The % saying "about the same" is not shown

Whether an institution reported increase/decrease/stay the same was based on the difference to their responses to the following 2 questions:

- Q: Approximately, what percent of your firm's total mortgage originations goes to each of the following categories?
- Q: Looking forward, what percent of your firm's total mortgage originations over the next year will go to each of the following categories?
- \* Denotes a statistically significant change compared with Q2 2017 (previous quarter)

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# Mortgage Servicing Rights (MSR) Execution Outlook

This quarter, slightly more lenders reported expectations to increase rather than decrease the share of MSR sold and the share of MSR retained and serviced by a subservicer. The majority of lenders continued to report expectations to maintain their MSR execution strategy.

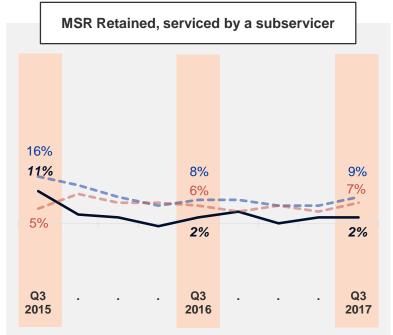
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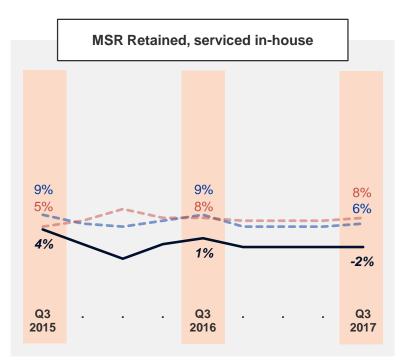


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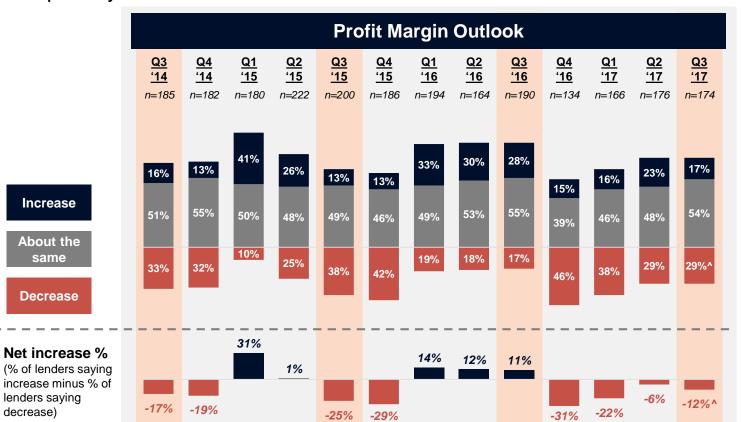
# **Profit Margin Outlook**

- Lenders' net profit margin outlook has remained negative for four consecutive quarters (since Q4 2016) and is significantly lower than this time last year (Q3 2016). Those expecting a lower profit margin outlook point to "competition from other lenders" as the primary reason.
  - While institutions of all size and type generally reported an expected net decrease in profit margin, larger institutions were the most likely to do so.
- Concern about "competition from other lenders" was cited as the key reason for lenders' decreased profit
  margin outlook, setting a new survey high for the third consecutive quarter across all profit margin drivers. The
  perceived impact of "government regulatory compliance," which declined sharply in Q4 2016, has remained
  low.



### **Lenders' Profit Margin Outlook – Next 3 Months**

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Key Reasons for Expected Increase – Q3 2017						
Operational efficiency (i.e. technology)	51%					
Consumer demand	42%					
Market trend changes (i.e. shift from refinance to purchase)	28%					
Staffing (personnel costs) reduction	17%					
Non-GSE (other investors) pricing and policies	17%					

Showing data for selected answer choices only. n=30

Key Reasons for Expected Decrease – Q3 2017						
Competition from other lenders	74%					
Consumer demand	35%					
Government regulatory compliance	19%					
Staffing (personnel costs)	17%					
Market trend changes (i.e. shift from refinance to purchase)	15%					

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Q: Over the next three months, how much do you expect your firm's profit margin to change for its single-family mortgage production? [Showing: (Substantially Increase (25+ basis points) + Moderately Increase (5 - 25 basis points)), About the same (0 - 5 basis points), (Moderately Decrease (5 - 25 basis points) + Substantially Decrease (25+ basis points)]

Q: What do you think will drive the increase (decrease) in your firm's profit margin over the next three months? Please select up to two of the most important reasons.

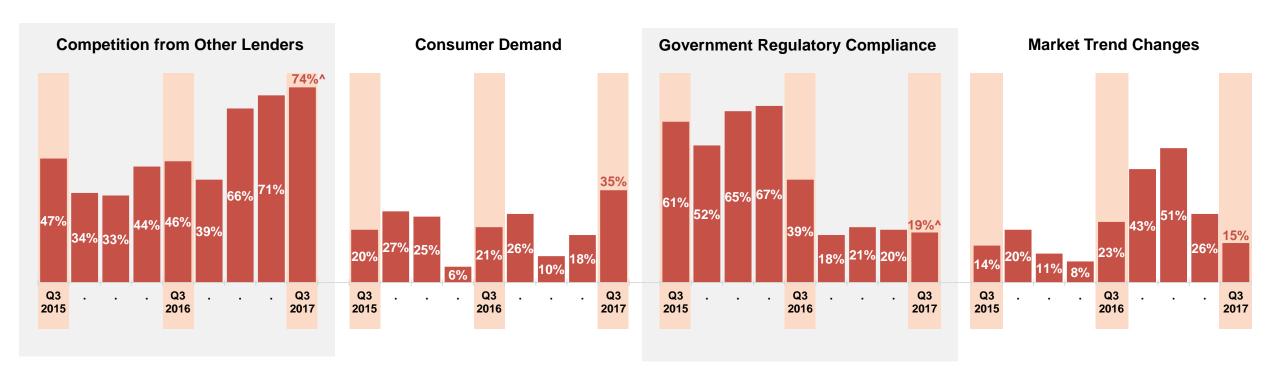
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# **Decreased Profit Margin Outlook – Top Drivers**

"Competition from other lenders" set a new survey high for the third consecutive quarter across all profit margin drivers, cited as the key reason for lenders' lower profit margin outlook. The perceived impact of "government regulatory compliance," which declined sharply in Q4 2016, has remained low the past four quarters relative to most of the prior two years' readings.



Q: What do you think will drive the decrease in your firm's profit margin over the next three months? Please select the two most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1 + 2)

Total: Q3 2015: N=74; Q4 2015: N=76; Q1 2016: N=35; Q2 2016: N=29; Q3 2016: N=33; Q4 2016: N=64; Q1 2017: N=63; Q2 2017: N=49; Q3 2017: N=49

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# **Survey Methodology Details**

Q3 2017 Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®



# Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®

#### **Background**

The Fannie Mae Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey is a quarterly online survey of senior executives of Fannie Mae's lending institution
partners to provide insights and benchmarks that help mortgage industry professionals understand industry and market trends and assess
their own business practices.

#### **Survey Methodology**

- A quarterly, 10-15 minute online survey among senior executives, such as CEOs and CFOs, of Fannie Mae's lending institution partners.
- To ensure that the survey results represent the behavior and output of organizations rather than individuals, the Fannie Mae Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey is structured and conducted as an establishment survey.
- Each respondent is asked 40-75 questions.

#### **Sample Design**

Each quarter, a random selection of approximately 3,000 senior executives among Fannie Mae's approved lenders are invited to participate
in the study.

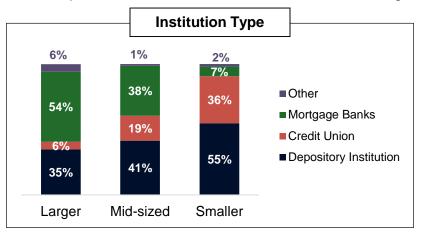
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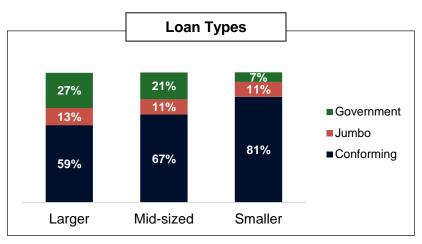
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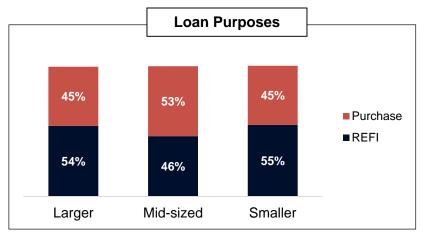


# **Lending Institution Characteristics**

Fannie Mae's customers invited to participate in the Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey represent a broad base of different lending institutions that conducted business with Fannie Mae in 2016. Institutions were divided into three groups based on their 2016 total industry loan volume – Larger (top 15%), Mid-sized (top 16%-35%), and Smaller (bottom 65%). The data below further describe the compositions and loan characteristics of the three groups of institutions.







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# **Sample Sizes**

Q3 2		Q3 2015 Q4 2015		Q1	Q1 2016 Q2 2016		Q3 2016 Q4 2016		Q1 2017		Q2 2017		Q3 2017						
		Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Sample Size	Margin of Error
Total Lendi Institutions		209	±6.30%	194	±6.58%	205	±6.72%	169	± 7.12%	200	± 6.47%	139	±7.93%	177	±7.18%	184	±7.22%	190	±6.64%
Loan	Larger Institutions	55	±11.64%	59	±11.03%	57	±12.64%	57	±11.28%	70	±9.82%	50	±12.30%	58	±12.76%	54	±13.34%	58	±11.16%
Origination Volume	Mid-sized Institutions	83	±9.39%	59	±11.48%	68	±11.53%	54	±12.13%	59	±11.50%	45	±13.53%	47	±14.20%	58	±12.87%	66	±10.69%
Groups	Smaller Institutions	71	±11.21%	76	±10.81%	80	±10.82%	58	±12.50%	71	±11.22%	44	±14.46%	72	±11.43%	72	±11.55%	66	±11.65%
	Mortgage Banks	78	±9.53%	71	±10.15%	63	±11.96%	65	±10.78%	65	±10.79%	52	±12.40%	53	±13.36%	58	±12.87%	73	±10.12%
Institution Type	Depository Institutions	81	±10.31%	75	±10.76%	88	±10.29%	63	±11.84%	79	±10.46%	54	±12.87%	72	±11.43%	82	±10.82%	75	±10.71%
	Credit Unions	43	±14.18%	39	±14.98%	47	±14.07%	34	±16.16%	49	±13.21%	29	±17.60%	44	±14.68%	36	±16.33%	38	±15.18%

#### **2015**

Q1 was fielded between February 4, 2015 and February 16, 2015 Q2 was fielded between May 6, 2015 and May 17, 2015 Q3 was fielded between August 5, 2015 and August 17, 2015

#### 2016

Q1 was fielded between February 3, 2016 and February 16, 2016 Q2 was fielded between May 4, 2016 and May 16, 2016 Q3 was fielded between August 3, 2016 and August 15, 2016

Q4 was fielded between November 4, 2015 and November 16, 2015 Q4 was fielded between November 10, 2016 and November 20, 2016

#### 2017

Q1 was fielded between February 1, 2017 and February 13, 2017 Q2 was fielded between May 3, 2017 and May 14, 2017 Q2 was fielded between August 2, 2017 and August 13, 2017



# 2017 Q3 Cross-Subgroup Sample Sizes

	Total	Larger Lenders	Mid-Sized Lenders	Smaller Lenders	
Total	al 190		66	66	
Mortgage Banks (non-depository)	73	33	30	10	
Depository Institutions	75	17	23	35	
Credit Unions	Credit Unions 38		12	21	



# 2017 Q3 Sample Sizes: Consumer Demand

#### **Purchase Mortgages:**

	Pa	ast 3 Mont	hs	Next 3 Months			
	GSE Eligible	(=avarnment			Non-GSE Eligible	Government	
Total Lending Institutions	185	169	160	186	172	162	
Larger Institutions	54	52	51	55	54	52	
Mid-sized Institutions	66	61	57	66	61	58	
Smaller Institutions	65	57	52	65	58	52	

#### **Refinance Mortgages:**

	Pa	ast 3 Mont	hs	Next 3 Months			
	GSE Non-GSE Eligible Eligible Government		GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government		
Total Lending Institutions	183	165	150	183	166	154	
Larger Institutions	54	51	51	54	52	51	
Mid-sized Institutions	64	59	52	64	59	54	
Smaller Institutions	65	55	48	65	55	48	



# 2017 Q3 Sample Sizes: Credit Standards

	Pa	st 3 Mont	hs	Next 3 Months			
	GSE Non-GSE Eligible Eligible Government			GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	
Total Lending Institutions	187	173	162	187	175	162	
Larger Institutions	56	54	54	56	54	54	
Mid-sized Institutions	66	61	57	66	62	57	
Smaller Institutions	65	59	52	65	59	52	



#### Calculation of the "Total"

The "Total" data presented in this report is an average of the means of the three loan origination volume groups (see an illustrated example below). Please note that percentages are based on the number of financial institutions that gave responses other than "Not Applicable." Percentages may add to under or over 100% due to rounding.

#### **Example:**

Over the <u>past three months</u> , apart from normal seasonal variation, did your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>purchase</u> mortgages go up, go down, or stay the same? GSE Eligible (Q3 2017)	Larger Institutions	Mid-sized Institutions	Smaller Institutions	Q3 "Total"		
Go up	62%	50%	38%	50% [(62% + 50% + 38%)/3]		
Stayed the same	23%	35%	43%	34%		
Go down	15%	15%	19%	16%		



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# **Economic and Housing Sentiment**

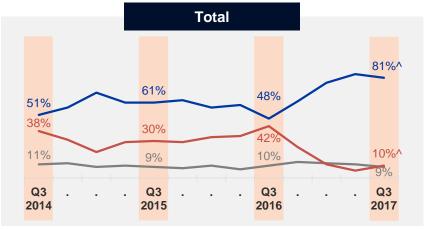
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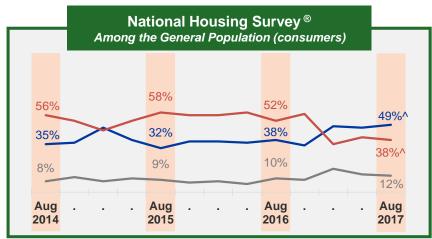


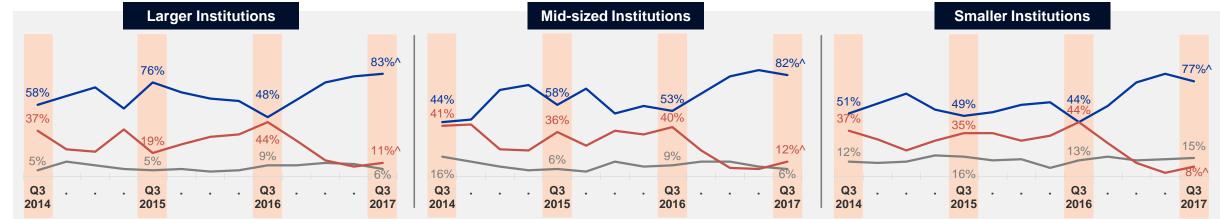
# **U.S. Economy Overall**

In general, do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think the U.S. economy overall is on the right track or the wrong track?

Right Track
Don't know
Wrong Track







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National Housing Survey: http://www.fanniemae.com/portal/research-and-analysis/housing-survey.html

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#### **Home Prices – Next 12 Months**

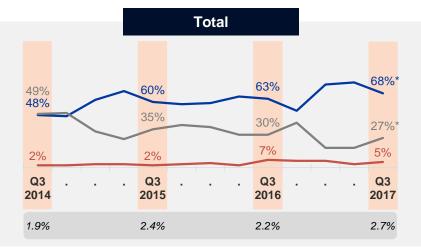
Nationally, during the next 12 months, do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think home prices in general will go up, go down, or stay the same as where they are now?

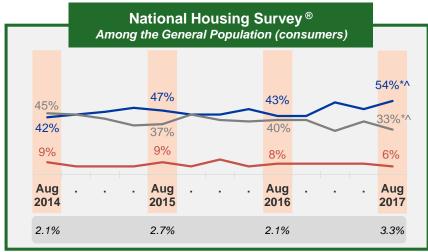
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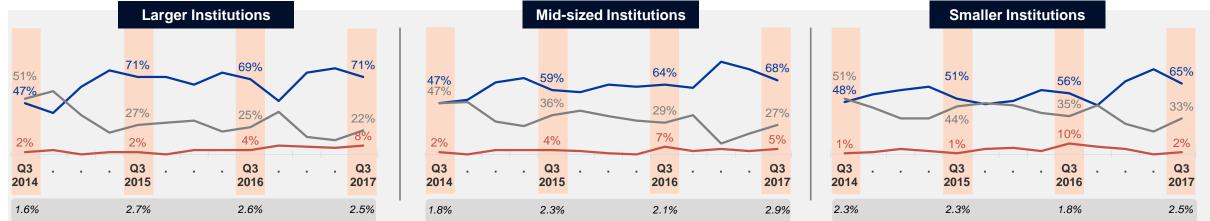
Stay the Same

Go Down

By about what percent do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think home prices nationally will go up/down on average over the next 12 months?







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National Housing Survey: http://www.fanniemae.com/portal/research-and-analysis/housing-survey.html

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# **Difficulty of Getting a Mortgage**

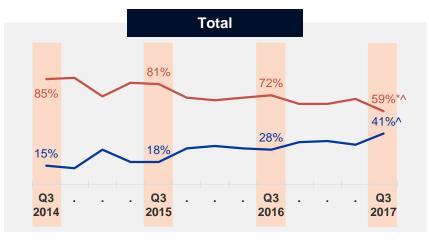
Do you think it is very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy, or very easy for consumers to get a home mortgage today?

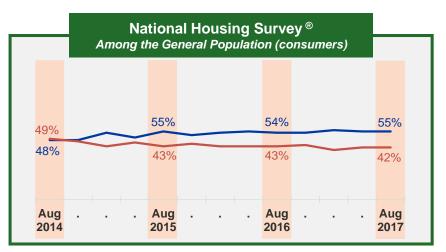
#### Easy

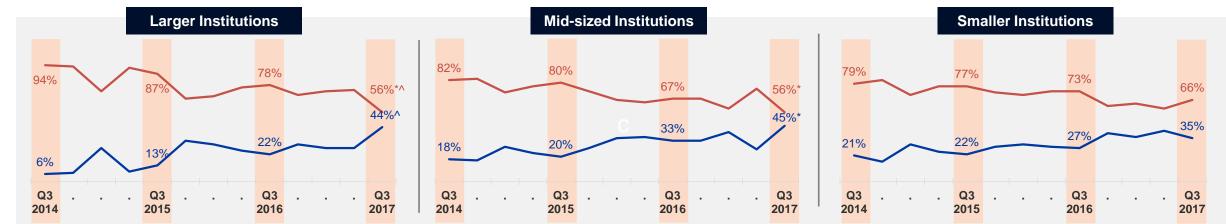
(Very easy + Somewhat easy)

#### Difficult

(Very difficult + Somewhat difficult)







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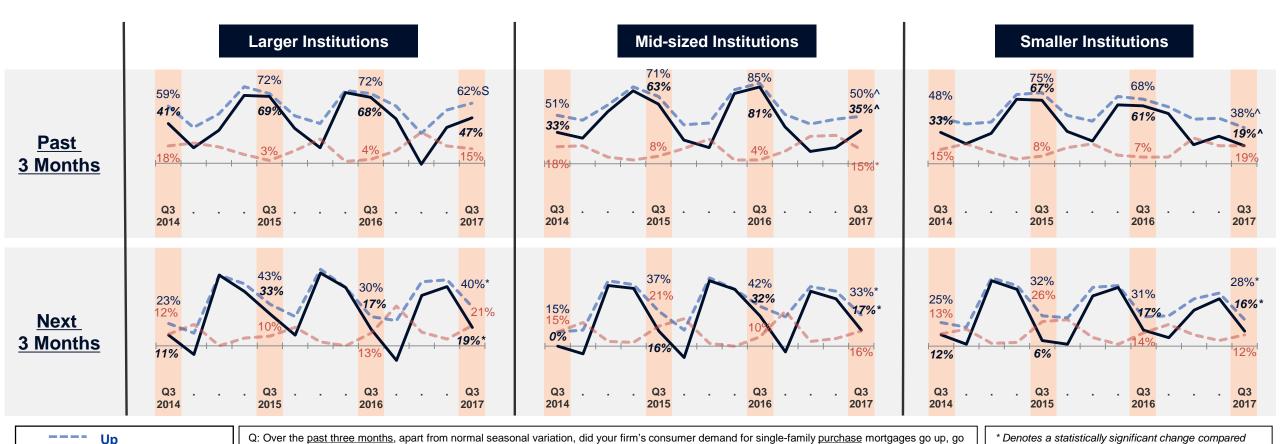
# **Appendix**

# **Consumer Demand** (Purchase Mortgages)

Q3 2017 Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®



# Purchase Mortgage Demand: GSE Eligible (by institution size)



down, or stay the same? "Up" = Went up significantly + Went up somewhat, "Down" = Went down significantly + Went down somewhat

Q: Over the next three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family purchase

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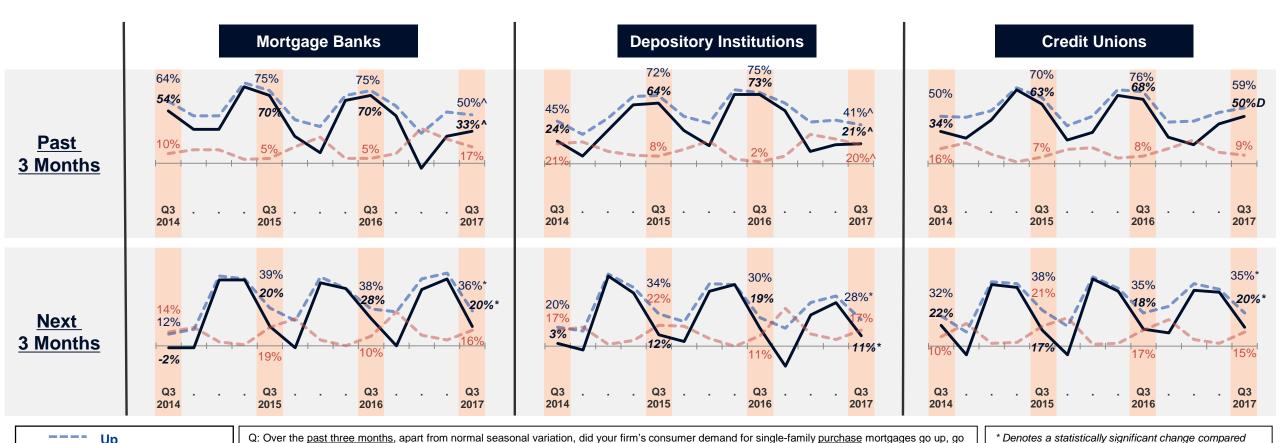
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**Down** 

Net Up +



# Purchase Mortgage Demand: GSE Eligible (by institution type)



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**Down** 

Net Up +

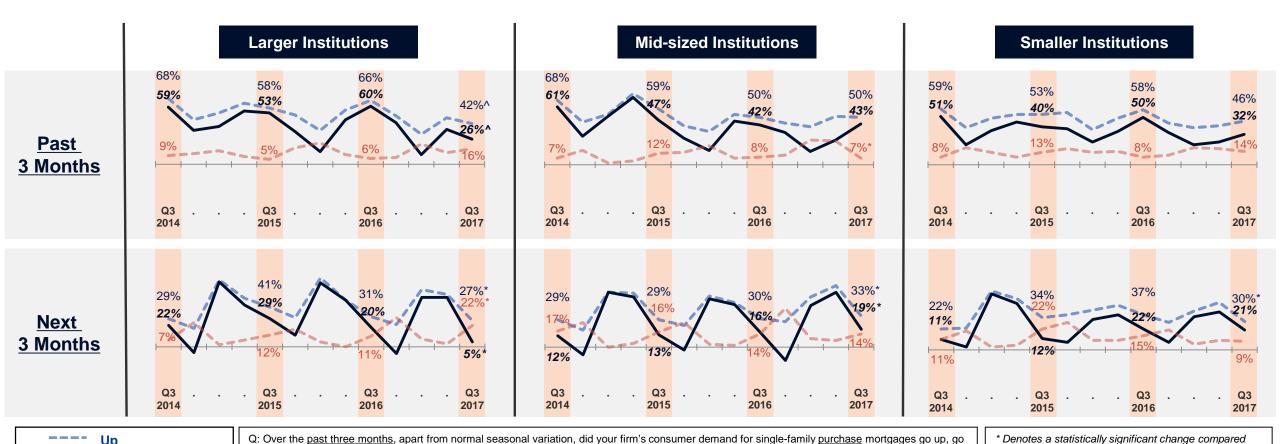
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# Purchase Mortgage Demand: Non-GSE Eligible (by institution size)



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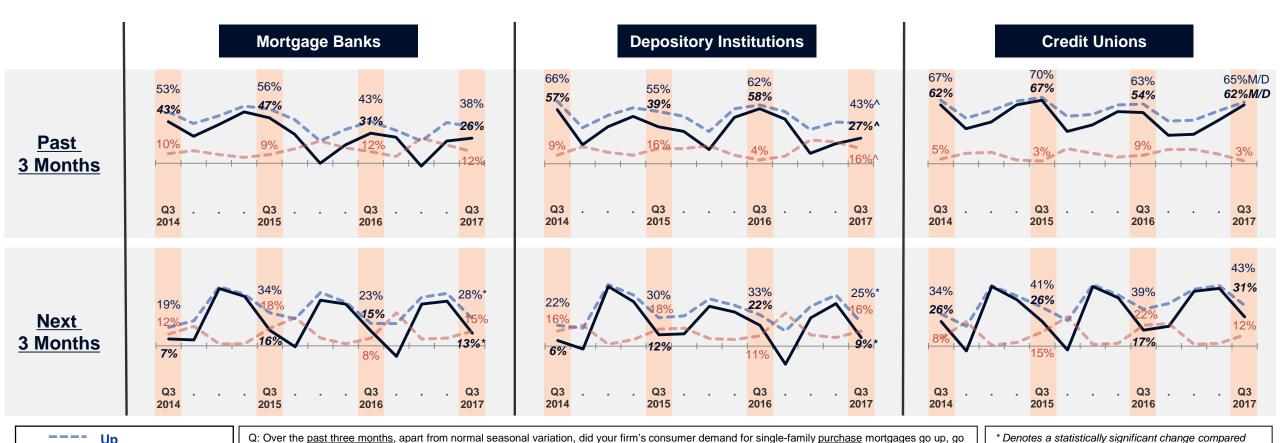


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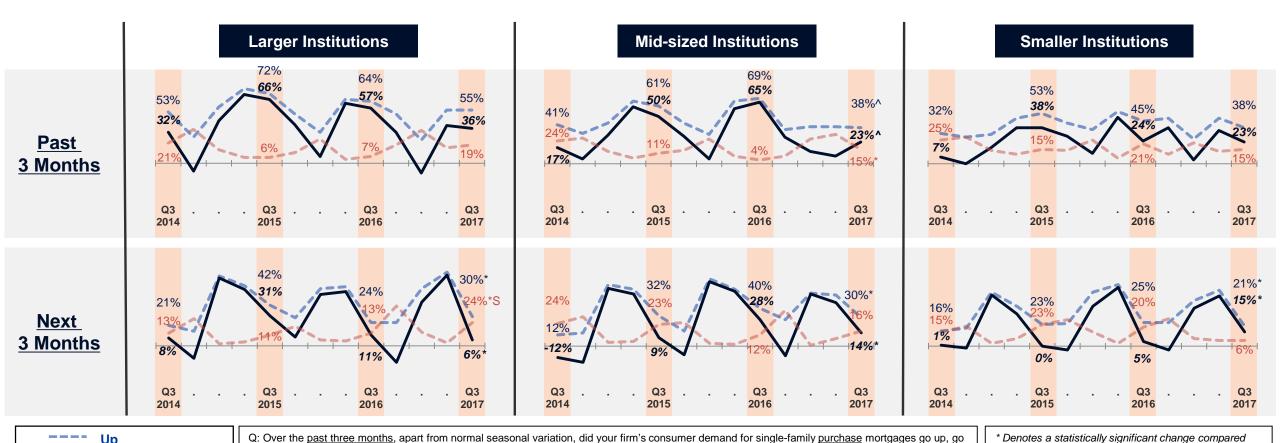
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**Down** 

Net Up +



#### Purchase Mortgage Demand: Government (by institution size)



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Q: Over the next three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family purchase

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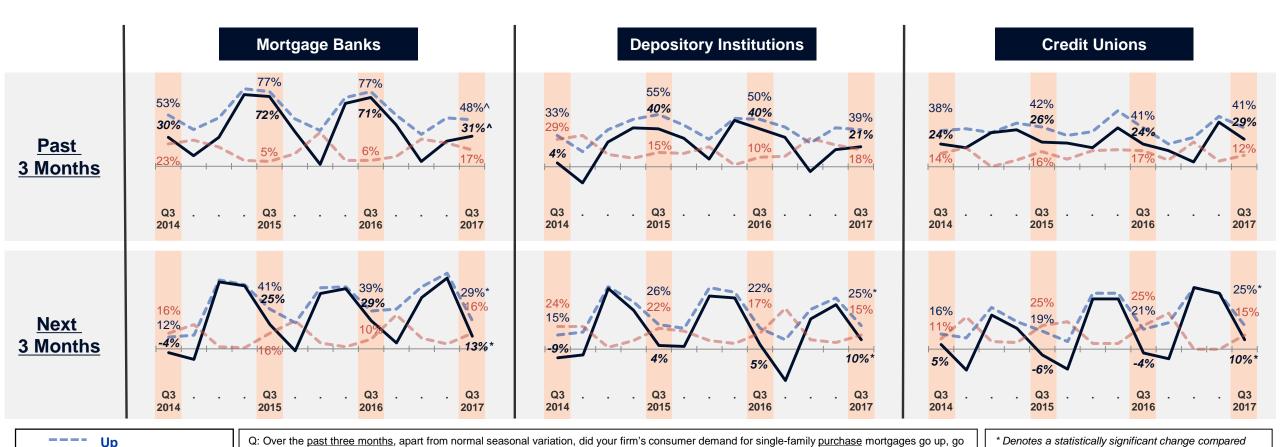
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#### Purchase Mortgage Demand: Government (by institution type)



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#### Purchase Mortgage Demand: Drivers of Change (selected verbatim)

#### Past 3 Months

N=128

Drivers of Demand Up

- Anticipation of rising interest rates
- Seasonal Variation
- Economic Conditions
- Lack of Inventory

**Drivers of Demand Down** 

Q: What do you think drove the change in your firm's consumer demand for single-family purchase mortgages over the past three months? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)

"Lack of supply; not enough houses on the market to buy." – Larger Institutions

"Higher interest rate and reduction in home inventory in certain markets." – Mid-sized Institution

"There was a bit of seasonality in our volume change with purchases as there always is. In our area we have very limited inventory and our builder relationships ensure we are in the game on as many purchases as we can get in front of." – Smaller Institutions

"Stronger economy, increasing confidence in sustainability of the economic growth and high affordability with the current rate environment." "Seasonality". - Larger Institution

"As the new administration gets their footing and the positive economic results continue and the prospect for even more jobs, a higher demand for single family purchase mortgages will continue." — Mid-sized Institution

"The demand for people purchasing new homes has definitely gone up. The problem is the shortage of inventory." - Smaller Institution



# Purchase Mortgage Demand: Drivers of Change (GSE Eligible)

You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for GSE eligible loans will go up over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand to go up? Please select up to two of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1)	Total	Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)*
N=	63	22	22	19	(11 11 11 11 1)
Mortgage rates are favorable	42%	32%	41%	58%	36%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are favorable	36%	27%	50%	32%	14%
There are many homes available on the market	10%	23%	5%	0%	20%
Home prices are low	3%	9%	0%	0%	12%
It is easy to qualify for a mortgage	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%

You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for GSE eligible loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please select up to two of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1)	Total	Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)**
N=	31	12	10	9	(557155111675)
There are not many homes available on the market	61%	61%	74%	44%	10%
Home prices are high	14%	22%	7%	11%	44%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	7%	9%	0%	11%	16%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	3%	0%	0%	11%	9%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	3%	0%	10%	0%	11%

<sup>\*</sup>Q: Please tell me the primary reason why you think this is a good time to buy a house.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Q: Please tell me the primary reason why you think this is a bad time to buy a house.



# Purchase Mortgage Demand: Drivers of Change (Non-GSE Eligible)

You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for Non-GSE eligible loans will go up over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand to go up? Please select up to two of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1)	Total	Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)*
N=	51	14	20	17	(0011021111010)
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are favorable	42%	28%	51%	47%	14%
Mortgage rates are favorable	29%	17%	39%	29%	36%
It is easy to qualify for a mortgage	8%	21%	5%	0%	5%
There are many homes available on the market	8%	21%	0%	6%	20%
Home prices are low	2%	7%	0%	0%	12%

You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for Non-GSE eligible loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please select up to two of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1)	Total	Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey  Among the General Population  (consumers)**
N=	25	12	8	5	(0011001111010)
There are not many homes available on the market	66%	67%	70%	60%	10%
Home prices are high	20%	21%	30%	0%	44%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	10%	12%	0%	20%	16%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%

<sup>\*</sup>Q: Please tell me the primary reason why you think this is a good time to buy a house.

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# **Purchase Mortgage Demand: Drivers of Change (Government)**

You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for government loans will go up over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand to go up? Please select up to two of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1)	Total	Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)*
N=	44	16	18	11	,
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are favorable	41%	35%	44%	45%	14%
Mortgage rates are favorable	32%	19%	36%	45%	36%
There are many homes available on the market	10%	19%	6%	0%	20%
It is easy to qualify for a mortgage	6%	6%	9%	0%	5%
Home prices are low	5%	13%	0%	0%	12%

You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for government loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please select up to two of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1)	Total	Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)**
N=	25	12	10	3	(557155111675)
There are not many homes available on the market	59%	56%	71%	33%	10%
Home prices are high	21%	20%	29%	0%	44%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	8%	8%	0%	33%	16%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	6%	12%	0%	0%	9%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%

<sup>\*</sup>Q: Please tell me the primary reason why you think this is a good time to buy a house.

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#### **Downward Purchase Demand Outlook Drivers**

The share of lenders citing "there are not many homes available on the market" as one of the two most important reasons in driving next-three-months purchase demand down reaches a survey high this quarter, across all loan types.

		QU ZUIU	QT EUIU	Q I ZUIU	QZ ZUIU	Q3 2010	QT EUIU	Q I ZUII	QE EVII	QU ZUII
GSE Eligible	N=	41	49	11	1	26	48	19	12	31
There are not many homes available on the market		41%	44%	53%	0%	55%	37%	34%	73%	82%^
Home prices are high		27%	22%	40%	0%	33%	33%	39%	48%	47%
Mortgage rates are not favorable		29%	31%	0%	0%	19%	67%	74%	25%	20%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage		42%	27%	38%	100%	28%	19%	24%	30%	16%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable		41%	42%	57%	100%	41%	26%	12%	7%	12%^
Non-GSE Eligible		Q3 2015	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017
Tion sor ringinio	N=	31	42	11	6	24	38	13	11	25
There are not many homes available on the market		42%	41%	47%	0%	37%	30%	18%	41%	84%*^
Home prices are high		24%	22%	41%	0%	19%	35%	38%	44%	53%^
Mortgage rates are not favorable		20%	32%	16%	32%	21%	66%	77%	43%	19%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable		36%	38%	47%	49%	59%	30%	10%	26%	15%^
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage		51%	35%	38%	100%	39%	17%	52%	28%	12%^
Covernment		Q3 2015	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017
Government	N=	33	40	13	4	23	42	12	8	25
There are not many homes available on the market		46%	35%	44%	0%	37%	35%	37%	65%	81%^
Home prices are high		24%	27%	46%	0%	33%	29%	24%	53%	47%

40%

0%

55%

0%

22%

67%

54%

16%

25%

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56%

20%

22%

75%

33%

31%

35%

39%

47%

35%

27%

12%

22%

37%

Mortgage rates are not favorable

It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage

Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable

27%

18%

13%

<sup>\*</sup>Q: You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for GSE Eligible/Non-GSE Eligible/government loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please **select up to two of the most important reasons** and rank them in order of importance. (**Showing Total**, % rank 1+2)

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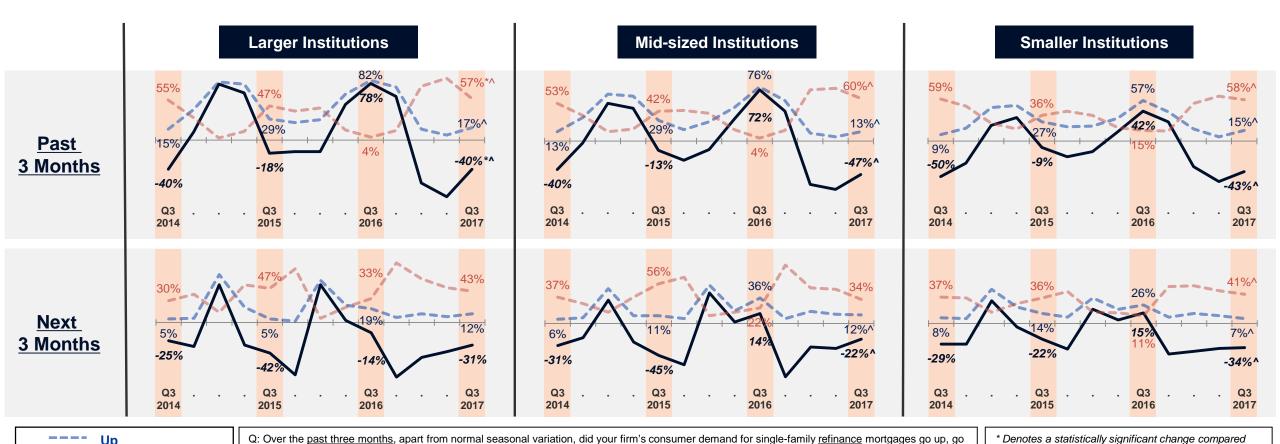
#### **Appendix**

# **Consumer Demand** (Refinance Mortgages)

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# Refinance Mortgage Demand: GSE Eligible (by institution size)



down, or stay the same? "Up" = Went up significantly + Went up somewhat, "Down" = Went down significantly + Went down somewhat

Q: Over the next three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family refinance

mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Go up significantly + Go up somewhat. "Down" = Go down significantly + Go down somewhat

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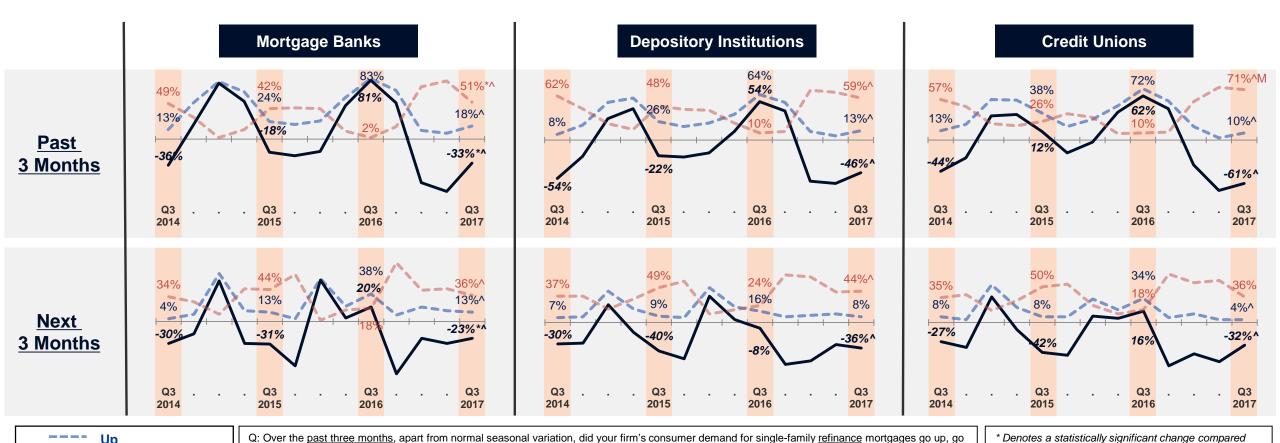
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**Down** 

Net Up +



# Refinance Mortgage Demand: GSE Eligible (by institution type)



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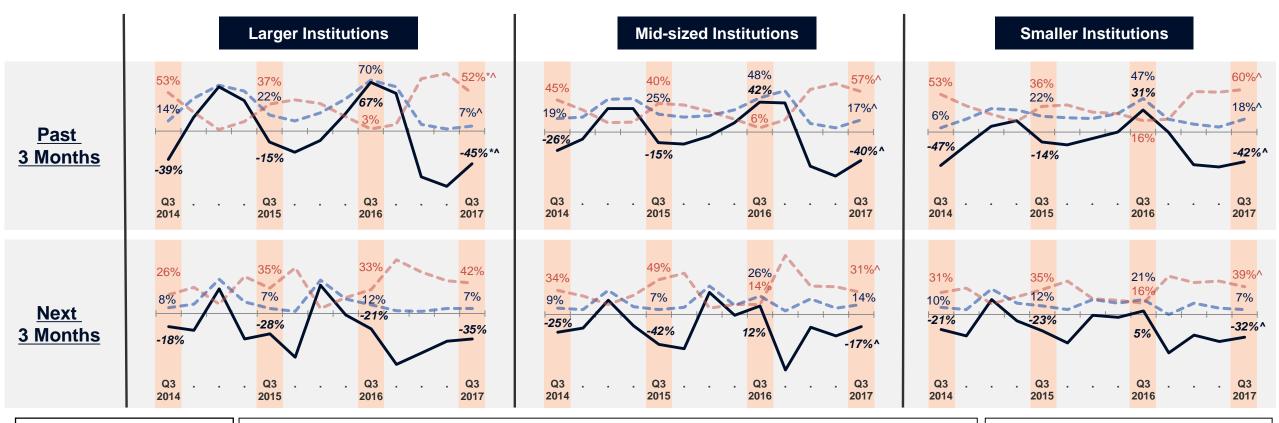
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**Down** 

Net Up +



#### Refinance Mortgage Demand: Non-GSE Eligible (by institution size)



Down
Net Up +

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Q: Over the past three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, did your firm's consumer demand for single-family refinance mortgages go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Went up significantly + Went up somewhat, "Down" = Went down significantly + Went down somewhat

Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>refinance</u> mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Go up significantly + Go up somewhat, "Down" = Go down significantly + Go down somewhat

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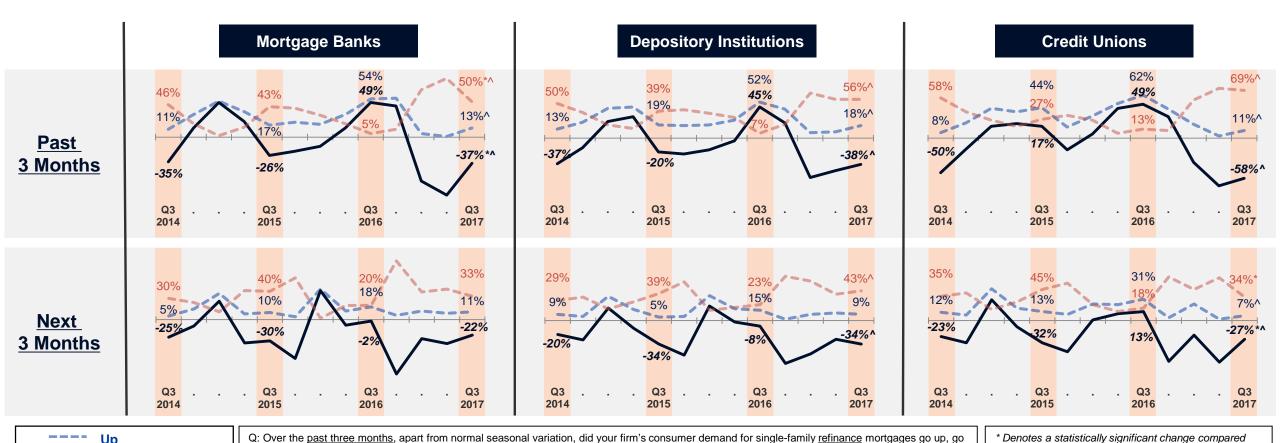


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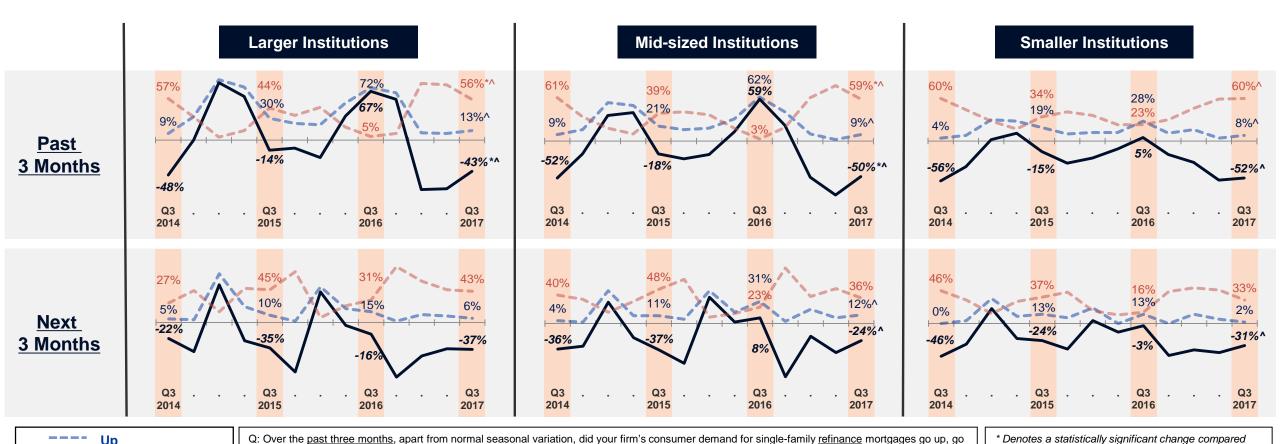
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**Down** 

Net Up +



## Refinance Mortgage Demand: Government (by institution size)



down, or stay the same? "Up" = Went up significantly + Went up somewhat, "Down" = Went down significantly + Went down somewhat

Q: Over the next three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family refinance

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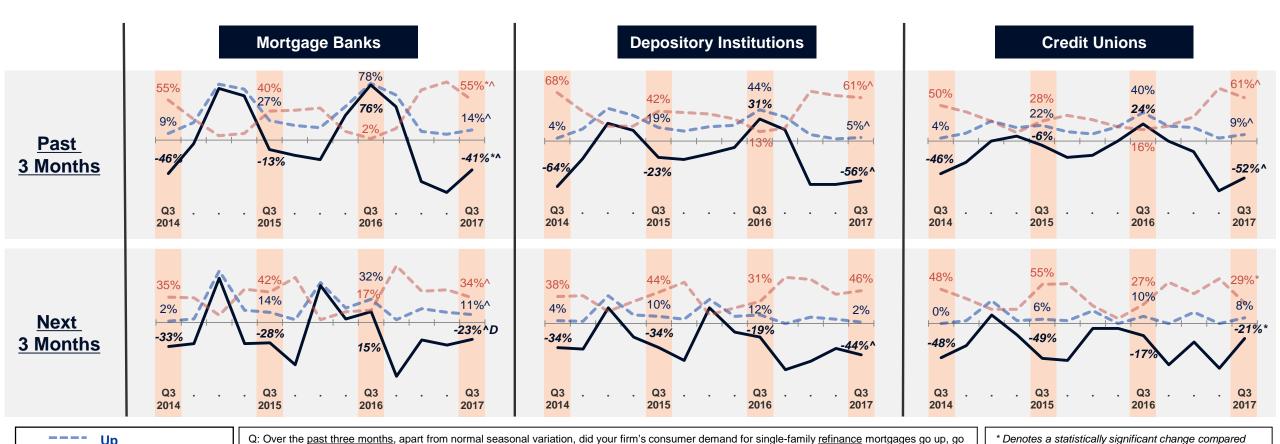
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**Down** 

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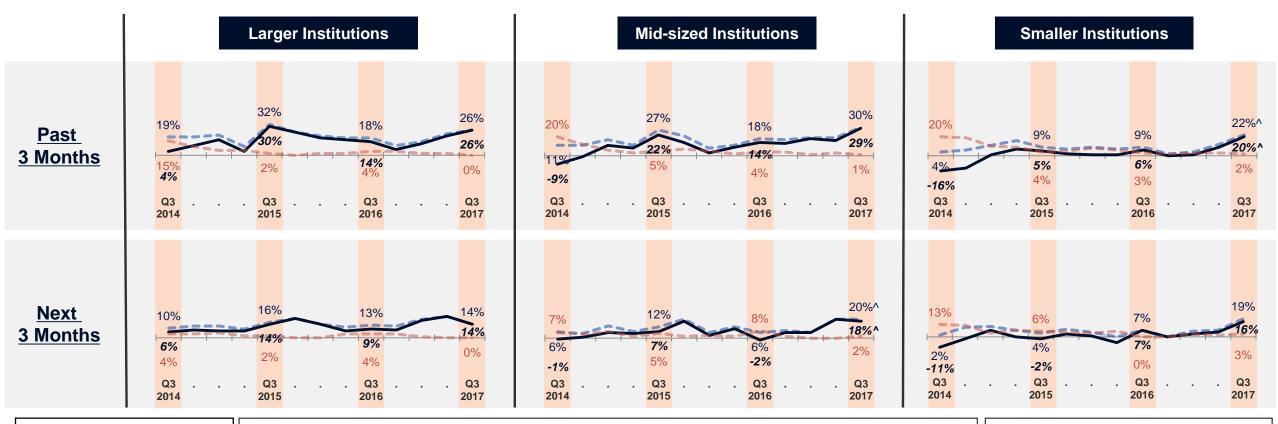
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# **Credit Standards**

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## Credit Standards: GSE Eligible (by institution size)



Tighten

Net Ease +

Q: Over the <u>past three months</u>, how did your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for mortgage loans change (across both purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change (across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably

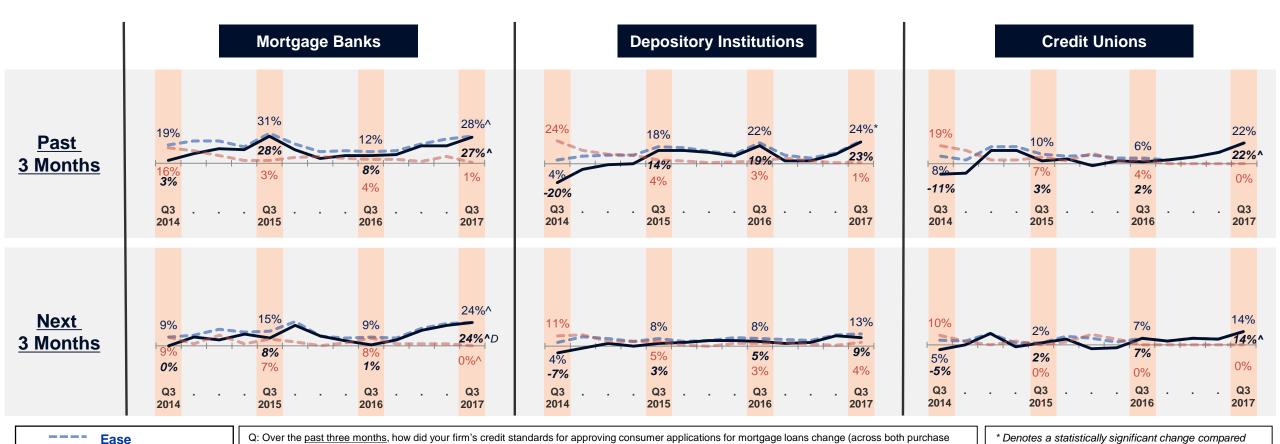
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## Credit Standards: GSE Eligible (by institution type)



mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the next three months, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change

(across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably

M/D/C - Denote a % is significantly higher than the institution type group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

Net Ease + = % of lenders saying up minus % of lenders saying down The % saying "stay the same" is not shown

Tighten

Net Ease +

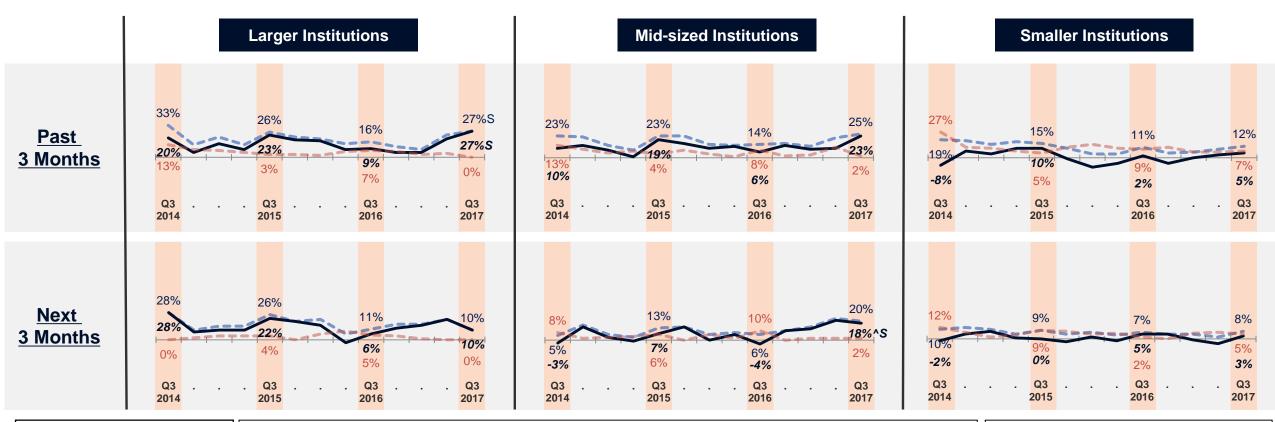
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## Credit Standards: Non-GSE Eligible (by institution size)



Ease
Tighten
Net Ease +

Q: Over the <u>past three months</u>, how did your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for mortgage loans change (across both purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change (across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably

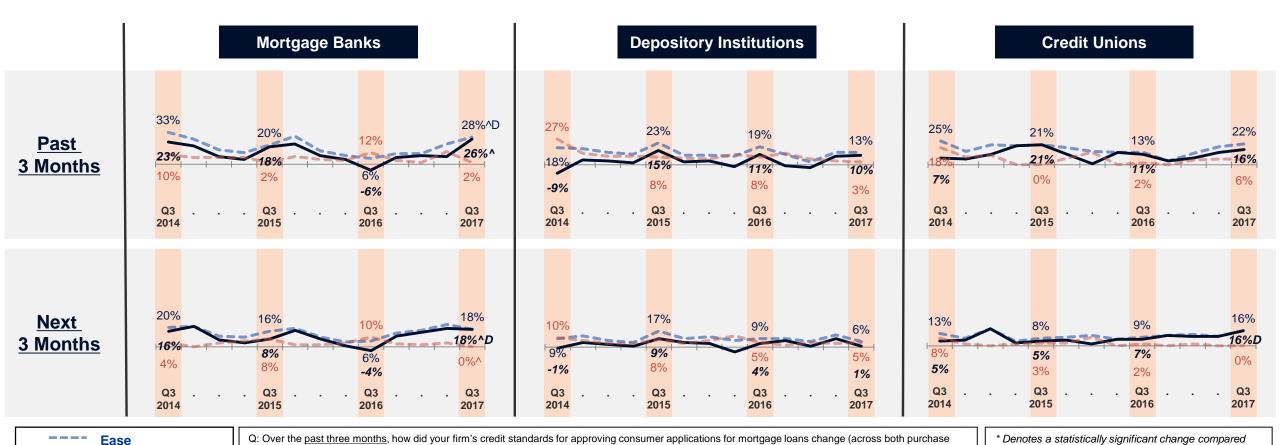
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## Credit Standards: Non-GSE Eligible (by institution type)



mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the next three months, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change

(across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably

M/D/C - Denote a % is significantly higher than the institution type group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

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**Tighten** 

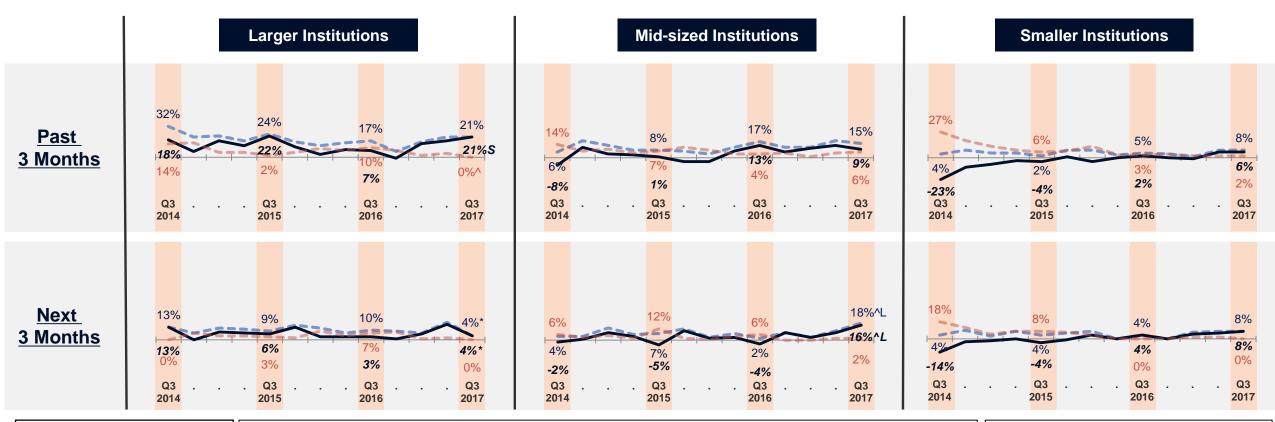
Net Ease +

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#### Credit Standards: Government (by institution size)



Ease
Tighten
Net Ease +

Q: Over the <u>past three months</u>, how did your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for mortgage loans change (across both purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change (across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably

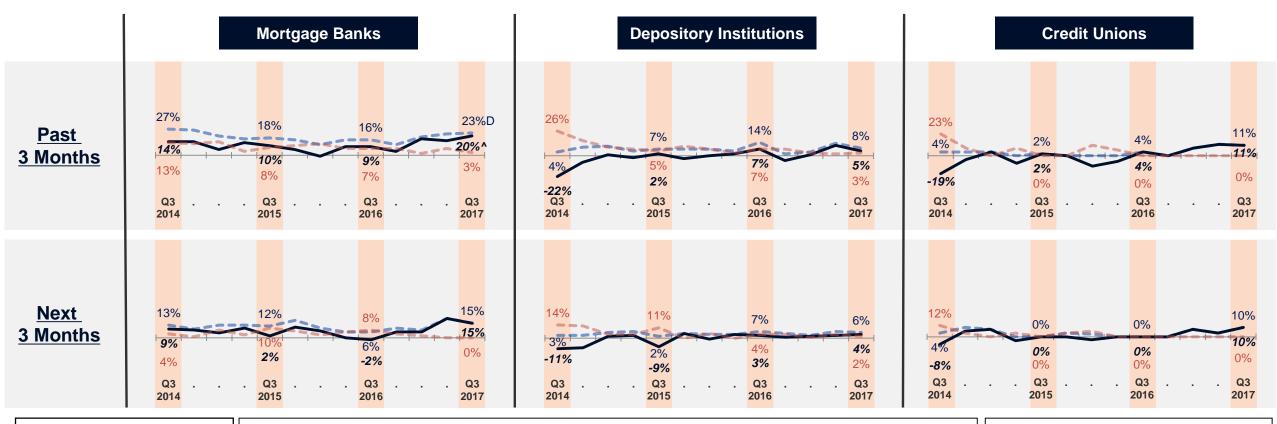
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#### Credit Standards: Government (by institution type)



Tighten
Net Ease +

Ease

Q: Over the <u>past three months</u>, how did your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for mortgage loans change (across both purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Eased considerably + Eased somewhat, "Tighten" = Tightened somewhat + Tightened considerably

Q: Over the <u>next three months</u>, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change (across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? "Ease" = Ease considerably + Ease somewhat, "Tighten" = Tighten somewhat + Tighten considerably

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#### Credit Standards: Drivers of Change (selected verbatim)

**Drivers of Loosening Change** 

Drivers of Tightening Change

#### **Past 3 Months**

N=53

- Competition/strategic considerations
- Changes to guidelines/GSE requirements
- Reduction of overlays

Q: What do you think drove the change in your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for purchase mortgage loans over the **last three months**? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)

"Tightened standards due to patterns in government loan delinquencies."

— Mid-sized Institution

"Concerns about the overall economy."

- Smaller Institution

"Due to competitive pressures our company has removed a few internal overlays that we felt were prudent." "Recent DU updates" – Larger Institutions

"Guideline for GSE's have become more favorable." – *Mid-sized Institutions* 

"Slight easing of eligibility requirements by GSE's and Government lending providers providing more flexibility with down payments, DTI." – *Smaller Institution* 

#### **Next 3 Months**

N=37

- FNMA changing DU/DTI to 50%
- Reduction of overlays
- Competition

Q: What do you think will drive the change in your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for purchase mortgage loans over the **next three months**? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)

"Our ability to sell loans in the market is becoming tougher." – Mid-sized Institution

"It seems like it is getting harder to get people approved without a lot of extra work, etc."

— Smaller Institution

"Removal of internal overlays and better alignment with the GSE AUS findings."

— Larger Institution

"FNMA will go up to a 50% ratio on more loans now and the student loans payment calculation that changed is making more people qualify for loans." – *Mid-sized Institution* 

"Competition and our desire to book new loans." - Smaller Institution

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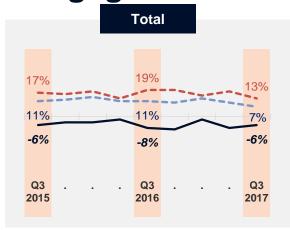
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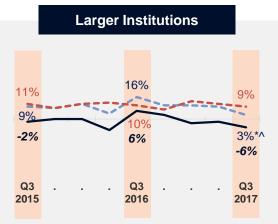
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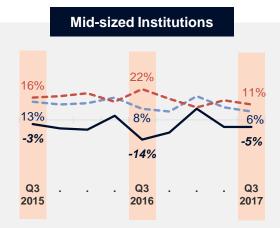


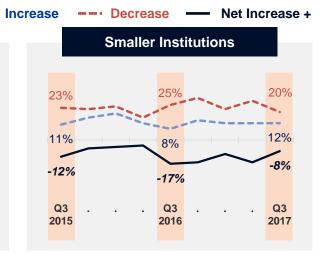
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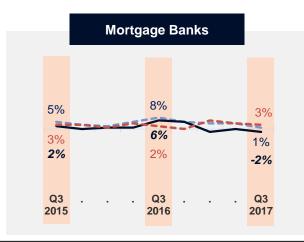
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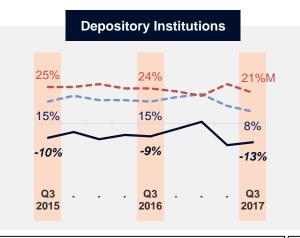


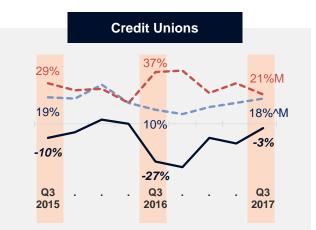












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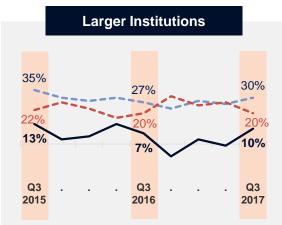
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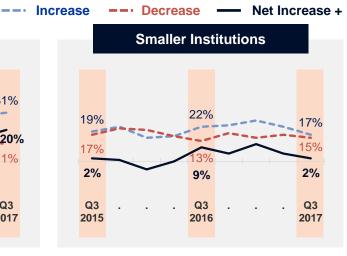
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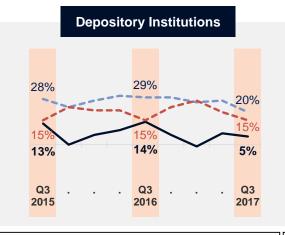


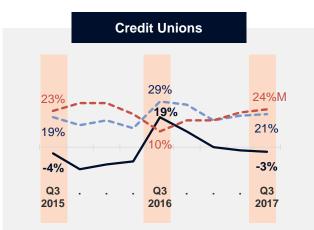












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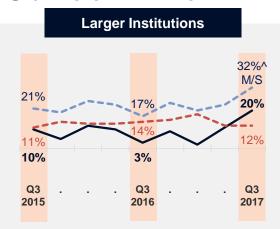
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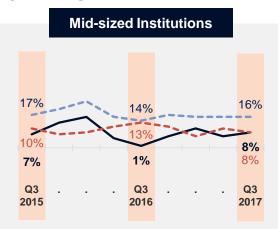


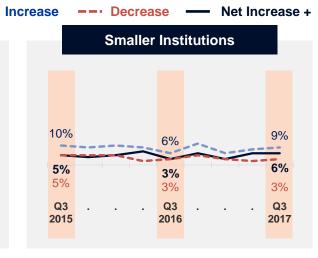
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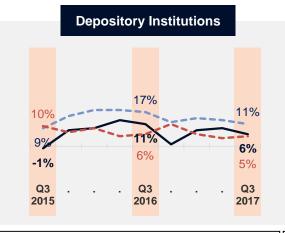


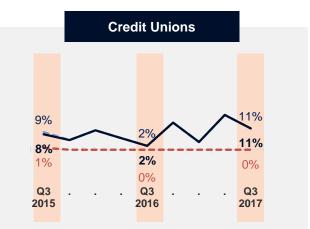












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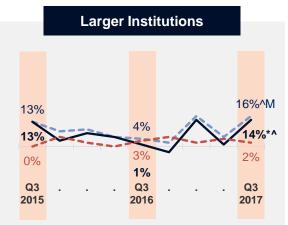
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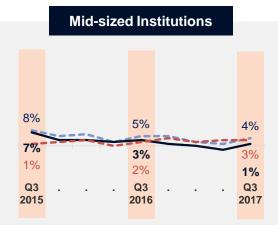


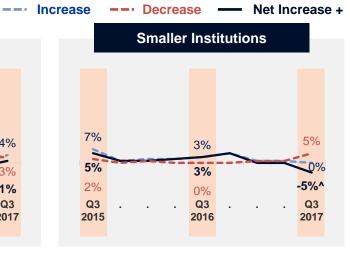
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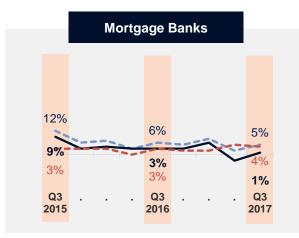
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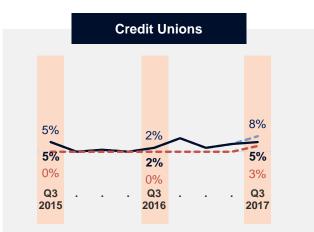












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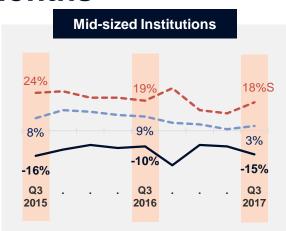


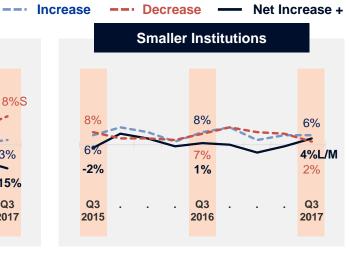
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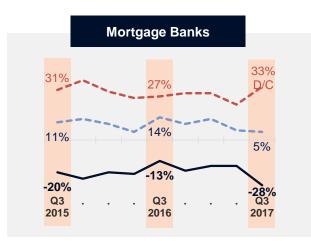
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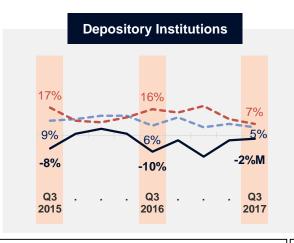


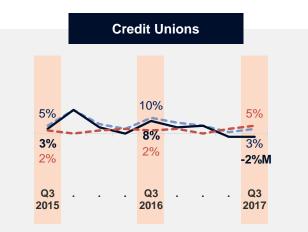












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## **Mortgage Execution Share – Current**

Approximately, what percent of your firm's total mortgage originations	Total										
goes to each of the following categories? Please enter a percent in each box below. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0.	20	15		20	16	2017					
The percentages below must add up to 100%. Showing Mean %	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3		
N=	209	194	205	169	200	139	177	184	190		
GSE (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)	44%	44%	48%	46%	45%	46%	46%	47%	45%		
Portfolio Retention	19%	20%	20%	23%	24%	22%	22%	21%	16%^		
Ginnie Mae (FHA/VA)	15%	16%	15%	13%	14%	14%	14%	15%	16%		
Whole Loan Sales to Non-GSE (Correspondent)	19%	18%	15%	17%	15%	15%	14%	13%	20%		
Private Label Securities / Non-Agency Securities	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%		
Other	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%		

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# **Mortgage Execution Share – Over Next 12 Months**

Looking forward, what percent of your firm's total mortgage originations over the next 12 months will go to each of the following categories?					Total				
Please enter a percent for each category. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0. The percentages below must add up to	20	15		20	16		2017		
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Whole Loan Sales to Non-GSE (Correspondent)	17%	18%	14%	15%	13%	14%	15%	12%	17%
Private Label Securities / Non-Agency Securities	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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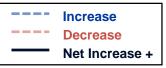


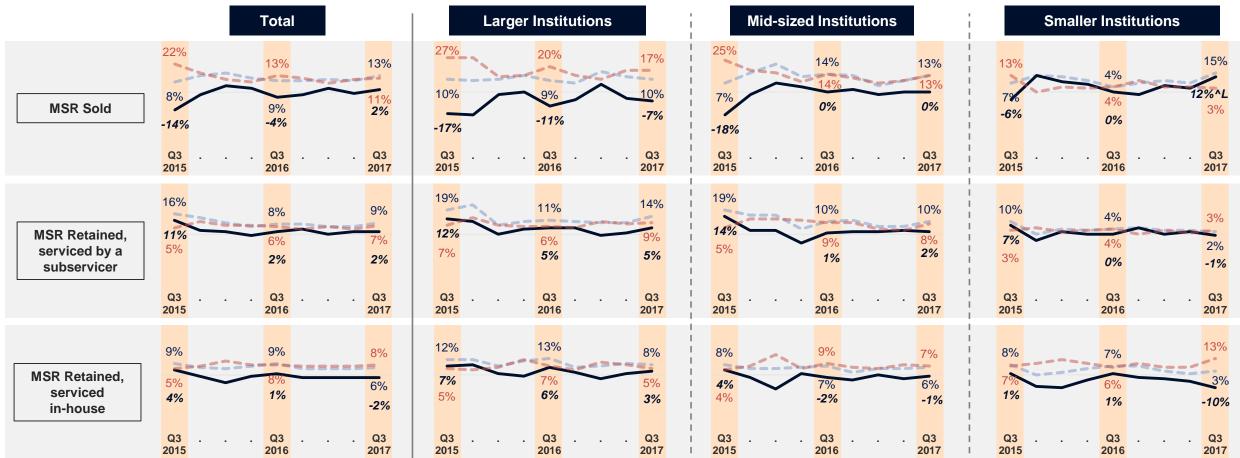
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# Mortgage Servicing Rights (MSR) Execution



#### **Mortgage Servicing Rights Execution Outlook – Next 12 Months**





Whether an institution reported increase/decrease/stay the same was based on the difference to their responses to the following 2 questions:

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Q: Approximately, what percent of your mortgage servicing rights (MSR) goes to each of the following categories?

Q: Looking forward, what percent of your firm's mortgage servicing rights (MSR) over the next year will go to each of the following categories?

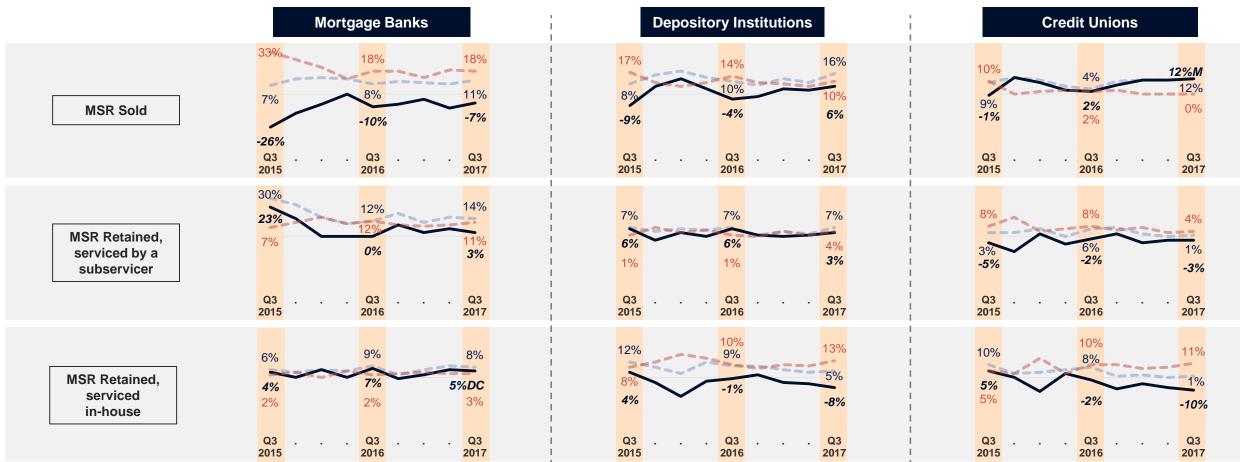
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#### **Mortgage Servicing Rights Execution Outlook – Next 12 Months**





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## **Mortgage Servicing Rights (MSR) Execution Share – Current**

Approximately what percent of your mortgage servicing rights (MSR) goes to each of the following categories? Please enter a percent in each box below. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0. The percentages below must add up to 100%.  Showing Mean %	Total									
	2015			20	16		2017			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
N=	209	194	205	169	200	139	177	184	190	
MSR retained, serviced in-house	44%	46%	52%	47%	52%	50%	50%	49%	40%^	
MSR sold	37%	34%	30%	31%	29%	32%	33%	34%	40%^	
MSR retained, serviced by a subservicer	18%	20%	18%	22%	20%	19%	17%	17%	20%	

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# Mortgage Servicing Rights (MSR) Execution Share – Over Next 12 Months

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MSR sold	36%	34%	32%	31%	28%	31%	34%	33%	41%^	
MSR retained, serviced by a subservicer	20%	20%	17%	21%	20%	19%	16%	17%	20%	

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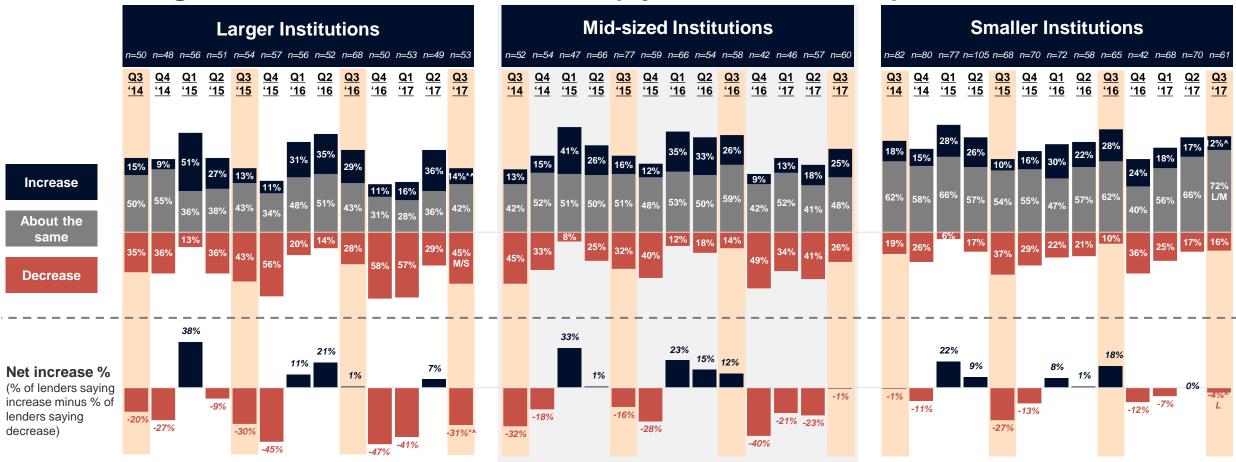
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# **Profit Margin Outlook**

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#### Profit Margin Outlook - Next 3 Months (by institution size)



Q: Over the next three months, how much do you expect your firm's profit margin to change for its single-family mortgage production? [Showing: (Substantially Increase (25+ basis points) + Moderately Increase (5 - 25 basis points)), About the same (0 - 5 basis points), (Moderately Decrease (5 - 25 basis points) + Substantially Decrease (25+ basis points)]

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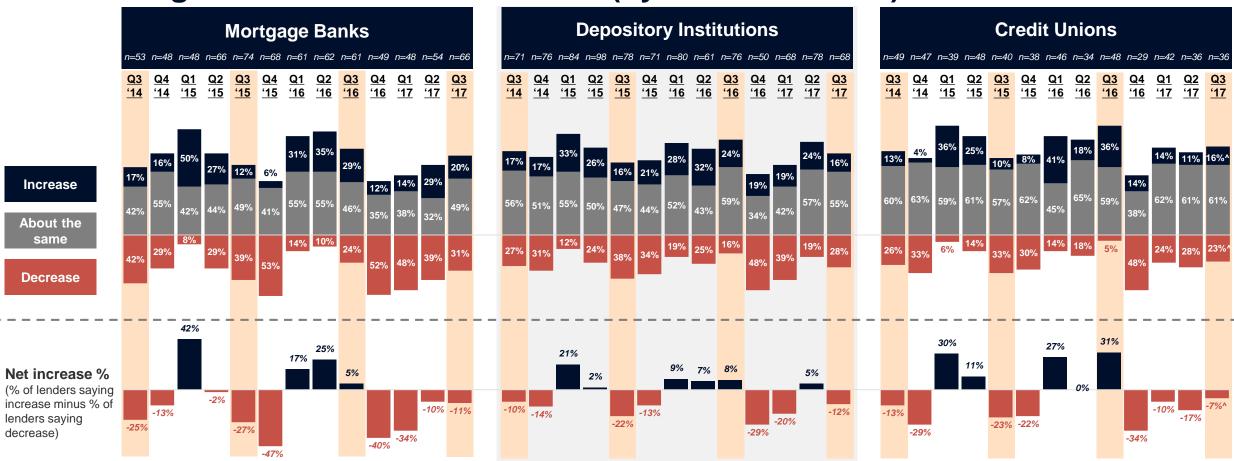
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## **Increased Profit Margin – Drivers**

What do you think will drive the increase in your firm's profit margin over					Total				
the next three months? Please select the two most important reasons	20	15		20	16	2017			
and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1 + 2)	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
N=	26	24	63	49	54	20	26	40	30
Operational efficiency (i.e., technology)	56%	51%	52%	42%	54%	42%	55%	59%	51%
Consumer demand	58%	26%	52%	69%	49%	18%	44%	40%	42%
Market trend changes (i.e. shift from refinance to purchase)	21%	29%	30%	33%	27%	40%	33%	33%	28%
Staffing (personnel costs) reduction	4%	13%	9%	12%	14%	33%	9%	8%	17%
Non-GSE (other investors) pricing and policies	3%	12%	13%	2%	4%	11%	7%	3%	17%
GSE pricing and policies	28%	16%	17%	10%	17%	20%	19%	13%	11%
Government monetary or fiscal policy	5%	9%	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	9%
Government regulatory compliance	0%	12%	3%	2%	2%	6%	0%	2%	7%
Less competition from other lenders	15%	20%	7%	11%	10%	11%	9%	10%	6%
Servicing cost reduction	5%	0%	1%	4%	4%	0%	0%	12%	4%
Marketing expense reduction	4%	5%	3%	4%	11%	11%	5%	3%	3%

For detailed data by lender size and lender type, please check out the excel file posted on the Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey web page, together with the report.

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## **Decreased Profit Margin – Drivers**

What do you think will drive the decrease in your firm's profit margin over the next three months? Please select the two most important reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1 + 2)	Total								
	2015		2016				2017		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
N=	74	76	35	29	33	64	63	49	49
Competition from other lenders	47%	34%	33%	44%	46%	39%	66%	71%	74%^
Consumer demand	20%	27%	25%	6%	21%	26%	10%	18%	35%
Government regulatory compliance	61%	52%	65%	67%	39%	18%	21%	20%	19%^
Staffing (personnel costs)	19%	27%	26%	12%	31%	19%	7%	21%	17%
Market trend changes (i.e. shift from refinance to purchase)	14%	20%	11%	8%	23%	43%	51%	26%	15%
Operational efficiency (i.e. technology)	12%	8%	13%	10%	9%	6%	7%	10%	13%
GSE pricing and policies	11%	11%	13%	22%	6%	20%	13%	9%	7%
Government monetary or fiscal policy	6%	10%	4%	16%	5%	16%	10%	9%	7%
Marketing expenses	2%	0%	2%	3%	6%	0%	4%	4%	4%
Servicing costs	4%	3%	2%	0%	9%	2%	2%	0%	2%
Non-GSE (other investors) pricing and policies	2%	2%	2%	10%	4%	7%	8%	10%	0%

For detailed data by lender size and lender type, please check out the excel file posted on the Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey web page, together with the report.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes a statistically significant change compared with Q2 2017 (previous quarter)

<sup>^</sup> Denotes a statistically significant change compared with Q3 2016 (same quarter of last year)



#### **Appendix**

# **Survey Question Text**

Q3 2017 Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®



#### **Question Text**

#### **Economic and Housing Sentiment**

- q1. In general, do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think the U.S. economy overall is on the right track or the wrong track?
- q1a. Do you think it is very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy, or very easy for consumers to get a home mortgage today?
- q2. Nationally, during the next 12 months, do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think home prices in general will go up, go down, or stay the same as where they are now?
- q4a. By about what percent do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think home prices nationally will go up on average over the next 12 months?
- q5a. By about what percent do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think home prices nationally will go down on average over the next 12 months?

#### **Consumer Demand**

- q6. Over the past three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, did your firm's consumer demand for single-family purchase mortgages go up, go down, or stay the same? Please answer for GSE eligible mortgages, non-GSE eligible mortgages, and Government mortgages.
- q7. What do you think drove the change in your firm's consumer demand for single family <u>purchase</u> mortgages over the past three months? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)
- q14. Over the next three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family purchase mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? Please answer for GSE eligible mortgages, non-GSE eligible mortgages, and Government mortgages.
- q46. You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for GSE eligible loans will go up over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand to go up? Please select **up to two** of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.
- q47. You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for GSE eligible loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please select **up to two** of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.
- q49. You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for Non-GSE eligible loans will go up over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand to go up? Please select **up to two** of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.
- q50. You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for Non-GSE eligible loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please select **up to two** of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.
- q51. You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for government loans will go up over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand to go up? Please select **up to two** of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.
- q52. You mentioned that you expect your firm's consumer demand for government loans will go down over the next three months. Which of the following housing marketplace factors do you think will drive the demand down? Please select **up to two** of the most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.



#### **Question Text Continued**

- q10. Over the past three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, did your firm's consumer demand for single-family refinance mortgages go up, go down, or stay the same? Please answer for GSE eligible mortgages, non-GSE eligible mortgages, and Government mortgages.
- q18. Over the next three months, apart from normal seasonal variation, do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family refinance mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? Please answer for GSE eligible mortgages, non-GSE eligible mortgages, and Government mortgages.
- q20. You indicated that you expect your firm's demand to **go down** for the following types of mortgages. By about what percent do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>refinance</u> mortgages to go down over the <u>next three months</u>?
- q21. You said that you expect your firm's demand to **go up** for the following types of mortgages. By about what percent do you expect your firm's consumer demand for single-family <u>refinance</u> mortgages to go up over the next three months?

#### **Profit Margin Outlook**

- q22. Over the next three months, how much do you expect your firm's profit margin to change for its single-family mortgage production?
- q23. What primary strategies, if any, is your firm planning to use to address your decreased profit margin? Please select the two most important strategies and rank them in order of importance.
- q24. What do you think will drive the decrease in your firm's profit margin over the next three months? Please select the two most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.
- q25. What primary strategies, if any, is your firm planning to use to achieve your increased profit margin? Please select the two most important strategies and rank them in order of importance.
- q26. What do you think will drive the increase in your firm's profit margin over the next three months? Please select the two most important reasons and rank them in order of importance.

#### **Credit Standards**

- q27. Over the past three months, how did your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for mortgage loans change (across both purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? Please answer for GSE eligible mortgages, non-GSE eligible mortgages, and Government mortgages.
- q28. What do you think drove the change in your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for purchase and refinance mortgage loans over the last three months? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)
- q31. Over the next three months, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change (across purchase mortgages and refinance mortgages)? Please answer for GSE eligible mortgages, non-GSE eligible mortgages, and government mortgages.
- q32. What do you think will drive the change in your firm's credit standards for approving consumer applications for purchase and refinance mortgage loans over the next three months? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)



#### **Question Text Continued**

#### **Mortgage Execution Share**

- q35. Approximately, what percent of your firm's total mortgage originations goes to each of the following categories? Please enter a percent in each box below. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0. The percentages below must add up to 100%.
- q44. Looking forward, what percent of your firm's total mortgage originations over the next 12 months will go to each of the following categories? Please enter a percent for each category. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0. The percentages below must add up to 100%.

#### **Mortgage Servicing Rights Execution Share**

- q38. Approximately what percent of your mortgage servicing rights (MSR) goes to each of the following categories? Please enter a percent in each box below. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0. The percentages below must add up to 100%.
- q45. Looking forward, what percent of your firm's mortgage servicing rights (MSR) over the next 12 months will go to each of the following categories? Please enter a percent for each category. If a category is not applicable to your firm, please enter 0. The percentages below must add up to 100%.
- q45d. What do you think will drive the change in your firm's percentage of MSR sold over the next 12 months? Please be as specific as possible. (Optional)