

# Housing and Credit Markets Outlook

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## **Government Shutdown and Debt Ceiling**

- > As of October 1<sup>st</sup> the government shut down for the first time since 1995
  - 800K Federal Employees deemed "non-essential" furloughed
  - The 1995-96 shutdown cost an estimated \$2.5B
  - There are other unintended consequences (home buying, hiring, economic forecasting)
- The longer the shutdown drags on, the greater the negative impact to the economy
- > The debt ceiling is the real danger
  - The "extraordinary measures" will have been used up by October 17, at which point the government will have to operate strictly on a cash flow basis
  - Last time we flirted with the debt ceiling S&P downgraded the US Debt triggering a 6.7% one-day stock sell off
  - The Fed does not have the means to offset another fiscal shock
- > A default would have catastrophic consequences globally

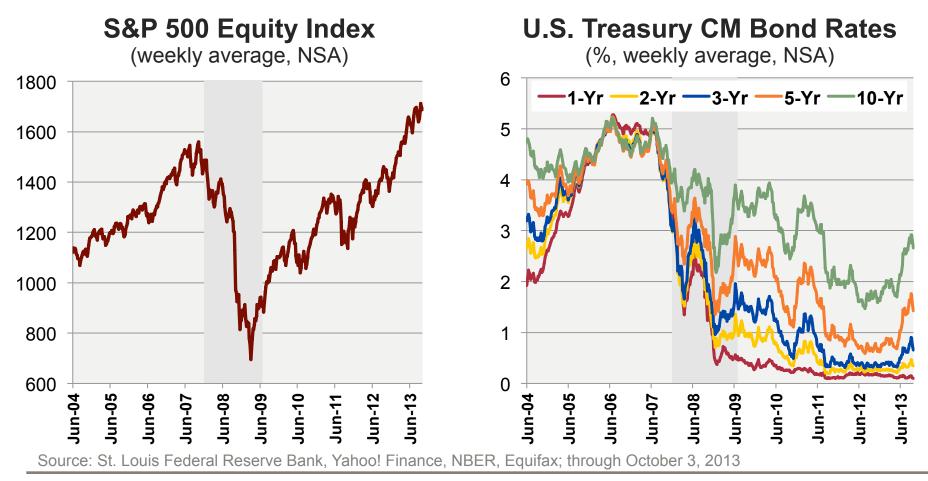


- > The US has defaulted once before Mostly UNINTENTIONALLY
- VS posted late payments on T-Bills maturing on April 26, May 3 and May 10 in 1979
  - Full payment was made after a short delay
  - Originally did not pay interest on delayed payments, but eventually did due to severe pressure in financial markets
- Delay was due to unprecedented volume of participation by small investors, a failure of Congress to act on the debt ceiling and a failure of word processing software used to prep check schedules
- > What was the effect?
- On 28-34 day (aka 1-month) Treasury Bills yields jumped 60 basis points and remained there for several months
- Effect of INTENTIONAL default is an unquantifiable risk Russia's default nearly upended markets in 1997



#### **Financial Market Performance Has Been Volatile**

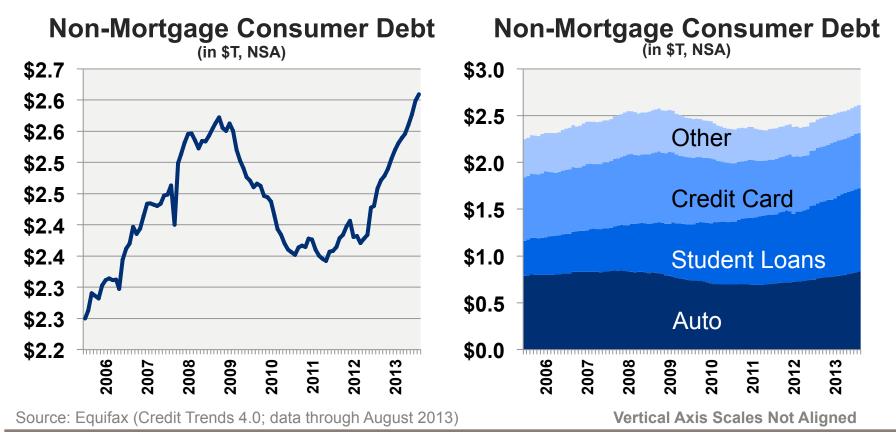
- Equity indexes are at all-time highs, bolstering consumer confidence
- Bond markets are wary of changes in Fed bond-purchase activity





#### Student Loans & Auto Dominate N-M Consumer Debt

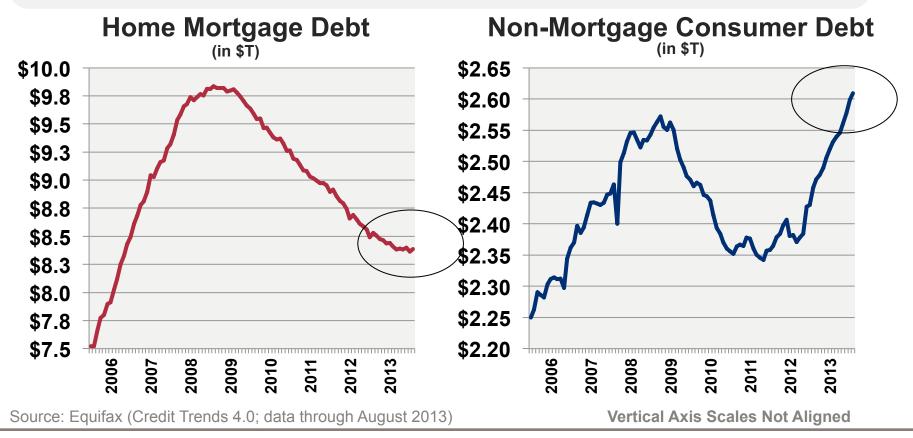
- Total student loan debt has grown steadily throughout Great Recession and recovery
- Auto growing strong, now back to January 2008 level & \$9B shy of peak





#### U.S. Consumer Deleveraging: Diverging Trends

- Home mortgage outstanding balances, including 1<sup>st</sup> liens and home equity lines and loans, have declined \$1.47T, or 15%.
- Non-mortgage consumer debt fell \$230B or 12%; Hit new high in July 2013

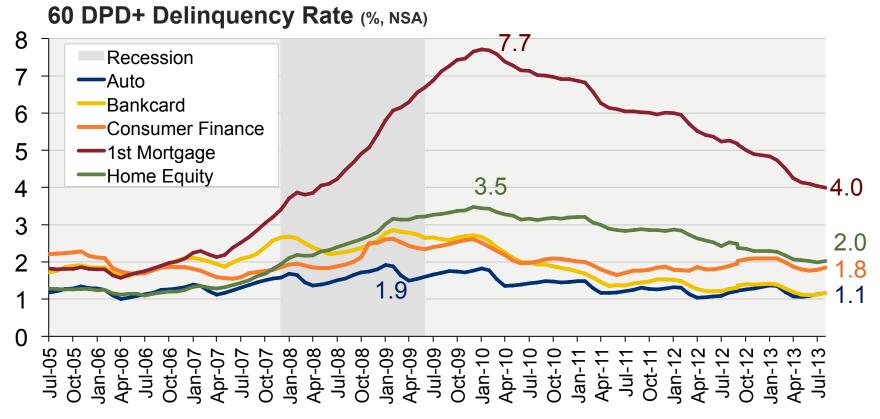




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#### **Credit Delinquencies Are Recovering**

- Auto, bankcard delinquency rates are back to pre-recession levels
- Mortgage delinquencies remain problematic



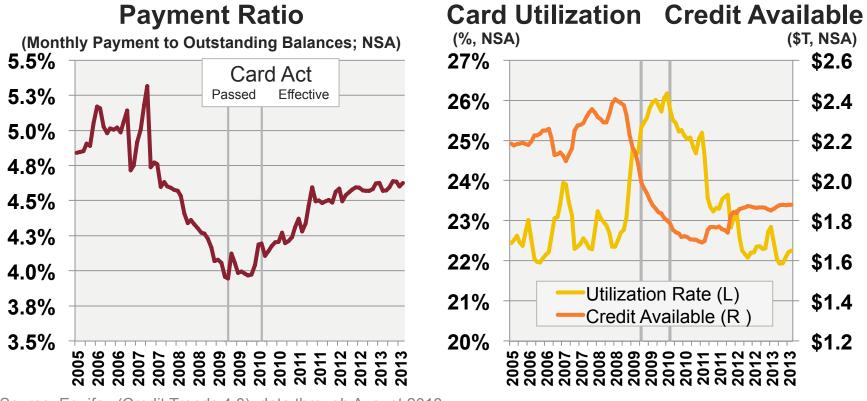
Source: Equifax (Credit Trends 4.0), Data through August 2013

Notes: Excludes write-offs and REO; Mortgage DLQ rates include loans in foreclosure



#### **Bank Card Performance Is Improving**

- Payment ratios, payment amounts divided by outstanding balances, are rising Part of consumer deleveraging
- Utilization rates have been falling, first due to payoffs, charge-offs, etc. but now due to limit increases

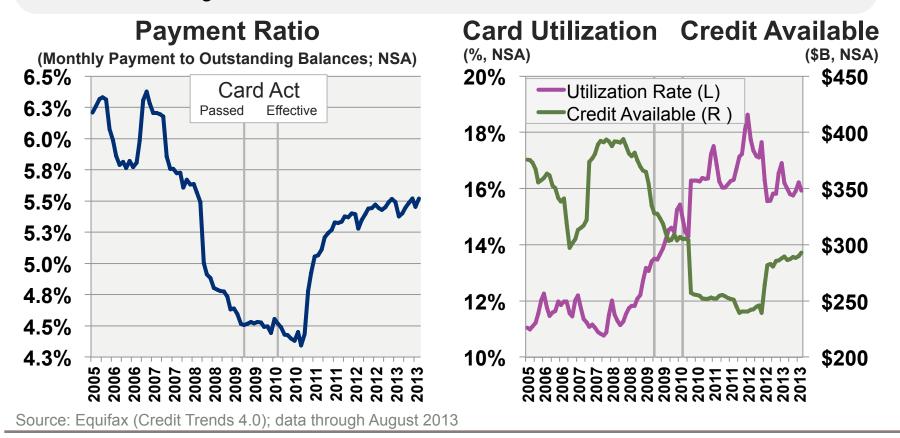


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#### **Retail Cards Differ from Bank Cards**

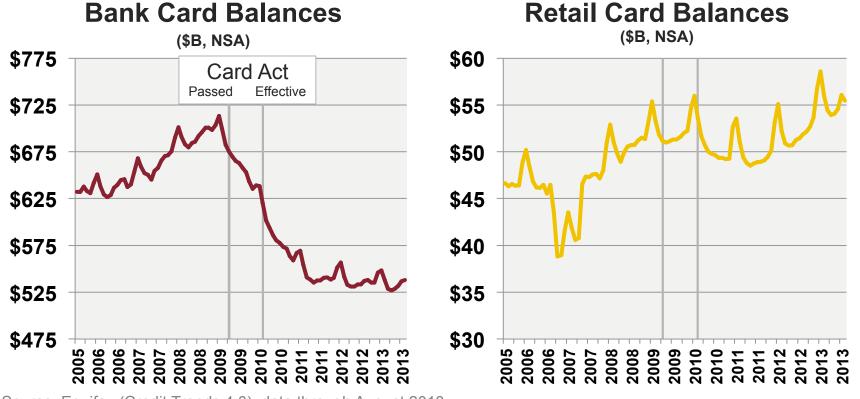
- Payment ratios on retail cards started rising in 2011
- Utilization rates have remained elevated on retail cards, due in part to limited credit availability – but recent increases in availability have been met with increased usage





### **Card Deleveraging**

- Bank card balances have decreased by 21% (\$150 billion) since their recession peak
- Retail card balances are at all-time highs, up nearly 10% (\$5 billion) from prerecession levels

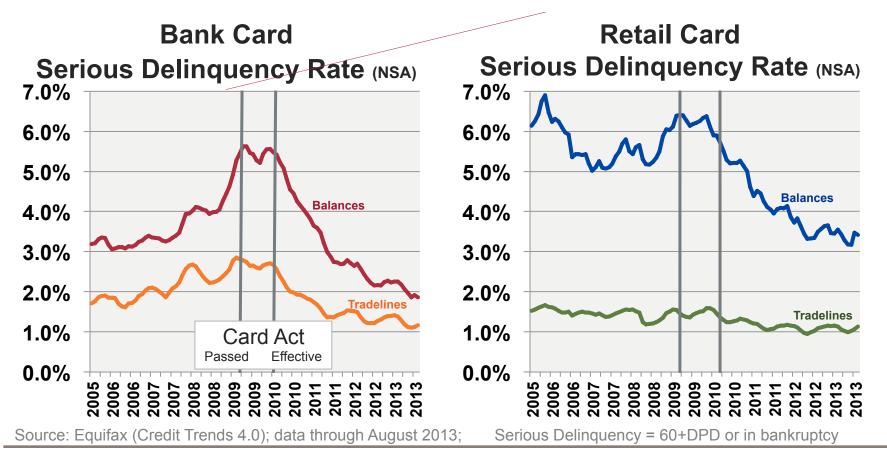


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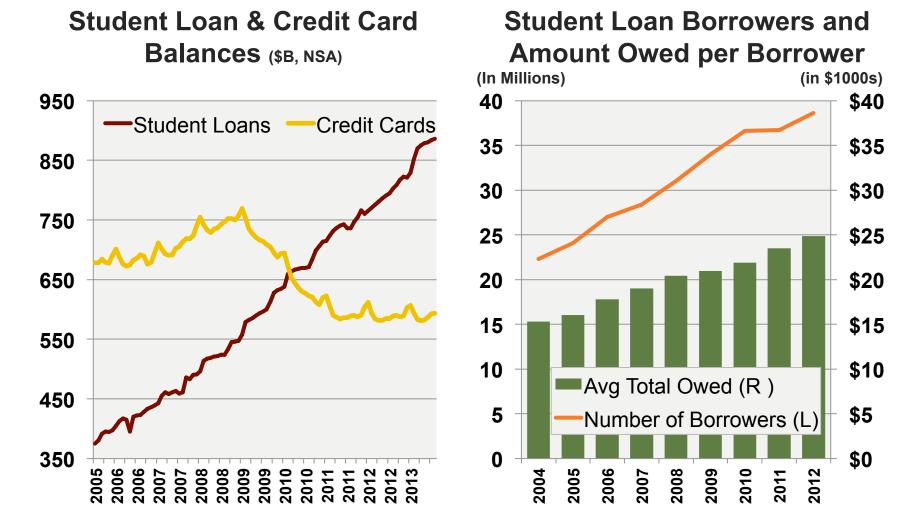
#### **Card Performance**

- Bank card serious delinquency rates are higher than retail card rates
- Retail rates saw little degradation in performance during the recession
- Both rates are at lowest levels since start of series





#### **Student Loans – the Next Big Problem**



Source: Equifax (Credit Trends 4.0); data through August 2013; credit card data include bank and retail cards.



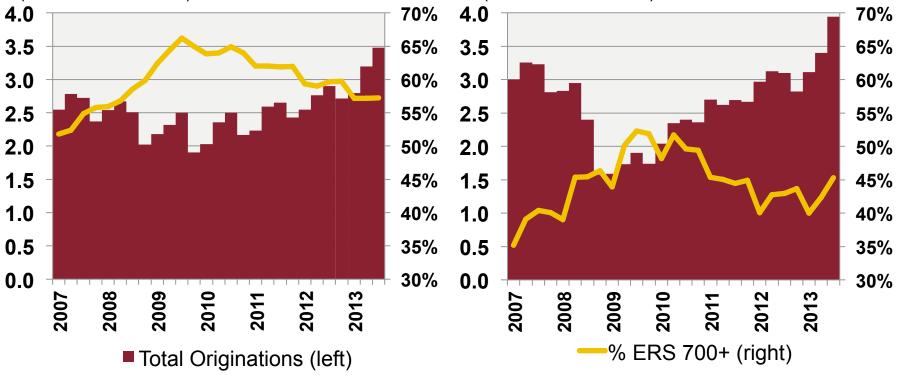
## **Auto Loan Originations Are Rising**

#### Auto Bank Originations & Share High Prime by Vintage

(# millions & % NSA)

#### Auto Finance Originations & Share High Prime by Vintage

(# millions & % NSA)

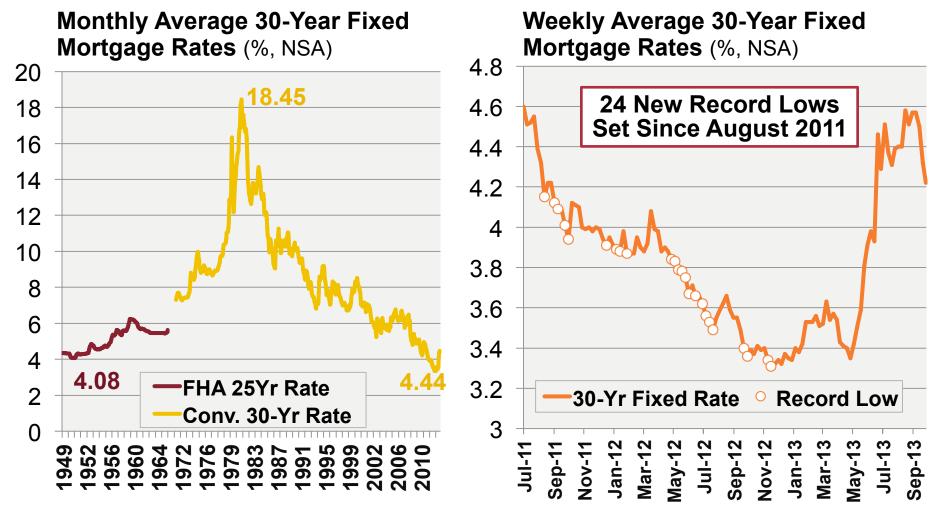


 The Share of high-prime borrowers among new originations is falling across both banks and auto finance companies

Source: Equifax (Credit Trends 4.0); data as of August 2013; ERS = Equifax Risk Score)



# Mortgage Rates in Context – Defining "Historically Low"



Notes: Through 1961, rates are based on 25-year mortgages. FHA was created in 1934 and the original term of FHA insured fixed-rate loans was 20 years. Gradually terms extended to 30-years.



## **Decomposing 30-Yr Fixed Mortgage Rates**

Interest Rate Levels (%, NSA) Interest Rate Spreads (%, NSA) 5.0 1.8 1.6 4.5 1.4 4.0 3.5 1.2 3.0 1.0 2.5 0.8 2.0 0.6 1.5 0.4 10-Yr CMT RNY to CMT Spread 1.0 0.2 **FNMA RNY** PMR-RNY Spread 0.5 0.0 2/1/2013 8/1/2013 6/1/2012 4/1/2013 2/1/2012 6/1/2013 6/1/2012 2/1/2013 4/1/2013 6/1/2013 0/1/2013 8/1/2012 0/1/2013 8/1/2012 10/1/2012 2/1/2012 0/1/2012 3/1/2013

 The Required Net Yield is the secondary market's (Fannie Mae's) yield after servicing fees have been removed from the mortgage rate. The difference between the RNY and the Primary Market Rate is bank yield (originator & servicer).

Source: Equifax, BankRate, Fannie Mae, St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; 10/03/2013



#### The Housing Market Appears To Have Finally Hit Bottom

12-Month Percent Change in Total Home Sales, Housing Starts and CoreLogic Home Price Index (NSA Series)



• Home sales, starts and prices are moving in lock-step. Starts are leading prices, but prices can create a feedback effect for future demand.

Source: Equifax, U.S. Census Bureau, National Association of Realtors, CoreLogic (data as of September 6, 2013)



#### **Despite Some Reports, Housing Market Is Far From Bubbly**

Home Sales, Home prices and Housing Starts Levels Relative to Pre-Recession Peaks (NSA Series; 100% = Pre-recession peak)



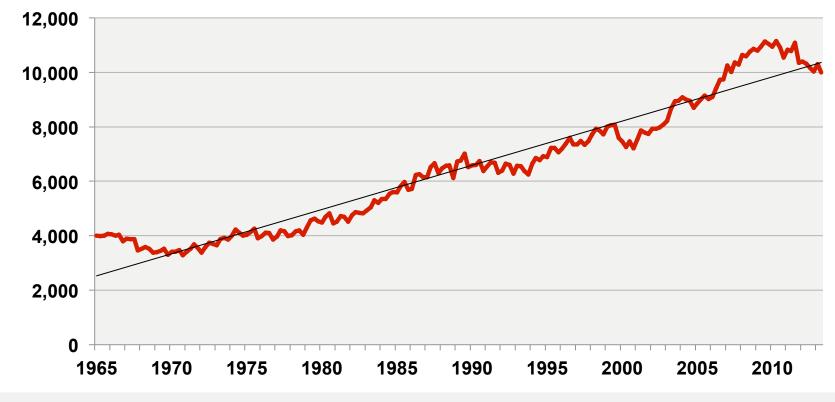
 Even with large percentage gains in housing measures, all major indices of housing market vitality point to a long recovery yet to come

Source: Equifax, U.S. Census Bureau, National Association of Realtors, CoreLogic (data as of September 6, 2013)



#### **Excess Housing Inventory is Now Below Trend**

Total Vacant Housing Units (in Thousands; NSA)



Excess Vacant inventory should start to mitigate pressure on home prices and rent

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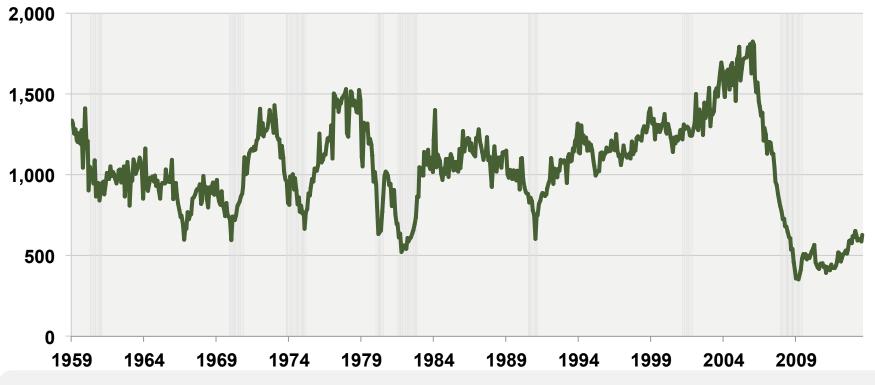
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, (Through 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2013)



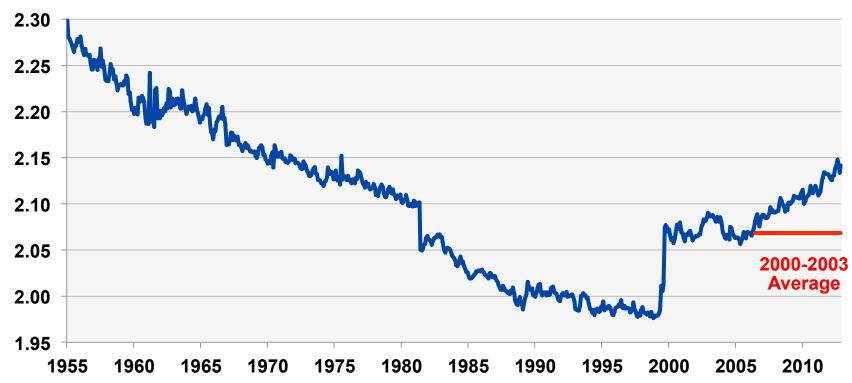
#### Housing Starts Are Rising – to Previous Low Point!

Single Family Housing Starts (1000s, SAAR)



• While the recovery of single family starts is in progress, the rate of growth is below expectations, particularly given the historical standard.





Number of people 16 years or older per household (NSA Series)

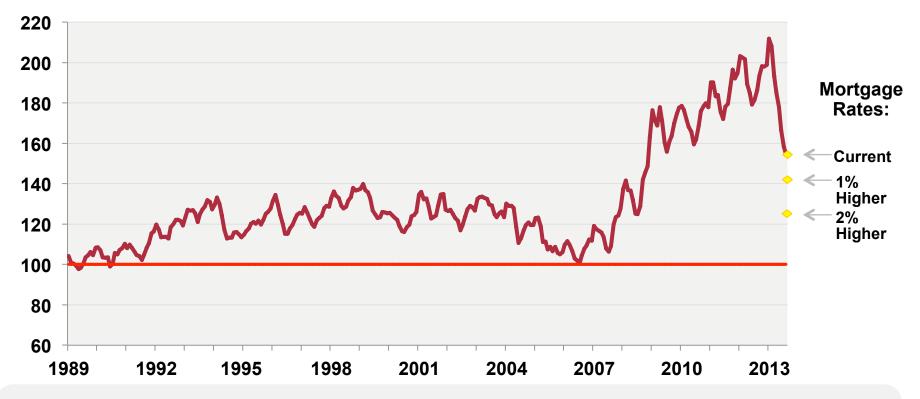
• There is significant pent-up demand for household formation. Based on the averages from the early 2000's we have a deficit of nearly 3 million households.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Equifax



#### Home-Buying Is At All-time High For Affordability

Housing Affordability Index – Measures whether a typical family can afford a typical house. (NSA Series)

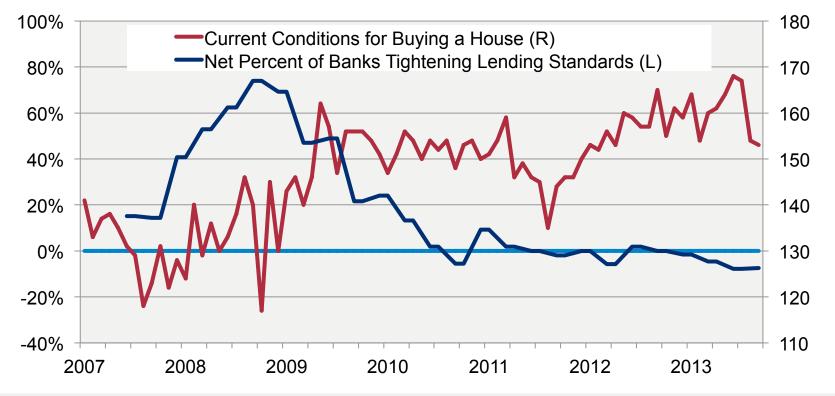


• An index of 100 means a family with the median income has exactly enough income to qualify for a mortgage on a median priced home. The larger the index the more affordable housing is.



#### **Lending Standards Remain Tight**

#### % of Banks Tightening Lending Standards (NSA Series) Index of Current Conditions for Buying a House (NSA Series)



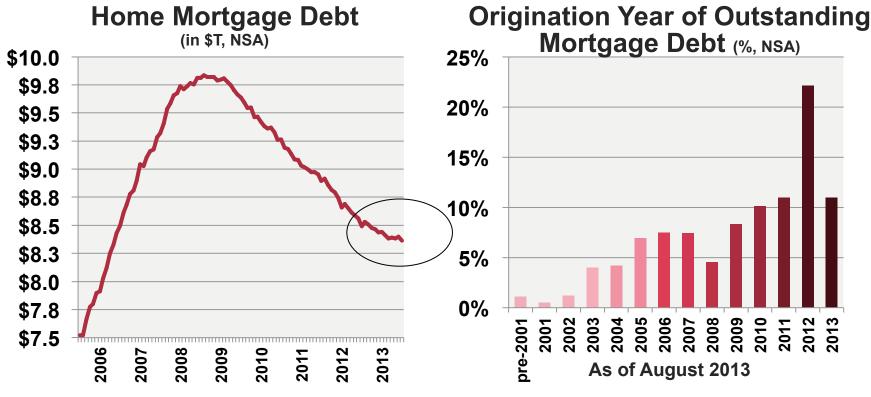
• Although lending standards remain tight, consumer sentiment remains positive.

Source: Federal Reserve Board; University of Michigan; Equifax



## **U.S. Consumer Deleveraging: Mortgage**

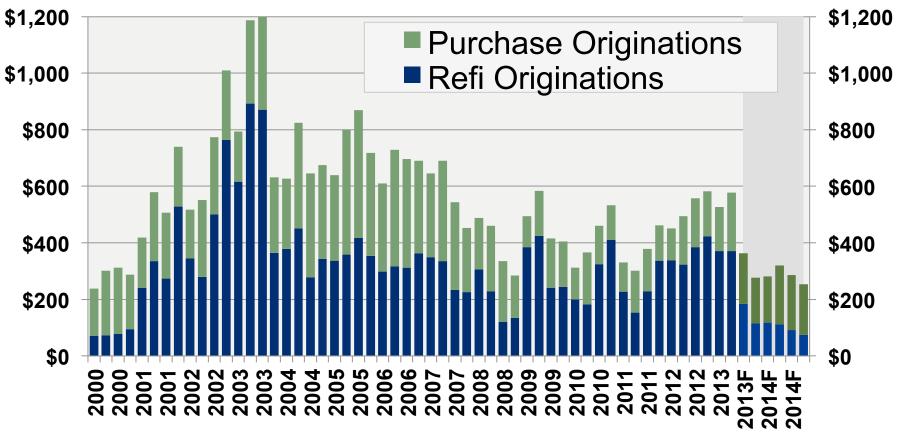
- Home mortgage outstanding balances, including 1<sup>st</sup> liens and home equity lines and loans, have declined \$1.47T, or 15 %.
- 27% of July 2013 Balances were originated in 2005-2008



Source: Equifax (Credit Trends 4.0; data through August 2013)





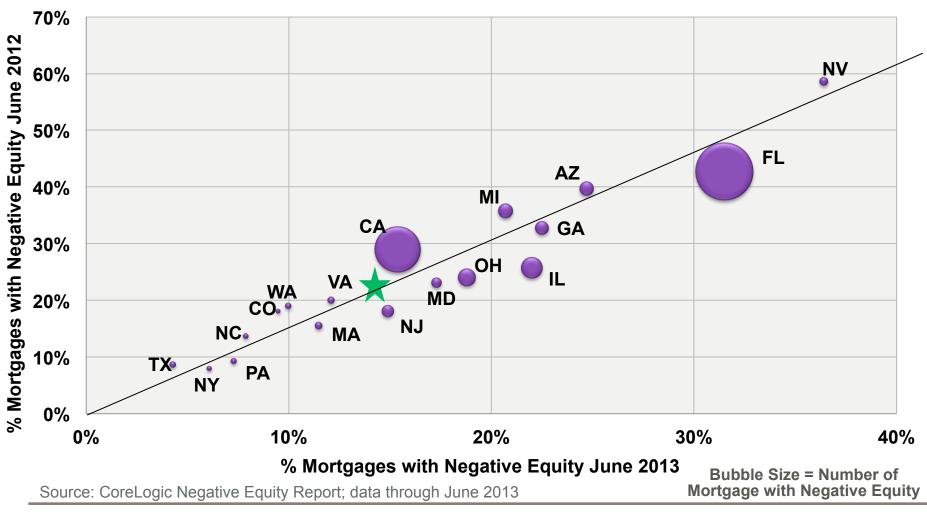


Source: Equifax, Mortgage Banker's Association (2000-2005), Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council; updated 10/01/2013. Forecast average from Mortgage Bankers Association, Moody's Analytics, Freddie Mac, and Fannie Mae.



## **Change in Negative Equity**

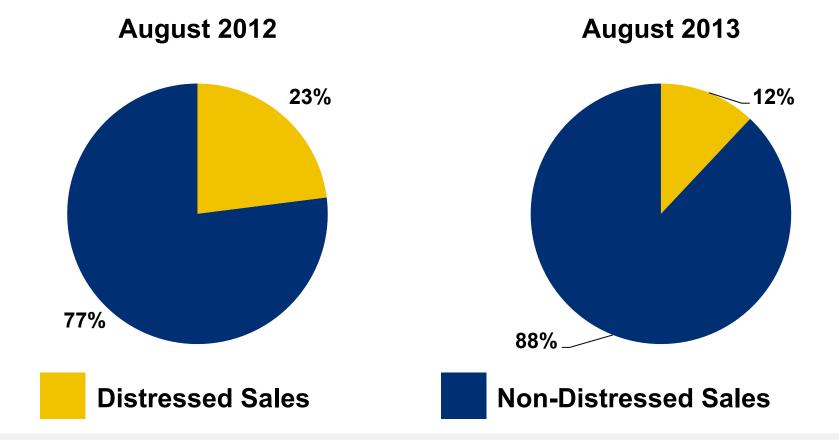
% Mortgages with Negative Equity 2012 vs. 2013 (NSA)





#### **Distressed Home Sales Declining**





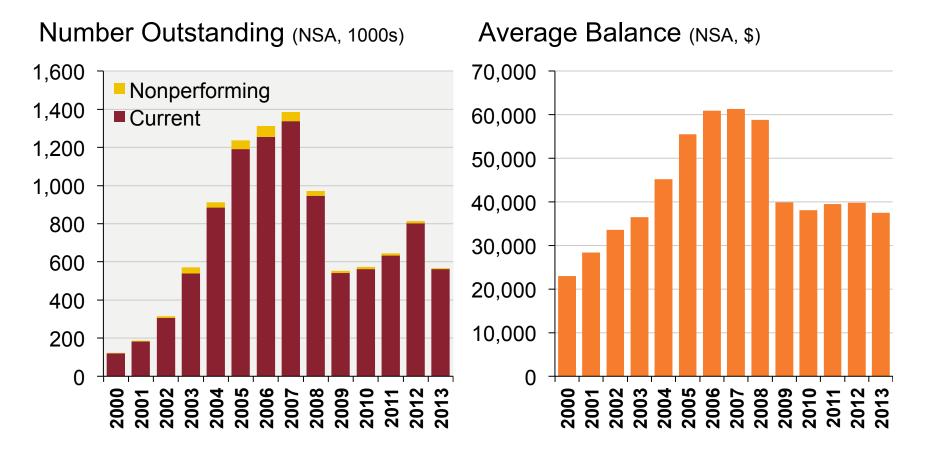
• Distressed sales have fallen to 12 percent of sales, the lowest since the recession began.

Source: National Association of Realtors; Equifax



## **HELOC Resets Are on the Horizon**

#### **Outstanding HELOCs by Vintage Year**



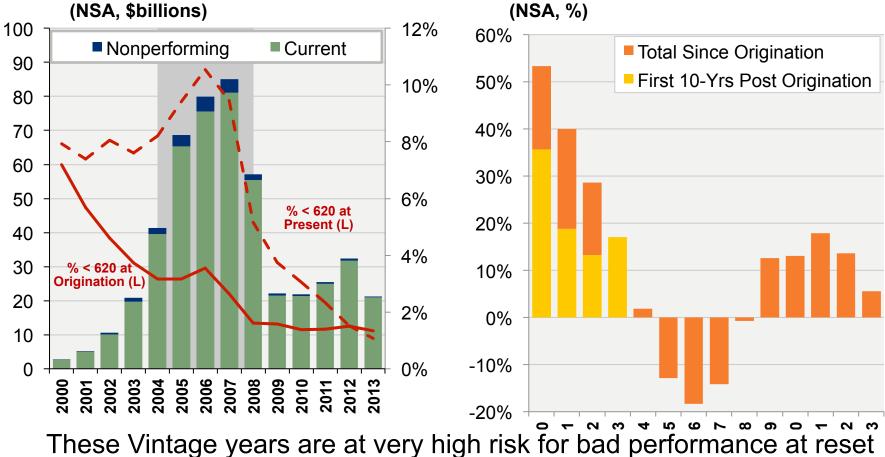
Source: Equifax; Data through August 2013



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# Outstanding Balances of HELOCs by Vintage

#### Cumulative National Home Price Change by Vintage (NSA, %)

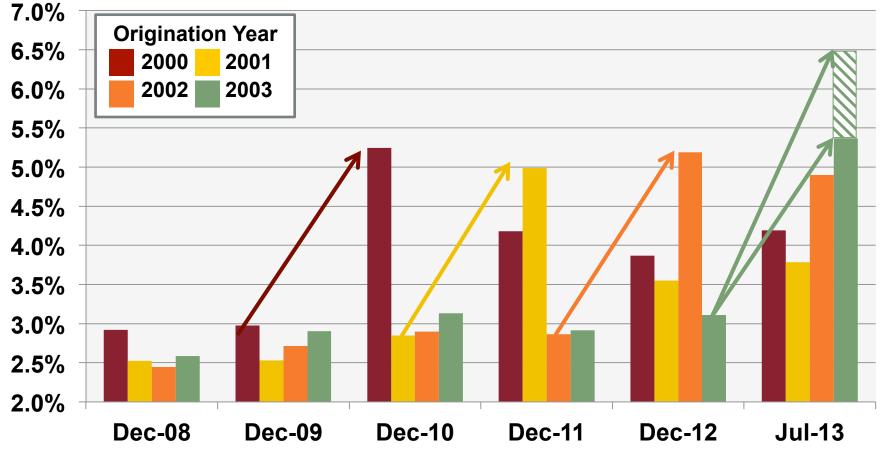


Source: Equifax; Data through August 2013; Corelogic; Data through July 2013



#### At the 10-Year Mark, Delinquencies on HELOCs Almost Double

Share of Nonperforming Outstanding Balances of HELOCs by Vintage Year (NSA)



Source: Equifax; Data through August 2013





# **Questions?**

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