Q1 Special Topic: COVID-19, Mortgage Digitization, and Borrower Satisfaction

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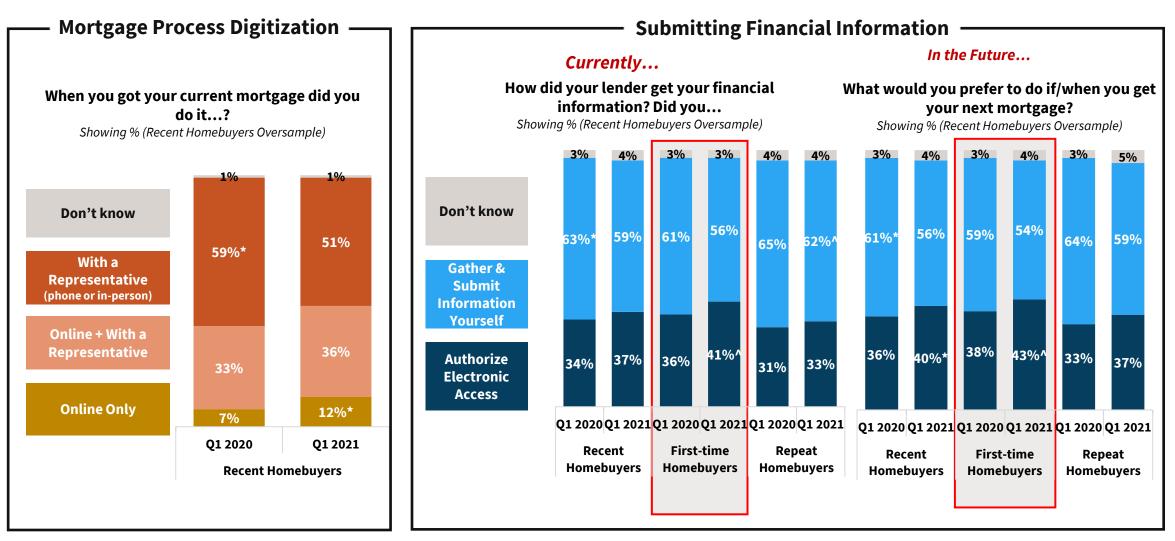


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# **COVID and Mortgage Digitization**

## While use of digital channels increased slightly among recent homebuyers over the past year, the majority still used traditional in-person channels.

• First-time homebuyers were significantly more likely than repeat homebuyers to have authorized electronic access to their financial information.



Q: When you went through the process of getting your current mortgage did you do it...?

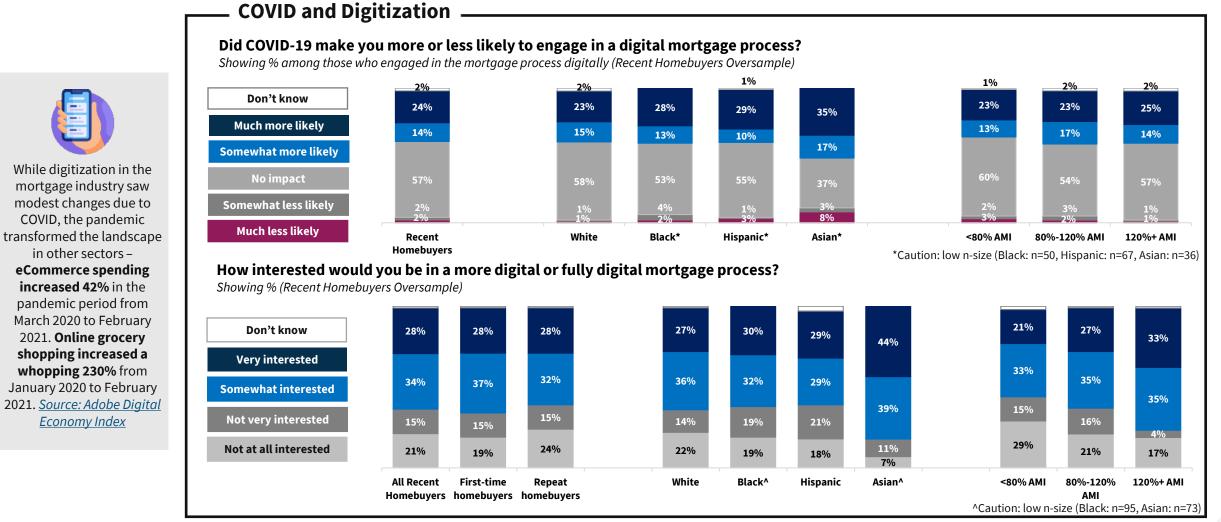
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<sup>3</sup> Q: Which of the following would you prefer to do if/when you get your (next) home mortgage?

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## Most recent homebuyers who utilized digital mortgage channels said COVID had no impact on their decision.

- However, among all consumers, there is openness to a more digital mortgage process in the future.
- Unlike other industries that saw a rapid acceleration in digitization due to COVID, it appears that digitization is proceeding at a gradual pace in the mortgage industry buying a home is a major life decision, and many consumers are likely hesitant to move quickly to online channels.

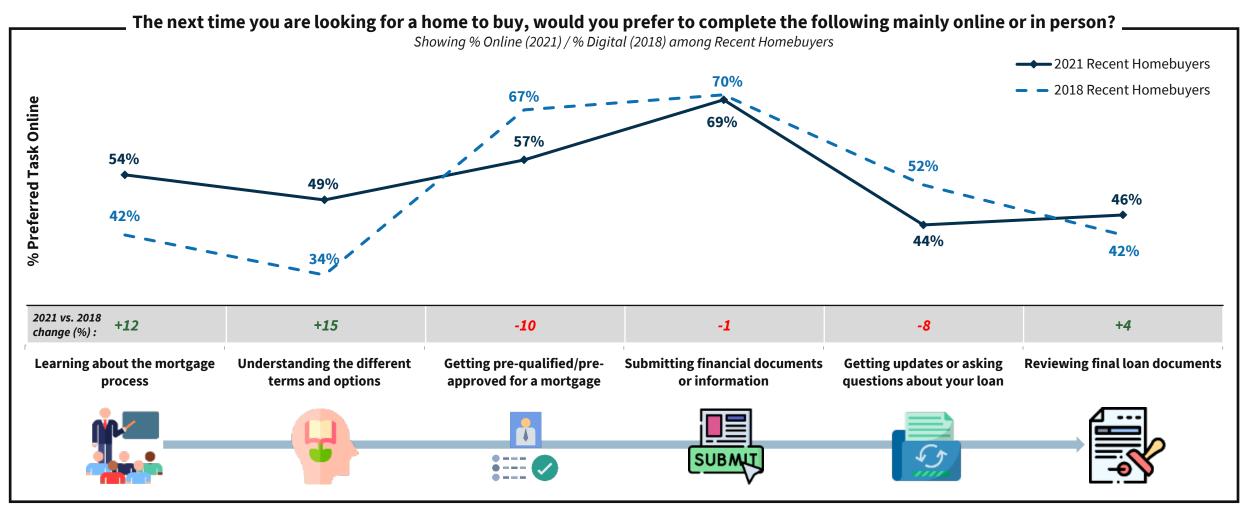


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Q: If you were getting a mortgage, how interested would you be in a more digital or fully digital mortgage process, where you could complete more or all steps online?

## Compared to 2018, recent homebuyers are more likely to prefer to learn about the mortgage process and understand their options online rather than in person.

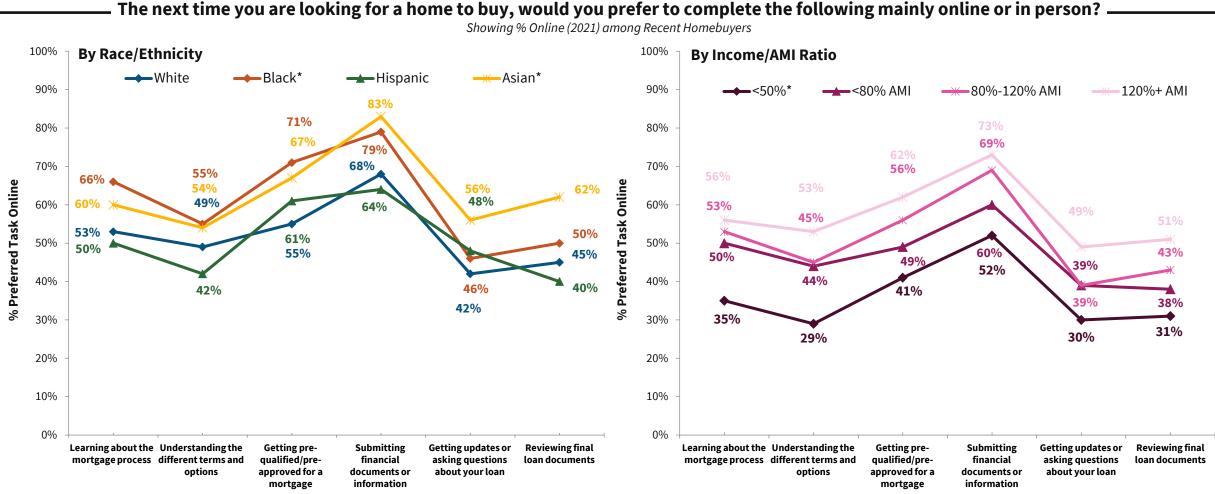
- However, fewer would prefer to receive updates and ask questions mainly online.
- There were minimal differences between first-time homebuyers and repeat homebuyers on their digital interest for the mortgage process.



Note: Slightly different question text was used in 2018 and 2021. 2018: The next time you apply for a mortgage would you prefer to complete the following tasks mainly through digital channels or mainly person-to-person? 2021: The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person?

## Among recent homebuyers, there are differences in online preferences between high-income vs. low-income groups, as well as differences between minority groups.

• Higher-income, Asian, and Black recent homebuyers demonstrated a slightly stronger preference for conducting mortgage tasks online, while lower-income and Hispanic consumers showed a stronger preference for conducting tasks with a representative in-person or by phone.

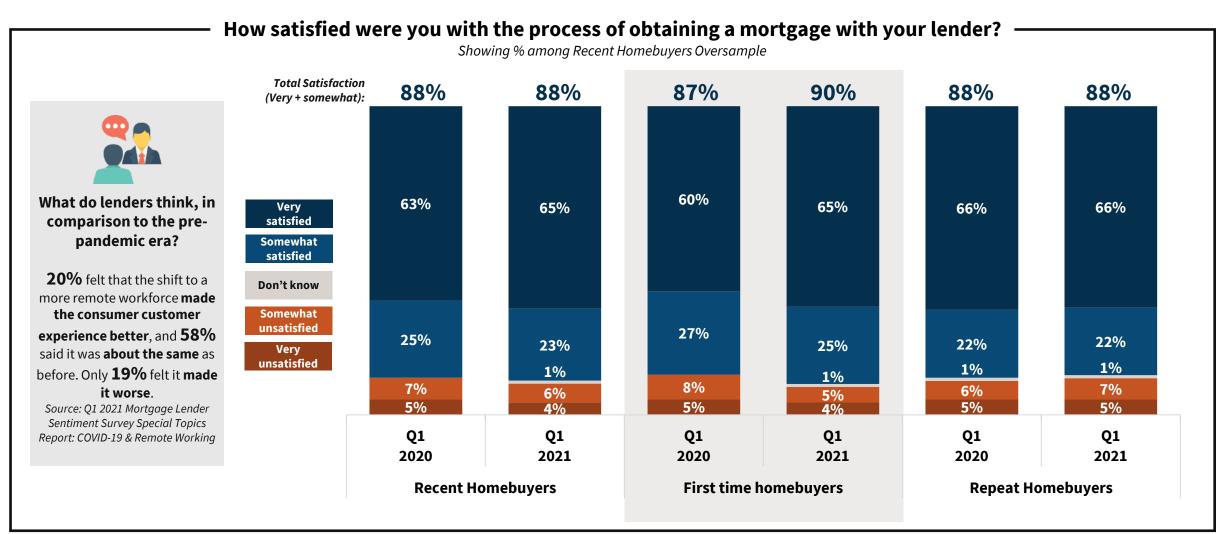


2021: The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? \*Caution: low n-size (2021: Black: 94, Asian: n=73, <50% AMI: 64)

# Mortgage Customer Satisfaction During COVID

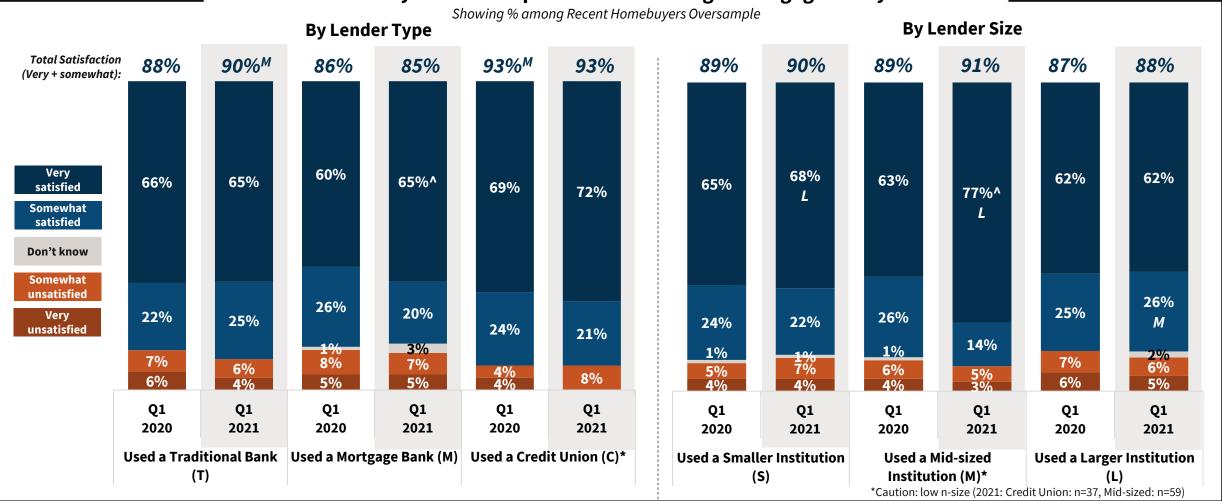
## Most recent homebuyers are satisfied with the mortgage process, and satisfaction is generally unchanged compared to the previous year (pre-COVID).

• It appears that the pandemic, and remote work arrangements that many lenders had to adopt quickly, had little to no impact on homebuyer satisfaction with the process.



## Although satisfaction in 2021 was relatively unchanged and high across institutions, mortgage banks have a slightly lower satisfaction rate than traditional banks and credit unions.

• In Q1 2021 recent homebuyers who used a smaller or mid-sized lender for their mortgage were significantly more likely to be "very satisfied" than those who used a larger lender.



#### How satisfied were you with the process of obtaining a mortgage with your lender?

T/M/C - Denote a % is significantly higher than the institution type group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level within the same year L/M/S - Denote a % is significantly higher than the annual loan origination volume group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level within the same year ^ - Denote a % is significantly higher than compared to 2020

Q: How satisfied were you with the process of obtaining a mortgage with your lender?



## A Note on January-March 2021 Survey Collection

Due to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), PSB's in-house phone room closed due to a shelter in place order in Denver, CO. Because of this PSB has partnered with Opinion Access to conduct the NHS interviews on our behalf. PSB continues to process and analyze the data and complete all regular deliverables.

While Opinion Access has call centers based in in Florida, they also have a very extensive remote workforce that can conduct interviews from their homes. This ensures our continued work on the NHS even if their call centers are forced to close or if a portion of the work force gets sick.

PSB trained all interviewers from Opinion Access to ensure interviewing is consistent with PSB's procedures. We also are monitoring interviews for quality control. This minimized any noise in the data from using different interviewers. PSB also regularly reviews the results of the interviews as they are completed to ensure everything is fielding properly.

There were no changes in the sample composition, as PSB provided Opinion Access with the survey sample and dialing procedures. The sample quotas and targets remained unchanged from previous months and the data was weighted by PSB in the same way as past months to be representative of the US population.

## Research Methodology: Q1 2021 GP Sample

- Each month, beginning in June 2010, approximately 1,000 live (not automated) telephone interviews with Americans age 18 and older via landline and cell phone are conducted by PSB, in coordination with Fannie Mae. For the sample to accurately represent the U.S. population, 70% of calls are made to cell phones. The margin of error for the total sample is ±3.1% at the 95% confidence level and larger for sub-groups. Most of the data collection occurs during the first two weeks of each month.
- The General Population data presented in this study has been weighted to make it reflective of the U.S. Census American Community Survey demographic statistics in terms of gender, age, race/ethnicity, income, education, housing tenure, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) phone type statistics.
- Respondents can volunteer a "don't know" response on each question, which is why, in some cases, the total responses may not add up to 100%.

	Sample Size	Margin of Error
General Population (GP), including:	3,002	±1.79%
Mortgage Holders	1,201	±2.83%
Renters	1,021	±3.07%

## **Research Methodology – Sample Sizes by Demographic Groups (GP Sample)**

Q1 2021 Sample	Sample Size	Margin of Error
By Income		
<80% AMI	835	±3.39%
80%-120% AMI	431	±4.72%
120%+ AMI	1222	±2.80%
By Race		
White, non-Hispanic	1,805	±2.31%
Hispanic	540	±4.22%
Black	361	±5.16%
Asian	180	±7.30%
By Age		
18-34	901	±3.26%
35-44	510	±4.34%
45-64	961	±3.16%
65+	630	±3.90%

\*AMI ratio status for NHS respondents was determined by matching zip code to AMI, and using the mid point of a respondent's income category in Q142 as a proxy for income. Those who answered with "don't know" for income or zip code, or where AMI data was not available for a zip code were not able to be coded.

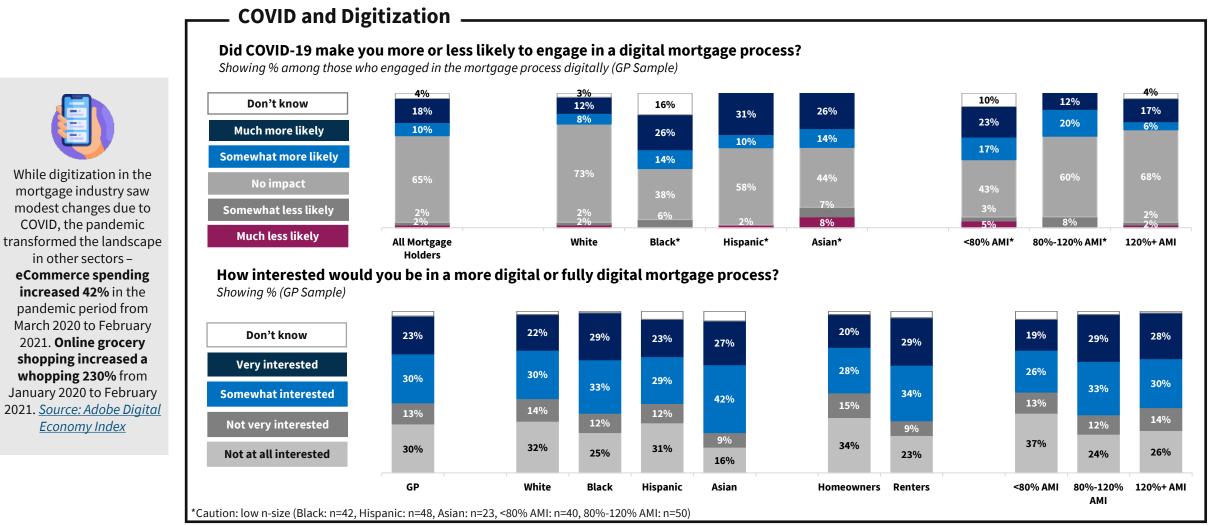
## Research Methodology: Q1 2021 Recent Homebuyers Oversample

Additionally, in January-March 2021 an oversample of 1,201 recent homebuyers from Fannie Mae's book of business was conducted. These recent homebuyers purchased a home in 2020 with origination dates between 5/1/2020 and 12/1/2020; only purchase borrowers were included, not refinance borrowers. Respondents were randomly selected to participate in this telephone survey. The oversample data has been weighted to make it reflective of all recent homebuyers in Fannie Mae's book of business.

	Sample Size	Margin of Error
Recent Homebuyers, including:	1,201	±2.83%
First-time Homebuyers	625	±3.92%
Recent Homebuyers	576	±4.08%

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## Digital/In-Person Mortgage Acquisition

When you went through the process of getting your current mortgage did you do it...?

	RECENT	HOMEBUY	ER STATUS
Recent Homebuyers Oversample	HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER
N=	1201	625	576
Online	12%	11%	12%
With a representative by phone or in person	51%	50%	52%
Both online and with a representative	36%	38%	34%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%

### **Financial Information Review Method**

Which of the following best describes how your lender received and reviewed your financial information in order to approve your mortgage? Did you...

	RECENT	HOMEBUY	ER STATUS
Recent Homebuyers Oversample	HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER
N=	1201	625	576
Give your lender or an authorized third party permission to access your financial information electronically	37%	41%	33%
Gather your financial information and submit it to your lender yourself	59%	56%	62%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%

### **Future Preferred Financial Information Review Method**

Which of the following would you prefer to do if/when you get your next home mortgage

	RECENT	HOMEBUY	ER STATUS
Recent Homebuyers Oversample	HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER
N=	1201	625	576
Give your lender or an authorized third party permission to access your financial information electronically	40%	43%	37%
Gather your financial information and submit it to your lender yourself	56%	54%	59%
Don't know	4%	4%	5%

### Impact of COVID on Mortgage Process Digitization

Did the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, much less likely, or have no impact on your choice to engage in a digital mortgage process, where you completed more or all steps of the mortgage process online? *Among those who engaged in a digital mortgage process* 

		OWNERSH	IP STATUS		RA	CE			ļ	AMI STATU	S	
GP Sample	GP	OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI
N=	395	395	0	270	48	42	23	19	21	40	50	253
Much more likely	18%	18%	N/A	12%	31%	26%	26%	16%	29%	23%	12%	17%
Somewhat more likely	10%	10%	N/A	8%	10%	14%	14%	24%	10%	17%	20%	6%
Somewhat less likely	2%	2%	N/A	2%	0%	6%	7%	5%	0%	3%	8%	2%
Much less likely	2%	2%	N/A	2%	2%	0%	8%	10%	0%	5%	0%	2%
No impact	65%	65%	N/A	73%	58%	38%	44%	32%	54%	43%	60%	68%
Don't know	4%	4%	N/A	3%	0%	16%	0%	12%	7%	10%	0%	4%

### **Interest in Digital Mortgage Process**

If you were getting a mortgage, how interested would you be in a more digital or fully digital mortgage process, where you could complete more or all steps online?

		OWNERSH	IP STATUS		RA	CE				AMI STATU	S	
GP Sample	GP	OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI
N=	3002	1921	1021	1805	540	361	180	516	319	835	431	1222
Very interested	23%	20%	29%	22%	23%	29%	27%	19%	19%	19%	29%	28%
Somewhat interested	30%	28%	34%	30%	29%	33%	42%	25%	28%	26%	33%	30%
Not very interested	13%	15%	9%	14%	12%	12%	9%	12%	16%	13%	12%	14%
Not at all interested	30%	34%	23%	32%	31%	25%	16%	38%	35%	37%	24%	26%
Don't know	3%	2%	4%	2%	5%	1%	6%	7%	2%	5%	2%	1%

### **Online/In-Person Preference: Learning about the Mortgage Process**

Learning about the mortgage process: The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? Among Mortgage Holders

GP Sample	GP	OWNERSH	IP STATUS		RA	CE			l	AMI STATUS		
		OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI
N=	1201	1201	0	790	192	112	60	89	88	177	155	708
Online	38%	38%	N/A	40%	27%	39%	46%	34%	30%	32%	33%	40%
By phone or in person	60%	60%	N/A	58%	72%	54%	48%	62%	69%	65%	66%	57%
Don't know	3%	3%	N/A	2%	2%	7%	6%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%

		HOMEBUY	ER STATUS		RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
Recent Homebuyers Oversample	RECENT HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	625	576	829	158	94	73	64	234	298	332	572	
Online	54%	54%	53%	53%	50%	66%	60%	35%	54%	50%	53%	56%	
By phone or in person	44%	44%	44%	45%	49%	34%	37%	65%	44%	49%	45%	41%	
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	3%	

#### Online/In-Person Preference: Understanding the Different Mortgage Terms and Options

Understanding the different mortgage terms and options: The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? Among Mortgage Holders

GP Sample	GP	OWNERSH	IP STATUS		RA	CE				AMI STATU	S	
		OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI
N=	1201	1201	0	790	192	112	60	89	88	177	155	708
Online	36%	36%	N/A	38%	26%	35%	57%	31%	34%	32%	32%	38%
By phone or in person	62%	62%	N/A	60%	73%	65%	35%	68%	66%	67%	65%	60%
Don't know	2%	2%	N/A	2%	1%	0%	9%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%

		HOMEBUY	ER STATUS		RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
Recent Homebuyers Oversample	RECENT HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	625	576	829	158	94	73	64	234	298	332	572	
Online	49%	50%	48%	49%	42%	55%	54%	29%	49%	44%	45%	53%	
By phone or in person	50%	49%	50%	50%	57%	45%	45%	71%	50%	55%	54%	45%	
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	

### **Online/In-Person Preference: Getting Pre-qualified/Pre-approved for a Mortgage**

**Getting pre-qualified/pre-approved for a mortgage:** The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? *Among Mortgage Holders* 

GP Sample	GP	OWNERSHIP STATUS			RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
		OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	1201	0	790	192	112	60	89	88	177	155	708	
Online	46%	46%	N/A	45%	38%	48%	76%	35%	35%	35%	39%	52%	
By phone or in person	53%	53%	N/A	53%	61%	52%	20%	64%	65%	64%	59%	47%	
Don't know	2%	2%	N/A	1%	1%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	

Recent Homebuyers Oversample		HOMEBUYER STATUS			RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
	RECENT HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	625	576	829	158	94	73	64	234	298	332	572	
Online	57%	59%	55%	55%	61%	71%	67%	41%	52%	49%	56%	62%	
By phone or in person	41%	40%	43%	43%	38%	29%	33%	59%	47%	49%	42%	37%	
Don't know	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	

#### **Online/In-Person Preference: Submitting Financial Documents or Information**

Submitting financial documents or information: The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? Among Mortgage Holders

GP Sample	GP	OWNERSH	IP STATUS		RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
		OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	1201	0	790	192	112	60	89	88	177	155	708	
Online	45%	45%	N/A	47%	37%	39%	49%	31%	24%	27%	37%	51%	
By phone or in person	54%	54%	N/A	52%	60%	59%	51%	69%	76%	72%	61%	47%	
Don't know	2%	2%	N/A	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	

Recent Homebuyers Oversample	RECENT HOMEBUYERS	HOMEBUYER STATUS			RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
		FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	625	576	829	158	94	73	64	234	298	332	572	
Online	69%	71%	67%	68%	64%	79%	83%	52%	62%	60%	69%	73%	
By phone or in person	30%	28%	32%	30%	35%	21%	17%	48%	37%	40%	29%	26%	
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	

#### Online/In-Person Preference: Getting Updates or Asking Questions About Your Loan

Getting updates or asking questions about your loan: The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? Among Mortgage Holders

GP Sample	GP	<b>OWNERSHIP STATUS</b>			RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
		OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	1201	0	790	192	112	60	89	88	177	155	708	
Online	36%	36%	N/A	37%	27%	44%	47%	30%	26%	28%	29%	41%	
By phone or in person	62%	62%	N/A	62%	72%	56%	53%	70%	72%	71%	69%	58%	
Don't know	1%	1%	N/A	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	

Recent Homebuyers Oversample	RECENT HOMEBUYERS	HOMEBUYER STATUS			RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
		FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	625	576	829	158	94	73	64	234	298	332	572	
Online	44%	44%	44%	42%	48%	46%	56%	30%	41%	39%	39%	49%	
By phone or in person	54%	55%	53%	56%	51%	53%	43%	69%	58%	60%	59%	48%	
Don't know	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	

### **Online/In-Person Preference: Reviewing Final Loan Documents**

**Reviewing final loan documents:** The next time you are looking for a home to buy would you prefer to complete the following mainly online (via a computer or mobile device) or in person? *Among Mortgage Holders* 

GP Sample		OWNERSHIP STATUS			RA	CE		AMI STATUS					
	GP	OWNER	RENTER	WHITE	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	<50% AMI	50%-80% AMI	<80% AMI	80%-120% AMI	120%+ AMI	
N=	1201	1201	0	790	192	112	60	89	88	177	155	708	
Online	32%	32%	N/A	33%	30%	40%	20%	19%	25%	22%	28%	34%	
By phone or in person	67%	67%	N/A	66%	70%	60%	76%	81%	73%	77%	71%	65%	
Don't know	1%	1%	N/A	1%	0%	0%	4%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	

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Online	46%	44%	48%	45%	40%	50%	62%	31%	40%	38%	43%	51%	
By phone or in person	53%	56%	51%	54%	58%	50%	38%	69%	59%	61%	56%	48%	
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	

### **Satisfaction with Lender**

How satisfied were you with the process of obtaining a mortgage with your lender?

Recent Homebuyers	RECENT	HOMEBUY	ER STATUS	LEI	NDING BANK T	/PE	LENDING BANK SIZE			
Oversample	HOMEBUYERS	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER	REPEAT HOMEBUYER	DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION	MORTGAGE BANK	CREDIT UNION	SMALLER	MID-SIZED	LARGER	
N=	1201	625	576	699	403	37	604	59	498	
Very satisfied	65%	65%	66%	65%	65%	72%	68%	77%	62%	
Somewhat satisfied	23%	25%	22%	25%	20%	21%	22%	14%	26%	
Somewhat unsatisfied	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%	5%	6%	
Very unsatisfied	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	0%	4%	3%	5%	
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	2%	