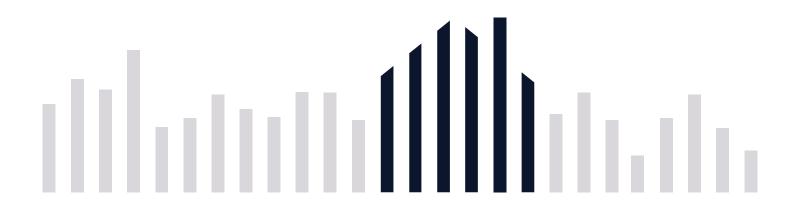


## **Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey**®

Providing Insights Into Current Lending Activities and Market Expectations

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#### **Key Findings – Q2 2018:**

# Mortgage demand sentiment reached a three-year low, with profit margin outlook remaining negative.

#### **Profit Margin Outlook**

Lenders' net profit margin outlook has stayed negative for seven consecutive quarters. Though it is less negative than the outlook seen last quarter (Q1 2018), it is worse than the one seen one year ago (Q2 2017). "Competition from other lenders" remains the top driver that lenders point to for their lower profit margin outlook, tying last quarter's survey high.

## Purchase Mortgage Demand

- For purchase mortgages, for GSE eligible and government loans, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months as well the net share reporting growth expectations over the next three months reached the lowest reading for any second quarter over the past three years.
- For non-GSE eligible loans, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months hit a two-year high for the same quarter (Q2).

#### Refinance Mortgage Demand

For refinance mortgages, on net, more lenders continued reporting declining demand over the prior three months, reaching the lowest level since Q2 2014.



## **Research Objectives**

- The Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®, which debuted in March 2014, is a quarterly online survey among senior executives in the mortgage industry.
- 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.

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

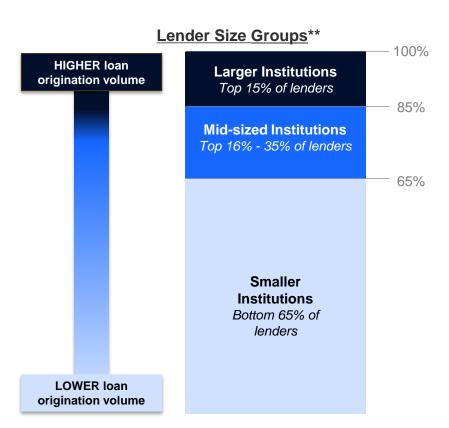
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- It is a quarterly 10-15 minute online survey of senior executives, such as CEOs and CFOs, of Fannie Mae's lending institution customers.
- The results are reported at the lending institution parent-company level. If more than one individual from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



## **Q2 2018 Respondent Sample and Groups**

For Q2 2018, a total of 187 senior executives completed the survey during May 2-14, representing 170 lending institutions.\*



Sample Q2	Sample Q2 2018							
The "Total" dat	<b>Total Lending Institutions</b> The "Total" data throughout this report is an average of the means of the three lender-size groups listed below.							
	Larger Institutions Lenders in the Fannie Mae database who were in the top 15% of lending institutions based on their total 2017 loan origination volume (above \$1.18 billion)	40						
Lender Size Groups	Mid-sized Institutions Lenders in the Fannie Mae database who were in the next 20% (16%-35%) of lending institutions based on their total 2017 loan origination volume (between \$400 million and \$1.18 billion)	36						
	Smaller Institutions Lenders in the Fannie Mae database who were in the bottom 65% of lending institutions based on their total 2017 loan origination volume (less than \$400 million)	94						
	Mortgage Banks (non-depository)	56						
Institution Type***	Depository Institutions	67						
) i -	Credit Unions	34						

<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.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> The 2017 total loan volume per lender used here includes the best available annual origination information from Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Marketrac. Lenders in the Fannie Mae database are sorted by their firm's total 2017 loan origination volume and then assigned into the size groups, with the top 15% of lenders being the "larger" group, the next 20% of lenders being the "mid-sized" group and the rest being the "small" group.

\*\*\* 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 may 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.							

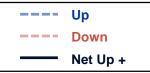


# **Consumer Demand**(Purchase and Refinance Mortgages)

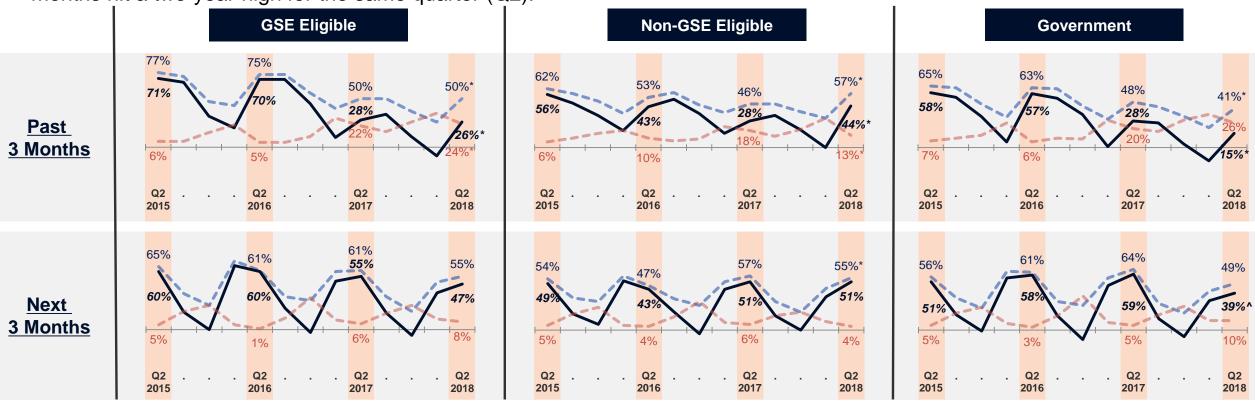
- For purchase mortgages, for GSE eligible and government loans, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months as well the net share reporting growth expectations over the next three months reached the lowest reading for any second quarter over the past three years.
  - For non-GSE eligible loans, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months hit a two-year high for the same quarter (Q2).
- For refinance mortgages, on net, more lenders continued reporting declining demand over the prior three months, reaching the lowest level since Q2 2014. The net share of lenders reporting demand growth expectations for the next three months continued to be negative, but remained relatively stable from last quarter (Q1 2018).



## **Purchase Mortgage Demand**



For GSE eligible and government loans, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months as well as the net share reporting growth expectations over the next three months reached the lowest reading for any second quarter over the past three years. For non-GSE eligible loans, the net share of lenders reporting demand growth over the prior three months hit a two-year high for the same quarter (Q2).



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

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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

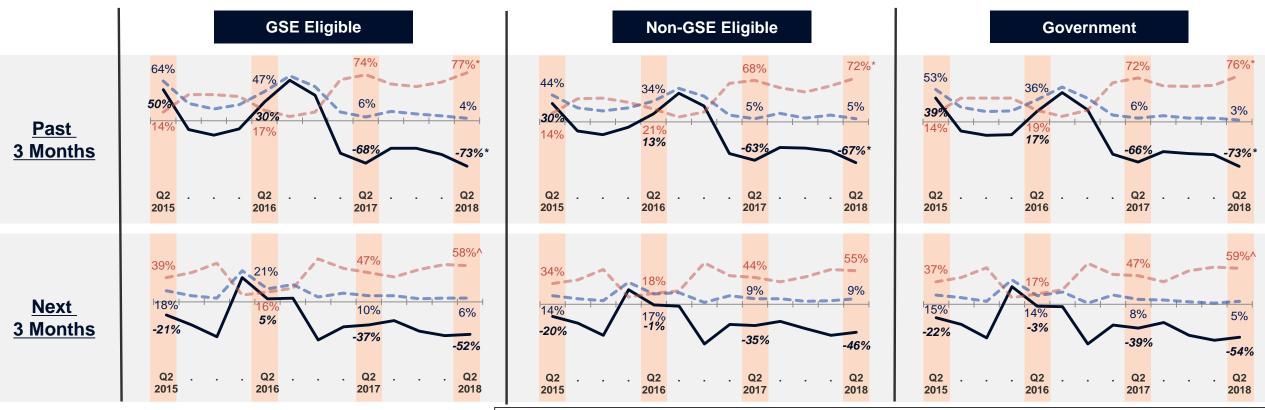
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## **Refinance Mortgage Demand**



On net, more lenders continued reporting declining demand over the prior three months, reaching the lowest level since Q2 2014. The net share of lenders reporting expectations for demand growth over the next three months continued to be negative, but remained relatively stable from last quarter (Q1 2018).



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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>refinance</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>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**

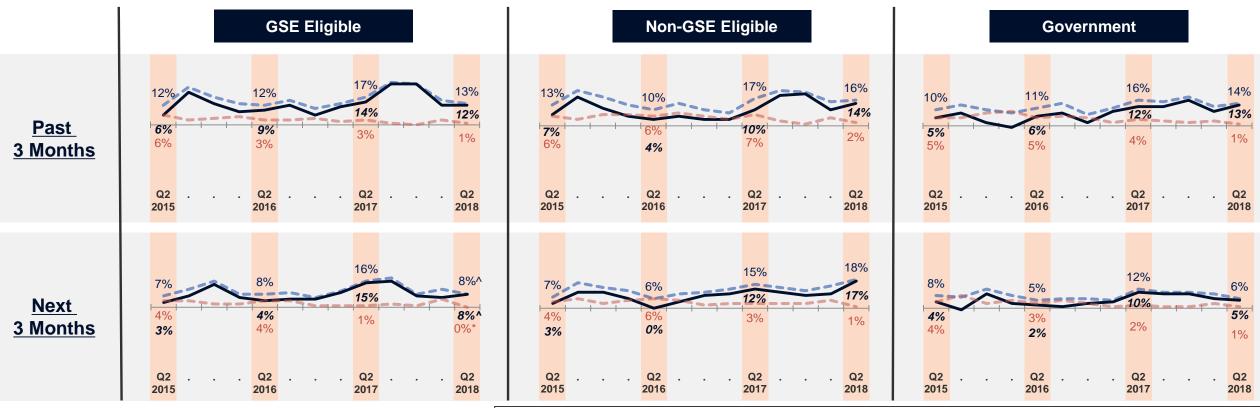
- The net share of lenders reporting easing of credit standards over the prior three months as well as the net share of lenders reporting easing for the next three months remained stable overall.
- However, the net share reporting easing of credit standards for non-GSE eligible loans appeared to tick up
  from last quarter. In particular, the net easing share for non-GSE eligible loans for the next three months
  reached a survey high.





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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



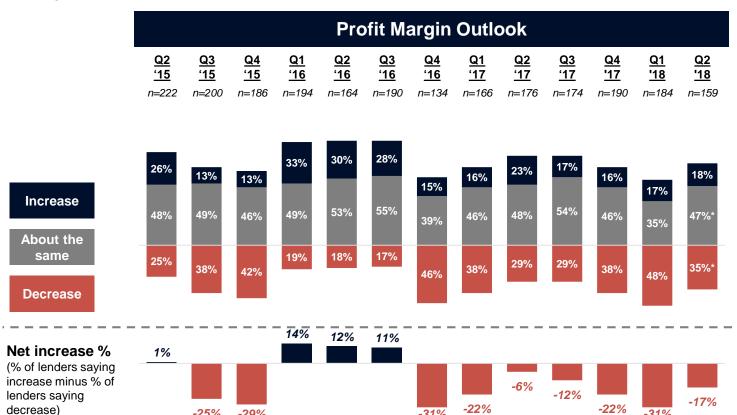
## **Profit Margin Outlook**

- Lenders' net profit margin outlook has stayed negative for seven consecutive quarters. Though it is less negative than the outlook seen last quarter (Q1 2018), it is worse than the one seen one year ago (Q2 2017).
- Since Q1 2017 (for six consecutive quarters), "competition from other lenders" has remained the top reason that lenders cited for their lower profit margin outlook, tying last quarter's survey high. "Market trend changes" continues to be the next key reason lenders cited for their lower profit margin outlook.



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

Lenders' net profit margin outlook has stayed negative for seven consecutive quarters. Though it is less negative than the outlook seen last quarter (Q1 2018), it is worse than the one seen one year ago (Q2 2017). Those expecting a lower profit margin outlook continued to point to "competition from other lenders" as the primary reason.



Key Reasons for Expected Increase – Q2 2018						
Operational efficiency (i.e., technology)	58%					
Consumer demand	56%					
Market trend changes (i.e., shift from refinance to purchase)	31%					
Non-GSE (other investor) pricing and policies	15%					
Staffing (personnel costs) reduction	13%					

Showing data for selected answer choices only. n=30

Key Reasons for Expected Decrease – Q2 2018							
Competition from other lenders 78%							
Market trend changes (i.e., shift from refinance to purchase)	31%						
Staffing (personnel costs)	19%						
Consumer demand	19%						
Operational efficiency (i.e., technology)	12%						

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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.

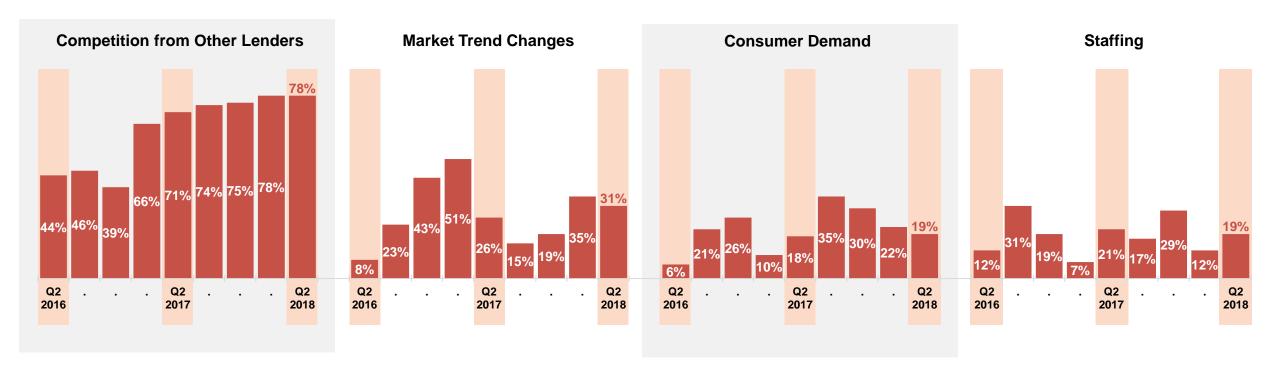
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## **Decreased Profit Margin Outlook – Top Drivers**

"Competition from other lenders" has continued to be cited as the top reason for lenders' decreased profit margin outlook since Q1 2017 (for six consecutive quarters), tied to last quarter's survey high. "Market trend changes" continues to be the next key reason lenders cited for lower profit margin outlook.



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: Q2 2016: N=29; Q3 2016: N=33; Q4 2016: N=64; Q1 2017: N=63 ; Q2 2017: N=49 ; Q3 2017: N=49 ; Q4 2017: N=75 ; Q1 2018: N=85 ; Q2 2018: N=52

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## **Survey Methodology Details**

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## 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.

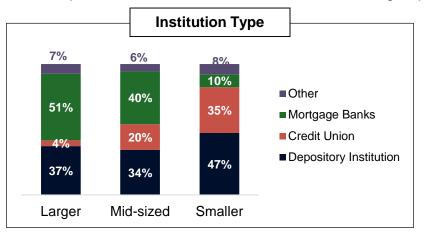
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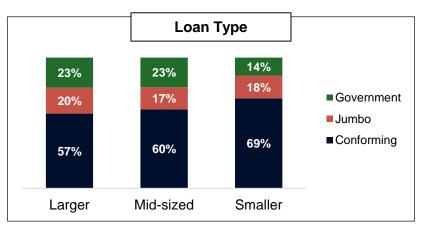
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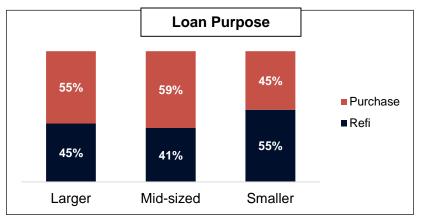


## **Lending Institution Characteristics**

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 2017. Institutions were divided into three groups based on their 2017 total industry loan volume – Larger (top 15%), Mid-sized (top 16%-35%), and Smaller (bottom 65%). The data below further describe the composition and loan characteristics of the three groups of institutions.







Note: Government loans include FHA loans, VA loans and other non-conventional loans from Marketrac.

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## **Sample Sizes**

			Q2 2016		2016 Q3 2016		Q4	Q4 2016 Q1 2017		Q2 2017 Q3 201		2017	7 Q4 2017		Q1 2018		Q2 2018		
		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	•	169	± 7.12%	200	± 6.47%	139	±7.93%	177	±7.18%	184	±7.22%	190	±6.64%	196	±6.42%	196	±6.43%	170	±7.04%
Loan	Larger Institutions	57	±11.28%	70	±9.82%	50	±12.30%	58	±12.76%	54	±13.34%	58	±11.16%	72	±9.47%	64	±10.32%	40	±13.79%
Origination Volume	Mid-sized Institutions	54	±12.13%	59	±11.50%	45	±13.53%	47	±14.20%	58	±12.87%	66	±10.69%	55	±11.78%	51	±12.36%	36	±15.07%
Groups	Smaller Institutions	58	±12.50%	71	±11.22%	44	±14.46%	72	±11.43%	72	±11.55%	66	±11.65%	69	±11.25%	81	±10.30%	94	±9.60%
	Mortgage Banks	65	±10.78%	65	±10.79%	52	±12.40%	53	±13.36%	58	±12.87%	73	±10.12%	74	±9.88%	69	±10.36%	56	±11.87%
Institution Type	Depository Institutions	63	±11.84%	79	±10.46%	54	±12.87%	72	±11.43%	82	±10.82%	75	±10.71%	77	±10.37%	63	±11.63%	67	±11.29%
	Credit Unions	34	±16.16%	49	±13.21%	29	±17.60%	44	±14.68%	36	±16.33%	38	±15.18%	37	±15.27%	56	±12.04%	34	±16.05%

#### 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

#### 2017

Q1 was fielded between February 1, 2017 and February 13, 2017 Q2 was fielded between May 3, 2017 and May 14, 2017 Q3 was fielded between August 2, 2017 and August 13, 2017

Q4 was fielded between November 10, 2016 and November 20, 2016 Q4 was fielded between November 1, 2017 and November 14, 2017

#### **2018**

Q1 was fielded between February 7, 2018 and February 19, 2018 Q2 was fielded between May 2, 2018 and May 14, 2018



## 2018 Q2 Cross-Subgroup Sample Sizes

	Total	Larger Lenders	Mid-Sized Lenders	Smaller Lenders	
Total	tal 170		36	94	
Mortgage Banks (non-depository)	s 56 19		23	14	
Depository Institutions	67	15	8	44	
Credit Unions	Credit Unions 34		4	28	



## 2018 Q2 Sample Sizes: Consumer Demand

#### **Purchase Mortgages:**

	Pa	st 3 Mont	hs	Next 3 Months			
	GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	
Total Lending Institutions	169	149	139	169	148	141	
Larger Institutions	39	39	36	39	38	36	
Mid-sized Institutions	36	30	34	36	30	35	
Smaller Institutions	94	80	69	94	80	70	

#### **Refinance Mortgages:**

	Pa	ast 3 Mont	hs	Next 3 Months			
	GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	
Total Lending Institutions	162	143	130	162	143	132	
Larger Institutions	37	37	34	37	37	34	
Mid-sized Institutions	35	29	32	35	28	33	
Smaller Institutions	90	77	63	90	78	65	



## 2018 Q2 Sample Sizes: Credit Standards

	Pa	st 3 Mont	hs	Next 3 Months			
	GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	GSE Eligible	Non-GSE Eligible	Government	
Total Lending Institutions	168	151	140	169	152	142	
Larger Institutions	39	39	36	39	39	36	
Mid-sized Institutions	36	30	34	36	30	35	
Smaller Institutions	93	82	69	94	83	70	



#### 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 (Q2 2018)	Larger Institutions	Mid-sized Institutions	Smaller Institutions	Q2 "Total"
Go up	53%	46%	51%	50% [(53% + 46% + 51%)/3]
Stayed the same	31%	27%	21%	26%
Go down	17%	26%	28%	24%



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### **Appendix**

## **Economic and Housing Sentiment**

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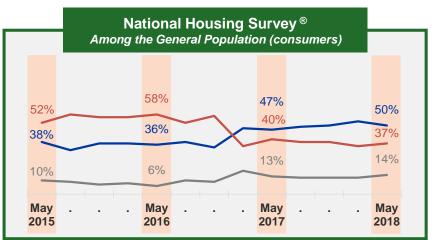


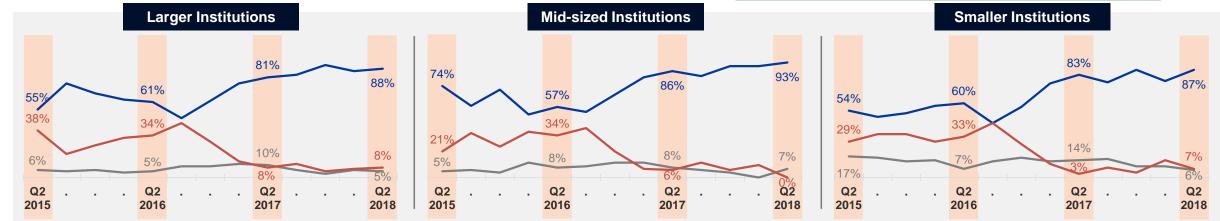
## **U.S. Economy Overall**

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







<sup>\*</sup> Denotes a statistically significant change compared with Q1 2018 (previous quarter)

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

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#### **Home Prices – Next 12 Months**

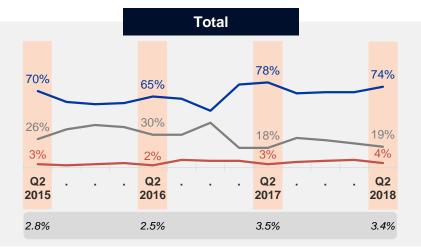
Nationally, during the next 12 months, do you, as a senior mortgage executive, think home prices in general will go up, go down, or stay the same as where they are now?

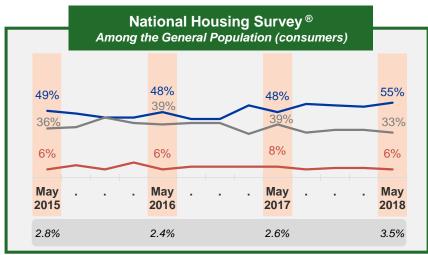
Go Up

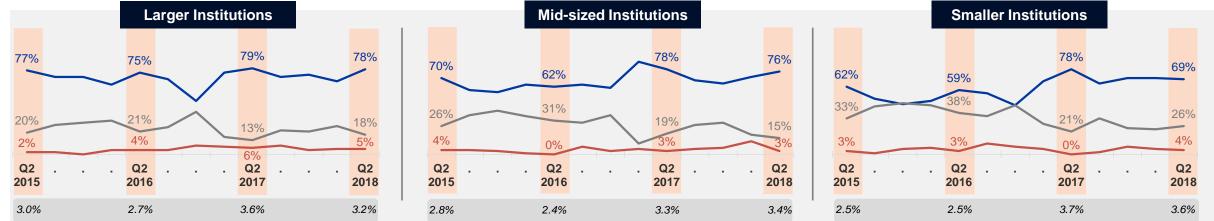
Stay the Same

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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## **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?

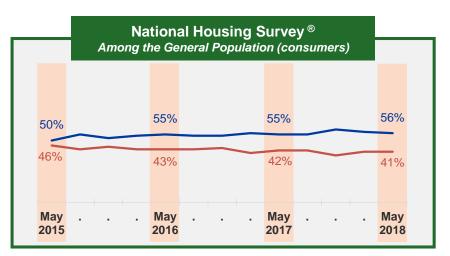
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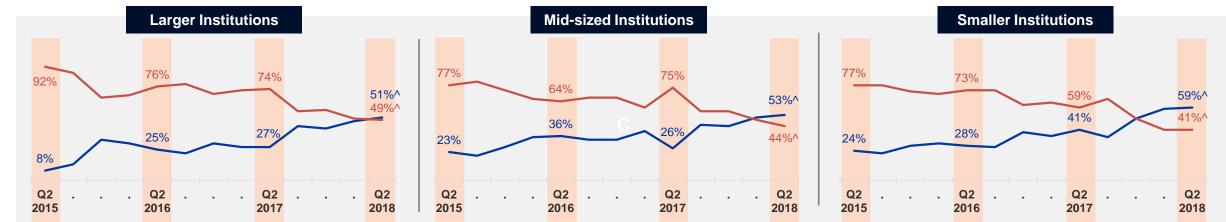
(Very easy + Somewhat easy)

#### Difficult

(Very difficult + Somewhat difficult)







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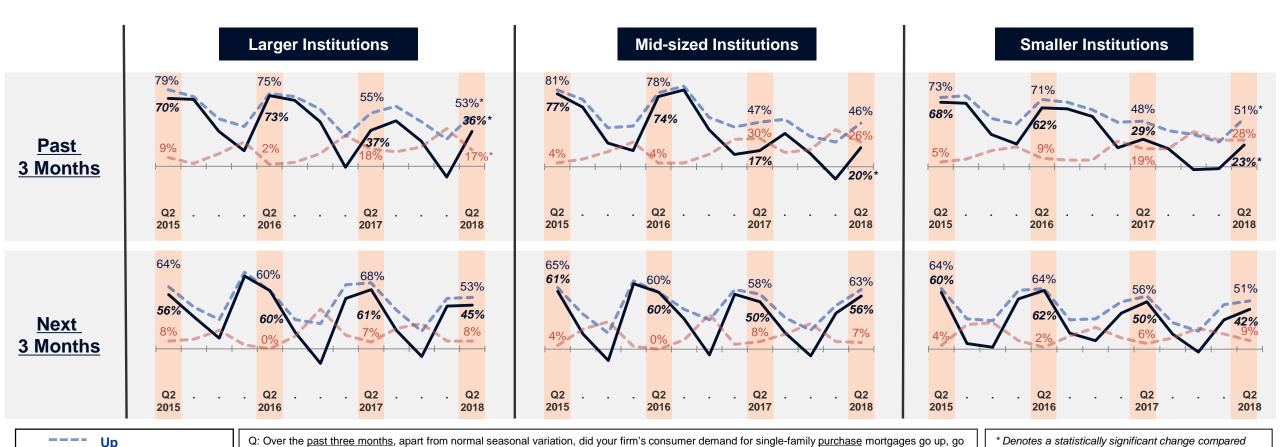
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## **Consumer Demand** (Purchase Mortgages)

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## 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

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

L/M/S - Denote a % is significantly higher than the annual loan origination volume group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

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with Q2 2017 (same quarter of last year)

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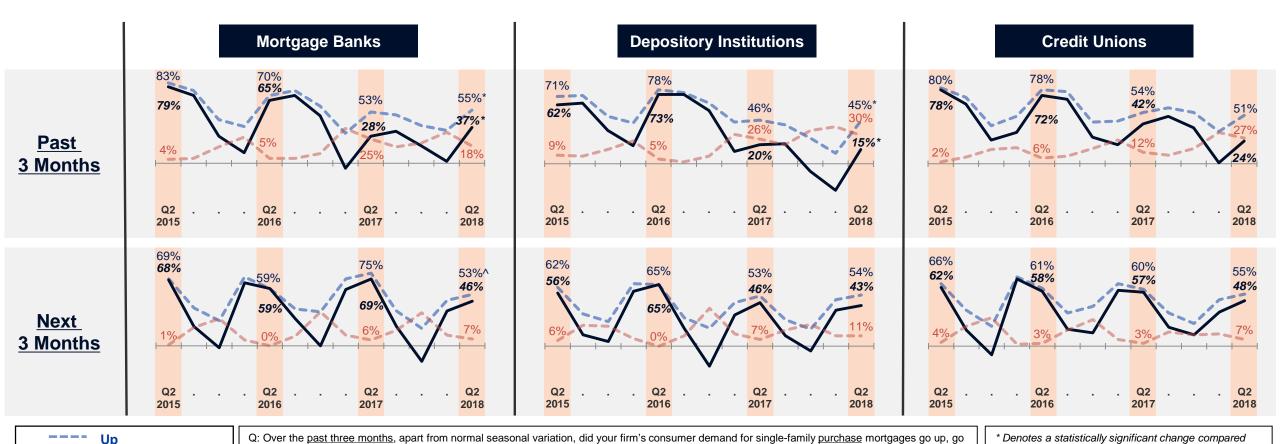
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**Down** 

Net Up +



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



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**Down** 

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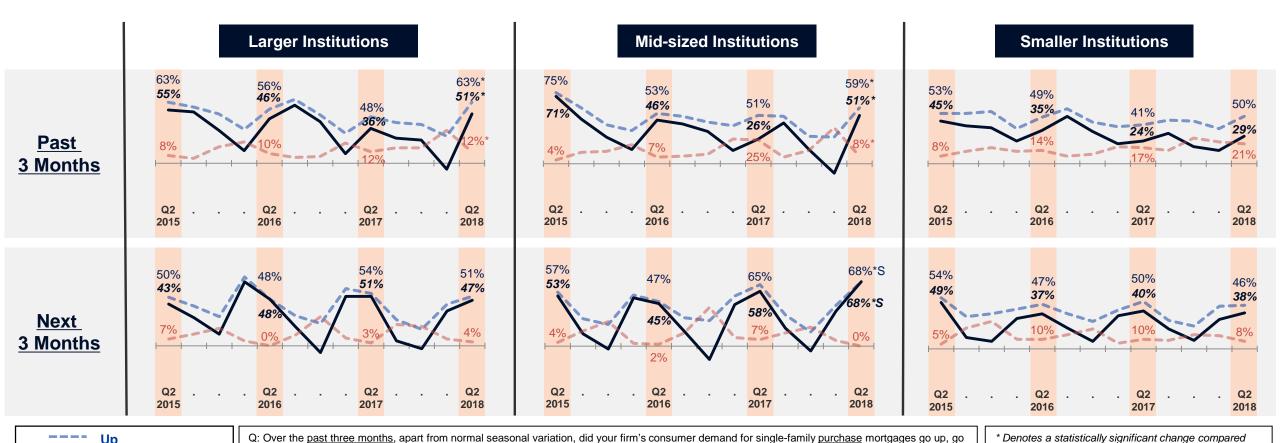
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## Purchase Mortgage Demand: Non-GSE Eligible (by institution size)



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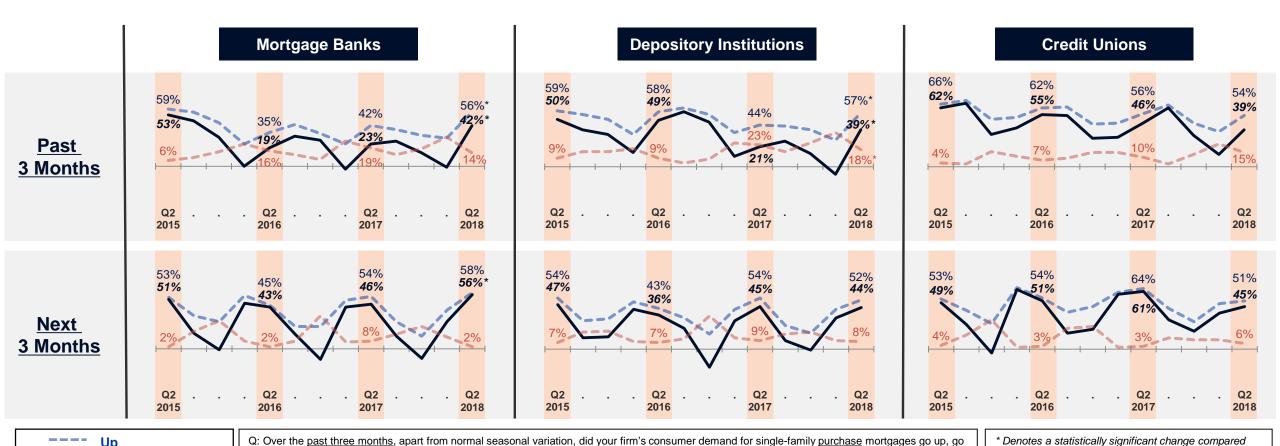


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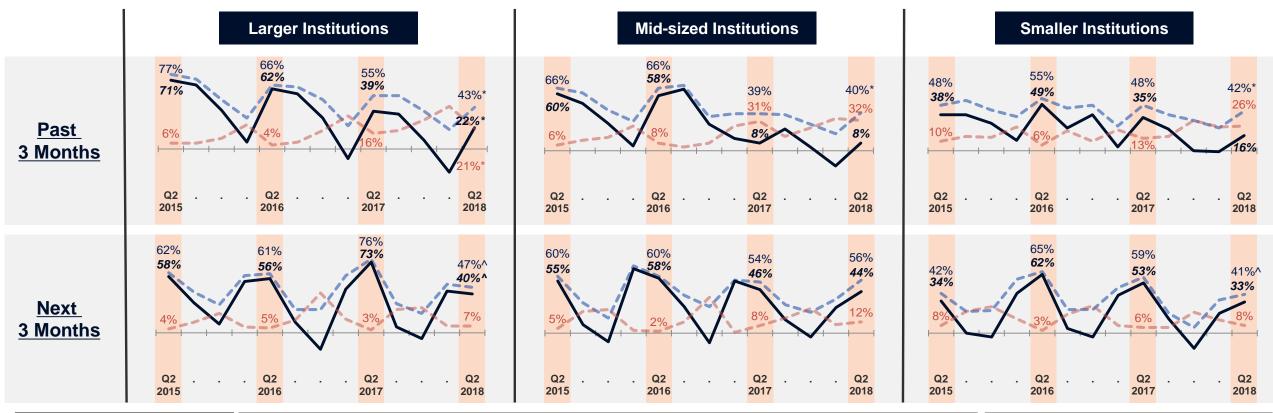
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## Purchase Mortgage Demand: Government (by institution size)





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

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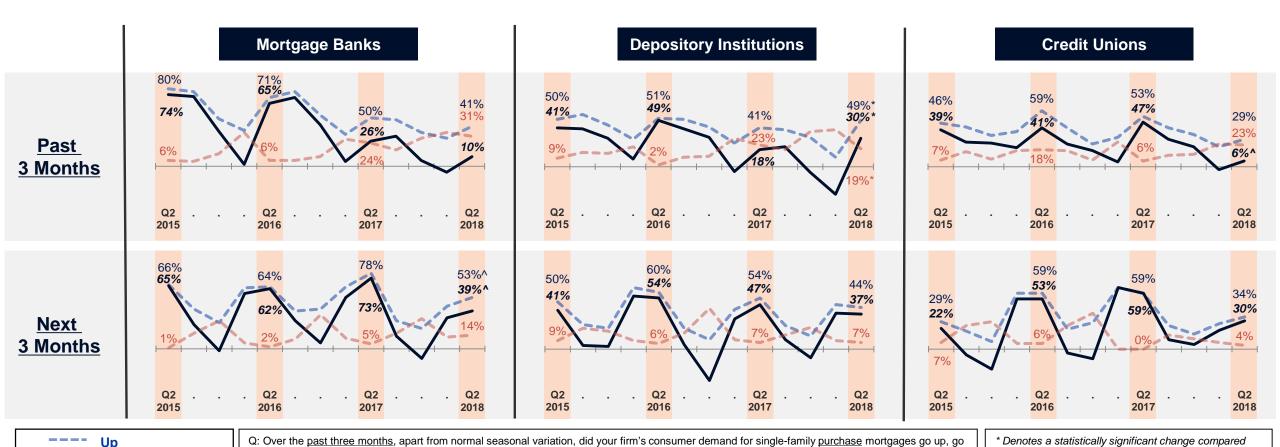
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## Purchase Mortgage Demand: Government (by institution type)



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

#### Past 3 Months

N=125

- Rising interest rates
- Lack of Inventory
- Economic conditions/consumer confidence
- Seasonality

Drivers of Demand Up

**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)

"Interest rates and difficulty locating a home to purchase due to low inventory." – Larger Institution

"Rising rates, limited inventory." – Mid-sized Institution

"Comparing 1st Qtr 2017 to 2018, we are down in production by 1.17%. I think uncertainty about what the rates were going to at the first of the year contributed to lower volume. I believe uncertainty about government direction was also a factor." – Smaller Institution

"Consumer confidence and relatively low borrowing rates." - Larger Institution

"Spring buying season; fear of rising rates." — Mid-sized Institution

"Higher rates have reduced refi incentive. Stronger economy, more jobs etc. causing people to buy homes. Home prices up due to limited stock of existing housing." – 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)		Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)*
N=	91	21	22	47	(11 11 17
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are favorable	70%	82%	67%	62%	25%
Mortgage rates are favorable	11%	0%	20%	11%	30%
There are many homes available on the market	5%	6%	0%	8%	18%
Home prices are low	2%	0%	0%	6%	10%
It is easy to qualify for a mortgage	1%	0%	0%	4%	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=	13	3	2	8	(551155111515)
There are not many homes available on the market	61%	100%	14%	62%	9%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	17%	0%	43%	12%	6%
Home prices are high	5%	0%	0%	12%	51%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	5%	0%	0%	12%	18%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%

<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)		Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)*
N=	76	19	20	36	(501153111515)
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are favorable	65%	68%	61%	67%	25%
Mortgage rates are favorable	14%	5%	22%	14%	30%
It is easy to qualify for a mortgage	5%	0%	10%	3%	5%
There are many homes available on the market	4%	7%	0%	5%	18%
Home prices are low	2%	3%	0%	5%	10%

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)		Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)**
N=	7	1	0	6	(concamore)
There are not many homes available on the market	33%	33%	0%	33%	9%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	25%	67%	0%	0%	7%
Home prices are high	21%	0%	0%	33%	51%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	10%	0%	0%	17%	18%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%

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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=	65	17	20	28	(11 11 11 1)
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are favorable	63%	58%	77%	46%	25%
Mortgage rates are favorable	13%	6%	15%	21%	30%
It is easy to qualify for a mortgage	9%	15%	0%	19%	5%
There are many homes available on the market	5%	14%	0%	4%	18%
Home prices are low	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%

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)		Larger Institutions (L)	Mid-sized Institutions (M)	Smaller Institutions (S)	National Housing Survey Among the General Population (consumers)**		
N=	12	2	4	6	(33.110.111010)		
There are not many homes available on the market	45%	60%	25%	67%	9%		
Mortgage rates are not favorable	22%	40%	25%	0%	6%		
Home prices are high	4%	0%	0%	17%	51%		
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	4%	0%	0%	17%	18%		
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%		

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

The share of lenders citing a shortage of homes on the market as the top reason in driving down expected future demand has reached a survey high among GSE Eligible loans, and is close to the survey high among Non-GSE Eligible and Government loans.

OCE Elimible	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
GSE Eligible	= 1	26	48	19	12	31	48	22	13
There are not many homes available on the market	0%	55%	37%	34%	73%	82%	74%	64%	83%
Home prices are high	0%	33%	33%	39%	48%	47%	41%	47%	74%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	0%	19%	67%	74%	25%	20%	23%	67%	26%*
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	100%	41%	26%	12%	7%	12%	15%	13%	5%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	100%	28%	19%	24%	30%	16%	12%	4%	0%
Non-GSE Eligible	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
Non-Gar Lingible	6	24	38	13	11	25	32	17	7

Non-GSE Eligible	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
Non-GSE Eligible	6	24	38	13	11	25	32	17	7
There are not many homes available on the market	0%	37%	30%	18%	41%	84%	65%	61%	79%
Home prices are high	0%	19%	35%	38%	44%	53%	37%	27%	54%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	100%	39%	17%	52%	28%	12%	23%	16%	25%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	32%	21%	66%	77%	43%	19%	21%	64%	21%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	49%	59%	30%	10%	26%	15%	11%	18%	10%

Covernment	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
Government N:	= 4	23	42	12	8	25	38	16	12
There are not many homes available on the market	0%	37%	35%	37%	65%	81%	72%	66%	73%
Home prices are high	0%	33%	29%	24%	53%	47%	40%	36%	45%
Mortgage rates are not favorable	22%	16%	56%	75%	22%	18%	22%	56%	31%
Economic conditions (e.g., employment) overall are not favorable	0%	54%	40%	22%	12%	27%	15%	19%	4%
It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage	67%	25%	20%	33%	37%	13%	8%	13%	0%^

<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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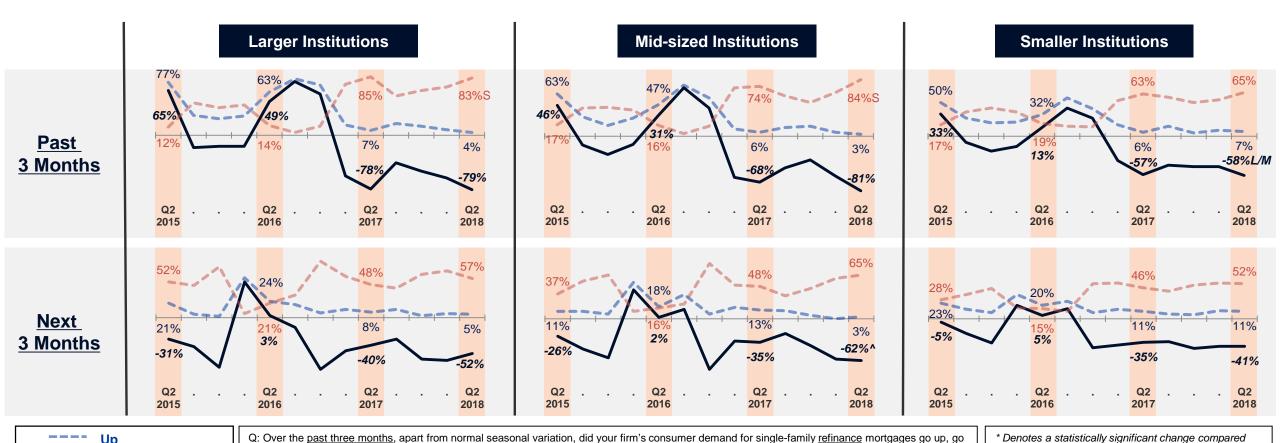
#### **Appendix**

# **Consumer Demand** (Refinance Mortgages)

Q2 2018 Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®



## 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

L/M/S - Denote a % is significantly higher than the annual loan origination volume group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

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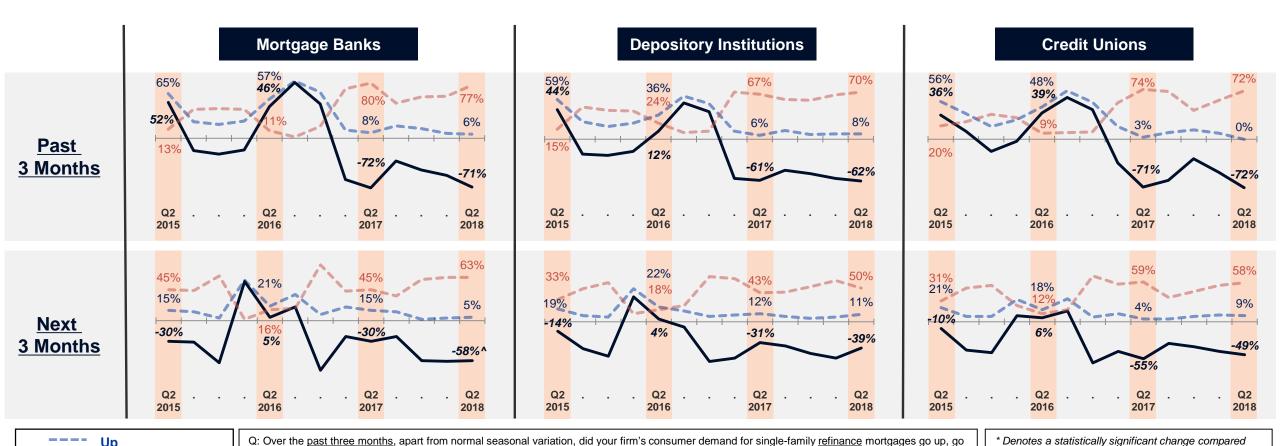
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**Down** 

Net Up +



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



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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 refinance ^ Denotes a statistically significant change compared mortgages to go up, go down, or stay the same? "Up" = Go up significantly + Go up somewhat. "Down" = Go down significantly + Go down somewhat with Q2 2017 (same quarter of last year)

Net Up + = % of lenders saying up minus % of lenders saying down

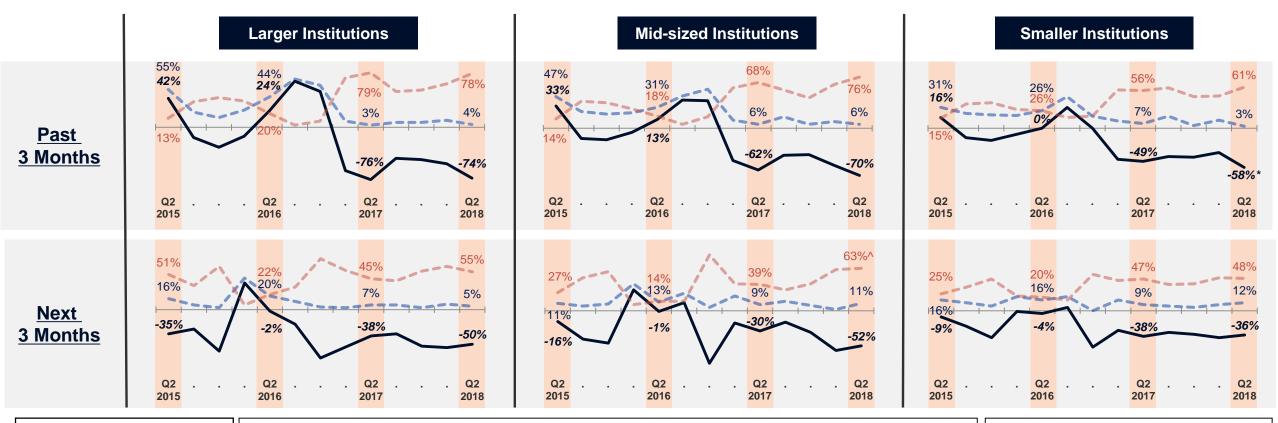
**Down** 

Net Up +

with Q1 2018 (previous quarter)



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



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mortgages to

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L/M/S - Denote a % is significantly higher than the annual loan origination volume group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

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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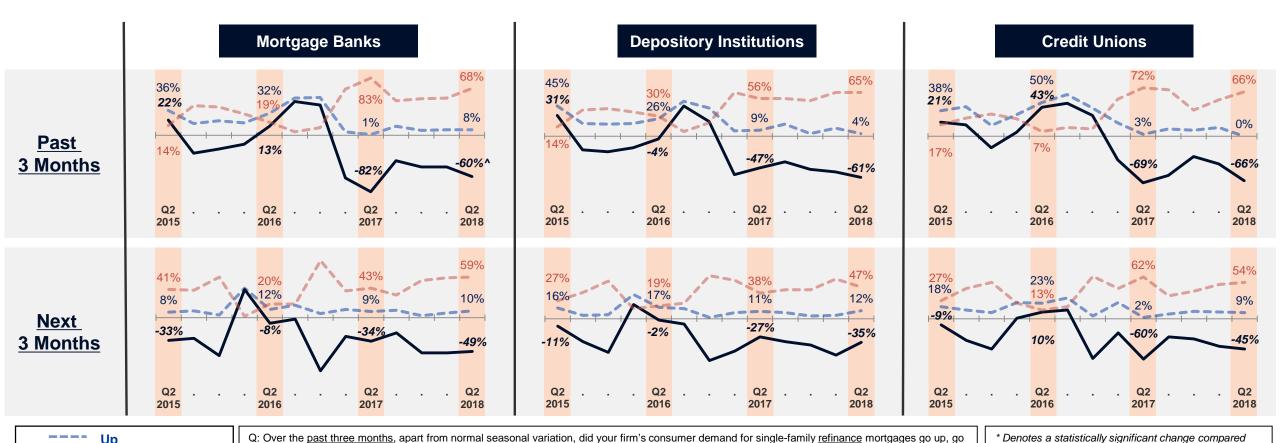


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**Down** 

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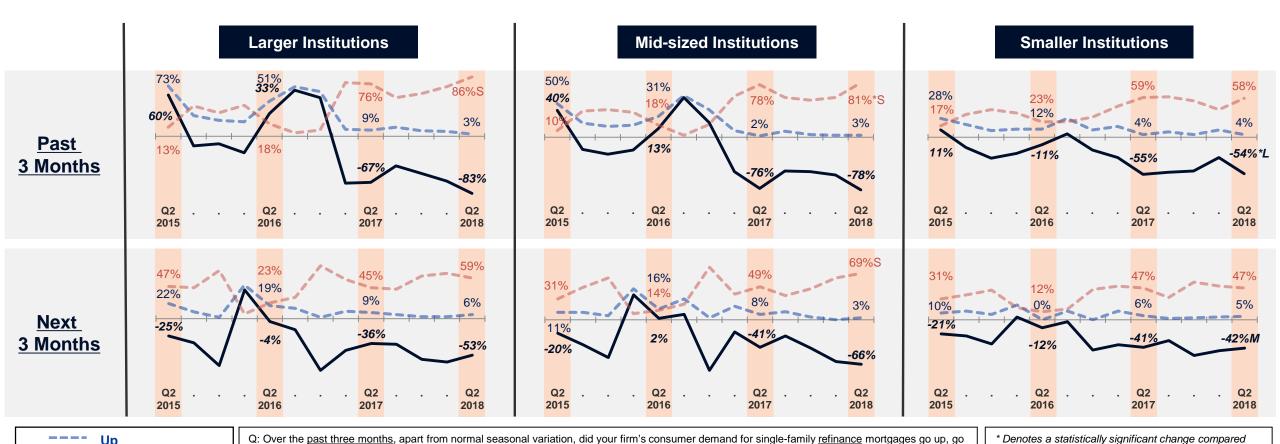
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## Refinance Mortgage Demand: Government (by institution size)



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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 refinance

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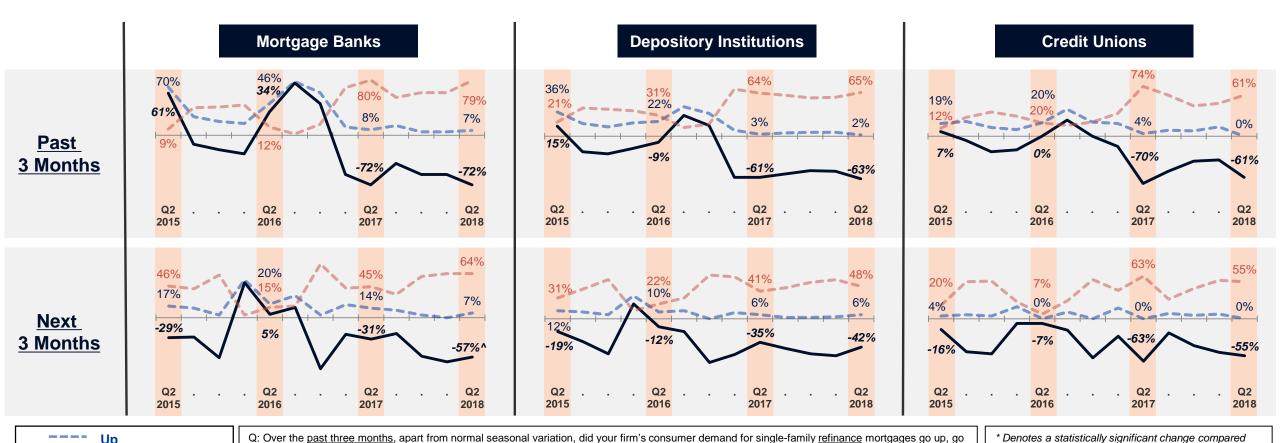
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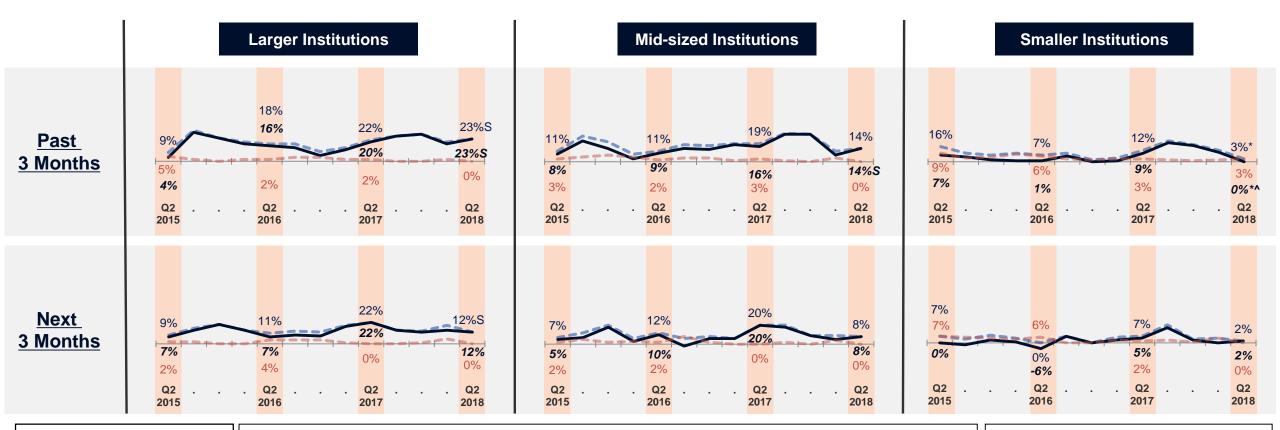
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## **Credit Standards**

Q2 2018 Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®



#### 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

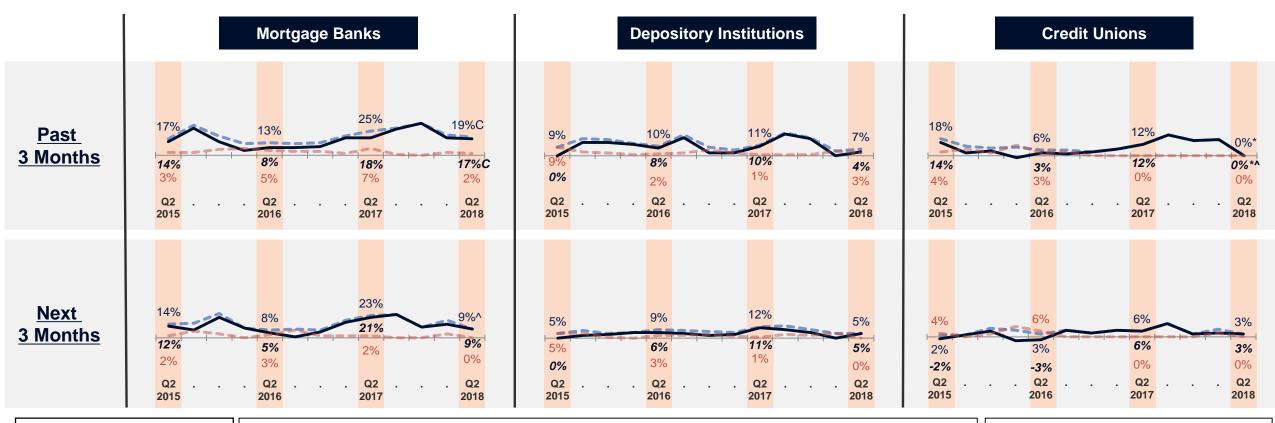
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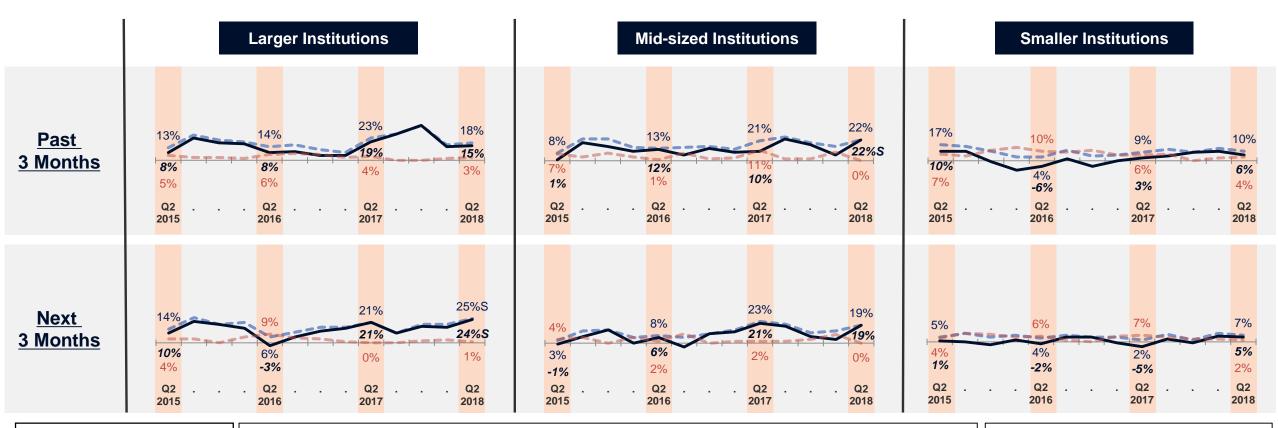
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#### Credit Standards: Non-GSE Eligible (by institution size)



Ease
Tighten
Net Ease +

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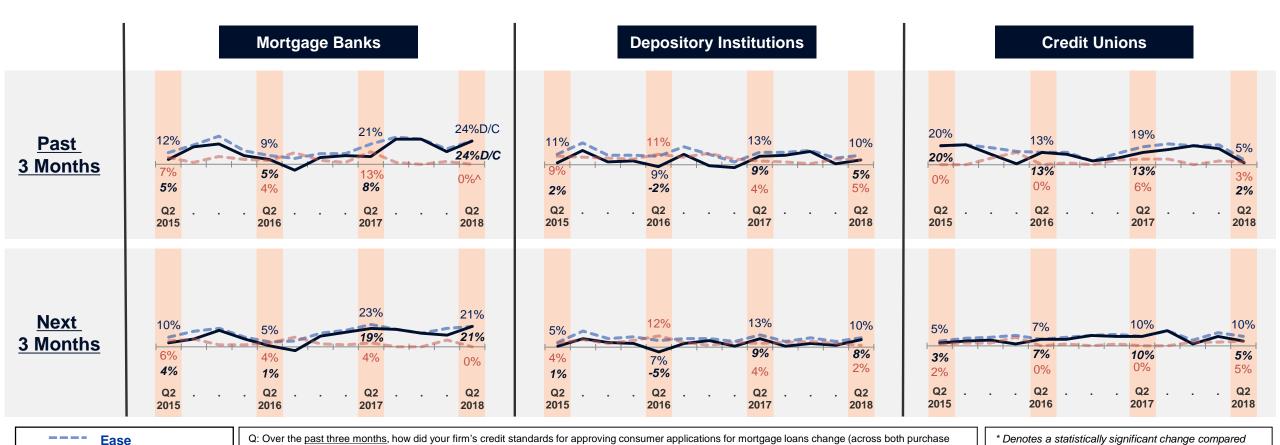
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Q: Over the next three months, how do you expect your firm's credit standards for approving applications from individuals for mortgage loans to change

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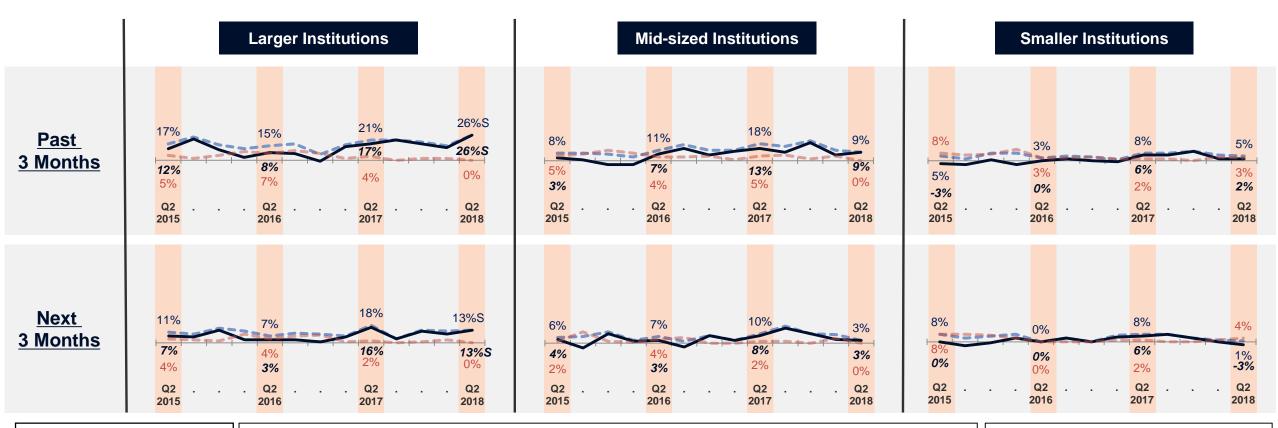
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Net Ease +

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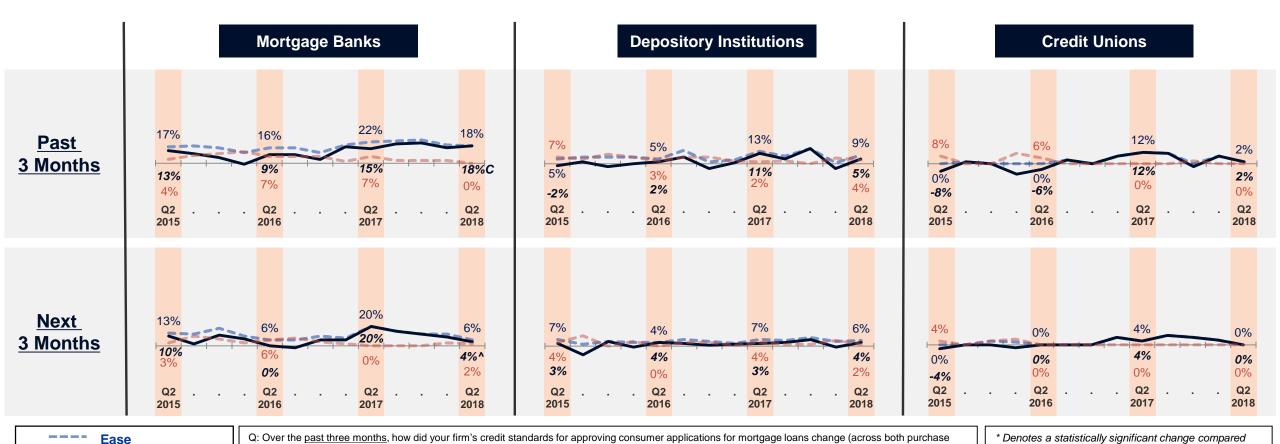
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Net Ease +



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

**Drivers of Loosening Change** 

Drivers of Tightening Change

#### **Past 3 Months**

N=25

- Reduction of overlays/Changes to guidelines
- Portfolio/Strategic changes
- Economic conditions/Competition

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)

"No significant changes to policy, except some relaxing of historic overlays on FHA." – Larger Institution

"Decreased volume and competitive pressure."

- Mid-sized Institution

"Extremely low delinquencies in our portfolio, positive economic activities and the tax cut is not contemplated in current underwriting." – Smaller Institution

"Standards for protecting from potential loss and REO." – Smaller Institution

"All the moratorium offered by lenders and uncertainty within the government as well as people moving to the states." – *Smaller Institution* 

"Most recent DU update." - Smaller Institution

#### **Next 3 Months**

N=17

- Market conditions/Competition
- Portfolio/Strategic changes
- Changes to guidelines

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)

"Continued expansion by non QM investors." - Larger Institution

"Competitive market conditions for Jumbo." – Larger Institution

"GSE changes to programs. Increase in use of Day 1 Certainty."

- Mid-sized Institution

"Starting to see excessive competition in the market on credit. We will likely tighten credit slowly because of the irrational competitors." – *Larger Institution* 

"Review of and response to recent delinquency trends." – Smaller Institution

"Higher rates make it even more challenging to approve lower credit score customers." – Smaller Institution

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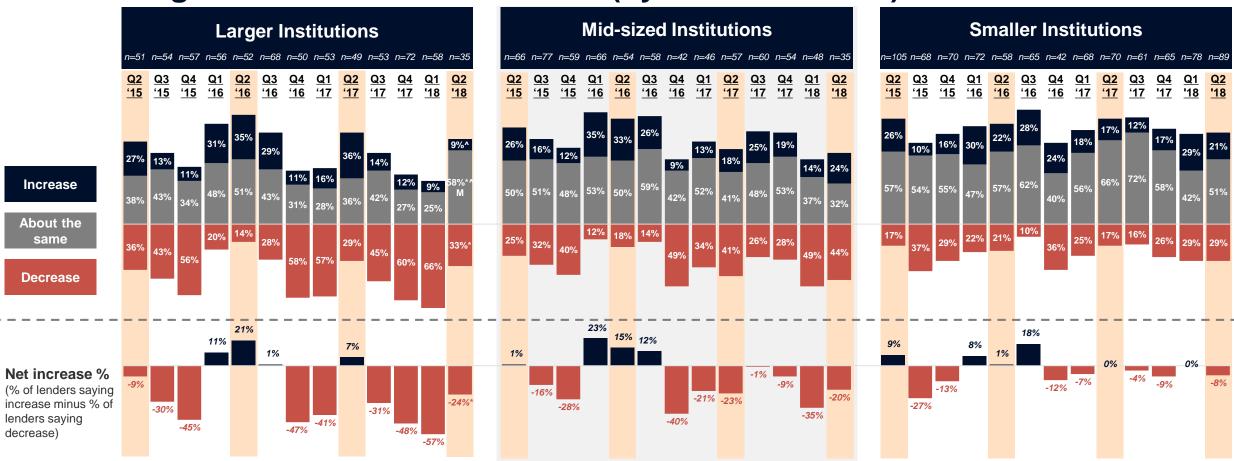
#### **Appendix**

# **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)]

L/M/S - Denote a % is significantly higher than the annual loan origination volume group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

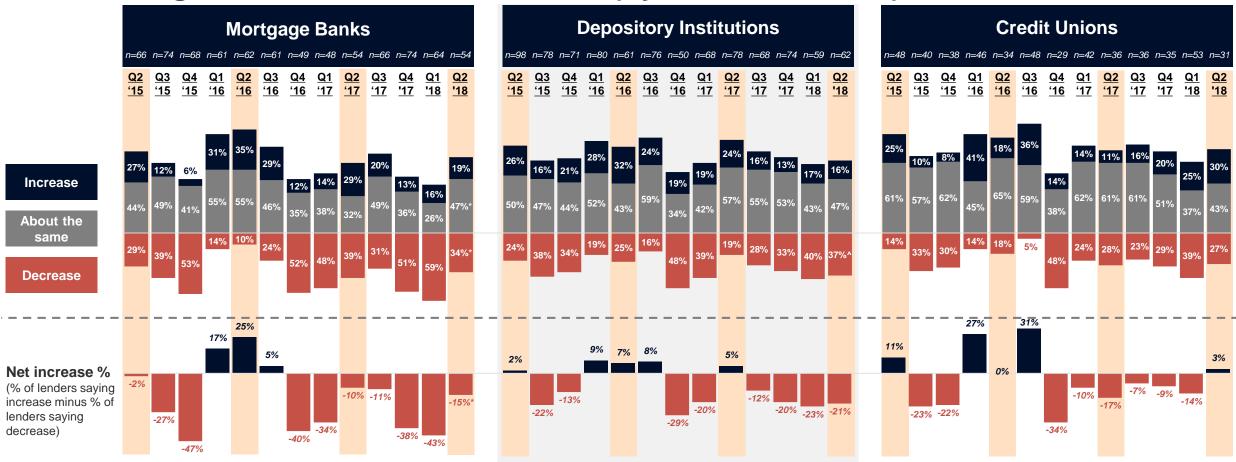
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M/D/C - Denote a % is significantly higher than the annual loan origination volume group that the letter represents at the 95% confidence level

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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		2016			20	17		2018	
and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1 + 2)	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
N=	49	54	20	26	40	30	29	34	30
Operational efficiency (i.e., technology)	42%	54%	42%	55%	59%	51%	62%	43%	58%
Consumer demand	69%	49%	18%	44%	40%	42%	22%	34%	56%
Market trend changes (i.e. shift from refinance to purchase)	33%	27%	40%	33%	33%	28%	34%	41%	31%
Non-GSE (other investors) pricing and policies	2%	4%	11%	7%	3%	17%	13%	8%	15%
Staffing (personnel costs) reduction	12%	14%	33%	9%	8%	17%	16%	15%	13%
GSE pricing and policies	10%	17%	20%	19%	13%	11%	36%	29%	11%
Government monetary or fiscal policy	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	9%	3%	6%	4%
Servicing cost reduction	4%	4%	0%	0%	12%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Government regulatory compliance	2%	2%	6%	0%	2%	7%	0%	6%	0%
Marketing expense reduction	4%	11%	11%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	0%
Less competition from other lenders	11%	10%	11%	9%	10%	6%	2%	2%	0%

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#### **Decreased Profit Margin – Drivers**

What do you think will drive the decrease in your firm's profit margin					Total				
over the next three months? Please select the two most important		2016			20	2018			
reasons and rank them in order of importance. (Showing % rank 1 + 2)	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
N=	29	33	64	63	49	49	75	85	52
Competition from other lenders	44%	46%	39%	66%	71%	74%	75%	78%	78%
Market trend changes (i.e. shift from refinance to purchase)	8%	23%	43%	51%	26%	15%	19%	35%	31%
Consumer demand	6%	21%	26%	10%	18%	35%	30%	22%	19%
Staffing (personnel costs)	12%	31%	19%	7%	21%	17%	29%	12%	19%
Operational efficiency (i.e. technology)	10%	9%	6%	7%	10%	13%	8%	7%	12%
Government monetary or fiscal policy	16%	5%	16%	10%	9%	7%	7%	12%	9%
Government regulatory compliance	67%	39%	18%	21%	20%	19%	13%	6%	9%
GSE pricing and policies	22%	6%	20%	13%	9%	7%	5%	10%	8%
Non-GSE (other investors) pricing and policies	10%	4%	7%	8%	10%	0%	3%	8%	8%
Servicing costs	0%	9%	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Marketing expenses	3%	6%	0%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	0%

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#### **Appendix**

# **Survey Question Text**

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#### **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)