# TOPTRENDS IN HOUSING FINANCE

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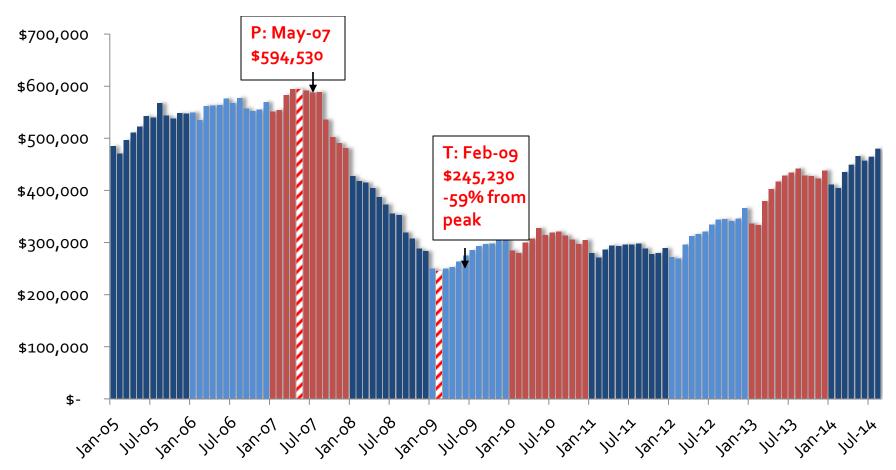
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### HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

#### Median Price of Existing Detached Homes

California, Aug 2014: \$480,280, Up 8.9% YTY

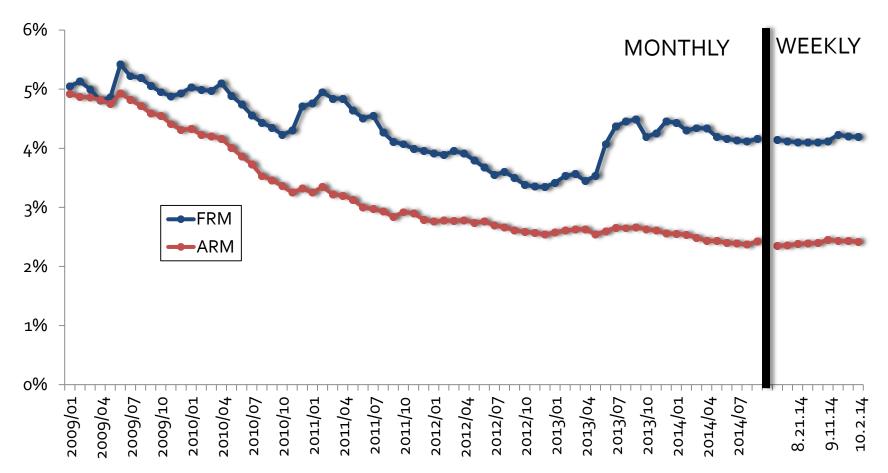


SERIES: Median Price of Existing Single Family Homes SOURCE: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



#### Mortgage Rates

• January 2009 – Oct 2014



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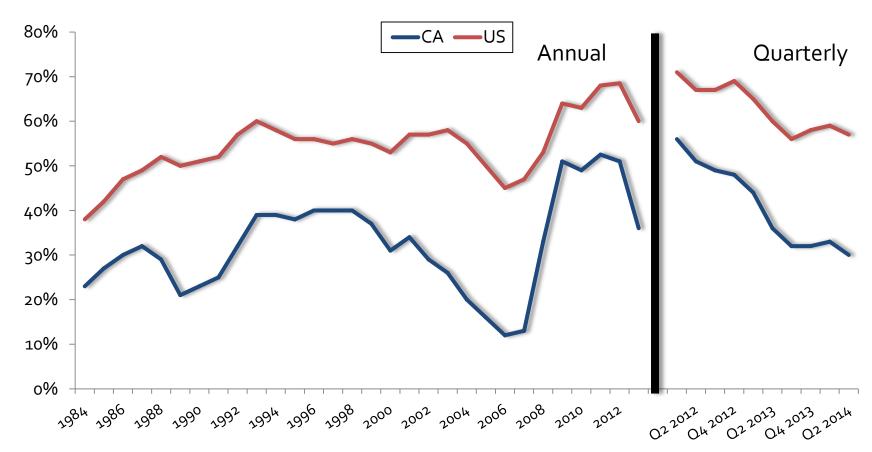
SOURCE: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation



## Housing Affordability Hit by Mortgage Rate Hikes and Price Gains

California vs. U.S. – 1984-2014

#### % OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT CAN BUY

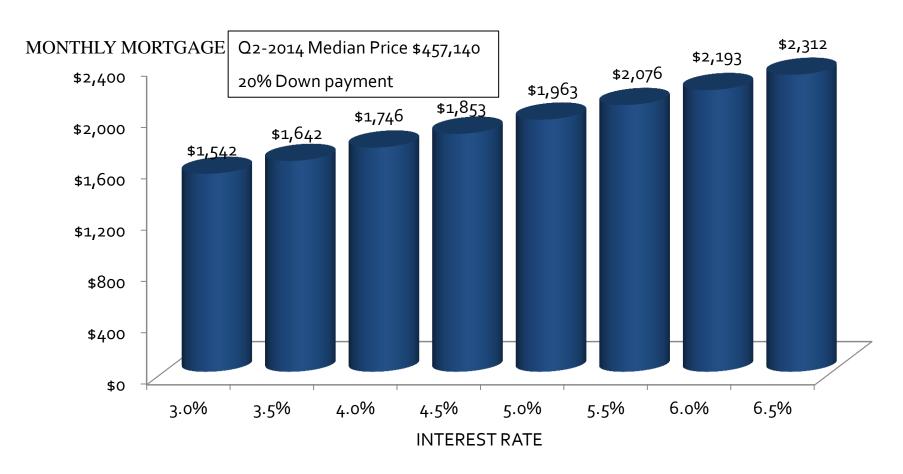


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### Median Monthly Mortgage Payment - CA

What Will Happen When Mortgage Rates Increase?

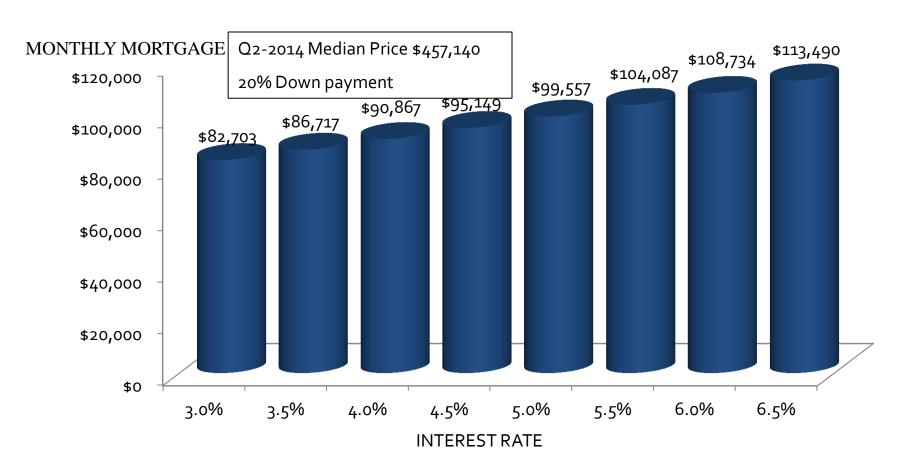


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### Minimum Qualifying Income - CA

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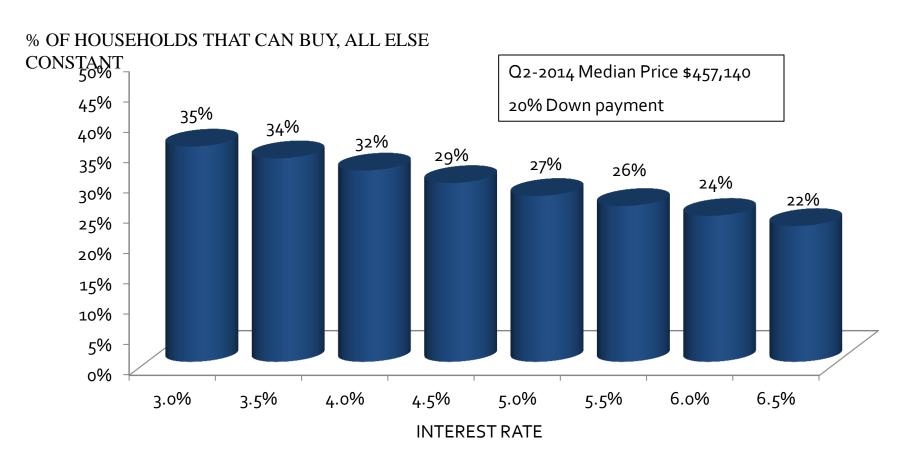


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### Housing Affordability Index - CA

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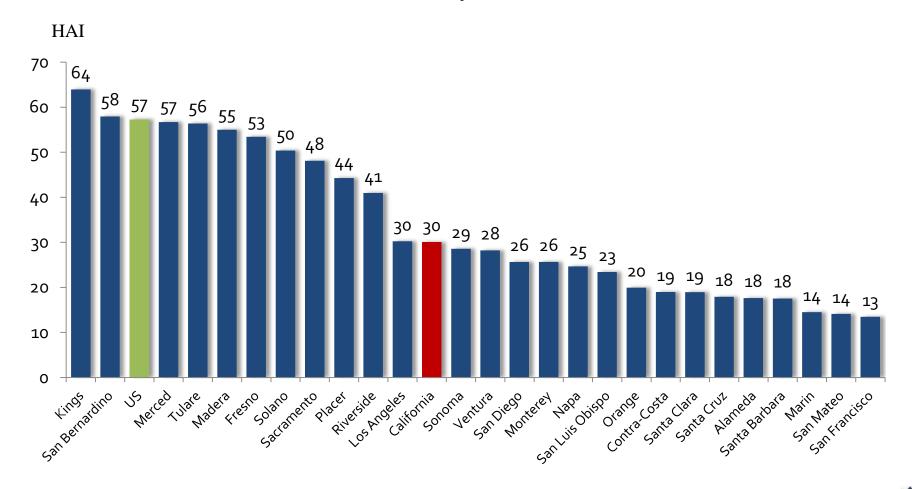


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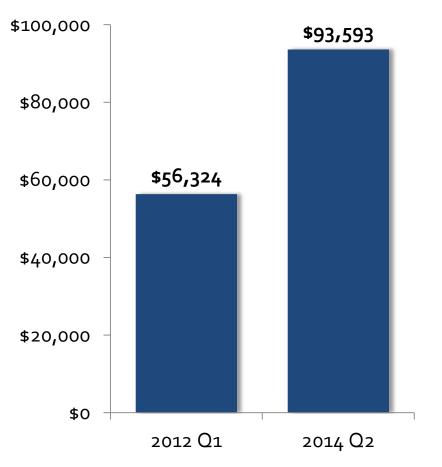
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### Income Required to Buy a Median-Priced Home in CA: (Peak vs. Current)



- Change in minimum required income: \$37,269
- Increase in income attributed to interest rate increase: \$836 (2.2% of total change)
- Increase in income attributed to price increase:
   \$36,433 (97.8% of total change)



#### Drop in Income Contributed to the Decline in HAI

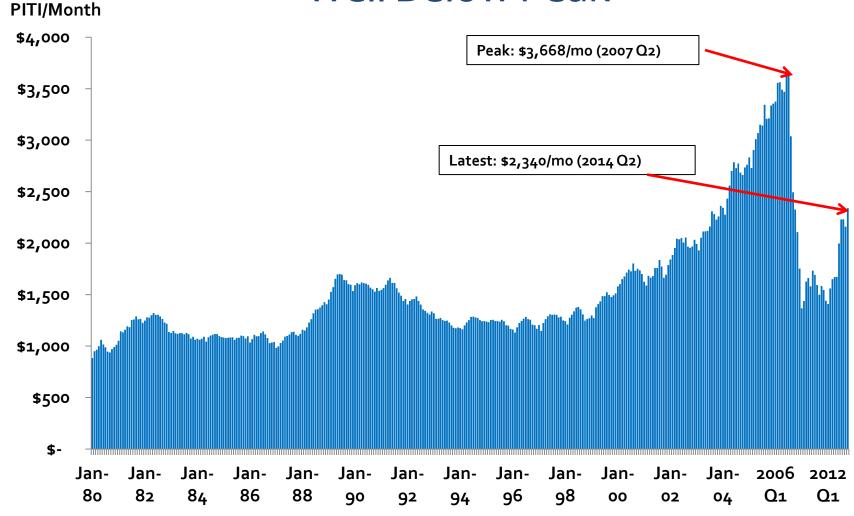


- HAI declined from 56 to 30 from 2012
   Q1 to 2014 Q2
- Median household income slipped from \$58,553 in 2012 to \$58,504 in 2014
- The decline in household income alone led HAI to drop by about 2 index points.

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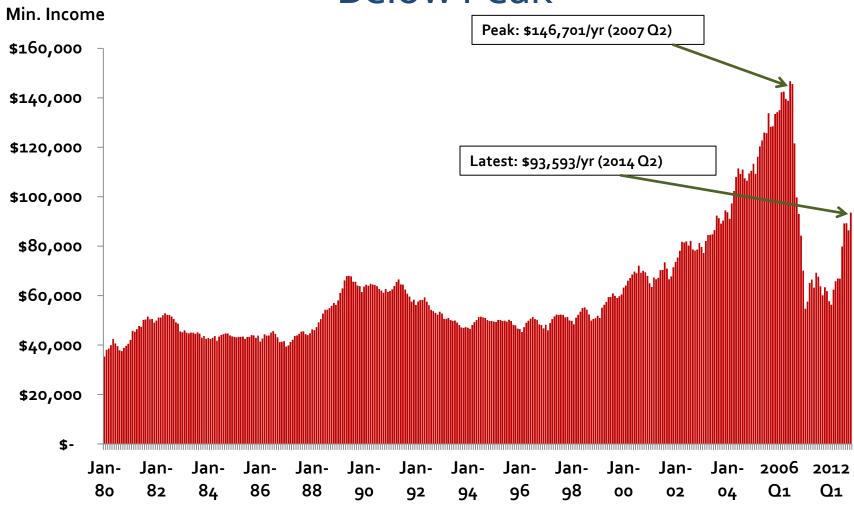


## Median CA House Payment Well Below Peak



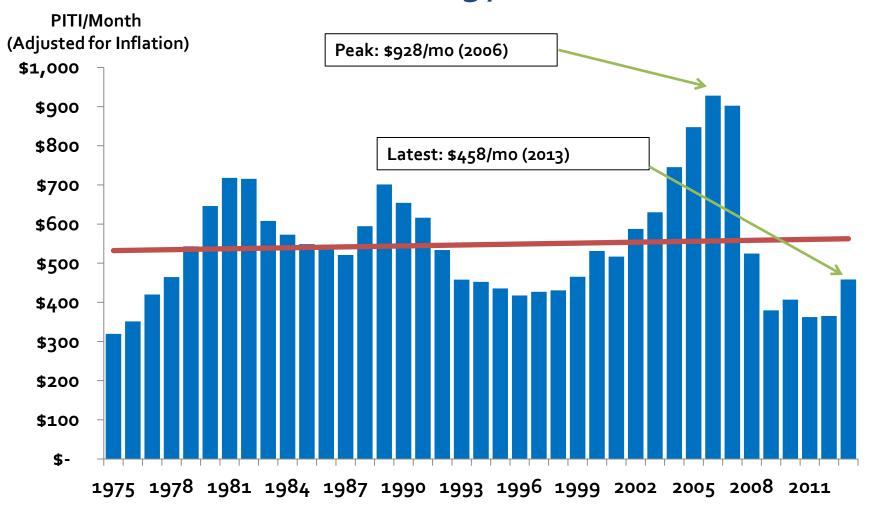


### ... Minimum Qualifying Income Below Peak



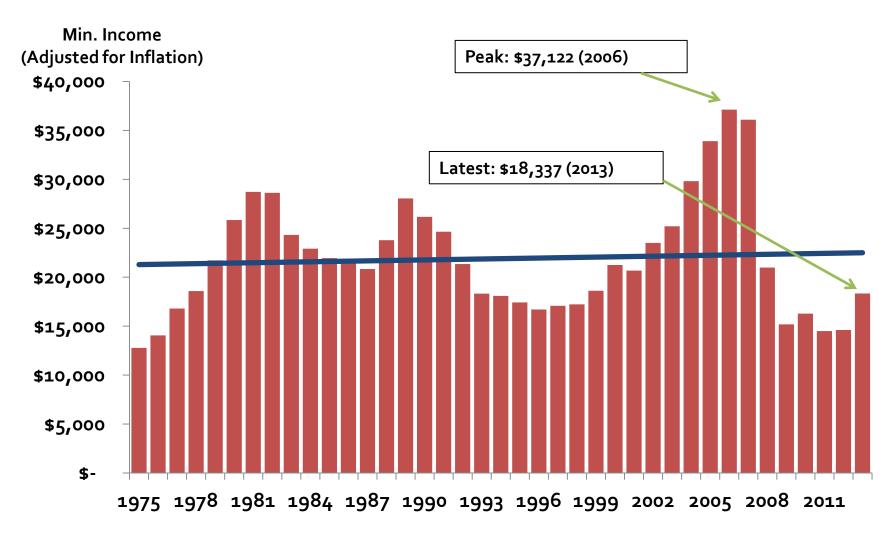


## House Payment (Inflation Adjusted) Is at Late 1970's Level





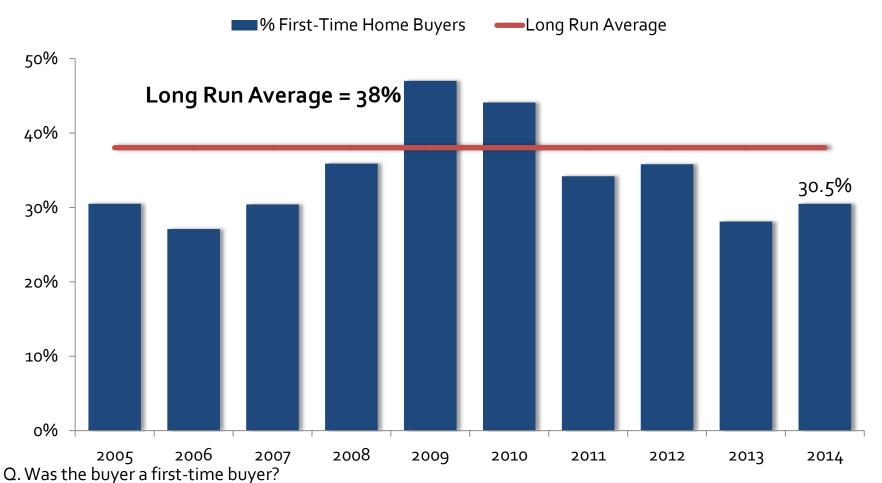
#### Minimum Qualifying Income Is the Same as 35 Years ago





### FIRST-TIME BUYERS

### Share of First-Time Buyers Up But Still Below Long-Run Average



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## Why do we care about the Low-Level of First-time Buyer?

- It signals a constrained flow of new households in the housing market
- Trade-up market cannot be replenished in the long run
- First-time buyers represent the main impulse that drives the state's homeownership rate



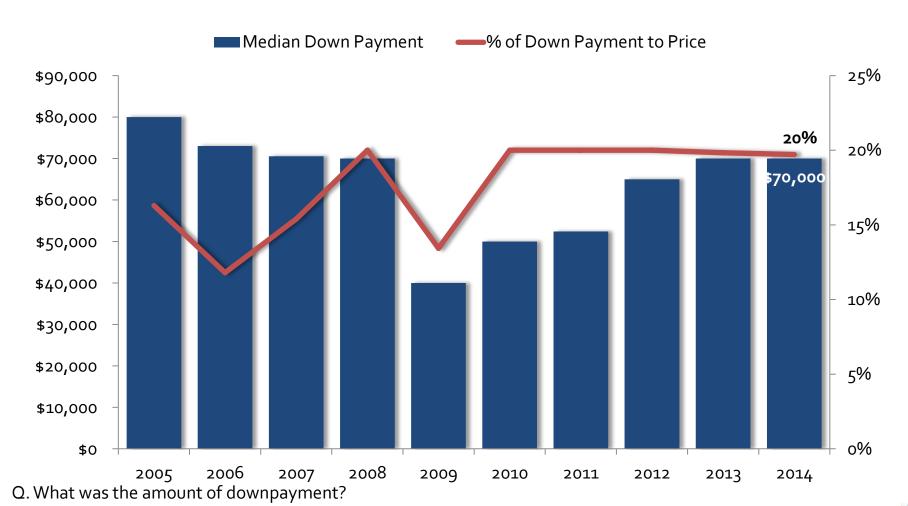
#### Financial Characteristics: First-Time vs. Repeat

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers	All Buyers
Median Household Income	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$100,000
Median Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$1,477	\$1,868	\$1,800
Median Downpayment (in \$\$)	\$32,500	\$100,000	\$70,000
Median Downpayment (in % to Price)	10%	20%	19.7%

SERIES: 2014 Housing Market Survey



## The Median Down Payment Remained the same as in 2013



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#### Median Down Payment: First-Time Homebuyers Vs. Repeat Homebuyers



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#### Cash Source for Down Payment First-Time Buyer vs. Repeat Buyer

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers	All Buyers
Personal saving	63.3%	50.8%	54.8%
Proceeds from sale of previous residence	0.0%	22.7%	15.6%
Borrowed or gift from relatives	15.5%	4.5%	8.1%
Sale of personal assets other than real property	1.7%	3.5%	2.9%
Inheritance	4.0%	2.9%	3.2%
Proceeds from sale or refi of another property	0.0%	4.6%	3.2%
Other	13.5%	11.0%	12.2%

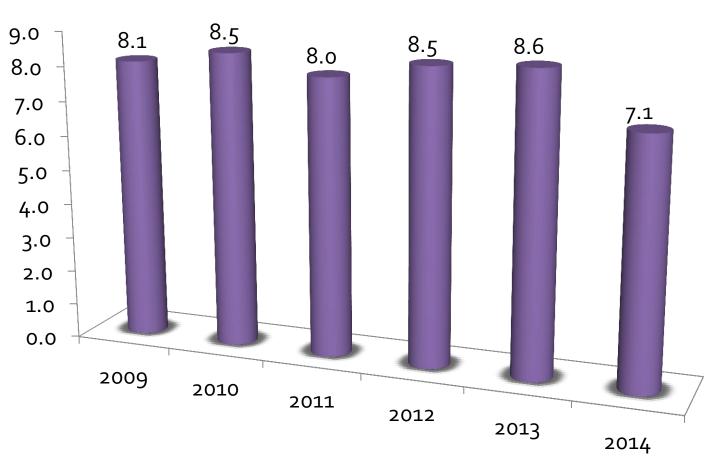
Q. What was the source of the cash the buyer used for a downpayment or to purchase the residence?

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### Buyers Have Less Difficulty with Financing





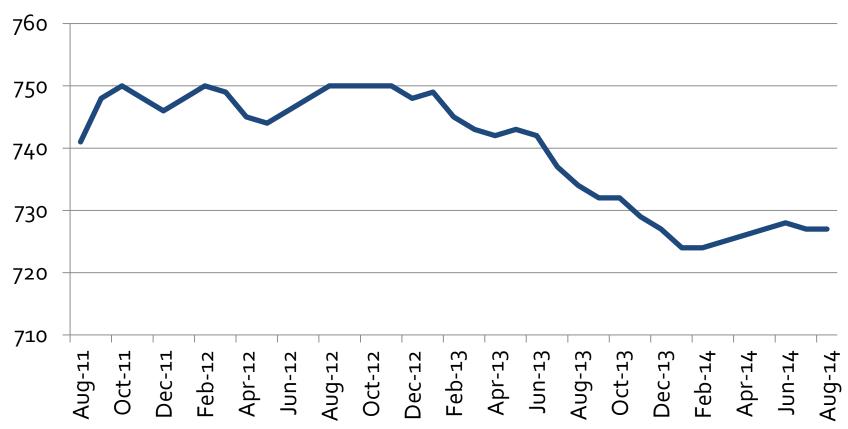
Q. Please rate how easy or difficult it was to obtain financing on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being very easy and 10 being very difficult.

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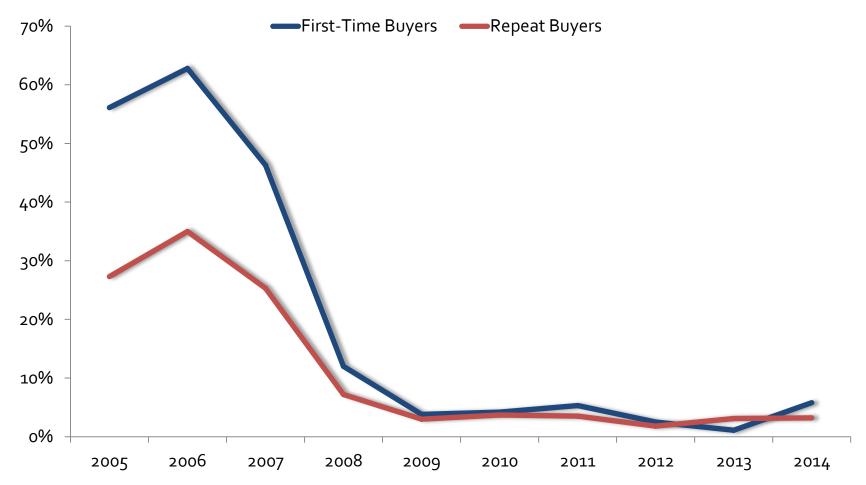
## Loosened Credit Requirements: FICO Score Lower than the Last Couple Years

#### Average FICO Score on Closed Loans





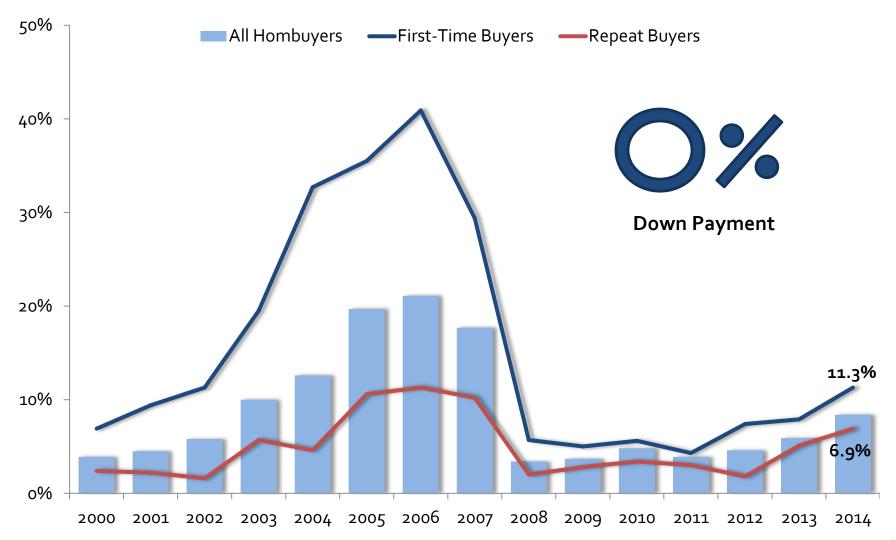
### Percent of Buyers with Second Mortgage



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#### Percent of Buyers with Zero Down Payment



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## First-time Buyers Need YOUR Help Connect EARLY and OFTEN

- Financial Literacy: How to manage their finances
- What about student-loan debt?
- How to save for a down payment and how much?
- What programs are available?
- Use readily available tools to find out --Downpayment Resource on car.org
- Fewer than 1% of buyers utilize downpayment assistance programs



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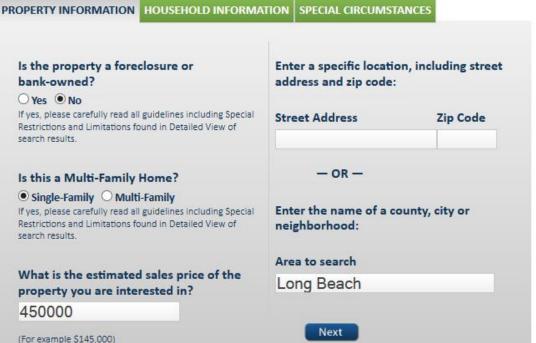
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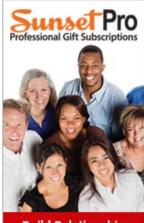
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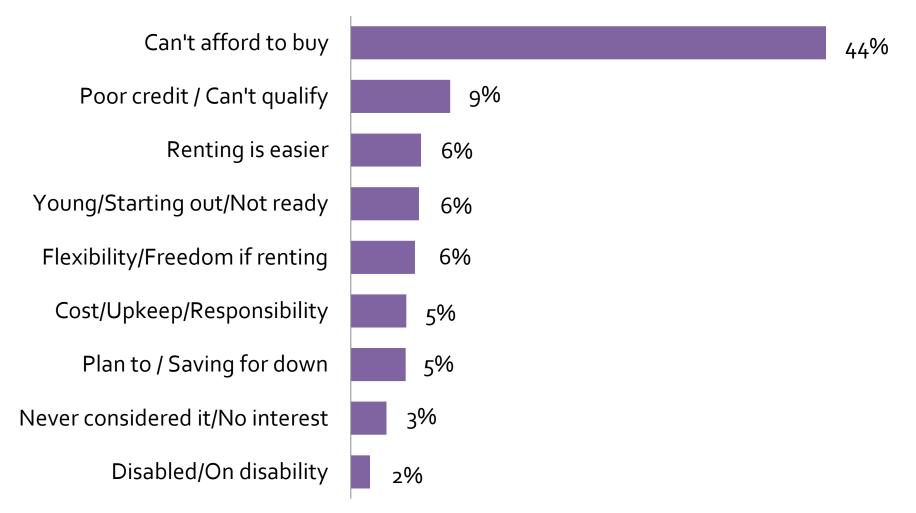
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# RENTERS: POTENTIAL HOME BUYERS

### Reasons for Renting Instead of Buying



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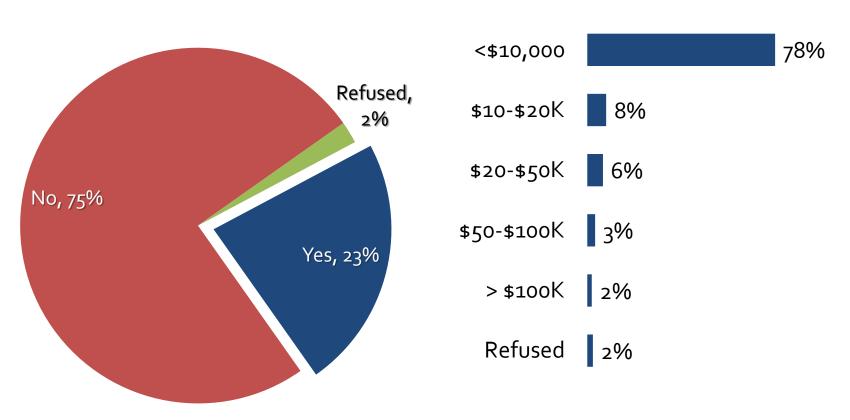
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#### Student Loan Debt an issue for 25% of renters

#### **Student Loan Debt**

#### **Amount of Debt**



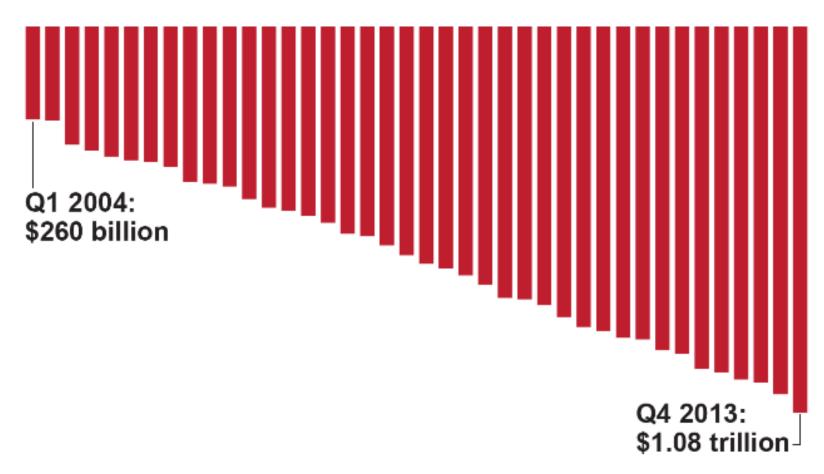
- Q. Do you have any outstanding debt from student loans?
- Q. How much is the outstanding student loan debt?

SERIES: 2013 Renter Survey



#### Student Debt Drags Down Home Sales

Total student loan debt carried by Americans has nearly tripled over the last decade.

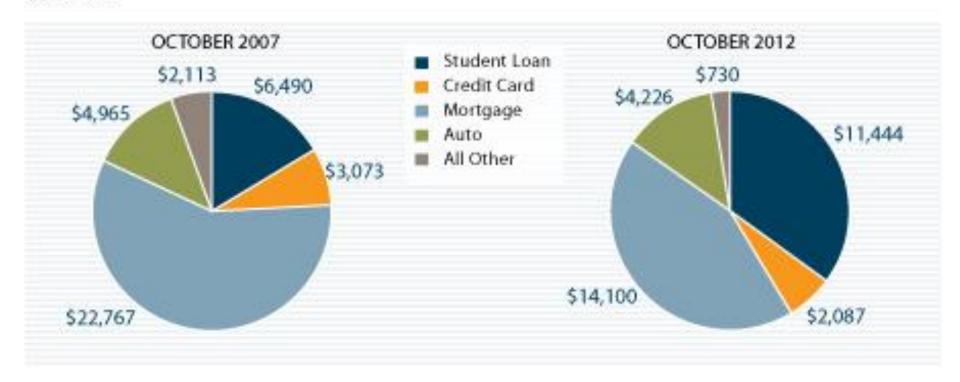




#### Young Consumers Have Reduced All Debt Except Student Loans

Average Debt by Category

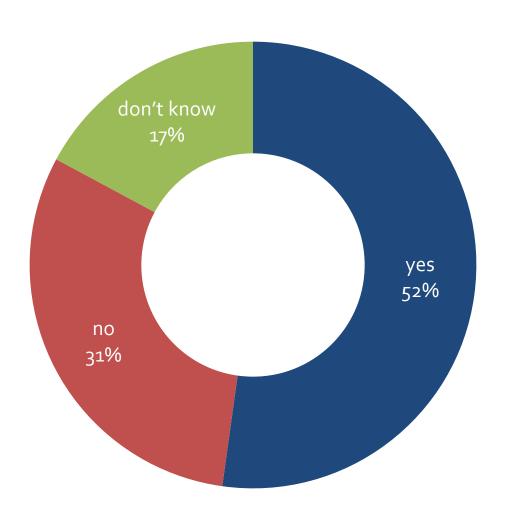
Age: 18-29



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### Renters Expect to Buy a Home in the Future

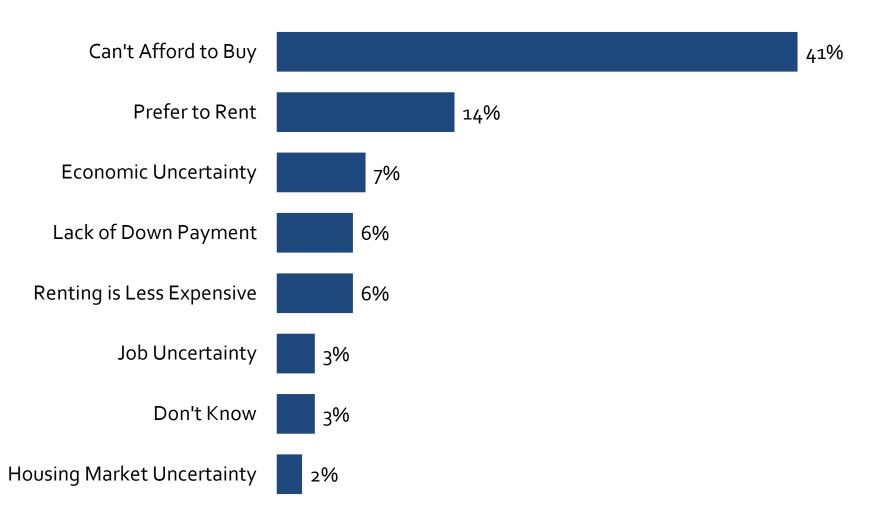


Q. Do you expect to buy a home in the future?

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#### Reasons For Not Planning to Buy a Home

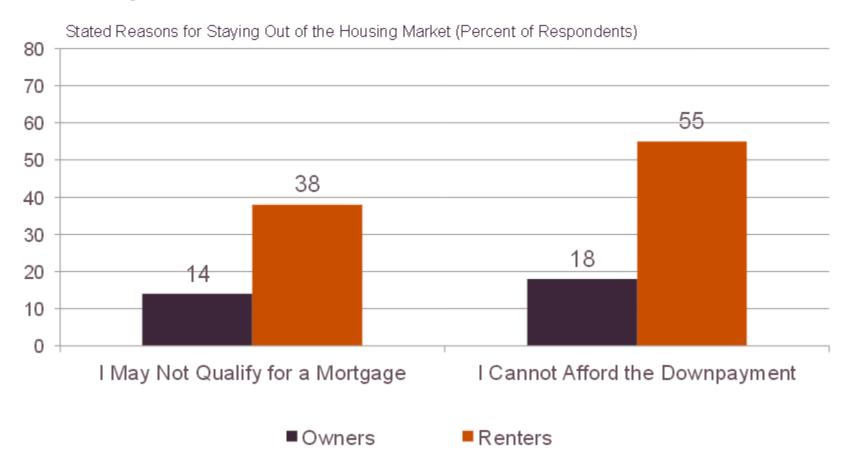


Q. Why don't you expect to buy a home in the future?

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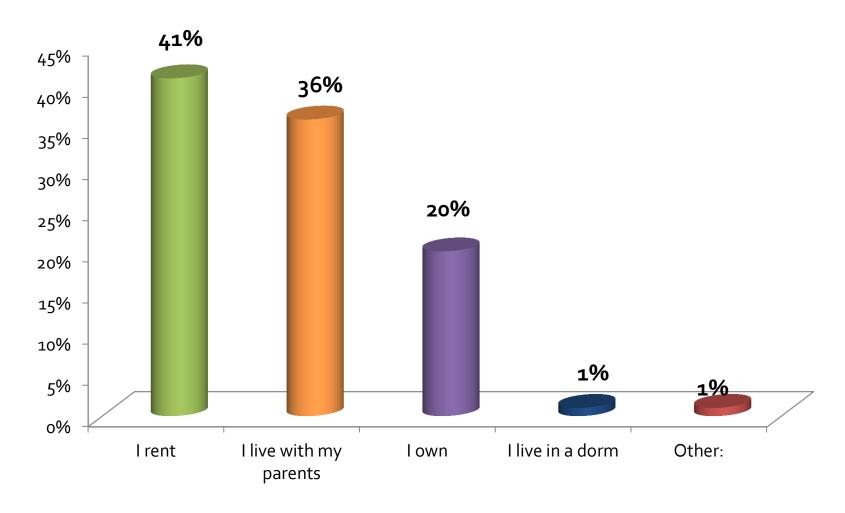
## Financial Constraints Weigh Heavily on Perceptions, Keeping Some Out of Market





## MILLENNIALS: HOME OWNERS OF TOMORROW

## Nearly 2/5 Millennials Live w/Parents

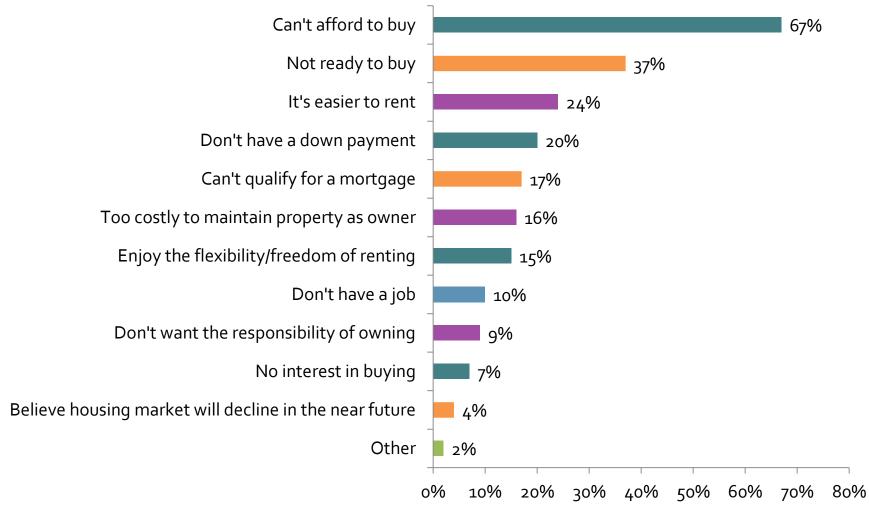


What is your current living situation?

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## Majority Rent Because they Can't Afford to Buy

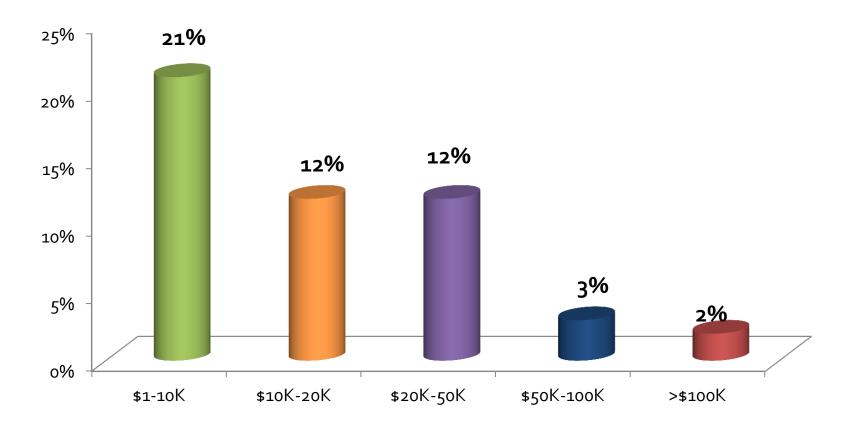


Why do you rent instead of buying?

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#### 1/2 Have Student Debt



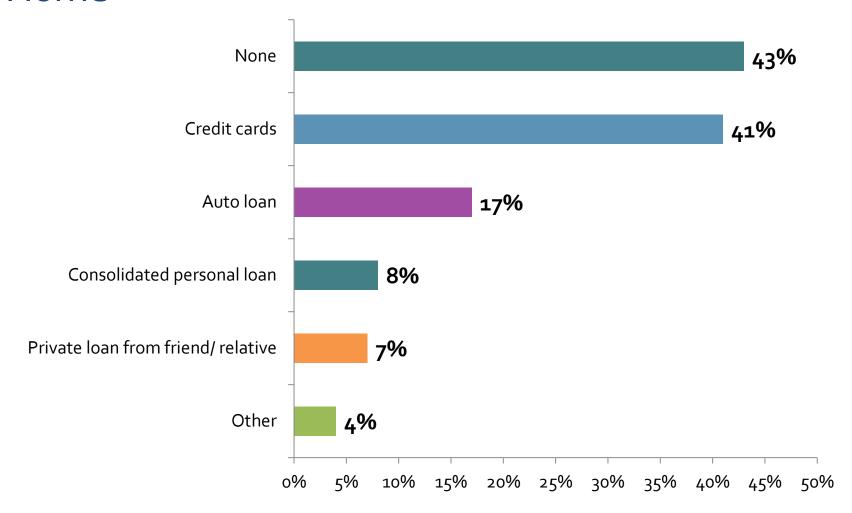
Student Debt (In Thousands)

What is the balance of your outstanding student debt?

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## More than Half Have Other Debt that Prevents Buying a Home

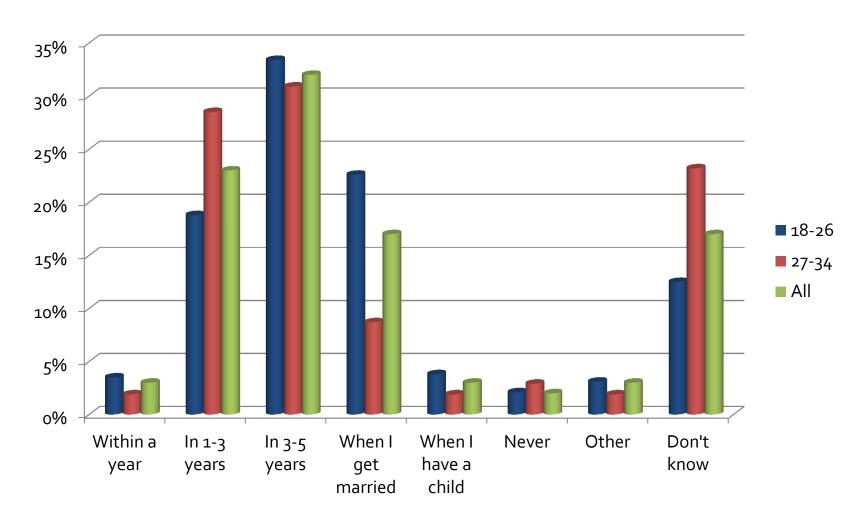


What other type of debt do you have that would make it difficult to buy a home?

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## Most Expect to Buy a Home Within 5 Years



When do you expect to buy a home?

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## Millennials' Biggest Concerns

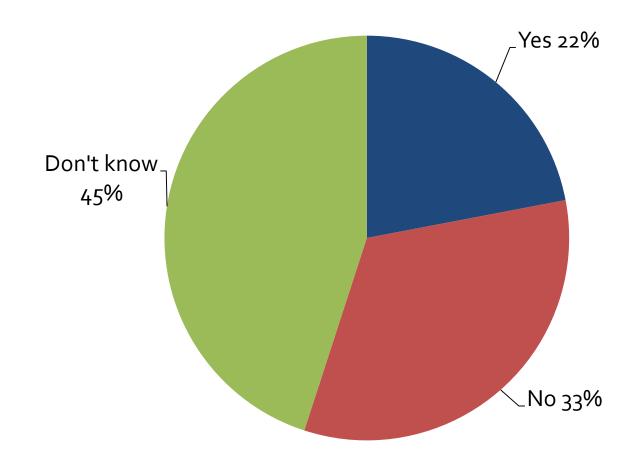
Price/Affordability (45%) Problems with Credit, Mortgages, or Taxes (19%) Maintenance/Upkeep (14%) Satisfaction with Home/Location (7%) Responsibility (4%)

What are your biggest concerns about home ownership?

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# Most Uncertain/Doubtful they Could Obtain a Mortgage Now



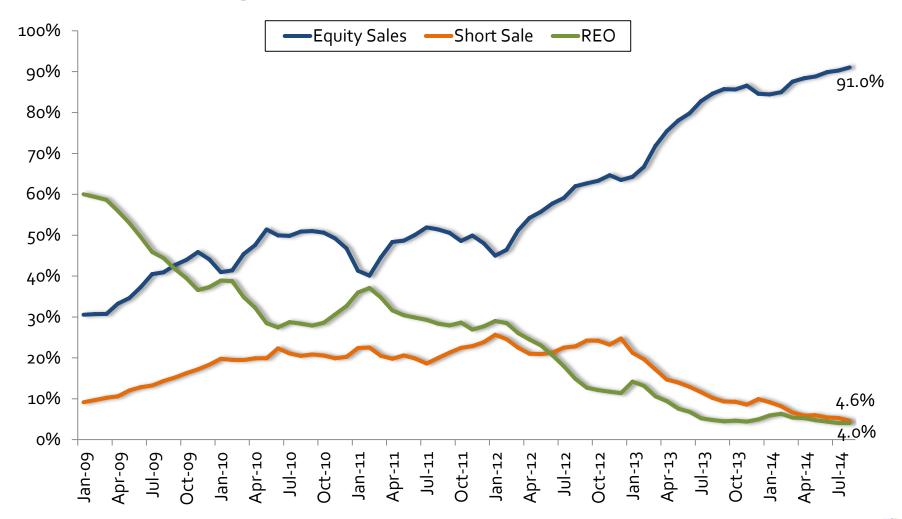
Could you obtain a mortgage if you applied now?

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## SELLER

## Share of Equity Sales Continued to Climb; Highest Level Since Late 2007

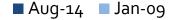


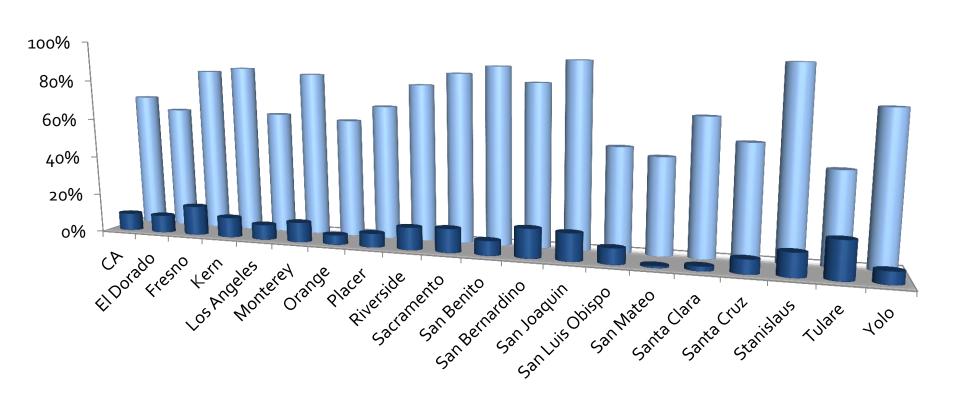
SERIES: Distressed Sales, Not Seasonally Adjusted SOURCE: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

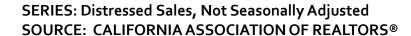


#### **Distressed Sales**

Percent of Total Sales: Aug 2014

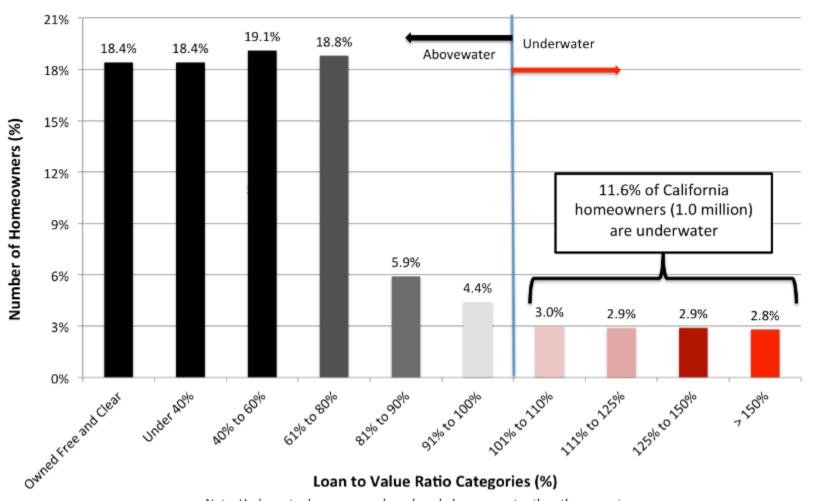








## California Homeowner Equity



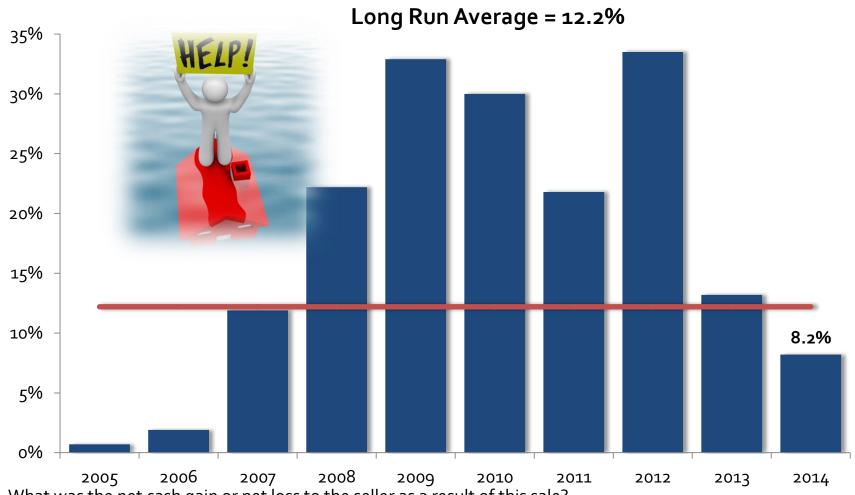
Source: PropertyRadar.com

Note: Underwater homeowners have loan balances greater than the current value of their home. Approximately 3 percent of homowner equity positions are unknown.





## Sellers with Net Cash Loss Dropped to the Lowest Level since 2006

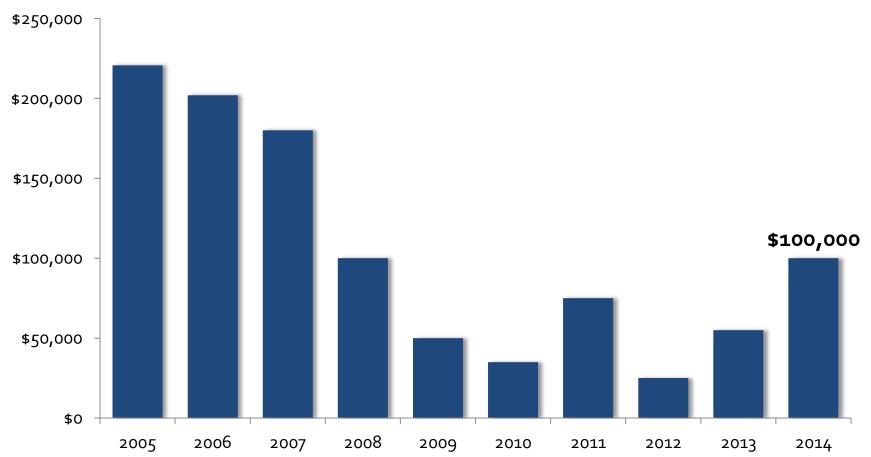


Q. What was the net cash gain or net loss to the seller as a result of this sale?

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### Net Cash Gain to Sellers Rose Again for the Second Year

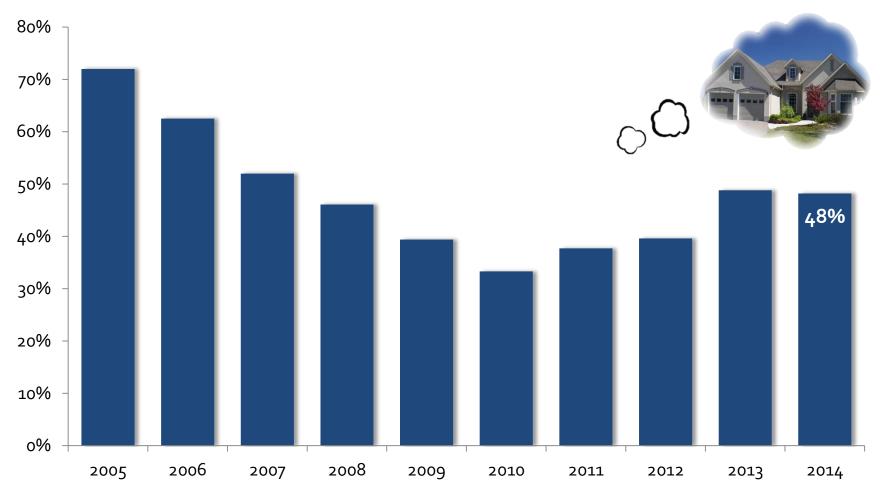


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### Nearly Half of All Sellers Are Planning to Buy Another Home As the Market Recovers



Q. Is the seller planning on purchasing another home?

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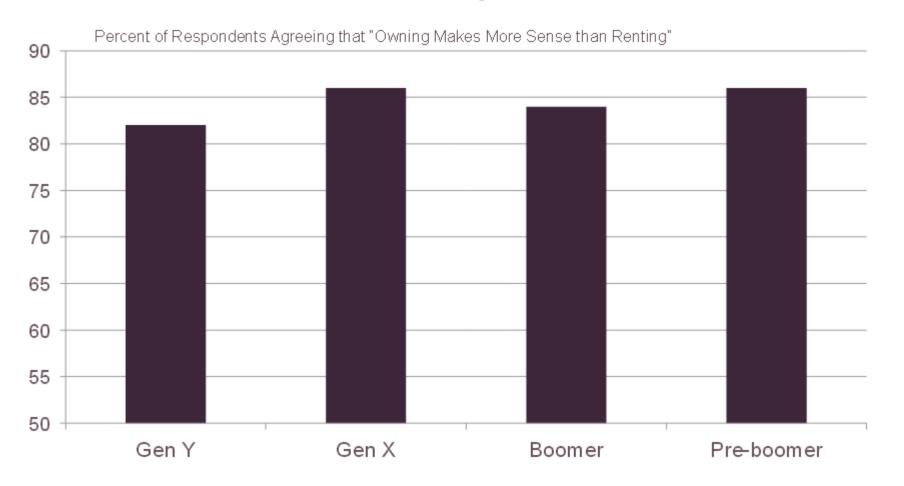


# Five Financial Reasons to Consider Buying a Home

- Housing is typically the one leveraged investment available
- You're paying for housing whether you own or rent
- Owning is usually a form of "forced savings"
- There are substantial tax benefits to owning
- Owning is a hedge against inflation



# Majority of All Age Groups Think Owning Makes More Financial Sense than Renting

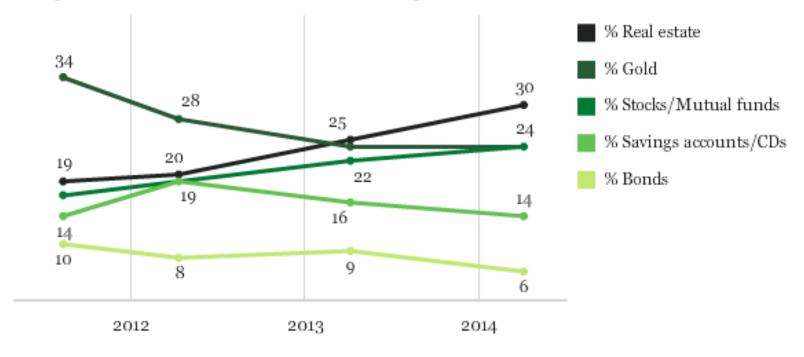




## Real Estate is Considered the Best Long Term Investment

#### Americans Say Real Estate Is the Best Long-Term Investment

Which of the following do you think is the best long-term investment -- [ROTATED: bonds, real estate, savings accounts or CDs, stocks or mutual funds, (or) gold]?



April 2012 question asked to a half sample



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