



Mortgage Performance Summary



QUARTERLY UPDATE

Housing Market and Mortgage Performance in the Fifth District

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Summary of Findings

This report analyzes the size, composition, and performance of prime and subprime home mortgages in the Fifth District. It also provides information on trends in the District's housing market and charts with state level data.

Fifth District Delinquency and Foreclosure Rates

- The percentage of mortgages in foreclosure in the Fifth District held steady at 3.1 percent in the first quarter of 2012. Since the first quarter of 2011, the Fifth District foreclosure rate rose 0.2 percentage point. (Table 1)
- The prime foreclosure rate in the Fifth District maintained a record level of 2.3 percent in the fourth quarter, rising 0.1 percentage point on a year-over-year basis. (Table 3)
- In the first quarter of 2012, the subprime mortgage foreclosure rate declined after six quarters of increase, falling 0.4 percentage point to 10.5 percent. The rate climbed 0.4 percentage point above its level in the first quarter of 2011. (Table 5)
- Subprime mortgages make up approximately 8.4 percent of all loans in the Fifth District, but 28.5 percent of all loans in foreclosure. (Table 4, Figure 2)
- The first quarter 90+ day delinquency rate declined 0.2 percentage point to 3.0 percent, 0.3 percentage point below its year-ago level. (Table 2)

State Highlights

- Among Fifth District jurisdictions, South Carolina had the highest foreclosure rate (4.6 percent). The Virginia foreclosure rate of 1.8 percent was the lowest in the District and one of the lowest in the nation.(Table 2)
- South Carolina also had the highest prime foreclosure rate in the Fifth District (3.7 percent) while Virginia had the lowest prime foreclosure rate (1.3 percent). (Table 3)
- South Carolina had the highest subprime foreclosure rate in the District (13.2 percent). West Virginia posted the lowest subprime foreclosure rate (6.4 percent). (Table 5)
- Maryland had the highest share of subprime mortgages (10.0 percent) in the Fifth District, while Virginia had the lowest share (7.1 percent).(Table 4)

Fifth District Economic Conditions and Looking Forward

- Sustained house price decline can lead to rising default and foreclosure. Fifth District house prices declined in the first quarter of 2012, after two quarters of increase, falling 1.6 percent. The year-over-year decline decelerated to 1.3 percent.
- High unemployment can contribute to rising mortgage delinquency as well, since the loss of a job can affect a household's ability to repay a mortgage. The unemployment rate in the Fifth District declined 0.7 percentage point over the year ending in March 2012, falling to 7.7 percent. (Table 7, Figure 3)

For more information on foreclosures, please visit the Richmond Fed's Foreclosure Center at http://www.richmondfed.org/community_development/foreclosure_resource_center/

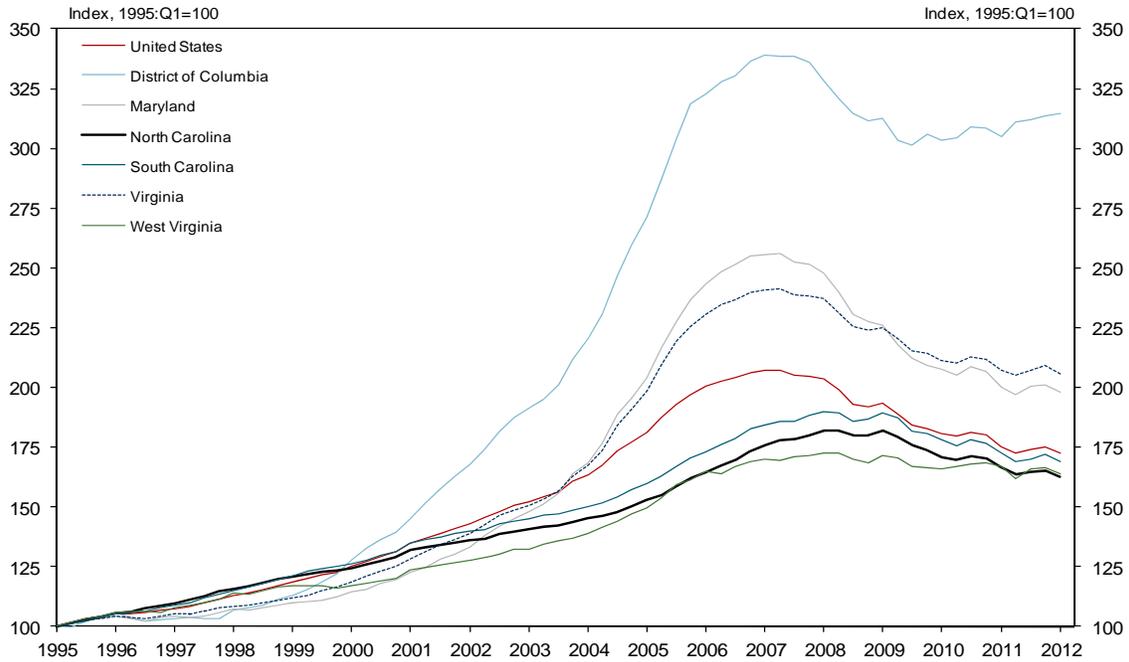
For recent data on the Fifth District economy, please visit the Richmond Fed's *Snapshot* publication at

http://www.richmondfed.org/research/regional_economy/reports/snapshot/index.cfm

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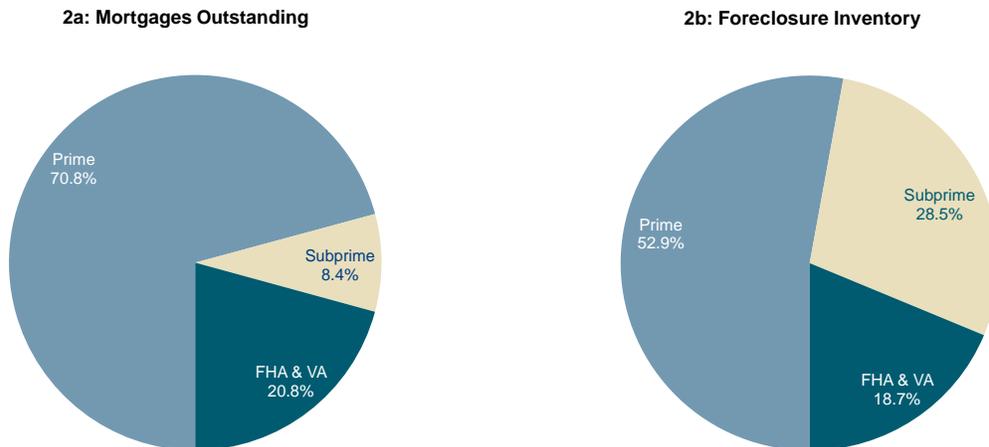
Graphs and Charts

Figure 1
FHFA House Price Index: Fifth District



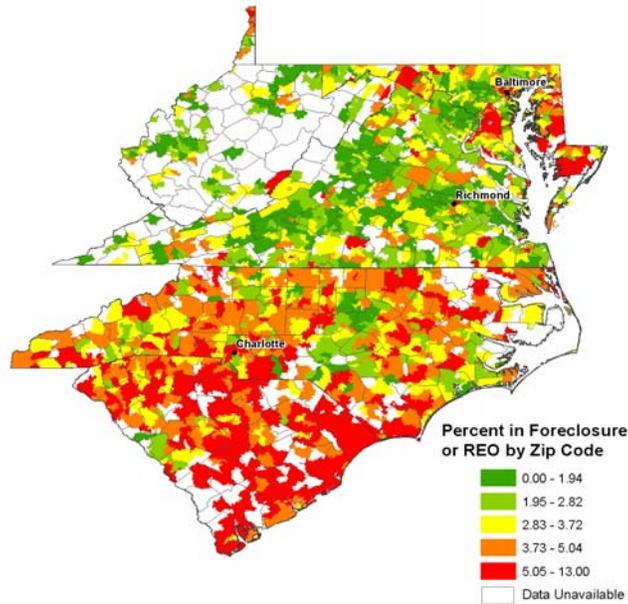
Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics

Figure 2
Mortgage Distribution: Fifth District



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding

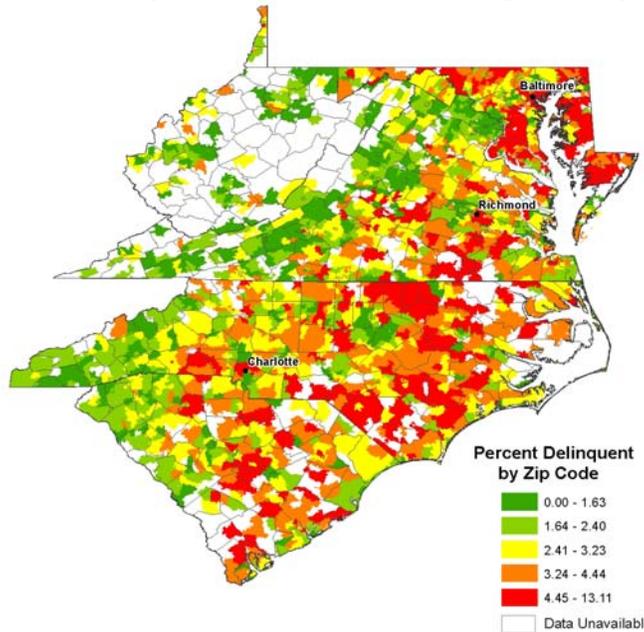
Figure 3
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Loans in Foreclosure or REO¹: Fifth District



Notes: FHA and VA loans are included in the count of prime loans. Uncategorized zip codes have fewer than 100 loans or no data available.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond/Lender Processing Services (LPS) Applied Analytics (March 2012)

Figure 4
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Loans with 90+ Day Delinquency: Fifth District

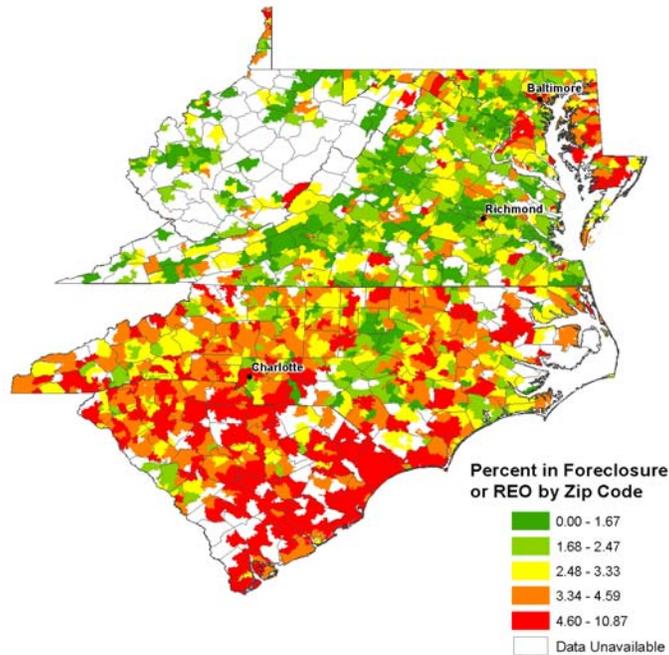


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¹ Real Estate Owned (REO) properties are in the possession of the lender due to foreclosure or forfeiture.

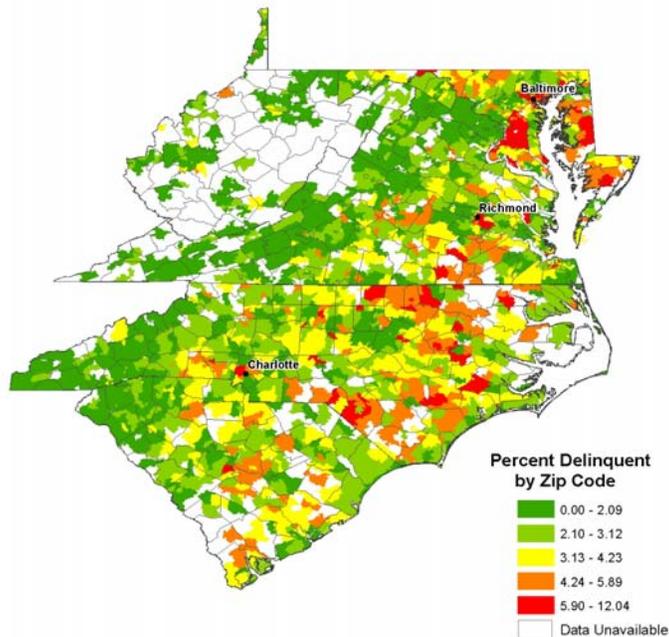
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Percentage of Owner-Occupied Prime Loans in Foreclosure or REO: Fifth District



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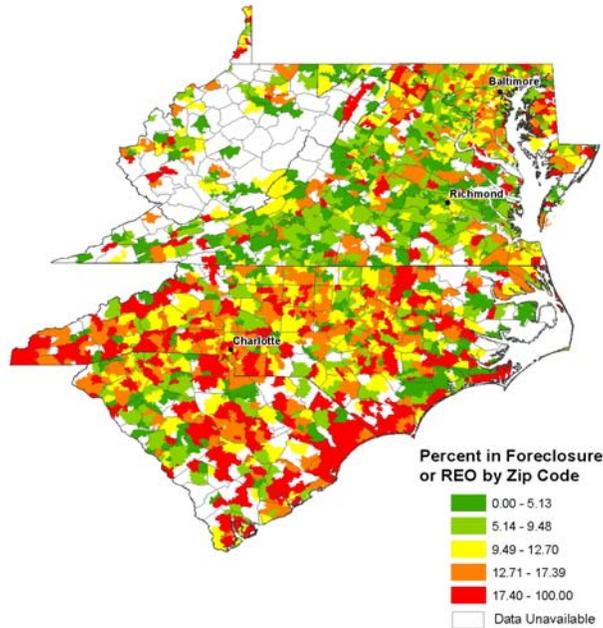
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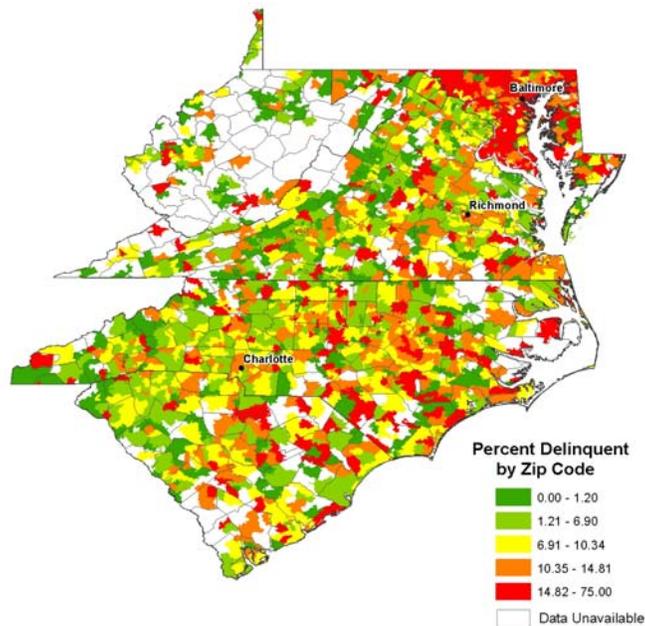
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond/ Lender Processing Services (LPS) Applied Analytics (March 2012)

Figure 7
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Subprime Loans in Foreclosure or REO:
Fifth District



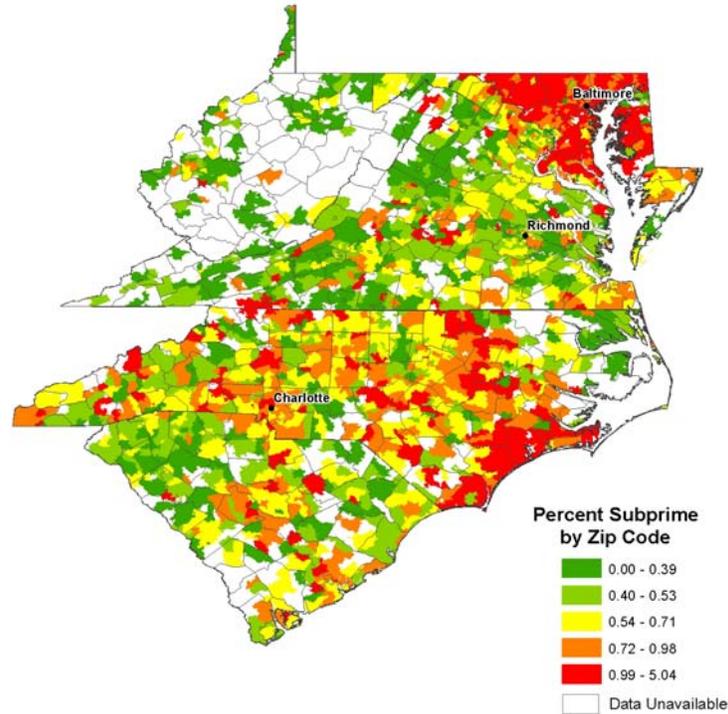
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 Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond/Lender Processing Services (LPS) Applied Analytics (March 2012)

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 Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond/Lender Processing Services (LPS) Applied Analytics (March 2012)

Figure 9
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Mortgages with Subprime Loans:
Fifth District



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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond/ Lender Processing Services (LPS) Applied Analytics (March 2012)

Table 1
Foreclosure Rates by Mortgage Type: Fifth District

Loan Type	Fifth District		United States
	Percent in Foreclosure	National Rank	Percent in Foreclosure
Total	3.09	--	4.39
Prime Total	2.31	--	3.34
Prime Fixed-Rate	1.90	--	2.59
Prime Adjustable-Rate	5.36	--	8.76
Subprime Total	10.47	--	14.05
Subprime Fixed-Rate	8.43	--	10.48
Subprime Adjustable-Rate	15.04	--	21.55

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics

Table 2
Mortgage Delinquency Rates: Fifth District

Geographic Area	Percent 90+ Days Past Due	National Rank	Percent in Foreclosure	National Rank
District of Columbia	2.98	19	3.16	27
Maryland	4.74	2	3.90	16
North Carolina	2.76	23	3.16	27
South Carolina	2.41	31	4.61	11
Virginia	2.23	34	1.80	45
West Virginia	2.15	36	2.07	41
Fifth District	2.99	--	3.09	--
United States	3.05	--	4.39	--

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics

Table 3
Prime Mortgage Delinquency Rates: Fifth District

Geographic Area	Percent 90+ Days Past Due	National Rank	Percent in Foreclosure	National Rank
District of Columbia	1.95	10	2.52	22
Maryland	3.16	3	2.82	17
North Carolina	1.37	22	2.33	26
South Carolina	1.24	31	3.68	8
Virginia	1.14	35	1.31	43
West Virginia	1.00	40	1.51	39
Fifth District	1.69	--	2.31	--
United States	1.83	--	3.34	--

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics

Table 4
Subprime Share of All Loans: Fifth District

Geographic Area	Percent Subprime	National Rank
District of Columbia	7.44	35
Maryland	10.00	15
North Carolina	7.92	30
South Carolina	9.54	19
Virginia	7.08	41
West Virginia	9.71	18
Fifth District	8.40	--
United States	9.38	--

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics

Table 5
Subprime Mortgage Delinquency Rates: Fifth District

Geographic Area	Percent 90+ Days Past Due	National Rank	Percent in Foreclosure	National Rank
District of Columbia	12.21	4	11.68	23
Maryland	13.29	3	12.68	14
North Carolina	8.87	25	10.18	29
South Carolina	7.52	36	13.15	12
Virginia	9.29	20	7.17	41
West Virginia	8.08	30	6.38	47
Fifth District	9.97	--	10.47	--
United States	9.13	--	14.05	--

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association (2012:Q1)/Haver Analytics

Table 6
General Housing Statistics: Fifth District

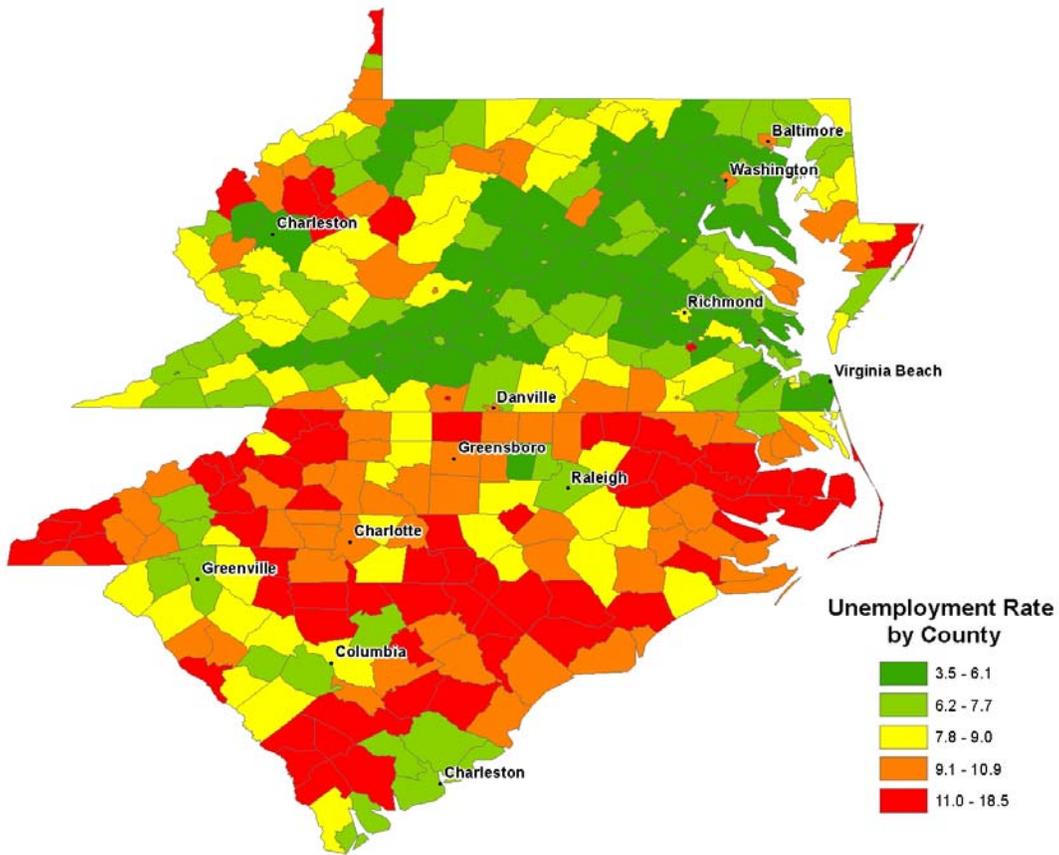
Geographic Area	Housing Units			Percent of Owner-Occupied Mortgages					
	Total	Vacant	Occupied	Owner-Occupied		With:			
				Total	With a Mortgage	Prime Loan	Subprime Loan	Adjustable Rate	Interest Only
District of Columbia	296,719	30,012	266,707	112,055	90,116	95.95	4.05	18.66	8.86
Maryland	2,378,814	2,156,411	222,403	1,455,775	1,146,636	95.67	4.33	13.54	6.66
North Carolina	4,327,528	582,373	3,745,155	2,497,900	1,741,905	96.25	3.75	9.90	2.28
South Carolina	2,137,683	336,502	1,801,181	1,248,805	825,417	96.01	3.99	8.93	2.80
Virginia	3,364,939	308,881	3,056,058	2,055,186	1,534,437	95.98	4.02	13.16	5.93
West Virginia	881,917	118,086	763,831	561,013	293,522	94.66	5.34	6.53	1.45
Fifth District	13,387,600	1,598,257	11,789,343	7,930,734	5,632,033	95.95	4.05	11.70	4.58
United States	131,704,730	14,988,438	116,716,292	75,986,074	51,208,208*	96.26	3.74	11.67	4.47

Notes: FHA and VA loans as well as interest only loans are included in the count of prime loans.

Source: Housing units are reported in the 2010 Census. Mortgage estimates are Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond calculations using data from Lender Processing Services (LPS) Applied Analytics (March 2012).

*The figure for owner-occupied units with a mortgage at the national level is calculated by summing the totals for the states.

Figure 10
Unemployment Rate: Fifth District



Notes: Unemployment Rate in March 2012
 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 7
Unemployment Rates: Fifth District

Geographic Area	Unemployment Rate	Percentage Point Change from March 2011
District of Columbia	9.9	-0.2
Maryland	6.7	-0.4
North Carolina	9.6	-0.8
South Carolina	8.7	-1.4
Virginia	5.7	-0.6
West Virginia	7.4	-1.3
Fifth District	7.7	-0.7
United States	8.4	-0.8

Note: Data are not seasonally adjusted.
 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (March 2012)

Sources and Notes

House Price Index

Federal Housing Finance Agency/Haver Analytics

Weighted repeat sales index, measuring the average price changes in repeat sales or refinancing on the same single family properties. Based on transactions involving conforming, conventional mortgages purchased or securitized by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

Unemployment Rate

Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

General Housing Statistics

Census Bureau

Loan Distribution and Loan Performance

(1) Mortgage Bankers' Association/Haver Analytics

(2) Loan Processing Services Inc. Applied Analytics Mortgage Data

Loan Processing Services, Inc. periodically enhances the LPS mortgage data by adding servicers. Additional servicers can change past performance numbers. Therefore, rates in this edition of the Mortgage Performance Summaries may differ from those in previous editions.