

Table 1. Signs of Improvement for California, but Notices of Default rise for 22 Counties Over the Year-Ago Level

| County | Defaults in Q4 2008 | Change Compared to Year Ago | Change Compared to Q3 2008 | County / State Total | Defaults in Q4 2008 | Change Compared to Year Ago | Change Compared to Q3 2008 |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alameda | 2,278 | -9% | -31% | Placer | 860 | -2% | -6% |
| Amador | 52 | 18% | -7% | Plumas | 17 | 21% | 13% |
| Alpine | 3 | -25% | 200% | Riverside | 8,917 | -5% | -19% |
| Butte | 255 | 6% | 0% | Sacramento | 4,083 | -30% | -23% |
| Calaveras | 87 | 9% | -27% | San Bernardino | 7,514 | 9% | -14% |
| Contra Costa | 3,076 | -16% | -22% | Santa Clara | 2,040 | 0% | -23% |
| Colusa | 45 | -17% | -18% | San Diego | 5,359 | -8% | -19% |
| El Dorado | 301 | 2% | -8% | San Benito | 135 | -40% | -29% |
| Fresno | 1,953 | -3% | -7% | San Francisco | 292 | -9% | -6% |
| Glenn | 36 | 24% | 3% | Shasta | 241 | 2% | -11% |
| Humboldt | 54 | -23% | -7% | Sierra | 6 | 20% | 50% |
| Imperial | 473 | 31% | -13% | San Joaquin | 2,464 | -31% | -25% |
| Inyo | 6 | -33% | -50% | San Luis Obispo | 294 | 7% | -8% |
| Kern | 2,475 | 0% | -5% | San Mateo | 633 | 4% | -15% |
| Kings | 122 | 30% | 28% | Solano | 1,394 | -20% | -25% |
| Los Angeles | 13,844 | 10% | -12% | Sonoma | 771 | -18% | -19% |
| Lake | 135 | -17% | -15% | Santa Barbara | 429 | -18% | -25% |
| Lassen | 24 | -17% | -41% | Siskiyou | 29 | 81% | 7% |
| Modoc | 1 | -67% | n.a. | Stanislaus | 1,923 | -26% | -24% |
| Madera | 308 | -10% | -42% | Sutter | 195 | -28% | -22% |
| Merced | 977 | -27% | -24% | Santa Cruz | 203 | -28% | -37% |
| Mendocino | 69 | 15% | -13% | Tehama | 61 | -31% | -30% |
| Mono | 8 | 33% | -33% | Tuolumne | 97 | 33% | 21% |
| Mariposa | 13 | -19% | -48% | Trinity | 9 | 13% | 13% |
| Marin | 184 | -13% | -25% | Tulare | 865 | 20% | 6% |
| Monterey | 785 | -22% | -35% | Ventura | 1,268 | -12% | -20% |
| Napa | 176 | -17% | -30% | Yolo | 279 | -22% | -28% |
| Nevada | 151 | 20% | -4% | Yuba | 228 | -20% | -21% |
| Orange | 4,318 | 7% | -19% | 57 County Total | 72,815 | -6% | -18% |

Sources: Data Quick, Author's calculations

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Table 2. Homes Lost to Foreclosure for California and its Counties Due to the Housing and Banking Crisis

| County | Fore-closures from 2006 Q1 - 2008 Q4 | Rank | County / State Total | Fore-closures from 2006 Q1 - 2008 Q4 | Rank |
|----------------|---|------|-------------------------|---|------|
| Los Angeles | 49,555 | 1 | San Luis Obispo | 1,072 | 30 |
| Riverside | 45,721 | 2 | Butte | 953 | 31 |
| San Bernardino | 32,041 | 3 | Shasta | 939 | 32 |
| San Diego | 26,698 | 4 | San Francisco | 850 | 33 |
| Sacramento | 26,353 | 5 | Napa | 836 | 34 |
| Orange | 16,463 | 6 | San Benito | 825 | 35 |
| San Joaquin | 15,989 | 7 | Lake | 768 | 36 |
| Contra Costa | 15,742 | 8 | Marin | 602 | 37 |
| Stanislaus | 11,175 | 9 | Calaveras | 498 | 38 |
| Kern | 10,502 | 10 | Nevada | 492 | 39 |
| Alameda | 10,244 | 11 | Tehama | 389 | 40 |
| Fresno | 7,791 | 12 | Kings | 370 | 41 |
| Santa Clara | 7,696 | 13 | Tuolumne | 264 | 42 |
| Solano | 7,273 | 14 | Colusa | 257 | 43 |
| Merced | 6,166 | 15 | Amador | 214 | 44 |
| Ventura | 5,831 | 16 | Humboldt | 199 | 45 |
| Monterey | 4,473 | 17 | Mendocino | 179 | 46 |
| Sonoma | 3,720 | 18 | Glenn | 147 | 47 |
| Placer | 3,612 | 19 | Lassen | 127 | 48 |
| Tulare | 2,848 | 20 | Siskiyou | 100 | 49 |
| Santa Barbara | 2,495 | 21 | Mariposa | 67 | 50 |
| San Mateo | 2,136 | 22 | Plumas | 40 | 51 |
| Imperial | 1,774 | 23 | Mono | 37 | 52 |
| Madera | 1,760 | 24 | Trinity | 34 | 53 |
| Yolo | 1,545 | 25 | Inyo | 22 | 54 |
| Yuba | 1,318 | 26 | Sierra | 19 | 55 |
| Sutter | 1,196 | 27 | Modoc | 12 | 56 |
| El Dorado | 1,172 | 28 | Alpine | 9 | 57 |
| Santa Cruz | 1,087 | 29 | 57 County Total | 334,697 | |

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Table 3. Median Prices Fell in All but Three Counties in California as Foreclosures Remain Stubbornly High Relative to Sales

| County | Median Price Q4 2008 | Price Change from 2006 Q1 to 2008 Q4 | Foreclosures / Sales Ratio in 2008 | County / State Total | Median Price Q4 2008 | Price Change from 2006 Q1 to 2008 Q4 | Foreclosures / Sales Ratio in 2008 |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| Alameda | 355,000 | -38.3% | 49.6% | Placer | 322,000 | -31.3% | 36.0% |
| Amador | 250,000 | -29.6% | 48.1% | Plumas | 198,000 | -29.3% | 18.2% |
| Alpine | 171,000 | -63.0% | 29.6% | Riverside | 220,000 | -46.9% | 73.9% |
| Butte | 218,500 | -22.0% | 30.3% | Sacramento | 185,000 | -50.7% | 67.1% |
| Calaveras | 248,000 | -32.1% | 52.9% | San Bernardino | 190,000 | -47.2% | 90.1% |
| Contra Costa | 270,000 | -52.6% | 66.3% | Santa Clara | 460,000 | -30.8% | 36.4% |
| Colusa | 160,000 | -53.3% | 83.6% | San Diego | 310,000 | -39.2% | 51.6% |
| El Dorado | 355,000 | -30.0% | 34.1% | San Benito | 261,500 | -55.7% | 93.8% |
| Fresno | 182,500 | -39.2% | 57.8% | San Francisco | 650,500 | -13.3% | 9.5% |
| Glenn | 153,750 | -34.6% | 59.6% | Shasta | 205,000 | -28.9% | 33.4% |
| Humboldt | 265,000 | -14.5% | 12.8% | Sierra | 193,000 | -8.1% | 27.3% |
| Imperial | 155,000 | -42.6% | 81.0% | San Joaquin | 180,000 | -58.9% | 90.8% |
| Inyo | 299,500 | -7.5% | 12.5% | San Luis Obispo | 413,750 | -24.7% | 27.1% |
| Kern | 158,000 | -40.8% | 67.4% | San Mateo | 584,500 | -21.0% | 24.6% |
| Kings | 190,000 | -19.5% | 35.7% | Solano | 228,000 | -50.4% | 85.1% |
| Los Angeles | 343,000 | -31.4% | 54.3% | Sonoma | 315,000 | -42.6% | 51.2% |
| Lake | 180,000 | -37.9% | 67.6% | Santa Barbara | 280,000 | -51.7% | 48.2% |
| Lassen | 193,000 | -8.1% | 26.9% | Siskiyou | 200,000 | 6.4% | 19.5% |
| Modoc | 108,750 | 40.3% | 4.4% | Stanislaus | 160,000 | -58.5% | 88.2% |
| Madera | 165,000 | -47.2% | 102.1% | Sutter | 175,000 | -45.3% | 68.5% |
| Merced | 127,000 | -65.4% | 101.8% | Santa Cruz | 415,000 | -39.0% | 44.3% |
| Mendocino | 312,750 | -16.6% | 29.1% | Tehama | 145,000 | -37.0% | 55.5% |
| Mono | 355,000 | -39.8% | 12.8% | Tuolumne | 235,000 | -24.2% | 32.0% |
| Mariposa | 170,000 | -23.4% | 34.8% | Trinity | 175,000 | 18.6% | 18.5% |
| Marin | 602,500 | -23.9% | 18.4% | Tulare | 174,500 | -30.2% | 47.5% |
| Monterey | 255,000 | -58.8% | 94.8% | Ventura | 360,000 | -40.5% | 46.5% |
| Napa | 400,000 | -35.1% | 53.7% | Yolo | 271,750 | -38.9% | 44.2% |
| Nevada | 350,000 | -22.2% | 28.3% | Yuba | 165,000 | -50.5% | 67.5% |
| Orange | 405,000 | -34.5% | 42.3% | 57 County Total | 263,000 | -42.8% | 59.4% |

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