



# **Snapshot of a Foreclosure Crisis**15 Fast Facts

### 1 in 9 homeowners:

at least two payments behind on their mortgage.

## 61% of borrowers

receiving subprime loans in 2006 could have qualified for better loans.

Total property value lost in 2009 because of nearby foreclosures: \$502 billion.

- 1. Number of foreclosures initiated since 2007: **6.6 million**
- 2. Projected foreclosures during next 5 years: Up to 12 million
- 3. Portion of all homeowners seriously delinquent on their mortgage: 1 in 9
- 4. Portion of homes where owners owe more than property value: Nearly 1 in 4
- 5. Drop in residential lending in 2008 from 2007: Over a trillion dollars
- 6. Between 2006 and 2008, decline in existing home sales: 24%
- 7. Between 2006 and 2008, decline in new home sales: 54%
- 8. Between 2006 and 2008, decline in new home construction: 58%
- 9. In 2009, number of neighboring homes estimated to have lost property value because of nearby foreclosures: **69+ million**
- 10. Average price decline per home (2009): \$7,200
- 11. Estimated property value lost because of nearby foreclosures (2009): \$502 billion
- 12. Share of 2006 subprime loans that went to people who could have qualified for loans with better terms: **61%**
- 13. Typical rate difference between a 30-year, fixed mortgage and the initial rate of a subprime adjustable-rate mortgage: less than 1%
- 14. Cumulative default rate for subprime borrowers with a similar risk profile to borrowers with lower-rate loans: **More than 3x higher**
- 15. During first 4 years, typical extra cost paid by subprime borrowers who got a loan from a mortgage broker, compared to other similar borrowers: \$5,222

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