mandated by Federal statute, treaty, or other international agreement.

(9) To a Federal, State, local, tribal, or territorial agency for the purpose of comparing to the agency's system of records or to non-Federal records, in coordination with an Office of Inspector General in conducting an audit, investigation, inspection, evaluation, or other review as authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

(10) To appropriate Federal, State, local, territorial, and tribal authorities, agencies, arbitrators, and other parties responsible for hearing, deciding, or processing any personnel actions, controversies, corrective actions, grievances or appeals, or if needed in the performance of other authorized personnel-related duties, but only to the extent the disclosure directly relates to or results from the insider risk matter.

(11) To a Federal, State, local, territorial, or tribal agency in order to obtain information that may be relevant to the FDIC's handling of an insider risk matter.

(12) To a public or professional licensing organization when such information indicates, either by itself or in combination with other information, a violation or potential violation of professional standards, or reflects on the moral, educational, or professional qualifications of an individual who is licensed or who is seeking to become licensed.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records are stored electronically or in paper format in secure facilities. Electronic records may be stored locally on digital media, in FDIC-owned cloud environments, or in vendor cloud service offerings that are appropriately authorized and/or certified.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by name of the covered individual, email address, computer assigned identification number, business affiliation, and/or event name.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records of FDIC InR Program matters initiated from referrals that meet approved insider risk reporting thresholds are maintained for 25 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Records are protected from unauthorized access and improper use through administrative, technical, and physical security measures. Access to

these records within the FDIC is strictly limited to those with a need to know. External disclosure of information from this system of records may only occur with the approval of the InR Program Office. Administrative safeguards include written guidelines on handling personal information including agencywide procedures for safeguarding personally identifiable information. In addition, all FDIC staff are required to take annual privacy, security, and InR training. Technical security measures within the FDIC include restrictions on computer access to authorized individuals who have a legitimate need to know the information, required use of strong passwords that are frequently changed, multi-factor authentication for remote access and access to many FDIC network components, use of encryption for certain data types and transfers, firewalls and intrusion detection applications, and regular review of security procedures and best practices to enhance security. Physical safeguards include restrictions on building access to authorized individuals, security guard service, and maintenance of records in lockable offices and filing cabinets.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals requesting access to records about them in this system of records should submit their request online through the FDIC FOIA Service center at https://www.fdic.gov/foia. Alternatively, individuals can send a request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email efoia@ fdic.gov. Individuals will be required to provide a detailed description of the records you seek including time period when the records were created and other supporting information where possible, and the reason for amendment or correction. Individuals will be required to provide proof of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals contesting the content of or requesting an amendment to their records in this system of records should submit their request online through the FDIC FOIA Service center at https://www.fdic.gov/foia. Alternatively, individuals can send a request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email efoia@fdic.gov. Individuals will be required to provide proof of identity and should include the individual's reason for requesting the amendment and a description of the record (including the

name of the appropriate designated system and category thereof) sufficient to enable the FDIC to identify the particular record or portion thereof with respect to which amendment is sought. Requests must specify which information is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to such information in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310. Individuals will be required to provide proof of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to know whether this system contains information about them should submit their request online through the FDIC FOIA Service Center at https://www.fdic.gov/foia.

Alternatively, individuals can send a request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email efoia@ fdic.gov. Individuals will be required to provide proof of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

This system of records has been exempted from the requirements of subsections (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1) and (k)(2). Records maintained in this system that originated in another system of records shall be governed by both the exemptions claimed for this system as well as any additional exemptions claimed in the originating system of records.

HISTORY:

None.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, on August 26,

James P. Sheesley,

Assistant Executive Secretary.
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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2024-N-13]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection for approval from Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA or Agency) is seeking public comments on a generic information collection called the "National Survey of Mortgage Originations" (NSMO). FHFA intends to submit the information collection to OMB for review and approval of a three-year control number.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on or before September 30, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Washington, DC 20503, Fax: (202) 395–3047, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please also submit comments to FHFA, identified by "Proposed Collection; Comment Request: 'National Survey of Mortgage Originations, (No. 2024–N–13)'" by any of the following methods:

• Agency Website: https:// www.fhfa.gov/regulation/federalregister?comments=open.

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail/Hand Delivery: Federal
Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor,
400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC
20219, ATTENTION: Proposed
Collection; Comment Request: "National
Survey of Mortgage Originations, (No.
2024–N–13)." Please note that all mail
sent to FHFA via the U.S. Postal Service
is routed through a national irradiation
facility, a process that may delay
delivery by approximately two weeks.
For any time-sensitive correspondence,
please plan accordingly.

FHFA will post all public comments on the FHFA public website at http:// www.fhfa.gov, except as described below. Commenters should submit only information that the commenter wishes to make available publicly. FHFA may post only a single representative example of identical or substantially identical comments, and in such cases will generally identify the number of identical or substantially identical comments represented by the posted example. FHFA may, in its discretion, redact or refrain from posting all or any portion of any comment that contains content that is obscene, vulgar, profane, or threatens harm. All comments, including those that are redacted or not posted, will be retained in their original form in FHFA's internal file and considered as required by all applicable laws. Commenters that would like

FHFA to consider any portion of their comment exempt from disclosure on the basis that it contains trade secrets, or financial, confidential or proprietary data or information, should follow the procedures in section IV.D. of FHFA's Policy on Communications with Outside Parties in Connection with FHFA Rulemakings, see https://www.fhfa.gov/ sites/default/files/documents/Ex-Parte-Communications-Public-Policy 3-5-19.pdf. FHFA cannot guarantee that such data or information, or the identity of the commenter, will remain confidential if disclosure is sought pursuant to an applicable statute or regulation. See 12 CFR 1202.8, 12 CFR 1214.2, and the FHFA FOIA Reference Guide at https://www.fhfa.gov/about/ foia-reference-guide for additional information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan Spader, Manager, National Mortgage Database Program, Jonathan. Spader@fhfa.gov, (202) 649—3213; or Angela Supervielle, Senior Counsel, Angela. Supervielle@fhfa.gov, (202) 649—3973, (these are not toll-free numbers), Federal Housing Finance Agency, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20219. For TTY/TRS users with hearing and speech disabilities, dial 711 and ask to be connected to any of the contact numbers above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Need for and Use of the Information Collection

The NSMO is a recurring quarterly survey of individuals who have recently obtained a loan secured by a first mortgage on single-family residential property. The survey questionnaire is mailed to a representative sample of approximately 6,000 recent mortgage borrowers each calendar quarter and typically consists of about 96 multiple choice and short answer questions designed to obtain information about borrowers' experiences in choosing and in taking out a mortgage. The questionnaire may be completed either on paper (in English only) or electronically online (in either English or Spanish). FHFA is also seeking clearance to pretest future iterations of the survey questionnaire and related materials from time to time through the use of cognitive pre-testing.

The NSMO is a component of the "National Mortgage Database" (NMDB) Program which is a joint effort of FHFA and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The NMDB Program is designed to satisfy the Congressionally-mandated requirements of section 1324(c) of the Federal Housing

Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act (Safety and Soundness Act). Section 1324(c) requires that FHFA conduct a monthly survey to collect data on the characteristics of individual prime and subprime mortgages, and on the borrowers and properties associated with those mortgages, in order to enable it to prepare a detailed annual report on the mortgage market activities of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) for review by the appropriate Congressional oversight committees. Section 1324(c) also authorizes and requires FHFA to compile a database of otherwise unavailable residential mortgage market information and to make that information available to the public in a timely fashion.

As a means of fulfilling those and other statutory requirements, as well as to support policymaking and research regarding the residential mortgage markets, FHFA and CFPB jointly established the NMDB Program in 2012. The Program is designed to provide comprehensive information about the U.S. mortgage market and has three primary components: (1) the NMDB; (2) the NSMO; and (3) the American Survey of Mortgage Borrowers (ASMB).

The NMDB is a de-identified loanlevel database of closed-end first-lien residential mortgage loans that is representative of the market as a whole, contains detailed loan-level information on the terms and performance of the mortgages and the characteristics of the associated borrowers and properties, is continually updated, has an historical component dating back to 1998, and provides a sampling frame for surveys to collect additional information. The core data in the NMDB are drawn from a random 1-in-20 sample of all closed-end first-lien mortgage files outstanding at any time between January 1998 and the present in the files of Experian, one of the three national credit repositories, with a random sample of mortgages newly reported to Experian added each quarter.

The NMDB draws additional information on mortgages in the NMDB datasets from other existing sources, including the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data that are maintained by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), property valuation models, and administrative data files maintained by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and by federal agencies. FHFA also obtains data from the ASMB, which historically

^{1 12} U.S.C. 4544(c).

solicited information on borrowers' experience with maintaining their existing mortgages, including their experience maintaining mortgages under financial stress, their experience in soliciting financial assistance, their success in accessing federally-sponsored programs designed to assist them, and, where applicable, any challenges they may have had in terminating a mortgage loan.²

While the ASMB focused on borrowers' experience with maintaining existing mortgages, the NSMO solicits information on newly-originated mortgages and the borrowers' experiences with the mortgage origination process. It was developed to complement the NMDB by providing critical and timely information—not available from existing sources—on the range of nontraditional and subprime mortgage products being offered, the methods by which these mortgages are being marketed, and the characteristics of borrowers for these types of loans. In particular, the survey questionnaire is designed to elicit directly from mortgage borrowers information on the characteristics of the borrowers and on their experiences in finding and obtaining a mortgage loan, including: their mortgage shopping behavior; their mortgage closing experiences; their expectations regarding house price appreciation; and critical financial and other life events affecting their households, such as unemployment, expenses or divorce. The survey questions do not focus on the terms of the borrowers' mortgage loans because these fields are available in the Experian data. However, the NSMO collects a limited amount of information on each respondent's mortgage to verify that the Experian records and survey responses pertain to the same mortgage.

Each wave of the NSMO is sent to the primary borrowers on about 6,000 mortgage loans, which are drawn from a simple random sample of the newly originated mortgage loans that are added to the NMDB from the Experian files each quarter. Because the volume of originations varies across time, the sampling rate for the 6,000 sampled loans also varies from one quarter to the next. On average, the NSMO sample represents an approximately 1-in-15 sample of loans added to the NMDB and an approximately 1-in-300 sample of all mortgage loan originations. By contract with FHFA, the conduct of the NSMO is administered through Experian, which has subcontracted the survey administration through a competitive

process to Westat, a nationally-recognized survey vendor.³ Westat also carries out the pre-testing of the survey materials.

B. Need For and Use of the Information Collection

FHFA views the NMDB Program as a whole, including the NSMO, as the monthly "survey" that is required by section 1324 of the Safety and Soundness Act. Core inputs to the NMDB, such as a regular refresh of the Experian data, occur monthly, though NSMO itself does not. In combination with the other information in the NMDB, the information obtained through the NSMO is used to prepare the report to Congress on the mortgage market activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that FHFA is required to submit under section 1324, as well as for research and analysis by FHFA and CFPB in support of their regulatory and supervisory responsibilities related to the residential mortgage markets. The NSMO is especially critical in ensuring that the NMDB contains uniquely comprehensive information on the range of nontraditional and subprime mortgage products being offered, the methods by which these mortgages are being marketed and the characteristics and particularly the creditworthiness of borrowers for these types of loans.

Since November 2018 FHFA and CFPB have periodically released loanlevel datasets collected through the NSMO for public use. Each release incrementally adds loans collected from additional waves of the survey. The most recent release was in July 2024 covering loans originated through 2021.4 Prior to each release, FHFA and the CFPB implement a series of disclosure avoidance analyses and protections to ensure that the confidentiality of study participants is protected. The loan-level datasets provide a resource for research and analysis by federal agencies, by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and by academics and other interested parties outside of the government.

FHFA is also seeking OMB approval to continue to conduct cognitive pretesting of the survey materials. The Agency uses information collected through that process to assist in drafting and modifying the survey questions and instructions, as well as the related communications, to read in the way that will be most readily understood by the survey respondents and that will be most likely to elicit usable responses. Such information is also used to help the Agency decide on how best to organize and format the survey questionnaires.

FHFA previously maintained a standard clearance for this information collection, the OMB control number for that clearance was 2590–0012.

C. Burden Estimate

FHFA has analyzed the hour burden on members of the public associated with conducting the survey (10,080 hours) and with pre-testing the survey materials (50 hours) and estimates the total annual hour burden imposed on the public by this information collection to be 10,130 hours. The estimate for each phase of the collection was calculated as follows:

I. Conducting the Survey

FHFA estimates that the NSMO questionnaire will be sent to 24,000 recipients annually (6,000 recipients per quarterly survey × 4 calendar quarters). Although, based on historical experience, the Agency expects that only 20 to 30 percent of those surveys will be returned, it has assumed that all of the surveys will be returned for purposes of this burden calculation. Based on the reported experience of respondents to prior NSMO questionnaires, FHFA estimates that it will take each respondent 25 minutes to complete the survey, including the gathering of necessary materials to respond to the questions. This results in a total annual burden estimate of 10,080 hours for the survey phase of this collection (24,000 respondents \times 25 minutes per respondent = 10,080 hours annually).

II. Pre-Testing the Materials

FHFA estimates that it will pre-test the survey materials with 50 cognitive testing participants annually. The estimated participation time for each participant is one hour, resulting in a total annual burden estimate of 50 hours for the pre-testing phase of the collection (50 participants \times 1 hour per participant = 50 hours annually).

D. Comment Request

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.8(d), FHFA published an initial notice and request for public comments regarding this information collection in the **Federal Register** on

² OMB has assigned the ASMB control no. 2590–0015, which expires on August 31, 2027.

³ The Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*, requires that the survey process, because it utilizes borrower names and addresses drawn from credit reporting agency records, must be administered through Experian in order to maintain consumer privacy.

⁴The July 2024 NSMO public use dataset can be accessed here: https://www.fhfa.gov/data/national-survey-mortgage-originations-nsmo-public-use-file.

June 25, 2024.⁵ The 60-day comment period closed on August 26, 2024. FHFA received no comments.

FHFA requests written comments on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FHFA functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FHFA's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Shawn Bucholtz,

Chief Data Officer, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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Improving Mortgage Experiences in America

National Survey of Mortgage Originations

You have been selected to participate in an important national survey. Learning directly from borrowers like you about your experiences obtaining a mortgage to purchase or refinance your home will help us improve lending practices and the mortgage process for future borrowers like you.

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provided in the letter and your 5-digit zip code.

MOBILE DEVICE Text your unique access code to (202) 759-2029 to receive a

link to the survey or scan the QR code.

ESPAÑOL Vaya a: <u>www.NSMOsurvey.com</u> e ingrese el código de acceso

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Para contestar la encuesta en un aparato móvil/teléfono inteligente Envie en un mensaje de texto su código de acceso único al (202) 759-2029

o escanee el código QR.

While we prefer online to help us save costs for processing, it is important we hear from you. If you prefer paper, you can mail back the completed survey in the enclosed pre-paid postage envelope.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing this due to a disability, please call us toll free at 1-855-531-0724, TTY #711 or visit our web sites www.fhfa.gov/nsmo or www.consumerfinance.gov.

⁵ See 89 FR 53086 (June 25, 2024).

National Survey of Mortgage Originations

Who is sponsoring this survey?

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), is an independent regulatory agency responsible for the effective supervision, regulation, and housing mission oversight of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Federal Home Loan Bank System, and the Office of Finance, and ensures a competitive, liquid, efficient, and resilient housing finance market.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is a Federal agency created in 2010 to make mortgages, credit cards, automobile and other consumer loans work better and ensure that these markets are fair, transparent, and competitive.

How was I selected for this survey?

Survey recipients were selected at random from across the United States. Your answers will not be connected to your name or any other identifying information.

How long will it take?

The time will vary based on your experiences, but you can expect to spend 15-25 minutes.

Privacy Act Notice: In accordance with the Privacy Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the following notice is provided. The information requested on this Survey is collected pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 4544 for the purposes of gathering information for the National Mortgage Database. Routine uses which may be made of the collected information can be found in the Federal Housing Finance Agency's System of Records Notice (SORN) FHFA-21 National Mortgage Database. Providing the requested information is voluntary. Submission of the survey authorizes FHFA to collect the information provided and to disclose it as set forth in the referenced SORN.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

OMB No. 2590-0012 Expires 6/30/23

1.	Did you take out or co-sign for a mortgage loan sometime in the last couple of years including a purchase or any refinance/modification of an existing loan?					When you bega mortgage, how qualifying for a	concerned we			
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12. How many different mortgage lenders/brokers did you end up applying to?	17. How open were you to suggestions from your mortgage lender/broker about mortgages with
1 2 3 4 5 or more	different features or terms? ☐ Very ☐ Somewhat ☐ Not at all
13. Did you apply to more than one mortgage lender/broker for any of the following reasons?	18. How important were each of the following in determining the mortgage you took out?
Yes No Searching for better loan terms	Not Important Important
Concern over qualifying for a loan	Lower interest rate Lower APR (Annual Percentage Rate) Lower closing fees Lower down payment Lower monthly payment An interest rate fixed for the life
choosing the mortgage lender/broker you used for the mortgage you took out?	of the loan
Important Important	No mortgage insurance
Having an established banking relationship Having a local office or branch nearby Used previously to get a mortgage Mortgage lender/broker is a personal friend or relative Paperless online mortgage process Recommendation from a friend/ relative/co-worker Recommendation from a real estate agent/home builder	19. Your lender may have given you a booklet "Your home loan toolkit: A step-by-step guide," do you remember receiving a copy? Yes Don't know 20. In the process of getting this mortgage from your mortgage lender/broker, did you
estate agent/home builder Reputation of mortgage lender/broker	Yes No
Spoke my primary language, which is not English	Have to add another co-signer to qualify
Accommodations for people with disabilities	Answer follow-up requests for more information about income or assets Have more than one appraisal
15. Who initiated the first contact between you and the mortgage lender/broker you used for the mortgage you took out?	Redo/refile paperwork due to processing delays
	Have your "Loan Estimate" revised
☐ I (or one of my co-signers) did ☐ The mortgage lender/broker did	to reflect changes in your loan terms Check other sources to confirm that
☐ We were put in contact by a third party (such as a real estate agent or home builder)	terms of this mortgage were reasonable
16. While you were getting your mortgage, how did you <u>primarily</u> interact with your mortgage lender/broker?	21. Did the "Loan Estimate" you received from your mortgage lender/broker Yes No
Online (web portal, email)	Have easy to understand information
Phone (voice calls, text messages, fax)	Contain valuable information
☐ Mail ☐ In person ☐ No primary way	Cause you to take an action, such as seek a change in your loan or closing



	Yes	No				Not		
An interest rate that is fixed for the life of the loan			Best terms to fit your needs	Very	Somewhat			
An interest rate that could change over the life of the loan			Lowest interest rate for which you could qualify	П				
A term of less than 30 years A higher interest rate in return for lower			Lowest closing costs					
closing costs			27. Overall, how satisfied are y	ou with	the			
A lower interest rate in return for paying higher closing costs (discount points) Interest-only monthly payments			Mortgage lender/broker	Very	Somewhat	Not At Al		
An escrow account for taxes and/or		ш	you used		П			
homeowner insurance			Application process Documentation process		- П			
A prepayment penalty (fee if the mortgage is paid off early)			required for the loan	П				
Reduced documentation or "easy" approval	П	П	Property appraisal Loan closing process	R		H		
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Selected/recommended by the mortgage lender/broker, or real estate agent You used previously			28. Did you take a course about alk to a professional housi			or		
Found shopping around		П	No → Skip to 32 on page 4					
Did not have a settlement/closing agent			29. Was your home-buying course or counseling					
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 Which one of these reasons best desc most recent mortgage? To buy a property 	a rues i	aus	Ĩ	How important were the following in your decision to refinance, modify or obtain a new mortgage?
☐ To refinance or modify an earlier mortgage ☐ To add/remove co-signer(s)/co-owner(s) ☐ To finance a construction loan ☐ To take out a new loan on a mortgage-free property ☐ Some other purpose (specify)		cip to 36–		Change to a fixed-rate loan Get a lower interest rate Remove private mortgage insurance Get a lower monthly payment Consolidate or pay down other debt Repay the loan more quickly Take out cash
3. Did you do the following before or a made an offer on this house or prop	erty?	u Did	37.	Approximately how much was owed, in total, on the old mortgage(s) and loan(s) you refinanced?
Contacted a lender to explore mortgage options		Not Do		\$
Got a pre-approval or pre- qualification from a lender Decided on the type of loan Made a decision on which lender to use			38.	Did you use the money you got from this new mortgage for any of the following? Yes No College expenses
Submitted an official loan application Did you use any of the following sou	□ rces of			Buy out co-signer(s)/co-owner(s)
funds to buy this property? Proceeds from the sale of another property Savings, retirement account, inheritance, or other assets	Used	Not Used		Savings
Assistance or loan from a nonprofit or government agency				Did not get money from refinancing
A second lien, home equity loan, or home equity line of credit (HELOC) Gift or loan from family or friend Seller contribution			39.	This Mortgage When you took out this most recent mortgage or refinance, what was the dollar amount you
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			41.	What is the interest rate on this mortgage?
				% Don't know



alance between closing c mortgage have ent penalty (fee if the e is paid off early) account for taxes and/or ner insurance ble rate (one that can er the life of the loan) bayment	ves	d intere	Don't Know	48. After closing on this mortgage, how much careserves in checking, savings, and other simil assets did you have remaining? Less than one month's mortgage payment
on did any of the follo	wing	chang	e?	1-2 months' worth of mortgage payments 3-6 months' worth of mortgage payments 7 months' worth of mortgage payments 49. Did you seek input about your closing docum from any of the following people? Mortgage lender/broker Yes Yes Settlement/closing agent Personal attorney Personal attorney Title insurance agent Trusted friend or relative who is not a co-signer on the mortgage Housing counselor
money needed				Other (specify) 50. Did you face any of the following at your loan
shows the loan closic osts separately. What	ig cos were	ts and	other	closing? Loan documents not ready at closing
	□ Doi	n't knov	V	Mortgage terms different at closing than expected, e.g. interest rate, monthly payment
		n cost	Don't	More cash needed at closing than expected, e.g. escrow, unexpected fees
ansfer			Know	Less cash needed at closing than expected Asked to sign blank documents at closing
ge lender/broker				Asked to sign pre-dated or post-dated documents at closing Felt rushed at closing or not given time
				to read documents 51. Is there any <u>additional problem</u> you encounte while getting this mortgage that you'd like to
	on did any of the follonyment e money needed oan using Disclosure" state g shows the loan closin osts separately. What osts you paid on this l	on did any of the following Higher In money needed In	on did any of the following change Fligher Same Pligher Plighe	money needed oan



Γ	At the same time you took or did you also take out another property you financed with t second lien, home equity loan, line of credit (HELOC))? -□ Yes □ No → Skip to 54 What was the amount of this	r loan o his mor or a ho	n the rtgage	(a	58. Which one of the following best describes this property? Single-family detached house Mobile home or manufactured home Townhouse, row house, or villa 2-unit, 3-unit, or 4-unit dwelling Apartment (or condo/co-op) in apartment building Unit in a partly commercial structure Other (specify)
	☐ Don't know				59. Does this mortgage cover more than one unit?
54.	How well could you explain t	to some	one the		Yes No
		Very S	omewhat	Not At All	
	Process of taking out a mortgage Difference between a fixed- and an adjustable-rate mortgage				60. About how much do you think this property is worth in terms of what you could sell it for now?
	Difference between a prime and subprime loan				\$00 Don't know
	Difference between a mortgage's interest rate and its APR Amortization of a loan		8		61. Do you rent out all or any portion of this property? —☐ Yes
	Consequences of not making required mortgage payments				No → Skip to 63
	Difference between lender's and owner's title insurance				62. How much rent do you receive annually?
	Relationship between discount points and interest rate				\$00 per year
	Reason payments into an escrow account can change				63. Besides you, the mortgage co-signers, and renters, does anyone else help pay the expenses
	This Mortgaged	Prop	perty		for this property?
55.	When did you first become t	he own	er of th	is	☐ Yes ☐ No
	property?				64. Which one of the following best describes how you use this property?
	month year				Primary residence (where you
56.	What was the purchase price if you built it, how much did and land cost?				spend the majority of your time) It will be my primary residence soon Seasonal or second home Home for other relatives Skip to 67 on page 7
	\$.00.	☐ Don	't know	Rental or investment property Other (specify)
57.	Which <u>one</u> of the following by you acquired this property?	est des	cribes l	iow	65. If primary residence, when did you move into
	☐ Purchased an existing home ☐ Purchased a newly-built home ☐ Had or purchased land and bui ☐ Received as a gift or inheritani ☐ Other (specify)	ilt a hous			this property? /



66.	Which one of the follow				Your Hou	sehold	
	willingness or ability to primary residence? Willing and able to move Unwilling but unable to move Unsure/Don't know at the	e ove	rom you		71. What is your current man	rital status	?
67.	Number of homes for sale Number of vacant homes	hood v			72. Do you have a partne decision-making and running your householegal spouse?	responsibil old but is n	ities of ot your
	Number of homes for rent Number of foreclosures or				Please answer the following q your spouse or partner, if app		r you and
	short sales Number of homes impacted by natural disasters House prices				73. Age at last birthday:	You	Spouse/ Partner
	Overall desirability of living there				74. Sex:	year	'syears
68.	What do you think will homes in this neighborh couple of years?				Male Female	You	Spouse/ Partner
	☐ Increase a lot ☐ Increase a little ☐ Remain about the same ☐ Decrease a little ☐ Decrease a lot				75. Highest level of education Some schooling High school graduate Technical school	You	Sponse/ Partner
69.	In the next couple of yea the overall desirability on eighborhood to change	of living	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	expect	Some college College graduate Postgraduate studies		
	☐ Become more desirable ☐ Stay about the same ☐ Become less desirable				76. Hispanic or Latino:	You	Spouse/ Partner
70.	How likely is it that in the you will	he next	couple o	f years	Yes No		
	Sell this property Move but keep this property Refinance the mortgage on this property Pay off this mortgage and on the property mortgage-free	[[wn	ery Somew		77. Race: Mark <u>all</u> that apply. White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Nathan Native Hawaiian or Other Pac		Spouse/ Partner

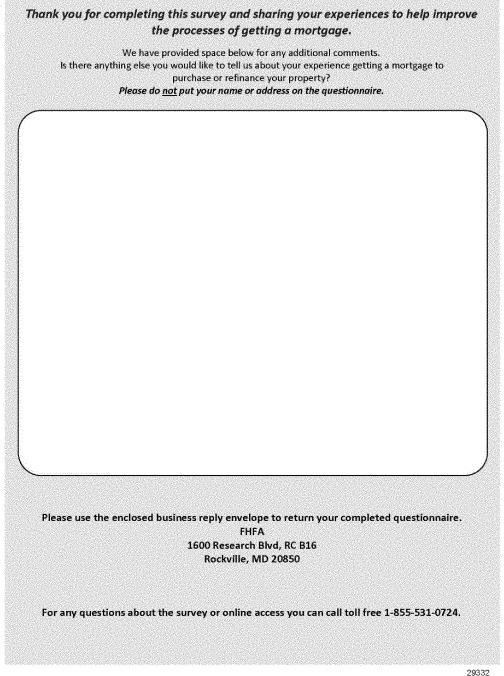


Self-employed full time Self-employed part time	You 🔲	Spouse/ Partner		household income from all sources salaries, tips, interest, child support,				
Self-employed part time				income, retirement, social security, ar				
				Less than \$35,000				
Employed full time				□ \$35,000 to \$49,999				
Employed part time				\$50,000 to \$74,999				
Retired	П	П		\$75,000 to \$99,999				
Unemployed, temporarily laid-off or on leave				\$100,000 to \$174,999 \$175,000 or more				
Not working for pay (student, homemaker, disabled)			85.	How does this total annual househo				
				compare to what it is in a "normal"	year?			
				☐ Higher than normal ☐ Normal				
	V	Spouse/		Lower than normal				
Never served in the military	Π̈							
Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard			86.					
Now on active duty					Yes	No		
On active duty in the past, but	_	_			100-00			
not now	ш	- Ц			A CALLEDON	ıЦ		
					CONTRACTOR OF STREET	Н		
					ш.	ш		
lives in your household? Mark <u>c</u>	<u>ill</u> that c	ippiy.			П	П		
☐ Children/grandchildren age 18 ☐ Children/grandchildren age 23 or ☐ Parents of you or your spouse or	22 older partner		8 7.	Does anyone in your household hav following?		of the		
	usins			401(k), 403(b), IRA, or pension plan		П		
				Stocks, bonds, or mutual funds (not in retirement accounts or pension plans)		П		
☐ No one else				Certificates of deposit	ੂ⊟	П		
	than Ei	nglish at		Investment real estate				
-□ Yes □ No → Skip to 84			88.	describes the amount of financial risk you are willing to take when you save or make investments? Take substantial financial risks expecting to earn				
Was it important to get your m documents in this language?	ortgage							
☐ Yes ☐ No					pecting	to		
Did you get mortgage documen language?	ts in thi	is		average returns	to earn	L		
☐ Yes ☐ No				☐ Not willing to take any financial risks				
	Never served in the military Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard Now on active duty On active d	Forces, Reserves or National Guard? Never served in the military Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard Now on active duty On active duty in the past, but not now Besides you (and your spouse/partner) lives in your household? Mark all that a Children/grandchildren under age 18 Children/grandchildren age 18 − 22 Children/grandchildren age 23 or older Parents of you or your spouse or partner Other relatives like siblings or cousins Non-relative No one else Do you speak a language other than Enhome? 'Yes No → Skip to 84 Was it important to get your mortgage documents in this language? Yes No Did you get mortgage documents in thi language?	Never served in the military	Forces, Reserves or National Guard? Never served in the military	Forces, Reserves or National Guard? Normal	Forces, Reserves or National Guard? Normal		



	Aores	Disagree	changed for you (and your spouse/partner)? Significant Little/No Significant
Owning a home is a good financial	···	c.augi CC	Increase Change Decrease
investment			Household income
Most mortgage lenders generally			Housing expenses
treat borrowers well			Non-housing expenses
Most mortgage lenders would offer			
me roughly the same rates and fees			93. In the next couple of years, how do you expect
Late payments will lower my			the following to change for you (and your spouse/partner)?
credit rating			
Lenders shouldn't care about any late			Significant Little/No Significa Increase Change Decreas
payments, only whether loans are	_		Household income
fully repaid	ш		Housing expenses
It is okay to default or stop making			Non-housing expenses
mortgage payments if it is in the borrower's financial interest	П		
I would consider counseling or taking a			94. How likely is it that in the next couple of years
course about managing my finances if			you (or your spouse/partner) will face
I faced financial difficulties			No
		_	Very Somewhat At 2 Retirement □ □ □
In the last sounds of some have your			Difficulties making your
. In the last couple of years, have any following happened to you?	or tite		mortgage payments
ronoving nappened to your			A layoff, unemployment, or
Separated, divorced or partner left	Yes 	No 🔲	forced reduction in hours
Married, remarried or new partner	NAMES OF THE OWNER.	STATE STATES	Some other personal financial
Death of a household member	日		crisis 🔲 🔲
Addition to your household	ш		
(not spouse/partner)	П	П	95. If your household faced an unexpected
Person leaving your household			personal financial crisis in the next couple of
(not spouse/partner)	П	П	years, how likely is it you could _{No}
Disability or serious illness of			Very Somewhat At A
household member		П	Pay your bills for the next 3
Disaster affecting a property you own	П	П	months without borrowing
Disaster affecting your (or your		_	Get significant financial help
spouse/partner's) work	П	П	from family or friends
Moved within the area (less than 50 miles)	ō	Ī	Borrow a significant amount
Moved to a new area (50 miles or more)	ā.	ā	from a bank or credit union
			Significantly increase your income
. In the last couple of years, have any	of the		
following happened to you (or your			96. In the next ten years, what do you think could
spouse/partner)?			decrease the value of a property you own?
	Yes	No	
Layoff, unemployment, or reduced		_	
hours of work	Ц		
	Щ	Щ	
Retirement	П		
Promotion	A CONTRACTOR	100	
Promotion Starting a new job	ä.		
Promotion Starting a new job Starting a second job	A CONTRACTOR		
Promotion Starting a new job	A CONTRACTOR		





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Submission for OMB Review; Data Collection for a National Evaluation of the American Rescue Plan

AGENCY: Office of Evaluation Sciences; General Services Administration (GSA). **ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, OES is proposing new data collection activities conducted for the National Evaluation of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The objective of this project is to provide a systematic look at the contributions of selected ARP-funded programs toward achieving equitable outcomes to inform program design and delivery across the Federal Government. The project will include in-depth, cross-cutting