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TRID Impact Evident in Closing Times

After it jumped up by three full days in November the average time to close a first mortgage loan **stabilized** in December at 49 days. The November increase had been attributed to unfamiliarity with the new Truth in Lending Disclosure Rule (TRID) which went into effect for loans for which applications were received after October 3.

Ellie Mae's *Origination Insight Report* showed that **purchase** mortgage closings did take one day longer, **50 days**, to close in December but that was offset by a drop in closing times for refinances from 49 to 47 days. The average time to close FHA and conventional loans remained largely unchanged at 49 days, while for VA loans it increased from 50 to 52 days.

Jonathan Corr, president and CEO of Ellie Mae said that the company's **customers are certainly impacted by TRID**. He commented, "While the time to close loans remained consistent from November, the 49-day cycle is still a week longer than the time to close at this same time last year."

Purchase loans represented **56 percent** of all closed loans while refinances as a percentage of lenders' overall loan volume decreased for the first time in seven months from 46 percent in November to 43 percent in December.

Conventional loans made up 65 percent of loans closed in December and FHA loans 22 percent. VA loans had a 9 percent share. The purchase share of conventional loans rose from 43 to 45 percent while the purchase shares of FHA and VA loans rose from 73 to 79 percent and 67 to 74 percent respectively.

Ellie Mae's data also shows that the **average FICO** score on closed loans **increased** for the first time since May from 720 in November to 722 in December, while the average FHA refinance FICO score increased to 651, up from 648 in November.

Sixty-seven percent of all loans applied for over a 90 day cycle closed in December, down one point from November when the closing rate was the highest of 2015. **Closing rates** on refinances were the highest of the year at 63 percent while purchase closings eased back 1 point to 71 percent. The lowest closing rate was for VA refinances at 43.5 percent.

Ellie Mae takes its application data from approximately a two-thirds sample of all mortgage applications originated on its mortgage management software.

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.87%	-0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.32%	-0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.33%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.05%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.59%	+0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.77%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.05%	-0.11	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.00%	-0.03	0.60
15 Yr. Fixed	6.63%	+0.07	0.61
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	-0.03	0.92
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.13%	+0.02	0.38
5/1 ARM	6.22%	-0.16	0.60

Rates as of: 7/23

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Jul 10	206.1	-0.19%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

Experience, Responsive, Expertise

	Value	Change
Builder Confidence	Mar	51 +6.25%

Whether you're buying, selling, refinancing, or building your dream home, you have a lot riding on your loan specialist. Since market conditions and mortgage programs change frequently, you need to make sure you're dealing with a top professional who is able to give you quick and accurate financial advice. I have the expertise and knowledge you need to explore the many financing options available.

Ensuring that you make the right choice for you and your family is my ultimate goal. And I am committed to providing my customers with mortgage services that exceed their expectations.

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