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Freddie Mac's 12-Month Portfolio Growth Nears Half Trillion

Freddie Mac reported this week that its **total mortgage portfolio increased at an annualized rate of 16.1 percent in January** compared to a 22.4 percent gain in December. The portfolio balance at the end of the period was \$2.777 trillion compared to \$2.740 trillion the prior month and \$2.339 trillion a year earlier.

Purchases and Issuances totaled \$120.128 billion and Sales were (\$.588) billion. The December numbers were \$129.639 billion and (\$1.330) billion, respectively.

Single-family refinance loan purchase and guarantee volume was \$84.5 billion in January compared to \$77.6 billion in December, representing a 73 percent share of total single-family mortgage portfolio purchases and issuances, **up from 70 percent the previous month.**

Purchases in Freddie Mac's Mortgage Related Investments Portfolio totaled \$92.263 billion for the month compared to \$111.509 billion during the prior period. Liquidations were (\$1.650) billion and (\$1.924) billion for January and December respectively and Sales for the two periods were (\$100.425) and (\$120.351) billion. The ending balance in the portfolio was \$172.372 billion, compared to \$182.184 billion in December and \$202.175 billion in January 2020.

The Mortgage Related Investments portfolio declined 64.6 percent compared to a decrease of (67.0) a month earlier. The annualized growth in January 2020 was (59.2) percent.



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The ending balance of the Mortgage Related Investments Portfolio was composed of \$59.478 billion in Mortgage Related Securities, Mortgage Loans valued at \$108.806 billion, Non-Agency, non-Freddie Mac Mortgage-Related Securities at \$1.400 billion; and Agency non-Freddie Mac Mortgage related securities of \$2.688 billion. Mortgage related securities and other guarantee commitments increased at an annualized rate of 17.8 percent in January compared to 25.9 percent in December.

Freddie Mac's single-family delinquency rate decreased from 2.64 percent in December to 2.58 percent in January. The multifamily delinquency rate was unchanged at 0.16 percent.

Freddie Mac said the measure of its exposure to changes in portfolio value averaged \$17 million in January compared to \$72 million in December. Maximum exposure to Fannie Mae-issued collateral that was included in Freddie Mac-issued resecuritizations was approximately \$89.7 billion.