## NMLS Federal Registry Quarterly Report 2012 Quarter I

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## Federal Registration of Mortgage Loan Originators

This report compiles data from the first quarter of 2012 concerning mortgage loan originators (MLOs) and institutions registered in the NMLS Federal Registry. Unless otherwise noted, the data reflect registration information from NMLS as of March 31, 2012.

Under state and federal rules, nearly all individuals who perform mortgage origination functions must be state-licensed or federally registered through NMLS. Combining the number of state licensed MLOs and the number of MLOs federally registered through NMLS provides a total number of individuals legally able to take an application and/or negotiate terms of a residential mortgage loan on properties located in the United States. ${ }^{1}$

There are distinct differences in the requirements and processes governing state licensure and federal registration. Due to these differences, as well as varying business models, institutions may register individuals through the NMLS Federal Registry who are not solely engaged in mortgage loan origination in order to ensure compliance with federal regulations. As a result, it cannot be assumed that the average federally registered MLO engages in the same level of mortgage origination activity as the average state licensed MLO.

The deadline for compliance with federal registration requirements for institutions and existing MLOs was July 21, 2011. Institutions and some MLOs had to renew their registration by December 31, 2011. For this reason, first quarter 2012 data provides a good baseline for reporting information from the NMLS Federal Registry.

Information on registration requirements for mortgage loan originators employed by federally chartered or insured depository institutions can be found at: Background on Federal Registration.

## Overview

At the end of the first quarter of 2012, over 10,500 federally chartered or insured depositories are active in mortgage originations, with over 379,000 MLOs registered.

The data reveal that the majority of institutions employ ten or fewer mortgage loan originators and operate in just one or two states. Yet the top five institutions operate across the country and employ over 130,000 mortgage loan originators, making up more than one third of all registered MLOs.

Entities in the NMLS Federal Registry

| Type | Entities |
| :--- | ---: |
| Institution | 10,575 |
| Mortgage Loan Originator | 379,605 |

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## Institutions with MLOs in Multiple States

The mortgage origination footprint of registered institutions can be approximated by counting the states in which an institution has at least one registered MLO. While 88\% of institutions have MLOs registered in only one state, there are 11 institutions which have registered MLOs in 30 or more states.

Institutions are not necessarily limited to originating mortgages in states in which they have a registered MLO. Yet, given the interstate branching requirements and business models of most depositories, the registered location of MLOs provides a strong approximation of mortgage origination activity by state.


Note that 274 institutions had an active registration on the NMLS Federal Registry, but as of March 31, 2012 did not have any actively registered MLOs. This may be due to a variety of reasons, including expected employee turnover, explaining why an institution would not have a registered MLO on a specific date.

## Mortgage Loan Originators Per Institution

Approximately half of the registered institutions employ between three and ten MLOs. The vast majority of institutions, $85 \%$, employ 19 or fewer MLOs. There are five institutions that employ more than 10,000 MLOs each.


## Entities in the NMLS Federal Registry by Charter Type

When institutions establish their account in NMLS, they provide information regarding their primary federal regulator. Banks with a national charter are regulated by, and register with NMLS at the direction of, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. State-chartered banks are regulated by their state chartering agency and subject to federal oversight (and register with NMLS at the direction of) either the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, both of which have issued regulations governing state-chartered banks' compliance with federal registration requirements. Credit unions can operate under either a state or national charter, all register with NMLS at the direction of the National Credit Union Administration. NMLS does not collect specific information to determine how credit unions are chartered. ${ }^{2}$

Though nationally chartered banks comprise only $17 \%$ of all institutions in the NMLS Federal Registry, they employ $59 \%$ of registered MLOs.



[^1]Federally Registered Institutions
As of March 31, 2012

| State | Total | \% change from last quarter | FDIC | FRB | NCUA | OCC | FCA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 264 | 1.1\% | 128 | 19 | 70 | 44 | 3 |
| Alaska | 27 | 3.8\% | 5 | 1 | 13 | 8 | - |
| Arizona | 131 | 1.6\% | 40 | 11 | 37 | 43 | - |
| Arkansas | 193 | 1.6\% | 67 | 45 | 33 | 45 | 3 |
| California | 478 | 0.4\% | 114 | 29 | 256 | 79 | - |
| Colorado | 249 | 2.0\% | 76 | 24 | 80 | 68 | 1 |
| Connecticut | 157 | 0.6\% | 36 | 4 | 75 | 41 | 1 |
| Delaware | 60 | 11.1\% | 13 | 3 | 17 | 26 | 1 |
| District of Columbia | 51 | 0.0\% | 4 | 5 | 27 | 15 | - |
| Florida | 432 | 0.5\% | 159 | 31 | 124 | 115 | 3 |
| Georgia | 380 | 0.8\% | 207 | 16 | 82 | 72 | 3 |
| Guam | 18 | 0.0\% | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 | - |
| Hawaii | 75 | 2.7\% | 9 | 3 | 48 | 14 | 1 |
| Idaho | 92 | 2.2\% | 26 | 5 | 42 | 18 | 1 |
| Illinois | 753 | -0.7\% | 345 | 71 | 145 | 191 | 1 |
| Indiana | 316 | 1.3\% | 92 | 30 | 118 | 75 | 1 |
| lowa | 447 | 0.0\% | 251 | 53 | 78 | 64 | 1 |
| Kansas | 390 | -0.8\% | 193 | 49 | 47 | 97 | 4 |
| Kentucky | 297 | 1.4\% | 145 | 25 | 62 | 62 | 3 |
| Louisiana | 257 | 0.8\% | 126 | 7 | 82 | 39 | 3 |
| Maine | 131 | 0.8\% | 35 | 3 | 63 | 28 | 2 |
| Maryland | 207 | 0.5\% | 52 | 28 | 65 | 59 | 3 |
| Massachusetts | 328 | 1.2\% | 125 | 20 | 131 | 52 | - |
| Michigan | 414 | 1.2\% | 100 | 30 | 225 | 58 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 521 | 0.8\% | 252 | 33 | 102 | 132 | 2 |
| Mississippi | 159 | 1.9\% | 84 | 8 | 35 | 29 | 3 |
| Missouri | 466 | -0.9\% | 248 | 52 | 84 | 81 | 1 |
| Montana | 114 | -1.7\% | 38 | 25 | 35 | 15 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 255 | 2.0\% | 101 | 32 | 56 | 65 | 1 |
| Nevada | 56 | 1.8\% | 13 | 3 | 16 | 24 | - |
| New Hampshire | 70 | 0.0\% | 26 | 5 | 21 | 18 | - |
| New Jersey | 243 | 0.4\% | 79 | 9 | 87 | 67 | 1 |
| New Mexico | 106 | 0.0\% | 35 | 6 | 32 | 32 | 1 |
| New York | 401 | 1.0\% | 56 | 25 | 204 | 115 | 1 |
| North Carolina | 218 | -0.9\% | 86 | 20 | 71 | 38 | 3 |
| North Dakota | 111 | 0.9\% | 55 | 3 | 29 | 24 | - |
| Ohio | 495 | 0.2\% | 121 | 36 | 217 | 119 | 2 |
| Oklahoma | 280 | -0.4\% | 100 | 51 | 40 | 85 | 4 |
| Oregon | 132 | 2.3\% | 44 | 5 | 62 | 20 | 1 |
| Pennsylvania | 509 | 1.0\% | 133 | 27 | 248 | 99 | 2 |
| Puerto Rico | 90 | 2.3\% | 7 | 3 | 74 | 5 | 1 |
| Rhode Island | 55 | -1.8\% | 17 | 1 | 20 | 17 | - |
| South Carolina | 170 | -2.9\% | 64 | 6 | 54 | 44 | 2 |


| State | Total | \% change from last quarter | FDIC | FRB | NCUA | OCC | FCA |
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| South Dakota | 92 | 1.1\% | 31 | 6 | 32 | 22 | 1 |
| Tennessee | 375 | 1.6\% | 156 | 52 | 104 | 61 | 2 |
| Texas | 847 | 1.6\% | 286 | 39 | 244 | 270 | 8 |
| Utah | 101 | -1.9\% | 25 | 5 | 48 | 23 | - |
| Vermont | 55 | 1.9\% | 10 | 1 | 21 | 23 | - |
| Virgin Islands | 28 | -3.4\% | 8 | 5 | 10 | 5 | - |
| Virginia | 287 | 4.0\% | 44 | 79 | 108 | 53 | 3 |
| Washington | 204 | 0.5\% | 66 | 10 | 87 | 39 | 2 |
| West Virginia | 131 | 0.0\% | 45 | 20 | 39 | 25 | 2 |
| Wisconsin | 473 | 0.0\% | 211 | 23 | 162 | 73 | 4 |
| Wyoming | 72 | 0.0\% | 15 | 15 | 21 | 20 | 1 |
| Nationwide | 10,575 | -4.6\% | 4,099 | 757 | 3,832 | 1,829 | 58 |

NOTE: The number of Institutions in each state is determined by the work address provided in their MLO's record. The change from previous quarter indicates the percentage increase or decrease since December 31, 2011.

FDIC - Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FRB - Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board
NCUA - National Credit Union Administration
OCC - Office of the Comptroller of Currency
FCA - Farm Credit Administration

Federally Registered Mortgage Loan Originators
As of March 31, 2012

| State | Total | \% change from last quarter | FDIC | FRB | NCUA | OCC | FCA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 5,847 | 0.8\% | 1,871 | 1,680 | 744 | 1,484 | 68 |
| Alaska | 603 | 2.6\% | 72 | 1 | 92 | 438 | - |
| Arizona | 10,211 | 6.4\% | 408 | 477 | 938 | 8,388 | - |
| Arkansas | 2,958 | 1.2\% | 728 | 1,258 | 164 | 759 | 49 |
| California | 40,031 | 0.3\% | 3,730 | 1,733 | 3,730 | 30,838 | - |
| Colorado | 7,568 | 1.2\% | 1,349 | 699 | 829 | 4,690 | 1 |
| Connecticut | 5,114 | 0.6\% | 977 | 20 | 355 | 3,761 | 1 |
| Delaware | 1,338 | -1.3\% | 35 | 244 | 107 | 945 | 7 |
| District of Columbia | 967 | -0.9\% | 40 | 42 | 119 | 766 | - |
| Florida | 21,116 | 1.0\% | 2,227 | 3,359 | 3,044 | 12,473 | 13 |
| Georgia | 8,185 | 0.1\% | 2,902 | 1,107 | 571 | 3,555 | 50 |
| Guam | 124 | 9.7\% | 61 | 30 | 15 | 18 | - |
| Hawaii | 1,943 | -0.6\% | 619 | 441 | 352 | 528 | 3 |
| Idaho | 2,086 | 1.6\% | 620 | 16 | 307 | 1,137 | 6 |
| Illinois | 17,660 | 0.3\% | 3,296 | 2,123 | 1,287 | 10,948 | 6 |
| Indiana | 7,913 | -0.7\% | 1,350 | 1,352 | 1,140 | 4,011 | 60 |
| Iowa | 4,976 | 2.2\% | 1,876 | 505 | 675 | 1,911 | 9 |
| Kansas | 4,029 | 1.5\% | 1,262 | 486 | 452 | 1,817 | 12 |
| Kentucky | 5,678 | 1.4\% | 2,015 | 887 | 416 | 2,299 | 61 |
| Louisiana | 5,743 | 0.5\% | 2,383 | 815 | 430 | 2,077 | 38 |
| Maine | 1,724 | 1.7\% | 482 | 63 | 382 | 795 | 2 |
| Maryland | 6,879 | 4.3\% | 1,003 | 1,496 | 467 | 3,869 | 44 |
| Massachusetts | 8,135 | 0.7\% | 2,554 | 157 | 1,223 | 4,201 | - |
| Michigan | 12,329 | 1.2\% | 1,265 | 3,107 | 1,918 | 5,954 | 85 |
| Minnesota | 8,013 | 0.6\% | 1,791 | 167 | 1,151 | 4,856 | 48 |
| Mississippi | 3,227 | 0.4\% | 1,827 | 491 | 137 | 731 | 41 |
| Missouri | 9,383 | 2.9\% | 2,441 | 1,380 | 731 | 4,817 | 14 |
| Montana | 1,320 | 1.1\% | 372 | 323 | 196 | 423 | 6 |
| Nebraska | 3,248 | 1.1\% | 1,197 | 245 | 480 | 1,316 | 10 |
| Nevada | 3,084 | 8.4\% | 375 | 34 | 149 | 2,526 | - |
| New Hampshire | 1,455 | -2.5\% | 266 | 14 | 257 | 918 | - |
| New Jersey | 10,848 | -0.3\% | 1,337 | 180 | 383 | 8,947 | 1 |
| New Mexico | 1,841 | 2.7\% | 398 | 134 | 263 | 1,044 | 2 |
| New York | 23,335 | 0.2\% | 627 | 2,035 | 1,917 | 18,750 | 6 |
| North Carolina | 9,769 | 0.9\% | 2,957 | 788 | 1,738 | 4,144 | 142 |
| North Dakota | 975 | 0.3\% | 375 | 17 | 168 | 415 | - |
| Ohio | 17,700 | 2.0\% | 1,600 | 2,363 | 1,934 | 11,739 | 64 |
| Oklahoma | 3,975 | 3.4\% | 1,278 | 648 | 431 | 1,586 | 32 |
| Oregon | 5,333 | 1.7\% | 1,341 | 42 | 1,103 | 2,838 | 9 |
| Pennsylvania | 16,910 | 0.1\% | 4,983 | 1,836 | 1,633 | 8,399 | 59 |
| Puerto Rico | 870 | 4.6\% | 337 | 156 | 343 | 32 | 2 |
| Rhode Island | 1,425 | 1.8\% | 308 | 1 | 272 | 844 | - |
| South Carolina | 4,530 | 0.0\% | 1,261 | 206 | 600 | 2,428 | 35 |


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| South Dakota | 1,281 | -1.5\% | 309 | 121 | 162 | 683 | 6 |
| Tennessee | 7,266 | 0.3\% | 2,360 | 1,798 | 806 | 2,237 | 65 |
| Texas | 26,461 | 1.0\% | 2,962 | 2,881 | 1,853 | 18,615 | 150 |
| Utah | 4,070 | 3.0\% | 309 | 100 | 1,301 | 2,360 | - |
| Vermont | 916 | -2.1\% | 315 | 6 | 147 | 448 | - |
| Virgin Islands | 95 | 4.4\% | 14 | 12 | 51 | 18 | - |
| Virginia | 9,832 | 1.4\% | 1,438 | 2,192 | 1,975 | 4,139 | 88 |
| Washington | 8,535 | 2.6\% | 2,092 | 93 | 1,992 | 4,348 | 10 |
| West Virginia | 1,545 | -0.2\% | 622 | 236 | 123 | 552 | 12 |
| Wisconsin | 8,331 | 0.8\% | 1,773 | 469 | 1,744 | 4,255 | 90 |
| Wyoming | 875 | 2.8\% | 221 | 224 | 136 | 293 | 1 |
| Nationwide | 379,605 | 1.1\% | 70,611 | 41,290 | 43,933 | 222,363 | 1,408 |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The federal rules governing registration do provide for a de minimus exemption to registration for individuals employed by a federally chartered or insured depository who originates five or fewer residential mortgages in a $12-$ month period and who has never been registered before. This is likely a very small number of individuals.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Institutions and MLOs regulated by the Farm Credit Administration are also required to register, but comprise less than $1 \%$ of the total number of both registered institutions and MLOs and are not reflected in either chart.

