

Foreclosure Prevention and Stimulus Programs in Colorado

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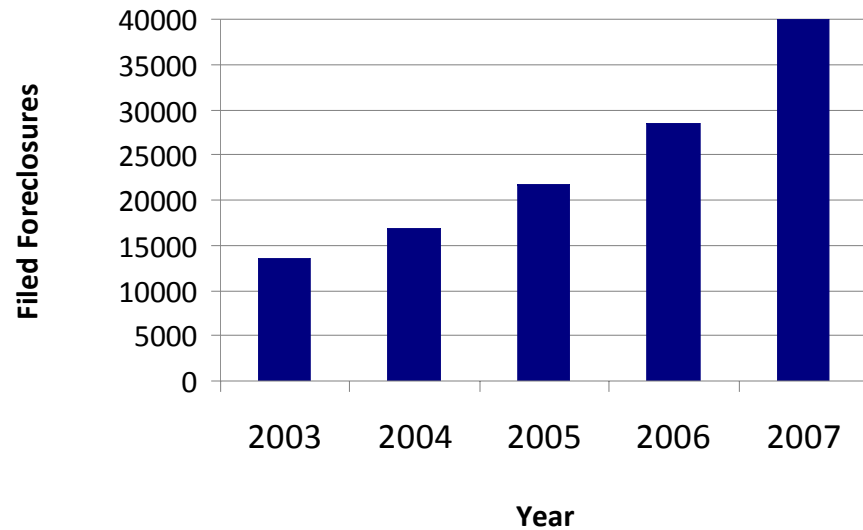
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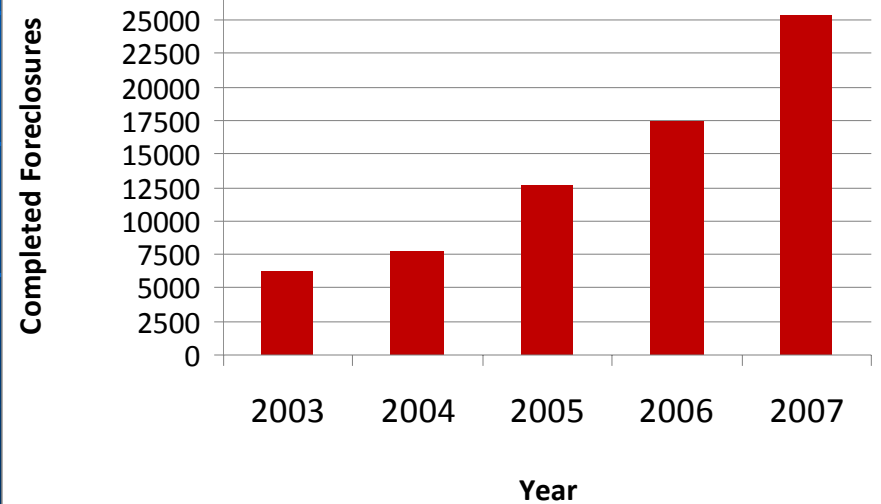
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A growing problem

Foreclosure Filings



Completed Foreclosures

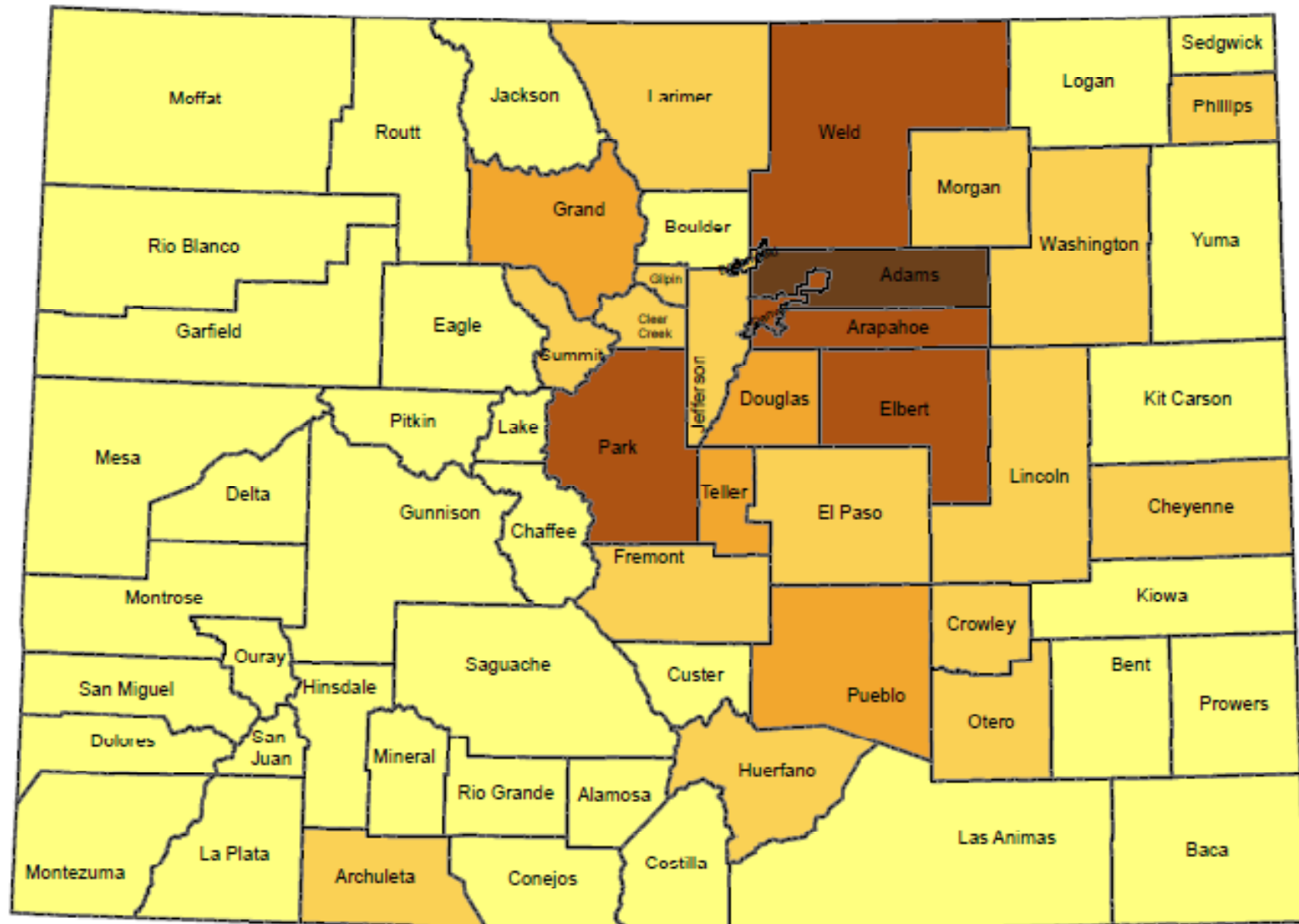


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Percentage of Occupied Households Completing Foreclosure All 2008



Legend



The Colorado Foreclosure Prevention Task Force

- Created in September 2005
- Partners with lenders, local governments, non-profits and state agencies.
- Created the Colorado Foreclosure Hotline
 - Launched the Hotline in October 2006
 - Has received over 60,000 calls
 - The Hotline averaged more than 160 calls per day in February. The typical average is 100 per day.

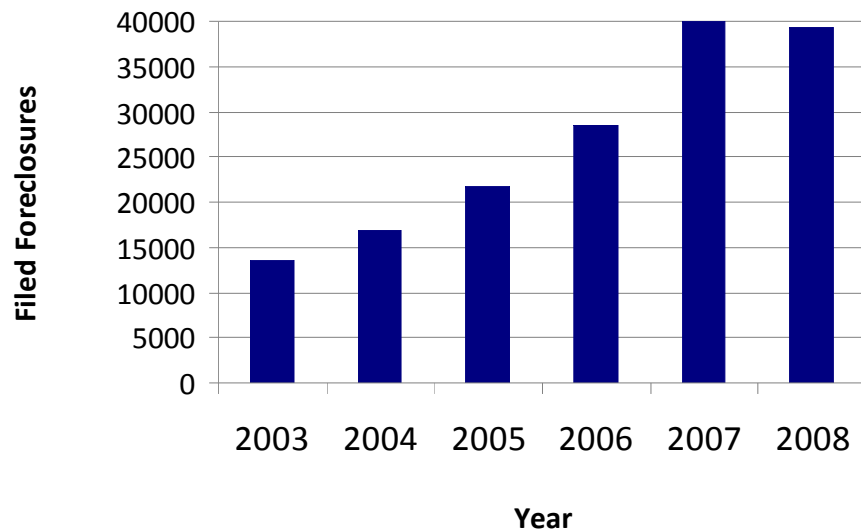
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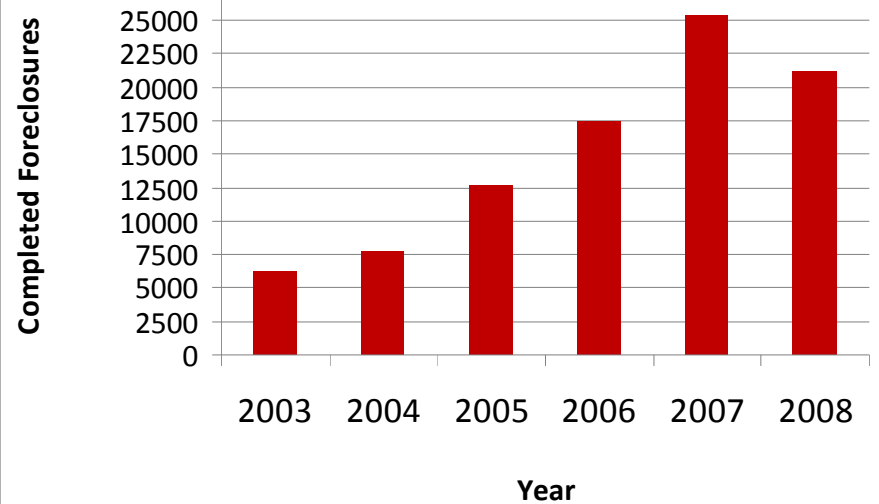
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During 2008, foreclosure filings fell 2% and completed foreclosures fell 15%

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The role of the housing counselor

- Provide formal housing counseling
- Provide updated information on recent foreclosure prevention programs and services.
- Report fraud
- Provide pre-purchase counseling



The Hotline as informational tool

- Consumers have many questions about:
 - Recent legislation
 - The recent settlement with Countrywide
 - New stimulus packages (NSP, ARRA, HASP) and other high-profile public policy aimed at foreclosure prevention such as the state's foreclosure "Timeout" bill

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The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

- \$53 million granted to Colorado
- Goals:
 - Avoid major losses in housing values
 - Address problems associated with large numbers of vacant and abandoned properties
 - Crime
 - Vandalism
 - Code violations

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program
 - To be used for:
 - Short or medium-term rental assistance
 - First and last month's rental payment
 - Utility payments
 - Housing relocation and stabilization

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- Other features:
- Additional NSP funds
- \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grants
 - For community and economic development projects including housing.

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Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan (HASP)

- Refinancing for Up to 4 to 5 Million Homeowners
- Supports low mortgage rates through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

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New Developments

- Funding challenges
- Outreach
- New pressures on homeownership
 - Unemployment
 - Falling wages
 - Availability of credit



Resources

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