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## COMMERCIAL / MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING | Q2 2019

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## 4. Commercial/Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding Second Quarter 2019

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The level of commercial/multifamily mortgage debt outstanding rose by \$51.9 billion (1.5 percent) in the second quarter of 2019, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's (MBA) latest Commercial/Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding quarterly report.

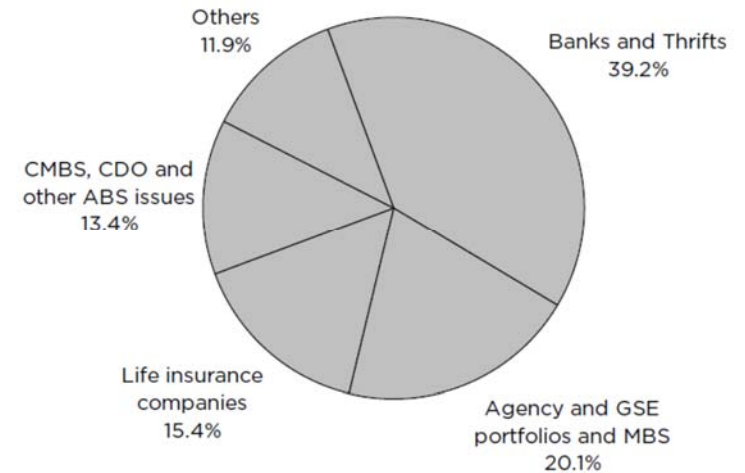
At the end of the first half of 2019, total commercial/multifamily debt outstanding was at \$3.50 trillion. Multifamily mortgage debt alone increased \$24.4 billion (1.7 percent) to \$1.5 trillion from the first quarter.

"Strong borrowing and lending, coupled with relatively low levels of loan maturities, are helping to boost the amount of commercial and multifamily mortgage debt outstanding," said Jamie Woodwell, MBA's Vice President of Commercial Real Estate Research. "All four major capital sources increased their holdings during the quarter. With strong demand expected to continue, debt levels are likely to climb even more and end the year at a new high."

The four major investor groups are: bank and thrift; federal agency and government sponsored enterprise (GSE) portfolios and mortgage backed securities (MBS); life insurance companies; and commercial mortgage backed securities (CMBS), collateralized debt obligation (CDO) and other asset backed securities (ABS) issues.

Commercial banks continue to hold the largest share (39 percent) of commercial/multifamily mortgages at \$1.4 trillion. Agency and GSE portfolios and MBS are the second largest holders of commercial/multifamily mortgages (20 percent) at \$703 billion. Life insurance companies hold \$539 billion (15 percent), and CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues hold \$471 billion (13 percent). Many life insurance companies, banks and the GSEs purchase and hold CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues. These loans appear in the report in the "CMBS, CDO and other ABS" category.

**Commercial Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding**  
By Investor Group, Second Quarter 2019



MBA's analysis summarizes the holdings of loans or, if the loans are securitized, the form of the security. For example, many life insurance companies invest both in whole loans for which they hold the mortgage note (and which appear in this data under Life Insurance Companies) and in CMBS, CDOs and other ABS for which the security issuers and trustees hold the note (and which appear here under CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues).

#### MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Looking solely at multifamily mortgages, agency and GSE portfolios and MBS hold the largest share of total multifamily debt outstanding at \$703 billion (48 percent), followed by banks and thrifts with \$445 billion (31 percent), life insurance companies with \$143 billion (10 percent), state and local government with \$82 billion (6 percent), and CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues holding \$42 billion (3 percent). Nonfarm non-corporate businesses hold \$16 billion (1 percent).

#### CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL/MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

In the second quarter, commercial banks saw the largest gains in dollar terms in their holdings of commercial/multifamily mortgage debt - an increase of \$22.4 billion, (1.7 percent). Agency and GSE portfolios and MBS increased their holdings by \$15.9 billion (2.3 percent), life insurance companies increased their holdings by \$7.4 billion (1.4 percent), and CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues increased their holdings by \$4.8 billion (1.0 percent).

In percentage terms, state and local government retirement funds saw the largest increase - 8.8 percent - in their holdings of commercial/multifamily mortgages. Conversely, federal government saw their holdings decrease 3.4 percent.

#### CHANGES IN MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

The \$24.4 billion increase in multifamily mortgage debt outstanding from the first quarter represents a 1.7 percent increase. In dollar terms, agency and GSE portfolios and MBS saw the largest gain - \$15.9 billion (2.3 percent) - in their holdings of multifamily mortgage debt. Commercial banks increased their holdings by \$9.0 billion (2.1 percent), and life insurance companies increased by \$3.3 billion (2.3 percent). Federal

government saw the largest decline in their holdings of multifamily mortgage debt, down \$3.6 billion (28.4 percent).

In percentage terms, REITs recorded the largest increase in holdings of multifamily mortgages, 13.0 percent, and federal government saw the biggest decrease at 28.4 percent.

MBA's complete Commercial/Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding report can be downloaded [here](#). MBA's analysis is based on data from the Federal Reserve Board's Financial Accounts of the United States, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Quarterly Banking Profile and data from Wells Fargo Securities. More information on this data series is contained in Appendix A.

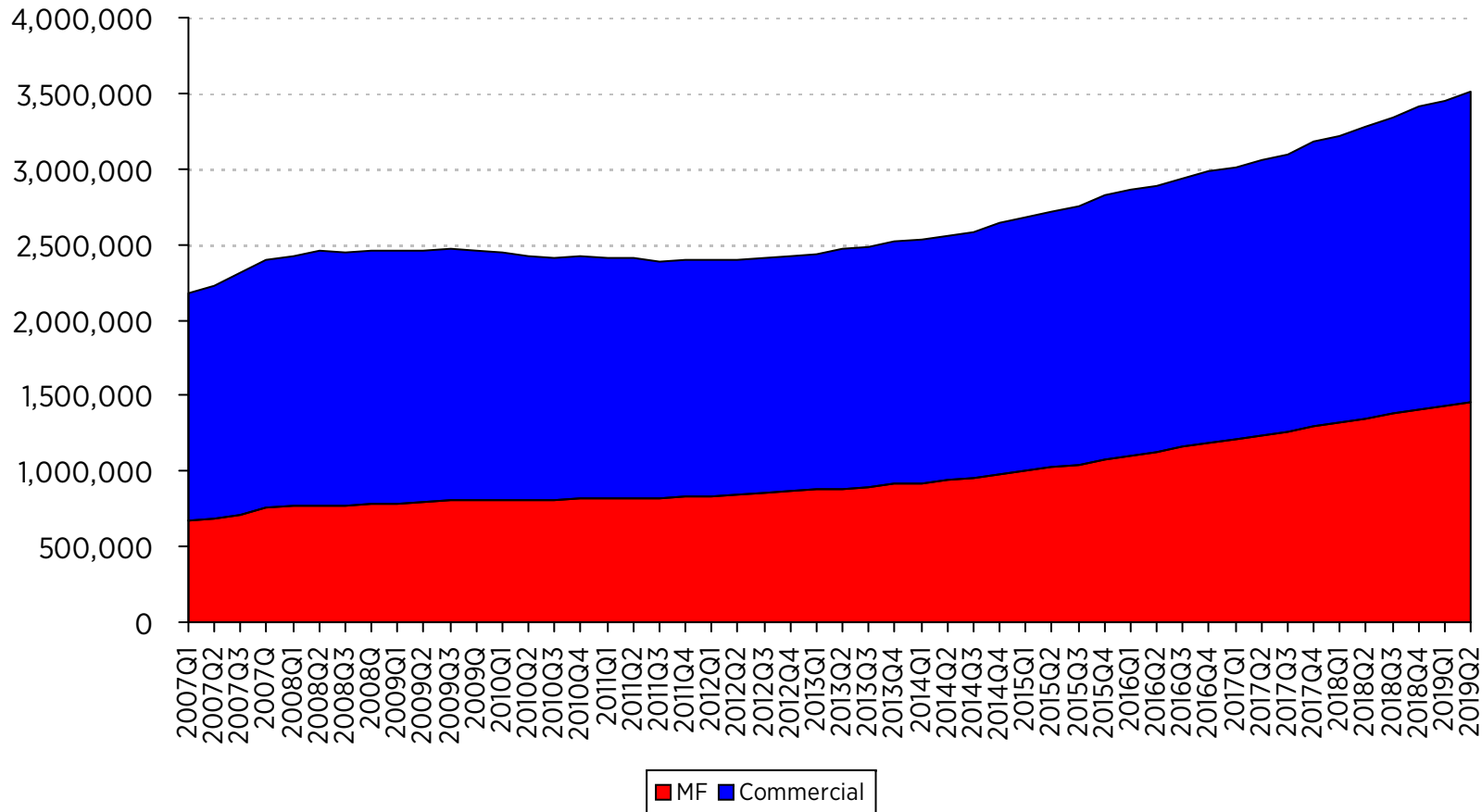
# COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Total Commercial and Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Quarter

(\$millions)

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Source: MBA, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Intex Solutions, Inc. and FDIC

## QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Commercial and Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Sector

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|   | Mortgage Debt Outstanding |            |                  |            | Change        |             | Sector Share<br>of \$ Change |
|---|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
|   | 2019 Q2                   |            | 2019 Q1          |            | (\$millions)  | Percent     |                              |
|   | (\$millions)              | % of total | (\$millions)     | % of total |               |             |                              |
| Bank and Thrift                             | 1,374,205                 | 39.2%      | 1,351,793        | 39.1%      | 22,412        | 1.7%        | 43.2%                        |
| Agency and GSE portfolios and MBS           | 703,142                   | 20.1%      | 687,259          | 19.9%      | 15,883        | 2.3%        | 30.6%                        |
| Life insurance companies                    | 539,320                   | 15.4%      | 531,906          | 15.4%      | 7,414         | 1.4%        | 14.3%                        |
| CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues              | 471,028                   | 13.4%      | 466,191          | 13.5%      | 4,837         | 1.0%        | 9.3%                         |
| State and local government                  | 98,938                    | 2.8%       | 100,072          | 2.9%       | -1,134        | -1.1%       | -2.2%                        |
| REITs                                       | 98,808                    | 2.8%       | 95,724           | 2.8%       | 3,084         | 3.2%        | 5.9%                         |
| Federal government                          | 84,732                    | 2.4%       | 87,725           | 2.5%       | -2,993        | -3.4%       | -5.8%                        |
| Nonfarm noncorporate business               | 29,434                    | 0.8%       | 28,986           | 0.8%       | 448           | 1.5%        | 0.9%                         |
| Private pension funds                       | 29,729                    | 0.8%       | 28,926           | 0.8%       | 803           | 2.8%        | 1.5%                         |
| Finance companies                           | 31,638                    | 0.9%       | 31,427           | 0.9%       | 211           | 0.7%        | 0.4%                         |
| Other insurance companies                   | 20,937                    | 0.6%       | 20,834           | 0.6%       | 103           | 0.5%        | 0.2%                         |
| Nonfinancial corporate business             | 13,682                    | 0.4%       | 13,547           | 0.4%       | 135           | 1.0%        | 0.3%                         |
| State and local government retirement funds | 8,022                     | 0.2%       | 7,370            | 0.2%       | 652           | 8.8%        | 1.3%                         |
| Household sector                            | 1,159                     | 0.0%       | 1,148            | 0.0%       | 11            | 1.0%        | 0.0%                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>3,504,774</b>          |            | <b>3,452,908</b> |            | <b>51,866</b> | <b>1.5%</b> |                              |

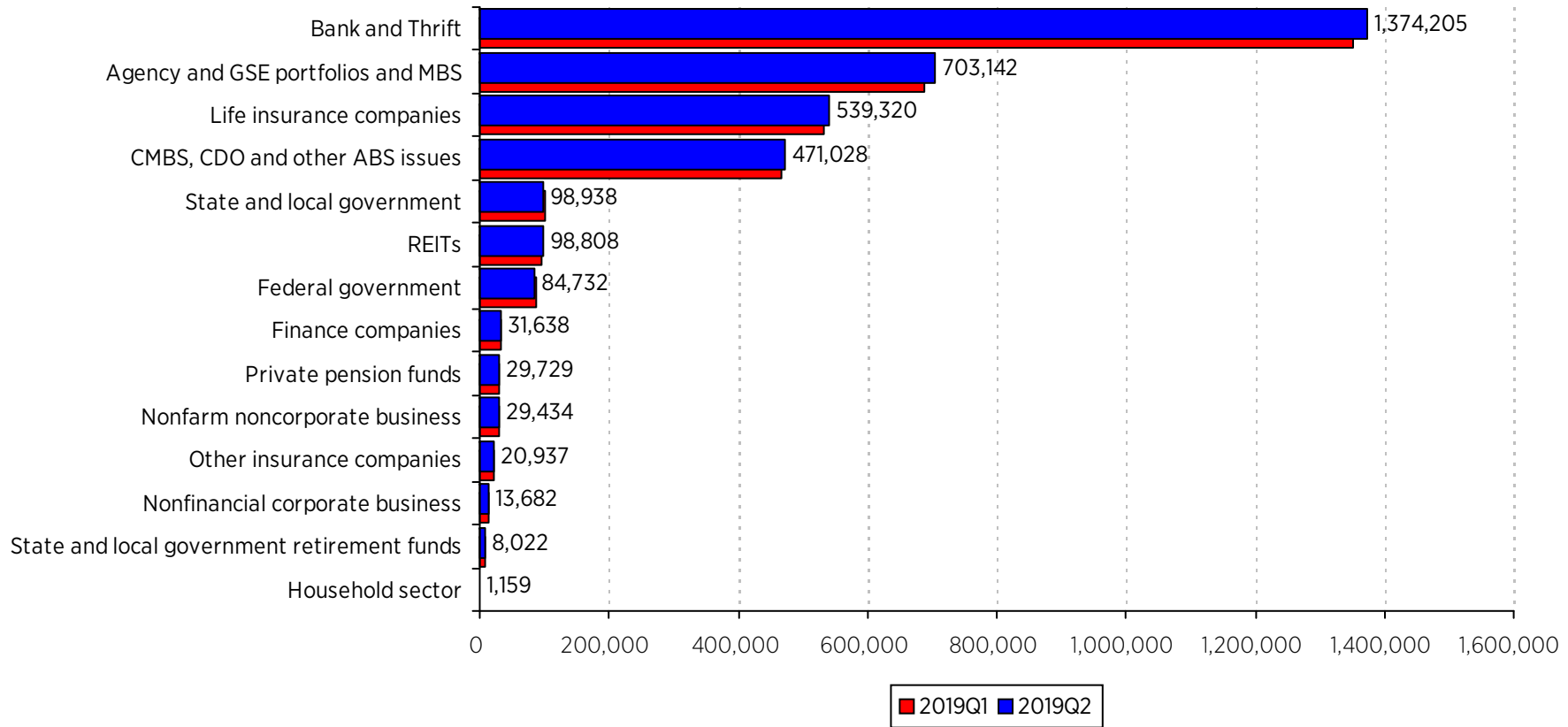
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# COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Total Commercial and Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Sector

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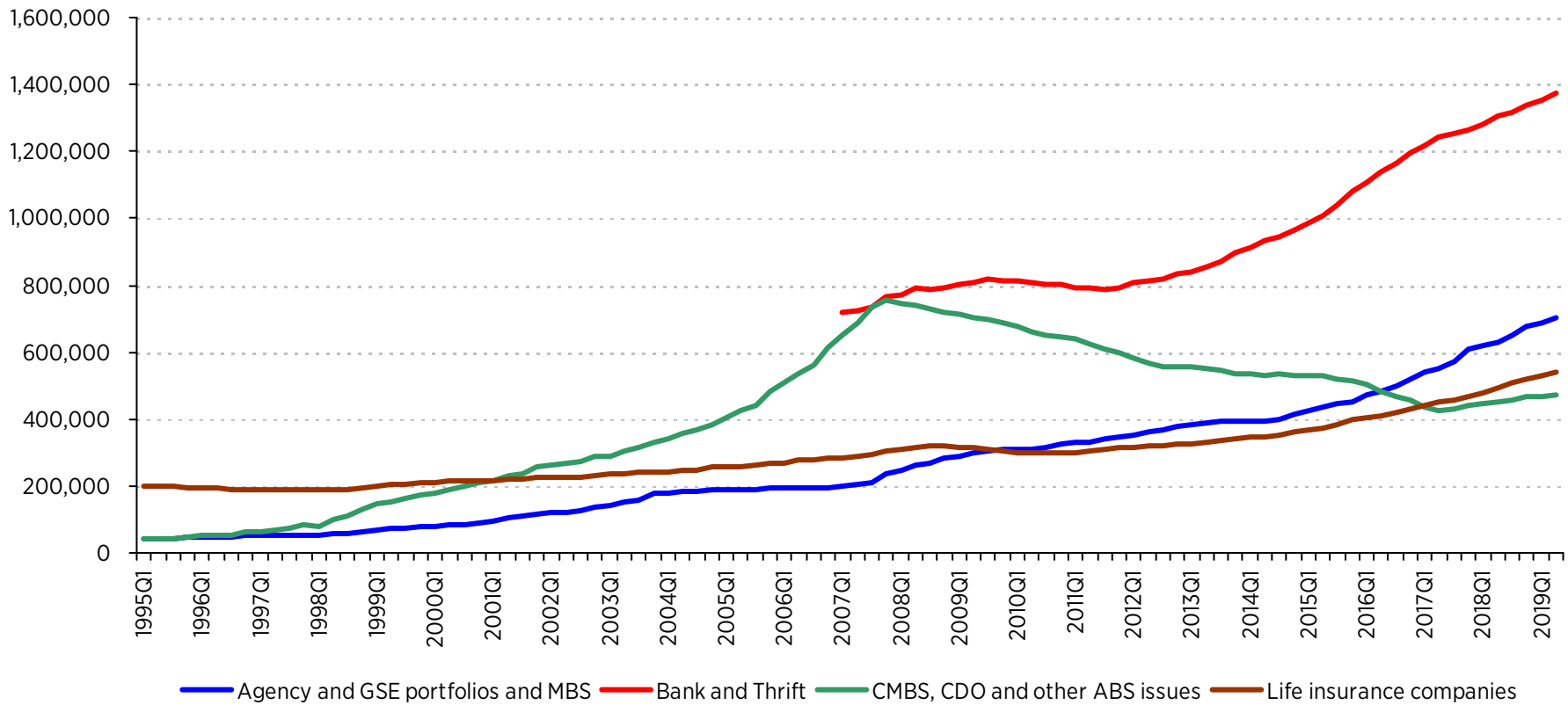
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# COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Total Commercial and Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Selected Sector  
by Quarter

(\$millions)



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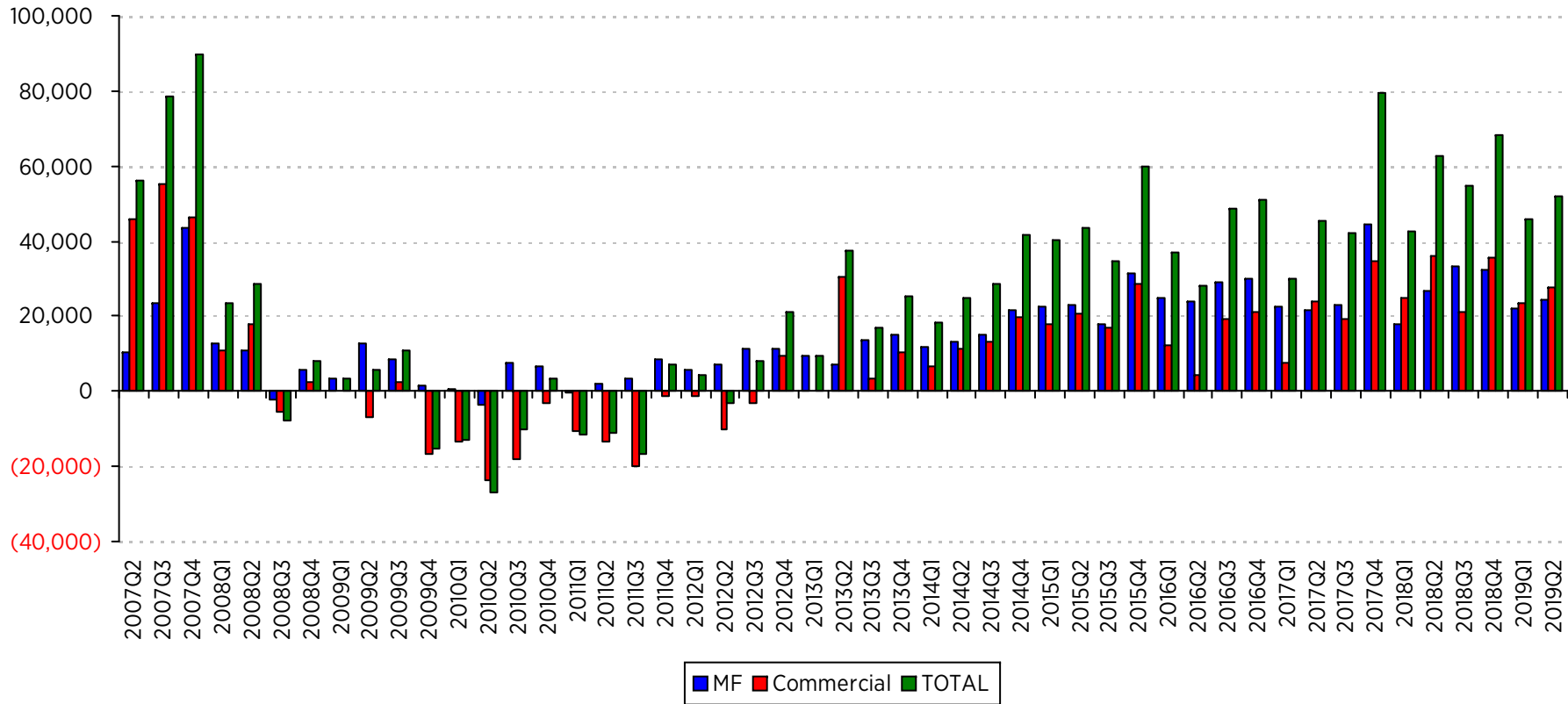
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Net Change in Commercial and Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Quarter

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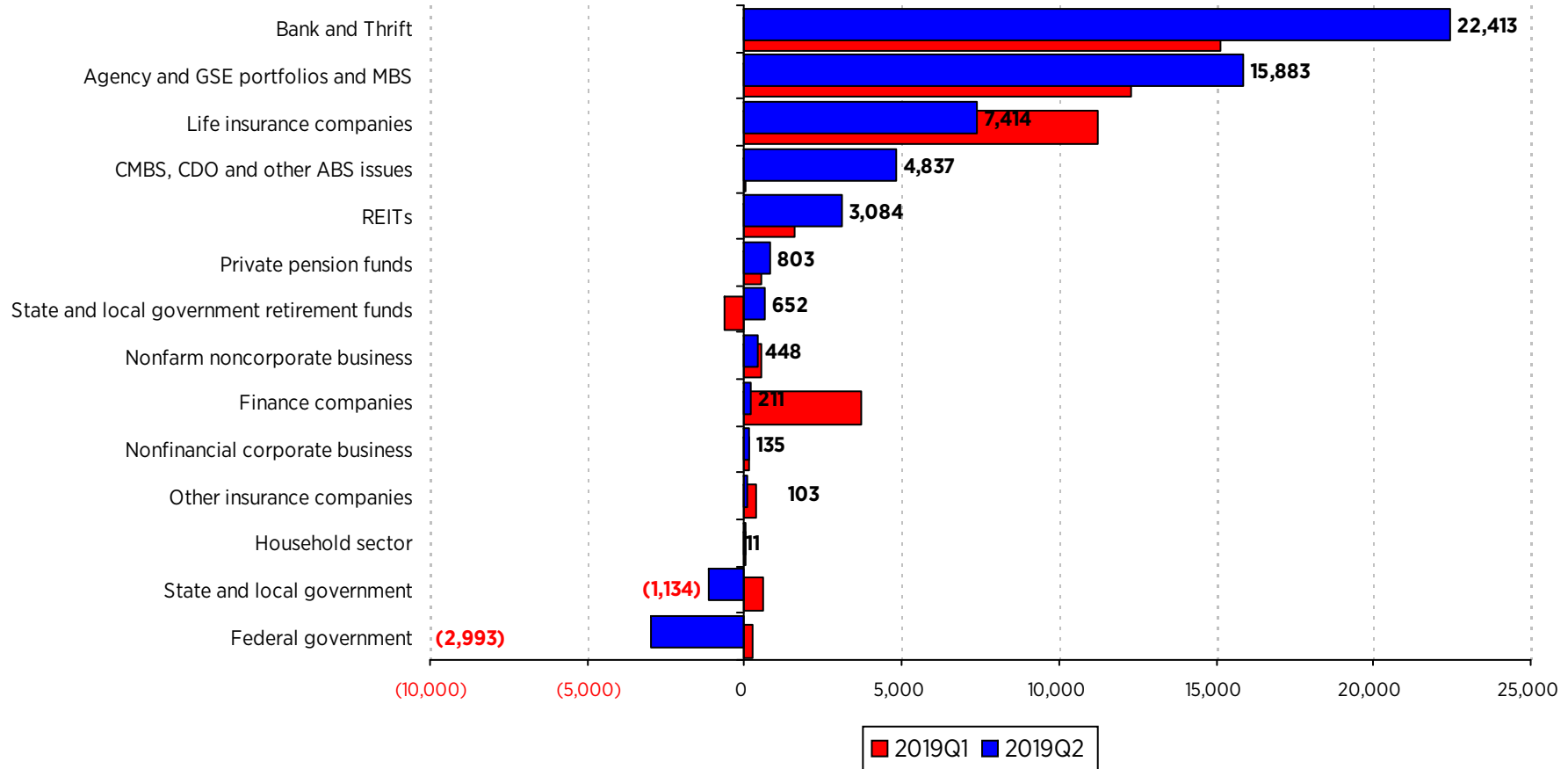
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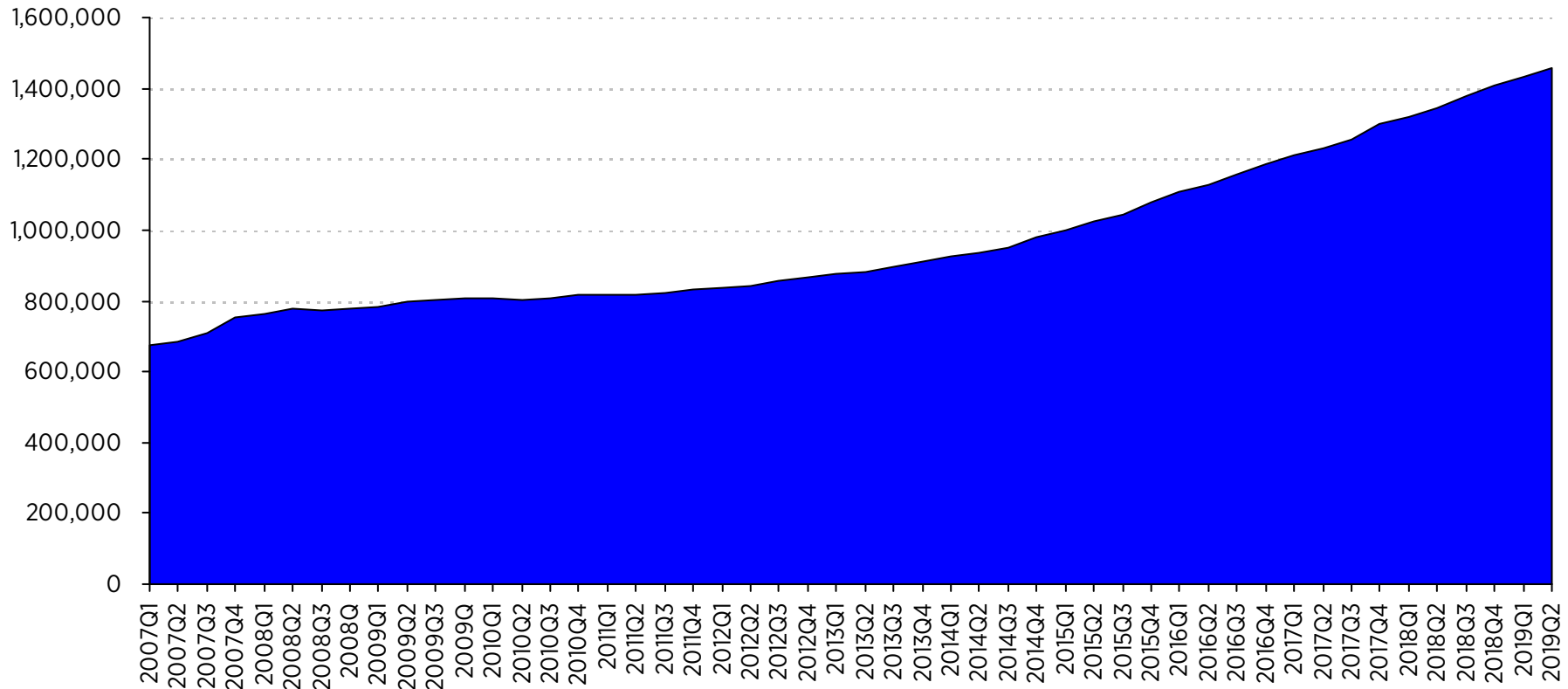
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## MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

# MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Total Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Quarter  
(\$millions)



Source: MBA, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Intex Solutions, Inc. and FDIC

## QUARTERLY MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

### Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Sector

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|   | Mortgage Debt Outstanding |            |                  |            | Change        |             | Sector Share<br>of \$ Change |
|---|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
|   | 2019 Q2                   |            | 2019 Q1          |            | (\$millions)  | Percent     |                              |
|   | (\$millions)              | % of total | (\$millions)     | % of total |               |             |                              |
| Agency and GSE portfolios and MBS           | 703,142                   | 48.3%      | 687,259          | 48.0%      | 15,883        | 2.3%        | 65.1%                        |
| Bank and Thrift                             | 444,890                   | 30.5%      | 435,930          | 30.4%      | 8,960         | 2.1%        | 36.7%                        |
| Life insurance companies                    | 143,464                   | 9.9%       | 140,211          | 9.8%       | 3,253         | 2.3%        | 13.3%                        |
| State and local government                  | 82,448                    | 5.7%       | 83,393           | 5.8%       | -945          | -1.1%       | -3.9%                        |
| CMBS, CDO and other ABS issues              | 41,812                    | 2.9%       | 41,956           | 2.9%       | -144          | -0.3%       | -0.6%                        |
| Nonfarm noncorporate business               | 16,294                    | 1.1%       | 16,046           | 1.1%       | 248           | 1.5%        | 1.0%                         |
| Federal government                          | 8,954                     | 0.6%       | 12,513           | 0.9%       | -3,559        | -28.4%      | -14.6%                       |
| Finance companies                           | 5,796                     | 0.4%       | 5,832            | 0.4%       | -36           | -0.6%       | -0.1%                        |
| State and local government retirement funds | 3,761                     | 0.3%       | 3,455            | 0.2%       | 306           | 8.9%        | 1.3%                         |
| REITs                                       | 4,428                     | 0.3%       | 3,920            | 0.3%       | 508           | 13.0%       | 2.1%                         |
| Private pension funds                       | 973                       | 0.1%       | 1,038            | 0.1%       | -65           | -6.3%       | -0.3%                        |
| Nonfinancial corporate business             | 513                       | 0.0%       | 508              | 0.0%       | 5             | 1.0%        | 0.0%                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>1,456,475</b>          |            | <b>1,432,061</b> |            | <b>24,414</b> | <b>1.7%</b> |                              |

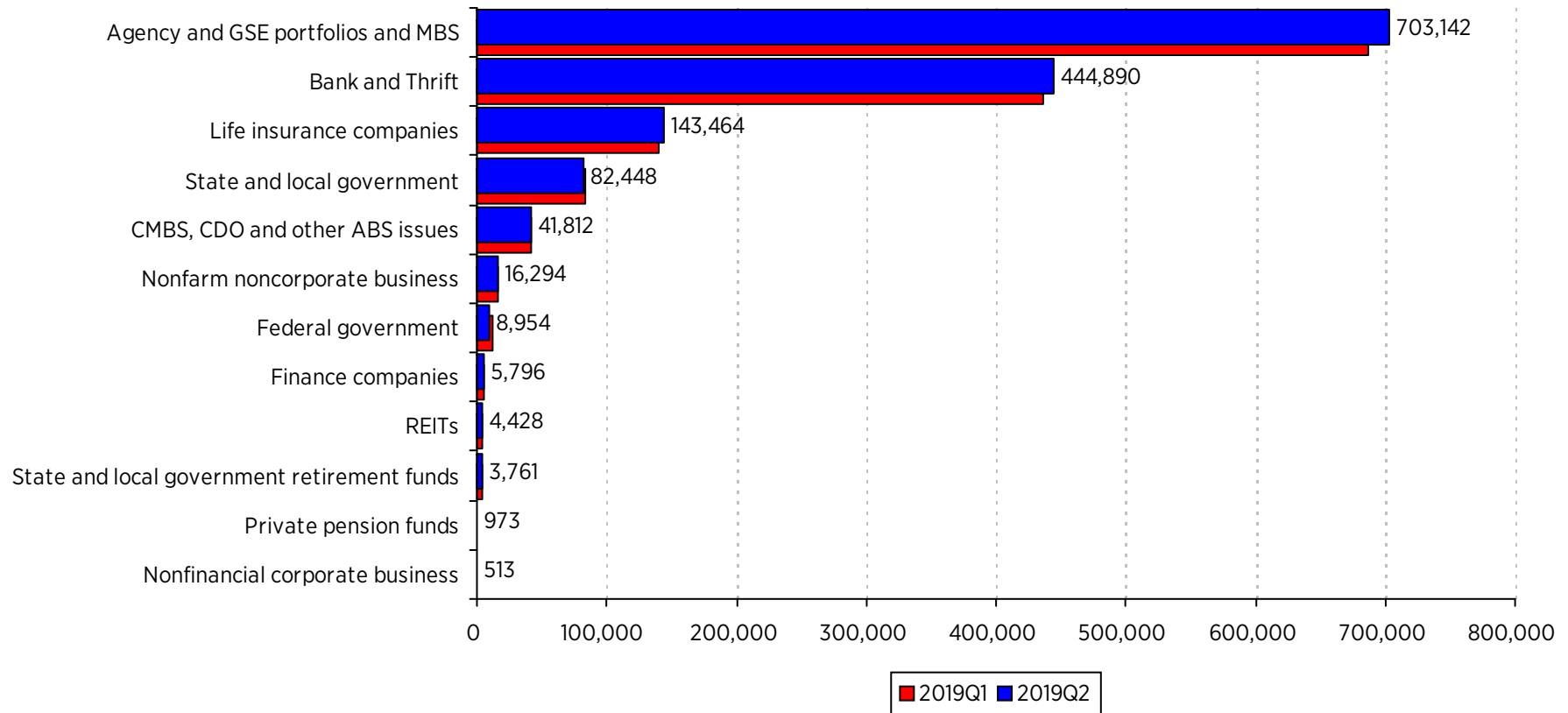
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# MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE DEBT OUTSTANDING

Total Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Sector

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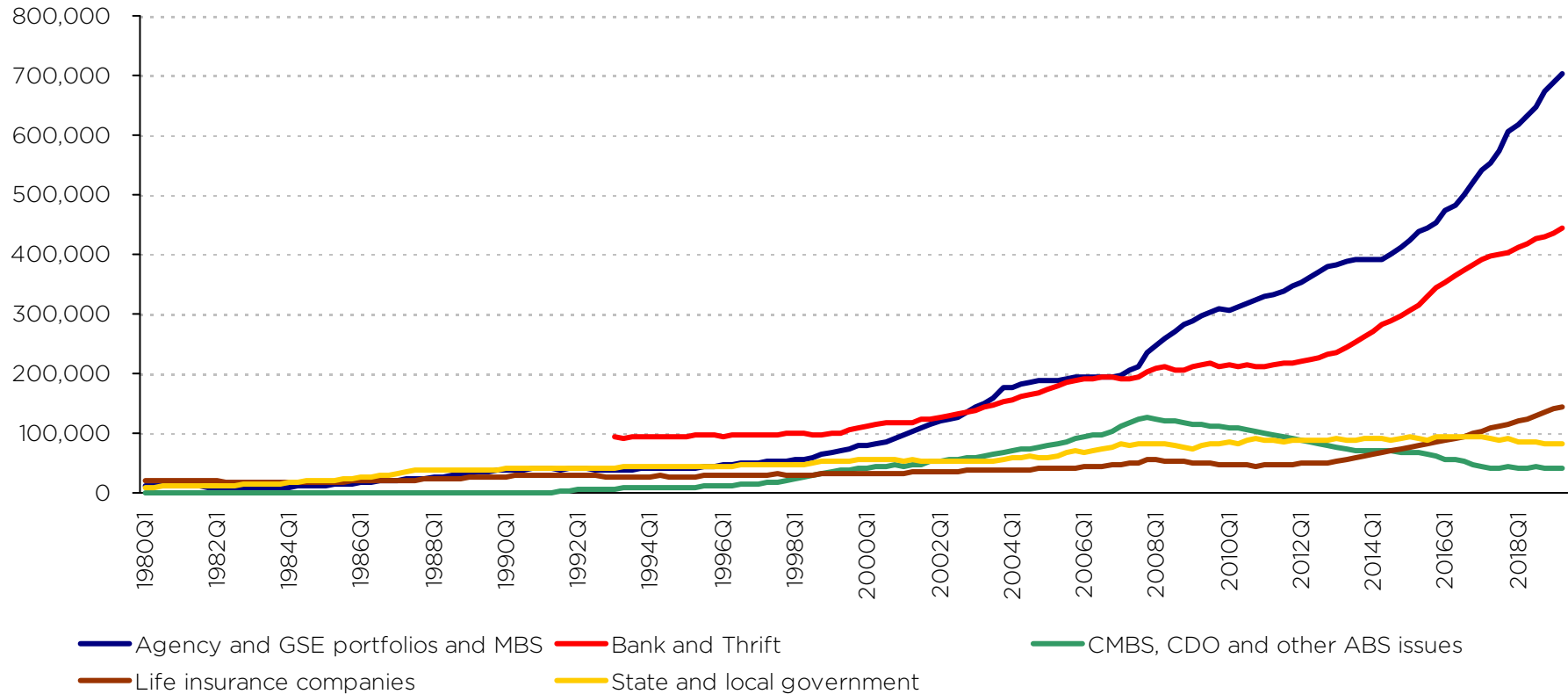
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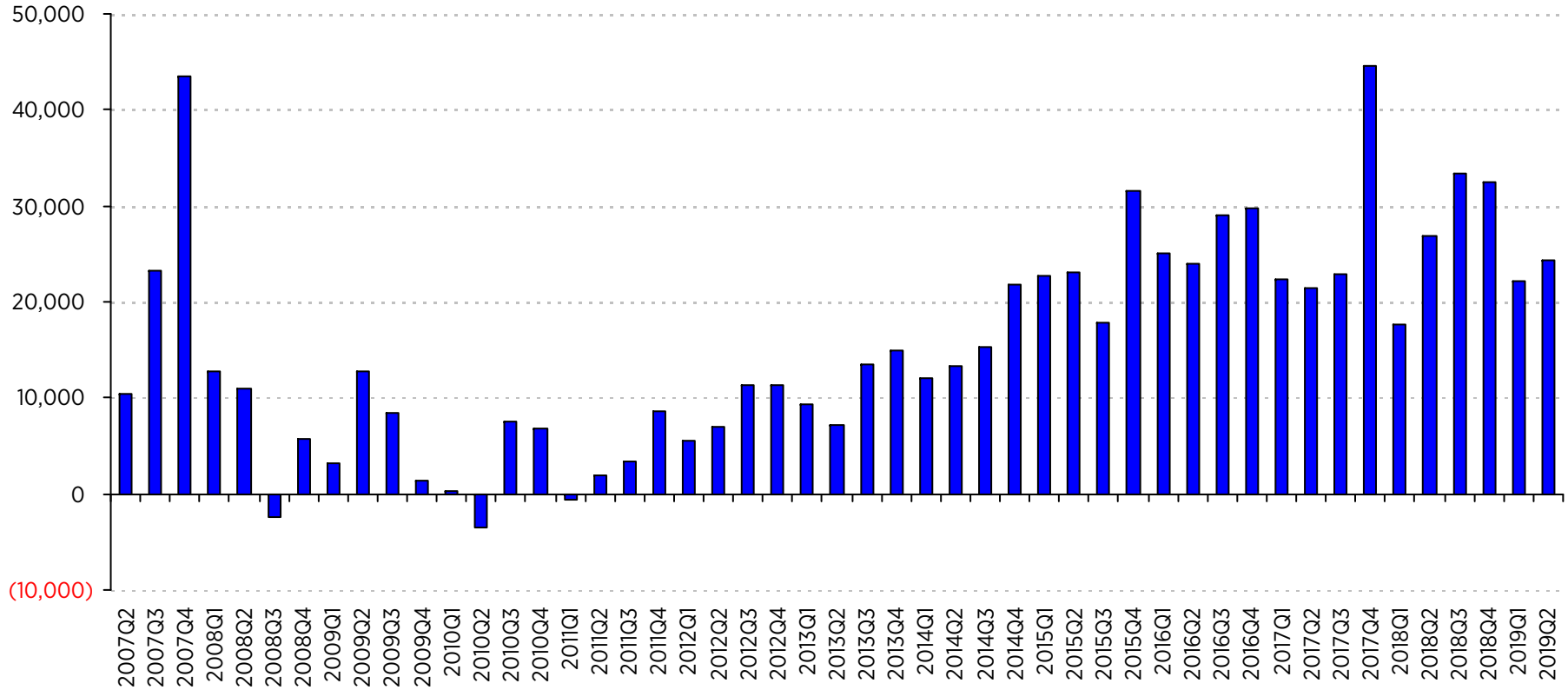
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# MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE FLOWS

Net Change in Multifamily Mortgage Debt Outstanding, by Quarter

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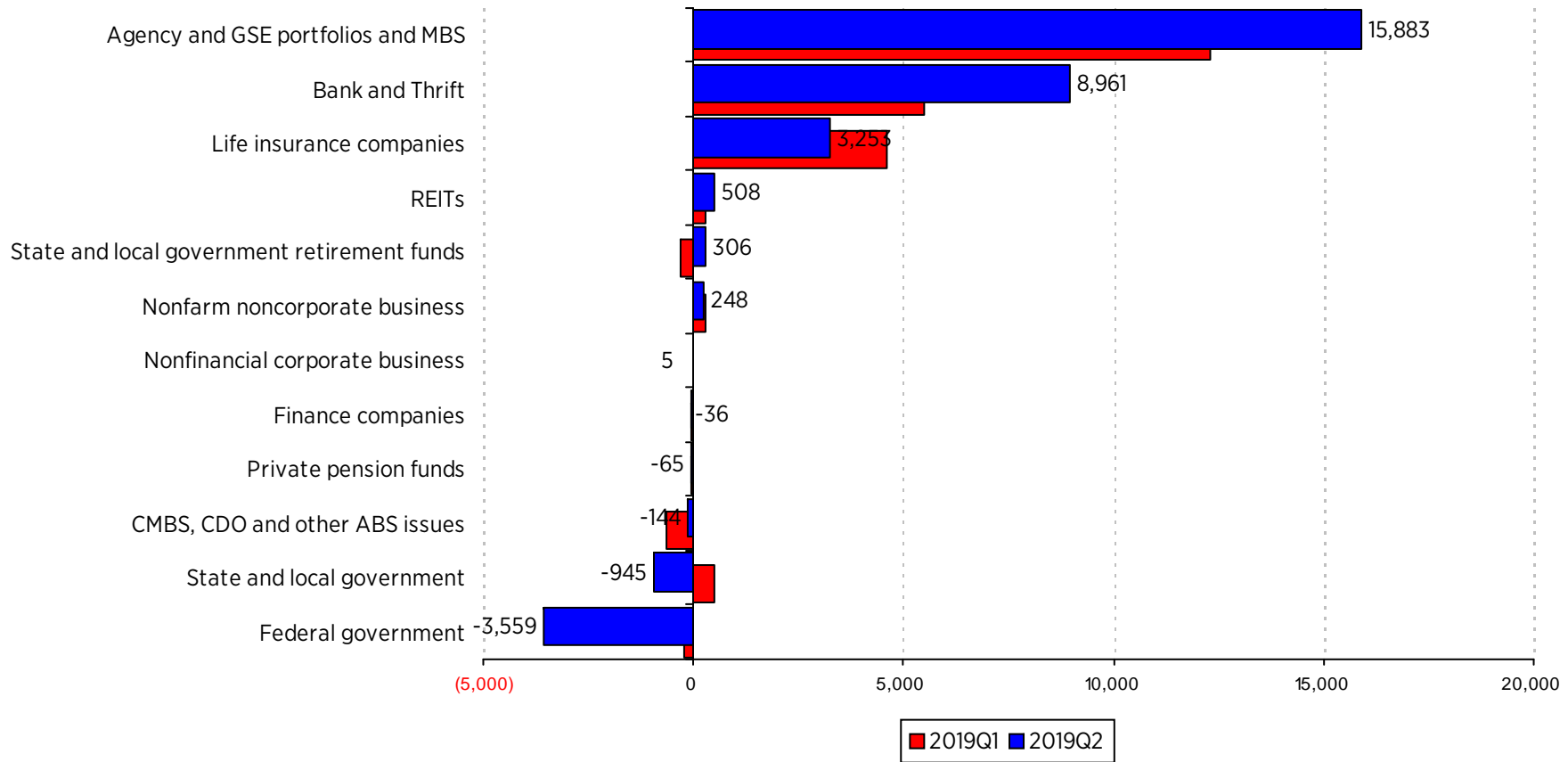
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## APPENDIX A

MBA's analysis is based on data from the Federal Reserve Board's *Financial Accounts of the United States*, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's *Quarterly Banking Profile* and data from Wells Fargo Securities.

### Bank Holdings

MBA's analysis of commercial and multifamily mortgage debt outstanding was changed in the fourth quarter of 2010 to exclude two categories of loans that had previously been included;

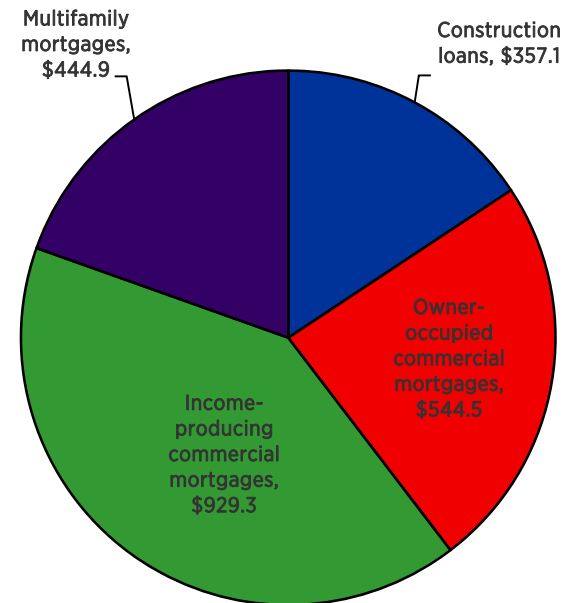
- a. loans for acquisition, development and construction and
- b. loans collateralized by owner-occupied commercial properties.

By excluding these loan types, MBA's analysis more accurately reflects the balance of loans supported by office buildings, retail centers, apartment buildings and other income-producing properties that rely on rents and leases to make their payments.

For the second quarter 2019, the Federal Reserve Board's Flow of Funds Accounts data attributed \$2.3 trillion of outstanding commercial and multifamily mortgages to banks and thrifts. Comparing this number to the FDIC's Quarterly Banking Profile for the same period, one sees that banks and thrifts held \$445 billion of multifamily mortgages and \$1,473.8 billion of non-farm nonresidential mortgages, of which 63 percent or \$929 billion were income-producing. The combined \$1.37 trillion of mortgages backed by multifamily and other income-producing properties is included in this analysis. The \$2.3 trillion total reported by the Federal Reserve also includes \$545 billion of loans collateralized by owner-occupied commercial properties and another \$357 billion of loans backed by acquisition, development and construction projects (including those for single-family development), which are excluded in from this analysis.

## Estimated Components of Federal Reserve's Flow of Funds "Commercial and Multifamily Mortgages" Held by Banks and Thrifts

(\$Billions)



Source: MBA, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and FDIC

### **Mortgages in CMBS and held by REITs**

Beginning with its Q2 2014 release, the Federal Reserve's *Financial Accounts of the United States* adjusted its balance of commercial mortgages held in CMBS and by REITs to reflect the impact of FAS 167 and its implications for how entities report certain securitized mortgages on their balance sheets. The effect of this change was to inflate the balance of mortgages appearing under REITs by approximately \$130 billion and to reduce the balance appearing under CMBS by the same amount. From an accounting perspective, such changes are required, but the changes lead to a significant distortion of the size of the CMBS and REIT markets.

For CMBS, MBA corrects for this by relying on data from Wells Fargo Securities to size the balance of commercial and multifamily mortgages in CMBS. (The analysis continues to rely on the Financial Accounts of the United States to size multifamily balances held in CMBS, as the FAS 167 adjustments did not affect them.)

For REIT balances, MBA uses Fed data to reverse the FAS 167 inclusions and thus to report the mortgages, and not securitized assets, that REITs hold. The full corrected series are available as a part of MBA's CREF Database. Contact [CREFResearch@mba.org](mailto:CREFResearch@mba.org) for more information.





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