

# The diminishing 'wealth effect'

Homeowners in Sacramento and California took out fewer home equity loans and lines of credit last year, a key factor behind the sharp slowdown in consumer spending.

	SACRAMENTO <i>in millions</i>			CALIFORNIA <i>in millions</i>		
	2006	2007	CHANGE	2006	2007	CHANGE
Jan.	\$528.24	\$388.04	-27%	\$9,987.82	\$7,934.66	-21%
Feb.	\$489.01	\$343.52	-30%	\$8,574.32	\$7,584.55	-12%
March	\$614.75	\$408.04	-34%	\$11,258.49	\$10,081.14	-10%
April	\$538.27	\$402.49	-25%	\$10,137.69	\$9,481.92	-6%
May	\$545.60	\$365.08	-33%	\$10,577.88	\$9,457.44	-11%
June	\$568.71	\$371.66	-35%	\$11,016.81	\$9,064.10	-18%
July	\$486.85	\$369.00	-24%	\$10,082.34	\$8,567.67	-15%
August	\$577.22	\$364.19	-37%	\$11,780.82	\$8,766.94	-26%
Sept.	\$475.32	\$271.55	-43%	\$9,839.09	\$6,868.48	-30%
Oct.	\$486.22	\$321.32	-34%	\$10,220.75	\$7,199.96	-30%
Nov.	\$445.49	\$256.49	-42%	\$9,236.05	\$5,935.01	-36%
Dec.	\$427.47	\$216.16	-49%	\$8,966.16	\$5,376.79	-40%
<b>YEAR TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,183.15</b>	<b>\$4,077.53</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>\$121,678.22</b>	<b>\$96,318.65</b>	<b>-21%</b>

Note: December 2007 for state is a preliminary number that doesn't include some small, rural counties. Sacramento includes El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. Figures include sums where the line of credit was obtained but not fully tapped.