

Fed Bought \$12 Billion Net in Agency MBS in Latest Week

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The amount was up from the previous week's net purchases of \$9.3 billion.

The purchases brought the U.S. central bank's purchase of mortgage bonds guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae to roughly \$1.123 trillion since January of 2009.

The Fed said it bought \$14.5 billion gross of agency MBS from Dec. 31 through Jan. 6. At the same time, it sold \$2.5 billion of mortgage securities.

The Fed aims to buy \$1.25 trillion of agency MBS in a bid to bring down mortgage rates and to stimulate the battered housing sector and the overall economy.