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## Most aid from mortgage settlement in state **going to short sales**

In California, little of the relief from Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo has gone toward principal reduction to help families **keep their homes**.



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Big banks are giving billions of dollars to distressed California homeowners through a landmark mortgage settlement — **but mostly to get people out of their homes rather than help them stay.**

Short sales, which allow underwater borrowers to sell their homes for less than they owe, have become the dominant type of relief offered in California by the big banks, according to a report on the settlement expected to be made public Monday.