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Summary

*HotPads.com, the D.C.-based start-up and map-based real estate search engine, released an **interactive heat map** comparing congressional districts party affiliation and foreclosure rates. HotPads data shows that Republican districts are experiencing 31 percent higher foreclosure rates than their Democratic counterparts. Democratic districts experienced a 10.2 percent decrease in foreclosure rates since the 2008 elections while Republican districts have experienced an 8.6 percent increase in foreclosure rates, **HotPads** concluded. The election analysis also includes lists of the best and worst performing housing congressional districts.*

Full Text

HotPads, the D.C. based visual real estate search engine, released today **interactive heat maps** comparing congressional districts, party affiliations and foreclosure rates.

Democratic represented districts have a 31 percent lower foreclosure rate compared to Republican counterparts. At the same time, among the top 25 most liberal and top 25 most conservative districts, liberal districts have 60 percent higher foreclosure rates than conservative districts.

The **Foreclosure Heat Map**, calculated using all homes that are currently in the foreclosure process, shows US foreclosure rates slightly decreasing, from an average yearly rate of 2.95 percent in 2008 to 2.59 percent in 2010. Democrat districts appear to have a 10 percent foreclosure decrease (from .47 in 2008 to .42 in 2010) while Republican districts show a 10 percent increase (from .50 in 2008 to .55 in 2010). Further, states with a troubled housing

market in 2008 remain unchanged, with California, Nevada, Arizona, and Florida showing highest housing instability again in 2010.

The **Rent Ratio Heat Map**, calculated by dividing each congressional district's median house price by the annual rent for the area, shows 2010 average rent ratio has decreased to 9.96 from 12.89 in 2008, meaning over the last two years buying became a cheaper option than renting.

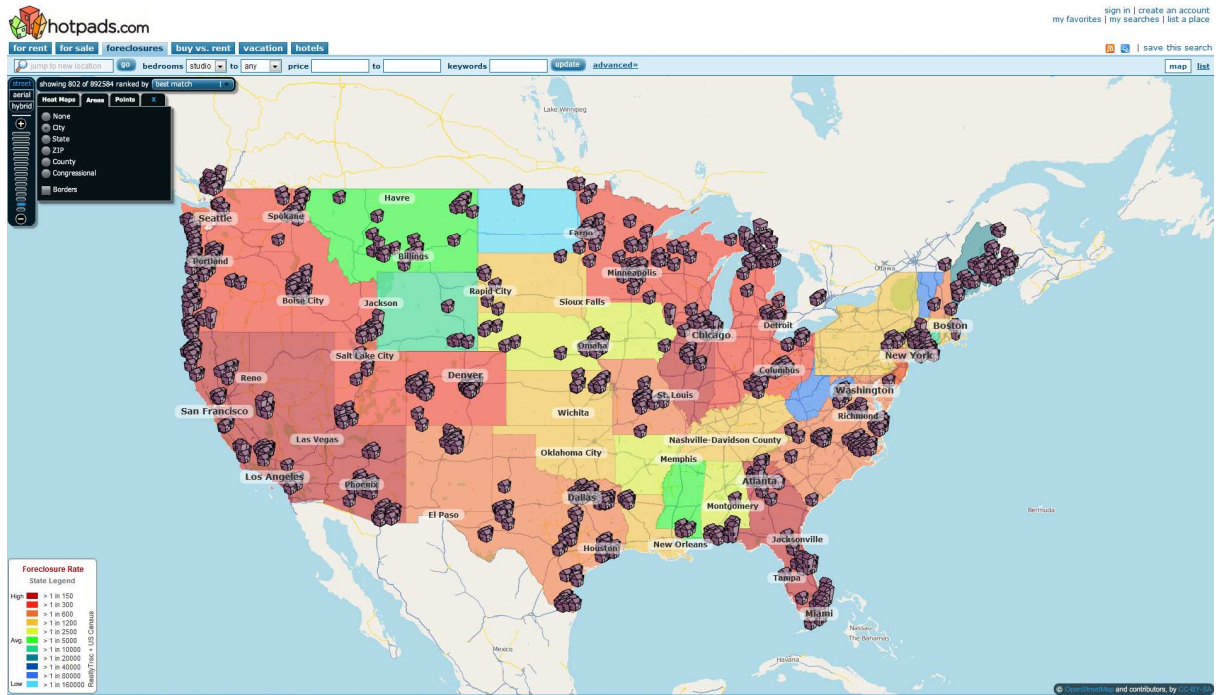
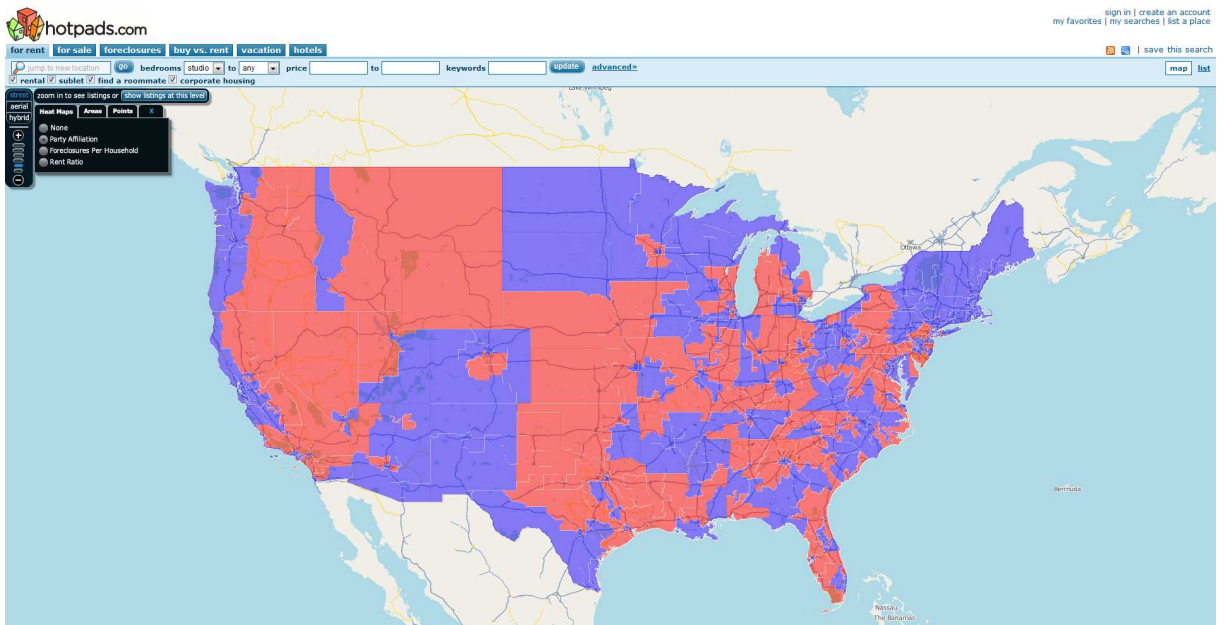
Comparing foreclosure percent changes from 2008 to 2010, **Moore (D, Kansas 3)**, **Cassidy (D, Louisiana 6)**, **Petri (R, Wisconsin 6)**, **McCarthy (D, New York 4)** represent highest foreclosure growth districts while Shays (R, Connecticut 4), Delauro (D, Connecticut 3), Murphy (D, Connecticut 5), Alexander (R, Louisiana 5), Larson (D, Connecticut 1) represent districts with best improvements from 2008.

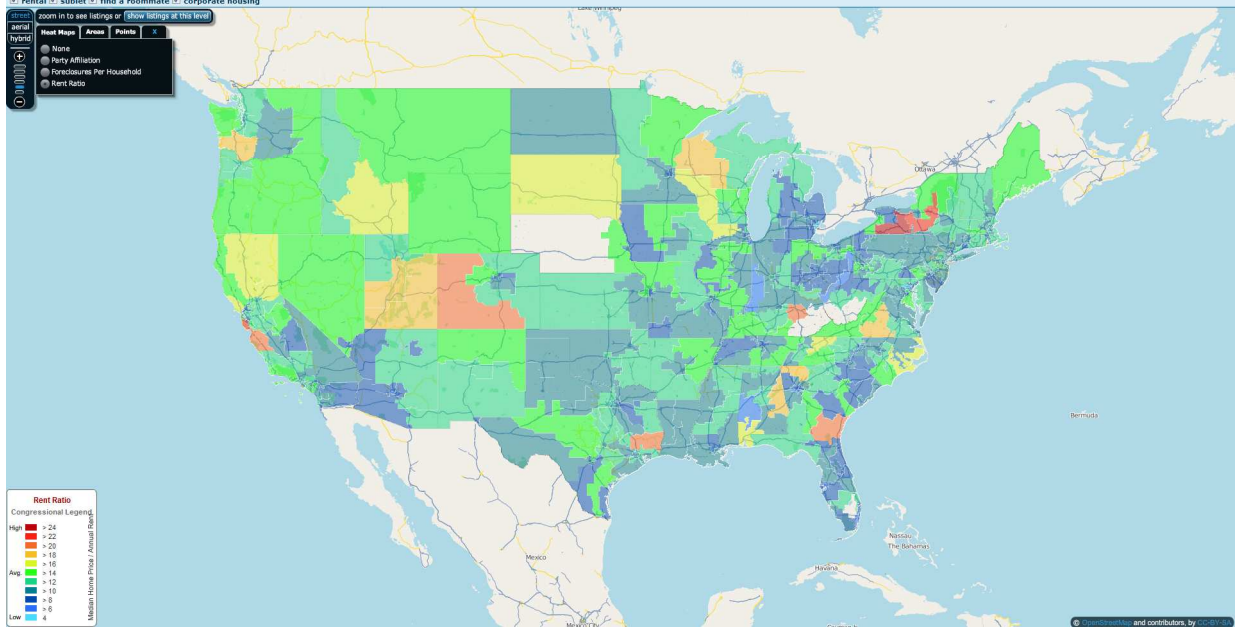
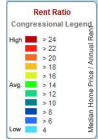
Interestingly, the top 20 districts with the highest foreclosure rates in 2008 show a 37 percent improvement in 2010, with the exclusion of representatives **Titus (R, Nevada 3)**, **Berkley (D, Nevada 1)**, **Franks (R, Arizona 2)**, and **Flake (R, Arizona 6)** who's districts saw a foreclosure increase from 2008.

The 2010 congressional heat map outlines all 435 districts and shows the foreclosure environments in each. Zooming into the map unveils the districts' party affiliation and informs users about local housing conditions, making it an indispensable tool for anyone following US politics.

Releasing the industry's first interactive heat map linking politics to the housing market in 2008, **HotPads** is committed to tracking market trends and making housing data easily searchable. **HotPads** is an innovative, map based real estate search engine helping 2.5 million monthly users find their new home.

Attached Media:





Top 20 Most Foreclosed Districts : 2010							
Rank (1 = Worst)	State	District	Foreclosures Per Household	Rent Ratio	Congressman	Party	District
1	NV	3	5.177%	6.138	Dina Titus	D	Nevada 3
2	NV	1	3.482%	6.016	Shelley Berkley	D	Nevada 1
3	AZ	6	3.462%	7.364	Jeff Flake	R	Arizona 6
4	AZ	2	2.903%	7.627	Trent Franks	R	Arizona 2
5	AZ	4	2.556%	4.765	Ed Pastor	D	Arizona 4
6	CA	45	2.447%	7.331	Mary Bono Mack	R	California 45
7	AZ	3	2.139%	7.674	John B. Shadegg	R	Arizona 3
8	CA	41	2.097%	9.716	Jerry Lewis	R	California 41
9	FL	14	1.957%	9.240	Connie Mack IV	R	Florida 14
10	GA	7	1.796%	9.011	John Linder	R	Georgia 7
11	CA	25	1.785%	8.069	Buck McKeon	R	California 25
12	CA	43	1.784%	6.844	Joe Baca	D	California 43
13	IL	2	1.771%	5.690	Jesse Jackson, Jr.	D	Illinois 2
14	CA	44	1.743%	12.642	Ken Calvert	R	California 44
15	CA	18	1.716%	10.859	Dennis Cardoza	D	California 18
16	AZ	5	1.711%	7.825	Harry Mitchell	D	Arizona 5
17	AZ	7	1.704%	6.992	Raúl M. Grijalva	D	Arizona 7
18	NV	2	1.672%	12.818	Dean Heller	D	Nevada 2
19	IL	14	1.622%	8.087	Bill Foster	D	Illinois 14
20	IL	8	1.554%	7.222	Melissa Bean	D	Illinois 8
21	CA	22	1.513%	11.900	Kevin McCarthy	R	California 22
22	AZ	1	1.474%	10.838	Ann Kirkpatrick	D	Arizona 1

