

Learning Module 19: Mortgage-Backed Security (MBS) Instrument and Market Features

Fixed Income

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- Lenders, including mortgage lenders, use the DTI to measure an individual's ability to manage monthly payments and repay debts.
- A low DTI shows a balance between income and debt and suggests that the borrower could sustain additional debt.
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