The Effect of Mortgage Origination Fees on the Housing Price Dynamics*

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Abstract

This paper explores the link between mortgage origination fees and housing prices. It is argued that sharp decline in mortgage origination fees in US since the late 1980s was caused by mortgage market deregulation and mortgage innovation. Based on this reasoning the sources of exogenous variation in mortgage fees are identified, and the effect of mortgage fees on housing prices is quantified. The results indicate that decline in mortgage fees had robust statistically significant positive effect on housing prices. The lagged effect of mortgage fees on housing prices is also present.

Abstrakt

Tento článek zkoumá vztah mezi poplatky z hypoték a cenami rodinných domů a bytů. V článku tvrdíme, že výrazný pokles v poplatcích z hypoték ve Spojených státech na konci osmdesatých let minulého století byl způsoben deregulací trhu s hypotékami a inovacemi v exogenních faktorech. Z těchto faktorů pak vyvozujeme efekty na ceny bydlení. Výsledky naznačují, že pokles v poplatcích z hypoték mµel robustní statisticky významný pozitivní efekt na ceny bydlení. Opožděný efekt hypotéčních poplatků na ceny bydlení je rovněž pozorován.

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