

Michigan Municipal Market Update



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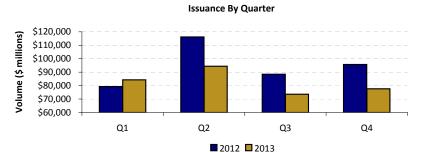
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Municipal Commentary

National Market Update

Looking back at 2013, the total dollar amount of municipal issues declined from 2012 to 2013 by 13.1% (\$379.6 billion in 2012 to \$329.8 billion in 2013). Market analysts anticipate volume will be flat in the early part of 2014. We anticipate a trend in the growing disparity between ratings assigned to issuers as well as concerns for the creditworthiness of cities and local governments. As for the future of bond interest rates, we expect the Federal Reserve to continue its accommodative policy to keep rates relatively stable. Even though there is a general sense of hesitance surrounding the municipal market after events such as Detroit's bankruptcy filing, we feel that the municipal market still provides many sound opportunities for bond buying entering 2014.



Volume (Par Amount in Millions)			
	2012	2013	% Change
Q1	79,267.60	84,276.20	6.3%
Q2	116,185.20	94,414.90	-18.7%
Q3	88,493.00	73,545.60	-16.9%
Q4	95,663.10	77,570.40	-18.9%



