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Mecklenburg foreclosures improve

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The number of foreclosures in Mecklenburg County fell 34 percent in November from a year ago.

There were 517 foreclosure filings last month, or one in every 715 households, according to **RealtyTrac Inc.**

There were 783 filings in November 2007.

Foreclosures also fell 47 percent from October, when there were 973 foreclosure filings in Mecklenburg.

Statewide foreclosure filings fell nearly 30 percent last month to 2,793, or one in 1,443 households, from November 2007, RealtyTrac Inc. says. They fell 13 percent from October.

Across the country, foreclosures rose 28 percent in November from a year ago to 259,085. One in every 488 U.S. households received a foreclosure filing last month. Foreclosures dropped 7 percent last month from October.

Nevada, Florida and Arizona posted the top foreclosure rates in the country last month. North Carolina ranks 31st.

Irvine, Calif.-based RealtyTrac tracks default notices, auction-sale notices and bank repossessions. Its figures exceed those compiled by the N.C. Commissioner of Banks. The company counts every foreclosure filing, including multiple filings for a single household, while the commissioner counts each household once, regardless of the number of filings it receives.

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