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SIFMA Issues U.S. Municipal Credit Report, Second Quarter 2016

About the Report

The municipal bond credit report is a quarterly report on the trends and statistics of U.S. municipal bond market, both taxable and tax-exempt. Issuance volumes, outstanding, credit spreads, highlights and commentary are included.

Summary

According to Thomson Reuters, long-term public municipal issuance volume totaled \$119.0 billion in the second quarter of 2016, an increase of 24.5 percent from the prior quarter (\$95.5 billion) and an increase of 7.3 percent year-over-year (y-o-y) (\$110.9 billion). Including private placements (\$3.0 billion), long-term municipal issuance for 2Q'16 was \$108.7 billion. Year to date ending June 30, municipal issuance totaled \$214.5 billion, well above the ten-year average of \$190.6 billion although nearly unchanged from last year's year to date issuance of \$214.5 billion.

Tax-exempt issuance totaled \$104.9 billion in 2Q'16, an increase of 19.0 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, q-o-q and y-o-y. Taxable issuance totaled \$6.8 billion in 2Q'16, an increase of 3.8 percent q-o-q but a 14.4percent decline y o y. AMT issuance was \$7.3 billion, an eightfold increase q-o-q and a 153.7 percent decline y-o-y.

By use of proceeds, general purpose led issuance totals in 2Q'16 (\$28.7 billion), followed by primary & secondary education (\$21.0 billion) and higher education (\$11.4 billion).

Refunding volumes as a percentage of issuance fell slightly from the prior quarter, with 49.7 percent of issuance attributable to refundings compared to 52.6 percent in 1Q'16, but was unchanged from 2Q'15.

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