

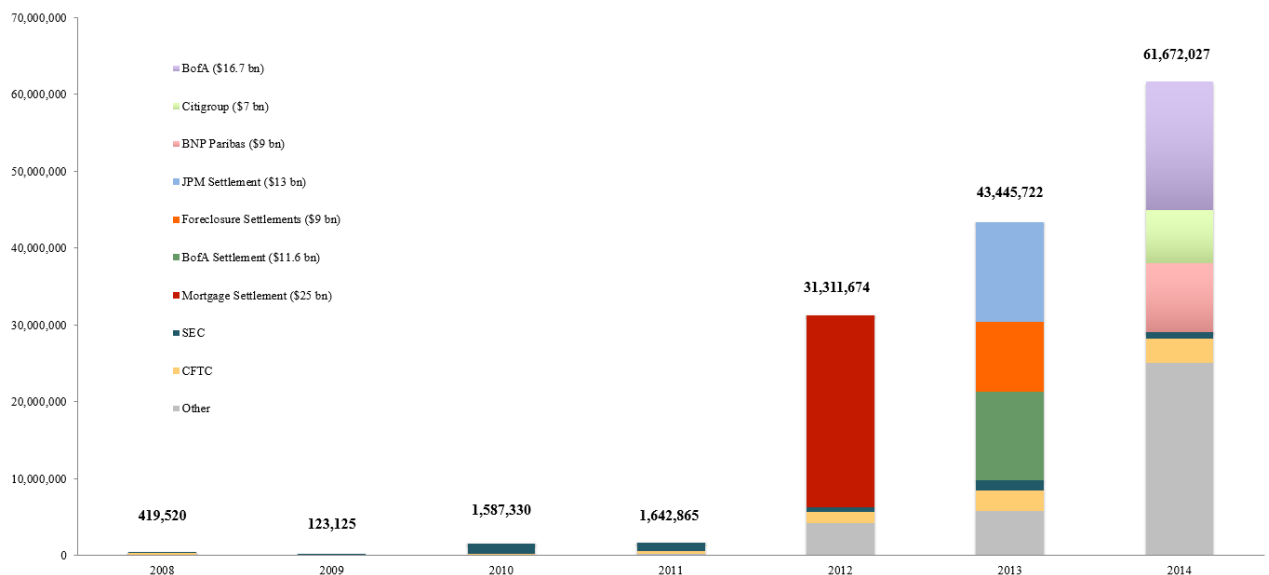
COMMITTEE RELEASES QUARTERLY FINANCIAL PENALTIES DATA

CAMBRIDGE, February 9 2015—The Committee on Capital Markets Regulation today released data on the total public financial penalties imposed on financial institutions in the United States for 2014. Public financial penalties include public class action settlements that arise from class action lawsuits brought by the government (*e.g.*, state attorneys general) and regulatory penalties that follow enforcement actions by regulatory agencies including the SEC, CFTC, and others.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, total public financial penalties amounted to \$4.5 billion. The substantial fourth quarter total pushes the aggregate amount of financial penalties imposed in 2014 to \$61.7 billion, exceeding the record annual total of 2013. The data show that financial institutions in the U.S. continue to face historically unprecedented public financial penalties.

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Public Settlements and Regulatory Penalties on Financial Institutions (\$ thousands)



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