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## **Business Briefs**

### **Foreclosures rise**

WORCESTER — Foreclosures in Worcester County were up 31.5 percent through August, according to data that will be released today by **ForeclosuresMass.com** of Framingham, which tracks such information.

Through August, 1,083 homes have been foreclosed on, according to the company, up from 823 during the same period last year.

Statewide, foreclosures are up 32.7 percent, as more homeowners rely upon creative financing to take on more and more mortgage debt amid record high home prices, the company found.