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## **INCREASED LENDING HINTS AT CREDIT THAW**

SAN ANTONIO ([San Antonio Express-News](#)) – In a sign that the credit crisis might be beginning to thaw in Texas, JPMorgan Chase reported Wednesday that it issued more than 300,000 new loans and lines of credit totaling \$6.4 billion during the first three months of 2009.

The bank awarded \$2.4 billion for 12,826 home mortgages, up 24 percent from the previous quarter.

JPMorgan Chase also made \$182 million worth of loans to 473 small businesses and \$1.7 billion in new and renewed credit to midsized businesses, large companies and other agencies.

## **SAN ANTONIO MAKES THE GRADE**

CHICAGO (Apartments.com) – Graduating college seniors may want to check out San Antonio after they collect their diplomas. According to Apartments.com and CBcampus.com, the Alamo City has a lot to offer them.

The two websites ranked San Antonio tenth on their second annual “Top 10 Best Cities for Recent College Graduates” list. It was the only Texas city to make the cut this year.

The list was compiled based on the ranking of the top U.S. cities with the highest concentration of young adults (age 20–24) from the U.S. Census Bureau (2006), inventory of jobs requiring less than one year of experience from CBcampus.com (2009) and the average cost of rent for a one bedroom apartment from Apartments.com (2009).

The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in San Antonio is \$696, according to Apartments.com.

Ranking first was Indianapolis.