The First U.S. Quantitative Easing: The 1930s

The term "quantitative easing" became popular jargon in 2009. After setting the target for the federal funds rate at a range of zero to 25 basis points on December 28, 2008, the Federal Open Market Committee announced its intent to purchase up to approximately $1.7 trillion of agency debt, agency-guaranteed mortgage-backed securities, and Treasury securities. The Treasury collaborated, buying for its own account approximately $220 billion in agency mortgage-backed securities during 2009. This policy was labeled quantitative easing.

Few analysts recall, however, that this is the *second*, not the first, quantitative easing by U.S. monetary authorities.[1] During 1932, with congressional support, the Fed purchased approximately $1 billion in Treasury securities (half, however, was offset by a decrease in Treasury bills discounted at the Reserve Banks). At the end of 1932, short-term market rates hovered at 50 basis points or less. Quantitative easing continued during 1933-36. In early April 1933, Congress sought to prod the Fed into further action by passing legislation that (i) permitted the Fed to purchase up to $3 billion in securities directly from the Treasury (direct purchases were not typically permitted) and, if the Fed did not, (ii) also authorized President Roosevelt to issue up to $3 billion in currency.[2] The Fed began to purchase securities in the open market in April at the modest pace of $50 million per week.

During the summer of 1933, as excess reserves reached $500 million, Fed officials' reluctance increased. Nevertheless, as Meltzer (2003) reports, President Roosevelt wished purchases to continue. On October 10, 1933, hoping to avoid a political confrontation, Fed officials decided to continue purchases. Yet, on October 12, these officials unanimously approved a statement to the president noting that (i) the System's holdings of government securities exceeded $2 billion, (ii) bank reserves had reached a record high, and (iii) short-term money rates had dipped to record lows. They halted purchases in November 1933. Quantitative easing did not end there, however: It instead shifted to the Treasury and the White House through gold purchases.

The Fed's reluctance could be overcome with gold. President Roosevelt controlled both the nation's gold stock and monetary policy, so long as the Federal Reserve remained inactive. The president's most effective tool was the Gold Reserve Act, passed January 30, 1934, which raised the value of gold from $20.67 to $35 per ounce. The mechanism by which the Treasury gained control was elegantly simple. On August 28, 1933, Roosevelt called all outstanding domestic gold into the Federal Reserve Banks; on January 30, ownership was transferred, before revaluation, to the Treasury from the Federal Reserve Banks in exchange for (paper) gold certificates. When gold's price increased to $35 per ounce from $20.67, the Treasury realized a windfall profit of more than $2 billion. The Treasury, Meltzer (2003) reports, began purchasing gold "immediately" via the issuance of additional gold certificates—bank reserves and the monetary base expanded when the gold certificates later were received by the Federal Reserve Banks. During 1934-36, the Treasury purchased $4 billion in gold in international markets, sharply increasing bank reserves and the monetary base. The effect on bank reserves is displayed in the table. In 1936, as today, concern arose regarding inflation. Then, the Fed's exit strategy was higher statutory reserve requirements, infeasible today. Today, the Fed's exit strategy includes increasing the remuneration rate on deposits at the Fed, offering banks term deposits at the Fed, and the use of repurchase agreements.[3]

—Richard G. Anderson

[1] This section draws on Meltzer, Alan H. *A History of the Federal Reserve, Volume 1: 1913-1951*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003.

[2] The legislation also permitted the president to devalue the dollar relative to gold by up to 50 percent. President Roosevelt signed this legislation and the same day ordered all domestically held gold in the United States be sold to the Treasury (including gold held by the Federal Reserve Banks).

[3] See Bernanke, Ben. "Federal Reserve's Exit Strategy." Testimony before the Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, March 25, 2010.

Bank Reserves

Year	Total reserves	Required reserves	Excess reserves
1932	2.435	1.909	0.526
1933	2.588	1.822	0.766
1934	4.037	2.290	1.748
1935	5.716	2.733	2.983
1936	6.665	4.619	2.046

NOTE: Data are December figures, in billions of dollars.
SOURCE: *Banking and Monetary Statistics 1914-1941*, p. 396.

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Conventions used in this publication:

1. Unless otherwise indicated, data are monthly.

2. Except where otherwise noted, solid shading indicates recessions, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The NBER has not yet determined the end of the recession that began in December 2007; however, the hatched shading shows that the recession ended in July 2009. We made this determination based on a statistical model for dating business cycle turning points developed by Marcelle Chauvet and Jeremy Piger ("A Comparison of the Real-Time Performance of Business Cycle Dating Methods," *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 2008, 26, 42-49). For more information, see http://www.uoregon.edu/~jpiger/us_recession_probs.htm.

3. *Percent change at an annual rate* is the simple, not compounded, monthly percent change multiplied by 12. For example, using consecutive months, the percent change at an annual rate in x between month $t-1$ and the current month t is: $[(x_\tau/x_{\tau-1})-1] \times 1200$. Note that this differs from *National Economic Trends*. In that publication, monthly percent changes are compounded and expressed as annual growth rates.

4. The *percent change from year ago* refers to the percent change from the same period in the previous year. For example, the percent change from year ago in *x* between month $t-12$ and the current month t is: $[(x_\tau/x_{\tau-12})-1] \times 100$.

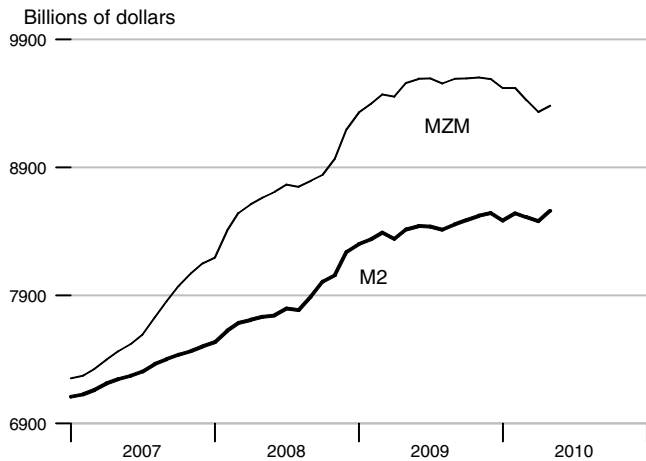We welcome your comments addressed to:

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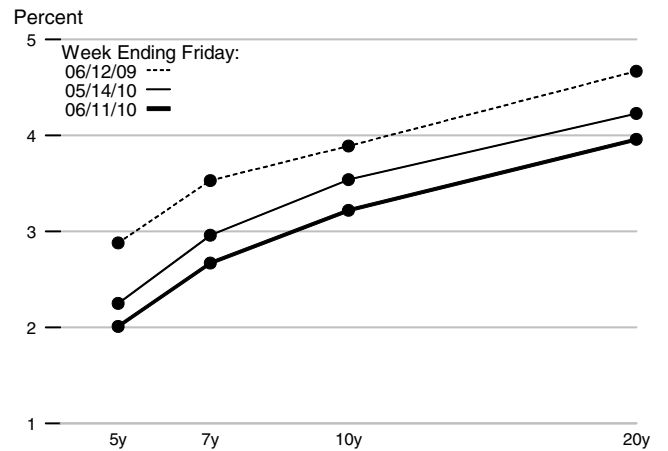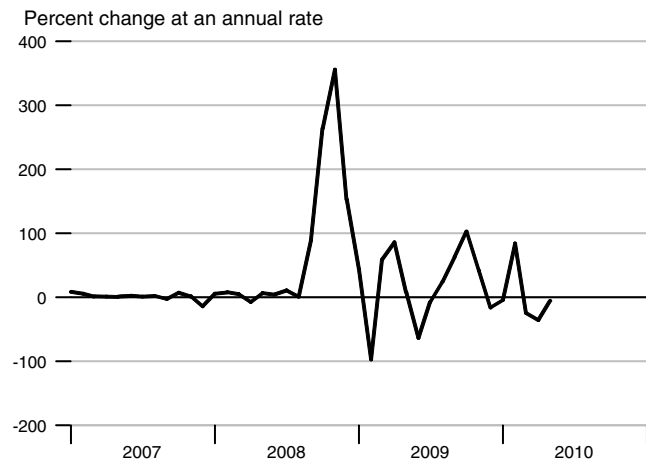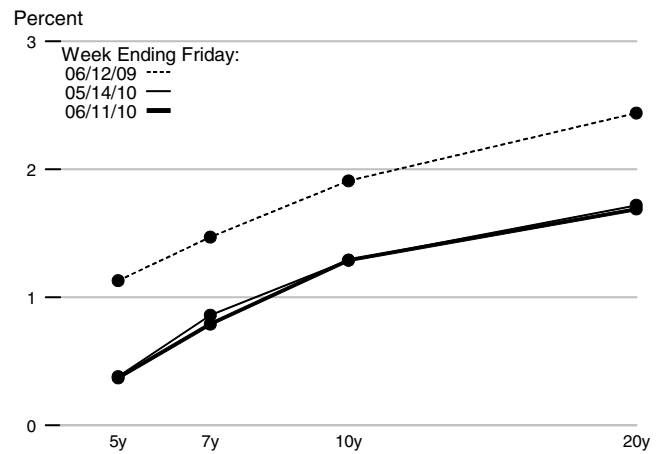
M2 and MZM

Billions of dollars

Adjusted Monetary Base

Percent change at an annual rate

Reserve Market Rates

Percent

- - - - Effective Federal Funds Rate
——— Intended Federal Funds Rate
Primary Credit Rate
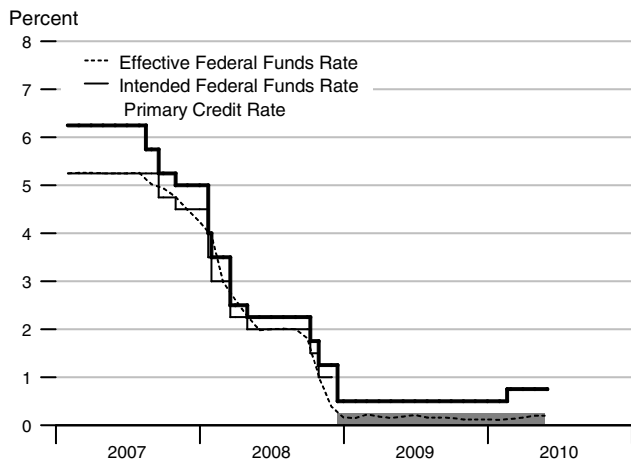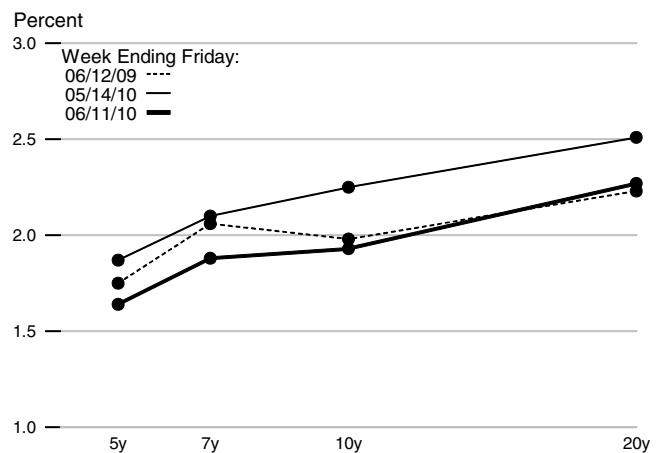
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Treasury Yield Curve

Percent

Week Ending Friday:
06/12/09 - - - -
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06/11/10 ━━━

Real Treasury Yield Curve

Percent

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Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads

Percent

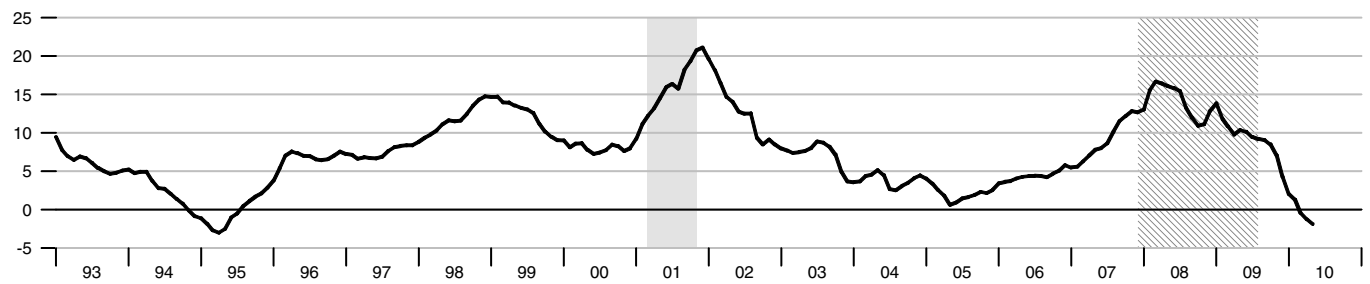Week Ending Friday:
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M1

Percent change from year ago
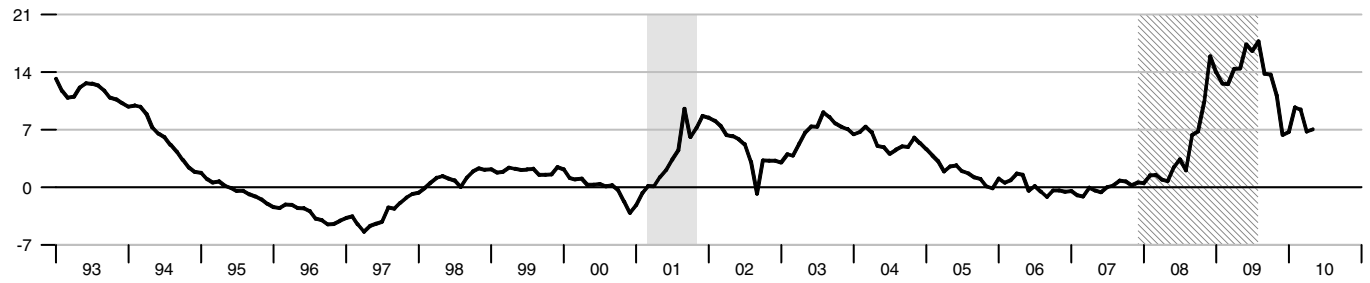
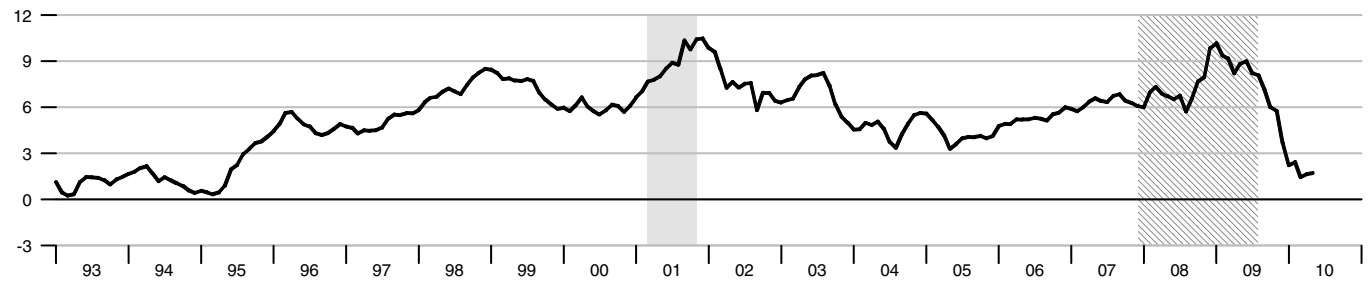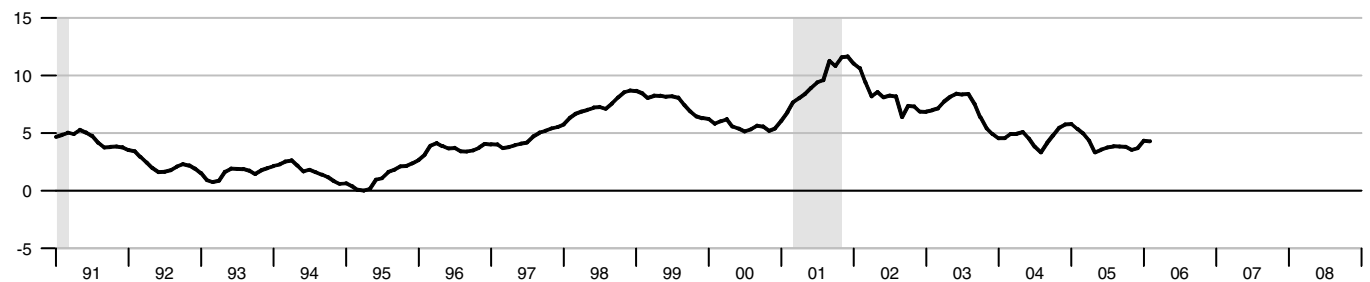## MZM

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M2

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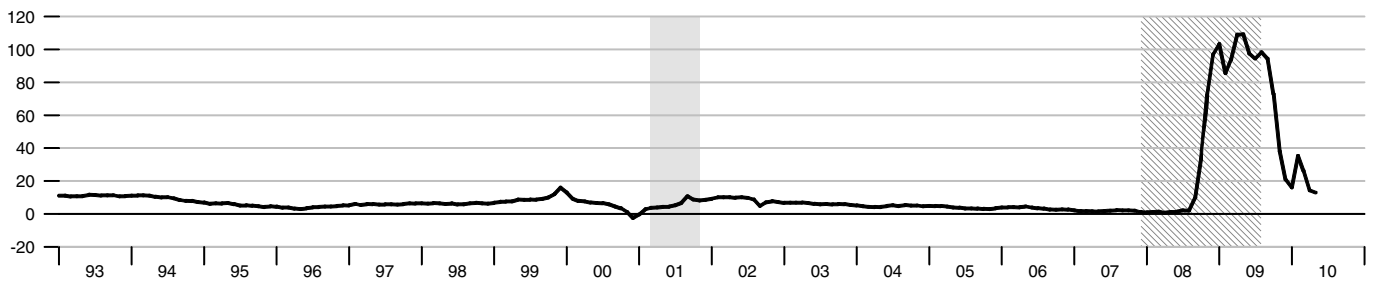
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Adjusted Monetary Base

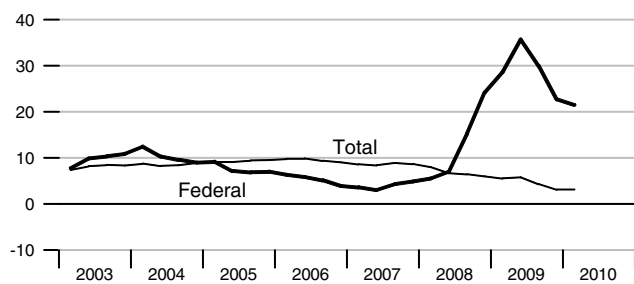Percent change from year ago

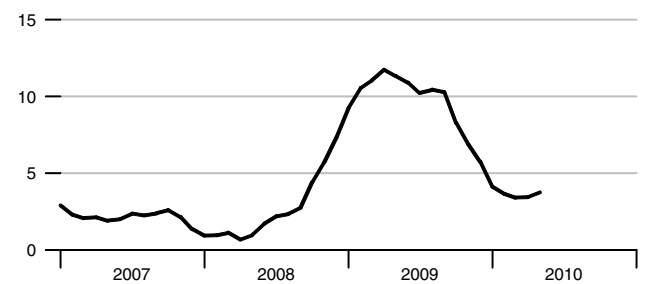## Domestic Nonfinancial Debt

Percent change from year ago

Currency Held by the Nonbank Public

Percent change from year ago

Small Denomination Time Deposits*

Percent change from year ago
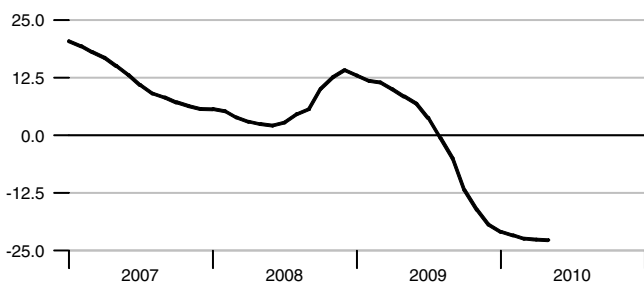
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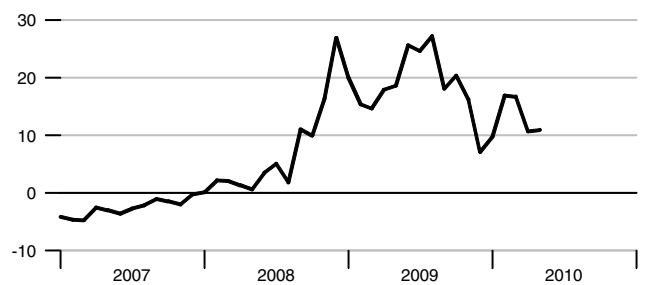
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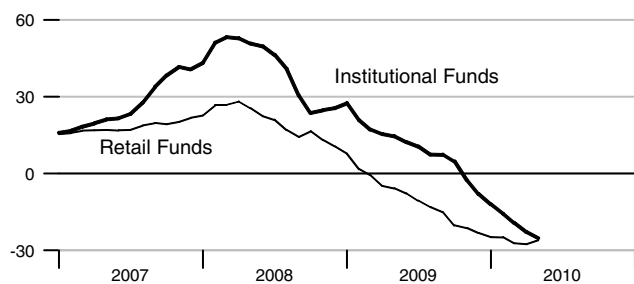
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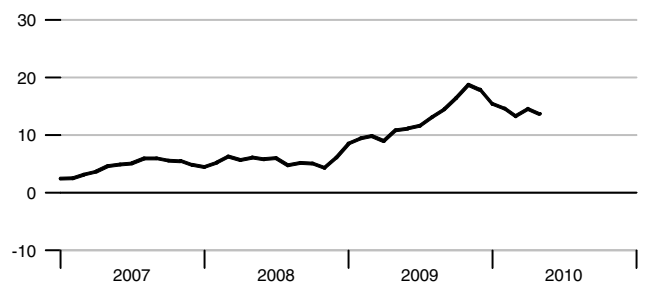
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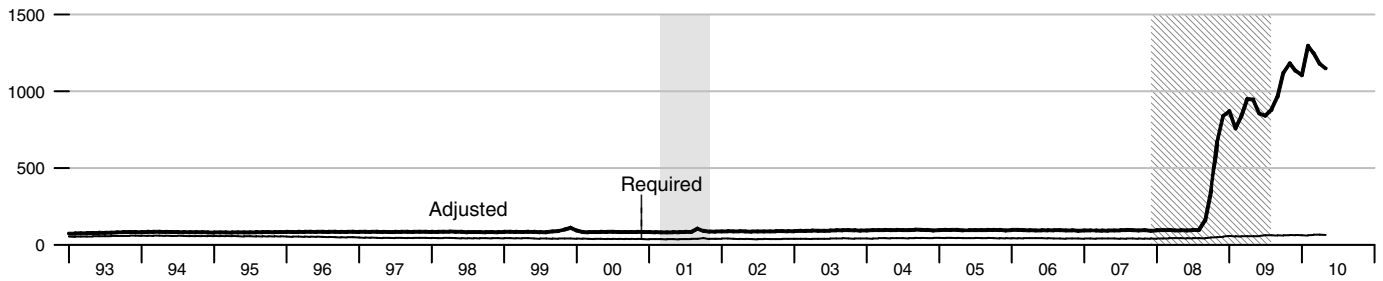
Total Borrowings, nsa

Billions of dollars

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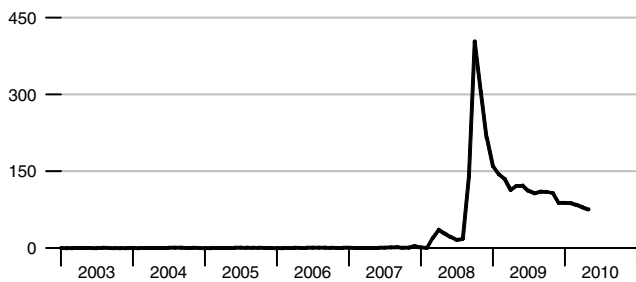
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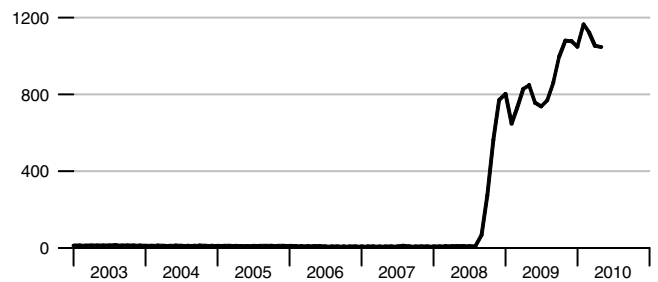
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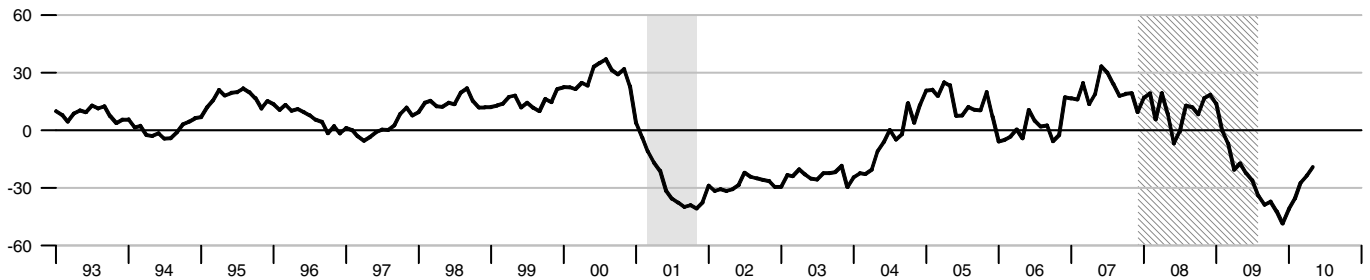
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Consumer Credit

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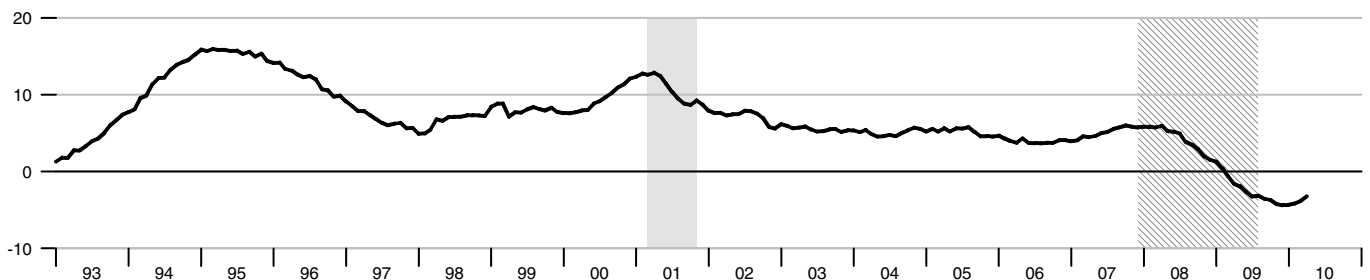
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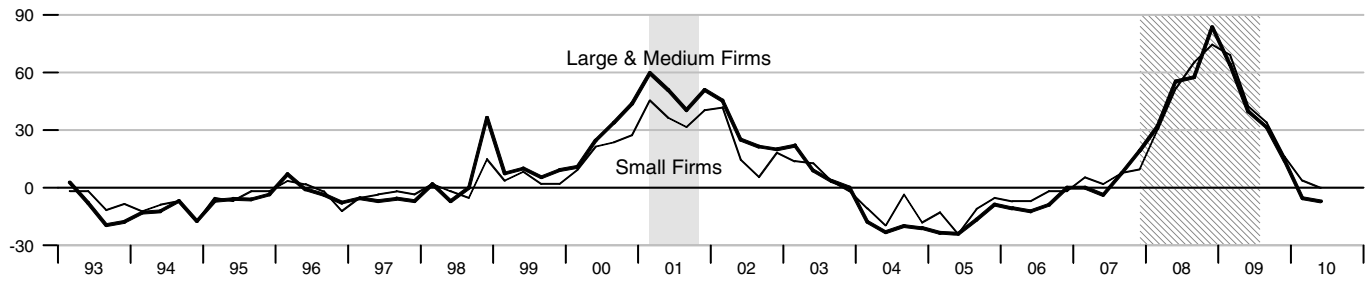
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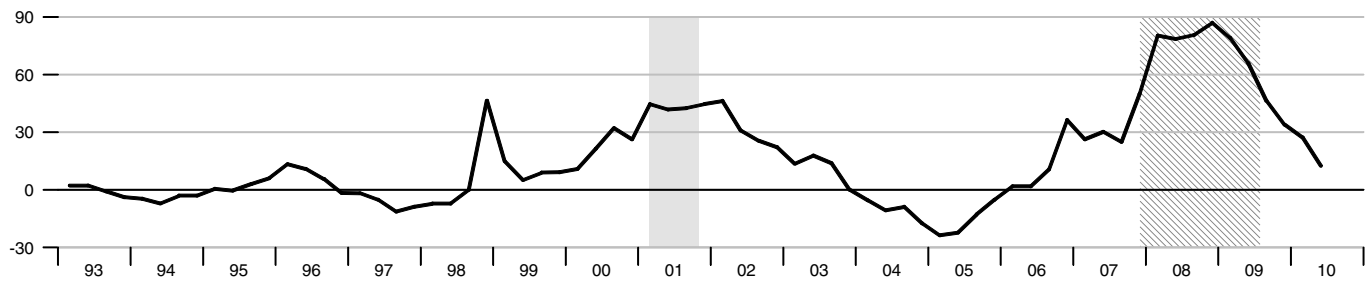
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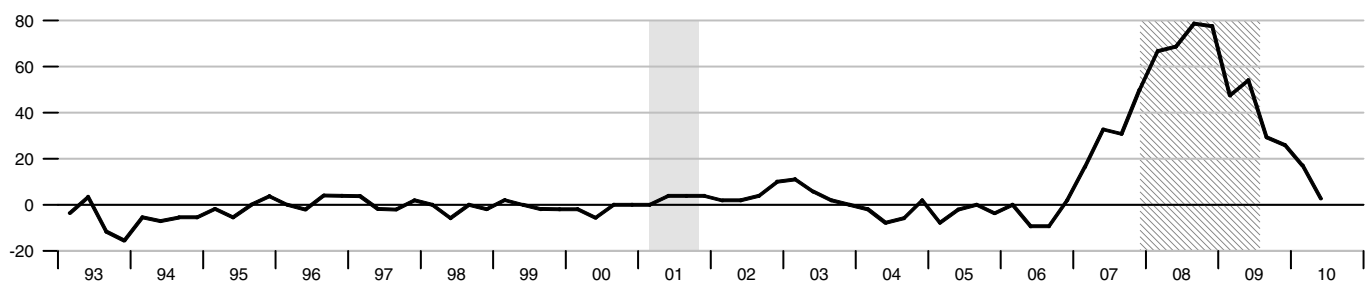
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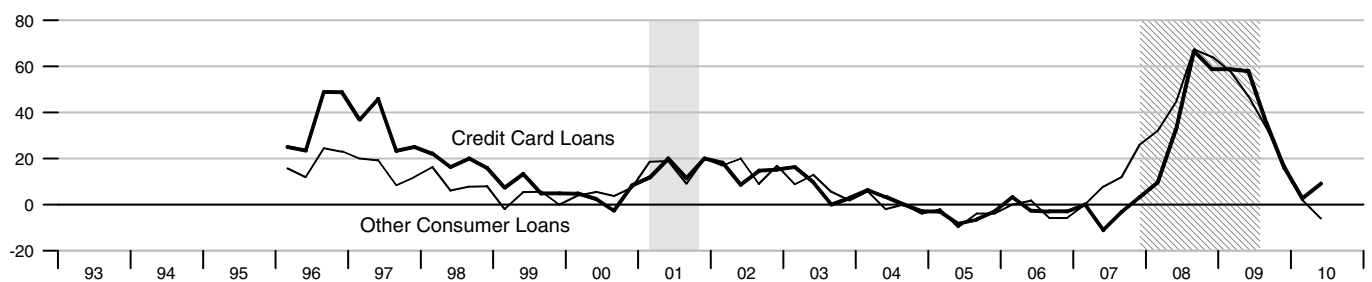
CPI Inflation and 1-Year-Ahead CPI Inflation Expectations

Percent

Humphrey-Hawkins CPI Inflation Range

CPI Inflation

University of
Michigan

Federal Reserve Bank
of Philadelphia
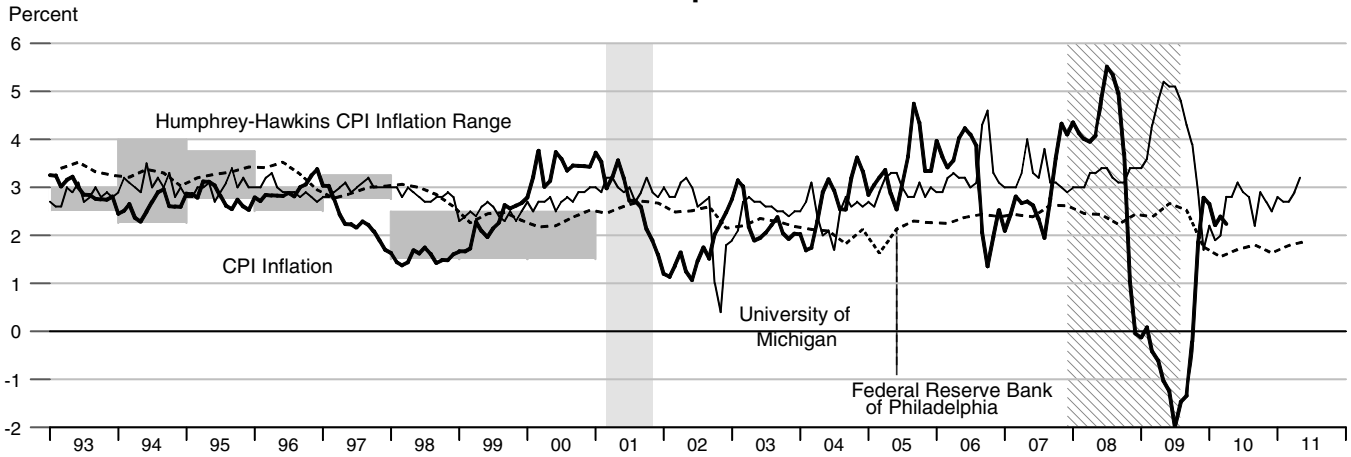
The shaded region shows the Humphrey-Hawkins CPI inflation range. Beginning in January 2000, the Humphrey-Hawkins inflation range was reported using the PCE price index and therefore is not shown on this graph.

10-Year Ahead PCE Inflation Expectations and Realized Inflation

Percent

Realized

Expected
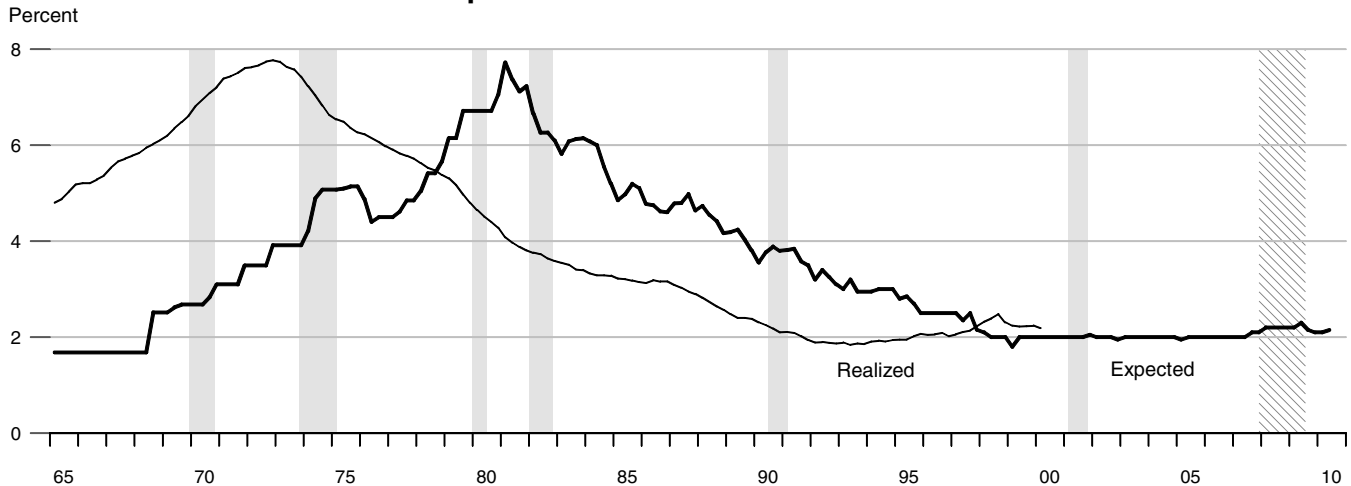
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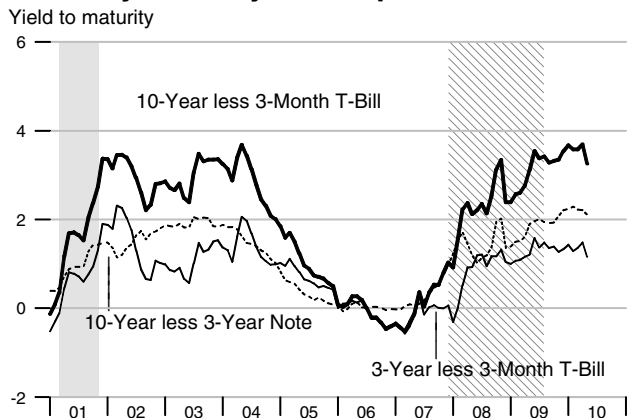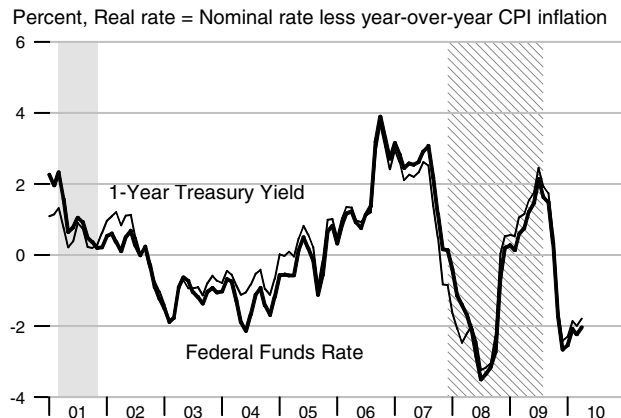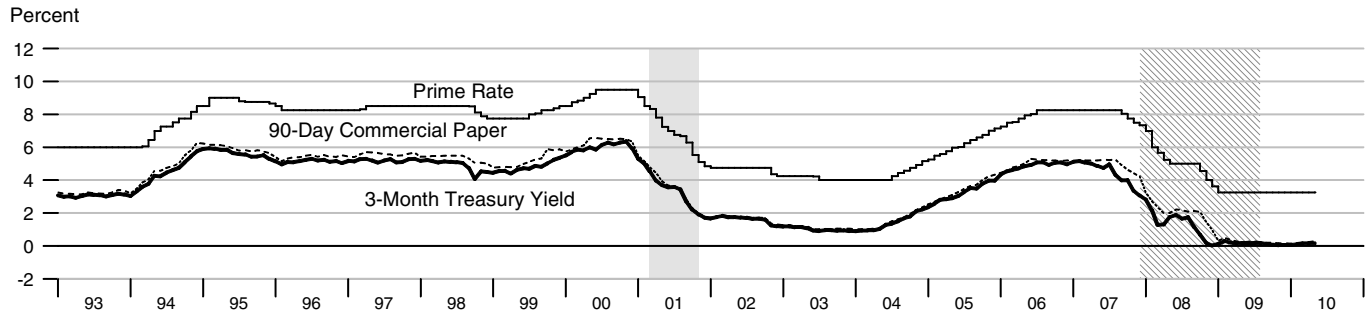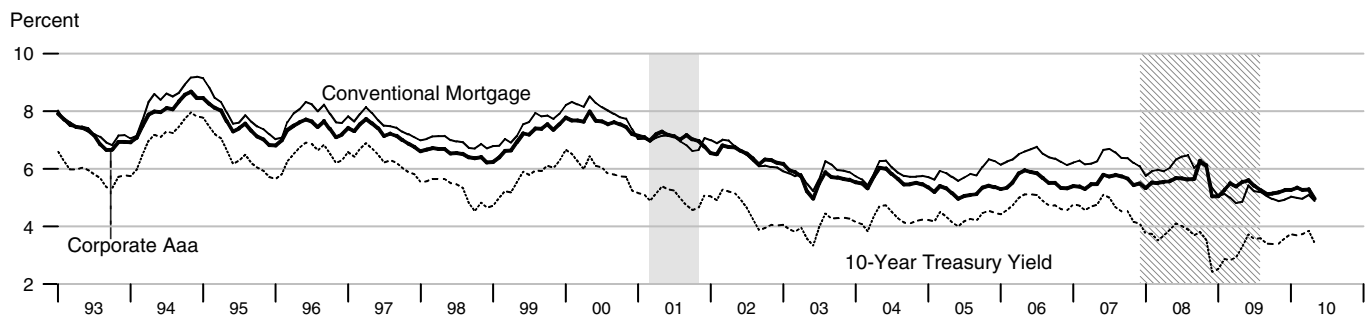
Yield to maturity

10-Year less 3-Month T-Bill

10-Year less 3-Year Note

3-Year less 3-Month T-Bill

Real Interest Rates

Percent, Real rate = Nominal rate less year-over-year CPI inflation

1-Year Treasury Yield

Federal Funds Rate

Short-Term Interest Rates

Percent

Prime Rate
90-Day Commercial Paper
3-Month Treasury Yield

Long-Term Interest Rates

Percent

Conventional Mortgage
Corporate Aaa
10-Year Treasury Yield

Long-Term Interest Rates

Percent

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10-Year Treasury Yield

Short-Term Interest Rates

Percent

90-Day Commercial Paper
3-Month Treasury Yield
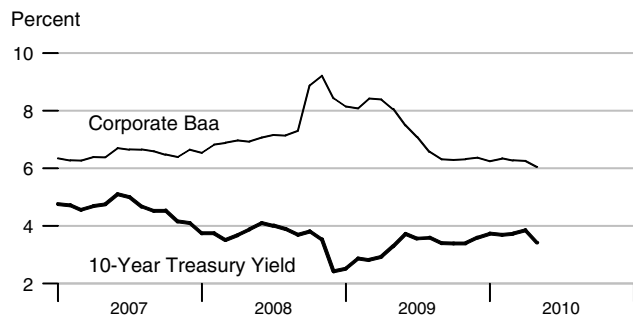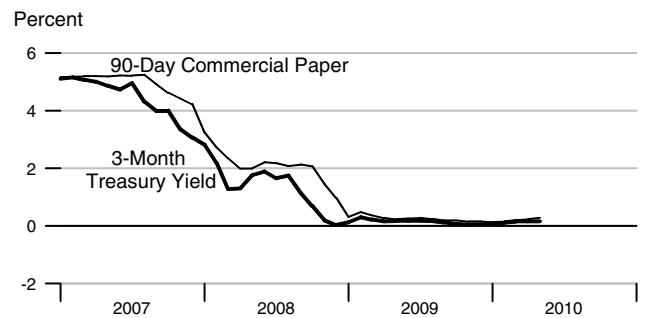
FOMC Intended Federal Funds Rate, Discount Rate, and Primary Credit Rate

Percent

Intended Federal Funds Rate
Discount Rate
Primary Credit Rate

Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets

Percent

4% 3% 2% 1% 0%   Target Inflation Rates
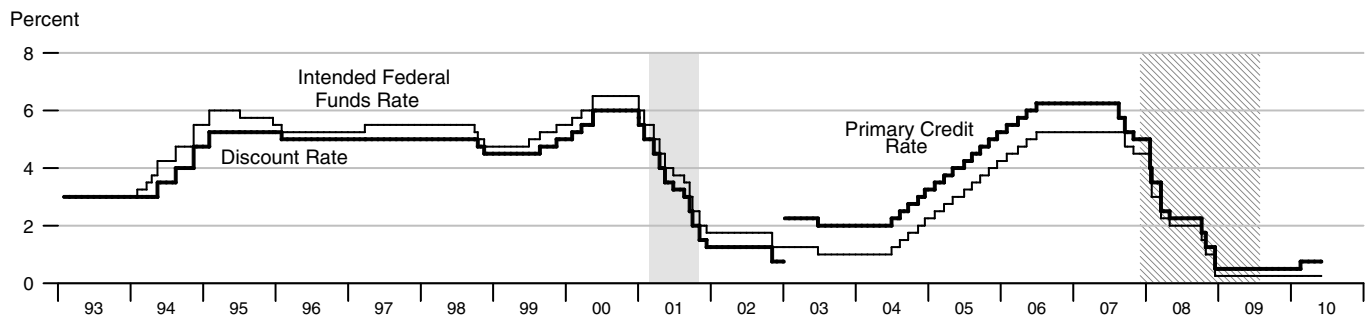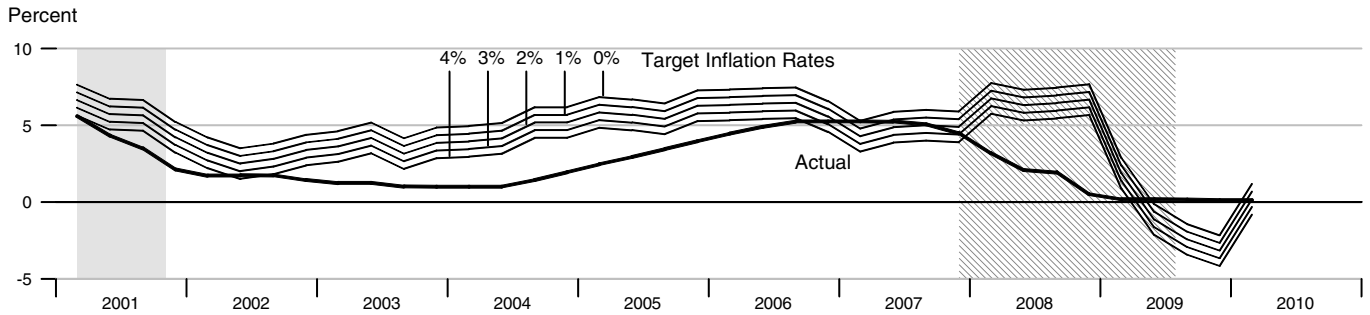
Actual

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Components of Taylor's Rule

Actual and Potential Real GDP

Billions of chain-weighted 2005 dollars

Potential
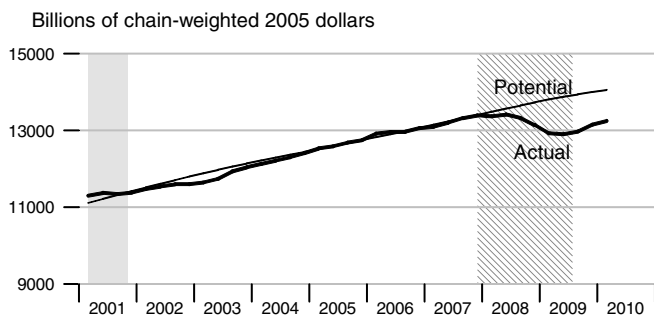
Actual

See notes section for further explanation.

PCE Inflation

Percent change from year ago

Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets

Percent

Actual

Target Inflation Rates

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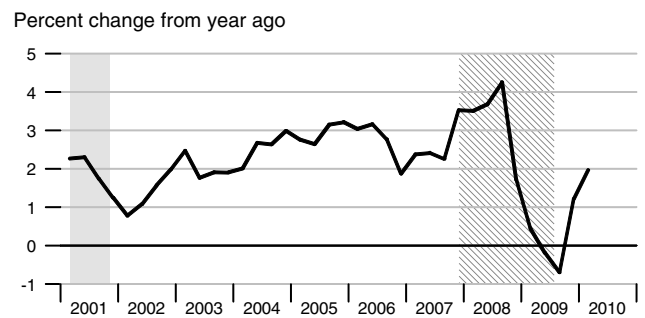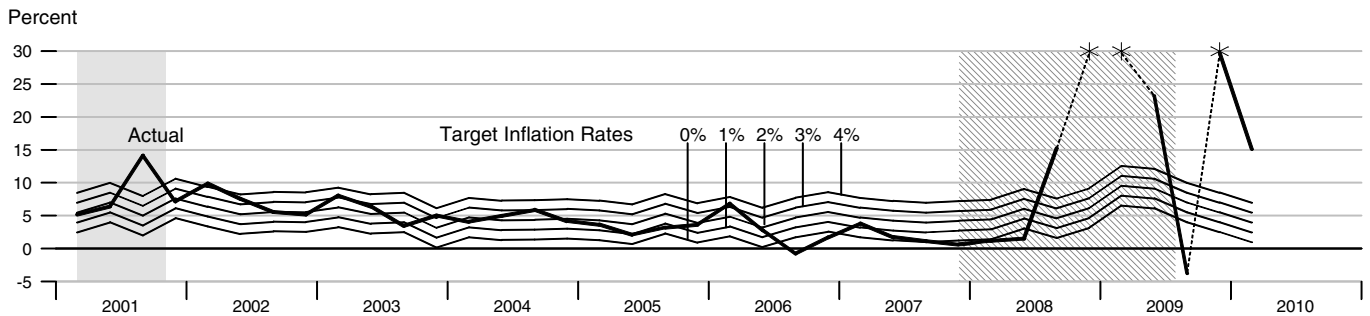
Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. Actual base growth is percent change from the previous quarter.
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Components of McCallum's Rule

Monetary Base Velocity Growth
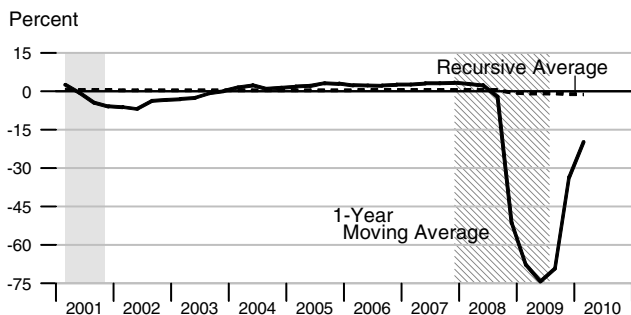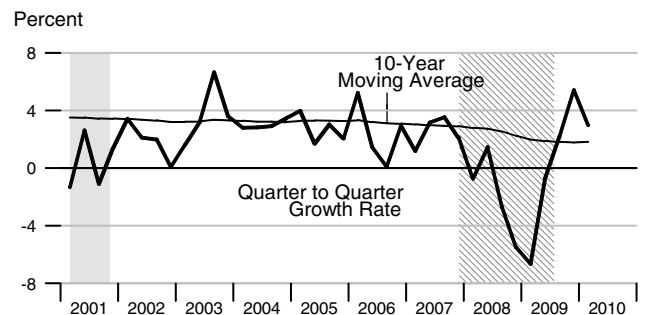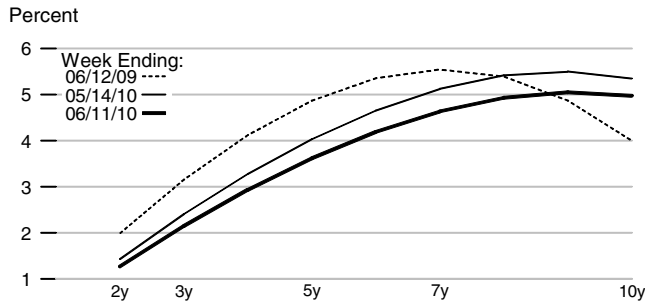
Percent

Recursive Average

1-Year
Moving Average

Real Output Growth

Percent

10-Year
Moving Average

Quarter to Quarter
Growth Rate

Implied One-Year Forward Rates

Percent

Week Ending:
06/12/09 ----
05/14/10 —
06/11/10 —

Rates on 3-Month Eurodollar Futures

Percent, daily data

Aug 2010

Jul 2010

Jun 2010

04/12 04/19 04/26 05/03 05/10 05/17 05/24 05/31 06/07 06/14

Rates on Selected Federal Funds Futures Contracts

Percent, daily data

Aug 2010

Jul 2010

Jun 2010

04/12 04/19 04/26 05/03 05/10 05/17 05/24 05/31 06/07 06/14

Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates

Percent

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Jun   Jul   Aug   Sep   Oct   Nov
Contract Month

Inflation-Indexed Treasury Securities

Weekly data

Percent
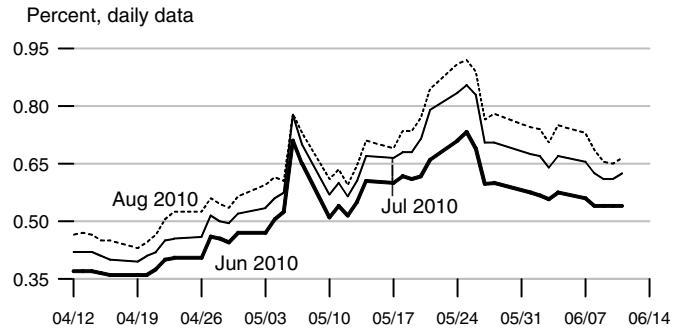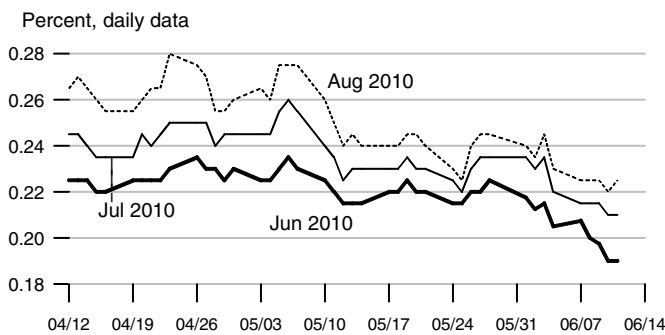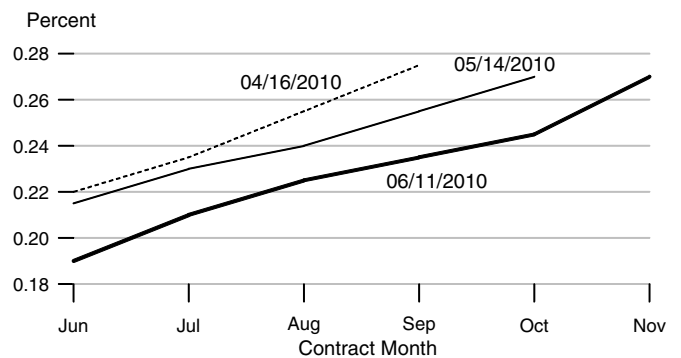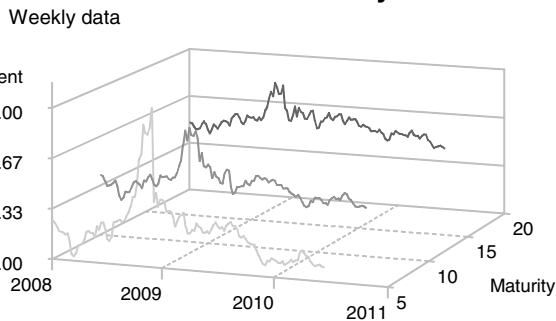
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U.S. Treasury securities

Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads

Weekly data

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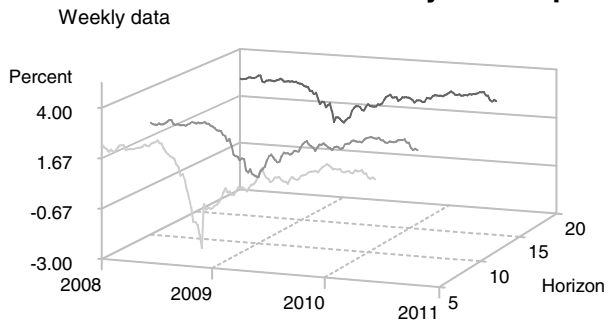
Note: Yield spread is between nominal and inflation-indexed
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Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Notes

Percent, weekly data

France

U.S.

U.K.

2006   2007   2008   2009   2010

Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads

Percent, weekly data

U.K.

U.S.

France

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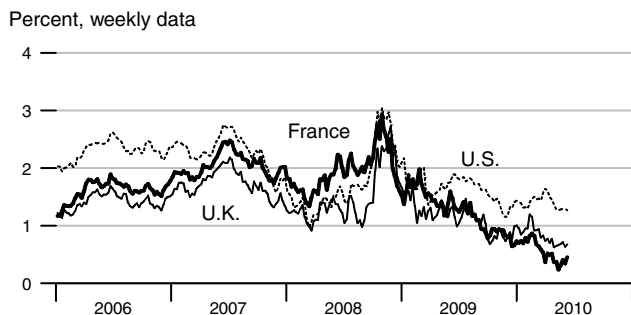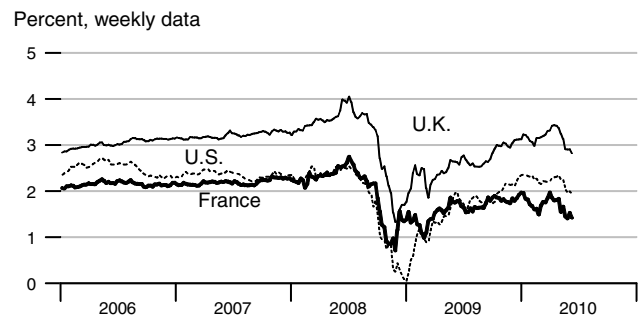
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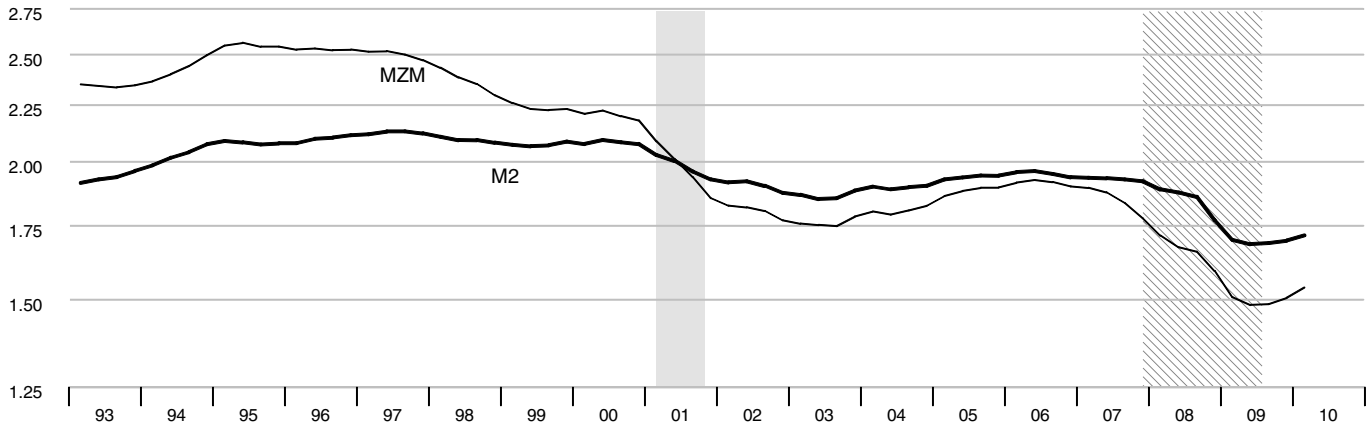
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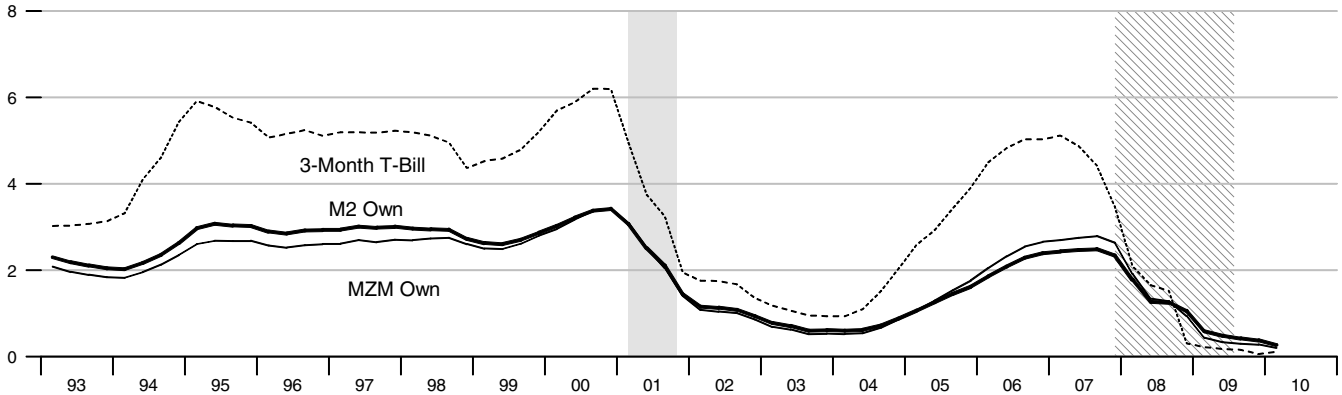
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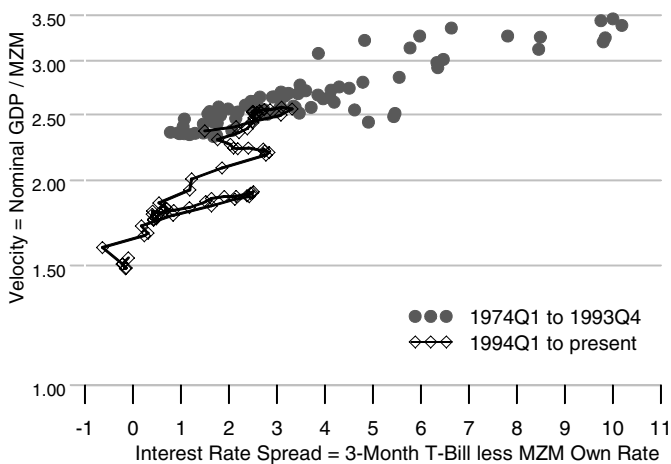
Ratio Scale

●●● 1974Q1 to 1993Q4
◇◇◇ 1994Q1 to present

Velocity = Nominal GDP / MZM

Interest Rate Spread = 3-Month T-Bill less MZM Own Rate

M2 Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale

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◇◇◇ 1994Q1 to present

Velocity = Nominal GDP / M2

Interest Rate Spread = 3-Month T-Bill less M2 Own Rate
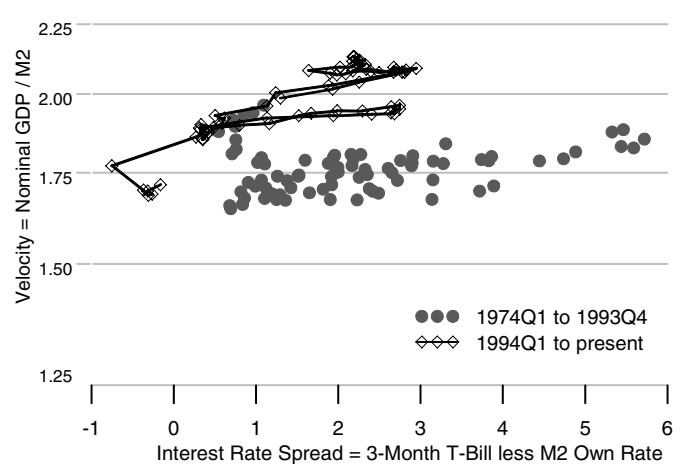
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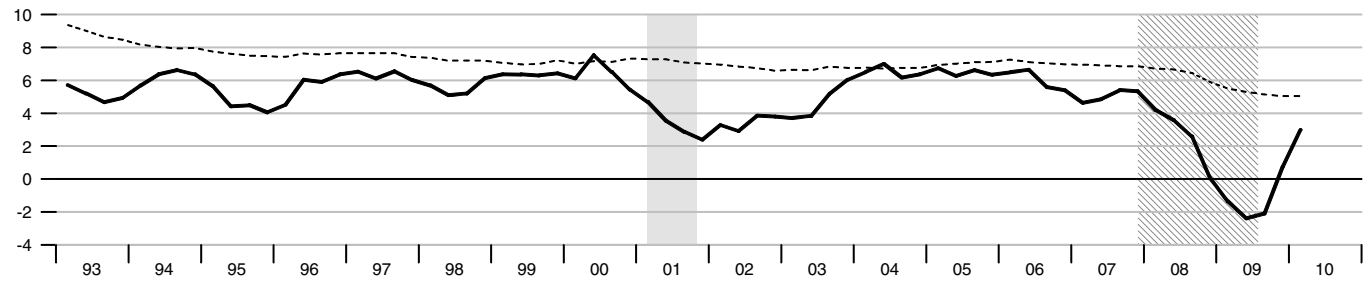
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Real Gross Domestic Product

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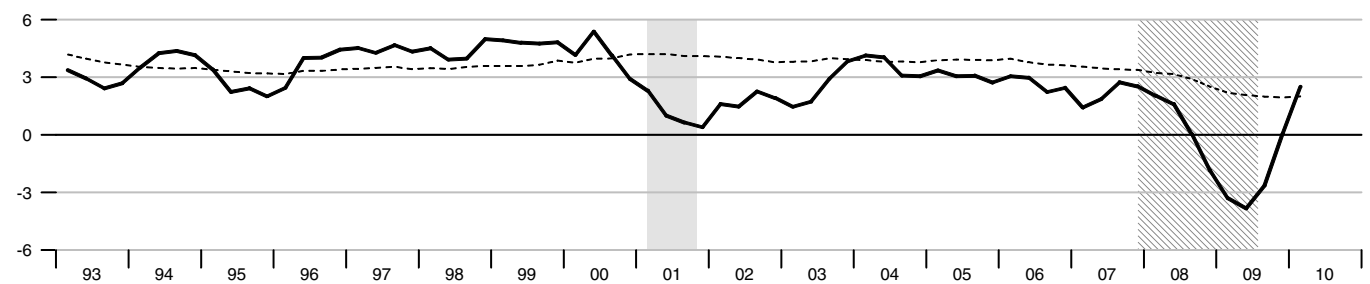
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Gross Domestic Product Price Index

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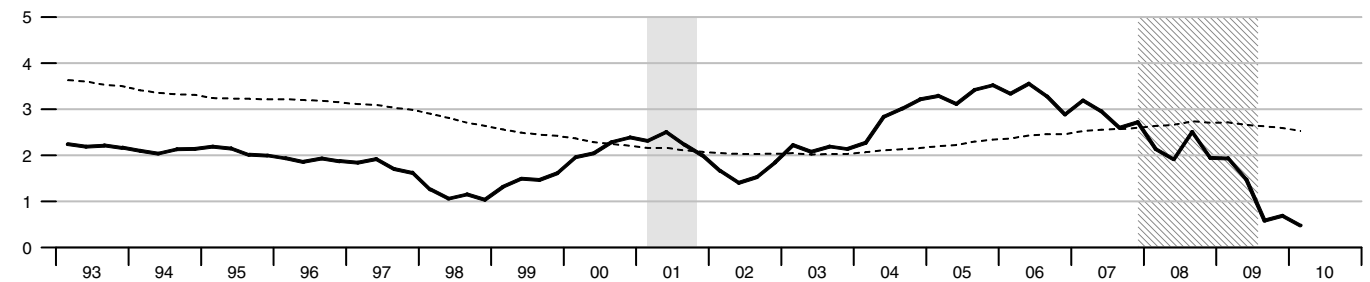
Dashed lines indicate 10-year moving averages.

M2

Percent change from year ago
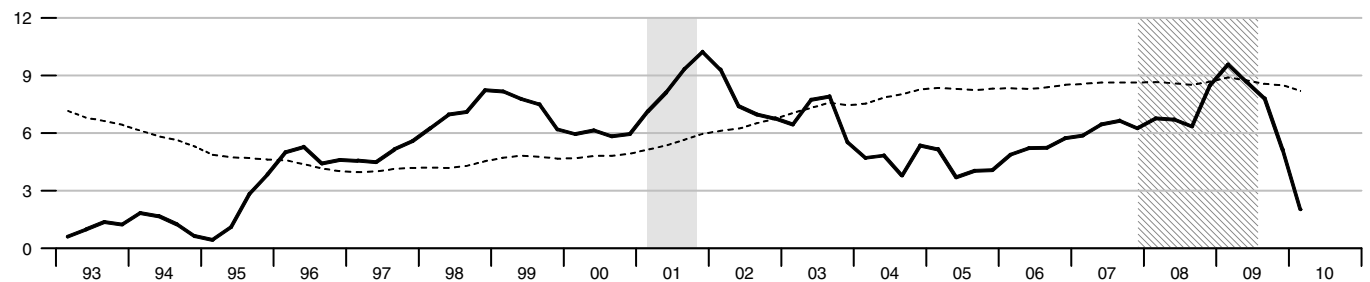
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Bank Credit

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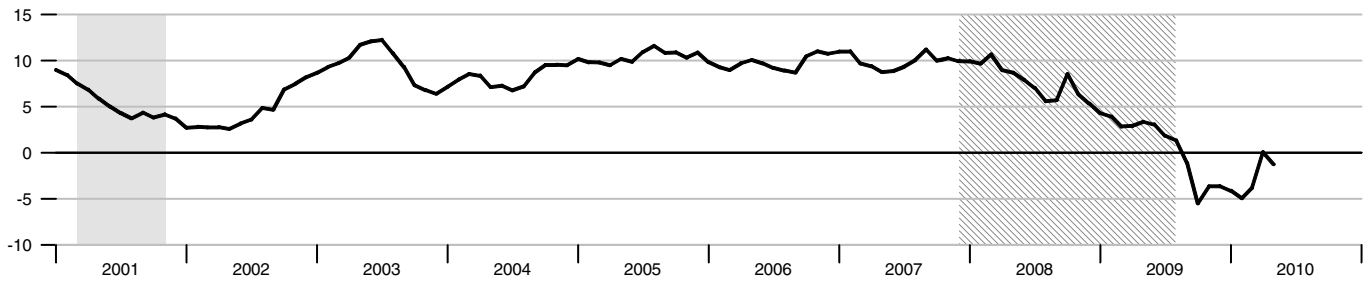
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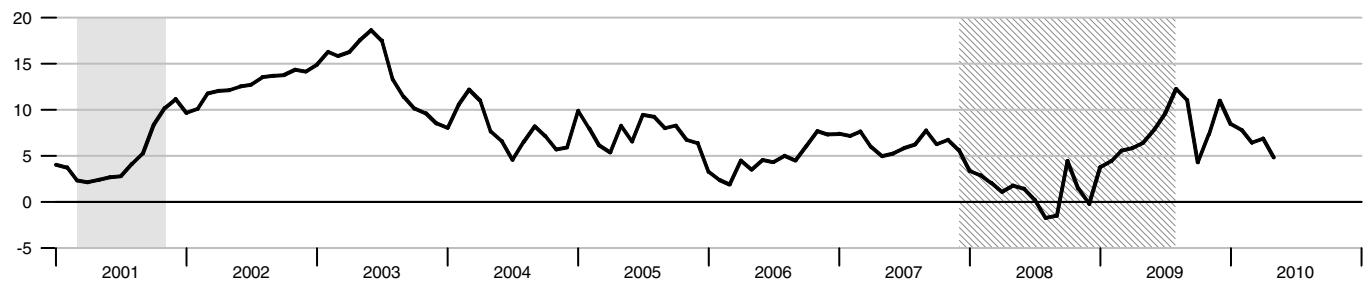
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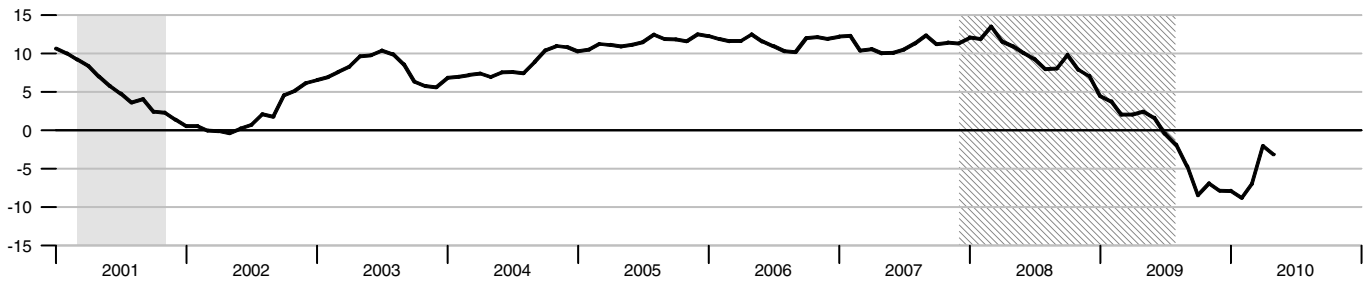
Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago

Standard & Poor's 500

Composite Index
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Price/Earnings Ratio
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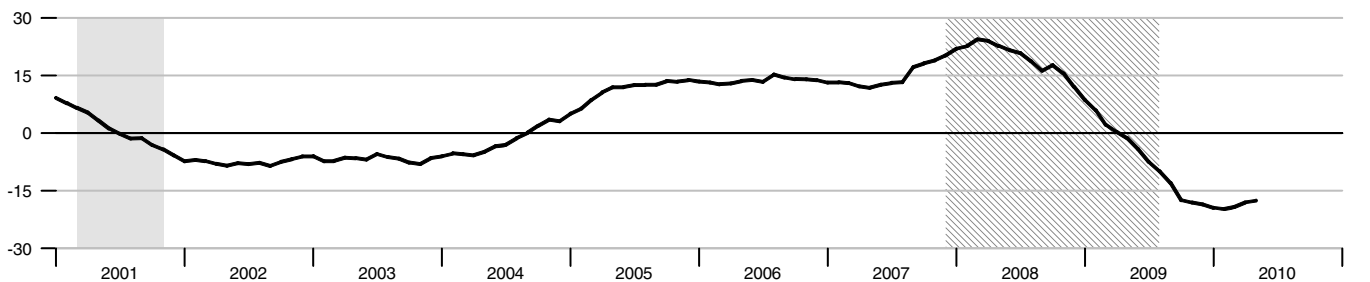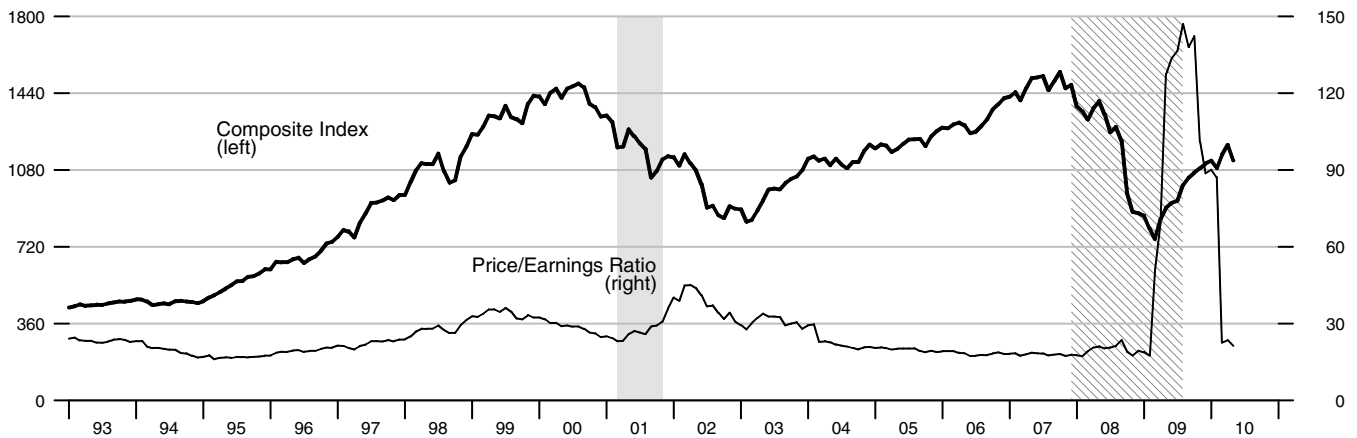
Recent Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

	Consumer Price Inflation Rates				Long-Term Government Bond Rates			
	Percent change from year ago				Percent			
	2009Q2	2009Q3	2009Q4	2010Q1	Feb10	Mar10	Apr10	May10
United States	-0.97	-1.60	1.46	2.42	3.69	3.73	3.85	3.42
Canada	0.06	-0.87	0.79	1.61	3.44	3.50	3.68	3.45
France	-0.21	-0.42	0.36	1.32	3.50	3.44	3.40	.
Germany	0.25	-0.25	0.44	0.81	3.17	3.10	3.06	2.73
Italy	0.85	0.12	0.65	1.29	4.05	3.94	4.00	3.99
Japan	-0.98	-2.31	-2.03	-1.12	1.30	1.36	1.29	.
United Kingdom	2.12	1.46	2.09	3.26	4.07	4.08	4.09	3.77

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Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rate Differentials

Percent

Germany

Canada

Canada   Germany

- - - - Inflation differential = Foreign inflation less U.S. inflation
——— Long-term rate differential = Foreign rate less U.S. rate

Percent

U.K.

U.K.

Japan

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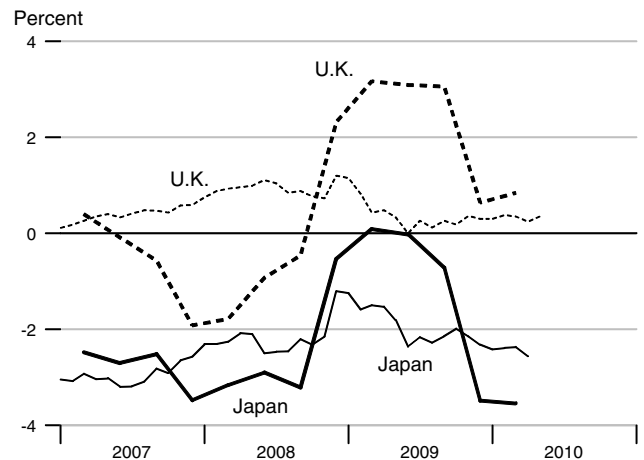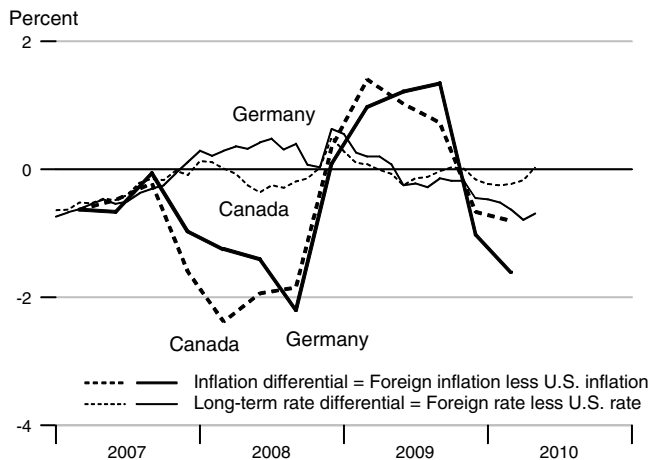
		Money Stock			Bank	Adjusted		
		M1	MZM	M2	M3*	Credit	Monetary Base	Reserves	MSI M2**
2005		1371.763	6708.425	6522.507	9786.477	7012.652	806.628	96.560	343.539
2006		1374.373	6999.309	6866.220	10270.74	7694.938	835.039	94.913	
2007		1373.157	7633.169	7299.638		8460.781	850.567	94.184	
2008		1433.316	8704.724	7817.420		9123.269	1009.796	232.198	
2009		1628.706	9528.556	8424.286		9191.341	1796.608	944.861	
2008	1	1385.940	8382.125	7614.067		9000.092	856.293	96.144	
	2	1393.903	8661.973	7729.096		9003.683	859.364	94.409	
	3	1424.884	8770.769	7824.651		9075.594	892.790	117.867	
	4	1528.539	9004.027	8101.864		9413.706	1430.736	620.373	
2009	1	1566.702	9399.705	8343.187		9331.745	1663.090	820.776	
	2	1608.877	9536.079	8400.003		9284.243	1763.779	917.211	
	3	1653.039	9581.463	8435.809		9137.324	1747.162	895.469	
	4	1686.206	9596.977	8518.145		9012.051	2012.399	1145.986	
2010	1	1701.913	9489.604	8512.876		8931.197	2089.181	1216.980	
2008 May		1391.475	8663.838	7732.773		9012.850	859.886	95.107	
Jun		1398.147	8709.733	7745.249		9002.435	863.006	93.792	
Jul		1415.119	8765.882	7796.971		9028.665	870.737	97.042	
Aug		1400.022	8750.445	7784.956		9032.806	871.497	96.702	
Sep		1459.511	8795.979	7892.027		9165.311	936.136	159.856	
Oct		1472.747	8843.102	8007.148		9499.135	1142.178	347.630	
Nov		1518.123	8969.579	8058.746		9389.305	1480.765	674.096	
Dec		1594.746	9199.401	8239.699		9352.677	1669.266	839.392	
2009 Jan		1573.816	9330.237	8300.717		9331.390	1730.476	870.242	
Feb		1562.047	9398.629	8338.448		9352.089	1590.273	758.700	
Mar		1564.244	9470.250	8390.396		9311.757	1668.522	833.385	
Apr		1592.662	9453.862	8342.549		9258.241	1787.815	949.455	
May		1592.981	9561.252	8415.364		9315.180	1799.382	946.297	
Jun		1640.988	9593.124	8442.097		9279.307	1704.141	855.882	
Jul		1649.869	9595.753	8437.718		9195.555	1693.710	841.504	
Aug		1648.335	9556.551	8414.485		9153.588	1728.095	879.620	
Sep		1660.913	9592.085	8455.223		9062.830	1819.680	965.282	
Oct		1674.607	9595.402	8487.838		8977.340	1975.382	1122.272	
Nov		1687.583	9603.685	8522.727		9045.562	2044.532	1182.223	
Dec		1696.428	9591.844	8543.870		9013.252	2017.282	1133.464	
2010 Jan		1679.844	9519.417	8485.520		8946.975	2010.118	1105.423	
Feb		1713.689	9520.886	8541.050		8890.475	2150.905	1296.124	
Mar		1712.205	9428.509	8512.058		8956.142	2106.521	1249.393	
Apr		1700.603	9333.651	8479.877		9263.397	2044.027	1178.980	
May		1705.244	9381.988	8560.074		9198.596	2034.243	1149.718	

Note: All values are given in billions of dollars. *See table of contents for changes to the series.

**We will not update the MSI series until we revise the code to accommodate the discontinuation of M3.

		Federal Funds	Primary Credit Rate	Prime Rate	3-mo CDs	Treasury Yields			Corporate Aaa Bonds	Municipal Aaa Bonds	Conventional Mortgage
						3-mo	3-yr	10-yr			
2005		3.21	4.19	6.19	3.51	3.21	3.93	4.29	5.23	4.28	5.86
2006		4.96	5.96	7.96	5.15	4.85	4.77	4.79	5.59	4.15	6.41
2007		5.02	5.86	8.05	5.27	4.47	4.34	4.63	5.56	4.13	6.34
2008		1.93	2.39	5.09	2.97	1.39	2.24	3.67	5.63	4.58	6.04
2009		0.16	0.50	3.25	0.56	0.15	1.43	3.26	5.31	4.27	5.04
2008	1	3.18	3.67	6.21	3.23	2.09	2.17	3.66	5.46	4.39	5.88
	2	2.09	2.33	5.08	2.76	1.65	2.67	3.89	5.60	4.43	6.09
	3	1.94	2.25	5.00	3.06	1.52	2.63	3.86	5.65	4.50	6.31
	4	0.51	1.31	4.06	2.82	0.30	1.48	3.25	5.82	5.02	5.87
2009	1	0.18	0.50	3.25	1.08	0.22	1.27	2.74	5.27	4.64	5.06
	2	0.18	0.50	3.25	0.62	0.17	1.49	3.31	5.51	4.43	5.03
	3	0.16	0.50	3.25	0.30	0.16	1.56	3.52	5.27	4.11	5.16
	4	0.12	0.50	3.25	0.22	0.06	1.39	3.46	5.20	3.91	4.92
2010	1	0.13	0.61	3.25	0.21	0.11	1.47	3.72	5.29	3.93	5.00
2008 May		1.98	2.25	5.00	2.66	1.76	2.69	3.88	5.57	4.34	6.04
Jun		2.00	2.25	5.00	2.76	1.89	3.08	4.10	5.68	4.50	6.32
Jul		2.01	2.25	5.00	2.79	1.66	2.87	4.01	5.67	4.44	6.43
Aug		2.00	2.25	5.00	2.79	1.75	2.70	3.89	5.64	4.44	6.48
Sep		1.81	2.25	5.00	3.59	1.15	2.32	3.69	5.65	4.61	6.04
Oct		0.97	1.81	4.56	4.32	0.69	1.86	3.81	6.28	5.05	6.20
Nov		0.39	1.25	4.00	2.36	0.19	1.51	3.53	6.12	4.83	6.09
Dec		0.16	0.86	3.61	1.77	0.03	1.07	2.42	5.05	5.17	5.33
2009 Jan		0.15	0.50	3.25	1.02	0.13	1.13	2.52	5.05	4.64	5.06
Feb		0.22	0.50	3.25	1.16	0.30	1.37	2.87	5.27	4.56	5.13
Mar		0.18	0.50	3.25	1.07	0.22	1.31	2.82	5.50	4.74	5.00
Apr		0.15	0.50	3.25	0.89	0.16	1.32	2.93	5.39	4.48	4.81
May		0.18	0.50	3.25	0.57	0.18	1.39	3.29	5.54	4.26	4.86
Jun		0.21	0.50	3.25	0.39	0.18	1.76	3.72	5.61	4.56	5.42
Jul		0.16	0.50	3.25	0.35	0.18	1.55	3.56	5.41	4.36	5.22
Aug		0.16	0.50	3.25	0.30	0.17	1.65	3.59	5.26	4.17	5.19
Sep		0.15	0.50	3.25	0.25	0.12	1.48	3.40	5.13	3.81	5.06
Oct		0.12	0.50	3.25	0.24	0.07	1.46	3.39	5.15	3.85	4.95
Nov		0.12	0.50	3.25	0.21	0.05	1.32	3.40	5.19	3.99	4.88
Dec		0.12	0.50	3.25	0.22	0.05	1.38	3.59	5.26	3.89	4.93
2010 Jan		0.11	0.50	3.25	0.20	0.06	1.49	3.73	5.26	3.96	5.03
Feb		0.13	0.59	3.25	0.19	0.11	1.40	3.69	5.35	3.91	4.99
Mar		0.16	0.75	3.25	0.23	0.15	1.51	3.73	5.27	3.91	4.97
Apr		0.20	0.75	3.25	0.30	0.16	1.64	3.85	5.29	3.95	5.10
May		0.20	0.75	3.25	0.45	0.16	1.32	3.42	4.96	3.75	4.89

Note: All values are given as a percent at an annual rate.

		M1	MZM	M2	M3*
Percent change at an annual rate					
	2005	2.03	2.11	4.24	5.97
	2006	0.19	4.34	5.27	4.95
	2007	-0.09	9.06	6.31	
	2008	4.38	14.04	7.09	
	2009	13.63	9.46	7.76	
2008	1	2.67	15.73	7.86	
	2	2.30	13.35	6.04	
	3	8.89	5.02	4.95	
	4	29.10	10.64	14.17	
2009	1	9.99	17.58	11.91	
	2	10.77	5.80	2.72	
	3	10.98	1.90	1.71	
	4	8.03	0.65	3.90	
2010	1	3.73	-4.48	-0.25	

		M1	MZM	M2	
2008	May	-0.53	7.17	3.66	
	Jun	5.75	6.36	1.94	
	Jul	14.57	7.74	8.01	
	Aug	-12.80	-2.11	-1.85	
	Sep	50.99	6.24	16.50	
	Oct	10.88	6.43	17.50	
	Nov	36.97	17.16	7.73	
	Dec	60.57	30.75	26.95	
2009	Jan	-15.75	17.07	8.89	
	Feb	-8.97	8.80	5.45	
	Mar	1.69	9.14	7.48	
	Apr	21.80	-2.08	-6.84	
	May	0.24	13.63	10.47	
	Jun	36.16	4.00	3.81	
	Jul	6.49	0.33	-0.62	
	Aug	-1.12	-4.90	-3.30	
	Sep	9.16	4.46	5.81	
	Oct	9.89	0.41	4.63	
	Nov	9.30	1.04	4.93	
	Dec	6.29	-1.48	2.98	
2010	Jan	-11.73	-9.06	-8.20	
	Feb	24.18	0.19	7.85	
	Mar	-1.04	-11.64	-4.07	
	Apr	-8.13	-12.07	-4.54	
	May	3.27	6.21	11.35	

*See table of contents for changes to the series.

Definitions

M1: The sum of currency held outside the vaults of depository institutions, Federal Reserve Banks, and the U.S. Treasury; travelers checks; and demand and other checkable deposits issued by financial institutions (except demand deposits due to the Treasury and depository institutions), minus cash items in process of collection and Federal Reserve float.

MZM (money, zero maturity): M2 minus small-denomination time deposits, plus institutional money market mutual funds (that is, those included in M3 but excluded from M2). The label MZM was coined by William Poole (1991); the aggregate itself was proposed earlier by Motley (1988).

M2: M1 plus savings deposits (including money market deposit accounts) and small-denomination (under $100,000) time deposits issued by financial institutions; and shares in retail money market mutual funds (funds with initial investments under $50,000), net of retirement accounts.

M3: M2 plus large-denomination ($100,000 or more) time deposits; repurchase agreements issued by depository institutions; Eurodollar deposits, specifically, dollar-denominated deposits due to nonbank U.S. addresses held at foreign offices of U.S. banks worldwide and all banking offices in Canada and the United Kingdom; and institutional money market mutual funds (funds with initial investments of $50,000 or more).

Bank Credit: All loans, leases, and securities held by commercial banks.

Domestic Nonfinancial Debt: Total credit market liabilities of the U.S. Treasury, federally sponsored agencies, state and local governments, households, and nonfinancial firms. End-of-period basis.

Adjusted Monetary Base: The sum of currency in circulation outside Federal Reserve Banks and the U.S. Treasury, deposits of depository financial institutions at Federal Reserve Banks, and an adjustment for the effects of changes in statutory reserve requirements on the quantity of base money held by depositories. This series is a spliced chain index; see Anderson and Rasche (1996a,b, 2001, 2003).

Adjusted Reserves: The sum of vault cash and Federal Reserve Bank deposits held by depository institutions and an adjustment for the effects of changes in statutory reserve requirements on the quantity of base money held by depositories. This spliced chain index is numerically larger than the Board of Governors' measure, which excludes vault cash not used to satisfy statutory reserve requirements and Federal Reserve Bank deposits used to satisfy required clearing balance contracts; see Anderson and Rasche (1996a, 2001, 2003).

Monetary Services Index: An index that measures the flow of monetary services received by households and firms from their holdings of liquid assets; see Anderson, Jones, and Nesmith (1997). Indexes are shown for the assets included in M2, with additional data at research.stlouisfed.org/msi/index.html.

Note: M1, M2, M3, Bank Credit, and Domestic Nonfinancial Debt are constructed and published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For details, see *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, tables 1.21 and 1.26. MZM, Adjusted Monetary Base, Adjusted Reserves, and Monetary Services Index are constructed and published by the Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Notes

Page 3: Readers are cautioned that, since early 1994, the level and growth of M1 have been depressed by retail sweep programs that reclassify transactions deposits (demand deposits and other checkable deposits) as savings deposits overnight, thereby reducing banks' required reserves; see Anderson and Rasche (2001) and research.stlouisfed.org/aggreg/swdata.html. **Primary Credit Rate**, **Discount Rate,** and **Intended Federal Funds Rate** shown in the chart **Reserve Market Rates** are plotted as of the date of the change, while the **Effective Federal Funds Rate** is plotted as of the end of the month. Interest rates in the table are monthly averages from the Board of Governors H.15 Statistical Release. The **Treasury Yield Curve** and **Real Treasury Yield Curve** show constant maturity yields calculated by the U.S. Treasury for securities 5, 7, 10, and 20 years to maturity. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads** are a measure of inflation compensation at those horizons, and it is simply the

nominal constant maturity yield less the real constant maturity yield. Daily data and descriptions are available at research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/. See also *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.35. The 30-year constant maturity series was discontinued by the Treasury as of February 18, 2002.

Page 5: **Checkable Deposits** is the sum of demand and other checkable deposits. **Savings Deposits** is the sum of money market deposit accounts and passbook and statement savings. **Time Deposits** have a minimum initial maturity of 7 days. **Retail Money Market Mutual Funds** are included in M2. **Institutional** money market funds are not included in M2.

Page 6: **Excess Reserves plus RCB (Required Clearing Balance) Contracts** equals the amount of deposits at Federal Reserve Banks held by depository institutions but not applied to satisfy statutory reserve requirements. (This measure excludes the vault cash held by depository institutions that is not applied to satisfy statutory reserve requirements.) **Consumer Credit** includes most short- and intermediate-term credit extended to individuals. See *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.55.

Page 7: Data are reported in the Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices.

Page 8: **Inflation Expectations** measures include the quarterly Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia *Survey of Professional Forecasters*, the monthly University of Michigan Survey Research Center's *Surveys of Consumers*, and the annual Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) range as reported to the Congress in the February testimony that accompanies the Monetary Policy Report to the Congress. Beginning February 2000, the FOMC began using the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index to report its inflation range; the FOMC then switched to the PCE chain-type price index excluding food and energy prices ("core") beginning July 2004. Accordingly, neither are shown on this graph. **CPI Inflation** is the percentage change from a year ago in the consumer price index for all urban consumers. **Real Interest Rates** are ex post measures, equal to nominal rates minus year-over-year CPI inflation.

From 1991 to the present the source of the long-term PCE inflation expectations data is the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's *Survey of Professional Forecasters*. Prior to 1991, the data were obtained from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Realized (actual) inflation is the annualized rate of change for the 40-quarter period that corresponds to the forecast horizon (the expectations measure). For example, in 1965:Q1, annualized PCE inflation over the next 40 quarters was expected to average 1.7 percent. In actuality, the average annualized rate of change measured 4.8 percent from 1965:Q1 to 1975:Q1. Thus, the vertical distance between the two lines in the chart at any point is the forecast error.

Page 9: **FOMC Intended Federal Funds Rate** is the level (or midpoint of the range, if applicable) of the federal funds rate that the staff of the FOMC expected to be consistent with the desired degree of pressure on bank reserve positions. In recent years, the FOMC has set an explicit target for the federal funds rate.

Page 10: **Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets** shows the observed federal funds rate, quarterly, and the level of the funds rate implied by applying Taylor's (1993) equation

$$f_t^* = 2.5 + \pi_{t-1} + (\pi_{t-1} - \pi^*)/2 + 100 \times (y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^P)/2$$

to five alternative target inflation rates, $\pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ percent, where f_t^* is the implied federal funds rate, π_{t-1} is the previous period's inflation rate (PCE) measured on a year-over-year basis, y_{t-1} is the log of the previous period's level of real gross domestic product (GDP), and y_{t-1}^P is the log of an estimate of the previous period's level of potential output. **Potential Real GDP** is estimated by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets shows the quarterly growth of the adjusted monetary base implied by applying McCallum's (2000, p. 52) equation

$$\Delta b_t = \Delta x_t^* - \Delta v_t^a + \lambda (\Delta x_t^* - \Delta x_{t-1}),$$
$$\Delta x_t^* = \pi^* + \Delta y_t^*$$

to five alternative target inflation rates, $\pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ percent, where Δb_t is the implied growth rate of the adjusted monetary base, Δy_t^* is the 10-year

moving average growth in real GDP, Δv_t^{α} is the average base velocity growth (calculated recursively), Δx_{t-1} is the lag growth rate of nominal GDP, and $\lambda = 0.5$.

Page 11: **Implied One-Year Forward Rates** are calculated by this Bank from Treasury constant maturity yields. Yields to maturity, $R(m)$, for securities with $m = 1,..., 10$ years to maturity are obtained by linear interpolation between reported yields. These yields are smoothed by fitting the regression suggested by Nelson and Siegel (1987),

$$R(m) = a_0 + (a_1 + a_2)(1 - e^{-m/50})/(m/50) - a_2 \times e^{-m/50},$$

and forward rates are calculated from these smoothed yields using equation (a) in table 13.1 of Shiller (1990),

$$f(m) = [D(m)R(m) - D(m-1)] / [D(m) - D(m-1)],$$

where duration is approximated as $D(m) = (1 - e^{-R(m) \times m})/R(m)$. These rates are linear approximations to the true instantaneous forward rates; see Shiller (1990). For a discussion of the use of forward rates as indicators of inflation expectations, see Sharpe (1997). **Rates on 3-Month Eurodollar Futures** and **Rates on Selected Federal Funds Futures Contracts** trace through time the yield on three specific contracts. **Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates** displays a single day's snapshot of yields for contracts expiring in the months shown on the horizontal axis. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Securities and Yield Spreads** are those plotted on page 3. **Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Notes** shows the yield of an inflation-indexed note that is scheduled to mature in approximately (but not greater than) 10 years. The current French note has a maturity date of 7/25/2015, the current U.K. note has a maturity date of 4/16/2020, and the current U.S. note has a maturity date of 11/15/2019. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads** and **Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads** equal the difference between the yields on the most recently issued inflation-indexed securities and the unadjusted security yields of similar maturity.

Page 12: **Velocity** (for MZM and M2) equals the ratio of GDP, measured in current dollars, to the level of the monetary aggregate. **MZM** and **M2 Own Rates** are weighted averages of the rates received by households and firms on the assets included in the aggregates. Prior to 1982, the 3-month T-bill rates are secondary market yields. From 1982 forward, rates are 3-month constant maturity yields.

Page 13: **Real Gross Domestic Product** is GDP as measured in chained 2000 dollars. The **Gross Domestic Product Price Index** is the implicit price deflator for GDP, which is defined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, as the ratio of GDP measured in current dollars to GDP measured in chained 2005 dollars.

Page 14: **Investment Securities** are all securities held by commercial banks in both investment and trading accounts.

Page 15: **Inflation Rate Differentials** are the differences between the foreign consumer price inflation rates and year-over-year changes in the U.S. all-items Consumer Price Index.

Page 17: **Treasury Yields** are Treasury constant maturities as reported in the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's H.15 release.

Sources

Agence France Trésor: French note yields.

Bank of Canada: Canadian note yields.

Bank of England: U.K. note yields.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System:
Monetary aggregates and components: H.6 release. Bank credit and components: H.8 release. Consumer credit: G.19 release. Required reserves, excess reserves, clearing balance contracts, and discount window borrowing: H.4.1 and H.3 releases. Interest rates: H.15 release. Nonfinancial commercial paper: Board of Governors website. Nonfinancial debt: Z.1 release. M2 own rate. Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices.

Bureau of Economic Analysis: GDP.

Bureau of Labor Statistics: CPI.

Chicago Board of Trade: Federal funds futures contract.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Eurodollar futures.

Congressional Budget Office: Potential real GDP.

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia: Survey of Professional Forecasters inflation expectations.

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis: Adjusted monetary base and adjusted reserves, monetary services index, MZM own rate, one-year forward rates.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development: International interest and inflation rates.

Standard & Poor's: Stock price-earnings ratio, stock price composite index.

University of Michigan Survey Research Center: Median expected price change.

U.S. Department of the Treasury: U.S. security yields.

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