

Calendar of Releases

Titles for the current week are links to their respective releases.

MONDAY*	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY*	FRIDAY
March 6 Factory Orders (Jan) A: -4.5% P: -5.2%	March 7 Productivity (Q4) A: -0.5% P: -0.1% Unit Labor Costs (Q4) A: 3.3% P: 3.1% Consumer Credit (Jan) A: \$3.9B P: \$5.0B	March 8	March 9 Initial Claims (3/4) A: 303K P: 290K International Trade (Jan) A: -\$68.5B P: -\$66.3B	March 10 Nonfarm Payrolls (Feb) A: 243K P: 210K Unemployment Rate (Feb) A: 4.8% P: 4.8% Treasury Budget (Feb) A: -\$119.2B P: -\$116.5B
March 13	March 14 Retail Sales (Feb) F: -0.7% P: -0.7% Business Inventories (Jan) F: 0.3% P: 0.3% Current Account (Q4) F: -\$215.0B P: -\$214.4B	March 15 Quarterly Services (Q4) Import Prices (Feb) F: -0.5% P: -0.5% Current Economic Conditions (Beige Book)	March 16 Initial Claims (3/11) F: 298K P: 288K CPI (Feb) F: 0.1% P: 0.1% CPI Core (Feb) F: 0.2% P: 0.2% Housing Starts (Feb) F: 2.05M P: 2.03M Building Permits (Feb) F: 2.11M P: 2.19M	March 17 Industrial Production (Feb) F: 0.7% P: 0.6% Capacity Utilization (Feb) F: 81.4% P: 81.2%
March 20 Leading Indicators (Feb) F: -0.3%	March 21 PPI (Feb) F: -0.1% PPI Core (Feb) F: 0.1% Latest Issue Monetary Trends	March 22	March 23 Initial Claims (3/18) F: 295K Existing Home Sales (Feb) F: 6.48M	March 24 New Home Sales (Feb) F: 1200K Durable Goods (Feb) F: 1.5%

DEFINITIONS: A, actual value; P, previous week's forecast; F, current week's forecast; K, thousand; M, million; B, billion.

*The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System provides H.3, H.4.1, and H.6 releases each Thursday and H.10 and H.15 releases each Monday.

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Conventions used in this publication:

1. Unless otherwise indicated, figure and table data are weekly and seasonally adjusted.
2. For pages 7, 10, 12 (top chart), 13, and 18 (top and bottom right tables), the last observation is a daily average that incorporates all available data at the time of publication, which usually includes observations for the first three trading days of the week (Monday through Wednesday). The previous observations signify that week's average.

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On March 23, 2006, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System will cease the publication of the M3 monetary aggregate. It will also cease publishing the following components: large-denomination time deposits, RPs, and eurodollars.

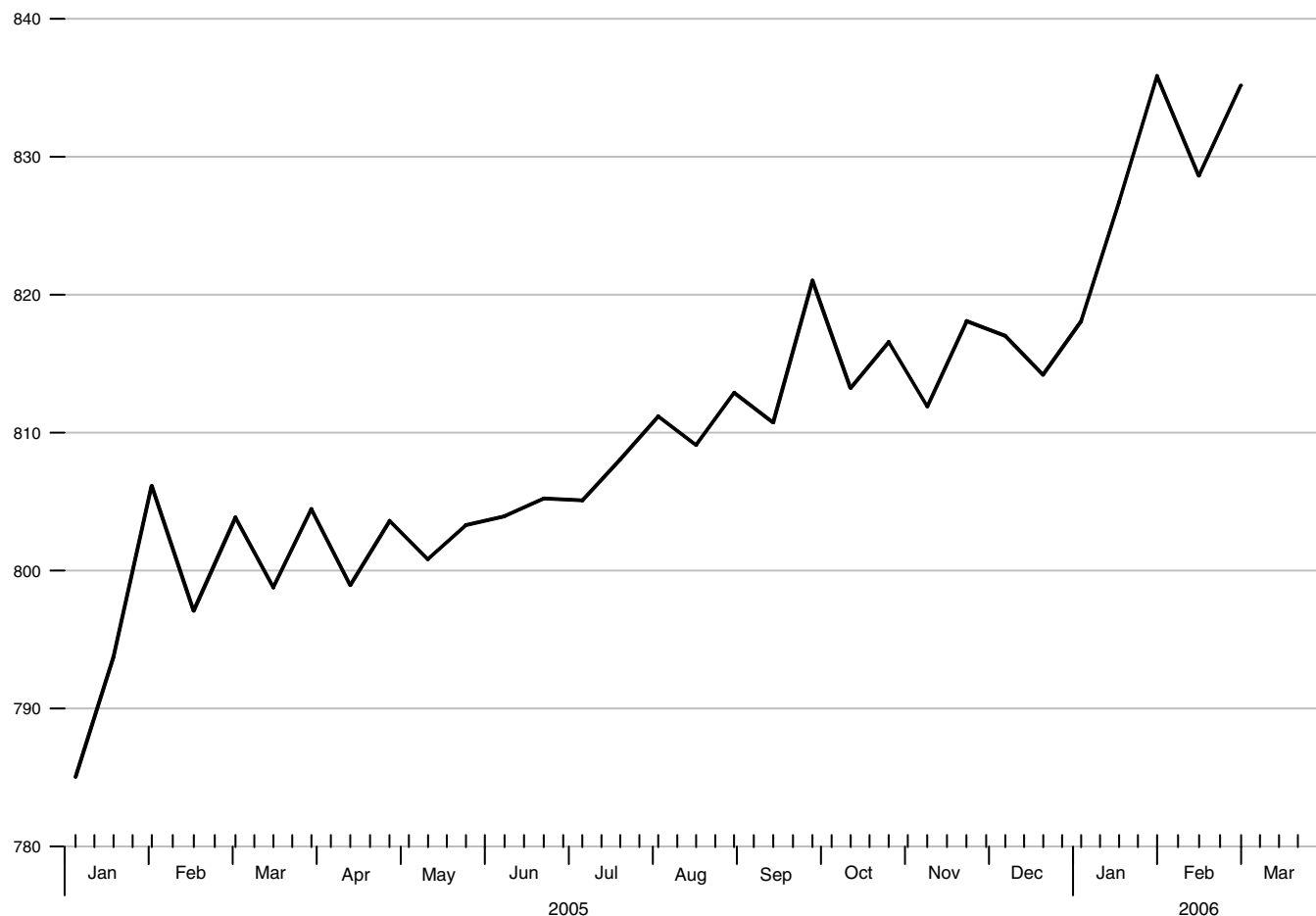
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Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars



Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of
two maintenance
periods ending:

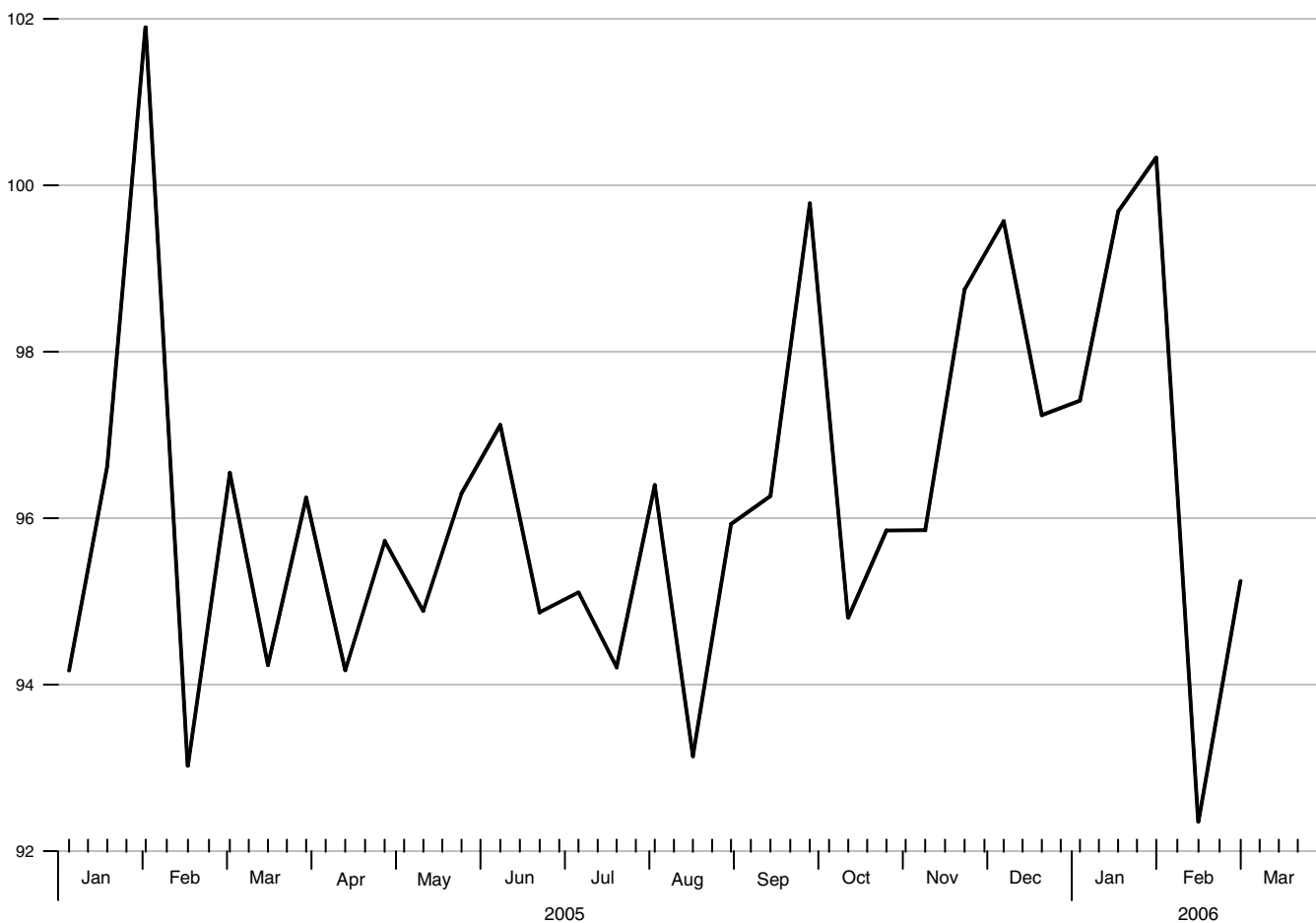
Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

	03/02/05	05/25/05	08/03/05	08/31/05	09/28/05	10/26/05	12/07/05	01/04/06
08/03/05	2.7							
08/31/05	2.6	4.2						
09/28/05	3.4	5.1	5.1					
10/26/05	2.8	3.8	2.9	3.2				
12/07/05	2.8	3.6	2.9	3.0	1.1			
01/04/06	2.3	2.9	1.9	1.8	0.1	0.8		
02/01/06	4.2	5.3	5.4	6.0	5.6	7.7	11.4	
03/01/06	3.9	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.7	6.1	7.8	13.2

Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars

**Adjusted Reserves**To the average of
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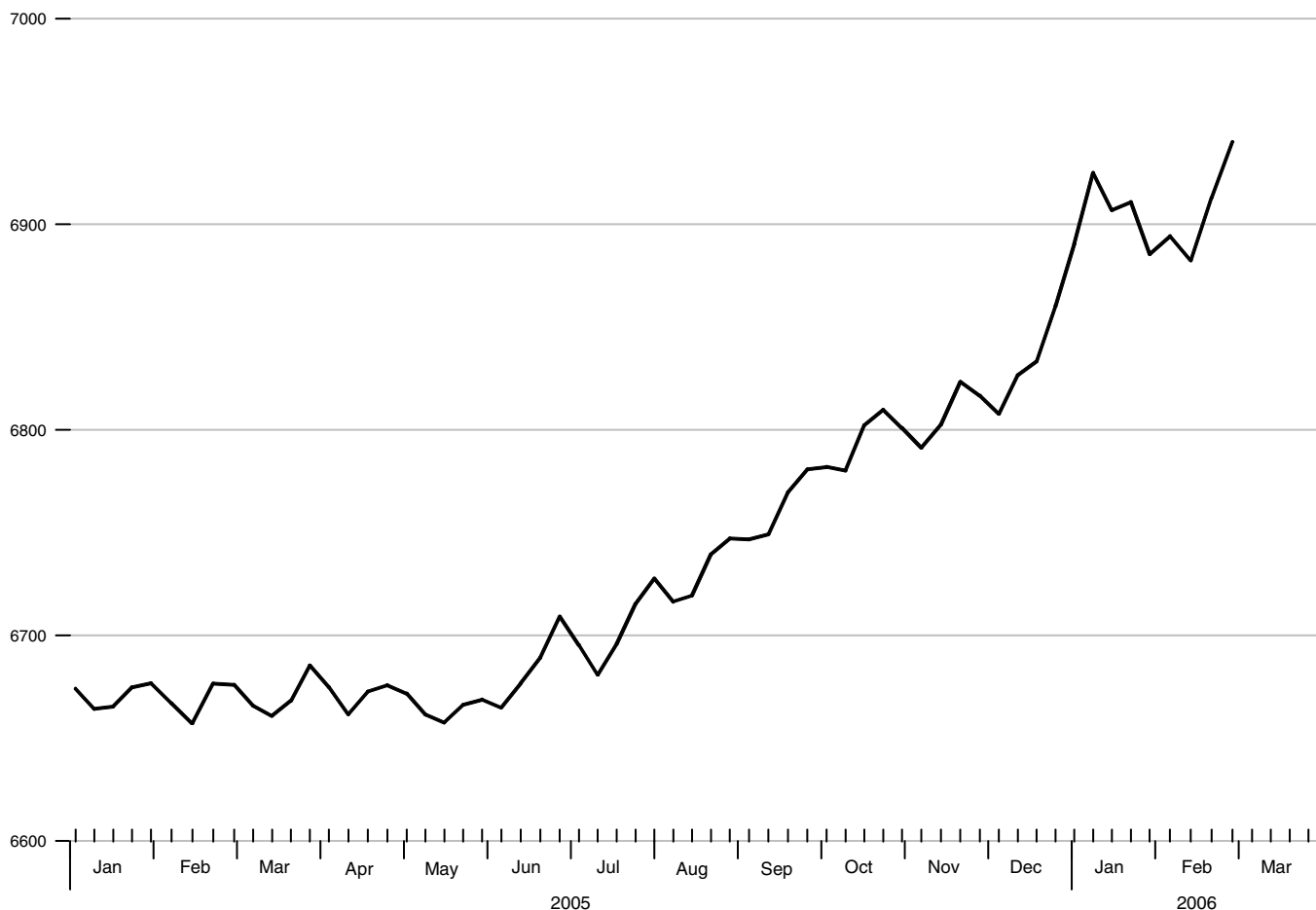
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	03/02/05	05/25/05	08/03/05	08/31/05	09/28/05	10/26/05	12/07/05	01/04/06
08/03/05	1.3							
08/31/05	-0.5	-4.0						
09/28/05	6.0	7.5	20.1					
10/26/05	0.9	-0.6	0.1	5.6				
12/07/05	6.0	7.0	12.2	19.4	6.2			
01/04/06	3.2	3.0	5.1	8.8	-2.6	11.4		
02/01/06	6.0	6.7	10.1	14.2	6.0	19.5	5.7	
03/01/06	-1.0	-2.4	-2.7	-1.6	-9.9	-4.6	-21.4	-21.3

MZM

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars



MZM

To the average
of four weeks
ending:

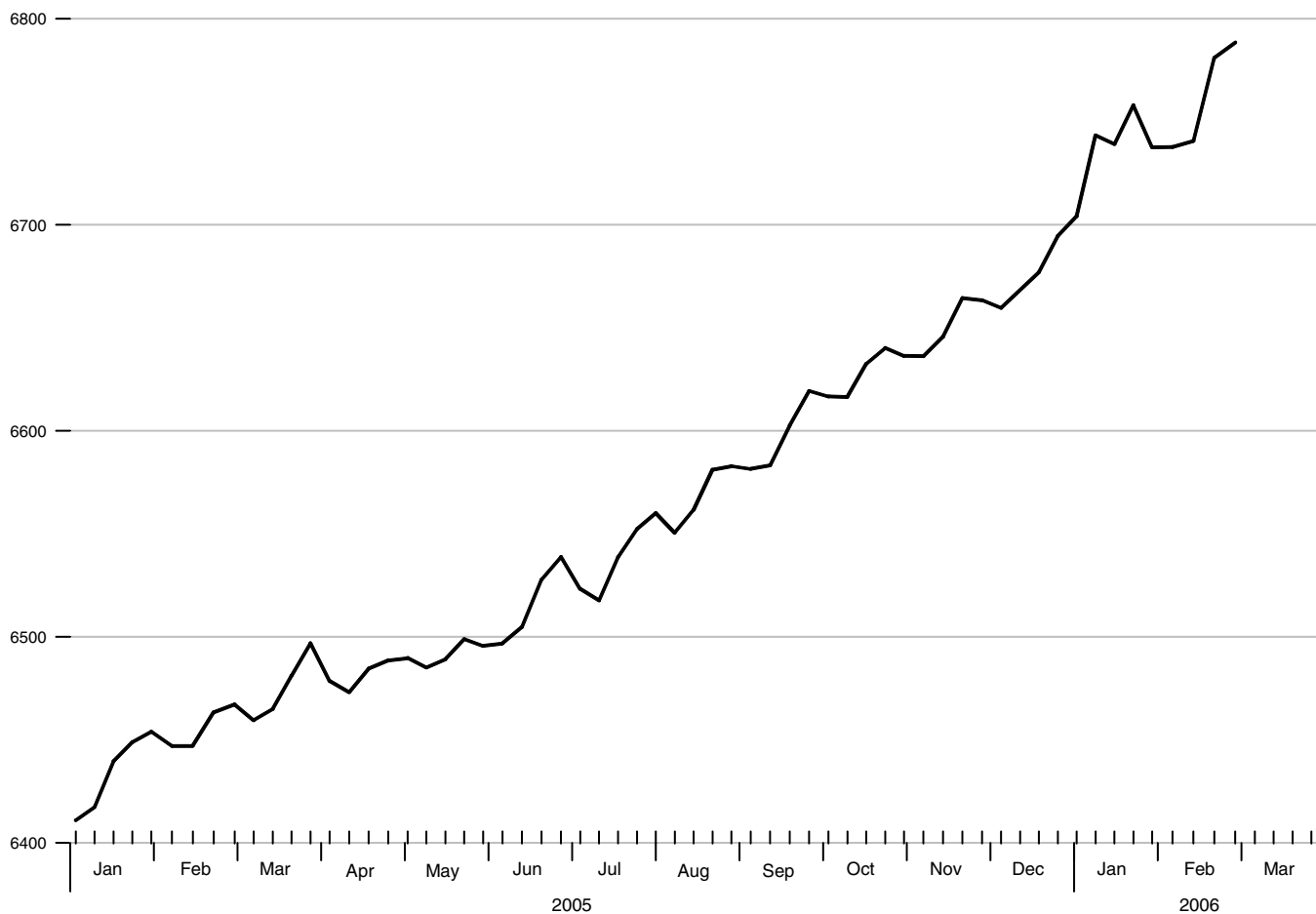
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12/05/05	2.8	4.2	4.7	4.6	4.0			
01/02/06	3.3	4.6	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.6		
01/30/06	3.9	5.3	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	9.4	
02/27/06	3.6	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.2	4.9	6.2	5.3

M2

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars

**M2**To the average
of four weeks
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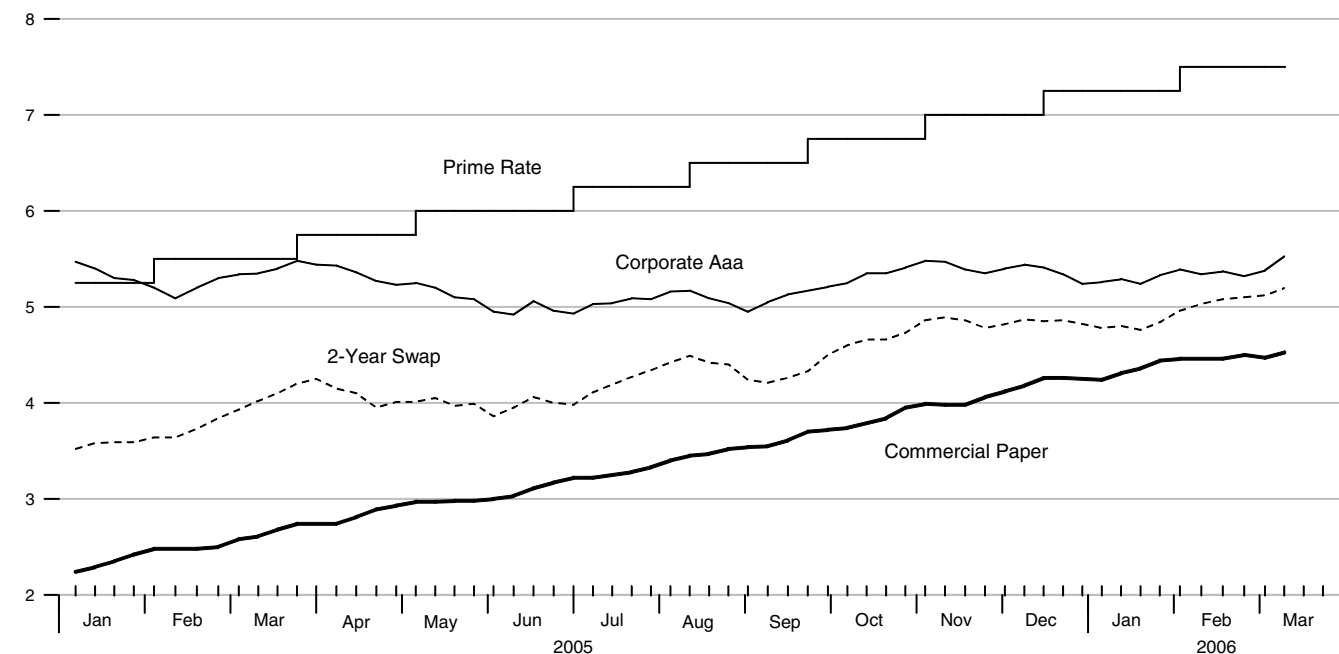
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01/30/06	4.8	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8	8.7	
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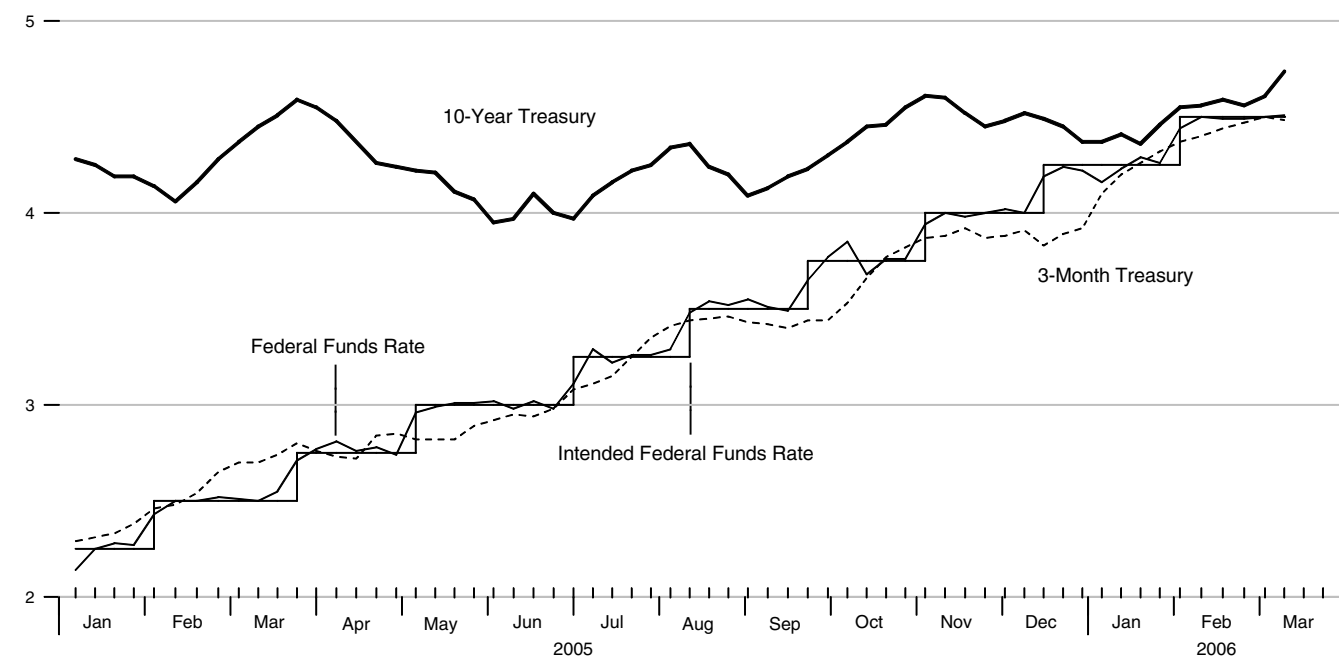
Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures

Percent



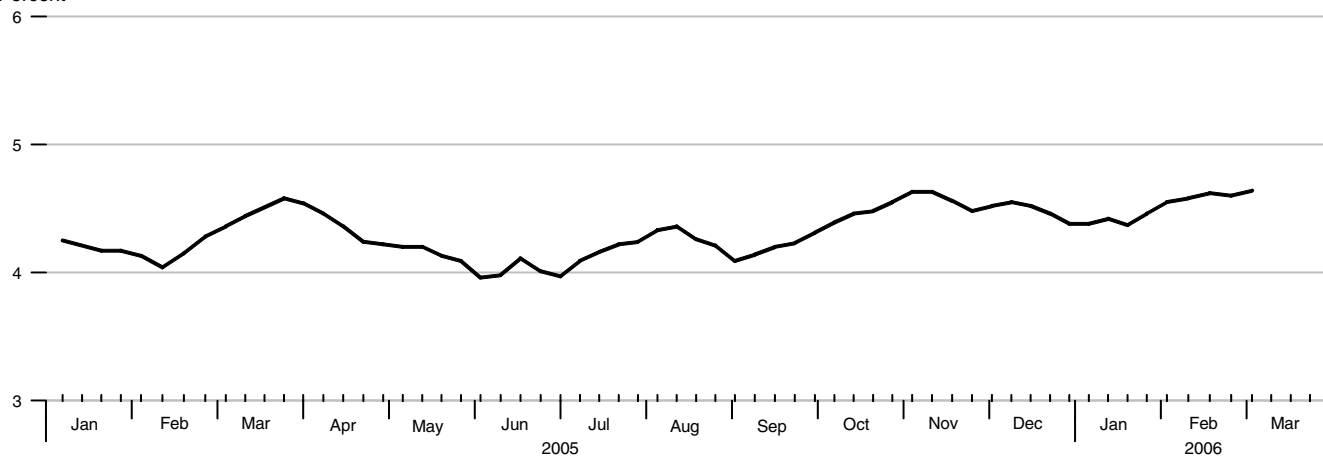
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10-Year Treasury Note Yield

Averages of Daily Figures

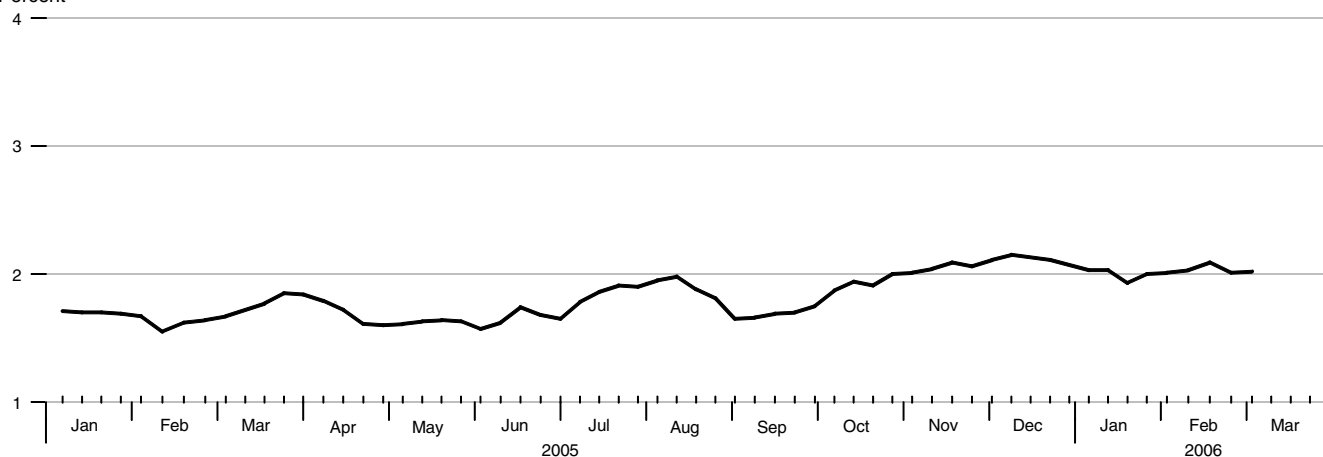
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10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield

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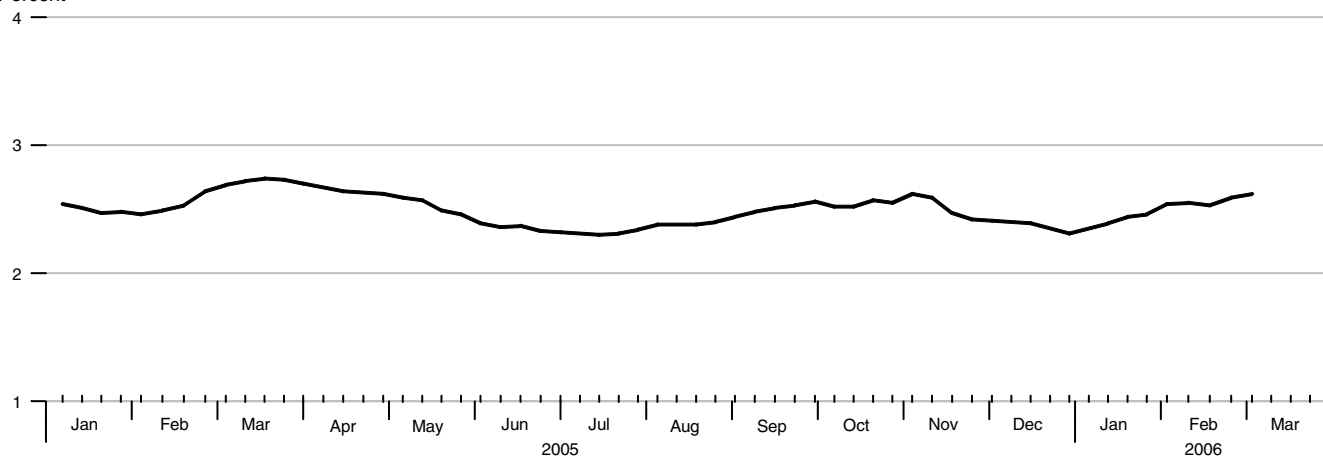
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10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spread

Averages of Daily Figures

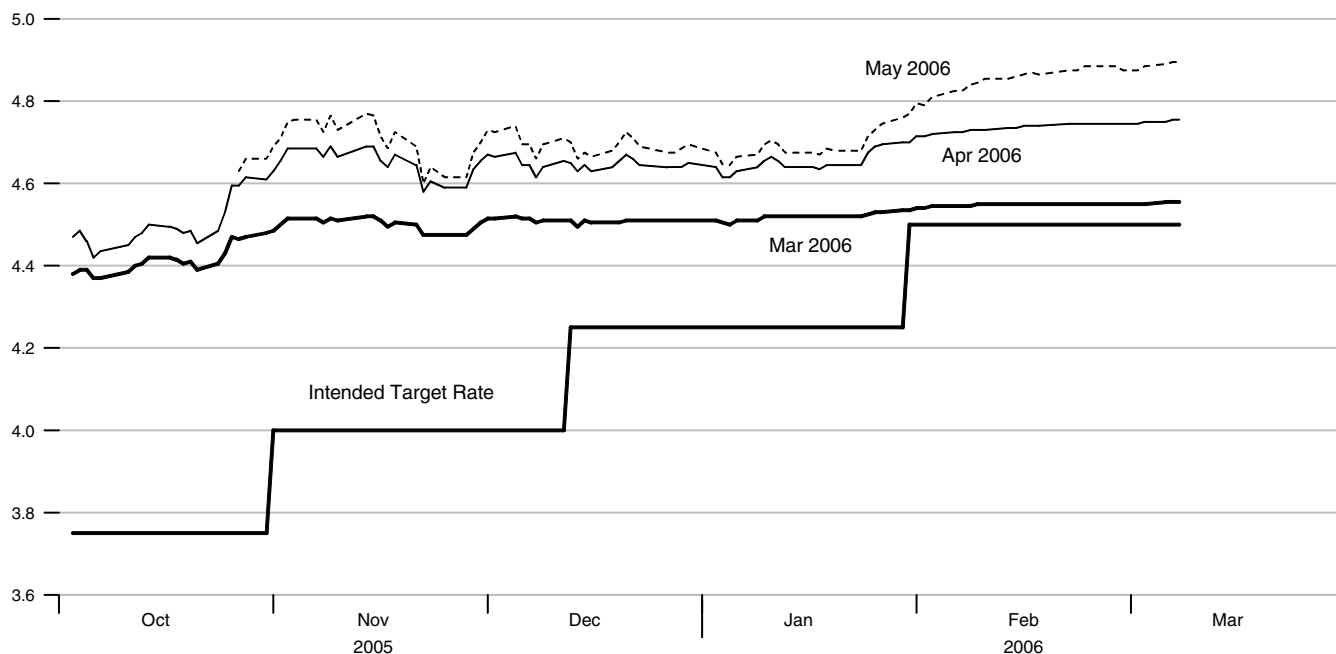
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Rates on Federal Funds Futures Contracts

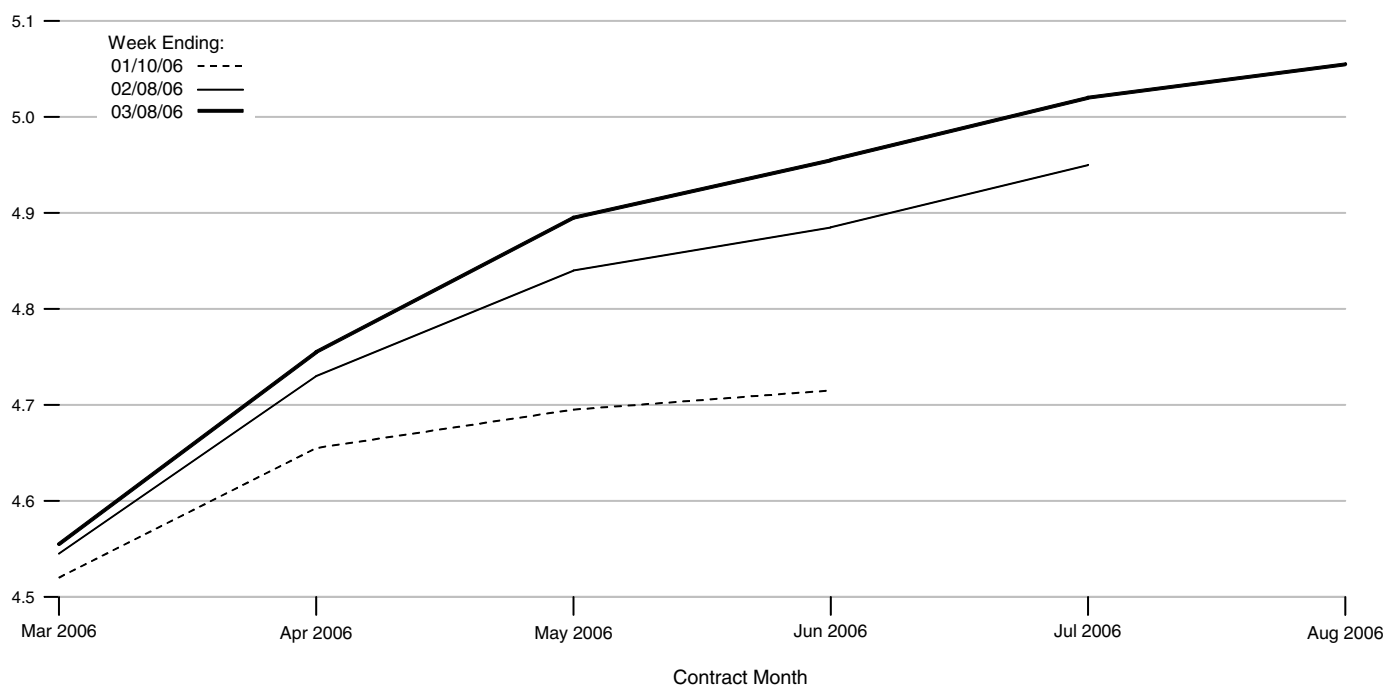
Daily Data

Percent



Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates

Percent

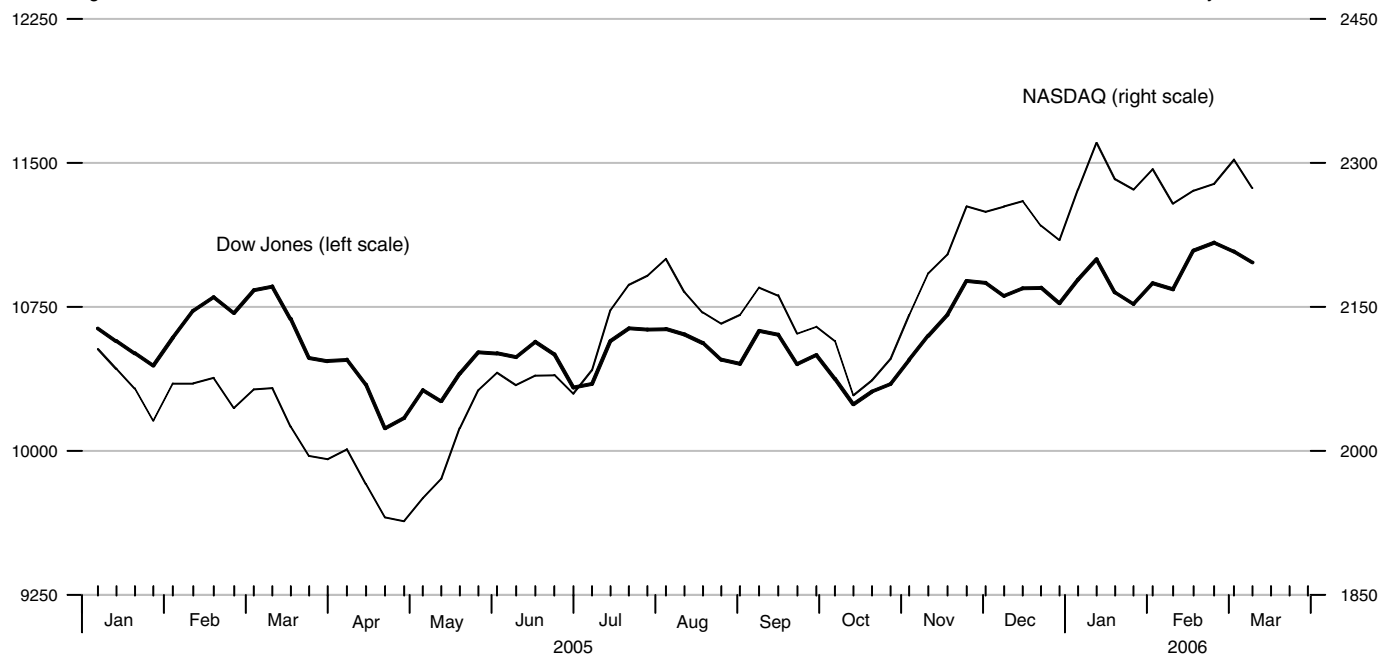


Dow Jones Industrial Average and NASDAQ Composite®

Averages of Daily Figures

Closing Price

February 5, 1971 = 100

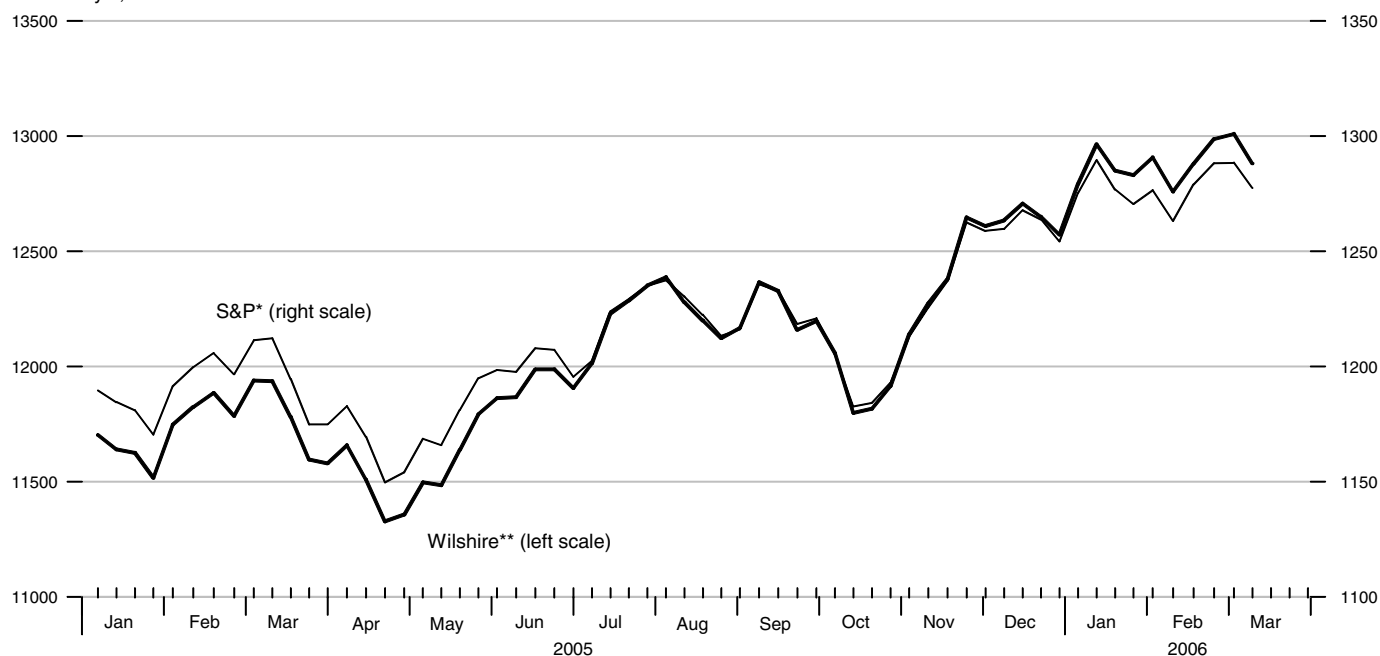


Wilshire 5000® and Standard & Poor's 500

Averages of Daily Figures

January 2, 1980 = 1078.29

1941-43 = 10



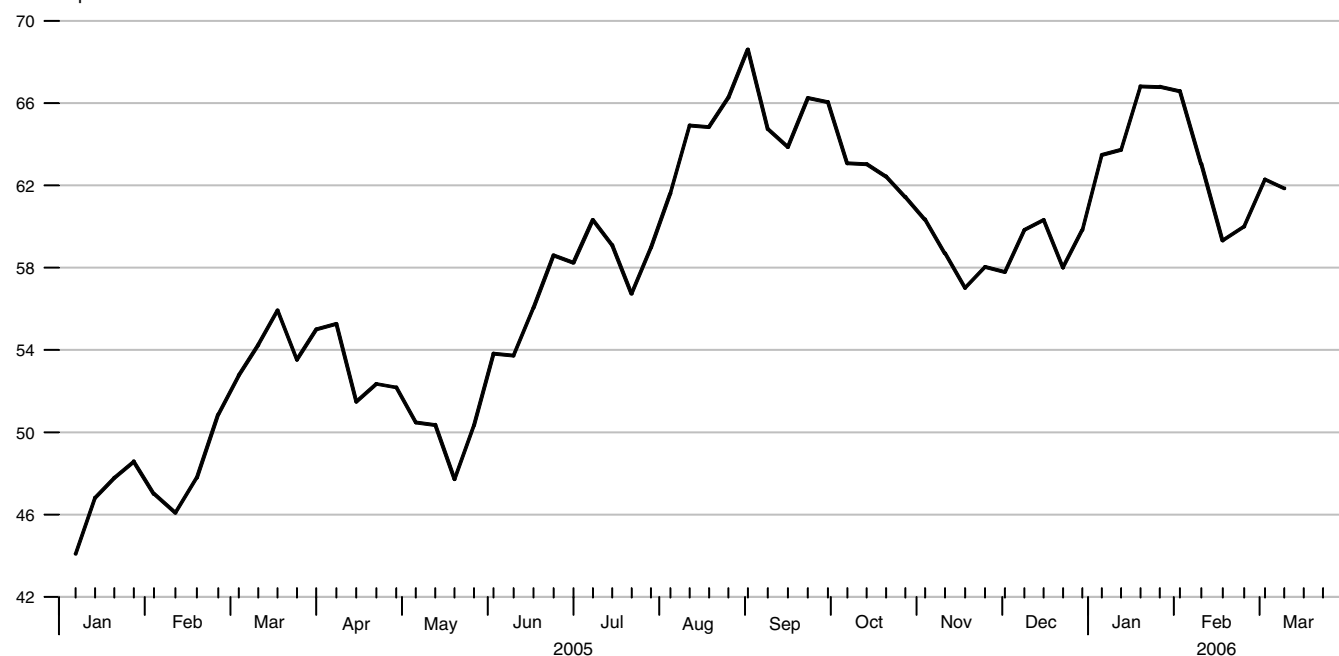
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Crude Oil Spot Prices

West Texas Intermediate, Averages of Daily Figures

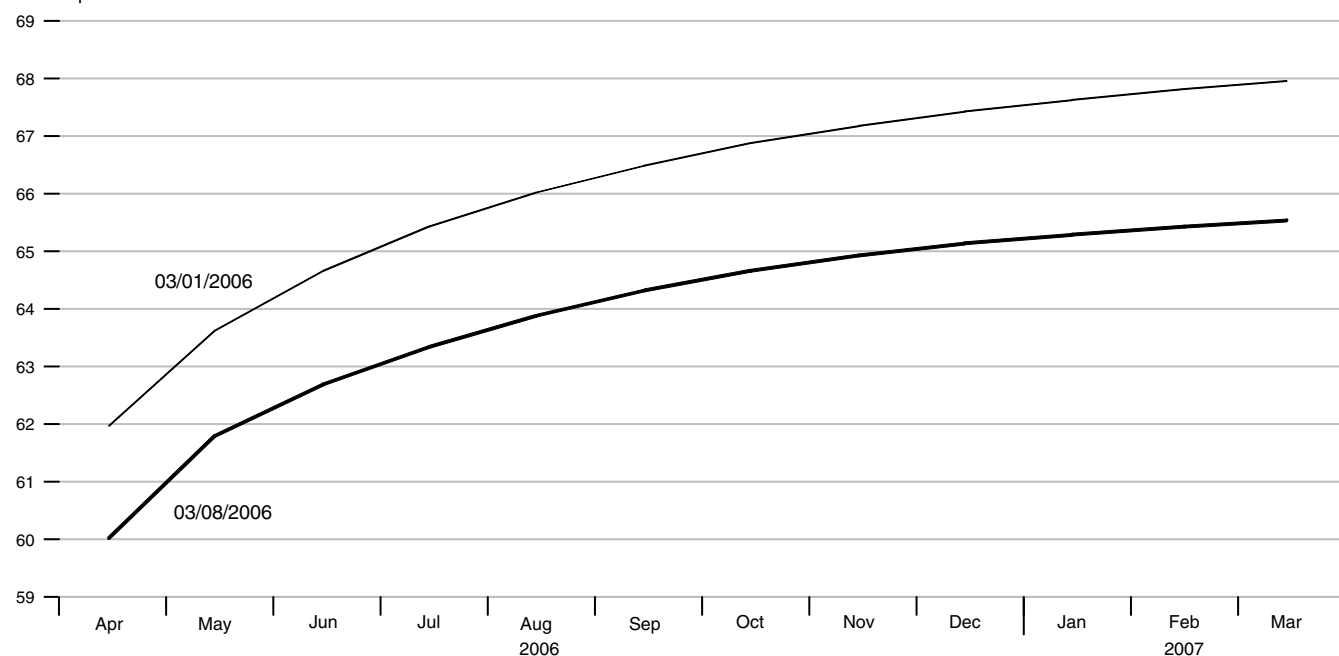
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Crude Oil Futures Prices

West Texas Intermediate

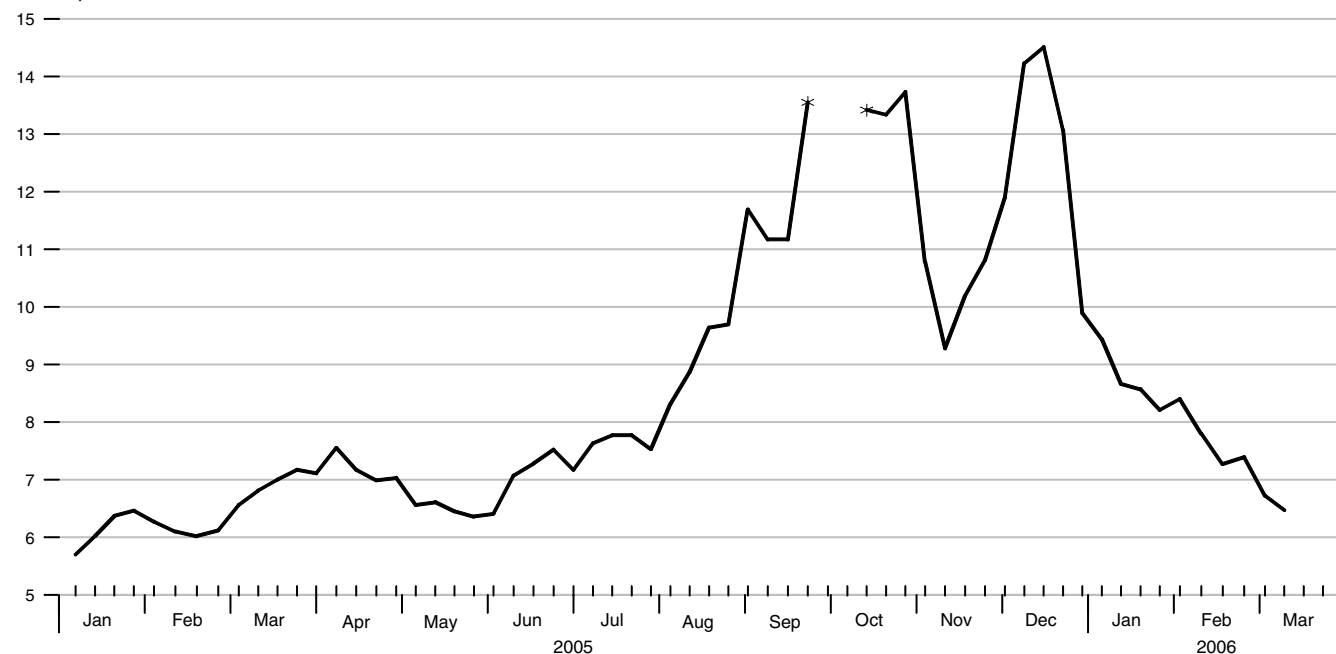
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Natural Gas Spot Prices

Henry Hub, Averages of Daily Figures

Dollars per million btu

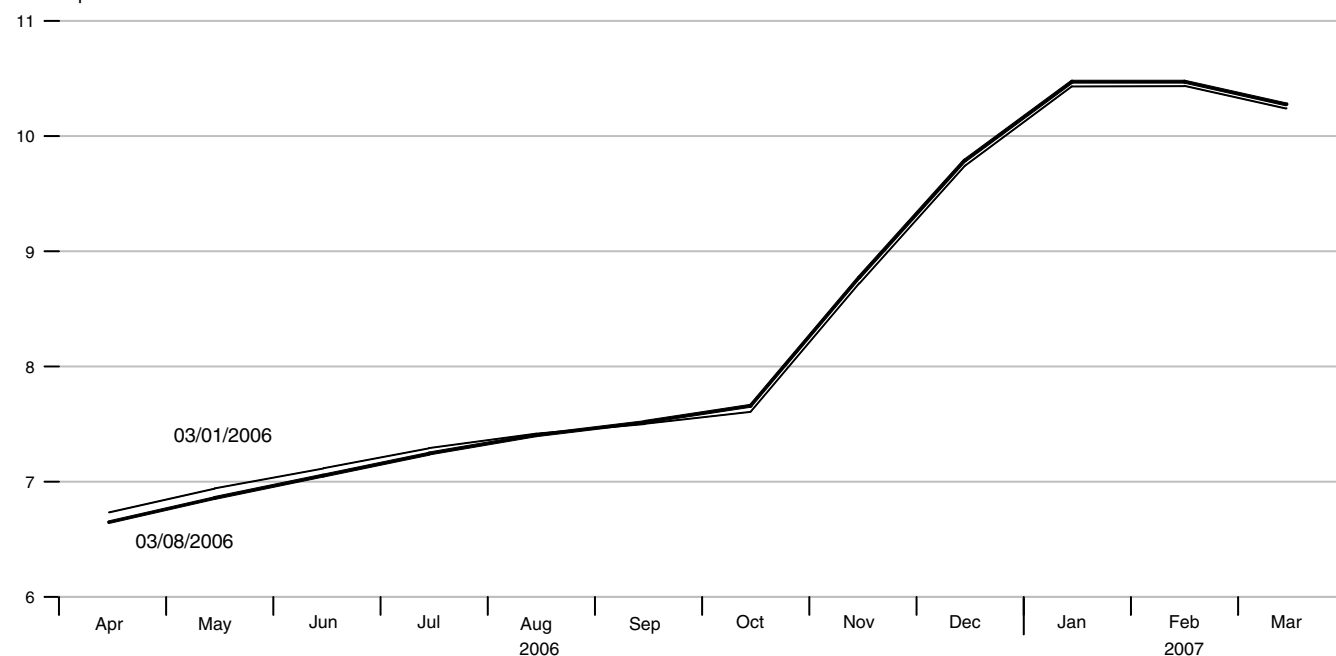


Note: Spot prices for Henry Hub were temporarily suspended from Friday, September 23, 2005, through Thursday, October 6, 2005, due to Hurricane Rita.

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Henry Hub

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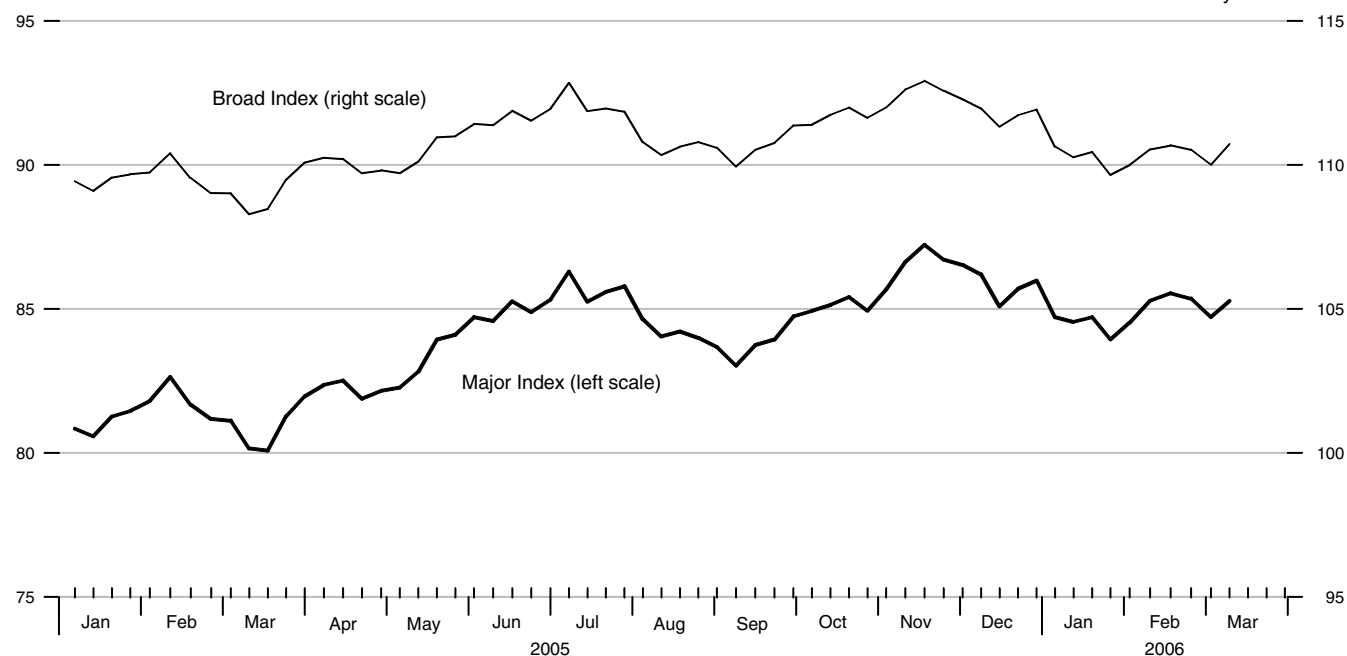


Trade-Weighted Exchange Rate Indexes

Averages of Daily Figures

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January 1987=100

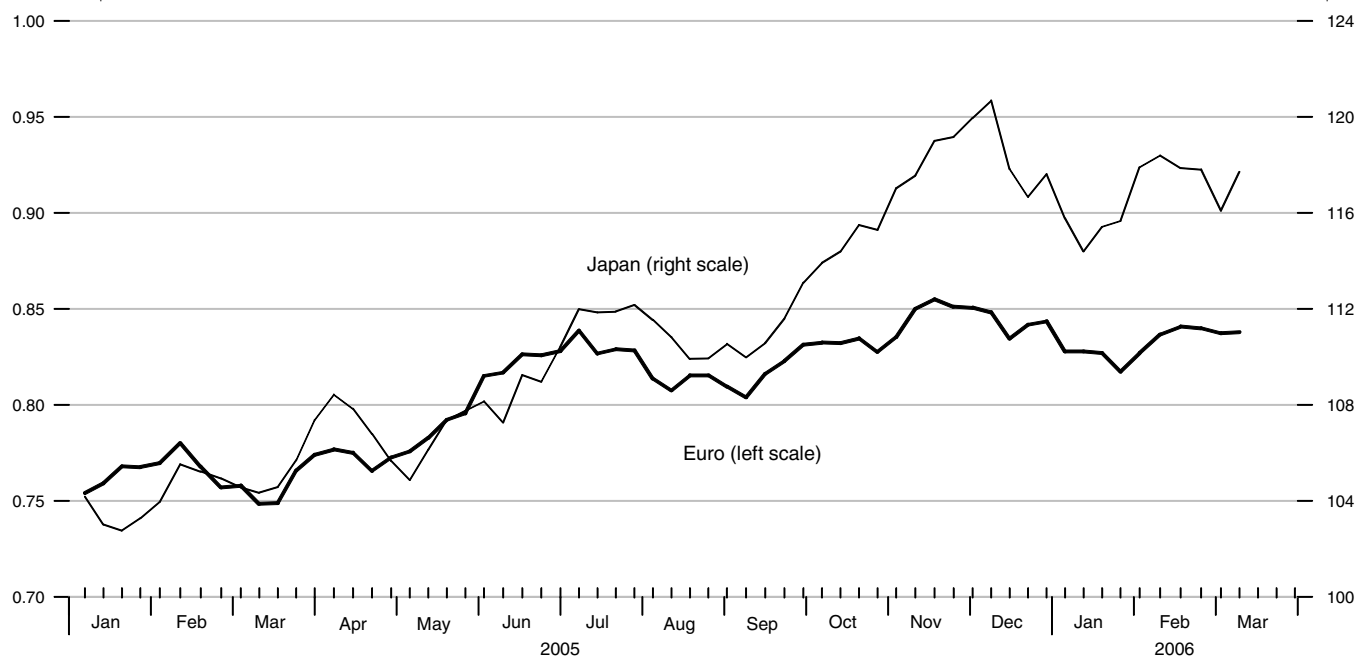


Exchange Rates

Averages of Daily Figures

Euro/US\$

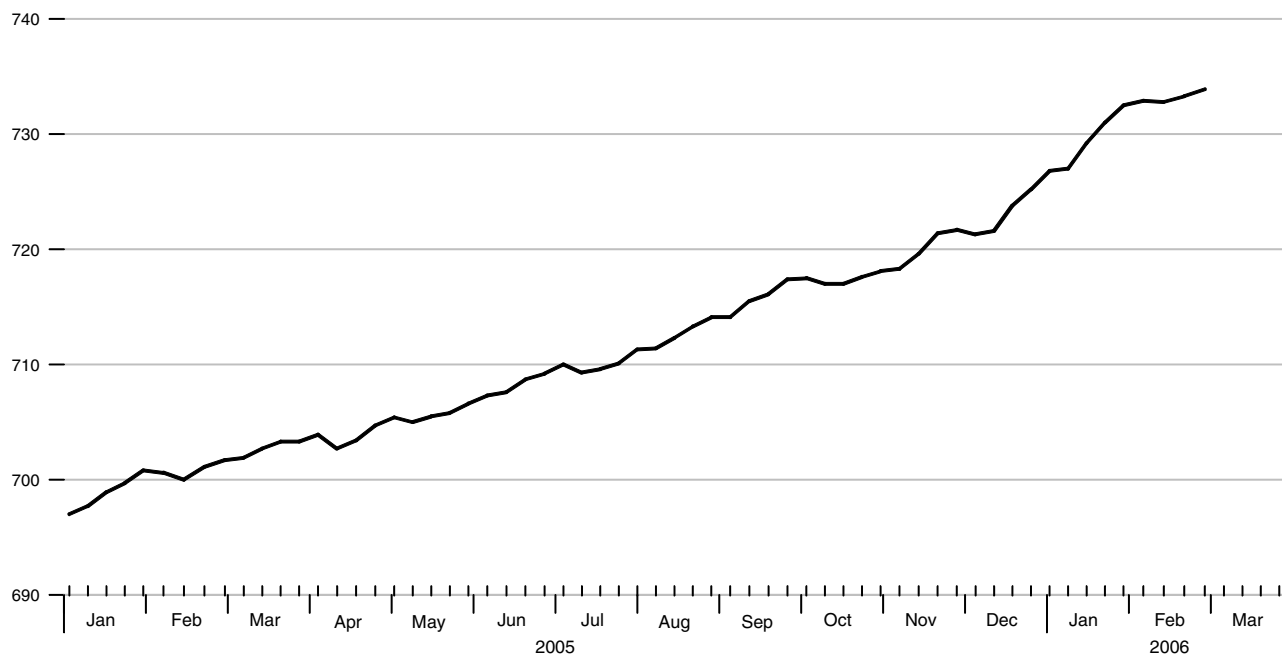
Yen/US\$



Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

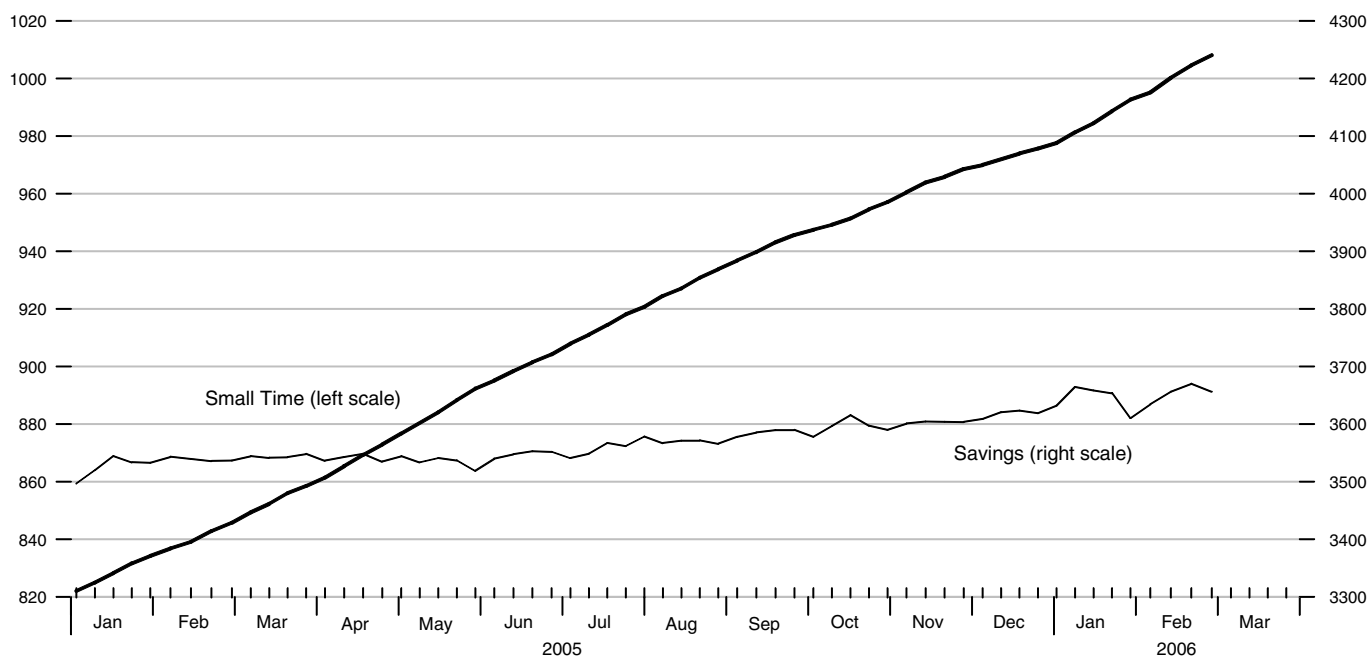
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**Savings and Small Time Deposits**

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

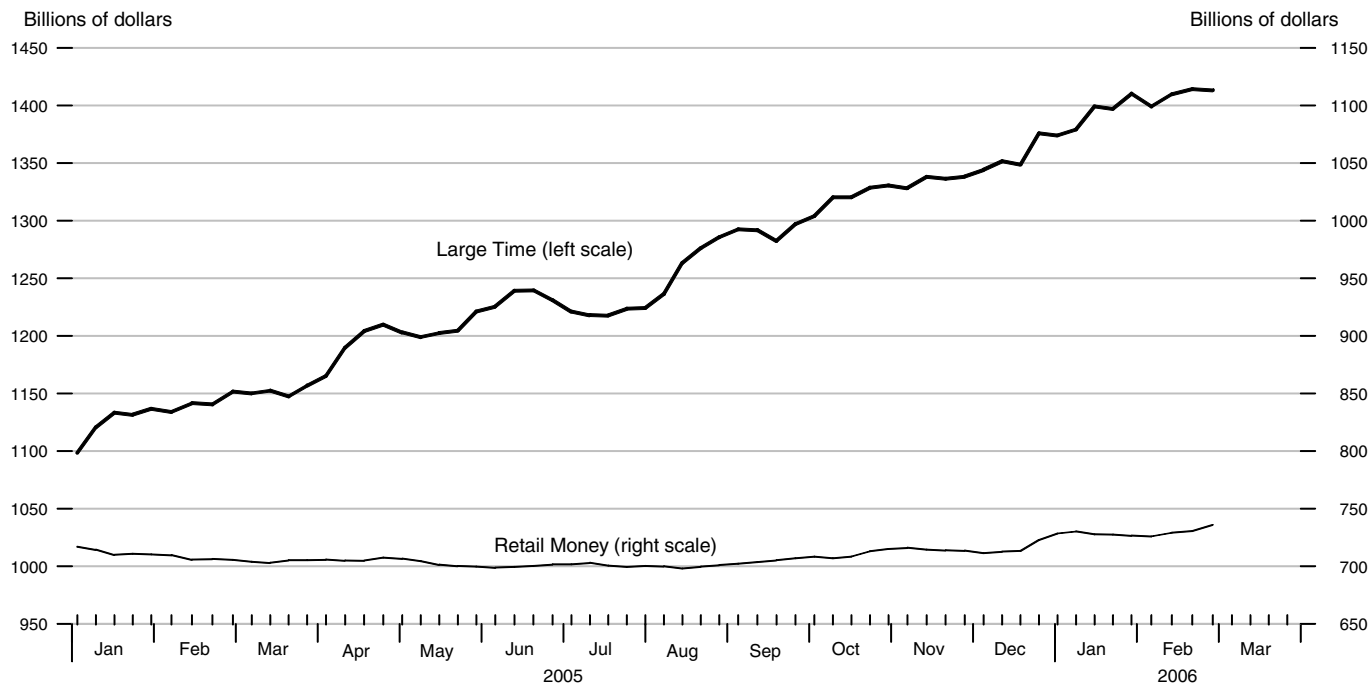
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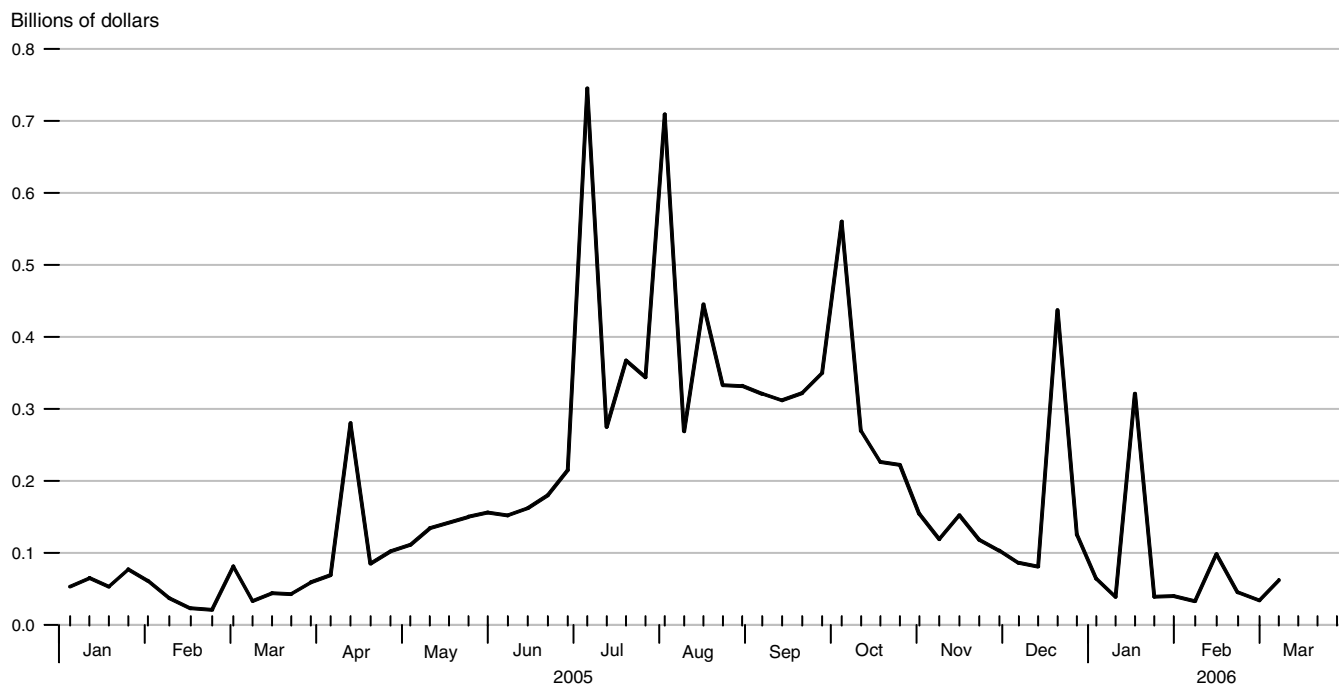
Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted



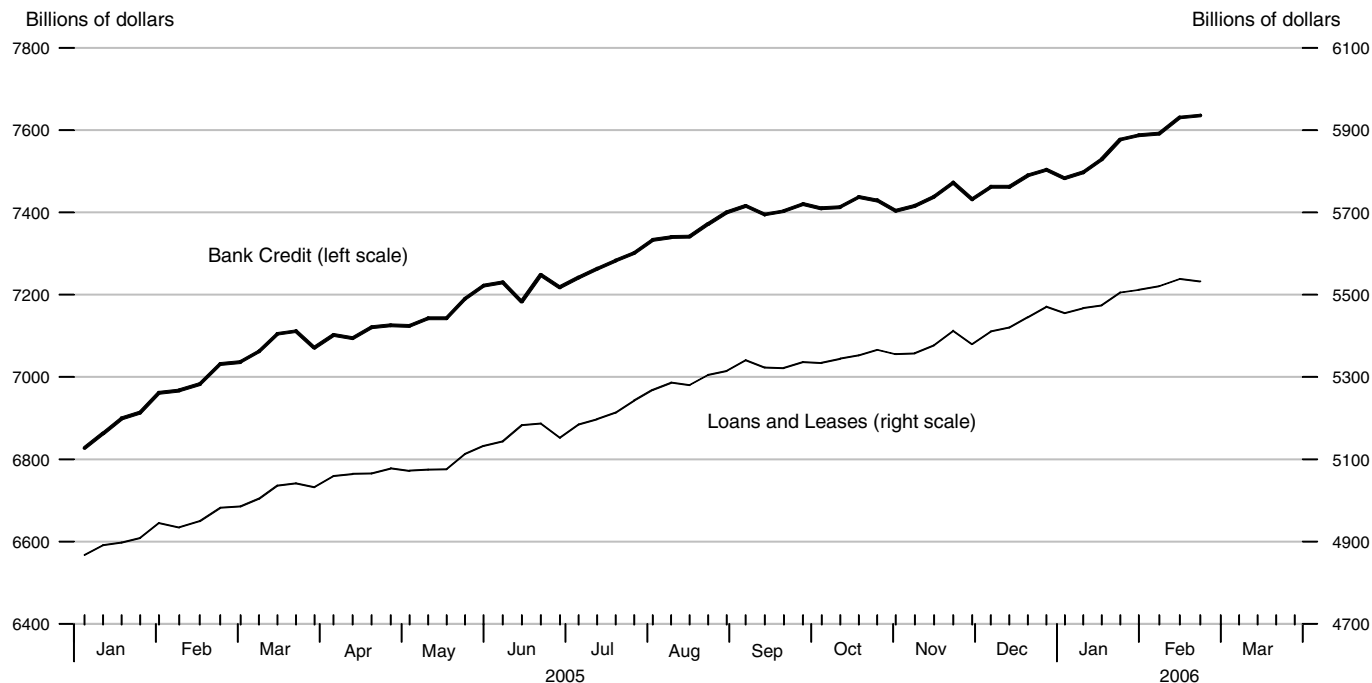
Total Borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks

Averages of Daily Figures

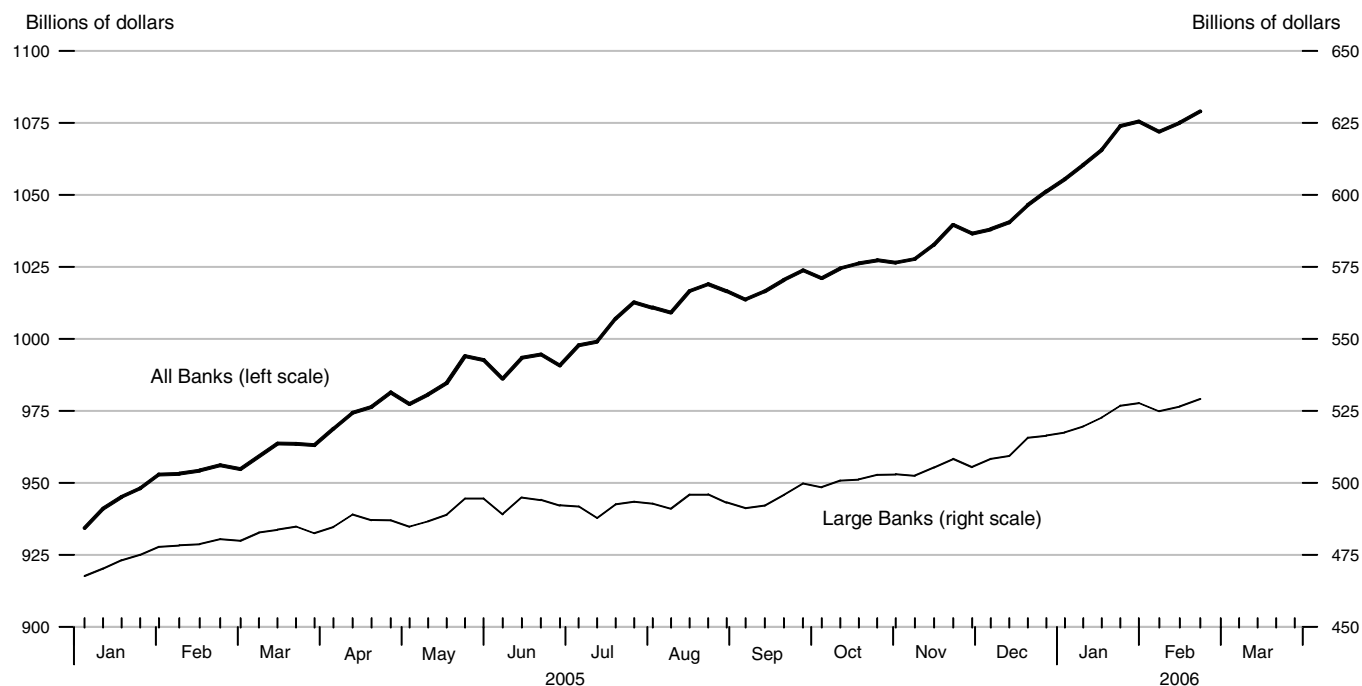


Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States, Seasonally Adjusted

**Commercial and Industrial Loans**

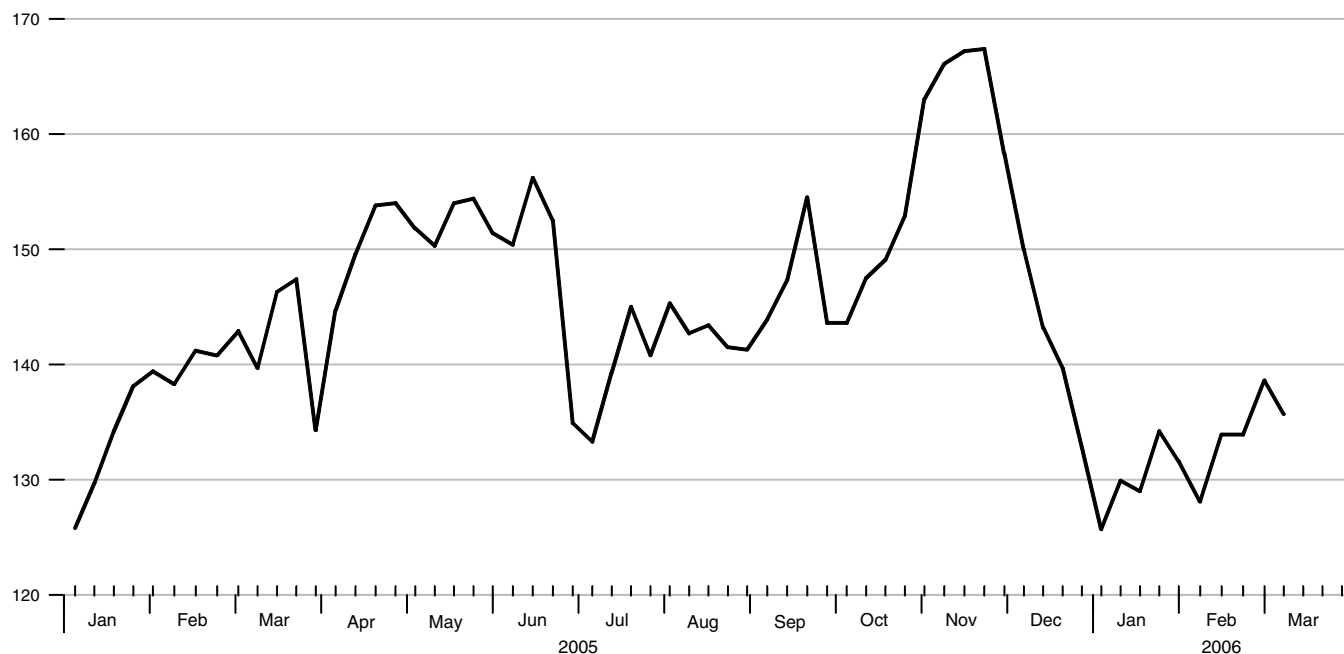
Seasonally Adjusted



Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

Not Seasonally Adjusted

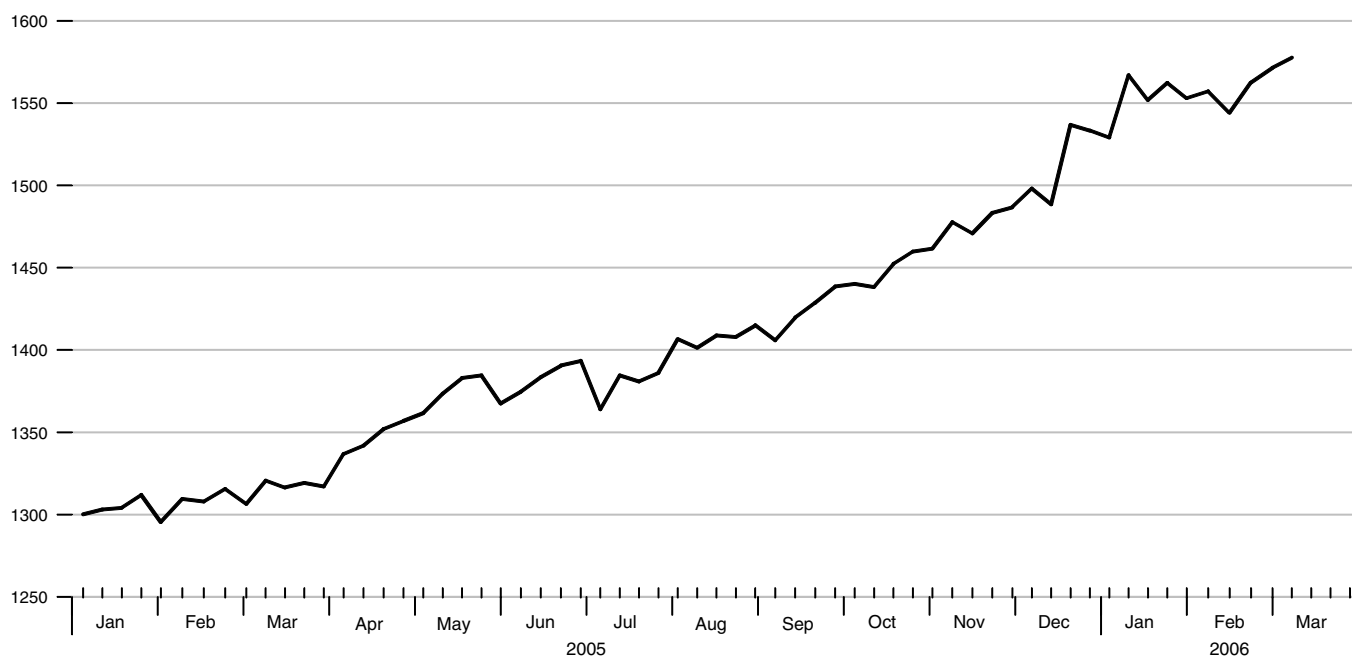
Billions of dollars



Commercial Paper of Financial Companies

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars



Interest Rates

Percent

	30-Day Comm. Paper	90-Day CDs	2-Year Interest Rate Swap	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds	Federal Funds	3-Month Treasury Bill	2-Year Treasury Securities	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	20-Year Treasury Securities
Dec 16	4.26	4.45	4.85	5.41	6.36	4.48	4.19	3.83	4.40	4.40	4.49	4.77
23	4.26	4.46	4.86	5.34	6.28	4.42	4.24	3.89	4.40	4.38	4.45	4.71
30	4.25	4.48	4.82	5.24	6.19	4.38	4.22	3.92	4.38	4.33	4.37	4.60
Jan 6	4.24	4.51	4.78	5.26	6.21	4.35	4.16	4.10	4.33	4.30	4.37	4.62
13	4.31	4.54	4.80	5.29	6.24	4.37	4.23	4.20	4.39	4.34	4.41	4.65
20	4.36	4.57	4.76	5.24	6.19	4.33	4.29	4.26	4.35	4.29	4.36	4.59
27	4.44	4.60	4.84	5.33	6.26	4.42	4.26	4.32	4.44	4.38	4.46	4.69
Feb 3	4.46	4.65	4.96	5.39	6.31	4.43	4.44	4.37	4.57	4.49	4.55	4.75
10	4.46	4.69	5.03	5.34	6.28	4.42	4.50	4.40	4.64	4.54	4.56	4.73
17	4.46	4.72	5.08	5.37	6.30	4.42	4.49	4.44	4.69	4.59	4.59	4.76
24	4.50	4.76	5.10	5.32	6.23	4.36	4.49	4.47	4.71	4.61	4.56	4.70
Mar 3	4.47	4.80	5.12	5.38	6.27	4.39	4.50	4.50	4.72	4.66	4.61	4.76
10 *	4.53	4.83	5.20	5.53	6.41	.	4.51	4.48	4.75	4.76	4.74	4.91

*Averages of rates available

Money Stock and Components

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted

	M2	MZM	Currency	Small Time	Savings	Large Time	Retail Money
Jan 16	6739.2	6906.9	729.2	984.5	3658.4	1399.3	727.6
23	6758.0	6910.8	731.0	988.7	3653.9	1397.3	727.4
30	6737.6	6885.5	732.5	992.7	3610.2	1410.3	726.5
Feb 6	6737.8	6894.2	732.9	995.2	3634.6	1399.2	725.9
13	6740.8	6882.5	732.8	1000.3	3656.2	1409.8	729.1
20	6781.1	6913.0	733.3	1004.6	3670.0	1414.3	730.5
27	6788.5	6940.0	733.9	1008.1	3656.6	1413.4	735.9

Reserves and Base

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted

	Adjusted Monetary Base	Adjusted Reserves
Dec 7	817.022	99.570
21	814.201	97.239
Jan 4	818.073	97.414
18	826.724	99.681
Feb 1	835.859	100.333
15	828.641	92.354
Mar 1	835.173	95.243

Bank Loans and Credit

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted

	Bank Credit	Loans and Leases	C&I Loans (All)	C&I Loans (Large)	Comm. Paper (nsa)	Total Borrowings
Jan 25	7577.3	5505.4	1073.9	526.8	134.2	0.039
Feb 1	7588.0	5512.2	1075.5	527.7	131.6	0.040
8	7592.0	5521.0	1072.0	524.9	128.1	0.033
15	7631.0	5538.2	1075.1	526.5	133.9	0.098
22	7635.8	5532.6	1079.0	529.1	133.9	0.045
Mar 1	.	.	.	.	138.6	0.034
8	.	.	.	.	135.7	0.062

Exchange Rates

	Major Exchange Rate Index	Broad Exchange Rate Index	Exchange Rate: Euro/\$	Exchange Rate: Yen/\$
Jan 27	83.9	109.7	0.817	115.7
Feb 3	84.5	110.0	0.827	117.9
10	85.3	110.5	0.837	118.4
17	85.5	110.7	0.841	117.9
24	85.4	110.5	0.840	117.8
Mar 3	84.7	110.0	0.837	116.1
10 *	85.3	110.7	0.838	117.7

*Averages of rates available

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.

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

Notes

Cover Page: Economic forecasts are median responses from the Thomson Financial Weekly Economic Survey, which is sent out to 20 to 25 Wall Street economists each week (usually on Tuesday). These forecasts are released on Friday—at which time, Thursday's *USFD* cover page will be updated.

Page 3: **Adjusted Monetary Base** equals 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, 1996b, 2001, 2003).

Page 4: **Adjusted Reserves** is defined as 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 series, a 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).

Page 5: **MZM** includes the zero maturity, or immediately available, components of M3. MZM equals M2 minus small-denomination time deposits, plus institutional money market mutual funds (that is, the money market mutual funds included in M3 but excluded from M2). The label MZM, or "Money, Zero Maturity," was coined by William Poole (1991) for this aggregate, proposed earlier by Motley (1988). 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.

Page 7: Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, except for the **Intended Federal Funds Rate**. Federal Funds Rate represents seven-day averages for the week ending two days earlier than the date shown in the release.

Page 8: **10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield** is the most

recently issued inflation-indexed bond of 10-year original maturity.

10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spread equals the difference between the yield on the most recently issued 10-year inflation-indexed bond and the unadjusted **10-Year Treasury Note Yield** of similar maturity.

Page 9: **Rates on 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.

Page 11: **Crude Oil** (West Texas intermediate) spot and futures prices are listed in the Wall Street Journal. **Spot Prices** are weekly averages of daily prices; **Futures Prices** are usually taken on Wednesday.

Page 12: **Natural Gas** (Henry Hub) spot and futures prices are listed in the Wall Street Journal. **Spot Prices** are weekly averages of daily prices; **Futures Prices** are usually taken on Wednesday.

Page 13: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.10 release. The **Major Index** comprises 7 currencies. The **Broad Index** comprises the **Major Index** plus 19 additional currencies. Further details may be found at www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/summary/.

Page 14: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release. **Savings Deposits** is the sum of money market deposit accounts and passbook and statement savings. **Small Time Deposits** have a minimum initial maturity of 7 days. Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Page 15: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release. **Large Time Deposits** are deposits of \$100,000 or more. **Retail Money Funds** are included in M2. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/ dealer money market funds. Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions.

As of January 9, 2003, **Total Borrowings** includes primary, secondary, and seasonal credit. Prior to that, borrowings include seasonal, adjustment, and extended credit.

Page 16: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.8 release. **Bank Loans and Credit** include foreign-related institutions. **Bank Credit** includes loans and leases and securities. **All Banks** includes foreign-related institutions. **Large Banks** are domestically chartered banks (adjusted for mergers) and report on a weekly basis.

Page 17: Current data appear at www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp/table1.htm.

Page 18: **Treasury Security** yields are Treasury constant maturities as reported in the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's H.15 release.

The **3-Month Treasury Bill** yield is the secondary market yield from the H.15 release. **Federal Funds** represents seven-day averages for the week ending two days earlier than the date shown in the table. **Municipal Bonds** represents Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data.

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