



# Changes in the Mortgage Market Since the Crisis

he housing market has deteriorated significantly since 2006: Home prices, housing starts, and home sales have all declined sharply, and long-term delinquencies and foreclosures have risen well above historic norms. Moreover, the composition of mortgage originations has also changed significantly.

With declining home prices, the total value of mortgage originations from 2006 through 2010 decreased by 42 percent. At the same time, origination volumes have declined considerably both due to a decline in purchases and tightened lending standards for new mortgages. The demand for mortgages has also declined as prospective homeowners opt to rent instead. Not surprisingly, most recent mortgage originations have been refinances. Borrowers with sufficiently good credit and modest declines in home equity have successfully refinanced their mortgages to take advantage of historically low interest rates. However, refinancing has been a challenge for most homeowners, especially those with significant declines in home values.

The composition of mortgage types has changed significantly over the same period (see the chart). Originations of loans within conforming guidelines have changed little: Borrowers with good credit histories can still qualify for mortgages, although as noted earlier, much of the activity in this category is refinancing of existing mortgages. The large decline in jumbo loan originations could be attributed to both the decline in home prices and the near disappearance of

private-label securitization. Most remarkably, all private-label securitization of non-prime originations has disappeared since the collapse of both the subprime and Alt-A segments of the mortgage market. This raises the question of whether these market segments are viable without government support.

Another important factor here is the sharp decline in the popularity of adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) products. As the chart shows, the share of ARMs declined from a peak of 45 percent of all products in 2006 to 9.5 percent of all products in 2010. Without a doubt, low

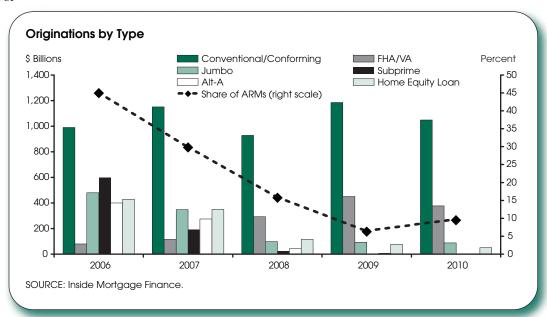
interest rates have encouraged borrowers to choose fixed-rate mortgages over ARMs. But this period also witnessed the complete disappearance of some less-traditional mortgage products, such as hybrid ARMs, option ARMs, and interest-only ARMs. These products made up a significant proportion of the subprime and Alt-A private-label securitization markets before 2007.

A noticeable recent trend has been the increase in the home loan programs of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). These programs, in existence for many years, have been rejuvenated to help eligible borrowers in the aftermath of the mortgage crisis. As a result, originations in this category have increased significantly.

It appears that mortgage origination and securitization is currently "in limbo": Private securitization has all but disappeared and is being absorbed by government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs). However, as uncertainty in the housing market subsides, private-label securitization will likely see a resurgence as financial institutions seek to expand their portfolios.

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- <sup>1</sup> See Moench, Emanuel; Vickery, James and Aragon, Diego. "Why Is the Market Share of Adjustable-Rate Mortgages So Low?" Federal Reserve Bank of New York *Current Issues in Economics and Finance*, December 2010, *16*(8), pp. 1-11; www.newyorkfed.org/research/current\_issues/ci16-8.pdf.
- <sup>2</sup> For a full list of FHA programs and their response to current mortgage events, see "Programs of HUD: Major Mortgage, Grant, Assistance, and Regulatory Programs 2011"; http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ProgramsofHUD.pdf.



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# Conventions used in this publication:

- 1. Unless otherwise indicated, data are monthly.
- 2. Shaded areas indicate recessions, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.
- 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:  $[(x_{\tau}/x_{\tau-12})-1] \times 100$ .

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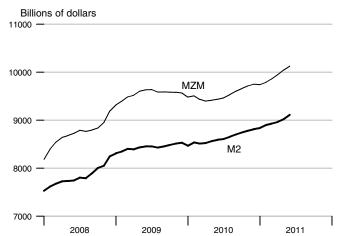
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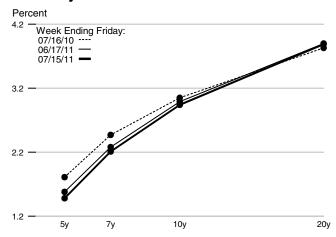
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On March 23, 2006, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ceased the publication of the M3 monetary aggregate. It also ceased publishing the following components: large-denomination time deposits, RPs, and eurodollars.

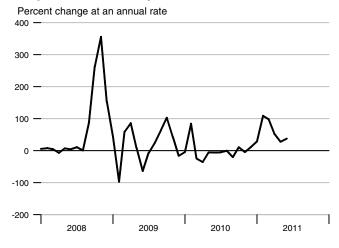
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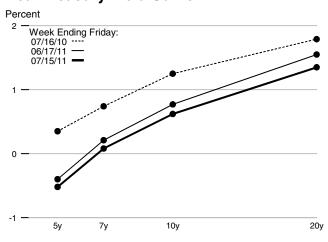
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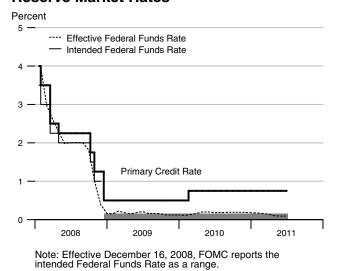
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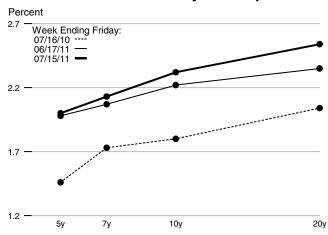
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#### **Reserve Market Rates**

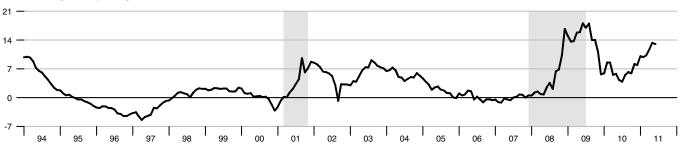


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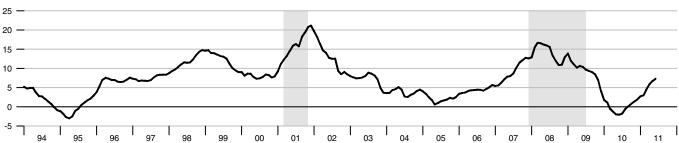
#### М1

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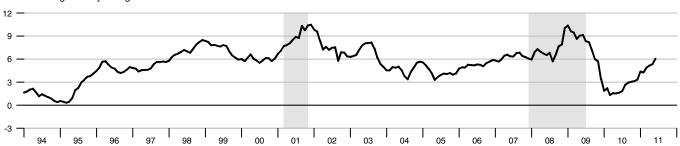
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Percent change from year ago



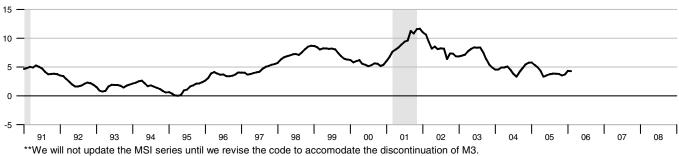
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Percent change from year ago

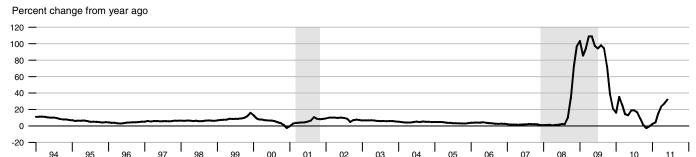


#### Monetary Services Index - M2\*\*

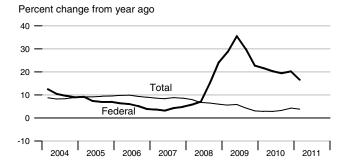
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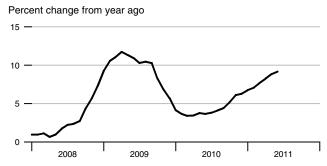
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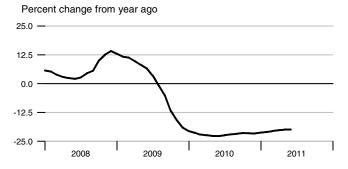
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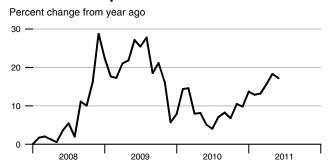
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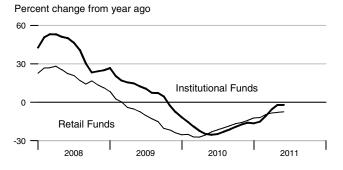
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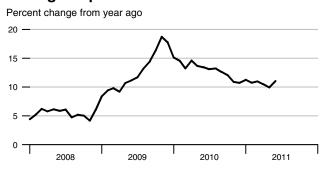
#### **Checkable Deposits**



#### **Money Market Mutual Fund Shares**

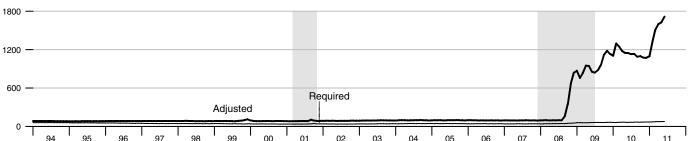


#### **Savings Deposits**



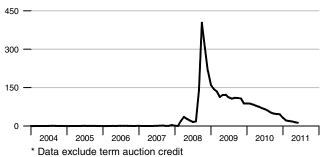
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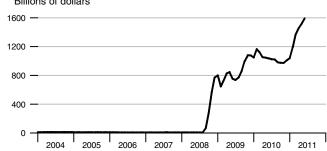
#### **Total Borrowings, nsa**

#### Billions of dollars



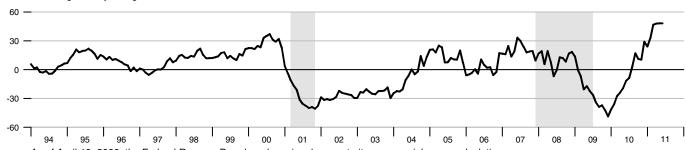
## **Excess Reserves plus RCB Contracts**

#### Billions of dollars



#### **Nonfinancial Commercial Paper**

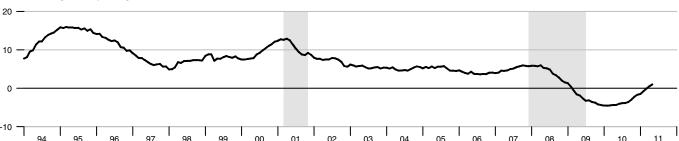
#### Percent change from year ago



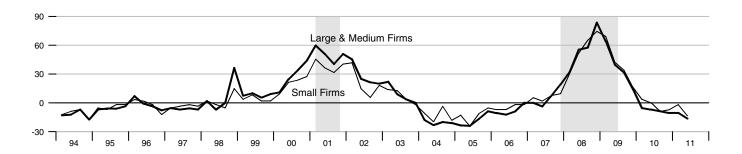
As of April 10, 2006, the Federal Reserve Board made major changes to its commercial paper calculations. For more information, please refer to http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp/about.htm.

#### **Consumer Credit**

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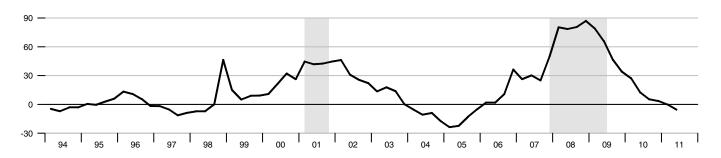


# Net Percentage of Domestic Banks Tightening Standards for Commercial and Industrial Loans Percentage



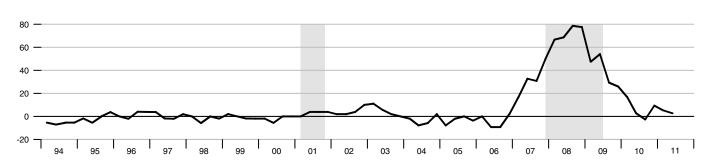
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Percentage



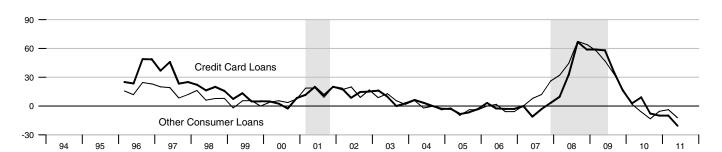
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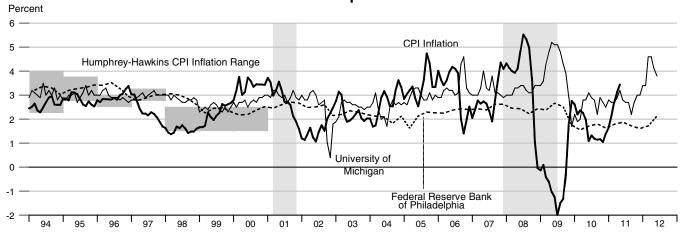


#### **Net Percentage of Domestic Banks Tightening Standards for Consumer Loans**

Percentage

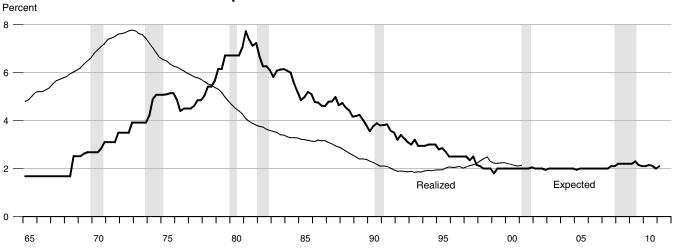


## **CPI Inflation and 1-Year-Ahead CPI Inflation Expectations**



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

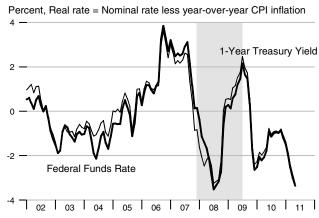


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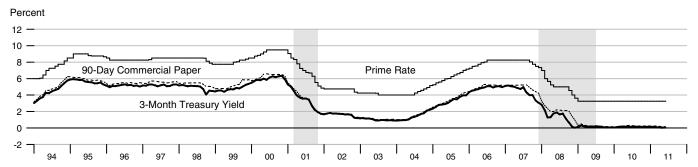
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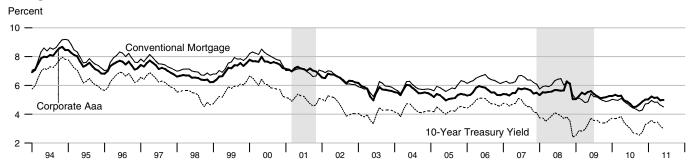
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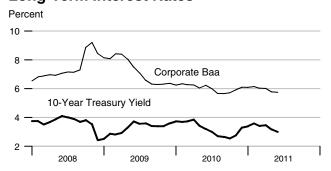
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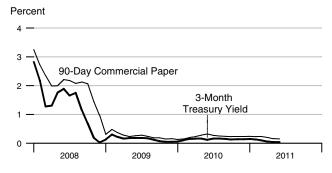
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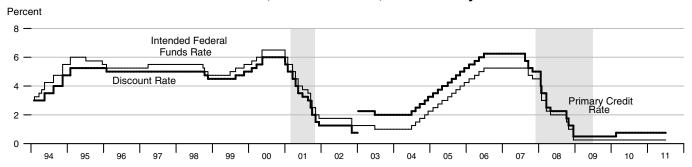
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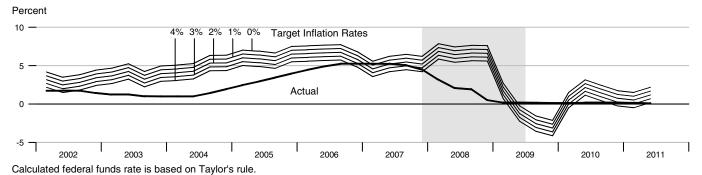
#### **Short-Term Interest Rates**



#### FOMC Intended Federal Funds Rate, Discount Rate, and Primary Credit Rate



# **Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets**

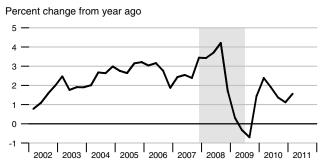


## **Components of Taylor's Rule**

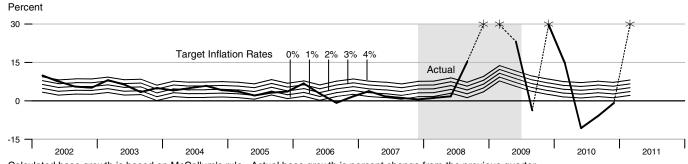
#### **Actual and Potential Real GDP**

# Billions of chain-weighted 2005 dollars 15000 Potential 13000 Actual 11000 9000 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 See notes section for further explanation.

## **PCE Inflation**



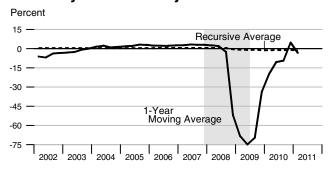
## **Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets**



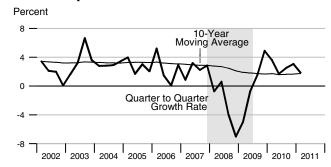
Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. Actual base growth is percent change from the previous quarter. \*Actual values for 2008:Q4, 2009:Q1, 2009:Q4, and 2011:Q1 are 188.02 percent, 60.74 percent, 56.52 percent, and 45.94 percent, respectively.

# Components of McCallum's Rule

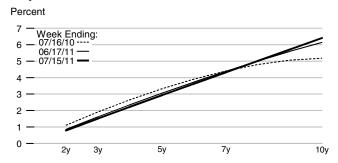
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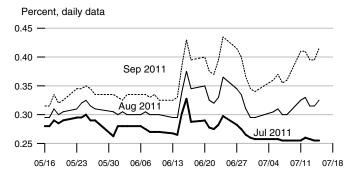
#### Real Output Growth



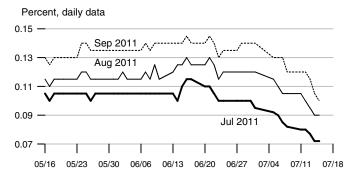
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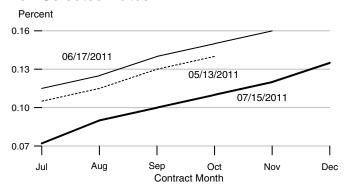
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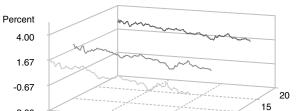
## Rates on Selected Federal Funds Futures Contracts



# Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates



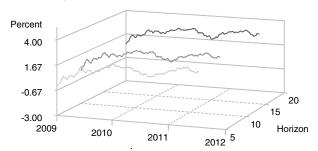
# Inflation-Indexed Treasury Securities Weekly data



Note: Yields are inflation-indexed constant maturity U.S. Treasury securities

2011

# Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads Weekly data



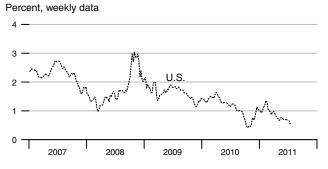
Note: Yield spread is between nominal and inflation-indexed constant maturity U.S. Treasury securities.

# Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Notes

2010

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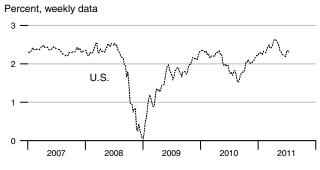


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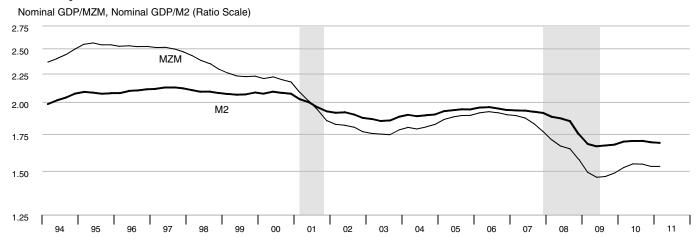
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# Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads

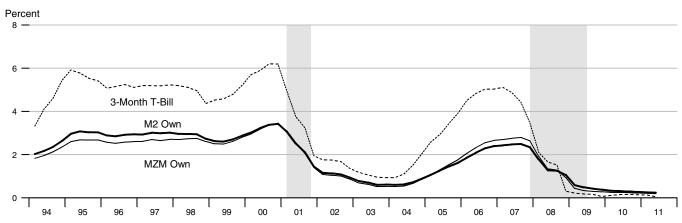


Note: Data is temporarily unavailable for the French and U.K. 10-Year Notes and Government Yield Spreads.

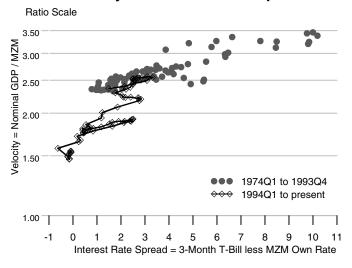
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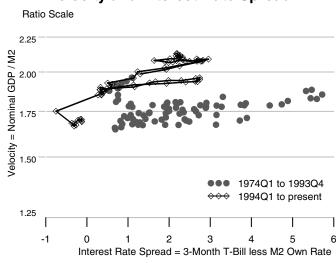
#### **Interest Rates**



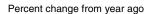
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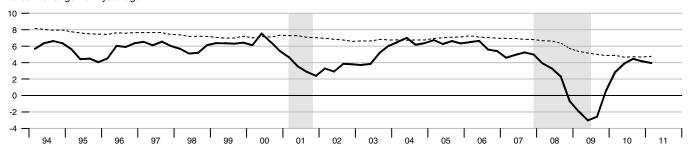


# **M2 Velocity and Interest Rate Spread**



#### **Gross Domestic Product**

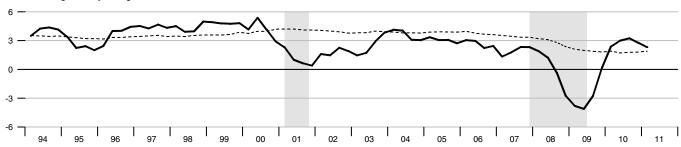




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#### **Real Gross Domestic Product**

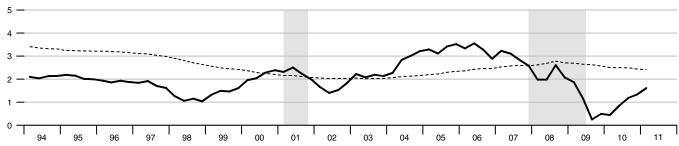
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#### **Gross Domestic Product Price Index**

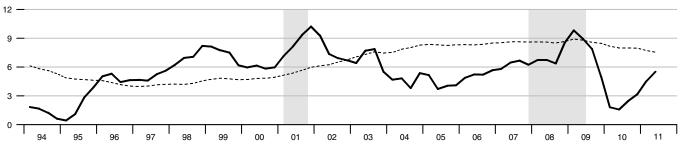
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#### **M2**

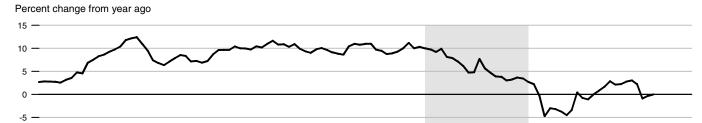
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2003

#### **Bank Credit**



2007

2008

2009

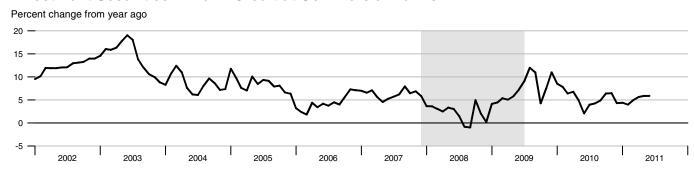
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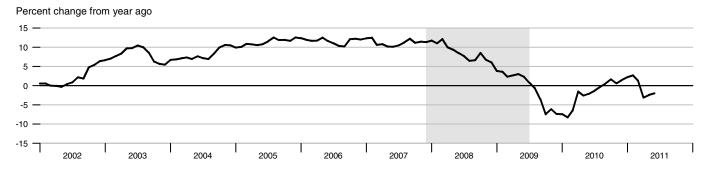
#### **Investment Securities in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks**

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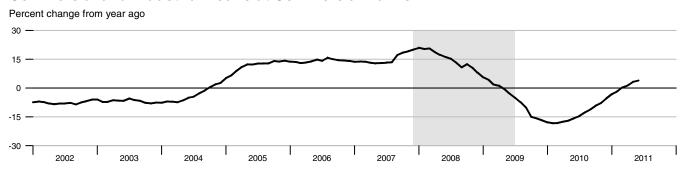
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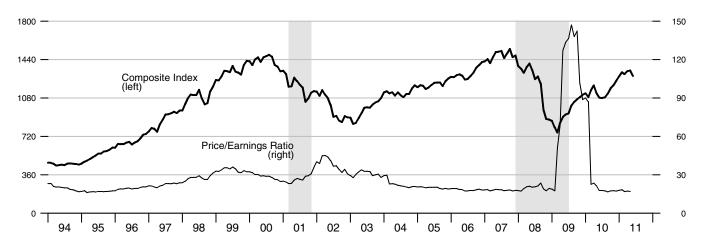
#### **Total Loans and Leases in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks**



#### **Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks**



#### Standard & Poor's 500



# **Recent Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates**

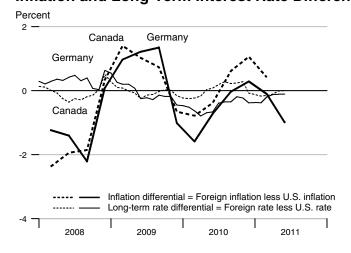
#### Consumer Price Inflation Rates

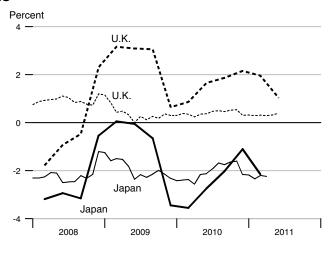
# Long-Term Government Bond Rates

	Perc	ent change f	rom year ago		Percent			
	2010Q3	2010Q4	2011Q1	2011Q2	Mar11	Apr11	May11	Jun11
United States	1.22	1.20	2.17	3.33	3.41	3.46	3.17	3.00
Canada	1.83	2.27	2.60		3.26	3.35	3.16	3.00
France	1.53	1.65	1.81	2.07	3.61	3.69	3.49	
Germany	1.18	1.49	2.08	2.35	3.21	3.34	3.06	2.89
Italy	1.62	1.79	2.34	2.67	4.88	4.84	4.76	
Japan	-0.80	0.10	0.03		1.21	1.22		
United Kingdom	3.09	3.36	4.13	4.37	3.72	3.75	3.49	3.39

 $<sup>^*\</sup> Copyright @, 2011, \ Organisation \ for \ Economic \ Cooperation \ and \ Development, \ OECD \ Main \ Economic \ Indicators \ (www.oecd.org).$ 

# **Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rate Differentials**





		Money Stock				Bank			
		M1	MZM	M2	M3*	Credit	Adjusted Monetary Base	Reserves	MSI M2**
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	2006 2007	1374.189 1372.136	7001.848 7636.260	6866.561 7299.210	10270.74	7694.074 8461.299	835.035 850.529	94.908 94.146	
	2007	1433.140	8709.498	7299.210 7818.267		9062.465	1010.131	232.536	
	2009	1636.852	9543.295	8434.306		9170.372	1796.541	944.771	
	2010	1740.810	9533.955	8624.882		9141.833	2031.696	1144.123	
	2010	1740.010		0024.002		0141.000	2001.000	1144.120	
2009	1	1577.914	9402.331	8354.439		9282.676	1662.910	820.582	
	2	1624.149	9586.836	8426.964		9255.248	1763.619	917.025	
	3	1660.872	9605.995	8446.243		9136.652	1747.180	895.441	
	4	1684.474	9578.020	8509.576		9006.912	2012.456	1146.036	
2010	1	1698.897	9475.708	8505.431		8922.244	2089.184	1217.041	
	2	1708.658	9417.419	8560.186		9210.437	2034.289	1158.464	
	3	1747.268	9534.782	8655.011		9212.451	2003.654	1117.943	
	4	1808.417	9707.913	8778.902		9222.199	1999.655	1083.043	
2011	1	1870.264	9797.323	8888.847		9162.361	2243.002	1310.574	
	2	1925.699	10039.90	9031.744		9171.915	2597.874	1647.747	
2009	Jun	1651.804	9634.826	8454.706		9259.885	1703.979	855.729	
	Jul	1661.505	9638.678	8454.482		9200.259	1693.704	841.471	
	Aug	1655.340	9588.082	8430.323		9151.857	1728.107	879.586	
	Sep	1665.770	9591.224	8453.924		9057.841	1819.730	965.265	
	Oct	1679.853	9584.743	8484.315		8975.719	1975.374	1122.199	
	Nov	1679.941	9582.970	8513.822		9038.296	2044.685	1182.378	
	Dec	1693.627	9566.347	8530.591		9006.722	2017.309	1133.532	
2010	Jan	1681.135	9482.865	8467.609		8940.781	2010.106	1105.463	
	Feb	1703.433	9507.608	8535.307		8881.908	2150.916	1296.196	
	Mar	1712.122	9436.651	8513.376		8944.043	2106.530	1249.464	
	Apr	1698.965	9399.374	8524.135		9262.173	2044.306	1179.146	
	May	1704.092	9415.482	8563.592		9208.606	2034.554	1149.877	
	Jun	1722.917	9437.400	8592.831		9160.532	2024.007	1146.368	
	Jul	1726.024	9467.029	8608.783		9199.941	2015.190	1131.102	
	Aug	1746.429	9532.627	8654.303		9227.316	2014.632	1133.729	
	Sep	1769.350	9604.690	8701.947		9210.095	1981.141	1088.999	
	Oct	1779.432	9659.486	8742.448		9231.310	1998.498	1099.707	
	Nov	1817.343	9715.258	8780.476		9228.827	1991.149	1076.431	
	Dec	1828.475	9748.995	8813.781		9206.459	2009.319	1072.990	<u> </u>
2011	Jan	1850.551	9741.737	8838.391		9189.682	2057.153	1095.872	
	Feb	1871.720	9791.707	8899.804		9151.164	2243.614	1327.474	
	Mar	1888.520	9858.526	8928.346		9146.238	2428.239	1508.375	
	Apr	1898.622	9948.750	8963.731		9178.886	2531.674	1599.141	
	May	1931.200	10044.53	9019.760		9177.368	2590.374	1627.389	
	Jun	1947.274	10126.41	9111.740		9159.492	2671.575	1716.712	
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Note: All values are given in billions of dollars. \*See table of contents for changes to the series.

<sup>\*\*</sup>We will not update the MSI series until we revise the code to accommodate the discontinuation of M3.

	Federal Primary Prime		3-mo	3-mo Treasury Yields			Corporate	Conventiona		
	Funds	Credit Rat	e Rate	CDs	3-mo	3-yr	10-yr	Aaa Bonds	Aaa Bonds	Mortgage
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
2010	0.17	0.72	3.25	0.31	0.14	1.11	3.21	4.94	3.90	4.69
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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
2	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.42	0.15	1.38	3.49	5.04	3.83	4.91
3	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.34	0.16	0.83	2.79	4.58	3.58	4.45
4	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.14	0.74	2.86	4.86	4.24	4.41
2011 1	0.16	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.13	1.16	3.46	5.13	4.71	4.85
2	0.09	0.75	3.25	0.22	0.05	0.95	3.21	5.04		4.66
2009 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 3.25	0.24	0.07		3.40	5.15	3.65 3.99	4.95
Dec	0.12	0.50	3.25	0.21	0.05	1.32 1.38	3.59	5.19	3.89	4.88
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
Jun	0.18	0.75	3.25	0.52	0.12	1.17	3.20	4.88	3.81	4.74
Jul	0.18	0.75	3.25	0.41	0.16	0.98	3.01	4.72	3.69	4.56
Aug	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.32	0.16	0.78	2.70	4.49	3.44	4.43
Sep	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.15	0.74	2.65	4.53	3.63	4.35
Oct	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.27	0.13	0.57	2.54	4.68	3.62	4.23
Nov	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.27	0.14	0.67	2.76	4.87	4.44	4.30
Dec	0.18	0.75	3.25	0.30	0.14	0.99	3.29	5.02	4.67	4.71
2011 Jan Feb	0.17	0.75 0.75	3.25	0.29	0.15	1.03	3.39	5.04	4.86 4.70	4.76
	0.16 0.14	0.75 0.75	3.25 3.25	0.28 0.28	0.13	1.28 1.17	3.58 3.41	5.22 5.13	4.79 4.47	4.95 4.84
Mar	0.14	0.75	ა.∠ა	0.20	0.10	1.17	J.4 I	5.15		4.04
Apr	0.10	0.75	3.25	0.23	0.06	1.21	3.46	5.16	4.93	4.84
May	0.09	0.75	3.25	0.21	0.04	0.94	3.17	4.96	4.33	4.64
Jun	0.09	0.75	3.25	0.22	0.04	0.71	3.00	4.99		4.51

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

	M1	MZM	M2	M3*
nt change	e at an annual	rate		
2006	0.19	4.34	5.25	4.95
2007	-0.15	9.06	6.30	
2008	4.45	14.05	7.11	
2009	14.21	9.57	7.88	
2010	6.35	-0.10	2.26	
1	12.72	18.08	12.45	
2	11.72	7.85	3.47	
3	9.04	0.80	0.92	
4	5.68	-1.16	3.00	
1	3.42	-4.27	-0.19	
2	2.30	-2.46	2.58	
3	9.04	4.98	4.43	
4	14.00	7.26	5.73	
1	13.68	3.68	5.01	
2	11.86	9.90	6.43	
Jun	30.51	3.85	2.96	
Jul	7.05	0.48	-0.03	
Aug	-4.45	-6.30	-3.43	
Sep	7.56	0.39	3.36	
Oct	10.15	-0.81	4.31	
Nov	0.06	-0.22	4.17	
Dec	9.78	-2.08	2.36	
Jan	-8.85	-10.47	-8.86	
Feb	15.92	3.13	9.59	
Mar	6.12	-8.96	-3.08	
Apr	-9.22	-4.74	1.52	
	3.62	2.06	5.55	
Jun	13.26	2.79	4.10	
Jul	2.16	3.77	2.23	
Sep	15.75	9.07	6.61	
Oct	6.84	6.85	5.59	
Nov			5.22	
Dec	7.35	4.17	4.55	
Jan	14.49	-0.89	3.35	
Mar	10.77	8.19	3.85	
May	20.59	11.55	7.50	
iviay	20.00	11.55	7.50	
	Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Aug Sep	2006 0.19 2007 -0.15 2008 4.45 2009 14.21 2010 6.35  1 12.72 2 11.72 3 9.04 4 5.68 1 3.42 2 2.30 3 9.04 4 14.00 1 13.68 2 11.86  Jun 30.51  Jul 7.05 Aug -4.45 Sep 7.56  Oct 10.15 Nov 0.06 Dec 9.78  Jan -8.85 Feb 15.92 Mar 6.12  Apr -9.22 May 3.62 Jun 13.26  Jul 2.16 Aug 14.19 Sep 15.75  Oct 6.84 Nov 25.57 Dec 7.35  Jan 14.49 Feb 13.73 Mar 10.77  Apr 6.42	2007	2006 0.19 4.34 5.25 2007 -0.15 9.06 6.30 2008 4.45 14.05 7.11 2009 14.21 9.57 7.88 2010 6.35 -0.10 2.26  1 12.72 18.08 12.45 2 11.72 7.85 3.47 3 9.04 0.80 0.92 4 5.68 -1.16 3.00 1 3.42 -4.27 -0.19 2 2.30 -2.46 2.58 3 9.04 4.98 4.43 4 14.00 7.26 5.73 1 13.68 3.68 5.01 2 11.86 9.90 6.43  Jun 30.51 3.85 2.96  Jul 7.05 0.48 -0.03 Aug -4.45 -6.30 -3.43 Sep 7.56 0.39 3.36  Oct 10.15 -0.81 4.31 Nov 0.06 -0.22 4.17 Dec 9.78 -2.08 2.36  Jan -8.85 -10.47 -8.86 Feb 15.92 3.13 9.59 Mar 6.12 -8.96 -3.08  Apr -9.22 -4.74 1.52 May 3.62 2.06 5.55 Jun 13.26 2.79 4.10  Jul 2.16 3.77 2.23 Aug 14.19 8.31 6.35 Sep 15.75 9.07 6.61  Oct 6.84 6.85 5.59 Nov 25.57 6.93 5.22 Dec 7.35 4.17 4.55  Jan 14.49 -0.89 3.35 Feb 13.73 6.16 8.34 Mar 10.77 8.19 3.85  Apr 6.42 10.98 4.76

<sup>\*</sup>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,  $\pi_{t-1}$  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

$$\Delta b_{t} = \Delta x_{t}^{*} - \Delta v_{t}^{a} + \lambda \left( \Delta x_{t}^{*} - \Delta x_{t-1} \right),$$
  
$$\Delta x_{t}^{*} = \pi^{*} + \Delta y_{t}^{*}$$

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

moving average growth in real GDP,  $\Delta v_t^{\alpha}$  is the average base velocity growth (calculated recursively),  $\Delta x_{t-1}$  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  $m=1,\ldots,10$  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 11/15/2020. 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.

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