



Are Investors More Risk-Averse During Recessions?

Observers of financial markets have long noted that broad stock market price indices tend to fall steeply immediately before and during recessions. In theory, a stock's price is equal to the sum of its discounted expected future dividends, and the discount rate is the expected gross stock return. Thus, it is tempting to suggest that, when the economy becomes weaker, the sharp decrease in stock prices reflects the reduction in expected future dividends. However, many studies have found that the magnitude of the cyclical fluctuation in dividends is too small to account for such large stock market price movements.

One possible explanation is that large changes in stock prices might be accompanied by swings in investors' attitude toward risk. For example, many commentators have routinely suggested that investors exhibited irrational exuberance during the dramatic stock price run-up in the late 1990s, while they were overly pessimistic during the Great Depression in the early 1930s. Campbell and Cochrane (1999) have formalized the idea in a model: When the economy goes into recession, investors have fewer resources to maintain their accustomed living standards and thus are less willing to bear financial risk. To induce them to hold stocks instead of risk-free short-term Treasury bills, for a given level of stock market risk, the expected equity premium must increase.¹ Therefore, stock prices fall during recessions because dividends are discounted by a higher rate as a result of the increase in the equity premium.

Lettau and Ludvigson (2003) provide some empirical evidence for this explanation. They use expected stock market volatility, which measures the size and frequency of fluctuations in a broad stock market price index, as a gauge of stock market risk. When stock prices are expected to be more volatile, risk-averse investors will reduce their stock holdings because the chance of having a large capital loss becomes higher. Investors will hold the same amount of stocks as they did

before only if they are compensated by a higher equity premium. Thus, one can use the ratio of the expected equity premium to the expected volatility—which is commonly known as the Sharpe ratio—as a measure of shareholders' risk tolerance. For example, for a given level of expected stock market volatility, investors require a higher equity premium and thus a higher Sharpe ratio if they become more risk-averse.

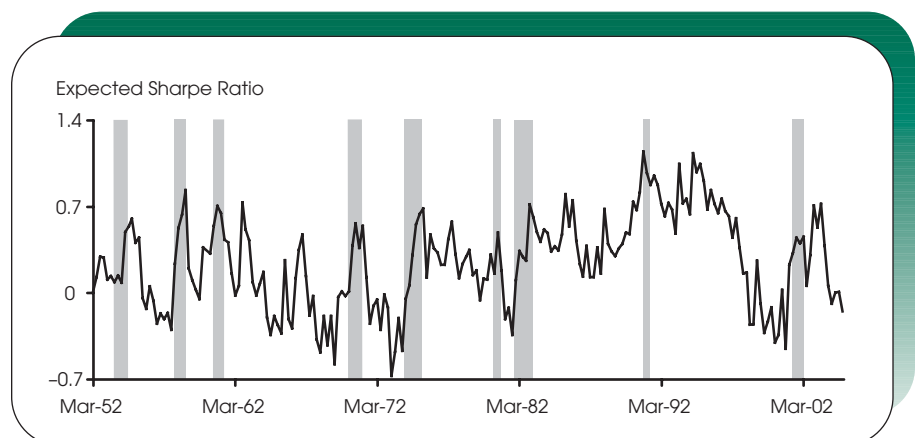
In the accompanying chart, we replicate Figure 3 of Lettau and Ludvigson (2003) using updated data from 1952:Q2–2004:Q4. The shaded area indicates business recessions dated by the National Bureau of Economic Research. We find that the Sharpe ratio exhibits substantial variation across time. More importantly, it increases dramatically just before and during every recession in the 52-year sample. This pattern appears to be consistent with the conjecture that investors are more risk-averse and thus demand a higher return for holding stocks during economic downturns.

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Lettau, Martin and Ludvigson, Sydney. "Measuring and Modeling Variation in the Risk-Return Tradeoff." Unpublished manuscript, New York University, 2003 (forthcoming in *Handbook of Financial Econometrics*, edited by Yacine Ait-Sahalia and Lars Peter Hansen).

¹ The equity premium is the difference between the stock market return and the risk-free rate.



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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: $[(x_t/x_{t-1})-1] \times 1200$. 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: $[(x_t/x_{t-12})-1] \times 100$.

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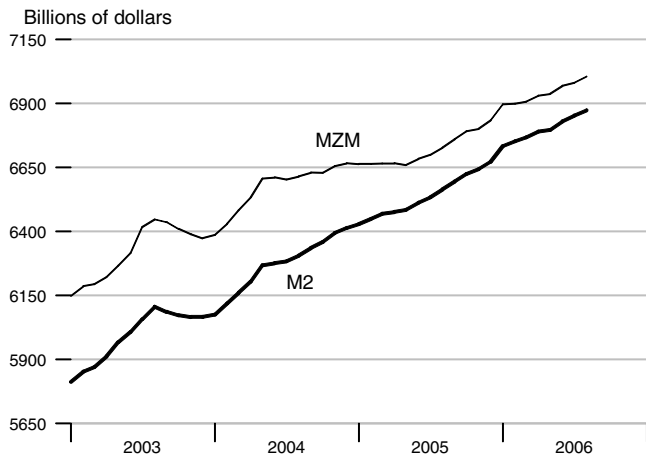
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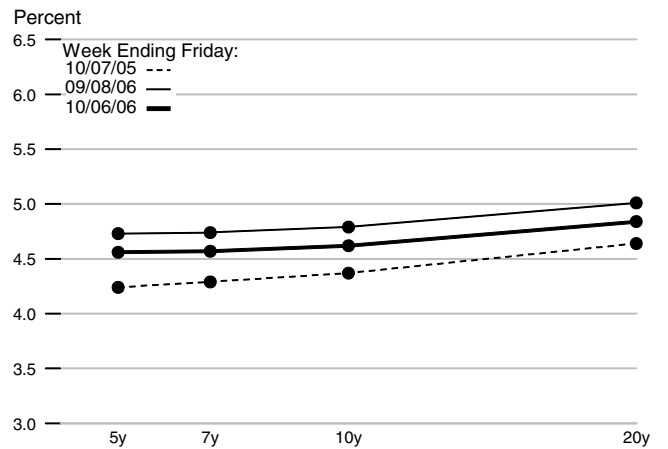
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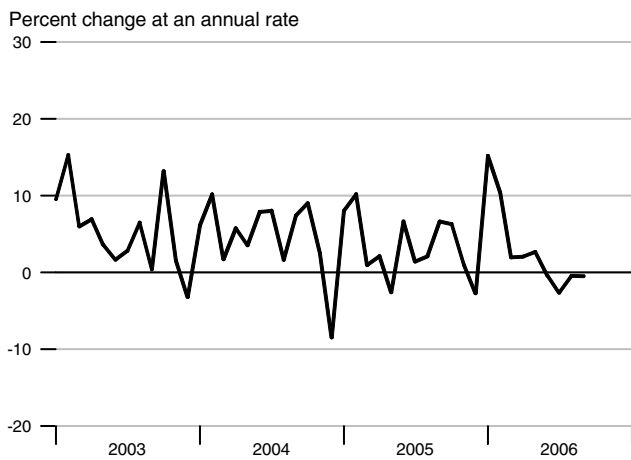
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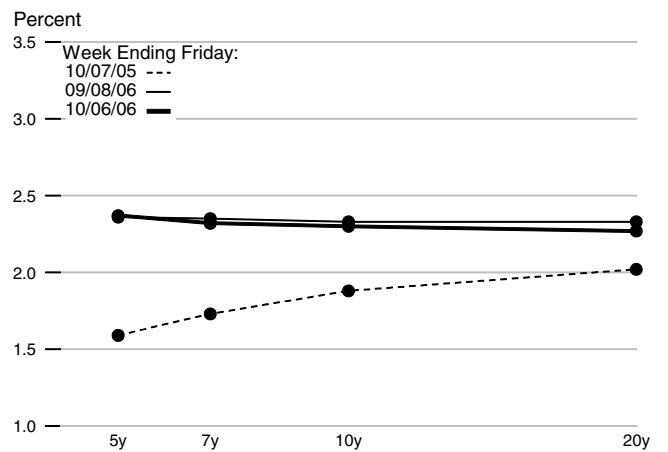
Treasury Yield Curve



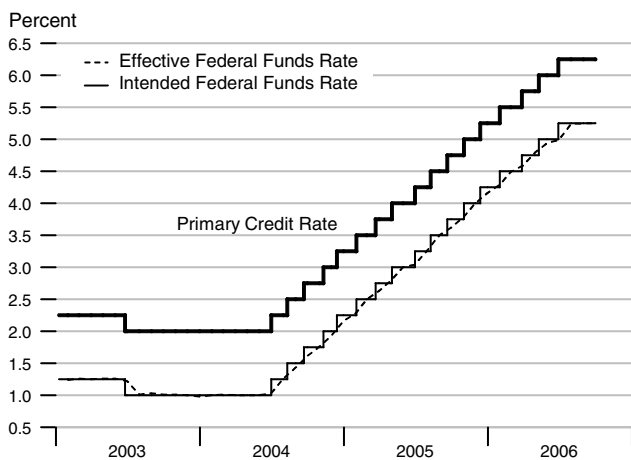
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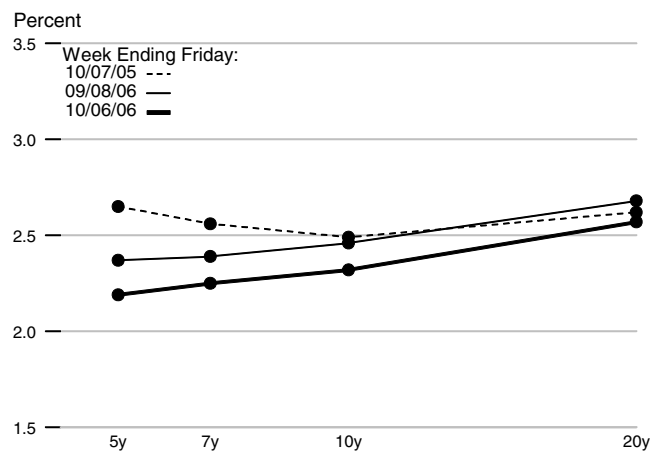
Real Treasury Yield Curve



Reserve Market Rates

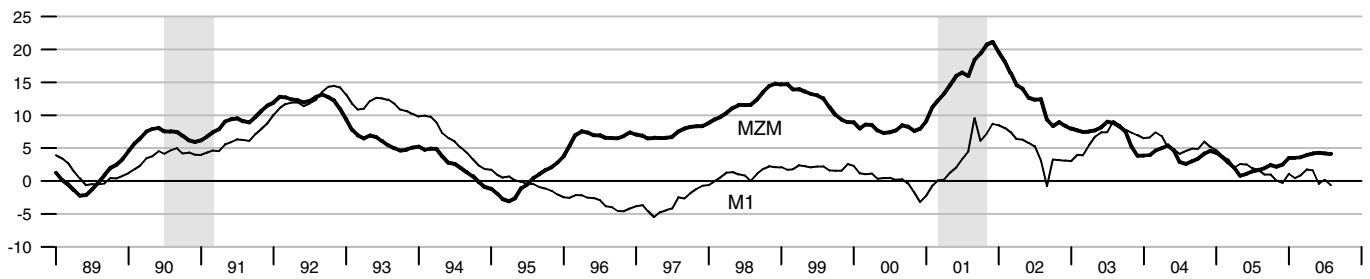


Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads



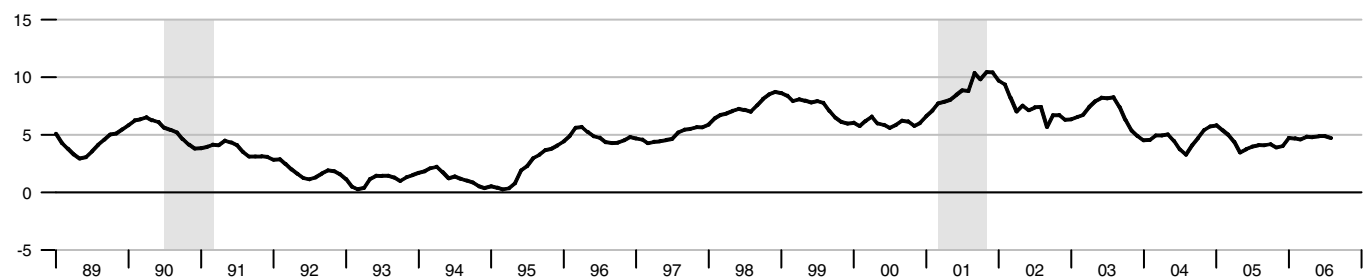
MZM and M1

Percent change from year ago



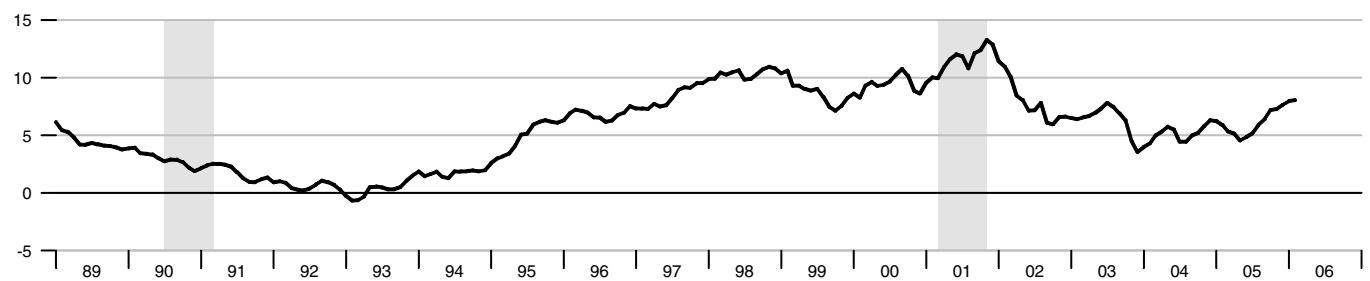
M2

Percent change from year ago



M3*

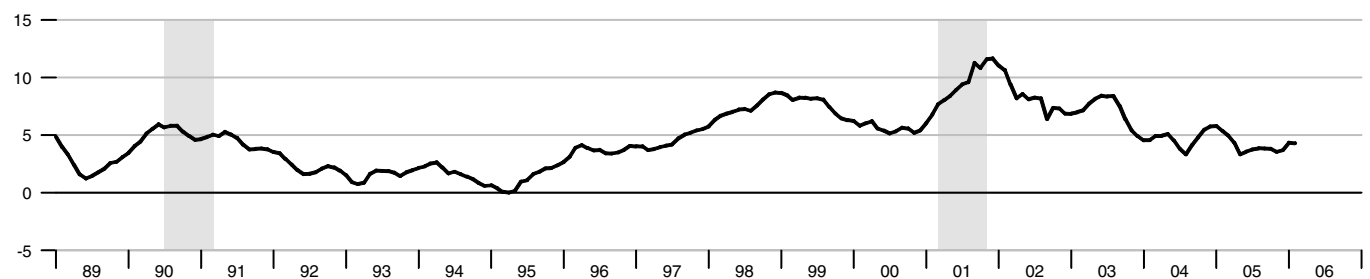
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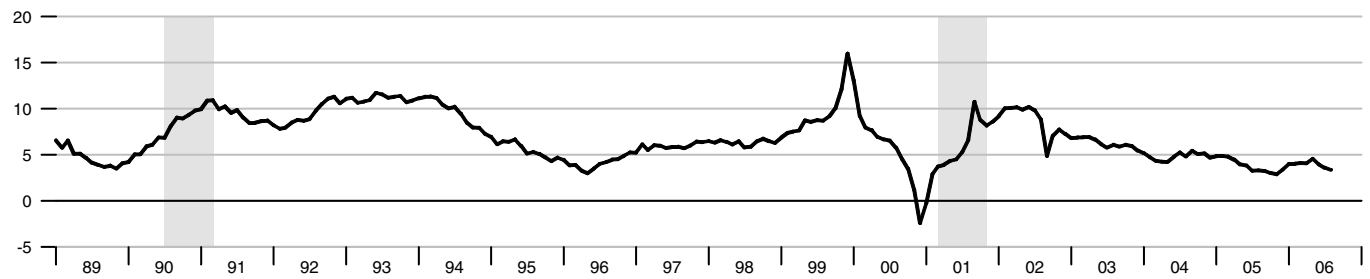
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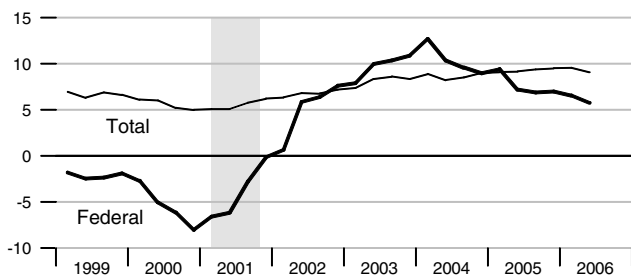
Adjusted Monetary Base

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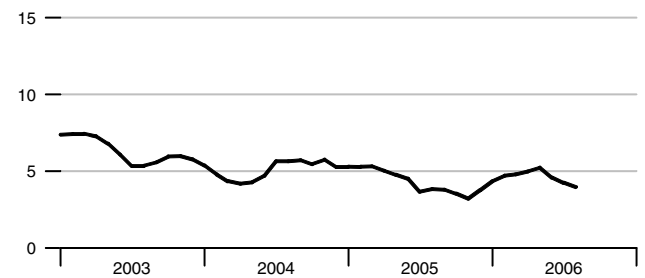
Domestic Nonfinancial Debt

Percent change from year ago



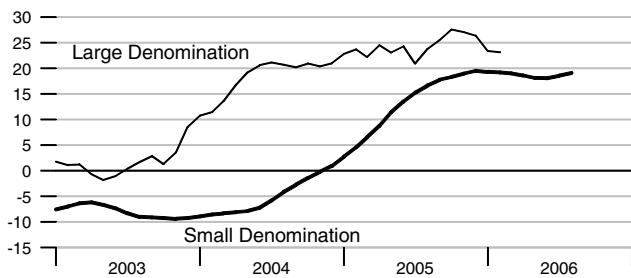
Currency Held by the Nonbank Public

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Time Deposits*

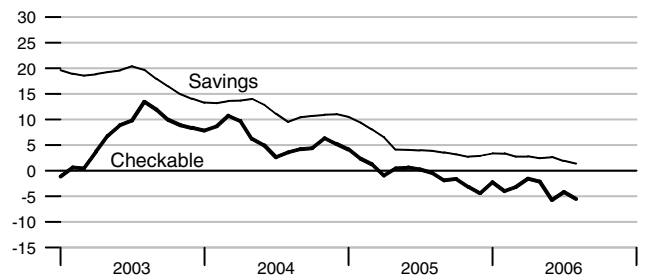
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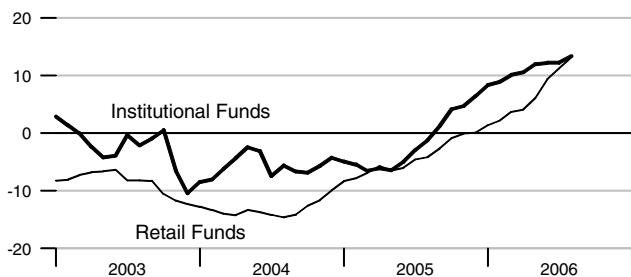
Checkable and Savings Deposits

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Money Market Mutual Fund Shares

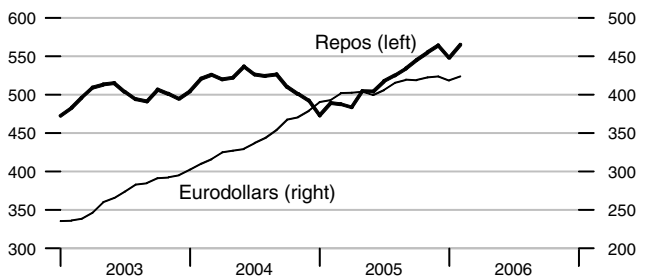
Percent change from year ago



Repurchase Agreements and Eurodollars*

Billions of dollars

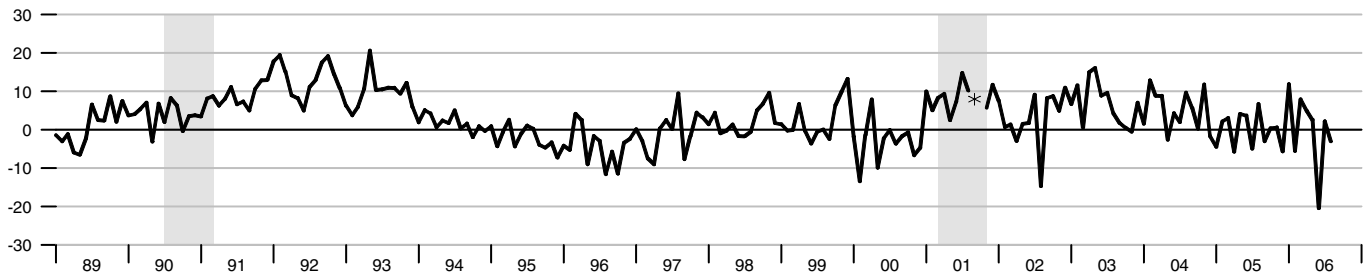
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M1

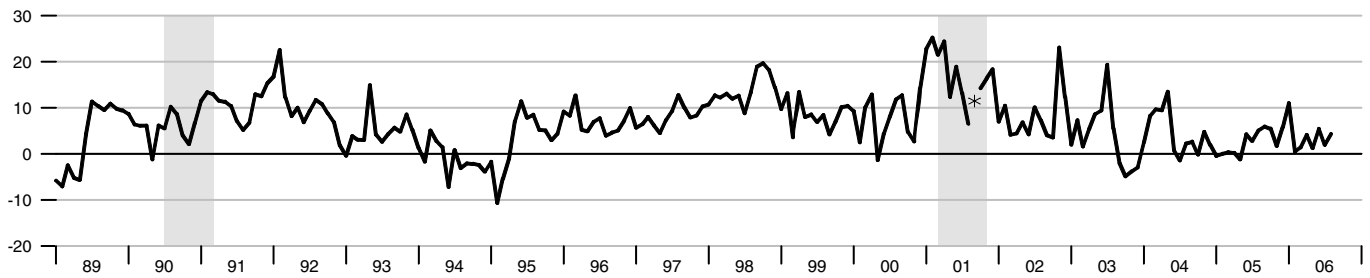
Percent change at an annual rate



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M2M

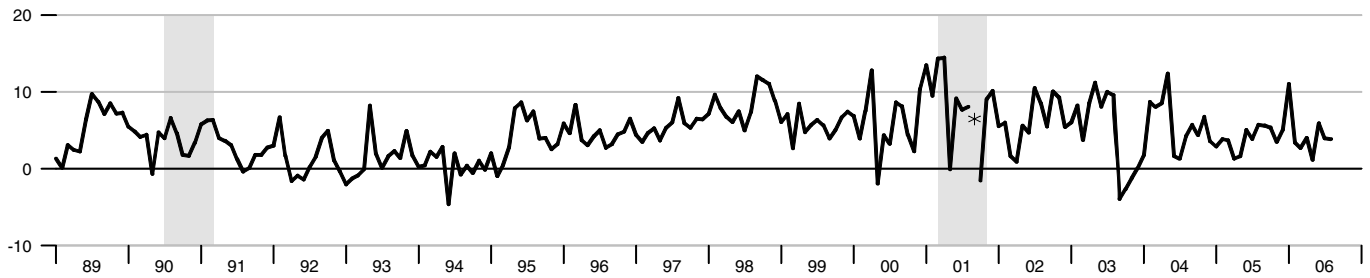
Percent change at an annual rate



*Actual value for September 2001 is 39.41 percent rate.

M2

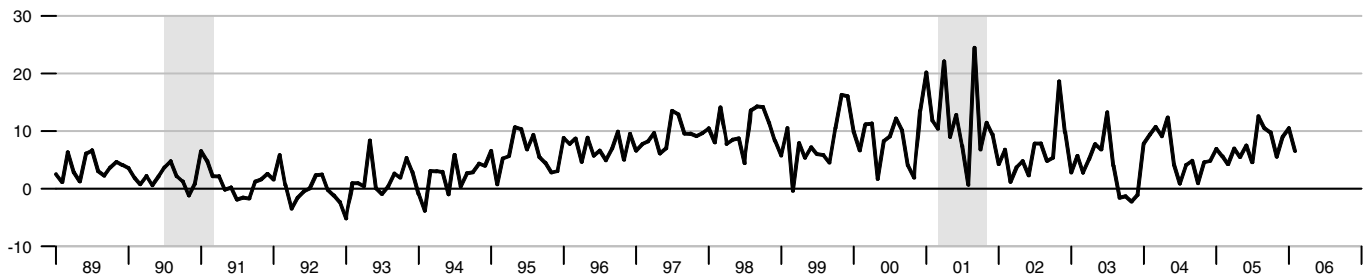
Percent change at an annual rate



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M3*

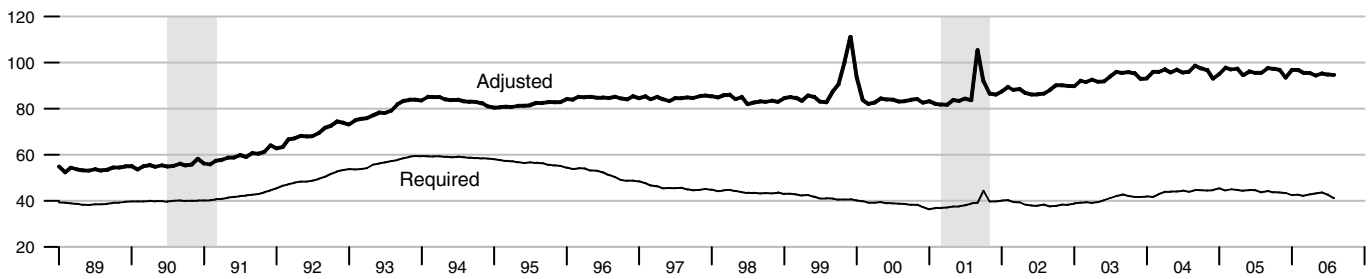
Percent change at an annual rate



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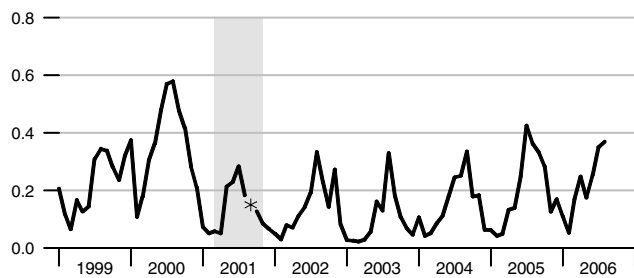
Adjusted and Required Reserves

Billions of dollars



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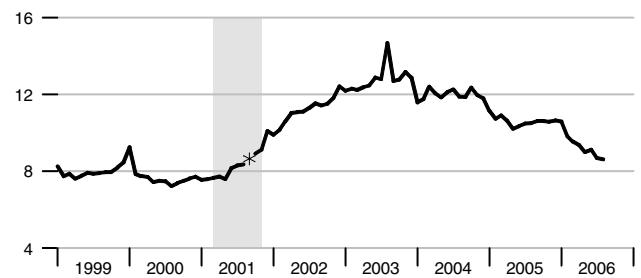
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*Actual value for September 2001 is \$3.4 billion.

Excess Reserves plus RCB Contracts

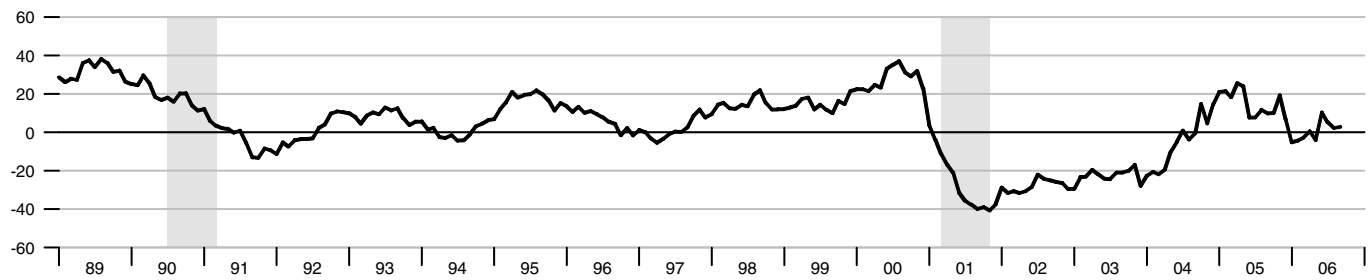
Billions of dollars



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Nonfinancial Commercial Paper

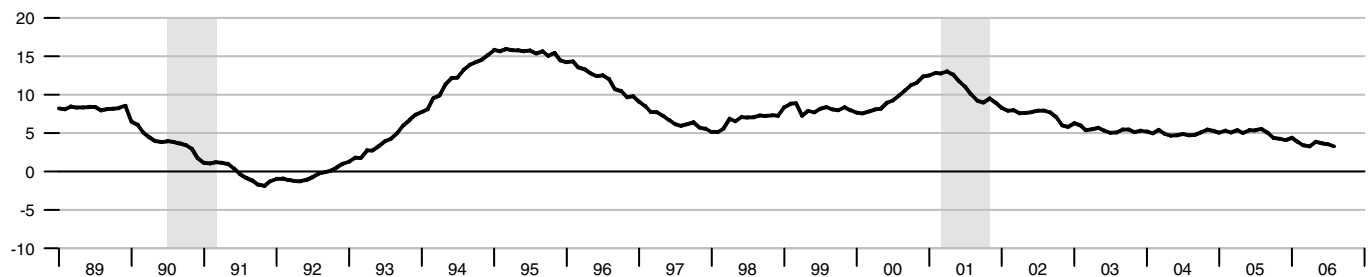
Percent change from year ago



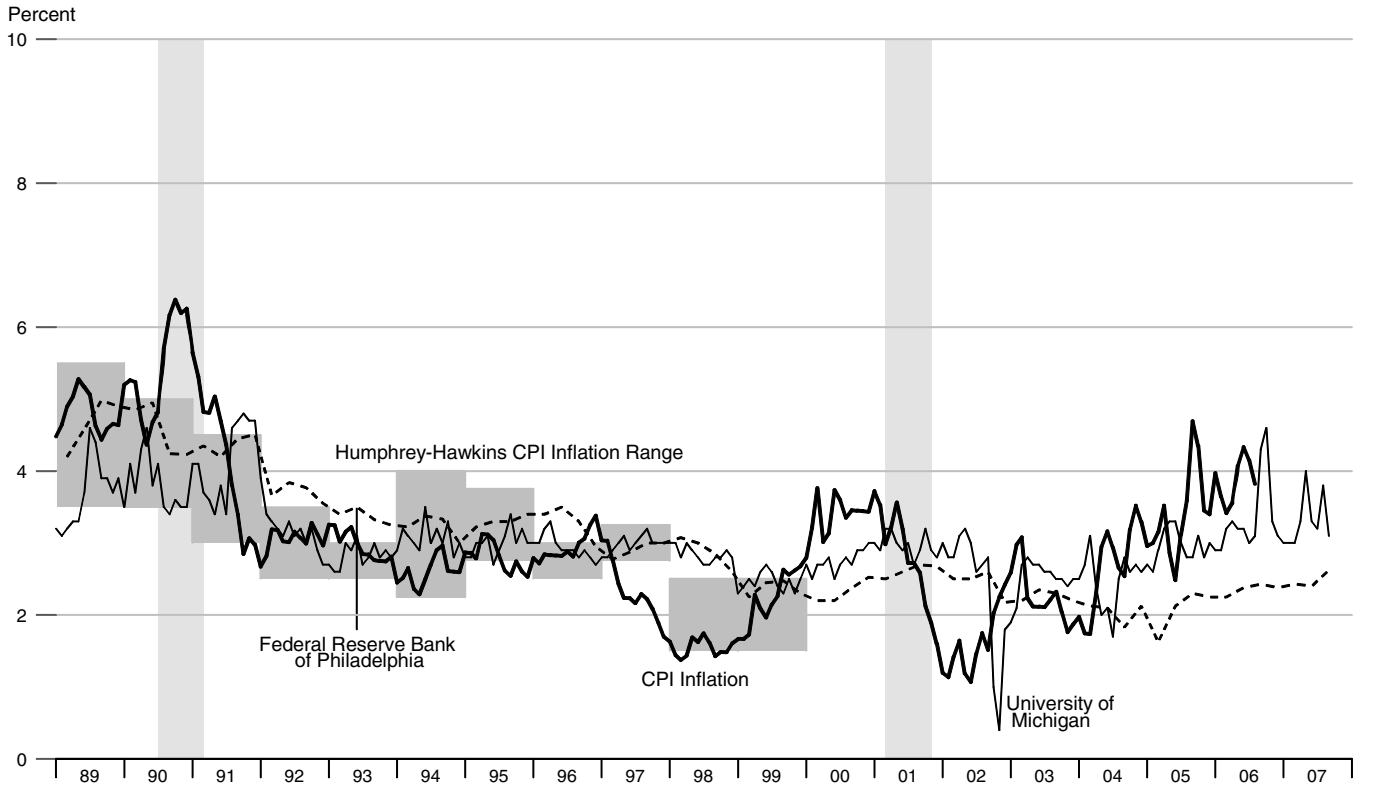
As of April 10, 2006, the Federal Reserve Board made major changes to its commercial paper calculations. For more information, please refer to <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp/about.htm>.

Consumer Credit

Percent change from year ago

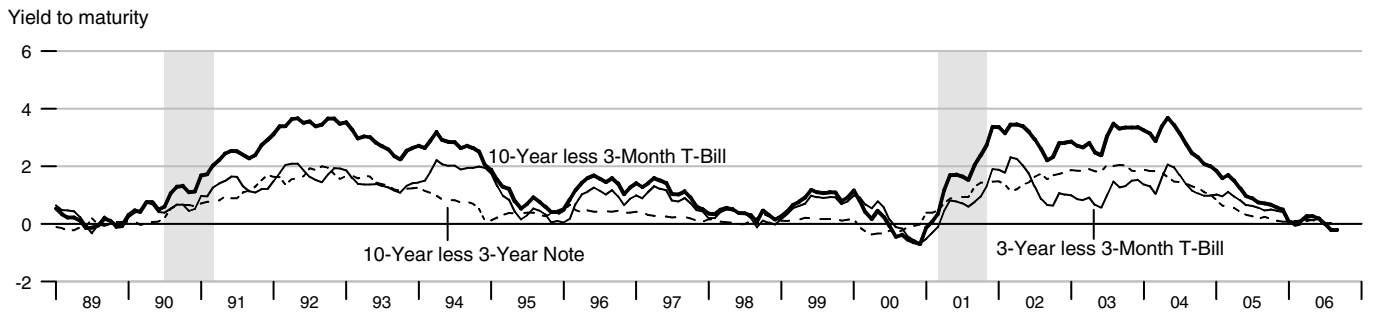


Inflation and 1-Year-Ahead Inflation Expectations

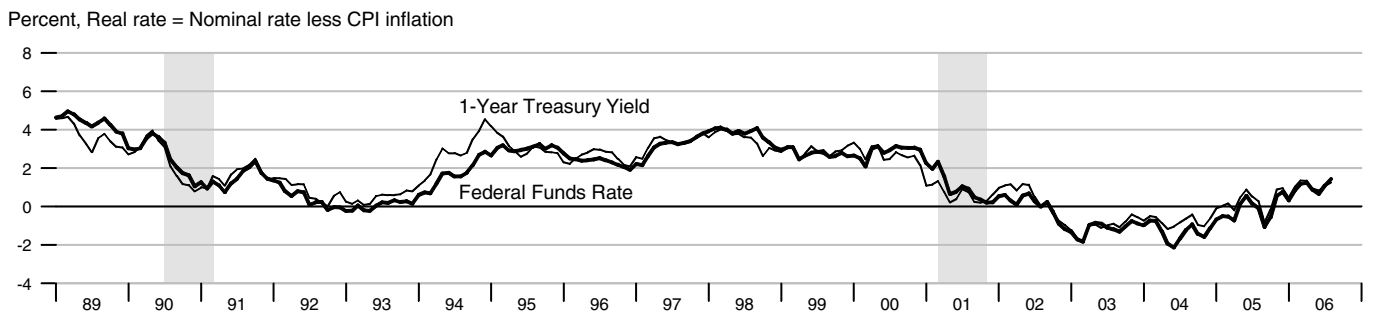


The shaded region shows the Humphrey-Hawkins CPI inflation range. Beginning in January 2000, the Humphrey-Hawkins inflation range was reported using the PCE price index and therefore is not shown on this graph. See notes on page 19.

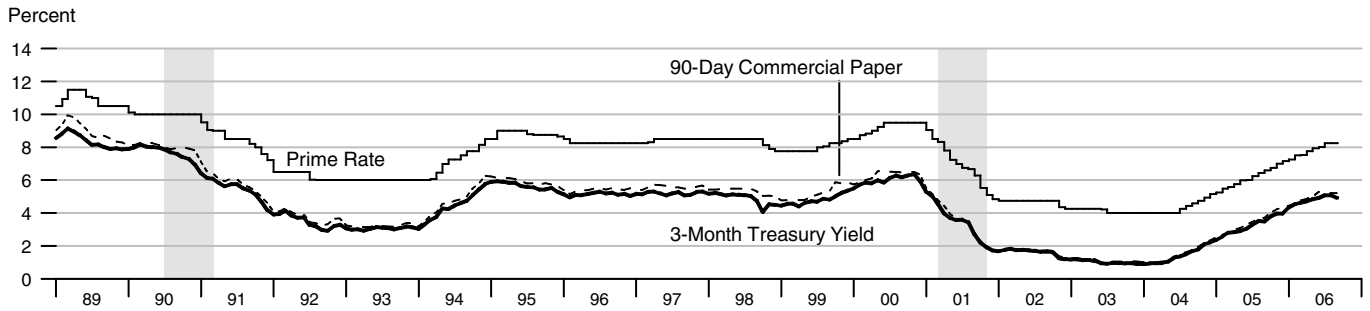
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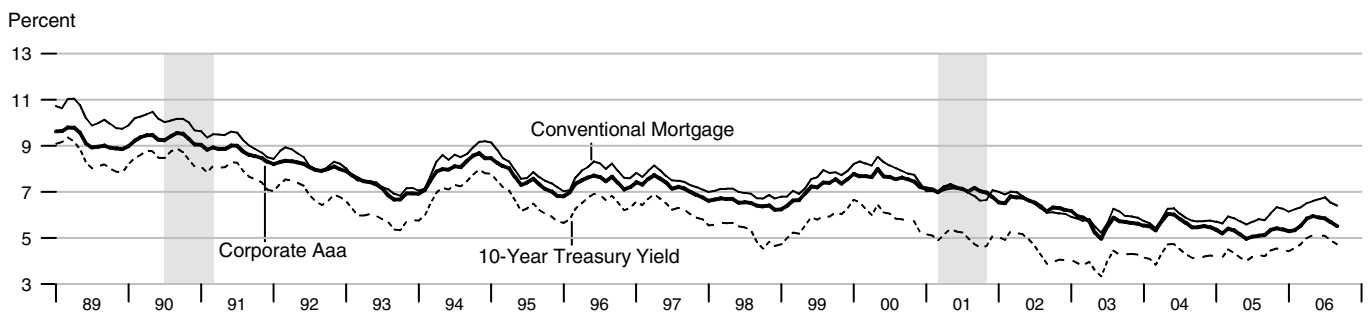
Real Interest Rates



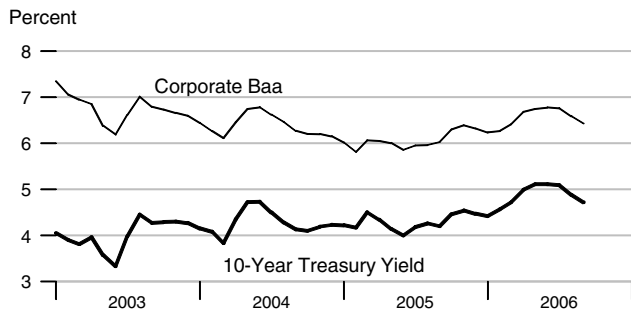
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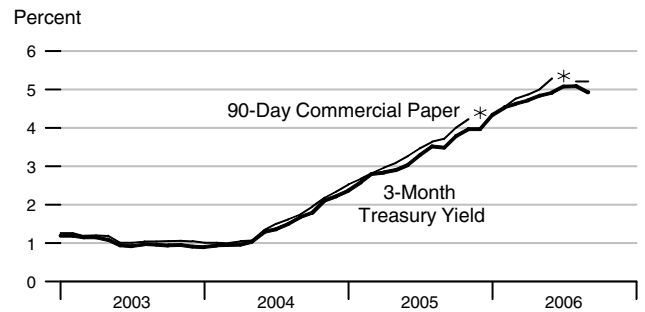
Long-Term Interest Rates



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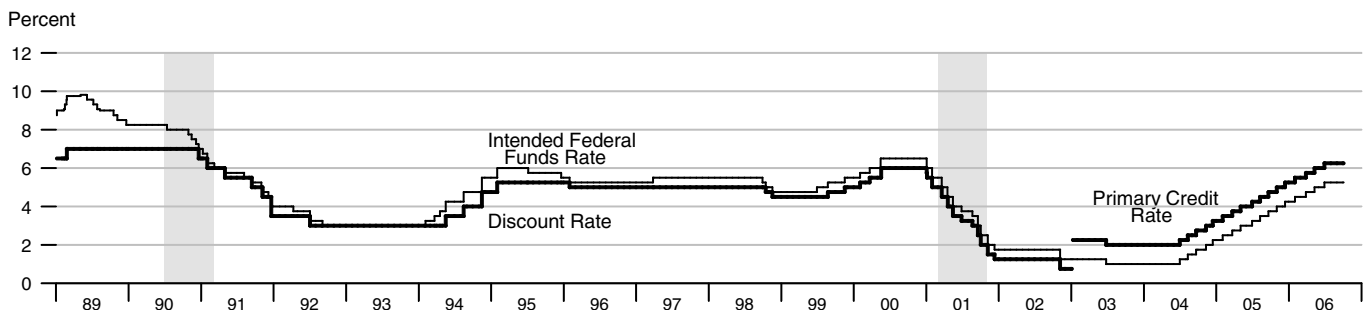


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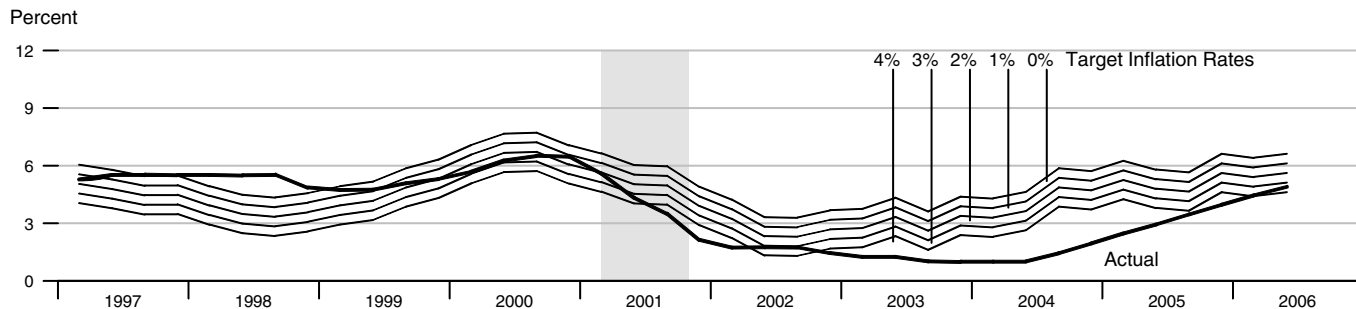


*90-Day Commercial Paper data are not available for December 2005, January 2006, and July 2006.

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



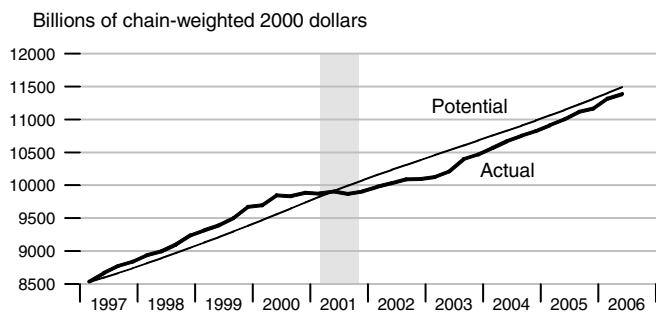
Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets



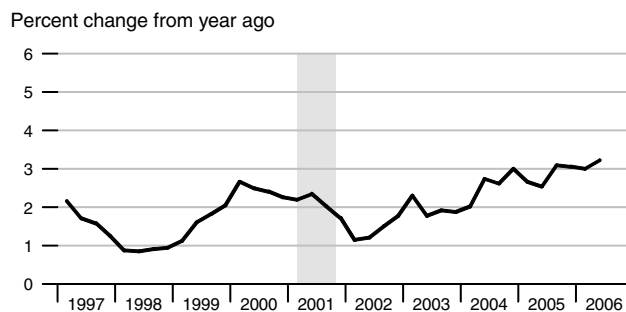
Calculated federal funds rate is based on Taylor's rule. See notes on page 19.

Components of Taylor's Rule

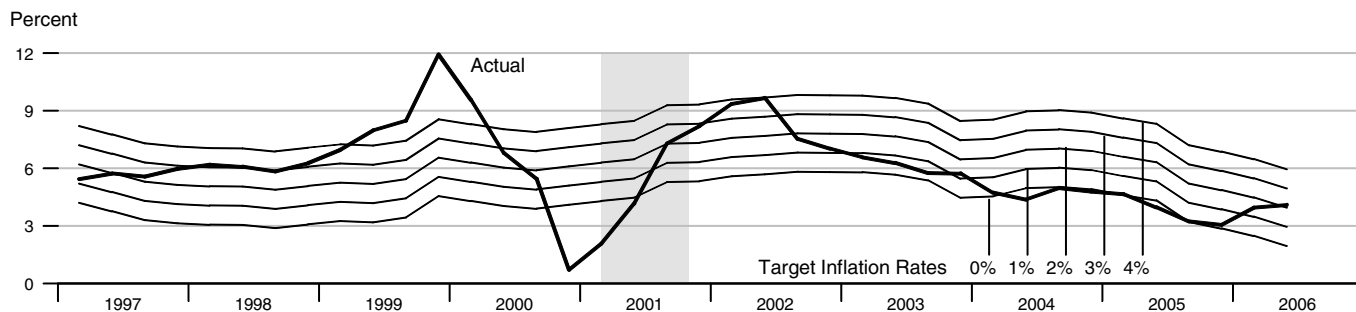
Actual and Potential Real GDP



PCE Inflation



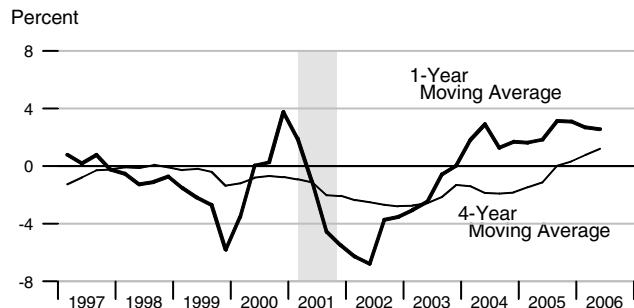
Monetary Base Growth* and Inflation Targets



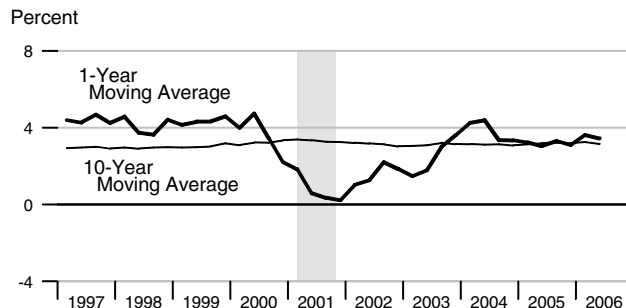
*Modified for the effects of sweeps programs on reserve demand. Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. Actual base growth is percent change from year ago. See notes on page 19.

Components of McCallum's Rule

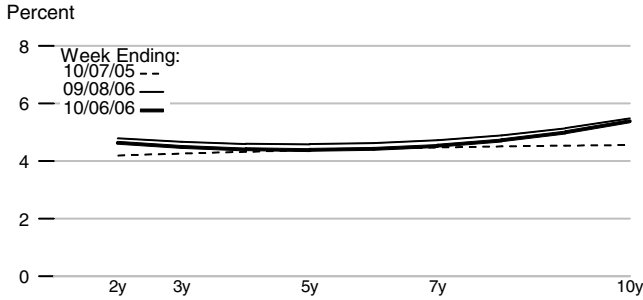
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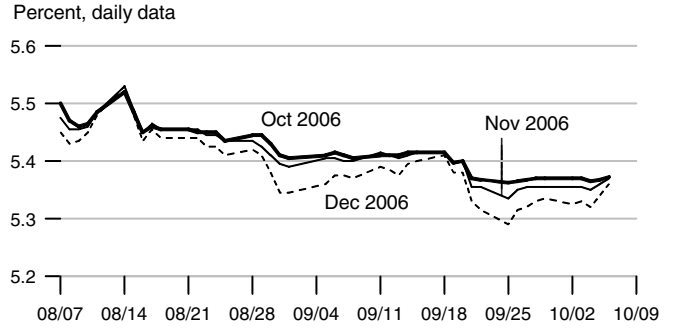
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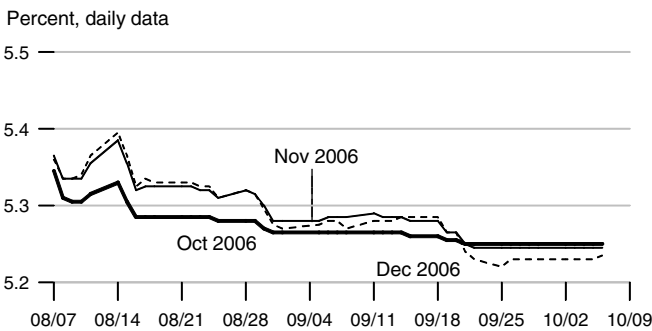
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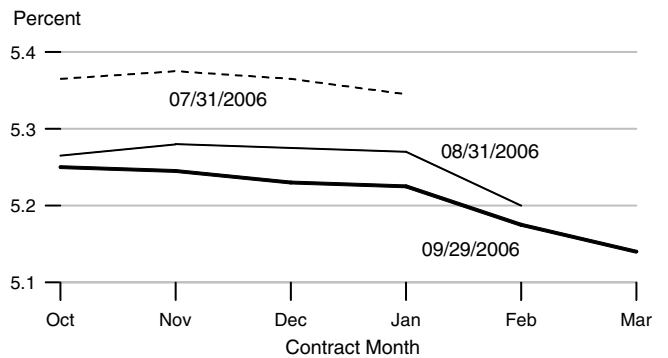
Rates on 3-Month Eurodollar Futures



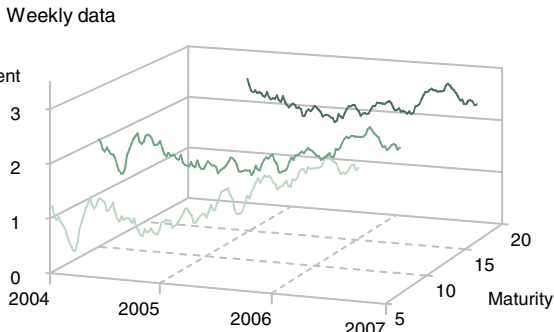
Rates on Selected Federal Funds Futures Contracts



Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates



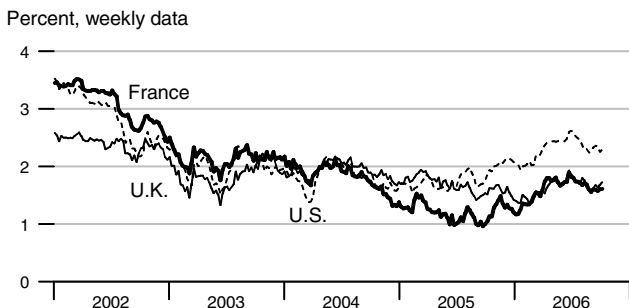
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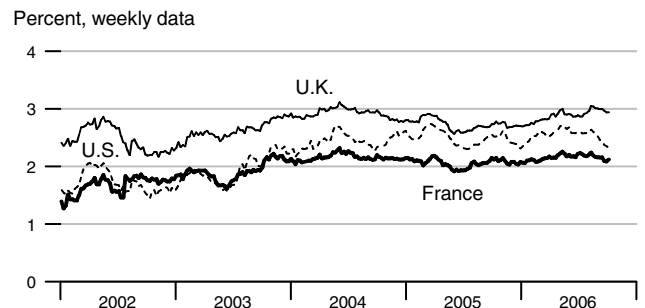
Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads



Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Notes

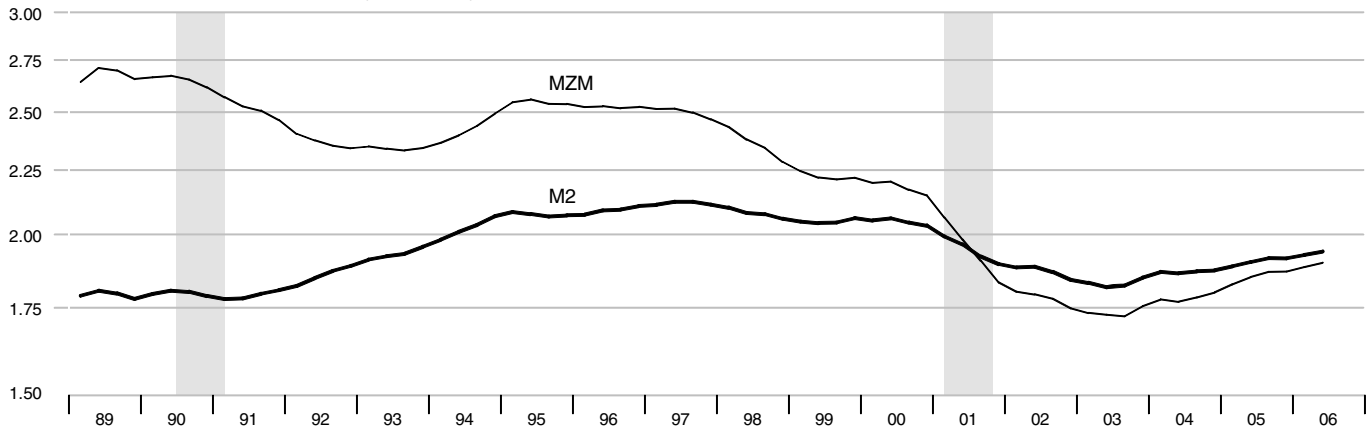


Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads



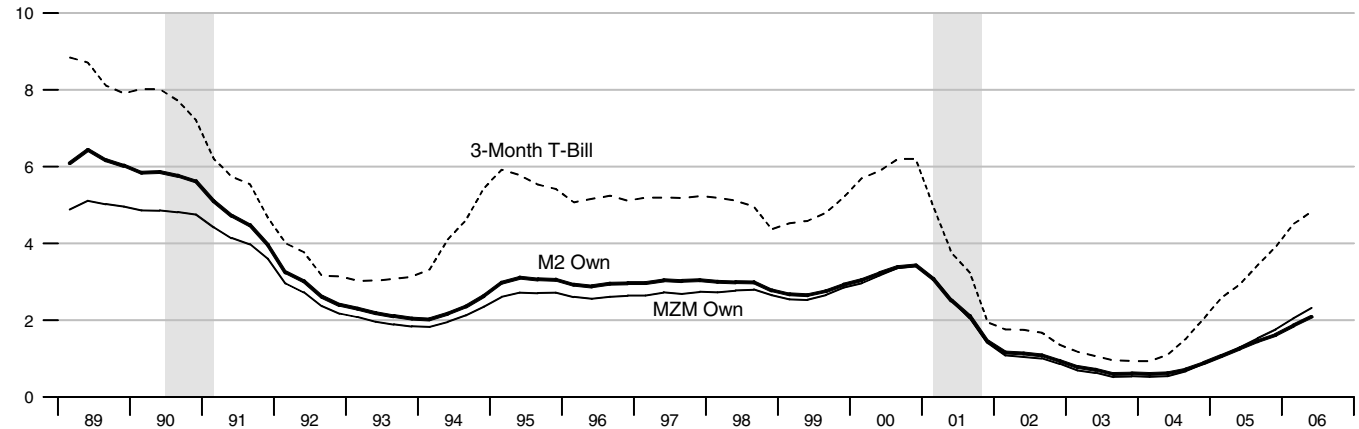
Velocity

Nominal GDP/MZM, Nominal GDP/M2 (Ratio Scale)



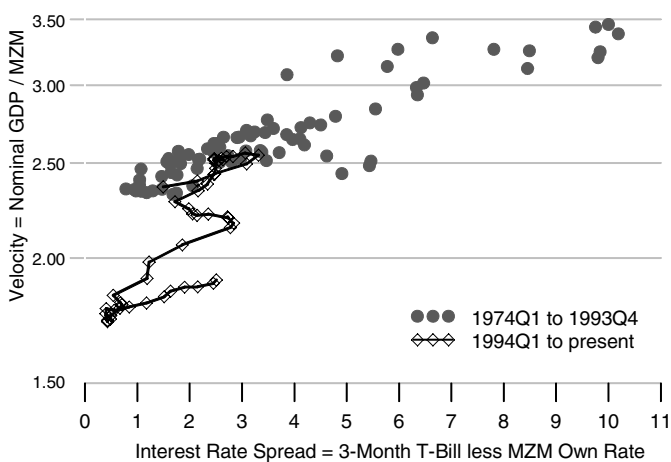
Interest Rates

Percent



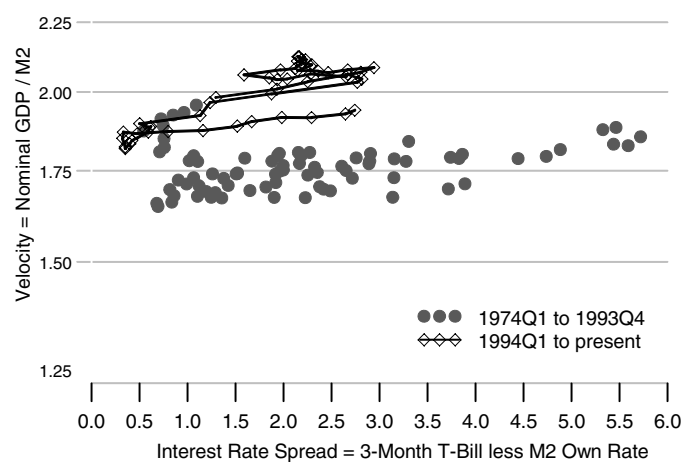
MZM Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale



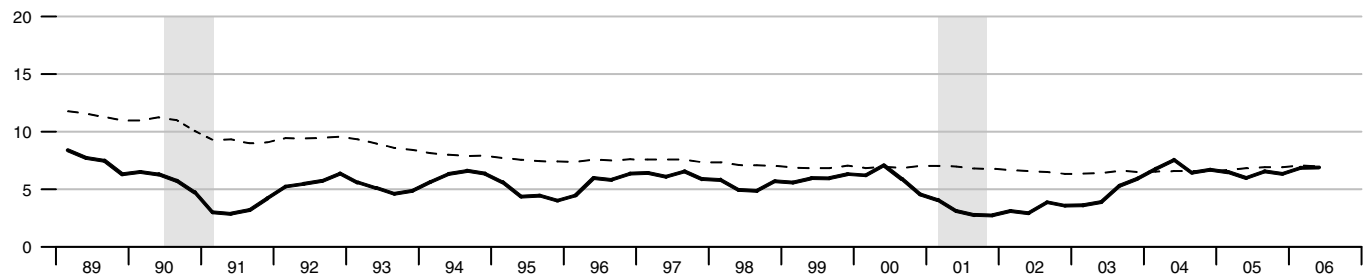
M2 Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale



Gross Domestic Product

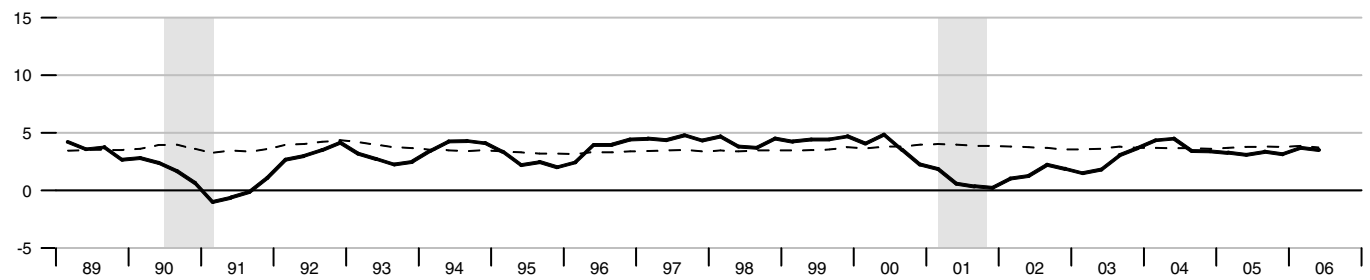
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Real Gross Domestic Product

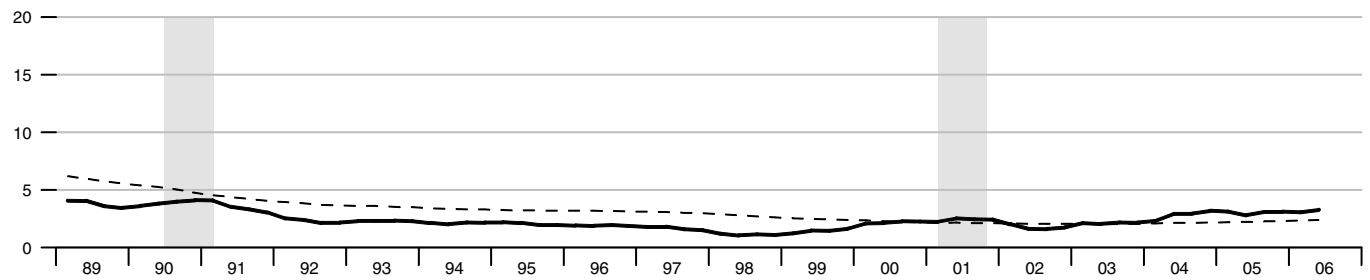
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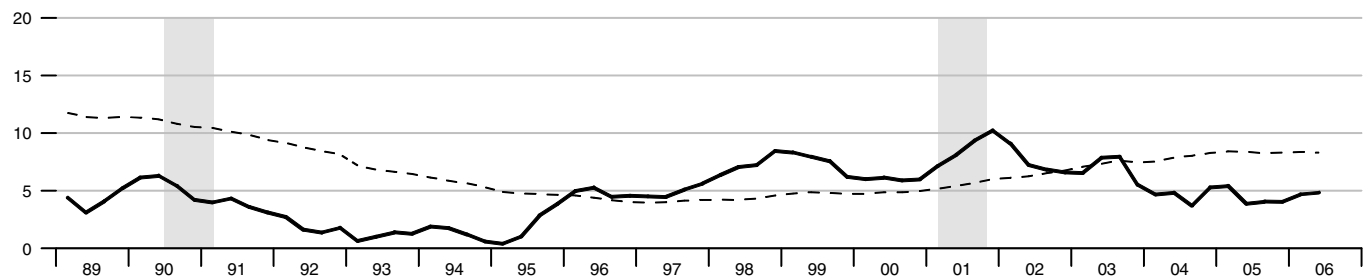
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M2

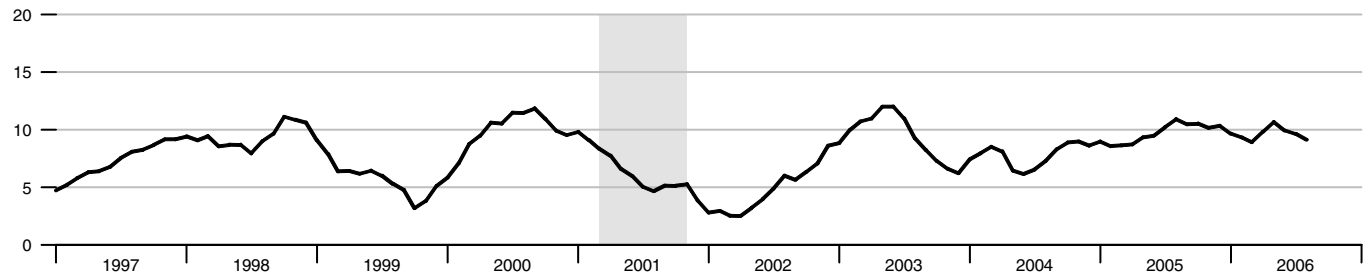
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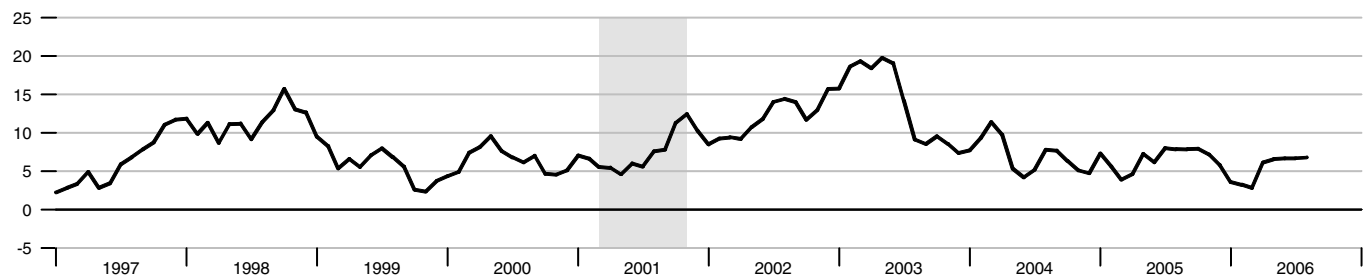
Bank Credit

Percent change from year ago



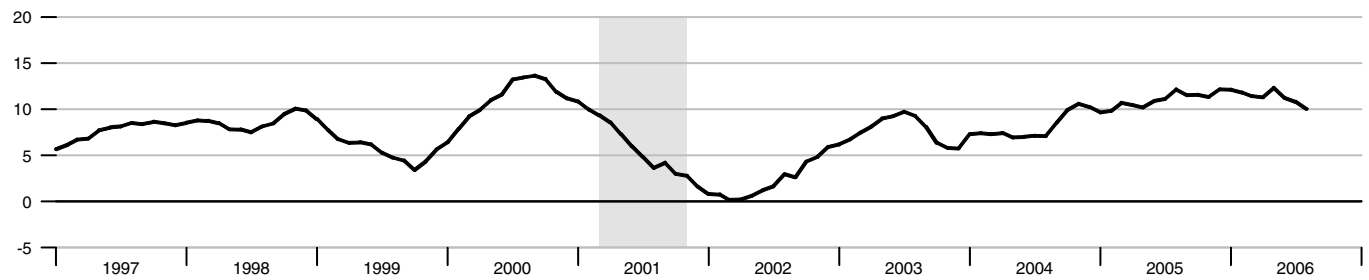
Investment Securities in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



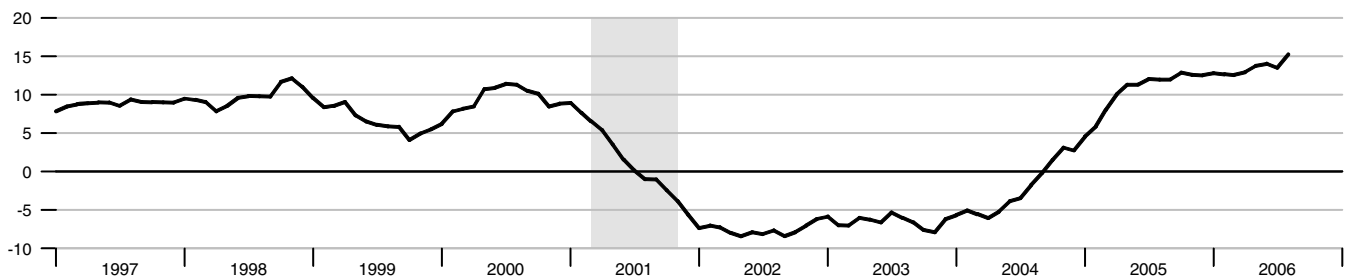
Total Loans and Leases in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago

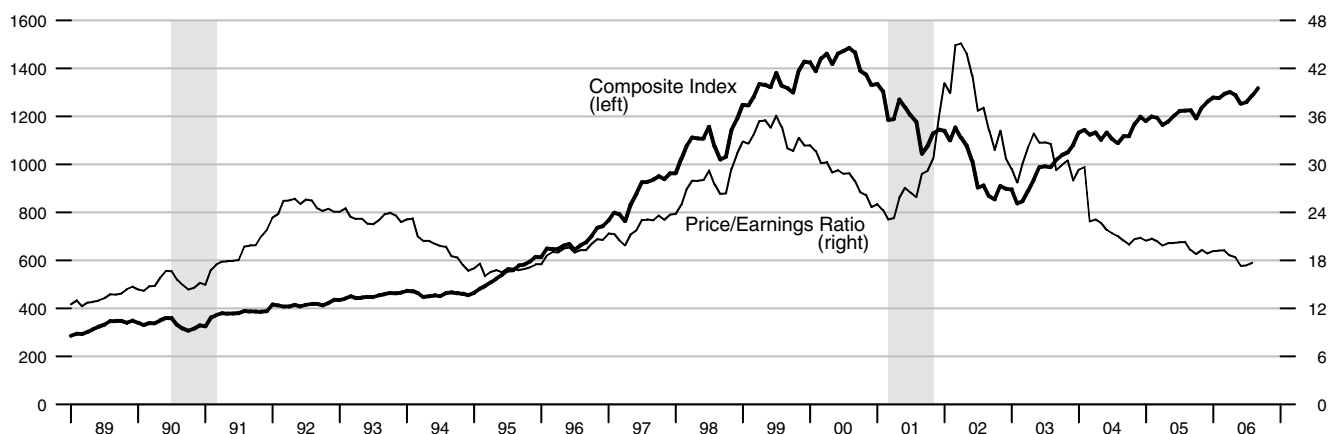


Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



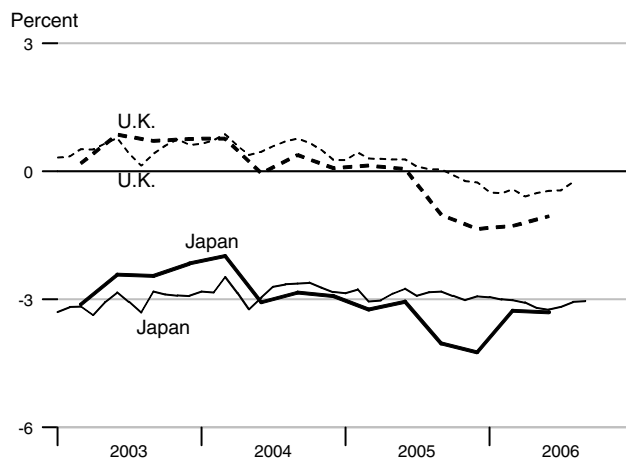
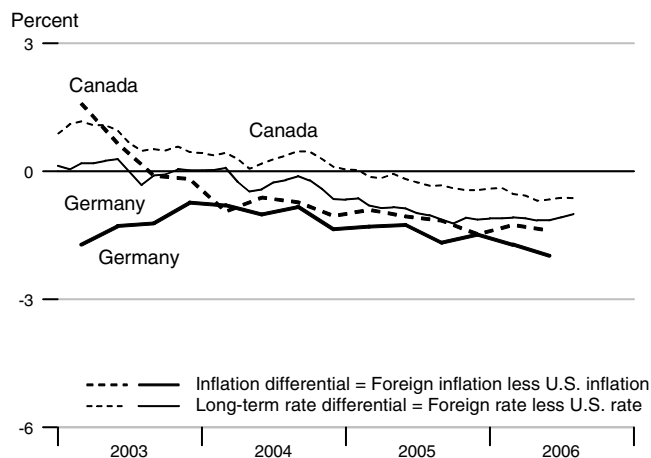
Standard & Poor's 500



Recent Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

	Consumer Price Inflation Rates				Long-Term Government Bond Rates			
	Percent change from year ago				Percent			
	2005Q3	2005Q4	2006Q1	2006Q2	Jun06	Jul06	Aug06	Sep06
United States	3.80	3.73	3.68	3.99	5.11	5.09	4.88	4.72
Canada	2.64	2.26	2.41	2.60	4.45	4.47	4.25	.
France	1.90	1.65	1.79	1.92	4.01	4.03	.	.
Germany	2.13	2.25	1.96	2.01	3.96	4.01	3.88	.
Italy	2.03	2.15	2.14	2.23	4.29	4.31	4.17	.
Japan	-0.24	-0.51	0.41	0.68	1.87	1.91	1.82	1.68
United Kingdom	2.78	2.38	2.39	2.93	4.65	4.64	4.63	.

Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rate Differentials



		Money Stock				Bank	Adjusted		MSI M2**
		M1	MZM	M2	M3*	Credit	Monetary Base	Reserves	
	2001	1140.196	5215.744	5213.352	7648.507	5345.100	641.167	86.172	271.477
	2002	1196.168	5881.085	5599.599	8259.055	5598.061	697.092	88.158	294.080
	2003	1273.742	6317.022	5989.196	8787.321	6123.176	740.929	93.313	315.192
	2004	1344.831	6570.629	6265.925	9234.718	6598.963	776.707	96.066	329.873
	2005	1371.928	6718.064	6537.799	9786.477	7240.030	806.301	96.225	343.539
2004	1	1318.426	6433.049	6117.729	9003.705	6428.136	761.428	95.033	322.050
	2	1338.981	6583.503	6249.253	9223.054	6557.111	771.146	96.603	328.960
	3	1352.759	6615.995	6308.045	9316.285	6650.015	782.783	96.802	332.111
	4	1369.157	6649.968	6388.674	9395.830	6760.588	791.470	95.825	336.371
2005	1	1369.986	6664.113	6449.092	9528.052	6989.016	798.244	96.652	339.356
	2	1371.132	6670.105	6491.159	9670.405	7160.047	802.639	96.070	341.280
	3	1373.802	6729.120	6564.215	9859.294	7350.871	808.384	96.275	344.766
	4	1372.790	6808.918	6646.730	10088.16	7460.185	815.935	95.904	348.753
2006	1	1381.003	6900.891	6750.797		7638.933	830.493	96.419	
	2	1384.677	6945.978	6805.335		7886.073	836.374	95.047	
2004	Aug	1354.226	6615.237	6305.449	9314.355	6637.273	781.531	96.031	331.953
	Sep	1360.617	6629.765	6335.385	9351.849	6707.005	786.354	98.682	333.496
	Oct	1360.929	6628.841	6358.534	9359.369	6721.211	792.254	97.567	334.816
	Nov	1374.264	6655.164	6394.248	9395.128	6762.234	793.883	96.832	336.675
	Dec	1372.279	6665.898	6413.240	9432.994	6798.320	788.274	93.076	337.622
2005	Jan	1367.184	6663.353	6428.717	9487.218	6892.855	793.547	95.106	338.366
	Feb	1369.649	6663.470	6449.368	9531.592	6993.425	800.277	97.806	339.355
	Mar	1373.125	6665.515	6469.192	9565.346	7080.769	800.908	97.043	340.347
	Apr	1366.589	6666.738	6476.258	9620.909	7106.068	802.316	97.424	340.663
	May	1371.286	6660.067	6485.011	9665.013	7158.765	800.589	94.581	340.941
	Jun	1375.520	6683.511	6512.208	9725.292	7215.308	805.012	96.206	342.235
	Jul	1369.874	6699.209	6533.214	9762.435	7281.048	805.957	95.514	343.275
	Aug	1377.475	6727.486	6564.344	9864.629	7361.563	807.369	95.621	344.739
	Sep	1374.058	6760.665	6595.088	9950.818	7410.002	811.826	97.691	346.285
	Oct	1374.478	6791.558	6624.538	10031.96	7429.203	816.092	97.334	347.590
	Nov	1375.173	6801.342	6643.856	10078.49	7449.835	816.780	96.854	348.603
	Dec	1368.720	6833.855	6671.797	10154.03	7501.517	814.934	93.525	350.067
2006	Jan	1382.212	6896.472	6733.102	10242.79	7558.398	825.246	96.843	353.032
	Feb	1375.876	6899.157	6752.061	10298.68	7645.375	832.436	96.866	353.943
	Mar	1384.920	6907.044	6767.229		7713.026	833.797	95.547	
	Apr	1390.623	6930.706	6789.797		7804.152	835.229	95.471	
	May	1393.573	6937.984	6796.395		7922.180	837.093	94.385	
	Jun	1369.834	6969.245	6829.813		7931.887	836.799	95.285	
	Jul	1372.301	6980.697	6852.309		7983.545	834.955	94.849	
	Aug	1368.843	7005.844	6874.342		8034.016	834.638	94.643	

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	S & L Aaa Bonds	Conventional Mortgage
						3-mo	3-yr	10-yr			
2001		3.89		6.92	3.69	3.47	4.08	5.02	7.08	5.01	6.97
2002		1.67		4.68	1.73	1.63	3.10	4.61	6.49	4.87	6.54
2003		1.13	2.11	4.12	1.15	1.03	2.11	4.02	5.67	4.52	5.82
2004		1.35	2.34	4.34	1.56	1.40	2.78	4.27	5.63	4.50	5.84
2005		3.21	4.19	6.19	3.51	3.21	3.93	4.29	5.23	4.28	5.86
2004	1	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.05	0.93	2.17	4.02	5.45	4.26	5.61
	2	1.01	2.00	4.00	1.25	1.10	2.98	4.60	5.93	4.82	6.13
	3	1.43	2.42	4.42	1.70	1.51	2.92	4.30	5.64	4.54	5.89
	4	1.95	2.94	4.94	2.25	2.04	3.05	4.17	5.48	4.39	5.73
2005	1	2.47	3.44	5.44	2.78	2.58	3.61	4.30	5.32	4.23	5.76
	2	2.94	3.91	5.91	3.23	2.93	3.73	4.16	5.15	4.15	5.72
	3	3.46	4.43	6.43	3.74	3.43	3.98	4.21	5.09	4.28	5.76
	4	3.98	4.97	6.97	4.30	3.91	4.37	4.49	5.38	4.45	6.22
2006	1	4.46	5.43	7.43	4.72	4.50	4.58	4.57	5.39	4.29	6.24
	2	4.91	5.90	7.90	5.18	4.83	4.98	5.07	5.89	4.36	6.60
	3	5.25	6.25	8.25	5.39	5.03	4.87	4.90	5.68		6.56
2004	Sep	1.61	2.58	4.58	1.86	1.68	2.83	4.13	5.46	4.40	5.75
	Oct	1.76	2.75	4.75	2.04	1.79	2.85	4.10	5.47	4.38	5.72
	Nov	1.93	2.93	4.93	2.26	2.11	3.09	4.19	5.52	4.45	5.73
	Dec	2.16	3.15	5.15	2.45	2.22	3.21	4.23	5.47	4.35	5.75
2005	Jan	2.28	3.25	5.25	2.61	2.37	3.39	4.22	5.36	4.24	5.71
	Feb	2.50	3.49	5.49	2.77	2.58	3.54	4.17	5.20	4.16	5.63
	Mar	2.63	3.58	5.58	2.97	2.80	3.91	4.50	5.40	4.29	5.93
	Apr	2.79	3.75	5.75	3.09	2.84	3.79	4.34	5.33	4.18	5.86
	May	3.00	3.98	5.98	3.22	2.90	3.72	4.14	5.15	4.20	5.72
	Jun	3.04	4.01	6.01	3.38	3.04	3.69	4.00	4.96	4.08	5.58
	Jul	3.26	4.25	6.25	3.57	3.29	3.91	4.18	5.06	4.18	5.70
	Aug	3.50	4.44	6.44	3.77	3.52	4.08	4.26	5.09	4.33	5.82
	Sep	3.62	4.59	6.59	3.87	3.49	3.96	4.20	5.13	4.34	5.77
	Oct	3.78	4.75	6.75	4.13	3.79	4.29	4.46	5.35	4.49	6.07
	Nov	4.00	5.00	7.00	4.31	3.97	4.43	4.54	5.42	4.42	6.33
	Dec	4.16	5.15	7.15	4.45	3.97	4.39	4.47	5.37	4.46	6.27
2006	Jan	4.29	5.26	7.26	4.56	4.34	4.35	4.42	5.29	4.27	6.15
	Feb	4.49	5.50	7.50	4.72	4.54	4.64	4.57	5.35	4.33	6.25
	Mar	4.59	5.53	7.53	4.88	4.63	4.74	4.72	5.53	4.29	6.32
	Apr	4.79	5.75	7.75	5.03	4.72	4.89	4.99	5.84	4.36	6.51
	May	4.94	5.93	7.93	5.15	4.84	4.97	5.11	5.95	4.38	6.60
	Jun	4.99	6.02	8.02	5.35	4.92	5.09	5.11	5.89	4.35	6.68
	Jul	5.24	6.25	8.25	5.46	5.08	5.07	5.09	5.85	4.41	6.76
	Aug	5.25	6.25	8.25	5.38	5.09	4.85	4.88	5.68	4.10	6.52
	Sep	5.25	6.25	8.25	5.34	4.93	4.69	4.72	5.51		6.40

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

		M1	MZM	M2	M3*
Percent change at an annual rate					
	2001	3.33	15.80	8.73	11.49
	2002	4.91	12.76	7.41	7.98
	2003	6.49	7.41	6.96	6.40
	2004	5.58	4.01	4.62	5.09
	2005	2.01	2.24	4.34	5.97
2004	1	5.89	2.64	3.29	5.43
	2	6.24	9.36	8.60	9.74
	3	4.12	1.97	3.76	4.04
	4	4.85	2.05	5.11	3.42
2005	1	0.24	0.85	3.78	5.63
	2	0.33	0.36	2.61	5.98
	3	0.78	3.54	4.50	7.81
	4	-0.29	4.74	5.03	9.29
2006	1	2.39	5.40	6.26	
	2	1.06	2.61	3.23	
2004	Aug	9.64	2.23	4.23	4.10
	Sep	5.66	2.64	5.70	4.83
	Oct	0.28	-0.17	4.38	0.96
	Nov	11.76	4.77	6.74	4.58
	Dec	-1.73	1.94	3.56	4.84
2005	Jan	-4.46	-0.46	2.90	6.90
	Feb	2.16	0.02	3.85	5.61
	Mar	3.05	0.37	3.69	4.25
	Apr	-5.71	0.22	1.31	6.97
	May	4.12	-1.20	1.62	5.50
	Jun	3.71	4.22	5.03	7.48
	Jul	-4.93	2.82	3.87	4.58
	Aug	6.66	5.07	5.72	12.56
	Sep	-2.98	5.92	5.62	10.48
	Oct	0.37	5.48	5.36	9.79
	Nov	0.61	1.73	3.50	5.57
	Dec	-5.63	5.74	5.05	8.99
2006	Jan	11.83	11.00	11.03	10.49
	Feb	-5.50	0.47	3.38	6.55
	Mar	7.89	1.37	2.70	
	Apr	4.94	4.11	4.00	
	May	2.55	1.26	1.17	
	Jun	-20.44	5.41	5.90	
	Jul	2.16	1.97	3.95	
	Aug	-3.02	4.32	3.86	

*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. **Large Time Deposits** are deposits of \$100,000 or more. **Retail and Institutional Money Market Mutual Funds** are as included in M2 and the non-M2 component of M3, respectively.

Page 7: **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 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 CPI inflation.

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 as estimated by the Congressional Budget Office.

Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets shows the quarterly growth of the adjusted monetary base (modified to include an estimate of the effect of sweep programs) implied by applying McCallum's (1988, 1993) equation

$$\Delta MB_t^* = \pi^* + (10\text{-year moving average growth of real GDP}) - (4\text{-year moving average of base velocity growth})$$

to five alternative target inflation rates, $\pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ percent, where ΔMB_t^* is the implied growth rate of the adjusted monetary base. The 10-year moving average growth of real GDP for a quarter t is calculated as the average quarterly growth during the previous 40 quarters, at an annual rate, by the formula $((y_t - y_{t-40})/40) \times 400$, where y_t is the log of real GDP. The 4-year moving average of base velocity growth is calculated similarly. To adjust the monetary base for the effect of retail-deposit sweep programs, we add to the monetary base an amount equal to 10 percent of the total amount swept, as estimated by the Federal Reserve Board staff. These estimates are imprecise, at best. Sweep program data are found at research.stlouisfed.org/aggreg/swdata.html.

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 $m = 1, \dots, 10$ 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 8/16/2013, and the current U.S. note has a maturity date of 7/15/2016. **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 2000 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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Bureau of Labor Statistics: CPI.

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Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Eurodollar futures.

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