

## 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 Reuters 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/agggreg/swdata.html](http://research.stlouisfed.org/agggreg/swdata.html).

*Page 7:* The asset groups are aggregates of the following categories on the H.4.1: **Short-term lending to financial firms and markets** is the sum of repurchase agreements, term auction credit, commercial paper funding facility, central bank liquidity swaps, money market investor funding facility, other loans (less AIG loan), and other assets. **Rescue operations** is the sum of credit extended to AIG, and net

portfolio holdings of Maiden Lanes I, II and III. **Operations focused on long term credit conditions** is the sum of Federal Reserve agency obligations held outright, mortgage backed securities, the term asset-backed securities loan facility (TALF), and the TALF LLC. **Traditional portfolio** is the sum of treasury securities, gold certificate account, special drawing rights, coin, items in process of collection, and bank premises. On the liability side, **Source base** is the sum of deposits of depository institutions and Federal Reserve notes. **Treasury financing account** appears on the H.4.1. **Traditional liabilities and capital account** is the sum of deferred availability cash items, foreign official account deposits, U.S. Treasury general account, accrued dividends, reverse repurchase agreements, other deposits, and capital accounts. H.4.1 data are not seasonally adjusted.

*Page 8:* **Federal Reserve Holdings of U.S. Treasury Securities** include nominal and inflation-indexed securities and the compensation that adjusts for the effect of inflation on the original face value of inflation-indexed securities (inflation compensation). **Term Auction Credit** are collateralized, term funds (28-day) that are auctioned to depository institutions under the temporary Term Auction Facility. Term Auction Credit became a Federal Reserve balance sheet item as of December 27, 2007. For more information on the Term Auction Facility, see <http://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/taf.htm>.

*Page 9:* Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.4.1 release. For more information on these programs, see <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/recentactions.htm>.

*Page 10:* 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 11:* Yields on the 10-year U.S. Treasury security, Aaa- and Baa-rated corporate bonds, and the interest rate on 3-year conforming mortgages appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release. The interest rates on jumbo mortgages (typically, mortgages in excess of \$417,000) are listed in the *Wall Street Journal*.

*Page 12:* **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 13:* **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 15:* **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 16:* **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 17:* 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/](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/summary/).

*Page 18:* 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 19: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 and H.4.1 releases. **Retail Money Funds** are included in M2. **Institutional Money Funds** are not part of M2; they used to be included in M3, which was discontinued as of March 23, 2006. See [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h6/discm3.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h6/discm3.htm).

**Total Borrowings** include loans to depository institutions for (i) primary, secondary, and seasonal credit and (ii) primary dealer and other broker-dealer credit. This category also includes the asset-backed commercial paper money market mutual fund liquidity facility, credit extended to American International Group, Inc., term asset-backed securities loan facility, and other credit extensions. Term auction credit is excluded. Data and recent information regarding Federal Reserve lending programs appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.4.1 release at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h41/Current/>.

Page 20: 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 21: Current data appear at [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp/outstandings.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp/outstandings.htm).

Page 22: **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.

## Sources

### *Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*

Monetary aggregates and components: H.6 release. Bank credit: H.8 release. Total Borrowings and Federal Reserve Balance Sheet Items: H.4.1 release. Interest rates: H.15 release. Exchange rates: H.10 release. Commercial paper: Board of Governors web site.

### *Chicago Board of Trade*

Federal funds futures contract.

### *Dow Jones Indexes*

Dow Jones Industrial Average.

### *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis*

Adjusted monetary base, adjusted reserves, and MZM.

### *NASDAQ Stock Market, Incorporated*

NASDAQ Composite®.

### *Standard & Poor's*

Standard & Poor's 500 composite index.

### *U.S. Department of the Treasury*

U.S. inflation-indexed security yields.

### *Wall Street Journal*

Jumbo mortgage interest rates, oil (West Texas intermediate) and natural gas (Henry Hub) spot and futures prices.

### *Wilshire Associates Incorporated (www.wilshire.com)*

Wilshire 5000®.

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