

Monetary Trends



The Balance of Risks

At its March 19, 2002, meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) concluded that for the foreseeable future the risks of economic weakness and of heightened inflation pressures are balanced. This was the first time since February 2000, when the FOMC began to issue statements about such risks, that the Committee issued a statement indicating balance. This meeting was also the second consecutive meeting at which the FOMC did *not* change its federal funds rate target despite the fact that the Committee statement from its immediately prior meeting had indicated that “the risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness in the foreseeable future.” In the past, whenever the FOMC had issued such a statement at one meeting, it had cut its funds rate target at (or before) the next scheduled meeting. Many analysts had begun to interpret this statement—that risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness—as almost a guarantee of a target cut at the next FOMC meeting.

The table summarizes how FOMC statements about risks issued at one meeting have been followed by federal funds rate target actions at or before subsequent scheduled meetings since February 2000. On 11 of 13 occasions when the FOMC issued a statement that risks were weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness (“Weakness”), the FOMC cut its funds rate target at or before the subsequent scheduled meeting by either 25 or 50 basis points. Three of these cuts were made between scheduled meetings, and on each of these three occasions the FOMC issued a new statement to the effect that risks were weighted mainly toward economic weakness.

By contrast, the FOMC changed its funds rate target at only two of seven meetings following a meeting at which the Committee had concluded that risks were weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate heightened inflation pressures (“Inflation”). Clearly, an FOMC statement that risks are weighted more toward economic weakness or toward inflation pressures has been no guarantee of a target change at or before the next meeting. Nevertheless, when the FOMC *has* changed its target, the change always has been in the direction one might forecast on the basis of the risks statement issued at the previous meeting. For example, the target has never been cut when the statement issued at the previous meeting indicated that risks are weighted toward conditions that may generate heightened inflation pressures.

In addition to indicating the Committee’s views about economic risks over the foreseeable future, the statement issued at the conclusion of the March 19, 2002, FOMC meeting for the first time also reported the roll call vote on the funds rate target taken at the meeting. As with the risks statement, the decision to announce the vote on the target at each meeting is sure to attract close scrutiny from those hoping to divine the Committee’s next moves. It remains to be seen whether such information adds to the predictability of target changes.

—David C. Wheelock

Balance of Risk Statements and Subsequent Target Actions Since February 2000

Risk statement at previous meeting	Target cut	No change in target	Target increase
Weakness	11	2	0
Inflation	0	5	2



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Conventions used in this publication:

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

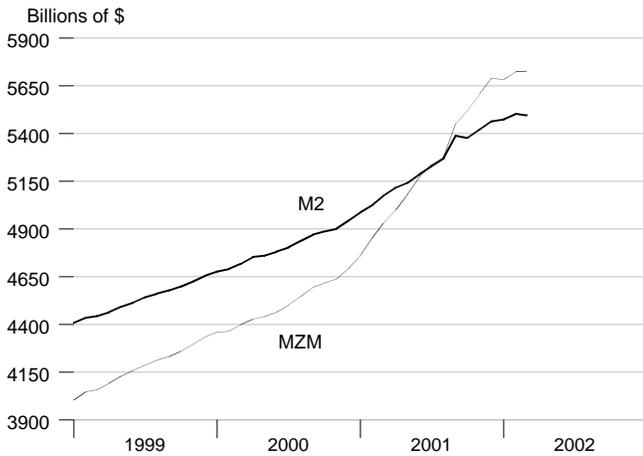
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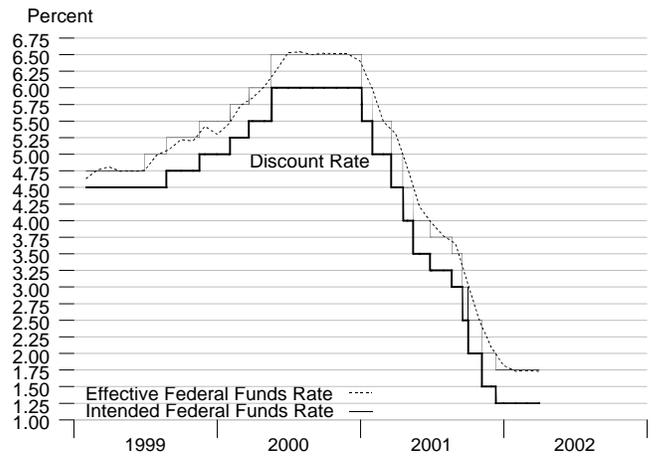
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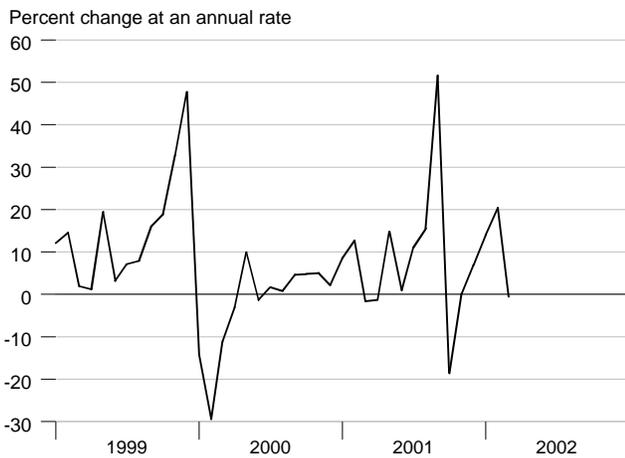
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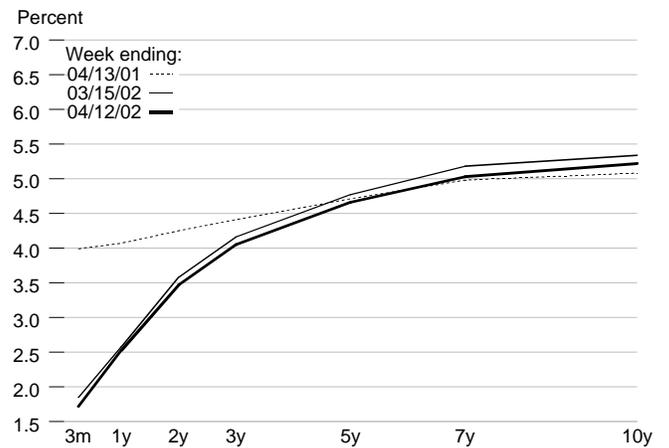
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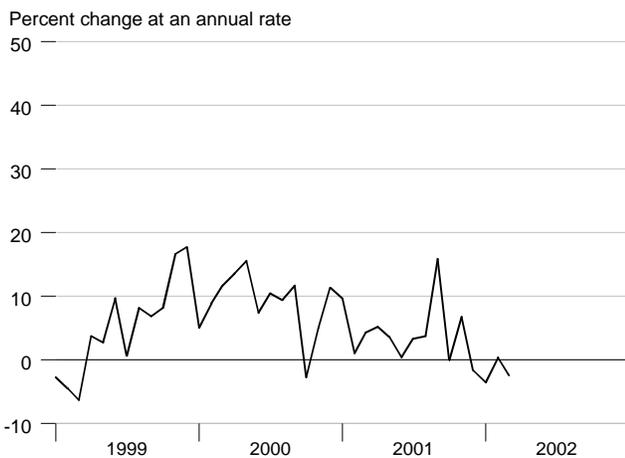
Adjusted Monetary Base



Treasury Yield Curve



Total Bank Credit

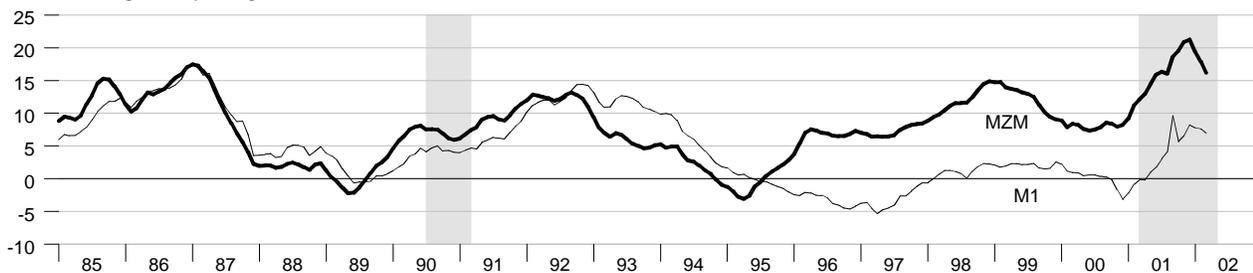


Interest Rates

	Jan 02	Feb 02	Mar 02
Federal Funds Rate	1.73	1.74	1.73
Discount Rate	1.25	1.25	1.25
Prime Rate	4.75	4.75	4.75
Conventional Mortgage Rate	7.00	6.89	7.01
Treasury Yields:			
3-month constant maturity	1.68	1.76	1.83
6-month constant maturity	1.77	1.86	2.06
1-year constant maturity	2.16	2.23	2.57
3-year constant maturity	3.56	3.55	4.14
5-year constant maturity	4.34	4.30	4.74
10-year constant maturity	5.04	4.91	5.28

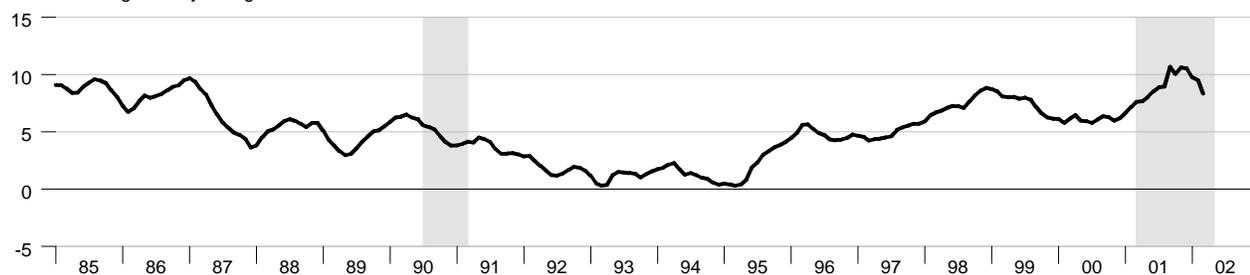
MZM and M1

Percent change from year ago



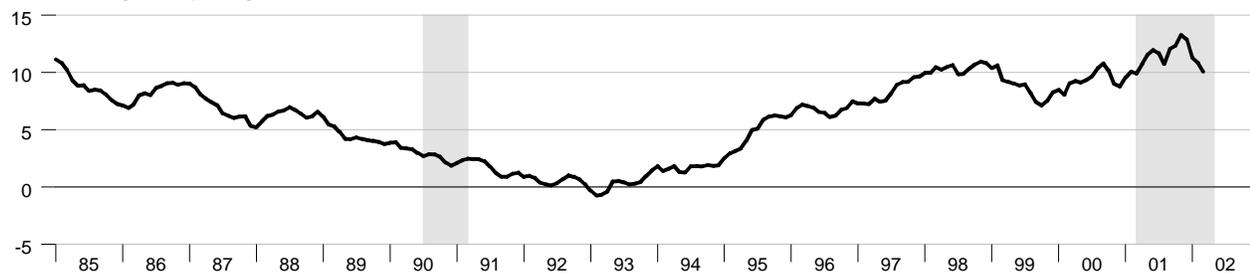
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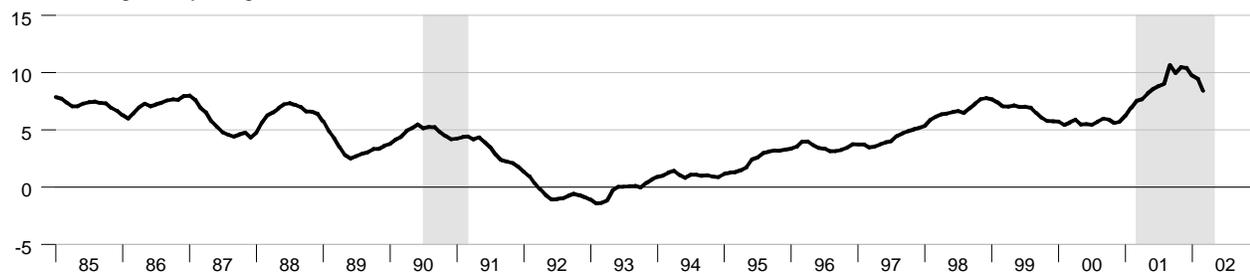
M3

Percent change from year ago



Monetary Services Index - M2

Percent change from year ago



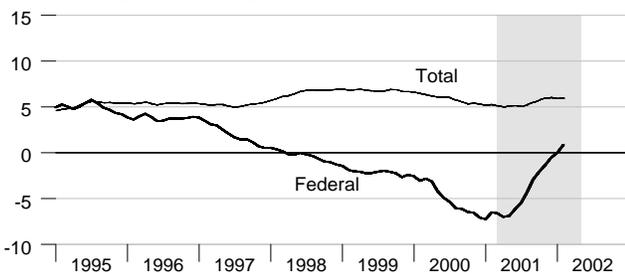
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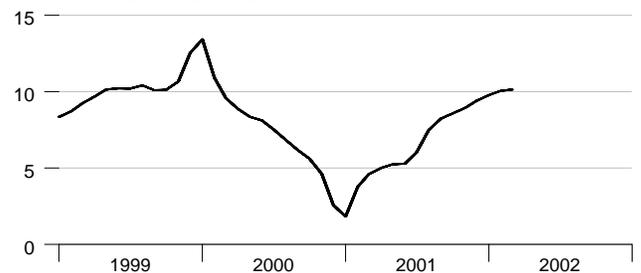
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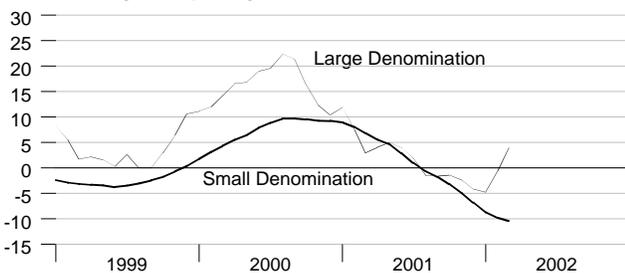
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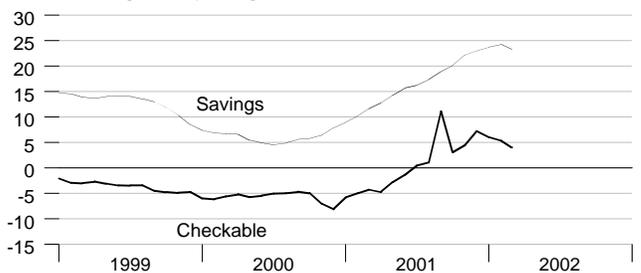
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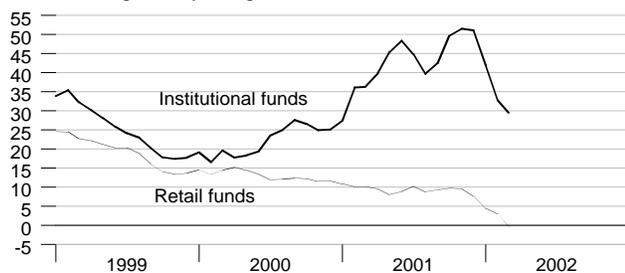
Checkable and Savings Deposits

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Money Market Mutual Fund Shares

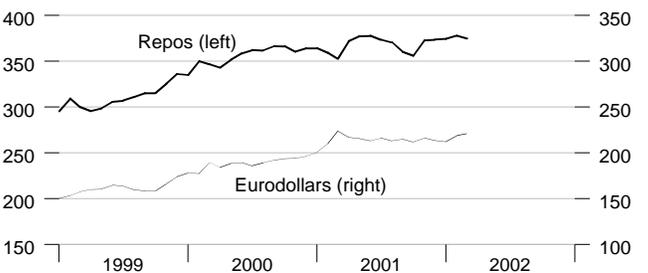
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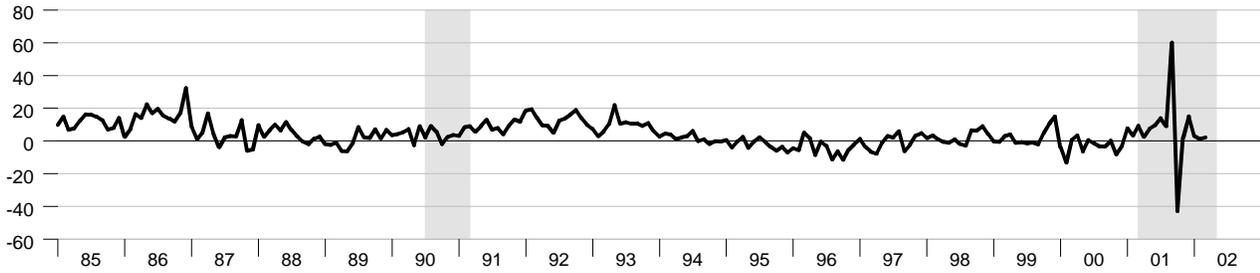
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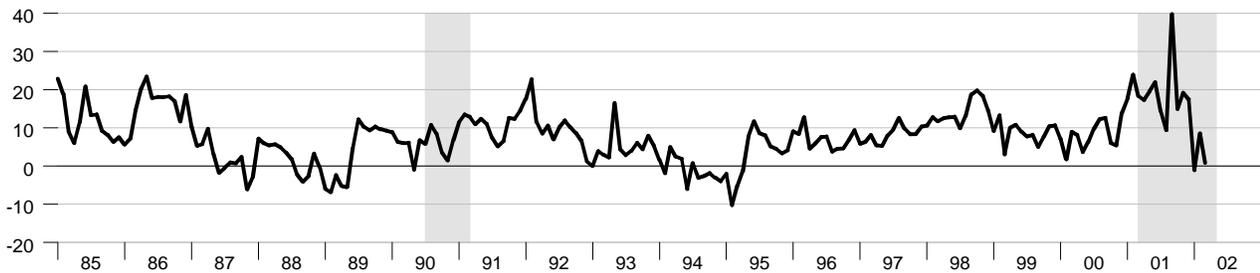
M1

Percent change at an annual rate



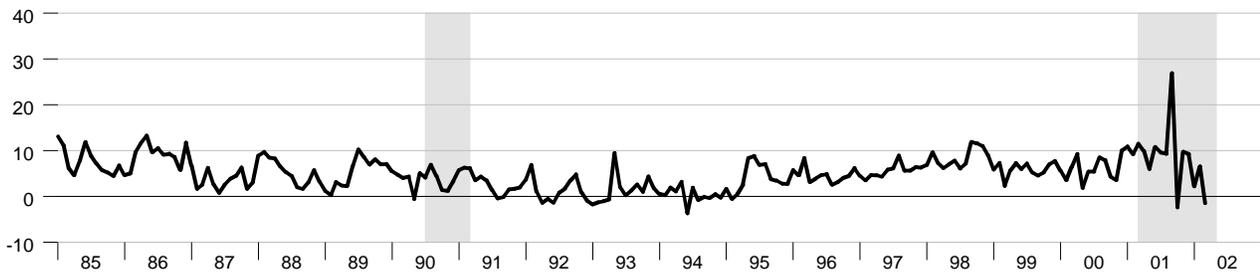
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Percent change at an annual rate



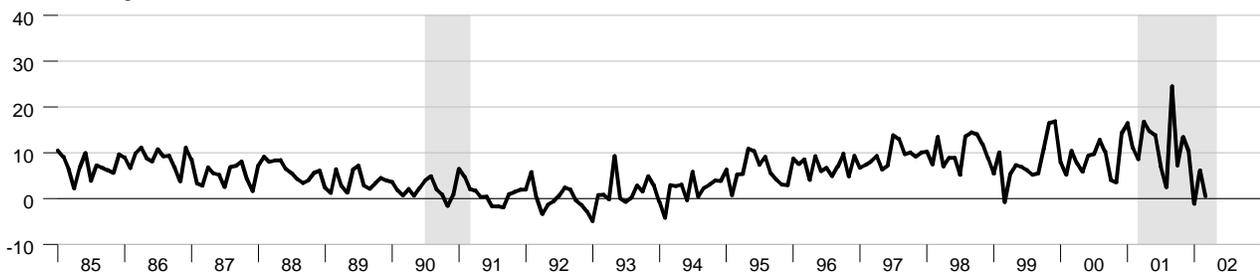
M2

Percent change at an annual rate

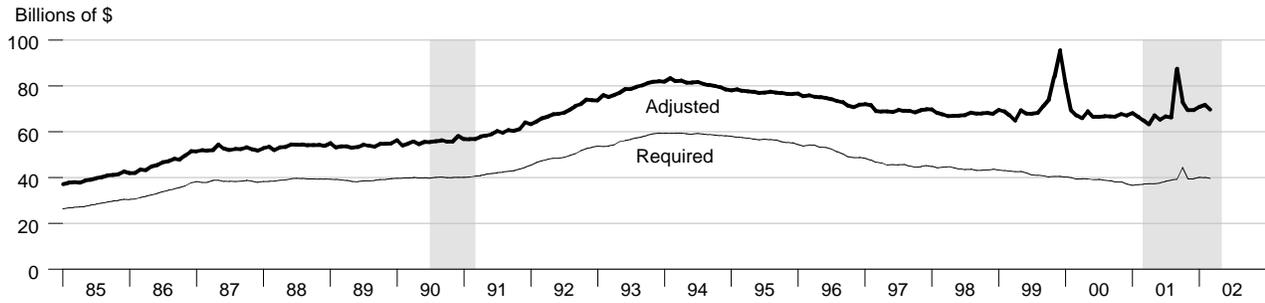


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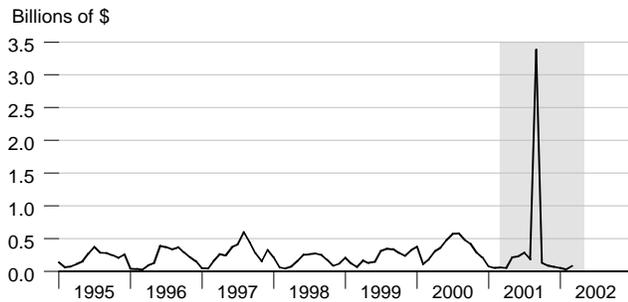
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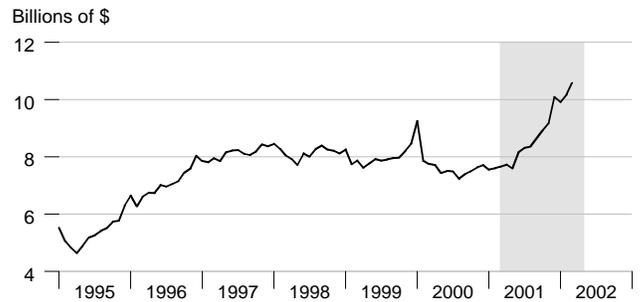
Adjusted and Required Reserves



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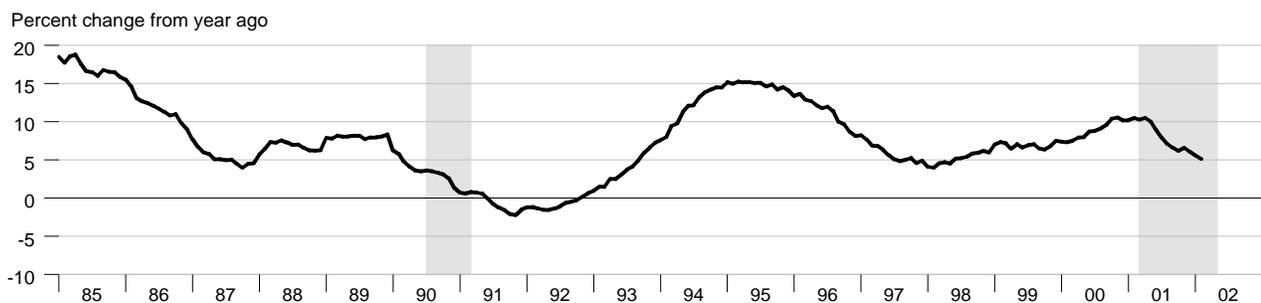
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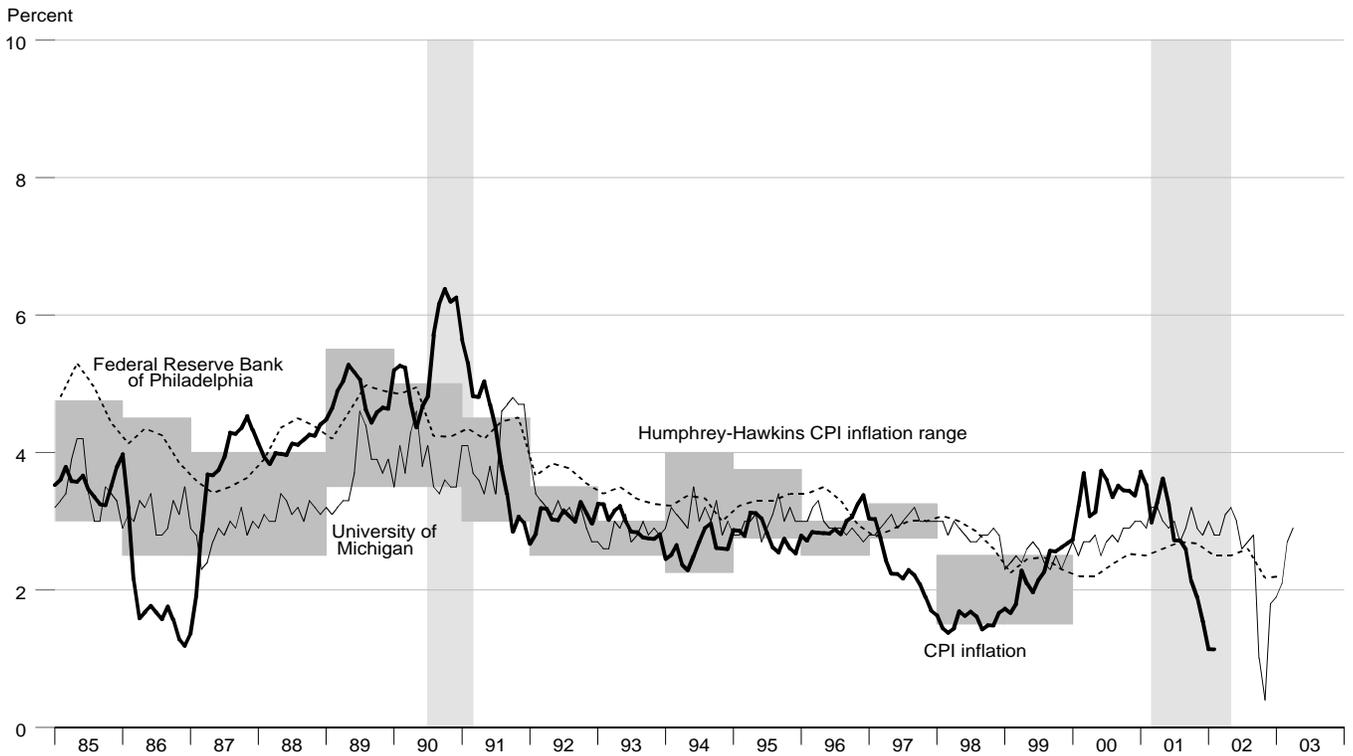
Nonfinancial Commercial Paper



Consumer Credit

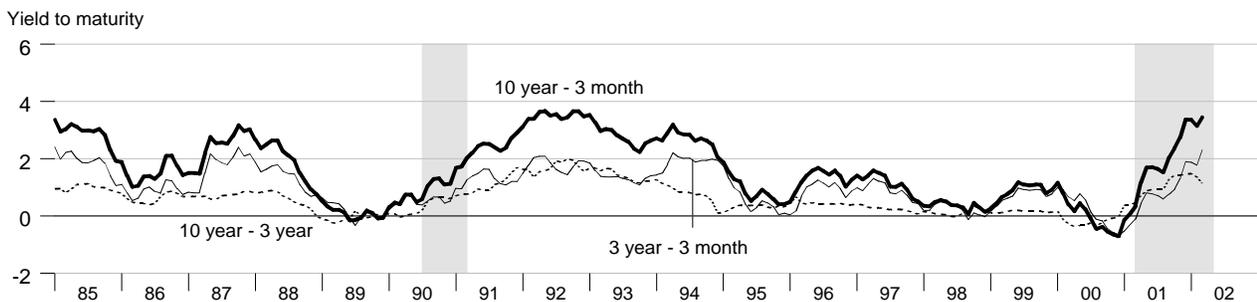


Inflation and Inflation Expectations



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 page 19 for information.

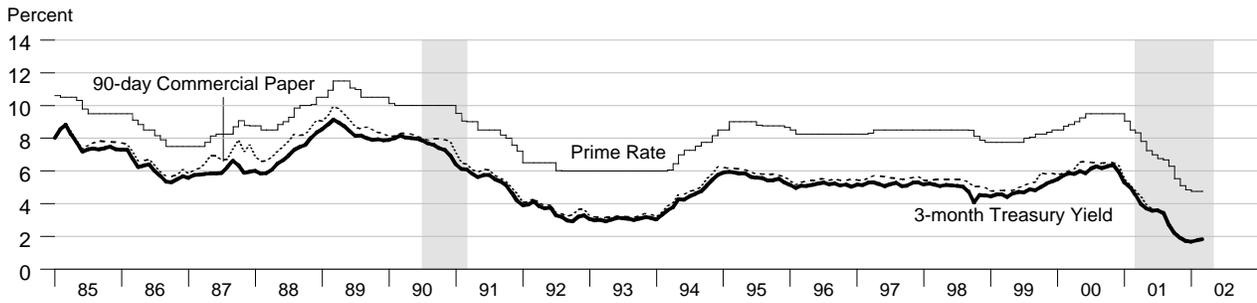
Treasury Security Yield Spreads



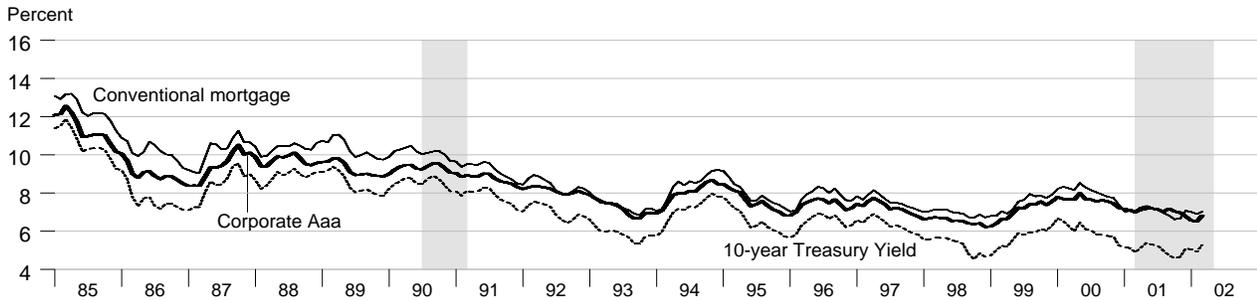
Real Interest Rates



Short Term Interest Rates



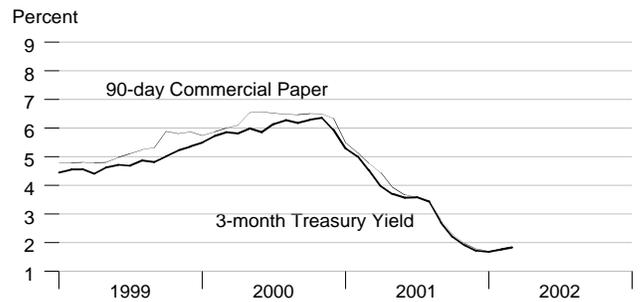
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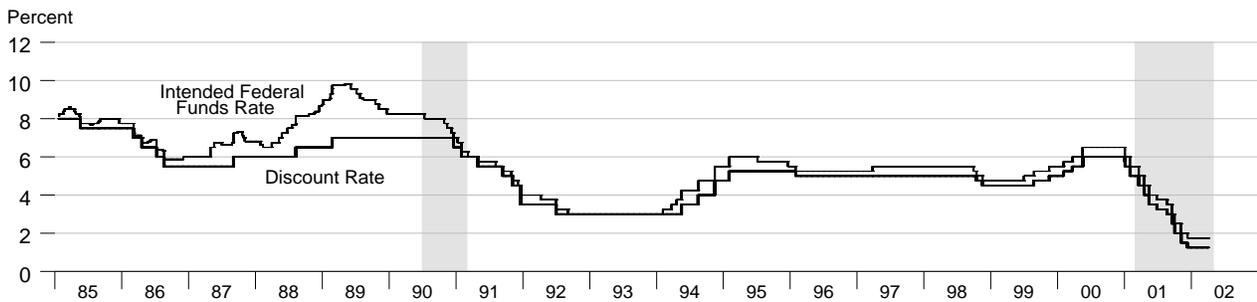
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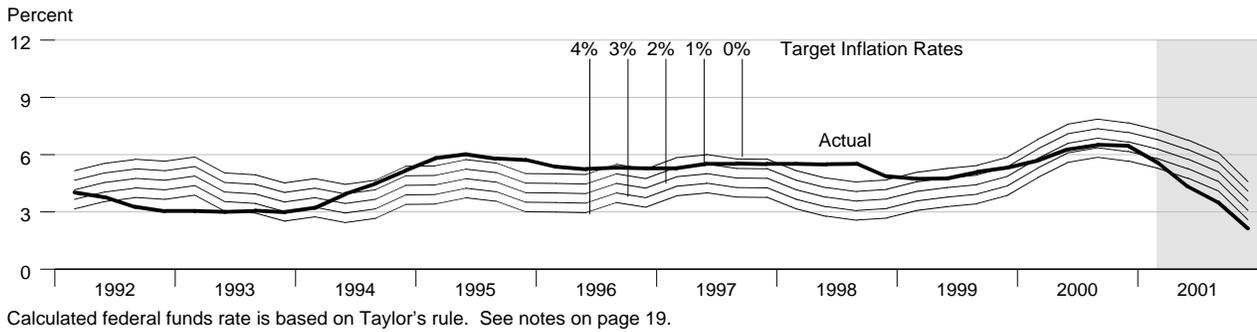
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FOMC Intended Federal Funds Rate and Discount Rate

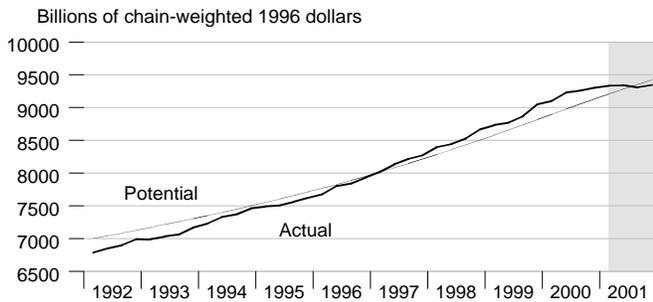


Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets

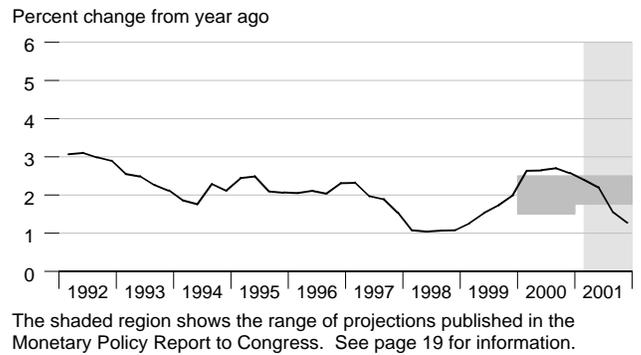


Components of Taylor's Rule

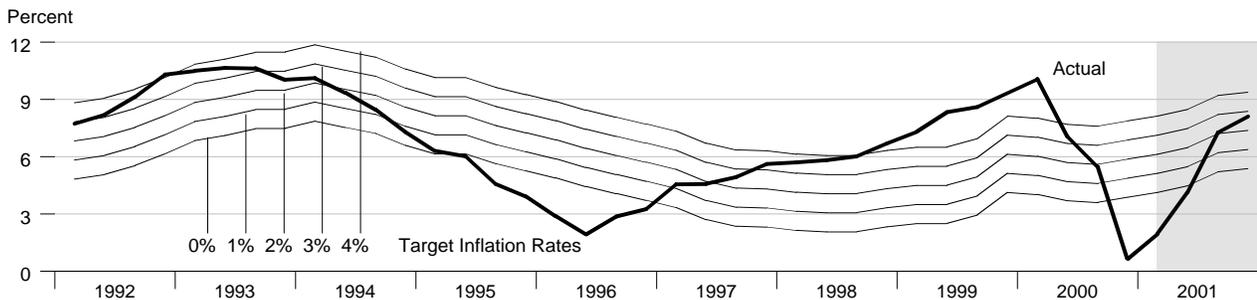
Actual and Potential Real GDP



PCE Inflation and Projections



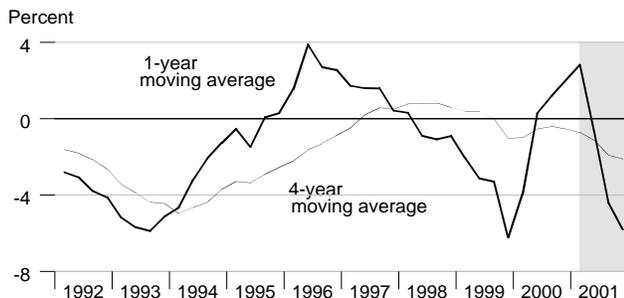
Monetary Base Growth* and Inflation Targets



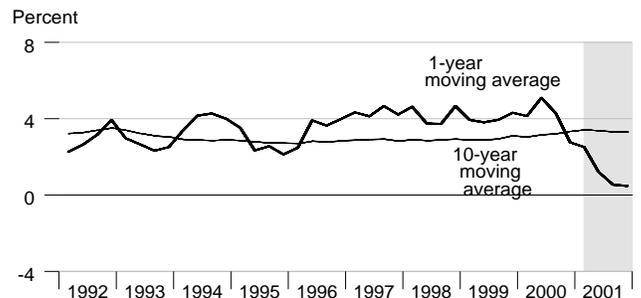
*Modified for the effects of sweeps programs on reserve demand.
Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. Actual base growth is percent change from year ago. See notes on page 19.

Components of McCallum's Rule

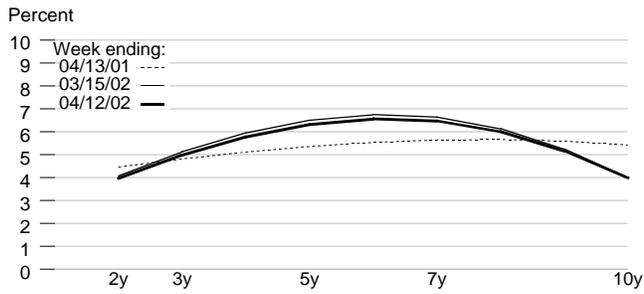
Monetary Base Velocity Growth



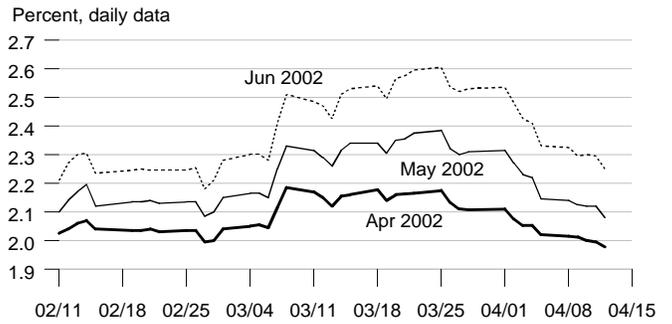
Real Output Growth



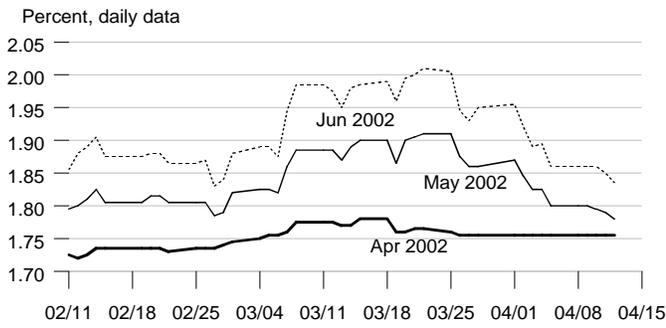
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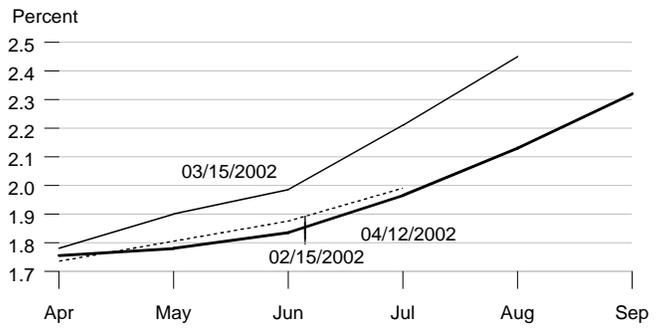
Rates on 3-Month Eurodollar Futures



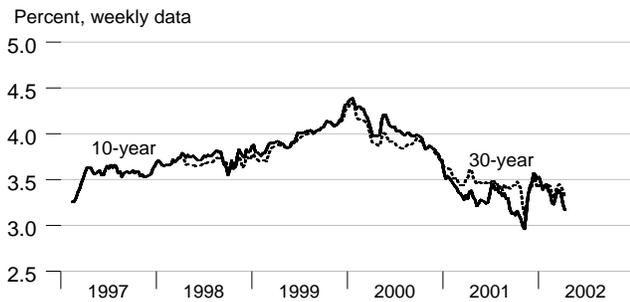
Rates on Selected Fed Funds Futures Contracts



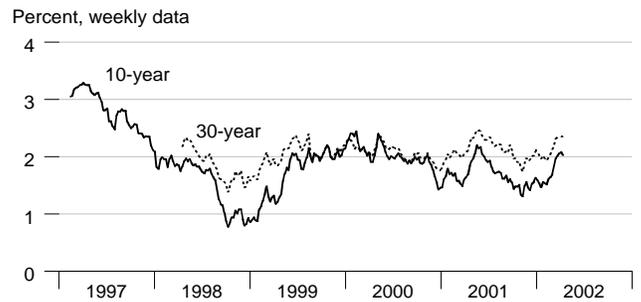
Implied Yields on Fed Funds Futures



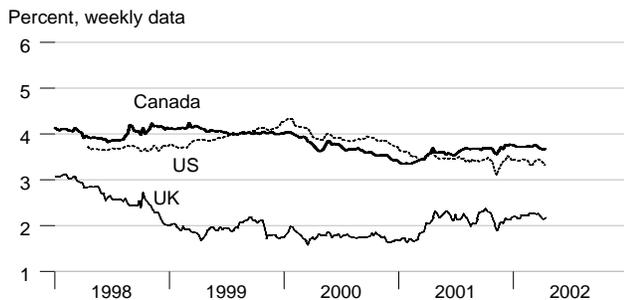
Inflation-Protected Treasury Yields



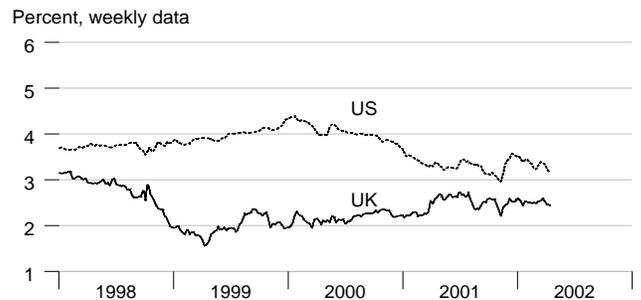
Inflation-Protected Treasury Yield Spreads



Inflation-Indexed 30-Year Bonds

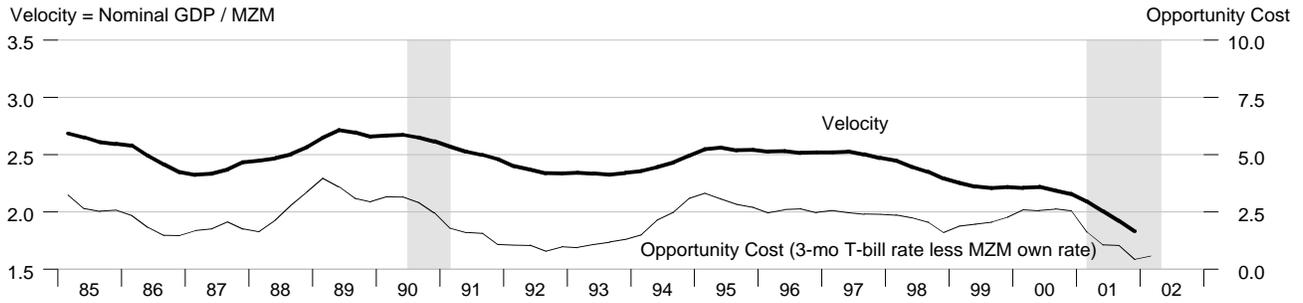


Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Bonds



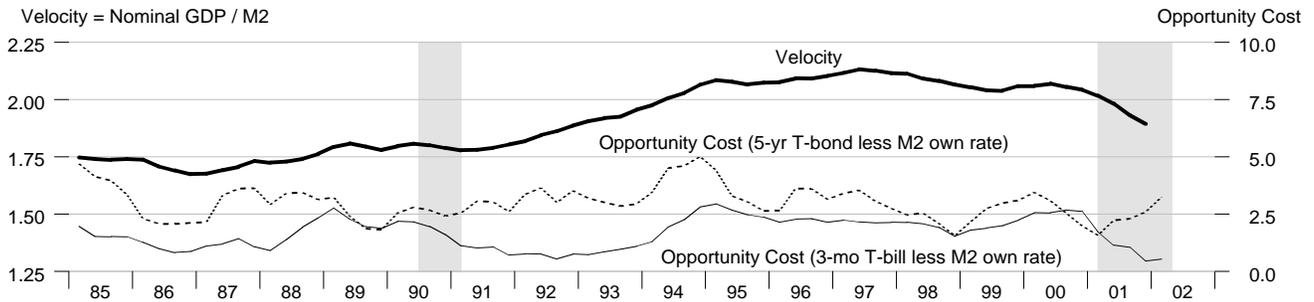
MZM Velocity and Opportunity Cost

Velocity = Nominal GDP / MZM



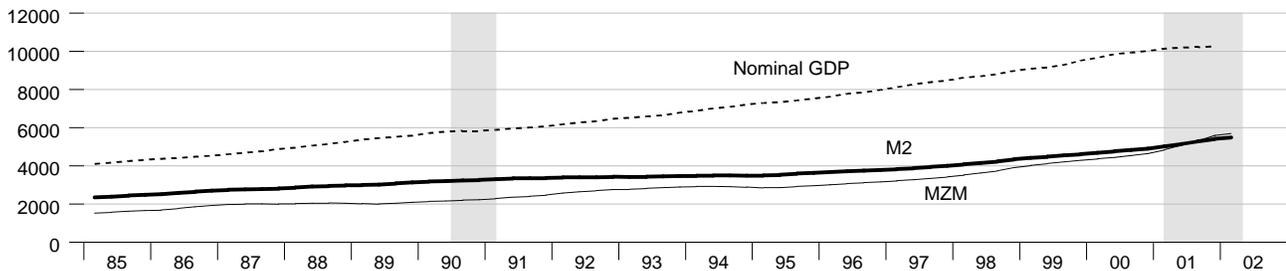
M2 Velocity and Opportunity Cost

Velocity = Nominal GDP / M2



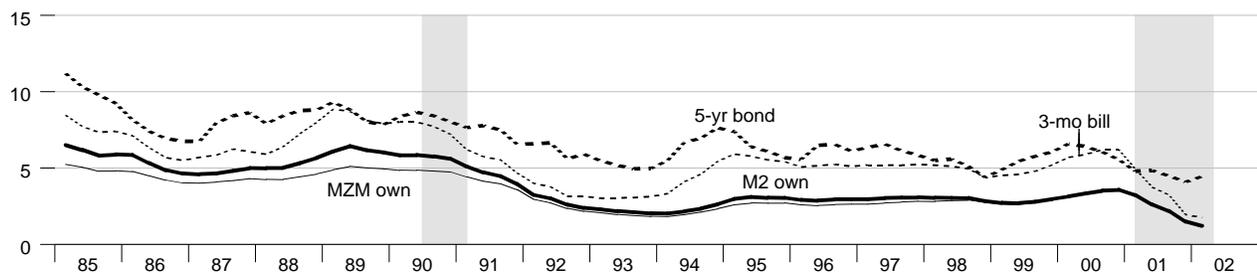
M2, MZM and Nominal GDP

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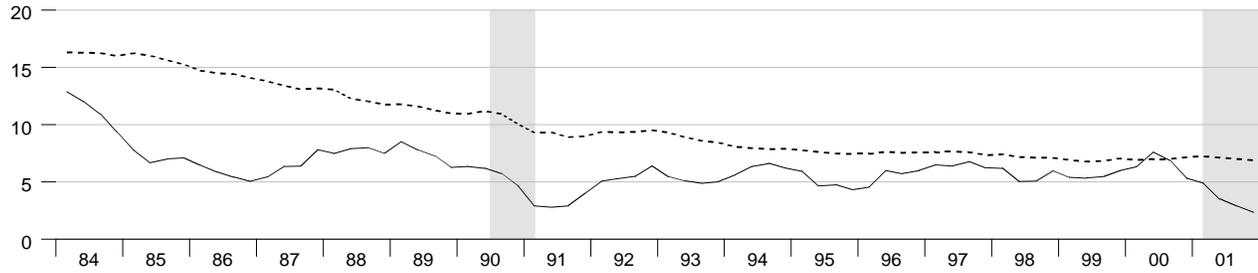
Interest Rates

Percent



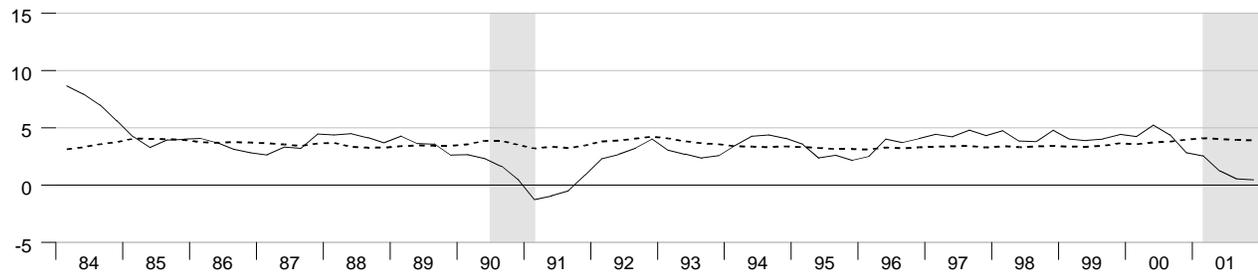
Gross Domestic Product

Percent change from year ago



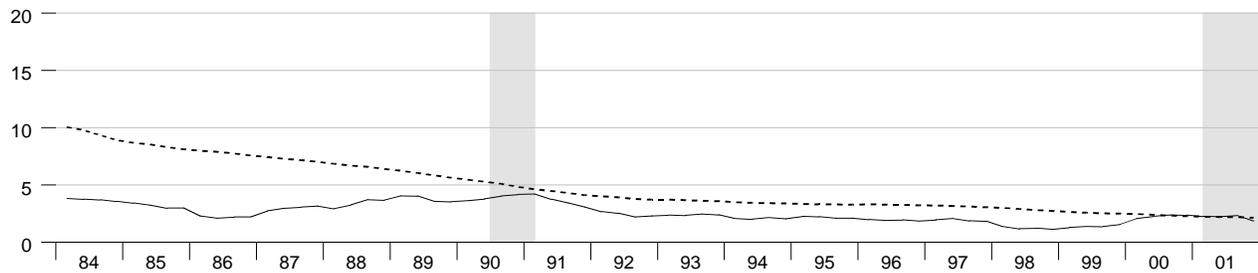
Real Gross Domestic Product

Percent change from year ago



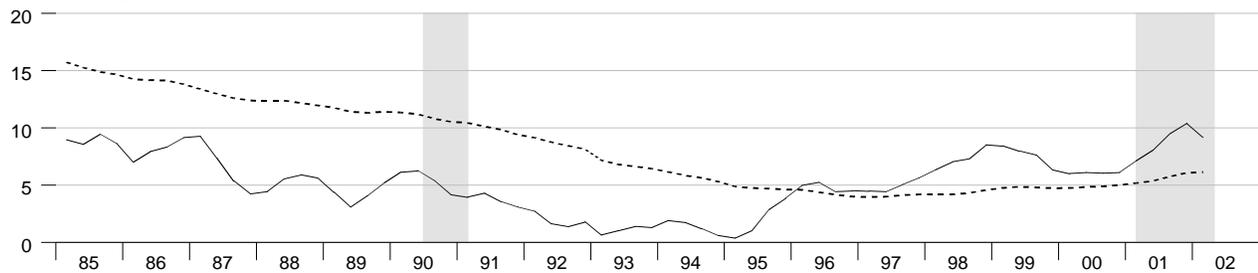
Gross Domestic Product Price Index

Percent change from year ago



M2

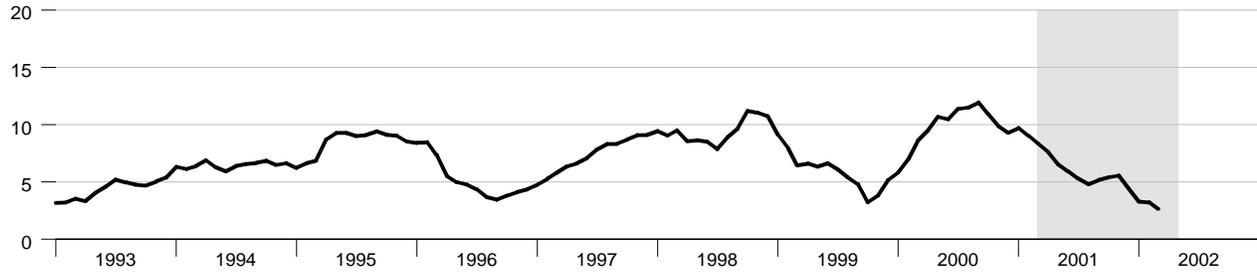
Percent change from year ago



Dashed lines indicate 10-year moving averages

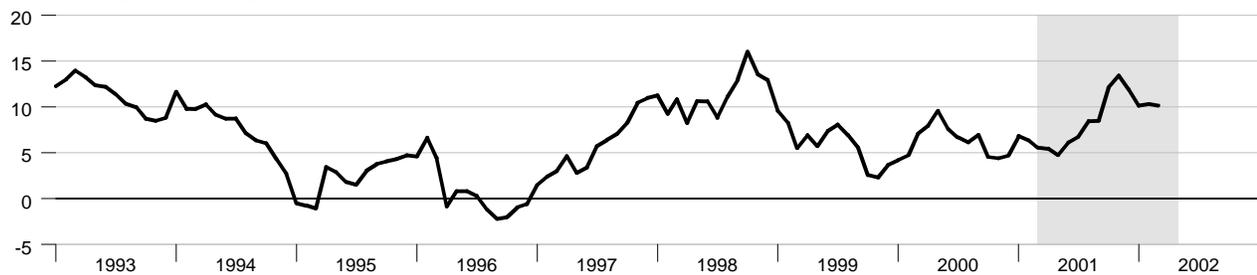
Bank Credit

Percent change from year ago



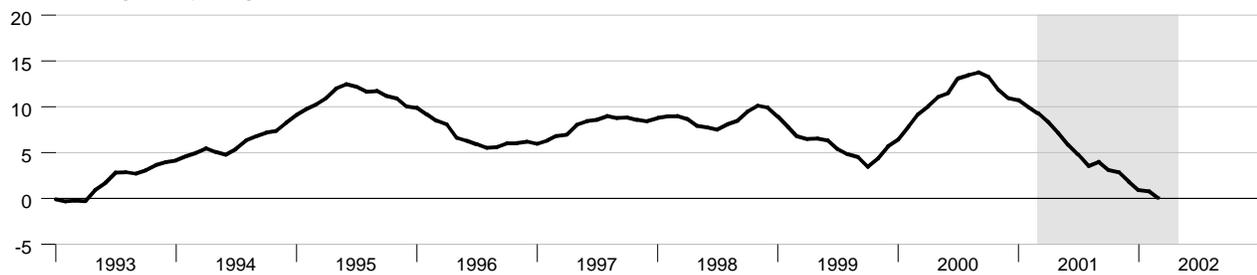
Investment Securities in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



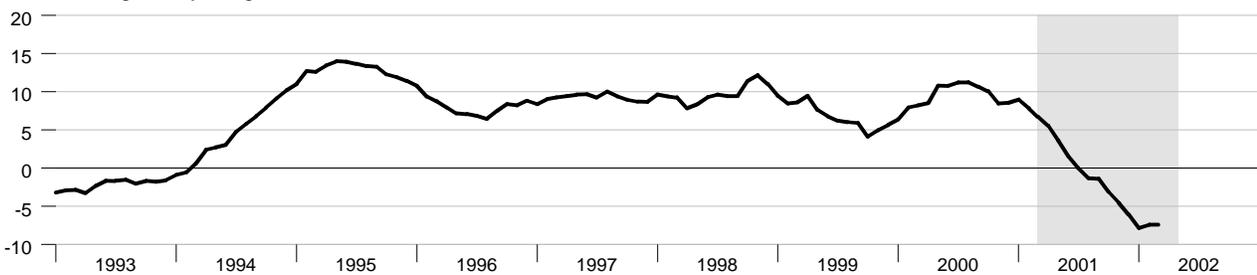
Total Loans and Leases in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago

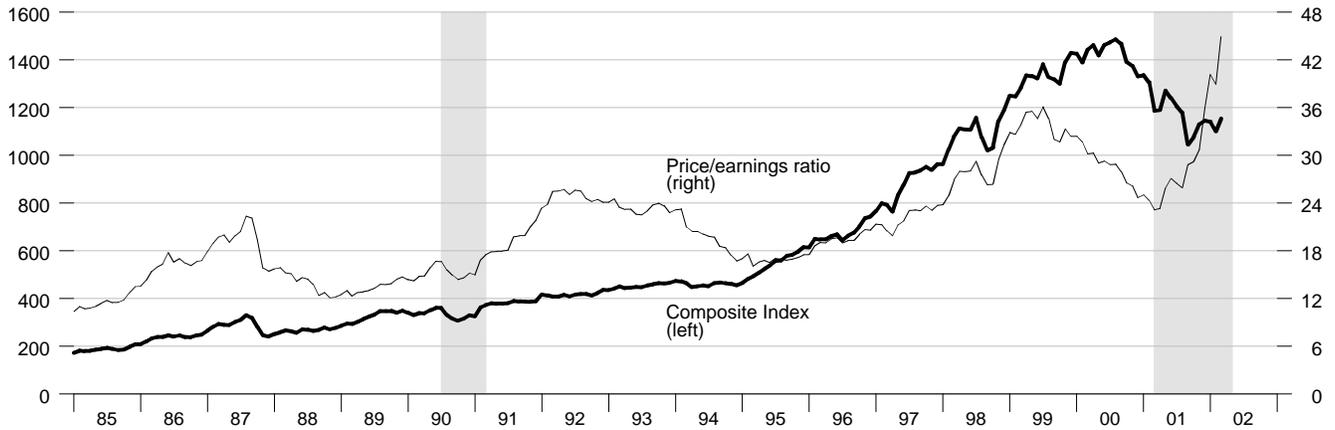


Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



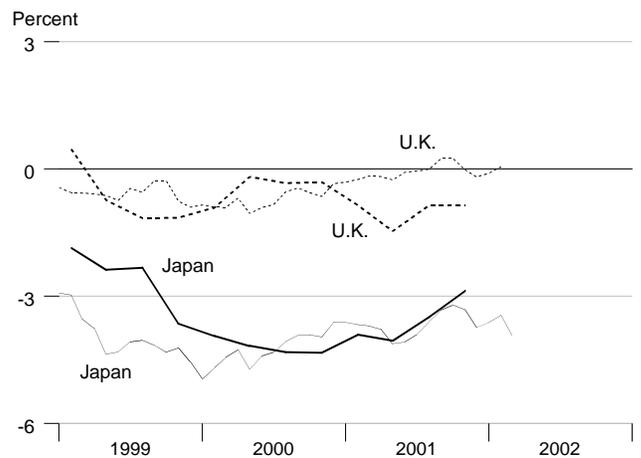
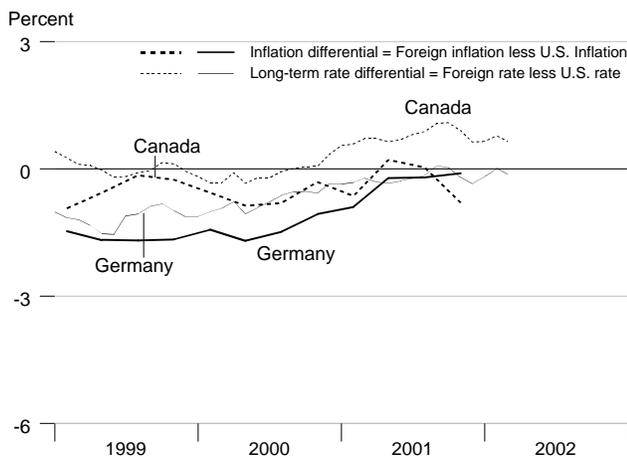
Standard and Poor's 500



Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

	Trend in Consumer Price Inflation Rates Percent change from year ago				Recent Long-Term Government Bond Rates Percent			
	2001Q1	2001Q2	2001Q3	2001Q4	Dec01	Jan02	Feb02	Mar02
United States	3.41	3.38	2.66	1.89	5.09	5.04	4.91	5.28
Canada	2.77	3.60	2.69	1.10	5.72	5.69	5.69	5.93
France	1.29	2.02	1.79	1.43	5.35	5.39	5.42	.
Germany	2.52	3.16	2.46	1.79	4.74	4.86	4.92	5.16
Italy	2.89	3.05	2.80	2.40	5.05	5.14	5.20	5.41
Japan	-0.50	-0.67	-0.84	-0.98	1.35	1.42	1.46	1.36
United Kingdom	2.55	1.91	1.80	1.04	4.90	4.94	4.96	.

Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates Differentials



		Money Stock				Bank	Adjusted		
		M1	MZM	M2	M3	Credit	Monetary Base	Reserves	MSI M2
1997		1069.292	3320.460	3920.394	5211.258	3955.523	478.708	69.523	226.529
1998		1079.990	3708.387	4207.472	5751.770	4328.593	508.942	67.808	241.567
1999		1101.865	4166.903	4526.244	6253.479	4584.644	557.865	72.360	257.920
2000		1104.049	4503.205	4801.361	6837.994	5031.897	590.821	68.327	272.554
2001		1137.312	5214.474	5223.433	7619.205	5355.382	623.789	68.950	296.358
2000	1	1112.680	4373.882	4694.548	6623.095	4837.950	593.102	72.390	266.813
	2	1108.119	4443.925	4764.491	6753.141	4989.050	586.045	67.097	270.377
	3	1102.126	4546.633	4836.304	6923.027	5117.700	589.054	66.670	274.533
	4	1093.271	4648.382	4910.102	7052.715	5182.889	595.084	67.151	278.493
2001	1	1100.702	4847.948	5028.922	7274.983	5273.822	604.848	66.543	285.237
	2	1117.319	5084.765	5148.343	7523.976	5321.848	610.939	65.201	292.383
	3	1163.451	5320.823	5295.764	7719.441	5377.791	633.770	73.453	300.663
	4	1167.774	5604.359	5420.704	7958.420	5448.067	645.599	70.601	307.150
2002	1	1182.671	5710.625	5491.012	8054.964	5434.380	662.951	70.720	311.487
2000	Mar	1108.899	4397.604	4715.939	6670.919	4880.958	584.525	67.089	267.800
	Apr	1111.965	4427.242	4752.376	6713.639	4936.193	583.053	65.913	269.700
	May	1105.976	4440.582	4759.809	6746.521	5000.055	587.863	68.889	270.060
	Jun	1106.415	4463.950	4781.289	6799.262	5030.901	587.220	66.490	271.370
	Jul	1105.149	4500.162	4802.898	6854.459	5074.649	588.032	66.555	272.740
	Aug	1102.141	4546.055	4836.988	6927.742	5114.407	588.436	66.765	274.540
	Sep	1099.088	4593.683	4869.026	6986.880	5164.044	590.694	66.689	276.320
	Oct	1099.233	4616.667	4886.657	7010.620	5152.249	593.064	66.688	277.290
	Nov	1091.724	4637.370	4901.331	7031.568	5173.806	595.549	67.686	278.050
	Dec	1088.856	4691.108	4942.318	7115.956	5222.611	596.639	67.078	280.140
2001	Jan	1095.843	4760.199	4987.232	7213.614	5264.529	600.886	68.095	282.640
	Feb	1098.905	4854.857	5025.672	7279.561	5269.129	607.234	66.556	285.110
	Mar	1107.359	4928.789	5073.861	7331.774	5287.808	606.425	64.979	287.960
	Apr	1109.742	4999.713	5115.811	7434.266	5310.630	605.800	63.239	290.400
	May	1116.628	5080.956	5141.439	7525.356	5326.555	613.259	67.119	292.120
	Jun	1125.587	5173.627	5187.780	7612.305	5328.358	613.759	65.246	294.630
	Jul	1138.570	5235.407	5229.200	7656.540	5343.100	619.439	66.654	296.840
	Aug	1147.188	5276.202	5269.962	7672.546	5359.765	627.454	66.276	299.400
	Sep	1204.596	5450.861	5388.131	7829.236	5430.509	654.416	87.430	305.750
	Oct	1161.548	5518.640	5377.621	7876.568	5430.341	644.294	73.000	304.920
	Nov	1163.635	5606.573	5421.314	7964.794	5460.814	644.405	69.366	307.210
	Dec	1178.138	5687.863	5463.177	8033.897	5453.047	648.098	69.437	309.320
2002	Jan	1181.124	5682.659	5473.349	8026.439	5436.968	655.639	70.829	310.170
	Feb	1182.383	5722.779	5503.213	8067.532	5438.591	666.758	71.704	312.090
	Mar	1184.505	5726.436	5496.473	8070.922	5427.581	666.457	69.628	312.200

*All values are given in billions of dollars

		Federal Funds	Discount Rate	Prime Rate	3-mo CDs	Treasury Yields			Corporate Aaa Bonds	S & L Aaa Bonds	Conventional Mortgage
						3 mo	3 yr	10 yr			
	1997	5.46	5.00	8.44	5.62	5.20	6.10	6.35	7.26	5.32	7.60
	1998	5.35	4.92	8.35	5.47	4.91	5.14	5.26	6.53	4.93	6.94
	1999	4.97	4.62	7.99	5.33	4.78	5.49	5.64	7.04	5.28	7.43
	2000	6.24	5.73	9.23	6.46	6.00	6.22	6.03	7.62	5.58	8.06
	2001	3.89	3.41	6.92	3.69	3.47	4.08	5.02	7.08	4.99	6.97
2000	1	5.68	5.19	8.69	6.03	5.70	6.56	6.48	7.71	5.82	8.26
	2	6.27	5.74	9.25	6.57	5.89	6.52	6.18	7.77	5.72	8.32
	3	6.52	6.00	9.50	6.63	6.20	6.16	5.89	7.61	5.45	8.03
	4	6.47	6.00	9.50	6.59	6.20	5.63	5.57	7.40	5.32	7.64
2001	1	5.59	5.11	8.62	5.26	4.95	4.64	5.05	7.08	5.03	7.01
	2	4.33	3.83	7.34	4.10	3.75	4.43	5.27	7.22	5.11	7.13
	3	3.50	3.06	6.57	3.34	3.24	3.93	4.98	7.11	4.87	6.97
	4	2.13	1.64	5.16	2.06	1.94	3.33	4.77	6.92	4.97	6.78
2002	1	1.73	1.25	4.75	1.82	1.76	3.75	5.08	6.62	5.02	6.97
2000	Mar	5.85	5.34	8.83	6.14	5.86	6.53	6.26	7.68	5.68	8.24
	Apr	6.02	5.50	9.00	6.28	5.82	6.36	5.99	7.64	5.60	8.15
	May	6.27	5.71	9.24	6.71	5.99	6.77	6.44	7.99	5.87	8.52
	Jun	6.53	6.00	9.50	6.73	5.86	6.43	6.10	7.67	5.69	8.29
	Jul	6.54	6.00	9.50	6.67	6.14	6.28	6.05	7.65	5.53	8.15
	Aug	6.50	6.00	9.50	6.61	6.28	6.17	5.83	7.55	5.43	8.03
	Sep	6.52	6.00	9.50	6.60	6.18	6.02	5.80	7.62	5.40	7.91
	Oct	6.51	6.00	9.50	6.67	6.29	5.85	5.74	7.55	5.46	7.80
	Nov	6.51	6.00	9.50	6.65	6.36	5.79	5.72	7.45	5.38	7.75
	Dec	6.40	6.00	9.50	6.45	5.94	5.26	5.24	7.21	5.11	7.38
2001	Jan	5.98	5.52	9.05	5.62	5.29	4.77	5.16	7.15	4.99	7.03
	Feb	5.49	5.00	8.50	5.26	5.01	4.71	5.10	7.10	5.09	7.05
	Mar	5.31	4.81	8.32	4.89	4.54	4.43	4.89	6.98	5.00	6.95
	Apr	4.80	4.28	7.80	4.53	3.97	4.42	5.14	7.20	5.14	7.08
	May	4.21	3.73	7.24	4.02	3.70	4.51	5.39	7.29	5.15	7.15
	Jun	3.97	3.47	6.98	3.74	3.57	4.35	5.28	7.18	5.03	7.16
	Jul	3.77	3.25	6.75	3.66	3.59	4.31	5.24	7.13	4.79	7.13
	Aug	3.65	3.16	6.67	3.48	3.44	4.04	4.97	7.02	4.89	6.95
	Sep	3.07	2.77	6.28	2.87	2.69	3.45	4.73	7.17	4.93	6.82
	Oct	2.49	2.02	5.53	2.31	2.20	3.14	4.57	7.03	4.89	6.62
	Nov	2.09	1.58	5.10	2.03	1.91	3.22	4.65	6.97	4.85	6.66
	Dec	1.82	1.33	4.84	1.83	1.72	3.62	5.09	6.77	5.18	7.07
2002	Jan	1.73	1.25	4.75	1.74	1.68	3.56	5.04	6.55	5.05	7.00
	Feb	1.74	1.25	4.75	1.82	1.76	3.55	4.91	6.51	4.93	6.89
	Mar	1.73	1.25	4.75	1.91	1.83	4.14	5.28	6.81	5.09	7.01

*All values are given as a percent at an annual rate

		M1	MZM	M2	M3
Percent change from previous period					
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1997		-3.31	7.23	4.90	8.29
1998		1.00	11.68	7.32	10.37
1999		2.03	12.36	7.58	8.72
2000		0.20	8.07	6.08	9.35
2001		3.01	15.79	8.79	11.42
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2000	1	0.07	1.82	1.48	2.65
	2	-0.41	1.60	1.49	1.96
	3	-0.54	2.31	1.51	2.52
	4	-0.80	2.24	1.53	1.87
2001	1	0.68	4.29	2.42	3.15
	2	1.51	4.88	2.37	3.42
	3	4.13	4.64	2.86	2.60
	4	0.37	5.33	2.36	3.10
2002	1	1.28	1.90	1.30	1.21
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2000	Mar	0.04	0.74	0.53	0.87
	Apr	0.28	0.67	0.77	0.64
	May	-0.54	0.30	0.16	0.49
	Jun	0.04	0.53	0.45	0.78
	Jul	-0.11	0.81	0.45	0.81
	Aug	-0.27	1.02	0.71	1.07
	Sep	-0.28	1.05	0.66	0.85
	Oct	0.01	0.50	0.36	0.34
	Nov	-0.68	0.45	0.30	0.30
	Dec	-0.26	1.16	0.84	1.20
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2001	Jan	0.64	1.47	0.91	1.37
	Feb	0.28	1.99	0.77	0.91
	Mar	0.77	1.52	0.96	0.72
	Apr	0.22	1.44	0.83	1.40
	May	0.62	1.62	0.50	1.23
	Jun	0.80	1.82	0.90	1.16
	Jul	1.15	1.19	0.80	0.58
	Aug	0.76	0.78	0.78	0.21
	Sep	5.00	3.31	2.24	2.04
	Oct	-3.57	1.24	-0.20	0.60
	Nov	0.18	1.59	0.81	1.12
	Dec	1.25	1.45	0.77	0.87
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2002	Jan	0.25	-0.09	0.19	-0.09
	Feb	0.11	0.71	0.55	0.51
	Mar	0.18	0.06	-0.12	0.04

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: M2 minus small denomination time deposits, plus institutional money market mutual funds. The label MZM was coined by William Poole (1991) for this aggregate, proposed earlier by Motley (1988).

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).

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 firms (except depository institutions and money market mutual funds).

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).

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 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) and www.stls.frb.org/research/newbase.html.

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; additional data are available at www.stls.frb.org/research/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 *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: **MZM**, or "Money, Zero Maturity" 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). 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

www.stls.frb.org/research/swdata.html. For analytical purposes, MZM largely replaces M1. The **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. **Treasury Yield Curve** shows constant maturity yields calculated by the U.S. Treasury Department for securities with 3 months and 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 years to maturity. Daily data and descriptions are available at www.stls.frb.org/fred/data/wkly.html. See also *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.35. The 30-year constant maturity series was discontinued by the Treasury Department as of February 18, 2002.

Page 5: **Total Checkable Deposits** is the sum of demand and other checkable deposits. **Total 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 *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 Humphrey-Hawkins Act testimony each year. Beginning February 2000, the FOMC began using the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index to report its inflation range, and therefore is not shown on this graph. **CPI Inflation** is the percentage change from a year ago in the CPI 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 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 "r" is calculated as the average quarterly growth during the previous 40 quarters, at an annual rate, by the formula $((y_t - y_{t-40})/40) \times 4 \times 100$, where y_t is the log of real GDP. The four-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 available at www.stls.frb.org/research/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 Fed Funds Futures Contracts** each trace through time the yield on three specific contracts. **Implied Yields on Fed Funds Futures** displays a single day's snapshot of yields for contracts expiring in the months shown on the horizontal axis. **Inflation-Protected Treasury Yields** are yields on the most recently issued inflation-protected securities of 10- and 30-year original maturity. **Inflation-Protected Treasury Yield Spreads** equal, for 10- and 30-year maturities, the difference between the yields on the most recently issued inflation-protected securities and the unadjusted bond yields of similar maturity. **Inflation-Indexed 30-Year Bonds** shows the yield of an inflation-indexed bond that is scheduled to mature in approximately (but not greater than) 30 years. The current bond for Canada has a maturity date of 12/01/2031, the current U.K. bond has a maturity date of 7/22/2030, and the current U.S. bond has a maturity date of 4/15/2032. **Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Bonds** shows the yield of an inflation-indexed bond that is scheduled to mature in approximately (but not greater than) 10 years. The current U.K. bond has a maturity date of 8/23/2011 and the current U.S. bond has a maturity date of 1/15/2011.

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. Two alternative opportunity costs are shown, one relative to the 3-month Treasury constant-maturity yield, the other to the 5-year constant-maturity yield.

Page 13: Real Gross Domestic Product is GDP as measured in chained 1996 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 1996 dollars.

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

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

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