

Liquidity Crises in the Small and Large

The financial crisis of 2008 was a liquidity crisis—that is, a period when some creditworthy households and firms could not obtain sufficient liquid (money) balances to complete necessary transactions. Most visible was the closure of the repurchase agreement (repo) market, in which both banks and non-banking firms alike typically exchange securities for short-term cash.

The Federal Reserve responded to the crisis by initiating an extraordinary set of assistance programs under the authority of Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act.¹ An unusual aspect of these programs was that they sought to assist individual firms or industries. In normal times, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) sets a target for the federal funds rate and enforces it by changing the size of the Fed’s balance sheet to change the aggregate amount of liquidity that it provides to financial markets. The allocation of liquidity among households and firms, in turn, is determined by financial markets. Beyond the liquidity crises of individual firms, an interesting question is whether the *aggregate* amount of liquidity in the economy was appropriate before and during the crisis: Was there a liquidity crisis in the “large” as well as the “small”?

The recently updated Monetary Service Indexes (MSI) published by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis provide some evidence.² These indexes build on the idea that monetary assets (including checkable deposits, saving deposits, small-denomination time deposits, and money market mutual funds [MMMF]) furnish “monetary services” that households and firms use to buy and sell goods and services. Some assets are immediately media of exchange (e.g., currency), while others are not (e.g., saving deposits and small-denomination time deposits). The MSI are chained-weighted index numbers (similar to those used to measure gross domestic product) that combine observed market data on financial asset quantities and own rates of return in order to measure these flows of monetary services. The own rates of return received by households and firms on their monetary assets, compared with broader market rates of return, provide measures of the opportunity cost of the monetary services furnished by each asset. Economic and statistical theory provides specific mathematical functions with which to calculate the MSI as described in Anderson and Jones (2011).

The chart shows five MSI. (These MSI differ with respect to the number of included assets.³ The data are log levels, each normalized to 1.0 in August 2001.) MSI-M1 contains only currency and checkable deposits, and MSI-M2M includes the assets in MSI-M1 plus savings deposits and retail MMMF; both leveled out in 2004 as the FOMC tightened its policy stance and later

increased sharply during the autumn of 2008. MSI-MZM includes the assets in MSI-M2M plus institution-type MMMF; it accelerated beginning mid-2007. MSI-M2 includes the assets in MSI-M2M plus small-denomination time deposits, and MSI-ALL includes all the assets of MSI-M2 plus institution-type MMMF. These broader series grew more steadily both before and during the crisis. Although the evidence is mixed, the MSI overall suggest that monetary policy was accommodative before the financial crisis when judged in terms of liquidity.

—Richard G. Anderson and Barry Jones

¹ These programs are reviewed by Anderson and Gascon (2009, 2011).

² See Anderson and Jones (2011). The Bank of England publishes similar measures for the United Kingdom (Hancock, 2005). The use of index numbers to measure the macroeconomic concept of money began with William Barnett; see Barnett and Serletis (2000) and references therein.

³ See Anderson and Jones (2011) for details.

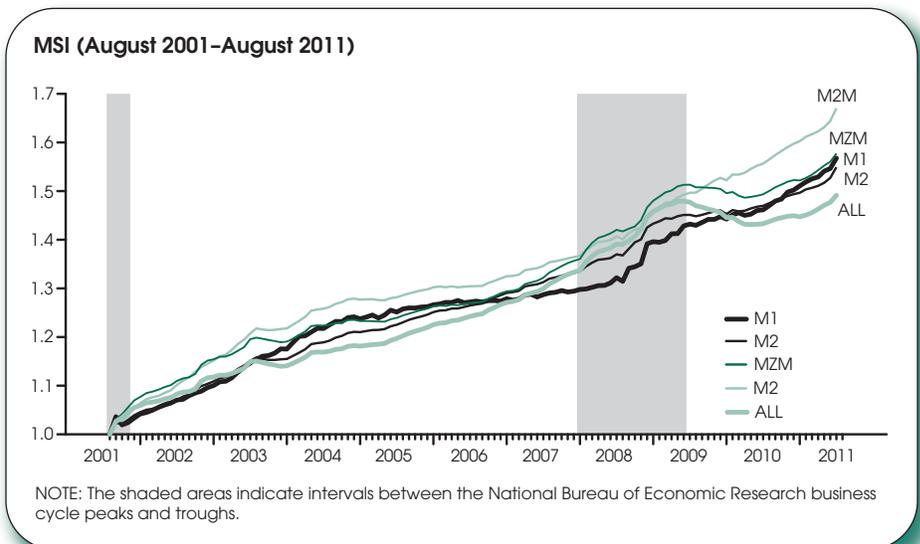
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Conventions used in this publication:

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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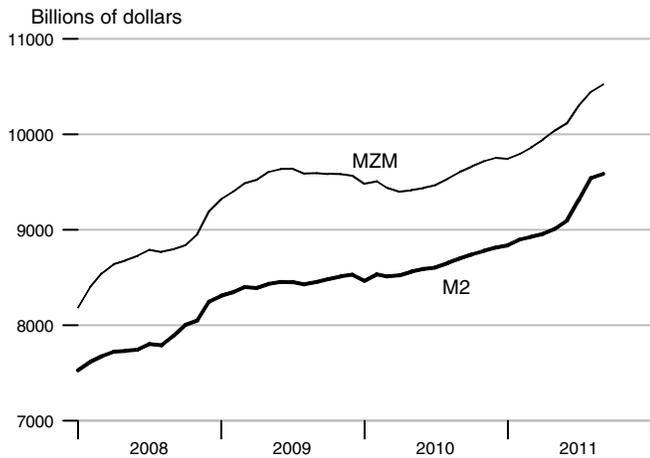
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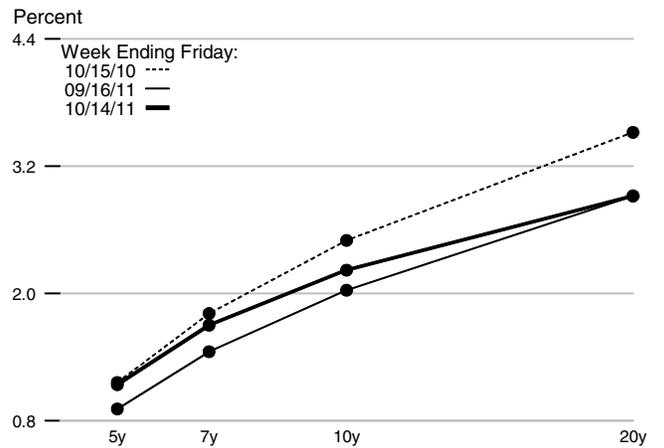
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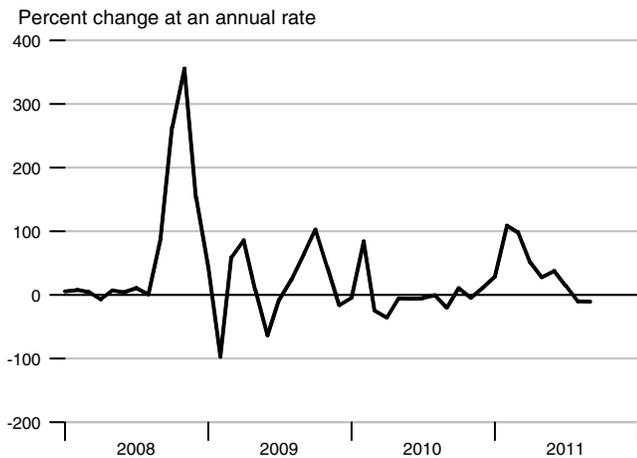
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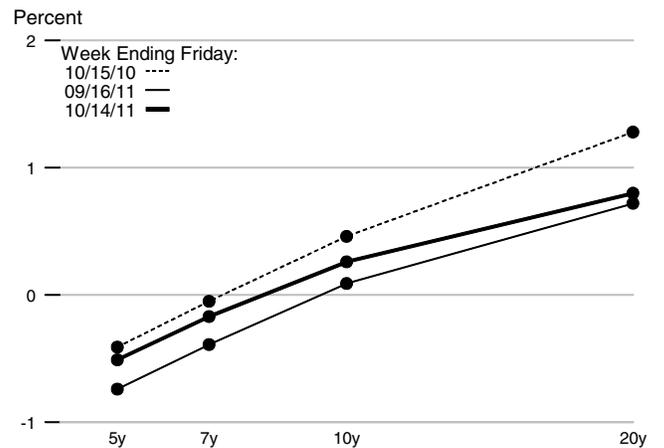
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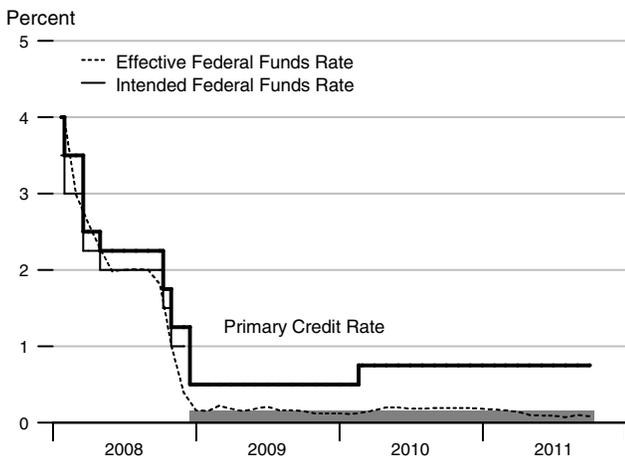
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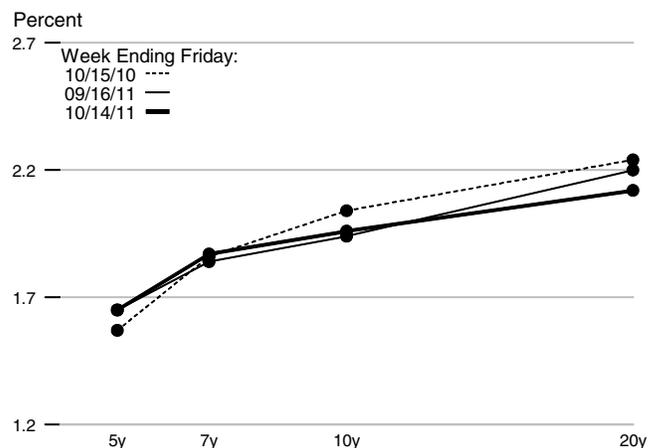
Real Treasury Yield Curve



Reserve Market Rates



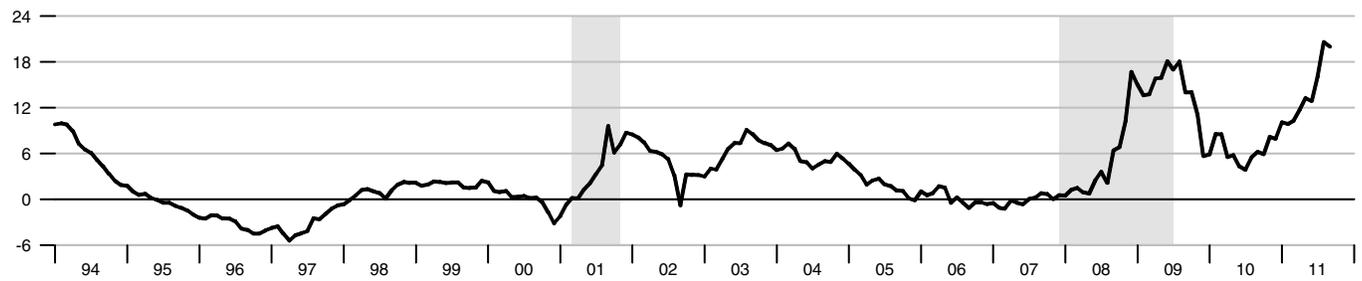
Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads



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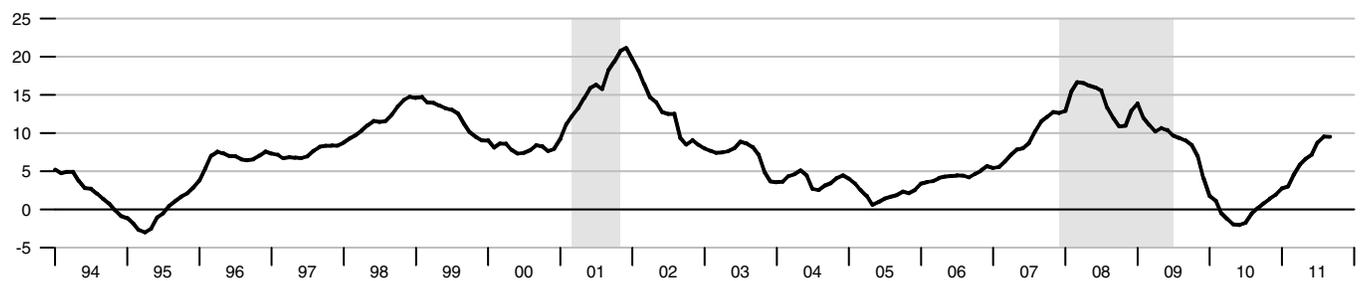
M1

Percent change from year ago



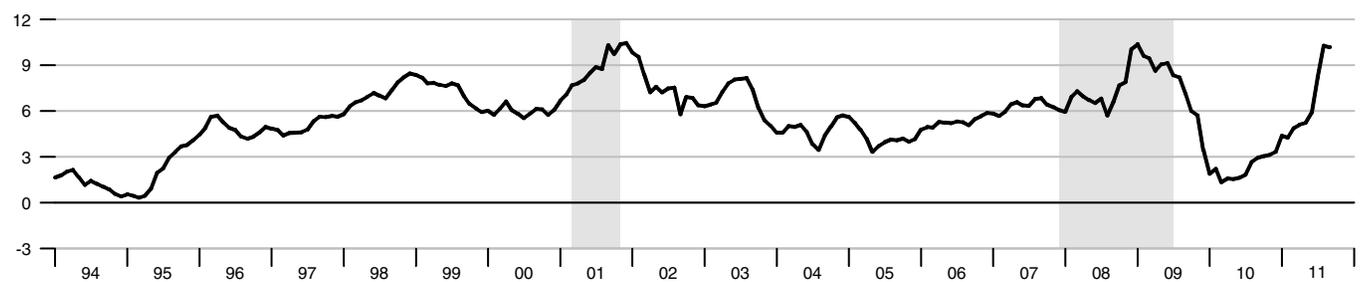
M2M

Percent change from year ago



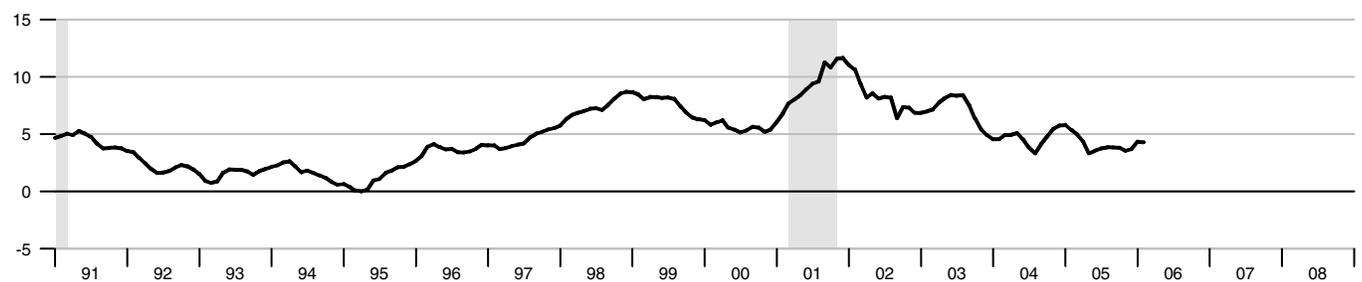
M2

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Monetary Services Index - M2**

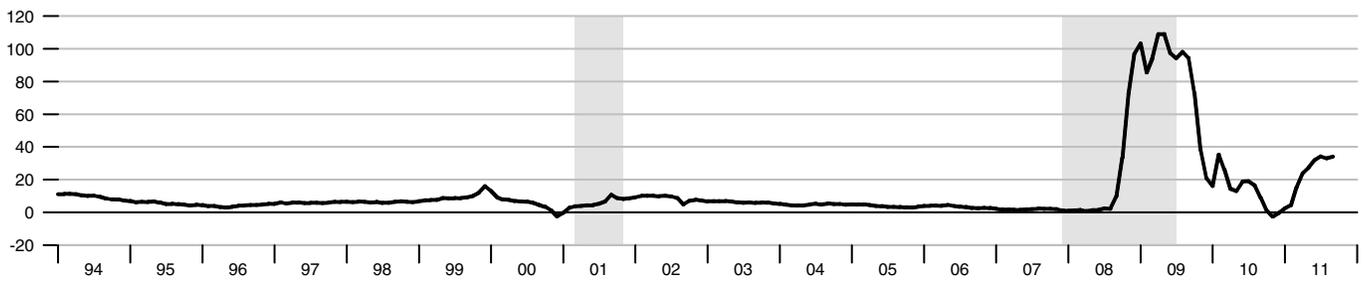
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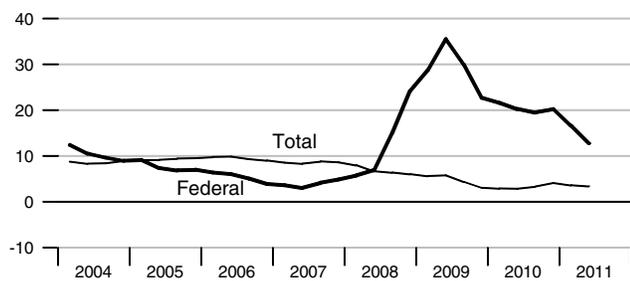
Adjusted Monetary Base

Percent change from year ago



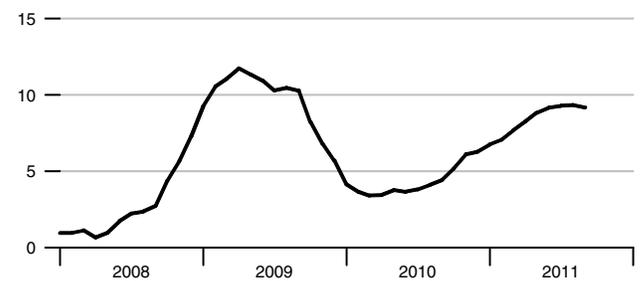
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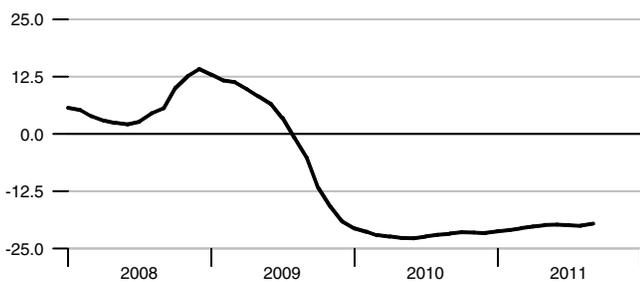
Currency Held by the Nonbank Public

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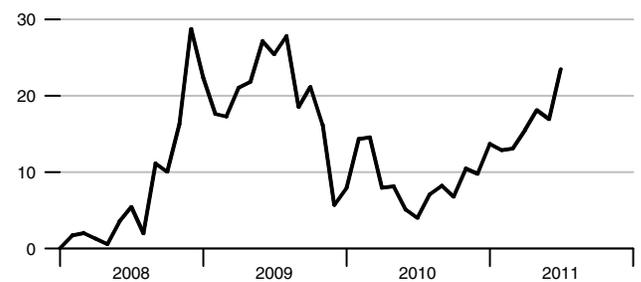
Small Denomination Time Deposits

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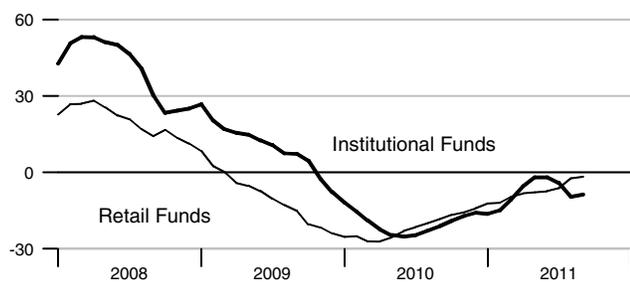
Checkable Deposits

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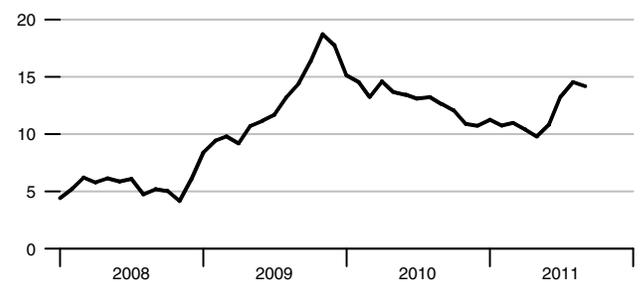
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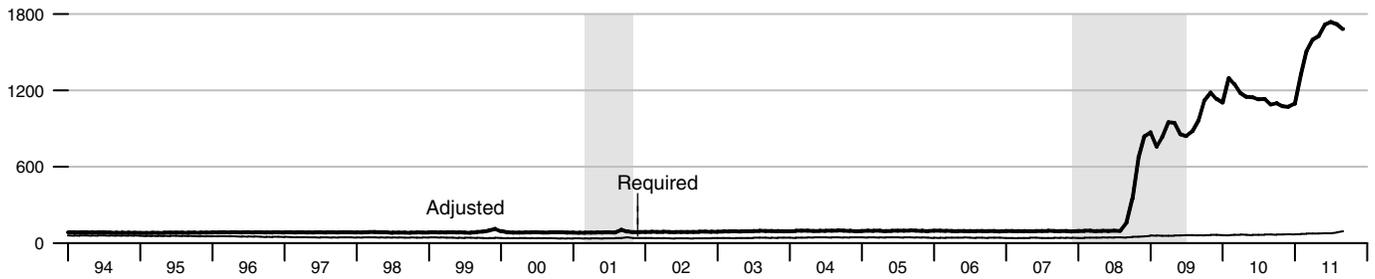
Savings Deposits

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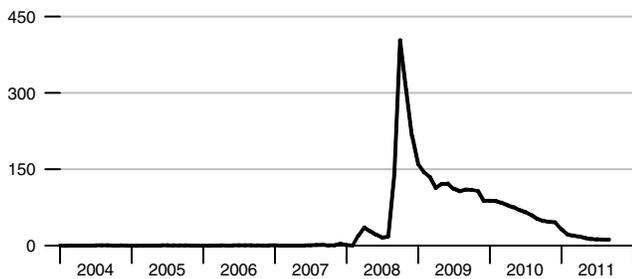
Adjusted and Required Reserves

Billions of dollars



Total Borrowings, nsa

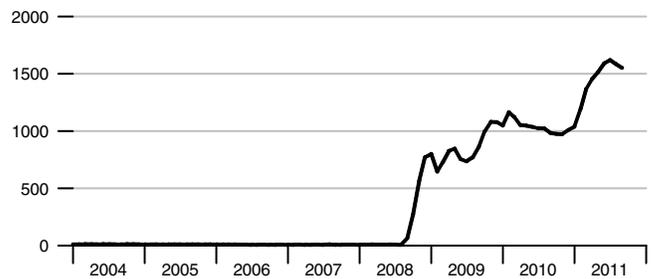
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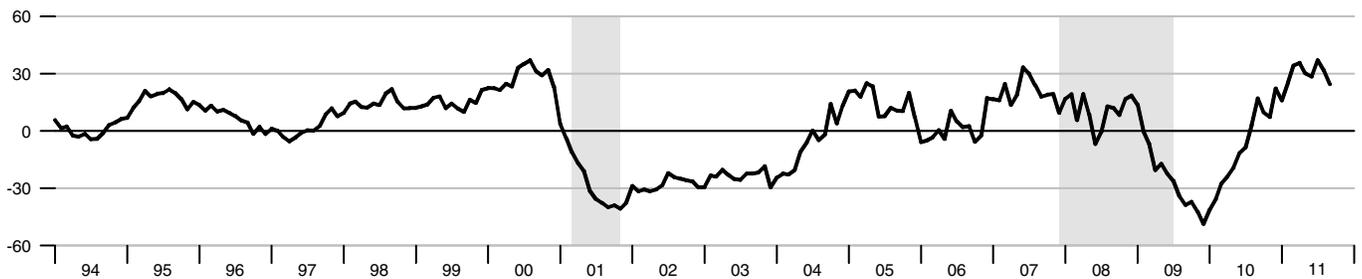
Excess Reserves plus RCB Contracts

Billions of dollars



Nonfinancial Commercial Paper

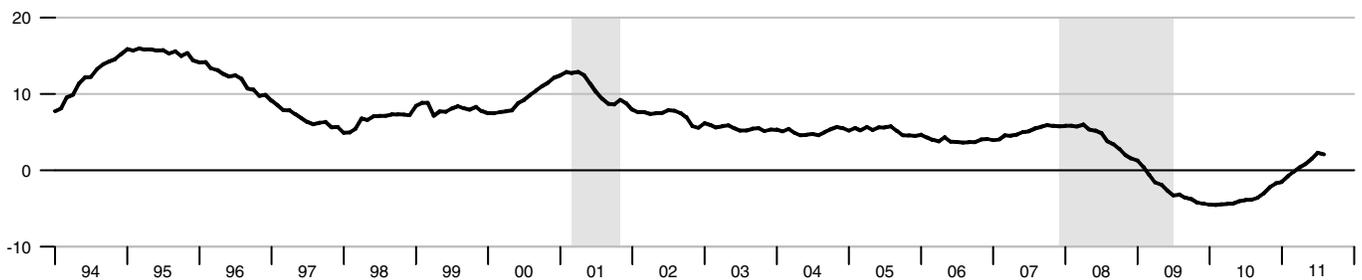
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As of April 10, 2006, the Federal Reserve Board made major changes to its commercial paper calculations.
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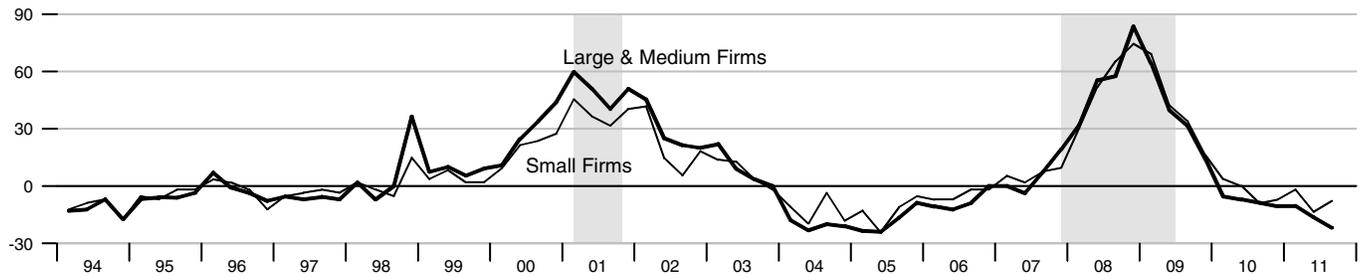
Consumer Credit

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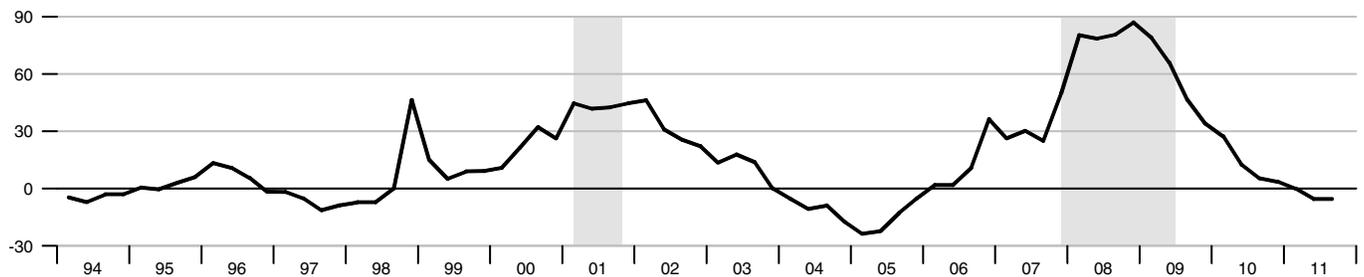
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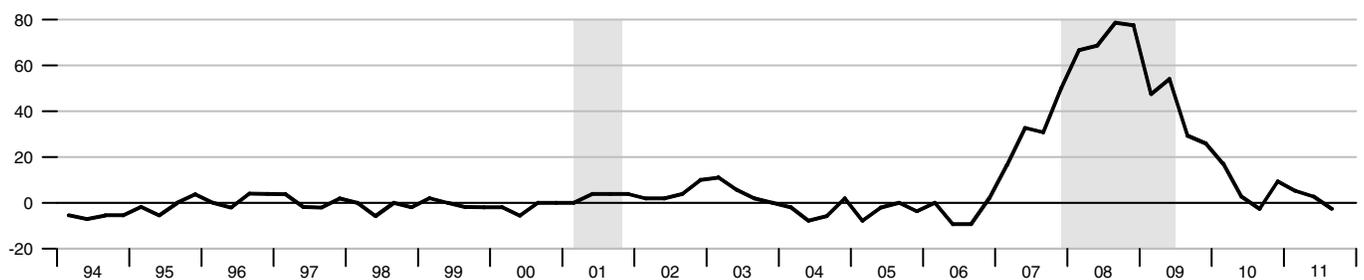
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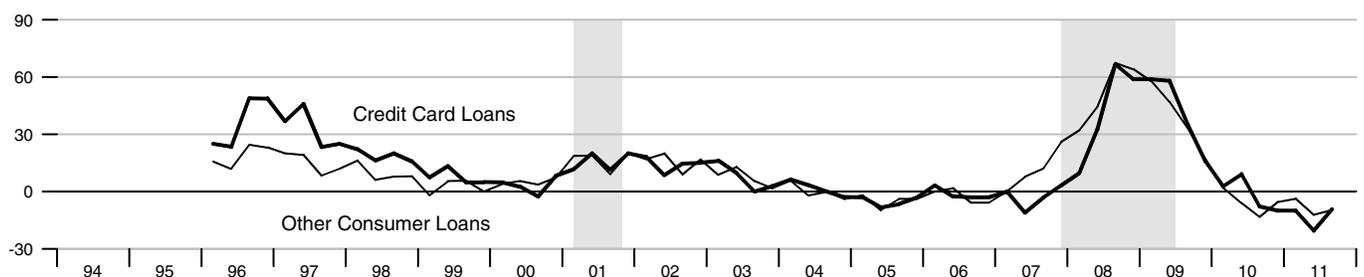
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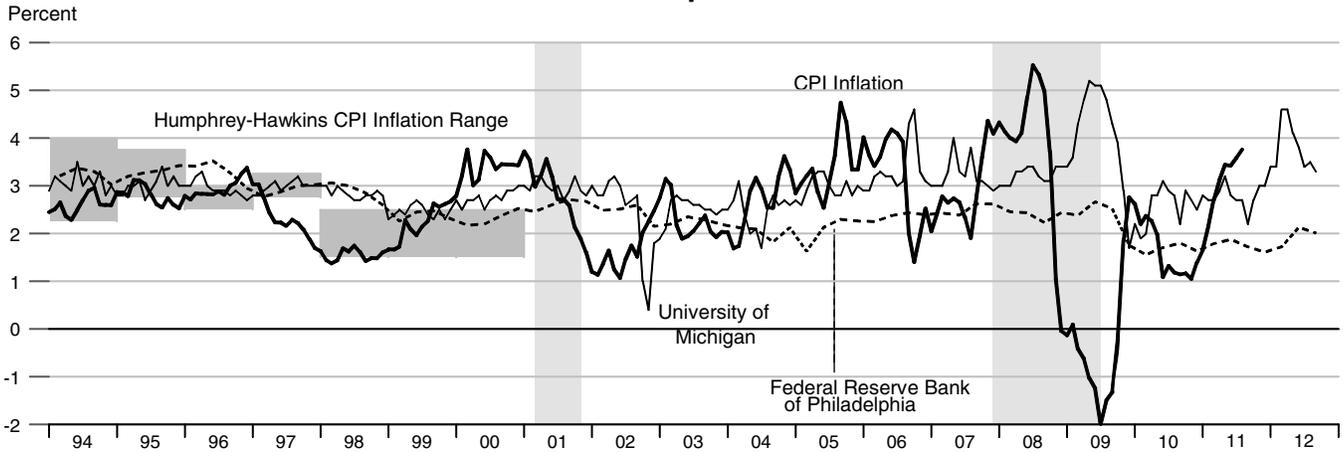


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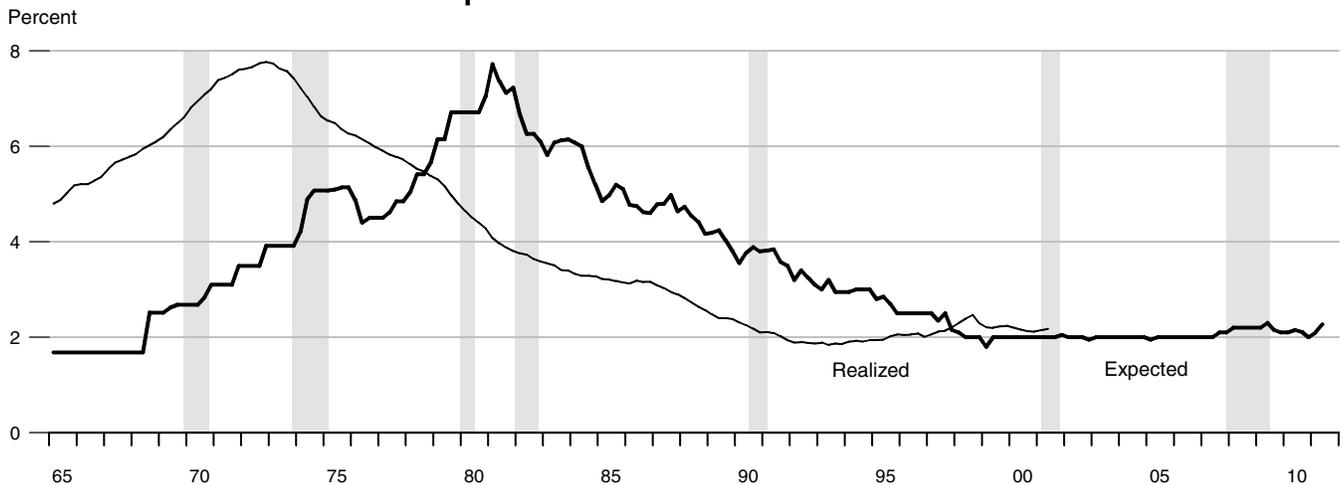


CPI Inflation and 1-Year-Ahead CPI Inflation Expectations



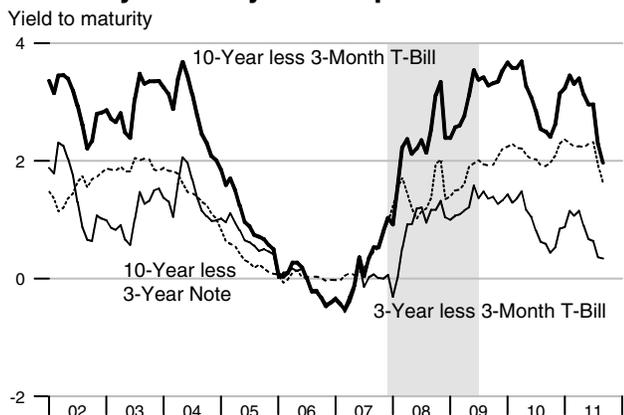
The shaded region shows the Humphrey-Hawkins CPI inflation range. Beginning in January 2000, the Humphrey-Hawkins inflation range was reported using the PCE price index and therefore is not shown on this graph.

10-Year Ahead PCE Inflation Expectations and Realized Inflation

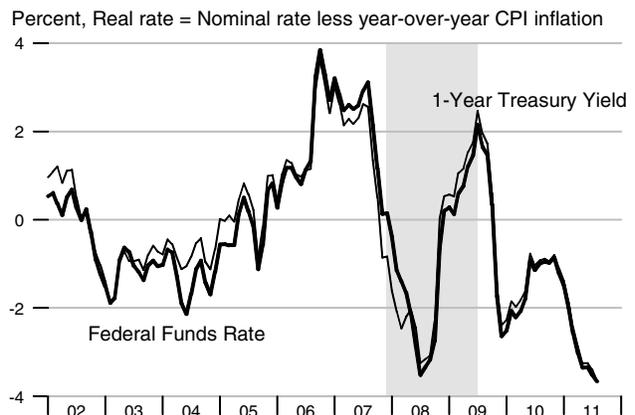


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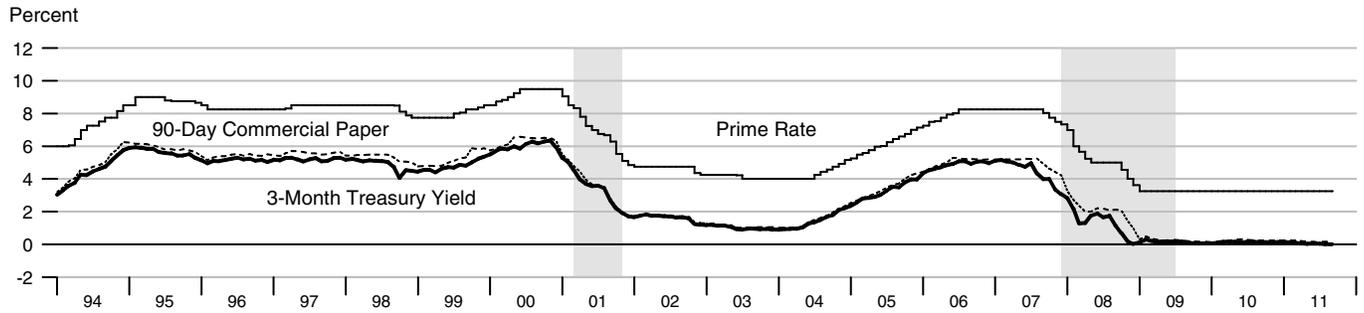
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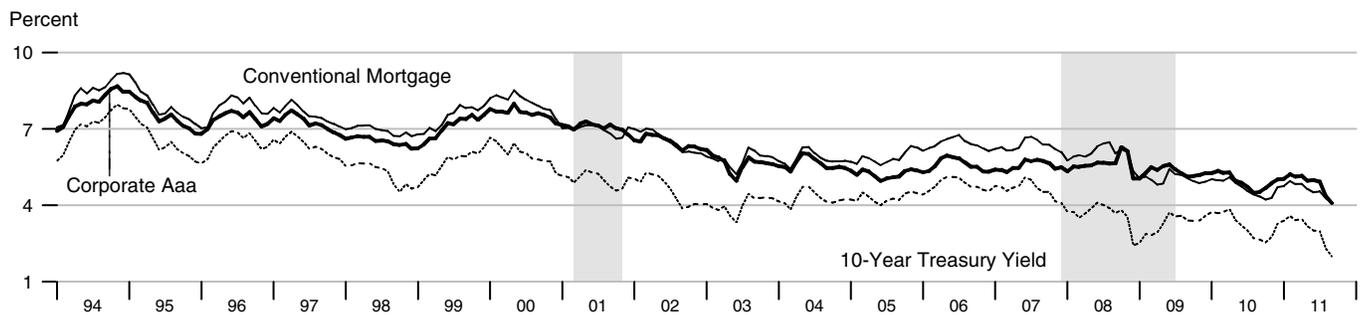
Real Interest Rates



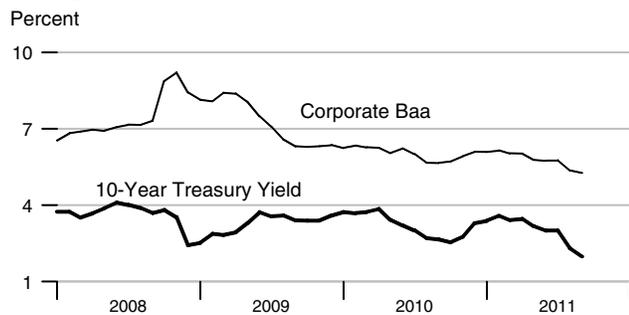
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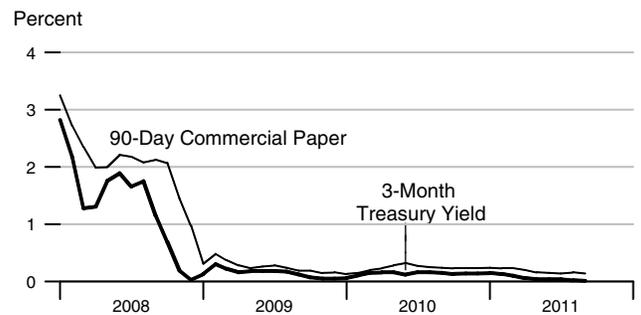
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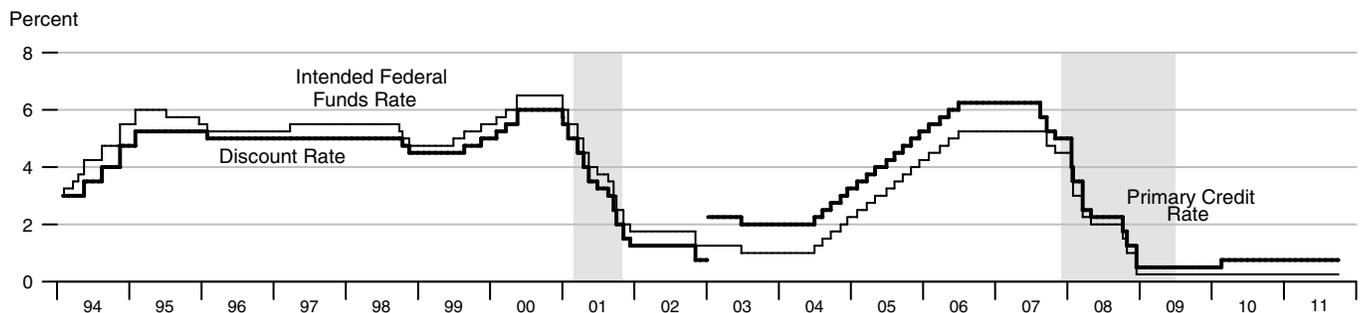
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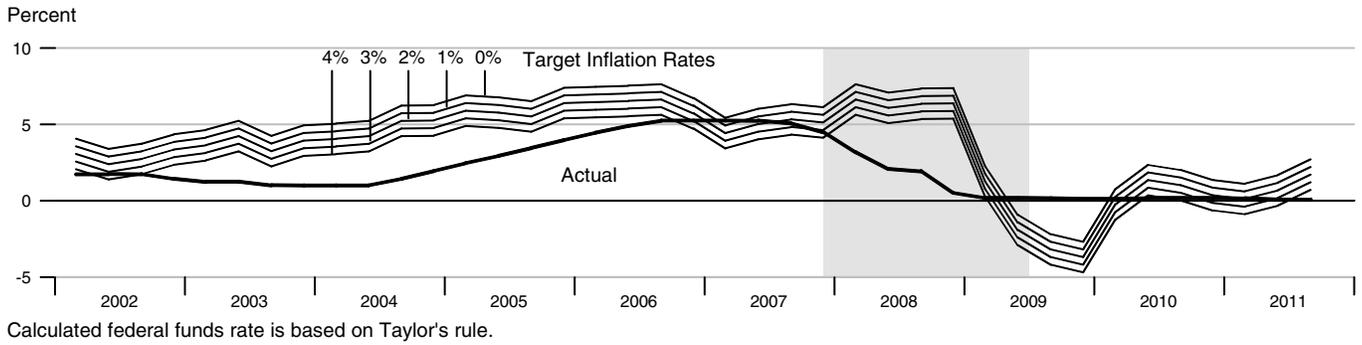
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FOMC Intended Federal Funds Rate, Discount Rate, and Primary Credit Rate

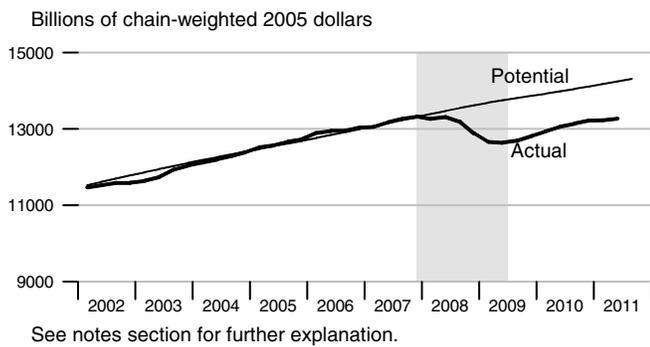


Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets

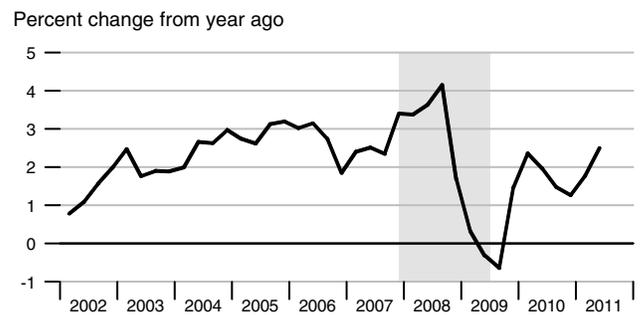


Components of Taylor's Rule

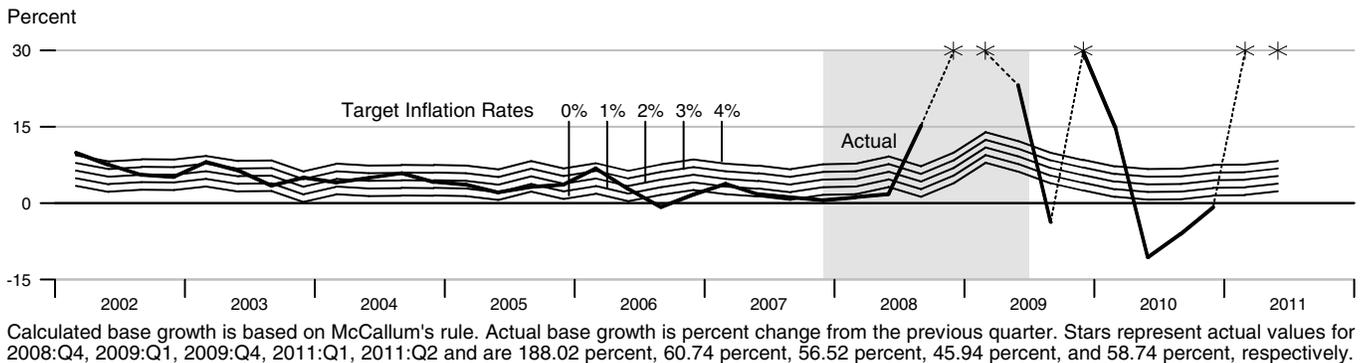
Actual and Potential Real GDP



PCE Inflation

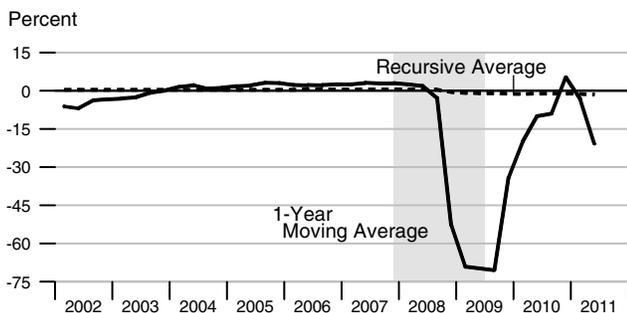


Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets

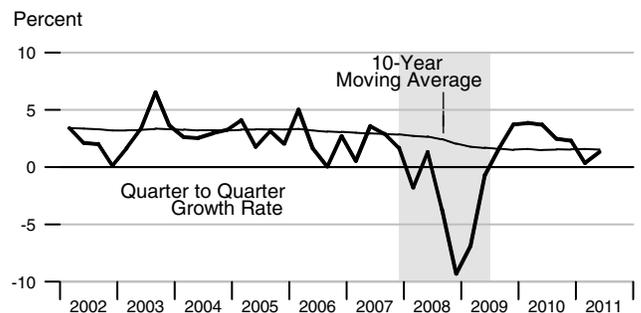


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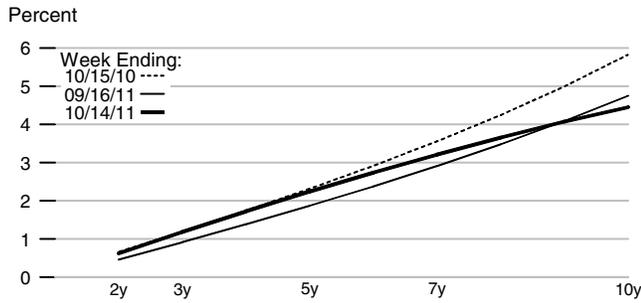
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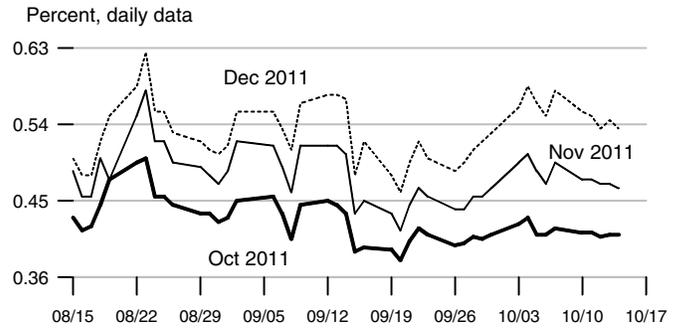
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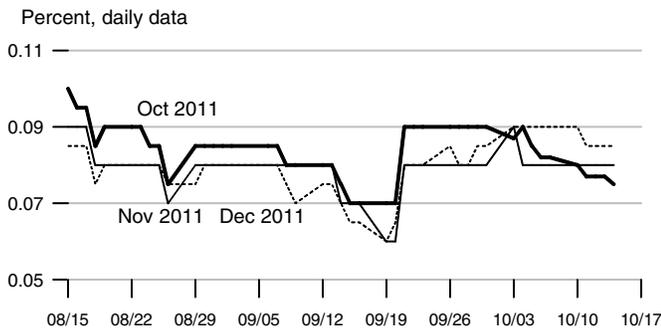
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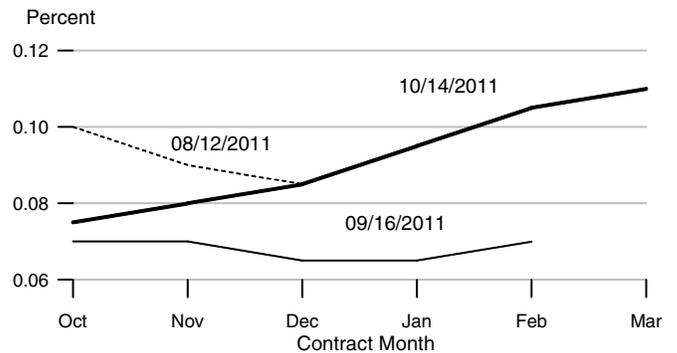
Rates on 3-Month Eurodollar Futures



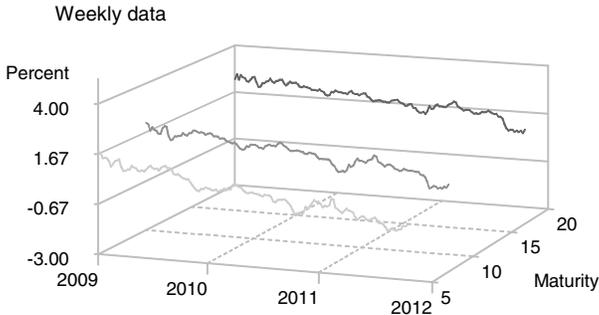
Rates on Selected Federal Funds Futures Contracts



Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates

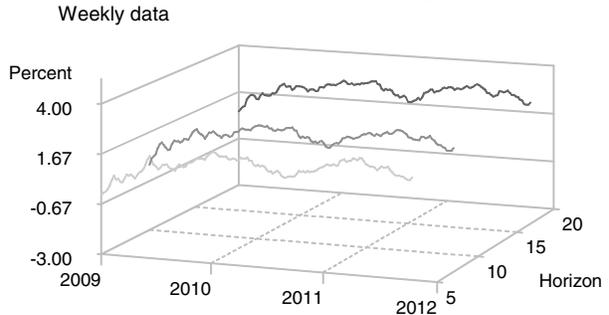


Inflation-Indexed Treasury Securities



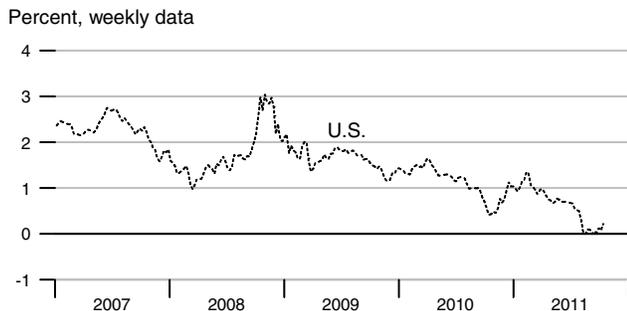
Note: Yields are inflation-indexed constant maturity U.S. Treasury securities

Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads



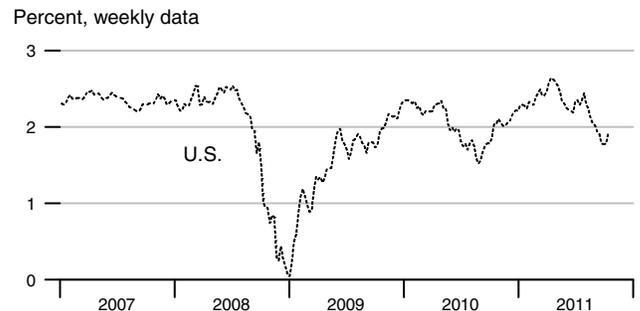
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Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Notes



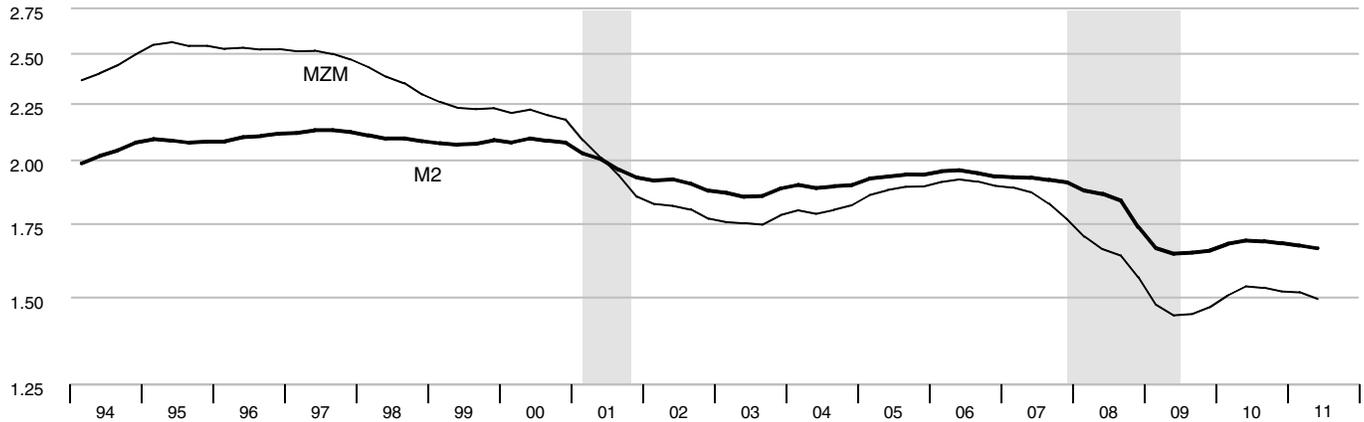
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Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads



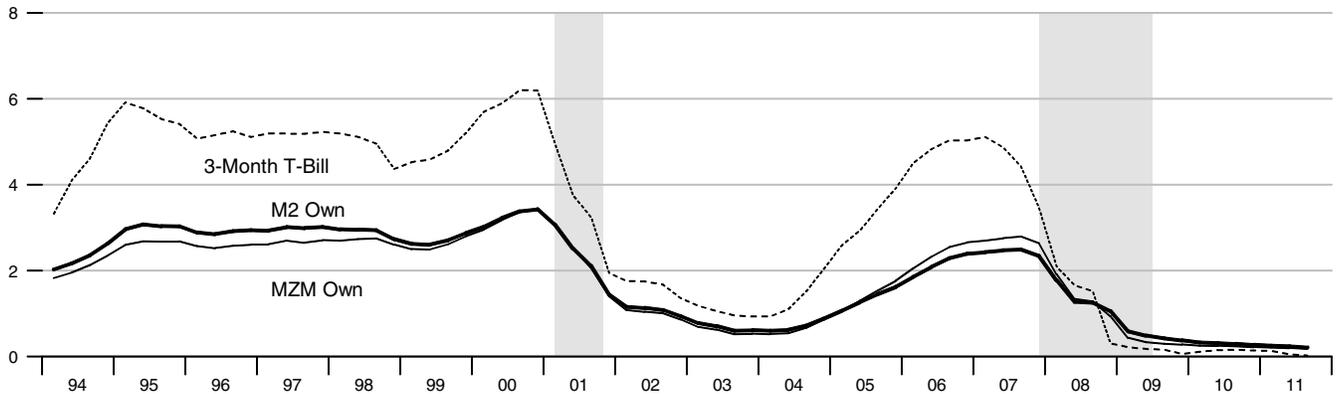
Velocity

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



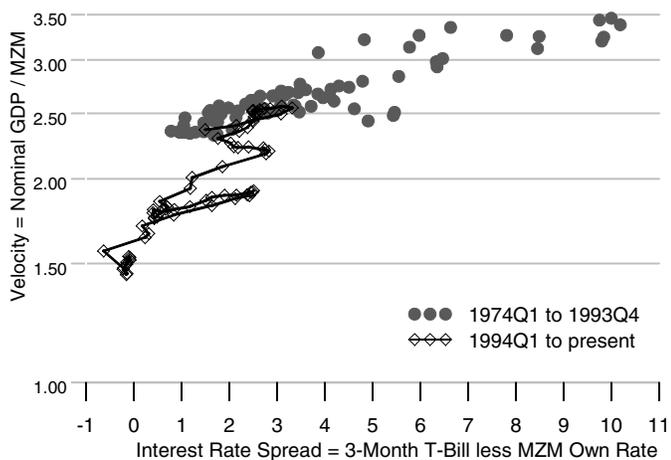
Interest Rates

Percent



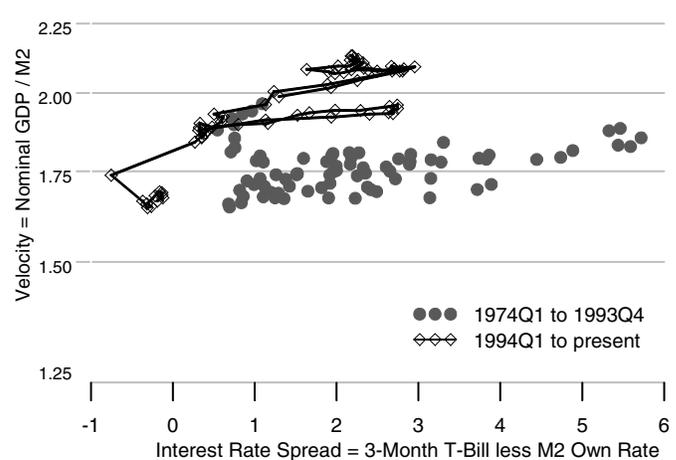
MZM Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale



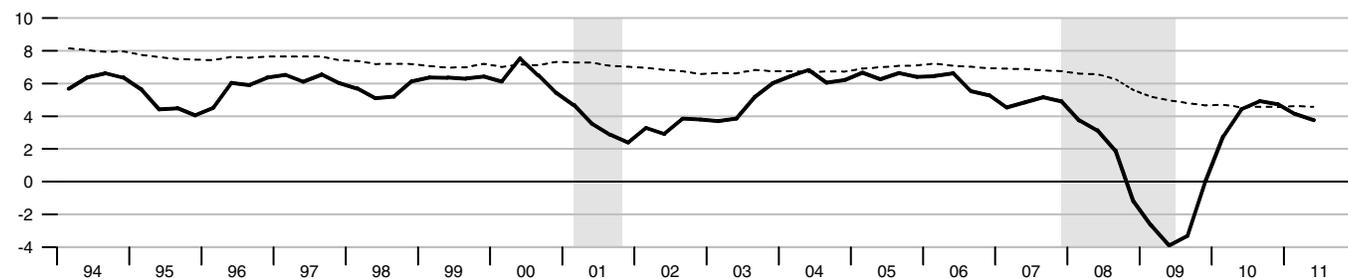
M2 Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale



Gross Domestic Product

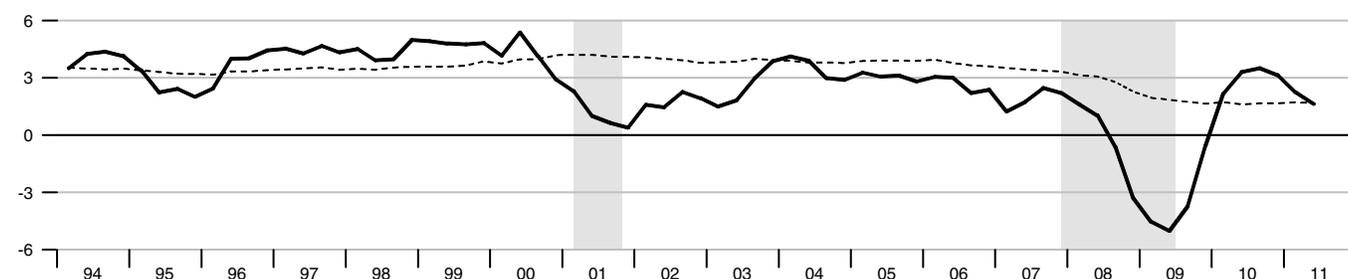
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Real Gross Domestic Product

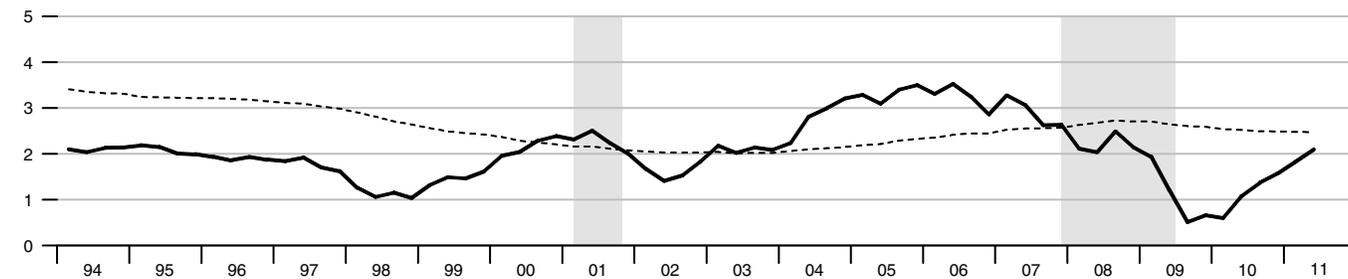
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Gross Domestic Product Price Index

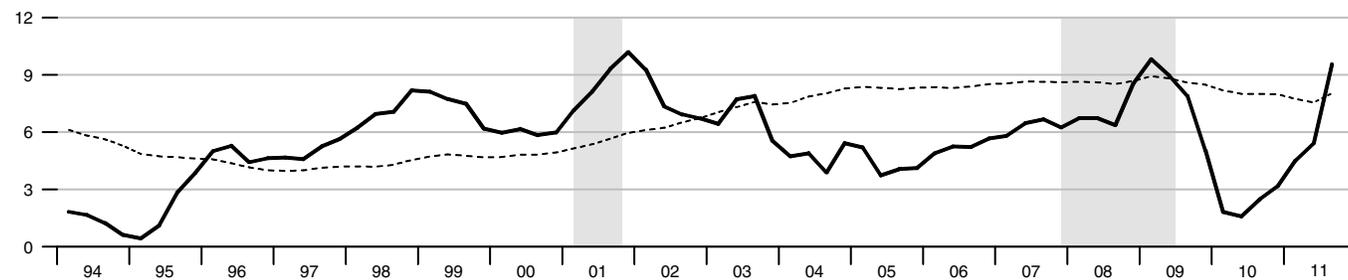
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M2

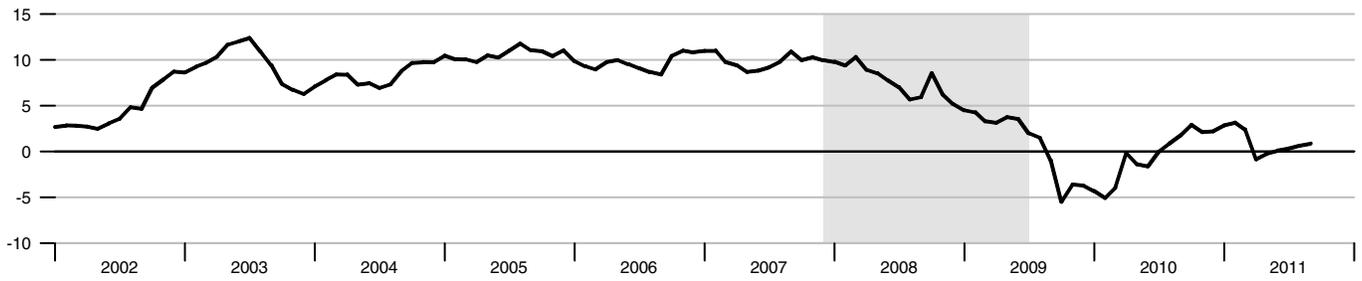
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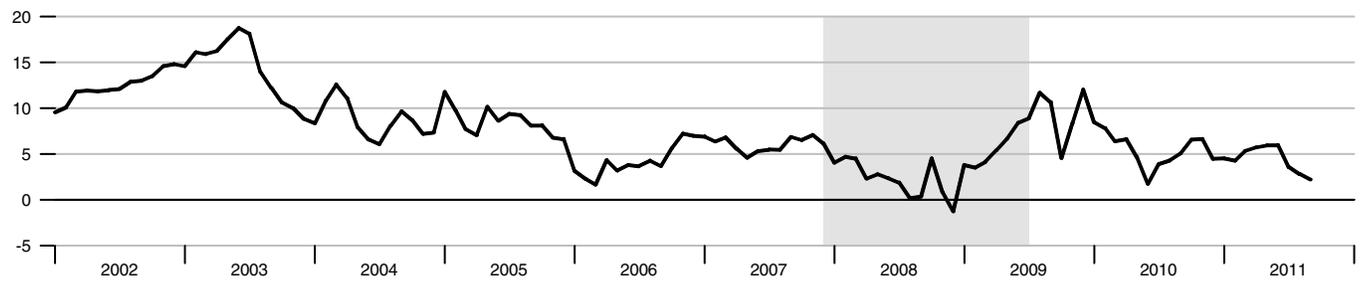
Bank Credit

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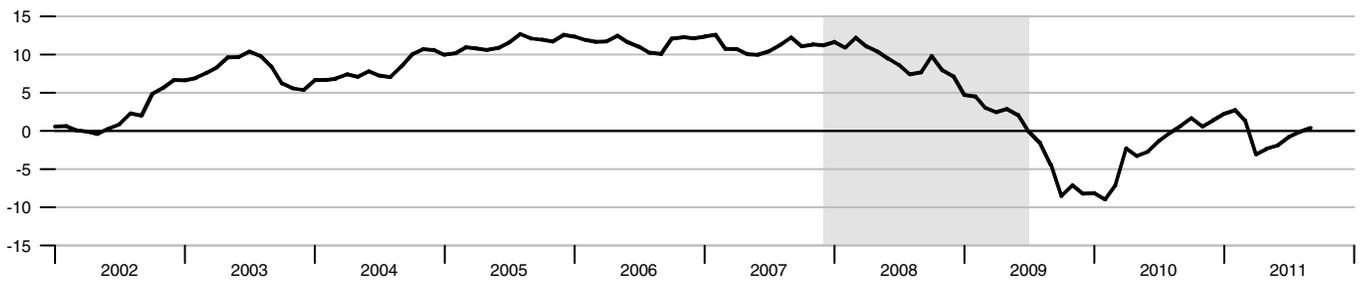
Investment Securities in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

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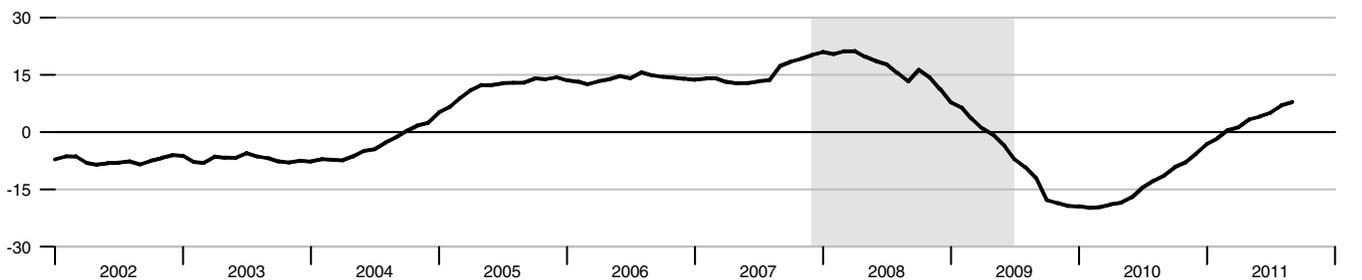
Total Loans and Leases in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago

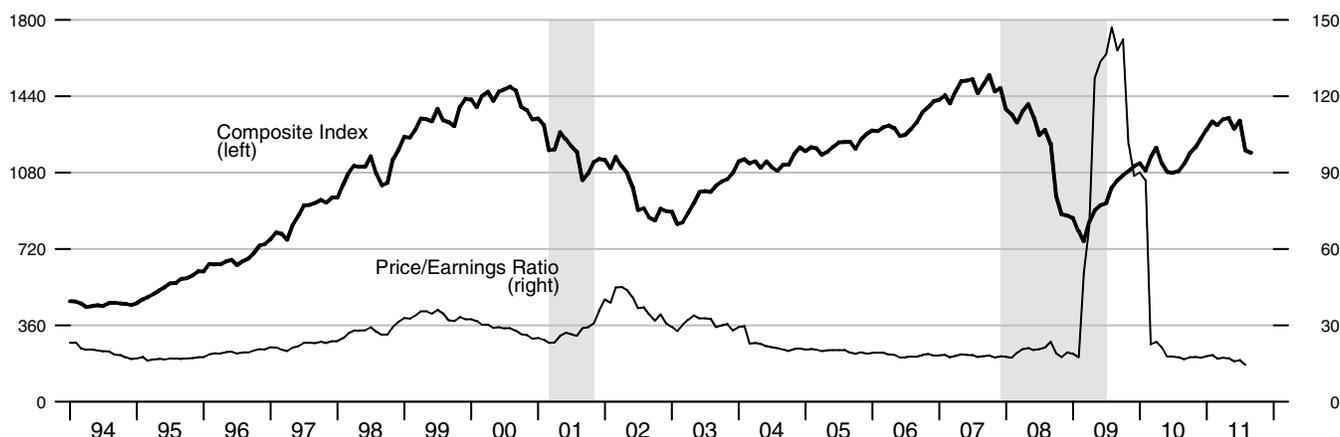


Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



Standard & Poor's 500

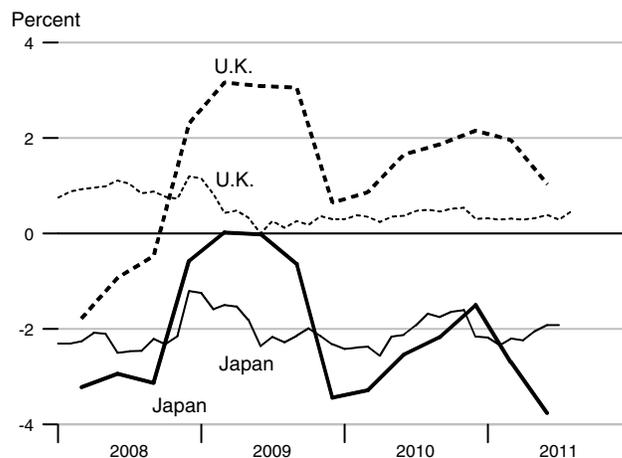
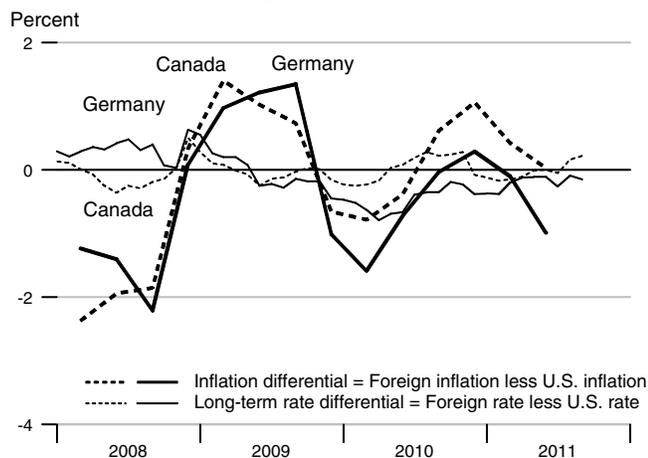


Recent Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

	Consumer Price Inflation Rates				Long-Term Government Bond Rates			
	Percent change from year ago				Percent			
	2010Q3	2010Q4	2011Q1	2011Q2	Jun11	Jul11	Aug11	Sep11
United States	1.22	1.20	2.17	3.33	3.00	3.00	2.30	1.98
Canada	1.83	2.27	2.60	3.36	3.00	2.95	2.46	2.20
France	1.53	1.65	1.81	2.07	3.43	3.40	2.98	2.64
Germany	1.18	1.49	2.08	2.35	2.89	2.74	2.21	1.83
Italy	1.62	1.79	2.34	2.67	4.82	5.46	5.27	5.75
Japan	-0.96	-0.29	-0.52	-0.43	1.08	1.08	.	.
United Kingdom	3.09	3.36	4.13	4.37	3.39	3.29	2.76	.

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Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rate Differentials



		Money Stock				Bank	Adjusted		MSI M2**
		M1	MZM	M2	M3*	Credit	Monetary Base	Reserves	
2006		1374.188	7001.801	6864.998	10270.74	7691.512	835.035	94.908	
2007		1372.136	7636.515	7297.654		8453.004	850.529	94.146	
2008		1433.140	8710.223	7816.427		9106.875	1010.131	232.536	
2009		1636.837	9544.509	8432.307		9193.553	1796.544	944.774	
2010		1740.672	9536.483	8623.201		9138.617	2031.704	1144.134	
2009	1	1577.914	9403.304	8352.344		9335.930	1662.910	820.582	
	2	1624.149	9588.049	8424.850		9307.671	1763.620	917.025	
	3	1660.871	9607.369	8444.302		9131.444	1747.189	895.450	
	4	1684.413	9579.315	8507.731		8999.166	2012.459	1146.039	
2010	1	1698.790	9477.109	8503.684		8920.329	2089.193	1217.051	
	2	1708.538	9419.642	8558.483		9207.812	2034.300	1158.476	
	3	1747.113	9537.833	8653.345		9210.683	2003.663	1117.955	
	4	1808.245	9711.348	8777.292		9215.644	1999.660	1083.054	
2011	1	1869.992	9801.152	8887.099		9169.862	2243.008	1310.597	
	2	1924.146	10035.93	9022.560		9177.282	2597.870	1647.733	
	3	2077.409	10423.15	9480.149		9266.725	2680.254	1714.344	
2009	Sep	1665.768	9592.764	8452.026		9050.949	1819.736	965.271	
	Oct	1679.823	9586.007	8482.442		8973.048	1975.378	1122.203	
	Nov	1679.878	9584.233	8511.972		9030.054	2044.688	1182.381	
	Dec	1693.538	9567.705	8528.780		8994.396	2017.311	1133.534	
2010	Jan	1681.032	9484.153	8465.809		8939.579	2010.111	1105.468	
	Feb	1703.324	9508.962	8533.570		8879.978	2150.926	1296.208	
	Mar	1712.015	9438.213	8511.674		8941.430	2106.541	1249.476	
	Apr	1698.852	9401.200	8522.443		9261.585	2044.317	1179.158	
	May	1703.972	9417.657	8561.890		9206.831	2034.566	1149.889	
	Jun	1722.790	9440.069	8591.117		9155.020	2024.018	1146.380	
	Jul	1725.883	9470.010	8607.079		9193.851	2015.197	1131.111	
	Aug	1746.277	9535.741	8652.648		9226.294	2014.643	1133.742	
	Sep	1769.180	9607.747	8700.308		9211.904	1981.149	1089.012	
	Oct	1779.259	9662.857	8740.802		9233.733	1998.502	1099.716	
	Nov	1817.171	9718.765	8778.857		9221.328	1991.154	1076.443	
	Dec	1828.304	9752.421	8812.217		9191.869	2009.323	1073.003	
2011	Jan	1850.333	9745.485	8836.813		9193.643	2057.166	1095.898	
	Feb	1871.451	9795.715	8898.174		9159.440	2243.621	1327.499	
	Mar	1888.193	9862.255	8926.310		9156.502	2428.238	1508.394	
	Apr	1897.827	9948.958	8958.355		9182.632	2531.680	1599.149	
	May	1929.591	10040.36	9010.222		9185.122	2590.373	1627.374	
	Jun	1945.020	10118.48	9099.103		9164.092	2671.557	1716.676	
	Jul	2003.599	10301.28	9311.419		9222.375	2703.582	1738.098	
	Aug	2105.656	10445.53	9542.095		9285.235	2680.498	1721.613	
	Sep	2122.972	10522.63	9586.934		9292.563	2656.683	1683.320	

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	Municipal Aaa Bonds	Conventional Mortgage
						3-mo	3-yr	10-yr			
2006		4.96	5.96	7.96	5.15	4.85	4.77	4.79	5.59	4.15	6.41
2007		5.02	5.86	8.05	5.27	4.47	4.34	4.63	5.56	4.13	6.34
2008		1.93	2.39	5.09	2.97	1.39	2.24	3.67	5.63	4.58	6.04
2009		0.16	0.50	3.25	0.56	0.15	1.43	3.26	5.31	4.27	5.04
2010		0.17	0.72	3.25	0.31	0.14	1.11	3.21	4.94	3.90	4.69
2009	1	0.18	0.50	3.25	1.08	0.22	1.27	2.74	5.27	4.64	5.06
	2	0.18	0.50	3.25	0.62	0.17	1.49	3.31	5.51	4.43	5.03
	3	0.16	0.50	3.25	0.30	0.16	1.56	3.52	5.27	4.11	5.16
	4	0.12	0.50	3.25	0.22	0.06	1.39	3.46	5.20	3.91	4.92
2010	1	0.13	0.61	3.25	0.21	0.11	1.47	3.72	5.29	3.93	5.00
	2	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.42	0.15	1.38	3.49	5.04	3.83	4.91
	3	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.34	0.16	0.83	2.79	4.58	3.58	4.45
	4	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.14	0.74	2.86	4.86	4.24	4.41
2011	1	0.16	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.13	1.16	3.46	5.13	4.71	4.85
	2	0.09	0.75	3.25	0.22	0.05	0.95	3.21	5.04	4.50	4.66
	3	0.08	0.75	3.25	0.29	0.02	0.47	2.43	4.46	4.02	4.31
2009	Sep	0.15	0.50	3.25	0.25	0.12	1.48	3.40	5.13	3.81	5.06
	Oct	0.12	0.50	3.25	0.24	0.07	1.46	3.39	5.15	3.85	4.95
	Nov	0.12	0.50	3.25	0.21	0.05	1.32	3.40	5.19	3.99	4.88
	Dec	0.12	0.50	3.25	0.22	0.05	1.38	3.59	5.26	3.89	4.93
2010	Jan	0.11	0.50	3.25	0.20	0.06	1.49	3.73	5.26	3.96	5.03
	Feb	0.13	0.59	3.25	0.19	0.11	1.40	3.69	5.35	3.91	4.99
	Mar	0.16	0.75	3.25	0.23	0.15	1.51	3.73	5.27	3.91	4.97
	Apr	0.20	0.75	3.25	0.30	0.16	1.64	3.85	5.29	3.95	5.10
	May	0.20	0.75	3.25	0.45	0.16	1.32	3.42	4.96	3.75	4.89
	Jun	0.18	0.75	3.25	0.52	0.12	1.17	3.20	4.88	3.81	4.74
	Jul	0.18	0.75	3.25	0.41	0.16	0.98	3.01	4.72	3.69	4.56
	Aug	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.32	0.16	0.78	2.70	4.49	3.44	4.43
	Sep	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.15	0.74	2.65	4.53	3.63	4.35
	Oct	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.27	0.13	0.57	2.54	4.68	3.62	4.23
	Nov	0.19	0.75	3.25	0.27	0.14	0.67	2.76	4.87	4.44	4.30
	Dec	0.18	0.75	3.25	0.30	0.14	0.99	3.29	5.02	4.67	4.71
2011	Jan	0.17	0.75	3.25	0.29	0.15	1.03	3.39	5.04	4.86	4.76
	Feb	0.16	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.13	1.28	3.58	5.22	4.79	4.95
	Mar	0.14	0.75	3.25	0.28	0.10	1.17	3.41	5.13	4.47	4.84
	Apr	0.10	0.75	3.25	0.23	0.06	1.21	3.46	5.16	4.93	4.84
	May	0.09	0.75	3.25	0.21	0.04	0.94	3.17	4.96	4.33	4.64
	Jun	0.09	0.75	3.25	0.22	0.04	0.71	3.00	4.99	4.23	4.51
	Jul	0.07	0.75	3.25	0.24	0.04	0.68	3.00	4.93	4.31	4.55
	Aug	0.10	0.75	3.25	0.29	0.02	0.38	2.30	4.37	3.90	4.27
	Sep	0.08	0.75	3.25	0.33	0.01	0.35	1.98	4.09	3.84	4.11

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

		M1	MZM	M2	M3*
Percent change at an annual rate					
2006		0.19	4.34	5.26	4.95
2007		-0.15	9.07	6.30	
2008		4.45	14.06	7.11	
2009		14.21	9.58	7.88	
2010		6.34	-0.08	2.26	
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2009	1	12.72	18.08	12.45	
	2	11.72	7.86	3.47	
	3	9.04	0.81	0.92	
	4	5.67	-1.17	3.00	
2010	1	3.41	-4.27	-0.19	
	2	2.30	-2.43	2.58	
	3	9.03	5.02	4.43	
	4	14.00	7.28	5.73	
2011	1	13.66	3.70	5.00	
	2	11.58	9.58	6.10	
	3	31.86	15.43	20.29	
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2009	Sep	7.56	0.42	3.37	
	Oct	10.13	-0.85	4.32	
	Nov	0.04	-0.22	4.18	
	Dec	9.76	-2.07	2.37	
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2010	Jan	-8.86	-10.48	-8.86	
	Feb	15.91	3.14	9.60	
	Mar	6.12	-8.93	-3.08	
	Apr	-9.23	-4.71	1.52	
	May	3.62	2.10	5.55	
	Jun	13.25	2.86	4.10	
	Jul	2.15	3.81	2.23	
	Aug	14.18	8.33	6.35	
	Sep	15.74	9.06	6.61	
	Oct	6.84	6.88	5.59	
	Nov	25.57	6.94	5.22	
	Dec	7.35	4.16	4.56	
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2011	Jan	14.46	-0.85	3.35	
	Feb	13.70	6.19	8.33	
	Mar	10.74	8.15	3.79	
	Apr	6.12	10.55	4.31	
	May	20.08	11.02	6.95	
	Jun	9.60	9.34	11.84	
	Jul	36.14	21.68	28.00	
	Aug	61.12	16.80	29.73	
	Sep	9.87	8.86	5.64	

*See table of contents for changes to the series.

Definitions

M1: The sum of currency held outside the vaults of depository institutions, Federal Reserve Banks, and the U.S. Treasury; travelers checks; and demand and other checkable deposits issued by financial institutions (except demand deposits due to the Treasury and depository institutions), minus cash items in process of collection and Federal Reserve float.

MZM (money, zero maturity): M2 minus small-denomination time deposits, plus institutional money market mutual funds (that is, those included in M3 but excluded from M2). The label MZM was coined by William Poole (1991); the aggregate itself was proposed earlier by Motley (1988).

M2: M1 plus savings deposits (including money market deposit accounts) and small-denomination (under \$100,000) time deposits issued by financial institutions; and shares in retail money market mutual funds (funds with initial investments under \$50,000), net of retirement accounts.

M3: M2 plus large-denomination (\$100,000 or more) time deposits; repurchase agreements issued by depository institutions; Eurodollar deposits, specifically, dollar-denominated deposits due to nonbank U.S. addresses held at foreign offices of U.S. banks worldwide and all banking offices in Canada and the United Kingdom; and institutional money market mutual funds (funds with initial investments of \$50,000 or more).

Bank Credit: All loans, leases, and securities held by commercial banks.

Domestic Nonfinancial Debt: Total credit market liabilities of the U.S. Treasury, federally sponsored agencies, state and local governments, households, and nonfinancial firms. End-of-period basis.

Adjusted Monetary Base: The sum of currency in circulation outside Federal Reserve Banks and the U.S. Treasury, deposits of depository financial institutions at Federal Reserve Banks, and an adjustment for the effects of changes in statutory reserve requirements on the quantity of base money held by depositories. This series is a spliced chain index; see Anderson and Rasche (1996a,b, 2001, 2003).

Adjusted Reserves: The sum of vault cash and Federal Reserve Bank deposits held by depository institutions and an adjustment for the effects of changes in statutory reserve requirements on the quantity of base money held by depositories. This spliced chain index is numerically larger than the Board of Governors' measure, which excludes vault cash not used to satisfy statutory reserve requirements and Federal Reserve Bank deposits used to satisfy required clearing balance contracts; see Anderson and Rasche (1996a, 2001, 2003).

Monetary Services Index: An index that measures the flow of monetary services received by households and firms from their holdings of liquid assets; see Anderson, Jones, and Nesmith (1997). Indexes are shown for the assets included in M2, with additional data at research.stlouisfed.org/msi/index.html.

Note: M1, M2, M3, Bank Credit, and Domestic Nonfinancial Debt are constructed and published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For details, see *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, tables 1.21 and 1.26. MZM, Adjusted Monetary Base, Adjusted Reserves, and Monetary Services Index are constructed and published by the Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Notes

Page 3: Readers are cautioned that, since early 1994, the level and growth of M1 have been depressed by retail sweep programs that reclassify transactions deposits (demand deposits and other checkable deposits) as savings deposits overnight, thereby reducing banks' required reserves; see Anderson and Rasche (2001) and research.stlouisfed.org/aggreg/swdata.html. **Primary Credit Rate**, **Discount Rate**, and **Intended Federal Funds Rate** shown in the chart **Reserve Market Rates** are plotted as of the date of the change, while the **Effective Federal Funds Rate** is plotted as of the end of the month. Interest rates in the table are monthly averages from the Board of Governors H.15 Statistical Release. The **Treasury Yield Curve** and **Real Treasury Yield Curve** show constant maturity yields calculated by the U.S. Treasury for securities 5, 7, 10, and 20 years to maturity. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads** are a measure of inflation compensation at those horizons, and it is simply the

nominal constant maturity yield less the real constant maturity yield. Daily data and descriptions are available at research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/. See also *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.35. The 30-year constant maturity series was discontinued by the Treasury as of February 18, 2002.

Page 5: **Checkable Deposits** is the sum of demand and other checkable deposits. **Savings Deposits** is the sum of money market deposit accounts and passbook and statement savings. **Time Deposits** have a minimum initial maturity of 7 days. **Retail Money Market Mutual Funds** are included in M2. **Institutional** money market funds are not included in M2.

Page 6: **Excess Reserves plus RCB (Required Clearing Balance) Contracts** equals the amount of deposits at Federal Reserve Banks held by depository institutions but not applied to satisfy statutory reserve requirements. (This measure excludes the vault cash held by depository institutions that is not applied to satisfy statutory reserve requirements.) **Consumer Credit** includes most short- and intermediate-term credit extended to individuals. See *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.55.

Page 7: Data are reported in the Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices.

Page 8: **Inflation Expectations** measures include the quarterly Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia *Survey of Professional Forecasters*, the monthly University of Michigan Survey Research Center's *Surveys of Consumers*, and the annual Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) range as reported to the Congress in the February testimony that accompanies the Monetary Policy Report to the Congress. Beginning February 2000, the FOMC began using the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index to report its inflation range; the FOMC then switched to the PCE chain-type price index excluding food and energy prices ("core") beginning July 2004. Accordingly, neither are shown on this graph. **CPI Inflation** is the percentage change from a year ago in the consumer price index for all urban consumers. **Real Interest Rates** are ex post measures, equal to nominal rates minus year-over-year CPI inflation.

From 1991 to the present the source of the long-term PCE inflation expectations data is the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's *Survey of Professional Forecasters*. Prior to 1991, the data were obtained from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Realized (actual) inflation is the annualized rate of change for the 40-quarter period that corresponds to the forecast horizon (the expectations measure). For example, in 1965:Q1, annualized PCE inflation over the next 40 quarters was expected to average 1.7 percent. In actuality, the average annualized rate of change measured 4.8 percent from 1965:Q1 to 1975:Q1. Thus, the vertical distance between the two lines in the chart at any point is the forecast error.

Page 9: **FOMC Intended Federal Funds Rate** is the level (or midpoint of the range, if applicable) of the federal funds rate that the staff of the FOMC expected to be consistent with the desired degree of pressure on bank reserve positions. In recent years, the FOMC has set an explicit target for the federal funds rate.

Page 10: **Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets** shows the observed federal funds rate, quarterly, and the level of the funds rate implied by applying Taylor's (1993) equation

$$f_t^* = 2.5 + \pi_{t-1} + (\pi_{t-1} - \pi^*)/2 + 100 \times (y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^P)/2$$

to five alternative target inflation rates, $\pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ percent, where f_t^* is the implied federal funds rate, 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 estimated by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets shows the quarterly growth of the adjusted monetary base implied by applying McCallum's (2000, p. 52) equation

$$\Delta b_t = \Delta x_t^* - \Delta v_t^a + \lambda (\Delta x_t^* - \Delta x_{t-1}),$$

$$\Delta x_t^* = \pi^* + \Delta y_t^*$$

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

moving average growth in real GDP, Δv_t^α is the average base velocity growth (calculated recursively), Δx_{t-1} is the lag growth rate of nominal GDP, and $\lambda = 0.5$.

Page 11: Implied One-Year Forward Rates are calculated by this Bank from Treasury constant maturity yields. Yields to maturity, $R(m)$, for securities with $m = 1, \dots, 10$ 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 4/16/2020, and the current U.S. note has a maturity date of 11/15/2020. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads and Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads** equal the difference between the yields on the most recently issued inflation-indexed securities and the unadjusted security yields of similar maturity.

Page 12: Velocity (for MZM and M2) equals the ratio of GDP, measured in current dollars, to the level of the monetary aggregate. **MZM and M2 Own Rates** are weighted averages of the rates received by households and firms on the assets included in the aggregates. Prior to 1982, the 3-month T-bill rates are secondary market yields. From 1982 forward, rates are 3-month constant maturity yields.

Page 13: Real Gross Domestic Product is GDP as measured in chained 2000 dollars. The **Gross Domestic Product Price Index** is the implicit price deflator for GDP, which is defined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, as the ratio of GDP measured in current dollars to GDP measured in chained 2005 dollars.

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

Page 15: Inflation Rate Differentials are the differences between the foreign consumer price inflation rates and year-over-year changes in the U.S. all-items Consumer Price Index.

Page 17: Treasury Yields are Treasury constant maturities as reported in the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's H.15 release.

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