



Has the Bond Market Forgotten Oil?

The financial press often links daily activity in financial markets to general economic news. As of late, the world price of oil has been one of the most often cited causes of fluctuations in securities prices. Rising oil prices have been blamed for declining stock prices, weakness in the dollar exchange rate, and, to some extent, movements in government bond yields. Still, compared with other periods of rising oil prices, the bond market's reaction has been limited.

Since the oil crises of the 1970s, the yields on government securities have typically risen when the price of oil has risen, and fallen when the price of oil has fallen. In the 1970s, a rising price of oil often presaged a sustained increase in the rate of inflation; bond investors responded by demanding higher nominal yields to protect their real returns. Similarly, in the 1980s and 1990s, when oil prices and inflation generally fell, bond yields also fell.

The chart illustrates the positive long-run correlation between the price of oil and government security yields from the 1970s through the 1990s. Alongside the price of oil, the chart shows the yield on 10-year U.S. Treasury securities. To highlight longer-term relationships, both series are plotted as eight-quarter moving averages, which smoothes out short-run fluctuations in the data.

The chart also illustrates that the yield on government securities trended downward between 2001 and 2004, even as the price of oil more than doubled, and offers a clue for this unusual pattern: The increase in the price of oil was not accompanied by a significant increase in the overall rate of inflation (shown here as the eight-quarter moving average of the year-over-year percent change in the consumer price index).

The price of oil hit its recent low in December 1998 and has risen almost continuously since December 2001. While the increase in the price of oil in 1999 and 2000 was accompanied by a modest increase in bond yields and consumer price inflation, the increase that began in 2001 has had little or no perceptible effect on either bond yields or inflation. The current lack of a response of bond yields to the rising price of oil probably reflects both the overall condition of the U.S. economy when the price of oil began to rise and confidence on the part of bond investors

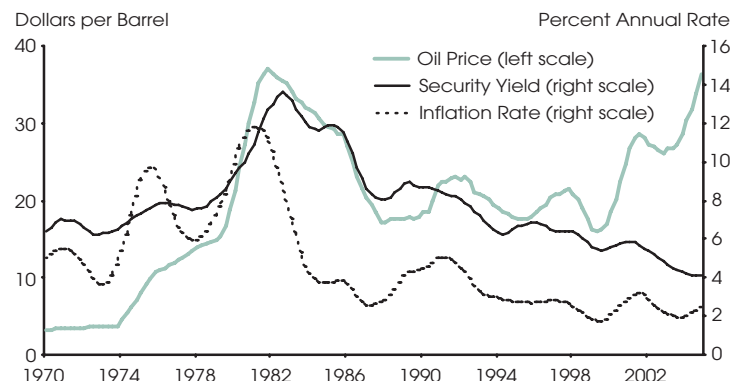
that even a large increase in the price of oil will not have a substantial impact on the long-run rate of inflation.

The U.S. economy was just beginning to emerge from a recession when the price of oil began to rise in late 2001. Inflation was low and, unlike most recoveries, payroll employment failed to grow. Few analysts viewed inflation as a threat and, as employment continued to lag, a few warned that deflation was possible. In this environment, government security yields remained low.

More recently, employment growth has resumed and deflation fears have evaporated. However, the rising price of oil is still not widely viewed as a precursor to higher inflation. In part, this could reflect the fact that U.S. firms are more energy efficient than they were in the 1970s. Many analysts also believe that the price of oil will decline from its recent high level. In addition, however, many commentators argue that the Federal Reserve is unlikely to allow higher energy prices to result in a sustained increase in the rate of inflation. When the price of oil rose in the 1970s, the Fed failed to tighten monetary policy sufficiently to prevent higher inflation and bond yields. The importance of maintaining a stable price level is much more widely recognized today than in the 1970s, and the bond market has considerable faith that the Fed will not allow inflation to rise (or fall) significantly from its present level. As long as such faith persists, the price of oil can rise and fall without causing large movements in bond yields.

—David C. Wheelock

Oil Prices, Government Security Yields, and Inflation, 1970-2004



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

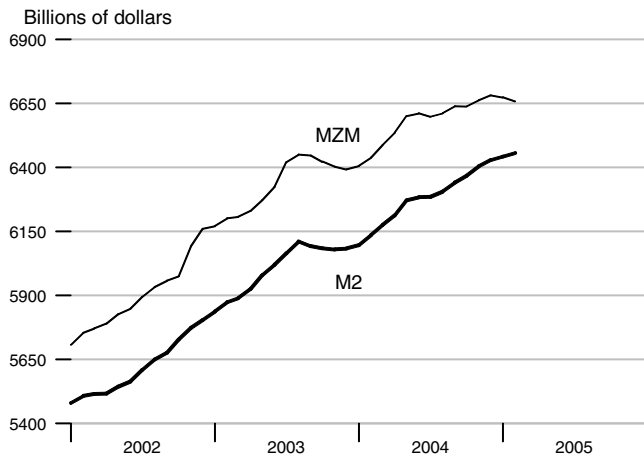
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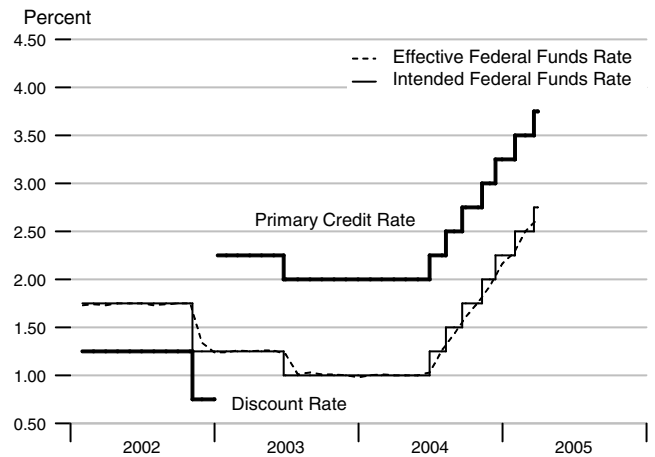
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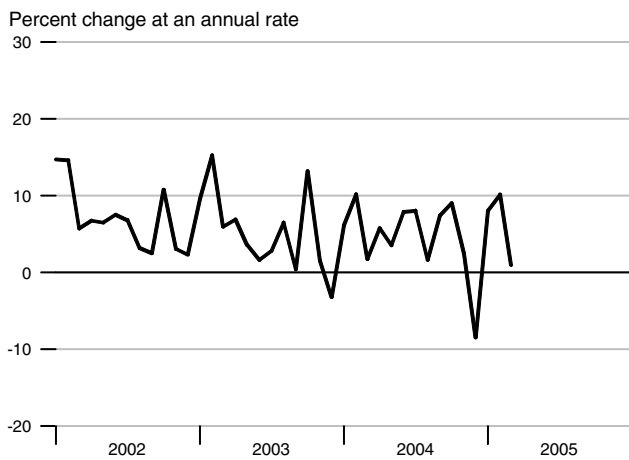
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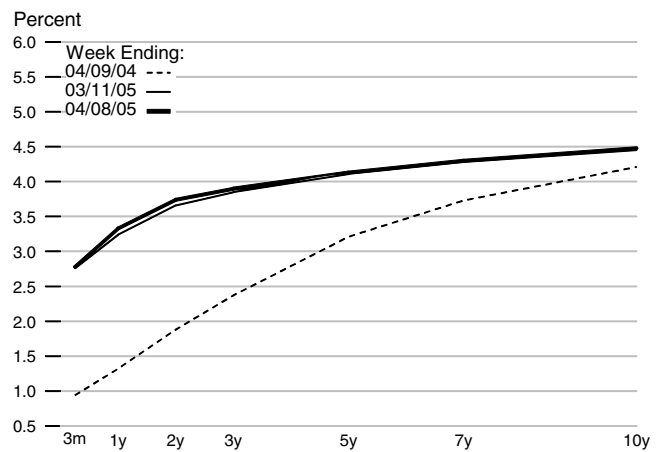
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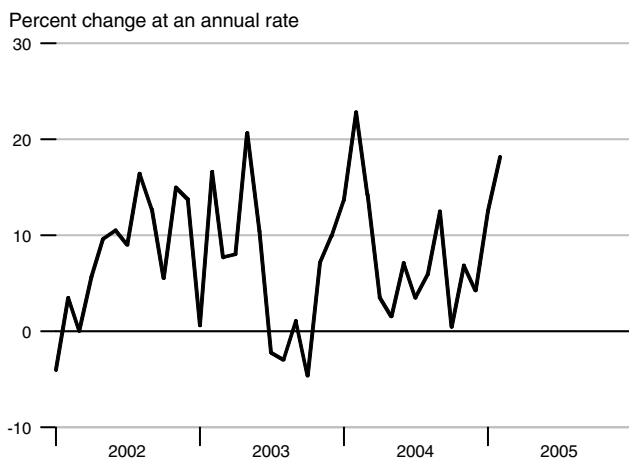
Adjusted Monetary Base



Treasury Yield Curve



Total Bank Credit

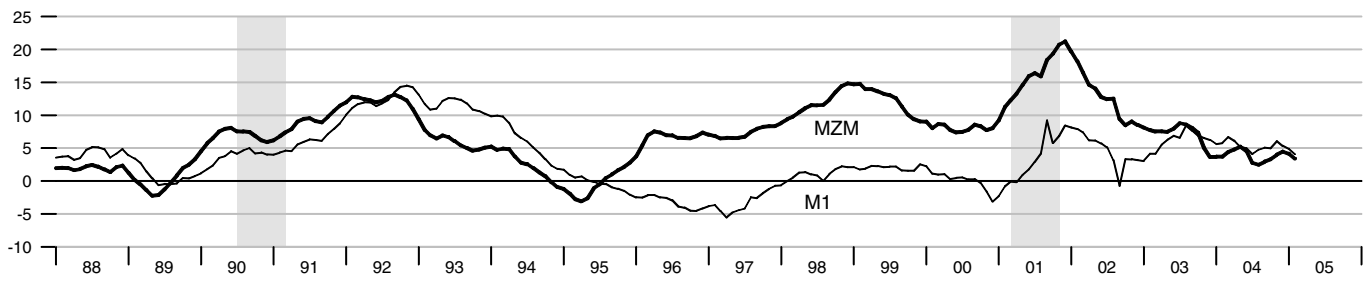


Interest Rates

	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05
Federal Funds Rate	2.28	2.50	2.63
Prime Rate	5.25	5.49	5.58
Primary Credit Rate	3.25	3.49	3.58
Conventional Mortgage Rate	5.71	5.63	5.93
Treasury Yields:			
3-Month Constant Maturity	2.37	2.58	2.80
6-Month Constant Maturity	2.68	2.85	3.09
1-Year Constant Maturity	2.86	3.03	3.30
3-Year Constant Maturity	3.39	3.54	3.91
5-Year Constant Maturity	3.71	3.77	4.17
10-Year Constant Maturity	4.22	4.17	4.50

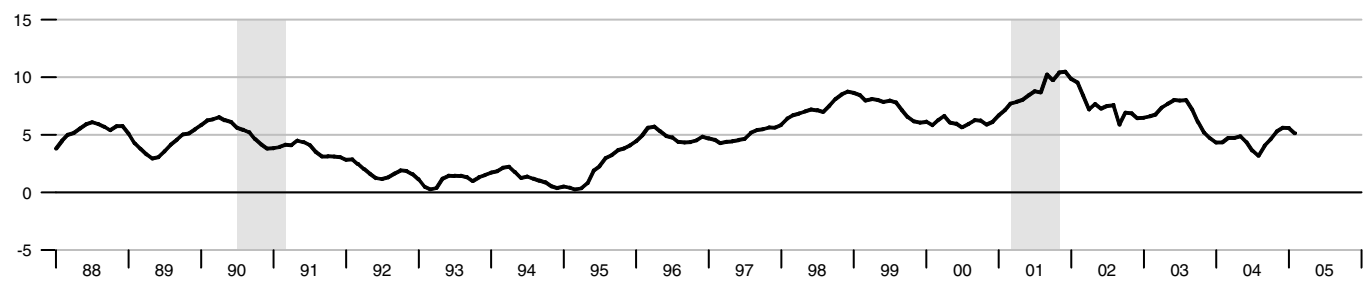
MZM and M1

Percent change from year ago



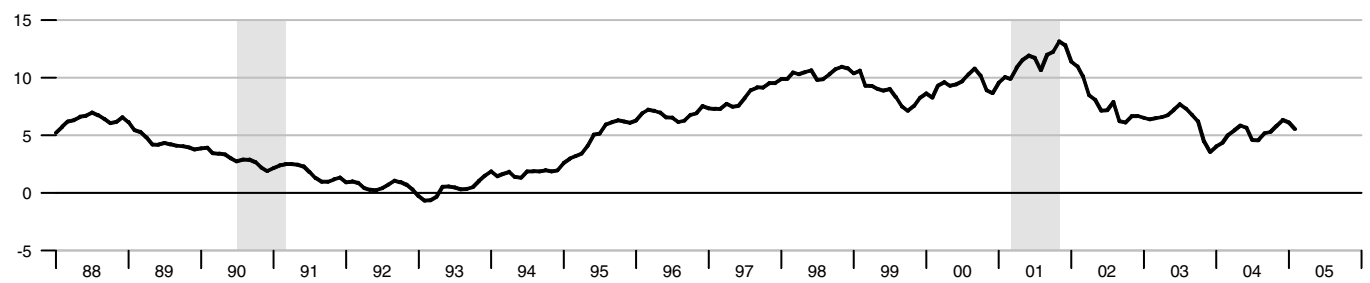
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Percent change from year ago



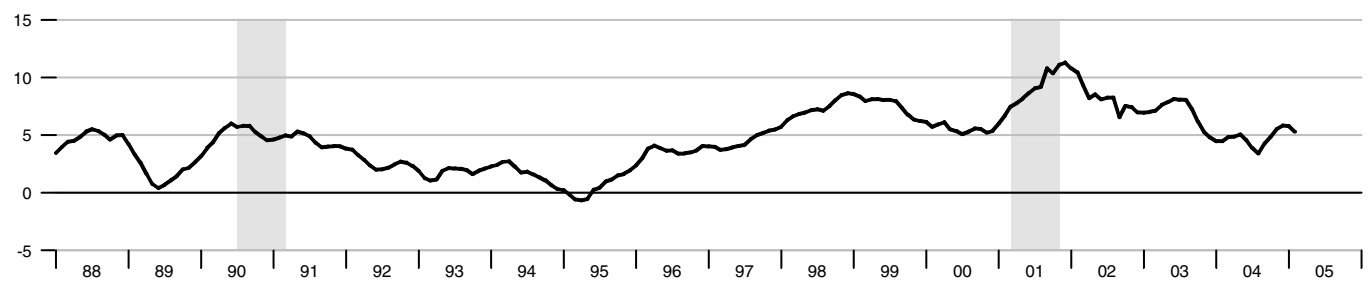
M3

Percent change from year ago



Monetary Services Index - M2

Percent change from year ago



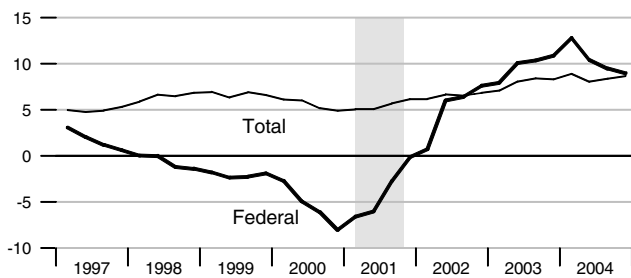
Adjusted Monetary Base

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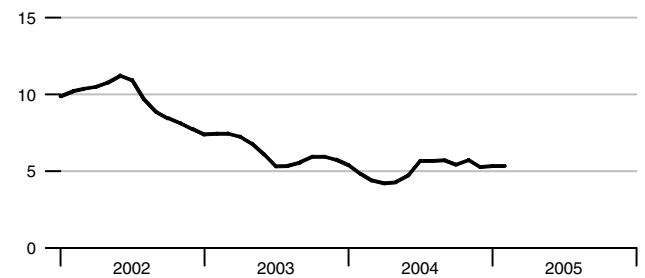
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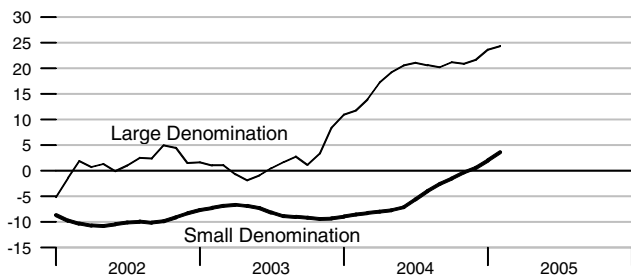
Currency Held by the Nonbank Public

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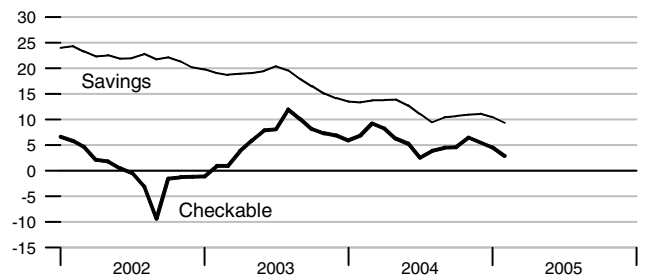
Time Deposits

Percent change from year ago



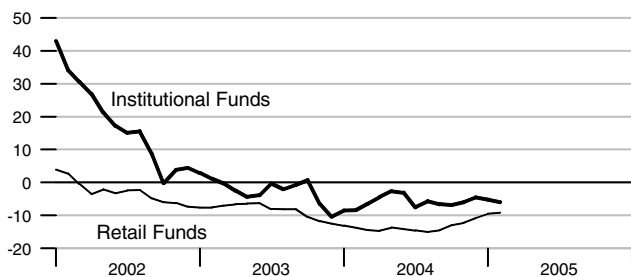
Checkable and Savings Deposits

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Money Market Mutual Fund Shares

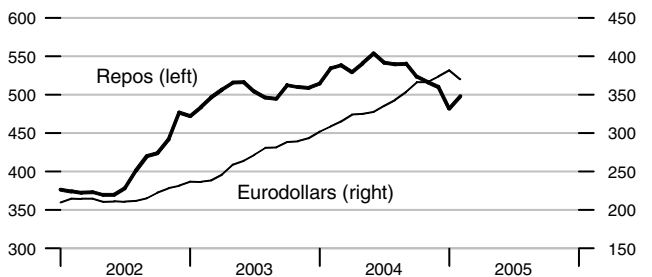
Percent change from year ago



Repurchase Agreements and Eurodollars

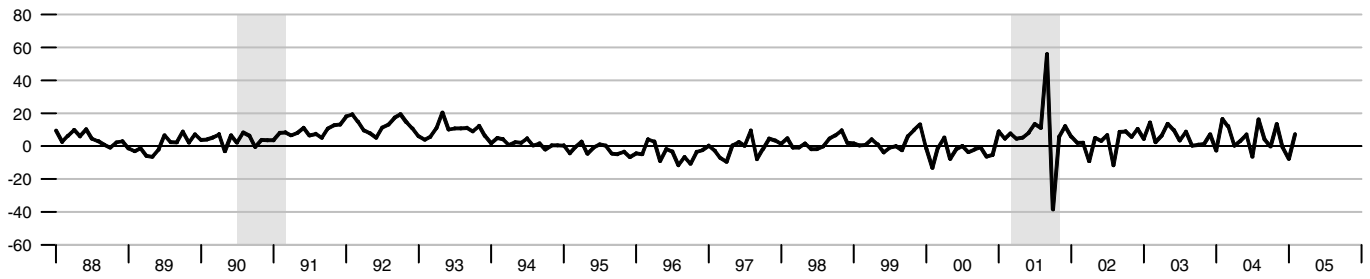
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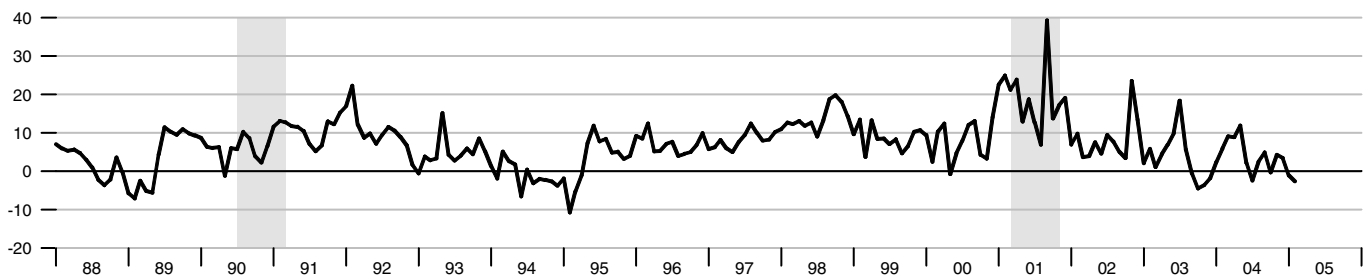
M1

Percent change at an annual rate



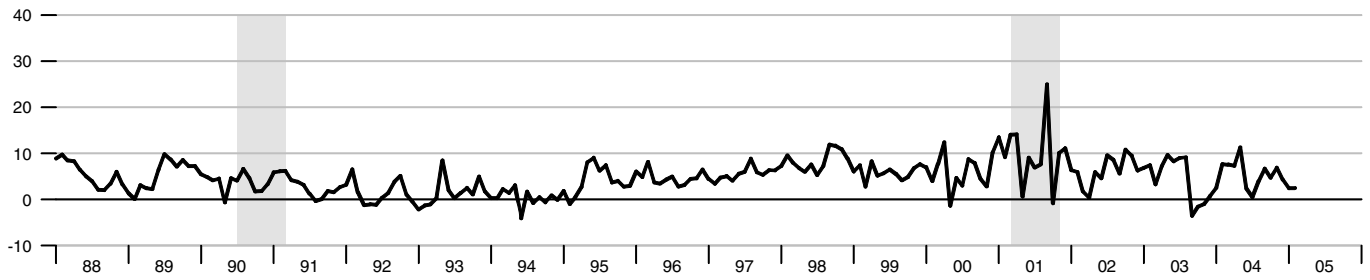
M2M

Percent change at an annual rate



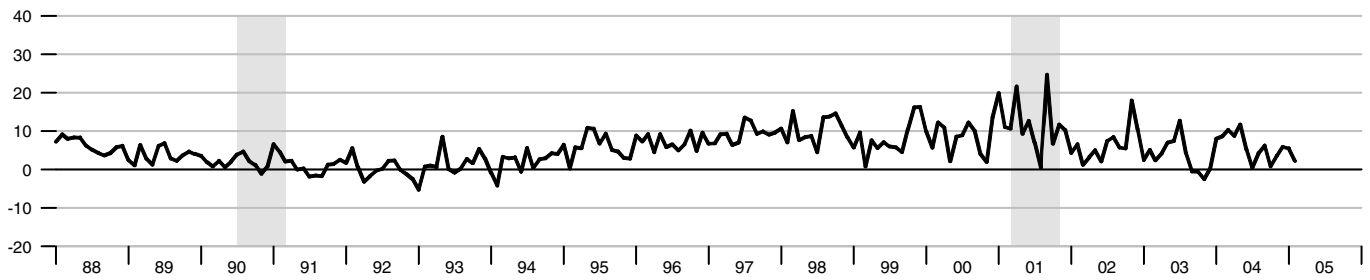
M2

Percent change at an annual rate



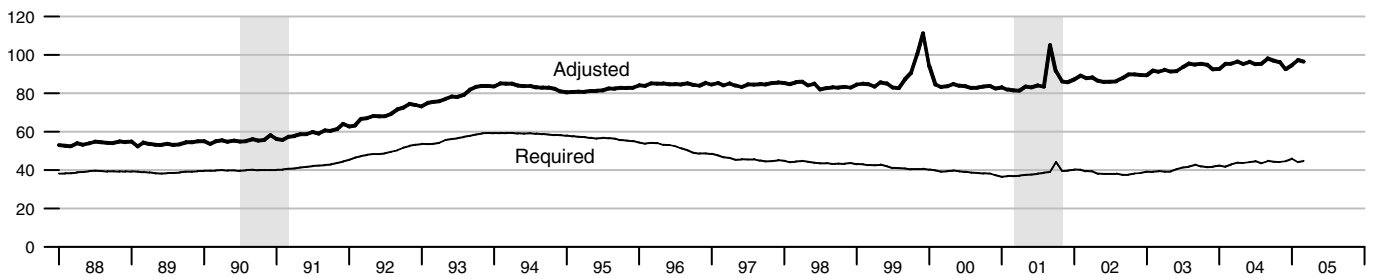
M3

Percent change at an annual rate



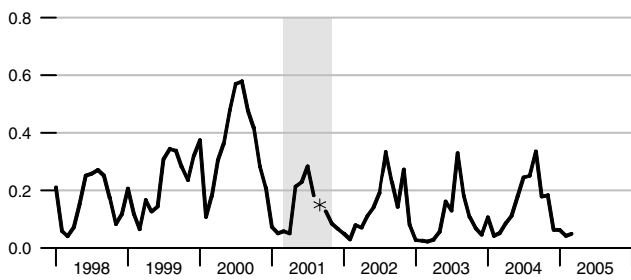
Adjusted and Required Reserves

Billions of dollars



Total Borrowings, nsa

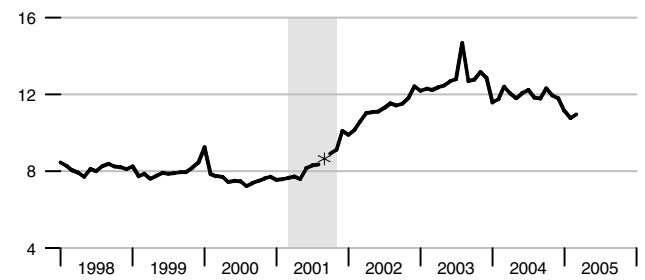
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*Actual value for September 2001 is \$3.4 billion.

Excess Reserves plus RCB Contracts

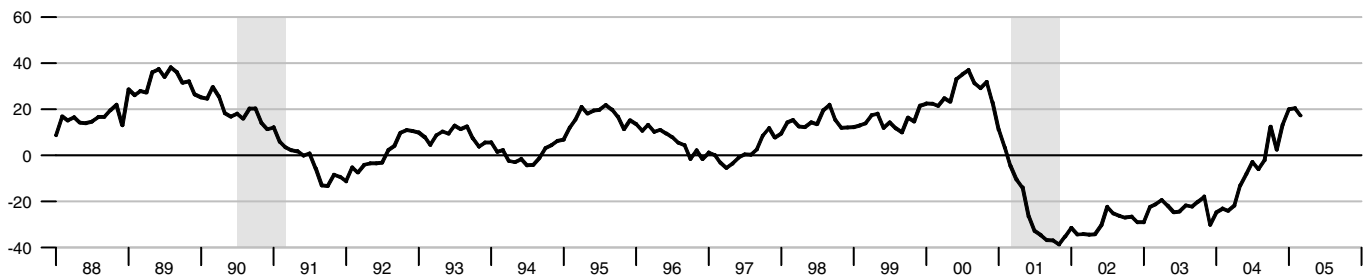
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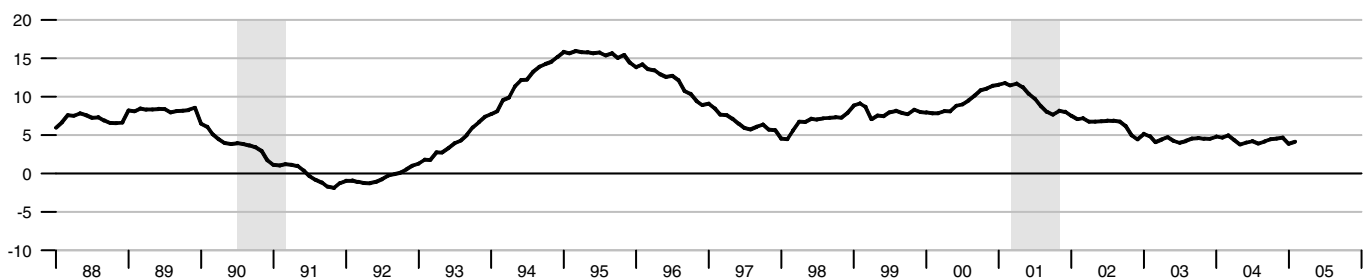
Nonfinancial Commercial Paper

Percent change from year ago

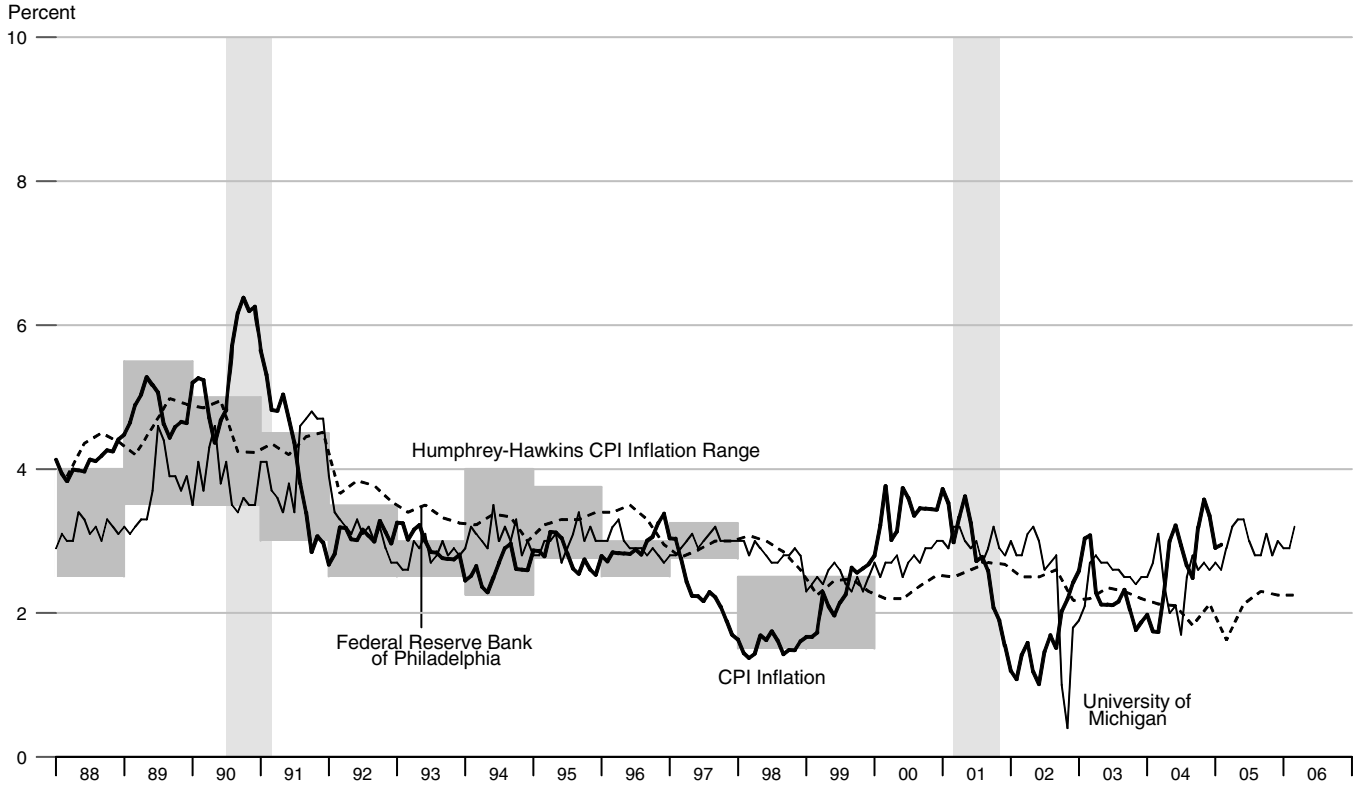


Consumer Credit

Percent change from year ago

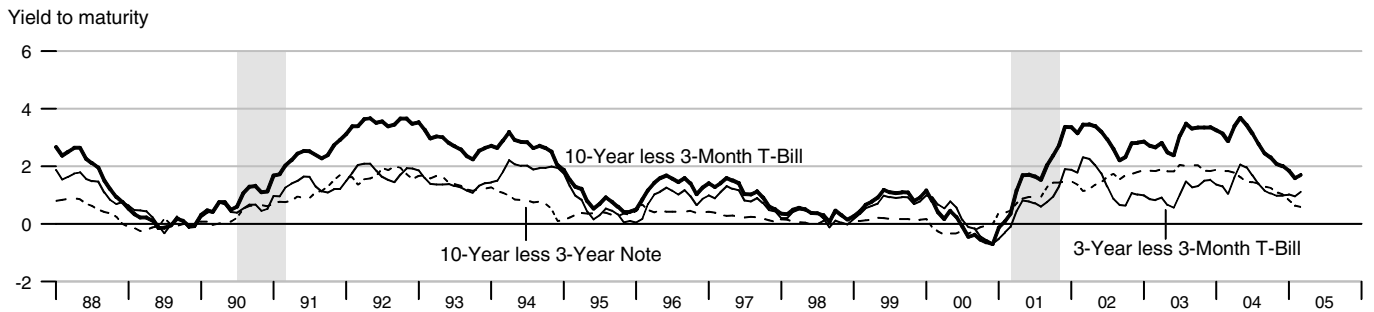


Inflation and Inflation Expectations

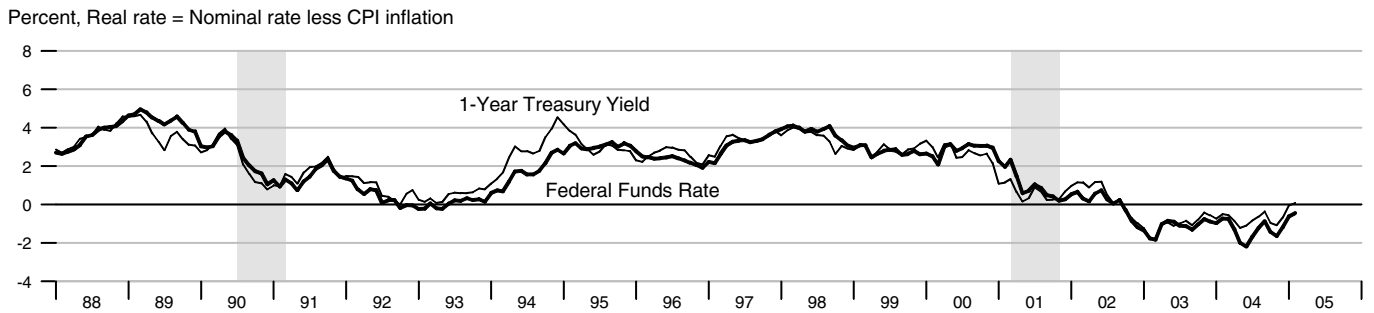


The shaded region shows the Humphrey-Hawkins CPI inflation range. Beginning in January 2000, the Humphrey-Hawkins inflation range was reported using the PCE price index and therefore is not shown on this graph. See notes on page 19.

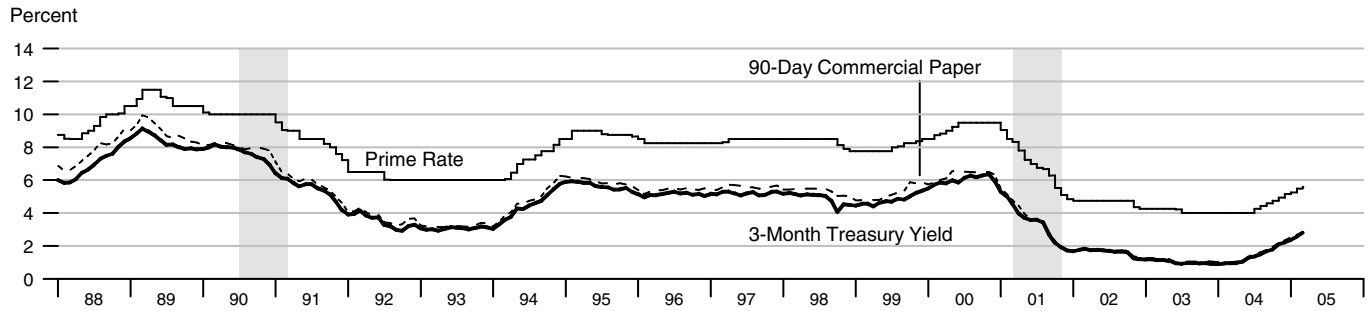
Treasury Security Yield Spreads



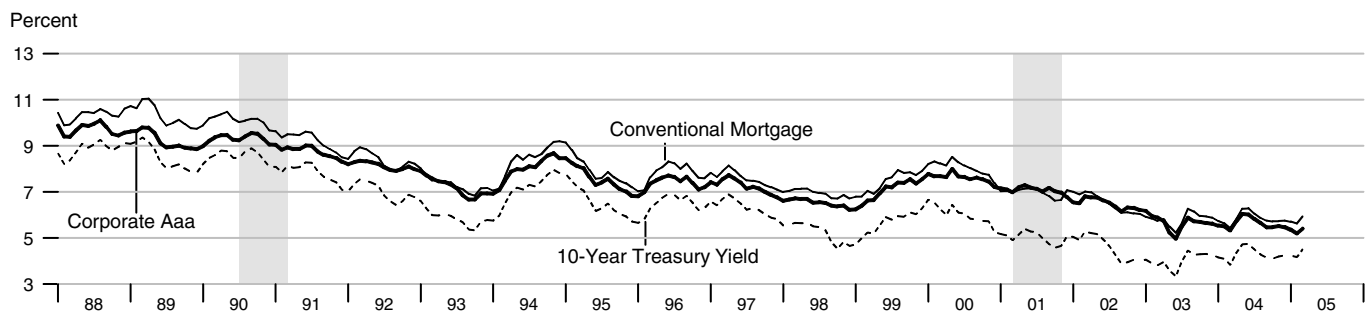
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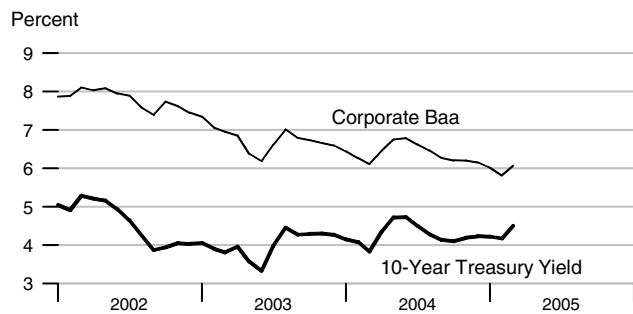
Short-Term Interest Rates



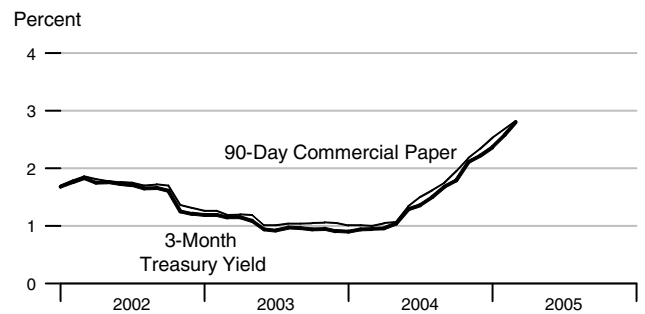
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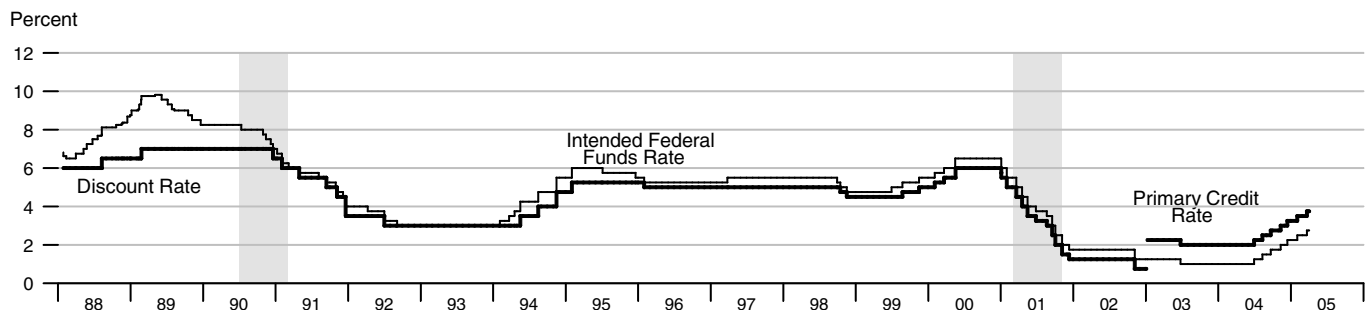
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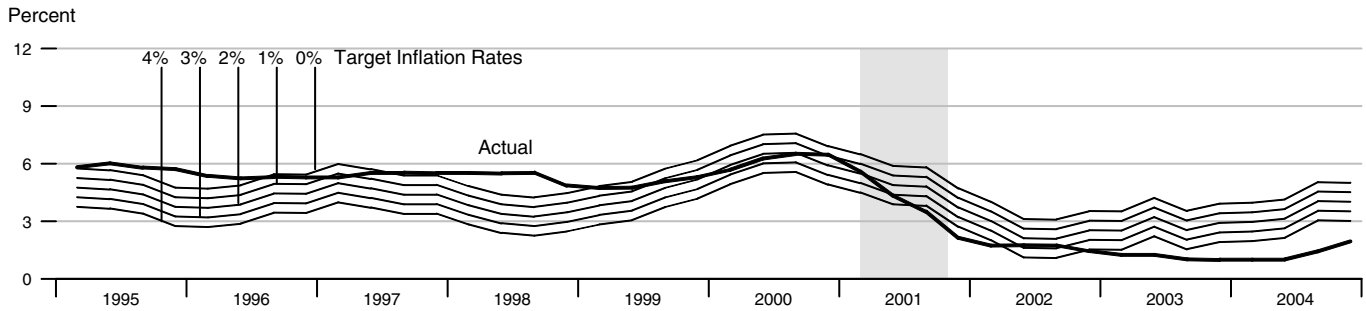
Short-Term Interest Rates



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



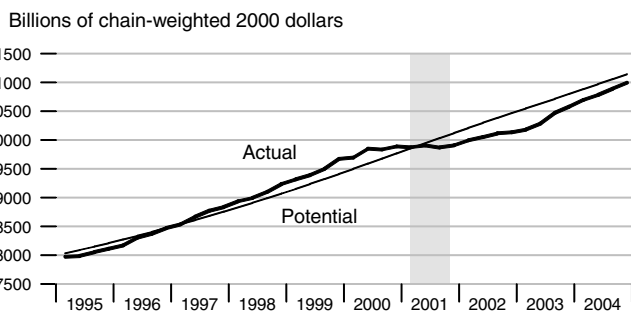
Federal Funds Rate and Inflation Targets



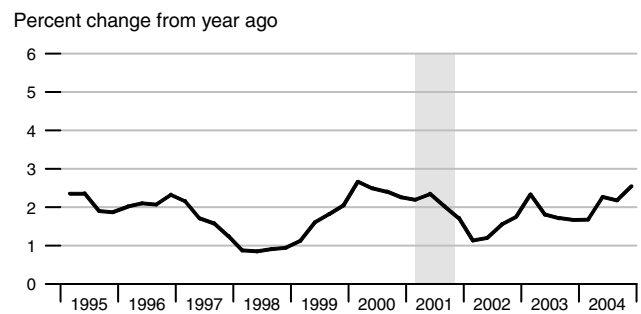
Calculated federal funds rate is based on Taylor's rule. See notes on page 19.

Components of Taylor's Rule

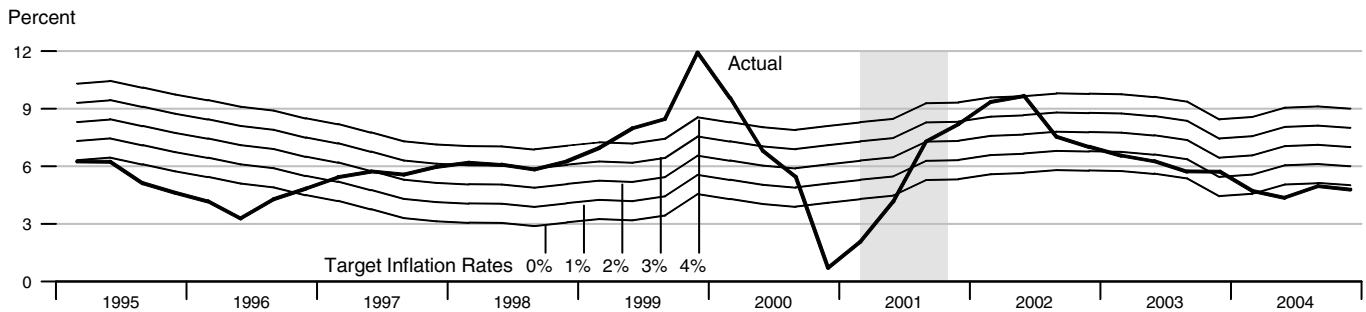
Actual and Potential Real GDP



PCE Inflation



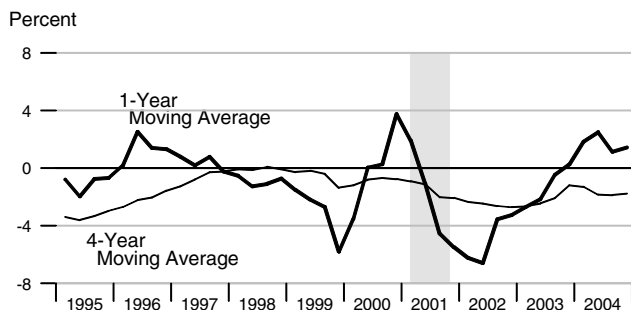
Monetary Base Growth* and Inflation Targets



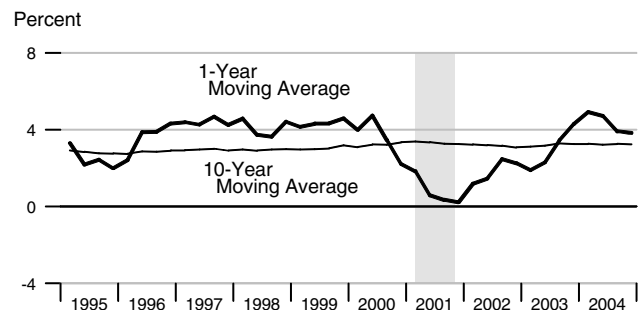
*Modified for the effects of sweeps programs on reserve demand. Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. Actual base growth is percent change from year ago. See notes on page 19.

Components of McCallum's Rule

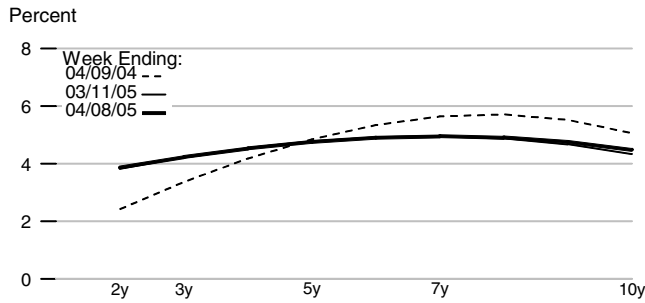
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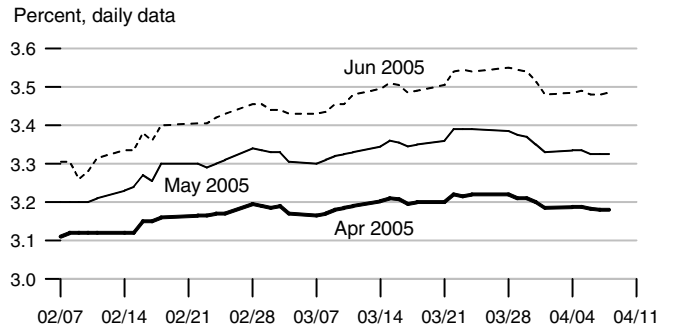
Real Output Growth



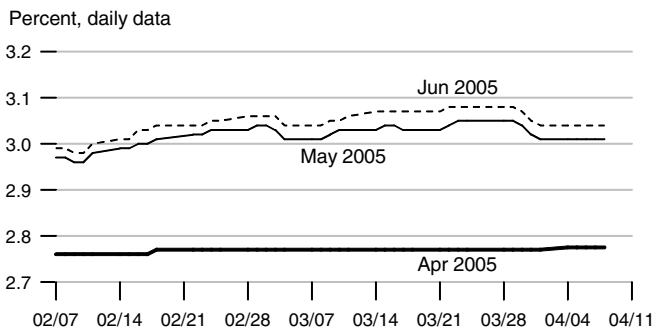
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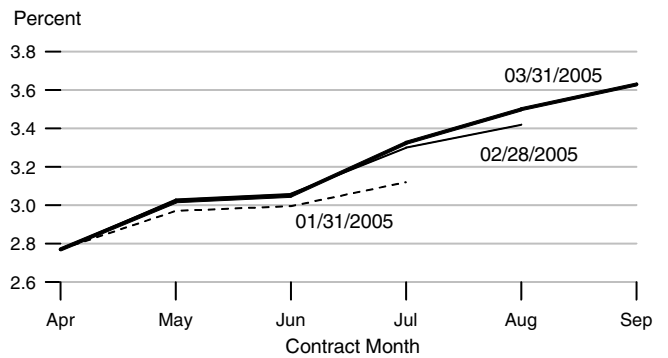
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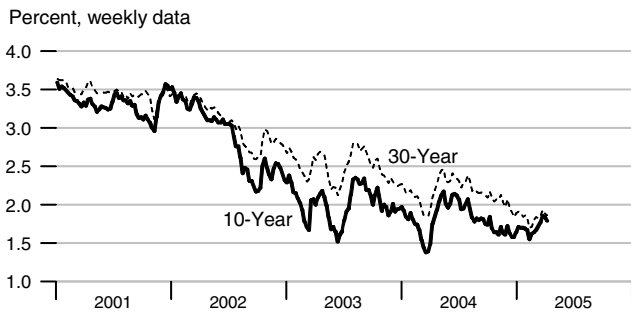
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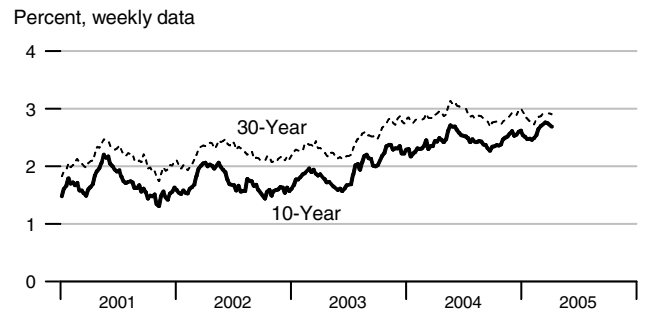
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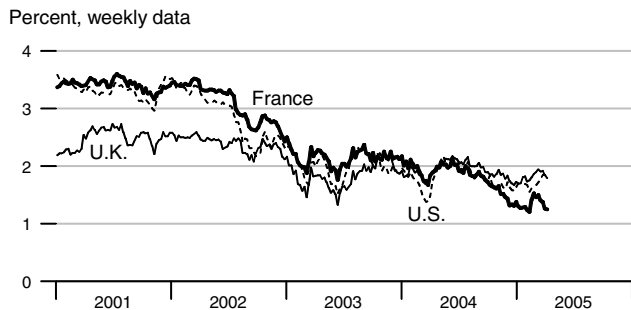
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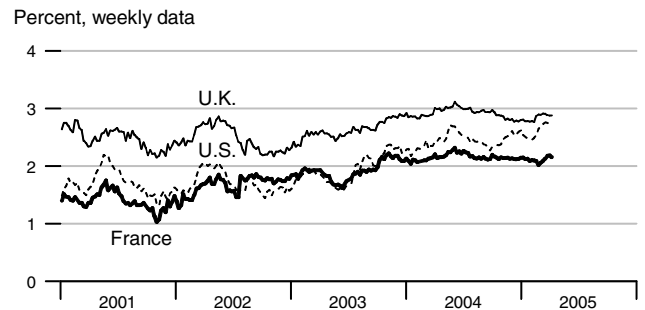
Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads



Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Notes

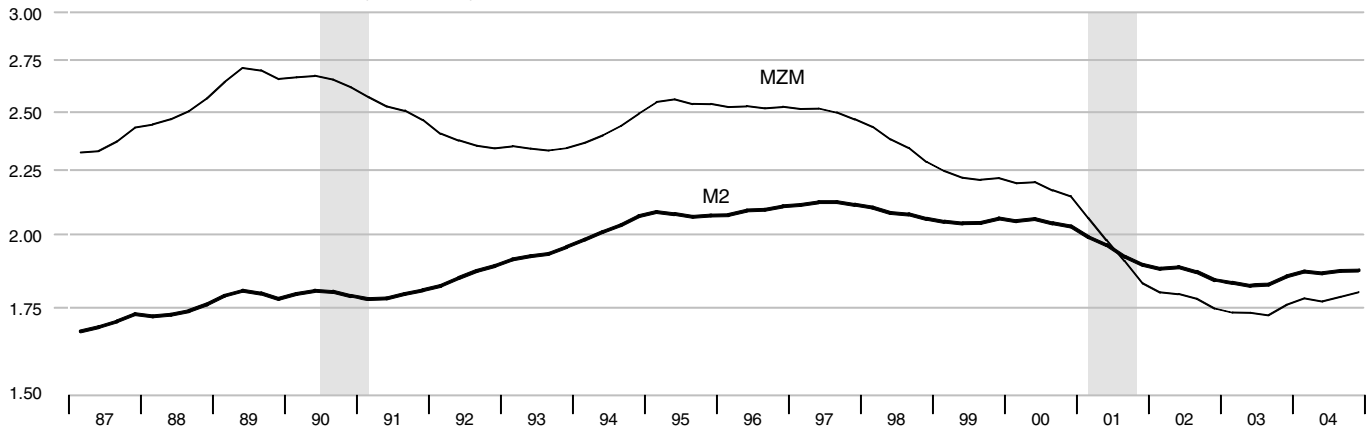


Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads



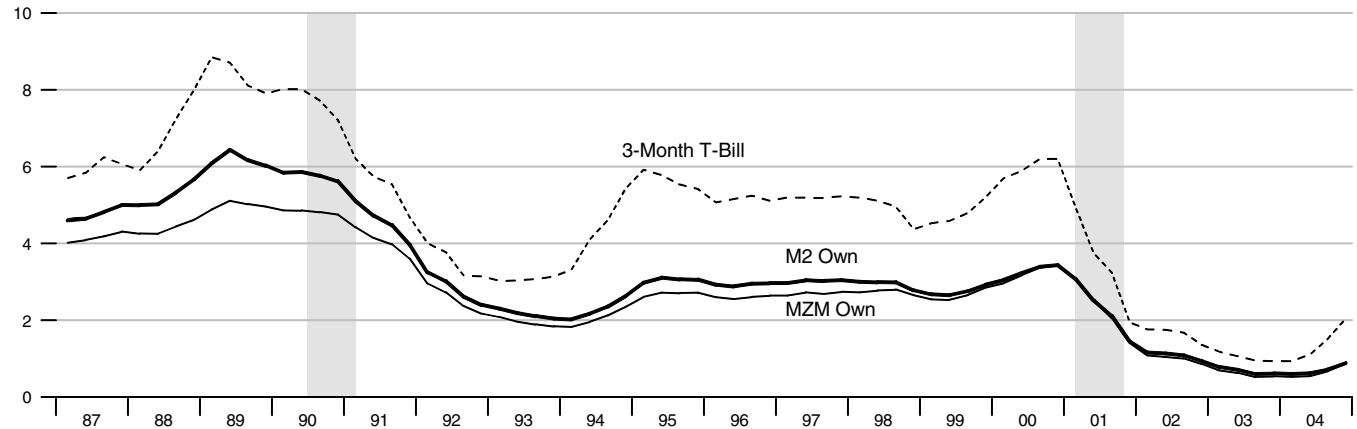
Velocity

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



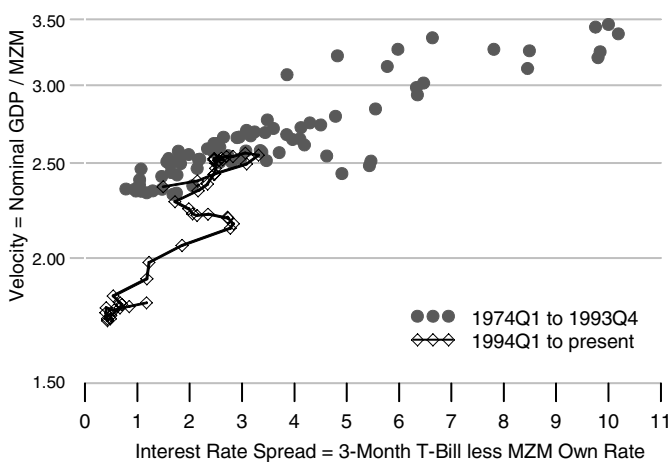
Interest Rates

Percent



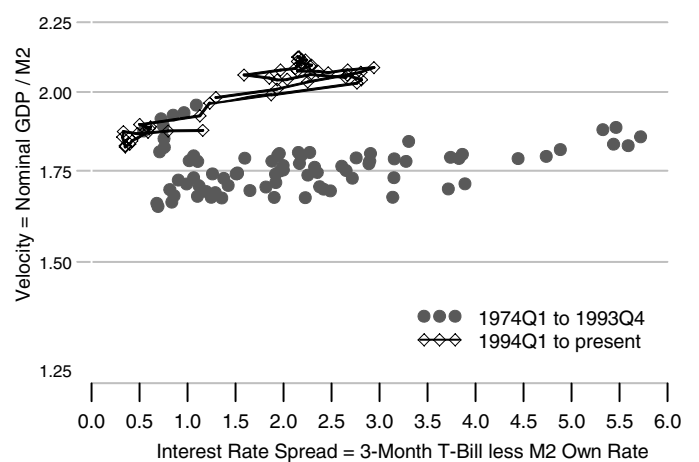
MZM Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale



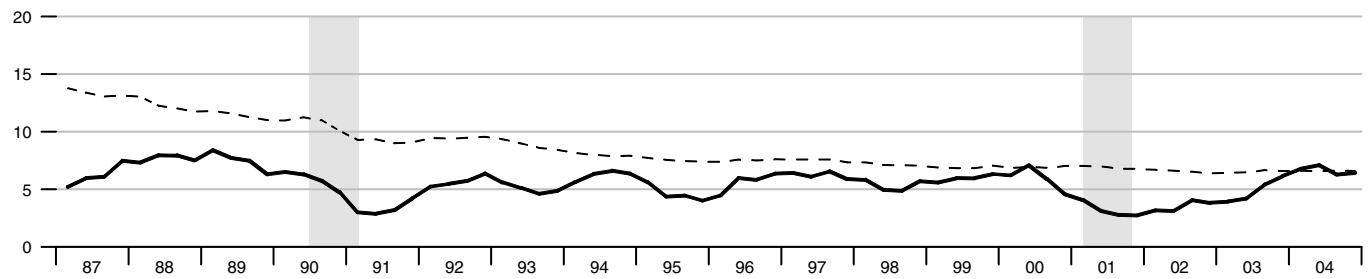
M2 Velocity and Interest Rate Spread

Ratio Scale



Gross Domestic Product

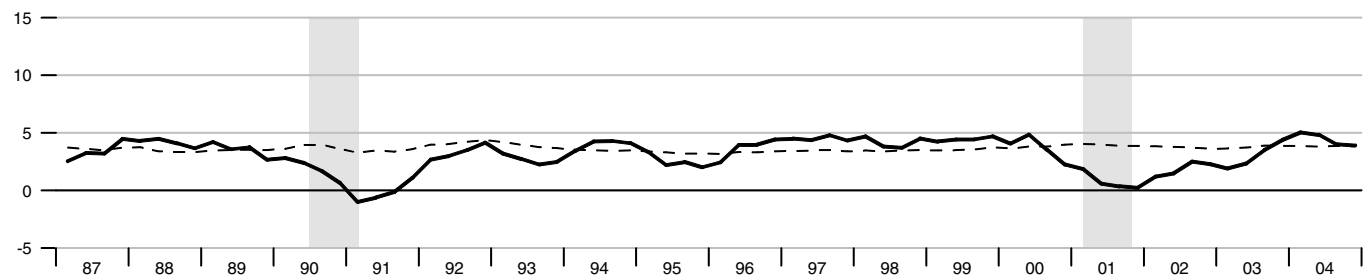
Percent change from year ago



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Real Gross Domestic Product

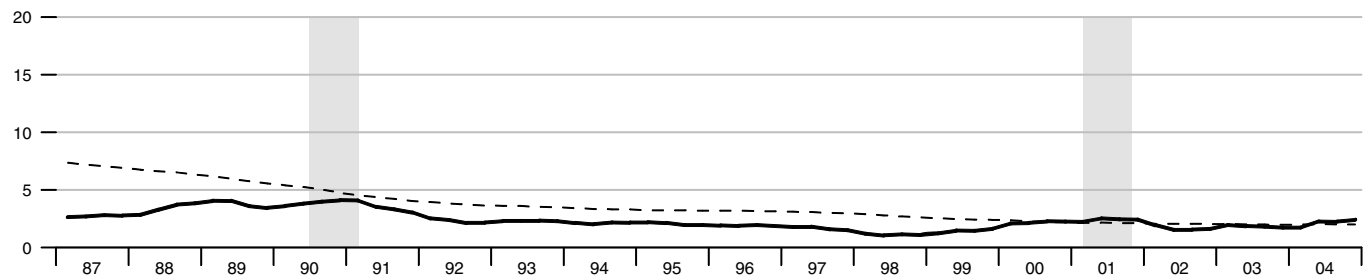
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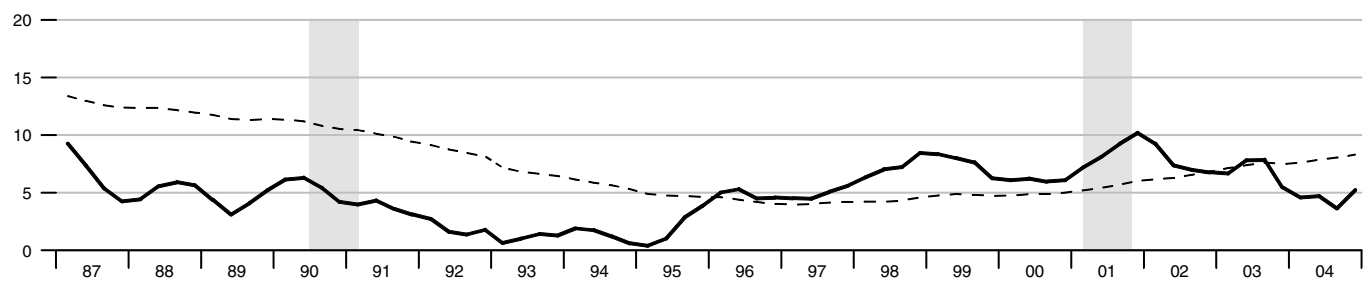
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M2

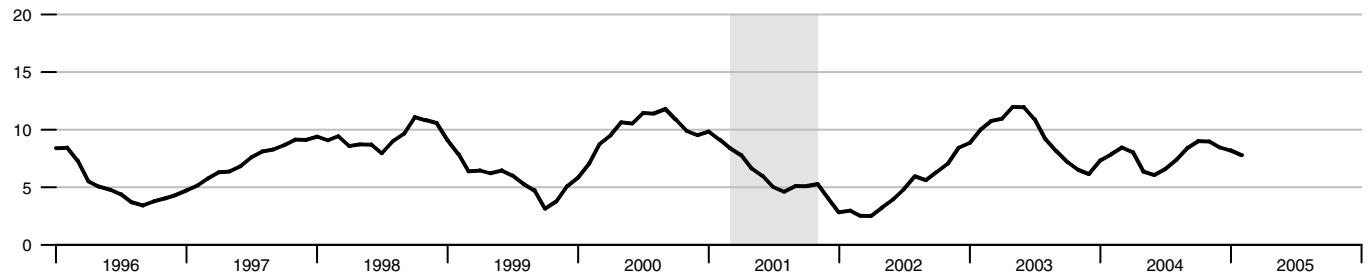
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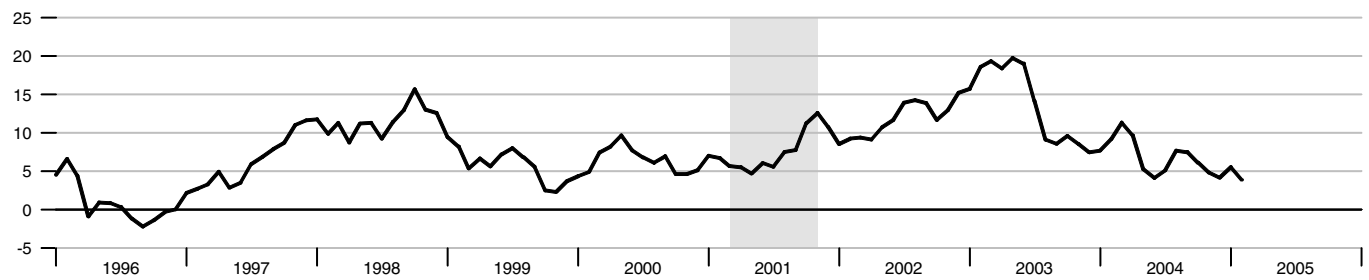
Bank Credit

Percent change from year ago



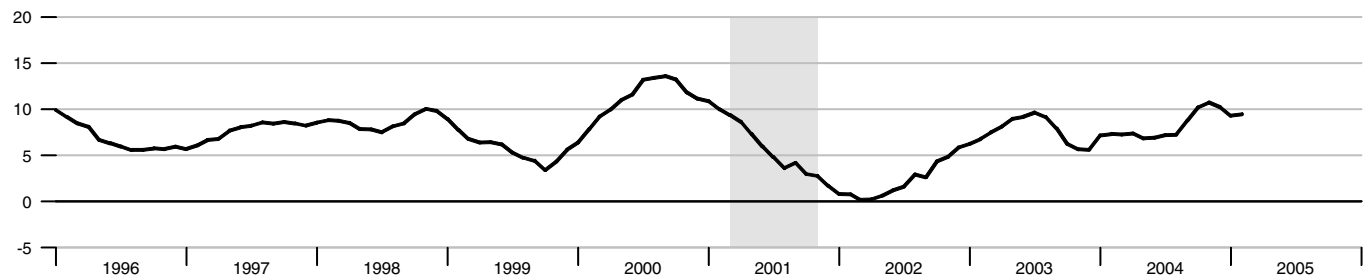
Investment Securities in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



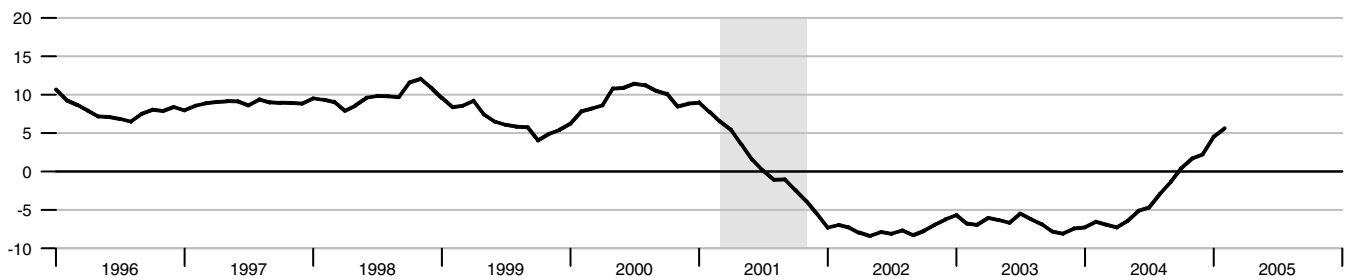
Total Loans and Leases in Bank Credit at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago

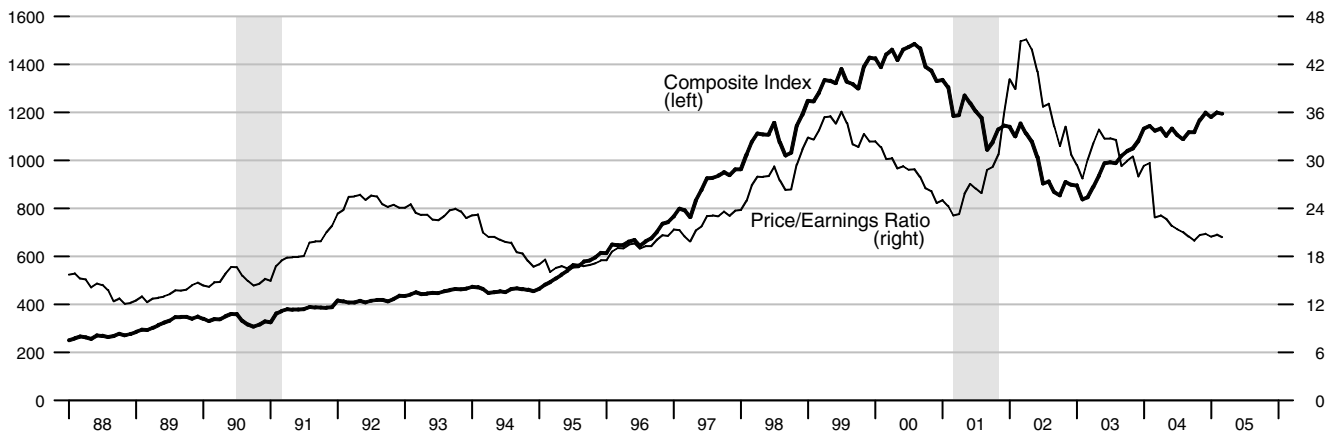


Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



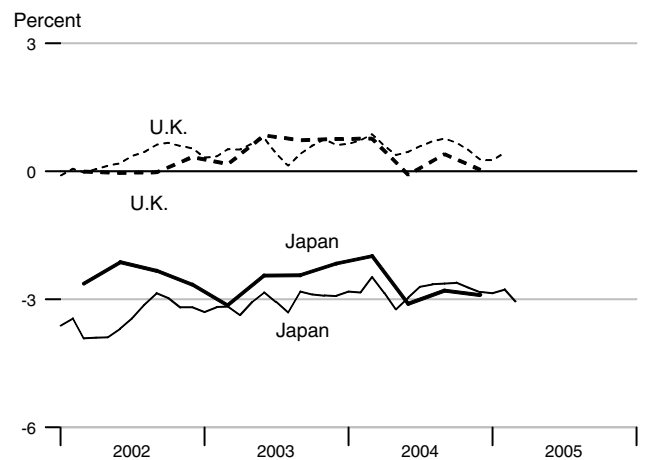
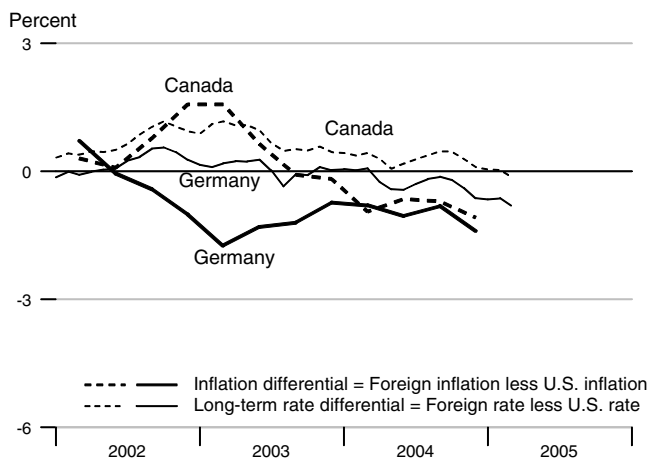
Standard & Poor's 500



Recent Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

	Consumer Price Inflation Rates				Long-Term Government Bond Rates			
	Percent change from year ago				Percent			
	2004Q1	2004Q2	2004Q3	2004Q4	Dec04	Jan05	Feb05	Mar05
United States	1.82	2.84	2.69	3.37	4.23	4.22	4.17	4.50
Canada	0.87	2.18	1.99	2.29	4.33	4.26	4.20	4.37
France	1.80	2.38	2.28	2.08	3.64	3.58	3.60	.
Germany	1.02	1.79	1.88	1.98	3.60	3.56	3.54	3.70
Italy	2.29	2.33	2.23	1.98	3.79	3.71	3.68	3.84
Japan	-0.17	-0.27	-0.10	0.48	1.40	1.36	1.40	1.45
United Kingdom	2.58	2.75	3.09	3.41	4.50	4.48	4.61	.

Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rate Differentials



		Money Stock				Bank Credit	Adjusted		MSI M2
		M1	MZM	M2	M3		Monetary Base	Reserves	
2000		1103.482	4508.931	4801.405	6861.391	5025.619	607.106	84.511	242.158
2001		1136.938	5221.308	5219.493	7643.641	5345.613	641.167	85.923	263.728
2002		1192.032	5891.818	5614.811	8257.342	5597.376	697.072	87.914	285.718
2003		1264.043	6322.368	5998.417	8778.875	6120.098	740.674	92.828	305.754
2004		1332.192	6566.219	6266.946	9234.090	6594.218	776.401	95.445	320.027
2002	1	1186.742	5743.563	5501.839	8095.861	5420.286	680.264	88.149	279.335
	2	1184.043	5821.418	5542.972	8164.934	5496.368	692.937	86.970	281.994
	3	1189.554	5927.767	5646.008	8288.250	5655.524	702.753	86.805	287.587
	4	1207.787	6074.523	5768.425	8480.324	5817.326	712.332	89.733	293.957
2003	1	1231.793	6191.493	5866.100	8619.232	5955.834	726.828	90.855	298.983
	2	1257.815	6268.964	5969.410	8724.584	6135.949	738.230	91.756	304.217
	3	1279.387	6430.927	6082.462	8889.939	6186.208	743.993	94.581	309.981
	4	1287.175	6398.090	6075.694	8881.747	6202.401	753.644	94.120	309.833
2004	1	1306.187	6435.077	6128.069	9004.630	6425.647	761.085	94.365	312.703
	2	1326.213	6573.025	6247.233	9217.043	6554.605	770.823	96.014	318.898
	3	1338.905	6607.020	6302.817	9315.662	6647.534	782.544	96.267	321.931
	4	1357.462	6649.753	6389.665	9399.026	6749.087	791.150	95.132	326.577
2003	Feb	1235.831	6199.598	5872.755	8625.665	5970.197	728.668	91.827	299.307
	Mar	1238.319	6205.110	5888.794	8642.783	6008.539	732.286	91.291	300.152
	Apr	1244.962	6227.854	5924.008	8672.953	6048.785	736.490	92.281	301.939
	May	1259.077	6263.556	5971.507	8723.451	6152.834	738.664	91.427	304.310
	Jun	1269.407	6315.482	6012.716	8777.347	6206.227	739.536	91.559	306.403
	Jul	1273.077	6412.210	6057.766	8870.175	6194.619	741.241	93.485	308.719
	Aug	1282.370	6442.120	6103.860	8901.788	6179.291	745.242	95.383	311.030
	Sep	1282.713	6438.451	6085.761	8897.854	6184.715	745.496	94.876	310.195
	Oct	1283.635	6414.302	6077.735	8893.467	6160.951	753.680	95.233	309.855
	Nov	1285.115	6394.915	6072.769	8875.043	6197.469	754.634	94.768	309.689
	Dec	1292.776	6385.052	6076.579	8876.730	6248.784	752.618	92.360	309.955
2004	Jan	1289.936	6397.790	6089.282	8935.837	6320.091	756.453	92.552	310.781
	Feb	1307.691	6429.406	6128.113	9000.387	6440.216	762.852	95.247	312.698
	Mar	1320.933	6478.036	6166.813	9077.666	6516.634	763.951	95.297	314.630
	Apr	1321.296	6526.037	6204.342	9144.039	6535.852	767.620	96.489	316.639
	May	1324.778	6590.647	6262.616	9233.238	6544.444	769.879	95.190	319.704
	Jun	1332.565	6602.390	6274.742	9273.851	6583.518	774.970	96.364	320.351
	Jul	1325.474	6589.003	6277.473	9277.769	6602.751	780.300	95.252	320.711
	Aug	1343.355	6602.593	6298.023	9310.505	6635.287	781.299	95.502	321.632
	Sep	1347.886	6629.463	6332.955	9358.711	6704.565	786.033	98.047	323.451
	Oct	1347.728	6627.746	6357.831	9365.355	6715.887	791.929	96.893	324.898
	Nov	1362.746	6651.248	6394.157	9392.884	6754.132	793.566	96.145	326.816
	Dec	1361.913	6670.265	6417.006	9438.838	6777.241	787.956	92.358	328.016
2005	Jan	1353.184	6664.124	6430.092	9482.040	6838.224	793.224	94.289	328.738
	Feb	1361.325	6649.499	6443.332	9499.759	6942.533	799.937	96.932	329.279

*All values are given in billions of dollars.

		Federal Funds	Primary Credit Rate	Prime Rate	3-mo CDs	Treasury Yields			Corporate Aaa Bonds	S & L Aaa Bonds	Conventional Mortgage
						3-mo	3-yr	10-yr			
2000		6.24		9.23	6.46	6.00	6.22	6.03	7.62	5.58	8.06
2001		3.89		6.92	3.69	3.47	4.08	5.02	7.08	5.01	6.97
2002		1.67		4.68	1.73	1.63	3.10	4.61	6.49	4.87	6.54
2003		1.13	2.11	4.12	1.15	1.03	2.11	4.02	5.67	4.52	5.82
2004		1.35	2.34	4.34	1.56	1.40	2.78	4.27	5.63	4.50	5.84
2003	1	1.25	2.25	4.25	1.26	1.18	2.07	3.92	6.00	4.60	5.83
	2	1.25	2.23	4.24	1.17	1.06	1.77	3.62	5.31	4.28	5.51
	3	1.02	2.00	4.00	1.07	0.95	2.20	4.23	5.70	4.68	6.01
	4	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.10	0.93	2.38	4.29	5.66	4.52	5.92
2004	1	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.05	0.93	2.17	4.02	5.45	4.26	5.61
	2	1.01	2.00	4.00	1.25	1.10	2.98	4.60	5.93	4.82	6.13
	3	1.43	2.42	4.42	1.70	1.51	2.92	4.30	5.64	4.54	5.89
	4	1.95	2.94	4.94	2.25	2.04	3.05	4.17	5.48	4.39	5.73
2005	1	2.47	3.44	5.44	2.78	2.58	3.61	4.30	5.32		5.76
2003	Mar	1.25	2.25	4.25	1.23	1.15	1.98	3.81	5.89	4.51	5.75
	Apr	1.26	2.25	4.25	1.24	1.15	2.06	3.96	5.74	4.60	5.81
	May	1.26	2.25	4.25	1.22	1.09	1.75	3.57	5.22	4.16	5.48
	Jun	1.22	2.20	4.22	1.04	0.94	1.51	3.33	4.97	4.07	5.23
	Jul	1.01	2.00	4.00	1.05	0.92	1.93	3.98	5.49	4.59	5.63
	Aug	1.03	2.00	4.00	1.08	0.97	2.44	4.45	5.88	4.82	6.26
	Sep	1.01	2.00	4.00	1.08	0.96	2.23	4.27	5.72	4.63	6.15
	Oct	1.01	2.00	4.00	1.10	0.94	2.26	4.29	5.70	4.64	5.95
	Nov	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.11	0.95	2.45	4.30	5.65	4.50	5.93
	Dec	0.98	2.00	4.00	1.10	0.91	2.44	4.27	5.62	4.41	5.88
2004	Jan	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.06	0.90	2.27	4.15	5.54	4.42	5.74
	Feb	1.01	2.00	4.00	1.05	0.94	2.25	4.08	5.50	4.26	5.64
	Mar	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.05	0.95	2.00	3.83	5.33	4.11	5.45
	Apr	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.08	0.96	2.57	4.35	5.73	4.69	5.83
	May	1.00	2.00	4.00	1.20	1.04	3.10	4.72	6.04	4.93	6.27
	Jun	1.03	2.01	4.01	1.46	1.29	3.26	4.73	6.01	4.85	6.29
	Jul	1.26	2.25	4.25	1.57	1.36	3.05	4.50	5.82	4.71	6.06
	Aug	1.43	2.43	4.43	1.68	1.50	2.88	4.28	5.65	4.52	5.87
	Sep	1.61	2.58	4.58	1.86	1.68	2.83	4.13	5.46	4.40	5.75
	Oct	1.76	2.75	4.75	2.04	1.79	2.85	4.10	5.47	4.38	5.72
	Nov	1.93	2.93	4.93	2.26	2.11	3.09	4.19	5.52	4.45	5.73
	Dec	2.16	3.15	5.15	2.45	2.22	3.21	4.23	5.47	4.35	5.75
2005	Jan	2.28	3.25	5.25	2.61	2.37	3.39	4.22	5.36	4.24	5.71
	Feb	2.50	3.49	5.49	2.77	2.58	3.54	4.17	5.20	4.16	5.63
	Mar	2.63	3.58	5.58	2.97	2.80	3.91	4.50	5.40		5.93

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

		M1	MZM	M2	M3
Percent change at an annual rate					
	2000	0.18	8.12	6.09	9.43
	2001	3.03	15.80	8.71	11.40
	2002	4.85	12.84	7.57	8.03
	2003	6.04	7.31	6.83	6.32
	2004	5.39	3.86	4.48	5.19
2002	1	5.96	11.10	7.24	6.64
	2	-0.91	5.42	2.99	3.41
	3	1.86	7.31	7.44	6.04
	4	6.13	9.90	8.67	9.27
2003	1	7.95	7.70	6.77	6.55
	2	8.45	5.00	7.04	4.89
	3	6.86	10.33	7.58	7.58
	4	2.44	-2.04	-0.45	-0.37
2004	1	5.91	2.31	3.45	5.53
	2	6.13	8.57	7.78	9.44
	3	3.83	2.07	3.56	4.28
	4	5.54	2.59	5.51	3.58
2003	Feb	14.35	5.80	7.40	5.09
	Mar	2.42	1.07	3.28	2.38
	Apr	6.44	4.40	7.18	4.19
	May	13.61	6.88	9.62	6.99
	Jun	9.85	9.95	8.28	7.41
	Jul	3.47	18.38	8.99	12.69
	Aug	8.76	5.60	9.13	4.28
	Sep	0.32	-0.68	-3.56	-0.53
	Oct	0.86	-4.50	-1.58	-0.59
	Nov	1.38	-3.63	-0.98	-2.49
	Dec	7.15	-1.85	0.75	0.23
2004	Jan	-2.64	2.39	2.51	7.99
	Feb	16.52	5.93	7.65	8.67
	Mar	12.15	9.08	7.58	10.30
	Apr	0.33	8.89	7.30	8.77
	May	3.16	11.88	11.27	11.71
	Jun	7.05	2.14	2.32	5.28
	Jul	-6.39	-2.43	0.52	0.51
	Aug	16.19	2.48	3.93	4.23
	Sep	4.05	4.88	6.66	6.21
	Oct	-0.14	-0.31	4.71	0.85
	Nov	13.37	4.26	6.86	3.53
	Dec	-0.73	3.43	4.29	5.87
2005	Jan	-7.69	-1.10	2.45	5.49
	Feb	7.22	-2.63	2.47	2.24

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** shows constant maturity yields calculated by the U.S. Treasury for securities with 3 months and 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 years to maturity. Daily data and descriptions are available at research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/. See

also *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.35. The 30-year constant maturity series was discontinued by the Treasury as of February 18, 2002.

Page 5: **Checkable Deposits** is the sum of demand and other checkable deposits. **Savings Deposits** is the sum of money market deposit accounts and passbook and statement savings. **Time Deposits** have a minimum initial maturity of 7 days. **Large Time Deposits** are deposits of \$100,000 or more. **Retail and Institutional Money Market Mutual Funds** are as included in M2 and the non-M2 component of M3, respectively.

Page 7: **Excess Reserves plus RCB (Required Clearing Balance) Contracts** equals the amount of deposits at Federal Reserve Banks held by depository institutions but not applied to satisfy statutory reserve requirements. (This measure excludes the vault cash held by depository institutions that is not applied to satisfy statutory reserve requirements.) **Consumer Credit** includes most short- and intermediate-term credit extended to individuals. See *Statistical Supplement to the Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.55.

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

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

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

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

to five alternative target inflation rates, $\pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ percent, where f_t^* is the implied federal funds rate, π_{t-1} is the previous period's inflation rate (PCE) measured on a year-over-year basis, y_{t-1} is the log of the previous period's level of real gross domestic product (GDP), and y_{t-1}^P is the log of an estimate of the previous period's level of potential output. **Potential Real GDP** is as estimated by the Congressional Budget Office.

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

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

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

Page 11: **Implied One-Year Forward Rates** are calculated by this Bank from Treasury constant maturity yields. Yields to maturity, $R(m)$, for securities with $m = 1, \dots, 10$ years to maturity are obtained by linear interpolation between

reported yields. These yields are smoothed by fitting the regression suggested by Nelson and Siegel (1987),

$$R(m) = a_0 + (a_1 + a_2)(1 - e^{-m/50})/(m/50) - a_2 \times e^{-m/50},$$

and forward rates are calculated from these smoothed yields using equation (a) in table 13.1 of Shiller (1990),

$$f(m) = [D(m)R(m) - D(m-1)] / [D(m) - D(m-1)],$$

where duration is approximated as $D(m) = (1 - e^{-R(m) \times m})/R(m)$. These rates are linear approximations to the true instantaneous forward rates; see Shiller (1990). For a discussion of the use of forward rates as indicators of inflation expectations, see Sharpe (1997). **Rates on 3-Month Eurodollar Futures** and **Rates on Selected Federal Funds Futures Contracts** trace through time the yield on three specific contracts. **Rates on Federal Funds Futures on Selected Dates** displays a single day's snapshot of yields for contracts expiring in the months shown on the horizontal axis. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Securities** are yields on the most recently issued inflation-indexed securities of 10- and 30-year original maturities. **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 7/25/2013, the current U.K. note has a maturity date of 8/16/2013, and the current U.S. note has a maturity date of 1/15/2015. **Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads** and **Inflation-Indexed 10-Year Government Yield Spreads** equal the difference between the yields on the most recently issued inflation-indexed securities and the unadjusted security yields of similar maturity.

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

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

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

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

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

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