Monetary Trends

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This publication contains charts and tables compiled by the Data Desk staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The data are related to U.S. monetary and financial conditions, with an emphasis on various measures of the monetary policy stance.
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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: \( \left( \frac{x_{t}}{x_{t-1}} - 1 \right) \times 1200 \). 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: \( \left( \frac{x_{t}}{x_{t-12}} - 1 \right) \times 100 \).

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On March 23, 2006, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ceased the publication of the M3 monetary aggregate. It also ceased publishing the following components: large-denomination time deposits, RPs, and eurodollars.
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M2 and MZM
Billions of dollars

Adjusted Monetary Base
Percent change at an annual rate

Reserve Market Rates

Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spreads
Percent

Treasury Yield Curve
Percent

Real Treasury Yield Curve
Percent

*Note: Effective December 16, 2008, FOMC reports the Intended Federal Funds Rate as a range. Currently, Intended Federal Funds Rate is not plotted on this chart due to the note above.
### Adjusted and Required Reserves
Billions of dollars

![Adjusted and Required Reserves Graph](image)

### Total Borrowings
Billions of dollars

![Total Borrowings Graph](image)

### Excess Reserve Balances
Billions of dollars

![Excess Reserve Balances Graph](image)

### Nonfinancial Commercial Paper
Percent change from year ago

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

![Nonfinancial Commercial Paper Graph](image)

### Consumer Credit
Percent change from year ago

![Consumer Credit Graph](image)
Net Percentage of Domestic Banks Tightening Standards for Commercial and Industrial Loans

Net Percentage of Domestic Banks Tightening Standards for Commercial Real Estate Loans

Net Percentage of Domestic Banks Tightening Standards for Residential Mortgage Loans

Net Percentage of Domestic Banks Tightening Standards for Consumer Loans
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 the notes section for an explanation of the chart.
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Short-Term Interest Rates

Long-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.

Components of Taylor's Rule

Actual and Potential Real GDP

Calculated federal funds rate is based on Taylor's rule.

PCE Inflation

Monetary Base Growth and Inflation Targets

Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. Actual base growth is percent change from the previous quarter. Stars represent actual values for 2008:Q4, 2009:Q1, 2009:Q4, 2011:Q1, 2011:Q2, 2013:Q1, 2013:Q2 and 2013:Q3 are 188.33%, 60.16%, 56.53%, 45.93%, 58.75%, 30.24%, 36.03% and 33.88%, respectively.

Components of McCallum’s Rule

 Recursive Average

Real Output Growth

Change from a Year Ago

10-Year Moving Average

Quarter to Quarter Growth Rate
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Implied One-Year Forward Rates

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Note: Data is temporarily unavailable for the French and U.K. 10-Year Notes and Government Yield Spreads.
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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.
### Recent Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

#### Consumer Price Inflation Rates

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*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.

M2: M1 plus savings deposits (including money market deposit accounts) and small-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/aggregate/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/red2/. 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 Reserve Balances equals the amount of reserve balances maintained at depository institutions (DIs) less reserve balance requirements at DIs. Total Borrowings from the Federal Reserve is the sum of credit extended under the primary, second, and seasonal programs, as well as credit extended under the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, and other credit extensions. [NOTE: Excess reserves and total borrowings are not seasonally adjusted.] The excess reserves calculation was changed with the introduction of the new H.3 statistical release, “Aggregate Reserves of Depository Institutions and the Monetary Base” on July 11, 2013. See http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h3/current/.

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 rate; 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 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 to five alternative target inflation rates, \( \pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \) percent, where \( f_t^* = 2.5 + \pi_{t-1} + (\pi_{t-1} - \pi^*)/2 + 100 \times (y_{t-1} - y_{t-1}^P)/2 \) to five alternative target inflation rates, \( \pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \) percent, where \( f_t^* \) is the implied federal funds rate, \( \pi_{t-1} \) 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).

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**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 h = \Delta y - \Delta y' + \lambda (\Delta x - \Delta x'),
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\[
\Delta x' = \pi' + \Delta y,
\]

to five alternative target inflation rates, \(\pi' = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\) percent, where \(\Delta h\) is the implied growth rate of the adjusted monetary base, \(\Delta y\) is the 10-year moving average growth in real GDP, \(\Delta y'\) is the average base velocity growth (calculated recursively), \(\Delta x\) 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 \(m = 1, \ldots, 10\) 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),

\[
R(m) = \alpha_0 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(1 - e^{-m/50})/(m/50) - a_2e^{-m/50},
\]

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 2009 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 2009 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.

**Sources**

- **Agence France Trésor**: French note yields.
- **Bank of Canada**: Canadian note yields.
- **Bureau of Economic Analysis**: GDP.
- **Bureau of Labor Statistics**: CPI.
- **Chicago Board of Trade**: Federal funds futures contract.
- **Chicago Mercantile Exchange**: Eurodollar futures.
- **Congressional Budget Office**: Potential real GDP.
- **Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia**: Survey of Professional Forecasters inflation expectations.
- **Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**: Adjusted monetary base and adjusted reserves, monetary services index, MZM own rate, one-year forward rates.
- **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development**: International interest and inflation rates.
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