

# FEDERAL RESERVE statistical release



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## MONEY STOCK MEASURES AND LIQUID ASSETS

The weekly monetary data must be interpreted with particular caution during the current period, when NOW accounts are being introduced on a nationwide basis at depository institutions, accompanied by heavy promotional efforts. Very large shifts of funds into interest-bearing checking accounts have been evident in early January and have distorted monetary statistics. The significance of these flows will be in substantial part dependent on the ultimate sources of the funds. Because of the irregularity of deposit and other flows, it will take some time to assess the impact of these movements. Weekly data around year end are, in any event, subject to erratic fluctuations. As these extraordinary flows subside over the course of coming weeks, more reliable judgments will be possible about the trend of deposit growth.

