

# Monetary Trends



## e-cash

Innovations in electronic data processing continue to change the way we do business. For weekend get-aways, we search the Internet for “dotcom” airfares and use our credit cards to purchase electronic tickets over the Internet. We do not have to worry about left-behind or lost tickets at the airport check-in. Yet, once we have left town, the electronic age seems to be light years away. Out of state, we find our debit cards rejected at the grocery store. Although we can use our credit card, we cannot get the much-needed “cash back” for small purchases such as the daily newspaper or a cup of coffee. ATMs are widely available for cash withdrawal, but charges of 75 cents or more for a transaction are common when the ATM is not operated by our home bank. Wouldn't it be convenient to have cash available anywhere, any time? Is there hope that the electronic age will make cash both generally accepted *and* generally available at zero marginal cost?

The smart card is an electronic-age candidate to answer our cash needs. Smart-card technology allows consumers to store value on their debit cards. In the Netherlands, approximately 11 million smart-card enabled debit cards were in circulation during 1998. Smart cards allow households to pay for small purchases virtually anywhere, making paper money and coins largely obsolete. Public phones not only accept smart cards as a form of payment; they also allow smart-card holders to add value to their cards by directly connecting to the holders' bank accounts. With the existence of inexpensive electronic devices called “homeloader,” households can transfer money over the phone line between cards and between a card and a bank account. In combination with a personal computer, the homeloader allows smart-card holders to wire cash over the Internet.

In the United States, MasterCard and Visa are trying to increase the usage of smart cards by further enhancing

homeloader technology. A contactless card is being developed. This enables the card to be placed near a transceiver at the point of purchase instead of being inserted into a special slot. This electronic card technology is faster than the use of bills and coins. The card also is multifunctional. For example, one may purchase electronic tickets for a sports event on the Internet. At the gate, the card serves as an identity token (in lieu of a paper ticket). Also, commuters can use the card to purchase and store transit tickets.

Security concerns for online e-cash transactions are likely to be of little importance in the future. New encryption technology for Internet transaction sessions has been developed that is virtually unbreakable during the time a session lasts. A person is more likely to find credit card information in a trash bin than to break a session encryption code.

The smart card is a network technology. The more consumers use the technology, the lower the costs are for running the network. To exploit these network externalities, the smart card needs a critical mass of consumers. Smart-card technology will be successful if it is competitive, relative to other means of transactions, in terms of price and convenience. Fees on ATM withdrawals certainly work in favor of more widespread smart-card usage. In addition, as more consumers become comfortable with financial transactions over the Internet, the habit of using bills and coins will be easier to break.

—Frank A. Schmid



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## ***Conventions used in this publication:***

1. Unless otherwise indicated, data are monthly.
2. Shaded areas indicate recessions, as dated by the National Bureau of Economic Research.
3. The *percent change at an annual rate* is the simple, not compounded, monthly percent change multiplied by 12. For example, using consecutive months, the percent change at an annual rate in  $x$  between month  $t-1$  and the current month  $t$  is:  $[(x_t / x_{t-1}) - 1] \times 1200$ . Note that this differs from *National Economic Trends*. In that publication monthly percent changes are compounded and expressed as annual growth rates.
4. The *percent change from year ago* refers to the percent change from the same period in the previous year. For example, the percent change from year ago in  $x$  between month  $t-12$  and the current month  $t$  is:  $[(x_t / x_{t-12}) - 1] \times 100$ .

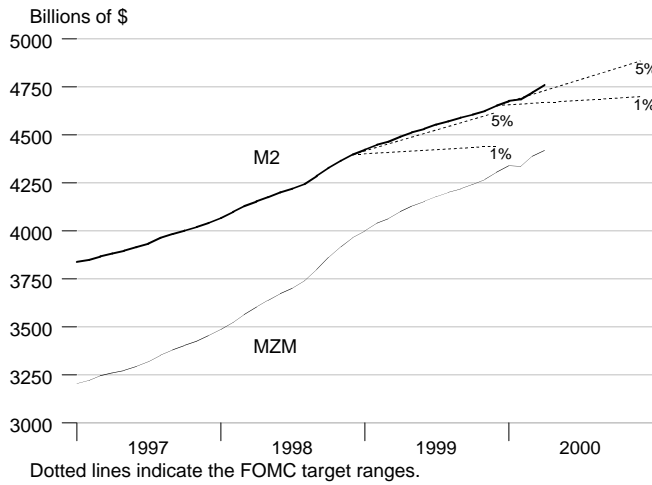
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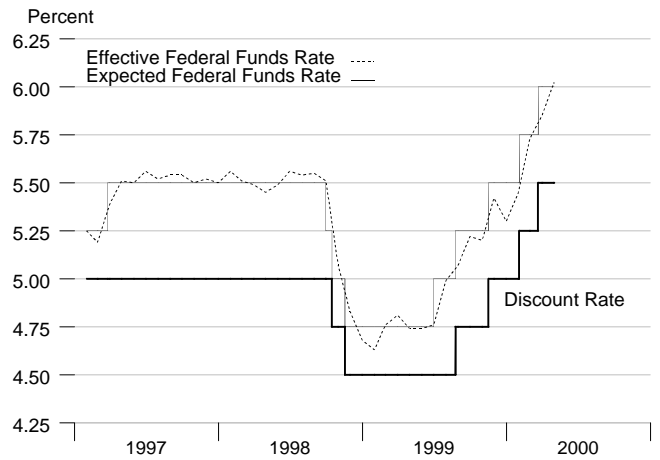
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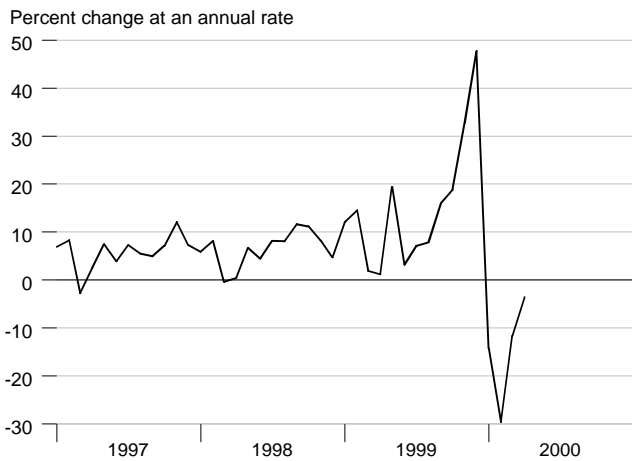
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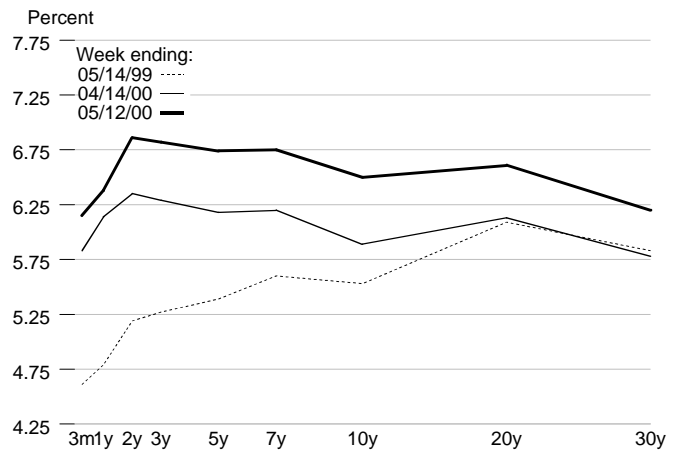
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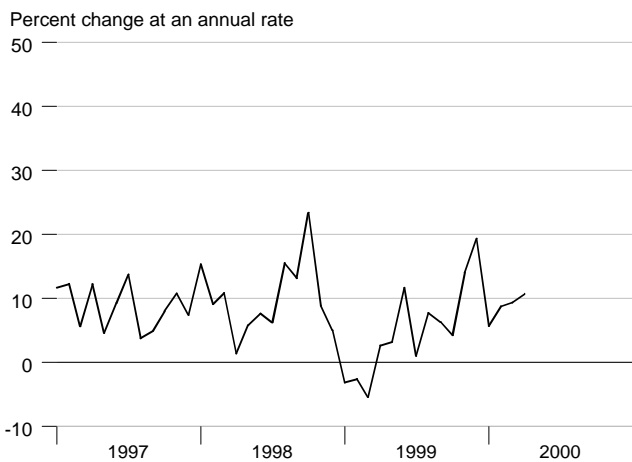
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**Treasury Yield Curve**



**Total Bank Credit**

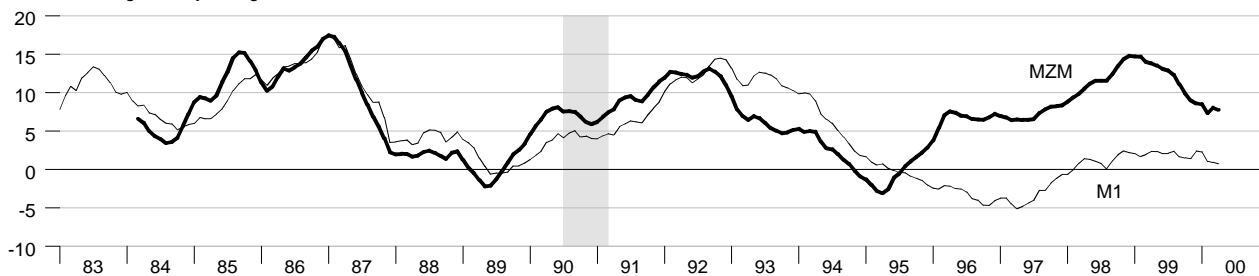


**Interest Rates**

|                            | Feb 00 | Mar 00 | Apr 00 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Federal Funds Rate         | 5.73   | 5.85   | 6.02   |
| Discount Rate              | 5.24   | 5.34   | 5.50   |
| Prime Rate                 | 8.73   | 8.83   | 9.00   |
| Conventional Mortgage Rate | 8.33   | 8.24   | 8.15   |
| <b>Treasury Yields:</b>    |        |        |        |
| 3-month constant maturity  | 5.73   | 5.86   | 5.82   |
| 6-month constant maturity  | 6.00   | 6.11   | 6.07   |
| 1-year constant maturity   | 6.22   | 6.22   | 6.15   |
| 3-year constant maturity   | 6.65   | 6.53   | 6.36   |
| 5-year constant maturity   | 6.68   | 6.50   | 6.26   |
| 10-year constant maturity  | 6.52   | 6.26   | 5.99   |
| 30-year constant maturity  | 6.23   | 6.05   | 5.85   |

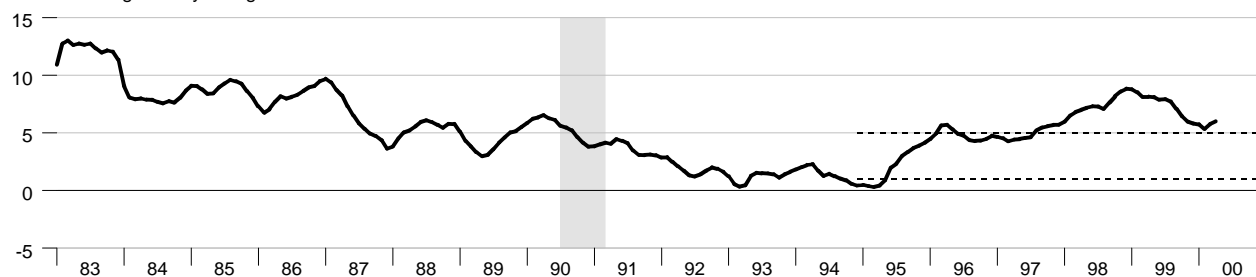
### MZM and M1

Percent change from year ago



### M2

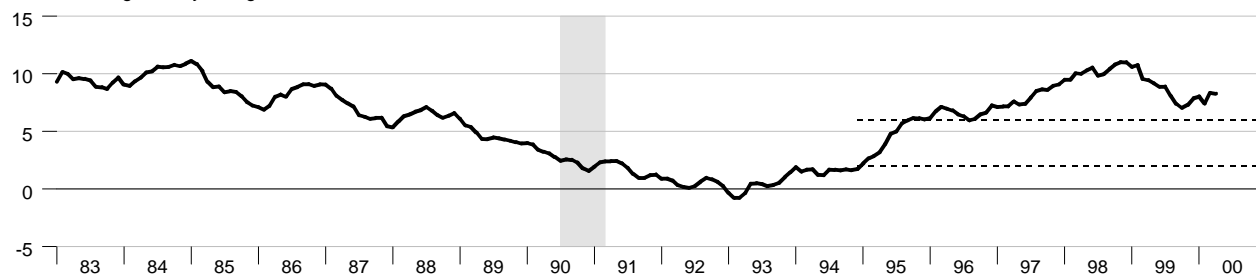
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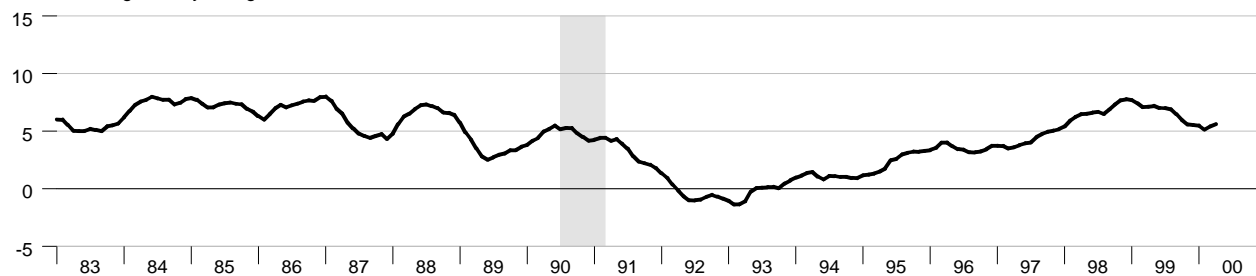
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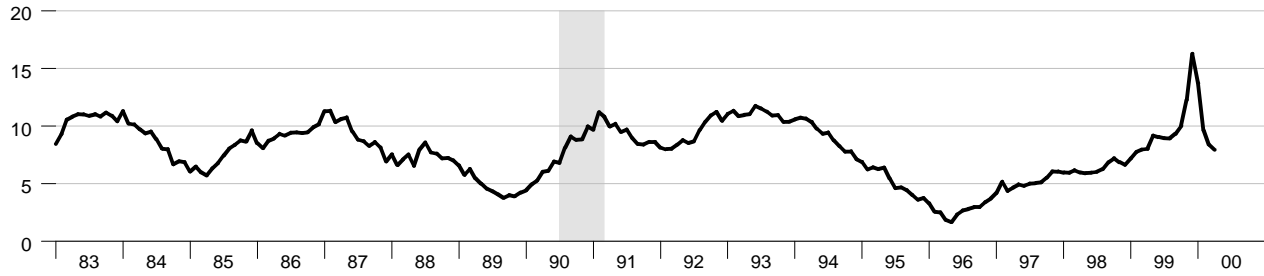
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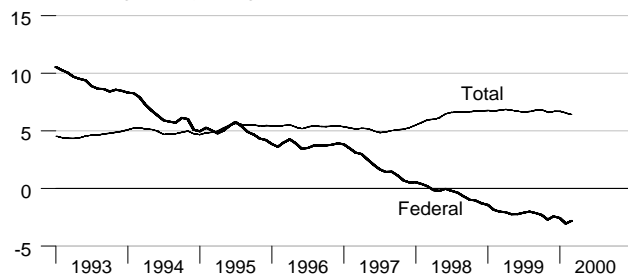
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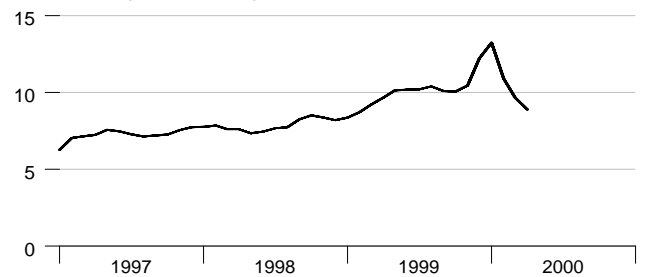
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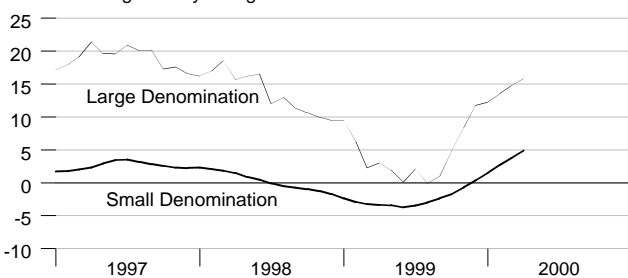
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Percent change from year ago



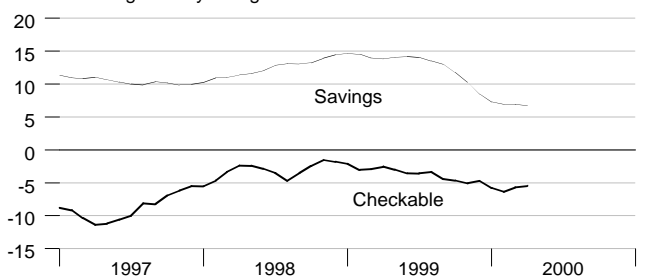
### Time Deposits

Percent change from year ago



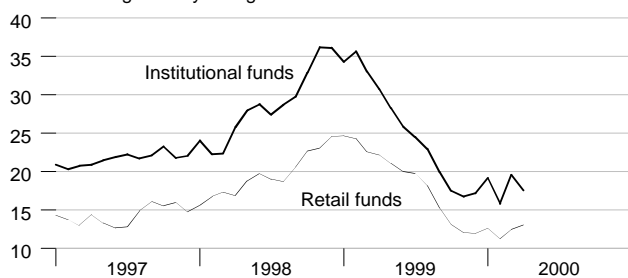
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### Money Market Mutual Fund Shares

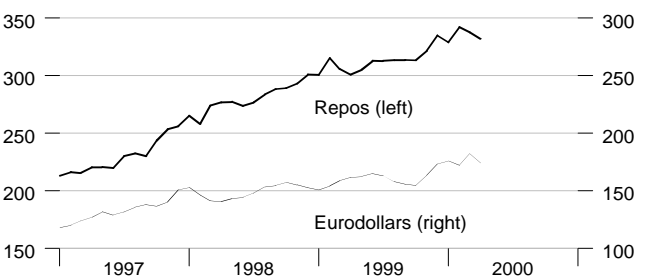
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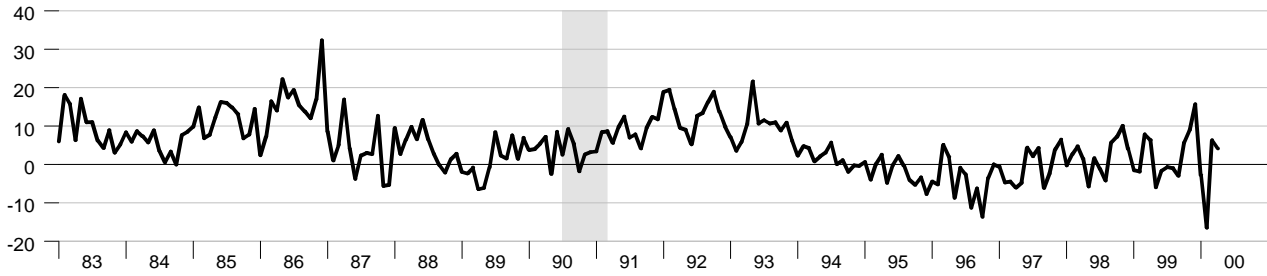
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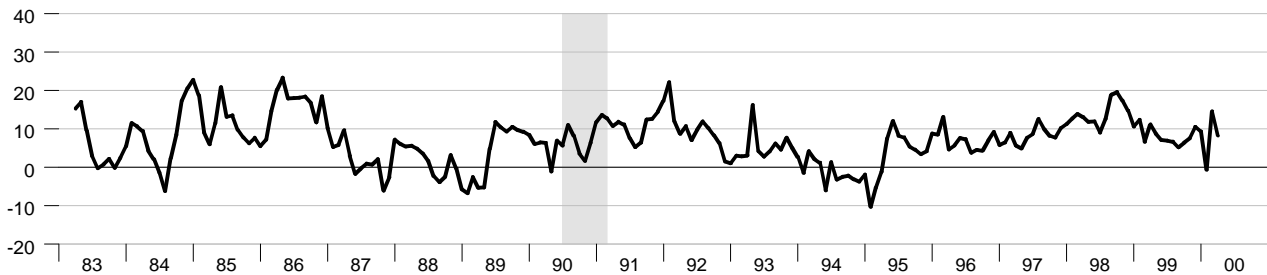
**M1**

Percent change at an annual rate



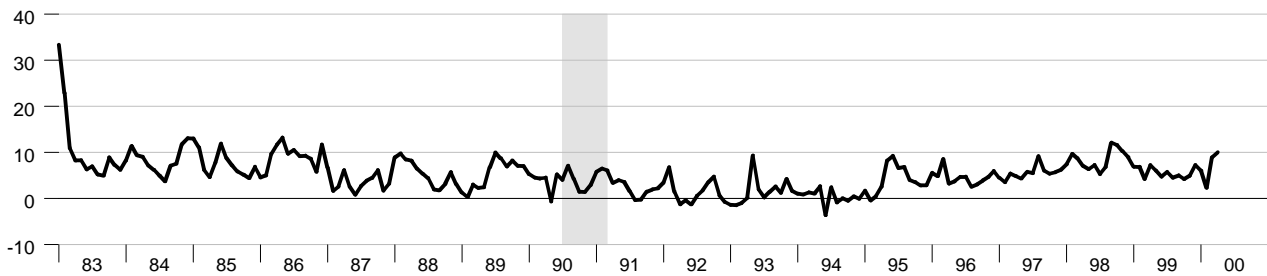
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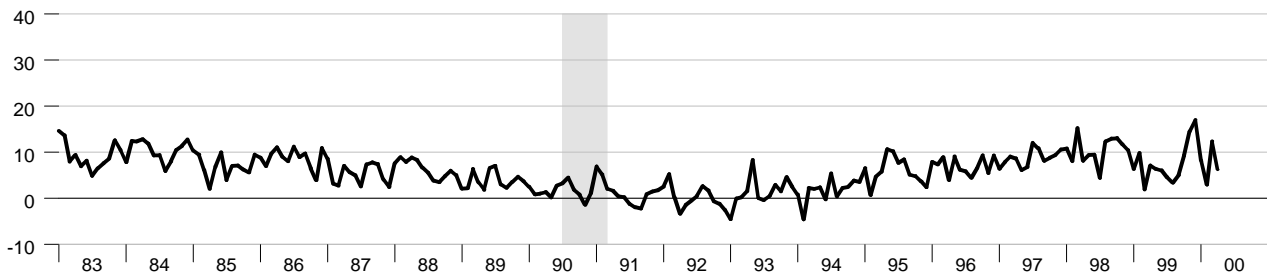
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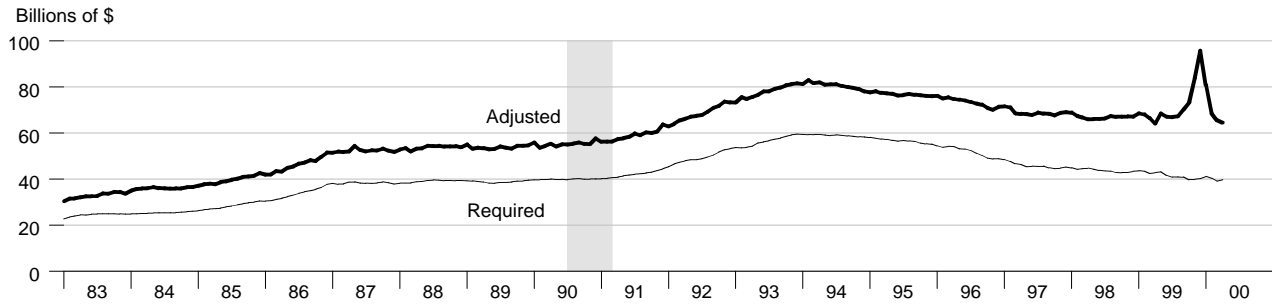


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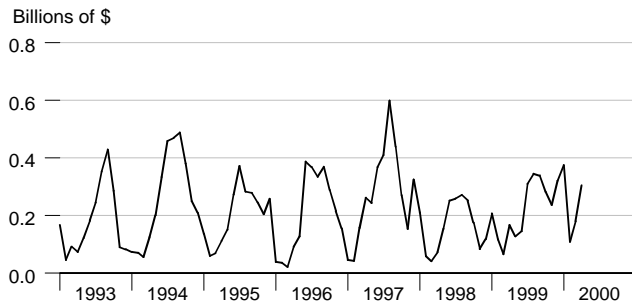
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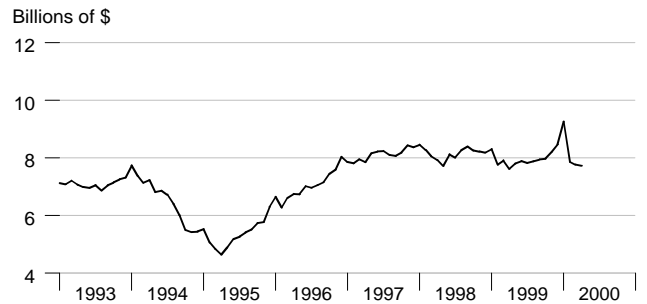
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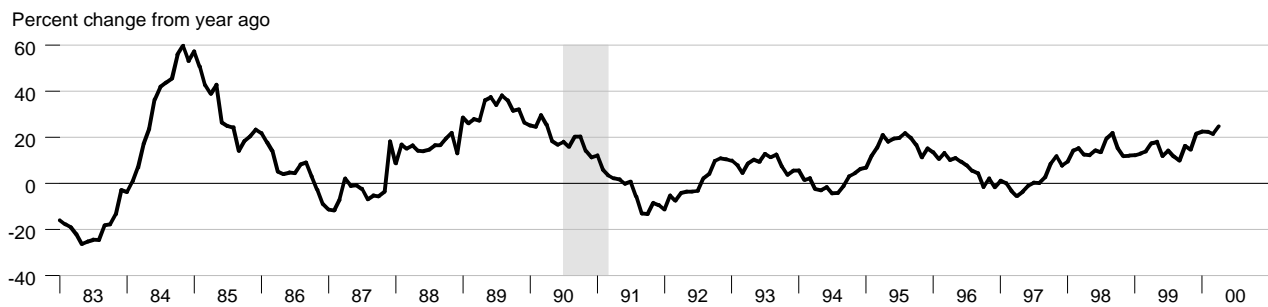
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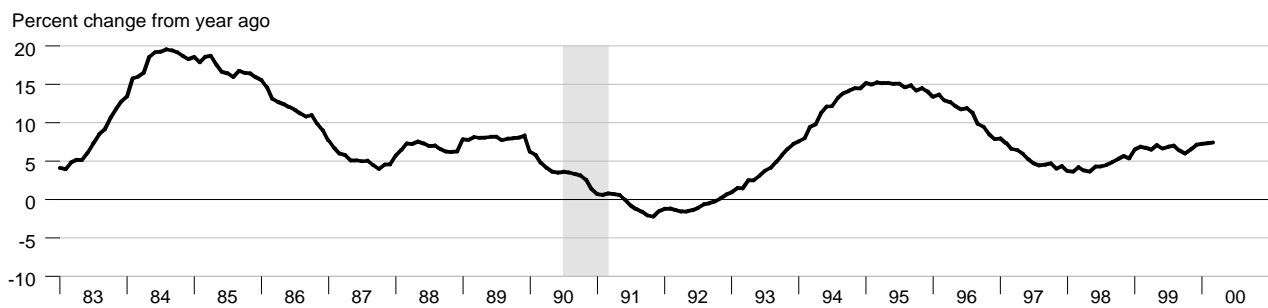
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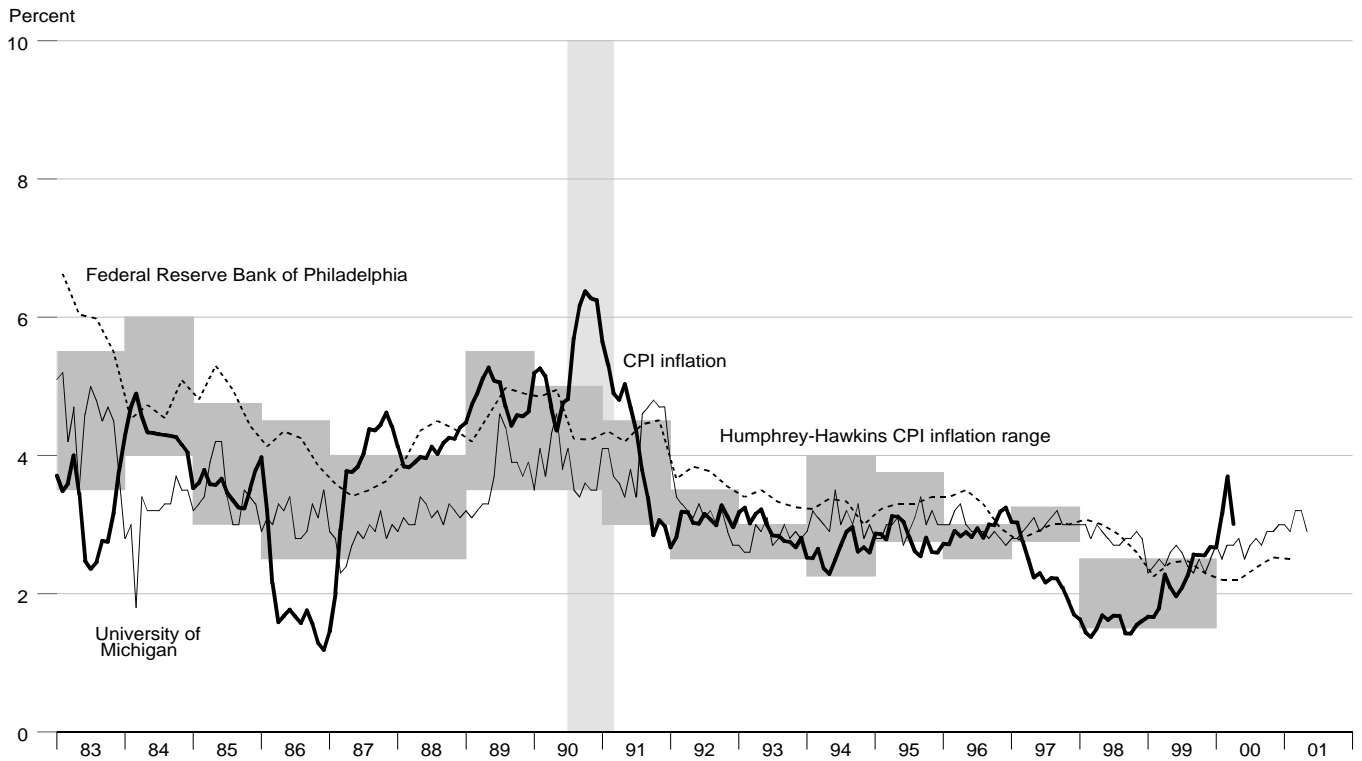
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### Consumer Credit

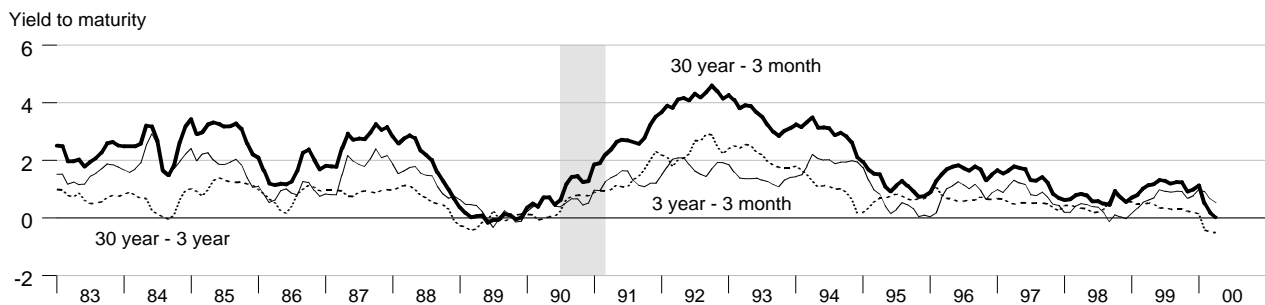


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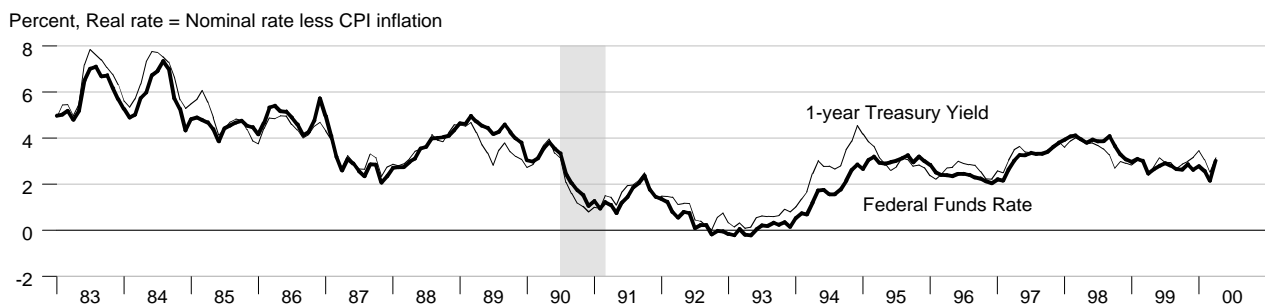


The shaded region shows the Humphrey-Hawkins CPI inflation range. Beginning in January 2000, the Humphrey-Hawkins inflation range was reported using the PCE price index and therefore is not shown on this graph. See page 19 for information.

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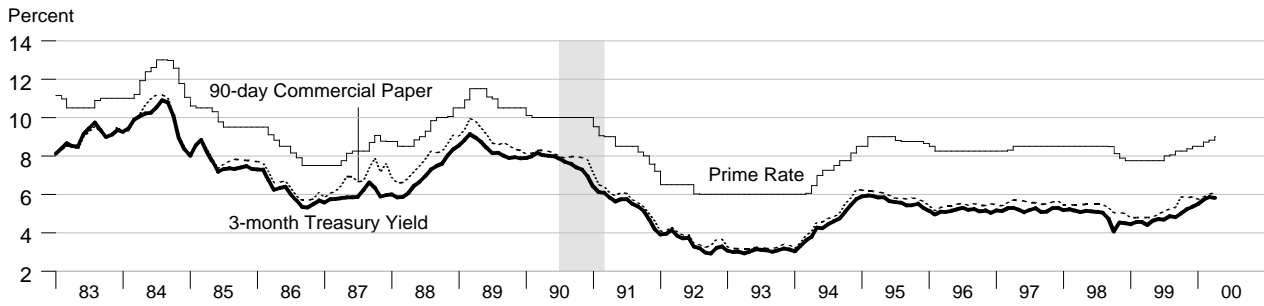


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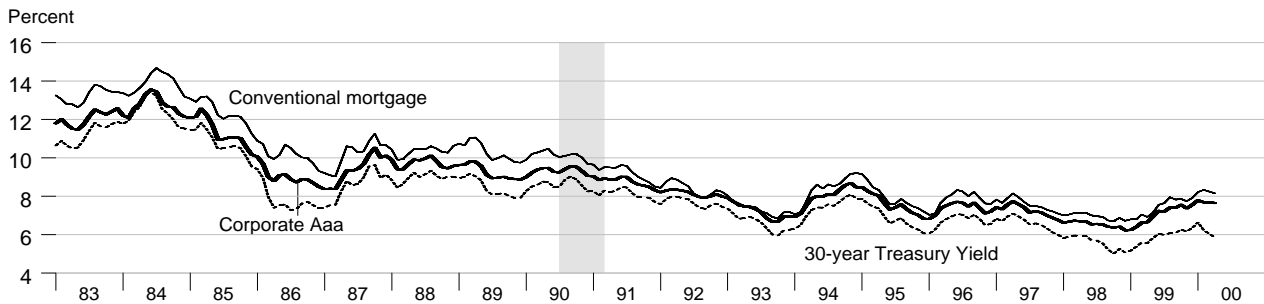




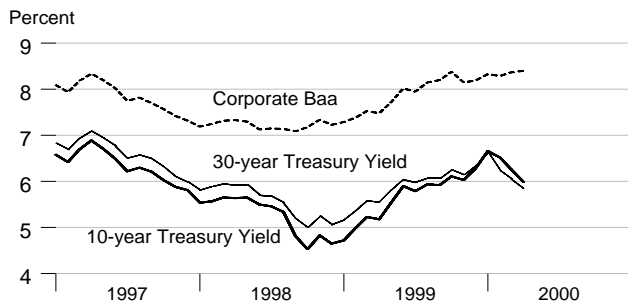
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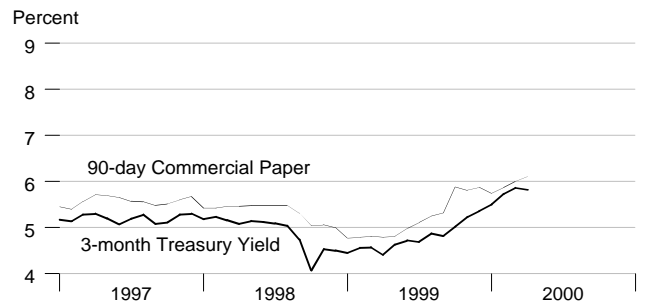
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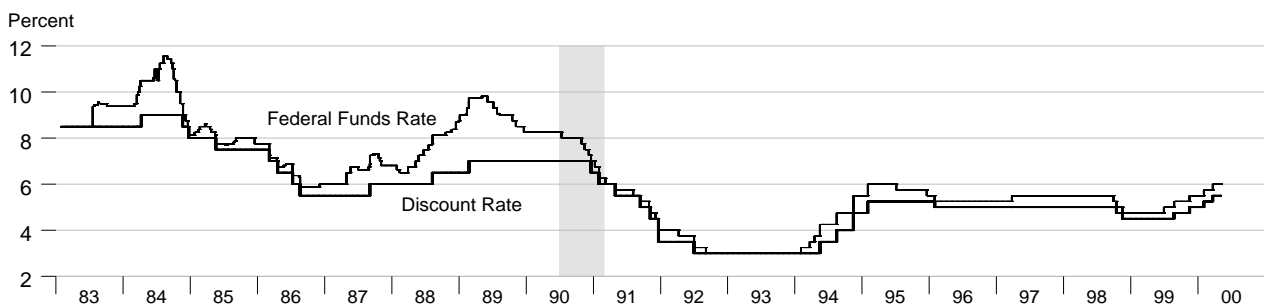
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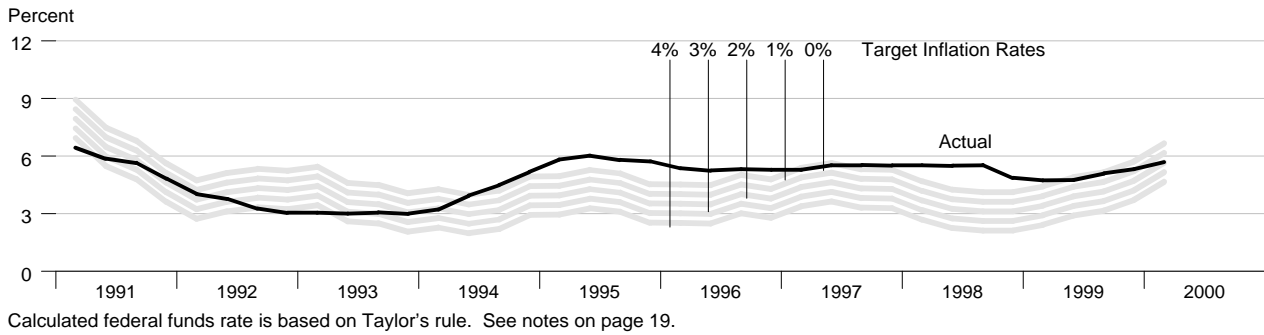
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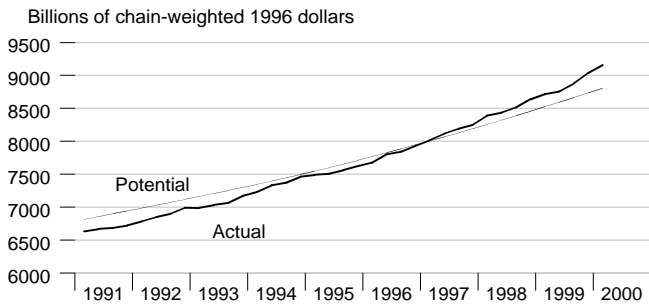
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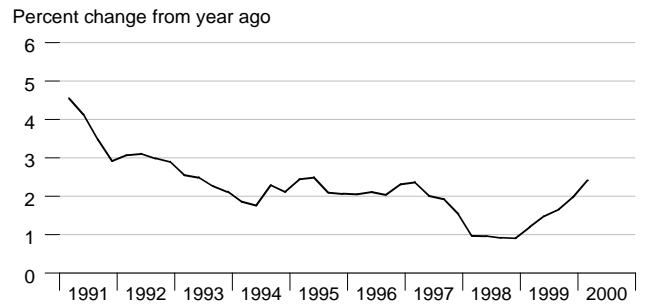
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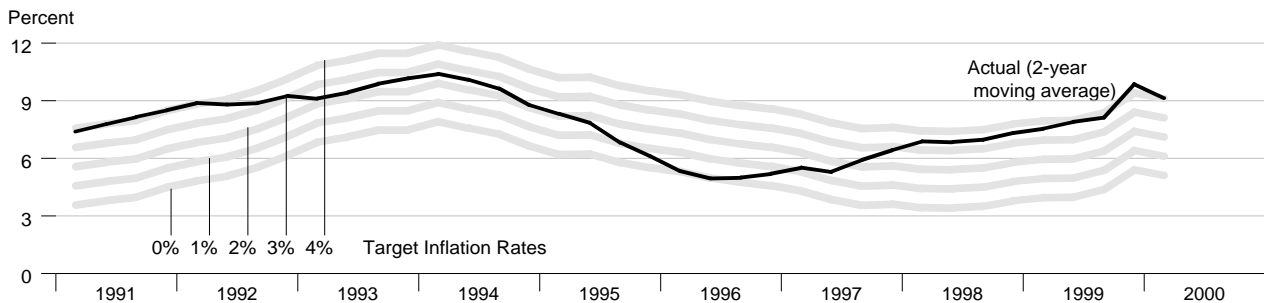
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### PCE Inflation

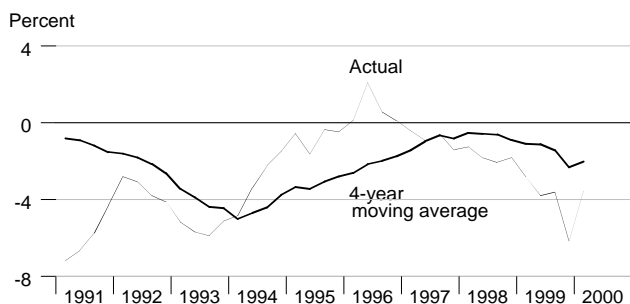


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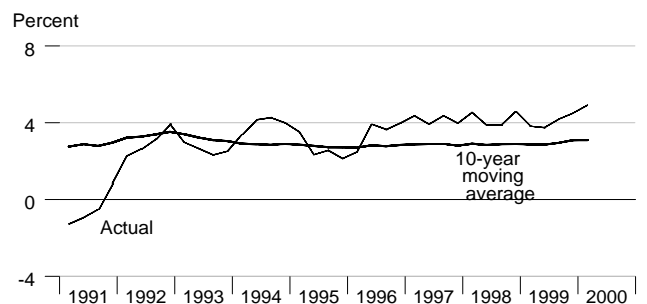


\*Modified for the effects of sweeps programs on reserve demand. Calculated base growth is based on McCallum's rule. See notes on page 19.

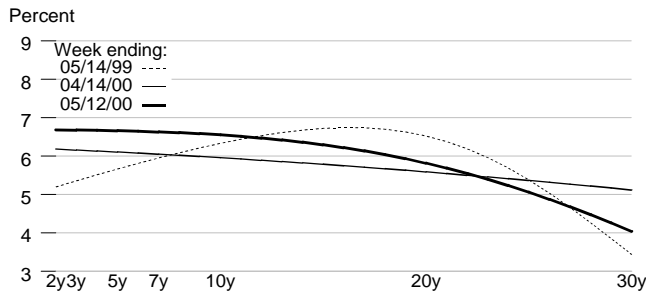
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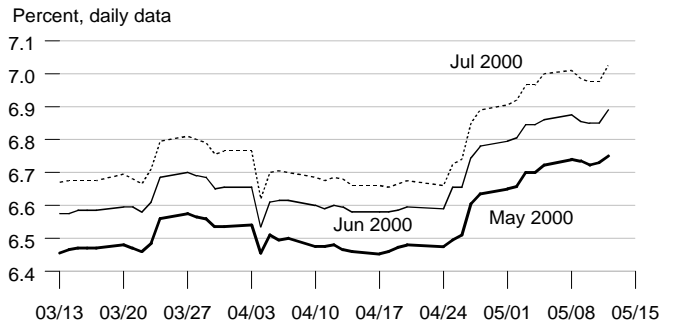
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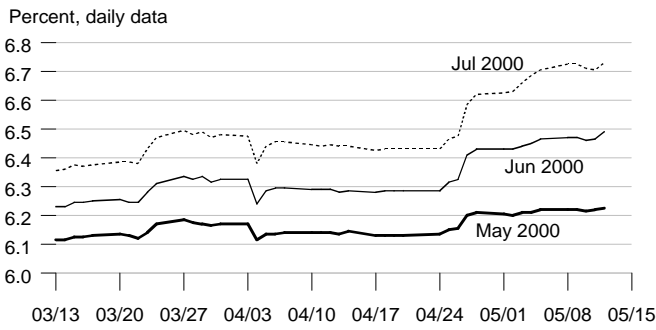
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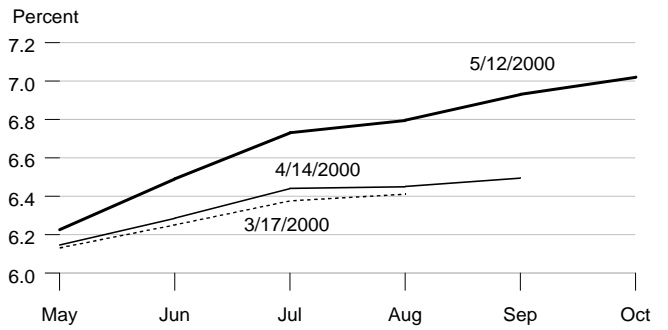
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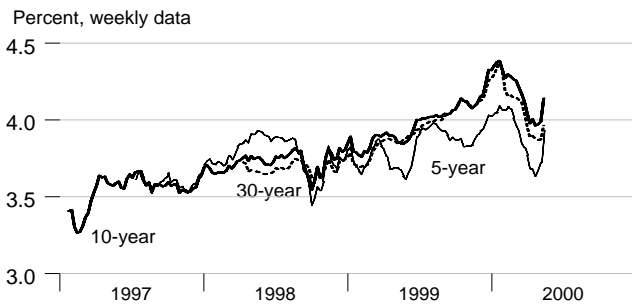
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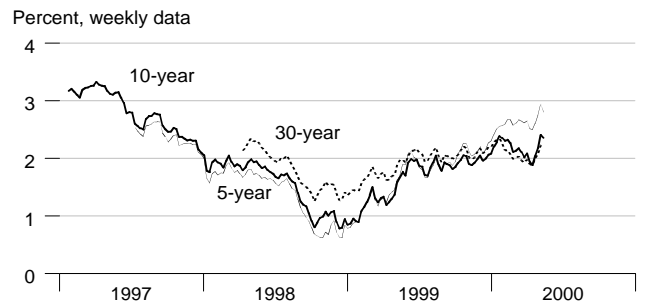
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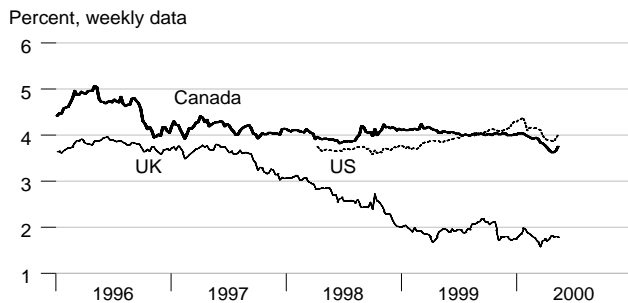
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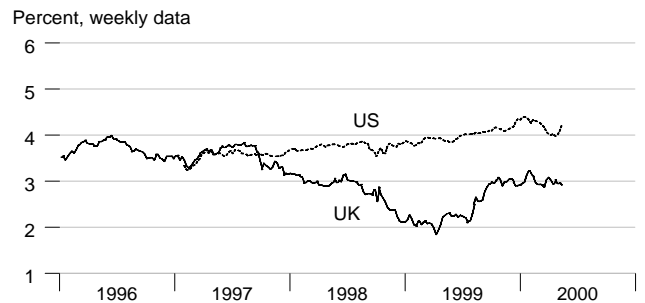
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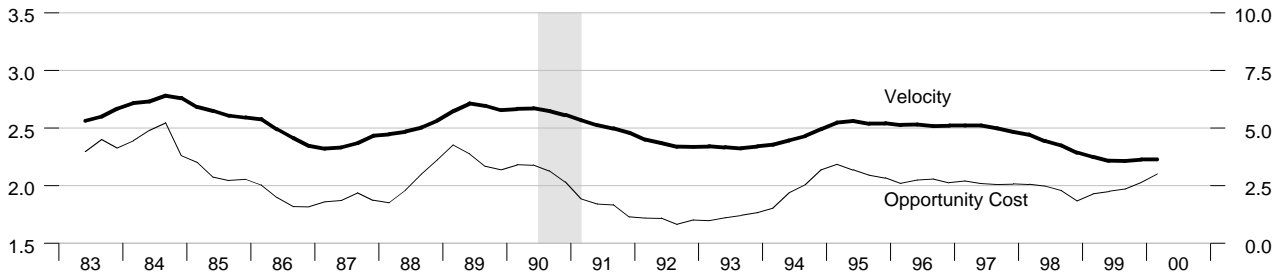
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### MZM Velocity and Opportunity Cost

Velocity = Nominal GDP / MZM

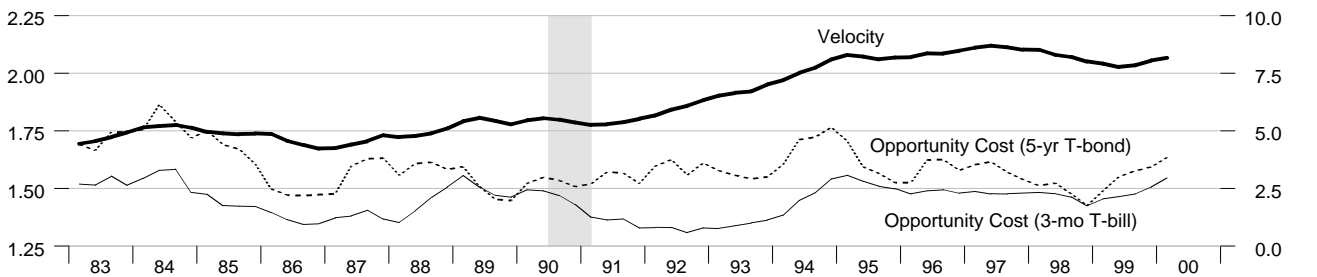
Opportunity Cost = 3 month T-bill rate less MZM own rate



### M2 Velocity and Opportunity Cost

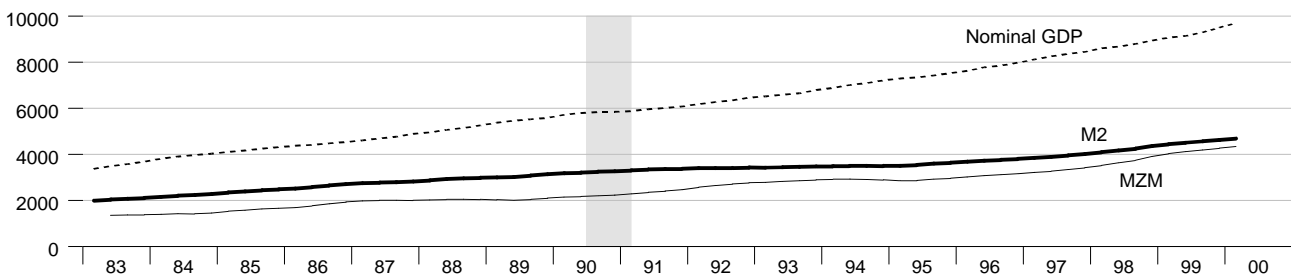
Velocity = Nominal GDP / M2

Opportunity Cost = Treasury rate less M2 own rate



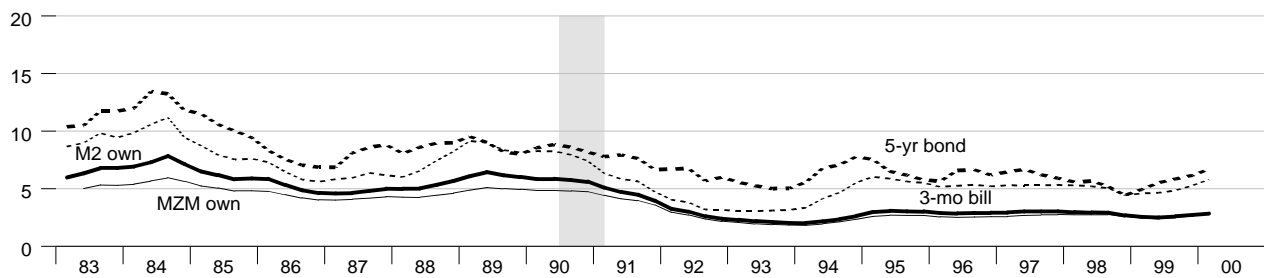
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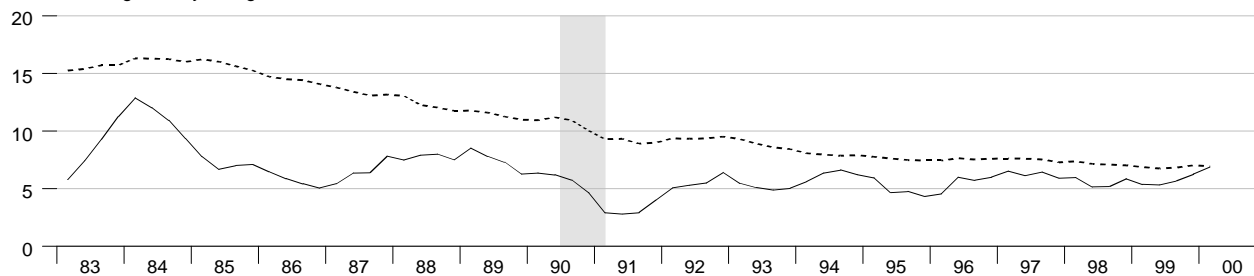
### Interest Rates

Percent



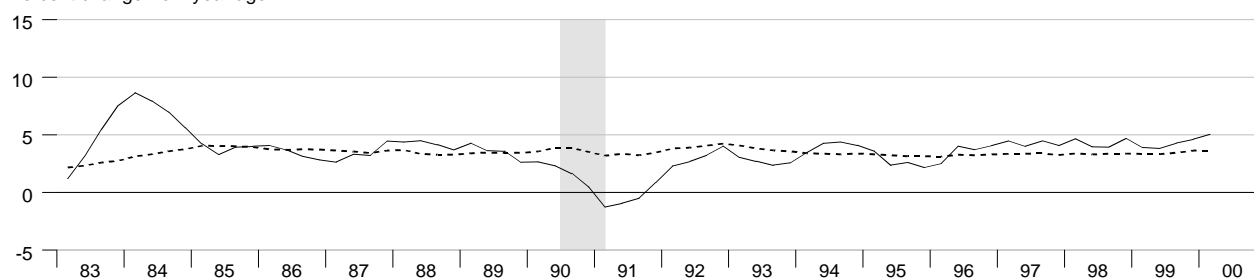
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Percent change from year ago



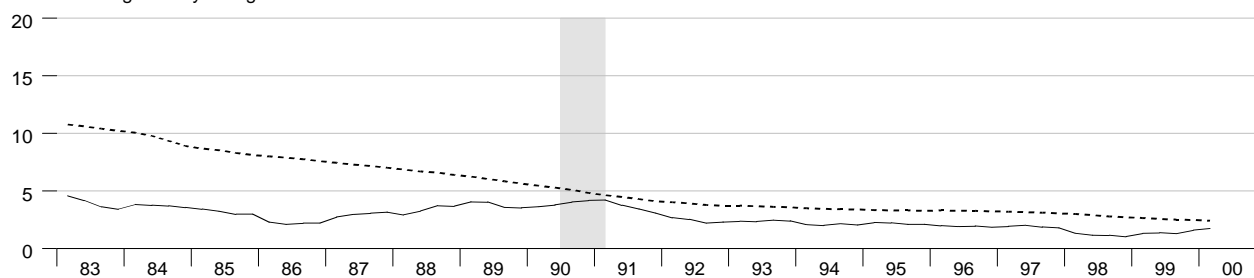
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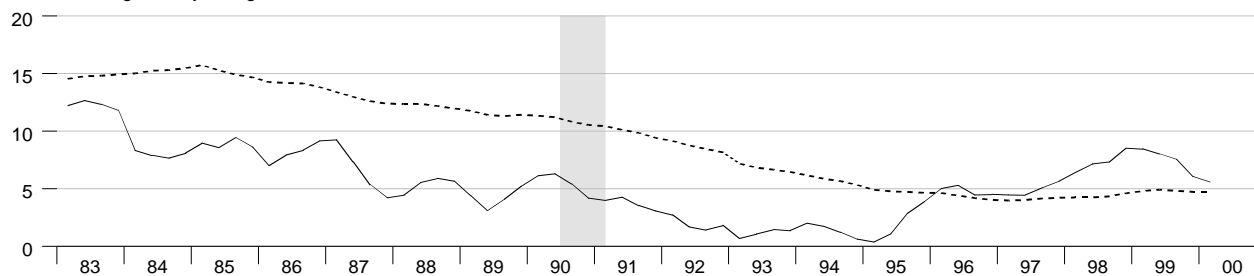
### Gross Domestic Product Price Index

Percent change from year ago



### M2

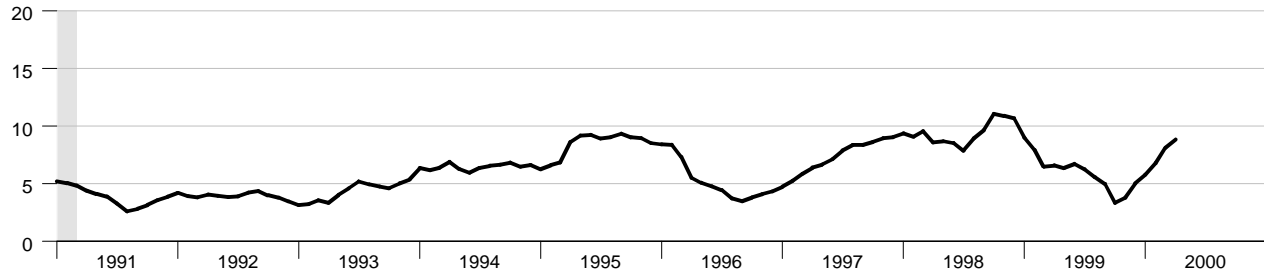
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Dashed lines indicate 10-year moving averages

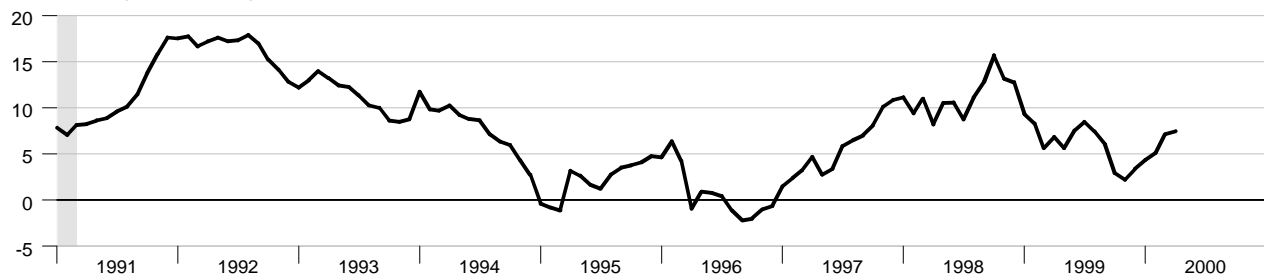
### Bank Credit

Percent change from year ago



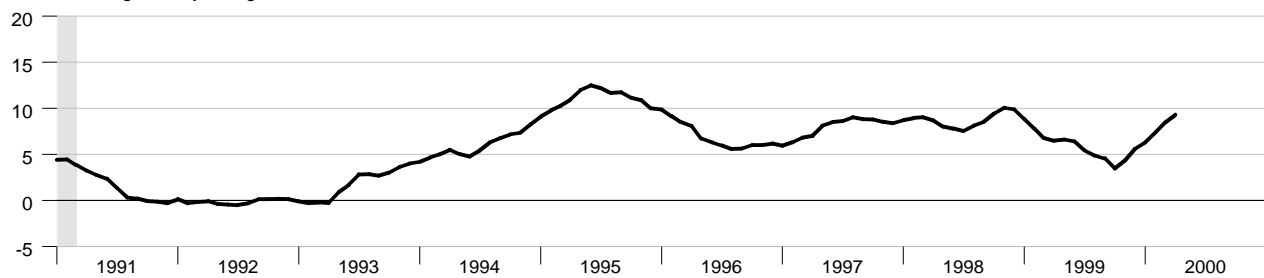
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Percent change from year ago



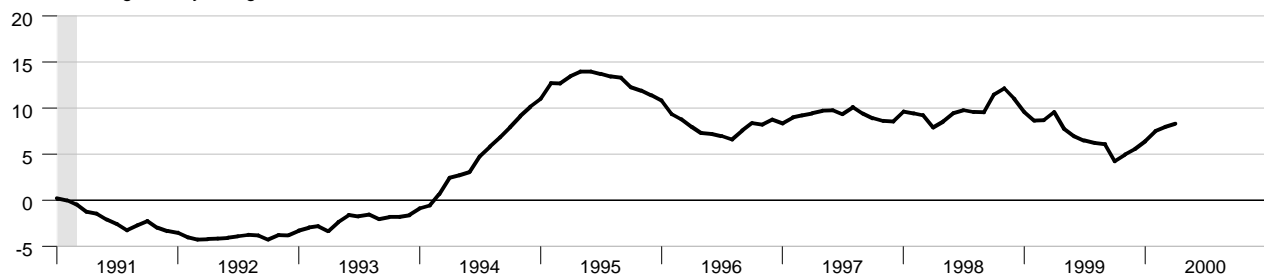
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Percent change from year ago

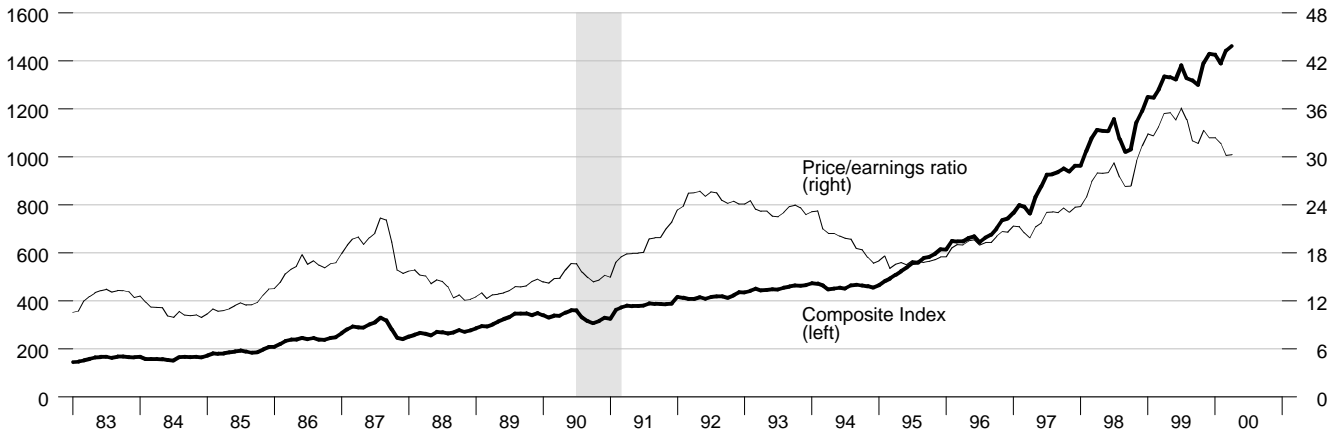


### Commercial and Industrial Loans at Commercial Banks

Percent change from year ago



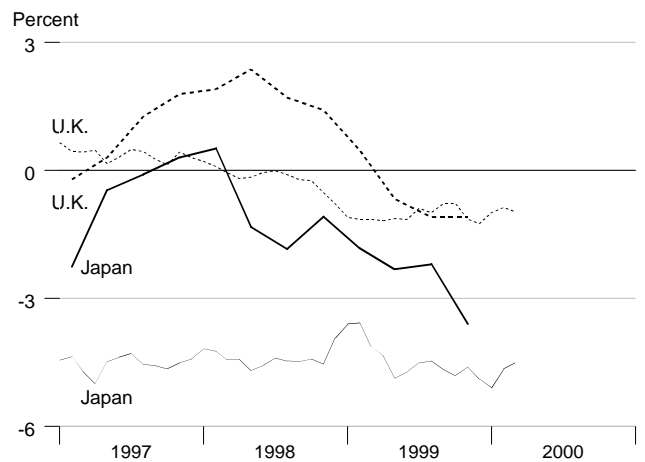
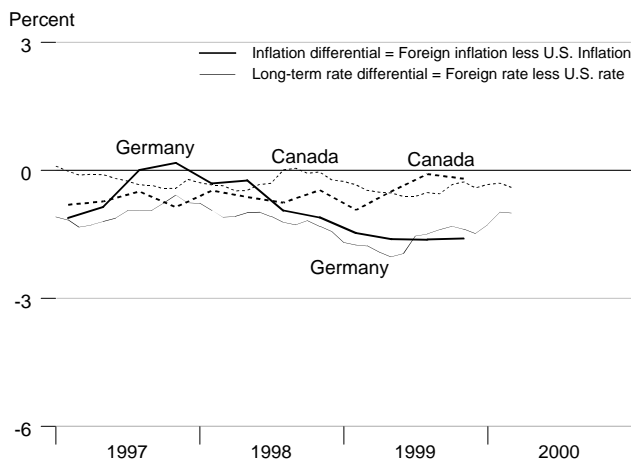
**Standard and Poor's 500**



**Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates**

|                | Trend in Consumer Price Inflation Rates<br>Percent change from year ago |        |        |        | Recent Long-Term Government Bond Rates<br>Percent |       |       |       |
|----------------|---|--------|--------|--------|---|-------|-------|-------|
|                | 1999Q2  | 1999Q3 | 1999Q4 | 2000Q1 | Jan00   | Feb00 | Mar00 | Apr00 |
| United States  | 2.09  | 2.26   | 2.56   | 3.15   | 6.81  | 6.49  | 6.33  | 6.14  |
| Canada         | 1.59  | 2.18   | 2.36   | .      | 6.48  | 6.19  | 5.93  | .     |
| France         | 0.36  | 0.53   | 1.00   | .      | 6.11  | 5.96  | 5.73  | .     |
| Germany        | 0.48  | 0.64   | 0.96   | .      | 5.54  | 5.51  | 5.33  | .     |
| Italy          | 1.44  | 1.72   | 2.06   | 2.36   | 5.79  | 5.77  | 5.61  | .     |
| Japan          | -0.22   | 0.07   | -1.04  | .      | 1.71  | 1.84  | 1.82  | .     |
| United Kingdom | 1.42  | 1.17   | 1.47   | .      | 5.82  | 5.62  | 5.36  | .     |

**Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates Differentials**



|       |     | Money Stock |          |          |          | Bank     |               |          |         |
|-------|-----|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|---------|
|       |     | M1          | M2M      | M2       | M3       | Credit   | Monetary Base | Reserves | MSI M2  |
| 1995  |     | 1143.037    | 2906.093 | 3575.434 | 4500.288 | 3500.750 | 443.499       | 76.838   | 210.451 |
| 1996  |     | 1106.428    | 3096.347 | 3747.395 | 4796.863 | 3683.810 | 455.572       | 73.401   | 217.848 |
| 1997  |     | 1069.928    | 3318.613 | 3931.933 | 5179.573 | 3951.956 | 478.708       | 68.873   | 227.070 |
| 1998  |     | 1080.851    | 3705.090 | 4221.490 | 5710.897 | 4323.837 | 508.942       | 66.925   | 242.228 |
| 1999  |     | 1102.447    | 4157.567 | 4538.439 | 6208.925 | 4581.143 | 557.863       | 71.648   | 258.535 |
| <hr/> |     |             |          |          |          |          |               |          |         |
| 1998  | 1   | 1076.718    | 3523.710 | 4097.751 | 5498.386 | 4185.414 | 498.320       | 67.645   | 235.917 |
|       | 2   | 1078.686    | 3637.300 | 4176.066 | 5638.533 | 4248.575 | 502.020       | 66.044   | 239.943 |
|       | 3   | 1076.071    | 3746.116 | 4249.253 | 5763.384 | 4348.501 | 511.546       | 66.905   | 243.733 |
|       | 4   | 1091.927    | 3913.233 | 4362.888 | 5943.284 | 4512.859 | 523.881       | 67.105   | 249.320 |
| 1999  | 1   | 1097.220    | 4033.485 | 4444.488 | 6064.827 | 4511.245 | 536.335       | 67.691   | 253.370 |
|       | 2   | 1103.061    | 4127.357 | 4511.460 | 6155.764 | 4526.828 | 545.912       | 66.526   | 257.007 |
|       | 3   | 1098.074    | 4198.569 | 4570.573 | 6231.278 | 4591.476 | 557.969       | 68.112   | 260.270 |
|       | 4   | 1111.433    | 4270.856 | 4627.236 | 6383.832 | 4695.022 | 591.238       | 84.263   | 263.493 |
| 2000  | 1   | 1112.795    | 4353.859 | 4693.459 | 6546.328 | 4821.748 | 592.963       | 71.539   | 266.917 |
| <hr/> |     |             |          |          |          |          |               |          |         |
| 1998  | Apr | 1081.657    | 3601.717 | 4152.912 | 5594.709 | 4225.998 | 499.537       | 65.937   | 238.890 |
|       | May | 1076.489    | 3637.081 | 4174.983 | 5638.310 | 4246.394 | 502.322       | 66.071   | 239.820 |
|       | Jun | 1077.912    | 3673.103 | 4200.304 | 5682.580 | 4273.334 | 504.200       | 66.125   | 241.120 |
|       | Jul | 1076.877    | 3700.662 | 4218.927 | 5703.551 | 4295.576 | 507.618       | 66.307   | 242.270 |
|       | Aug | 1073.126    | 3739.452 | 4242.999 | 5762.211 | 4351.090 | 511.031       | 67.371   | 243.440 |
|       | Sep | 1078.211    | 3798.233 | 4285.832 | 5824.390 | 4398.837 | 515.990       | 67.036   | 245.490 |
|       | Oct | 1084.671    | 3860.123 | 4327.305 | 5887.775 | 4484.506 | 520.806       | 67.058   | 247.530 |
|       | Nov | 1093.735    | 3915.841 | 4364.342 | 5945.154 | 4517.585 | 524.379       | 67.182   | 249.420 |
|       | Dec | 1097.375    | 3963.734 | 4397.018 | 5996.923 | 4536.485 | 526.458       | 67.074   | 251.010 |
| <hr/> |     |             |          |          |          |          |               |          |         |
| 1999  | Jan | 1095.980    | 3998.710 | 4422.360 | 6028.749 | 4524.588 | 531.761       | 68.517   | 252.260 |
|       | Feb | 1094.290    | 4039.737 | 4447.669 | 6077.971 | 4514.756 | 538.190       | 68.067   | 253.460 |
|       | Mar | 1101.391    | 4062.008 | 4463.435 | 6087.761 | 4494.391 | 539.053       | 66.488   | 254.390 |
|       | Apr | 1107.226    | 4099.557 | 4490.355 | 6123.735 | 4504.221 | 539.609       | 64.109   | 255.900 |
|       | May | 1101.751    | 4129.187 | 4513.053 | 6156.255 | 4516.234 | 548.331       | 68.424   | 257.080 |
|       | Jun | 1100.206    | 4153.327 | 4530.973 | 6187.303 | 4560.028 | 549.797       | 67.046   | 258.040 |
|       | Jul | 1099.569    | 4177.179 | 4552.715 | 6210.837 | 4563.901 | 553.061       | 66.882   | 259.230 |
|       | Aug | 1098.668    | 4200.217 | 4569.938 | 6228.405 | 4593.221 | 556.713       | 67.249   | 260.230 |
|       | Sep | 1095.985    | 4218.310 | 4589.066 | 6254.592 | 4617.307 | 564.133       | 70.206   | 261.350 |
|       | Oct | 1101.146    | 4240.711 | 4605.250 | 6302.928 | 4633.632 | 572.986       | 73.315   | 262.260 |
|       | Nov | 1109.356    | 4267.266 | 4624.240 | 6379.253 | 4687.982 | 588.662       | 83.810   | 263.330 |
|       | Dec | 1123.797    | 4304.590 | 4652.219 | 6469.314 | 4763.451 | 612.065       | 95.665   | 264.890 |
| <hr/> |     |             |          |          |          |          |               |          |         |
| 2000  | Jan | 1121.127    | 4337.991 | 4675.724 | 6513.228 | 4786.003 | 604.798       | 80.729   | 266.090 |
|       | Feb | 1105.748    | 4335.607 | 4684.867 | 6529.370 | 4820.852 | 589.903       | 68.353   | 266.510 |
|       | Mar | 1111.510    | 4387.979 | 4719.786 | 6596.387 | 4858.389 | 584.187       | 65.535   | 268.150 |
|       | Apr | 1115.371    | 4418.109 | 4759.261 | 6631.162 | 4901.674 | 582.441       | 64.518   | 270.250 |

\*All values are given in billions of dollars



|      |     | Federal | Discount | Prime | 3-mo | Treasury Yields |      |      | Corporate | S & L     | Conventional |
|------|-----|---------|----------|-------|------|-----------------|------|------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|      |     | Funds   | Rate     | Rate  |      | CDs             | 3 mo | 3 yr | 30 yr     | Aaa Bonds |              |
| 1995 |     | 5.84    | 5.21     | 8.83  | 5.92 | 5.66            | 6.26 | 6.88 | 7.59      | 5.80      | 7.95         |
| 1996 |     | 5.30    | 5.02     | 8.27  | 5.39 | 5.15            | 5.99 | 6.70 | 7.37      | 5.52      | 7.80         |
| 1997 |     | 5.46    | 5.00     | 8.44  | 5.62 | 5.20            | 6.10 | 6.61 | 7.26      | 5.32      | 7.60         |
| 1998 |     | 5.35    | 4.92     | 8.35  | 5.47 | 4.91            | 5.14 | 5.58 | 6.53      | 4.93      | 6.94         |
| 1999 |     | 4.97    | 4.62     | 7.99  | 5.33 | 4.78            | 5.49 | 5.87 | 7.04      | 5.28      | 7.43         |
| 1998 | 1   | 5.52    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.55 | 5.19            | 5.46 | 5.88 | 6.67      | 4.94      | 7.05         |
|      | 2   | 5.50    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.59 | 5.11            | 5.57 | 5.85 | 6.64      | 5.00      | 7.09         |
|      | 3   | 5.53    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.53 | 4.96            | 5.11 | 5.47 | 6.49      | 4.95      | 6.87         |
|      | 4   | 4.86    | 4.66     | 7.92  | 5.20 | 4.37            | 4.41 | 5.11 | 6.33      | 4.82      | 6.76         |
| 1999 | 1   | 4.73    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.90 | 4.53            | 4.87 | 5.37 | 6.42      | 4.87      | 6.88         |
|      | 2   | 4.75    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.98 | 4.59            | 5.35 | 5.80 | 6.93      | 5.05      | 7.20         |
|      | 3   | 5.09    | 4.60     | 8.10  | 5.38 | 4.79            | 5.71 | 6.04 | 7.33      | 5.42      | 7.80         |
|      | 4   | 5.31    | 4.87     | 8.37  | 6.06 | 5.20            | 6.00 | 6.25 | 7.49      | 5.79      | 7.83         |
| 2000 | 1   | 5.68    | 5.19     | 8.69  | 6.03 | 5.70            | 6.56 | 6.30 | 7.71      | 5.82      | 8.26         |
| 1998 | Apr | 5.45    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.58 | 5.08            | 5.58 | 5.92 | 6.69      | 5.00      | 7.14         |
|      | May | 5.49    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.59 | 5.14            | 5.61 | 5.93 | 6.69      | 5.04      | 7.14         |
|      | Jun | 5.56    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.60 | 5.12            | 5.52 | 5.70 | 6.53      | 4.97      | 7.00         |
|      | Jul | 5.54    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.59 | 5.09            | 5.47 | 5.68 | 6.55      | 5.01      | 6.95         |
|      | Aug | 5.55    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.58 | 5.04            | 5.24 | 5.54 | 6.52      | 5.01      | 6.92         |
|      | Sep | 5.51    | 5.00     | 8.49  | 5.41 | 4.74            | 4.62 | 5.20 | 6.40      | 4.84      | 6.72         |
|      | Oct | 5.07    | 4.86     | 8.12  | 5.21 | 4.07            | 4.18 | 5.01 | 6.37      | 4.76      | 6.71         |
|      | Nov | 4.83    | 4.63     | 7.89  | 5.24 | 4.53            | 4.57 | 5.25 | 6.41      | 4.87      | 6.87         |
|      | Dec | 4.68    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 5.14 | 4.50            | 4.48 | 5.06 | 6.22      | 4.83      | 6.72         |
| 1999 | Jan | 4.63    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.89 | 4.45            | 4.61 | 5.16 | 6.24      | 4.85      | 6.79         |
|      | Feb | 4.76    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.90 | 4.56            | 4.90 | 5.37 | 6.40      | 4.80      | 6.81         |
|      | Mar | 4.81    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.91 | 4.57            | 5.11 | 5.58 | 6.62      | 4.96      | 7.04         |
|      | Apr | 4.74    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.88 | 4.41            | 5.03 | 5.55 | 6.64      | 4.89      | 6.92         |
|      | May | 4.74    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 4.92 | 4.63            | 5.33 | 5.81 | 6.93      | 5.05      | 7.15         |
|      | Jun | 4.76    | 4.50     | 7.75  | 5.13 | 4.72            | 5.70 | 6.04 | 7.23      | 5.22      | 7.55         |
|      | Jul | 4.99    | 4.50     | 8.00  | 5.24 | 4.69            | 5.62 | 5.98 | 7.19      | 5.24      | 7.63         |
|      | Aug | 5.07    | 4.56     | 8.06  | 5.41 | 4.87            | 5.77 | 6.07 | 7.40      | 5.47      | 7.94         |
|      | Sep | 5.22    | 4.75     | 8.25  | 5.50 | 4.82            | 5.75 | 6.07 | 7.39      | 5.56      | 7.82         |
|      | Oct | 5.20    | 4.75     | 8.25  | 6.13 | 5.02            | 5.94 | 6.26 | 7.55      | 5.78      | 7.85         |
|      | Nov | 5.42    | 4.86     | 8.37  | 6.00 | 5.23            | 5.92 | 6.15 | 7.36      | 5.77      | 7.74         |
|      | Dec | 5.30    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 6.05 | 5.36            | 6.14 | 6.35 | 7.55      | 5.82      | 7.91         |
| 2000 | Jan | 5.45    | 5.00     | 8.50  | 5.95 | 5.50            | 6.49 | 6.63 | 7.78      | 5.91      | 8.21         |
|      | Feb | 5.73    | 5.24     | 8.73  | 6.01 | 5.73            | 6.65 | 6.23 | 7.68      | 5.88      | 8.33         |
|      | Mar | 5.85    | 5.34     | 8.83  | 6.14 | 5.86            | 6.53 | 6.05 | 7.68      | 5.68      | 8.24         |
|      | Apr | 6.02    | 5.50     | 9.00  | 6.28 | 5.82            | 6.36 | 5.85 | 7.64      | 5.60      | 8.15         |

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

|                                     |     | M1    | MZM   | M2   | M3    |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Percent change from previous period |     |       |       |      |       |
| 1995                                |     | -0.21 | -0.46 | 2.06 | 4.56  |
| 1996                                |     | -3.20 | 6.55  | 4.81 | 6.59  |
| 1997                                |     | -3.30 | 7.18  | 4.92 | 7.98  |
| 1998                                |     | 1.02  | 11.65 | 7.36 | 10.26 |
| 1999                                |     | 2.00  | 12.21 | 7.51 | 8.72  |
| <hr/>                               |     |       |       |      |       |
| 1998                                | 1   | 0.73  | 2.83  | 1.92 | 2.64  |
|                                     | 2   | 0.18  | 3.22  | 1.91 | 2.55  |
|                                     | 3   | -0.24 | 2.99  | 1.75 | 2.21  |
|                                     | 4   | 1.47  | 4.46  | 2.67 | 3.12  |
| 1999                                | 1   | 0.48  | 3.07  | 1.87 | 2.05  |
|                                     | 2   | 0.53  | 2.33  | 1.51 | 1.50  |
|                                     | 3   | -0.45 | 1.73  | 1.31 | 1.23  |
|                                     | 4   | 1.22  | 1.72  | 1.24 | 2.45  |
| 2000                                | 1   | 0.12  | 1.94  | 1.43 | 2.55  |
| <hr/>                               |     |       |       |      |       |
| 1998                                | Apr | 0.12  | 1.09  | 0.59 | 0.68  |
|                                     | May | -0.48 | 0.98  | 0.53 | 0.78  |
|                                     | Jun | 0.13  | 0.99  | 0.61 | 0.79  |
|                                     | Jul | -0.10 | 0.75  | 0.44 | 0.37  |
|                                     | Aug | -0.35 | 1.05  | 0.57 | 1.03  |
|                                     | Sep | 0.47  | 1.57  | 1.01 | 1.08  |
|                                     | Oct | 0.60  | 1.63  | 0.97 | 1.09  |
|                                     | Nov | 0.84  | 1.44  | 0.86 | 0.97  |
|                                     | Dec | 0.33  | 1.22  | 0.75 | 0.87  |
| 1999                                | Jan | -0.13 | 0.88  | 0.58 | 0.53  |
|                                     | Feb | -0.15 | 1.03  | 0.57 | 0.82  |
|                                     | Mar | 0.65  | 0.55  | 0.35 | 0.16  |
|                                     | Apr | 0.53  | 0.92  | 0.60 | 0.59  |
|                                     | May | -0.49 | 0.72  | 0.51 | 0.53  |
|                                     | Jun | -0.14 | 0.58  | 0.40 | 0.50  |
|                                     | Jul | -0.06 | 0.57  | 0.48 | 0.38  |
|                                     | Aug | -0.08 | 0.55  | 0.38 | 0.28  |
|                                     | Sep | -0.24 | 0.43  | 0.42 | 0.42  |
|                                     | Oct | 0.47  | 0.53  | 0.35 | 0.77  |
|                                     | Nov | 0.75  | 0.63  | 0.41 | 1.21  |
|                                     | Dec | 1.30  | 0.87  | 0.61 | 1.41  |
| 2000                                | Jan | -0.24 | 0.78  | 0.51 | 0.68  |
|                                     | Feb | -1.37 | -0.05 | 0.20 | 0.25  |
|                                     | Mar | 0.52  | 1.21  | 0.75 | 1.03  |
|                                     | Apr | 0.35  | 0.69  | 0.84 | 0.53  |

## Definitions

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

**MZM:** M2 minus small denomination time deposits, plus institutional money market mutual funds. The label MZM was coined by William Poole (1991) for this aggregate, proposed earlier by Motley (1988). Due to distortions caused by regulatory changes, the largest of which the introduction of money market accounts, data for MZM begin March 1983 in this publication.

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

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

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

**Domestic Nonfinancial Debt:** total credit market liabilities of the U.S. Treasury, federally sponsored agencies, state and local governments, households, and firms except depository institutions and money market mutual funds.

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

**Adjusted Reserves:** the sum of vault cash and Federal Reserve Bank deposits held by depository institutions, and an adjustment for the effects of changes in statutory reserve requirements on the quantity of base money held by depositories. This series, a spliced chain index, is numerically larger than the Board of Governors' measure which excludes vault cash not used to satisfy statutory reserve requirements and Federal Reserve Bank deposits used to satisfy required clearing balance contracts; see Anderson and Rasche (1996a) and <http://www.stls.frb.org/research/newbase.html>.

**Monetary Services Index:** an index which measures the flow of monetary services received by households and firms from their holdings of liquid assets; see Anderson, Jones and Nesmith (1997). Indexes are shown for the assets included in M2; additional data are available at <http://www.stls.frb.org/research/msi/index.html>.

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

## Notes

*Page 3:* **MZM**, or "Money, Zero Maturity" includes the zero maturity, or immediately available, components of M3. MZM equals M2 minus small denomination time deposits, plus institutional money market mutual funds (that is, the money market mutual funds included in M3 but excluded from M2). Readers are cautioned that since early 1994 the level and growth of M1 have been depressed by retail sweep programs that reclassify transactions deposits (demand deposits and other checkable deposits) as savings deposits overnight, thereby reducing banks' required reserves; see <http://www.stls.frb.org/research/swdata.html>. For analytical purposes, MZM largely replaces M1. The **Discount Rate** and **Expected Federal Funds Rate** shown in the chart **Reserve Market Rates**, are plotted as of the date of the change, while the **Effective Federal Funds Rate** is plotted as of the end of the month. Interest rates in the table are monthly averages from the Board of Governors H.15 Statistical Release. **Treasury Yield Curve** shows constant maturity yields calculated by the U.S. Treasury Department for securities with 3 months and 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 20 and 30 years to maturity. Daily data and a description are available at <http://www.stls.frb.org/fred/data/wkly.html>. See also *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, table 1.35.

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

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

*Page 8:* **Inflation expectations** measures include the quarterly Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia *Survey of Professional Forecasters*, the monthly University of Michigan Survey Research Center's *Surveys of Consumers*, and the annual Federal Open Market Committee range as reported to the Congress in the February Humphrey-Hawkins Act testimony each year. Beginning February 2000, the FOMC began using the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index to report its inflation range, and therefore is not shown on this graph. **CPI Inflation** is the percentage change from a year ago in the CPI for all urban consumers. **Real Interest Rates** are ex post measures, equal to nominal rates minus CPI inflation.

*Page 9:* **FOMC Expected Federal Funds Rate** is the level (or midpoint of the range, if applicable) of the federal funds rate that the staff of the Federal Open Market Committee expected to be consistent with the desired degree of pressure on bank reserve positions.

*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

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

to five alternative target inflation rates  $\pi^* = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  percent, where  $r_t^*$  is the implied federal funds rate,  $\pi_{t-1}$  is the previous period's inflation rate (PCE),  $y_{t-1}$  is the log of the previous period's level of real GDP, and  $y_{t-1}^P$  is the log of an estimate of the previous period's level of potential output. **Potential real output** 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  $\Delta MB_i^*$  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  $((y_t - y_{t-40})/40) \times 4 \times 100$ , where  $y_t$  is the log of real GDP. The four-year moving average of base velocity growth is calculated similarly. To adjust the monetary base for the effect of retail-deposit sweep programs, we add to the monetary base an amount equal to 10 percent of the total amount swept, as estimated by the Federal Reserve Board staff. These estimates are imprecise, at best. Sweep program data are available at <http://www.stls.frb.org/research/swdata.html>.

**Page 11: Implied One-Year Forward Rates** are calculated by this Bank from Treasury constant maturity yields. Yields to maturity,  $R(m)$ , for securities with  $m = 1, \dots, 30$  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. For a discussion of the use of forward rates as indicators of inflation expectations, see Sharpe (1997). **Rates on 3-Month Euro-dollar Futures** and **Rates on Selected Fed Funds Futures Contracts** each trace through time the yield on three specific contracts. **Implied Yields on Fed Funds Futures** displays a single day's snapshot of yields for contracts expiring in the months shown on the horizontal axis. **Inflation-Protected Treasury Yield Spreads** equal, for 5, 10, and 30 year maturities, the difference between the Treasury constant maturity yield and the yield on the most recently issued inflation-protected security. **Inflation-Indexed Bonds** for Canada are the 31-year bond with a maturity date of 12/01/2026; for the U.K., the 37.5-year bond with a maturity date of 07/17/2024 and the 12.1-year bond with a maturity date of 10/21/2004; and, for the U.S., the 30-year bond with a maturity date of 04/15/2028 and the 10-year bond with a maturity date of 01/15/2007.

**Page 12: Velocity** (for MZM and M2) equals the ratio of GDP, measured in current dollars, to the level of the monetary aggregate. **MZM** and **M2 Own Rates** are weighted averages of the rates received by households and firms on the assets included in the aggregates. Two alternative opportunity costs are shown, one relative to the 3-month Treasury constant-maturity yield, the other to the 5-year constant-maturity yield.

**Page 13: Real Gross Domestic Product** is GDP as measured in chained 1992 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 1992 dollars.

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

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