



# Calendar of Releases

Titles for the current week are links to their respective releases.									
MONDAY*	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY*	FRIDAY					
December 18  Current Account (Q3) A: -\$225.6B P: -\$226.0B	December 19 PPI (Nov) A: 2.0% P: 0.7% Core PPI (Nov) A: 1.3% P: 0.3% Housing Starts (Nov) A: 1.59M P: 1.53M Building Permits (Nov) A: 1.51M P: 1.57M Latest Issue Monetary Trends	December 20	December 21 Initial Claims (12/16) A: 315K P: 315K GDP (Q3) A: 2.0% P: 2.2% Corporate Profits (Q3)	December 22  Personal Income (Nov) A: 0.3% P: 0.4%  Consumption (Nov) A: 0.5% P: 0.6%  Core PCE (Nov) A: 2.2% P: 2.4%  Durable Goods (Nov) A: 1.9% P: 1.0%					
December 25	December 26	<b>December 27</b> New Home Sales (Nov) F: 1023K P: 1024K	December 28 Initial Claims (12/23) F: 315K P: 309K Existing Home Sales (Nov) F: 6.21M P: 6.21M	December 29					
January 1	January 2 ISM Index (Dec) F: 50.0 FOMC Minutes (previous meeting) Latest Issue Review	January 3  Construct Spending (Nov) F: -0.6%  Latest Issue  National Economic Trends	January 4 Initial Claims (12/30) F: 310K Factory Orders (Nov) F: 1.3% ISM Non Mfg Index (Dec) F: 57.0	January 5 Nonfarm Payrolls (Dec) F: 110K Unemployment Rate (Dec) F: 4.5%					

DEFINITIONS: A, actual value; P, previous week's forecast; F, current week's forecast; K, thousand; M, million; B, billion.

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<sup>\*</sup>The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System provides H.3, H.4.1, and H.6 releases each Thursday and H.10 and H.15 releases each Monday.

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# Conventions used in this publication:

- 1. Unless otherwise indicated, figure and table data are weekly and seasonally adjusted.
- 2. For pages 7, 10, 12 (top chart), 13, and 18 (top and bottom right tables), the last observation is a daily average that incorporates all available data at the time of publication, which usually includes observations for the first three trading days of the week (Monday through Wednesday). The previous observations signify that week's average.

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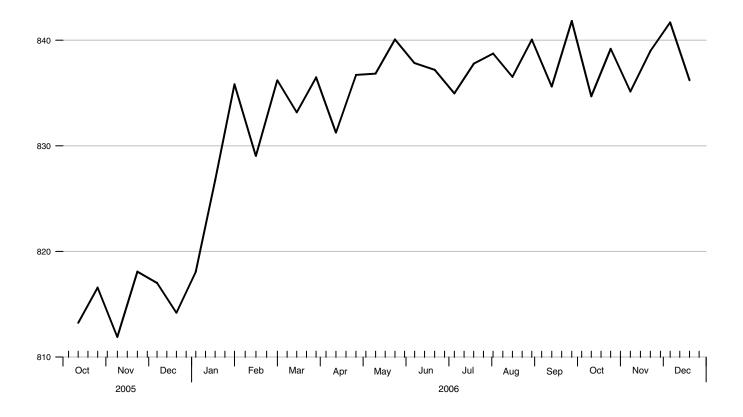
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#### **Adjusted Monetary Base**

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars

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## **Adjusted Monetary Base**

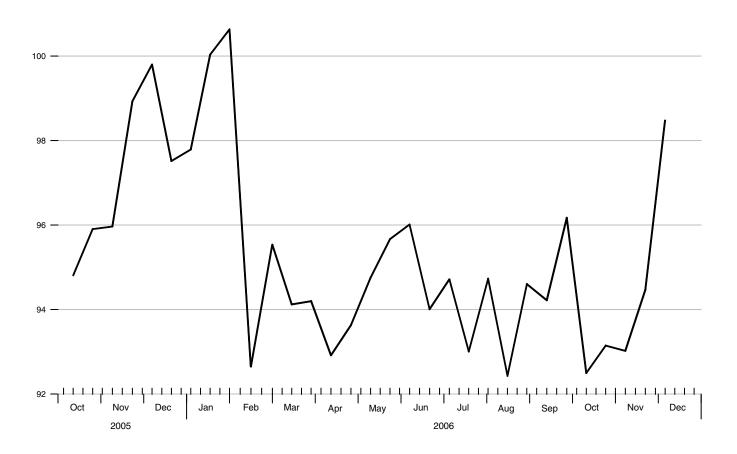
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periods ending:	12/21/05	03/15/06	05/24/06	06/21/06	07/19/06	08/16/06	09/27/06	10/25/06		
05/24/06	6.7									
06/21/06	5.4	1.3								
07/19/06	4.5	0.6	-1.6							
08/16/06	4.2	8.0	-0.4	0.1						
09/27/06	3.7	0.9	0.1	0.5	1.5					
10/25/06	3.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.4				
11/22/06	2.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-1.3			
12/20/06	2.9	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.1	1.6		

### **Adjusted Reserves**

Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars

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## **Adjusted Reserves**

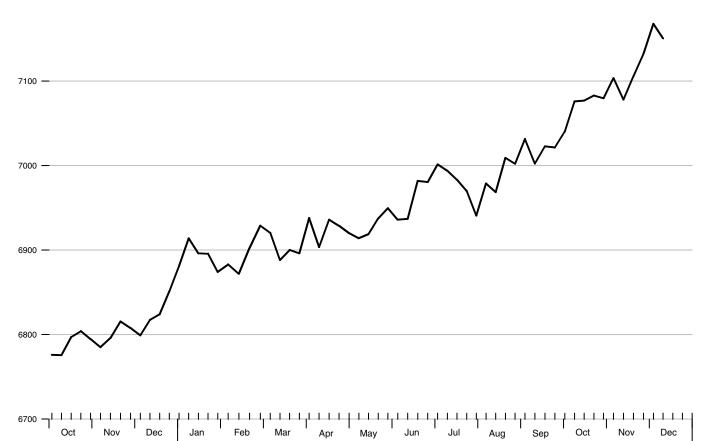
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two maintenance periods ending:	12/07/05	03/01/06	05/10/06	06/07/06	07/05/06	08/02/06	09/13/06	10/11/06	
05/10/06	-11.9								
06/07/06	-7.0	7.1							
07/05/06	-8.6	0.8	1.2						
08/02/06	-8.3	-0.6	-1.5	-12.6					
09/13/06	-6.4	0.6	0.7	-5.4	0.3				
10/11/06	-6.0	0.4	0.4	-4.5	-0.1	2.6			
11/08/06	-6.8	-1.5	-2.3	-6.7	-3.9	-3.1	-8.8		
12/06/06	-2.9	3.3	4.2	1.3	5.4	8.2	9.8	15.7	

#### MZM

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars





2006

#### MZM

2005

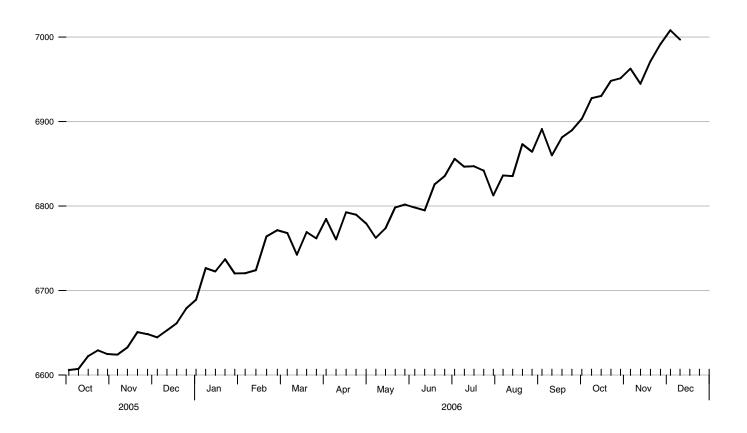
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05/15/06	3.9										
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12/11/06	4.8	4.4	5.5	5.8	5.1	7.3	7.9	8.1			

#### **M2**

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of dollars

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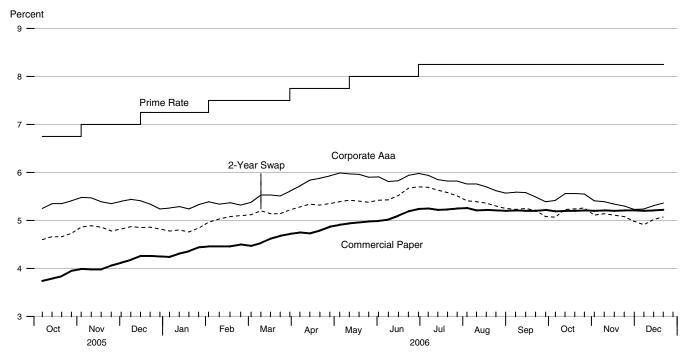


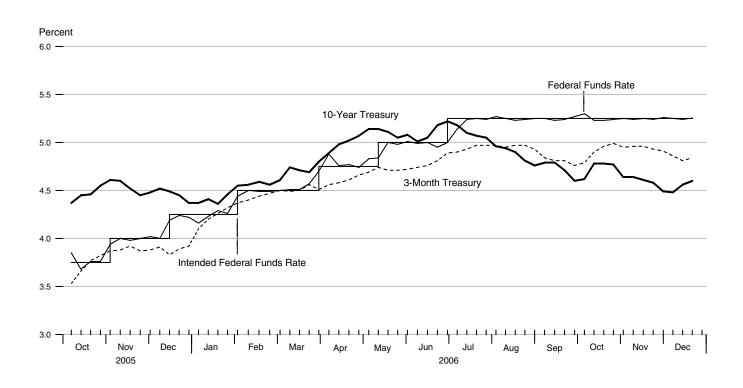
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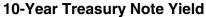
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#### **Yields on Selected Securities**









Averages of Daily Figures









## 10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield

Averages of Daily Figures

Percent



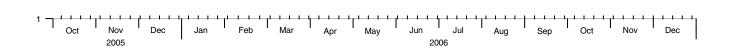


## 10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spread

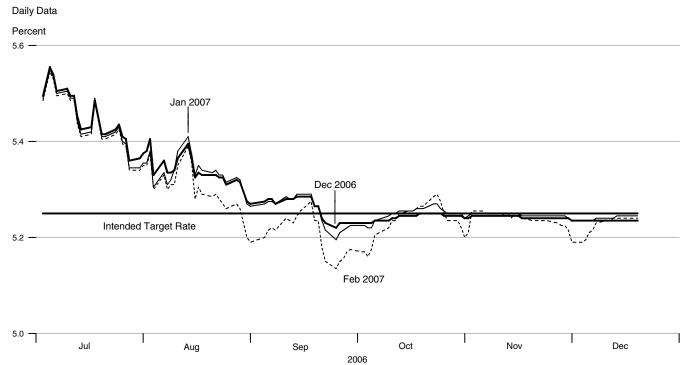
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Percent

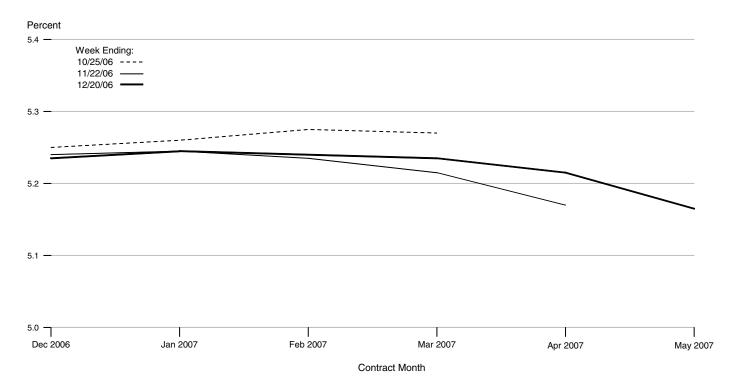




## **Rates on Federal Funds Futures Contracts**



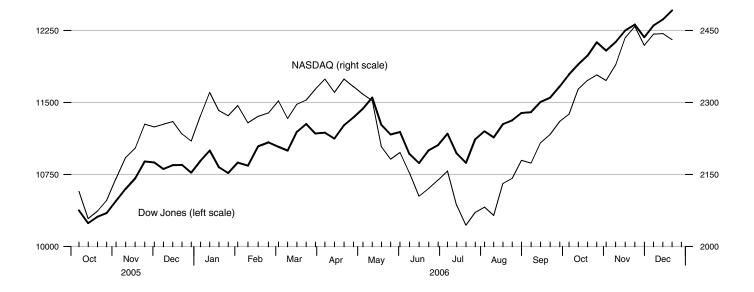
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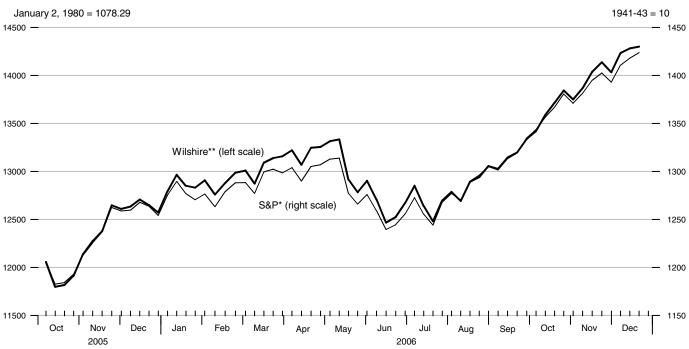
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#### Wilshire 5000® and Standard & Poor's 500

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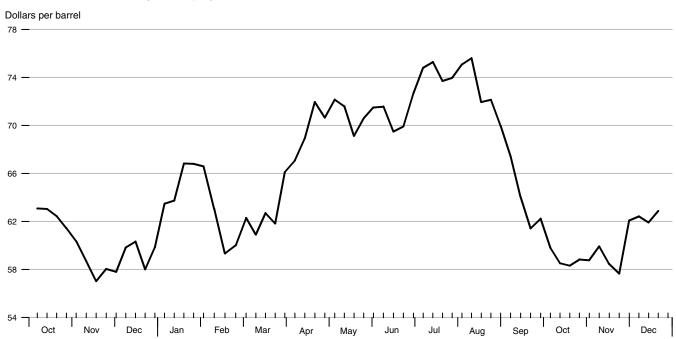


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## **Crude Oil Spot Prices**

West Texas Intermediate, Averages of Daily Figures

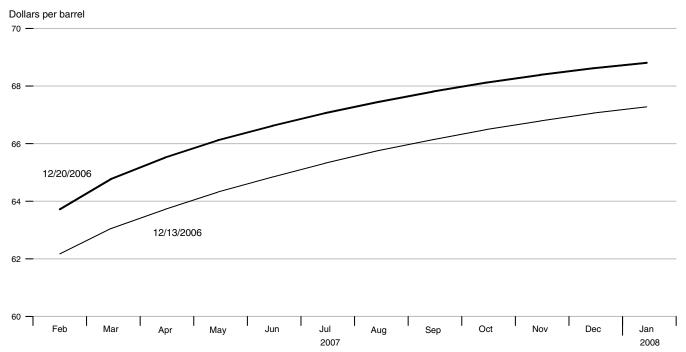


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#### **Crude Oil Futures Prices**

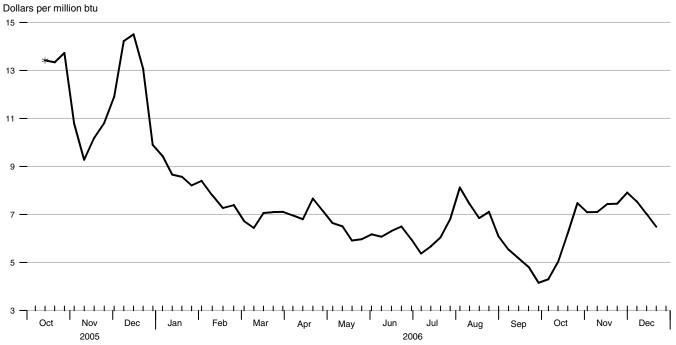
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West Texas Intermediate



### **Natural Gas Spot Prices**

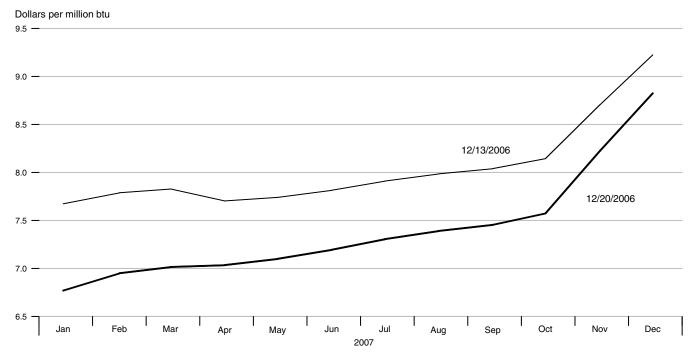
Henry Hub, Averages of Daily Figures



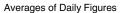
Note: Spot prices for Henry Hub were temporarily suspended from Friday, September 23, 2005, through Thursday, October 6, 2005, due to Hurricane Rita.

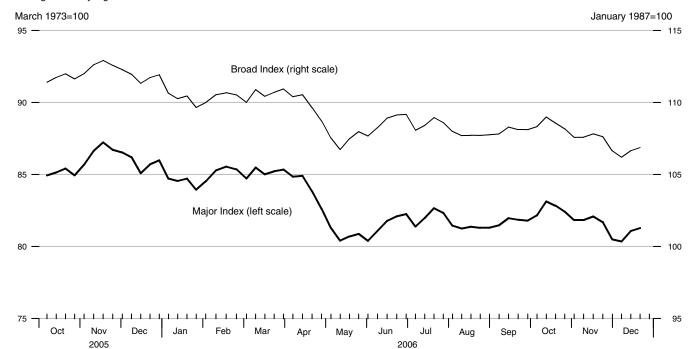
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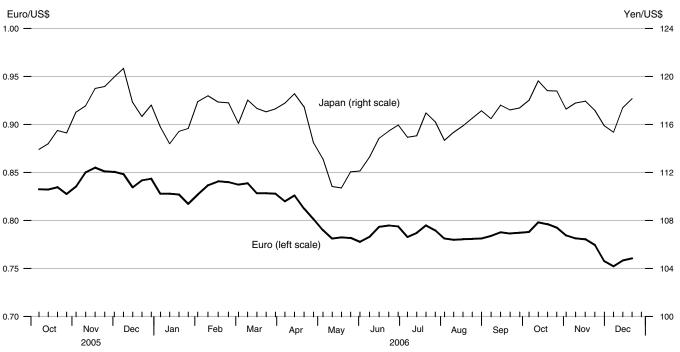
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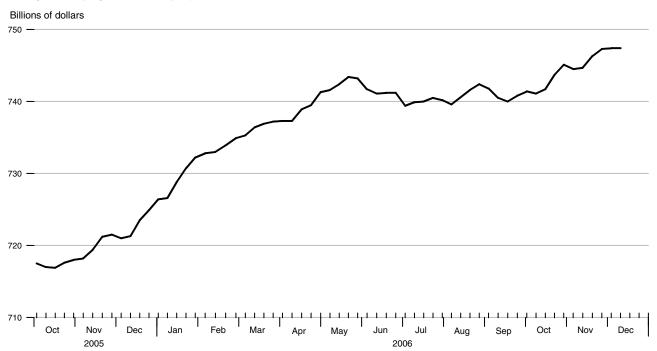
#### **Exchange Rates**

Averages of Daily Figures



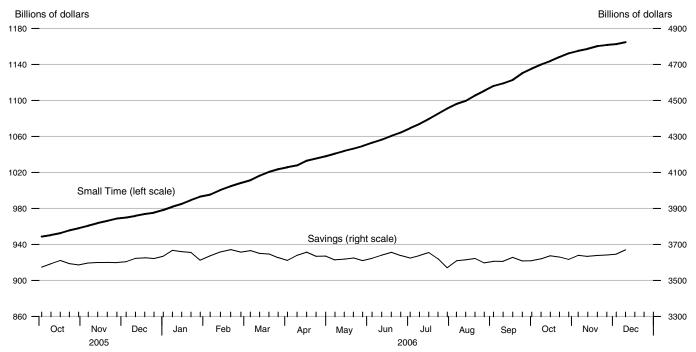
#### **Currency Component of M1**

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted



## **Savings and Small Time Deposits**

Averages of Daily Figures, Seasonally Adjusted



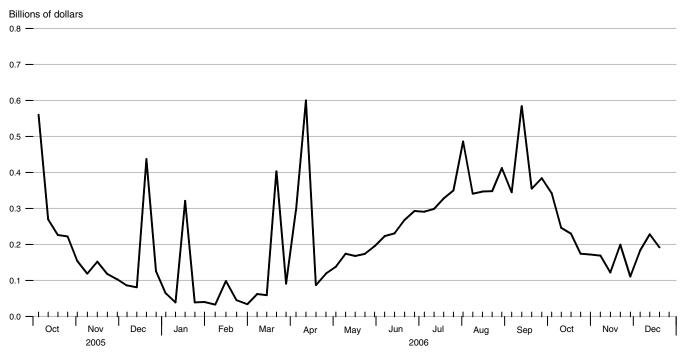
## **Institutional and Retail Money Funds**

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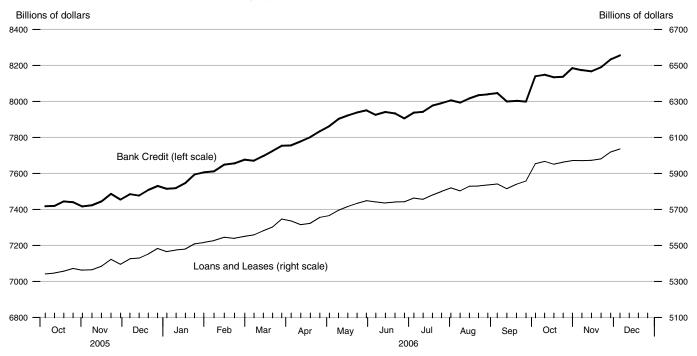
#### **Total Borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks**

Averages of Daily Figures



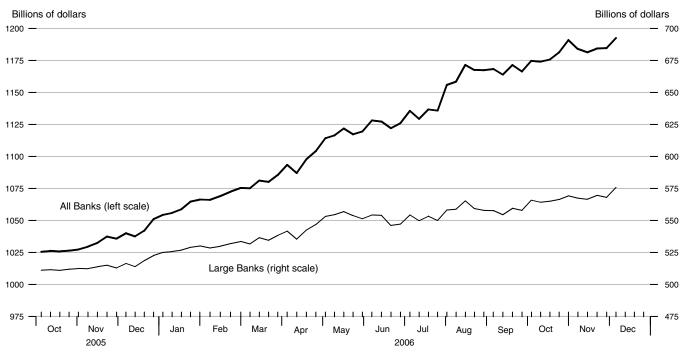
#### **Bank Loans and Credit**

All Commercial Banks in the United States, Seasonally Adjusted



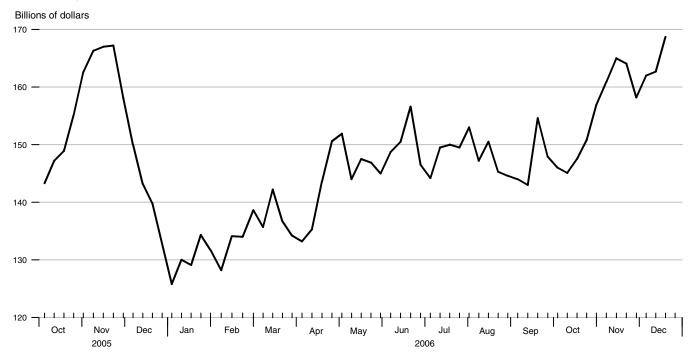
#### **Commercial and Industrial Loans**

Seasonally Adjusted



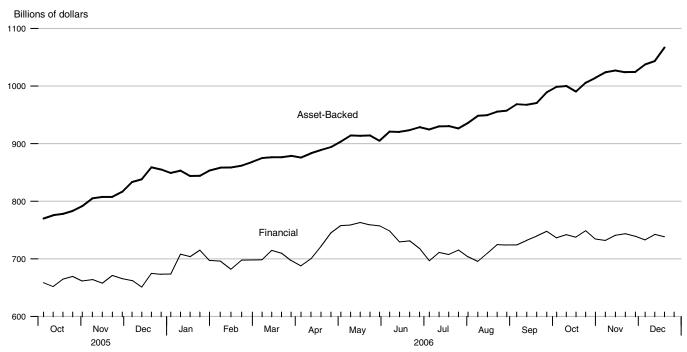
## **Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies**





## **Commercial Paper: Financial and Asset-Backed**

Not Seasonally Adjusted



#### **Interest Rates**

Percent

		30-Day Comm. Paper	90-Day CDs	2-Year Interest Rate Swap	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds	Federal Funds	3-Month Treasury Bill	2-Year Treasury Securities	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Sep	29	5.22	5.32	5.08	5.39	6.32	4.23	5.27	4.76	4.67	4.56	4.60	4.73
Oct	6	5.19	5.32	5.07	5.42	6.36	4.25	5.30	4.79	4.66	4.56	4.62	4.77
	13	5.20	5.33	5.23	5.56	6.50	4.33	5.23	4.90	4.85	4.74	4.78	4.91
	20	5.20	5.33	5.24	5.56	6.49	4.33	5.23	4.96	4.85	4.75	4.78	4.91
	27	5.21	5.33	5.26	5.55	6.42	4.30	5.24	4.99	4.85	4.74	4.77	4.89
Nov	3	5.20	5.33	5.11	5.41	6.27	4.18	5.25	4.95	4.73	4.60	4.64	4.74
	10	5.21	5.32	5.14	5.39	6.25	4.19	5.24	4.96	4.76	4.62	4.64	4.74
	17	5.20	5.32	5.11	5.34	6.21	4.17	5.25	4.96	4.78	4.61	4.61	4.70
	24	5.21	5.32	5.08	5.30	6.18	4.14	5.24	4.93	4.75	4.58	4.58	4.66
Dec	1	5.21	5.31	4.98	5.23	6.12	4.04	5.26	4.91	4.64	4.48	4.49	4.58
	8	5.20	5.30	4.91	5.24	6.13	4.03	5.25	4.86	4.58	4.44	4.48	4.60
	15	5.21	5.31	5.02	5.31	6.21	4.12	5.24	4.81	4.69	4.53	4.56	4.67
	22 *	5.22	5.32	5.07	5.36	6.26	.	5.25	4.84	4.71	4.57	4.60	4.73

<sup>\*</sup>Averages of rates available

## **Money Stock and Components**

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted

	M2	MZM	Currency	Small Time	Savings	Retail Money	Institutional Money
Oct 30	6951.4	7079.8	745.1	1152.4	3616.7	799.3	1280.8
Nov 6	6962.6	7103.5	744.5	1155.2	3639.3	805.2	1296.1
13	6944.8	7078.1	744.7	1157.5	3633.8	807.3	1290.8
20	6971.5	7105.9	746.3	1160.4	3638.4	805.6	1294.8
27	6991.8	7132.4	747.3	1161.7	3641.2	810.9	1302.3
Dec 4	7008.1	7167.8	747.4	1162.6	3646.3	811.5	1322.3
11	6997.2	7150.6	747.4	1164.8	3669.8	815.1	1318.2

## **Reserves and Base**

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted

		Adjusted Monetary Base	Adjusted Reserves
Sep	27	841.821	96.172
Oct	11	834.689	92.494
	25	839.183	93.145
Nov	8	835.143	93.022
	22	838.978	94.467
Dec	6	841.682	98.474
	20	836.217	

#### **Bank Loans and Credit**

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted

		Bank Credit	Loans and Leases	C&I Loans (All)	C&I Loans (Large)	Comm. Paper (nsa)	Total Borrowings
Nov	8	8174.4	5971.1	1184.0	567.4	160.9	0.169
	15	8167.8	5973.2	1181.4	566.6	165.0	0.122
	22	8190.5	5981.5	1184.4	569.6	164.1	0.199
	29	8233.7	6019.0	1184.7	568.0	158.2	0.111
Dec	6	8256.5	6036.4	1192.5	575.7	162.0	0.183
	13	-	•	•	•	162.7	0.228
	20					168.7	0.192

## **Exchange Rates**

			Major Exchange Rate Index	Broad Exchange Rate Index	Exchange Rate: Euro/\$	Exchange Rate: Yen/\$
	Nov	10	81.8	107.6	0.781	117.8
		17	82.1	107.8	0.781	118.0
		24	81.7	107.6	0.775	117.2
	Dec	1	80.5	106.6	0.758	115.9
		8	80.4	106.2	0.752	115.4
		15	81.1	106.7	0.758	117.4
		22 *	81.3	106.9	0.760	118.2
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<sup>\*</sup>Averages of rates available

## **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 (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).

#### **Notes**

Cover Page: Economic forecasts are median responses from the Thomson Financial Weekly Economic Survey, which is sent out to 20 to 25 Wall Street economists each week (usually on Tuesday). These forecasts are released on Friday—at which time, Thursday's USFD cover page will be updated.

Page 3: Adjusted Monetary Base equals 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, 1996b, 2001, 2003).

Page 4: Adjusted Reserves is defined as 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, 2001, 2003).

Page 5: MZM 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). The label MZM, or "Money, Zero Maturity," was coined by William Poole (1991) for this aggregate, proposed earlier by Motley (1988). 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.

Page 7: Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, except for the **Intended Federal Funds Rate**. Federal Funds Rate represents seven-day averages for the week ending two days earlier than the date shown in the release.

Page 8: 10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield is the most

recently issued inflation-indexed bond of 10-year original maturity. **10-Year Inflation-Indexed Treasury Yield Spread** equals the difference between the yield on the most recently issued 10-year inflation-indexed bond and the unadjusted **10-Year Treasury Note Yield** of similar maturity.

Page 9: Rates on 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.

Page 11: Crude Oil (West Texas intermediate) spot and futures prices are listed in the Wall Street Journal. Spot Prices are weekly averages of daily prices; Futures Prices are usually taken on Wednesday.

Page 12: Natural Gas (Henry Hub) spot and futures prices are listed in the Wall Street Journal. Spot Prices are weekly averages of daily prices; Futures Prices are usually taken on Wednesday.

Page 13: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.10 release. The **Major Index** comprises 7 currencies. The **Broad Index** comprises the **Major Index** plus 19 additional currencies. Further details may be found at www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/summary/.

Page 14: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release. Savings Deposits is the sum of money market deposit accounts and passbook and statement savings. Small Time Deposits have a minimum initial maturity of 7 days. Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

*Page 15*: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release. **Retail Money Funds** are included in M2. **Institutional Money Funds** are not part of M2; they used to be included in M3, which was discontinued as of March 23, 2006.

See www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h6/discm3.htm.

As of January 9, 2003, **Total Borrowings** includes primary, secondary, and seasonal credit. Prior to that, borrowings include seasonal, adjustment, and extended credit.

Page 16: Data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.8 release. Bank Loans and Credit include foreign-related institutions. Bank Credit includes loans and leases and securities. All Banks includes foreign-related institutions. Large Banks are domestically chartered banks (adjusted for mergers) and report on a weekly basis.

Page 17: Current data appear at www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp/outstandings.htm.

Page 18: **Treasury Security** yields are Treasury constant maturities as reported in the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's H.15 release.

The **3-Month Treasury Bill** yield is the secondary market yield from the H.15 release. **Federal Funds** represents seven-day averages for the week ending two days earlier than the date shown in the table. **Municipal Bonds** represents Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data.

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