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FLOW OF FUNDS SUMMARY STATISTICS

Debt of domestic nonfinancial sectors grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 9.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 1988, up from the revised third-quarter rate of 7.9 percent. This increase was largely a reflection of an acceleration in federal debt to 10.3 percent in the fourth quarter. The growth of nonfederal debt increased slightly, from 9.3 in the third quarter to 9.7 percent in the fourth. For 1987 as a whole nonfinancial debt rose 9.0 percent, more than 3 percentage points below the 1986 pace.

Fourth-quarter federal debt growth nearly trebled the third-quarter pace, which had been constrained by the debt ceiling. Even so, the 7.8 percent increase for 1987 as a whole was the smallest in 8 years. Within the nonfederal sectors during the fourth quarter, a pickup in business borrowing from banks and in the commercial paper market more than offset decreases in borrowing by state and local governments and by households.

Net borrowing by all domestic nonfinancial sectors in the fourth quarter was \$800 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, bringing total outstanding debt to a level of \$8,362 billion (Table 1). Debt of nonfederal sectors accounted for \$6,405 billion of this total, and the federal component was \$1,957 billion.

Growth Rates of Major Debt Aggregates 1/
(Percent annual rates of change, seasonally adjusted)

	Total		Nonfederal			State & local govt.s.
	domestic nonfinancial debt	U.S. govt.	Total	Households	Nonfin. business	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1985	14.3	16.2	13.7	14.1	11.5	23.8
1986	12.2	13.4	11.8	11.9	12.2	9.3
1987	9.0	7.8	9.3	9.3	9.9	6.4
1986-III	13.0	12.4	13.2	14.2	9.2	28.9
IV	14.0	13.4	14.2	11.9	18.1	5.9
1987-I	7.2	8.9	6.7	7.6	5.4	8.8
II	9.7	7.5	10.4	10.5	11.3	4.7
III	7.9	3.6	9.3	10.0	8.9	7.3
IV	9.8	10.3	9.7	8.1	12.3	4.2

1/ Changes shown are on an end of period basis and thus may differ from month-average data in the Board's H.6 release.

Growth Rates of Debt Aggregates: Supplemental Data
(Percent annual rates of change, seasonally adjusted)

	Domestic nonfinancial sectors	Financial sectors	Total: All Sectors	Memo: Private financial assets 1/
	Foreign			
1985	14.3	0.5	19.7	14.6
1986	12.2	3.8	24.4	13.7
1987	9.0	1.3	18.8	10.3
1986-III	13.0	6.9	22.6	14.3
IV	14.0	-9.6	27.8	15.5
1987-I	7.2	-4.3	21.8	9.3
II	9.7	-2.0	19.3	11.0
III	7.9	7.5	15.8	9.2
IV	9.8	4.0	13.4	10.3

1/ Holdings of deposits and credit market claims by households, nonfinancial business and state and local governments.

Explanatory Notes

Growth rates in the summaries above are seasonally adjusted flows from Table 2 divided by seasonally adjusted outstandings from Table 1 on following pages of this release. Seasonally adjusted levels in Table 1 are derived by carrying forward year-end levels by seasonally adjusted flows plus any statistical discontinuities in the data series. Because of these discontinuities, changes in outstandings as printed can give growth rates that differ from those shown above.

The following list gives the lines in Tables 1 and 2 that are used to calculate growth rates shown on page 1 of this release:

	<u>Growth Table (column)</u>	<u>Tables 1 and 2 (row)</u>
Total domestic nonfinancial	1	1
U.S. government	2	2
Private domestic nonfinancial	3	5
Households	4	21
Nonfinancial business	5	22
State & local governments	6	20

Debt of domestic residents includes credit market funds raised from both domestic and foreign sources, while foreign debt represents amounts owed by foreign financial and nonfinancial entities to U.S. holders only. Financial sectors consist of U.S. Government sponsored credit agencies, federally-related mortgage pools, and private financial institutions. Credit market debt excludes trade debt, loans for the purpose of carrying securities, and funds raised from equity sources. It consists of debt securities, mortgages, bank loans, commercial paper, consumer credit, government loans, and other loan forms included in Table 1.

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