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**Summary:** The best evidence available suggests that the dollar share in China's reserves has been broadly stable since 2015 (if not a bit before). If a simple adjustment is made for Treasuries held by offshore custodians like Belgium's Euroclear, China's reported holdings of US assets look to be basically stable at between \$1.8 and \$1.9 trillion. After netting out China's substantial holdings of U.S. equities, China's holdings of U.S. bonds, after adjusting for China's suspected Euroclear custodial account, have consistently been around 50% of China's reported reserves. Nothing all that surprising. Related: Is China the Source of Higher US Long Rates? and Shadow Reserves — How China Hides Trillions of Dollars of Hard Currency

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