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CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

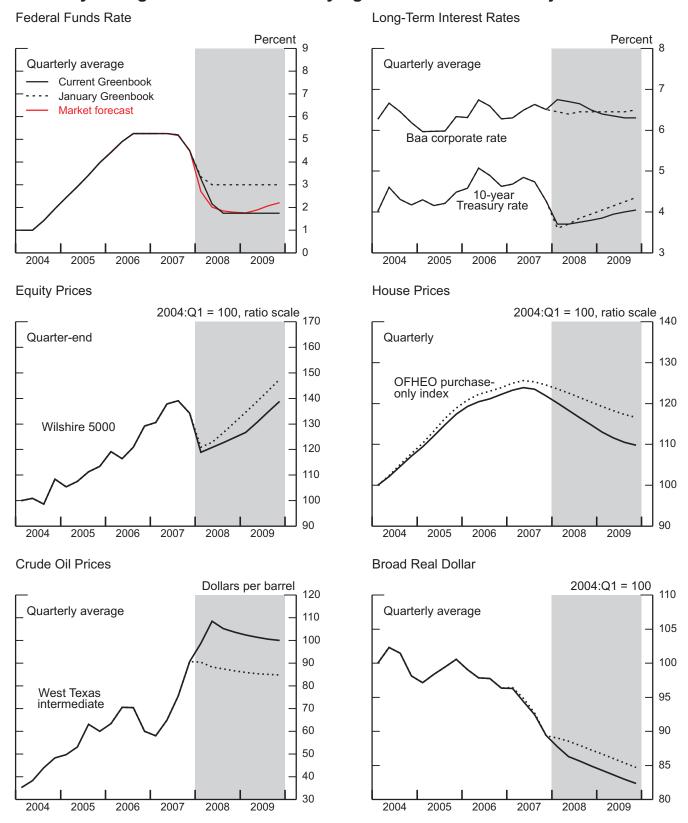
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Key Background Factors Underlying the Baseline Staff Projection



Note. In each panel, shading represents the projection period, which begins in 2008:Q1.

Summary of the Near-Term Outlook (Percent change at annual rate except as noted)

	200	08:Q1	200	8:Q2
Measure	Jan GB	Mar GB	Jan GB	Mar GB
Real GDP	.6	.1	1.2	-1.0
Private domestic final purchases	9	-1.4	4	-2.0
Personal consumption expenditures	1.3	.2	1.0	.5
Residential investment	-33.1	-33.1	-25.4	-33.3
Business fixed investment	-1.1	2.0	.0	-6.5
Government outlays for consumption				
and investment	1.6	3.1	1.8	1.4
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Inventory investment	.9	.1	2	-1.7
Net exports	.1	.7	1.3	2.2

second quarter, we expect the weakness in the economy to become more pervasive, with business spending dropping sharply and consumption eking out a gain of only ½ percent at an annual rate despite the tax rebates. As a result, we now project real GDP to contract at an annual rate of 1 percent next quarter, in contrast to the increase of 1¼ percent we had forecast previously.²

As noted above, a wide variety of evidence has led us to the view that the economy has shifted into a recessionary state. Experience suggests that household and business demand declines in a recession by more than our models are able to explain, and accordingly, we have judgmentally marked down such spending in line with that experience.

Manufacturing output stalled in January, and the available information suggests that it declined in February—a picture consistent with recent readings from regional and manufacturing surveys. Motor vehicle assemblies in January and February—at an average annual rate of 10.1 million units—were somewhat below the 10.5 million unit pace of the fourth quarter. With automakers apparently anxious to keep schedules in line

² The contraction (and downward revision) in activity would be even greater in the absence of the fiscal stimulus, which boosts our forecast of the change in real GDP in the second quarter by roughly ½ percentage point (annual rate). In the previous projection, we had assumed a slower payout of the rebates such that spending would not be affected until the third quarter.

Projections of Real GDP (Percent change at annual rate from end of preceding period except as noted)

Measure	2007: H2	2008: H1	2008: H2	2009
Real GDP Previous	2.6 2.7	4 .9	.7 2.2	3.0 2.2
Final sales	3.0	.4	.2	2.2
Previous	2.9	.5	2.8	1.7
PCE	2.3	.4	4	2.0
Previous	2.5	1.1	3.4	1.4
Residential investment	-23.2	-33.2	-18.8	-3.9
Previous	-25.7	-29.4	-9.9	-1.4
BFI	7.4	-2.4	-2.7	2.1
Previous	8.4	6	1.5	2.8
Government purchases	2.9	2.2	2.1	1.6
Previous	3.9	1.7	1.2	.9
Exports	12.6	6.3	7.5	8.1
Previous	11.6	7.0	7.4	7.3
Imports	1.5	-3.7	.0	4.2
Previous	3.2	.7	3.3	3.8
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Inventory change	3	8	.5	.8
Previous	2	.4	6	.5
Net exports	1.2	1.4	1.0	.3
Previous	.8	.7	.4	.3

boost to consumer spending around midyear, but most of this boost is projected to fade by the fourth quarter. In 2009, we project that real PCE will rise 2 percent, aided by stabilizing energy prices and an improvement in financial conditions and consumer confidence. With this projection, the personal saving rate rises to 1¹/₄ percent in 2009.

Residential investment. We have again reduced our forecast for housing activity. Although the incoming information on sales and starts was largely consistent with our expectations, we took the steeper-than-anticipated drop in house prices in the fourth quarter of 2007 as a signal that the housing market was more fragile than evidenced by

Decomposition of Structural Labor Productivity Nonfarm Business Sector

(Percent change, Q4 to Q4, except as noted)

Measure	1974- 95	1996- 2000	2001- 05	2006	2007	2008	2009
Structural labor productivity Previous	1.5 1.5	2.5 2.5	2.8 2.8	2.1 2.1	2.1 2.0	1.9 1.9	1.8 1.9
Contributions ¹ Capital deepening Previous	.7	1.4	.7	.7	.6	.4	.4
	.7	1.4	.7	.7	.6	.5	.5
Multifactor productivity	.5	.7	1.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Previous	.5	.7	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Labor composition	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1
MEMO Potential GDP Previous	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2
	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3

NOTE. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding. For multiyear periods, the percent change is the annual average from Q4 of the year preceding the first year shown to Q4 of the last year shown.

The Outlook for the Labor Market (Percent change, Q4 to Q4, except as noted)

Measure	2006	2007	2008	2009
Output per hour, nonfarm business	.9	2.9	1.1	2.8
Previous	.9	2.7	1.6	1.9
Nonfarm private payroll employment Previous	1.7	.9	9	.9
	1.8	1.1	.2	.7
Household survey employment	2.1	.4	6	1.0
Previous	2.1	.4	.3	.8
Labor force participation rate ¹ Previous	66.3	66.0	65.6	65.4
	66.3	66.0	65.7	65.5
Civilian unemployment rate ¹ Previous	4.4	4.8	5.7	5.5
	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.2
MEMO GDP gap ² Previous	.1 .1	.1 .1	-2.0 7	-1.3 8

^{1.} Percent, average for the fourth quarter.

^{1.} Percentage points.

^{2.} Actual less potential GDP in the fourth quarter of the year indicated as a percent of potential GDP. A negative number thus indicates that the economy is operating below potential.

Inflation Projections (Percent change, Q4 to Q4, except as noted)

Measure	2006	2007	2008	2009
PCE chain-weighted price index	1.9	3.4	2.9	1.7
Previous	1.9	3.4	2.2	1.7
Food and beverages Previous	2.3	4.5	2.8	2.0
	2.3	4.4	2.3	2.0
Energy	-4.0	19.6	10.4	-1.5
Previous	-4.0	18.8	3.2	-1.0
Excluding food and energy Previous	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.9
	2.3	2.1	2.1	1.9
Consumer price index	1.9	4.0	3.3	1.8
Previous	1.9	4.0	2.4	1.8
Excluding food and energy Previous	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.1
	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.1
GDP chain-weighted price index	2.7	2.6	2.0	2.0
Previous	2.7	2.6	2.2	1.9
ECI for compensation of private industry workers ¹ Previous	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.3
	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.6
Compensation per hour, nonfarm business sector Previous	5.0 5.0	3.9 3.9	4.0 4.4	3.8 4.1
Prices of core nonfuel imports Previous	2.4	3.2	3.8	1.2
	2.4	3.1	1.7	1.2

^{1.} December to December.

Wages and prices. Over the first half of 2008, both core and headline inflation are on track to come in appreciably above our previous projection. But by the middle of this year and over 2009, the outlook for inflation is not materially different from what we had written down in January. We anticipate that the higher energy and import prices will impart a bit more upward pressure on core prices in coming quarters. In addition, we have taken on board a small step-up in inflation expectations that we see as consistent with the range of recent signals. However, we expect these inflationary pressures to be about offset by the considerably greater slack that we now project for product and labor markets. As a result, core PCE inflation is projected to slow from 2.3 percent in 2008 to 1.9 percent in 2009. Total PCE inflation is projected to average 2.9 percent this year, but

The Long-Term Outlook (Percent change, Q4 to Q4, except as noted)

Measure	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Real GDP	2.4	0.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7
Civilian unemployment rate ¹	4.8	5.7	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8
Total PCE prices	3.4	2.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
Core PCE prices	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
Federal funds rate ¹	4.5	1.8	1.8	2.0	3.0	3.9

^{1.} Percent, average for the final quarter of the period.

strengthens, and the nominal federal funds rate climbs to just under 4 percent by the end of 2012.

Financial Flows and Conditions

Domestic nonfinancial debt is expected to increase at an annual rate of 51/4 percent in the first quarter and to then decelerate to an average annual rate of about 4½ percent over the balance of the projection period. The sharp pullback from the 8 percent pace seen last year is attributable in part to our view that financial headwinds will be stronger and will persist longer.

After having expanded 6¾ percent in 2007, household debt is expected to rise at an annual rate of just 3½ percent in the first quarter, the smallest quarterly increase in more than fifteen years. We expect household borrowing will moderate a bit more during the rest of this year and into 2009. This projected slowdown reflects in large part a curtailment of home mortgage borrowing in response to tighter terms and standards as well as to falling home prices and weak sales. We also anticipate more restrictive standards on consumer loans and relatively sluggish growth of household spending, which should result in lower nonmortgage borrowing.

We project that nonfinancial business debt will increase at an average annual rate of about 5 percent in 2008 and 2009, less than half of last year's pace. During much of 2007, the growth of business debt was boosted by robust financing for cash mergers and acquisitions and for share repurchases. We expect the substantial widening of credit spreads that has occurred will cut into borrowing, particularly for corporate restructurings, over the forecast period. Speculative-grade bond issuance already has slowed markedly this quarter, and we expect that net bond issuance will moderate from its robust pace in 2007. In addition, bank lending standards are expected to remain tight

Alternative Scenarios (Percent change, annual rate, from end of preceding period except as noted)

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Measure and scenario	2007	20	08	2009	2010	2011-
	Н2	H1	H2			12
Real GDP						
Greenbook baseline	2.6	4	.7	3.0	3.0	2.9
Greater housing correction	2.6	5	.4	2.5	3.0	3.2
With more financial fallout	2.6	-1.2	7	2.2	3.3	3.5
Near-term upside risk	2.6	1.1	1.9	2.6	2.8	2.6
Faster recovery	2.6	4	1.1	3.4	3.0	2.8
Greater inflationary pressure	2.6	5	.5	2.8	3.0	2.9
Worker insecurity	2.6	6	.5	3.0	3.4	3.0
Civilian unemployment rate ¹						
Greenbook baseline	4.8	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.2	4.8
Greater housing correction	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.7	5.5	4.9
With more financial fallout	4.8	5.3	6.0	6.2	5.8	4.9
Near-term upside risk	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8
Faster recovery	4.8	5.2	5.6	5.3	4.9	4.7
Greater inflationary pressure	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.3	4.9
Worker insecurity	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.6
Core PCE inflation						
Greenbook baseline	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7
Greater housing correction	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.6
With more financial fall-out	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.4
Near-term upside risk	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9
Faster recovery	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.8
Greater inflationary pressure	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.1	1.9
Worker insecurity	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6
Federal funds rate ¹						
Greenbook baseline	4.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.0	3.9
Greater housing correction	4.5	2.2	1.6	1.2	1.3	3.7
With more financial fall-out	4.5	1.9	.9	.2	.9	3.7
Near-term upside risk	4.5	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.3	3.9
Faster recovery	4.5	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.6	4.2
Greater inflationary pressure	4.5	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	4.1
Worker insecurity	4.5	2.1	1.6	1.4	1.9	4.1

^{1.} Percent, average for the final quarter of the period.

consider opposing risks to the inflation outlook: first, that the baseline increases in the prices of energy and imports will put more upward pressure on expected and actual inflation than we project, and second, that the weak economy will lead to greater worker insecurity and thus smaller wage increases than in the baseline. In all of the scenarios, we assume that monetary policy responds to the change in the outlook as suggested by an estimated version of the Taylor rule.

Selected Greenbook Projections and 70 Percent Confidence Intervals Derived from Historical Greenbook Forecast Errors and FRB/US Simulations

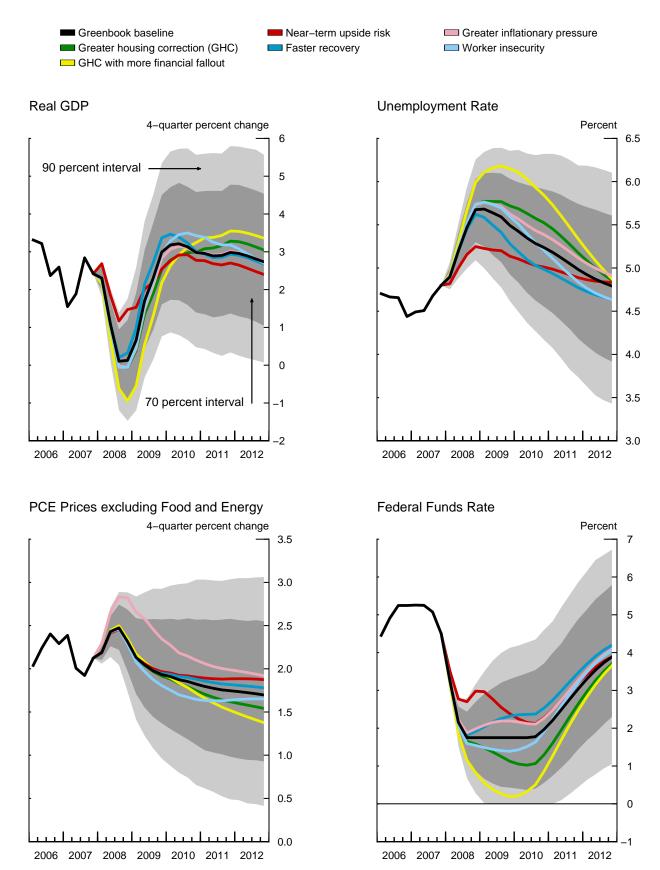
Measure	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Real GDP		•			
(percent change, Q4 to Q4)					
Projection	0.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7
Confidence interval					
Greenbook forecast errors	-1.3-1.6	1.6-4.4			
FRB/US stochastic simulations	9-1.2	1.6–4.5	1.4–4.6	1.4–4.8	1.0-4.5
Civilian unemployment rate					
(percent, Q4)					
Projection	5.7	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8
Confidence interval					
Greenbook forecast errors	5.2-6.1	4.6-6.4			
FRB/US stochastic simulations	5.3–6.0	4.9–6.0	4.6–5.9	4.2–5.7	3.9–5.6
PCE prices, total					
(percent change, Q4 to Q4)					
Projection	2.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
Confidence interval					
Greenbook forecast errors	2.1-3.7	.8-2.6			
FRB/US stochastic simulations	2.2–3.6	.9–2.6	.9–2.8	.7–2.8	.7–2.8
PCE prices excluding					
food and energy					
(percent change, Q4 to Q4)					
Projection	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
Confidence interval					
Greenbook forecast errors	1.8–2.8	1.1-2.8			
FRB/US stochastic simulations	2.0–2.7	1.4–2.6	1.1–2.6	1.0–2.6	.9–2.5
Federal funds rate					
(percent, Q4)					
Projection	1.7	1.7	2.0	3.0	3.9
Confidence interval					
FRB/US stochastic simulations	.9–2.7	.4–3.3	.6–3.7	1.4–4.9	2.3–5.8

Notes: Intervals derived from Greenbook forecast errors are based on projections made from 1986-2006. Shocks underlying FRB/US stochastic simulations are randomly drawn from the 1986-2006 set of model equation residuals.

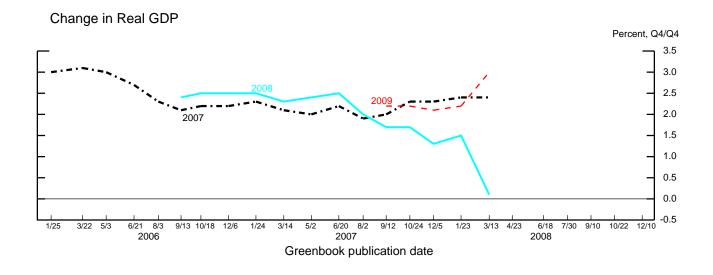
^{...} Not applicable. The Greenbook forecast horizon has typically extended about two years.

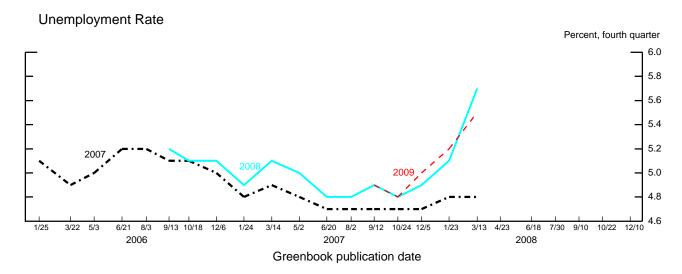
Forecast Confidence Intervals and Alternative Scenarios under the Assumption that Monetary Policy Follows an Estimated Taylor Rule

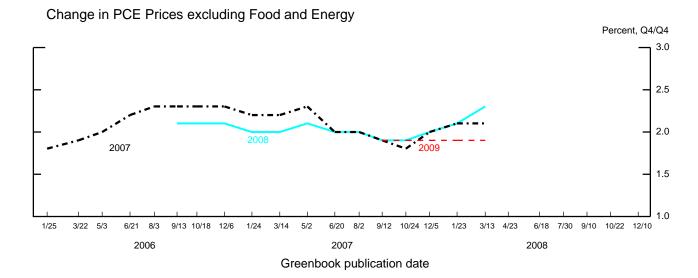
Confidence Intervals based on FRB/US Stochastic Simulations



Evolution of the Staff Forecast







Changes in GDP, Prices, and Unemployment (Percent, annual rate except as noted)

	Nominal GDP	al GDP	Real	Real GDP	PCE pr	PCE price index	Core PCE	Core PCE price index	Unemployment rate ¹	nent rate ¹
Interval	01/23/08	03/13/08	01/23/08	03/13/08	01/23/08	03/13/08	01/23/08	03/13/08	01/23/08	03/13/08
Quarterly 2007:Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q4	4.9 6.0 6.0 2.8	4.9 6.6 6.0 3.1	6.8.4 6.5 6.5	6. 8. 8. 4. 9. 4.	£ 4 1 £ 5 £ 6	3.5 5.4 1.8 1.4	2.4 2.0 2.7	2.2 4.1 2.0 7.2	4 4 4 4 & & V	4 4 4 4 2 2 7 8
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^{1.} Level, except for two-quarter and four-quarter intervals.
2. Percent change from two quarters earlier; for unemployment rate, change is in percentage points.
3. Percent change from four quarters earlier; for unemployment rate, change is in percentage points.

Changes in Real Gross Domestic Product and Related Items (Percent, annual rate except as noted)

		2007	7			2008				2009					
Item	Q1	Q 2	Q 3	9	Q1	Q2	Q 3	Q4	Q1	Q 2	Q 3	94	20071	20081	20091
Real GDP Previous	6. 6.	3.8	4.9 6.4	4. <i>i</i> .	.1.	-1.0	9.	5. 4.2	2.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	2.2 4.2	1.5	3.0
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Residential investment <i>Previous</i>	-16.3 -16.3	-11.8	-20.5	-25.7 -30.6	-33.1	-33.3	-23.1 -13.0	-14.2	-7.6 -2.5	-5.3	-1.5	9	-18.8	-26.3 -20.2	-3.9 -1.4
Business fixed invest. Previous Equipment & software Previous Nonres. structures Previous	2.1. 2.1. 3.3. 5.4. 6.4.	11.0 11.0 4.7 4.7 26.2 26.2	9.3 9.3 6.2 6.2 16.4 16.4	5.4 7.4 2.1 3.8 12.5 15.3	2.0 -1.1 -2.5 4.6 1.7	-6.5 .0 -10.7 -1.4 2.3 3.0	4. 6.6. v. v. v. 8.	2.3 2.3 3.2 3.2 7.	-1.4 2.5 -1.0 3.7 -2.3	1.9 2.3 3.6 3.1 7.7	3.5 3.1 5.8 4.1 1.2	4.4.4.4.5.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.	6.9 7.4 3.3 3.7 15.1 15.9	2.2- 2.4- 3.0- 4.1- 3.1-	2.1 2.8 3.8 3.8 3.8 -1.0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Net exports}^2 \\ Previous^2 \\ \text{Exports} \\ \text{Imports} \end{array}$	-612 -612 1.1 3.9	-574 -574 7.5 -2.7	-533 -533 19.1 4.4	-504 -527 6.4 -1.2	-485 -522 6.0 .3	-422 -484 6.6 -7.5	-385 -463 7.3 -2.2	-367 -461 7.6 2.2	-361 -461 8.3 5.4	-329 -431 8.1 1	-308 -413 8.0 2.3	-320 -423 8.0 9.3	-556 -562 8.4 1.0	-415 -482 6.9 -1.9	
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Change in bus. inventories ² $Previous^2$ Nonfarm ² Farm ²	0 0 9 %	9 1 4	31 31 26 4	-10 -7 -13	-11 20 -12 1	-59 14 -63	-82 -15 -88 -88	-29 -21 -32	111 111 111	13 12 1	23 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	58 32 60 1	rr 014	-45 -1 -49	26 16 26 1
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^{1.} Change from fourth quarter of previous year to fourth quarter of year indicated. 2. Billions of chained (2000) dollars.

Class II FOMC Restricted (FR)

Changes in Real Gross Domestic Product and Related Items (Percent, annual rate except as noted)

Item	2001	2002	20031	20041	20051	20061	20071	20081	20091
Real GDP Previous	44	1.9	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.2 4.4	1.5	3.0
Final sales *Previous* *Priv. dom. final purch. *Previous*	1.5 1.5 1.0 1.0	8. 8. 1.1 1.1	3.7 3.7 4.1 4.1	2.2. 4.4 8.8. E.E.	2.9 2.9 3.3 3.3	3.0 3.0 4.2 4.2	2.7 2.6 1.7 1.7	.3 1.7 -1.6 1.0	2.2 1.7 1.8 1.5
Personal cons. expend. Previous Durables Nondurables Services	2.8 2.8 10.8 1.9 1.6	1.9 1.2 1.2 1.9	8.8 4.4.8 6.0 6.0 7.0	3.7.7 3.3.5 3.3.5 8.5.8	2.8 1.2 3.6 2.7	3.5 4.6 5.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7.6 7	2.2. 4.1. 2.2. 4.2. 4.2. 5.2. 5.2. 6.2. 6.2. 6.2. 6.2. 6.2. 6	0. 2.3 1.2 1.2 4	2.0 1.4 2.3 2.3
Residential investment <i>Previous</i>	4.1 4.1	7.0	11.7	6.7	6.4 4.0	-12.8	-18.8 -20.1	-26.3	-3.9
Business fixed invest. *Previous* Equipment & software *Previous* Nonres. structures *Previous*	-9.6 -9.6 -9.0 -9.0 -11.1	-6.5 -6.5 -3.4 -3.4 -14.9	6.4 6.6 6.6 5.2 5.2	2.5.7 7.6.9 7.6.6.2 7.	5.1 7.1 7.1 7.3 3	5.2 2.5 2.5 2.5 12.3 12.3	6.9 7.4 3.3 3.7 15.1 15.9	2.2- 2.4- 3.0- 4.1- 5.1	22.1 2.8 3.8 3.8 3.0 1.0
Net exports ² $Previous^2$ Exports Imports	-399 -399 -11.9 -7.6	471 471 3.8 9.7	-519 -519 5.8 4.8	-594 -594 7.4 11.5	-618 -618 7.0 5.1	-624 -624 9.3 3.7	-556 -562 8.4 1.0	415 482 6.9 -1.9	-330 -432 8.1 4.2
Govt. cons. & invest. Previous Federal Defense Nondefense State & local	5.0 6.4 6.3 6.3 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0	4.0 7.8 7.8 6.8 1.2	7.1 7.2 7.5 7.7 7.7 7.7 7.7 7.7	4222 4264	9. 9. 1.3 1.9 7.	2.5 2.5 3.7 5.9 7.1 8.1	25.3 2.3.5 2.3.5 2.3.5 2.3.5	2.2 1.4 1.1 5.9 7.1 1.1	1.6 .9 .3.1 4.1 1.0
Change in bus. inventories ² **Previous ² Nonfarm ² Farm ²	-32 -32 -32 0	12 12 15 -2	41 41 0	54 54 48 6	33 33 34 -0	40 40 42 -1	rr 24	-45 -1 -49 1	26 16 26 1

^{1.} Change from fourth quarter of previous year to fourth quarter of year indicated. 2. Billions of chained (2000) dollars.

Contributions to Changes in Real Gross Domestic Product (Percentage points, annual rate except as noted)

		2	2007			100	2008			2	2009				
Item	Q1	02	03	Q4	Q1	Q 2	Q 3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	49	20071	20081	20091
Real GDP Previous	9. 9.	3.8	4.9	4. <i>c</i> i	.1	-1.0	9. 1.9	5.2	2.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	2.2 4.2	1.5	3.0
Final sales Previous Priv. dom. final purch. Previous	1.3 1.9 1.9	3.6 3.6 1.5	4.0 4.0 1.9 1.9	1.9 1.7 2. 8.	 3 -1.2 8	7. 1.4 1.8 1.3	1.7 2.9 .0 2.0	-1.4 -2.4 -2.4	∞ं 4ं ८ां ८८ं	3.1 1.9 7.1	2.9 2.7 1.9 2.0	2.1 1.8 2.3 2.0	2.7 2.6 1.4 1.5	3.7.1. 7.1 8.	2.2 1.7 1.5 1.3
Personal cons. expend. Previous Durables Nondurables Services	2.6 2.6 .7 .6 1.3	1.0	2.0 2.0 5. 7. 7.	1.3 1.6 2.2 .9	2. e	4. r. o. s.	1.3 2.4 .6 3	2.4 2.2 5.7 7.2-	6.1.0.1.3	1.6 5. 5. 1. 4.1	1.6 1.7 1.7 1.6 1.6	6.1. 5. 4. 5. 1. 2. 1. 2. 1. 2. 1. 2. 1. 2. 1. 2. 1. 1. 2. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	1.7 1.8 1.8 2.0 1.1	0. 1.6 1 0.	1.4 1.0 2.2 3.3 1.0
Residential investment Previous	6:- 6:-	9 6	<u>-</u> : <u>-</u> :	-1.3	-1.6	-1.4	≈	5	2:- 1:-	 0.	0.0.	0. 1	-1.0	-1.1	1 0.
Business fixed invest. *Previous* Equipment & software *Previous* Nonres. structures *Previous*	446644		0.1 0.1 4. 4. 5.	ō ∞ ∪ ∪ 4 ∪	2.1. 0.2. 2.1.	r. 0. 8	¿. 1. ¿. 0. 0. 0.		1. c. 1. c. 1. o.	444466	4 w 4 w 0 0	<i>c</i> ; <i>4</i> ; <i>c</i> ; 0.1.	<i>∟</i> ∞ <i>ciù vì vì</i>	<i>&</i> . 1: <i>&</i> . 0: 1:1:	4 w w w 0 0
Net exports Previous Exports Imports	 	6.1 6.2 6.3	1.4 1.4 2.1 7	1.0	r. r. r	2:2 1:3 8. 8.	1.3 7. 9.	.6 .0 1.0 4	1. 0. 1.1 9	1.1 1.0 1.1 0.0	7. 6. 1.1 4	 4 1.1.	.8 .6 1.0 2	2.1 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	3. 3. 1.1 7
Govt. cons. & invest. Previous Federal Defense Nondefense State & local	4	∞ ∞ 4 4 O 4	r: r: v: v: 0: 0:	4 8 1 0 1 6	6 w 4 4 0 v	& 4 - 1 - 1 0 C	4.61 62 60 61	<i>i i i i i i i i i i</i>	4.5 && 0.1	466001	66666	2.1. 2.1. 0.1.	~i ~i ~i ~i ~i ~i	4 6 6 6 0 1	£51401
Change in bus. inventories Previous Nonfarm Farm	7 7 7 0.	55 E.	0 0 0 0	-1.5 -1.3 -1.4	1. 6. 0. 0.	-1.7 2 -1.7	8 -1.0 8	1.9 2 0.	1.5 1.1 1.5 0.	0. 1. 0. 0.	4. 5. 4. 0.	2:1 8: 0.	£		&i ~i ⊗i Oi
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^{1.} Change from fourth quarter of previous year to fourth quarter of year indicated.

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Changes in Prices and Costs (Percent, annual rate except as noted)

		20	2007			20	2008			2009					
Item	01	Q2	03	9	01	Q2	Q 3	9	01	Q2	03	40	20071	20081	20091
GDP chain-wt. price index	4.2	2.6	1.0	2.7	2.5	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.6	2.0	2.0
Previous	4.2	5.6	1.0	2.4	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.6	2.2	1.9
PCE chain-wt. price index	3.5	4 4 6 6	8.1.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	ю. 4. 4.	2.9	1.7
$\frac{\text{Energy}}{Previous}$	16.1	51.3	-6.7	25.1 21.6	22.0	29.7 1.2	4.3 9.	-2.0	-1.2	-2.6	-1.8	S	19.6	10.4	-1.5
$ Food \\ Previous \\$	4.4 8.8	4.7	4.7 7.4	3.6	4.3	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	4.4 7.4	2.8	2.0
Ex. food & energy $Previous$	2.2. 4.4.	1. T. 4. 4.	2.0	2.7	2.7 7.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.9
CPI Previous	3.7	4.6	2.8	5.0	5.0	4.8 2.2	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	4.0	3.3	1.8
Ex. food & energy Previous	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.1
ECI, hourly compensation ² Previous ²	2.3	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.3
Nonfarm business sector Output per hour Previous	1.0	2.6	6.3	1.8	1.7	1	1.8	1.1	2.4	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	1.1	2.8
Compensation per hour <i>Previous</i>	6.4	1.3	3.4	4.4 4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8 4.3	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0 4.4	3.8
Unit labor costs Previous	5.2	-1.3	-2.7	2.8	2.3	4.1	2.1	2.7	1.4	2.3	7.	7.1	1.0	2.8	.9

1. Change from fourth quarter of previous year to fourth quarter of year indicated. 2. Private-industry workers.

Other Macroeconomic Indicators

		2007	07			2(2008			2009					
Item	01	02	63	94	01	Q 2	63	94	Q1	Q2	03	40	20071	20081	20091
Employment and production Nonfarm payroll employment ² Unemployment rate ³ Previous ³ GDP gap ⁴ Previous ⁴	4. 4. 4. 4. 6.	£; 4.4 6.0	£. 4.4. 6. 6.	£. 4.4 8.4 1.1.	1 6.9 5.0 4 8	5.2 5.1 5.1 6.1	5.5 5.1 5.1- 7	5.7 5.7 5.1 -2.0	.1 5.7 5.2 -2.0 8	£. 5.6 5.7 8.1- 8.1- 9	5.6 5.2 5.1- 8	£. \$2.5 £.1.3 8	2.1 8.4 1.1 1.1	5.7 5.1 5.1 -2.0	1.1 5.2 5.2 1.3 8
Industrial production ⁵ **Previous ⁵ Manufacturing industr. prod. ⁵ **Previous ⁵ Capacity utilization rate - mfg. ³ **Previous ³	1.1 1.1 .8 .8 .79.8	3.5 3.5 4.3 80.3 80.3	3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 80.6 80.6	-1.0 -1.0 -1.7 -1.9 79.8	.:2 .:3 .:3 79.4 79.2	1.0 -1.2 -1.2 .8 78.8 78.9	3.4 -1.5 3.3 78.1 79.1	1.6 2.8 .9 77.8 77.8	2.2 2.2 4.2 7.9 2.9 5.0	229 222 233 24.4 78.1 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20	3.1 2.7 3.4 3.0 78.3 79.3	3.5 3.8 3.8 78.5 79.5	1.8 1.7 1.7 79.8 79.8	.0 1.8 1.4 1.6 77.8	3.1 2.5 78.5 79.5 79.5
Housing starts ⁶ Light motor vehicle sales ⁶	1.5	1.5	1.3 15.9	1.2	$\frac{1.0}{15.2}$.9 14.6	.9 15.2	9. 15.7	.9 15.6	.9 15.8	.9 15.9	1.0	1.3	.9 15.2	.9 15.8
Income and saving Nominal GDP ⁵ Real disposable pers. income ⁵ Previous ⁵ Personal saving rate ³ Previous ³	4.9 5.4 5.4 1.0 1.0	6.6 8 8 3.3	6.0 6.4 7.5 4.0 6.0	3.1 0 1	2.7 .7 1.8 .1.	.6 10.2 1.0 2.4 .0	2.8 -7.6 14.7 .0	2.5 2.8- 4. 4	4. 4 4. 0 4. 0 5. 1 5. 0 5. 1 5. 0 5. 1 5. 1 5. 1 5	8 4 2 4 5 4 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	5.2 1.6 2.6 1.1 1.0	5.2 2.6 2.5 1.0	5.1 2.0 2.1 .0	2. 4. 0. 4. 4	5.0 2.7 2.8 1.0
Corporate profits ⁷ Profit share of GNP ³	4.4 11.4	26.8	-4.9 11.5	-4.5 11.3	-2.3 11.2	-14.6 10.7	-2.6 10.6	-2.8 10.5	8 10.3	11.4	11.3	12.0	4.7	-5.7 10.5	8.3 10.8
Net federal saving ⁸ Net state & local saving ⁸	-219	-207 13	-230	-218	-362 -45	-689	-466 -60	-430	-435 -61	-427 -54	-400 -46	-401	-218	-487 -58	-416 -50
Gross national saving rate ³ Net national saving rate ³	13.8	13.8	13.2	12.7	12.0	-1.3	11.0	11.5	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.3	12.7	11.5	12.3

^{1.} Change from fourth quarter of previous year to fourth quarter of year indicated, unless otherwise indicated.

^{2.} Change, millions.
3. Percent, annual values are for the fourth quarter of the year indicated.
4. Percent difference between actual and potential GDP; a negative number indicates that the economy is operating below potential. (In previous Greenbooks, we expressed the GDP gap with the opposite sign, so that a positive number indicated that actual output fell short of potential.)

Annual values are for the fourth quarter of the year indicated.

5. Percent change, annual rate.

6. Level, millions, annual values are annual averages.

7. Percent change, annual rate, with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments.

8. Billions of dollars, annual values are annual averages.

Staff Projections of Federal Sector Accounts and Related Items

March 13, 2008

(Billions of dollars except as noted)

2006 ^a 2007 ^a	Fiscal year 2008 2009	Q1a	2007 Q2 ^a	Q3 ^a	Q4 ^a	[Q	2008	63	40	01	2009	63
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2471	2632	547	824		909	530 NOU	nally	adjusted 503	009	539	828	664
2889	3025	725	687	664	712	749	723	705	738	783	760	744
-330	-203	-178	137		901	-213	' '	701	123	217	101	-60
-603	-578	-212	53	·	165	-246		112	206	-263	-24	-87
185	185	34	82		59	26		10	89	18	92	7
383	421	152	-110	106	89	180	7 - 2	106	137	234	-44 -20	94
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40	50	9	25	75	57	30	45	40	35	20	40	50
						Seasonall	ly adjusted annua	_	rates —			
	2722 3145	2620 2	2670 2 2877 2	2689 2 2920 2	2713	3019	2326 2 3015 3	2581 2 3047 3	3078	3134	3164	2804 3204
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					-228		·			-450		-416
-414 -328		-230	-222	- 797	.234	-362	- 659	-405	.338	-333	-331	-312
1.2	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	6.0	2.0	-1.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.0	-0.2
0.6	0.0	-0.0	$0.1 \\ 0.1$	$0.1 \\ 0.1$	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	-0.5 0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0

^{1.} Budget receipts, outlays, and surplus/deficit include corresponding social security (OASDI) categories. The OASDI surplus and the Postal Service surplus are excluded from the on-budget

surplus and shown separately as off-budget, as classified under current law.

2. Other means of financing are checks paid, accrued items, and changes in other financial assets and liabilities.

3. Gross saving is the current account surplus plus consumption of fixed capital of the general government as well as government enterprises.

4. HEB is gross investment (NIPA) of the federal government in current dollars, with cyclically sensitive receipts and outlays adjusted to the staff's measure of potential output and the NAIRU. Quarterly figures for change in HEB and FI are not at annual rates. The sign on Change in HEB, as a percent of nominal potential GDP, is reversed. FI is the weighted difference of discretionary changes in federal spending and taxes in chained (2000) dollars, scaled by real GDP. The annual FI estimates are on a calendar year basis. Also, for FI and the change in HEB, positive values indicate aggregate demand stimulus. a--Actual

			Households					
Period ¹	Total	Total	Home mortgages	Consumer	Business	State and local governments	Federal	Memo: Nominal GDP
Year				1				
2002	7.3	10.9	13.3	5.7	4.5	11.0	7.6	3.6
2003	8.1	5.11	14.2	5.2	2.5	8.3	10.9	5.9
2004	8.8	11.2	13.7	5.5	5.8	7.4	0.6	6.5
2005	9.2	11.1	13.1	4.3	7.7	10.2	7.0	6.3
2006	8.7	10.2	11.1	4.5	9.6	8.2	3.9	5.4
2007	8.1	8.9	9.9	5.5	11.6	9.2	4.9	5.1
2008	4.8	3.1	2.9	2.6	5.0	6.4	8.4	2.2
2009	4.6	2.7	2.5	2.7	5.1	6.1	7.8	5.0
Quarter								
2007:1	7.9	8.9	7.4	4.8	9.5	11.2	6.7	4.9
2	7.1	7.2	7.4	5.7	10.9	10.3	-1.4	9.9
ю	8.8	8.9	6.2	6.9	12.0	6.5	8.8	0.9
4	7.7	5.6	5.0	4.0	12.0	7.6	5.1	3.1
2008:1	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.3	5.5	5.8	8.5	2.7
2	4.6	3.0	2.9	2.4	4.9	6.5	7.6	9.
т	4.6	2.8	2.7	2.4	4.7	6.5	8.2	2.8
4	4.5	2.7	2.5	2.3	4.5	6.4	8.2	2.5
2009:1	5.2	2.7	2.5	2.4	4.8	6.1	11.8	4.4
2	3.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	5.1	0.9	3.4	5.3
ю	4.4	2.7	2.5	2.9	5.1	5.9	6.7	5.2
4	4.7	2.8	2.5	3.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	5.2

Note. Quarterly data are at seasonally adjusted annual rates.

1. Data after 2007:Q4 are staff projections. Changes are measured from end of the preceding period to end of period indicated except for annual nominal GDP growth, which is calculated from Q4 to Q4.

2.6.3 FOF

Flow of Funds Projections: Highlights

March 13, 2008

(Billions of dollars at seasonally adjusted annual rates except as noted)

-272.0 591.8 225.2 10.5 81.5 348.6 -272.0 385.1 319.8 273.7 141.7 170.4 149.4 159.9 403.3 130.7 549.1 497.7 9 -272.0 1470.0 392.2 269.0 75.6 131.2 323.0 -272.0 94.0 198.0 225.5 9.9 547.9 158.9 388.2 79.5 494.9 141.7 03-272.0 226.1 8.6 322.7 -272.0 148.9 -44.0 517.2 989.2 1261.2 378.1 264.2 66.3 131.4 547.2 141.7 194.2 -68.5 02 1413.8 -272.0 1685.8 226.5 11.6 378.0 269.0 62.0131.9 -272.0 141.7 140.0 244.6 507.9 342.7 512.1 234.1 9 1151.9 -292.0 1443.9 226.2 10.0 381.6 273.7 60.8 132.9 -292.0 468.9 134.5 136.9 259.9 145.7 240.7 447.7 9 1127.2 -332.0 1459.2 170.3 -332.0 414.0 225.0 10.2 392.0 283.1 61.2 132.3 483.9 145.7 137.3 437.6 106.4 102.3 032008 496.0 421.2 311.4 61.6 203.6 496.0 399.0 973.1 224.1 10.4 129.4 505.2 143.7 132.7 7.2 -8.8 480.4 469.1 62 1010.3 -605.0 615.3 221.7 11.4 493.3 358.6 84.4 132.8 233.2 605.0 558.3 127.3 148.6 179.7 618.9 436.4 219.4 9 -1157.6 2355.3 219.6 16.7 1157.6 1061.8 514.2 102.2 132.8 317.2 1174.5 163.8 164.8 257.8 89.4 1197.7 105.5 9 759.1 2007 -846.0 2625.6 216.9 18.8 -846.0 1779.6 912.0 638.5 170.7 132.0 1142.2 136.4 229.2 435.0 105.7 41.8 1146.2 63 1230.2 -272.0 1502.2 225.8 10.1 387.9 269.0 71.3 131.3 334.2 .272.0 539.1 154.5 433.5 433.5 415.5 476.3 2009 141.7 67.0 131.7 2008 065.6 431.3 496.9 224.1 10.5 422.0 306.7 431.3 504.1 140.6 138.3 430.2 430.2 450.7 443.3 217.0 16.9 507.5 836.6 654.8 132.3 131.6 836.6 1045.7 184.2 214.7 6.781 852.9 2007 2344.1 237.1 237.1 210.0 17.6 2319.6 8.786 2006 705.5 104.4 128.3 790.8 151.2 243.8 693.7 183.4 -614.1-614.1 Borrowing (percent of GDP) State and local governments Credit market borrowing Domestic nonfinancial sectors Net borrowing (n.s.a.) Unified deficit (n.s.a.) Debt (percent of GDP) 1 Debt/DPI (percent)³ Net equity issuance Home mortgages Consumer credit Net equity issuance Category Current surplus 5 Federal government Net borrowing² Depository institutions Net debt issuance Financing gap⁴ Borrowing indicators Net borrowing Net borrowing Net funds raised Funds supplied Households Business Total

Note. Data after 2007:Q4 are staff projections.

^{1.} Average debt levels in the period (computed as the average of period-end debt positions) divided by nominal GDP.

^{3.} Average debt levels in the period (computed as the average of period-end debt positions) divided by disposable personal income. 2. Includes change in liabilities not shown in home mortgages and consumer credit.

^{4.} For corporations, excess of capital expenditures over U.S. internal funds.

NIPA state and local government saving plus consumption of fixed capital and net capital transfers. n.s.a. Not seasonally adjusted.

International Developments

The prospect of weaker-than-anticipated U.S. real activity, surges in oil and commodity prices to record highs, and renewed stresses in international financial markets have led us to mark down our outlook for foreign growth and to revise up our projection for foreign inflation this year. The further decline in the dollar will likely also weigh on foreign growth. Nevertheless, we consider the underlying conditions abroad to be sufficiently strong that total foreign activity will expand this year, albeit at a somewhat subdued pace. Indeed, estimates of real GDP growth for the fourth quarter of 2007 came in above our previous projection, especially in emerging market economies. Additionally, we view the elevated level of a wide range of commodity prices as in part reflecting continuing strength in foreign aggregate demand. We also note that financial conditions in emerging market economies have held up well in recent months, while financial conditions in advanced foreign economies have deteriorated a bit less markedly than in corresponding U.S. markets.

Summary of Staff Projections
(Percent change from end of previous period except as noted, s.a.a.r.)

	20	07		I	Projection	n	
Indicator	H1	Q3	2007:		2008		2009
	111	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Н2	2009
Foreign output	4.5	4.5	3.2	2.5	1.9	2.3	3.6
January GB	4.5	4.5	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.4
Foreign CPI	3.1	4.0	4.3	4.6	2.9	2.6	2.5
January GB	3.0	4.2	4.4	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
		Contr	ribution to (perc	U.S. rea	_	rowth	
U.S. net exports	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.7	2.2	1.0	0.3
January GB	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.4	0.3

NOTE. Changes for years are measured as Q4/Q4; for half-years, Q2/Q4 or Q4/Q2.

The relatively resilient tone of the recent data for a number of foreign economies suggests that activity abroad may hold up better than we now expect. That said, important downside risks remain. A further deterioration in international financial conditions, and especially their spillover to emerging market economies, could lead to more serious and

incorporated into our projections, decelerated from January but nonetheless rose a bit more than expected (see Part 2 for further details). As a result, we now see import price inflation as likely to be a relatively modest ½ percentage point higher in the current quarter as compared with the Greenbook projection.

We expect core import price inflation to fall to $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent in the second half of 2008 and to stabilize at $1\frac{1}{4}$ percent in 2009 as commodity prices level off and as the dollar depreciates at a more modest pace. Compared with the January Greenbook, the forecast for core import price inflation in the second half of 2008 has been revised up 1 percentage point because of the lagged effects of the recent drop in the dollar and the sharp rise in commodity prices. For 2009, the forecast is little changed.

Staff Projections of Selected Trade Prices (Percent change from end of previous period excepted as noted; s.a.a.r.)

	20	07			Projection	n	
Indicator	H1	Q3	2007:		2008		2009
	111	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	H2	2009
Imports							
Core goods	3.1	3.1	3.6	5.8	4.8	2.4	1.2
January GB	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	1.2	1.3	1.2
Oil (dollars per barrel)	63.84	70.31	80.34	91.85	103.44	99.21	95.58
January GB	63.84	70.31	79.75	83.30	83.29	82.20	80.36
Exports							
Core goods	6.7	4.5	7.6	9.5	4.6	1.5	0.8
January GB	6.7	4.5	7.5	3.7	0.6	0.8	0.8

NOTE. Prices for core exports and nonfuel core imports, which exclude computers and semiconductors, are on a NIPA chain-weighted basis.

The price of imported oil for multiquarter periods is the price for the final quarter of the period. Imported oil includes both crude oil and refined products.

We project that core export prices will surge 9½ percent (annual rate) in the first quarter, 2 percentage points greater than the rate of increase in the fourth quarter and the largest increase in more than a decade. The increase reflects sharply higher agricultural prices, especially for corn, wheat, and soybeans. Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies also rose sharply as chemical and petroleum prices increased. We expect core export price inflation to slow to 4½ percent in the second quarter, reflecting lower rates of inflation for both agricultural and petroleum products. Going forward, the flattening out

of commodity prices should push core export price inflation down. Compared with the January Greenbook, the forecast for core export price inflation is higher in the near term, largely because of the recent jump in prices for petroleum products, intermediate inputs, and agricultural products.

Trade in Goods and Services

Following its extraordinary pace in the third quarter, real export growth slowed to a stillsolid pace in the fourth quarter. The deceleration was especially pronounced in those categories that had surged in the third quarter: aircraft, agricultural products, and autos. Exports of semiconductors and services grew strongly. In the January trade data, services maintained their strength, but exports of core goods increased more slowly than expected. We expect export growth of 6 percent in the first quarter, a little less than in the January Greenbook.

We expect the growth of real exports to pick up to an 8 percent pace next year, reflecting past and projected dollar depreciation and strengthening foreign GDP growth. Compared with the January Greenbook, the outlook for real export growth is little changed for 2008, as the effects of the downward revision to foreign growth about offset the lower path of the dollar. Our projection is about ³/₄ percentage point higher for 2009.

Staff Projections for Trade in Goods and Services (Percent change from end of previous period, s.a.a.r.)

	200	07		Pro	jection	1	
Measure	H1	Q3	2007:		2008		2009
	111	Q.	Q4	Q1	Q2	H2	2009
Real exports	4.3	19.1	6.4	6.0	6.6	7.5	8.1
January GB	4.3	19.1	4.6	6.7	7.2	7.4	7.3
Real imports January GB	0.5 0.5	4.4 4.4	-1.2 2.1	0.3 3.9	-7.5 -2.4	-0.0 3.3	4.2 3.8

NOTE. Change for year is measured as Q4/Q4; half-years are Q2/Q4 or Q4/Q2.

Real imports are estimated to have fallen 1½ percent at an annual rate in the fourth quarter, with declines in imports of autos and nonfuel industrial supplies more than offsetting a seasonal surge in oil imports. In January, imports of consumer goods plunged, and imports of industrial supplies dropped. In the current quarter, we expect In our second scenario, we consider the effects of an exogenous increase in the markups of exporters abroad. The rise in markups may reflect some "catch up" adjustment by foreign exporters seeking to let more of the past dollar depreciation pass through to the U.S. prices of their goods. It could also reflect a decision by foreign exporters to pass a higher percentage of rising commodity costs to U.S. buyers. The shock to markups occurs in the second quarter of 2008 and pushes up U.S. non-oil import price inflation by 2 percentage points in 2008 and 2009.

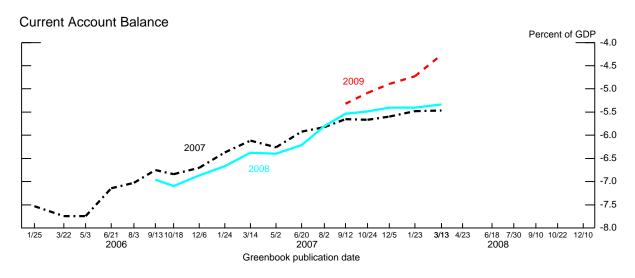
Alternative Scenarios: Higher Oil Prices and Higher Foreign Export Markups (Percent change from previous period, annual rate, except as noted)

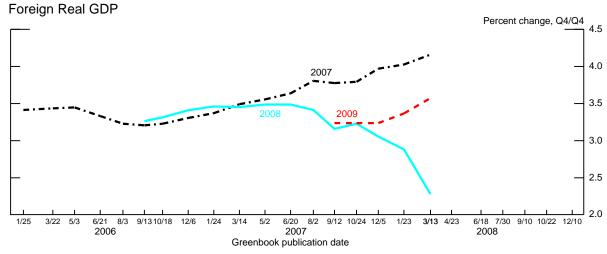
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indicator and simulation	H1	Н2	H1	H2	2010	12
U.S. real GDP						_
Baseline	-0.4	0.7	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.9
Higher oil prices	-0.7	0.2	2.4	3.2	3.1	3.0
Higher foreign export markups	-0.3	0.9	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.7
U.S. PCE prices						
excluding food and energy						
Baseline	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
Higher oil prices	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.5
Higher foreign export markups	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.5
U.S federal funds rate (percent)						
Baseline	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	3.5
Higher oil prices	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	3.2
Higher foreign export markups	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	3.3
U.S. trade balance						
(percent share of GDP)						
Baseline	-5.2	-4.6	-4.2	-3.7	-3.3	-2.9
Higher oil prices	-6.1	-5.5	-5.0	-4.5	-4.0	-3.4
Higher foreign export markups	-5.3	-4.8	-4.5	-3.9	-3.4	-2.9

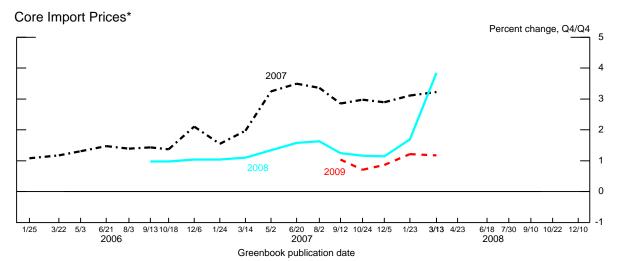
NOTE. H1 is Q2/Q4; H2 is Q4/Q2. The federal funds rate is the average rate for the final quarter of the period.

In this scenario, rising import prices contribute to a 0.2 percentage point increase in core PCE inflation relative to baseline in 2008 and 2009. The markup shock initially stimulates U.S. GDP growth as consumers substitute away from foreign products to domestically produced goods. In the longer term, however, GDP growth falls below baseline as tighter monetary policy reduces investment spending, lowering the stock of

Evolution of the Staff Forecast







^{*}Prices for merchandise imports excluding computers, semiconductors, oil, and natural gas.

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Foreign GDP aggregates calculated using shares of U.S. exports. Harmonized data for euro area from Eurostat.
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OUTLOOK FOR FOREIGN REAL GDP AND CONSUMER PRICES: SELECTED COUNTRIES (Percent changes)

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Advanced Foreign Economies	1.5	1.6	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
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3. Foreign CPI aggregates calculated using shares of U.S. non-oil imports.
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OUTLOOK FOR U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2002	2006	2007	Projecte 2008	d 2009
NIPA REAL EXPORTS and IMPORTS	Percenta	ge point	contributi	tion to GD	OP growth,	04/04			
Net Goods & Services Exports of G&S Imports of G&S	-0.2 -1.3	0.0 4.0 8.3	-0.1 0.6 -0.7	-0.9 0.7 -1.7	-0.1 0.7 -0.8	0.1 4.0 9.0	0.8 1.0 -0.2	00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0.3 1.1 -0.7
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		Billions	s of Chair	ned 2000 I	Dollars				
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			Billions	of dollars	N N				
US CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE Current Acct as Percent of GDP	-384.7 -3.8	-459.6 -4.4	-522.1 -4.8	-640.2 -5.5	-754.8 -6.1	-811.5 -6.2	-757.1 -5.5	-760.7 -5.3	-632.4 -4.3
Net Goods & Services (BOP)	-365.1	-423.7	-496.9	-612.1	-714.4	-758.5	-708.5	-696.5	-585.2
Investment Income, Net Direct, Net Portfolio, Net	36.9 115.9 -79.0	33.2 102.4 -69.1	51.1 112.7 -61.5	62.5 139.4 -76.9	54.5 152.5 -98.1	43.2 174.2 -131.0	62.3 210.9 -148.6	49.9 274.1 -224.2	61.0 296.2 -235.1
Other Income & Transfers,Net	-56.5	-69.2	-76.3	9.06-	-94.9	-96.1	-110.9	-114.2	-108.2

1. Merchandise exports excluding computers and semiconductors. 2. Merchandise imports excluding oil, natural gas, computers, and semiconductors.

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NIPA REAL EXPORTS and IMPORTS	Ø	Ъ	ercentage	point	contribut	ion to G	DP growth	q				
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Exports of G&S Services Computers Semiconductors Core Goods 1/	10.0 16.2 -7.0 16.7	6.5 1.7 1.3 9.2	3.1 1.6.7 -20.9	10.0 16.8 13.4 4.7	6.0 6.5 17.4 5.6	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	22.0 23.28 0.22	10.6 6.3 2.0 11.6	11.5 2.9 14.6 14.9	3.9 13.0 14.5	5.7 2.0 -3.9 -11.5 9.2	26.0 26.0 9.9 -13.5 11.0
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US CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE Current Account as % of GDP	-559.8 -4.9	-634.7 -5.5	-632.3 -5.4	-733.8 -6.1	-729.6 -6.0	-732.9 -6.0	-693.6 -5.5	-863.2 -6.8	-802.4 -6.2	-822.4 -6.3	-869.3 -6.6	-751.8 -5.6
Net Goods & Services (BOP)	-544.1	-602.4	-626.4	-675.4	9.999-	-682.7	-723.8	-784.4	-758.8	-770.3	-797.2	-707.7
Investment Income, Net Direct, Net Portfolio, Net	82.2 146.2 -63.9	59.4 129.6 -70.3	69.2 143.4 -74.2	39.2 138.4 -99.2	56.2 140.4 -84.3	53.5 147.3 -93.8	72.8 176.1 -103.3	35.3 146.2 -110.9	48.3 168.0 -119.8	49.2 178.6 -129.4	30.0 161.9 -132.0	45.3 188.3 -143.0
Other Inc. & Transfers, Net	t -97.8	-91.7	-75.1	-97.6	-119.2	-103.8	-42.6	-114.1	-91.8	-101.2	-102.1	-89.4

1. Merchandise exports excluding computers and semiconductors. 2. Merchandise imports excluding oil, natural gas, computers, and semiconductors.

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1. Merchandise exports excluding computers and semiconductors. 2. Merchandise imports excluding oil, natural gas, computers, and semiconductors

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46.7 282.6 -236.0

54.6 276.1 -221.4

53.2 251.5 -198.3

67.0 230.0 -163.0

88.6 221.0 -132.4

57.4 201.5 -144.1

36.2 191.0 -154.8

Investment Income, Net Direct, Net Portfolio, Net -113.5

-106.5

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-611.6 -4.0

-594.5 -4.0

-632.4 -4.3

-691.1 -4.8

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US CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE Current Account as % of GDP

-568.4

-552.5

-584.2

635.8

-645.3

-672.3

-729.0

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Net Goods & Services (BOP)

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CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Recent Developments

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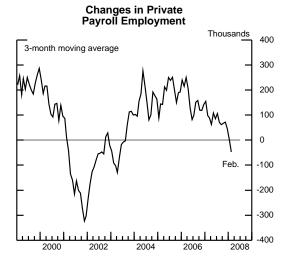
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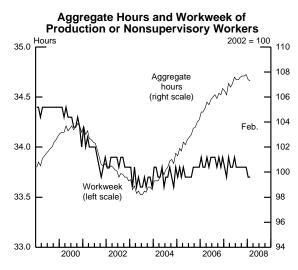
Changes in Employment

(Thousands of employees; seasonally adjusted)

		2007				2	2008	
Measure and sector	2006	H1	Q3	Q4	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
	A	verage mo	nthly char	nge	N	Ionthly cha	ange	
Nonfarm payroll employment								
(establishment survey)	175	107	71	80	41	-22	-63	
Private	159	87	62	45	-14	-26	-101	
Natural resources and mining	5	3	2	4	4	2	2	
Manufacturing	-14	-24	-23	-17	-22	-31	-52	
Construction	13	-7	-22	-41	-55	-25	-39	
Wholesale trade	12	10	9	6	-2	-5	-7	
Retail trade	5	12	1	0	-25	0	-34	
Transportation and utilities	10	2	7	-3	-8	-7	2	
Information	-2	0	-1	-4	-4	-4	1	
Financial activities	9	-7	-8	-14	-8	-8	-12	
Professional and business services	46	19	22	44	52	-9	-20	
Temporary help services	1	-9	-13	4	-5	-11	-28	
Nonbusiness services ¹	76	80	76	71	54	61	58	
Total government	16	20	8	35	55	4	38	
Total employment (household survey)	264	23	58	-16	-436	37	-255	
Memo:								
Aggregate hours of private production								
workers (percent change) ²	2.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	.1	4	1	
Average workweek (hours) ³	33.9	33.8	33.8	33.8	33.8	33.7	33.7	
Manufacturing (hours)	41.1	41.1	41.4	41.2	41.1	41.1	41.1	

1. Nonbusiness services comprises education and health, leisure and hospitality, and "other."
2. Establishment survey. Annual data are percent changes from Q4 to Q4. Quarterly data are percent changes from preceding quarter at an annual rate. Monthly data are percent changes from preceding month.
3. Establishment survey.

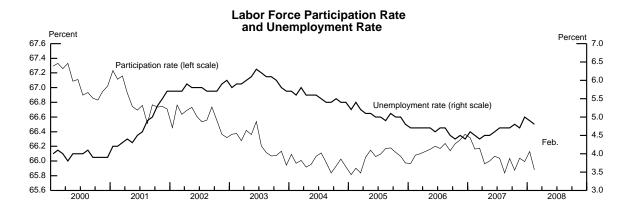




Selected Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates

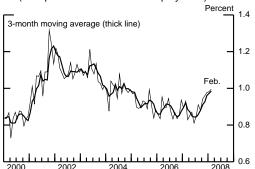
(Percent; seasonally adjusted)

		2007				2008	
Rate and group	2007	Q2	Q3	Q4	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Civilian unemployment rate							
Total	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8
Teenagers	15.7	15.7	15.8	16.4	17.1	18.0	16.6
20-24 years old	8.2	7.8	8.6	8.6	9.4	8.7	8.9
Men, 25 years and older	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
Women, 25 years and older	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
Labor force participation rate							
Total	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.1	65.9
Teenagers	41.3	41.5	40.7	41.0	41.0	41.0	40.0
20-24 years old	74.4	74.2	74.4	74.0	73.9	74.4	73.5
Men, 25 years and older	75.6	75.6	75.6	75.5	75.6	75.6	75.5
Women, 25 years and older	59.7	59.6	59.8	59.7	59.7	59.9	59.8



Job Losers Unemployed Less Than 5 Weeks

(as a percent of household employment)



Unemployed Due to Job Loss (as a percent of the labor force)

Percent 4.0

3.5

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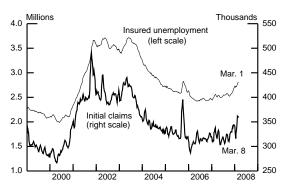
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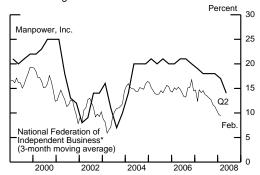
Labor Market Indicators

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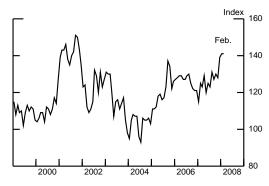
Note. 4-week moving averages.

Net Hiring Plans



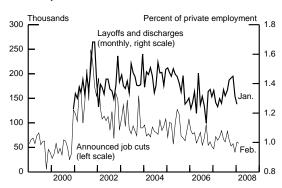
Note. Percent planning an increase in employment minus percent planning a reduction. *Seasonally adjusted by FRB staff.

Reuters/Michigan Expected Unemployment Change (next 12 months)



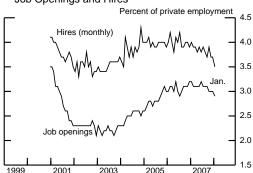
Note. The fraction of households expecting unemployment to rise, minus the fraction expecting unemployment to fall, plus 100.

Layoffs and Job Cuts



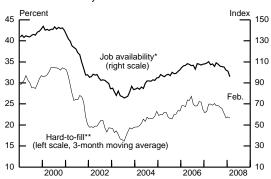
Note. Both series are seasonally adjusted by FRB staff. Source. For layoffs and discharges, Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey; for job cuts, Challenger, Gray, and Christmas, Inc.

Job Openings and Hires



Source. Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.

Job Availability and Hard-to-Fill Positions



*Proportion of households believing jobs are plentiful, minus the proportion believing jobs are hard to get, plus 100. **Percent of small businesses surveyed with at least one 'hard-to-fill' job opening. Seasonally adjusted by FRB staff. Source. For job availability, Conference Board; for hardto-fill, National Federation of Independent Business.

Selected Components of Industrial Production (Percent change from preceding comparable period)

	Proportion 2007	2007^{1}	2	007	20	07	2008
Component	(percent)	2007	Q3	Q4	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
			Annı	ual rate	I	Monthly ra	te
Total Previous	100.0 100.0	1.8 1.8	3.6 3.6	-1.0 -1.0	. 4 .3	.1 .0	.1
Manufacturing Ex. motor veh. and parts Ex. high-tech industries	82.3	1.7	3.6	-1.7	.3	.2	.0
	77.0	2.0	3.8	-1.0	.2	.2	.1
	72.3	1.0	2.4	-2.2	.1	.1	.0
Mining	8.0	1.1	4.1	5.3	1.7	1	-1.8
Utilities	9.7	2.6	3.1	.1	.4	2	2.2
Selected industries Energy	19.8	2.6	4.8	2.4	.8	1	.9
High technology	4.7	17.2	26.4	17.2	1.3	1.0	1.9
Computers	1.3	24.3	14.0	13.1	1.8	1.0	1.3
Communications equipment	1.1	15.1	8.2	17.3	2.4	.7	1.9
Semiconductors ²	2.3	15.0	43.7	19.5	.5	1.2	2.2
Motor vehicles and parts	5.3	-1.8	1.2	-12.3	1.1	.2	-1.3
Total ex. selected industries	70.2	.7	2.0	-2.3	.1	.1	2
Consumer goods	21.1	.2	.8	-2.6	5	1	1
Durables	3.9	-1.8	.5	-7.6	1	1	6
Nondurables	17.1	.7	.9	-1.5	5	1	.0
Business equipment	8.1	2.4	7.3	1.3	.3	.9	.2
Defense and space equipment	1.7	-1.0	2.8	-2.1	1.3	.0	.9
Construction supplies	4.5	8	1.3	-6.6	5	1.1	-1.1
Business supplies	7.9	2	.1	-1.9	.0	1	1
Materials	26.9	1.3	2.1	-2.4	.6	.0	2
Durables	15.0	2.8	4.6	7	.7	2	4
Nondurables	11.8	5	-1.0	-4.5	.5	.1	.0

From fourth quarter of preceding year to fourth quarter of year shown.
 Includes related electronic components.
 Not applicable.

Capacity Utilization (Percent of capacity)

	1972-	1994-	2001-	2007				2008
Sector	2007 average	95 high	02 low	Q2	Q3	Q4	Dec.	Jan.
Total industry	81.0	85.1	73.6	81.7	82.0	81.5	81.5	81.5
Manufacturing Ex. motor veh. and parts Mining Utilities	79.8 80.0 87.5 86.7	84.6 84.3 88.9 93.7	71.6 71.4 84.8 83.8	80.3 80.5 89.9 85.8	80.6 80.8 90.8 86.2	79.8 80.1 91.9 86.0	79.8 80.0 92.4 85.9	79.7 80.0 90.6 87.7
Stage-of-process groups Crude Primary and semifinished Finished	86.6 82.2 77.8	89.5 88.2 80.5	82.0 74.6 70.0	89.2 82.2 78.6	89.7 82.7 78.8	90.2 81.8 78.3	90.7 81.7 78.3	89.8 81.9 78.3

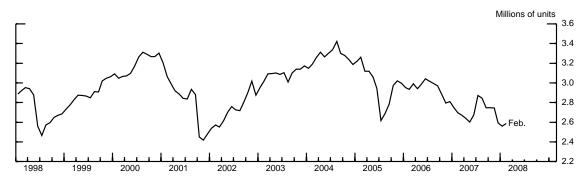
Production of Domestic Light Vehicles (Millions of units at an annual rate except as noted)

	200	07	20	08	2007		2008	
Item	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
U.S. production ¹	10.7	10.3	9.9	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.9	10.0
Autos	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.1
Light trucks	6.8	6.3	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.9
Days' supply ²	69	64	n.a.	n.a.	64	67	68	n.a.
Autos	59	51	n.a.	n.a.	50	53	54	n.a.
Light trucks	75	76	n.a.	n.a.	76	78	79	n.a.
Inventories ³	2.75	2.59	n.a.	n.a.	2.59	2.56	2.59	n.a.
Autos	.99	.90	n.a.	n.a.	.90	.88	.88	n.a.
Light trucks	1.76	1.69	n.a.	n.a.	1.69	1.68	1.70	n.a.
Memo: U.S. production,								
total motor vehicles ⁴	10.9	10.5	10.1	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.1	10.2

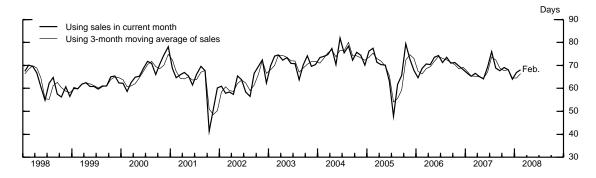
- Note. FRB seasonals. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

 1. Production rates for March and the second quarter reflect the latest industry schedules.
- 2. Quarterly values are calculated with end-of-period stocks and average reported sales.
- 3. End-of-period stocks.
- 4. Includes medium and heavy trucks.
- n.a. Not available.

Inventories of Light Vehicles

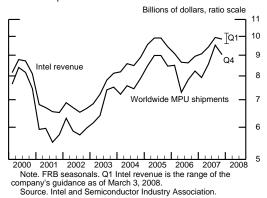


Days' Supply of Light Vehicles

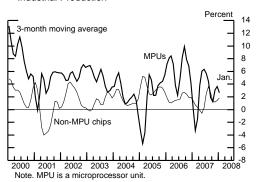


Indicators of High-Tech Manufacturing Activity

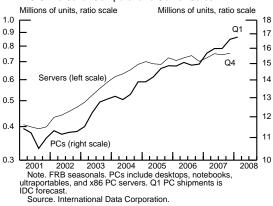
MPU Shipments and Intel Revenue



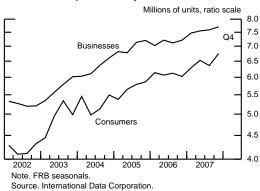
Rate of Change in Semiconductor Industrial Production



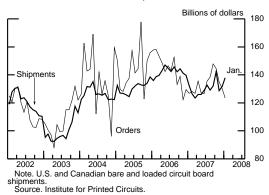
U.S. Personal Computer and Server Sales



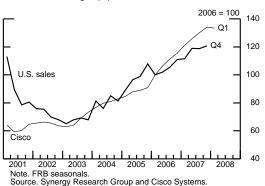
Personal Computer Sales by Market



Circuit Board Orders and Shipments

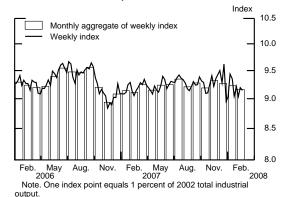


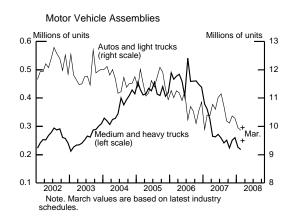
Cisco Revenue and U.S. Sales of High-End Data Networking Equipment



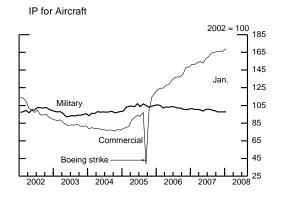
Indicators of Industrial Activity

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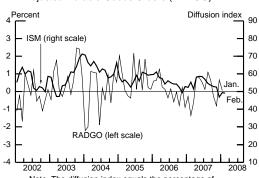




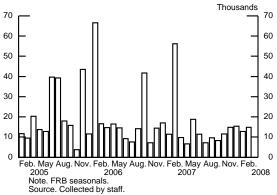
Trade Shares Percent Percent 22 30 21 28 Imports/domestic absorbtion (right scale) 20 26 19 18 24 17 22 Exports/shipments (left scale) 16 20 15 2003 2004 2005 2007 2006 Note. Trade shares are 3-month moving averages. Source. Department of Commerce.



New Orders: ISM Survey and Change in Real Adjusted Durable Goods Orders (RADGO)



Manufacturing Layoff Announcements



Note. The diffusion index equals the percentage of respondents reporting greater levels of new orders plus one-half the percentage of respondents reporting that new orders were unchanged. RADGO is a 3-month moving

Sales of Light Vehicles

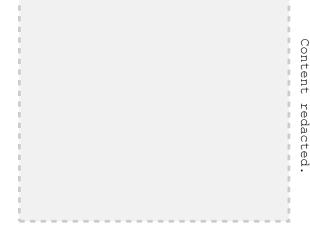
(Millions of units at an annual rate; FRB seasonals)

			20		2008		
Category	2007	Q2	Q3	Q4	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Total	16.1	16.0	15.9	16.1	16.2	15.3	15.3
Autos Light trucks	7.6 8.5	7.7 8.3	7.4 8.5	7.8 8.3	7.9 8.3	7.3 8.0	7.3 7.9
North American ¹ Autos Light trucks	12.4 5.3 7.1	12.3 5.3 7.0	12.3 5.1 7.2	12.3 5.5 6.9	12.4 5.6 6.9	11.8 5.1 6.6	11.7 5.0 6.6
Foreign-produced Autos Light trucks	3.8 2.4 1.4	3.8 2.4 1.4	3.6 2.3 1.3	3.8 2.3 1.4	3.7 2.3 1.4	3.5 2.2 1.3	3.6 2.3 1.3
Memo: Detroit Three domestic market share (percent) ²	51.2	51.8	50.4	50.4	49.9	51.3	50.7

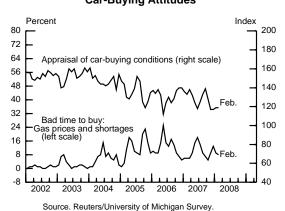
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 1. Excludes some vehicles produced in Canada that are classified as imports by the industry.
- 2. Domestic market share excludes sales of foreign brands affiliated with the Detroit Three.

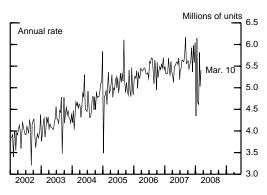




Car-Buying Attitudes



Ten-Day U.S. Light Vehicle Sales for Toyota, Honda, Nissan, and Mazda



Source. Nissan North America.

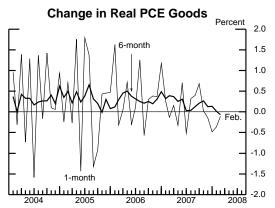
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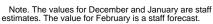
(Percent change from preceding period; seasonally adjusted current dollars)

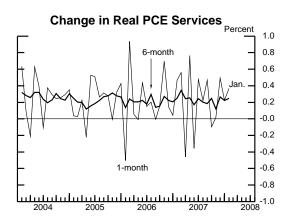
		200	2008			
Category	Q2	Q3	Q4	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
	A	nnual rate		M	onthly rate	,
Total sales	4.8	3.7	3.6	7	.4	6
Retail control ¹	7.8	4.0	6.0	3	.6	2
Ex. sales at gasoline stations	4.7	5.0	1.9	3	.3	.0
Memo: Real PCE control ²	.3	4.1	1.0	6	.0	1

^{1.} Total sales less outlays at building material and supply stores and automobile and other motor vehicle dealers.

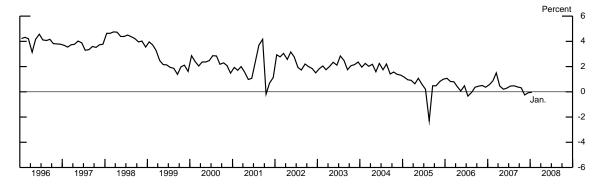
^{2.} Total goods spending excluding autos and trucks. The values for December and January are staff estimates. The value for February is a staff forecast.





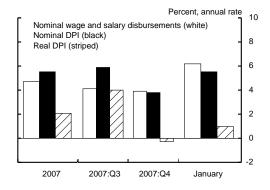


Personal Saving Rate

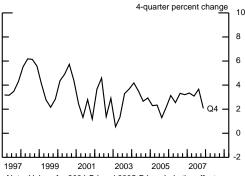


Fundamentals of Household Spending

Changes in Wages, Salaries, and Disposable Income

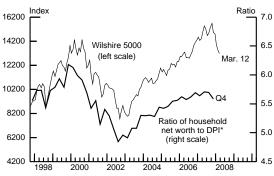


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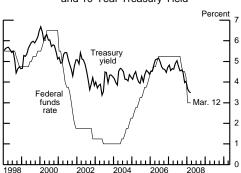
Note. Values for 2004:Q4 and 2005:Q4 exclude the effect on income of the one-time Microsoft dividend in December 2004.

Household Net Worth and Wilshire 5000



*The value for 2004:Q4 excludes the effect on income of the one-time Microsoft dividend in December 2004.

Target Federal Funds Rate and 10-Year Treasury Yield



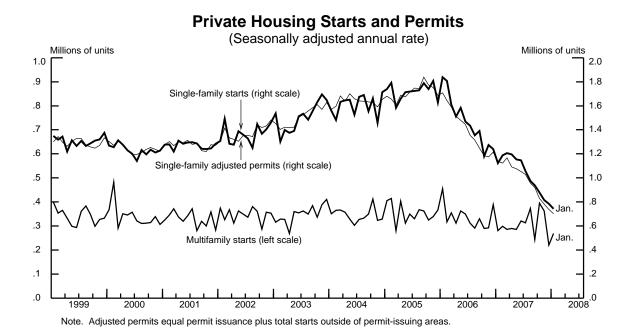
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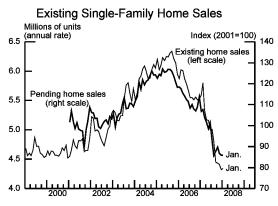
Private Housing Activity(Millions of units, seasonally adjusted; annual rate except as noted)

			20	007		2008
Sector	2007	Q3	Q4	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
All units Starts Permits	1.36 1.38	1.30 1.32	1.15 1.14	1.18 1.16	1.00 1.08	1.01 1.06
Single-family units Starts Permits Adjusted permits Permit backlog ²	1.05 .97 .99 .109	.99 .94 .97 .114	.83 .76 .78 .109	.82 .77 .78 .113	.78 .70 .74 .109	.74 .68 .70 .110
New homes Sales Months' supply ³	.78 8.34	.73 8.79	.65 9.27	.63 9.56	.61 9.78	.59 9.84
Existing homes Sales Months' supply ³	4.94 8.68	4.76 9.15	4.39 10.02	4.41 9.74	4.32 10.32	4.34 10.77
Multifamily units Starts Permits Permit backlog ²	.309 .407 .074	.310 .384 .075	.326 .377 .074	.362 .392 .072	.220 .378 .074	.269 .380 .078
Mobile homes Shipments	.096	.096	.093	.093	.091	.091
Condos and co-ops Existing home sales	.713	.701	.608	.611	.588	.550

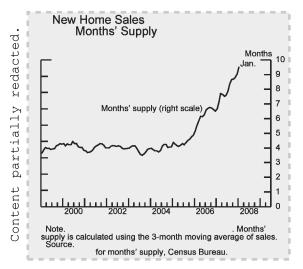
- 1. Adjusted permits equal permit issuance plus total starts outside of permit-issuing areas.
- 2. Number outstanding at end of period. Excludes permits that have expired or have been canceled, abandoned, or revoked. Not at an annual rate.
- 3. At current sales rate; expressed as the ratio of seasonally adjusted inventories to seasonally adjusted sales. Quarterly and annual figures are averages of monthly figures.



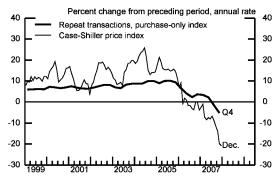
Indicators of Single-Family Housing



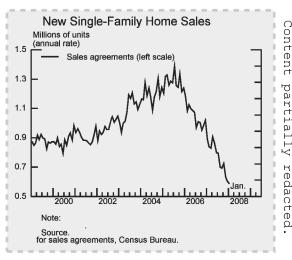
Source. National Association of Realtors.



Prices of Existing Homes



Note. The Case-Shiller price index is the 10-city index and is seasonally adjusted by FRB staff. Source. For repeat transactions, OFHEO; for Case-Shiller, Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

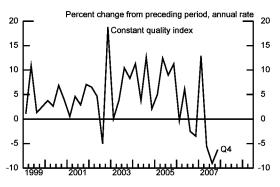


Mortgage Rates



Note. The Mar. readings are for data through Mar. 12, 2008. Source. Conforming rates are from Freddie Mac. The jumbo rate is the sum of the 30-year conforming FRM rate and the jumbo conforming spread from bankrate.com.

Price of New Homes



Source. Census Bureau.

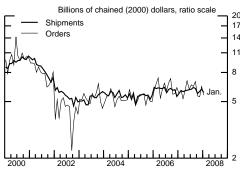
Orders and Shipments of Nondefense Capital Goods

(Percent change; seasonally adjusted current dollars)

		20	007		2008	
Category	Q3	Q4	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	
	Annı	ıal rate		Monthly rate		
Shipments Excluding aircraft Computers and peripherals Communications equipment All other categories	9.4 6.1 -15.2 13.1 8.0	2.8 4.9 36.6 -16.9 4.4	5 .1 9 3.4 1	1.4 1.6 3.6 4.0 1.2	1.9 .0 1 -4.5 .5	
Orders Excluding aircraft Computers and peripherals Communications equipment All other categories	-1.5 3.4 .7 17.3 2.4	6.6 -1.7 8.2 -42.1 2.5	5.4 1 11.6 -1.0 -1.2	5.4 5.2 5.1 18.5 4.0	-8.2 -1.5 -11.8 -12.6 .7	
Memo: Shipments of complete aircraft ¹	44.9	46.7	47.4	43.6	53.1	

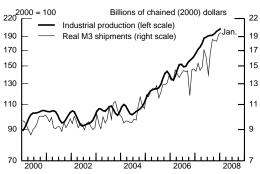
^{1.} From Census Bureau, Current Industrial Reports; billions of dollars, annual rate.

Communications Equipment



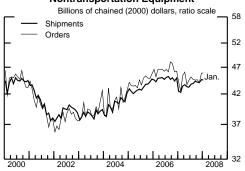
Note. Shipments and orders are deflated by a price index that is derived from the BEA's quality-adjusted price indexes and uses the PPI for communications equipment for monthly interpolation.

Computers and Peripherals



Note. Ratio scales. Shipments are deflated by the staff price index for computers and peripheral equipment, which is derived from the BEA's quality-adjusted price indexes.

Non-High-Tech, Nontransportation Equipment



Note. Shipments and orders are deflated by the staff price indexes for the individual equipment types included in this category. Indexes are derived from the BEA's quality-adjusted price indexes.

Medium and Heavy Trucks

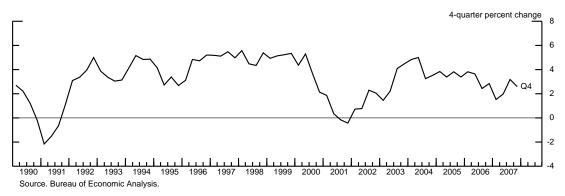


Note. Annual rate, FRB seasonals.

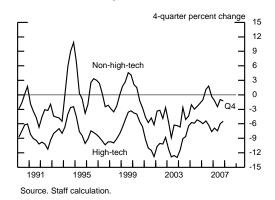
Source. For sales, Ward's Communications; for orders, ACT Research.

Fundamentals of Equipment and Software Investment

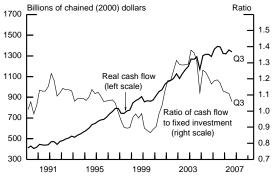
Real Business Output



User Cost of Capital

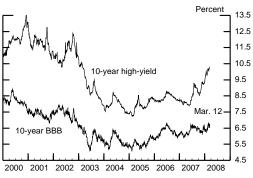


Corporate Cash Flow



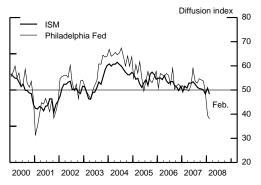
Note. Cash flow and fixed investment for the corporate business sector. Source. Bureau of Economic Analysis; FRB flow of funds accounts.

Corporate Bond Yields



Note. Daily averages based on Merrill Lynch bond data.

Surveys of Business Conditions

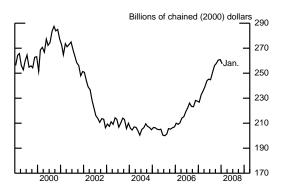


Source. Manufacturing ISM Report on Business; Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook Survey.

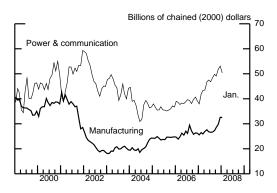
Nonresidential Construction and Indicators

(All spending series are seasonally adjusted at an annual rate; nominal CPIP deflated by BEA prices through Q3 and by staff projection thereafter)

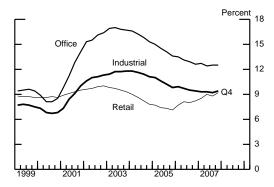
Total Structures



Manufacturing and Power & Communication



Vacancy Rates



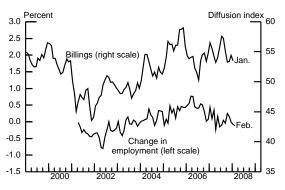
Note. Industrial space includes both manufacturing structures and warehouses.
Source. Torto Wheaton Research.

Office, Commercial, and Other



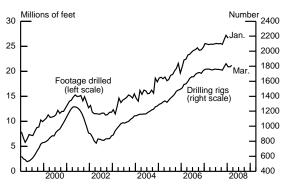
Note. Other consists of structures for religious organizations, education, lodging, amusement and recreation, transportation, and health care.

Architectural Billings and Nonresidential Construction Employment



Note. Both series are 3-month moving averages. Employment consists of industrial, commercial, and specialty trade construction. Source. For billings, American Institute of Architects; for employment, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Drilling and Mining Indicators



Note. The March readings for drilling rigs are based on data through March 7, 2008. Both series are seasonally adjusted by FRB staff.
Source. DOE/Baker Hughes.

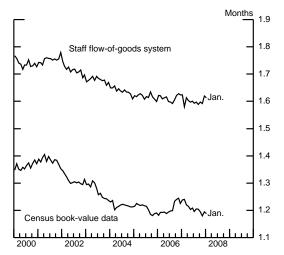
Nonfarm Inventory Investment

(Billions of dollars; seasonally adjusted annual rate)

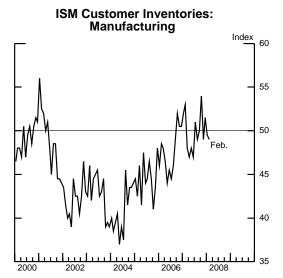
			2007			2008
Measure and sector	Q2	Q3	Q4	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Real inventory investment		•		•	•	
(chained 2000 dollars)						
Total nonfarm business	1.3	26.0	-13.4e	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Motor vehicles	-9.6	13.3	-25.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Nonfarm ex. motor vehicles	10.9	12.7	11.9e	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Manufacturing and trade ex. wholesale						
and retail motor vehicles and parts	10.8	18.1	8.5	-23.1	45.8e	n.a.
Manufacturing	-4.2	3.1	9.9	14.2	21.0	n.a.
Wholesale trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	6.5	13.9	-7.7	-11.1	1.2e	n.a.
Retail trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	8.5	1.1	6.4	-26.2	23.7	n.a.
Book-value inventory investment						
(current dollars)						
Manufacturing and trade ex. wholesale						
and retail motor vehicles and parts	60.7	38.3	74.3	54.0	128.5	139.8
Manufacturing	21.6	12.6	36.3	43.8	54.9	80.1
Wholesale trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	20.6	21.4	23.6	26.1	39.8	43.4
Retail trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	18.4	4.3	14.5	-15.9	33.7	16.4

n.a. Not available. e Staff estimate of real inventory investment based on revised book-value data. Source. For real inventory investment, BEA; for book-value data, Census Bureau.

Inventory Ratios ex. Motor Vehicles

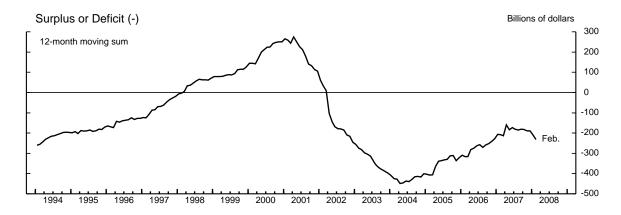


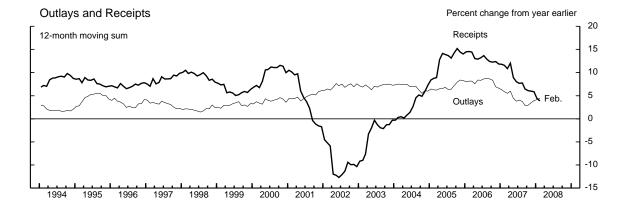
Note. Flow-of-goods system covers total industry ex. motor vehicles and parts, and inventories are relative to consumption. Census data cover manufacturing and trade ex. motor vehicles and parts, and inventories are relative to sales.



Note. A number above 50 indicates inventories are "too high."

Federal Government Budget (Unified basis; adjusted for payment-timing shifts and financial transactions; data from Monthly Treasury Statement)





Recent Federal Outlays and Receipts

(Billions of dollars except as noted)

	Ja	nuary-Februa	ıry	12 month	ns ending in I	February
Function or source	2007	2008	Percent change	2007	2008	Percent change
Outlays	472.6	504.6	6.8	2,701.6	2,821.7	4.4
Net interest	38.9	43.0	10.4	227.7	251.9	10.6
National defense	87.2	99.7	14.3	544.4	586.4	7.7
Major transfers ¹	276.8	287.7	3.9	1,472.1	1,547.2	5.1
Other	69.7	74.3	6.6	457.4	436.1	-4.7
Receipts	380.9	370.9	-2.6	2,494.1	2,590.4	3.9
Individual income and payroll taxes	335.5	331.9	-1.1	1,904.5	2,014.5	5.8
Corporate income taxes	15.0	4.4	-70.8	373.4	353.4	-5.4
Other	30.5	34.7	13.9	216.2	222.5	2.9
Surplus or deficit (-) Memo:	-91.6	-133.7		-207.5	-231.3	
Unadjusted surplus or deficit (-)	-81.8	-157.7		-192.7	-263.9	

^{1.} Includes Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and income security programs.

^{...} Not applicable.

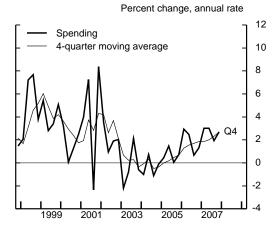
Administration Budget Projections and Economic Assumptions

Item	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			
Budget projections (fiscal years)			Billions o	f dollars					
Receipts	2521	2700	2931	3076	3270	3428			
Outlays	2931	3107	3091	3171	3222	3399			
Surplus	-410	-407	-160	-95	48	29			
	Percent of GDP								
Receipts	17.6	18.0	18.6	18.6	18.8	18.8			
Outlays	20.5	20.7	19.6	19.1	18.5	18.6			
Surplus	-2.9	-2.7	-1.0	-0.6	0.3	0.2			
Economic assumptions (calendar years)	Р	ercent chang	ge, fourth qua	arter to fourt	h quarter				
Real GDP	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8			
GDP price index	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.0	2.0			
CPI-U	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3			
	Percent, annual average								
Unemployment rate Treasury yields	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8			
3-month	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1			
10-year	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3			

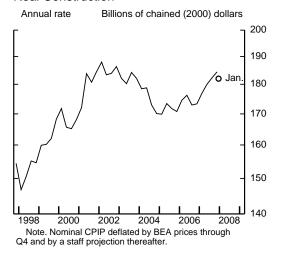
Source. Office of Management and Budget (2008), *Budget of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2009* (February).

State and Local Indicators

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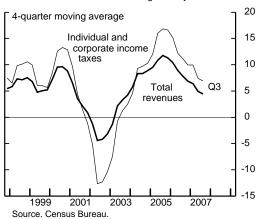


Real Construction

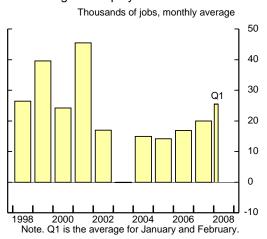


State Revenues

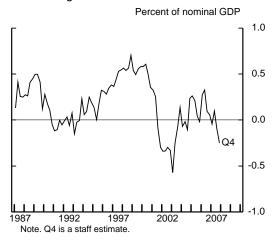
Percent change from year earlier



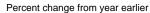
Net Change in Employment

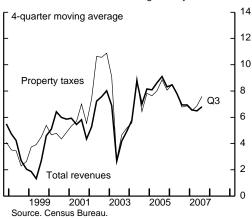


Net Saving



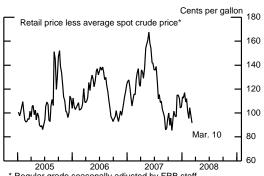
Local Revenues





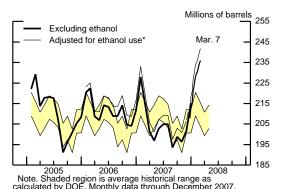
Energy and Food Price Indicators (Data from Energy Information Administration except as noted)

Total Gasoline Margin



* Regular grade seasonally adjusted by FRB staff, less average spot crude price: 60% WTI, 40% Maya heavy crude.

Gasoline Inventories

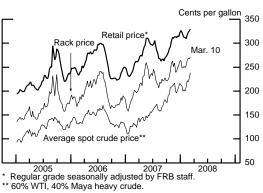


2005 2006 2007 2008

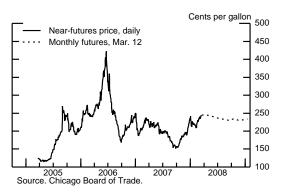
Note. Shaded region is average historical range as calculated by DOE. Monthly data through December 2007, weekly data thereafter, as indicated by line weights.

Adjustment for approximate amount of fuel ethanol to be blended with RBOB component of inventories; estimated by FRB staff.

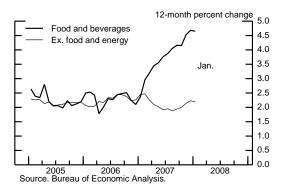
Gasoline Price Decomposition



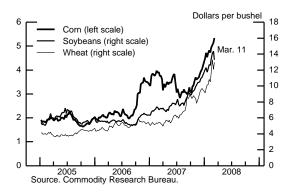
Ethanol Prices



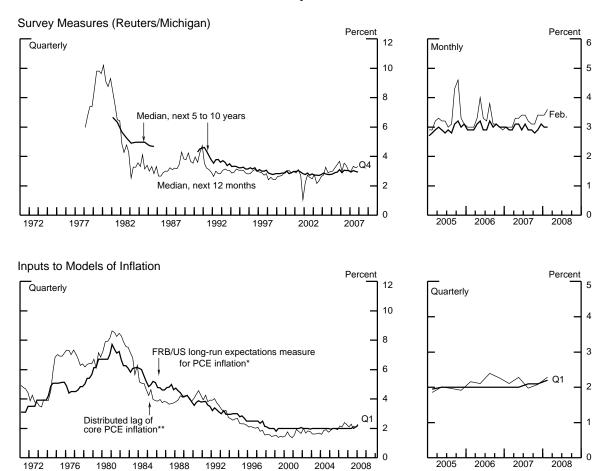
PCE Food Prices



Spot Agricultural Commodity Prices

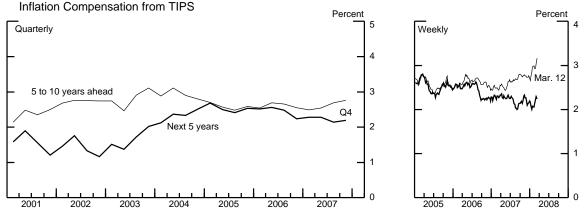


Measures of Expected Inflation



*For 2007 forward, the median projection for PCE inflation over the next 10 years from the Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF); for 1991 to 2006, the equivalent SPF projection for the CPI; for 1981 to 1991, a related survey for the CPI conducted by Richard Hoey; and for the period preceding 1981, a model-based estimate constructed by Board staff. The survey data before 2007 are adjusted down 0.5 percentage point to put the CPI projections approximately on a PCE basis.

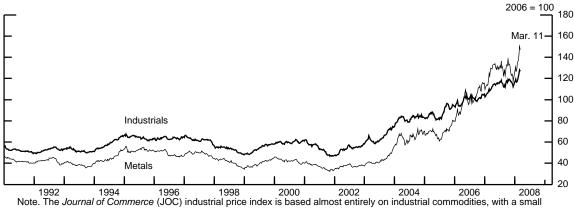
**Derived from one of the reduced-form Phillips curves used by Board staff.



Note. Based on a comparison of an estimated TIPS yield curve with an estimated nominal off-the-run Treasury yield curve, with an adjustment for the indexation-lag effect.

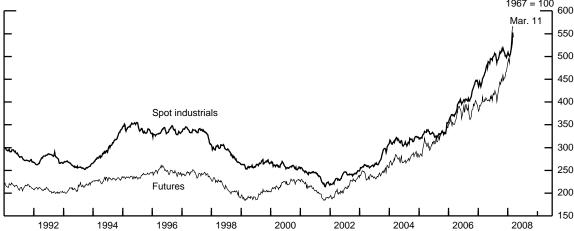
Commodity Price Indexes

Journal of Commerce



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Commodity Research Bureau



Note. The Commodity Research Bureau (CRB) spot industrials index consists entirely of industrial commodities, excluding energy. The CRB futures index gives about a 60 percent weight to food commodities and splits the remaining weight roughly equally among energy commodities, industrial commodities, and precious metals.

Selected Commodity Price Indexes

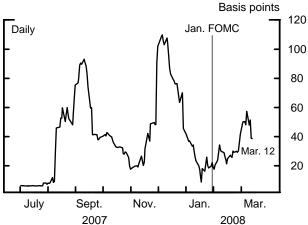
(Percent change)

Index	2007 1	12/18/07 to 1/22/08 ²	1/22/08 ² to 3/11/08	52-week change to 3/11/08
JOC industrials JOC metals CRB spot industrials	7.6 2.1 11.0	4.2 7.9	8.2 15.9 8.2	16.5 16.7 18.7
CRB spot floodstuffs CRB futures	25.5 18.2	2.4 3.7	14.2 16.4	35.6 41.2

- 1. From the last week of the preceding year to the last week of the year indicated.
- 2. January 22, 2008, is the Tuesday preceding publication of the January Greenbook.

Short-Term Funding and Interbank Markets

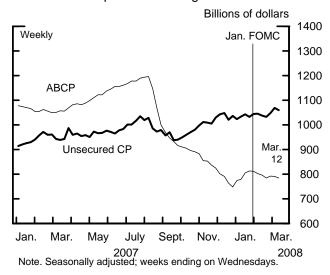
Spreads between 30-Day Libor and OIS Rates



2007 2008

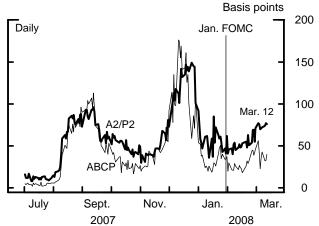
Note. LIBOR quotes are taken at 6:00 am, and OIS quotes are observed at the close of business of the previous trading day.

Commercial Paper Outstandings



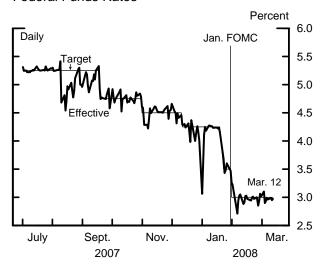
3-Month Treasury Bill Rate Percent 5.5 Daily Jan. FOMC 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 Mar. 12 1.0 0.5 July Nov. Jan. Mar. Sept. 2007 2008

Spreads on 30-Day Commercial Paper

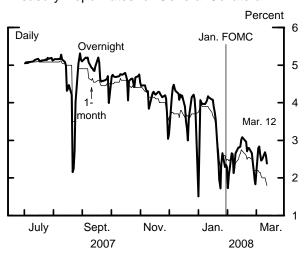


2007 2008 Note. The ABCP spread is the AA ABCP rate minus the AA financial rate. The A2/P2 spread is the A2/P2 nonfinancial rate minus the AA nonfinancial rate.

Federal Funds Rates



Treasury Repo Rates for General Collateral



Policy Expectations and Treasury Yields

Money Market Futures Rates Percent FOMC January ISM FOMC Chairman's February 4.4 statement employment nonmanufacturing testimony minutes employment 4.2 report report 4.0 3.8 3.6 December 2009 Eurodollar 3.4 3.2 3.0 2.8 April 2008 federal funds 2.6 24 2.2

Feb. 19

Feb. 22

Feb. 8 Note. 5-minute intervals. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No adjustments for term premiums.

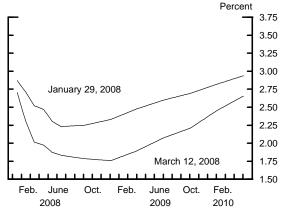
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Expected Federal Funds Rates

Jan. 31

Jan. 28

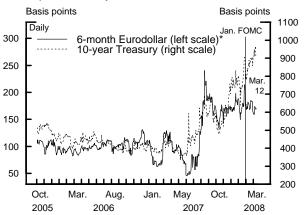


Note. Estimates from federal funds and Eurodollar futures.

Implied Volatility of Interest Rates

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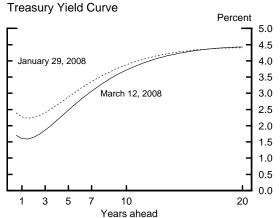
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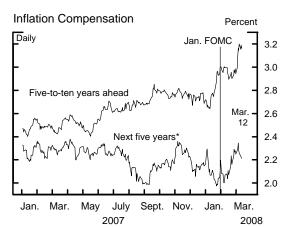
Mar. 6

Mar. 11

*Width of a 90 percent confidence interval computed from the term structures for the expected federal funds rate and implied volatility.



Note. Smoothed yield curve estimated from off-the-run Treasury coupon securities. Yields shown are those on notional par Treasury securities with semiannual coupons.

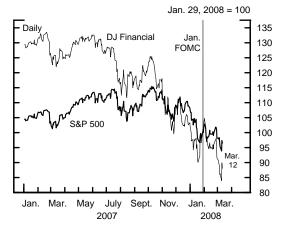


Note. Estimates based on smoothed nominal and inflationindexed Treasury yields.

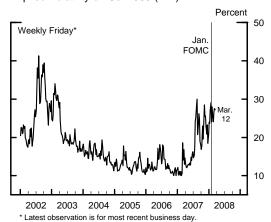
*Adjusted for lagged indexation of TIPS.

Corporate Yields, Risk Spreads, and Stock Prices

Selected Stock Price Indexes



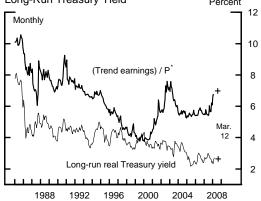
Implied Volatility on S&P 500 (VIX)



Corporate Bond Spreads Basis points Basis points 375 800 Jan. FOMC 10-year high-yield 300 600 (left scale) 225 400 150 200 10-year BBB (right scale) 75 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

Note. Measured relative to comparable-maturity Treasuries.

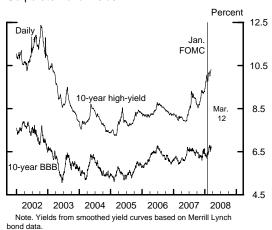
Ratio of Trend Earnings to Price for S&P 500 and Long-Run Treasury Yield Percent



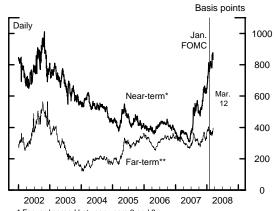
- * Trend earnings are estimated using analysts' forecasts of year-ahead earnings from I/B/E/S.

 + Denotes the latest observation using daily interest rates and stock prices and latest earnings data from I/B/E/S.

Corporate Bond Yields



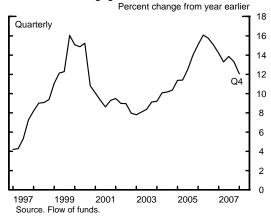
High-Yield Forward Credit Spreads



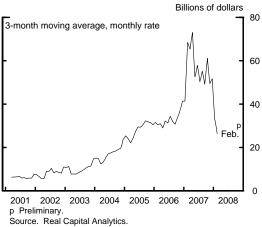
- * Forward spread between years 2 and 3.
 ** Forward spread between years 9 and 10.
 Source. Staff estimates.

Commercial Real Estate

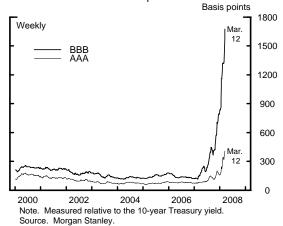
Commercial Mortgage Debt



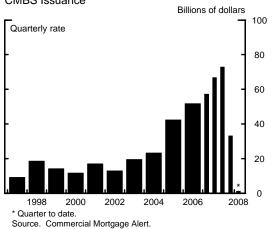
Sales of Commercial Real Estate



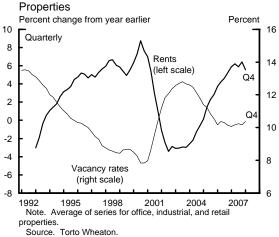
Investment-Grade CMBS Spreads



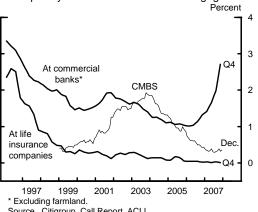
CMBS Issuance



Rents and Vacancy Rates on Commercial

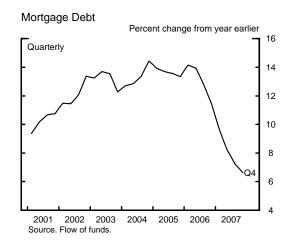


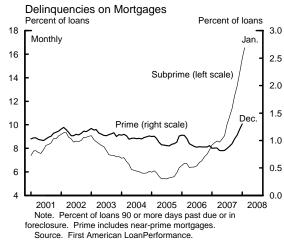
Delinquency Rates on Commercial Mortgages



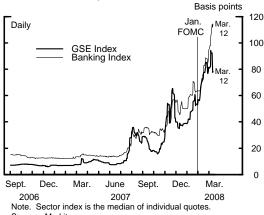
Source. Citigroup, Call Report, ACLI.

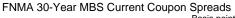
Residential Mortgages

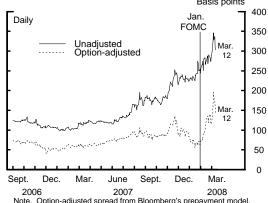


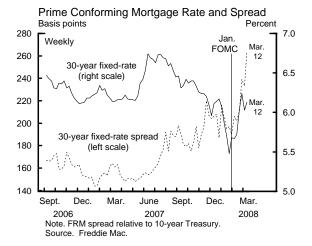


Credit Default Swap Premiums

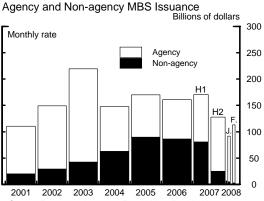








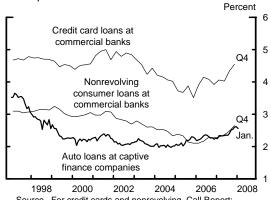
Note. Option-adjusted spread from Bloomberg's prepayment model. Unadjusted spread relative to duration-matched Treasury. Source. Bloomberg.



Source. For agency issuance, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae. For non-agency issuance, Inside Mortgage Finance MBS database.

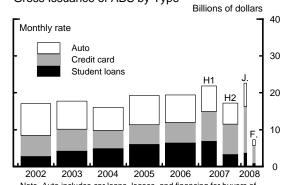
Consumer Credit and Household Wealth

Delinquencies on Consumer Loans



Source. For credit cards and nonrevolving, Call Report; for auto loans, Federal Reserve.

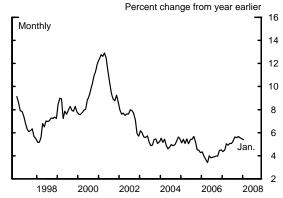
Gross Issuance of ABS by Type



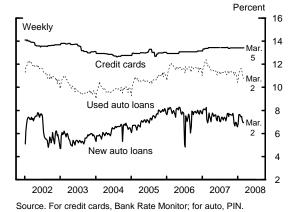
Note. Auto includes car loans, leases, and financing for buyers of of motorcycles, trucks, and other vehicles.

Source. Inside Mortgage Finance MBS database, Merrill Lynch.

Consumer Credit



Interest Rates on Consumer Loans



Net Flows into Mutual Funds

(Billions of dollars, monthly rate)

Fund type	2006		2007		20	2008		
,	H1	H1	Q3	Q4	Jan.	Feb.e	Jan.	
Total long-term funds	18.9	31.9	4.6	7.0	-22.0	27.0	8,433	
Equity funds	13.3	14.7	1.2	1.2	-44.8	10.2	6,023	
Domestic	0.9	1.3	-8.3	-8.5	-35.7	3.9	4,511	
International	12.4	13.4	9.5	9.7	-9.1	6.3	1,512	
Hybrid funds	0.6	2.6	1.0	1.2	-1.5	3.5	690	
Bond funds	5.0	14.6	2.5	4.6	24.3	13.3	1,720	
High-yield	-0.2	0.2	-0.8	-0.6	-2.2	-0.5	152	
Other taxable	4.0	11.9	3.1	6.5	24.0	12.1	1,189	
Municipals	1.3	2.4	0.2	-1.3	2.5	1.7	380	
Money market funds	27.8	26.3	110.9	87.2	178.8	112.3	3,325	

Note. Excludes reinvested dividends.

e Staff estimate based on confidential weekly data.

Source. Investment Company Institute.

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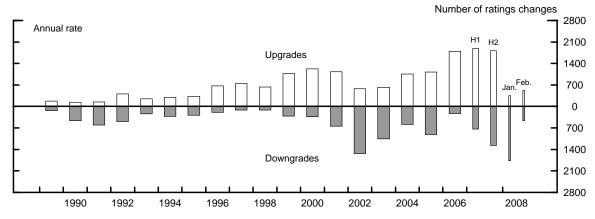
Gross Offerings of Municipal Securities

(Billions of dollars; monthly rate, not seasonally adjusted)

				20	07	2008	
Type of security	2004	2005	2006	H1	H2	Jan.	Feb.
Total	34.7	38.4	36.1	41.8	38.8	20.7	22.0
Long-term ¹	29.8	34.2	32.5	38.5	32.5	19.1	21.2
Refundings ²	10.8	15.6	10.6	16.4	8.5	3.9	6.3
New capital	19.0	18.6	21.9	22.0	24.0	15.2	14.8
Short-term	4.9	4.2	3.7	3.4	6.3	1.6	.8
Memo: Long-term taxable	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.6	1.0	.9

- 1. Includes issues for public and private purposes.
- 2. All issues that include any refunding bonds.

Ratings Changes

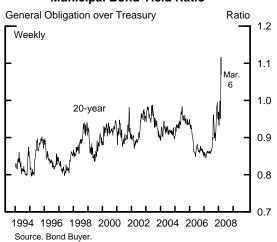


Source. S&P's Credit Week Municipal and Ratings Direct.

Municipal Bond Yields



Municipal Bond Yield Ratio



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Reuters/University of Michigan Survey of Consumers

Indexes of consumer sentiment (Not seasonally adjusted)

	2007					2008		
Category	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. ^P
Composite of current and expected conditions ¹ Current conditions ¹ Expected conditions ¹		83.4 97.9 74.1	80.9 97.6 70.1	76.1 91.5 66.2	75.5 91.0 65.6	78.4 94.4 68.1	70.8 83.8 62.4	70.5 84.6 61.4
Personal financial situation Now compared with 12 months ago ² Expected in 12 months ²		109 119	111 119	101 115	98 112	98 116	94 112	94 110
Expected business conditions Next 12 months ² Next 5 years ²	87 88	82 96	78 84	73 76	68 81	68 88	54 83	48 87
Appraisal of buying conditions Cars Large household appliances ² Houses	133 152 118	139 144 123	128 142 131	117 136 122	117 137 128	119 146 124	119 123 140	115 125 130
Expected unemployment change - next 12 months	131	127	130	128	139	141	141	145
Prob. household will lose a job - next 5 years	24	21	21	19	23	21	24	21
Expected inflation - next 12 months Mean Median	4.0 3.2	4.0 3.1	3.7 3.1	4.3 3.4	4.4 3.4	4.0 3.4	3.9 3.6	4.6 4.5
Expected inflation - next 5 to 10 years Mean Median	3.4 2.9	3.4 2.9	3.1 2.8	3.4 2.9	3.5 3.1	3.4 3.0	3.4 3.0	3.3 2.9

Note. Figures on financial, business, and buying conditions are the percent reporting 'good times' (or 'better') minus the percent reporting 'bad times' (or 'worse'), plus 100. Expected change in unemployment is the fraction expecting unemployment to rise minus the fraction expecting unemployment to fall, plus 100. P Preliminary.

- 1. Feb. 1966 = 100.
- 2. Indicates the question is one of the five equally-weighted components of the index of sentiment.

