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CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Summary and Outlook

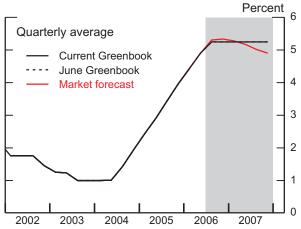
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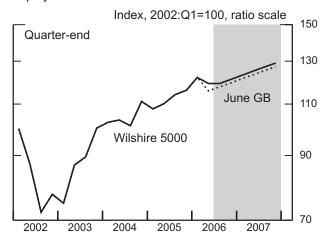
Key Background Factors Underlying the Baseline Staff Projection

Federal Funds Rate

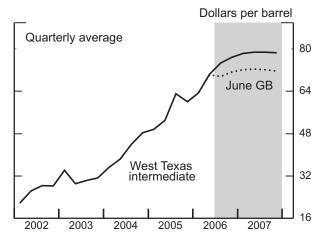


Note. The assumed federal funds rate is unchanged from the June Greenbook.

Equity Prices

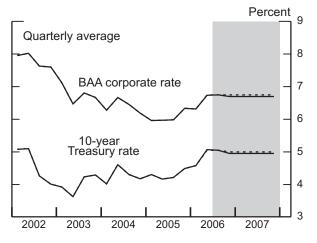


Crude Oil Prices

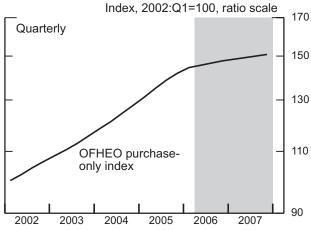


Note. Shading represents the projection period.

Long-term Interest Rates

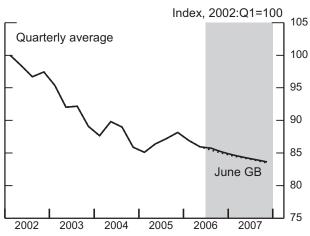


House Prices



Note. The projection period begins in 2006:Q2. There is no June Greenbook projection because we previously forecast the OFHEO repeat-transactions index.

Broad Real Dollar



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

	2000	5:Q2	200	6:Q3
Measure	June GB	Aug. GB	June GB	Aug. GB
Real GDP	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.2
Private domestic final purchases	1.8	1.9	2.6	2.5
Personal consumption expenditures	2.2	2.5	3.2	3.2
Residential investment	-7.4	-9.0	-11.6	-16.4
Business fixed investment	4.8	4.9	7.2	9.7
Government outlays for consumption				
and investment	.9	1.6	1.5	2.1
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Inventory investment	.1	.7	2	7
Net exports	.2	.3	.3	.3

similar increases in July and August. The unemployment rate is expected to remain close to its second-quarter level over the next few months.

Meanwhile, manufacturing output has recorded broad-based gains in recent months indeed, manufacturing IP increased 0.7 percent in June and rose at an annual rate of 5½ percent in the second quarter. We have raised our third-quarter projection for the increase in manufacturing IP to 43/4 percent, 1½ percentage points more than in the June Greenbook and in line with the pattern of new orders and other indicators.

We expect real consumer spending to rise at an annual rate of 3\(\frac{1}{4}\) percent this quarter, ³/₄ percentage point faster than in the second quarter. PCE growth is expected to get a boost from a step-up in purchases of motor vehicles—in fact, sales of light motor vehicles came in at an annual rate of 17.1 million units in July, nearly 1 million units above the second-quarter pace. However, with energy prices having risen further, and with consumer confidence (as measured by the Michigan survey) well below the levels of earlier this year, growth in non-auto spending is expected to remain around its secondquarter pace. Our forecast for the fourth quarter has motor vehicle expenditures holding steady and PCE growth slowing to 2½ percent.

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

Measure	20	006	2007
Wicasurc	H1	H2	2007
Real GDP	4.3	2.1	2.3
Previous	3.9	2.7	2.7
Final sales	4.0	2.6	2.4
Previous	3.9	2.6	2.6
PCE	3.6	2.8	2.4
Previous	3.7	3.0	2.9
Residential investment	-4.8	-14.0	-3.1
Previous	-2.9	-7.5	-1.7
BFI	9.2	9.3	5.3
Previous	8.9	6.8	5.4
Government purchases	3.2	2.3	2.0
Previous	2.8	1.5	1.3
Exports	8.8	5.3	5.1
Previous	10.0	5.2	5.2
Imports	4.7	3.1	4.0
Previous	6.3	3.5	4.6
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Inventory change	.4	4	1
Previous		.1	.1
Net exports	.1	.1	1
Previous	0	0	2

revision to potential GDP; we have also factored in a hit to real disposable income over the projection period from the higher energy prices. As before, the contour of the PCE projection is influenced importantly by the waning of our estimated wealth effects, which are likely to be a small negative for PCE growth in 2007 after adding about 1 percentage point in 2005 and ³/₄ percentage point in 2006. The lagged effects of earlier increases in interest rates are also likely to restrain the growth of real PCE in 2007.

Our forecast has single-family starts dropping noticeably over the next few quarters as demand softens further and as homebuilders work off excess inventories. By early next

Decomposition of Structural Labor Productivity

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

Measure	1974- 95	1996- 2000	2001- 04	2004	2005	2006	2007
Structural labor productivity Previous	1.5 1.5	2.5 2.5	3.0 3.3	2.7 3.1	2.7 3.1	2.7 3.0	2.7 3.0
Contributions ¹ Capital deepening Previous	.7	1.4	.6	.5	.6	.6	.7
	.7	1.4	.7	.7	1.0	1.0	1.0
Multifactor productivity	.5	.8	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Previous	.5	.8	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8
Labor composition	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2
MEMO Potential GDP Previous	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.9
	3.0	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2

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	2004	2005	2006	2007
Output per hour, nonfarm business	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5
Previous	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.9
Nonfarm private payroll employment Previous	1.7	1.6	1.2	.4
	1.7	1.6	1.4	.4
Household survey employment	1.3	1.9	1.3	.3
Previous	1.3	1.9	1.2	.3
Labor force participation rate ¹ Previous	66.0	66.1	66.0	65.7
	66.0	66.1	66.0	65.7
Civilian unemployment rate ¹ Previous	5.4	5.0	4.8	5.2
	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.2
MEMO GDP gap ² Previous	6 7	0 4	.3 3	4 8

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

^{1.} Percentage points.

^{2.} Percent difference between actual and potential GDP in the fourth quarter of the year indicated. A negative number indicates that the economy is operating below potential.

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

Measure	2004	2005	2006	2007
PCE chain-weighted price index	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.1
Previous	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.2
Food and beverages Previous	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.3
	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.3
Energy	17.8	21.2	10.4	1
Previous	17.9	21.8	4.1	1.4
Excluding food and energy Previous	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.3
	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.2
Consumer price index	3.3	3.7	3.4	2.3
Previous	3.3	3.7	2.6	2.3
Excluding food and energy Previous	2.1	2.1	2.9	2.5
	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.4
GDP chain-weighted price index Previous	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.3
	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.3
ECI for compensation of private industry workers ¹ Previous	3.8	2.9	3.2	3.8
	3.8	2.9	3.2	3.7
Compensation per hour, nonfarm business sector Previous	3.8 5.9	4.2 2.8	5.5 5.1	5.3 5.2
Prices of core nonfuel imports Previous	3.7	2.2	3.3	1.4
	3.7	2.2	3.1	1.5

^{1.} December to December.

we continue to expect this measure to rise 3¼ percent in 2006 and 3¾ percent in 2007. Meanwhile, the NIPA revisions significantly altered the contour of the "productivity and cost" (P&C) measure of hourly compensation in recent years: In contrast to the sharp step-down in 2005 indicated by the earlier data, P&C compensation is now estimated to have risen 4¼ percent last year after an increase of 3¾ percent in 2004. With the incoming data pointing to a further step-up in the first half of 2006, we are projecting increases in P&C compensation of approximately 5½ percent both this year and next as past productivity gains and the relatively large price increases of the past few years pass through to wages.

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

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Measure and scenario	H1	H2	2007
Real GDP		•	
Greenbook Baseline	4.3	2.1	2.3
Persistent inflation	4.3	2.0	2.1
Lower NAIRU	4.3	2.2	2.7
No slowdown	4.3	2.9	3.5
Housing slump	4.3	1.5	1.7
Unemployment rate ¹			
Greenbook Baseline	4.7	4.8	5.2
Persistent inflation	4.7	4.8	5.3
Lower NAIRU	4.7	4.8	5.2
No slowdown	4.7	4.7	4.5
Housing slump	4.7	4.9	5.6
Core PCE inflation			
Greenbook Baseline	2.5	2.5	2.3
Persistent inflation	2.5	3.0	3.0
Lower NAIRU	2.5	2.3	2.0
No slowdown	2.5	2.5	2.3
Housing slump	2.5	2.5	2.3
Federal funds rate ¹			
Greenbook Baseline	4.9	5.3	5.3
Persistent inflation	4.9	5.4	5.9
Lower NAIRU	4.9	5.1	4.7
No slowdown	4.9	5.6	6.7
Housing slump	4.9	5.1	4.4

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

Real GDP receives a boost from the associated fall in the real federal funds rate as households and firms also come to realize that prospects for the levels of permanent income and of earnings have improved.

No slowdown. We anticipate that economic growth will slow considerably from its average pace in the first half of this year, but with long-term interest rates still low relative to historical norms, this moderation may not materialize. Fueled by historically high profit margins, real business spending on equipment and software in this simulation continues to expand at roughly the 8½ percent annual rate seen over the past two years,

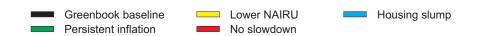
Selected Greenbook Projections and 70 Percent Confidence Intervals Derived from Historical Forecast Errors and FRB/US Simulations

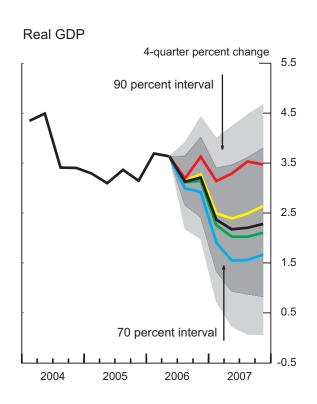
Measure	2006	2007
Real GDP		
(percent change, Q4 to Q4)		
Projection	3.2	2.3
Confidence interval		
Greenbook forecast errors	2.4-4.0	0.7 - 3.9
FRB/US stochastic simulations	2.4–4.0	0.8 - 3.8
Civilian unemployment rate		
(percent, Q4)		
Projection	4.8	5.2
Confidence interval		
Greenbook forecast errors	4.5-5.0	4.5-5.9
FRB/US stochastic simulations	4.4–5.1	4.5–5.7
PCE prices		
excluding food and energy		
(percent change, Q4 to Q4)		
Projection	2.5	2.3
Confidence interval		
Greenbook forecast errors	2.2-2.8	1.6–3.0
FRB/US stochastic simulations	2.2–2.8	1.6–3.0
Federal funds rate		
(percent, Q4)		
Projection	5.2	5.2
Confidence interval		
FRB/US stochastic simulations	4.8–5.7	4.0-6.7

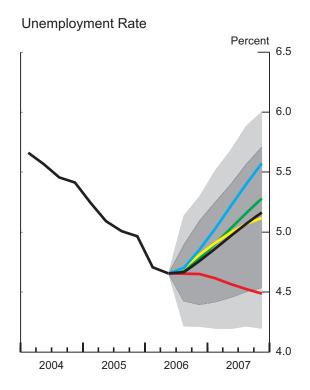
NOTE. Shocks underlying FRB/US stochastic simulations are randomly drawn from the 1986-2004 set of model equation residuals. Intervals derived from Greenbook forecast errors are based on the 1986-2004 set of Greenbook historical errors.

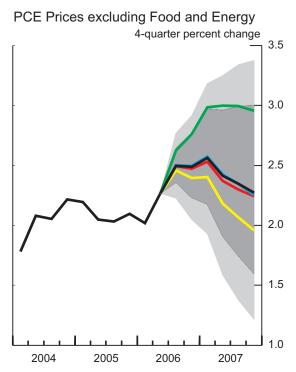
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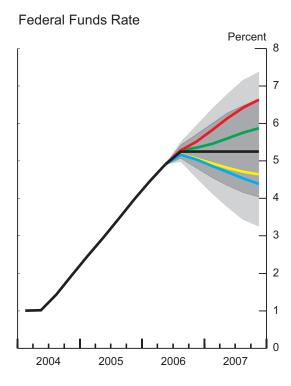
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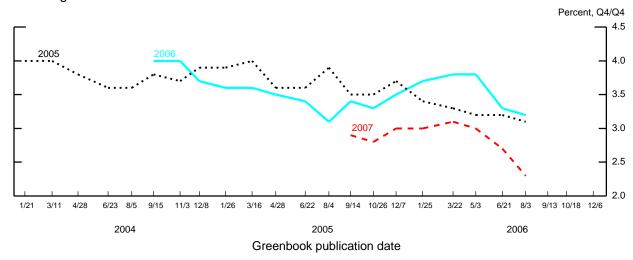




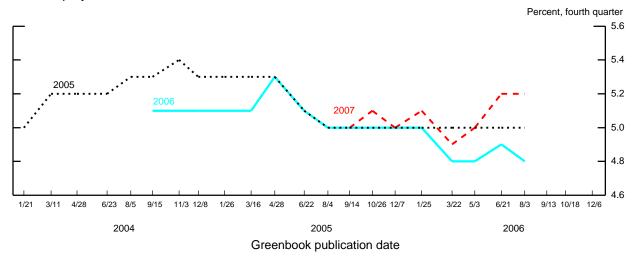


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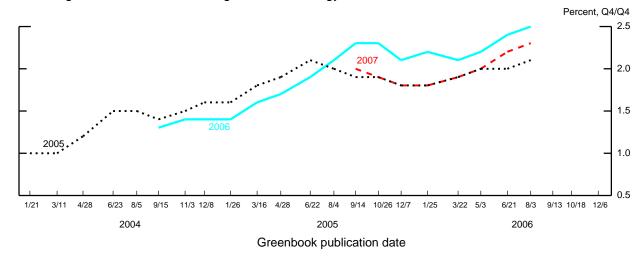
Change in Real GDP



Unemployment Rate



Change in PCE Prices excluding Food and Energy



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

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Core PCE price index Unemployment rate 1	6/21/06	5.2 5.1 5.0 5.0	7.444 7.844 6.9	5.0 5.1 5.1 5.2	£	2.1.	4. 4	5.5 5.1 4.8 5.1
price index	8/3/06	2.4 1.9 1.6 2.5	25.9 25.5 25.5	2.2.2 2.2.2 2.2.2	2.1 2.5 2.5 2.5	2.3	2.2 2.1 2.5 2.3	2.0 2.1 2.3 2.4
Core PCE	6/21/06	2.1 4.1 4.1 4.2 4.2	3.0 2.3 2.3 2.3	2.2 2.2 2.1 2.1	2.1 2.5 2.2	25.2	2.2.2 2.4.2 2.4.5	2.0 2.2 2.2 2.2
PCE price index	8/3/06	2.3 3.1 4.1 2.9	2.0 4.1 3.5 2.1	2.0 2.2 2.2 2.1	3.5.7 3.1 3.1 2.8	2.1	3.0 3.1 2.9 2.1	2.6 2.9 3.1 2.4
PCE pri	6/21/06	23.3 2.9 2.9	2.0 4.3 1.8 1.8	2.2 2.2 2.1 2.0	3.3 3.3 3.1 1.8	2.2 2.1	3.1 3.0 2.5 2.2	2.8 2.8 2.2
GDP	8/3/06	8.8.4 4.8.4 8.1	5.6 3.0 2.2 2.1	22.2 23.3 2.3 4.	3.3 3.0 4.3	2.3	3.2 3.2 2.3 3.2	3.9 3.2 3.4 2.3
Real GDP	6/21/06	3.8 3.3 7.1	5.8 2.0 2.7 2.7	2.5 2.7 2.7	3.5 3.9 2.7	2.6	33.23.8 2.33.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.25.	4.2 3.5 3.4 2.6
1 GDP	8/3/06	7.0 5.8 7.6 5.1	9.0 6.5 5.3 3.7	2,4,4,4,6,2,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,	4.6 6.3 7.7 7.4	4.6	6.7 6.4 6.1 7.4	6.9 6.3 6.6 4.7
Nominal GDP	6/21/06	7.0 6.0 7.6 5.2	9.3 5.9 5.0 4.3	8.4 8.3 6.4 9.4	6.5 6.4 7.6	5.1	6.8 6.4 6.1 5.0	7.0 6.4 6.6 4.9
	Interval	Quarterly 2005:Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	2006:Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	2007:Q1 Q2 Q3 Q3 Q4	Two-quarter ² 2005:Q2 Q4 2006:Q2 006:Q2 04	2007:Q2 Q4	Four-quarter ³ 2004:Q4 2005:Q4 2006:Q4 2007:Q4	Annual 2004 2005 2006 2007

^{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)

		2003)5			2006	9			2007	7				
Item	01	Q 2	03	Q4	Q1	Q2	03	94	Q1	Q 2	03	9	20051	20061	20071
Real GDP Previous	4.8. 8.8.	3.3	4.2	1.8	5.6	3.0	2.2 2.7	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.2	2.3
Final sales Previous Priv. dom. final purch. Previous	3.3 3.7 7.8 1.1	5.6 6.7 7.6 7.6 7.6	4.4.4.4.4.6.4.8.	3 2 1.1 1.5	5.6 5.9 5.5 5.9	2.3 1.9 1.9	2.9 2.5 2.5	2.3 2.3 2.9	2.0 2.3 2.1 2.8	2.8 3.0 3.0 3.0	2.7 2.5 2.5 2.9	1.9 2.1 2.5 2.8	3.2 3.3 3.6 3.7	3.3 3.0 3.3	2.2. 4.2. 4.2. 9.2.
Personal cons. expend. **Previous** Durables** Nondurables** Services**	2.8 2.4 2.5 4.0 6.1	4.2 3.4 12.8 4.9 2.3	3.9 9.0 3.2 3.2	.8 .9 -12.3 3.9 2.0	4.8 5.2 19.8 5.9 1.6	2:5 2:2 5 1.7 3:5	3.2 3.2 3.0 4.5 4.5	2.53 2.83 2.85 1.86	2.4 3.0 4.0 2.9 1.9	4.2.4 4.2.4 4.2.8.1.8	4.2.2.4.2.2.8.1.8.2.1.8.2.1.8.2.1.8.2.1.8.2.1.8.2.1.8.2.1.8.2.2.2.2	2.2.4 4.2.8 2.8.2 9.1.9	2.9 2.9 2.4 2.4 2.3	6.6.7.6.4. 6.6.4.6.4.	2.9 4.2 4.2 8.1 8.1
Residential investment Previous	11.1	20.0	7.1	2.8	3	-9.0 -7.4	-16.4	-11.6	-7.7	-2.7	-1.3	6	9.0	-9.5 -5.2	-3.1
Business fixed invest. Previous Equipment & software Previous Nonres. structures Previous	6.0 6.3 8.3 8.3 -2.0	5.2 8.8 7.9 10.9 -2.0	5.9 8.5 11.0 10.6 -7.0	5.2 4.5 2.8 5.0 12.0 3.1	13.7 13.2 15.6 13.8 8.7 11.8	4.9 4.8 -1.1 1.8 21.6 13.2	9.7 7.2 8.5 6.6 12.4 8.6	9.0 6.4 7.8 5.9 11.9	7.4 4.4 8.8 4. 7.4 4.4 8.4 8.4 8.4 8.4 8.4 8.4 8.4 8.4 8	5.9 5.7 6.1 6.8 4.9	6.5 6.0 6.0 6.0 8.3	5.5 5.2 6.1 4.6 4.0	5.6 6.9 7.0 8.7 1.8	9.3 7.9 7.5 6.9 13.6 10.3	6.6. 6.7. 6.7. 7.8. 7.8. 8.4. 9.4.
Net exports ² $\frac{Previous^2}{\text{Exports}}$ Exports Imports	-626 -645 4.7 4.1	-606 -614 9.4 1.4	-608 -617 3.2 2.5	-637 -655 9.6 13.2	-637 -660 14.0 9.1	-627 -654 3.9 .5	-618 -644 5.6 1.8	-622 -655 5.1 4.4	-630 -667 5.0 5.0	-623 -663 5.2 2.2	-615 -658 5.2 1.9	-632 -676 5.2 6.9	-619 -633 6.7 5.2	-626 -653 7.1 3.9	-625 -666 5.1 4.0
Govt. cons. & invest. Previous Federal Defense Nondefense State & local	1.0 9.1 6.7 7.7 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0	1.2 2.4.24 4.6.44 7.	3.4 2.9 9.6 11.2 6.2 1	-1.1 8 -4.6 -9.9 7.1	4.4 8.8 8.8 7.5 7.5	1.6 .9 .3.4 -1.0 -7.9 4.6	2.1 2.1 2.6 1.0 2.1	4.1.2.4.4.2.5.2.5.2.5.2.5.2.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3	2.5 1.3 3.1 4.7 0.	2.2 1.3 2.3 3.5 .0	1.8 1.3 2.2 2.2 .0	1.6 1.3 .8 .0 .0	2.1 1.6 1.9 4.2 8.	2.7 2.1 2.6 3.7 3.7 2.9	2.0 1.3 1.9 2.9 .0
Change in bus, inventories ² $Previous^2$ Nonfarm ² Farm ²	55 58 55 1		-13 -14 -14	43 38 39 5	41 35 37 4	62 38 4 4	44 33 1	39 42 38 1	43 42 1	29 41 28 1	16 35 15	32 53 31 1	20 20 20 0	46 37 3	30 44 29 1
1 Change from fourth quarter of previous ves	r of previous	2007 2110	r to four	th angree	of year i	ndicate	-								

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

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

Real GDP Previous Final sales Previous Priv. dom. final purch. Previous			-						
Final sales Previous Priv. dom. final purch. Previous	7.4 7.4	2.2	44	1.9	3.7	3.8 3.8	3.1	3.3	2.3
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Previous expend. Previous Durables Nondurables Services	9.4 9.4 9.5 9.4 4.9	1.4 7.4 7.0 8.0 7.5	2.8 2.8 10.8 1.9 1.6	1.9 1.2 1.2 2.1 1.9	8.8.8.6.4.4.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.6.	3.8 3.8 3.8 3.8 7.8	2.2 2.4 2.4 2.5 4.6 5.7	88 7 8 9 58 4 8 4	4.2.2.4.2.2.8.2.8.1.8
Residential investment <i>Previous</i>	3.6	-1.9	1.4 4.1	7.0	11.7	6.1	9.0	-9.5 -5.2	-3.1
Business fixed invest. Previous Equipment & software Previous Nonres. structures Previous	7.7 7.7 10.8 10.8 9	× × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × ×	-9.6 -9.6 -9.0 -9.0 -11.1	-6.5 -3.4 -3.4 -14.9	4.9 5.6 6.6 7.2 7.2 1.2	6.9 10.9 8.3 13.8 2.7 2.7	5.6 6.9 7.0 8.7 1.8 1.5	9.3 7.9 7.5 6.9 13.6 10.3	6.00 6.00 7.00 8.40 8.40 8.40 8.40 8.40 8.40 8.40 8
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Net exports}^2 \\ Previous^2 \\ \text{Exports} \\ \text{Imports} \end{array}$	-296 -296 5.6 12.1	-379 -379 6.5 11.2	-399 -399 -11.9 -7.6	471 471 3.8 9.7	-519 -521 5.8 4.8	-591 -601 7.0 10.6	-619 -633 6.7 5.2	-626 -653 7.1 3.9	-625 -666 5.1 4.0
Govt. cons. & invest. Previous Federal Defense Nondefense State & local	44 4444 55 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	4. 4. 5.6. 7. 5.6. 7. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	5.0 5.0 6.3 6.3 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0 7.0	4.4.0 0.8.7.8 6.8.4.8.1.2	7.11 6.17 7.25 7.27 7.27 7.27 7.27	22.3 22.3 1.8 4.	1.6 1.6 1.9 2.4 8.	2.7 2.1 3.7 3.7 2.9	2.0 1.3 1.9 2.9 2.0 2.1
Change in bus. inventories ² **Previous ² Nonfarm ² Farm ²	69 69 72 -3	56 56 58 -1	-32 -32 -32 0	12 12 15 -2	14 15 14 0	53 52 47 6	20 20 20 0	46 37 44 3	30 44 29 1

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

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

	20071	2.3	2.3 2.6 2.1 2.5	1.7 2.0 3. .6	51	664466		4 & 11 10 %	1. 1. 0.
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	20051	3.1	3.2 3.3 3.1 3.2	2.0 2.1 2.9 9.9	<i>i</i> 4	6. r. v. r. o. o.	 	2 th -1 -1 -1 -1	-:1 -:2 -:2
	Q4	2.4	1.9 2.2 2.5	1.7 2.0 .3 .6 .8	0 1	<i>κ</i> ί <i>φ</i> ΄ <i>4</i> ΄ <i>κ</i> ′ - i - i	6 6 .6 1.2	<i>ww.</i> 110 <i>w</i>	~ v o v o
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20	Q2	3.0	2.3 1.9 1.7	1.7 1.5 0. 3.1 1.4	•6 •5	<i>κ</i> ; <i>κ</i> ; <u>1</u> = 1	ώ	<i>wid</i> 4 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	r. r. o.
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2005	Q3	4.2 4.1	4.4.4.4.4.6.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4	2.8 2.9 7. 1.3	4.4.	ô º œ œ ú ú i i	1 4.	6 ki L ki I 0	. 4
20	Q2	3.3	5.5 5.5 4.6 3.9	2.9 2.4 1.0 1.0	1.1	& &	7.1 1.1 9.	5	-2.2 -2.1 -2.0 3
	Q1	3.8	3.5 3.5 3.6 3.6	2.4 2.2 1.0 7.	9. S.	6 6 6 6 1 1.	5 4 v 6.	64 660 i	-i & -i - G
	Item	Real GDP Previous	Final sales Previous Priv. dom. final purch. Previous	Personal cons. expend. Previous Durables Nondurables Services	Residential investment Previous	Business fixed invest. Previous Equipment & software Previous Nonres. structures Previous	Net exports Previous Exports Imports	Govt. cons. & invest. Previous Federal Defense Nondefense State & local	Change in bus. inventories *Previous* Nonfarm Farm

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	2005			20	2006			2(2007				
Item	Q1	Q2	03	9	01	Q2	03	95	01	02	03	94	20051	20061	20071
GDP chain-wt. price index	3.5	2.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	1.6	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.2	3.1	2.8	2.3
DCE chain wet price index	2.1	, v -	<u></u>	. c		5.5	, 4 , 4	5.5	., c	3, 0	., c		2.1	.; c	2.7 C. C
ree cham:-wt. pine muex Previous	23	3.3	3.7	2.9	2.0	4.3	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.2
Energy $Previous$	3.0	22.1 28.6	56.3 50.0	9.8	1. 2.	29.7 30.2	18.6	-3.4	-2.6 2.2	2.0	1.2	<u>-:</u> 5:	21.2 21.8	10.4	1
Food Previous	1.3	3.5	1.4	2:2	2.7	1.7	2.8	2.5	2.2 4.4	2.2 4.4	2.2 4.4	2.3	2.1	2.2. 4.4.	2.3
Ex. food & energy $Previous$	2.5. 4.4.	1.9	1.6	2.5	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.3
CPI Previous	2.3	3.8	5.5 5.5	33.3	2.2	4.9 8.4	4.2	2.3	2.1	2, 2, 4, 4,	2.3	2.2	3.7	3.4	2.3
Ex. food & energy $Previous$	2.6	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.2 4.4	3.6	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.2 4.4	2.3	2.1	2.9	2.5
ECI, hourly compensation ²	3.8	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.2. 4.4.	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.8
Nontarm business sector ³ Output per hour Previous	3.7	2.5 4.4	4.4. 4.5.	1 3	4.0 4.4	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5
Compensation per hour Previous	4.5 5.6	1.6	8.0	2.9	6.4 5.1	5.4 4.8	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	4.2 2.8	5.5	5.3
Unit labor costs Previous	8. 8.	8	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	1.6	3.0	2.8

^{1.} Change from fourth quarter of previous year to fourth quarter of year indicated. 2. Private-industry workers. 3. Data in history reflect the staff's translation of newly revised NIPA data.

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Other Macroeconomic Indicators

		20	2005			200	2006			2007	07				
Item	Q1	02	03	Q4	Q1	05	Q3	Q4	Q1	05	Q3	Q4	20051	20061	20071
Employment and production Nonfarm payroll employment ² Unemployment rate ³ Previous ³ GDP gap ⁴ Previous ⁴	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	5: 1:2 1:2 4:	5.0 5.0 5.0 1	4. 5.0 5.0 6.7 7.	6. 4.4 7.4 6. 6.	4. 4.4 6.0.	£. 4.4. 8.4. 5.1	£ 4.4 8.6 £ £	2. 4.9 5.0 1	2. 5.0 5.1 5	1. 2. 2	1. 2.2. 4	1.9 5.0 5.0 6.1 7.	2.1 8.4 8.6 8.5 8.5 8.5	L. 2.2.2. 4 8:-
Industrial production ⁵ **Previous ⁵ Manufacturing industr. prod. ⁵ **Previous ⁵ Capacity utilization rate - mfg. ³ **Previous ³	8.8.4.4.87 8.8.2.4.87 7.87	1.6 1.6 1.3 1.3 78.5 78.5	1.4 1.4 2.0 2.0 78.5 78.5	5.3 5.3 9.1 79.8 79.8	5.3 5.3 80.3 80.3 80.4	6.6 5.5 5.4 4.1 80.9 80.7	5.4 3.7 4.8 3.3 81.3 80.8	3.9 4.5 4.1 4.2 81.6 81.6	3.7. 3.8 3.8 8.1.8 8.1.8 8.1.3	3.4 2.9 3.5 3.0 81.9 81.3	3.2 2.6 3.4 2.7 81.9 2.18	3.2 2.6 3.5 2.9 81.1	3.0 3.0 4.2 4.2 79.8 79.8	5.3 4.7 4.9 81.6 81.1	3.4 2.9 3.6 3.1 81.9 81.1
Housing starts ⁶ Light motor vehicle sales ⁶	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.7
Income and saving Nominal GDP ⁵ Real disposable pers. income ⁵ Previous ⁵ Personal saving rate ³ Previous ³	7.0 -4.0 -3.4 .5	8. 8. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6.	7.6 6 -1.4 -1.5	5.1 5.1 5.1 5	9.0 1.7 2.0 -1.0	6.5 1.0 2.5 -1.5	\$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$. \$	2.8 4.4 6	4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4. 4	4 8 8 6 7 6 5 4	4 w w & & & v v	7.4 7.0 8.9 9.9	6.4 6.1 6.2 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.3	6.1 2.6 3.6 9	7. 4. 4. 4. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6.
Corporate profits ⁷ Profit share of GNP ³	30.6	7.1	-20.9	46.6	60.8	9.9 12.1	3 12.0	-5.1	-5.8 11.4	-5.0 11.2	-1.0	3	12.8 10.9	13.7	-3.0
Net federal saving 8 Net state & local saving 8	-288	-290 12	-396 -19	-264	-165 13	-154 25	-185 13	-212	-242 19	-250 16	-254 14	-262 14	-309	-179	-252 15
Gross national saving rate ³ Net national saving rate ³	13.2	12.6	13.1	12.7	13.8	13.6	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.2	12.7	13.1	13.2
			17	-			-	-							

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

Change, millions.
 Percent, annual values are for the fourth quarter of the year indicated.
 Percent, annual values are for the fourth quarter of the year indicated.
 Percent difference between actual and potential GDP; a negative number indicated that the conomy 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.

Percent change, annual rate.
 Level, millions, annual values are annual averages.
 Percent change, annual rate, with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments.
 Billions of dollars, annual values are annual averages.

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Staff Projections of Federal Sector Accounts and Related Items

August 3, 2006

(Billions of dollars except as noted)

al year 2006 2391 2673	al year 2006 2391 2673		2007	Q1 ^a Q1 ^a 452 452 628	2005 Q2 ^a 665 620	1 1 2 1 1 1	Q4 ^a Q4 ^a 530	O1 ^a Not 507	Ø`	Q3 y adjusted 581 656	d 682 682	Q1 525 730	2007 Q2	1 1 1 1	594 594 738
2293 2412 2013 -412 -318 -281 -412 -318 -296 -568 -494 -465 155 175 184			-310 -329 -504 193	-177 -177 -202 -25	920 45 45 -37 83	-69 -69 -84 -84	650 -119 -119 -170 51	-184 -184 -216 32	96 98 11 85	-75 -91 16	-119 -129 -183 -183	730 -205 -219 -231 26	88 88	-81 -79 -98 16	7.38 -145 -155 -208 -308
378 297 244 -1 1 6 35 21 31	244 6 31		328 -5 -12	165 2 10	-43 -11	73 -2 -1	112 -1 8	156 28 -1	-75 -38 16	51 16 8	114 5 -0	190 15 0	-66 -25 -4	06 0 8-	135 10 -0
36 36 30			35	22	33	36	37	∞	46	30	25	10	35	35	25
2174 2475	2475	6	2097	2214	2240	2182	2350	~	onally adjusted annua 2532 2546	_	rates —— 2569	2595	2619	2647	2678
2509 2667 758 797 509 535 249 263	2667 797 535 263	8 8 6 7	2847 843 570	2502 758 508 250	2530 761 512 249	2578 784 531 253	2613 771 517 254	2638 804 538 266	2686 803 538 264	2731 812 546 267	2781 822 553 268	2837 842 569 274	2869 851 576 275	2901 858 581 277	2940 864 586 278
1638 1751 1870 200 -386 -335 -192 -24 99 107 118 12		200 -24 12	408	1744 -288 105	1769 -290 108	1794 -396 112	1842 -264 115	1834 -165 118	1883 -154 119	1919 -185 120	1959 -212 122	1995 -242 124	2018 -250 126	2043 -254 127	2076 -262 127
-392 -344 -207 -256	'	-25	9	-295	-299	-408	-278	-180	-169	-201	-228	-259	-267	-271	-278
-358 -336 -227 -263	-227	-26	<u> </u>	-284	-294	-414	-281	-204	-199	-226	-247	-269	-270	-266	-267
0.5 -0.3 -1.0 0		0	0.2	-0.6	0.1	6.0	-1.1	9.0-	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.0	-0.1	-0.0
0.7 0.2 0.4 0.8 0.3 0.4			0.3	0.1	0.1 0.1	0.2	-0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1 0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.0	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

a--Actual

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.

Class II FOMC Restricted (FR)	OMC (FR)	C.	Change in Debt of the Domestic Nonfinancial Sectors (Percent)	he Domestic Nor (Percent)	afinancial Sect	ors	Augu	August 3, 2006
			Households					
Period ¹	Total	Total	Home mortgages	Consumer	Business	State and local governments	Federal	Memo: Nominal GDP
Year								
2000	4.8	8.6	8.2	10.8	9.3	1.3	-8.0	4.6
2001	6.1	8.6	9.5	7.7	6.1	8.8	2	2.7
2002	6.9	9.7	11.9	4.5	2.7	11.0	7.6	3.6
2003	8.1	11.3	14.3	4.2	2.7	8.3	10.9	5.9
2004	8.8	11.2	13.6	4.2	5.9	7.4	9.0	6.7
2005	9.5	11.7	14.2	2.7	7.9	10.2	7.0	6.4
2006	8.3	9.7	11.6	2.5	8.6	5.8	5.2	6.1
2007	9.9	9.9	7.7	2.6	7.0	4.2	7.0	4.7
Quarter								
2005:1	8.6	8.6	11.8	3.0	9.9	12.0	14.4	7.0
2	8.1	11.9	13.9	3.8	8.2	0.9	1.	5.8
33	9.5	12.3	14.9	4.7	7.6	13.0	5.1	7.6
4	9.4	11.1	13.4	T	8.3	8.5	7.8	5.1
2006:1	10.9	11.6	13.6	2.2	6.6	5.9	12.9	0.6
2	6.9	9.5	11.5	2.7	8.8	7.7	-3.0	6.5
æ	7.0	8.4	10.0	2.8	7.4	0.9	3.2	5.3
4	7.3	7.9	9.5	2.1	7.3	3.0	7.6	3.7
2007:1	8.2	8.9	8.0	2.2	7.2	4.3	15.0	4.3
2	4.9	6.5	7.5	2.4	8.9	4.2	-2.2	4.9
33	6.3	6.3	7.3	2.7	8.9	4.1	6.1	4.8
4	6.5	6.2	7.0	2.9	6.3	4.1	8.7	4.7

Note. Quarterly data are at seasonally adjusted annual rates.

1. Data after 2006:Q1 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

August 3, 2006

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

82.8 196.8 134.6 710.6 -242.4 953.0 213.8 13.8 65.3 128.6 .242.4 605.9 451.6 14.5 345.0 815.8 718.1 147.9 9 587.0 9.09 -262.4 212.9 13.2 823.9 730.4 128.5 108.0 262.4 8.68 554.2 849.4 633.4 82.8 195.1 309.4 63 2007 631.8 82.8 195.5 -1111.6 -262.4 $\frac{212.5}{10.4}$ 741.7 54.4 128.4 -262.4 -66.3 -95.3 535.2 1170.7 99.2 1433.1 830.1 62 775.8 -282.4 211.6 859.2 48.4 128.1 81.5 282.4 651.6 84.6 196.8 742.8 189.9 204.9 616.9 2055.7 2338.1 9 1657.5 -402.4 2059.9 209.7 15.2 402.4 648.3 58.8 196.7 114.4 354.9 7.668 47.2 119.2 369.7 128.1 9 1475.0 -465.0 -465.0 114.8 187.5 54.6 50.6 445.8 940.0 207.9 14.5 023.3 923.3 62.2 127.5 78.0 647.4 031403.0 207.0 14.2 1130.0 58.5 126.9 145.8 197.4 -74.8 698.4 -478.7 881.7 1032.1 64.4 -478.7 753.1 147.1 -96.5 62 2316.6 -560.0 2876.6 205.7 22.1 181.5 47.5 125.2 -33.7 -560.0 825.7 109.5 225.8 156.1 183.7 607.7 1039.1 9 -420.0 2434.8 -420.0 2014.8 205.0 122.3 -14.5 122.8 677.2 155.0 192.0 359.0 112.2 481.7 -249.4 9 2005 -470.8 2405.6 202.8 -470.8 1934.8 207.7 100.5 121.8 .331.9 228.9 200.3 231.9 72.8 69.0 859.0 63 212.5 13.6 1631.0 -262.4 1893.4 832.2 741.5 109.2 .262.4 629.9 83.2 335.6 512.8 2007 57.1 128.4 348.1 348.1 2006 713.0 -476.5 2189.5 207.1 16.5 117.5 009.2 53.9 126.5 -476.5 718.6 107.2 246.4 246.4 281.4 634.5 611.2 2005 935.7 -363.8 2299.5 202.8 18.5 208.9 57.6 120.6 .162.5 .363.8 204.5 306.9 306.9 319.7 814.2 078.4 197.4 16.6 -126.6 32.2 -126.6 361.9 6.967 815.9 942.4 86.2 112.5 115.3 2004 910.1 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 Current surplus 5 Federal government Net borrowing 2 Depository institutions Net debt issuance Financing gap⁴ Borrowing indicators Net borrowing Net borrowing Net funds raised Funds supplied Households Business Total

Note. Data after 2006:Q1 are staff projections.

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

^{2.} Includes change in liabilities not shown in home mortgages and consumer credit.

^{3.} Average debt levels in the period (computed as the average of period-end debt positions) divided by disposable personal income. 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.

^{6.4} FOF

International Developments

Data received over the intermeeting period confirm that growth of foreign output slowed in the second quarter from its very rapid first-quarter pace. However, the slowdown was slightly less pronounced than we had expected in the June Greenbook, as we were surprised on the upside by economic indicators in several key industrial and emerging market economies. As a result, we have marked up our estimates of foreign growth for both the second and current quarters. For next year, we project that foreign output growth will move down further, to a still-solid 3½ percent rate. Foreign consumer price inflation moved up noticeably in the second quarter, and we expect it to remain high in the second half of the year, mainly as recent increases in energy and other commodity prices are passed on to consumer prices, but it should fall back next year.

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

			F	Projectio	n
Indicator	2005	2006: Q1	20	06	2007
			Q2	Н2	2007
Foreign output June GB	3.7 3.7	4.6 4.5	3.7 3.5	3.4 3.3	3.2 3.3
Foreign CPI June GB	2.3 2.3	2.0 2.0	2.7 2.7	2.9 2.7	2.5 2.5

Note. Changes for years measured as Q4/Q4; half-year is measured as Q4/Q2.

Crude oil prices were once again volatile over the intermeeting period. Spot prices soared to new all-time highs in nominal terms in mid-July, mainly on heightened geopolitical turmoil, and fluctuated thereafter. On balance, the spot price of West Texas intermediate (WTI) crude oil has risen about \$7 per barrel since the time of the June Greenbook, and futures prices have risen by similar amounts. The foreign exchange value of the dollar fluctuated over the intermeeting period, falling in response to the June FOMC statement and to indications that U.S. growth may be slowing but rising on increases in geopolitical tensions. The projected path of the broad real dollar is little changed compared to the one in the previous Greenbook. On balance, financial market volatility and risk spreads on emerging market debt declined over the intermeeting period. Market volatility increased briefly in early July in response to an upturn in geopolitical tensions but not to the extent experienced earlier this year.

Staff Projections of Selected Trade Prices

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

		2006	P	rojectio	n
Trade category	2005	2006: Q1	20	06	2007
			Q2	Н2	2007
Exports					
Core goods	3.9	3.7	6.6	5.8	1.8
June GB	3.9	3.6	6.9	5.1	1.7
Imports					
Non-oil core goods	2.2	1.6	3.7	3.9	1.4
June GB	2.2	1.8	3.3	3.6	1.5
Oil price (dollars per barrel)	55.39	55.10	63.69	70.65	73.42
June GB	55.39	55.10	63.03	65.43	66.63

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

Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2006, core import prices are projected to decelerate because of a waning of the effects of higher commodity prices and earlier dollar depreciation. By the end of 2007, with commodity prices having leveled off and the dollar depreciating only gradually, core import price inflation is projected to drop to about 1 percent. Our projection of core import price inflation is very close to that in the June Greenbook, as data have come in about as expected and our projections for commodity prices and the dollar are little changed.

Core export prices increased at an annual rate of 6½ percent in the second quarter. This rise was concentrated in prices of exported industrial supplies, which increased at an annual rate of nearly 17 percent. In the current quarter, core export prices are expected to accelerate further because of the recent strength of producer prices for intermediate materials excluding food and energy as well as of prices for primary commodities (especially metals). Thereafter, core export price inflation is expected to decline, as prices for intermediate materials and primary commodities level off. Compared with the previous Greenbook, the projected rate of core export price inflation in the current guarter is almost 1½ percentage points higher, primarily because of higher projected prices for intermediate materials and metals. In subsequent quarters, the forecast is little changed.

The price of imported oil for multiquarter periods is the price for the final quarter of the period.

Staff Projections for Trade in Goods and Services

(Percent change from end of previous period, s.a.a.r.)

		2006	P	rojectio	n
Measure	2005	2006: Q1	20	06	2007
			Q2	H2	2007
Real exports June GB	6.7 6.4	14.0 14.9	3.9 5.4	5.3 5.2	5.1 5.2
Real imports June GB	5.2 5.3	9.1 10.5	0.5 2.3	3.1 3.5	4.0 4.6

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

Real exports of goods and services are estimated to have risen at an annual rate of about 4 percent in the second quarter, well below their 14 percent pace in the first quarter. Growth in real services exports was moderately strong, and exports of semiconductors were very rapid. However, exports of core goods are estimated to have grown only modestly, likely because of some payback from earlier rapid growth. The second quarter estimate is down somewhat from the June Greenbook primarily because of technical issues pertaining to the translation of balance of payments data to a NIPA basis in the advance GDP report.

In the second half of this year and next year, we project that growth in real exports will average close to 5½ percent; core export growth returns to a pace more in line with relative prices and solid foreign GDP growth, while exports of services hold close to their second-quarter growth rate and semiconductors decelerate from their elevated secondquarter pace. The boost to growth of core goods exports from relative prices lessens as the effects of the dollar's depreciation in 2003 and 2004 diminish. Conversely, real exports of services, which respond more rapidly to exchange rate fluctuations than do real exports of core goods, should derive support from the projected trend of dollar depreciation. Exports of computers and semiconductors are projected to rise at a brisk pace throughout the forecast period. This outlook is about unchanged from the June Greenbook, in line with our projections for the dollar and foreign growth.

Alternative Simulation

Although our benchmark forecast is for oil prices to remain nearly flat over the forecast period, prices could jump considerably higher in the event of a significant supply disruption. To explore the implications of this possibility, we used SIGMA, the staff's forward-looking multi-country model, to analyze the effects of an immediate and permanent rise in oil prices to \$120 per barrel.¹

Alternative Simulation: Higher Oil Prices (Percent change from previous period, annual rate)

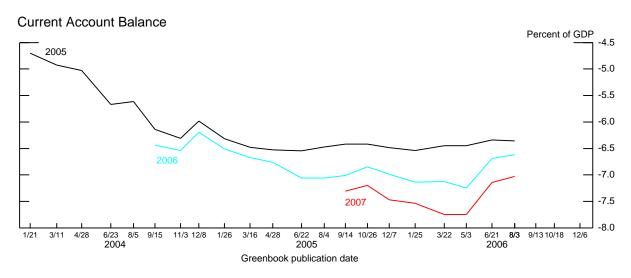
Indicator and simulation	20	06	20	07
indicator and simulation	H1	Н2	H1	H2
U.S. real GDP Baseline Permanent oil price rise	4.3 4.3	2.1 1.8	2.2 2.0	2.3 2.1
U.S. PCE prices excluding food and energy Baseline Permanent oil price rise	2.5 2.5	2.5 2.7	2.3 2.6	2.2 2.5
U.S. trade balance (percent of GDP) Baseline	-5.9	-5.9	-6.1	-5.9
Permanent oil price rise	-5.9	-6.6	-6.8	-6.6

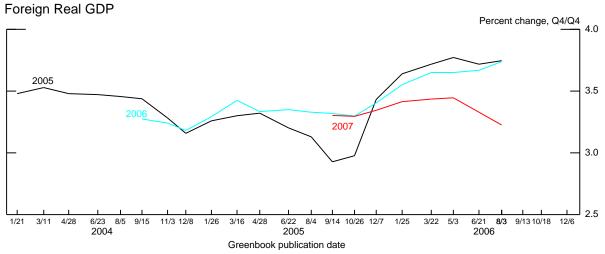
Note. H1 is Q2/Q4; H2 is Q4/Q2. The monetary authorities in the United States and the major foreign economies adjust their policy rates according to a Taylor rule.

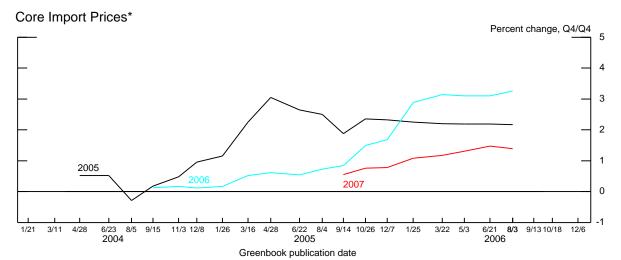
We assume that the oil price shock occurs in the third quarter of 2006 and that both households and firms understand the permanent nature of the shock. U.S. real GDP growth declines about ½ percentage point below baseline over the remainder of the forecast period. Consumer spending (relative to baseline) falls in response to the reduction in permanent income, while firms reduce investment as higher energy costs depress the productivity of capital. The core PCE inflation rate rises 0.2 percentage point above baseline in the latter half of 2006 and peaks at 0.3 percentage point above baseline in 2007. The rise in core inflation results from higher production costs, as a decline in labor productivity is only gradually offset by falling real wages.

¹ The effects of an oil shock that are reported below for SIGMA are within the range of estimates derived from other macroeconomic models used at the Board. These models include the FRB/Global model and variants of the FRB/US model with model-consistent expectations.

Evolution of the Staff Forecast







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

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OUTLOOK FOR FOREIGN F	REAL GDP (Per	AND	CONSUMER t, Q4 to Q	PRICES:	SELECTED		COUNTRIES		
Measure and country	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Proje 2006	cted 2007
REAL GDP (1) Total foreign	5.1	4.2	4.0	3.1	3.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.2
Industrial Countries	4.4	3.6	6.0	2.5	1.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.2
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^{1.} Foreign GDP aggregates calculated using shares of U.S. exports.
2. Harmonized data for euro area from Eurostat.
3. Foreign CPI aggregates calculated using shares of U.S. non-oil imports.
4. CPI excluding mortgage interest payments, which is the targeted inflation rate.

OUTLOOK FOR FOREIGN REAL GDP AND CONSUMER PRICES: SELECTED COUNTRIES (Percent changes)

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REAL GDP (1)				Qua:	rterly	change	s at a	n annua	l rate .			
 Total foreign	2.8	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.6	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
Industrial Countries	2.2	3.3	2.5	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3
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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Proj 2006	ected 2007
NIPA REAL EXPORTS and IMPORTS	Percenta	age point	contributi	on to	GDP growth,	04/04			
Net Goods & Services Exports of G&S Imports of G&S	-1.0 -1.6	-0.9 -1.6	-0.2 -1.3	-0.9 -1.3	-0.1 0.6 -0.7	-0.8 0.7 -1.5	-0.1 0.7 -0.8	0.1 0.8 -0.7	-0.1 0.6 -0.7
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			Billions	of dollars	ω				
US CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE Current Acct as Percent of GDP	-299.8 -3.2	-415.2 -4.2	-389.0 -3.8	-472.4 -4.5	-527.5 -4.8	-665.3 -5.7	-791.5 -6.4	-878.3	-976.7 -7.0
Net Goods & Services (BOP)	-263.3	-377.6	-362.8	-421.1	-494.9	-611.3	-716.7	-782.9	-838.1
<pre>Investment Income, Net Direct, Net Portfolio, Net</pre>	19.1 78.2 -59.1	25.7 94.9 -69.2	30.3 115.9 -85.5	17.8 102.4 -84.6	42.3 112.8 -70.5	33.6 123.9 -90.2	17.6 134.4 -116.8	-2.4 163.6 -166.0	-46.1 189.8 -235.9
Other Income & Transfers,Net	-55.6	-63.3	-56.5	-69.2	-74.9	-87.6	-92.4	-93.0	-92.5

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

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OUTLOOK FOR U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

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NIPA REAL EXPORTS and IMPORTS		Pe	Percentage	point	contributi	on to	GDP growth	.c				
Net Goods & Services Exports of G&S Imports of G&S	-1.0 -1.5	1.0	0.3	-1 -0.3 -1.2	0.2	-0.7 -0.2 -0.6	0.5	-0.5 -2.3	-0.7 0.7 -1.4	-1.6 0.6 -2.2	-0.2 0.5 -0.7	-0.8 -1.8
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Net Goods & Services Exports of G&S Imports of G&S	-441.3 992.8 1434.0	-458.9 1018.0 1476.9	-472.2 1025.2 1497.4	-513.0 1017.2 1530.2	-507.2 1003.3 1510.5	-526.9 999.0 1525.9	-513.8 1026.3 1540.0	-527.8 1075.8 1603.6	-548.5 1094.8 1643.2	-593.9 1111.3 1705.2	-599.4 1124.3 1723.7	-621.9 1151.3 1773.1
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US CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE Current Account as % of GDP	-436.2 -4.2	-476.9 -4.6	-476.3 -4.5	-500.3 -4.7	-548.7 -5.1	-524.4 -4.8	-526.2 -4.7	-510.8 -4.6	-583.3 -5.1	-667.1 -5.7	-665.3 -5.6	-745.4 -6.2
Net Goods & Services (BOP) -	-372.7	-413.1	-429.0	-469.4	-496.9	-492.9	-491.9	-497.9	-544.6	-605.6	-626.7	-668.3
<pre>Investment Income, Net Direct, Net Portfolio, Net</pre>	15.3 104.8 -89.5	1.1 90.9 -89.8	16.5 97.6 -81.1	38.3 116.2 -77.8	24.4 97.2 -72.7	41.7 108.4 -66.6	39.2 109.3 -70.1	63.8 136.3 -72.5	57.3 130.4 -73.1	28.2 113.4 -85.2	33.4 122.8 -89.4	15.6 128.8 -113.2
Other Inc. & Transfers, Net	-78.8	-64.8	-63.8	-69.2	-76.2	-73.2	-73.5	-76.7	-96.1	-89.7	-72.0	-92.7

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

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		NIPA REAL EXPORTS and IMPORTS	Net Goods & Services Exports of G&S Imports of G&S		Exports of G&S Services Computers Semiconductors Other Goods 1/	Imports of G&S Services Oil Computers Semiconductors Other Goods 2/		Net Goods & Services Exports of G&S Imports of G&S		US CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE Current Account as % of GDP	Net Goods & Services (BOP)	<pre>Investment Income, Net Direct, Net Portfolio, Net</pre>	Other Inc. & Transfers, Net

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

Part 2 August 3, 2006

CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Recent Developments

August 3, 2006

Recent Developments

Prepared for the Federal Open Market Committee by the staff of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

generally indicate perceptions that the demand for labor continues to increase at a modest pace.

Based on the latest national income and product accounts (NIPA) data, the staff estimates that productivity in the nonfarm business sector increased at an annual rate of 4.0 percent in the first quarter and 2.2 percent in the second quarter. Over the four quarters ending in the second quarter of 2006, productivity rose an estimated 2.6 percent, a step up from the 1.7 percent pace in the preceding four quarters.

Output per Hour ¹
(Percent change from preceding period at an annual rate; seasonally adjusted)

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	2004:Q2 to	2005:Q2 to	20	005	20	006
Sector	2005:Q2	2006:Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Nonfarm business All persons All employees ²	1.7 2.0	2.6 2.3	4.4 3.3	1 7	4.0 4.9	2.2 1.8

^{1.} Staff estimates.

Industrial Production

Total industrial production rose 0.8 percent in June and increased at a robust annual rate of 6.6 percent for the second quarter as a whole. Activity in the manufacturing sector strengthened in June and expanded 5.4 percent for the quarter; gains were widespread among industries. Mining output increased 9 percent in the second quarter, supported by continued, though waning, hurricane-related recovery efforts in the energy-extraction industries. The output at utilities jumped more than 15 percent in the second quarter, an increase that largely reversed a weather-related drop in the first quarter.

The utilization of industrial capacity in June stood at its highest level in six years. Over the past $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, utilization rates have risen fairly steadily at all stages of processing. In June, the operating rate among industries in the crude stage was nearly 3 percentage points above its 1972–2005 average. Among primary and semifinished producers, the operating rate was 1.2 percentage points above average, and for industries in the finished stage, the operating rate was 1.8 percentage points above average. Moreover, the increase in the rate of capacity utilization in recent years has been widespread across manufacturing industries.

^{2.} Assumes that the growth rate of hours of non-employees equals the growth rate of hours of employees.

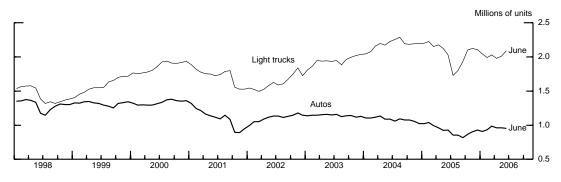
Production of Domestic Light Vehicles (Millions of units at an annual rate except as noted)

			2006							
Item	2005	Q1	Q2	Q3	May	June	July	Aug.		
U.S. production ¹ Autos Light trucks	11.5	11.2	11.1	11.3	10.9	11.3	11.3	11.1		
	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4		
	7.2	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.5	7.1	6.8	6.7		
Days' supply ² Autos Light trucks	69	69	74	n.a.	74	75	n.a.	n.a.		
	52	53	54	n.a.	55	55	n.a.	n.a.		
	81	80	90	n.a.	88	90	n.a.	n.a.		
Inventories ³ Autos Light trucks	3.04	3.01	3.05	n.a.	2.98	3.05	n.a.	n.a.		
	.93	.99	.95	n.a.	.96	.95	n.a.	n.a.		
	2.11	2.03	2.09	n.a.	2.01	2.09	n.a.	n.a.		
Memo: U.S. production, total motor vehicles ⁴	12.0	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.3	11.6	11.7	11.5		

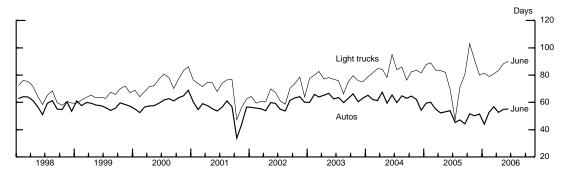
Note. FRB seasonals. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

- Production rates for the third quarter reflect the latest industry schedules.
 Annual and 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

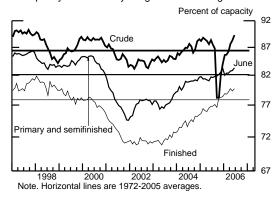


Days' Supply of Light Vehicles

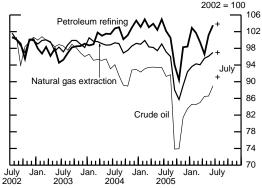


Indicators of Industrial Activity

Capacity Utilization by Stage of Processing

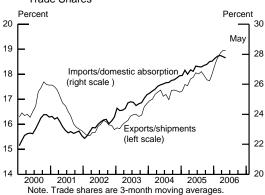


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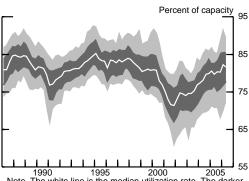


Note. July values are based on available weekly data and estimates of facilities that remain off line.

Trade Shares

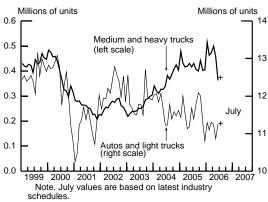


Distribution of Industry-Level Manufacturing **Utilization Rates**

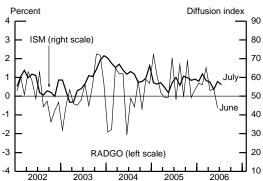


Note. The white line is the median utilization rate. The darker shade represents the utilization rates between 25th and 75th percentiles. The lighter shade represents utilization rates between the 10th and 25th and the 75th and 90th percentiles. Series-specific means removed. Data extend through 2006:Q2.

Motor Vehicle Assemblies



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



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 average.

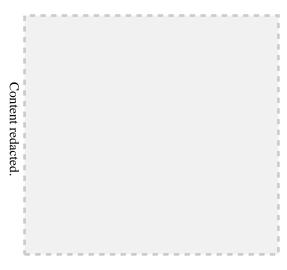
Sales of Light Vehicles

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

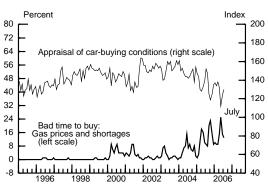
		2005	2006				
Category	2005	Q4	Q1	Q2	May	June	July
Total	16.9	15.9	16.9	16.3	16.1	16.1	17.1
Autos Light trucks	7.7 9.2	7.5 8.3	7.8 9.1	7.8 8.5	7.8 8.3	7.7 8.4	8.2 8.9
North American ¹ Autos Light trucks	13.5 5.5 8.0	12.6 5.4 7.2	13.4 5.7 7.7	12.6 5.4 7.1	12.4 5.4 7.0	12.5 5.3 7.2	13.2 5.6 7.6
Foreign-produced Autos Light trucks	3.4 2.2 1.2	3.3 2.1 1.2	3.4 2.1 1.3	3.7 2.4 1.3	3.7 2.4 1.3	3.7 2.4 1.2	4.0 2.7 1.3
Memo: Big Three domestic market share (percent) ²	56.8	53.4	55.8	53.9	52.7	55.5	52.1

Note. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

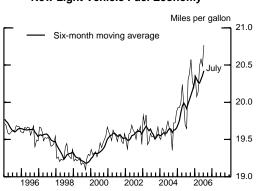
- 1. Excludes some vehicles produced in Canada that are classified as imports by the industry.
- 2. Domestic market share excludes sales of foreign brands affiliated with the Big Three.



Michigan Survey Index of Car-Buying Attitudes

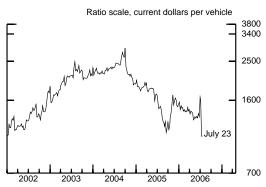


New Light Vehicle Fuel Economy



Source. Staff estimate based on a monthly sales-weighted average of city mileage ratings for all new models. Data are seasonally adjusted.

Average Value of Incentives on Light Vehicles



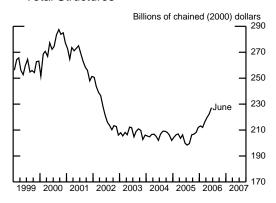
Note. Weighted average of customer cash rebate and interest rate reduction. Data are seasonally adjusted. Source. J.D. Power and Associates.

Nonresidential Construction and Indicators

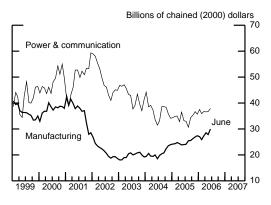
Real Construction

(All spending series are seasonally adjusted, annual rate; nominal CPIP deflated by BEA prices through Q1 and by staff projection thereafter)

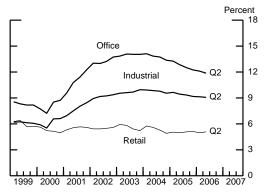
Total Structures



Manufacturing and Power & Communication

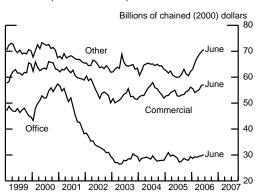


Vacancy Rates



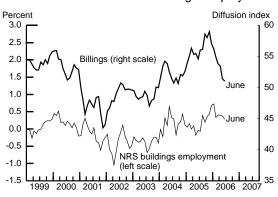
Source. For office and industrial, CoStar Property Professional; for retail, National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries.

Office, Commercial, and Other



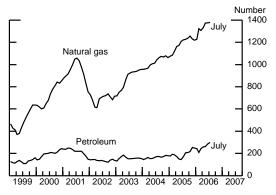
Note. Other includes religious, educational, lodging, amusement and recreation, transportation, and health-care facilities.

Architectural Billings and Nonresidential Buildings Employment



Note. Both series are 3-month moving averages. Source. For billings, American Institute of Architects; for nonresidential buildings employment, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Drilling Rigs in Operation



Note. July values are averages through July 28, 2006. Source. DOE/Baker Hughes.

Nonfarm Inventory Investment

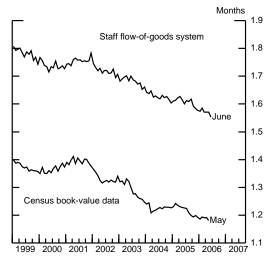
(Billions of dollars; seasonally adjusted annual rate)

	2005			2006		
Measure and sector	Q4	Q1	Q2	Apr.	May	June
Real inventory investment						
(chained 2000 dollars)						
Total nonfarm business	38.6	36.8	57.5 e	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Motor vehicles	23.4	8.5	.0e	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Nonfarm ex. motor vehicles	15.2	28.3	57.5 ^e	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Manufacturing and trade ex. wholesale						
and retail motor vehicles and parts	16.9	22.7	n.a.	41.3 ^e	52.5 ^e	n.a.
Manufacturing	.5	7.6	n.a.	26.6 e	9.0 e	n.a.
Wholesale trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	9.9	7.9	n.a.	17.5	24.4	n.a.
Retail trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	6.6	7.2	n.a.	-2.8	19.1	n.a.
Book-value inventory investment (current dollars)						
Manufacturing and trade ex. wholesale						
and retail motor vehicles and parts	56.2	53.3	n.a.	100.9	113.7	n.a.
Manufacturing	23.3	23.5	46.1	52.7	39.7	45.9
Wholesale trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	20.7	17.9	n.a.	42.2	43.9	n.a.
Retail trade ex. motor vehicles & parts	12.2	12.0	n.a.	5.9	30.0	n.a.

e Staff estimates of real inventory investment based on revised book-value data. n.a. Not available.

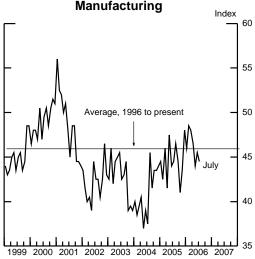
Source. For real inventory investment, BEA. For book-value data, Census Bureau.

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.

ISM Customer Inventories: Manufacturing



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

Broad Measures of Inflation

(Percent change, Q2 to Q2)

Measure	2003	2004	2005	2006
Product prices GDP price index Less food and energy	2.1	2.9	2.8	3.3
	1.9	2.6	2.9	3.1
Nonfarm business chain price index	1.2	2.3	3.0	3.3
Expenditure prices Gross domestic purchases price index Less food and energy	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.6
	1.8	2.6	2.8	2.8
PCE price index	1.8	2.8	2.6	3.3
Less food and energy	1.4	2.1	2.0	2.3
PCE price index, market-based components	1.7	2.4	2.4	3.2
Less food and energy	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.9
CPI	2.2	2.8	3.0	4.0
Less food and energy	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.5
Chained CPI	1.9	2.7	2.6	3.4
Less food and energy	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.2
Median CPI	2.3	2.3	2.3	3.0
Trimmed mean CPI	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.7
Trimmed mean PCE	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.6

Surveys of Inflation Expectations

(Percent)

			University of Michigan					
	Actual	1 y	1 year ²		5 to 10 years ³			
Period	CPI inflation ¹	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	forecasters (10 years) 4		
2004:Q3 Q4	2.7 3.3	3.3 3.4	2.9 3.0	3.1 3.1	2.8 2.8	2.5 2.5		
2005:Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	3.0 2.9 3.8 3.7	3.6 3.9 4.3 4.6	3.0 3.2 3.5 3.7	3.2 3.3 3.5 3.5	2.8 2.9 2.9 3.1	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5		
2006:Q1 Q2	3.6 4.0	3.7 4.5	3.0 3.5	3.3 3.6	2.9 3.1	2.5 2.5		
Mar. Apr. May June July	3.4 3.5 4.2 4.3 n.a.	3.8 4.4 4.7 4.4 3.8	3.0 3.3 4.0 3.3 3.2	3.3 3.6 3.8 3.4 3.2	2.9 3.1 3.2 2.9 2.9	2.5 2.5 		

^{1.} Percent change from the same period in the preceding year.

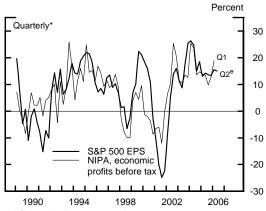
Percent change from the same period in the preceding year.
 Responses to the question: By about what percent do you expect prices to go up, on average, during the next 12 months?
 Responses to the question: By about what percent per year do you expect prices to go up, on average, during the next 5 to 10 years?
 Quarterly CPI projections compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

^{...} Not applicable.

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Corporate Earnings and Credit Quality

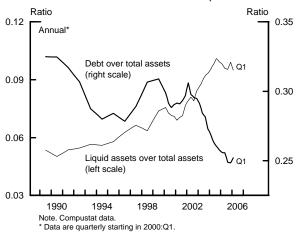
Corporate Earnings Growth



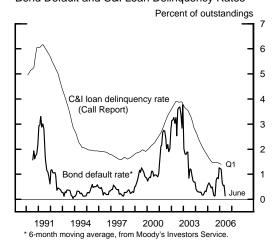
* Change from four quarters earlier.

e Staff estimate. Source. I/B/E/S for S&P 500 EPS.

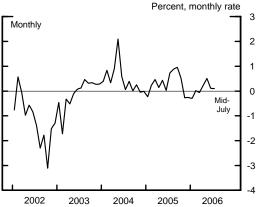
Financial Ratios for Nonfinancial Corporations



Bond Default and C&I Loan Delinquency Rates

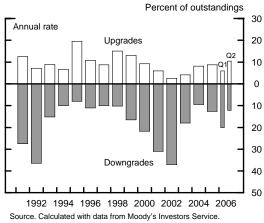


S&P 500 EPS Revisions Index

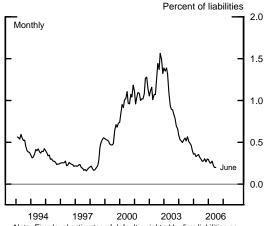


Note. Index is a weighted average of the percent change in the consensus forecasts of current-year and following-year EPS for constant sample.

Bond Ratings Changes of Nonfinancial Companies



Expected Year-Ahead Defaults



Note. Firm-level estimates of default weighted by firm liabilities as a percent of total liabilities, excluding defaulted firms. Source. Moody's KMV.

Business Finance

Gross Issuance of Securities by U.S. Corporations

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

				20	005		20	06	
Type of security	2002	2003	2004	H1	H2	Q1	Q2	June	July ^p
Nonfinancial corporations Stocks ¹ Initial public offerings Seasoned offerings	5.2	3.7	5.4	3.8	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.3	1.9
	.7	.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.1	1.9	.4
	4.4	3.3	3.8	2.1	3.5	3.9	2.7	3.5	1.6
Bonds ² Investment grade Speculative grade Other (sold abroad/unrated)	24.8	31.6	22.8	18.1	20.3	29.1	29.6	28.6	11.6
	15.7	16.0	8.3	7.9	9.0	15.7	13.3	10.1	6.1
	4.8	11.3	9.5	6.2	6.5	6.8	9.7	14.4	4.6
	4.2	4.3	4.9	4.0	4.8	6.6	6.6	4.1	1.0
Memo Net issuance of commercial paper ³ Change in C&I loans at commercial banks ^{3,4}	-5.7	-3.4	1.5	2.6	-3.4	3.5	3.3	10.3	-3.0
	-5.2	-7.7	3.3	9.5	10.5	11.9	16.7	20.1	8.3
Financial corporations Stocks ¹ Bonds ²	4.0 87.0	6.6 111.1	6.9 139.4	5.3 167.3	4.8 185.7	3.6 180.1	5.1 194.6	4.6 237.0	4.9 54.3

Note. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

- 1. Excludes private placements and equity-for-equity swaps that occur in restructurings.
 2. Data include regular and 144a private placements. Bond totals reflect gross proceeds rather than par value of original discount bonds. Bonds are categorized according to Moody's bond ratings, or to Standard & Poor's if unrated by Moody's.

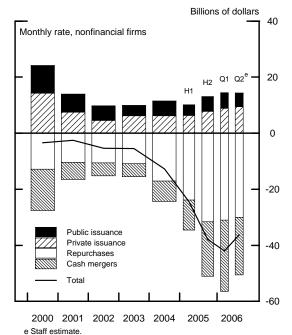
 3. End-of-period basis, seasonally adjusted.
- 4. Adjusted for FIN 46 effects.
- p Preliminary.

Selected Components of Net Debt Financing

Billions of dollars 60 Monthly rate, nonfinancial firms 40 Q2 Q1 20 0 -20 Commercial paper C&I loans* -40 -60 2005 2006 2002 2003 2004

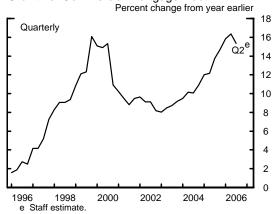
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Components of Net Equity Issuance

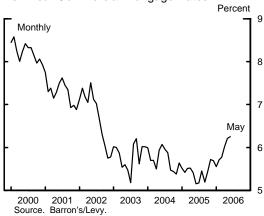


Commercial Real Estate

Growth of Commercial Mortgage Debt

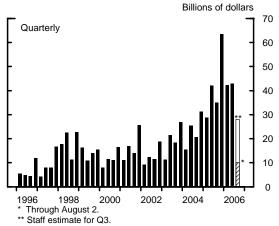


Ten-Year Commercial Mortgage Rates



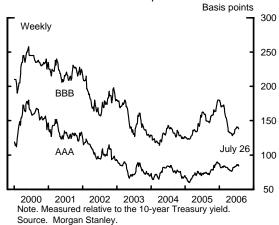
Delinquency Rates on Commercial Percent Mortgages and CMBS 3 **CMBS** At commercial banks 2 Mar. At life insurance companies 1996 1998 2000 2002 20 Source. Call Report, ACLI, Morgan Stanley. 2006

Gross Issuance of CMBS

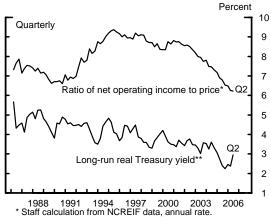


Source. Commercial Mortgage Alert.

Investment-Grade CMBS Spreads

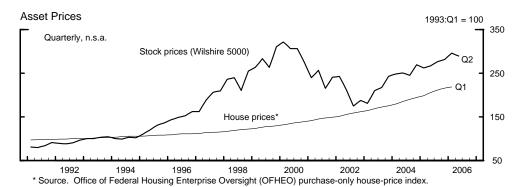


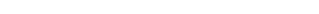
Commercial Real Estate Valuation

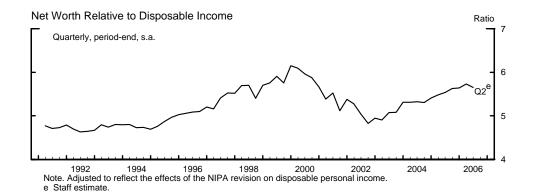


^{**} Yield on synthetic Treasury perpetuity minus Philadelphia Fed 10-year expected inflation.

Household Assets







Net Flows into Long-Term Mutual Funds (Billions of dollars, monthly rate)

Fund type	2004	20	05		2006					
	H1	H1	H2	Q1	Q2	May	June	July ^e	June	
Total long-term funds	17.5	18.3	13.7	38.9	6.3	0.5	-9.2	2.4	7,220	
Equity funds	14.8	12.3	10.3	31.1	7.0	3.2	-8.4	-1.6	5,249	
Domestic	9.3	4.1	1.0	10.7	-2.4	-5.9	-9.3	-6.7	4,169	
International	5.6	8.2	9.2	20.4	9.4	9.0	0.9	5.1	1,080	
Hybrid funds	3.6	3.4	0.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	585	
Bond funds	-0.9	2.5	2.6	7.4	-0.7	-2.5	-0.3	4.2	1,386	
High-yield	-0.8	-1.6	-1.0	-0.4	-1.4	-2.2	-1.8	0.4	142	
Other taxable	1.0	3.7	3.1	5.8	0.7	-0.7	1.1	3.2	899	
Municipals	-1.1	0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	344	

Note. Excludes reinvested dividends.

e Staff estimates based on confidential ICI weekly data.

Source. Investment Company Institute.

State and Local Government Finance

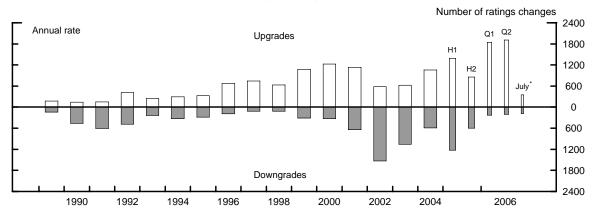
Gross Offerings of Municipal Securities

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

				20	005		2006	
Type of security	2002	2003	2004	H1	H2	Q1	Q2	July e
Total	36.3	37.9	34.7	38.1	38.6	26.1	40.0	32.2
Long-term ¹	30.3	32.0	29.8	35.0	33.3	24.1	36.3	28.3
Refundings ²	10.1	10.0	10.8	17.1	13.8	9.0	10.1	3.7
New capital	20.2	22.1	19.0	17.9	19.4	15.2	26.2	24.6
Short-term	6.0	5.8	4.9	3.1	5.3	1.9	3.7	3.9
Memo: Long-term taxable	1.7	3.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.2	4.3	4.3

- 1. Includes issues for public and private purposes.
- 2. All issues that include any refunding bonds.
- e Staff estimate based on preliminary data through July 27, 2006.

Ratings Changes

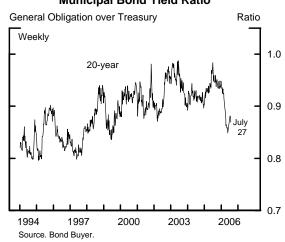


Source. S&P's Credit Week Municipal and Ratings Direct. * Staff estimate based on data through July 26, 2006.

Municipal Bond Yields



Municipal Bond Yield Ratio



M2 Monetary Aggregate

(Based on seasonally adjusted data)

		Percent change (annual rate) ¹								
				2006						
Aggregate and components	2004	2005	Q1	Q2	June	July	July			
						(e)	(e)			
M2	5.3	4.0	6.3	3.2	5.9	4.7	6,857			
Components ²										
Currency	5.5	3.5	7.2	4.1	-2.9	6	741			
Liquid deposits ³	10.0	2.0	3.7	-1.8	-1.2	-2.1	4,252			
Small time deposits	3	18.9	15.7	17.0	20.1	24.3	1,084			
Retail money market funds	-11.4	3	8.1	13.5	35.3	21.2	773			
Memo:										
Institutional money market funds	-5.6	5.1	9.1	11.5	15.6	11.0	1,213			
Monetary base	5.6	3.5	6.0	4.4	-1.4	8.7	811			

Note. M2 is the sum of currency, liquid deposits, small time deposits, retail money market funds, and nonbank traveler's checks. Acting on its announcement of November 10, 2005, the Board of Governors ceased publishing the M3 monetary aggregate on March 23, 2006.

- 1. For years, Q4 to Q4; for quarters and months, calculated from corresponding averages.
- 2. Nonbank traveler's checks are not listed.
- 3. Sum of demand deposits, other checkable deposits, and savings deposits.
- e Estimated.

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Commercial Bank Credit

(Percent change, annual rate, except as noted; seasonally adjusted)

Type of credit	2004	2005	Q1 2006	Q2 2006	June 2006	July 2006e	Level, ¹ July 2006 ^e
Total ²	8.9	10.5	10.8	12.9	7.7	10.2	7,738
Loans ³							
Total To businesses	9.8	11.6	11.2	11.8	8.1	9.8	5,726
Commercial and industrial	1.3	13.2	14.9	16.9	14.7	14.7	1,115
Commercial real estate	13.8	17.1	15.9	13.9	13.7	12.3	1,371
To households							
Residential real estate	14.0	12.0	6.4	9.4	17.1	11.4	1,735
Revolving home equity	43.7	11.3	-2.2	-4.6	1.1	5.9	431
Consumer	8.8	3.1	3.2	10.2	8.4	3.0	723
Originated ⁴	5.9	.7	8.3	5.7	8.4	4.5	1,096
Other ⁵	7.7	8.4	16.2	8.3	-29.4	.8	781
Securities							
Adjusted ²	6.6	7.7	9.6	15.9	6.6	11.6	2,012
Reported	5.2	5.3	7.4	18.2	-6.4	5.8	2,146
Treasury and agency	4.9	.0	8.3	8.3	6.4	10.0	1,209
Other ⁶	5.7	13.3	6.3	31.5	-22.5	.5	936

Note. Yearly annual rates are Q4 to Q4; quarterly and monthly annual rates use corresponding averages. Data are adjusted to remove estimated effects of consolidation related to FIN 46 and for breaks caused by reclassifications.

^{1.} Billions of dollars. Pro rata averages of weekly (Wednesday) levels.

^{2.} Adjusted to remove effects of mark-to-market accounting rules (FIN 39 and FAS 115). 3. Excludes interbank loans.

^{4.} Includes an estimate of outstanding loans securitized by commercial banks.5. Includes security loans and loans to farmers, state and local governments, and all others not elsewhere classified. Also includes lease financing receivables.

^{6.} Includes private mortgage-backed securities, securities of corporations, state and local governments, foreign governments, and any trading account assets that are not Treasury or agency securities, including revaluation gains on derivative contracts.

e Estimated.

Incoming data for the **ASEAN** economies suggest that economic activity moderated in the second quarter. In Singapore, the advance unofficial estimate of second-quarter real GDP growth (not shown) suggests that growth dropped to just over 1 percent following a strong first-quarter performance, due mostly to a contraction in the volatile biomedical sector. Industrial production in Singapore appears to be rebounding, however. Elsewhere in the region, industrial production has weakened in Indonesia and Malaysia in recent months. Trade balances are down relative to the first quarter.

Twelve-month consumer price inflation in the region has moderated a bit of late, but remains elevated due to higher food prices in some countries as well as higher energy prices. Citing the moderation in inflation and the need to stimulate the domestic economy, Bank Indonesia lowered interest rates 25 basis points in early July for the second time in two months. In Thailand, the central bank left its benchmark rate unchanged at its recent meeting in mid-July after raising it thirteen times in fifteen consecutive meetings.

ASEAN Economic Indicators: Growth (Percent change from previous period, s.a., except as noted)

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Indicator	2004	2005			2006		
marcator	2004	2003	Q1	Q2	Apr.	May	June
Real GDP ¹							
Indonesia	7.0	5.0	3.0	n.a.			
Malaysia	5.9	5.2	9.4	n.a.			
Philippines	5.5	5.5	3.8	n.a.			
Singapore	6.6	8.5	6.8	n.a.			
Thailand	5.4	4.7	3.0	n.a.			
Industrial							
production ²	2.2	1.2	_		7.5	0.6	
Indonesia ³	3.3	1.3	.5	n.a.	7.5	-8.6	n.a.
Malaysia	11.7	4.1	3.9	n.a.	-7.1	6	n.a.
Philippines	1.0	2.2	-16.3	n.a.	-2.8	7.5	n.a.
Singapore	13.9	9.5	2.1	-2.0	-11.5	2.1	19.3
Thailand	11.8	9.1	2.6	1.8	-4.3	5.9	.4

^{1.} Annual rate. Annual data are Q4/Q4.

^{2.} Annual data are annual averages.

^{3.} Staff estimate.

n.a. Not available. ... Not applicable.