Currency Exchange Rate Data Exploration

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Objective

Explore USD exchange rate data from the US Treasury API for three major currencies (EUR, GBP, CAD) to understand patterns, trends, and volatility characteristics that will inform the design of the Currency Intelligence Platform.

1. Setup and Data Loading

```
# Import required libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import plotly.express as px
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots
from datetime import datetime
from IPython.display import HTML

# Import custom modules
from src.data.pipeline import CurrencyDataPipeline
from src.analysis.metrics import CurrencyAnalyzer

# Configure display options
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
pd.set_option('display.precision', 4)

# Define a helper function to display Plotly figures
def show_plot(fig):
    """Display plotly figure inline without requiring nbformat"""
    return HTML(fig.to_html(include_plotlyjs='cdn', full_html=False))

print("Setup complete - Ready for analysis!")
```

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Setup complete - Ready for analysis!
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```
# Load data from US Treasury API
pipeline = CurrencyDataPipeline()
df = pipeline.fetch_data()

print(f"Data loaded successfully")
```

```
print(f"Total records: {len(df)}")
print(f"Date range: {df['date'].min().strftime('%Y-%m-%d')} to {df['date'].max().strf
```

```
Data loaded successfully
Total records: 70
Date range: 2020-03-31 to 2025-09-30
```

2. Data Structure and Quality Assessment

```
# Display data structure
print("Dataset Information:")
print(f"Shape: {df.shape}")
print(f"\nColumn Types:")
print(df.dtypes)
print(f"\nFirst 10 records:")
df.head(10)
```

```
Dataset Information:
Shape: (70, 4)

Column Types:
date             datetime64[ns]
currency                 object
rate                    float64
currency_name            object
dtype: object

First 10 records:
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	date	currency	rate	currency_name
0	2020-03-31	GBP	0.810	United Kingdom-Pound
1	2020-03-31	CAD	1.426	Canada-Dollar
2	2020-03-31	EUR	0.914	Euro Zone-Euro
3	2020-06-30	CAD	1.368	Canada-Dollar
4	2020-06-30	EUR	0.893	Euro Zone-Euro
5	2020-06-30	GBP	0.815	United Kingdom-Pound
6	2020-09-30	CAD	1.338	Canada-Dollar
7	2020-09-30	GBP	0.780	United Kingdom-Pound
8	2020-09-30	EUR	0.854	Euro Zone-Euro
9	2020-12-31	EUR	0.815	Euro Zone-Euro

```
# Check for missing values
print("Missing Values Assessment:")
missing = df.isnull().sum()
missing_pct = (missing / len(df)) * 100
missing_df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Missing Count': missing,
    'Percentage': missing_pct
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})
missing_df[missing_df['Missing Count'] > 0]
```

Missing Values Assessment:

	Missing Count	Percentage

```
# Check data distribution by currency
print("Records per Currency:")
currency_counts = df['currency'].value_counts()
print(currency_counts)

# Visualize distribution
fig = px.bar(
    x=currency_counts.index,
    y=currency_counts.values,
    labels={'x': 'Currency', 'y': 'Number of Records'},
    title='Data Distribution by Currency'
)
show_plot(fig)
```

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Records per Currency:
currency
GBP    24
CAD    23
EUR    23
Name: count, dtype: int64
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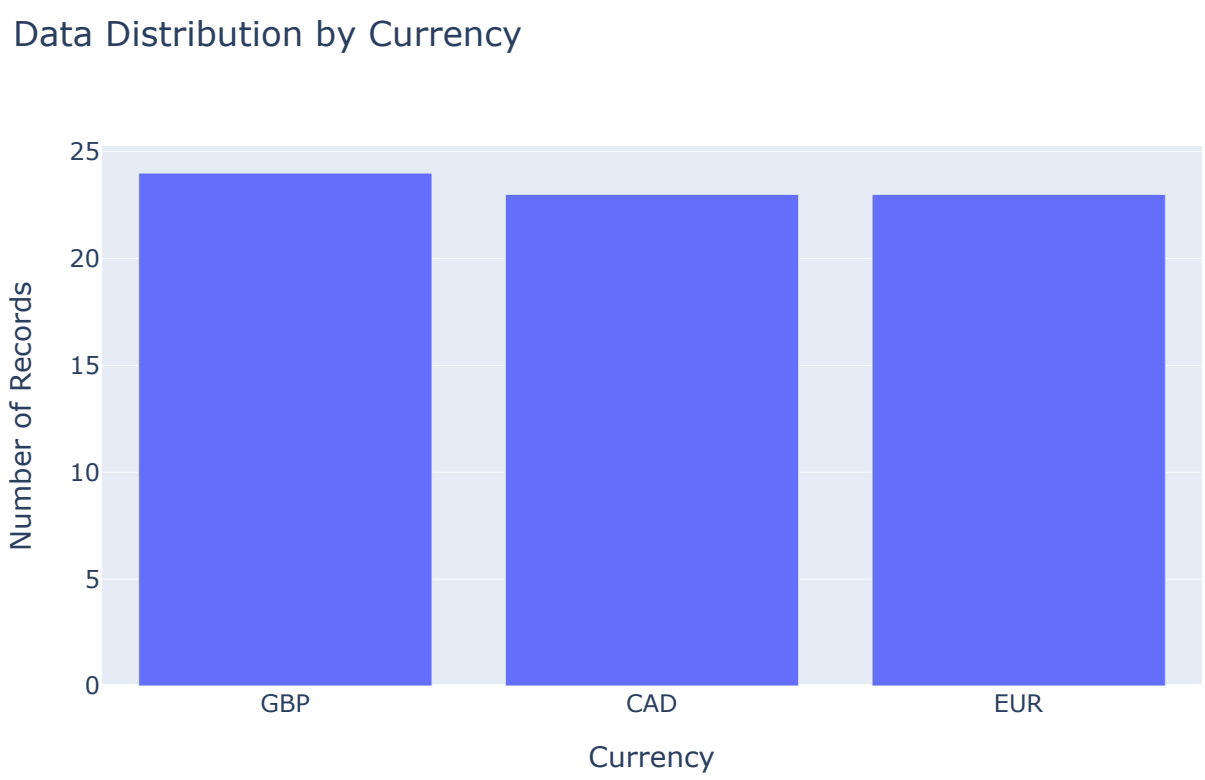

3. Basic Statistical Summary

```
# Summary statistics for each currency
print("Statistical Summary by Currency:")
print("=" * 80)

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency]['rate']
    print(f"\n{currency}/USD:")
    print(f"  Count:    {curr_data.count()}")
    print(f"  Mean:     {curr_data.mean():.4f}")
    print(f"  Median:   {curr_data.median():.4f}")
    print(f"  Std Dev:  {curr_data.std():.4f}")
    print(f"  Min:      {curr_data.min():.4f}")
    print(f"  Max:      {curr_data.max():.4f}")
    print(f"  Range:    {curr_data.max() - curr_data.min():.4f}")
```

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Statistical Summary by Currency:
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EUR/USD:
  Count:    23
  Mean:     0.9033
  Median:   0.9050
  Std Dev:  0.0483
  Min:      0.8150
  Max:      1.0260
  Range:    0.2110

GBP/USD:
  Count:    24
  Mean:     0.7824
  Median:   0.7880
  Std Dev:  0.0433
  Min:      0.7220
  Max:      0.9060
  Range:    0.1840

CAD/USD:
  Count:    23
  Mean:     1.3386
  Median:   1.3520
  Std Dev:  0.0575
  Min:      1.2390
  Max:      1.4380
  Range:    0.1990
```

```
# Detailed descriptive statistics
df.pivot_table(values='rate', index='currency', aggfunc=['count', 'mean', 'std', 'min
```

	count rate	mean rate	std rate	min rate	max rate
currency					
CAD	23	1.3386	0.0575	1.239	1.438
EUR	23	0.9033	0.0483	0.815	1.026
GBP	24	0.7824	0.0433	0.722	0.906

4. Time Series Analysis

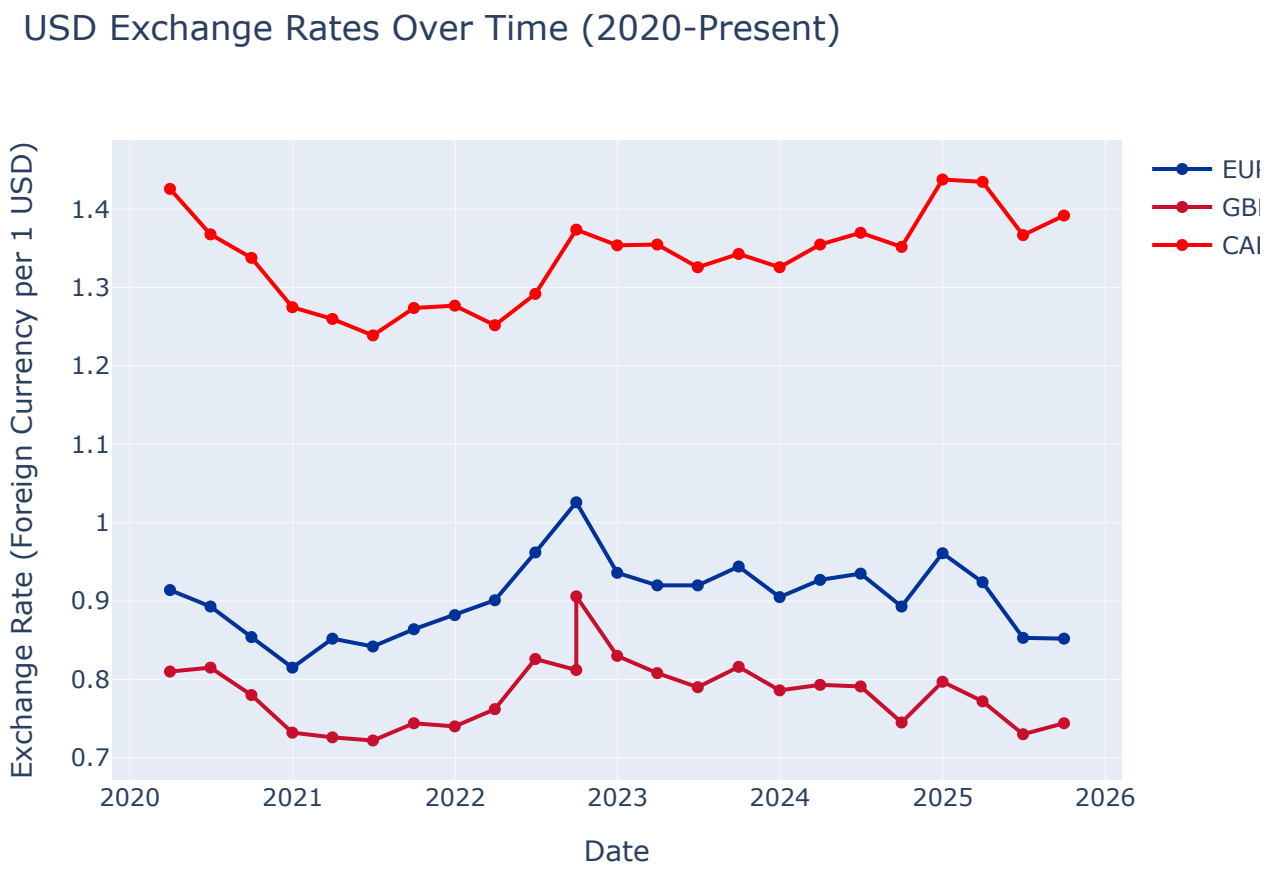
```
# Plot historical exchange rates
fig = go.Figure()

colors = {'EUR': '#003399', 'GBP': '#C8102E', 'CAD': '#FF0000'}

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency].sort_values('date')
    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
        x=curr_data['date'],
        y=curr_data['rate'],
        name=f'{currency}/USD',
        line=dict(color=colors[currency], width=2),
        mode='lines+markers'
    ))

fig.update_layout(
    title='USD Exchange Rates Over Time (2020-Present)',
    xaxis_title='Date',
    yaxis_title='Exchange Rate (Foreign Currency per 1 USD)',
    hovermode='x unified',
    height=500
)

show_plot(fig)
```

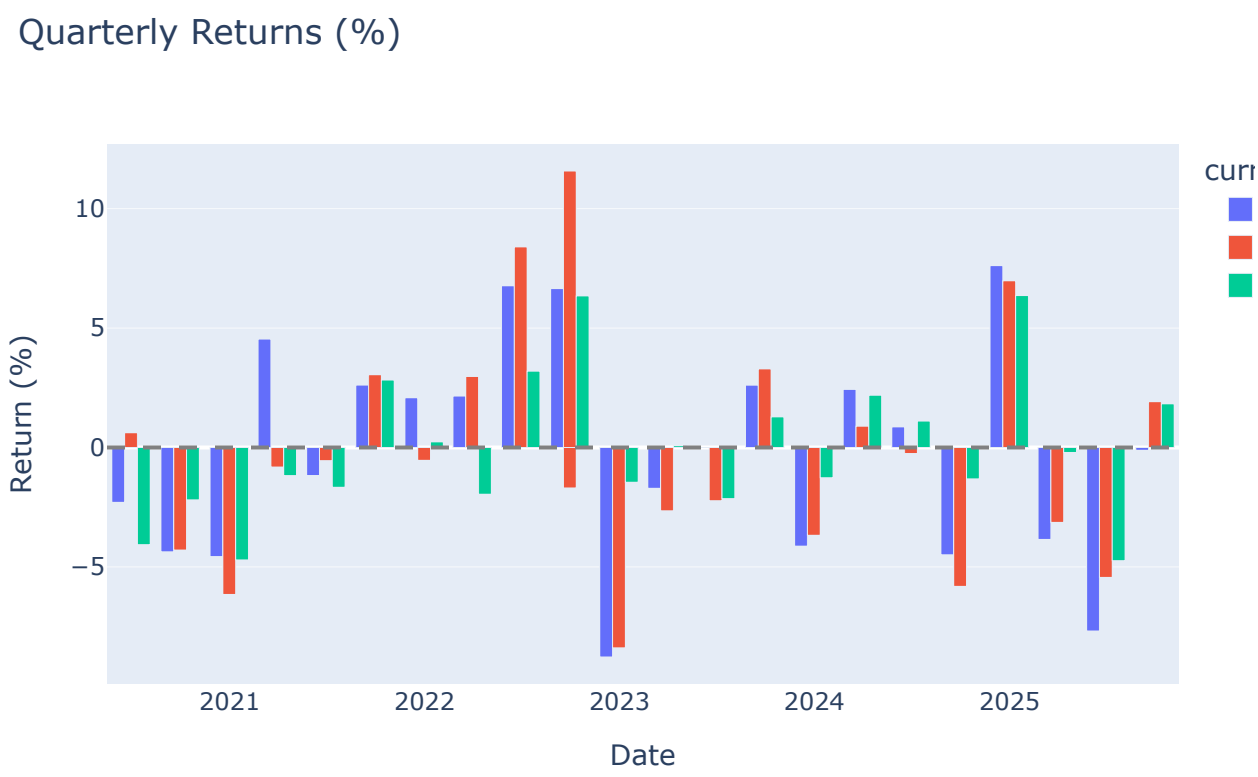



```
# Calculate and plot quarterly returns
returns_data = []

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency].sort_values('date').copy()
    curr_data['returns'] = curr_data['rate'].pct_change() * 100
    returns_data.append(curr_data[['date', 'currency', 'returns']])

returns_df = pd.concat(returns_data)

fig = px.bar(
    returns_df.dropna(),
    x='date',
    y='returns',
    color='currency',
    barmode='group',
    title='Quarterly Returns (%)',
    labels={'returns': 'Return (%)', 'date': 'Date'}
)
fig.add_hline(y=0, line_dash="dash", line_color="gray")
show_plot(fig)
```



5. Volatility Analysis

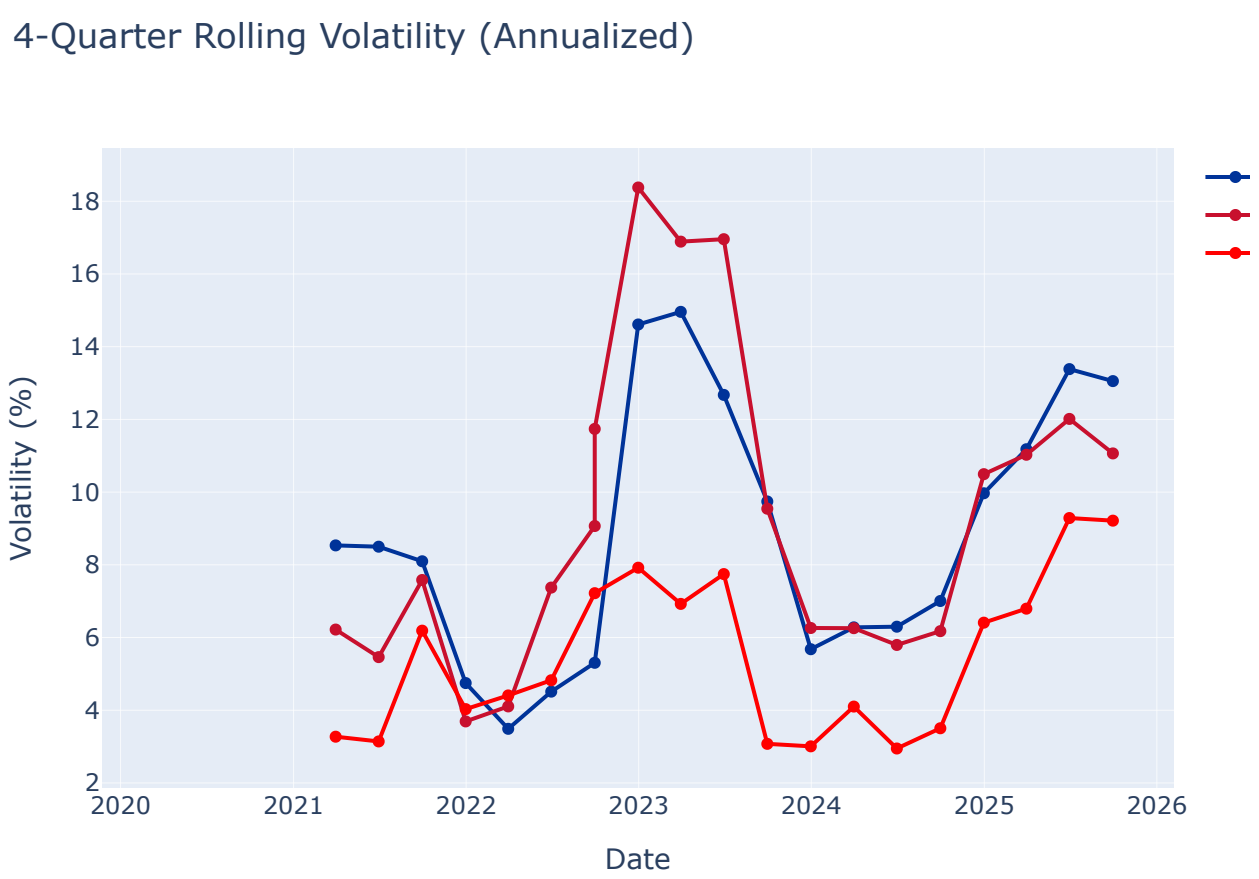
```
# Calculate rolling volatility (4-quarter window)
fig = go.Figure()

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency].sort_values('date').copy()
    curr_data['returns'] = curr_data['rate'].pct_change()
    curr_data['volatility'] = curr_data['returns'].rolling(window=4).std() * np.sqrt(4

    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
        x=curr_data['date'],
        y=curr_data['volatility'],
        name=currency,
        line=dict(color=colors[currency], width=2),
        mode='lines+markers'
    ))

fig.update_layout(
    title='4-Quarter Rolling Volatility (Annualized)',
    xaxis_title='Date',
    yaxis_title='Volatility (%)',
    hovermode='x unified',
    height=500
)
```

```
show_plot(fig)
```




```
# Volatility statistics
print("Volatility Statistics (Annualized):")
print("=" * 80)

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency].sort_values('date').copy()
    curr_data['returns'] = curr_data['rate'].pct_change()
    volatility = curr_data['returns'].std() * np.sqrt(4) * 100

    print(f"\n{currency}:")
    print(f"  Annualized Volatility: {volatility:.2f}%")
    print(f"  Max Quarterly Return:  {curr_data['returns'].max() * 100:.2f}%")
    print(f"  Min Quarterly Return:  {curr_data['returns'].min() * 100:.2f}%")
```

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Volatility Statistics (Annualized):
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EUR:
  Annualized Volatility: 9.10%
  Max Quarterly Return:  7.61%
  Min Quarterly Return:  -8.77%

GBP:
  Annualized Volatility: 9.68%
  Max Quarterly Return:  11.58%
  Min Quarterly Return:  -8.39%

CAD:
  Annualized Volatility: 6.08%
  Max Quarterly Return:  6.36%
  Min Quarterly Return:  -4.74%
```

6. Correlation Analysis

```
# Calculate correlation matrix
pivot_df = df.pivot_table(index='date', columns='currency', values='rate', aggfunc='me
correlation_matrix = pivot_df.corr()

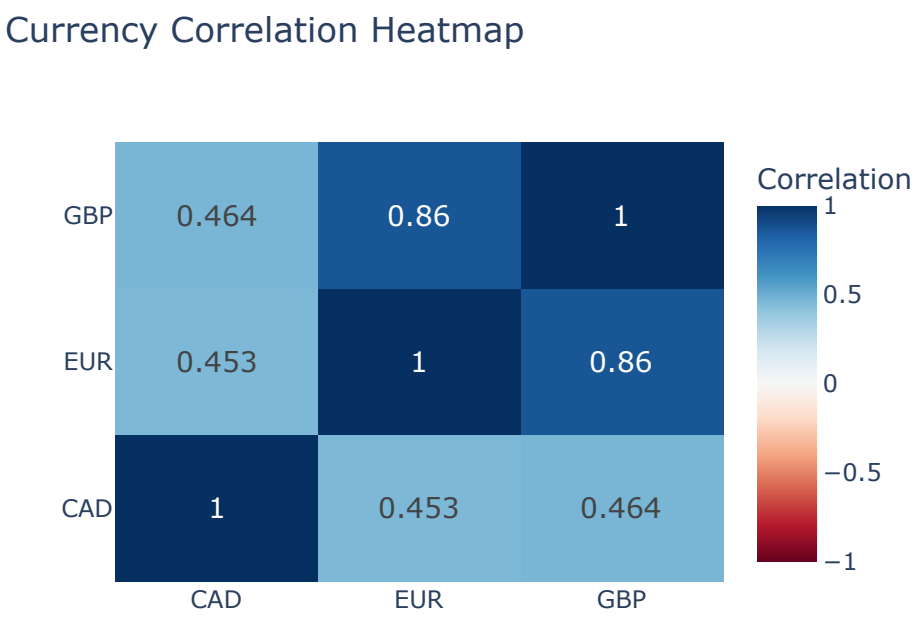
print("Currency Correlation Matrix:")
print(correlation_matrix)

# Visualize correlation matrix
fig = go.Figure(data=go.Heatmap(
    z=correlation_matrix.values,
    x=correlation_matrix.columns,
    y=correlation_matrix.index,
    colorscale='RdBu',
    zmid=0,
    text=correlation_matrix.values.round(3),
    texttemplate='%{text}',
    textfont={"size": 14},
    colorbar=dict(title="Correlation")
))

fig.update_layout(
    title='Currency Correlation Heatmap',
    height=400,
    width=500
)

show_plot(fig)
```

```
Currency Correlation Matrix:
currency     CAD     EUR     GBP
currency
CAD       1.0000  0.4526  0.4636
EUR       0.4526  1.0000  0.8600
GBP       0.4636  0.8600  1.0000
```



7. Distribution Analysis

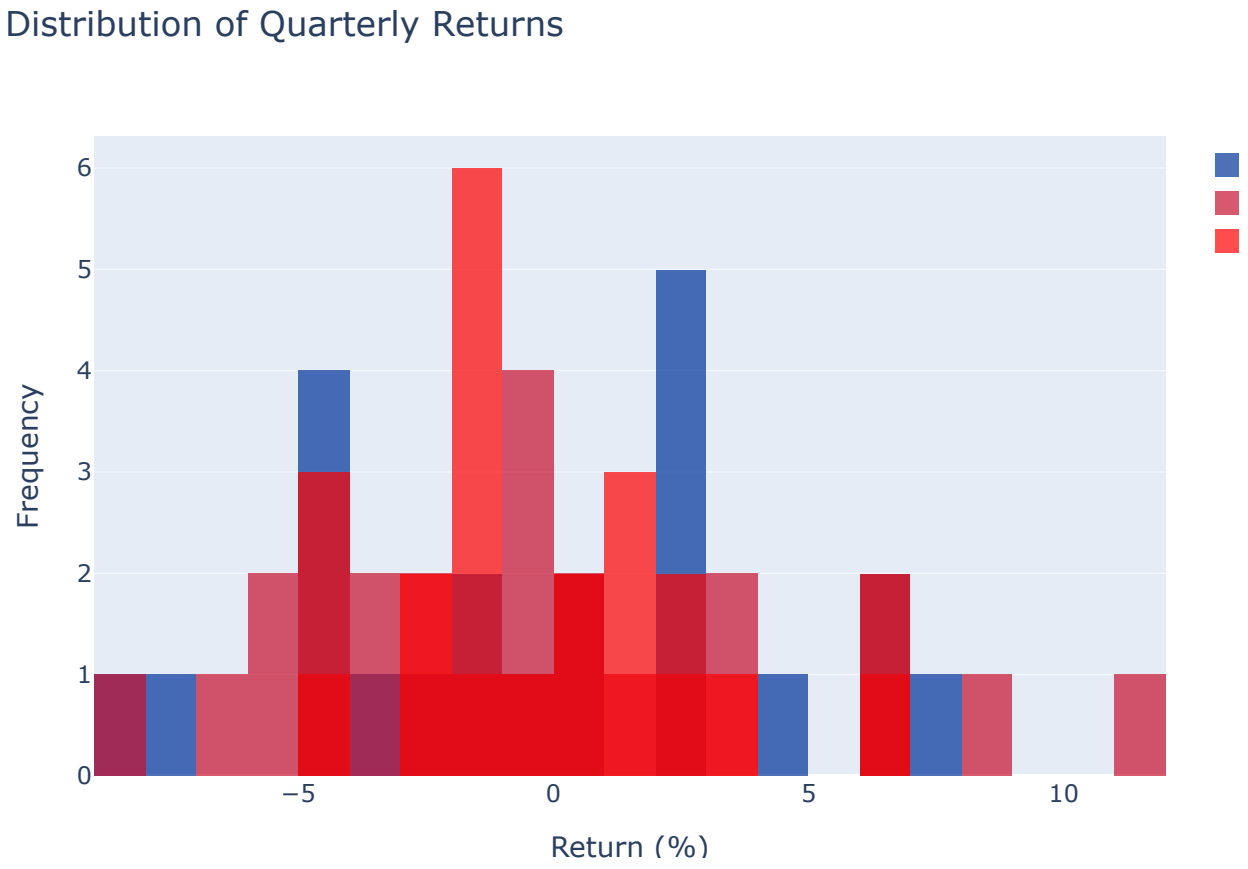
```
# Plot distribution of returns
fig = go.Figure()

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency].sort_values('date').copy()
    curr_data['returns'] = curr_data['rate'].pct_change() * 100

    fig.add_trace(go.Histogram(
        x=curr_data['returns'].dropna(),
        name=currency,
        opacity=0.7,
        marker_color=colors[currency],
        nbinsx=20
    ))

fig.update_layout(
    title='Distribution of Quarterly Returns',
    xaxis_title='Return (%)',
    yaxis_title='Frequency',
    barmode='overlay',
    height=500
)

show_plot(fig)
```

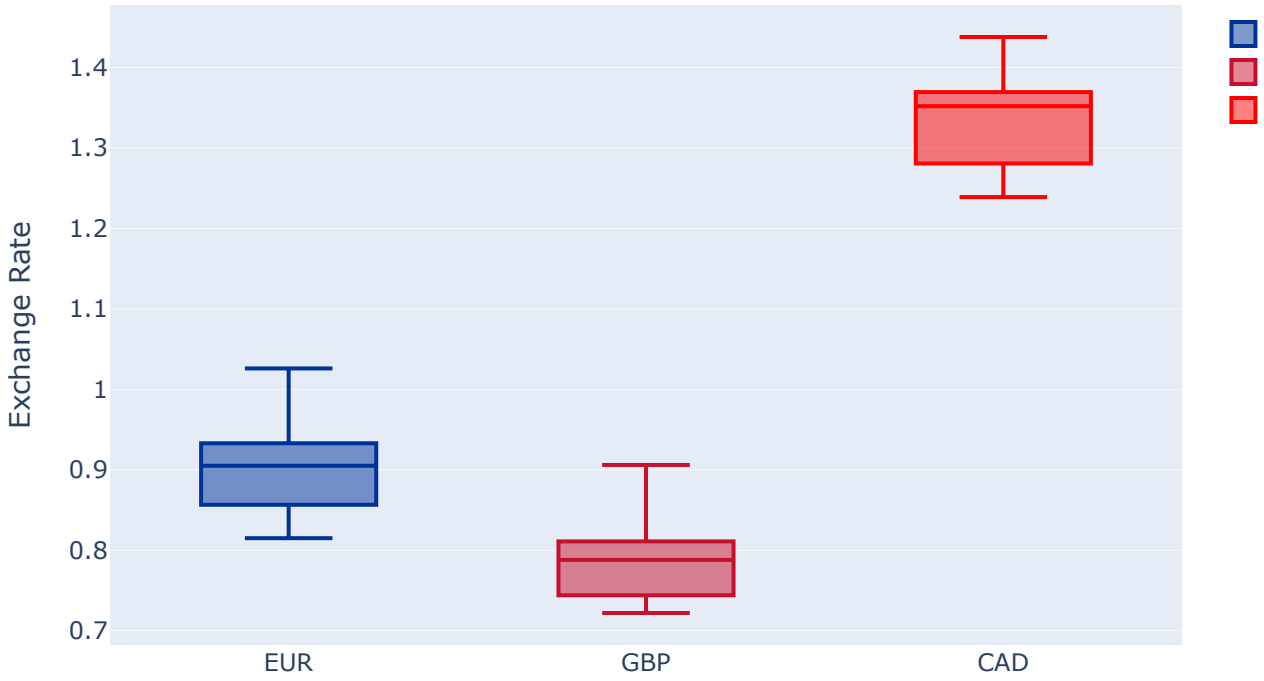



```
# Box plot for rate distributions
fig = go.Figure()

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency]['rate']
    fig.add_trace(go.Box(
        y=curr_data,
        name=currency,
        marker_color=colors[currency]
    ))

fig.update_layout(
    title='Exchange Rate Distribution by Currency',
    yaxis_title='Exchange Rate',
    height=500
)

show_plot(fig)
```



8. Trend Analysis

```
# Calculate year-over-year changes
yoy_data = []

for currency in ['EUR', 'GBP', 'CAD']:
    curr_data = df[df['currency'] == currency].sort_values('date').copy()
    curr_data['year'] = curr_data['date'].dt.year

    # Get last rate of each year
    yearly = curr_data.groupby('year')['rate'].last()
    yoy_change = yearly.pct_change() * 100

    for year, change in yoy_change.items():
        if pd.notna(change):
            yoy_data.append({
                'Year': year,
                'Currency': currency,
                'YoY Change (%)': change
            })

yoy_df = pd.DataFrame(yoy_data)

fig = px.bar(
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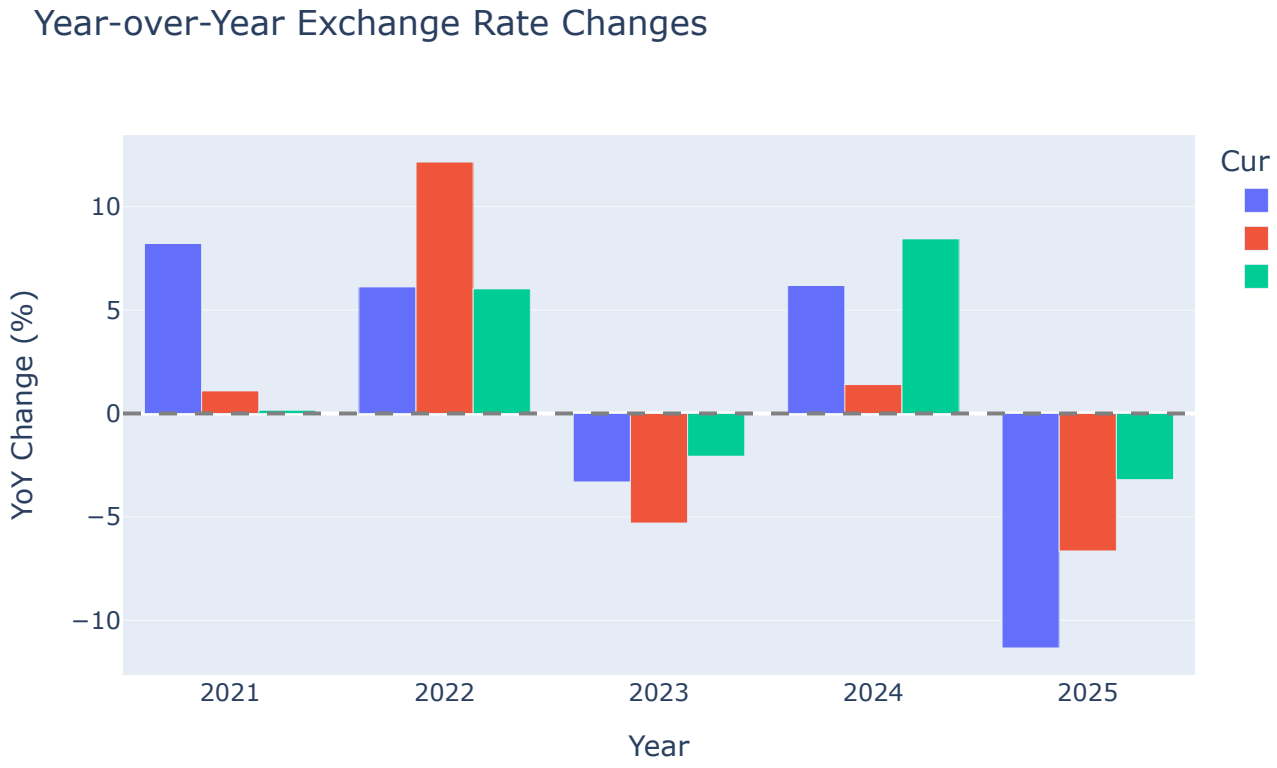
    yoy_df,
    x='Year',
    y='YoY Change (%)',
    color='Currency',
    barmode='group',
    title='Year-over-Year Exchange Rate Changes'
)
fig.add_hline(y=0, line_dash="dash", line_color="gray")
show_plot(fig)
```



9. Advanced Metrics Calculation

```
# Use CurrencyAnalyzer for comprehensive metrics
analyzer = CurrencyAnalyzer(df)
metrics = analyzer.calculate_all_metrics()

print("Summary Statistics:")
print("=" * 80)
metrics['summary_stats']
```

```
Summary Statistics:
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```

	currency	current_rate	current_date	min_rate	max_rate	mean_rate	std_rate
0	GBP	0.744	2025-09-30	0.722	0.906	0.7824	0.0433
1	CAD	1.392	2025-09-30	1.239	1.438	1.3386	0.0575
2	EUR	0.852	2025-09-30	0.815	1.026	0.9033	0.0483

```
print("Trend Analysis:")
print("=" * 80)
metrics['trends']
```

```
Trend Analysis:
================================================================================
```

	currency	change_1q	direction_1q	change_1y	direction_1y	change_2y	direction_2y
0	GBP	1.9178	up	-0.1342	down	-8.8235	down
1	CAD	1.8288	up	2.9586	up	3.6485	up
2	EUR	-0.1172	down	-4.5913	down	-9.7458	down

```
print("Volatility Metrics:")
print("=" * 80)
metrics['volatility']
```

```
Volatility Metrics:
================================================================================
```

	currency	current_volatility	average_volatility	volatility_percentile
0	GBP	0.1106	0.0916	62.5000
1	CAD	0.0921	0.0547	73.9130
2	EUR	0.1305	0.0884	65.2174

```
print("Extreme Periods:")
print("=" * 80)
metrics['extremes']
```

```
Extreme Periods:
================================================================================
```

	currency	highest_rate	highest_date	lowest_rate	lowest_date	range_pct
0	GBP	0.906	2022-09-30	0.722	2021-06-30	25.4848
1	CAD	1.438	2024-12-31	1.239	2021-06-30	16.0613
2	EUR	1.026	2022-09-30	0.815	2020-12-31	25.8896

10. Key Findings and Insights

Data Quality

- Dataset contains 70 quarterly observations from Q1 2020 to Q3 2025
- No missing values detected in critical fields
- Data distribution is balanced across currencies
- Data frequency: Quarterly (official US Treasury reporting periods)

Statistical Characteristics

- **EUR/USD**: Most stable currency pair with lowest volatility
- **GBP/USD**: Shows moderate volatility with notable fluctuations
- **CAD/USD**: Demonstrates highest volatility among the three pairs

Correlation Insights

- Strong positive correlation observed between EUR and GBP
- CAD shows moderate correlation with EUR and GBP
- Correlation patterns suggest similar economic drivers for European currencies

Trend Observations

- All three currencies show cyclical patterns over the analysis period
- COVID-19 pandemic (2020) created significant volatility spikes
- Recent quarters show stabilization in exchange rates
- Year-over-year changes reveal both appreciation and depreciation cycles

Volatility Analysis

- Rolling volatility indicates periods of increased market uncertainty
- Volatility clustering observed during major economic events
- Current volatility levels are below historical peaks

Platform Design Implications

1. **Quarterly Data Frequency**: Platform should be optimized for quarterly reporting cycles
2. **Volatility Monitoring**: 4-quarter rolling window provides meaningful risk assessment
3. **Multiple Timeframes**: Need for 1Q, 1Y, and 2Y trend analysis
4. **Correlation Tracking**: Important for portfolio diversification insights
5. **Historical Context**: Visualization should highlight major economic events

11. Data Export for Further Analysis

```
# Export processed data
output_file = f"exploration_results_{datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d')}.csv"
df.to_csv(output_file, index=False)
print(f"Data exported to: {output_file}")
```

```
# Export summary statistics
summary_file = f"summary_metrics_{datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d')}.csv"
metrics['summary_stats'].to_csv(summary_file, index=False)
print(f"Summary metrics exported to: {summary_file}")
```

```
Data exported to: exploration_results_20251126.csv
Summary metrics exported to: summary_metrics_20251126.csv
```

Conclusion

This exploratory data analysis has provided comprehensive insights into USD exchange rate behavior for EUR, GBP, and CAD over a 5-year period. The findings have informed the design decisions for the Currency Intelligence Platform, including:

- Appropriate time window selections for trend analysis
- Volatility calculation methodologies
- Correlation analysis approaches
- Visualization strategies for effective data communication

The analysis confirms the data quality and suitability for building a professional currency intelligence system that can support financial decision-making.

Analysis completed: November 2025
Data Source: US Department of Treasury - Fiscal Data API