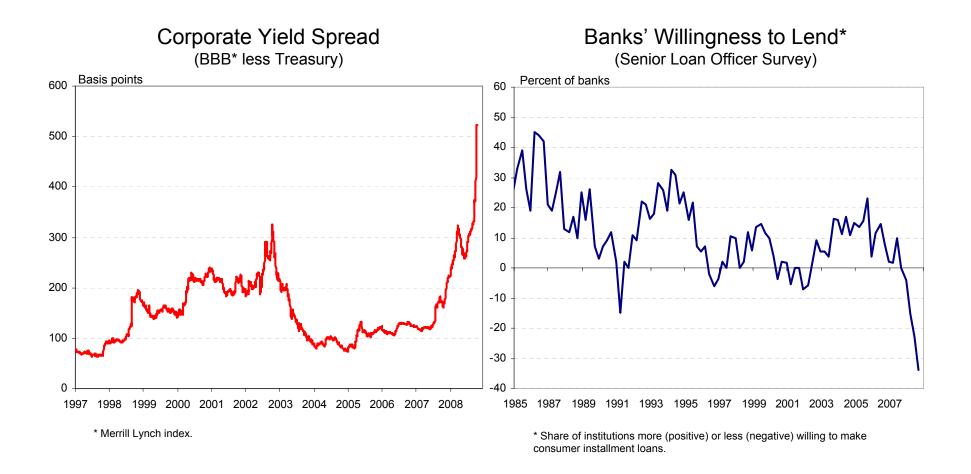


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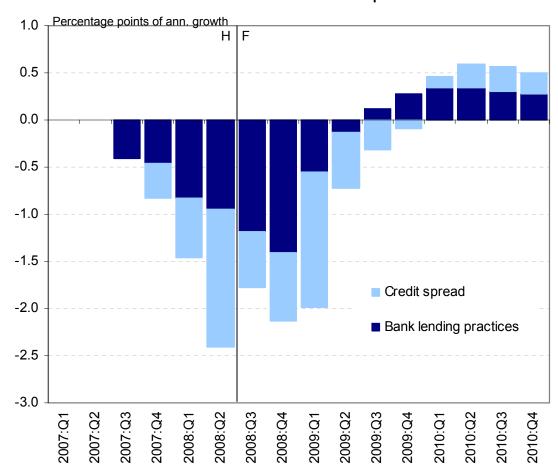
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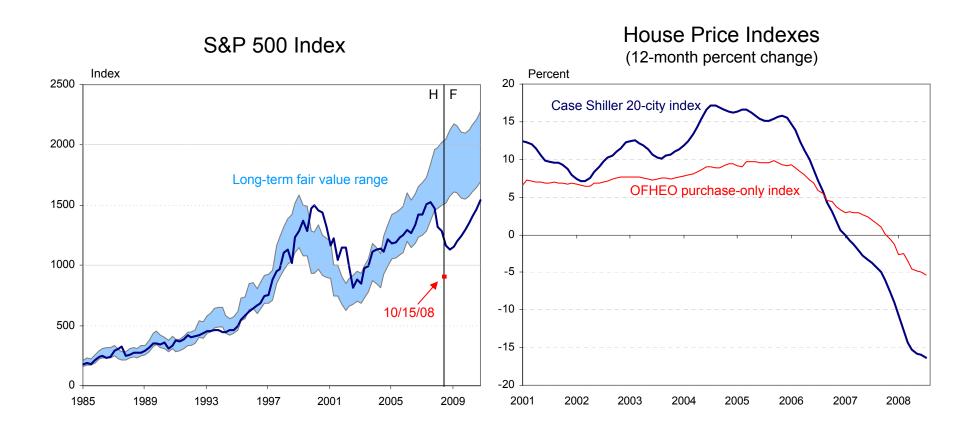


Credit Conditions: Substantial Restraint on GDP

Effects of Credit on Consumption Growth

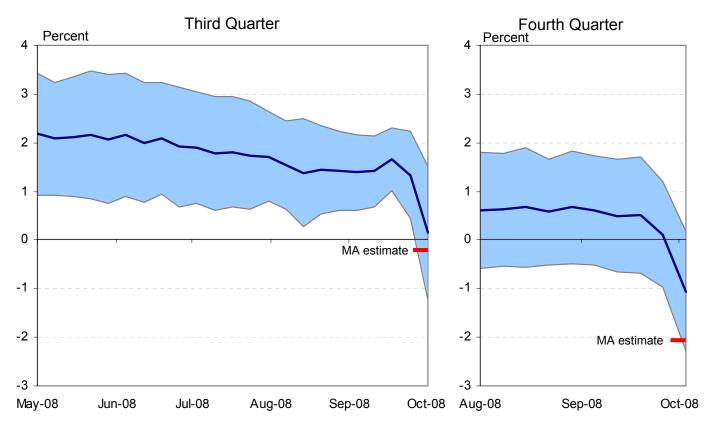


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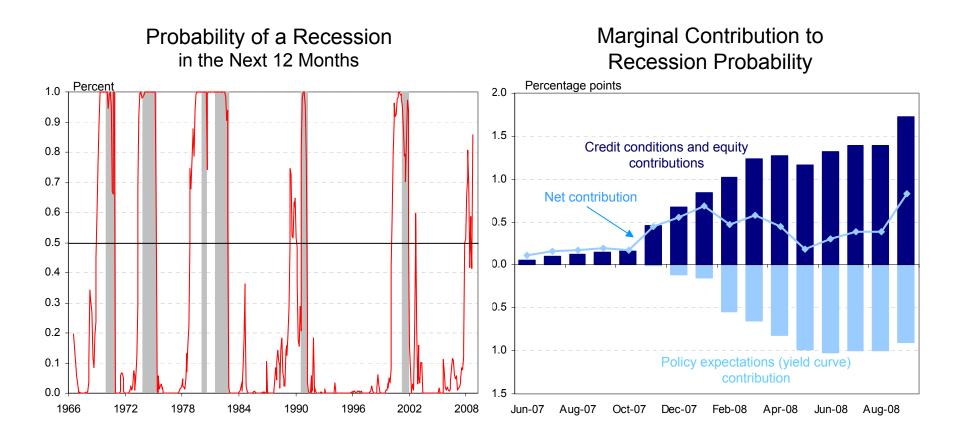
Near-term Outlook: Discrete Shift

Projections of Real GDP Growth*



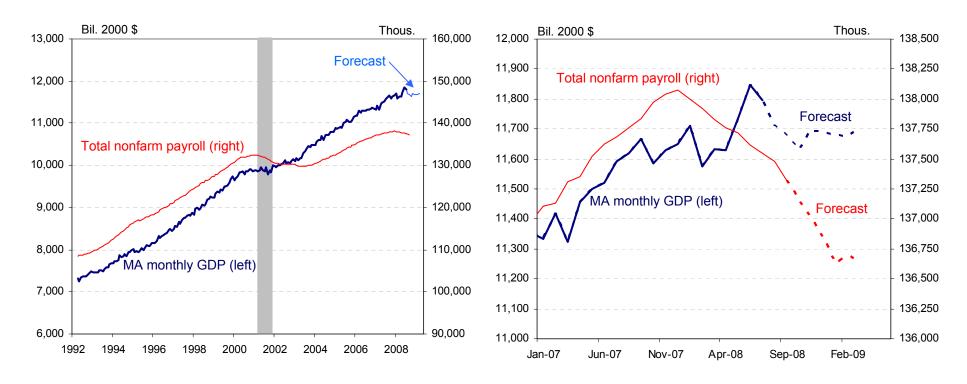
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Recession Probability: High



Recession Dating: December or June Peak?

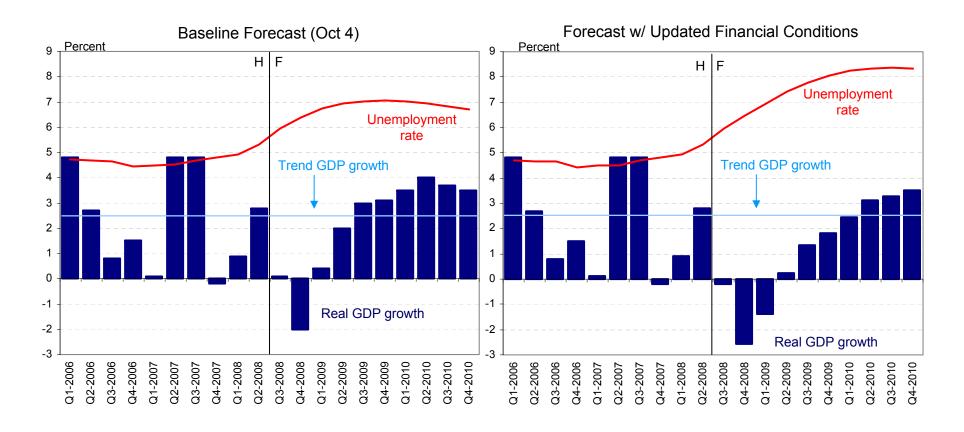
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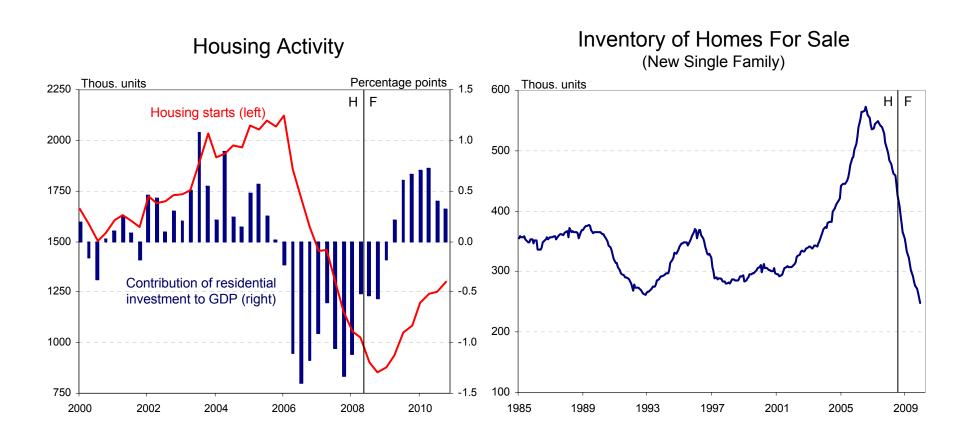
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MA Forecast: Recession Now, Recovery Later

Real GDP Growth and the Unemployment Rate

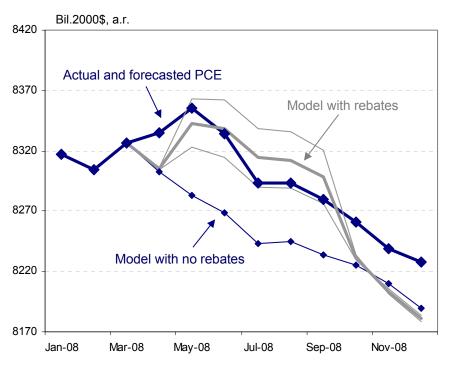


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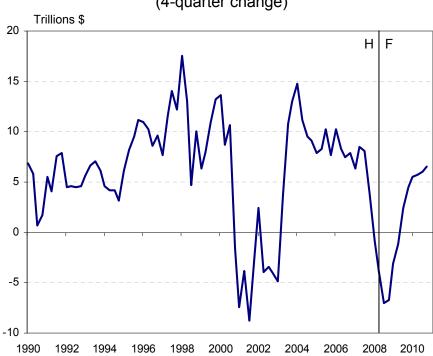


Consumer Spending: Substantial Drags

Projections for Consumer Spending

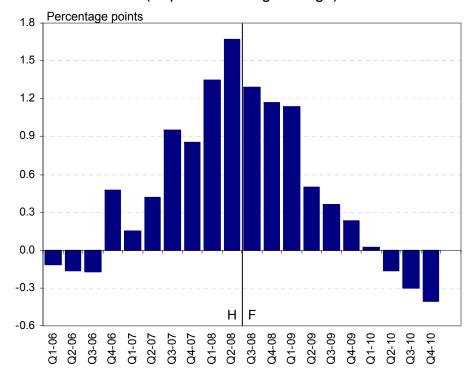


Household Net Worth (4-quarter change)



Net Exports: Diminishing Boost to GDP

Net Export Contribution to GDP Growth (4-quarter moving average)



Global GDP Growth

(Year-over-year measures)

	2008	2009
	MA	IMF
US	1.5/1.6	0.8/0.1
	OE*/	IMF
Euro	1.3/1.3	0.8/0.2
Japan	1.0/0.7	1.0/0.5
China	10.2/9.7	8.8/9.3
Brazil	4.8/5.2	4.0/3.5
World**	4.0/3.9	3.5/3.0

^{*}Oxford Economics.
**On a PPP basis.

MA Forecast Details

Q4/Q4 $\%\Delta$ or annual avg.

Real gross domestic product					
Final sales to dom. purchasers *					
Net exports of goods & services*					
Change in private inventories*					
Major components of real GDP					

Consumption Nonresidential fixed investment Residential investment Gov't C&GI

Civilian unemployment rate (%)**

	20	08			20	09		2010			2007	2008	2009	2010	
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4
0.9	2.8	0.1	-2.0	0.4	2.0	3.0	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.5	2.3	0.4	2.1	3.7
0.1	1.4	-2.0	-2.0	0.2	1.3	2.1	2.9	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.6	1.6	-0.6	1.6	3.6
0.8	2.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	1.1	0.3	-0.3
-0.1	-1.4	1.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3
0.9	1.2	-2.5	-2.2	0.4	1.3	1.5	2.3	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.2	-0.7	1.4	3.1
2.4	2.5	-3.1	-3.1	-3.6	-1.8	1.0	3.2	5.4	7.4	7.8	8.0	6.4	-0.4	-0.3	7.1
-25.1	-13.3	-14.4	-16.1	-5.6	6.8	20.3	21.6	22.2	21.6	11.1	8.6	-19.0	-17.4	10.2	15.7
1.9	3.9	2.9	2.4	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	2.4	2.8	1.9	1.6
4.9	5.3	6.0	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	4.6	5.7	6.9	6.9

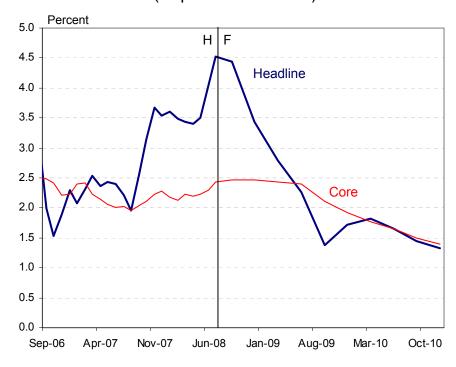
^{*}Contribution to real GDP growth, in percentage points

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^{**}Average level over period, except in 4/4 column, which is the 4th-quarter level

Inflation: A Substantial Decline

PCE Inflation Rates (4-quarter measures)

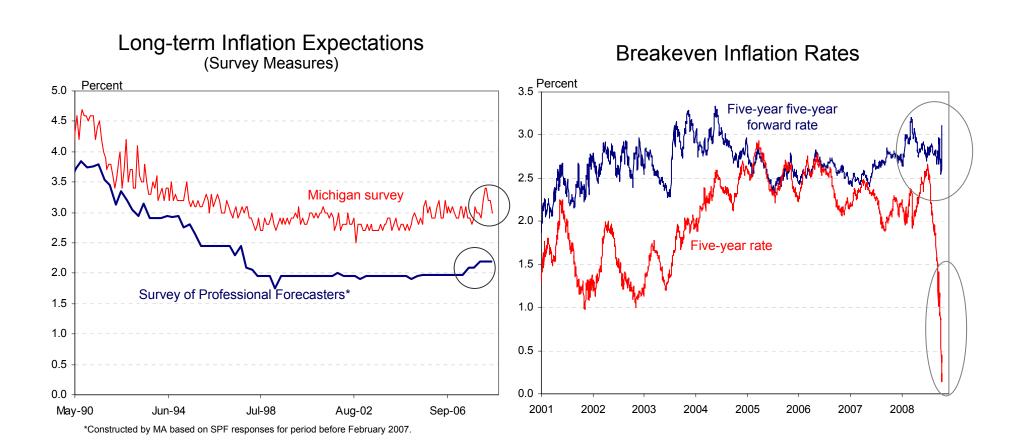


Factors Affecting Inflation Outlook

	2008	2009	2010
Forecast for Core PCE	2.5	1.9	1.4
Effects from:			
Unemployment	-0.16	-0.58	-0.84
Import prices	+0.12	+0.05	-0.04
Energy prices	+0.15	+0.06	+0.04
Inflation Expectations	+0.07	+0.10	+0.07

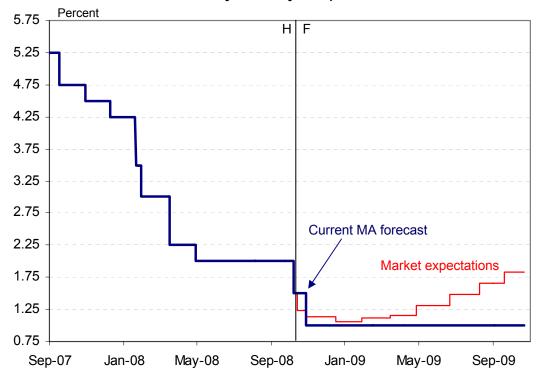
Note: Effects measured from alternative simulation beginning in 2007

Inflation Expectations: Fragile in Which Direction?



Monetary Policy Prospects: More Easing Ahead

Monetary Policy Expectations

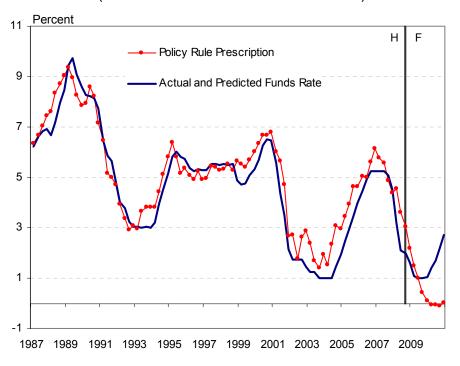


Monetary Policy Easing: Overdue

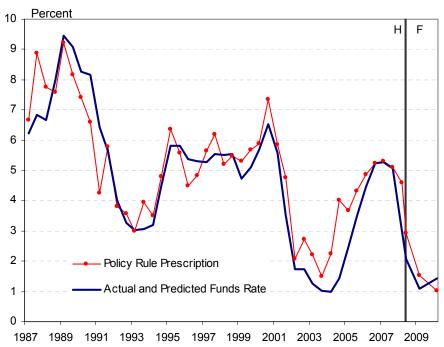
	Fed Easing:	Fed Hold:
	8/10/2007 to	4/30/08 to
	4/30/2008	10/7/2008
Equities (%)		
Wilshire	-4.6%	-28.0%
Currencies (%)		
Broad Nominal Index	-7.0%	9.0%
Yields (bp)		
10-year Treasury Yield	-104	-27
Spreads (bp)		
BAA Corporate	80	152
High Yield Corporate	251	607
Libor	39	235
Conforming Mortgages	48	40
EMBI	65	248
Bank Lending (index)		
Willingness to Make Consumer Loans	-15.1	-34.0
Inflation Factors		
WTI Spot (\$)	42	-23
Commodity Index (%)	47.2%	-23.2%
5-year Breakeven Inflation (bp)	15	-165

Monetary Policy Easing: Taylor Rule Perspective

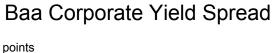
Backward-looking Policy Rule (Based on macroeconomic outcomes)



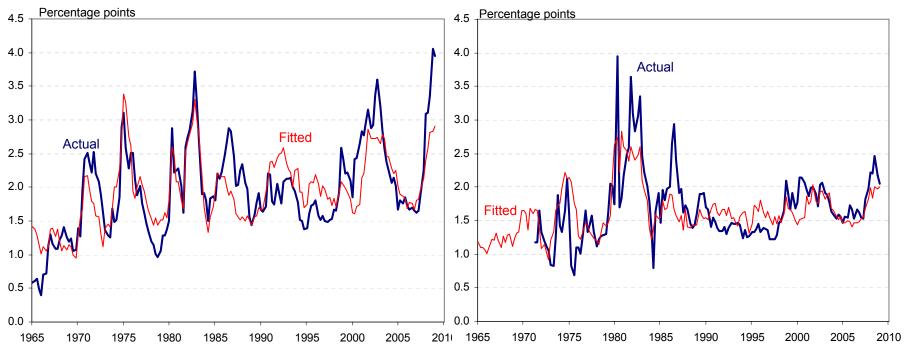
Forward-looking Policy Rule (Based on FOMC forecasts)



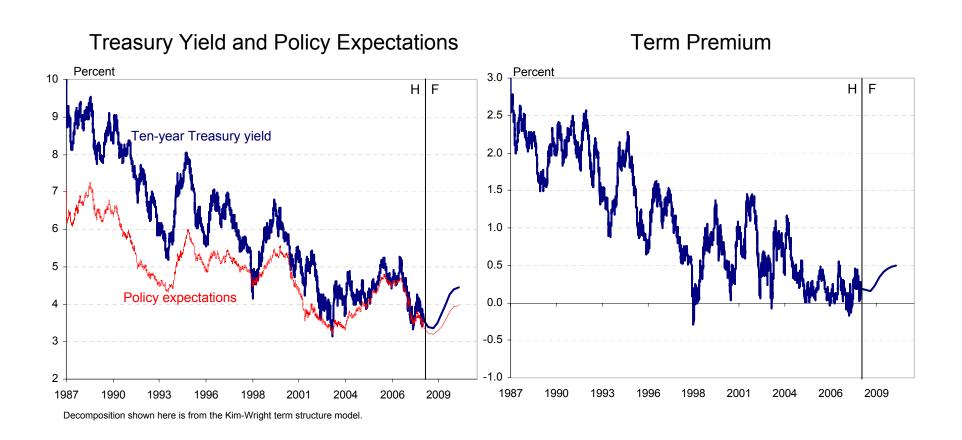
Credit Tightening: Cyclical or Structural?



Conforming Mortgage Spread



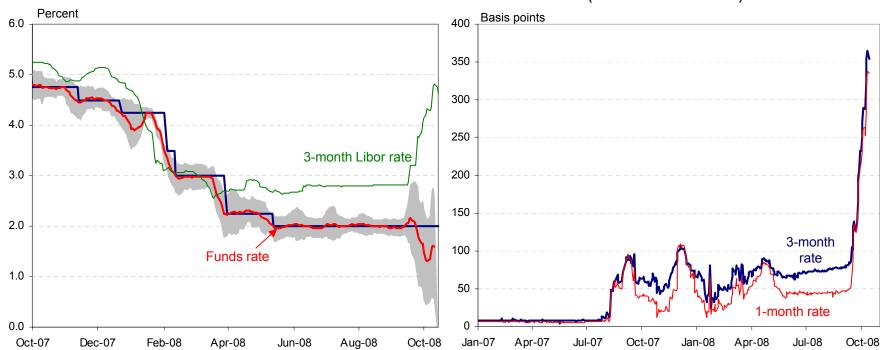
Treasury Yields: Extreme Lows



Funding Markets: Pressure on Term Rates



Libor Credit Spread (Relative to OIS Rate)



*Federal funds rate is a ten-day moving average. The range shown shows the intraday variation, measured as +/- one standard deviation.

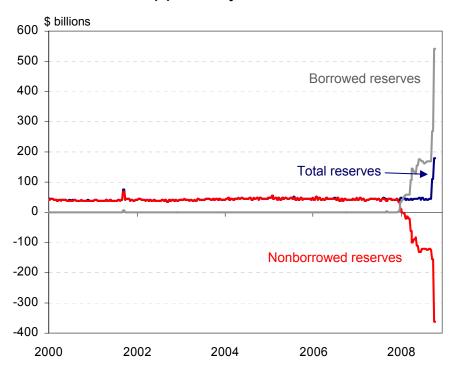
Fed Balance Sheet: Remarkable Transformation

Federal Reserve Liquidity Policies

	Current (\$ bil)	Announced (\$ bil)
Term Lending Facilities		
28-day RPs	80	100
TAF	149	600
TSLF	192	200
Other Facilities		
FX Swaps	377	620
AMLF	139	Unlimited
GSE Debt	14	Unlimited
CPFF	0	Unlimited
Standing Facilities		
Discount Window	98	Unlimited
PDCF	123	Unlimited
Rescue Operations		
Maiden Lane	29	29
AIG	70	118
Total	1271	1667 (plus Unlimited)

The Fed has committed to an additional \$300 TAF over year end, not counted above, and will also conduct TOP auctions of TSLF for additional amounts over year end. TSLF operations do not add reserves but do use the Fed's holdings of Treasuries. Amounts of AMLF and CPFF are limited by amount of outstanding commercial paper; the amounts of DW and PDCF are limited by eligible collateral.

Reserves Supplied by the Federal Reserve



Fed's Liquidity Policies: A Crowded H.4.1

Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks

October 9, 2008

1. Factors Affecting Reserve Balances of Depository Institutions

Millions of dollars

Reserve Bank credit, related items, and	A	verages of daily figures			
reserve balances of depository institutions	Week ended	Change from	week ended	Wednesday	
at Federal Reserve Banks	Oct 8, 2008	Oct 1, 2008	Oct 10, 2007	Oct 8, 2008	
Reserve Bank credit	1,494,726	+ 103,605	+ 636,273	1,575,626	
Securities held outright	490,942	+ 2,401	- 288,671	490,684	
U.S. Treasury ¹	476,594	- 18	- 303,019	476,579	
Bills ²	18,423	0	- 248,596	18,423	
Notes and bonds, nominal ²	411,731	0	- 60,411	411,731	
Notes and bonds, inflation-indexed ²	39,832	0	+ 4,079	39,832	
Inflation compensation ³	6,609	- 18	+ 1,910	6,593	
Federal agency ²	14,347	+ 2,418	+ 14,347	14,105 ← GSE purchases	
Repurchase agreéments⁴	81,143	- 1,857	+ 43,072	100,000 ← Term RPs	
Term auction credit	149,000	- 143	+ 149,000	149,000 ← TAF	
Other loans	420,160	+ 52,364	+ 419,903	430,866	
Primary credit	75,010	+ 30,547	+ 74,897	98, 107 - Discount window	
Secondary credit	4	- 282	+ 4	0	
Seasonal credit	39	- 35	- 105	33	
Primary dealer and other broker-dealer credit ⁵	134,066	- 13,626	+ 134,066	122,940 ← PDCF	
Asset-backed commercial paper money	,		,	. 20.	
market mutual fund liquidity facility	145,890	+ 23,786	+ 145,890	139,481 ← ALMF	
Other credit extensions	65,151	+ 11,975	+ 65,151	70,304 - AIG	
Net portfolio holdings of Maiden Lane LLC ⁶	29,452	+ 39	+ 29,452	29,487 ← Maiden Lane	
Float	-1,042	+ 173	- 533	-1,545	
Other Federal Reserve assets	325,071	+ 50,627	+ 284,050	377, 135 ← FX swaps	
Gold stock	11,041	0	0	11,041	
Special drawing rights certificate account	2,200	0	0	2,200	
Treasury currency outstanding ⁷	38,745	+ 14	+ 92	38,745	
Total factors supplying reserve funds	1,546,713	+ 103,619	+ 636,366	1,627,613	

Fed/Treasury Options

- Clarity on TARP/intention to re-capitalize banks
- Libor facility from the Fed
 - Fed would need make lending appear secured
 - In that case, it could target Libor
 - It could act as counterparty to both sides
- Guaranteeing bank liabilities
 - Raising deposit insurance to unlimited
 - Broader guarantee



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