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Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States

Flows and Outstandings Second Quarter 2002

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Domestic nonfinancial debt rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7-3/4 percent in the second quarter of 2002, substantially faster than in the first quarter. Much of the increase reflected a surge in federal government borrowing. State and local government borrowing was also up sharply in the second quarter, with sizable increases in new debt for capital projects and for advance refundings of existing debt.

Growth of household debt remained rapid in the second quarter, paced by another jump in mortgage debt. Growth of nonfinancial business debt moved up in the second quarter, although it remained well below the increases in recent years. The rise in business borrowing last quarter reflected a pickup in commercial mortgages and a noticeably smaller contraction in commercial paper. By contrast, bank loans to businesses posted a steep decline in the second quarter, and net issuance of corporate bonds eased slightly. With share retirements down sharply from earlier quarters, nonfinancial firms partially offset the weakness in credit market borrowing with a rise in net equity issuance.

The level of domestic nonfinancial debt outstanding was \$20.0 trillion at the end of the second quarter of 2002. Debt of nonfederal sectors was \$16.5 trillion, and federal debt was \$3.5 trillion.

Growth of Domestic Nonfinancial Debt¹

Percentage changes; quarterly data are seasonally adjusted annual rates

				Nonfede	eral	
	Total	Federal	Total	Households	Business	State and local govts.
1992	4.6	10.9	2.6	5.3	-0.2	2.2
1993	4.9	8.3	3.7	6.1	0.4	6.0
1994	4.5	4.7	4.5	7.4	3.8	-4.0
1995	5.4	4.1	5.9	7.4	7.2	-4.6
1996	5.3	4.0	5.8	7.0	6.2	-0.6
1997	5.6	0.6	7.3	6.4	9.0	5.3
1998	6.8	-1.4	9.6	8.2	11.8	7.2
1999	6.6	-1.9	9.1	8.3	11.1	4.4
2000	4.9	-8.0	8.4	8.3	9.9	2.2
2001	6.1	-0.2	7.5	8.6	6.1	8.1
2001:Q1	5.0	-1.8	6.6	7.2	5.7	7.5
:Q2	5.5	-6.4	8.2	9.0	7.3	7.9
:Q3	6.8	6.3	6.9	9.0	5.2	4.3
:Q4	6.4	1.3	7.5	8.3	5.7	11.7
2002:Q1	4.8	1.2	5.6	9.2	1.9	4.5
:Q2	7.8	13.3	6.7	9.0	2.9	12.4

1. Changes shown are on an end-of-period basis.

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Flow of Funds Accounts, Second Quarter 2002

This publication presents the flow of funds accounts for 2002:Q2.

Data revisions and other changes. The statistics in the attached tables reflect the use of new or revised source data. Most significant revisions appear in recent quarters; however, new source information resulted in changes to data for earlier periods. The revisions include the following:

1. Seasonal factors for quarterly financial flows have been recalculated for the period 1992:Q1 onward. The factors were generated using the Statistical Canada X-12-ARIMA/88 seasonal adjustment program.

2. The statistics in this publication reflect the annual revisions to the national income and product accounts from 1999 forward released by the Department of Commerce on July 31, 2002, and subsequent information for 2002:Q2 released on August 29, 2002. The August 2002 issue of the *Survey of Current Business* details the major features of the annual revision of the national income and product accounts.

3. Data for investment and depreciation flows of all sectors and capital stocks for the household and business sectors have been revised beginning in 1999 to reflect updated annual estimates of reproducible tangible wealth published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce in September 2002.

4. Revisions to the rest of the world sector (tables F.107 and L.107) reflect new estimates of the balance of payments from the Department of Commerce for the period 1995-2001. The new estimates are detailed in the July 2002 *Survey of Current Business*.

5. Mortgage assets of finance companies are now reported separately for home mortgages (table F.218 and L.218), multifamily residential mortgages (tables F.219 and L.219), and commercial mortgages (tables F.220 and L.220), for the period 1970:Q2 to 1996:Q1.

6. Estimates of the real estate holdings of households (B.100, line 4) were improved using more detailed information from the biennial American

Housing Surveys in the period 1985 to 1999. Quarterly data were revised from 1984:Q1 forward and indicate a higher level for the value of real estate in the period since 1993.

7. In the nonprofit sector (supplementary tables F.100.a and L.100.a), data for 1999 have been added to reflect newly available information from the Internal Revenue Service/Statistics of Income Division.

Explanatory notes for tables D.1, D.2, and D.3. Domestic debt comprises credit market funds borrowed by U.S. entities from both domestic and foreign sources, while foreign debt represents amounts borrowed by foreign financial and nonfinancial entities in U.S. markets only. Financial sectors consist of government-sponsored enterprises, federally related mortgage pools, and private financial institutions. Credit market debt consists of debt securities, mortgages, bank loans, commercial paper, consumer credit, U.S. government loans, and other loans and advances; it excludes trade debt, loans for the purpose of carrying securities, and funds raised from equity sources.

Growth rates in table D.1 are calculated by dividing seasonally adjusted flows from table D.2 by seasonally adjusted levels at the end of the previous period from table D.3. Seasonally adjusted levels in flow of funds statistics are derived by carrying forward year-end levels by seasonally adjusted flows. Growth rates calculated from changes in unadjusted levels printed in table L.2 can differ from those in table D.1.

Relation of Flows to Outstandings. Estimates of financial assets and liabilities outstanding are linked to data on flows. However, figures on outstandings contain discontinuities or breaks in series that could affect analysis of particular relationships over time. Specifically, outstandings in the flow of funds accounts are related to the flows in the following way:

Outstanding $_{t}$ = Outstanding $_{t-1}$ + Flow $_{t}$ + Discontinuity $_{t}$ where "t" is the time period.

Discontinuities result from changes in valuation, breaks in source data, and changes in

definitions. For most series, the value of the discontinuity is zero for nearly all time periods. However, in a few instances, the discontinuity is nonzero for almost all time periods, or is quite large in a particular quarter, such as a period when there is a sharp increase or decrease in equity prices or a major break in source data.

The discontinuities in a series can distort estimated rates of growth in assets and liabilities between periods. In order to minimize these distortions, percentage changes in assets and liabilities in flow of funds releases should be calculated as:

Percentage change $_{t} = (Flow_{t} / Outstanding_{t-1}) * 100$

Preliminary Estimates. Figures shown for the most recent quarter in these tables are based on preliminary and incomplete information. A summary list of the principal sources of information available when the latest quarter's data were compiled is provided in a table following this introduction. The distinction between "available" data and "missing" data is not between final and preliminary versions of data, but rather between those source estimates that are fully ready when the latest quarterly publication is compiled and those that are not yet completed. However, the items that are shown as available are, in general, also preliminary in the sense that they are subject to revision by source agencies.

Margins of Uncertainty. Flow of funds statistics are subject to uncertainties resulting from measurement errors in source data, incompatibilities among data from different sources, potential revisions in both financial and nonfinancial series, and incomplete data in parts of the accounts. The size of these uncertainties cannot be quantified in precise statistical terms, but allowance for them is explicitly made throughout the accounts by the inclusion of "discrepancies" for various sectors and instrument types. A discrepancy for a sector is the difference between its measured sources of funds and its measured uses of funds. For an instrument category, a discrepancy is the difference between measured funds borrowed through the financial instrument and measured funds lent through that instrument. The size of such discrepancies relative to the main asset or

liability components is one indication of the quality of source data, especially on an annual basis. For quarterly data, differences in seasonal adjustment procedures for financial and nonfinancial components of the accounts sometimes result in discrepancies that cancel in annual data.

Availability of Data. Flow of funds statistics are updated about ten weeks following the end of a quarter. This publication — the Z.1 release — is available from the Board's Publications Services. Flow of funds data are also available electronically through the Internet at the following location:

http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/Z1

The Internet site also provides quarterly data beginning in 1952, organized in compressed files that correspond to the tables published in this release. There are files for quarterly data for seasonally adjusted flows, unadjusted flows, outstandings, balance sheets, and debt (tables D.1, D.2, and D.3).

A Guide to the Flow of Funds Accounts is available. The 1,200-page Guide, in two volumes, explains in detail how the U.S. financial accounts are prepared and the principles underlying the accounts. The Guide can be purchased for \$20.00 from the Board's Publications Services. Publications Services accepts orders accompanied by checks as well as credit card orders. The Internet site for this release at the location shown above contains a link to an order form for the Guide that can be mailed or faxed to Publications Services.

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Availability of Data for Latest Quarter

	Available at time of publication	Major items missing
1. National income and product accounts (NIPA)	Preliminary estimates, seasonally adjusted, for 2002:Q2.	Unadjusted flows since 2000.
2. Households and nonprofit organizations sector (tables F.100 and L.100)	Estimates for this sector are largely resi other sectors. Availability of data deper Data for consumer credit, which are est 2002:Q2. The source for nonprofit org L.100.a) is the Internal Revenue Service nonprofit organizations are available fo	nds on schedules for other sectors. imated directly, are available through anizations data (tables F.100.a and e <i>Statistics of Income</i> . Data for
 Nonfarm nonfinancial corporate business (tables F.102 and L.102) 	<i>Quarterly Financial Report</i> (QFR) of the Census Bureau through 2002:Q2; Internal Revenue Service <i>Statistics of</i> <i>Income</i> data through 1999; securities offerings, mortgages, bank loans, commercial paper, and other loans through 2002:Q2.	<i>Statistics of Income</i> data since 1999.
4. Nonfarm noncorporate business (tables F.103 and L.103)	Internal Revenue Service <i>Statistics of</i> <i>Income</i> data through 1999; bank and finance company loans and mortgage borrowing through 2002:Q2.	<i>Statistics of Income</i> data since 1999.
5. Farm business (tables F.104 and L.104)	Mortgages, bank loans, loans from government-sponsored enterprises, U.S. government loans to farms, and equity in government-sponsored enterprises through 2002:Q2; preliminary data for checkable deposits and currency and trade payables through 2001.	Consumption of fixed capital and undistributed profits since 2000.
6. State and local governments (tables F.105 and L.105)	Gross offerings and retirements of municipal securities, deposits at banks, and nonmarketable U.S. government security issues through 2002:Q2; selected financial assets through 1999:Q2 from the comprehensive annual financial reports of state and local governments that account for most of the holdings of the sector, and data from Standard & Poor's on local government investment pools.	Selected financial asset items since 1999:Q2.

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	al government s F.106 and L.106)	Data from the <i>Monthly Treasury</i> <i>Statement of Receipts and Outlays</i> through 2002:Q2; Treasury data for loan programs through 2002:Q2.	None.
(U.S. trans	of the world international actions) is F.107 and L.107)	Balance of payments data through 2002:Q2; NIPA estimates; data from bank Reports of Condition and Treasury International Capital System through 2002:Q2.	None
	etary authority as F.108 and L.108)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
(table	nercial banking s F.109 through F.113 ables L.109 through 3)	All data through 2002:Q2 for U.Schartered commercial banks, foreign banking offices in the U.S., bank holding companies, and commercial banks in U.Saffiliated areas.	Data since 2001 for branches of domestic commercial banks located in U.Saffiliated areas.
	gs institutions s F.114 and L.114)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
12. Credi (table	t unions s F.115 and L.115)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
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	nsurance companies s F.117 and L.117)	All data through 2002:Q1.	Data since 2002:Q1.
	insurance companies s F.118 and L.118)	All data through 2002:Q1.	Data since 2002:Q1.
(inc Thr	ate pension funds Huding FERS ift Savings Plan) es F.119 and L.119)	Quarterly data through 2002:Q2; Internal Revenue Service/Department of Labor/Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Form 5500 data through 1998.	Form 5500 data since 1998.
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fund	ey market mutual ls es F.121 and L.121)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
19. Mutu (table	al funds es F.122 and L.122)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.

20. Closed-end funds (tables F.123 and L.123)	All data through 2001.	Data since 2001.
21. Exchange-traded funds (tables F.123 and L.123)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
22. Government-sponsored enterprises (tables F.124 and L.124)	Data for Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHLBs, FCS, FICO, REFCORP, and Sallie Mae through 2002:Q2.	None.
23. Federally related mortgage pools (tables F.125 and L.125)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
24. Issuers of asset-backed securities (ABSs) (tables F.126 and L.126)	All data for private mortgage pools, consumer credit, business loans, student loans, consumer leases, and trade credit securitization through 2002:Q2.	None.
25. Finance companies (tables F.127 and L.127)	All data through 2002:Q2.	None.
26. Mortgage companies (tables F.128 and L.128)	Mortgage data through 1998:Q1.	Data since 1998:Q1.
27. Real estate investment trusts (REITs) (tables F.129 and L.129)	Data from SNL REIT DataSource through 2002:Q2.	None.
 Security brokers and dealers (tables F.130 and L.130) 	Data for firms filing FOCUS and FOGS reports through 2002:Q2.	None.
29. Funding corporations (tables F.131 and L.131)	Estimates for this sector are largely resi other sectors.	duals and are derived from data for