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# Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States

Flows and Outstandings Third Quarter 2004

# Flow of Funds Summary Statistics Third Quarter 2004

Domestic nonfinancial debt rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7-1/2 percent in the third quarter of 2004, up a bit from the 7 percent pace posted in the previous quarter. The pickup in debt growth reflected faster growth of nonfederal debt, which was offset in large part by a substantial decline in the growth of federal debt.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, federal debt growth fell to an annual rate of 5 percent in the third quarter, less than half its pace earlier this year. By contrast, nonfederal debt expanded at an 8 percent annual rate in the third quarter, up from a 6-1/4 percent pace in the previous quarter. The acceleration in nonfederal debt last quarter was broadly distributed across households, nonfinancial businesses, and state and local governments.

Household debt expanded at an annual rate of 9 percent in the third quarter, as mortgage debt grew at an 11-1/4 percent pace and consumer credit rose 6 percent. Debt of nonfinancial businesses increased at a 5 percent annual rate in the third quarter, somewhat faster than in the previous quarter. Among the components of nonfinancial business borrowing, commercial mortgages increased substantially in the third quarter, and commercial paper outstanding and bank loans continued to expand.

The seasonally adjusted level of domestic nonfinancial debt outstanding was \$23.6 trillion at the end of the third quarter of 2004. Debt of nonfederal sectors was \$19.3 trillion and federal debt held by the public was \$4.3 trillion.

**Growth of Domestic Nonfinancial Debt**<sup>1</sup> Percentage changes; quarterly data are seasonally adjusted annual rates

				Nonf	ederal	
	Total	Federal	Total	Households	Business	State and local govts.
1994	4.6	4.7	4.6	7.6	3.8	-4.0
1995	5.3	4.1	5.7	7.2	7.2	-5.5
1996	5.2	4.0	5.7	6.8	6.2	-1.5
1997	5.3	0.6	7.0	6.0	9.0	4.0
1998	6.9	-1.4	9.6	8.0	12.3	6.3
1999	6.4	-1.9	8.9	8.3	10.6	3.4
2000	4.8	-8.0	8.3	8.7	9.4	1.3
2001	6.2	-0.2	7.6	8.9	6.1	8.9
2002	6.8	7.6	6.7	9.6	2.6	11.1
2003	8.1	10.9	7.5	10.0	4.3	8.2
2003: Q1	7.2	5.1	7.7	11.0	4.0	6.9
Q2	11.0	19.6	9.1	11.5	5.9	11.3
Q3	7.0	8.2	6.8	9.4	3.5	7.2
Q4	6.2	9.1	5.5	6.8	3.7	6.3
2004: Q1	9.1	12.0	8.5	11.4	4.6	9.5
Q2	7.0	10.7	6.2	8.5	3.6	4.0
Q3	7.4	4.9	8.0	9.1	5.1	14.2

<sup>1.</sup> Changes shown are on an end-of-period basis.

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## Flow of Funds Accounts, Third Quarter 2004

This publication presents the flow of funds accounts for 2004:Q3.

**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. In this release, data for the private pension funds sector (tables F.119, L.119, F.119b, F.119c, L.119b, and L.119c) have been revised for the period 2000 forward to reflect statistics from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service/Department of Labor/Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Form 5500 filed for plan year 2000.

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, agency- and GSE-backed 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, outstanding 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*, published in two volumes in January 2000, 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. In addition, the Internet site includes a link to the *Guide*'s descriptions of the tables in the flow of funds accounts.

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### **Availability of Data for Latest Quarter**

### Available at time of publication Major items missing 1. National income and Preliminary estimates, seasonally Unadjusted flows since 2002. product accounts (NIPA) adjusted, for 2004:Q3. 2. Households and nonprofit Estimates for this sector are largely residuals and are derived from data for other sectors. Availability of data depends on schedules for other sectors. organizations sector (tables F.100 and L.100) Data for consumer credit, which are estimated directly, are available through 2004:Q3. The source for nonprofit organizations data (tables F.100.a and L.100.a) is the Internal Revenue Service Statistics of Income. Data for nonprofit organizations are available for 1987 through 2000. 3. Nonfarm nonfinancial Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) of Statistics of Income data since corporate business the Census Bureau through 2004:Q2; 2002. Internal Revenue Service Statistics of (tables F.102 and L.102) Income (IRS/SOI) preliminary data through 2002; securities offerings, mortgages, bank loans, commercial paper, and other loans through 2004:Q3. 4. Nonfarm noncorporate IRS/SOI data through 2001; bank and Statistics of Income data since business finance company loans and mortgage 2001. (tables F.103 and L.103) borrowing through 2004:Q3. 5. Farm business Mortgages, bank loans, loans from Consumption of fixed capital and undistributed profits since 2001. (tables F.104 and L.104) government-sponsored enterprises, U.S. government loans to farms, and equity in government-sponsored enterprises through 2004:Q3; preliminary data for checkable deposits and currency and trade payables through 2003. Gross offerings and retirements of Selected financial asset items 6. State and local governments (tables F.105 and L.105) municipal securities, deposits at banks. since 2003:Q3. and nonmarketable U.S. government security issues through 2004:Q3; selected financial assets through 2003:Q3 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.

7.	Federal government (tables F.106 and L.106)	Data from the <i>Monthly Treasury</i> Statement of Receipts and Outlays through 2004:Q3; Treasury data for loan programs through 2004:Q3.	None.
8.	Rest of the world (U.S. international transactions) (tables F.107 and L.107)	Balance of payments data through 2004:Q2; NIPA estimates; data from bank Reports of Condition and Treasury International Capital System through 2004:Q3.	Balance of payments data for 2004:Q3.
9.	Monetary authority (tables F.108 and L.108)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
10.	Commercial banking (tables F.109 through F.113 and tables L.109 through L.113)	All data through 2004:Q3 for U.Schartered commercial banks, foreign banking offices in the U.S., bank holding companies, and commercial banks in U.Saffiliated areas.	Data since 2003 for branches of domestic commercial banks located in U.Saffiliated areas.
11.	Savings institutions (tables F.114 and L.114)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
12.	Credit unions (tables F.115 and L.115)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
13.	Bank personal trusts and estates (tables F.116 and L.116)	All data through 2003:Q4; total assets through 2004:Q3.	Asset detail since 2003:Q4.
14.	Life insurance companies (tables F.117 and L.117)	All data through 2004:Q2.	Data for 2004:Q3.
15.	Other insurance companies (tables F.118 and L.118)	All data through 2004:Q2.	Data for 2004:Q3.
16.	Private pension funds (tables F.119 and L.119)	Quarterly data through 2004:Q3; Internal Revenue Service/Department of Labor/Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Form 5500 data through 2000.	Form 5500 data since 2000.
17.	State and local government employee retirement funds (tables F.120 and L.120)	All data through 2004:Q1.	Data since 2004:Q1.
18.	Federal government retirement funds (tables F.121 and L.121)	Data from the Monthly Treasury Statement, the Thrift Savings Plan, and the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust through 2004:Q3.	None.

19. Money market mutual funds (tables F.122 and L.122)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
20. Mutual funds (tables F.123 and L.123)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
21. Closed-end funds (tables F.124 and L.124)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
22. Exchange-traded funds (tables F.124 and L.124)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
23. Government-sponsored enterprises (tables F.125 and L.125)	Data for FHLBs, FCS, Farmer Mac, Sallie Mae, FICO, and REFCORP through 2004:Q3.	Data after 2003:Q4 for Freddie Mac; data after 2004:Q2 for Fannie Mae.
24. Agency- and GSE-backed mortgage pools (tables F.126 and L.126)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
25. Issuers of asset-backed securities (ABSs) (tables F.127 and L.127)	All data for private mortgage pools, consumer credit, business loans, student loans, consumer leases, and trade credit securitization through 2004:Q3.	None.
26. Finance companies (tables F.128 and L.128)	All data through 2004:Q3.	None.
27. Mortgage companies (tables F.129 and L.129)	Mortgage data through 1997:Q4.	Data after 1997:Q4.
28. Real estate investment trusts (REITs) (tables F.130 and L.130)	Data from SNL REIT DataSource through 2004:Q3.	None.
29. Security brokers and dealers (tables F.131 and L.131)	Data for firms filing FOCUS and FOGS reports through 2004:Q3.	None.
30. Funding corporations (tables F.132 and L.132)	Estimates for this sector are largely residuals and are derived from data for other sectors.	