

Money Supply Process

Economics 301: Money and Banking

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Loaned federal funds	Borrowed federal funds
Reserves	Discount Loans
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Suppose the required reserve ratio is 0%, banks hold 8% of deposits in excess reserves, and consumers hold currency balances that are about 4% of what they hold in deposits in banks. Suppose the Fed makes an open market purchase of \$100 million of government bonds.

- 1 Compute the impact on the monetary base.
- 2 Compute the impact on the M1 money supply.
- 3 Compute the impact on the amount of deposits held in the banking sector.
- 4 Compute the impact on required reserves, excess reserves, and total reserves held by banks.
- 5 Describe and illustrate the impact on the equilibrium interest rate.

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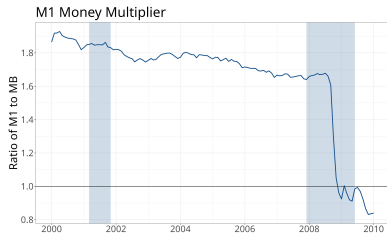
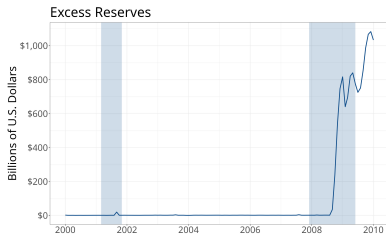
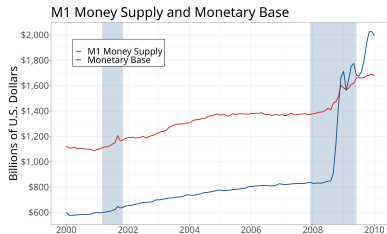
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Monetary Policy during 2007-2009 Financial Crisis

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- Huge increase in banks holdings of excess reserves
- Huge increases by Fed to monetary base to both offset impact of excess reserves, stimulate the economy

Scholar Spotlight: Elena Seghezza

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Why the money multiplier has remained persistently so low in the post-crisis United States? (with Pierluigi Morelli)

Economic Modelling, November 2020.

Low Money Multiplier

- Money multiplier collapsed in 2008
- Remained permanently lower through 2018
- Larger excess reserves due to significantly and persistent lower demand for loans



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