Guide to Japan's Money Stock Statistics

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Preface

The Research and Statistics Department of the Bank of Japan has been disseminating the *Money Stock Statistics* (MSS) since 1955 to provide one of the indicators to judge the condition of the economy and the price movements. The range of indices and that of money holders were revised in June 2008 and the current data series have since been released.

"The Guide to Japan's Money Stock Statistics" explains the definitions, compilation methods, and additional notes of the MSS to provide increased accessibility and transparency for users. In chapter one, an overview of the MSS is described. Chapter two explains the compilation methods in detail. In chapters three and four, notes on the use of the MSS and the relations between the MSS and the other financial statistics are explained. For reference, the explanation of the *Monetary Survey* is attached at the end of this guide.

The scope of money varies over time and country. In this sense, the statistics are not characterized by a set of definite standards. We have made, and will continue to make, efforts to improve the quality of statistics to better reflect the constant changes of our economic and financial environments.

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Chapter 1 Overview of the Money Stock Statistics

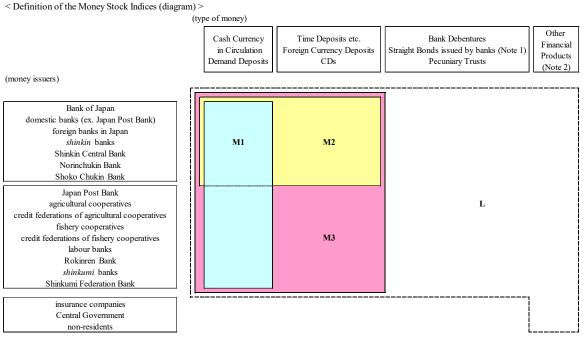
Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF THE MONEY STOCK STATISTICS

1. Definition of the Money Stock Indices

The Money Stock Statistics (MSS) records the aggregate amount of money, including currency in circulation and deposit money, held by money holders such as non-financial corporations, individuals, and local governments.

The definition of the MSS varies according to time and country. In Japan, four indices — M1, M2, M3, and L — are compiled and released. The definition of each index is as follows (see Appendix 1 for details).



Note 1: Includes the portion issued by domestically licensed bank holding companies Note 2: Commercial Paper issued by Financial Institutions, Investment Trusts (Publicly Offered and Privately Placed), Government Bonds, Foreign

Bonds

M1 = currency in circulation + deposit money deposited at depository institutions

M2 = currency in circulation + deposite deposited at domestically licensed banks, etc. ("domestically licensed banks, etc." indicates the same range of financial institutions stipulated as "M2+CDs depository institutions" in the former statistics)

- M3 = currency in circulation + deposits deposited at depository institutions
 - L = M3 + pecuniary trusts + investment trusts + bank debentures + straight bonds issued by banks + commercial paper issued by financial institutions + government securities + foreign bonds

Currency in circulation = banknotes in circulation + coins in circulation

- Deposit money = demand deposits (current deposits, ordinary deposits, savings deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, and deposits for tax payments) – checks and notes held by financial institutions
 - Deposits = deposit money, quasi-money (time deposits, fixed savings, installment savings, and foreign currency deposits), and CDs (certificates of deposit)
- DomesticallylicensedDomesticallylicensedbanks (excluding the Japan Postbanks, etc.:Bank), foreign banks in Japan, shinkin
Central Bank, the Norinchukin Bank, and the Shoko Chukin
BankDepository institutions :"Domestically licensed banks, etc." and all other depository
- Depository institutions : "Domestically licensed banks, etc." and all other depository institutions including the Japan Post Bank, *shinkumi* banks, Shinkumi Federation Bank, labor banks, the Rokinren Bank, agricultural cooperatives, prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, fishery coops, and prefectural credit federations of fishery cooperatives

* "Money holders" are non-financial corporations, households, and local governments (including municipal enterprises). (See "2. Money Holders" for details.)

M1 includes "currency in circulation" and "deposit money," both of which are most easily used as means of settlement. The total of banknotes and coins excluding those held by financial institutions make up "currency in circulation." The purpose of the exclusion is to specify cash solely held by money holders. "Deposit money" is the total of demand deposits deposited at depository institutions.

M3 includes M1, "quasi-money," and "CDs" issued by depository institutions.

Financial instruments such as time deposits are classified as "quasi-money" since they have, in principle, a function close to that of deposit money. They are convertible into currencies or deposit money when they are terminated, and used as means of settlement.

M2 covers the same range of financial products as those of M3, but the range of financial institutions surveyed is limited to domestically licensed banks, etc.

L includes M3 plus various components that are considered to have some degree of liquidity. Those include: "pecuniary trusts," "investment trusts," "straight bonds issued by banks," "bank debentures," "commercial paper issued by financial institutions," "government securities," and "foreign bonds." L is a large-scaled index that has a tendency toward stable transition even in the case of capital inflow or outflow between various financial instruments (e.g. cancellation of investment trusts to create deposits).

The financial institutions that offer financial instruments are called "money issuers" in the MSS. In Japan, money issuers include the Bank of Japan and depository institutions.¹

2. Money Holders

The range of money holders varies among countries. In Japan, it has been defined as "non-financial corporations, individuals, and local governments including municipal enterprises."

In other words, entities such as the central government, central bank, depository institutions, insurance companies, bank and insurance company holding companies, government-affiliated financial institutions, securities companies, and *tanshi* companies (call loan dealers) are excluded from money holders. Nonresidents are also excluded from money holders.

¹ The number of depository institutions is as follows. The number in parentheses is the number of organization at the end of March 2024: Domestically licensed banks <excluding the Japan Post Bank> (133) (of which are city banks (5), regional banks (62), regional banks II (37), trust banks (11), Resolution and Collection Corporation (1), other banks (17)), the Japan Post Bank (1), foreign banks in Japan (54), *shinkin* banks (254), Shinkin Central Bank (1), the Norinchukin Bank (1), the Shoko Chukin Bank (1), *shinkumi* banks (143), Shinkumi Federation Bank (1), labor banks (13), the Rokinren Bank (1), agricultural cooperatives (527), prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives (32), fishery coops (73), and prefectural credit federations of fishery cooperatives (9). As regards components of "L" other than M3, money issuers also include the central government and foreign-bond-issuing organizations, etc.

Deposit holdings of the central government are usually excluded from the monetary aggregates in most countries. The justification for such exclusion is often empirically based. It is argued, at least for some countries, that central government deposit holdings do not respond to macroeconomic influences (i.e. changes in economic activities, interest rates, exchange rates, etc.) in the same way, or to the same degree, as do deposits of the money holding sectors because of the unique nature of the central government's financing constraints, spending decisions, and cash management techniques.

Although all financial institutions are conceptually excluded from money holders, in practice financial institutions that are excluded from money holders because of data limitations are: depository institutions, insurance companies, bank and insurance company holding companies, government-affiliated financial institutions, securities companies, and *tanshi* companies (call loan dealers).

3. History of the Money Statistics in Japan

(1) History of the Money Statistics in Japan

Until the late 1940s, Japan's money statistics had mainly dealt with the amount of cash, including coins in circulation.

The range of statistics expanded moderately in 1949, when the compilation of *the Cash and Deposit Currency* began. The statistics, however, had a narrower range of money than today's MSS. For example, the "deposit money" was comprised only of current deposits back then.

The prototype of today's MSS was completed in 1955, when the release of *The Factor for Money Supply* began. The statistics included the entire demand deposits in "deposit money."

The background of these revisions was as follows:

1. The number of transactions conducted by means of "deposit money" increased significantly in this period as the economy expanded.

2. The notion of "demand deposits that have a certain degree of liquidity should be included in money," gained a dominant position in monetary theory.

Currency in circulation = banknotes in circulation + coins in circulation

Deposit money = demand deposits (current deposits, ordinary deposits, savings deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, and deposits for tax payments) checks and bills held by the surveyed financial institutions

Since then, the IMF strove to include time and savings deposits in money by calling them "substitutes of money" or "quasi-money," as a measure to standardize the money statistics. These developments were based on the following idea: "Time and savings deposits should not be placed out of money because they may be liquidized anytime the depositors terminate the deposits, even though the main reasons for holding them are precautionary motives or asset motives rather than transaction motives as in the case of currency in circulation or deposit money."

It also became necessary in Japan to include time and savings deposits in money because of the growing shifts of money from demand deposits to time and savings deposits encouraged by the improvement of liquidity position of corporations and by the accumulation of financial assets by individuals.

In due course, *the Money Supply and Related Data*, which includes time and savings deposits, was published in 1967. Subsequently, the sum of "currency in circulation" and "deposit money" was called M1, and M1 plus "quasi-money" as M2.

In major advanced countries, various money stock indices were compiled and released one after another as money stock statistics became more important in studies on the relationship between money, real economic activities, and price. In Japan, M3 was compiled and released from the data of August 1977 that includes M2, deposits of post offices, deposits of agricultural cooperatives, trust principals, and other factors.

"CDs (certificates of deposit)," established in May 1979, were treated as time and savings deposits viewed from the aspect of liquidity, and M2+CDs have been introduced accordingly.

Meanwhile, average amounts outstanding of M1 and M2 have been compiled since 1971 to properly grasp the monthly development of these indices (average amounts outstanding reduces the fluctuation of the amounts outstanding at the end of period caused by the composition of days at the end of month). Since then, average amounts outstanding of M2 (M2+CDs after the introduction of CD) gradually became the main index in the MSS because of its connection with price and its stability as an index.

In the late 1980s, however, average amounts outstanding of M2+CDs frequently fluctuated by the shift of funds between the M2+CDs and unsurveyed financial assets, which was caused

by the progress in financial liberalization. To cope with this situation, "broadly defined liquidity" was first introduced in 1989 with the aim to capture developments of money by excluding such shift of funds. Consequently, the MSS was established and comprised of four types of indices — M1, M2+CDs, M3+CDs, and "broadly defined liquidity."

After the late 1990s, under the principle that "statistics are a public good," the Research and Statistics Department of the Bank of Japan strove to further improve the quality of statistics from the following aspects: provision of accurate statistics (reflections of the changes in financial and economic structure, improvements of statistics by applying more elaborated statistical approaches, among others), benefit of data users (earlier releases, provisions of the statistics through various media such as the Internet), and transparency of statistics (release of all compiled figures, provisions of user guides, etc.).²

Regarding the MSS, the following measures were taken to enhance the quality of statistics: expansion of the range of surveyed financial institutions and instruments, release of related statistics, and release of the component figures of "broadly defined liquidity."

In 1998, the range of the surveyed institutions was extended.³ Newly included are: foreign banks in Japan, foreign trust banks, Shinkin Central Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, and prefectural credit federations of fishery cooperatives. Consequently, the MSS covered all depository institutions in Japan.

In response to the deregulation of CP issue by financial institutions in May 1999, "commercial paper issued by financial institutions" was added to the component of "broadly defined liquidity."⁴

Related statistics such as *Deposits by Depositor* (monthly) (April 1999)⁵ and *the Deposits*, *Vault Cash, and Loans* (July 1999) were released to facilitate detailed analysis of the components of MSS, followed by the release of the components of "broadly defined

² Refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Enhancement of Statistics Provided by the Research and Statistics Department," July 1999.

³ Refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Revision and Release of the Money Stock Related Statistics," April 1998.

⁴ Refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Revision of the Definitions of Money Stock Components," April 1999.

⁵ In July 2012, this statics was integrated into the Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted.

liquidity" and revision of compilation method, considering the convenience of users (June 2000).⁶

The release schedule for the statistics was advanced gradually: the 13th business day of the following month in 1997, and the 6th business day of the following month from November 2000 onward.⁷

(2) Release of the ongoing Money Stock Statistics

In June 2008, in response to the recent changes such as the privatization of Japan Post (October 2007) and the diversification of financial products, the range of indices and the range of money holders were revised.

• Background⁸:

The aim of the revision of the MSS was to reflect the recent changes in Japan's economic environment, especially the privatization of Japan Post and the diversification of financial products.

First, the Japan Post Bank started its business in October 2007, after which it became necessary to reexamine its statistical treatment and other matters.

Second, it became more and more necessary to reexamine the components of "broadly defined liquidity" (currently "L") in response to the diversification of financial products in recent years.

Last but not least, a reexamination of the range of money holders became crucial. For example, because active trading of "government securities" and of "repurchase agreements and securities lending with cash collateral" by securities firms and by *tanshi* companies has been noise in assessing the conditions of "broadly defined liquidity," it was desirable to narrow the range of money holders to eliminate such problems.

⁶ Refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Release of Components of Broadly-defined Liquidity," June 2000.

⁷ In the July 2011 revision, the release date was changed from the 6th to the 7th business day (from the 8th to the 9th in April and October), due to the new data collection and estimation method.

⁸ Refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Money Stock Statistics Revision Policy – Request for Opinions," June 2007 (in Japanese), and Research and Statistics Department, "Final Draft on the Revision of the Money Stock Statistics – Opinions on the June 2007 Revision Proposal and BOJ Responses –," January 2008.

• Changes from the Former Statistics:

(Range of Money Holders)

This revision removed securities companies, *tanshi* companies, and nonresidents from the range of money holders.

Revision of Money Holders



Entities excluded from Money holders Entities <u>newly excluded</u> from money holders Money holders after the revision

Residence	Residents	Non-residents
Central Government		
Central Bank		
Depository Institutions		
Insurance Corporations		
Government-affiliated Financial Institutions		
Securities Companies and <i>Tanshi</i> Companies		
Non-financial Corporations		
Individuals		
Local Governments (including Municipal Enterprises)		

Note: Money holders differ from the above categories in case of data constraints.

(Ranges of the Indices)

"M1"

While the former M1 only covers demand deposits at M2+CDs depository institutions, the revised M1 covers demand deposits at all depository institutions, including Japan Post Bank, agricultural cooperatives, *shinkumi* banks, etc.

"M2"

The revised M2 excludes deposits by nonresidents in line with the changes in the range of money holders. All other financial products are the same as those of the former series' M2+CDs.

"M3"

The revised M3 excludes deposits by nonresidents in line with the changes in the range of money holders. All other financial products are the same as the former series' M3+CDs after excluding "money trusts."

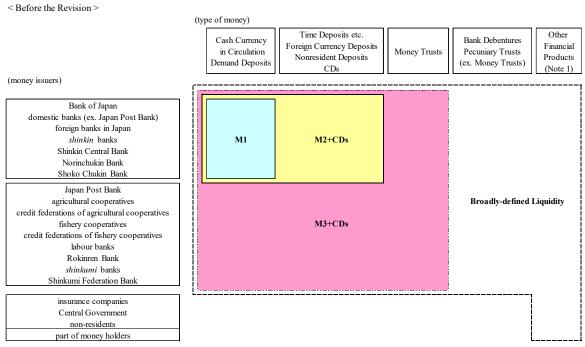
"L"

The L adds privately placed investment trusts to "investment trusts," adds "straight bonds issued by banks," and removes "repurchase agreements and securities lending with cash collateral" from the former series' "broadly defined liquidity."

(Modification of Statistics)

This revision modifies figures by excluding the cash holdings of Japan Post Bank as well as the unpaid interest for the deposits at Japan Post Bank, both of which were formerly included in the statistics.

Revision of Money Stock Indices



Note 1: Commercial Paper issued by Financial Institutions, Investment Trusts (Publicly Offered), Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lendings with Cash Collateral, Government Bonds, Foreign Bonds



< Present (identical to the diagram in page 1-1) >

	Cash Currency in Circulation Demand Deposits	Time Deposits etc. Foreign Currency Deposits CDs	Bank Debentures Straight Bonds issued by banks (Note 1) Pecuniary Trusts	Other Financia Product (Note 2
noney issuers)				
Bank of Japan domestic banks (ex. Japan Post Bank) foreign banks in Japan <i>shinkin</i> banks Shinkin Central Bank Norinchukin Bank Shoko Chukin Bank	МІ	M2		
Japan Post Bank agricultural cooperatives credit federations of agricultural cooperatives fishery cooperatives credit federations of fishery cooperatives labour banks Rokinren Bank <i>shinkumi</i> banks Shinkumi Federation Bank		М3	L	
insurance companies Central Government non-residents				

Note 2: Commercial Paper issued by Financial Institutions, Investment Trusts (Publicly Offered and Privately Placed), Government Bonds, Foreign

Bonds

Reference: Definition of the Money Stock Statistics in Other Countries

The definition of money stock statistics varies among countries because of the different structures of financial markets, financial instruments, and various concepts of money. This section provides an overview of the definition of money stock indices in the United States, the Euro Area, and the United Kingdom (see also Appendix 2).

(1) United States

The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) compiles two money stock indices - M1, and M2.9

M1 consists of similar items to Japan's M1: "currency" and "demand deposits." M2 also consists of similar items to Japan's M2: "time and saving deposits." However, M2 in the United States includes Money Market Mutual Funds (MMMFs) that are used for transaction purposes, just like deposits.

For MMMFs,¹⁰ retail money funds (i.e. the portion mostly held by households) are posted in M2.

For time deposits (including retail Repos), small-denomination deposits (amounts less than \$100,000) are posted in M2.¹¹

(2) Euro Area

⁹ M3 (M2 plus MMMFs held by institutional investors, large-denomination time deposits <including Repos, amounts of \$100,000 or more>, Eurodollars) had also been published until March 2006.

¹⁰ In the U.S., checks are a general means of payment, and hence the U.S. MSS includes MMMFs because most of them have an automatic function to draw checks against the funds. They are, however, not included in M1 due to the limit on the number of drawings. Money Market Mutual Funds (MMMFs) are a sort of investment trust, but MMMFs in the U.S. are different from Japan's Money Management Funds (MMFs) in the sense that the former possess clearing functions.

¹¹ In the U.S., the items in M2 are distinguished by types of holders, amounts of face value, types of instrument, and so on. Japan's MSS does not employ these distinctive criteria. On the other hand, Japan's MSS publishes the breakdowns of M1 (excluding "currency in circulation") and M3 by non-financial corporations and individuals.

In the Euro Area, the European Central Bank (ECB) compiles three types of monetary aggregates — M1, M2, and M3.

M1 consists of "currency in circulation" and "overnight deposits," which is similar to Japan's M1. M2 includes M1 plus time deposits (with agreed maturity up to two years) and deposits at notice (redeemable at notice up to three months). M3 includes M2 plus repurchase agreements, money market fund (MMF) shares/units and money market paper, and debt securities up to two years.¹² The deposits excluded in M3, such as those with maturities longer than two years, are released separately as reference values.

(3) United Kingdom

In the UK, the Bank of England (BOE) compiles M4 and its components.

BOE also compiles other indices such as M3, "Divisia money," and "amounts outstanding of liquid assets outside M4."

M3 is an estimate of Euro-area M3 for the UK. This measure provides an estimate of the ECB's broad money aggregate M3 for the UK.

"Divisia money" is an index based on the components of M4, weighted according to their liquidity.

¹² In Japan, MMFs and bank debentures are included not in M3 but in "L."

(Appendix 1)

Components of the Money Stock Statistics

				Average Amounts			
		Outstanding as of		Range of Financial Assets	Range of Money Issuers		
				March 2024	Weight	6	2
				(trillion yen)	(%)		
	M2			1244.3	58.7	currency in circulation + deposit money + quasi-money + CDs	Bank of Japan, domestically licensed banks (excluding Japan Post Bank), foreign banks in Japan, shinkin banks, Shinkin Central Bank, Norinchukin Bank, Shoko Chukin Bank
		M1	currency in circulation	115.2	5.4	banknotes in circulation + coins in circulation	Bank of Japan ^(note)
L	75.3%	1092.6 51.5%	deposit money	977.4	46.1	demand deposits (current deposits, ordinary deposits, saving deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, and deposits for tax payments) – checks and notes held by financial institutions	Money issuers of M2, the Japan Post Bank, <i>shinkumi</i> banks, The Shinkumi Federation Bank, labor banks, The Rokinren Bank,
L		quasi-n	noney	478.5	22.6	time deposits + fixed deposits + installment savings + foreign currency deposits	agricultural cooperatives, prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, fishery coops, prefectural credit federations of
		CDs		26.1	1.2	CDs (certificates of deposit)	fishery cooperatives
	pecuniary trusts			376.1	17.7	pecuniary trusts (excluding investment trusts and pension trusts, etc.)	trust accounts of domestically licensed banks
2121.1	investment trusts		90.7	4.3	bond investment trusts, stock investment trusts, real estate investment trusts <j- REIT></j- 	trust accounts of domestically licensed banks, real estate investment funds	
100%	bank debentures		2.8	0.1	bank debentures	financial institutions that issue bank debentures	
	straight bonds issued by banks		0.1	0.0	straight bonds issued by banks	domestically licensed banks and their holding companies	
	commercial paper issued by financial institutions		0.0	0.0	commercial paper issued by financial institutions	financial institutions (domestically licensed banks, etc., insurance companies and their holding companies)	
	govern	ment se	curities	23.9	1.1	government securities (including treasury discount bills, treasury bills, financing bills, and FILP bonds)	central government
	foreign	bonds		30.3	1.4	bonds issued by nonresidents (both yen- denominated and foreign currency- denominated)	foreign bond issuing organizations

¹ Money held by non-financial corporations, individuals, and local governments (including municipal enterprises).
 ² Figures are based on data released in July 2024.
 ³ The weight is a percentage share of each component in L.

Note: The MSS categorizes coins as being issued by the Bank of Japan. In practice, the central government issues them.

(Appendix 2)

Definition of the Money Stock Statistics in Other Countries

	Japan	United States 1	Euro Area ⁶	United Kingdom
Indices	M1	M1	M1	M4
	- Currency in circulation	- Currency	- Currency in circulation	- Sterling notes and coin
	- Deposit money	- Demand deposits	- Overnight deposits	- Sterling deposits, including
	1 5	- Other checkable deposit ² , Saving	0 1	certificates of deposit
		deposits ³		- Commercial paper, bonds, FRNs
	М3	Of which, commercial banks and	M2	(Floating Rate Notes) and other
	- M1		- M1	
		US branches and agencies of		instruments of up to 5 years'
	- Quasi-money (including foreign	foreign banks	- Deposits with agreed maturity	original maturity issued by UK
	currency deposits)	Of which, thrift institutions ⁴	up to 2 years	MFIs
	- Certificates of deposit		- Deposits redeemable at notice	- Claims on UK MFIs arising from
			up to 3 months	repos
		M2		- estimated holdings of sterling
	M2	- M1		bank bills
	- Currency in circulation	- Small-denomination time deposit ⁵	M3	- 35% of the domestic inter-MFI
	- Deposits (deposit money, quasi-	Of which, commercial banks and	- M2	difference
	money and CDs) deposited at	US branches and agencies of	- Repurchase agreements	
	domestically licensed banks	foreign banks	- MMF shares / units	
	excluding Japan Post Bank),	Of which, other financial	- Debt securities up to 2 years	Divisia money
			- Debt securities up to 2 years	Divisia money
	foreign banks in Japan,	institutions		1
	shinkin banks, Shinkin Central	- MMMFs held by non-institutional		
	Bank, Norinchukin Bank and	investors	Deposits etc. outside M3	M3 (Estimate of EMU aggregate for
	Shoko Chukin Bank		- Debt securities longer than 2 years	the UK)
			- Deposits redeemable at notice	
	L		longer than 3 months	Liquid assets outside M4
	- M3		- Deposit with agreed maturity	- Deposits in the Channel Islands
	- Pecuniary trusts		longer than 2 years	and Isle of Man
	- Investment trusts		(- Capital and fund reserves)	- Deposits at banks in BIS area
	- Bank debentures		(- Capital and fund reserves)	- Foreign currency deposits
	- Straight bonds issued by banks			- Non- residents' sterling deposits
	- Commercial paper issued by			- Sterling treasury bills with original
	financial institutions			maturity of 6 months or less
	 government securities 			- Local government temporary debt
	- foreign bonds			with original maturity of up to
				one year
				- Certificates of tax deposit
				- Gilts
				- National savings
				- Sterling commercial paper issued
				by non- MFI with maturities of up
				to and including one year
				- Sterling other debt securities issued
				by non- MFI with original maturity
				over one year and up to 5 years.
				- Sterling bonds issued by
				the UK private sector and the
				non-resident sector with original
				maturity of more than 5 years,
				which are due to mature within
				one year
				- Sterling unused credit facilities
	Evoluting	Excluding:	Excluding:	Evoluting
	Excluding: - central government	0	- central government	Excluding: - central government
	- central government - central bank	- US government - Federal Reserve Bank	- central government	- central government
Range of				
Money	- depository institutions	- US and foreign depository	- MFIs ⁶	- MFIs
Holders	- insurance companies	institutions		- public corporations
	 government financial institutions securities companies 	- foreign official institutions		- local government
	1	- MMMF		
	- tanshi companies			
Non-	- <i>tanshi</i> companies Excluded from money holders	Included in money holders	Excluded from money holders	Excluded from money holders

Notes:

1 M3 (M2 plus MMMFs held by institutional investors, Large-denomination time deposit < including Repos, amounts of \$100,000 or more>, Eurodollars) had also been published until March 2006.

2 Includes Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) Account and Automatic Transfer Services balances.

3 Includes Money Market Deposit (MMD) Accounts. The interest rate of the deposit synchronizes with that of MMF. The MMD account is used for transaction purposes as in the case of the NOW account.

4 Includes Share Draft Balance in credit unions that provide interest commonly used for transaction purposes.

 6 Category indicates liabilities of the money-issuing sector and central government liabilities with a money character held by the money holding sector. Each category includes foreign currency deposits.

Chapter 2 Compilation Methods of the Money Stock Statistics

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COMPILATION METHODS OF THE MONEY STOCK STATISTICS

Figures of M1, M2, and M3 are comprehensive and precise, since almost all necessary data sources are available. The compilation employs operational data of the Bank of Japan, including that of "banknotes in circulation" and "coins in circulation," as well as other data sources such as various money stock related inquiries (these inquiries are organized directly by the Bank of Japan to collect financial information from individual financial institutions) and balance sheets of other depository institutions.

On the other hand, figures for broadly-defined liquidity (L) rely more on estimations than do M1, M2, and M3 due to the limitations in data availability (e.g., a lack of data sources containing the average amounts outstanding and breakdowns of each money holder).

This chapter explains the compilation and estimation methods for all components of the average amounts outstanding in the MSS (the estimation methods for the amount outstanding at the end of each period are similar. When the average amount outstanding cannot be estimated directly from the data sources, it is obtained from the amount outstanding at the end of each period).

An outline of compilation methods for both preliminary figures and final figures is provided in Appendix 3.

1. Compilation Method of M1

M1 (currency in circulation and deposit money) is compiled as follows.

(1) Currency in Circulation

(a) Definition

Banknotes and coins held by money holders.

(b) Primary Data Sources¹

"Banknotes in circulation," "Coins in circulation"²

Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted³

BOJ Current Account Balances by Sector

Balance sheets of some financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

Figures are calculated by deducting the amount outstanding of banknotes and coins held by financial institutions from the total of banknotes and coins issued.⁴

¹ The data sources with no indication of the source are from the Bank of Japan. Data sources in italics indicate published statistics. Note that the compilation in each category may be based on sources other than those listed.

² "Banknotes in circulation" and "coins in circulation" are the data series in *Currency in Circulation*.

³ Preliminary figures of average amounts outstanding of money stock are based on the *Principal Figures of Financial Institutions* and Money Stock Preliminary Data Inquiry Table, not the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted.*

⁴ Because "currency in circulation" is defined as cash held by money holders, figures are obtained by deducting cash held by domestic and foreign financial institutions, and by Japanese and foreign central governments from the total amount of cash issued. In practice, however, cash held by the central government, nonresidents, and some financial institutions (i.e., insurance companies and government financial institutions) is not deducted due to the limitations in data availability.

Data on the total of banknotes and coins issued are based on "banknotes in circulation" and "coins in circulation" released by the Bank of Japan. Regarding the data on banknotes and coins held by financial institutions, figures are based on the Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted for the portion held by domestically licensed banks, etc. (i.e., domestically licensed banks [with the exception of Japan Post Bank], foreign banks in Japan, shinkin banks, Shinkin Central Bank, the Norinchukin Bank, and the Shoko Chukin Bank; the same shall apply hereinafter), Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives. Figures are based on balance sheets for the portion held by other financial institutions.⁵ Of the other financial institutions, for the portion held by agricultural cooperatives, fishery cooperatives, and prefectural credit federations of fishery cooperatives, figures of cash (including checks and bills) are used (instead of cash excluding checks and bills) due to the limitations in data availability. For the portion held by securities companies, an amount equivalent to current account deposits at the Bank of Japan, calculated from BOJ Current Account Balances by Sector, is deducted from the aggregated amount of cash and deposits.⁶ The amount is then multiplied by the cash ratio calculated from annual securities reports of major companies.

Figures for the total of banknotes and coins issued are set as final figures at the preliminary stage. However, figures for banknotes and coins held by financial institutions are compiled by using different materials from the above-mentioned data sources due to the delay in the availability. Namely, figures for "domestically licensed banks, etc.," Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives are calculated by using preliminary figures collected and aggregated by the Bank of Japan (e.g., the *Principal Figures of Financial Institutions* and money stock related inquiries [preliminary figures]). The portion held by other depository institutions are estimated by applying the equation

⁵ Other financial institutions here refers to agricultural cooperatives, fishery cooperatives, *shinkumi* banks, labor banks, prefectural credit federations of fishery cooperatives, securities companies, and *tanshi* companies. The average amounts outstanding are calculated by taking the average of the amounts outstanding at the end of the period of the current month and the previous month (current-previous month average) because the amounts outstanding at the end of each period are the only source available for these institutions (except labor banks). This calculation method is also applied to "deposit money," "quasi-money," and "certificates of deposit (CDs)."

⁶ In the case of cash and deposits held by securities companies, the outstanding amounts of deposit money and quasi-money as part of M3, which will be mentioned later, are estimated using a similar method.

 $X_{t-1} + \Delta X_{t-12}$ [the amounts outstanding at the end of the period in the previous month + the change in the month of the previous year],⁷ since preliminary figures for these institutions are unavailable.

(2) Deposit Money

(a) Definition

Demand deposits (i.e., current deposits, ordinary deposits, savings deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, and deposits for tax payments) held by money holders at depository institutions.⁸

(b) Primary Data Source

Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted

BOJ Current Account Balances by Sector

Balance sheets of some financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

Demand deposits held by money holders are compiled by using data from the *Deposits*, *Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* for the deposits at domestically licensed banks, etc., Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, and by using balance sheets

⁷ This is an estimation method designed to deal with the seasonality. For instance, amounts outstanding at the end of the period in May 2008 would be calculated as $X_{April 2008} + (X_{May 2007} - X_{April 2007})$ [amounts outstanding at end of period in April 2008 + (amounts outstanding at end of period in May 2007 – amounts outstanding at end of period in April 2007)].

⁸ See Appendix 4 for details on each deposit.

for those at some other depository institutions. The amount of checks and notes held by financial institutions are then deducted from the above total.⁹

Because the above-estimated figures include demand deposits held by securities companies and *tanshi* companies, they must be deducted from the MSS by definition. Figures of *tanshi* companies are available from balance sheets, and figures of securities companies are estimated by using the aggregated amount of cash and deposits. The demand deposits ratio is calculated from annual securities reports of major companies.¹⁰

Preliminary figures are compiled by using other preliminary statistics (e.g., the *Principal Figures of Financial Institutions* and money stock related inquiries [preliminary figures]), collected from domestically licensed banks, etc., Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives. For other financial institutions, preliminary figures are estimated due to the limitations in data availability by applying the equation, $X_{t-1} + \Delta X_{t-12}$ [amounts outstanding at end of period in the previous month + change in the month of the previous year].

2. Compilation Method of M2

M2 consists of "currency in circulation" and deposits ("deposit money," "quasi-money," and "CDs") deposited at domestically licensed banks, etc. Domestically licensed banks, etc. indicates the same range of financial institutions clarified as "M2+CDs depository institutions" in the former statistics. For the compilation method of "deposit money," please

⁹ When checks and notes are issued against demand deposits, the transaction is recorded on the accounts of both issuers and receivers. To avoid possible double counting of deposits, the MSS deducts the amount of checks and notes from the total of demand deposits.

¹⁰ The breakdown of deposit money by depositor (corporations and individuals) is also released. Figures of domestically licensed banks, etc., the Shinkumi Federation Bank, and the Rokinren Bank are available from the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted*. Figures of other money issuers are estimated by using monthly (or annual, if not available) share of depositors in total deposit. This estimation method is also applied for the breakdown by depositor for "quasi-money" and "CDs."

refer to Section 1, "Compilation Methods of M1." For the compilation method of "quasi-money" and "CDs," please refer to Section 3, "Compilation Methods of M3." All deposits held by securities companies and *tanshi* companies are deducted from M2, on the assumption that all of these deposits are deposited at domestically licensed banks, etc.

3. Compilation Method of M3

(1) Quasi-Money

(a) Definition

Time and savings deposits (i.e., "time deposits," "fixed savings," and "installment savings") and "foreign currency deposits" held by money holders at depository institutions.

(b) Primary Data Source

Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted

BOJ Current Account Balances by Sector

Balance sheets of some financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

Time and savings deposits and "foreign currency deposits" held by money holders are compiled by using data from the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* for the deposits at domestically licensed banks, etc., Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, and by using balance sheets for those at other depository institutions.

Because the above-estimated figures include deposits held by securities companies, they must be deducted from the MSS by definition. They are estimated by using the

aggregated amount of cash and deposits and the time and savings deposits ratio calculated from annual securities reports of major companies.¹¹

Preliminary figures are compiled by using other preliminary statistics (e.g., the *Principal Figures of Financial Institutions* and money stock related inquiries [preliminary figures]), collected from domestically licensed banks, etc., Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives. For other financial institutions, preliminary figures are estimated due to the limitations in data availability by applying the equation, $X_{t-1} + \Delta X_{t-12}$ [amounts outstanding at end of period in the previous month + change in the month of the previous year].

(2) CDs

(a) Definition

CDs issued by depository institutions and held by money holders.

(b) Primary Data Source

Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted

Balance sheets of some financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

CDs held by money holders are compiled by using data from the *Deposits*, *Vault Cash*, *and Loans and Bills Discounted* for the CDs issued by domestically licensed banks, etc., Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, and prefectural

¹¹ The MSS assumes that *tanshi* companies do not have time and savings deposits (they have only demand deposits and CDs).

credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, and by using balance sheets for those issued by other depository institutions.¹²

Because the above-estimated figures include CDs held by *tanshi* companies, they must be deducted from the MSS by definition. They are available from the balance sheets of each *tanshi* company.¹³

Preliminary figures are compiled by using other preliminary statistics (e.g., the *Principal Figures of Financial Institutions* and money stock related inquiries [preliminary figures]), collected from domestically licensed banks, etc., Japan Post Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives. For other financial institutions, preliminary figures are estimated due to the limitations in data availability by applying the equation, $X_{t-1} + \Delta X_{t-12}$ [amounts outstanding at end of period in the previous month + change in the month of the previous year].

4. Compilation Method of L

L contains "M3," "pecuniary trusts," "investment trusts," "bank debentures," "straight bonds issued by banks," "CP issued by financial institutions," "government securities," and "foreign bonds."

Compilation methods for each component other than "M3" are as follows.

¹² Money holders in this category are the purchasers of CDs at the time of issue. Transactions after the issue are not considered in the statistics.

¹³ The MSS assumes that securities companies do not have CDs (they have only demand deposits and time and savings deposits).

(1) Pecuniary Trusts

(a) Definition

Trust principals of the following types of trusts held by money holders: (1) "jointly operated designated money trusts"; (2) "loan trusts"; (3) "designated non-collectively invested money trusts"; (4) "specified money trusts excluding securities investment trusts" (so-called *tokkin*); (5) "pecuniary trusts other than money trusts"; and (6) trusts that are considered virtually equivalent to either of the aforementioned five types of trusts among "composite trusts" (trusts that hold two or more different kinds of trust property). ¹⁴

(b) Primary Data Source

"Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Trust Accounts)" recorded in *Financial Institutions Accounts*¹⁵

(c) Compilation Method

Average amounts outstanding in this category are calculated by taking the average of the amounts outstanding at the end of the period of the current month and the previous month (hereafter, current-previous month average) for the data of "Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Trust Accounts)."

Amounts outstanding of composite trusts that are to be included in "pecuniary trusts" are calculated by excluding the estimated amounts outstanding of non-pecuniary trusts (e.g., real estate trusts or master trusts etc.) from "composite trusts."

Due to a one-month delay in obtaining data sources, preliminary figures employ the equation, $X_{t-1} \times \% \Delta X_t$ [amounts outstanding of principal held by money holders at end of period in the previous month × month-on-month percentage change in amounts

¹⁴ See Appendix 5 for further details.

¹⁵ These statistics aggregate trusts managed by trust accounts of domestically licensed banks. Trusts managed by trust companies are not currently included in the MSS because their amounts are very small.

outstanding of total principal at end of period in the current month] to estimate the amounts outstanding at the end of the period of the current month. The average amounts outstanding are obtained, then, by calculating the current-previous month average. The preliminary figure of $\% \Delta X_t$ [month-on-month percentage change in amounts outstanding of total principal at end of period in the current month] is estimated from major trust banks.

(2) Investment Trusts

(a) Definition

Principals of securities investment trusts (i.e., beneficiary certificates issued to the purchasers of investment trusts from investment trust management companies by splitting their trust beneficiary rights) and real estate investment trusts (J-REITs; both privately placed investment trusts and publicly offered investment trusts are included) held by money holders.^{16,17}

(b) Primary Data Source

"Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Trust Accounts)" recorded in *Financial Institutions Accounts*

"Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Banking Accounts)" recorded in *Financial Institutions Accounts*

Real Estate Investment Trusts (released by the Investment Trust Association)

¹⁶ Securities investment trusts consist of stock investment trusts and bond investment trusts. Stock investment trusts invest in stocks (i.e., generally, they do not invest solely in stocks, but also in bonds. Exchange-traded funds [ETFs] are also included in this category.) On the other hand, bond investment trusts do not invest in stocks at all. Bond investment trusts include money reserve funds (MRFs), money market funds (MMFs), and long-term bond trusts.

¹⁷ J-REITs invest mainly in real estate.

ETF Beneficiary Survey (released by the Tokyo Stock Exchange)

REIT Investor Survey (released by the Tokyo Stock Exchange)

Trading by Type of Investors (released by the Tokyo Stock Exchange)

Balance sheets of financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

Amounts outstanding at the end of the period in this category are compiled by deducting the portion held by financial institutions ¹⁸ and ETFs and public REITs held by nonresidents from the total of investment trusts issued.¹⁹ The total of investment trusts issued is compiled by using data from "Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Trust Accounts)"²⁰ and *Real Estate Investment Trusts*. Average amounts outstanding are then calculated by taking the current-previous month average. The portion held by financial institutions is identified from "Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Banking Accounts)" and balance sheets of financial

¹⁸ Unlike the components of M3 and pecuniary trusts, data broken down by type of holder are not available for other components of L. Thus, regarding these components, the portion held by money holders is, in principle, estimated by deducting the portion held by financial institutions (available from such information as balance sheets) from the total amount of issuance.

¹⁹ There are cases where the principal amount of investment trusts recorded in this data source fluctuates significantly due to a consolidation of trust beneficiary rights of an individual investment trust. In these cases, the effect of the consolidation is estimated and removed in calculating the total amount of investment trusts issued.

²⁰ The principal of investment trusts excludes mother funds (set for employing together baby funds purchased by investors).

institutions.²¹ With respect to ETFs and public REITs held by nonresidents, they are calculated by using the *ETF Beneficiary Survey* and *REIT Investor Survey*.

At the preliminary stage of compilation, the total amount of investment trusts issued is estimated by the equation [total amount issued in the current month (publicly placed investment trusts) + total amount issued in the same month of the previous year (privately placed investment trusts and REITs) × year-on-year percentage change in the most recent month for which final data are available]. Since the balance sheet of each financial institution becomes available only after two or more months following the reference period, the portion held by financial institutions is estimated by the equation [outstanding amount of holdings in the same month of the previous year × year-on-year percentage change in the most recent month for which final data are available]. With respect to ETFs and public REITs held by nonresidents, the estimation is made using flow data in *Trading by Type of Investors*.²²

²¹ Because of the limitations in data availability, figures for some financial institutions (banking accounts of domestically licensed banks, etc.) are estimated as follows. The figures for the investment trusts are summed and posted under the category "other securities (or beneficiary securities)" together with loan trusts. Thus, investment trusts held by the financial institutions are estimated by deducting "loan trusts" from "other securities (or beneficiary securities)." The amounts outstanding of "loan trusts" are estimated by deducting "loan trusts held by other financial institutions" from "loan trusts held by all financial institutions" (calculated from the balance sheet of trust assets).

²² In June 2017, privately placed REITs were added to the scope of items covered by the estimation and the estimation method was revised, so as to exclude ETFs and public REITs held by nonresidents. In addition, the estimation method of preliminary figures was replaced by the current method, which makes it possible to reflect differences between the trends in publicly placed investment trusts and privately placed ones and more recent trends.

(3) Bank Debentures

(a) Definition

Bank debentures issued by Mizuho Bank, Shinsei Bank, Aozora Bank, MUFG Bank, Shinkin Central Bank, the Shoko Chukin Bank, and the Norinchukin Bank,²³ and held by money holders.²⁴

(b) Primary Data Source

"Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Banking Accounts)" recorded in *Financial Institutions Accounts*

Balance sheets of financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

Bank debentures held by money holders are estimated by deducting bank debentures held by financial institutions from the total of bank debentures issued. Both are compiled using "Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks (Banking Accounts)" and the balance sheets of financial institutions. Average amounts outstanding are compiled by calculating the current-previous month average of the amounts outstanding at the end of period for the portion held by financial institutions other than domestically licensed banks, foreign banks in Japan, *shinkin* banks, the Norinchukin Bank, the Shoko Chukin Bank, the Rokinren bank, and labor banks.

At the preliminary stage of compilation, preliminary figures are estimated by the equation, $\overline{X}_{t-1} \times \% \Delta \overline{X}_t$ [average amounts outstanding of bank debentures held by money holders in the previous month × month-on-month percentage change in average

²³ Mizuho Bank, Shinsei Bank, Aozora Bank, and MUFG Bank have ceased issuance of new bank debentures.

²⁴ Bank debentures include interest-bearing bonds (including "WIDE") and discount bonds.

amounts outstanding (current-previous month average) of total bank debentures issued for the current month]. The month-on-month percentage change $(\%\Delta \overline{X}_t)$ is calculated by using the preliminary figures reported to the Bank of Japan from the issuers of bank debentures.

(4) Straight Bonds Issued by Banks

(a) Definition

Straight bonds issued by domestically licensed banks, etc. and their holding companies,²⁵ and held by money holders.

(b) Primary Data Source

Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted

(c) Compilation Method

Straight bonds issued by domestically licensed banks, etc. and their holding companies, and held by money holders, are compiled by deducting the portion held by financial institutions from the total of straight bonds issued.

The total of straight bonds issued is compiled using data from the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* for the portion issued by domestically licensed banks; and by using data of Japan Securities Depository Center (JASDEC) for the portion issued by domestically licensed bank holding companies.

The portion held by financial institutions (domestically licensed banks, Japan Post Bank, foreign banks in Japan, *shinkin* banks, Shinkin Central Bank, the Norinchukin Bank, the

²⁵ They exclude subordinated bonds, dematerialized commercial paper, bonds with warrants, public corporation bonds, bank debentures, bonds that are backed by government credit, and agency bonds.

Shoko Chukin Bank, the Shinkumi Federation Bank, and the Rokinren Bank) is compiled by using data from *the Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted*.

At the preliminary stage of compilation, as most of the data (except data of JASDEC) are unavailable, the amounts outstanding at the end of the current month are assumed to be unchanged from the previous month.

(5) CP Issued by Financial Institutions

(a) Definition

CP including dematerialized commercial paper issued by financial institutions (domestically licensed banks, etc., insurance companies, and their holding companies) and held by money holders.²⁶

(b) Primary Data Source

Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted

(c) Compilation Method

CP issued by financial institutions and held by money holders is compiled by deducting the portion held by financial institutions from the total amount of CP issued by domestically licensed banks, etc., insurance companies and their holding companies.

The MSS uses two different sources to calculate the total: the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* for domestically licensed banks, etc., [with the exception of foreign banks in Japan] and data of JASDEC for foreign banks in Japan, insurance companies, and holding companies. The average amounts outstanding of CP held by foreign banks in Japan is compiled by calculating the current-previous month average.

²⁶ CP is a promissory note with various discounting schemes. Financial institutions and enterprises issue it to facilitate short-term fund raising on an unsecured basis.

Preliminary figures of the total amount of issuance of CP are calculated by using data of JASDEC. As for CP held by financial institutions (domestically licensed banks, Japan Post Bank, foreign banks in Japan, *shinkin* banks, Shinkin Central Bank, the Norinchukin Bank, the Shoko Chukin Bank, and the Shinkumi Federation Bank), preliminary figures are estimated by the formula $\overline{Y}_t \times (\overline{X}_{t-1} \div \overline{Y}_{t-1})$ [average amounts outstanding issued in the current month × <average amounts outstanding held by financial institutions in the previous month ÷ average amounts outstanding issued in the previous month>].

(6) Government Securities

(a) Definition

Revenue bonds,²⁷ inherited government bonds,²⁸ Fiscal Investment and Loan Program FILP bonds,²⁹ and treasury discount bills (T-Bills)³⁰ issued domestically by the government of Japan and held by money holders. This category does not cover deferred payment bonds (government compensation bonds and investment and subscription bonds)³¹ because their characteristics are different from revenue bonds in the sense that deferred payment bonds do not possess liquidity.

²⁷ Revenue bonds are the government bonds issued to obtain revenues to deal with regular expenditure demands.

²⁸ Inherited government bonds are the bonds inherited by the general account that are arranged to dispose of the obligations of the Japanese National Railway Settlement Corporation.

²⁹ FILP bonds are issued by the government as a funding source for management of the Fiscal Loan Fund (excludes: FILP agency bonds and government-guaranteed bonds).

³⁰ T-Bills are short-term bonds issued to procure funds for treasury.

³¹ Deferred payment bonds are government bonds that are issued in place of the payments to defer payments.

(b) Primary Data Source

Annual Statistics on Local Public Finance (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

Financial Statements Statistics of Corporations by Industry (Ministry of Finance)

Summary sheet of the holding balance of registered government bonds and clearing government bonds for each business

Survey of the holders of clearing government bonds

Financial statements of financial institutions

(c) Compilation Method

Figures of government securities held by money holders are estimated from the same data source as the figures for some sectors in the *Flow of Funds Accounts* ("households," "private nonfinancial corporations," "public nonfinancial corporations," "local governments," "private nonprofit institutions serving households," "financial auxiliaries," and "finance companies"), which are combined in such a way as to be as close as possible to the concept of money holders^{32,33} in the MSS.³⁴ As the data source of the *Flow of Funds Accounts* is the amounts outstanding at the end of period, the average amounts outstanding are calculated by taking the current-previous month average of the estimated amounts outstanding. Figures for months other than the months

³² Although "social security funds" in the *Flow of Funds Accounts* conceptually fall within the category of money holders, government securities held by social security funds are not included in the total of government securities which are a component of "L," based on the assumption that social security funds manage all the assets in trust accounts.

³³ For the estimation method for the outstanding government securities held by each sector in the *Flow of Funds Accounts*, refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Guide to Japan's Flow of Funds Accounts" and "Compilation Method of Japan's Flow of Funds Accounts."

³⁴ We use the balance sheets of money holders for estimating the amount outstanding of government securities that they hold when possible, while a survey on the actual holders of clearing government bonds is mainly used otherwise.

when the *Flow of Funds Accounts* are released (March, June, September, and December) are estimated using monthly available data from the data source used in the *Flow of Funds Accounts*. As for the data that is not available monthly, linear interpretation is applied. The estimation method for government securities held by each type of money holder is as follows.

(1)Households

The amount of government securities held by individuals refers to the sum of (1) government bond certificates, inscribed central government securities, and FILP bonds, which are based on data on the issuance and redemption of central government securities and FILP bonds (*Issuance, Redemption, and Outstanding of Public and Corporate Bonds*), and (2) personal holdings, which are based on the summary sheet of registered government bonds and clearing government bonds for each business, and on research on holders of clearing government bonds.

(2)Money Holders Other than Households

The amount of government securities held by money holders other than households is estimated mainly using data in financial statements of each economic sector concerned. For example, the total amount of government securities held by finance companies is estimated from data in financial statements of money lenders, which comprise finance companies, the Resolution and Collection Corporation, and securities finance companies.

In contrast, the amount of public and corporate bonds held by local governments is estimated mainly using *Annual Statistics on Local Public Finance*, and the amount of those held by private nonfinancial corporation³⁵ is estimated mainly using *Financial Statements Statistics of Corporations by Industry*. The amount of government securities is then estimated as a portion of public and corporate

³⁵ The amount outstanding of government securities held by private nonfinancial corporations does not include the portion managed in trust accounts.

bonds.³⁶ In addition, the amount of government securities held by private nonprofit institutions serving households is estimated by multiplying the previous month's amount outstanding by the rate of change in the amount held by nonfinancial corporations whose asset allocations appear to be similar.³⁷

(7) Foreign Bonds

(a) Definition

Bonds issued by nonresidents in domestic or foreign markets and held by money holders.³⁸

(b) Primary Data Source

International Investment Position of Japan

Balance of Payments ("Outward Portfolio Investment by Types of Investors")

Financial Institutions Accounts

International Transactions in Securities (based on reports from designated major investors), Ministry of Finance

³⁶ The ratio of the amount of government securities to that of public and corporate bonds is estimated separately for each sector. Estimations are made under the assumption that all local governments have the same ratio as certain local governments whose data are available, and private nonfinancial corporations have the same ratio as the share of government securities in the amount outstanding of public and corporate bonds issued.

³⁷ The amount of government securities held by private nonprofit institutions serving households is calculated using "the amount outstanding of government securities holdings" as of end-March 2011 as a basis, released in *Survey on Private Non-profit Institutions* (available only in Japanese) conducted by the Cabinet Office in fiscal year 2010.

³⁸ Includes *samurai* bonds (yen-denominated foreign bonds issued by nonresidents in the domestic market), but excludes foreign bonds issued by domestic residents in foreign markets.

(c) Compilation Method

Figures for foreign bonds are estimated as follows:

Monthly changes in the data of *Balance of Payments* ("long-term debt securities" and "short-term debt securities" of "financial instruments firms under other financial corporations" ³⁹ and of "nonfinancial corporations, households, and NPISHs" in "Outward Portfolio Investment by Types of Investors")⁴⁰ are cumulatively added to the amounts outstanding of "long-term debt securities" and "short-term debt securities" contained in "other financial corporations" and "other sectors" in *International Investment Position of Japan* (end of every December).⁴¹ The figures of *International Investment Position of Japan* ("other financial corporations" and "other sectors") are adjusted by deducting the portion of foreign bonds held by life insurance companies, non-life insurance companies, and trust accounts of domestically licensed banks.⁴²

As explained below, other adjustments are made to the compiled figures to reflect the monthly currency fluctuations in the stock of foreign bonds, which are calculated by

⁴¹ Figures for foreign bonds are revised from January of the previous year for the release of the MSS in June. This is because *International Investment Position of Japan* is usually released at the end of May.

⁴² Flow data of *Balance of Payments* for January 2014 onward and stock data of *International Investment Position of Japan* for end-2014 onward are recorded in accordance with the sixth edition of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual* (BPM6) published by the IMF. Following the change in the statistical standards, contract-type investment funds, which were previously recorded under "bonds and notes" (corporate-type investment funds are recorded under "equity"), are separated from "bonds and notes" and are now recorded under "investment fund shares," a sub-category newly set under "portfolio investment." This causes discontinuity in statistical data.

³⁹ Although this sector refers to securities companies (i.e., financial instruments firms [non-money holders]), it is assumed that their transactions are basically associated with money holders.

⁴⁰ "Outward Portfolio Investment by Types of Investors" in *Balance of Payments* has become available from January 2005 onward. Through December 2004, the figures of "other sectors" in *Balance of Payments* were adjusted by deducting the portion of foreign bonds held by life insurance companies, non-life insurance companies, and the trust account of domestically licensed banks.

building up the monthly flow to the amounts outstanding for the end of the previous year.^{43,44}

Estimation Method of Foreign Bonds Amounts Outstanding

	end-December Year	end-January Year	
	XXXX	XXXX+1	
Flow in current month	100	200	
Exchange rate yen/dollar	100	90	
yen/euro	150	165	
Balance of the current	1,000	1180	550 + 390 + 240 = 1,180
month (in yen)	500	550	$500 \times (90/100) + 200 \times (500/1,000)$
	300	390	= 550
	200	240	$300 \times (165/150) + 200 \times (300/1,000)$
			= 390
			$200 + 200 \times (200/1,000) = 240$

(based on figures as of end-December, Year XXXX)

Calculation method for the balance in end-January Step 1 Reflection of the exchange rates in January in the balance in end-December

- ¥1,000 (¥500 [dollar-based], ¥300 [euro-based], ¥200 [yen-based])
- Dollar-based: $\pm 500 \times (\pm 90/\$[in Jan.] / \pm 100/\$[in Dec.])$ = ± 450
- Euro-based: $\frac{4300 \times (4165/\text{euro}[\text{in Jan.}] / 4150/\text{euro}[\text{in Dec.}])}{= \frac{4330}{2}}$
- Yen-based: $\underline{\$200}$

⁴³ From December 2003 onward, the currency fluctuations of foreign bonds, which had been adjusted assuming that all bonds are in US dollars, are adjusted based on three currencies (US dollar, euro, and yen) using end-of-month currency rates. Currency composition of foreign bonds is estimated by using data such as the "portfolio investment position (assets) by currency and type of securities."

⁴⁴ The following adjustment is made after the release of end-December figures (*International Investment Position of Japan*): The differences between the figures, calculated by building up monthly transaction amounts (*Balance of Payments*) on the amounts outstanding at the end of December of the previous year (*International Investment Position of Japan*) and the amounts outstanding at the end of the latest December (*International Investment Position of Japan*), are evenly distributed throughout the relevant year.

Step 2 Calculation of the balance in end-January by adding the change in January to the balance in end-December

450 + 330 + 200 + 200 (flow in Jan.) = 1,180

It is assumed that the currency compositions of foreign bonds for the "flow in current month" and for the "balance in previous month" are the same.

The average amounts outstanding in this category are calculated using the current-previous month average of the amounts outstanding at the end of the period, which are estimated by the method above.

Since data of *Balance of Payments* become available with a lag of about 1.5 months, the flow for preliminary figures of the previous month is estimated using *International Transactions in Securities (based on reports from designated major investors)*. Preliminary figures are adjusted to reflect the monthly fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, assuming that the flow is zero.

5. Calculation Methods of Seasonal Adjustment

Once a year, the MSS applies seasonal adjustments for each series by the X-12-ARIMA approach (when final figures of the MSS of the previous year are compiled).

Seasonal adjustments are applied after taking the logarithmic transformation to the series between the beginning of the series and the latest December data of "M1" (amounts outstanding at end of period, and average amounts outstanding), "M2" (average amounts outstanding), "M3" (amounts outstanding at end of period, and average amounts outstanding), "L" (average amounts outstanding), and the components of these indices such as "currency in circulation" (average amounts outstanding), "deposit money" (average amounts outstanding), and "quasi-money" (average amounts outstanding). The seasonally adjusted data for the next year are calculated by dividing the original figures by the estimated seasonal factors.

Instruments (the ARIMA models, level shifts or ramps in series, and trading-day adjustments) used for each series as of July 2024 have been listed below (the critical values for additive outliers and temporary changes follow the default settings in X-12-ARIMA [version 0.3]).

The Research and Statistics Department of the Bank of Japan releases the details on models employed in each seasonal adjustment.⁴⁵

⁴⁵ For further details, refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Seasonal Adjustment for Money Stock Data," March 2024.

Indicator	ARIMA model	Level shift and ramp	Trading-day adjustment	Former series data used through March 2003 <beginning of="" series=""></beginning>
M2 (average amounts outstanding)	(212) (012)	Apr. 2003 Jun. 2020	None	M2 + CDs <jan.1968></jan.1968>
M3 (average amounts outstanding)	(111) (012)	Apr. 2003 Jun. 2020	None	M3 + CDs - money trusts <jan.1996></jan.1996>
M1 (average amounts outstanding)	(212) (212)	From Feb. to Apr. 2002 Apr. 2003 Jun. 2020	None	M1 <jan.1968></jan.1968>
Currency in circulation (average amounts outstanding)	(212) (010)	Jun. 2020	None	Currency in circulation <jan.1968></jan.1968>
Deposit money (average amounts outstanding)	(111) (011)	From Feb. to Apr. 2002 Apr. 2003 Jun. 2020	None	Deposit money <jan.1968></jan.1968>
Quasi-money (average amounts outstanding)	(112) (211)	From Feb. to Apr. 2002 Apr. 2003	None	Quasi-money <jan.1968></jan.1968>
L (average amounts outstanding)	(112) (011)	Jan. 1996 Apr. 1998 Apr. 2003 Jun. 2020 From Mar. to May 2021 Apr. 2022	None	Broadly-defined liquidity <jan.1980></jan.1980>
M3 (amounts outstanding at end of period)	(212) (211)	Apr. 1998 Apr. 2003 May. 2020	Yes	M3 + CDs - money trusts <jan.1996></jan.1996>
M1 (amounts outstanding at end of period)	(212) (011)	Mar. 2002 Apr. 2003 May. 2020	Yes	M1 <jan.1968>⁴⁶</jan.1968>

Overview of Seasonal Adjustment Methods

6. Entry Forms and Guidelines of the Data Source in the MSS

⁴⁶ Due to the limitation of the length of data series that the X-12-ARIMA can handle, seasonal adjustment is conducted on data for the latest 56 years. Refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Seasonal Adjustment for Money Stock Data," March 2024.

The MSS uses the data from the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* in compiling final figures, and the MSS (preliminary figures) in compiling preliminary figures. The entry forms and guidelines are as provided in Appendix 4.

(Appendix 3)

	Final figures	Preliminary figures (reference)
Currency in circulation	Figures are calculated by deducting banknotes and coins held by financial institutions from the total of banknotes and coins issued.	As seen on the left, except that banknotes and coins held by financial institutions are mainly based on money stock related inquiries (preliminary figures).
Deposit money	Figures are compiled by collecting money stock related inquiries (which are collected to compile the MSS), etc., and deducting checks and notes held by the surveyed financial institutions, securities companies and <i>tanshi</i> companies.	As seen on the left, except that checks and notes held by the surveyed financial institutions are based on money stock related inquiries (preliminary figures).
Quasi-money, CDs	Figures are compiled by collecting money stock related inquiries, etc. and deducting those held by securities companies and <i>tanshi</i> companies.	Figures are mainly compiled by collecting money stock related inquiries (preliminary figures).
Pecuniary trusts	Figures are compiled by collecting the balance sheets of trust accounts of domestically licensed banks (current- previous month average).	[Amount outstanding at end of period in the previous month held by money holders × month-on-month percentage change in the preliminary amount outstanding of the principal at end of period in the current month] (current-previous month average).
Investment trusts		Total amount of investment trusts issued: [total amount issued in the current month (publicly placed investment trusts) + total amount issued in the same month of the previous year (privately placed investment trusts and REITs) × year-on-year percentage change in the most recent month for which final data are available]. The portion held by financial institutions: [outstanding amount of holdings in the same month of the previous yea × year-on-year percentage change in the most recent montf for which final data are available]. The amounts held by nonresidents are estimated by using flow data in <i>Trading by Type of Investors</i> .
Bank debentures	Figures are compiled by collecting the balance sheets of financial institutions, etc., and deducting the amount held by the financial institutions from the total issued.	[The average outstanding of bank debentures held by money holders in the previous month × the month-on- month percentage change in the average outstanding (current-previous month average of preliminary figures) o the total bank debentures issued in the current month].
Straight bonds issued by banks	Figures are compiled by collecting money stock related inquiries, etc. (JASDEC's data for figures of financial holding companies) with deducting the amount held by the financial institutions from the total issued (current-previous month average).	Same figures are used for the amounts outstanding at the end of period in the previous month and the current month for both holding and issuing amounts (current-previous month average) except for financial holding companies.
CP issued by financial institutions	in Japan, insurance companies, and financial holding	Figures are compiled by collecting JASDEC's data and deducting the amount held by financial institutions from the total issued . [Total amount issued = amount outstanding at end of period in the previous month + changes in the amount issued in the current month].
Government securities	Figures are estimated based on money holders' holdings of government bond certificates and of registered and clearing government bonds, utilizing the data in the Bank of Japan's directory of government securities (current-previous month average). Some of the figures are estimated mainly using data in financial statements and statistics.	As seen on the left.
Foreign bonds	Amounts outstanding at the end of every December as a benchmark (<i>International Investment Position of Japan</i>). For the period later than this, compilation applies to the equation below (current-previous month average): [Amount outstanding at end of period in the previous month (yen based) × fluctuation of exchange rates + the change in the current month (yen based)].	[Amount outstanding at end of period in the previous month × the fluctuation of exchange rate by currency (current-previous month average)].

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Deposits, Vault Cash and Loans Table (monthly)

Year

Month

Banking Accounts of Domestic Banks

Due on 20th of the following month

In million yen (rounded off to millions) **End-of-Month Outstanding** Receipts of the Payments of the Corporation Individual Public Month Month # Deposits Deposits Deposits Private and Public Deposits 01 02 Current Deposits Ordinary Deposits 03 04 Saving Deposits Deposits at Notice 05 06 Special Deposits Deposits for Tax Payments 07 Time Deposits 08 Fixed Savings 09 Installment Savings 10 Nonresident Yen Deposits 11 12 Foreign Currency Deposits Foreign Currency Deposits owned by Residents 13 Foreign Currency Settlement Deposits owned by Residents 14 Financial Institutions Deposits 15 Government Deposits 16 Total Deposits 17 Certificates of Deposit 18 excluding Financial Institutions Deposits and Government Deposits 19 Bank of Japan Notes and Coins 20 Checks and Notes 21 CPs Issued 22 CPs Held 23 of which issued by Financial Institutions 24 Straight Bonds Issued by Banks 26 Bank-Issued Straight Bonds Held 27

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Deposits, Vault Cash and Loans Table (monthly)

Year

Due on 20th of the following month

Banking Accounts of Domestic Banks

Month

Trust Accounts of Domestic Banks

		Average Outstanding	of the Month			End-of-month	Average Outstanding
	#		Corporation Deposits	Individual Deposits	Public Deposits	Outstanding	of the Month
Private and Public Deposits	01						
Current Deposits	02						
Ordinary Deposits	03						
Saving Deposits	04						
Deposits at Notice	05						
Special Deposits	06						
Deposits for Tax Payments	07						
Time Deposits	08						
Fixed Savings	09						
Installment Savings	10						
Nonresident Yen Deposits	11						
Foreign Currency Deposits	12						
Foreign Currency Deposits owned by Residents	13						
Foreign Currency Settlement Deposits owned by Residents	14						
Financial Institutions Deposits	15						
Government Deposits	16						
Total Deposits	17						
Certificates of Deposit	18						
excluding Financial Institutions Deposits and Government Deposits	19						
Bank of Japan Notes and Coins	20						
Checks and Notes	21						
CPs Issued							
CPs Held							
of which issued by Financial Institutions							
Bank Debentures Held	25						
Straight Bonds Issued by Banks	26						
Bank-Issued Straight Bonds Held	27						

In million ven (rounded off to million)

To: Research and Statistics Department, Bank of Japan Due on 10AM on the 4th business day of the following month.

Money Stock Preliminary Data Inquiry Table (monthly)

Month

Year

								In million yen (rou	nded off to millions)
C	ode	Average Amounts Outstanding of Deposits Average Amounts Outstanding of Demand Deposits		Average Amounts Outstanding of CDs		Average Amounts Cash (Yen)	Outstanding of		
			Of those held by Financial Institutions/ Governments	Of those held by Financial Institutions/ Governments	(A) + (B)	Financial	Excluding those held by Financial Institutions/ Governments (B)		Of those Checks and Notes

Note: Demand deposits are the total of Current Deposits, Ordinary Deposits, Saving Deposits, Deposits at Notice, Special Deposits, and Deposits for Tax Payments, <u>except</u> Time Deposits, Fixed Savings, Installment Savings, Nonresident Yen Deposits, and Foreign Currency Deposits.

Entry Forms of Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and the Money Stock Preliminary Data Inquiry Table

*The *Money Stock Statistics* uses the Money Stock Preliminary Data Inquiry Table in compiling the preliminary figures, and the Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans Table in compiling the final figures.

1. Deposits (Liability Term)

- A. Deposits (excluding certificates of deposit)
 - (a) Range of Deposits

"Deposits" include all deposits in domestic bank accounts except for certificates of deposits, but these items exclude deposits in offshore and foreign branch accounts. The items and tables below are categorized by the type of financial institution.

Financial Institution	Table	Depository Items Included	Depository Items Not Included
Domestically Licensed Banks,	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
Banking Accounts of Domestic		Saving Deposits + Deposits at Notice +	Sold
Banks		Time Deposits + Fixed Savings +	
		Installment Savings + Special Deposits +	
		Deposits for Tax Payments + Nonresident	
		Yen Deposits + Foreign Currency Deposits	
Foreign Banks in Japan	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Saving Deposits + Deposits at Notice +	Sold
		Time Deposits + Fixed Savings +	
		Installment Savings + Other Deposits	
<i>shinkin</i> banks	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Saving Deposits + Deposits at Notice +	Sold
		Time Deposits + Installment Savings +	
		Special Deposits + Deposits for Tax	
		Payments + Nonresident Yen Deposits +	
		Foreign Currency Deposits	
The Norinchukin Bank	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Saving Deposits + Deposits at Notice +	Sold
		Special Deposits + Time Deposits +	
		Installment Savings + Nonresident Yen	
		Deposits + Foreign Currency Deposits	
The Shoko Chukin Bank	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Saving Deposits + Deposits at Notice +	Sold
		Special Deposits + Deposits for Tax	
		Payments + Time Deposits + Installment	
		Savings + Nonresident Yen Deposits +	
		Foreign Currency Deposits	
Shinkin Central Bank	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Deposits at Notice + Domestic Fund	Sold
		Transfer Deposits + Special Deposits +	
		Time Deposits + Installment Time Deposits	
		+ Nonresident Deposits + Foreign Currency	
		Deposits	

Shinkumi Federation Bank	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Deposits at Notice + Domestic Fund	Sold
		Transfer Deposits + Special Deposits +	
		Time Deposits + Mutual Aid Time Deposits	
		+ Nonresident Yen Deposits + Foreign	
		Currency Deposits	
The Rokinren Bank	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Domestic Fund Transfer	Certificates of Deposit, Call Money, Notes
		Deposits + Ordinary Deposits + Deposits at	Sold
		Notice + Special Deposits + Time Deposits	
prefectural credit federations of	Trial Balance	Current Deposits + Ordinary Deposits +	Certificates of Deposit
agricultural cooperatives		Saving Deposits + Deposits at Notice +	
		Special Deposits + Time Deposits +	
		Installment Savings	

Note: These items exclude deposits in the offshore account and foreign branch account.

(b) Types of Deposits

(1) Current Deposits

"Current deposits" refer to non-interest-bearing demand deposits that are received under the transaction agreements of current account.

(2) Ordinary Deposits

"Ordinary deposits" refer to demand deposits that can be deposited and withdrawn at any time.

(3) Saving Deposits

"Saving deposits" refer to demand deposits that can be withdrawn at any time in which there are additional conditions on the settlement services such as the fund transfers of stipends, pensions, and dividends, and the automatic account transfers for the payment of public service charges, and so on. Receivers in this category are individuals.

(4) Deposits at Notice

"Deposits at notice" refer to deposits that are paid after the grace period (commonly seven days), or after the period noticed (commonly two days; the notice may be in the grace period).

(5) Special Deposits

"Special deposits" refer to miscellaneous deposits made for arrangement purposes such as temporary deposits or custodial deposits accompanied by various banking activities.

Major items covered in this category are as follows:

- a. Revenues or other public reserves received in the Bank of Japan agencies, revenue agencies, or in public revenue receiving agencies.¹
- b. Proceeds of notes, collected by the commission from agents with no depository transactions.
- c. Temporal deposits made by the transfers from other banks with anonymous transferees.
- d. Proceeds of bank cashier's checks.

¹ As for (c) Types of Depositor, revenue funds that have not yet been processed should also be classified in this category (not in Financial Institutions Deposits or Corporations Deposits). While, deposits with the agents of Bank of Japan should be classified in Financial Institutions Deposits (not in this category).

e. Internal devoted funds for the loans up to the repayment process.

- f. Application margins or advance payments for stocks received in accepting stock payment works.
- g. Payment funds for corporate dividends, principals, and interests of bonds deposited by companies.
- h. Guarantees received in issuing letters of credit or in drawing documentary drafts.
- i. Ordinary deposits that are transferred to adjustment accounts.
- (6) Deposits for tax payments

"Deposits for tax payments" refer to deposits that are established to smooth the process in tax payments. Payments are generally limited to tax payments.

(7) Time Deposits

"Time deposits" refer to deposits that are generally not allowed to be withdrawn until the predetermined date of maturity. Deposits include "super *teiki*" time deposits, large-lot time deposits, and time deposits with floating interest rates.

(8) Fixed Savings

"Fixed savings" refers to deposits that receive funds several times during the previously determined period.

(9) Installment Savings

"Installment savings" refers to deposits that accumulate funds on a specific day every month for a certain period under the installment saving contracts, and return certain amounts to the depositors on the day of maturity.

(10) Nonresident Yen Deposits

"Nonresident yen deposits" refer to yen deposits that are received from nonresidents in domestic accounts.² Types and limits of deposits are identical to those of domestic deposits by residents.³

(11) Foreign Currency Deposits (including "Foreign Currency Deposits owned by Residents" and "Foreign Currency Settlement Deposits owned by Residents")

This category covers all types of deposits denominated in foreign currency, regardless of the distinction between residents and nonresidents. Those held by residents are classified as "Foreign Currency Deposits owned by Residents." Current deposits and ordinary deposits in foreign currency deposits held by residents are classified as "Foreign Currency Settlement Deposits owned by Residents."

(12) Demand Deposits

"Demand deposits" include current deposits, ordinary deposits, saving deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, and deposits for tax payments, but excludes nonresident yen deposits and foreign currency deposits.

(13) Time and Savings Deposits

"Time and saving deposits" include time deposits, fixed savings, and installment savings.

² Refer to (7) Nonresidents in (c) for the definition of nonresidents.

³ Refer to (6) Residents in (c) for the definition of residents.

(c) Types of Depositor

(1) Individual Deposits

"Individual deposits" refer to deposits made in the name of individuals (including anonymous type deposits).

(2) Public Deposits

"Public deposits" refer to deposits made by local governments and local public enterprises (of those under the Local Public Enterprise Law).⁴

(3) Financial Institutions Deposits

"Financial institutions deposits" refer to deposits made by banks (including foreign banks in Japan and the Japan Post Bank), shinkin Banks, Shinkin Central Bank, labour banks, the Rokinren Bank, agricultural cooperatives and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives, fishery coops and prefectural credit federations of fishery cooperatives, the Norinchukin Bank, shinkumi banks, Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Shoko Chukin Bank, the Resolution and Collection Corporation, insurance companies (including the Japan Post Insurance and Nippon Export and Investment Insurance), and public financial institutions (Bank of Japan < i.e. deposits with the agents of Bank of Japan, etc>, Development Bank of Japan, Japan Finance Corporation, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, the Okinawa Development Finance Corporation, Japan Finance Organization for Municipalities, Japan Housing Finance Agency, Organization for Postal Savings, Postal Life Insurance and Post Office Network, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, Welfare and Medical Service Agency, and Corporation for Revitalizing Earthquake affected Business), and the holding companies of the above-mentioned financial institutions (including the Japan Post Holdings). The Nuclear Damage Compensation and Decommissioning Facilitation Corporation, Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan, securities companies, securities finance companies, tanshi companies (money market dealers), and insurance agents, however, are not included.

Enter the amount of yen-denominated deposit transactions (in the inter-bank deposit market) in this category.

(4) Government Deposits

"Government deposits" refer to deposits made by the central government. Deposits of tax offices, district courts, labor standard supervision offices, and Japan Pension Service branch offices etc. are included in (5) Corporations Deposits.

(5) Corporations Deposits

"Corporations deposits" refer to deposits other than those listed above.⁵

(6) Residents

"Residents" is defined as "natural persons who own addressees or residences in the country, and corporate bodies that own offices in the country" in section 6.1.5. of the Foreign Exchange and

⁴ While it includes deposits by foreign offices of Japanese local governments or Japanese local public enterprises, deposits by foreign local governments should be classified in "Corporations deposits."

⁵ Corporations include agencies, authorities, special-status corporations, public services, local authority affiliated agencies (public corporations, etc.), funds, securities companies, securities finance companies, *tanshi* companies (money market dealers), insurance agents, Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan, Japan Post Service Co., Ltd., Japan Post Network Co., Ltd., and so on. Deposits by Independent Administrative Institutions that are not classified in financial Institutions Deposits listed above, are included in "Corporations deposits."

Foreign Trade Law. Namely, "residents" includes individuals who own addresses in Japan and cooperatives that own offices in Japan (including the individuals who are working at overseas establishments of Japan and at overseas establishments).

(7) Nonresidents

"Nonresidents" is defined in section 6.1.6. as "natural persons and corporate bodies other than residents" of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law. Namely, "nonresidents" include Japanese who stay abroad for more than two years and who work at foreign offices (including foreign branches of Japanese companies, local firms, representative offices, and international organizations), foreign branches of Japanese companies, local firms, representative offices, and international organizations.

B. Certificates of Deposit

(a) Range of Certificates of Deposit

"Certificates of deposit (CDs)" refer to the deposits that have a deadline of repayments without a covenant not to transfer. Enter the amount of CDs in "Certificates of Deposit" separately from the other deposits. The depository items in balance sheets of each financial institution are listed as follows.

Financial Institution	Table	Depository Items Included
Domestically Licensed Banks,	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
Banking Accounts of Domestic		
Banks		
Foreign Banks in Japan	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
<i>shinkin</i> banks	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
The Norinchukin Bank	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
The Shoko Chukin Bank	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
Shinkin Central Bank	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
Shinkumi Federation Bank	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
The Rokinren Bank	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
prefectural credit federations of	Trial Balance	Certificates of Deposit
agricultural cooperatives		

(b) Classification by Depositor

Enter the amounts by each depositor at the time of issue.

(1) Individual Deposits

- Refer to (c) in Section 1 for details.
- (2) Public Deposits(3) Corporations Deposits
- (4) Excluding Financial Institutions Deposits and Government Deposits

Subtract "Financial Institutions Deposits" and "Government Deposits" from "the total of certificate of deposit." If the depositors are nonresidents, do NOT post the amount under "Corporations Deposits," "Individual Deposits," and "Public Deposits" of "Excluding Financial Institutions Deposits and Government Deposits," but post under the outstanding (total).

2. Bank of Japan Notes, Coins, Checks, and Notes

(1) Bank of Japan Notes, and Coins

Enter the amount of yen on hand except foreign currencies (do not include deposits with the Bank of Japan).

(2) Checks and Notes

"Checks and notes" includes current checks that passed the day of maturity (of those transferable to cash), remittance checks, bank remittance notes, promissory notes, postal money orders, certificates of postal money saving payments, bond interest coupons, receipts of dividends, government checks, and certificates of payments in public sector agencies.

3. Commercial Paper and Dematerialized Commercial Paper (liability/asset)

Amounts of domestic CP and dematerialized commercial paper should be entered (excluding yen-dominated CP in the domestic market issued by nonresidents <samurai CP>).

"Dematerialized Commercial Paper" includes hereafter.

- The article 66, item (1) of the Act on Book-Entry Transfer of Company Bonds, Shares, etc
- The article 61-10, paragraph (1) of the Insurance Business Act
- The article 2, paragraph (8) of the Act on Securitization of Assets
- The article 54-4, paragraph (1) of the Shinkin Bank Act
- The article 62-2, paragraph (1) of the Norinchukin Bank Act
- The article 139-12, paragraph (1) of the Act on Investment Trust and Investment Corporation
- (1) CP and dematerialized commercial paper issued

Enter the amount of CP and dematerialized commercial paper issued. The amount in this category corresponds to the amount in the Trial Balance (CP and dematerialized commercial paper on the credit term).

(2) CP and dematerialized commercial paper held

Enter the amount of CP and dematerialized commercial paper held in the banking account (that corresponds to ["Commercial Paper and dematerialized commercial paper" in "Monetary Claims Purchased" in the Trial Balance] + [CP and dematerialized commercial paper included in "Other Special Transaction Assets" in "Special Transaction Assets"] and CP and dematerialized commercial paper held in the trust account).

(3) CP and dematerialized commercial paper held: Of which, issued by financial institutions

Enter the amount of CP and dematerialized commercial paper held by financial institutions out of the amount entered in (2). The financial institutions in this category correspond to those in Financial Institutions Deposits.

(4) Notes for CP and dematerialized commercial paper held

Figures of (2) and (3) should meet the following two conditions.

- 1. Include the sales in repurchase agreement transactions within the holding amount but exclude the purchases in repurchase agreement transactions.
 - -- If the above treatment is impossible, the transaction amount of repurchase agreement may be included within the holding account as an exceptional case.
- 2. Evaluate the holding amount based on the face value. If this is impossible, book value may be used as an exceptional case (use either book value or fair value in the Special Transaction Account).

4. Bank Debentures

- (1) Bank debentures held in the trust account
 - (All bank debentures included in accounts of "corporate bonds" in the Trust Accounts of Domestically Licensed Banks)
- (2) Evaluate the holding amount based on the face value. If this is impossible, the book value may be used as an exceptional case.

5. Straight Bonds Issued by Banks

"Straight Bonds Issued by Banks" refers to bonds issued in the banking accounts of domestically licensed banks, etc. They exclude subordinated bonds, dematerialized commercial paper, bonds with warrants, public corporation bonds, bank debentures, bonds that are backed by government credit, and agency bonds.

"Banks" in this category correspond to domestically licensed banks (excluding Japan Post Bank) and their financial holding companies, foreign banks in Japan, *shinkin* banks, Shinkin Central Bank, The Norinchukin Bank, and The Shoko Chukin Bank.

(1) Straight Bonds Issued by Banks

Enter the amount of straight bonds issued in the banking accounts.

Evaluate the issuing amount based on the face value. If that is impossible, book value may be used as an exceptional case.

(2) Bank-Issued Straight Bonds Held

Enter each amount of straight bonds held in the banking accounts and in the trust accounts.

- 1. Straight bonds issued by banks held in "trading accounts securities" and in "trading assets" are included here.
- Exclude the amount of repurchase agreement transactions.
 If that is impossible, the transaction amount of repurchase agreement may be included as an exceptional case.
- 3. Evaluate the issuing amount based on face value. If that is impossible, book value may be used as an exceptional case.
- 4. If issuers' accounts or issuance markets are unidentified, aggregate the amount of bonds denominated in yen and exclude those denominated in foreign currencies.
- 5. Straight bonds issued by the trust accounts are excluded.

(Appendix 5)

Classifications and Contents of Major Trust Instruments

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	Contents of Trust Instruments			
cuniary Trusts	"Pecuniary Trusts" refers to the trusts in which fiduciary properties ar money.			
Money Trusts	"Money Trusts" refers to the trusts in which the money is issued to settlers at the end of the trust period. "Designated Money Trusts" refers to the money in trust in which the settl			
Designated Money Trusts				
	designate the management methods and the type of instrument.			
Jointly Operated Designated Money Trusts	"Jointly Operated Designated Money Trusts" refers to the trusts in which			
(Principal Covering Type)	trust banks guarantee the principal. The day of maturity is designable longer than one year.			
Jointly Operated Designated Money Trusts (Other Types –"Hit", "Super Hit")	<i>Hit</i> (one month grace period): Trusts that can be withdrawn after a on month grace period without paying any charges. There is no princip covering. <i>Super Hit</i> (one-year grace period): Trusts that can be withdrawn after one-year grace period without paying any charges. There is no princip covering.			
	Unit type: Trusts that are trust instruments with a dividend paid accordance with the performance during the trust period. There is a principal covering. Adjustment fees are required in case of cancellation the trust. The trust periods are typically from three to five years.			
Loan Trusts (Beneficiary Certificate)	"Loan Trusts" refers to the trust instruments that are established under the Loan Trusts Law in which the trust period is two or five years. Trust ban cover the principals. In case of the termination of trusts before the day maturity, trusts are bought by trust banks; they then deduce a certa amount of the value if terminated one year after maturity.			
Income Distribution Type	"Income Distribution Type" refers to the loan trusts in which the trusts a finalized every six months after the application deadline by using t provisional dividend rates. Incomes are paid on the next day finalization.			
Income Maturity Receiving Type – "Big"	This instrument refers to the trusts that reinvest returns during the truperiod. In essence, these are identical to semiannual compounding using provisional rate of returns of loan trusts. Returns are paid at once the settlers on the day of maturity.			
Designated Noncollectively Invested Money Trusts	This instrument refers to the trusts that individually invest in the trust each contract. There is no principal covering. Incomes are paid accordance with performance.			
Pension Trusts	Includes: Corporate Pension Trusts, National Pension Fund Trusts, Person Pension Trusts, Contract Type Pension Trusts and Fund Type Pensi Trusts. There is no principal covering.			
Specified Money Trusts	"Specified Money Trusts" refers to the trusts in which the clients gi instructions for the management of the entrusted property.			
Specified Money Trusts (Tokkin)	"Specified Money Trusts" refers to the trusts that specify and instruct t conditions on the investment.			
Securities Investment Trusts (Beneficiary Certificate)	"Securities Investment Trusts" refers to the trusts that are made specifical to invest money acquired by issuing beneficiary certificates from Securiti Investment Trust Management Companies.			
Pecuniary Trusts Other than Money Trusts	"Pecuniary Trusts Other than Money Trusts" refers to the trusts that do n return money; they return securities at the end of the trust period.			
npecuniary Trusts	"Nonpecuniary Trusts" refers to the trusts in which the fiduciary properti are instruments other than money (e.g. securities, money claims, chattel lands, fixed objects on lands, surface rights, and lease holds).			
mposite Trusts (Securities, cash, etc.) ^{note}	"Composite Trusts" refers to trusts that hold more than two different kin of trust property (ex. money and securities, etc.) in the trust document.			

Note: Composite trusts that can be substantially considered as either 1) "Specified Money Trusts," or 2) other kinds of trusts, may also be included into L.

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NOTES ON THE USE OF THE MONEY STOCK STATISTICS

1. Release Schedules and Access to Data

(Release Schedules)

The preliminary figures of the MSS (M1, M2, M3, and L) are released on the seventh business day of each month, and cover the preceding month (March and September figures are released on the ninth business day of the following month due to the two-day delay in obtaining data sources from financial institutions).

The final figures of both average amounts outstanding and the amounts outstanding at end of period are released on the seventh business day, two months after the month in question (February and August figures are released on the ninth business day).

All figures are released at 8:50 a.m.

(Access to Data)

The Bank considers the benefit of all data users, and releases its publications via various media (including electronic). The current situation is as follows (refer to Appendix 6 for the sample format).

Time	Medium
8:50 a.m. on the day of publication.	- Statistics > Currency > Money Stock on the Bank of Japan website
	(https://www.boj.or.jp/en/statistics/money/ms/index.htm).Distribution and explanation of released data to the press.

- BOJ Time-Series Data Search > Money and Deposits > Money Stock[MD02] > Data Selection by list of statistics > Money Stock (from April 2003) on the Bank of Japan website
(https://www.stat-search.boj.or.jp/ssi/cgi-bin/famecgi2?cg i=\$nme_a000_en&lstSelection=MD02).

(Revision)

(1) Regular Revision

The data for the MSS are regularly revised as follows:

Data released in January, July and October	Data from the previous nine months may be revised.	
Data released in February and August	Data from the previous seven months may be revised.	
Data released in March, April, June and September	Data from the previous three years and a month may be revised.	
Data released in March	Seasonally adjusted data are revised from the beginning of the data.	
Data released in months other than above	Data from the previous five months may be revised.	

(2) Ad Hoc Revision (for the reporting of mistaken data by financial institutions)

If an error is found in the data reported by financial institutions, the MSS data are revised immediately.

In principle, the MSS data are retroactively revised approximately for the previous three years. The revised data are released on the nearest release date of the MSS from the receipt date of the wrong data. If the range of revision falls short of 0.1% of amounts outstanding of M3 (or amounts outstanding of M2 in case of wrong report by money issuers of M2), the MSS data are basically revised in either March or September.

(3) Revision of L

In the MSS, components of "L" (data other than M3; same definition henceforth) are compiled using various statistics. Because these statistics are compiled based on information at a certain time, their accuracy inevitably deteriorates as changes occur to the financial and economic structure over time.

The Bank will revise the data for components of "L" according to the following standards:

1. When the Bank finds much room for improvement on the accuracy of the data.

2. Periodical revision (every three years): the Bank checks the necessity for revising the data, and implements the revision if necessary.

Investment trusts, bank debentures and foreign bonds were revised at the time of the latest revision of "L" in April 2024.

2. Accuracy of Indices

(1) Final Figures

Final figures for M3 ("currency in circulation," "deposit money," "quasi-money," and "CDs") are comprehensive and precise, since almost all necessary data sources are available. The compilation employs operational data of the Bank of Japan, including that of "Banknotes in Circulation" and "Coins in Circulation," as well as other data sources such as various money stock related inquiries (these inquiries are organized directly by the Bank of Japan to collect financial information from individual financial institutions) and balance sheets of other financial institutions.

Though figures for other components of "L" rely more on estimates, using the data on "L" presents no inconvenience or problem due to the following reasons:^{1,2}

¹ As stated in Chapter 2, the average amounts outstanding are compiled by taking the current-previous month average, since the amounts outstanding at end of period is the only source available.

 $^{^2}$ For the six components (investment trusts, bank debentures, straight bonds issued by banks, CP issued by financial institutions, government securities, and foreign bonds), the estimations are made to calculate the portion held by money holders.

1. The seven components (pecuniary trusts, investment trusts, bank debentures, straight bonds issued by banks, CP issued by financial institutions, government securities, and foreign bonds) are estimated fairly precisely, as described in Chapter 2.

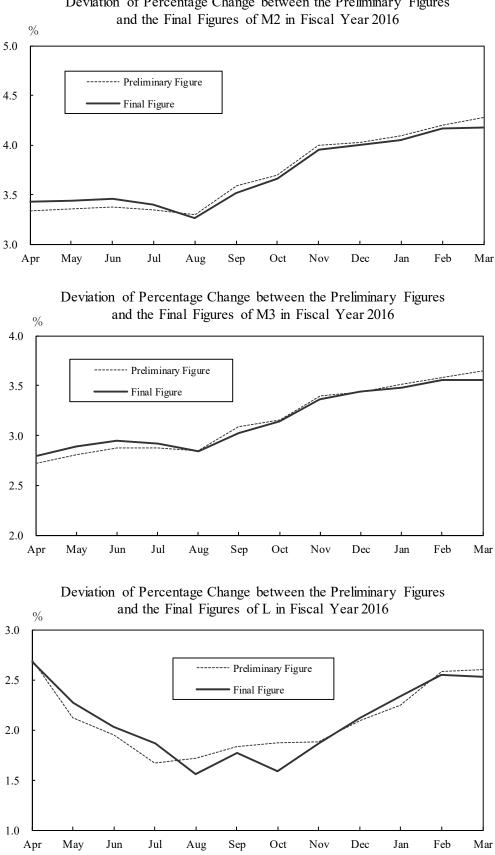
2. The seven components make up no more than 24.7percent of the data for L (as of March 2024).

(2) Preliminary figures

The preliminary figures of "M2" and "M3" (average amounts outstanding) are accurate, while the accuracy of preliminary figures of "L" is comparatively low. The average absolute deviations in year-to-year percentage changes between the preliminary and final figures in fiscal year 2016³ were 0.06 percent points for "M2", 0.04 percent points for "M3", and 0.10 percent points for "L."⁴ The largest absolute deviation at certain period was 0.28 percent points for "L," since the available data sources were limited at the preliminary stage. This should be noted when using the preliminary figures of "L."

³ The revision after 2017 caused discontinuities between the preliminary and final figures. Therefore, we used the data of figures in fiscal year 2016.

⁴ If an error in the reported data from the financial institutions is discovered after publishing the final figures, the data of the MSS are revised. In these cases, the data are revised in comparatively long periods, so the difference between preliminary figures and the revised final figures would become larger than explained above.



Deviation of Percentage Change between the Preliminary Figures

3. Discontinuity of Series of the Money Stock Statistics

Following the revision in 2008, the ranges of financial assets and money issuers for each index of the MSS were revised, and range of money holders and estimation methods for some figures have also been changed. It causes discontinuities of series between the current and former series of the MSS as follows:

(M1)

The range of money issuers differs from that of the former M1. While the former M1 only covers demand deposits at "M2+CDs" financial institutions, the revised M1 covers demand deposits at all depository institutions, including the Japan Post Bank, agricultural cooperatives, *shinkumi* banks, etc.

(M2, M3)

As regards M2 and M3, the differences between the current and former series mainly derive from the differences in the range of money holders (securities companies, *tanshi* companies, and nonresidents are excluded in the current series) and the estimation method of some data. Apart from that, M2 and "M2+CDs" (former series) have the same range of money issuers and financial assets (except for nonresident yen deposits). Similarly, M3 and "M3+CDs - money trusts" (former series) have the same range of money issuers and financial assets (except for nonresident yen deposits).

(L)

The range of financial assets differs from that of "broadly defined liquidity" (former series). The "L" adds privately placed investment trusts to "investment trusts," adds "straight bonds issued by banks," and removes "repurchase agreements and securities lending with cash collateral" from the former series' "broadly defined liquidity."

Because the differences between the current and former series are relatively small for M2 and M3, it may be reasonable to analyze M2 from 1967 onward using data of "M2+CDs" in the former series, and to analyze M3 from 1996 onward using data of "M3+CDs – money trusts" in the former series.

The other example to make a proxy of the long-term time-series data for the MSS is as follows (the calculation method shown below can be applied for both original and seasonally

adjusted figures).⁵

(e.g.) Calculation method of base-adjusted figure of "M3+CDs – money trusts" connecting with the M3 $\,$

• Figures from April 2002 to March 2003:

<Calculating the figure of March 2003 <base-adjusted figure>>

Y (March 2003) = X1 (March 2004) \times X2 (March 2003) \div X2 (March 2004)

Y: "M3+CDs – money trusts" of the former MSS (base-adjusted figure)

X1: "M3" of the current MSS

X2: "M3+CDs - money trusts" of the former MSS

•Figures from April 1998 to March 2002:

< Calculating the figure of March 2002 <base-adjusted figure>>

Y (March 2002) = Y (March 2003) \times X2 (March 2002) \div X2 (March 2003)

Y: "M3+CDs – money trusts" of the former MSS (base-adjusted figure)

X2: "M3+CDs - money trusts" of the former MSS

• Figures from January 1996 to March 1998:

< Calculating the figure of March 1998 <base-adjusted figure>>

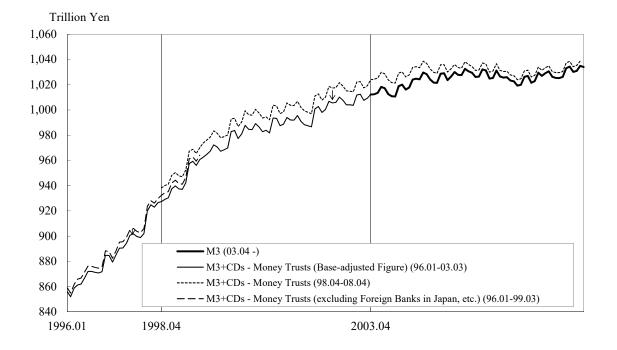
 $Y (March 1998) = Y (March 1999) \times X3 (March 1998) \div X3 (March 1999)$

Y: "M3+CDs – money trusts" of the former MSS (base-adjusted figure)

X3: "M3+CDs – money trusts" of the old MSS (based on excluding foreign banks in Japan, etc., through March 1999)

⁵ The year-on-year change data of this series become equal to those of the former MSS through March 2004, and are equal to those of the current MSS from April 2004.

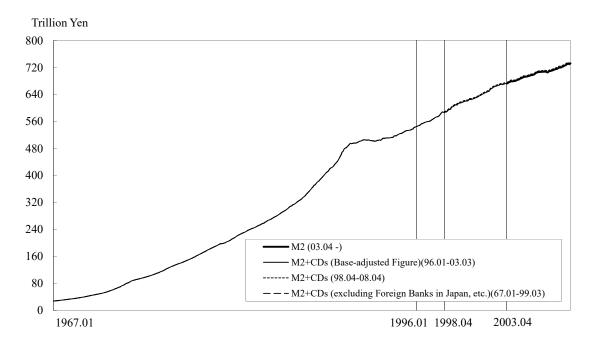
Average Amounts Outstanding of M3 (Original Figure)



(Base-adjusted Figures before March 2003)

Average Amounts Outstanding of M2 (Seasonally-adjusted Figures)

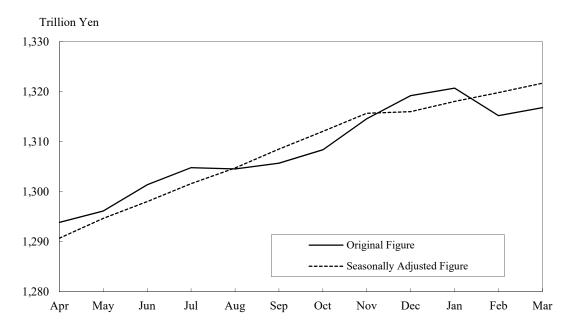
(Base-adjusted Figures before March 2003)



(The figures are as of the release of June 2008)

4. Percentage Changes in the Original Figures and the Seasonally Adjusted Figures

The original figures—which are compiled simply by using data sources—have seasonal fluctuations and disturbances. Moreover, in some cases, it is difficult to understand the actual movements in the economy solely by using original figures. For example, the December figure of the MSS (average amounts outstanding of M3) increases significantly every year due to a rise in the demand for money. The increase is seasonal, and does not necessarily indicate actual changes in the economy. That is why the MSS also calculates and releases seasonally adjusted figures ("amounts outstanding" and "percentage change at an annualized rate from the previous month") that remove seasonal fluctuations as well as the original figures ("amounts outstanding" and "percent change from a year earlier").



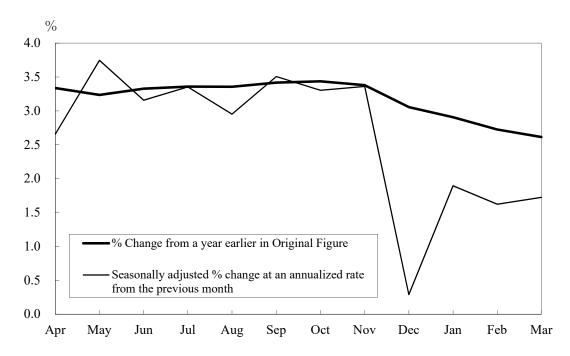
Average Amounts Outstanding of M3 (Fiscal Year 2017)

Calculating "percentage change from a year earlier" for original figures has both advantages and disadvantages. It has the advantage of making it easy to understand the general trend as fluctuations are smoothed out, and seasonal changes are eliminated. It also has the disadvantage of making it difficult to show current movements clearly.

The "seasonally adjusted percentage change at an annualized rate from the previous

month" excludes the fluctuations caused by seasonal changes, and illustrates current movements clearly. However, the monthly swings of seasonal figures are relatively large, since they are significantly affected by changes in current movements. Moreover, seasonally adjusted figures are retroactively revised once a year from the starting point of data due to the revision of seasonal adjustment.

It is important to keep these characteristics in mind when using the MSS.



Each Figure for M3 in Fiscal Year 2017

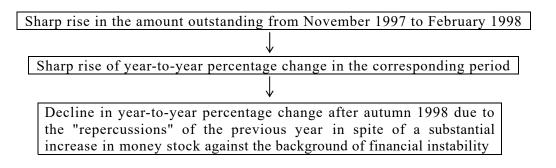
5. "Repercussions" from the Previous Year

It should be noted that large changes in the year-to-year percentage change sometimes take place when irregular movements exist in the previous year (so called "repercussions" of the previous year).

For example, the percentage change from a year earlier in the former series' M2+CDs rose sharply, from 3.2 percent to 5.0 percent from November 1997 to February 1998 due to rapid capital inflow from investment trusts to deposits. The change was caused by the growing concern over the stability of Japan's financial system, following the collapses of major financial institutions. On the contrary, the percentage change in the following

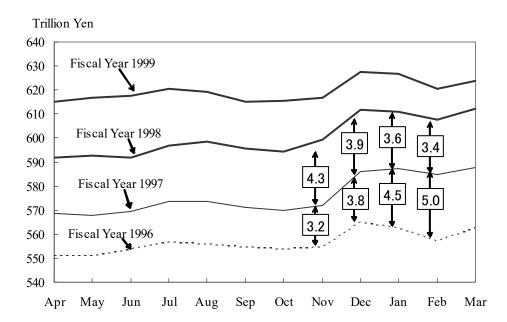
year (i.e. from November 1998 to February 1999) dropped from 4.3 percent to 3.4 percent due to the "repercussions" from the previous year.

The chain of the above events is described below.



Average Amounts Outstanding M2+CDs (original figures)

Note: Figures in the boxes indicate the percent change from a year earlier in average amounts outstanding M2+CDs.



6. Effects of Fluctuations in Exchange Rates on the Year-to-Year Changes in Foreign Bonds

"Foreign bonds," a component of "L," have a different feature from other components. They are not only affected by the changes in supply and demand that reflect changes in the real economy and financial situation (as is the case with other components), but they are also affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

When comparing the year-to-year changes of foreign bonds in the previous month and current month, the next thing that needs to be taken into consideration is the fluctuation of the exchange rate from the previous month to the current month, and that from the previous month to the current month of the previous year.⁶ For example, if the yen appreciates in the current year, but its rate is smaller than the previous year, the exchange rate expands the year-to-year growth.

Current year	Yen appreciation	Unchanged	Yen depreciation
Previous year Yen appreciation	Yen appreciation of the current year > Yen appreciation of the previous year → Decrease Yen appreciation of the current year < Yen appreciation of the previous year → Increase	Increase	Substantial increase
Unchanged	Decrease	Unchanged	Increase
Yen depreciation	Substantial decrease	Decrease	Yen depreciation of the current year > Yen depreciation of the previous year \longrightarrow Increase Yen depreciation of the current year < Yen depreciation of the previous year \longrightarrow Decrease

Decrease or Increase in Year-to-Year Change

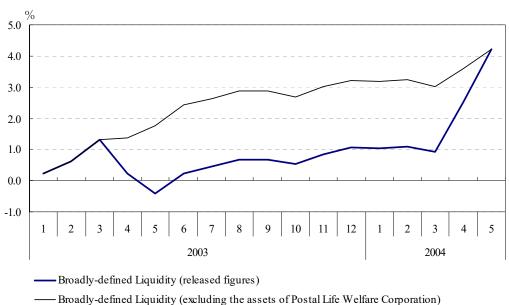
Note: From December 2003 onward, the currency fluctuations of foreign bonds, which had been adjusted assuming that all bonds are in US dollars, are adjusted based on three currencies (US dollar, Euro, and Yen). Thus, effects of fluctuations in exchange rates can also be different depending on the currency composition of the foreign bonds.

⁶ See Chapter 2.4(7) for the calculation method of foreign bonds.

7. A Case of the Change in the Organization of Money Holders

When an organization such as a public corporation (money holder) changes its status, it may become a non-money holder such as a financial institution and the central government, and vice versa.

MSS users should be aware that the range of money holders may discontinue before and after a change in the organization. For example, on April 1, 2003, the assets of the Postal Life Insurance Welfare Corporation were transferred to the Japan Post due to the dissolution of the corporation.⁷ After the transfer, the assets were excluded from the MSS, since the Postal Life Insurance Welfare Corporation was regarded as a "non-financial corporation" (money holders = included in the MSS), and the Japan Post as a "financial institution" (non-money holders = excluded from the MSS). The percentage change of "broadly defined liquidity" had decreased since April 2003. The dissolution of the Postal Life Insurance Welfare Corporation is considered to be one factor for the decrease.⁸



Percentage Changes of Broadly Defined Liquidity (from previous year)

⁷ For further details refer to Research and Statistics Department, "Reference Index of the Money Stock Statistics," June 9, 2003.

⁸ Another recent example is the establishment of Independent Administrative Institutions (IAIs). There were discontinuities to the money holders, since the government deposits at the Bank of Japan were transferred to the deposits at other financial institutions due to the establishments of IAIs. However, because the assets holdings of these institutions are quite small, their influences to the MSS may be trivial.

8. Analytical Methods to Investigate Fluctuations Within the MSS

Figures for M3 fluctuate; they reflect the supply-demand movements stemming from changes in the real economy and financial situation.

Because various factors cause M3 to fluctuate, a solid analytical framework is essential to investigate the causes.

This section provides a brief introduction on "the balance sheet approach on money holders" and "the balance sheet approach on money issuers." These approaches are based on the idea that each component in M3 is a financial asset/liability held by money holders/issuers.

It should be noted that these approaches are analytical methods based upon ex-post identities, and thus do not necessarily illustrate the cause and effect relationship between the change in money stock and the factors related to its supply or demand.

(1) Balance Sheet Approach for Money Holders

"The balance sheet approach for money holders" is an analytical method that correlates the change in M3 with the change in other assets or liabilities in money holders' balance sheets. The approach focuses on the fact that M3 is a part of the financial assets of money holders.

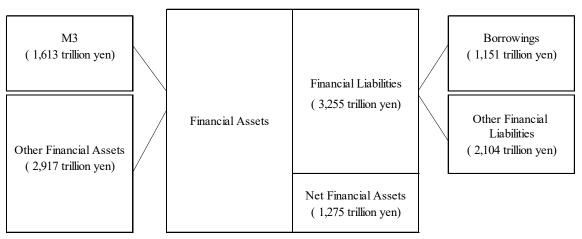
In this approach, the factors of change in M3 are analyzed after having compiled money holders' balance sheets by utilizing statistics such as the *Flow of Funds Accounts*. A specific explanation of the analysis is below.

From the assets side, if M3 increases with the total assets unchanged, it could be judged that there was a shift-in transfer from other instruments (such as investment trusts, government securities etc.) to the instruments within M3.

According to the example below, M3 increases by a certain amount if part of the other financial assets (2,917 trillion yen) are cancelled and deposited as time deposits.

From the liability side, the factors that change M3 are a change in financial liabilities or a change in net financial assets (financial surplus or deficit) held by money holders. For example, if money holders gather funds in advance for the payments at the end of the month and temporarily deposit them as a current deposit (component of M3), then M3 increases by a certain amount.

M3 will also increase by a certain amount if they invest additional income acquired by tax reduction or other means (i.e. an increase of receipts from the government sector) in CDs.



Balance Sheet of Money Holders⁹

(The figures are based on *Flow of Funds accounts* as of the end of March 2024 < published on June 27, 2024>)

A more specific explanation of the balance sheet approach is as follows:

In the balance sheet of money holders, the following formulas exist:

Increase/Decrease in	=	Increase/Decrease in Financial Liabilities
Financial Assets		+ Increase/Decrease in Net Financial Assets

On the asset side, there is a formula such as:

Increase/Decrease in Financial Assets	=	Increase/Decrease in M3 + Increase/Decrease in Other Financial Assets
This implies:		
Increase/Decrease in M3	=	Increase/Decrease in Financial Liabilities + Increase/Decrease in Net Financial Assets - Increase/Decrease in Other Financial Assets.

⁹ This balance sheet shows the amount outstanding at the end of period, which is the same as an ordinary balance sheet. The analysis for the movements of money stock, however, commonly uses their changes denoted as contributions to percent change from a year ago in money stock.

"Increase/Decrease in Net Financial Assets held by money holders" (i.e. surplus/shortage of funds) is the "shortage/surplus of funds held by non-money holders." Thus,

	Increase/Decrease in Net Financial Assets held by	=	Surplus/Shortage of Funds held by Money Holders
	Money Holders	=	Shortage/Surplus of Funds held by Non-money Holders
		=	Shortage/Surplus of Funds held by Central Government, overseas, and Financial Institutions
		=	Deficit/Surplus of Fiscal Balance + Current Account Surplus/Deficit + Shortage/Surplus of Funds held by Financial Institutions
Accordi	ngly,		
	Increase/Decrease in M3		Increase/Decrease in Financial Liabilities (Borrowings or CP Issuing) - Increase/Decrease in Other Financial Assets + Deficit/Surplus of Fiscal Balance +Current Account Surplus/Deficit

+ Shortage/Surplus of Funds held by Financial Institutions

(2) Balance Sheet Approach for Money Issuers

"The balance sheet approach for money issuers" is an analytical method that correlates the change in M3 with the change in other instruments in money issuers' balance sheets. The approach focuses on the fact that M3 is a part of financial liabilities of money issuers.

A balance sheet approach for money issuers could be regarded as an analysis that examines the numbers through the holders of liabilities. A balance sheet approach for money holders, on the other hand, could be regarded as an analysis that examines the numbers through the holders of assets.

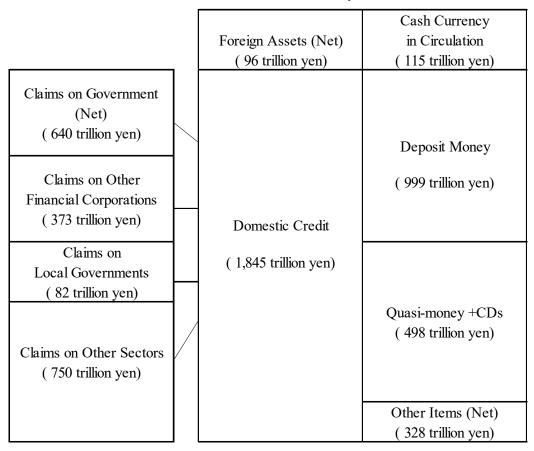
The Bank of Japan releases the *Monetary Survey* to provide data sources regarding balance sheet approach for money issuers.

The *Monetary Survey* is a balance sheet whereby the accounts of the Central Bank (Bank of Japan) and Depository Corporations are aggregated and adjusted based on the

international standards adopted by the IMF.^{10,11}

The *Monetary Survey* releases, in addition to the overall assets and liabilities, the breakdowns by economic units on the asset side, and those by "currency in circulation", "deposit money," "quasi-money + CDs," and "other items (net)" on the liability side.

"Currency in circulation," "deposit money," and "quasi-money + CDs" in these statistics are identical to the corresponding end of period figures in the MSS.



Balance Sheet of Money Issuers

(The figures are based on the *Monetary Survey* as of the end of March 2024 < published on July 11, 2024 >)

¹⁰ The adjustment cancels out mutual transactions among financial institutions such as inter-bank deposits. It also combines or splits accounts.

¹¹ The *Monetary Survey* provides the summary table of the money issuers as a whole and its components such as "central bank" and "depository corporations."

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					(Percent ch	nanges from a	year earlier ir	average amo	ounts outstand	ng, unless off	herwise noted)
	M2		M3							広 義	
	1012	同季調済	1415	同季調済	M1			準通貨	СD	流動性	同季調済
年・期・月		向孕禍 前期(月)比		前昇(月)比	1011	現金	預 金	平 坦 貝	СD	加助庄	向孕酮仍 前期(月)比
中・朔・月		前 <u></u> 第(万)比 年 率		前 <u>两</u> (万)比 年 率		近近	通貨				前 期 (万)比 年 率
		+ +		+ +		也 貝	也 貝				+ +
Year, quarter,		(a)		(a)		Currency in	Deposit	Quasi-	Certificates	L	(a)
or month		("		("		circulation	money	money	of deposit	Ľ	(u)
or monut						circulation	money	money	(CDs)		
2022	3.3	_	2.9	_	5.6	3.0	6.0	-2.3	4.7	3.8	
2022	2.5	_	2.0	_	4.2	1.1	4.6	-1.6	-13.5	2.5	
2023 / 1-3	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.7	4.4	2.2	4.7	-1.4	-10.8	3.4	r 2.1
4-6	2.6	2.9	2.1	2.1	4.4	1.3	4.8	-1.7	-12.2	2.5	2.5
7-9	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.7	4.2	0.8	4.6	-1.5	-16.7	2.1	1.8
10-12	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.5	3.9	0.2	4.4	-1.7	-14.1	2.0	1.6
2024 / 1-3	2.5	2.9	1.8	2.0	4.0	-0.4	4.5	-1.9	-11.8	2.1	2.6
4-6	1.8	0.3	1.3	0.0	3.0	-1.1	3.5	-0.6	-26.9	3.0	6.1
2023 / 5	2.6	2.8	2.1	2.0	4.4	1.3	4.8	-1.7	-11.3	2.3	0.8
6	2.6	2.7	2.0	1.9	4.3	1.1	4.7	-1.5	-13.7	2.4	3.5
7	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.6	4.1	0.9	4.5	-1.3	-15.1	2.3	1.4
8	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.8	4.2	0.8	4.6	-1.5	-17.1	2.1	1.2
9	2.4	1.6	1.8	1.4	4.2	0.6	4.7	-1.6	-17.9	2.0	1.5
10	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.6	4.1	0.4	4.6	-1.4	-18.8	2.0	1.9
11	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.3	3.8	0.2	4.3	-1.7	-12.9	r 1.9	1.4
12	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.4	3.8	-0.1	4.3	-2.0	-9.9	2.0	1.6
2024 / 1	2.5	3.7	1.8	2.8	3.9	-0.3	4.5	-1.9	-10.2	2.2	r 4.2
2	2.4	2.5	1.8	1.5	3.9	-0.4	4.5	-1.9	-12.9	2.1	2.4
3	2.5	4.0	1.9	2.7	4.0	-0.6	4.6	-1.9	-12.4	2.0	1.1
4	2.2	-0.7	1.6	r -0.7	3.6	-0.8	4.2	-1.0	-27.1	2.7	11.6
5	1.9	r -1.7	1.3	r -1.8	2.8	r -1.2	3.3	r -0.3	r -26.6	3.3	r 8.3
6	1.5	-1.6	1.0	-1.6	2.5	-1.5	3.0	-0.4	-26.9	3.0	-0.5

(特に断りのない限り平残前年比伸び率、単位・%) (Percent changes from a year earlier in average amounts outstanding, unless otherwise noted)

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(Average amounts outstanding, trillions of yen)												
2024 /	5	r 1,258.9	r 1,251.0	r 1,611.0	r 1,603.9	r 1,103.5	114.2	r 989.3	r 484.8	r 22.8	r 2,178.5	r 2,169.1
	6	1,257.5	1,249.3	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,098.7	113.3	985.4	487.1	24.2	2,178.5	2,168.1

(注) 1. rは訂正値。

2. 2003年4月以降の計数を訂正(訂正後の計数は、「時系列統計データ検索サイト」を参照)。

Notes: 1. r: Revised figures.

2. L -- broadly-defined liquidity -- includes M3 and other components as represented on the following page.

3. Figures in column (a) are seasonally adjusted percent changes at an annualized rate from the previous period.

4. Figures from April 2003 are revised (For revised figures, please see "BOJ Time-Series Data Search").

広義流動性のコンポーネント Components of L

(平残前年比伸び率、単位・%)

(Percent changes from a year earlier in average amounts outstanding)

				-		-	-		
	広 義		(1)			(2)	(3)		
	流動性	M3	金銭の信託	投資信託	金融債	銀行発行	金融機関	国債	外債
年・期・月						普通社債	発行 C P		
	L		Pecuniary	Investment	Bank	Straight	Commercial	Government	Foreign
Year, quarter,			trusts	trusts	debentures	bonds	paper issued	securities	bonds
or month						issued by	by financial		
						banks	institutions		
2022	3.8	2.9	8.5	r 2.8	0.4	9.9	-65.0	r 1.5	-0.1
2023	2.5	2.0	4.7	r 7.0	2.5	-61.9	-23.0	r 2.6	-8.1
2023 / 1-3	3.4	2.2	9.3	r 4.1	2.1	-20.7	-9.0	r 6.1	-3.7
4-6	2.5	2.1	3.9	r 8.1	5.3	-58.1	-2.1	r 3.2	-8.2
7-9	2.1	1.9	3.1	r 7.7	3.9	-86.2	9.4	r 0.4	-10.2
10-12	2.0	1.7	2.8	8.2	-1.1	-83.2	-90.2	r 1.1	-9.9
2024 / 1-3	2.1	1.8	3.1	4.5	-0.9	-76.2	-90.3	r 1.7	-1.9
4-6	3.0	1.3	11.7	-2.8	-3.0	-43.4	-94.8	3.1	4.0
2023 / 5	2.3	2.1	2.8	r 8.0	4.7	-58.4	57.0	r 3.1	-7.8
6	2.4	2.0	3.3	r 10.8	5.4	-72.8	-63.2	r 1.1	-8.5
7	2.3	1.9	3.3	r 9.7	5.2	-82.2	-52.9	r 0.1	-10.2
8	2.1	1.9	3.0	r 6.9	4.6	-89.1	168.7	r 0.2	-9.5
9	2.0	1.8	2.9	r 6.5	2.0	-87.3	-74.4	r 0.8	-10.9
10	2.0	1.8	2.7	r 9.1	-1.5	-83.1	-87.8	r 1.0	-12.7
11	r 1.9	1.7	2.8	8.6	-1.4	-81.3	-94.9	r 0.8	-10.2
12	2.0	1.7	2.9	6.8	-0.3	-85.2	-87.4	r 1.4	-6.5
2024 / 1	2.2	1.8	3.0	r 7.6	0.1	-84.7	-89.1	2.3	-3.8
2	2.1	1.8	3.2	r 5.1	0.0	-76.6	-95.5	r 2.0	-1.7
3	2.0	1.9	3.2	r 0.9	-2.7	-62.9	-86.1	r 0.8	-0.2
4	2.7	1.6	8.5	r -0.9	r -3.4	-58.4	-89.8	r 0.8	r 3.0
5	3.3	1.3	13.6	r -2.9	r -2.9	r -46.2	r -97.8	r 2.6	r 4.4
6	3.0	1.0	13.1	-4.5	-2.7	-5.8	-92.1	5.9	4.7
		-					1		

(残高、単位・兆円)

(Average a	moun	ts ol	itstanding, ti	11110	ns of yen)										
2024 /	5	r	2,178.5	r	1,611.0		19.5	r	89.3	2.8	0.1	0.0	r 24.1	r	31.8
	6		2,178.5		1,610.0	4	19.3		89.4	2.8	0.1	0.0	24.8		32.1

(注) (1) 年金信託、証券投資信託を除く。

(2) 劣後特約付き社債等を除く。

(3) 短期社債(電子CP)を含む。

(4) 国庫短期証券、財投債を含む。

Notes: (1) Excludes pension trusts and investment trusts.

(2) Excludes subordinated bonds.

(3) Includes dematerialized commercial paper.

(4) Includes treasury discount bills and FILP bonds.

Chapter 4 Money Stock Statistics and Other Financial Statistics

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MONEY STOCK STATISTICS AND OTHER FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The Bank of Japan compiles a number of statistics other than the MSS. This chapter summarizes the relationships between the MSS and those statistics.

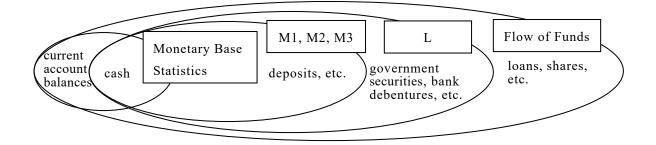
Among the financial statistics compiled by the Bank of Japan, the *Monetary Base Statistics* has the narrowest range. It shows "currency provided by the central bank," which is the sum of "banknotes in circulation," "coins in circulation," and "current account balances of BOJ" (The average amounts outstanding are 666 trillion yen as of March 2024).

The *Flow of Funds Accounts*, on the other hand, has the widest range of financial statistics; it provides both the balance and change of all financial assets and liabilities for various kinds of economic units. The statistics cover the claims and debts across borders, in addition to the debtor-creditor relationship among economic units inside Japan (the balance of Japanese financial assets <excluding sector of the rest of the world> is 10,006 trillion yen, of which the amount of financial assets held by domestic non-financial sector is 4,760 trillion yen, and 2,199 trillion yen for households <as of end of March, 2024, figures released on June 27, 2024>).

The range of the MSS, which is composed of currency and deposits held by money holders and financial assets with high liquidity, is somewhere between that of the *Monetary Base Statistics* and the *Flow of Funds Accounts* (The average amounts outstanding of M3 are 1,597 trillion yen, and for L, 2,121 trillion yen, as of March 2024 released on July 9, 2024).

The relationships of these statistics are illustrated as follows.

Range of the Monetary Base Statistics, the Flow of Funds, and the MSS



The following sections describe the details of the relationship between the MSS and other financial statistics that are compiled and released by the Bank of Japan.

1. Relations to Monetary Base Statistics

The monetary base is the "Currency Supplied from the Bank of Japan" and is defined as follows:

Monetary base = banknotes in circulation + coins in circulation + current account balances (current account deposits in the Bank of Japan)

The "banknotes in circulation" and "coins in circulation" in the *Monetary Base Statistics* include cash (bank notes and coins) held by financial institutions, while "currency in circulation" in the MSS does not. Moreover, the monetary base includes "current account balances," while the MSS does not. This is because the former is defined as the "currency supplied from the central bank," while the latter is defined as the "currency supplied to the economy from the financial sector as a whole" (including the central bank).

The Bank of Japan also compiles and releases the *Monetary Base and the Bank of Japan's Transactions* (MB-BOJT), which shows how the Bank supplies the monetary base by means of various transactions. It provides "stock tables" based on stock figures at end of month and "flow tables" showing increases/decreases in stock figures during period.

2. Relations to Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted

The Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted is compiled from "Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans Table (see Appendix 4)" that is submitted every month from domestically licensed banks (excluding the Japan Post Bank), *shinkin* banks, and foreign banks in Japan, other financial institutions (Shinkin Central Bank, the Norinchukin Bank, the Shoko Chukin Bank, Shinkumi Federation Bank, the Rokinren Bank, and prefectural credit federations of agricultural cooperatives).¹ The following components are released every month with breakdowns by types of businesses.

¹ The Bank of Japan also compiles and releases the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted by Prefecture (Domestically Licensed Banks)* to grasp the transition of these items in each prefecture.

- (1) Monthly receipts and payments of deposits
- (2) Deposits by depositor and deposits by type (average amounts outstanding and amounts outstanding at end of period)
- (3) Banknotes, coins, checks, and notes held by financial institutions (average amounts outstanding and amounts outstanding at end of period)
- (4) CP and dematerialized commercial paper issued/held by financial institutions (liability/asset) (average amounts outstanding and amounts outstanding at end of period)
- (5) Straight bonds issued by financial institutions (liability) and bank-issued straight bonds held (asset) (amounts outstanding at end of period)
- (6) Bank debentures held by the trust accounts of domestically licensed banks (assets)(amounts outstanding at end of period)
- (7) Bank-issued straight bonds held by the trust accounts (asset) (amounts outstanding at end of period)
- (8) Loans in the banking accounts, trust accounts, and overseas branches accounts, by size and by type (average amounts outstanding and amounts outstanding at end of period)

Note: Figures of *shinkin* banks are not available for (6), (7), and (8) except the total and equipment funds. Figures of foreign banks in Japan are not available for (1), (6), (7), and (8) except the total. Figures of other financial institutions are released for some deposits items of (2), (3), and the total of (8).

The *Deposits*, *Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* is a main data source for the MSS in compiling the final figures (e.g. M2, deposit money, quasi-money, and CDs in M3).

M3 in the MSS covers the items of the Japan Post Bank and other financial institutions, in addition to those of domestically licensed banks, *shinkin* banks, and foreign banks in Japan. Therefore, the totals of financial items in the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loan and Bills Discounted* do not strictly coincide with that of the MSS. However, the share of the domestically licensed banks, *shinkin* banks, and foreign banks in Japan in the amount of deposit money, quasi-money and CDs within the M2 is about 99 percent; it is thus possible to create a more detailed analysis of the M2 using the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted*.²

² Although the revision in 2008 excluded securities companies and *tanshi* companies from money holders, these companies remain money holders in the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* and

Figures for banknotes and coins, and checks and notes held by domestically licensed banks, *shinkin* banks, and foreign banks in Japan are utilized as subtraction items in compiling "currency in circulation" of the MSS.³

3. Relations to Amounts Outstanding of Deposits by Depositor

The Amounts Outstanding of Deposits by Depositor compiles "the balance of deposits with domestically licensed banks (excluding the Japan Post Bank) and shinkin banks," "the balance of deposits by rank of amount," and "the number of accounts" with breakdowns by depositor and by type of deposits, at the end of March and September.⁴ The types of item in this publication are as follows.

Types of depositor:

(1) corporations, (2) nondeposit-taking institutions including money lenders and credit card companies, (3) medical and other health services, social insurance, and welfare, educational services, and other organizations, (4) medical and other health services, (5) social insurance, and welfare, educational services, and other organizations, (6) individuals, (7) public deposits-government deposits, (8) financial institutions' deposits, (9) nonresidents (yen deposits-foreign currency deposits).

Types of deposit:

current deposits, ordinary deposits, saving deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits and deposits for tax payments, time deposits and fixed savings respectively, installment savings, nonresident yen deposits, foreign currency deposits.

the Amounts Outstanding of Deposits by Depositor, respectively. In other words, deposit money by corporations in the MSS excludes deposits deposited by securities companies and *tanshi* companies, while corporate deposits in the Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted include these deposits.

³ Figures of banknotes and coins, and checks and notes held by financial institutions not included in the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted* are compiled separately using the balance sheets of each financial institution.

⁴ The rank of amount is divided by a) less than 3 million yen, b) 3 million yen to less than 10 million yen, c) 10 million yen to less than 100 million yen, d) 100 million yen to less than 300 million yen, e) 300 million yen to less than a billion yen, and f) more than a billion yen.

This publication provides more detailed figures of the amounts outstanding at the end of period amount than does the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted*. The range of deposits and the definition of depositors in this publication are generally identical to those of the MSS.⁵ Thus, this publication provides figures of M2 and M3 (amounts outstanding at the end of period) for the portion deposited to domestically licensed banks and *shinkin* banks with breakdowns by depositors, which is in more detail in class of depositors. There is, however, a difference in the sense that this publication has narrower range in financial institutions than M2 and M3.

4. Relations to Principal Figures of Financial Institutions

The *Principal Figures of Financial Institutions (Preliminary figures)* compiles monthly balance of loans (average amounts outstanding) and real deposits (deposits excluding checks and notes) + CDs (average amounts outstanding). The MSS uses the data sources of real deposits + CDs for calculating preliminary figures.

However, real deposits + CDs in this statistics differs from M2 in the MSS in some points; (1) the former does not include currency in circulation, (2) the former includes deposits with financial institutions, government, and nonresidents, and (3) the former covers only four entities; city banks, regional banks, regional banks II, and *shinkin* banks.⁶

5. Relations to Financial Institutions Accounts

Financial Institutions Accounts are compiled monthly using the balance sheets and the trial balances of financial institutions (domestically licensed banks and foreign banks in Japan).

Most of the items in this publication such as securities and loans are utilized as data sources in compiling L and the *Monetary Survey*.

⁵ The definition of "depositor" differs from that found in the MSS. Refer to footnote 3 for details.

⁶ From the data for January 2008, the total of the monthly average amounts outstanding of real deposits+CDs for "other surveyed domestically licensed banks" including the Japan Post Bank, is also released.

The *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted,* which is the main data source in compiling the MSS, can be regarded as a more detailed data set on deposits and loans compared to *Financial Institutions Accounts*.

The concept of deposits in *Financial Institutions Accounts* is close to M2 (amounts outstanding at end of period), but there are some differences: (1) the former does not contain currency in circulation, (2) the former contains deposits with financial institutions, government, and nonresidents, (3) the former is the nominal deposits that include checks and notes, and (4) the former includes deposits received in the offshore accounts.

6. Relations to Flow of Funds Accounts

The *Flow of Funds Accounts* (FFA) provides an overall view of all financial activities. It records movements of financial assets and liabilities among institutional units called sectors, such as financial institutions, corporations, and households, for each financial instrument called a transaction item. Meanwhile, the MSS aggregates money such as currency in circulation and deposit money, held by money holders such as corporations, individuals, and local governments. Therefore, it can be said that the MSS covers some part of financial assets and liabilities of the FFA.

However, the FFA is basically evaluated on market value, while the MSS is evaluated on face value. Also, classification of the sectors and transaction items is somewhat different. Therefore, figures for the corresponding sectors in each publication are not exactly identical.

There are some other points to be noted when comparing both publications: (1) the figures of the FFA represent amounts outstanding at end of period, whereas the representative figures of the MSS are the average amounts outstanding; (2) the FFA is a quarterly publication, whereas the MSS is monthly, and (3) the FFA is released three months after the surveyed quarter, while figures of the MSS are released basically on the seventh business day of the following month.

Reference : Explanation of the Monetary Survey

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1. Outline of the Monetary Survey

The Bank of Japan (BOJ) issues the *Monetary Survey*, which provides statistics related to Japan's money stock.

The *Money Stock Statistics* (MSS) is the aggregate amount of *money*, such as "currency in circulation" and "deposit money," held by "money holders" such as nonfinancial corporations and individuals.¹ While money is an asset for "money holders," it is also a liability for the financial institutions that are "money issuers." When looking at the balance sheets of these financial institutions, all changes in money stock are inevitably accompanied by corresponding changes in loans, securities investments, and other assets and/or liabilities other than cash and deposits.

The *Monetary Survey* focuses on the above relationship, and is prepared for the purpose of showing the correspondence between changes in M3 in the MSS,² and, among other modifications, changes in the assets and liabilities of financial institutions.

Specifically, the *Monetary Survey* provides consolidated and adjusted balance sheets (showing the amounts outstanding at the end of each month) for the central bank, which issues "currency in circulation," and for depository corporations, which issue "deposit money," "quasi-money," and "CDs." Under the *Monetary Survey*, M3 is listed as liabilities, whereas assets are categorized as "Claims on Nonresidents" and "Domestic Credit" (which are broken down into "Claims on Government," "Claims on Other Financial Corporations," "Claims on Local Governments," and "Claims on Other Sectors") in accordance with the international standards adopted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Thus, the *Monetary Survey* shows the correspondence between changes in M3 on the debt side and changes in the relevant assets on the credit side.

The figures of the Monetary Survey are compiled primarily based on figures of the Flow of

¹ Under the MSS, "money holders" include nonfinancial corporations, individuals and local governments, etc.

² M3 consists of the total of "currency in circulation," "deposit money" (current deposits, ordinary deposits, etc.), "quasi-money" (time deposits, foreign currency deposits, etc.), and "CDs" (certificates of deposit). In most cases, the focus of attention is on the M3's monthly average, but for the *Monetary Survey*, the amounts outstanding at the end of period are used due to the limitations of the relevant data.

Funds Accounts $(FFA)^3$, and the sectors covered are also the same. Nevertheless, items in the FFA are further combined or adjusted to meet the purposes of the *Monetary Survey*. Furthermore, the *Monetary Survey* also uses other basic data to compile the monthly figures since the FFA are quarterly data. This paper explains the *Monetary Survey*, and focuses on the precise definitions of the items used and the compilation methods of the figures.

This paper explains the new base statistics following the revisions made to the *Monetary* Survey in June 2008.⁴

2. Release Schedule and Means of Publication

(1) Release Schedule and Means of Publication

The *Monetary Survey* is released at 8:50 AM on the 9th business day (the 10th business day in April and October) two months after the reference month, as summarized below.

Release Schedule	Means of Publication
The 9 th business day (the 10 th	The Bank of Japan website
business day in April and October) two months after	(https://www.boj.or.jp/en/index.htm)
the reference month	• Statistics > Currency > Monetary Survey
	• BOJ Time-Series Data Search > Money and Deposits > Monetary Survey[MD03] > Data Selection by list of
	statistics > Monetary Survey (from April 2003)

³ Since the end of March 2005, the standard for compiling the FFA changed from the 1993 SNA to the 2008 SNA. For main differences between the FFA based on the 2008 SNA and the 1993 SNA, refer to "Guide to Japan's Flow of Funds Accounts."

⁴ In the *Monetary Survey* (former series) prior to the revision, balance sheet data of money issuers of M2 + CDs in the MSS (former series) (Bank of Japan, domestically licensed banks, foreign banks in Japan, *shinkin* banks, Shinkin Central Bank, the Norinchukin Bank and the Shoko Chukin Bank) were used. Due to the revision in June 2008, deposits of M2+CDs and those of the Japan Post Bank and other financial corporations were combined, and a new "M3" category was established which includes deposits of all depository corporations. In line with this, the new monetary survey has also expanded its coverage to all depository corporations. The old monetary survey uses figures of financial corporations on a book value basis, whereas the new survey is based on the FFA. Hence, the new monetary survey shows estimates based on figures of bonds measured at market value (fair value).

Revision

(a) Regular revision

Figures will be revised as follows in line with the revision of basic data.

Data released every month	Data from the previous four months may be revised.
Data released in January, April, July, and October	Data from the previous eight months may be revised. For one of those months, the data from January 2005 may be revised using the retroactively revised figures of the FFA.

(b) Other revisions

Figures are revised immediately when an error is found in the data reported by financial institutions. In principle, the data for the MSS are retroactively revised approximately for the previous three years and are announced on the closest release date from when the error was reported. However, in cases where the scale of revision is below 0.1% of amounts outstanding of M3, the data for the MSS are revised in either March or September.

(2) Data Commencement

The data for the *Monetary Survey* date back to April 2003 under the current basis⁵. As regards the former series of the *Monetary Survey* (based on the former series of the MSS), the data date back to April 1998 (through March 2008) for data including "Foreign banks in Japan" and back to January 1970 (through March 1999) for those excluding "Foreign banks in Japan."

3. Compilation Method of the Monetary Survey

(1) Accounts of Central Bank

⁵ Due to revision of the FFA based on 2008 SNA, etc., there is a discontinuity in the data in March 2005.

"Accounts of Central Bank" refers to the accounts held by the Bank of Japan, which is the issuer of the monetary base.

The definitions and explanations of individual items in "Accounts of Central Bank" are as follows.

(a) Assets: "Claims on Nonresidents"

[Definition]

This item shows the foreign assets held by the central bank.

[Explanation]

The "Claims on Nonresidents" figures are the total of "Foreign currency deposits," "Outward investment in securities," and "Other external claims and debts" on the assets side of the central bank in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of "Foreign currency assets," etc. in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*.

(b) Assets: "Claims on Government"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by the central bank to the government.⁶

[Explanation]

The "Claims on Government" figures are the total of "Treasury discount bills (T-Bills)" and "Central government securities and FILP bonds"⁷ on the assets side of the central bank, plus the total amount of "Coins in Circulation" in the *Currency in Circulation*.^{8,9}

⁶ "Government" corresponds to the "Central government" and "Social security funds" in the FFA.

⁷ However, some "Central government securities and FILP (fiscal investment and loan program) bonds" are deducted for the Fiscal Loan Fund (categorized as "Other financial intermediaries" in the FFA).

⁸ In Japan, banknotes (Bank of Japan notes) are issued by the Bank of Japan, but coins are issued by the central government. Thus, strictly speaking, coins in circulation may be considered as a central government liability, but here they are added together with Bank of Japan notes and classified as central bank liabilities (currency issued; coins are also classified as part of cash liabilities—Bank of Japan notes + coins—of the central bank). Accordingly, an amount equivalent to the amount of coins in circulation must be added to the

Figures of "T-Bills" and "Central government securities and FILP bonds" other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of "Japanese Government Securities" in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*.

(c) Assets: "Claims on Depository Corporations"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by the central bank to depository corporations.

[Explanation]

The "Claims on Depository Corporations" figures are the total of "Bank of Japan loans" and "Call loans and bills"¹⁰ on the liabilities side of depository corporations, and "Deposits money," and "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions" on the assets side of the central bank in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using "Bank of Japan borrowings" and "Bills sold" on the liabilities side of *Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks*, and "Deposits with agents" in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*, etc.

(d) Assets: "Claims on Other Financial Corporations"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by the central bank to other financial corporations.

[Explanation]

The "Claims on Other Financial Corporations" figures are the total of (a) and (b) in the FFA:

(a) "Bank of Japan loans" on the liabilities side of "Other financial intermediaries" and

statistics as "Claims on Government" by the central bank.

⁹ Some data in 2004 include the transactions of foreign securities purchased from the Foreign Exchange Fund Special Account with a resale clause.

¹⁰ However, the amount of call loans calculated using the balance sheet data of financial institutions is excluded.

"Financial auxiliaries" (financial institutions other than intermediaries);

(b) Part of "Call loans and bills," "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions," "Industrial securities," "Commercial paper," "Structured-financing instruments," "Unlisted shares," "Other equity," and "Investment trust beneficiary certificates" on the assets side of the central bank in the FFA.¹¹

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using such figures as "Loans and discounts," "Bills purchased," ¹² and "Receivables under resale agreements," "Corporate bonds," "Commercial papers," and "Pecuniary trusts" in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*, etc.

(e) Assets: "Claims on Other Sectors"

[Definition]

This item shows credits provided by the central bank to other sectors (nonfinancial corporations, households, and private nonprofit institutions serving households).

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "Industrial securities," "Commercial paper," "Listed shares," and "Investment trust beneficiary certificates" on the assets side of the central bank in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of "Pecuniary trusts" in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*, etc.

(f) Liabilities: "Monetary Base"

[Definition]

This item includes the currency issued by the central bank and current account balances.

[Explanation]

¹¹ Some "Central government securities and FILP bonds" are also listed (see note 7).

¹² This item had only been used until July 2006.

This item shows the total of "Banknotes in Circulation," "Coins in Circulation," and "Current Account Balances."

Its component "Currency Issued" shows the total of "Banknotes in Circulation" and "Coins in Circulation," and "Current Account Balances" shows the amount of "Current Account Balances."

Here, the figures for "Banknotes in Circulation," "Coins in Circulation," and "Current Account Balances" coincide with those in the FFA, *Currency in Circulation*, and the *Monetary Base and the Bank of Japan's transactions (stock table)*.

(g) Liabilities: "Liabilities to Nonresidents"

[Definition]

This item shows the liabilities to nonresidents of the central bank.

[Explanation]

This item is calculated by using figures of "Other external claims and debts" on the liabilities side of the central bank in the FFA, "Other Deposits" in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*, and "Sales of Treasury Discount Bills to Foreign Central Banks and Others under Repurchase Agreements"¹³ in the *Monetary Base and the Bank of Japan's Transactions (stock table)*.

(h) Liabilities: "Liabilities to Government"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits received by the central bank from the central government.

[Explanation]

This item shows the total of "Government deposits" on the liabilities side of the central bank and "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions" on the assets side of the central government in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using "Deposits of the Government" in the *Bank of Japan Accounts*, and the amount outstanding of "Sales of

¹³ This item had only been used until May 2017.

JGBs to the National Debt Consolidation Fund under repurchase agreements" in *the* Bank of Japan's Transactions with the Government.

(i) Liabilities: "Other Items (Net)"

[Definition]

The balance of the central bank account liabilities and capital accounts other than items (f)-(h) above and the central bank account assets other than items (a)-(e).

(2) Accounts of Depository Corporations

Depository corporations are based on the classification of the FFA.¹⁴ They consist of domestically licensed banks, foreign banks in Japan, financial institutions for agriculture, forestry, and fisheries and financial institutions for small businesses, and collectively managed trusts.¹⁵ The "Accounts of Depository Corporations" is prepared by consolidating and adjusting the accounts of these financial institutions.

The definitions and explanations of the items of "Accounts of Depository Corporations" are as follows.

(a) Assets: "Claims on Nonresidents"

[Definition]

This item includes the claims on nonresidents held by depository corporations.

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "Deposits money," "Outward direct investment," "Outward investment in securities," "Other external claims and debts," and "Loans to overseas" (reference) on the assets side of depository corporations, and "Currency and deposits," "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions," and "Financial

¹⁴ Apart from money issuers of M3 (excluding the Bank of Japan) under the MSS, "Collectively managed trusts" is also included following the classification of the FFA.

¹⁵ The Japan Post Bank is classified under "Financial institution for small businesses" in the FFA since the end of Dec. 2007 (until then, figures of the "Postal savings" sector are used).

derivatives" on the liabilities side of overseas in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of *External* Assets and Liabilities of Banks, etc.

(b) Assets: "Claims on Central Bank"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by depository corporations to the central bank.

[Explanation]

This item shows the total of "Currency," "Deposits with the Bank of Japan," and "Call loans and bills"¹⁶ on the assets side of depository corporations, and "Deposits money," and "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions" on the liabilities side of the central bank in the FFA.

As for figures other than those on a quarterly basis, "Banknotes and coins" in the *Deposits, Vault Cash and Loans and Bills Discounted*, etc., "Reserve balances" of *Monetary Base and the Bank of Japan's Transactions (stock table)*, and "Bills purchased" of *Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Licensed Banks* are used.

(c) Assets: "Claims on Government"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by depository corporations to the central government.

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "T-Bills," "Central government securities and FILP bonds,"¹⁷ and "Public corporation securities," and part of "Loans to general government" on the assets side of depository corporations in the FFA.

¹⁶ However, the amount of call loans calculated using the balance sheet data of financial institutions is excluded.

¹⁷ However, some "Central government securities and FILP (fiscal investment and loan program) bonds" are deducted (see note 7).

As for figures other than those on a quarterly basis, the amount of government bonds held in the domestically licensed banks' balance sheet data, and the "Loans to central government" in the *Deposits, Vault Cash and Loans and Bills Discounted* are used.

(d) Assets: "Claims on Other Financial Corporations"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by depository corporations to other financial corporations.

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "Deposits with the Fiscal Loan Fund," "Call loans and bills," "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions," "Public corporation securities," "Structural-financing instruments," "Listed shares," "Investment trust beneficiary certificates," and "Insurance, pension and standardized guarantees" on the assets side of depository corporations, plus part of "Industrial securities" and "Commercial paper" on the liabilities side of other financial corporations in the FFA.¹⁸

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of "Deposits (Japan Post Bank deposits)" and "Long-term Bonds" in the *Monthly Report of the Fiscal Loan Fund*, and those of "Receivables under Resale Agreements," "Receivables under Securities Borrowing Transactions," "Public Corporation Bonds" in the domestically licensed banks' balance sheet data (assets).

(e) Assets: "Claims on Local Governments"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by depository corporations to local governments.

[Explanation]

This item shows "Local government securities" and part of "Loans to general government", etc. on the assets side of depository corporations in the FFA.

As for figures other than those on a quarterly basis, the amount of local government

¹⁸ Some "Central government securities and FILP bonds" (see note 7) and loans to other financial corporations (calculated using basic data of the FFA) are also listed.

securities held in the domestically licensed banks' balance sheet data, and loans to local governments in the *Deposits, Vault Cash and Loans and Bills Discounted*, etc. are used.

(f) Assets: "Claims on Other Sectors"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by depository corporations to other sectors (nonfinancial corporations, households, and private nonprofit institutions serving households).

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "Public corporation securities," "Industrial securities," "External securities issued by residents," "Commercial paper," "Listed shares," "Loans to other sectors" (nonfinancial corporations, households, and private nonprofit institutions serving households; reference), and "Investment trust beneficiary certificates" on the assets side of the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of CP and amount outstanding of loans, which is calculated by deducting "Financial and Insurance industry," "Local Governments," and "Overseas yen loans/Domestic loans transferred overseas" from the total amount loan in the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted*.

The item "(of which: shares)" shows part of the amount of "Listed shares" on the assets side of depository corporations in the FFA. Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using the rate of change in the Tokyo Stock Exchange Stock Price Index (TOPIX).

(g) Liabilities: "Deposit Money"

[Definition]

This item shows the total of demand deposits (current deposits, ordinary deposits, savings deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, deposits for tax payments, etc.) issued by depository corporations and held by money holders.

[Explanation]

The "Deposit Money" figures coincide with the end of period "deposit money" in the

MSS.

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(h) Liabilities: "Quasi-money + CDs"
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[Definition]

This item shows the total of time and savings deposits (time deposits, fixed savings, installment savings, etc.), foreign currency deposits, and CDs issued by depository corporations and held by money holders.

[Explanation]

The "Quasi-money + CDs" figures coincide with the total of the end of period "quasi-money" and "CDs" figures in the MSS.

(i) Liabilities: "Liabilities to Nonresidents"

[Definition]

This item shows the liabilities to nonresidents held by depository corporations.

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "Currency and deposits" (excluding currency), "Repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions," and "Bank debentures" on the assets side of overseas, and "Loans by the nonfinancial sector," "Industrial securities," "External securities issued by residents," "Financial derivatives," "Deposits money," and "Other external claims and debts" on the liabilities side of depository corporations in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated also using figures of *External Assets and Liabilities of Banks, etc.*

(j) Liabilities: "Liabilities to Central Bank"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by the central bank to depository corporations.

[Explanation]

This item is compiled using the same method as that of (c) Assets: "Claims on

Depository Corporations" in the central bank accounts and also shows the same amount.

(k) Liabilities: "Liabilities to Government"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by the central government to depository corporations.

[Explanation]

This item shows part of "Currency and deposits" (excluding currency, foreign currency deposits to overseas), "Call loans and bills," "Loans by the nonfinancial sector," "Bank debentures," "Industrial securities," "Commercial paper," and "Trust beneficiary rights" on the assets side of the Central government and Social security funds in the FFA.

Figures other than those on a quarterly basis are calculated using figures of "Government deposits" in the *Deposits, Vault Cash, and Loans and Bills Discounted.*

(l) Liabilities: "Other Items (Net)"

[Definition]

Among accounts of depository corporations, this item shows the balance of liabilities and capital accounts other than those given in (g)-(k) above and assets other than those given in (a)-(f).

(3) Summary Table

The *Summary Table* is made by consolidating and adjusting the accounts of the central bank and depository corporations. Each item is calculated by summing up the corresponding figures of the accounts of the central bank and the depository corporations. Because the items "Claims on Depository Corporations" of the central bank, and "Claims on Central Bank" and "Liabilities to Central Bank" of depository corporations are intra-sectoral transactions, they do not appear in the *Summary Table*.

The definitions and explanations of each of the items in the Summary Table are as follows.

(a) Assets: "Foreign Assets (Net)"

[Definition]

This item shows the net foreign assets held by the central bank and depository corporations.

[Explanation]

This item shows the total of "Claims on Nonresidents" minus "Liabilities to Nonresidents" of the central Bank and "Claims on Nonresidents" minus "Liabilities to Nonresidents" of depository corporations.

(b) Assets: "Domestic Credit"

[Definition]

This item shows the credits provided by the central bank and depository corporations to domestic economic entities (government, other financial corporations, local governments, and other sectors).

[Explanation]

This item is the total of "Claims on Government (Net)," "Claims on Other Financial Corporations," "Claims on Local Governments," and "Claims on Other Sectors (nonfinancial corporations, households, and private nonprofit institutions serving households)."

"Claims on Government (Net)" is the total of "Claims on Government" (assets) minus "Liabilities to Government" (liabilities) of the central bank and "Claims on Government" (assets) minus "Liabilities to Government" (liabilities) of depository corporations.

The amount of "Claims on Other Financial Corporations" is equal to the total of corresponding items of central bank and depository corporations.

The "Claims on Local Governments" figures are equal to those of corresponding items of depository corporations.

The figures of "Claims on Other Sectors" are equal to the total of "Claims on Other Sectors" of the central bank and depository corporations.

(c) Liabilities: "Money (M1)"

[Definition]

This item shows the amount of cash and demand deposits (current deposits, ordinary deposits, savings deposits, deposits at notice, special deposits, deposits for tax payments, etc.) issued by the central bank and depository corporations and held by "money holders."

[Explanation]

This item shows the total of "Currency in Circulation" and "Deposit Money."

"Currency in Circulation" is calculated by subtracting the cash held by depository corporations from "Currency Issued" of the central bank.

Here, the amount of "Currency in Circulation" coincides with the end of period "Currency in circulation" in the MSS.

The amount of "Deposit Money" is equal to "Deposit Money" of depository corporations.

(d) Liabilities: "Quasi-money + CDs"

[Definition]

This item shows the amount of time and savings deposits (time deposits, fixed savings, installment savings, etc.), foreign currency deposits, and CDs issued by depository corporations and held by "money holders."

[Explanation]

The amount of "Quasi-money + CDs" coincides with the "Quasi-money + CDs" of depository corporations.

(e) Liabilities: "Other Items (Net)"

[Definition]

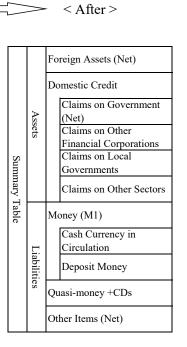
This item shows the balance of "capital accounts plus all liabilities other than the above items (c) and (d)" and "all assets other than items (a) and (b)" in the consolidated balance sheets of the central bank and the depository corporations.

Changes of the releasing items

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(1) Summary Table

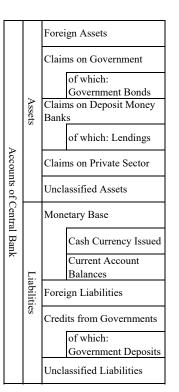
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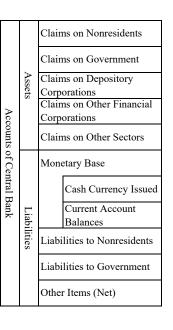


(2) Accounts of Central Bank

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(3) Accounts of Depository Corporations (Before: Accounts of Deposit Money Banks)

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