
GENERAL SOURCES

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Federal Reserve documents

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- FOMC historical materials (including transcripts) are at http://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/fomc_historical.htm.
- Federal Reserve press releases, including FOMC statements, discount rate meeting minutes, explanations of asset purchase programs, and authorizations for emergency facilities, are at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/all/2015all.htm>.
- Speeches by members of the Board of Governors are at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/2015speech.htm>.
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Other public documents

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