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U.S. Treasury's International Capital Statistics

An Analysis of Foreign Investment Flows and Positions in the U.S. Financial Markets

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On September 18, 2006, the Department of Treasury released its "Treasury International Capital Movements" data. This is a monthly series and the current release is updated through July 31, 2006.

This report uses 12-month rolling sums of flows to negate the effects of seasonality and revisions. The intention is to illustrate the larger trends of foreign activity in U.S. long-term securities.

In general, information on U.S. transactions with foreigners in long-term securities is reported opposite the country in which the immediate foreign transactor is located. The foreign party to a cross-border securities transaction may be an end-investor or issuer of securities, or it may be an intermediary. It is important to note that the country breakdown does not necessarily indicate the country of beneficial owner or issuer, nor does it indicate the currency in which securities are denominated.

Our analysis of the data assumes a close relationship between the country/region of each transaction and final ownership of the securities. For more information about this report, and to find background information on this data, refer to: "A Primer on Treasury International Capital" in the "Subscriber Area" of our web site under "U.S. Treasury's International Capital Statistics."

Our website (http://www.biancoresearch.com) has over 150 charts using this data. To view these charts, go to the "Subscriber Area," click on the "Charts" drop down box, click on the "Archive of Charts", and scroll down the page to click on the "U.S. Treasury's International Capital Statistics."

U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds

In the 12 months ending July 31, 2006, All Foreign Countries were net **buyers** of \$220.18 billion of U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds.

- Total Europe was a net buyer of \$110.21 billion
- Total Asia was a net buyer of \$62.15 billion, China-Mainland was a net buyer of \$37.34 billion and Japan was a net **seller** of \$14.72 billion
- Total Latin America was a net buyer of \$21.70 billion.

U.S. Government Agency Securities

In the 12 months ending July 31, 2006, All Foreign Countries were net **buyers** of \$258.81 billion of U.S. Government Agency Securities.

- Total Asia was a net buyer of \$145.09 billion
- Total Europe was a net buyer of \$73.27 billion

U.S. Corporate Bonds

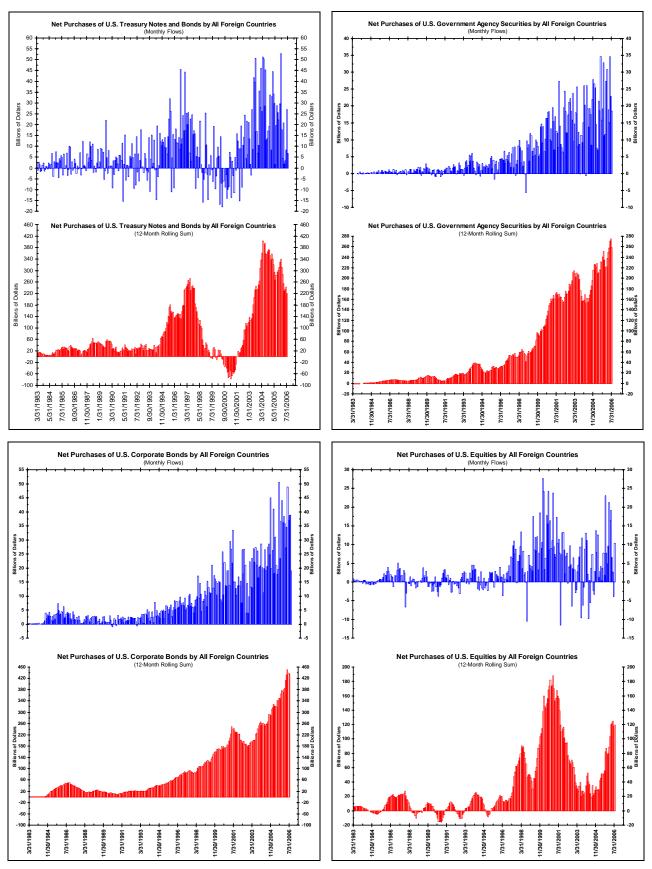
In the 12 months ending July 31, 2006, All Foreign Countries were net **buyers** of \$434.93 billion of U.S. Corporate Bonds.

- Total Europe accounted for the vast majority of this buying at \$280.14 billion with the United Kingdom accounting for \$204.87 billion.
- Tax Havens net purchases totaled \$47.79 billion.
- Total Asia net purchases totaled only \$78.03 billion with Japan accounting for \$17.89 billion.

U.S. Equities

In the 12 months ending July 31, 2006, All Foreign Countries were net **buyers** of \$119.67 billion of U.S. Equities.

- Total Europe was a net buyer of \$68.77 billion, while the United Kingdom was a net buyer of \$38.35 billion.
- Total Asia was a net **buyer** of \$15.91 billion, while Japan accounted for \$1.99 billion in **net purchases**.
- Tax Havens were net buyers with \$5.57 billion in **net purchases**.



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| Net Purchases of U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds Broad Regions | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| | All Foreign Countries | Total Asia | Total Europe | Total Latin America | Asia Iess Japan | Europe less the U.K. | All Foreign less the U.K. & Tax Havens | |
| | | <u>Monthly</u> Net Purcl | nases of U.S. Trea | sury Notes and B | onds (billions of \$) | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 6.59 | 1.03 | -2.61 | 6.92 | 1.78 | 8.77 | 10.14 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 26.99 | 4.60 | 22.63 | -0.81 | 3.33 | -3.69 | -1.30 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 8.19 | -0.41 | 0.94 | 1.86 | -2.09 | -7.40 | 3.35 | |
| 5 Year High | 52.77 | 32.31 | 37.97 | 31.27 | 17.89 | 17.62 | 39.99 | |
| (date) | 11/30/2005 | 3/31/2004 | 11/30/2005 | 1/31/2005 | 11/30/2004 | 4/30/2005 | 6/30/2003 | |
| 5 Year Low | -15.28 | -14.79 | -13.82 | -19.36 | -4.89 | -14.25 | -21.23 | |
| (date) | 1/31/2002 | 3/31/2006 | 4/30/2006 | 11/30/2004 | 10/31/2001 | 3/31/2005 | 1/31/2002 | |
| | | Net Purch | nases Percentile F | Ranking Of Its 5 Ye | ear Range | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 32.1% | 33.6% | 21.6% | 51.9% | 29.3% | 72.2% | 51.2% | |
| 6/30/2006 | 62.1% | 41.2% | 70.4% | 36.6% | 36.1% | 33.2% | 32.5% | |
| 5/31/2006 | 34.5% | 30.5% | 28.5% | 41.9% | 12.3% | 21.5% | 40.1% | |
| | <u>12 Monti</u> | <u>h Rolling Sum</u> of N | let Purchases of l | J.S. Treasury Note | es and Bonds (billi | ons of \$) | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 220.18 | 62.15 | 110.21 | 21.70 | 76.87 | -5.94 | 102.25 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 242.27 | 70.74 | 129.06 | 14.45 | 84.35 | -13.13 | 112.39 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 234.95 | 74.45 | 121.79 | 8.54 | 95.67 | -11.04 | 136.27 | |
| 5 Year High | 403.20 | 267.73 | 177.86 | 89.33 | 102.91 | 45.16 | 324.75 | |
| (date) | 4/30/2004 | 8/31/2004 | 1/31/2006 | 3/31/2005 | 4/30/2006 | 8/31/2005 | 4/30/2004 | |
| 5 Year Low | -52.95 | -9.90 | -38.98 | -12.67 | -11.87 | -34.41 | -23.28 | |
| (date) | 8/31/2001 | 8/31/2001 | 8/31/2001 | 4/30/2006 | 8/31/2001 | 8/31/2002 | 8/31/2001 | |

Net Purchases of U.S. Government Agency Securities Broad Regions

| | All Foreign Countries | Total Asia | Total Europe | Total Latin America | Asia less Japan | Europe less the U.K. | All Foreign less the U.K. & Tax Havens | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| <u>Monthly</u> Net Purchases of U.S. Government Agency Securities (billions of \$) | | | | | | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 18.48 | 12.05 | -2.86 | 7.89 | 7.89 | 0.18 | 17.77 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 22.93 | 11.55 | 11.08 | -1.95 | 8.05 | 3.67 | 18.48 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 34.62 | 16.77 | 9.60 | 7.31 | 8.05 | 4.26 | 24.12 | |
| 5 Year High | 34.69 | 18.28 | 12.87 | 13.24 | 10.61 | 4.92 | 24.12 | |
| (date) | 7/31/2005 | 7/31/2005 | 4/30/2002 | 5/31/2003 | 1/31/2006 | 5/31/2005 | 5/31/2006 | |
| 5 Year Low | -0.62 | 0.38 | -4.82 | -8.72 | -1.51 | -1.75 | 1.99 | |
| (date) | 3/31/2004 | 9/30/2004 | 3/31/2004 | 2/28/2003 | 4/30/2005 | 3/31/2003 | 4/30/2005 | |
| | | Net Purc | hases Percentile | Ranking Of Its 5 Ye | ear Range | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 54.1% | 65.2% | 11.1% | 75.7% | 77.5% | 28.9% | 71.3% | |
| 6/30/2006 | 66.7% | 62.4% | 89.9% | 30.8% | 78.9% | 81.4% | 74.5% | |
| 5/31/2006 | 99.8% | 91.6% | 81.5% | 73.0% | 78.8% | 90.1% | 100.0% | |
| 12 Month Rolling Sum of Net Purchases of U.S. Government Agency Securities (billions of \$) | | | | | | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 258.81 | 145.09 | 73.27 | 25.97 | 80.07 | 25.25 | 197.53 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 275.03 | 151.32 | 84.12 | 25.07 | 82.63 | 25.78 | 202.62 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 270.75 | 156.95 | 76.86 | 22.74 | 83.76 | 23.56 | 205.01 | |
| 5 Year High | 275.03 | 156.95 | 90.81 | 50.77 | 83.76 | 31.05 | 205.01 | |
| (date) | 6/30/2006 | 5/31/2006 | 3/31/2005 | 2/29/2004 | 5/31/2006 | 12/31/2004 | 5/31/2006 | |
| 5 Year Low | 153.72 | 71.00 | 33.14 | 21.42 | 38.91 | 9.22 | 97.44 | |
| (date) | 3/31/2004 | 6/30/2004 | 3/31/2004 | 4/30/2006 | 4/30/2005 | 3/31/2002 | 3/31/2002 | |

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| Net Purchases of U.S. Corporate Bonds Broad Regions | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| | All Foreign Countries | Total Asia | Total Europe | Total Latin America | Asia less Japan | Europe less the U.K. | All Foreign less the U.K. & Tax Havens | |
| Monthly Net Purchases of U.S. Corporate Bonds (billions of \$) | | | | | | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 19.04 | 5.15 | 8.47 | 6.18 | 4.22 | 1.86 | 7.70 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 38.77 | 5.81 | 25.04 | 5.97 | 5.97 | 7.47 | 16.16 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 38.67 | 6.64 | 26.68 | 4.21 | 6.33 | 7.30 | 16.23 | |
| 5 Year High | 50.50 | 8.55 | 34.12 | 9.66 | 6.83 | 9.92 | 22.08 | |
| (date) | 6/30/2005 | 10/31/2005 | 6/30/2005 | 7/31/2003 | 6/30/2005 | 10/31/2005 | 9/30/2004 | |
| 5 Year Low | 3.87 | -0.14 | 1.80 | -0.60 | 0.39 | -0.12 | 1.93 | |
| (date) | 9/30/2002 | 10/31/2002 | 7/31/2002 | 9/30/2002 | 9/30/2002 | 9/30/2001 | 9/30/2002 | |
| | | Net Purc | hases Percentile | Ranking Of Its 5 Ye | ear Range | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 32.5% | 60.9% | 20.6% | 66.0% | 59.5% | 19.8% | 28.6% | |
| 6/30/2006 | 74.9% | 68.4% | 71.9% | 64.0% | 86.7% | 75.6% | 70.6% | |
| 5/31/2006 | 74.6% | 78.0% | 77.0% | 46.9% | 92.3% | 73.9% | 71.0% | |
| | <u>12</u> | Month Rolling Sul | <u>m</u> of Net Purchase | es of U.S. Corporat | te Bonds (billions | of \$) | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 434.93 | 78.03 | 280.14 | 59.51 | 60.14 | 75.26 | 182.26 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 439.28 | 78.79 | 283.46 | 57.90 | 59.56 | 76.79 | 185.05 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 451.00 | 80.47 | 292.54 | 59.64 | 60.42 | 77.61 | 186.67 | |
| 5 Year High | 451.00 | 80.47 | 292.54 | 70.01 | 60.42 | 77.61 | 186.67 | |
| (date) | 5/31/2006 | 5/31/2006 | 5/31/2006 | 1/31/2005 | 5/31/2006 | 5/31/2006 | 5/31/2006 | |
| 5 Year Low | 177.38 | 21.63 | 106.49 | 39.91 | 14.70 | 20.98 | 55.40 | |
| (date) | 10/31/2002 | 10/31/2002 | 9/30/2002 | 4/30/2003 | 4/30/2003 | 5/31/2002 | 5/31/2002 | |

| Net Purchases of U.S. Equities Broad Regions | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| | All Foreign | Total Asia | Total Europe | Total Latin | Asia less | Europe less | All Foreign less the U.K. | |
| | Countries | Manth | v Net Durcheses a | America | Japan | the U.K. | & Tax Havens | |
| <u>Monthly</u> Net Purchases of U.S. Equities (billions of \$) | | | | | | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 10.43 | 0.76 | 4.03 | 3.43 | 1.07 | 1.02 | 6.12 | |
| 6/30/2006 | -3.97 | 2.09 | -3.48 | -5.30 | 1.65 | -4.50 | | |
| 5/31/2006 | 2.70 | 2.10 | -1.32 | 1.28 | 1.52 | 1.56 | | |
| 5 Year High | 23.07 | 5.93 | 15.44 | 6.08 | 3.94 | 8.80 | | |
| (date) | 9/30/2005 | 10/31/2005 | 9/30/2005 | 7/31/2005 | 4/30/2004 | 1/31/2006 | 1/31/2006 | |
| 5 Year Low | -11.53 | -2.66 | -7.33 | -5.30 | -2.28 | -6.76 | -7.21 | |
| (date) | 9/30/2001 | 1/31/2004 | 9/30/2001 | 6/30/2006 | 10/31/2003 | 9/30/2001 | 9/30/2001 | |
| | | Net Pure | chases Percentile | Ranking Of Its 5 Yo | ear Range | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 63.5% | 39.8% | 49.9% | 76.7% | 53.9% | 50.0% | 64.1% | |
| 6/30/2006 | 21.8% | 55.3% | 16.9% | 0.0% | 63.1% | 14.5% | 32.0% | |
| 5/31/2006 | 41.1% | 55.4% | 26.4% | 55.8% | 61.0% | 53.5% | 69.5% | |
| 12 Month Rolling Sum of Net Purchases of U.S. Equities (billions of \$) | | | | | | | | |
| 7/31/2006 | 119.67 | 15.91 | 68.77 | 11.55 | 13.93 | 30.42 | 75.75 | |
| 6/30/2006 | 116.96 | 14.29 | 63.95 | 14.20 | 12.68 | 31.51 | 75.37 | |
| 5/31/2006 | 124.62 | 14.89 | 67.93 | 20.37 | 13.86 | 36.33 | 78.18 | |
| 5 Year High | 139.28 | 33.87 | 115.03 | 21.27 | 20.82 | 62.14 | 99.14 | |
| (date) | 8/31/2001 | 8/31/2001 | 8/31/2001 | 10/31/2005 | 9/30/2001 | 8/31/2001 | 8/31/2001 | |
| 5 Year Low | 18.57 | -5.21 | 11.37 | -19.55 | 1.02 | 2.06 | 8.51 | |
| (date) | 6/30/2004 | 3/31/2004 | 4/30/2003 | 9/30/2001 | 8/31/2004 | 2/28/2005 | 4/30/2005 | |

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