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Narrow money (notes & coin and M0): December 2005

Seasonally adjusted, **notes and coin** outstanding in December were, on average, 0.3% lower than a month earlier. The twelve-month growth rate fell to 2.8%, from 3.7% in November.

Total **M0** (including banks' operational deposits as well as notes and coin) increased by 0.4%, seasonally adjusted, in December. The twelve-month growth rate fell to 5.0%, from 5.3% in November.

Table A: Notes & Coin and M0 ^(a)
Seasonally adjusted

		Notes & coin ^(b)				Banks' operational deposits ^(c)		M0			
		Average amount outstanding		Growth rates		Average amount outstanding		Average amount outstanding		Growth rates	
		£ millions	Change £ millions	Per cent	1m	12m	£ millions	Change £ millions	£ millions	Change £ millions	Per cent
2005	Sep	43 279	- 4	0.0	3.8	729	139	44 008	135	0.3	5.4
	Oct	43 372	93	0.2	3.6	755	26	44 127	119	0.3	5.2
	Nov	43 471	99	0.2	3.7	759	4	44 230	102	0.2	5.3
	Dec	43 358	- 113	-0.3	2.8	1 062	303	44 420	190	0.4	5.0

(a) Data in **bold italics** are where the current estimate of the change differs by more than 0.2 per cent of the underlying level or the growth rate (or amount outstanding) differs by 0.2 percentage points (per cent) or more from the most recent published estimate. Further details on revisions are available separately. There are no revisions above the thresholds on this occasion.

(b) An adjusted version of notes and coin is available. See Notes to Editors 2.

(c) This series has not been seasonally adjusted as, after examination, it was found not to be significantly seasonal. This series will be reviewed for seasonality along with all other series on a regular basis.

Chart 1: Growth rates of notes and coin

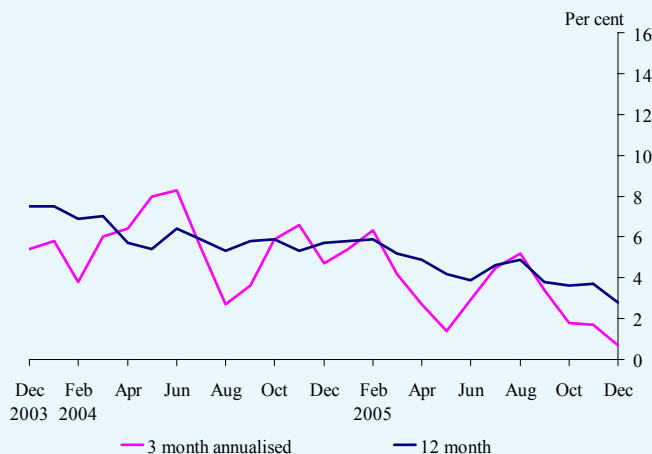
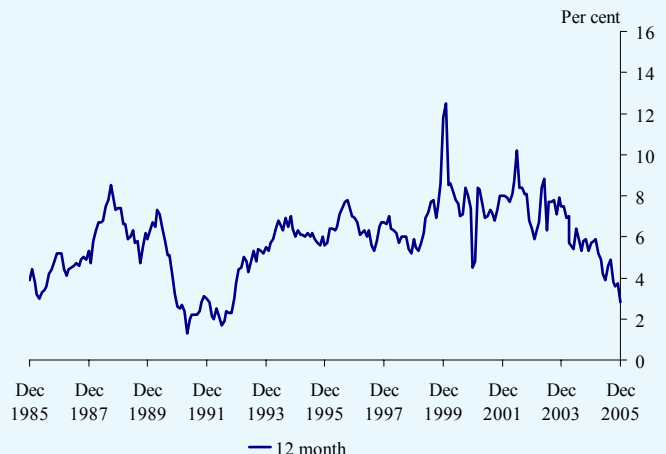


Chart 2: Growth rate of notes and coin long run



Notes to Editors

- 1 M0 comprises notes and coin in circulation outside the Bank of England (including those held in banks' and building societies' tills), plus banks' operational deposits with the Bank of England. A fuller description can be found within the Bank of England *Monetary and Financial Statistics* publication, or via the following link:
www.bankofengland.co.uk/mfsd/iadb/notesiadb/m0.htm
- 2 An adjusted version of notes and coin is also available on the Bank's Statistical Interactive Database, see note 3. This series excludes Bank estimates of the effects of specific non-seasonal events on the level of notes and coin in circulation. To date, the series has been adjusted for the effects of: the £1 note write-off in 1998; the funding of the winter fuel payments; the turn of the millennium; the fuel dispute of 2000; and the threatened strike action affecting note distributors in 2003.

The relevant codes are:

LPMB8H4	(Amounts outstanding)
LPMB8H5	(Changes)
LPMB7H5	(1 month growth rate)
LPMB7H7	(3 month annualised growth rate)
LPMB7H9	(6 month annualised growth rate)
LPMB8H3	(12 month growth rate)

- 3 The Statistical Interactive Database provides long runs of statistical data with comprehensive search options and the ability to download in a variety of formats. This database can be accessed at www.bankofengland.co.uk/mfsd/iadb. The tables shown separately illustrate the codes for each series which can be used for downloading long runs from the database.