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# Balance Sheet Runoff and Desk Money Market Operations

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# A Year in Numbers

	June 5 2024	June 4 2025	Change
<b>Fed Funds Target Range</b>	5.25-5.50%	4.25-4.50%	-100bps
<b>SOMA Securities Holdings</b>	\$6.8 trillion	\$6.4 trillion	-\$440 billion
<b>Reserves</b>	~\$3.4 trillion	~\$3.3 trillion	-\$115 billion
<b>ON RRP</b>	~\$400 billion	~\$180 billion	-\$220 billion
<b>MMF AUM</b>	~\$6.4 trillion	~\$7.4 trillion	+\$1.0 trillion

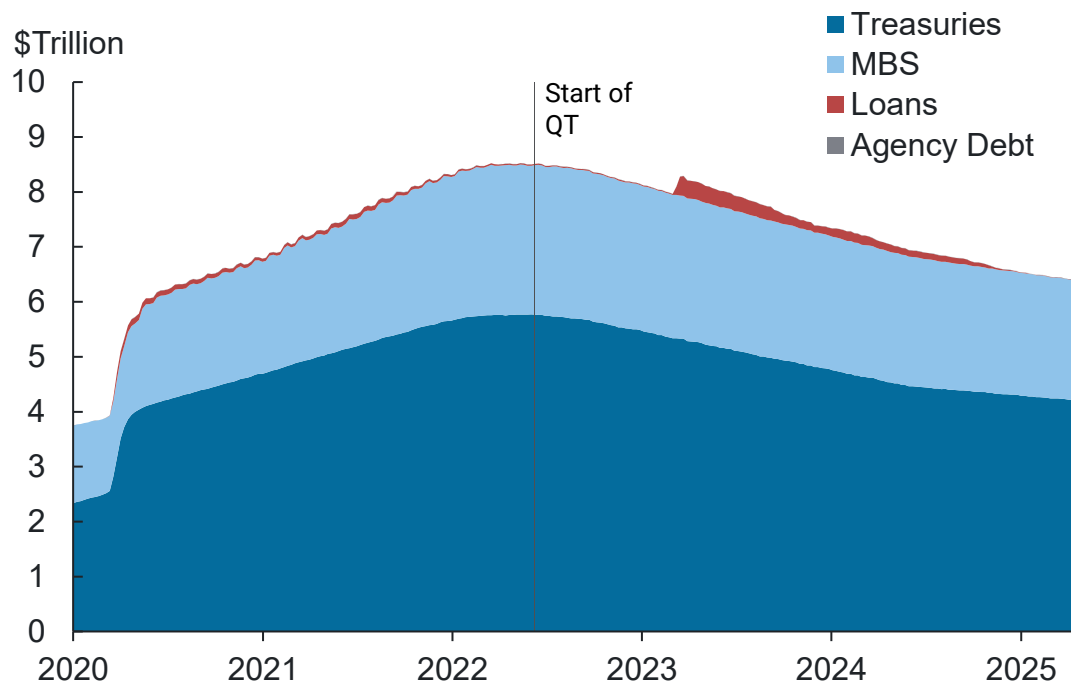




# Federal Reserve Balance Sheet Reduction (Quantitative Tightening)

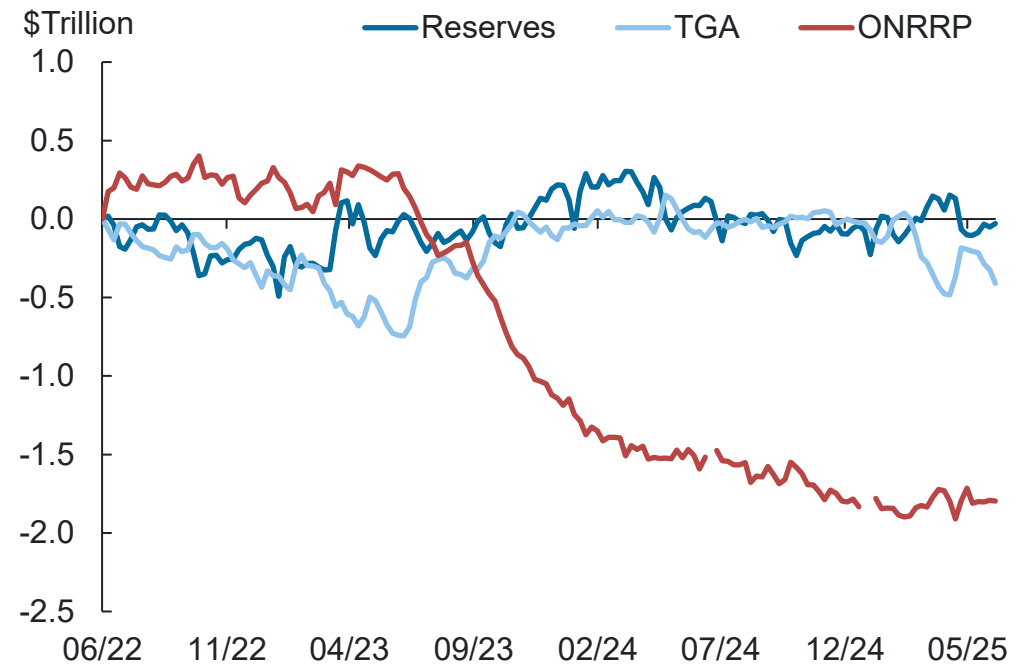
- Since June 2022, the SOMA portfolio has declined by ~\$2.2 trillion (Fig. 1) as the FOMC directed the Desk to allow securities to mature without reinvestment, subject to a monthly cap
- Corresponding reductions in Fed liabilities have occurred almost entirely in ON RRP (Fig. 2)

Figure 1: Selected Federal Reserve Assets



Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Figure 2: Change in Selected Federal Reserve Liabilities since Start of Runoff

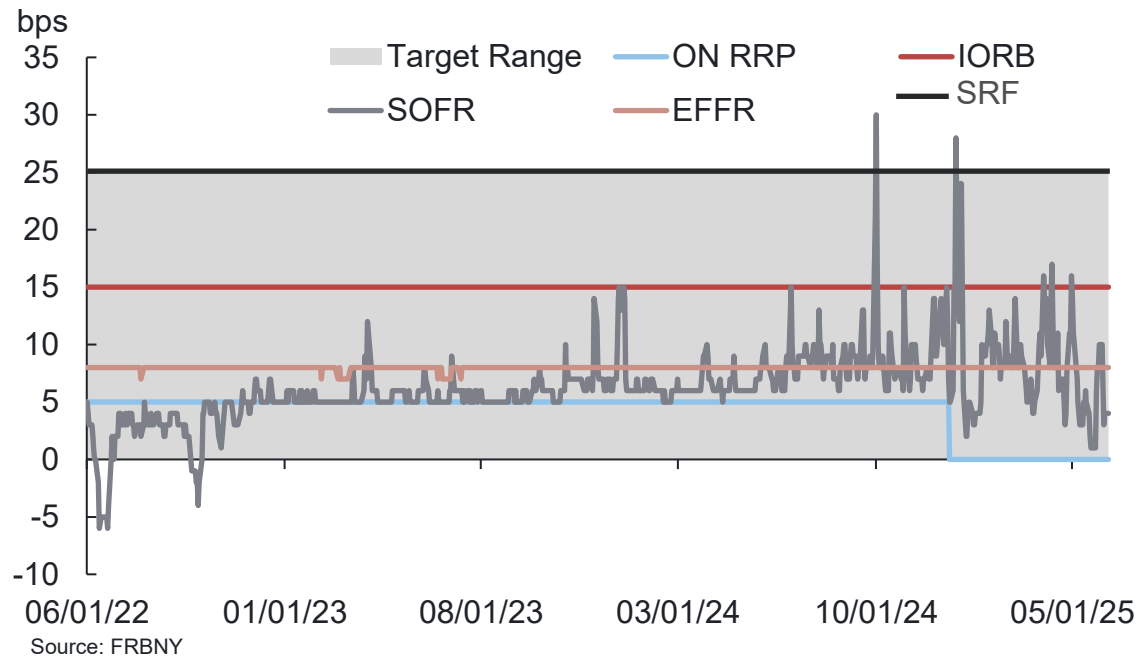


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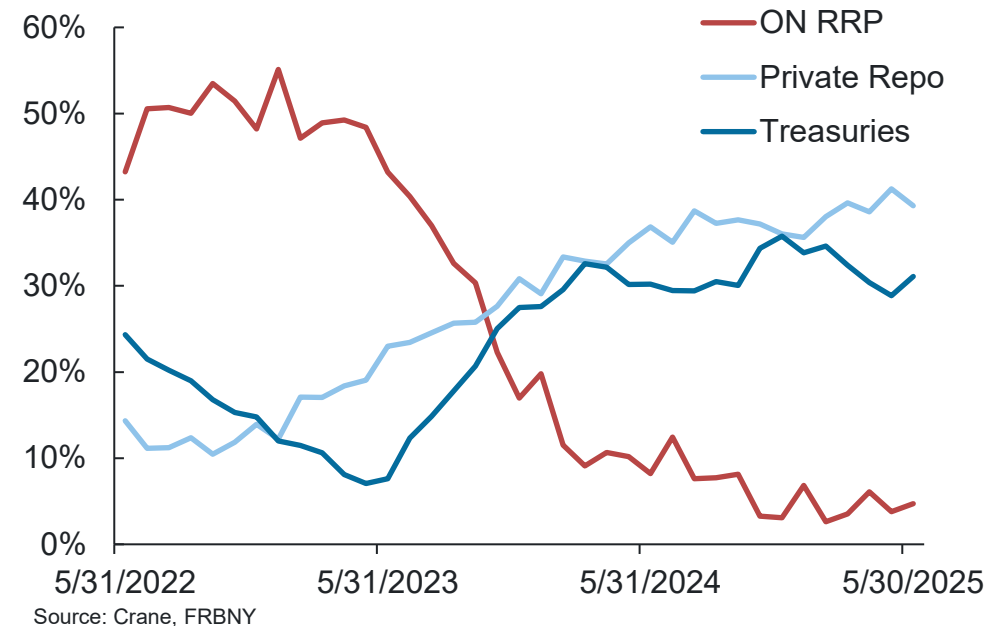
# Impact of Balance Sheet Reduction in Money Markets

- Repo rates have gradually moved higher as liquidity has declined, and shown greater sensitivity on settlement and reporting dates, still the EFFR has been steady (Fig. 3)
- As private-market spreads to the ON RRP have risen, MMFs have reduced their usage of the facility, shifting to private repo and Treasury bills (Fig. 4)

**Figure 3: Reference Rates, Administered Rates, and Target Range  
(Spread to Bottom of Target Range)**



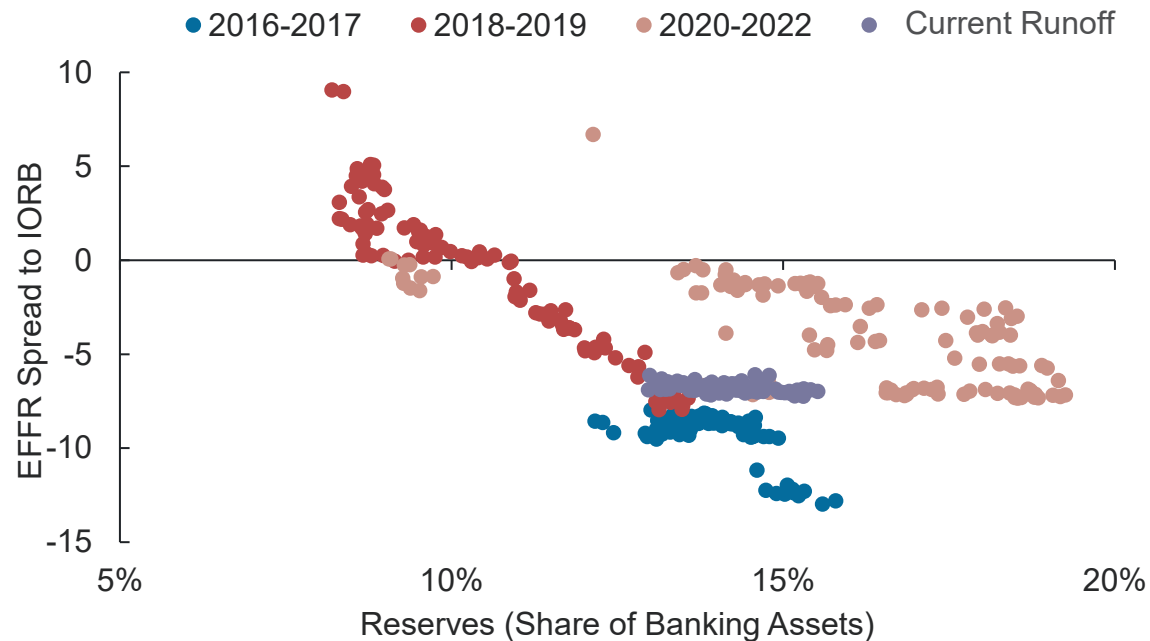
**Figure 4: Select Gov't and Prime MMF Allocations  
(Share of AUM)**



# Return to Ample Reserves and the Long-Run Framework

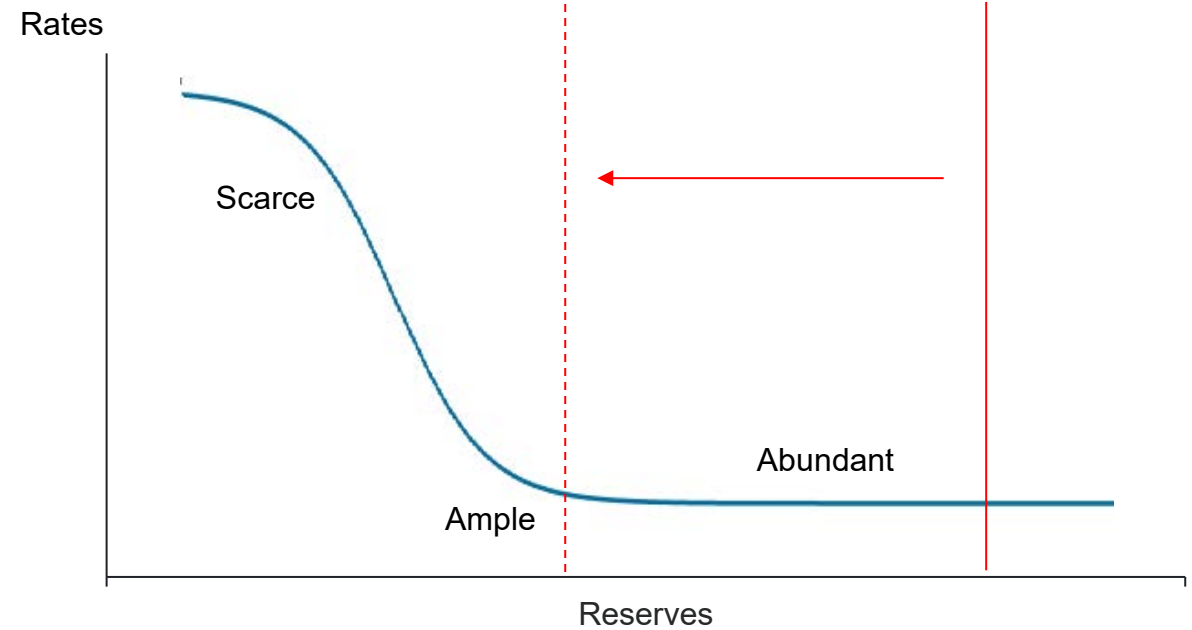
- The FOMC plans to stop reducing SOMA when reserve balances are somewhat above ample
- The goal is to operate within 'gently sloped' region of the demand curve, where administered rates continue to exert control over overnight rates (Figs. 5 & 6)

Figure 5: EFFR-IORB Spread VS. Reserves



Source: FRBNY

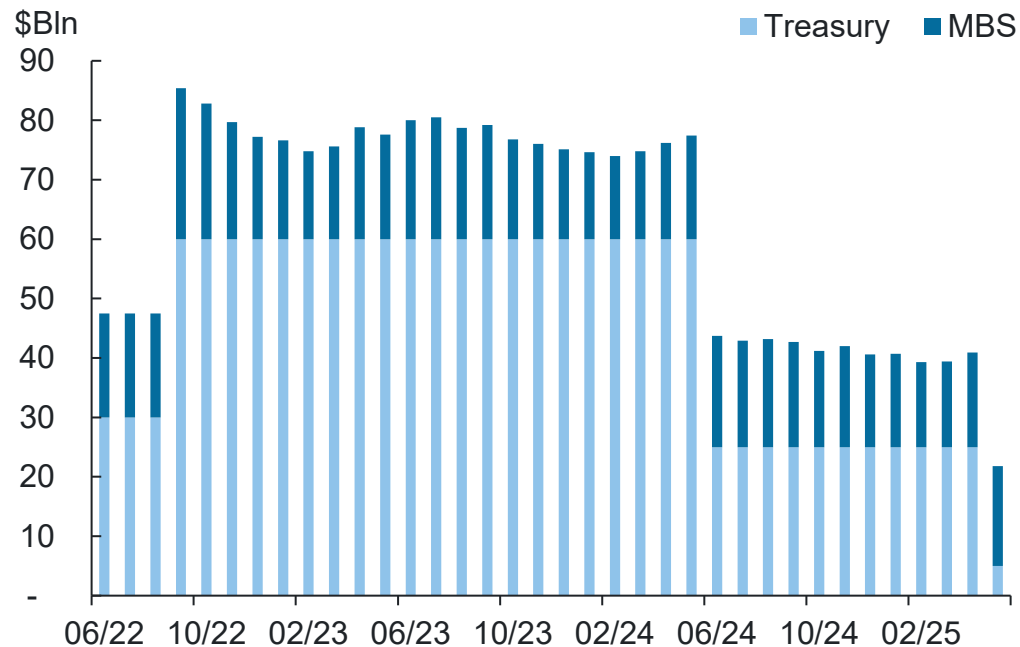
Figure 6: Stylized Reserve Demand and Supply Curves



# Balance Sheet Outlook

- In March 2025, FOMC decided to further slow asset runoff by lowering the monthly Treasury redemption cap (Fig. 7); market expectations suggesting runoff to continue into early 2026
- Not long after halting runoff, the market expects balance sheet growth to resume apace with economic growth, keeping reserves ample (Fig. 8)

Figure 7: SOMA Treasury and MBS Redemptions



# Outlook for Money Markets

- Near-term expectations are for rates to remain subdued amid declines in net bill supply (Fig. 9)
- Upon resolution of the statutory debt limit, bill supply is expected to increase, which should lift money market rates (Fig. 10)
- Money market rates are expected to move higher within the target range as SOMA and reserves decline, demand for securities financing grows and banks defend liquidity levels

Figure 9: Treasury Bills Outstanding

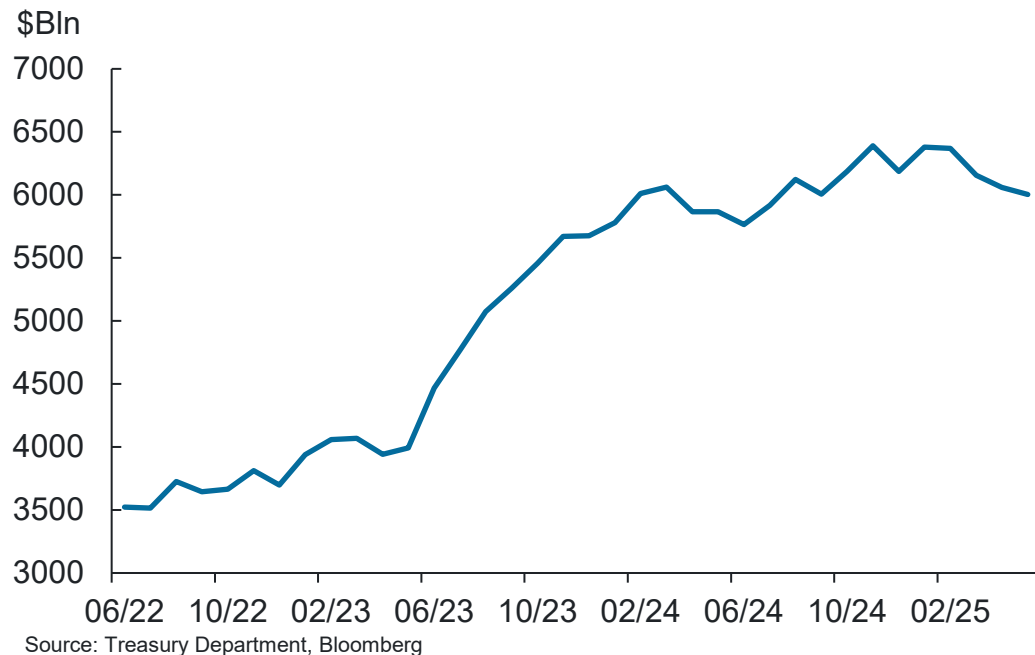
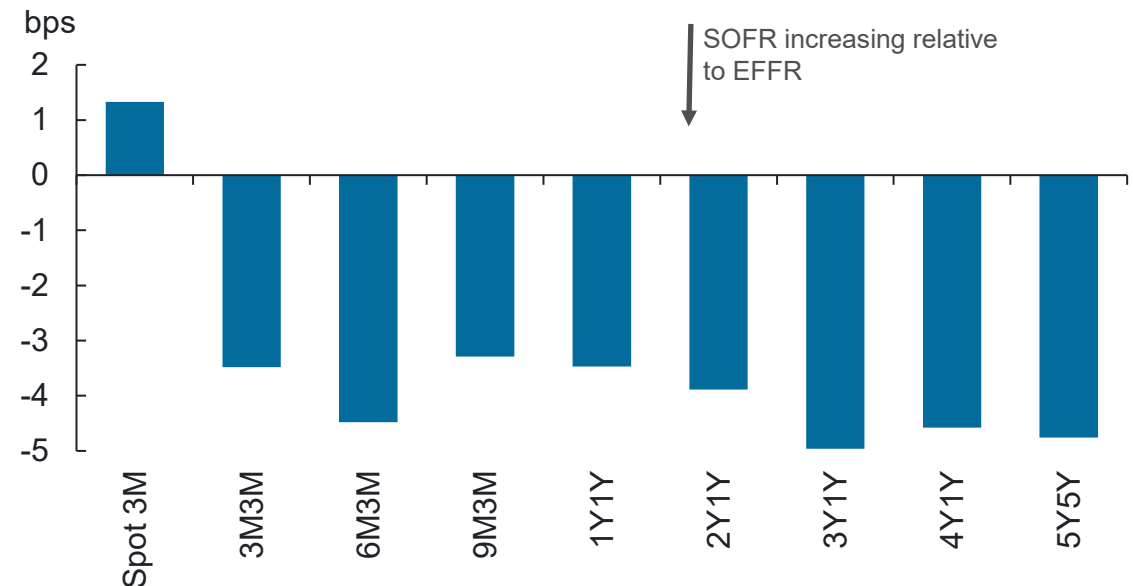


Figure 10: Market-Implied Forward SOFR-FF Spread

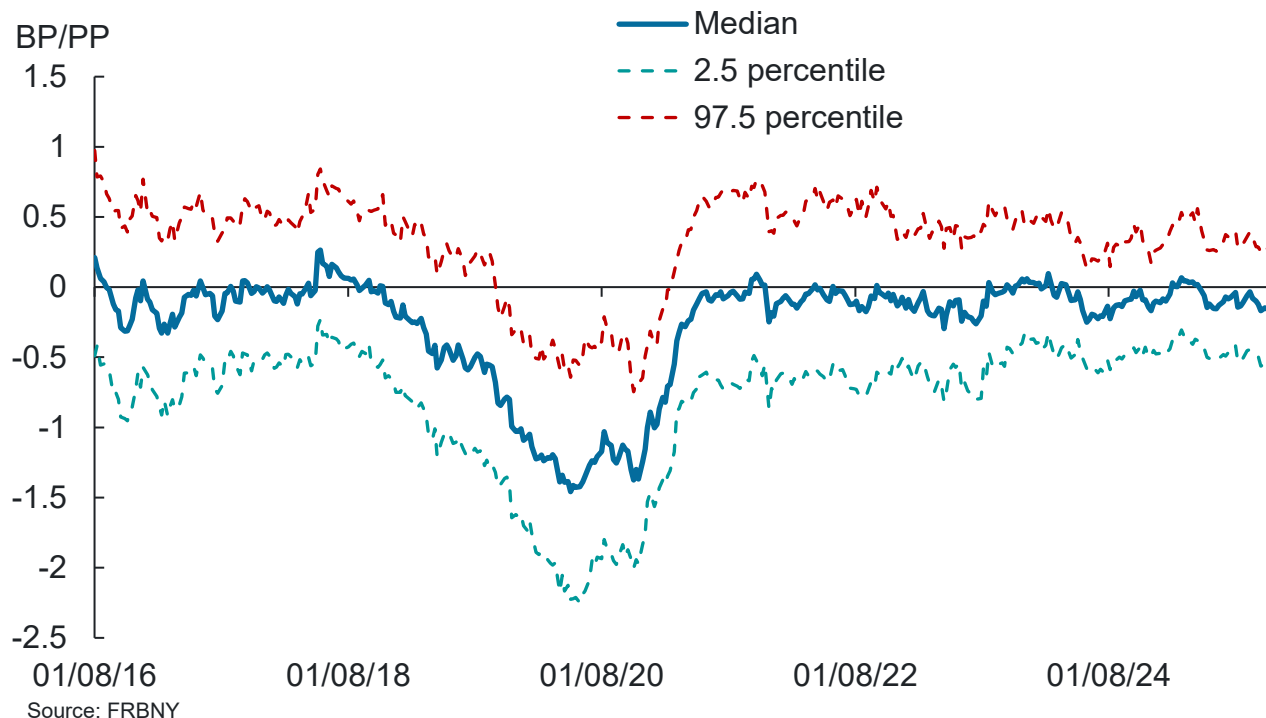


Source: Bloomberg, FRBNY Analysis

# Monitoring QT and Reserve Demand

- The Fed continues to monitor reserves ampleness using a variety of metrics, including money market spreads, bank funding statistics and econometric models
- Market outreach and survey collections, including the Senior Financial Officer Survey (SFOS) complement the quantitative data
- All indicators and market commentary suggest that reserves remain abundant (Fig. 11)

Figure 11: Reserve Demand Elasticity

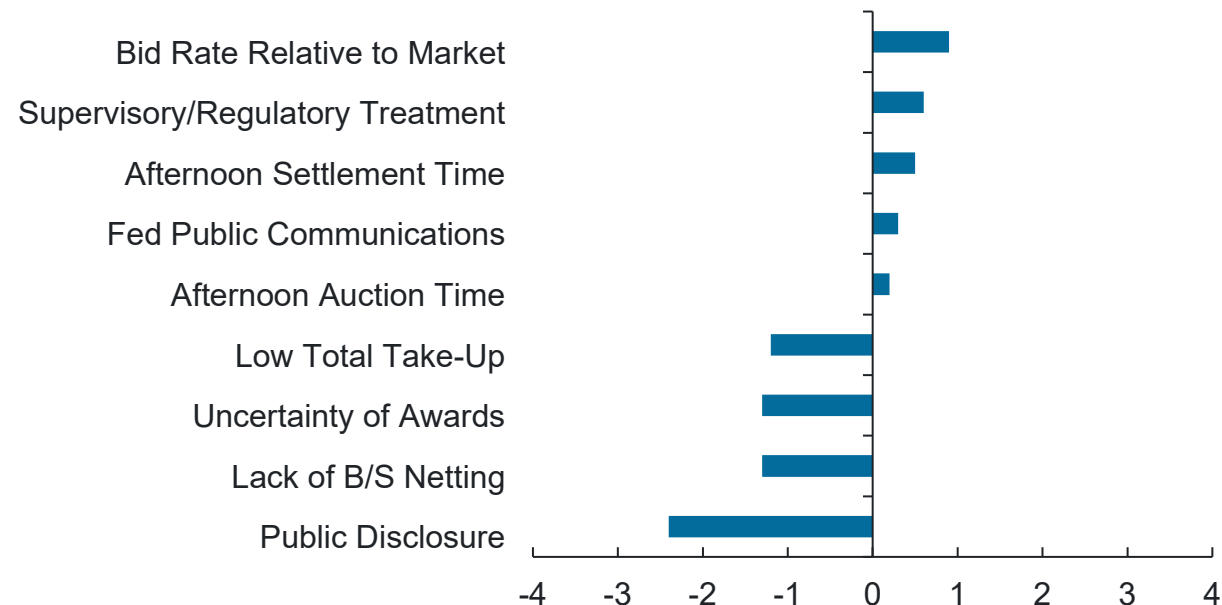




# Standing Repo Facility

- Standing facilities, like SRF, keep occasional upward pressures from spilling over to fed funds
- The SRF rate influences market negotiations and back-stops money market rates
- At times, the Desk has adjusted the SRF to enhance its effectiveness, recently adding a daily early-settling operation, which will begin Thursday, June 26

**Figure 12: Factors Effecting Bank Usage of SRF  
from -4 (Strongly Discourage) to +4 (Strongly Encourage)**



Source: FRBNY, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System