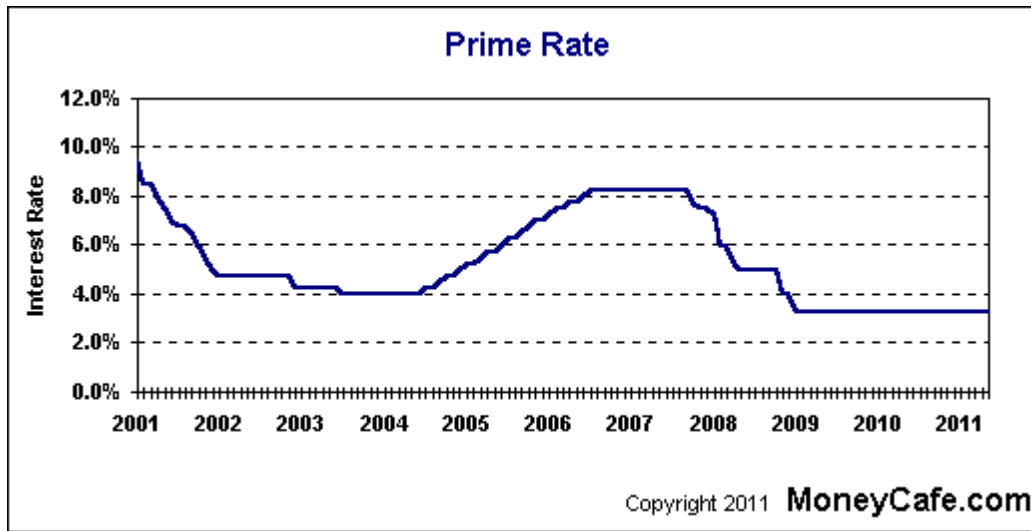


What is the Prime Rate? The Prime Interest Rate is the interest rate charged by banks to their most creditworthy customers (usually the most prominent and stable business customers). The rate is almost always the same amongst major banks. Adjustments to the prime rate are made by banks at the same time; although, the prime rate does not adjust on any regular basis. The rates reported below are based upon the prime rates on the first day of each respective month.

Historical Graph



Historical Chart

Prime Rate											
Month/Day	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Jan 1	9.50%	4.75%	4.25%	4.00%	5.25%	7.25%	8.25%	7.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
Feb 1	8.50%	4.75%	4.25%	4.00%	5.25%	7.50%	8.25%	6.00%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
Mar 1	8.50%	4.75%	4.25%	4.00%	5.50%	7.50%	8.25%	6.00%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
Apr 1	8.00%	4.75%	4.25%	4.00%	5.75%	7.75%	8.25%	5.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
May 1	7.50%	4.75%	4.25%	4.00%	5.75%	7.75%	8.25%	5.00%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
Jun 1	7.00%	4.75%	4.25%	4.00%	6.00%	8.00%	8.25%	5.00%	3.25%	3.25%	
Jul 1	6.75%	4.75%	4.00%	4.25%	6.25%	8.25%	8.25%	5.00%	3.25%	3.25%	
Aug 1	6.75%	4.75%	4.00%	4.25%	6.25%	8.25%	8.25%	5.00%	3.25%	3.25%	
Sep 1	6.50%	4.75%	4.00%	4.50%	6.50%	8.25%	8.25%	5.00%	3.25%	3.25%	
Oct 1	6.00%	4.75%	4.00%	4.75%	6.75%	8.25%	7.75%	5.00%	3.25%	3.25%	
Nov 1	5.50%	4.75%	4.00%	4.75%	7.00%	8.25%	7.50%	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%	
Dec 1	5.00%	4.25%	4.00%	5.00%	7.00%	8.25%	7.50%	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%	

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