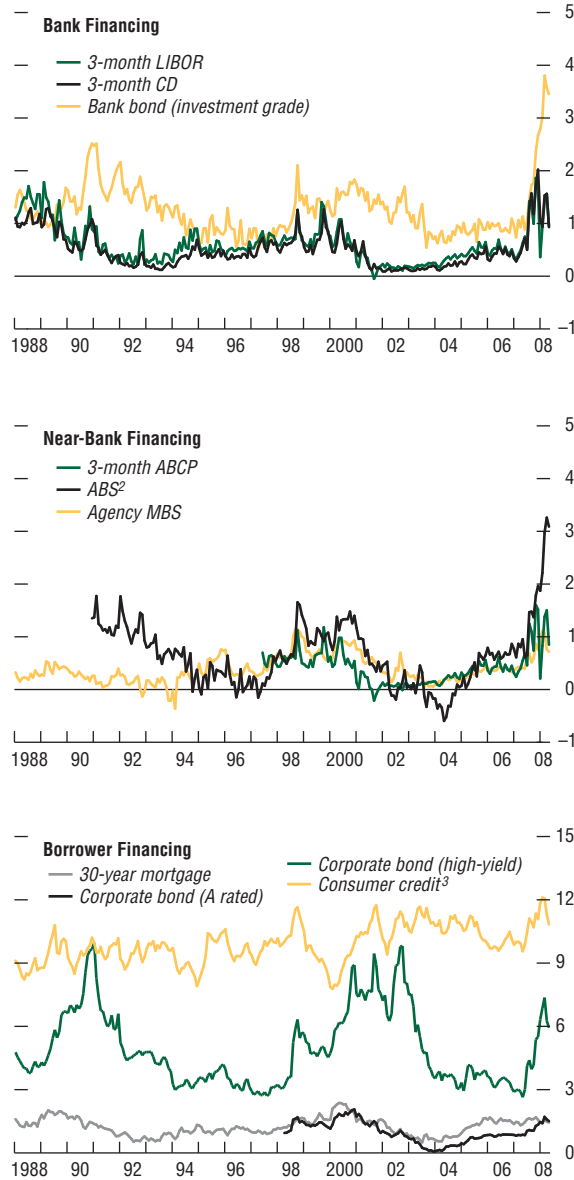


Figure 2.8. United States: Selected Interest Rate Spreads¹
(In percent)



Sources: Bloomberg L.P.; and Merrill Lynch.
 Note: ABCP = asset-backed commercial paper; ABS = asset-backed security; CD = certificate of deposit; MBS = mortgage-backed security.
¹Spread over treasury securities of comparable maturity.
²Merrill Lynch fixed ABS index.
³Credit card (accounts assessed) interest rate.