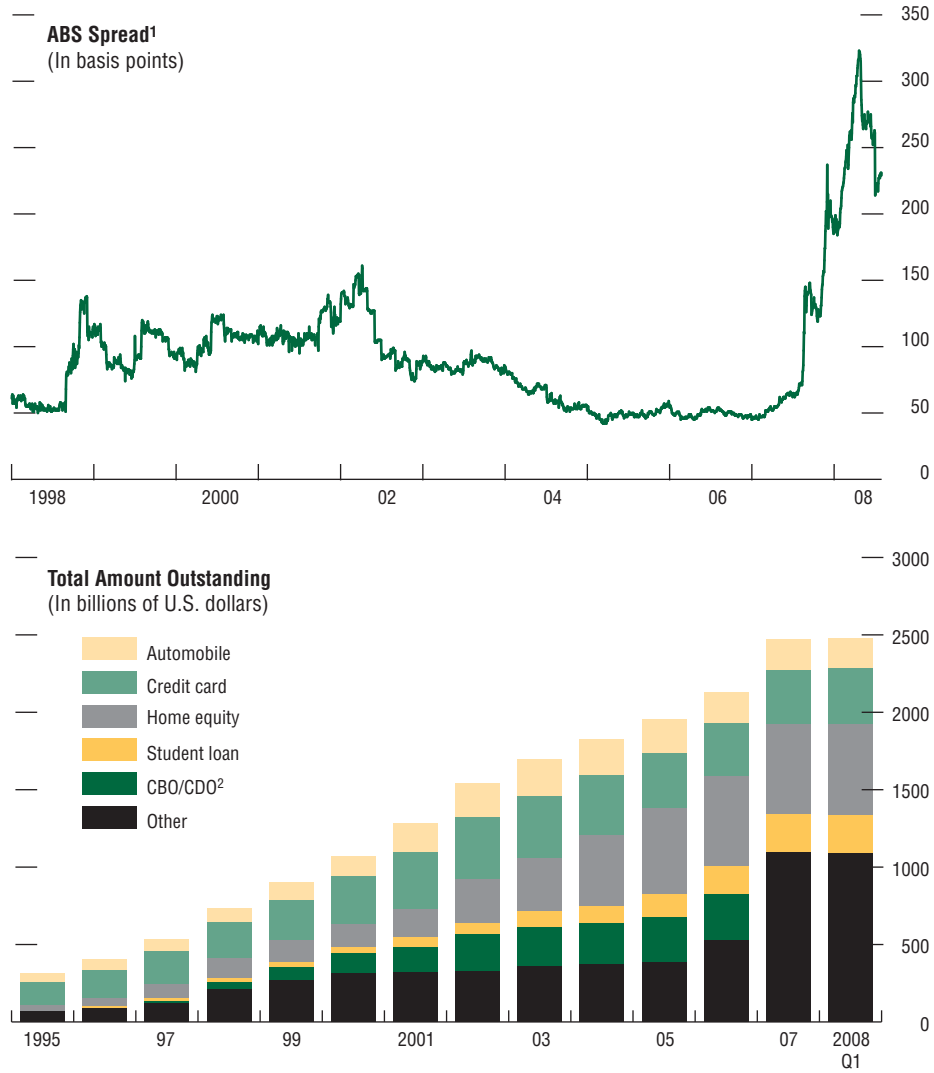


Figure 14. United States: Asset-Backed Securities



Sources: Merrill Lynch; Datastream; and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

¹Merrill Lynch AAA Asset-Backed Master Index (fixed rate) option-adjusted spread.

²Collateralized bond/debt obligations; for 2007 and 2008 Q1, CBO/CDO amount outstanding is included in Other.