

# U.S. Debt Holding

China increased its holding of U.S. Treasury securities for the fourth consecutive month in May, the latest data from the US Treasury Department showed on July 18.

China added to its treasuries holding by \$10 billion in May, with the total holding up to \$1.1022 trillion.

China's foreign exchange reserves rose for the fifth month in a row in June, indicating easing capital flight pressure, according to data from the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank.

China's foreign exchange regulator, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, attributed the rise of forex reserves in June to stable cross-border capital flow and the relative appreciation of non-U.S. dollar assets.

Japan, which overtook China as the largest holder of US treasuries last October, raised its holding by \$4.4 billion to \$1.1113 trillion in May.

By the end of May, overall foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury securities rose to \$6.1236 trillion from April's \$6.0737 trillion.