Week ending: July 7, 1976

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The data on business loans at weekly reporting large commercial banks that are reported in this release have been revised. The business loan series is based on weekly reports from a sample of large commercial banks. As a consequence of changes in New York State branch banking laws, beginning January 1, 1976, the financial data reported by three large New York City banks include data for banking units that have been converted from affiliated banks (not all of which were previously included in the weekly sample) to branches of the reporting banks. The nonseasonally adjusted business loan series was revised by the Board of Governors to treat these consolidations as if they had existed prior to January 1976 and, thus, facilitate historical comparison with the current data. The data were seasonally adjusted by this Bank. This revision has had little net effect on movements in the business loan series.

On a seasonally adjusted basis business loans have declined, on balance, over the last nineteen months. From early December 1974 through late December 1975, business loans decreased by about \$11 billion. Over the first three and one-half months of this year business loans declined by another \$8.3 billion. Relative to this large decline, they appear to have stabilized recently.

For certain companies, borrowing in the commercial paper market is an alternative to borrowing from commercial banks. Commercial paper is an unsecured short-term promissory note sold by companies to investors. Interest rates on prime commercial paper are generally lower than the prime lending rate at commercial banks, but only top-rated borrowers can sell commercial paper. Over the last five months the spread between the interest rate on prime four- to six-month commercial paper and the prime rate has narrowed from an average of about 170 basis points over the four weeks ended February 6 to an average of 135 basis points over the most recent four weeks. This narrowing in the spread has made borrowing from banks relatively more attractive, which is consistent with the observed stabilization of business loans at commercial banks recently.

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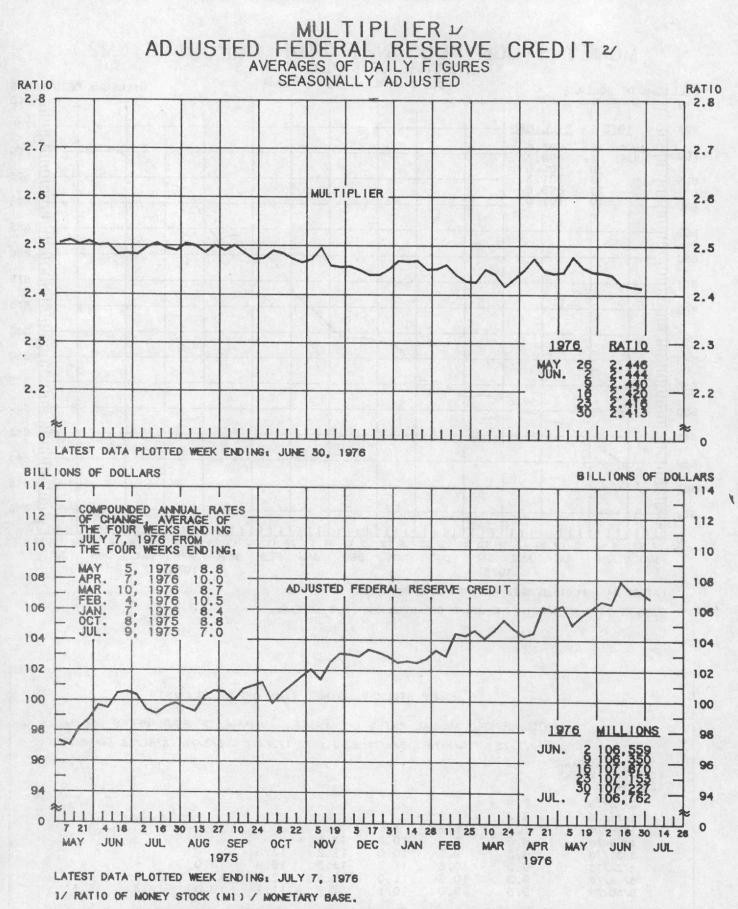
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	MONETARY BASE COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING							
	7/9/75	10/8/75	12/10/75	1/7/76	2/4/76	3/10/76	4/7/76	5/5/76
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
12/10/75	6.1							
1/ 7/76	5.4	7.3				1. 1. 1. 1.		
2/ 4/76	4.1	4.5	-1.2				1 3	
3/10/76	6.1	7.6	6.0	8.0				
4/ 7/76	6.0	7.3	6.0	7.4	12.8			
5/ 5/76	6.4	7.7	6.8	8.0	12.0	8.1		
6/ 9/76	6.4	7.4	6.6	7.5	10.3	7.3	7.8	
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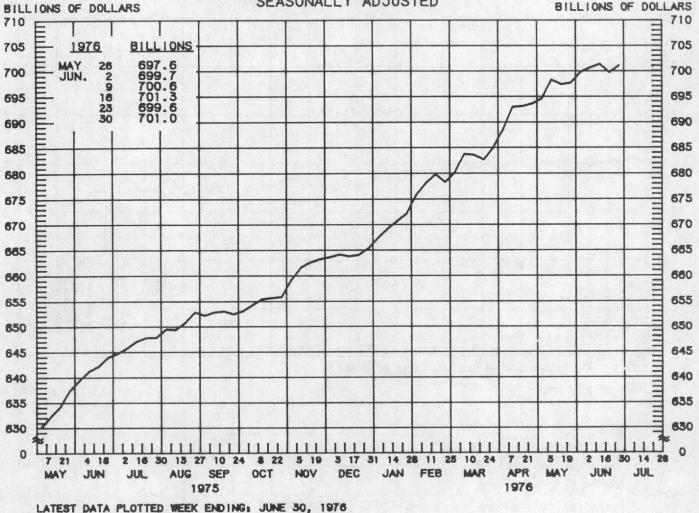
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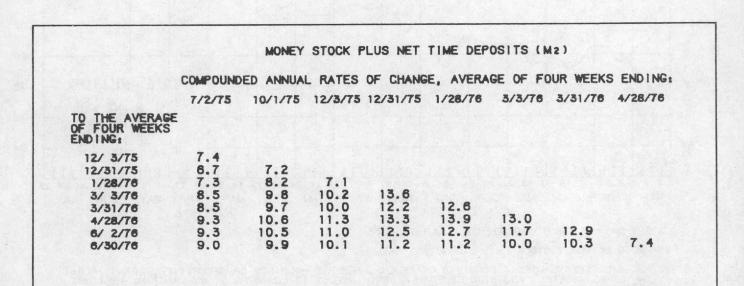
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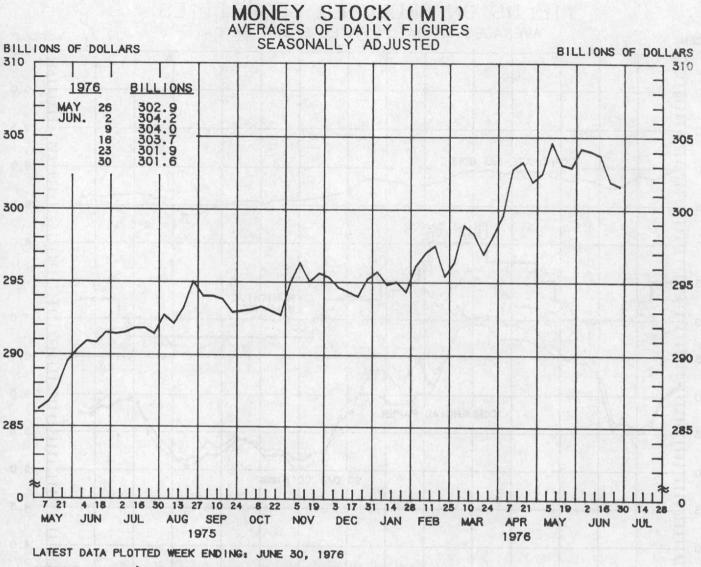


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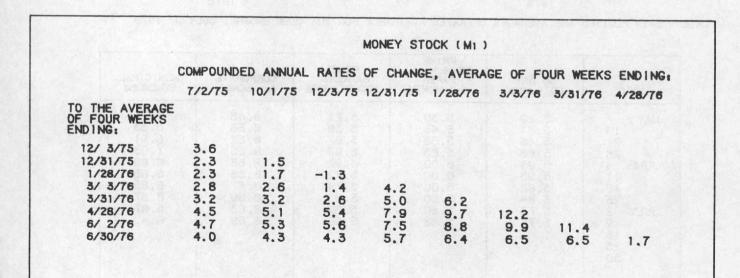
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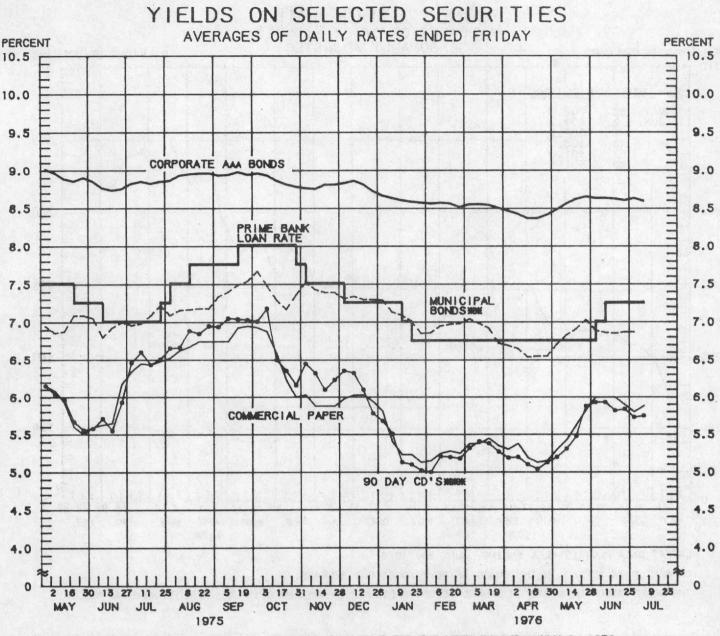


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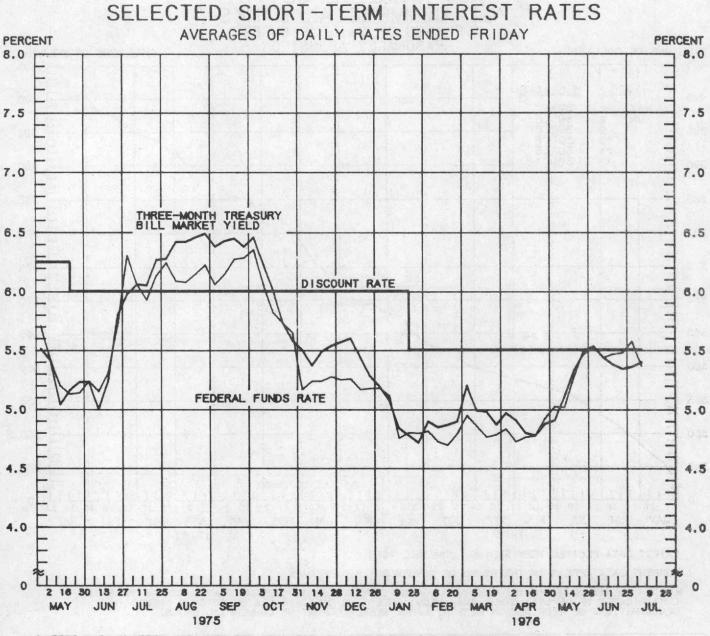


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1976	90 DAY CD'S MOMME	PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-8 MONTH	PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS 388
MAY 7 14 21 28 JUNE 4 11 18 25 JULY 2 9 # 16 23 30	5.20 5.31 5.48 5.88 5.93 5.93 5.93 5.82 5.84 5.73 5.75	5.30 5.43 5.63 5.83 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 5.90 5.80 5.88	5.21 5.39 5.67 5.87 5.92 5.82 5.74 5.69 5.69 5.69	8.48 8.56 8.62 8.65 8.63 8.63 8.63 8.62 8.60 8.63 8.59	6.71 6.83 6.91 7.03 6.89 6.86 6.85 6.85 6.87 N.A.

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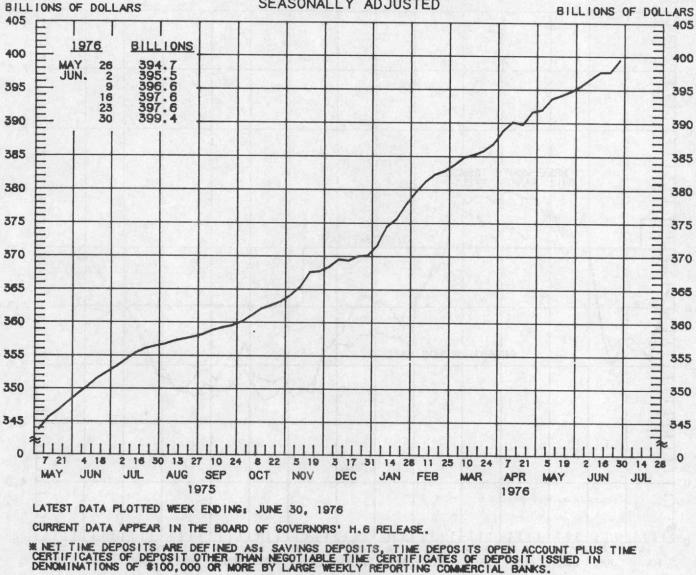


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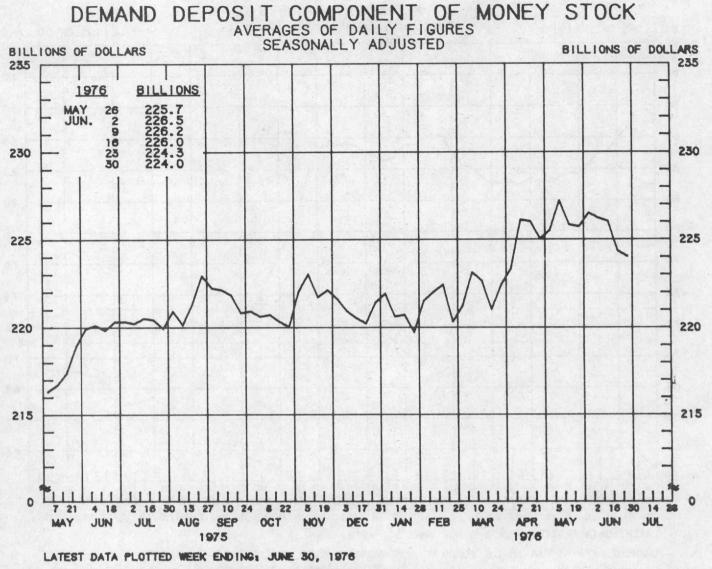
1976	FEDERAL FUNDS MIK	3-MONTH TREASURY BILLS	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	3-5 YEAR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
MAY 7 14 21 28 JUNE 4 11 18 25 JULY 2 9 ¥ 16 23 30	5.03 5.02 5.28 5.50 5.54 5.44 5.47 5.48 5.58 5.37	4.91 5.11 5.33 5.47 5.53 5.44 5.38 5.34 5.34 5.36 5.40	5.68 5.89 6.11 6.26 6.27 6.11 6.07 6.06 6.06 5.99	7.11 7.29 7.46 7.56 7.52 7.42 7.38 7.32 7.36 7.32	7.79 7.93 7.95 7.97 7.89 7.86 7.86 7.86 7.84 7.84 7.84 7.82

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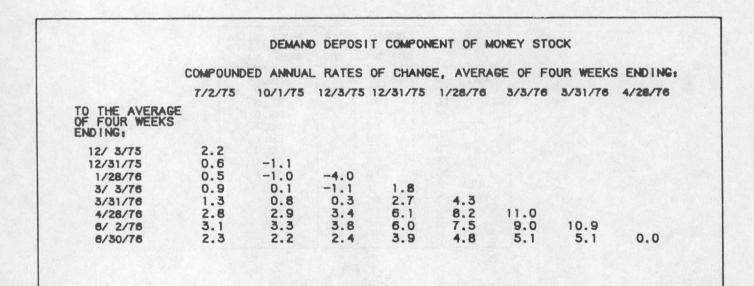
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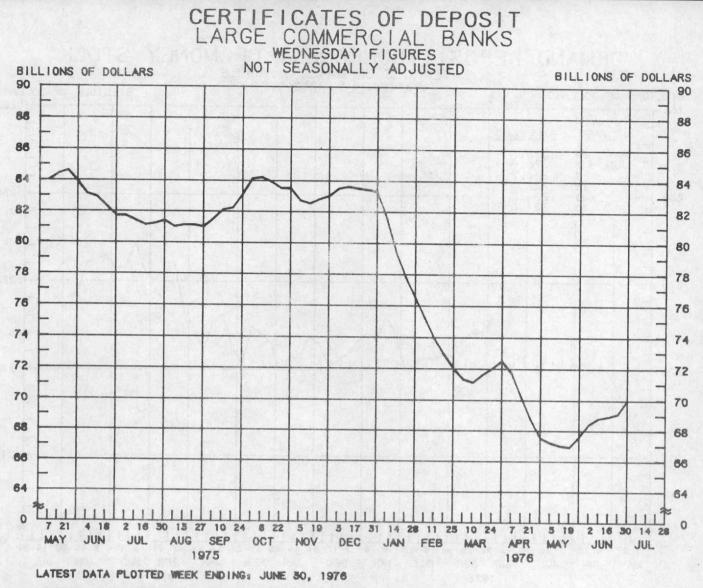
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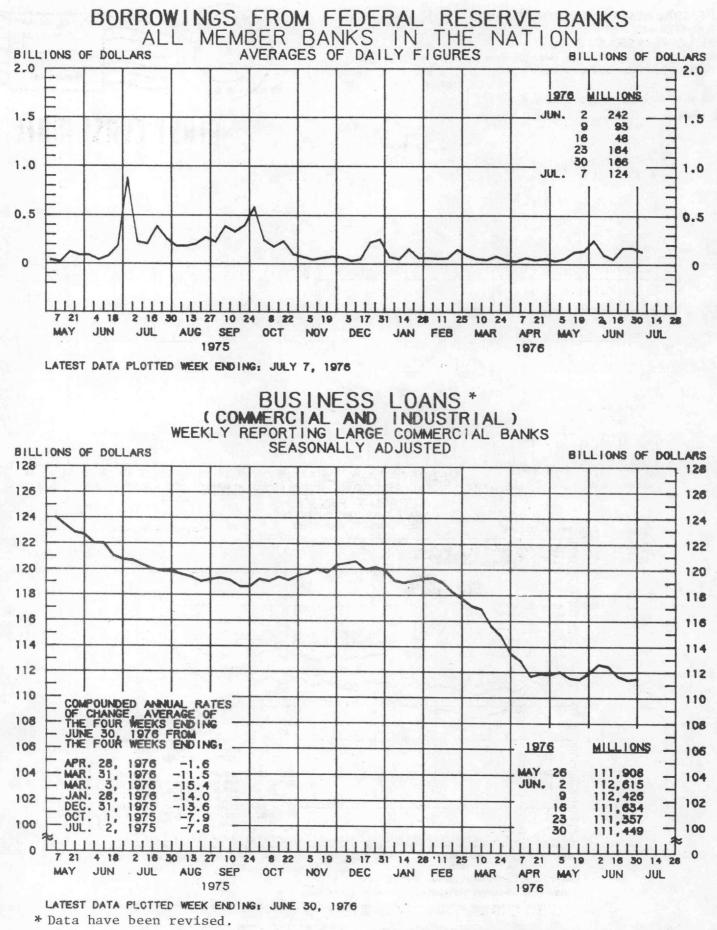


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NEGOTIABLE TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE BY LARGE WEEKLY REPORTING COMMERCIAL BANKS.

1976	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT NOT SEAS. ADJ.	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT SEAS. ADJ.	
MAY 5 12 19 26 JUNE 2 9 16 23 30 7 14 21 28	67.2 67.0 66.9 67.6 68.4 68.8 68.9 69.1 70.0	69.1 68.2 67.6 68.0 68.7 69.7 70.4 71.1 72.1	

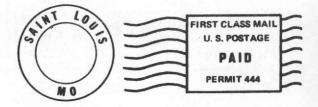
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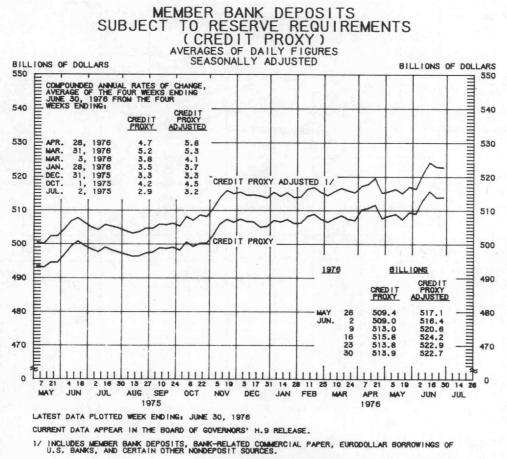
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