U.S. FINANCIAL DATA



Week ending: May 3, 1978

Interest rates have risen sharply in the past two weeks, as indicated in the table below. The largest increases have been in short-term interest rates. The Federal funds rate rose 49 basis points from the average of the week ending April 21 of this year to the average of rates available this week. The Federal funds rate had fluctuated within a narrow range around 6.75 percent since the beginning of the year (see page 7).

SELECTED INTEREST RATES

| Period (Average of Rates for Week Ending) | Federal Funds | 90 Day CD's | 3-Month Treasury Bills | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 3-5 Year Treasury Securities | Long-Term Treasury Securities |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| April 21 | 6.78 | 6.94 | 6.22 | 6.93 | 7.87 | 8.20 |
| May 5* | 7.27 | 7.24 | 6.39 | 7.15 | 8.01 | 8.29 |
| Change | +0.49 | +0.30 | +0.17 | +0.22 | +0.14 | +0.09 |

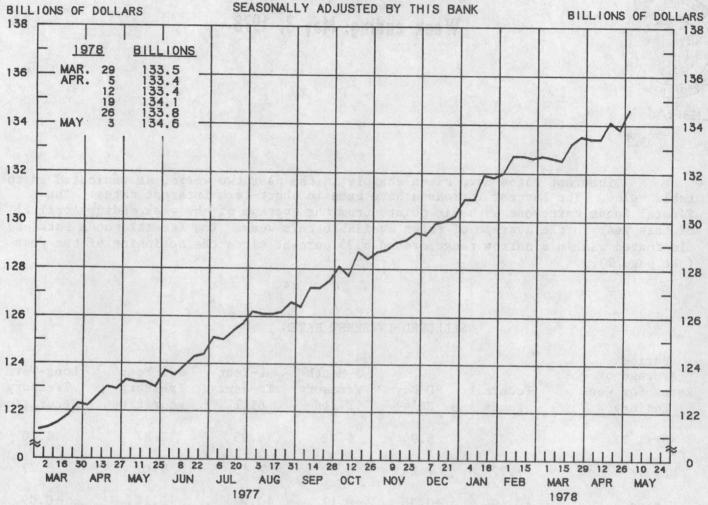
^{*} Average of rates available.

From early this year until the week ending April 21 the spread between the Federal funds rate and the discount rate remained at about 25 basis points. Member bank borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks were about \$500 million at the start of this year and drifted downward to an average of \$275 million in the four weeks ending April 19. As the spread between the Federal funds rate and the discount rate has widened (to about 75 basis points in the most recent week) member bank borrowings have risen sharply, averaging \$1.7 billion in the week ending May 3. This pattern is similar to that of mid-August and mid-October of last year — when the Federal funds rate rose sharply, the spread between the funds rate and the discount rate widened to about 75 basis points, and member bank borrowings surged upward.

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MONETARY BASE

AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES

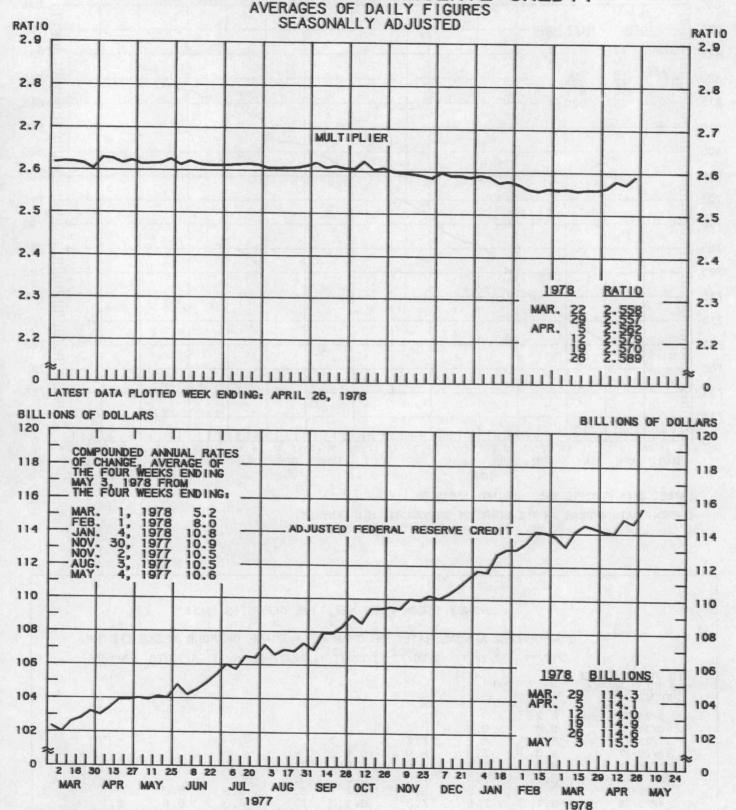


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THE MONETARY BASE CONSISTS OF MEMBER BANK RESERVES AT THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AND CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION (CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN THE VAULTS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS), ADJUSTED FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES AND SHIFTS IN THE SAME TYPE OF DEPOSITS BETWEEN BANKS WHERE DIFFERENT RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIOS APPLY, THE MAJOR SOURCES OF THE MONETARY BASE ARE FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT AND THE GOLD STOCK, DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK, A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE MONETARY BASE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS.

| | MONETARY BASE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|---------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| | COMPOUND | COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5/4/77 | 8/3/77 | 10/5/77 | 11/2/77 | 11/30/77 | 1/4/78 | 2/1/78 | 3/1/78 | | | | |
| TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/ 5/77 | 8.9 | 9.2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/30/77 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.0 | arred to | | | | | | | | |
| 2/ 1/78 | 8.9 9.5 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 11.7 | | | | | | | |
| 3/ 1/78 4/ 5/78 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 11.3 | 12.6 | | | | | | |
| 5/ 3/78 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 5.8 | | | | |
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MULTIPLIER 1/2 ADJUSTED FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT 2/2

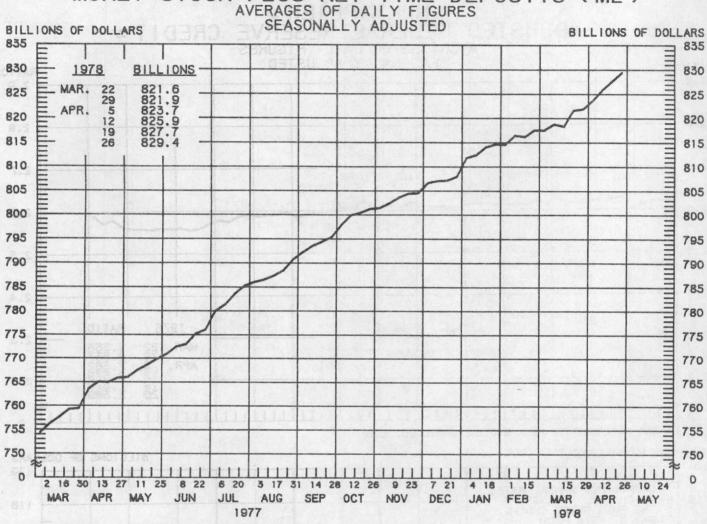


LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 3, 1978

1/ RATIO OF MONEY STOCK (M1) / MONETARY BASE.

2/ FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT CONSISTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE HOLDINGS OF SECURITIES, LOANS, FLOAT AND OTHER ASSETS. ADJUSTED FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT IS COMPUTED BY SUBTRACTING TREASURY DEPOSITS AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS FROM THIS SERIES, AND ADJUSTING THE SERIES FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES AND SHIFTS IN THE SAME TYPE OF DEPOSITS BETWEEN BANKS WHERE DIFFERENT RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIOS APPLY. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK.

MONEY STOCK PLUS NET TIME DEPOSITS (M2)

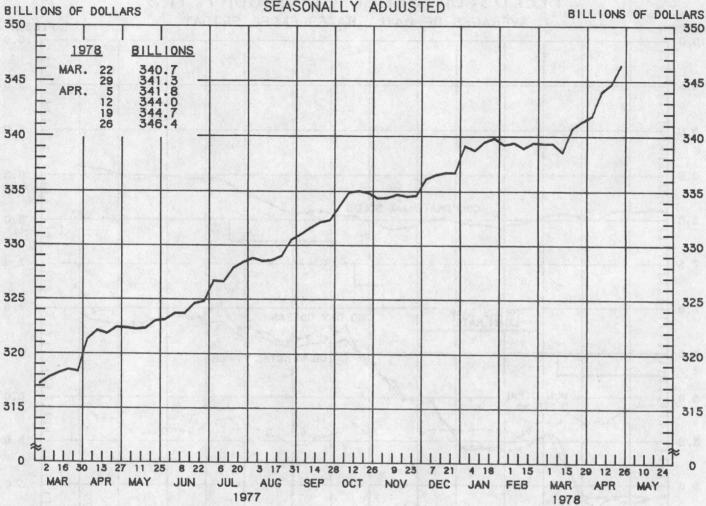


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| | | | MONEY | STOCK I | PLUS NET | TIME DE | POSITS (A | 12) | |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|
| H | | COMPOUND | ED ANNUA | L RATES | OF CHANG | E, AVER | AGE OF FO | UR WEEKS | ENDING: |
| | | 4/27/77 | 7/27/77 | 9/28/77 | 10/26/77 | 11/23/77 | 12/28/77 | 1/25/78 | 3/1/78 |
| OF | THE AVERAGE FOUR WEEKS DING: | S -88M | | | | | | | |
| | 9/28/77 10/26/77 | 9.2 | 9.2 | | | | | | |
| | 11/23/77 12/28/77 1/25/78 | 8.8 8.3 8.5 | 8.2 7.6 8.0 | 7.7 6.9 7.6 | 5.4 | 7.6 | | | |
| 1-3 | 3/ 1/78 3/29/78 | | 7.5 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.1 6.5 | 5.0 | |
| | 4/26/78 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 8.1 |

MONEY STOCK (M1) AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



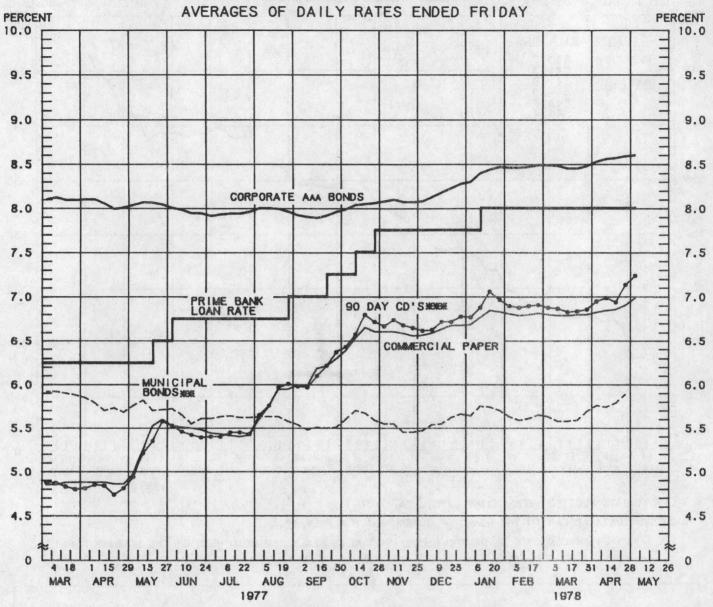
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THE MONEY STOCK CONSISTS OF DEMAND DEPOSITS PLUS CURRENCY AND COIN HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC.

| | COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | ENDING: | | | |
| | 4/27/77 | 7/27/77 | 9/28/77 | 10/26/77 | 11/23/77 | 12/28/77 | 1/25/78 | 3/1/78 | | | |
| TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/28/77 10/26/77 11/23/77 | 7.4 8.0 6.9 | 9.1 6.8 | 5.4 | | | | | | | | |
| 12/28/77 1/25/78 3/ 1/78 | 6.8 7.3 6.4 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 3.3 5.7 | 8.6 | | | | | | |
| 3/29/78 4/26/78 | 6.1 | 6.2 5.8 6.9 | 5.4 5.0 6.6 | 4.1 3.9 5.8 | 5.4 4.8 7.0 | 4.9 4.2 7.2 | 1.2 | 9.8 | | | |

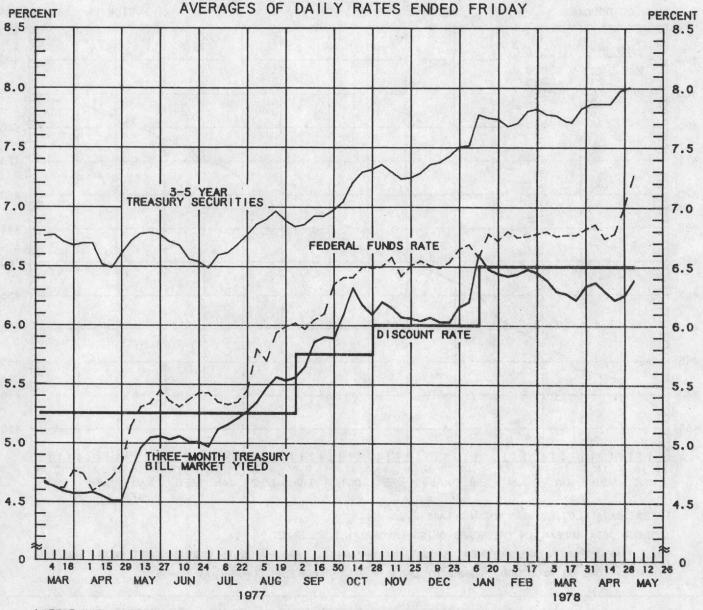
YIELDS ON SELECTED SECURITIES



LATEST DATA PLOTTED ARE AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING: MAY 5, 1978

| 1978 | 90 DAY CD'S X9X9X | PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-6 MONTH | PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES | CORPORATE AAA BONDS | MUNICIPAL BONDS *** |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| MAR. 3 10 17 24 31 APR. 7 14 21 28 MAY 5 ** 12 19 26 | 6.88 6.87 6.83 6.84 6.95 6.99 6.94 7.14 7.24 | 6.80 6.79 6.79 6.80 6.80 6.83 6.85 6.85 6.91 | 6.80 6.80 6.76 6.80 6.85 6.84 6.92 7.06 7.16 | 8.49 8.48 8.45 8.45 8.53 8.56 8.57 8.59 8.60 | 5.63 5.58 5.58 5.59 5.69 5.76 5.74 5.79 5.89 N.A. |

SELECTED INTEREST RATES

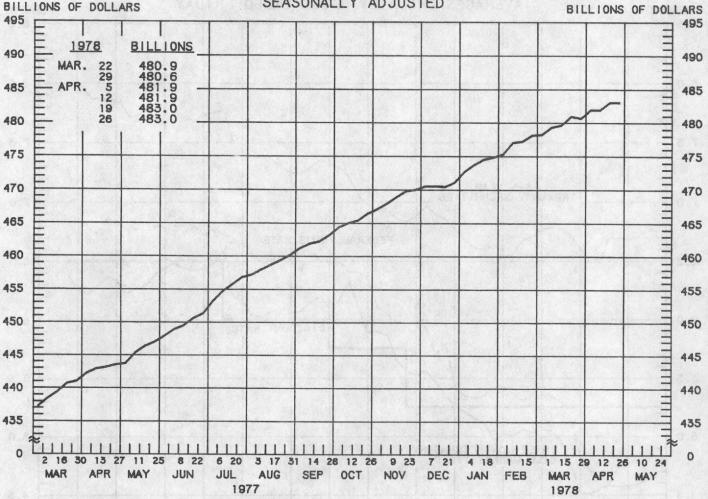


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| 1978 | FEDERAL FUNDS XXX | 3-MONTH TREASURY BILLS | 1-YEAR TREASURY BILL | 3-5 YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES | LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| MAR. 3 10 17 24 31 APR. 7 14 21 28 MAY 5 ** 12 19 26 | 6.80 6.76 6.77 6.82 6.86 6.74 6.78 7.00 | 6.39 6.29 6.27 6.22 6.34 6.37 6.29 6.22 6.26 6.39 | 6.84 6.81 6.80 6.77 6.89 6.94 6.91 6.93 7.06 7.15 | 7.78 7.77 7.72 7.71 7.83 7.87 7.87 7.87 7.98 8.01 | 8.11 8.09 8.06 8.06 8.16 8.21 8.23 8.20 8.27 8.29 |

NET TIME DEPOSITS ALL COMMERCIAL BANKS





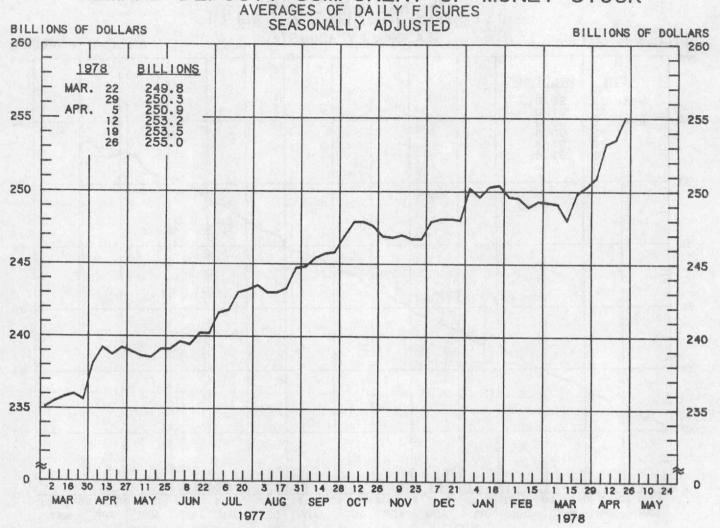
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* NET TIME DEPOSITS ARE DEFINED AS: SAVINGS DEPOSITS, TIME DEPOSITS OPEN ACCOUNT PLUS TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OTHER THAN NEGOTIABLE TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE BY LARGE WEEKLY REPORTING COMMERCIAL BANKS.

| | NET TIME DEPOSITS | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|---------|--|--|--|
| | COMPOUND | ED ANNUA | L RATES | OF CHANG | E, AVER | AGE OF FO | UR WEEKS | ENDING: | | | |
| | 4/27/77 | 7/27/77 | 9/28/77 | 10/26/77 | 11/23/77 | 12/28/77 | 1/25/78 | 3/1/78 | | | |
| TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/28/77 10/26/77 | 10.6 | 9.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 11/23/77 12/28/77 1/25/78 | 10.2 9.4 9.4 | 9.2 8.2 8.4 | 9.2 7.6 8.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 | | | | | | |
| 3/ 1/78 3/29/78 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.5 7.4 | 8.9 | 7.8 | | | | |
| 4/26/78 | 8.9 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 6.9 | | | |

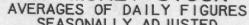
DEMAND DEPOSIT COMPONENT OF MONEY STOCK

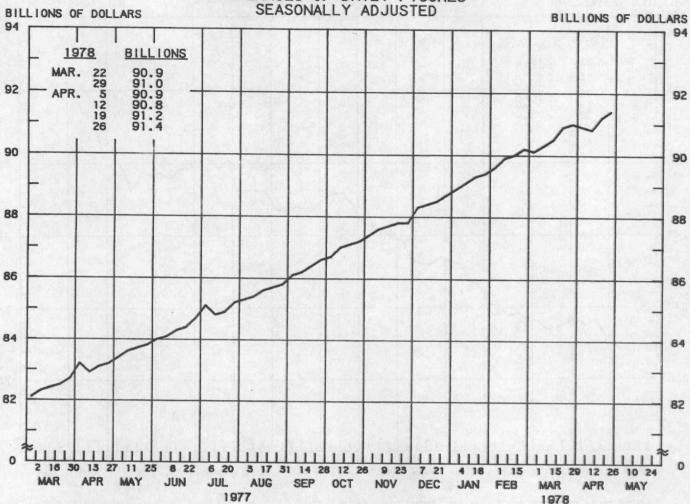


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|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| | COMPOUND | ED ANNUA | L RATES | OF CHANG | E, AVERA | GE OF FO | UR WEEKS | ENDING: |
| | 4/27/77 | 7/27/77 | 9/28/77 | 10/26/77 | 11/23/77 | 12/28/77 | 1/25/78 | 3/1/78 |
| TO THE AVERAGE FOUR WEEKS ENDING: | E | | | | | | | |
| 9/28/77 10/26/77 11/23/77 12/28/77 1/25/78 | 6.7 7.5 6.0 5.8 6.4 | 8.9 5.8 5.5 6.5 | 4.0 4.3 6.0 | 0.9 | 7.7 | | | |
| 3/ 1/78 3/29/78 4/26/78 | 5.2 4.8 6.0 | 4.8 4.3 6.0 | 3.7 3.2 5.6 | 1.9 1.6 4.6 | 3.5 2.8 6.1 | 2.8 2.1 6.6 | -1.8 5.1 | 10.9 |

OF MONEY STOCK

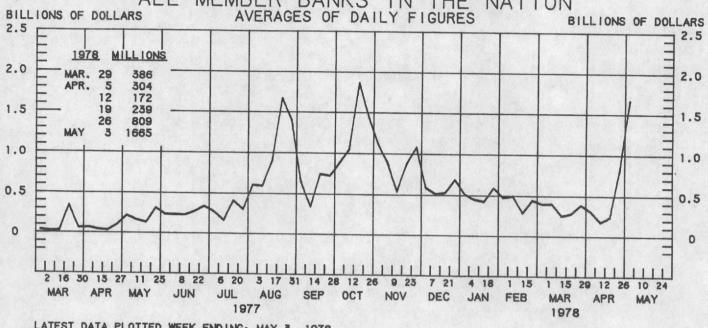




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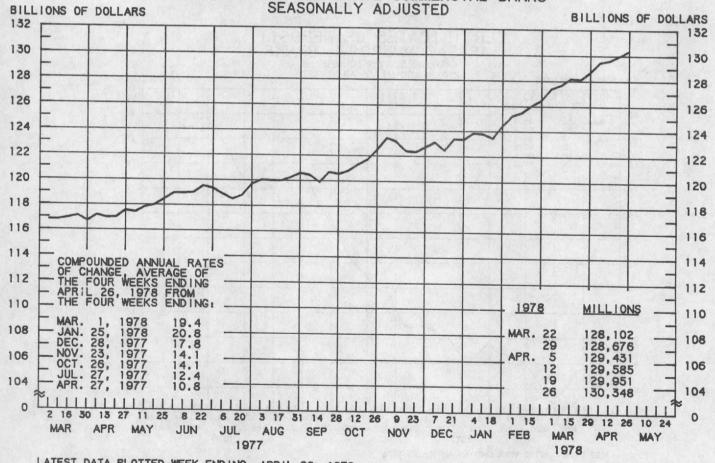
| | CURRENCY COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4/27/77 | 7/27/77 | 9/28/77 | 10/26/77 | 11/23/77 | 12/28/77 | 1/25/78 | 3/1/78 | | | |
| TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/28/77 | 9.3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10/26/77 | 9.6 9.6 | 9.7 | 10.2 | | | | | | | | |
| 12/28/77 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.4 | | | | | | | |
| 1/25/78 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 11.0 | | | | | | |
| 3/ 1/78 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 10.9 | | | | | |
| 3/29/78 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 10.1 | | | | |
| 4/26/78 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 7.4 | | | |
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BORROWINGS FROM FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ALL MEMBER BANKS IN THE NATION



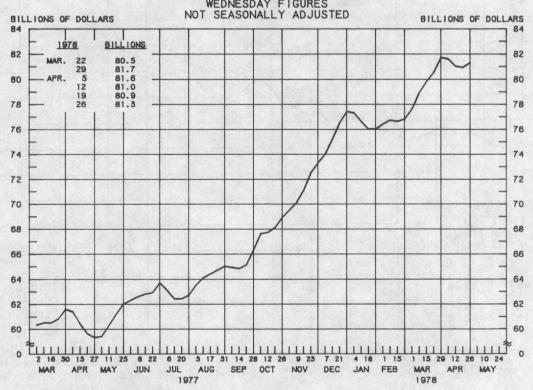
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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT LARGE COMMERCIAL BANKS WEDNESDAY FIGURES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



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