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While most interest rates have risen by about 100 basis points since the trough of the 1981-82 recession in November 1982, the interest rate on corporate Baa bonds has fallen by about 50 basis points. As a result, the spread between corporate Baa and Aaa bonds has narrowed by about 150 basis points. This is not unusual during business recoveries, because investors tend to view corporate Baa bonds as substantially less risky as business activity turns upward. The riskiness of corporate Aaa bonds—bonds issued by corporations with the highest credit rating—is not as sensitive to business conditions, so yields are not influenced as much by cyclical factors.

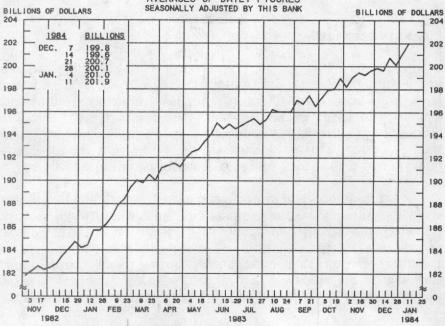
Because of risk differentials, one would also expect to see narrower spreads during recoveries than during recessions between rates on privately-issued securities and government securities of comparable term to maturity. Even the spread between rates on corporate Aaa bonds and long-term Treasury securities has fallen during the recent recovery, from 122 basis points in November 1982 to 76 basis points in December 1983.

The spread between interest rates on short-term private and Treasury securities has also narrowed as the economy has recovered. During the past recession, August 1981 through November 1982, the average spread between rates on 3-month commercial paper and 3-month Treasury bills was 136 basis points, but that spread has averaged only 27 basis points since December 1982.

-A. Steven Holland







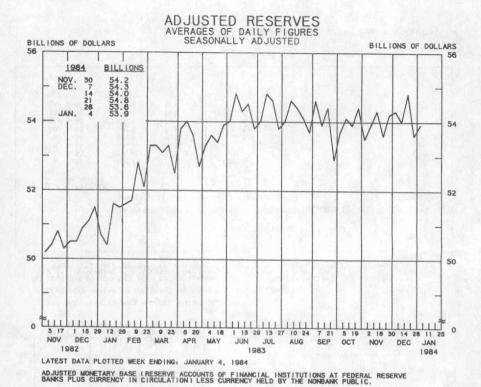
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THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE CONSISTS OF: (1) RESERVE ACCOUNTS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, (2) CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION (CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN THE VAULTS OF ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS), AND (3) AN ADJUSTMENT FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES. THE MAJOR SOURCE OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS AVAILABLE FROM THIS BANK.

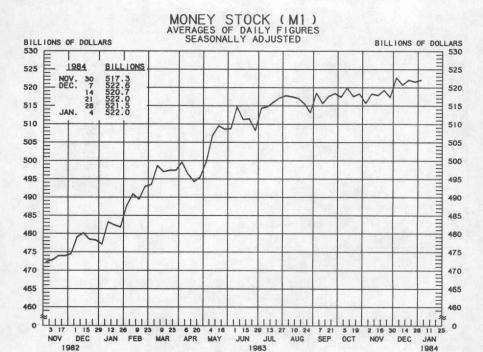
ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE

COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: 1/12/83 4/13/83 6/8/83 7/13/83 8/10/83 9/14/83 10/12/83 11/9/83

TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:							1		
6/ 8/83	13.1								
7/13/83	11.6	8.9	1						
8/10/83	10.7	7.9	5.2						
9/14/83	9.8	7.2	5.1	4.8					
10/12/83	9.4	7.0	5.3	5.2	5.4				
11/ 9/83	9.3	7.2	5.8	5.9	6.3	7.2			
12/14/83	9.0	7.0	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.7	6.9		
1/11/84	8.9	7.2	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.5	7.2	



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	COMPOUNDE	D ANNUAL	RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	OUR WEEKS	ENDING:
	1/5/83	4/6/83	6/1/83	7/6/83	8/3/83	9/7/83	10/5/83	11/2/83
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
6/ 1/83 7/ 6/83	13.1 12.5	7.7						
8/ 3/83 9/ 7/83	9.1	6.5	6.6	0.0				
10/ 5/83	6.8	1.9	0.0	-3.6	-6.2			
11/ 2/83	6.9	2.6	1.3	-1.1	-2.2	-2.4	4.4	
1/ 4/84	5.9	2.3	1.3	-0.4	-0.9	-0.6	3.0	1.1



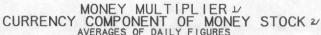
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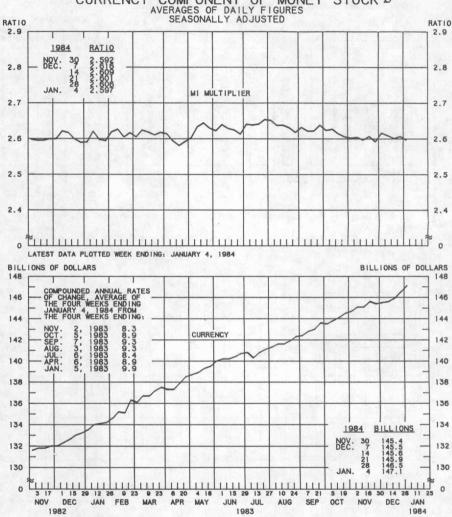
MI CONSISTS OF CURRENCY HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC PLUS COMMERCIAL BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC (EXCLUDING THOSE HELD BY FOREIGN BANKS AND OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS) AND OFFICE DEPOSITOR OF ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS PLUS TRAVELERS' CHECKS.

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	COMPOUNDE	ED ANNUAL	RATES	OF CHANGE	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	OUR WEEKS	ENDING:
	1/5/83	4/6/83	6/1/83	7/6/83	8/3/83	9/7/83	10/5/83	11/2/83
O THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
6/ 1/83 7/ 6/83 8/ 3/83 9/ 7/83	16.2 14.2 14.1 11.9	11.3 11.9 8.9	9.4 5.7	5.4				
10/ 5/83	10.9	7.9	5.1	4.7 3.9	0.9	2.3		
12/ 7/83	9.2	6.5	4.1	3.7	1.6	2.5	2.3	4.3

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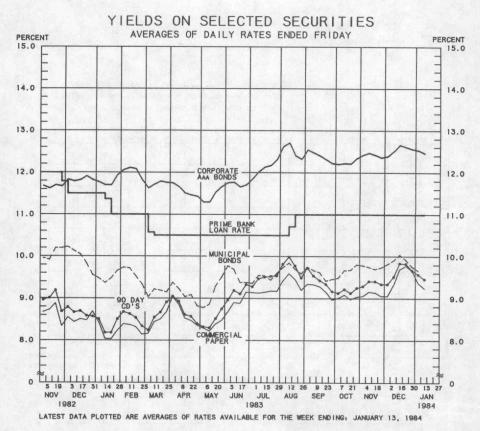




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1/ RATIO OF MONEY STOCK (MI) TO ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE

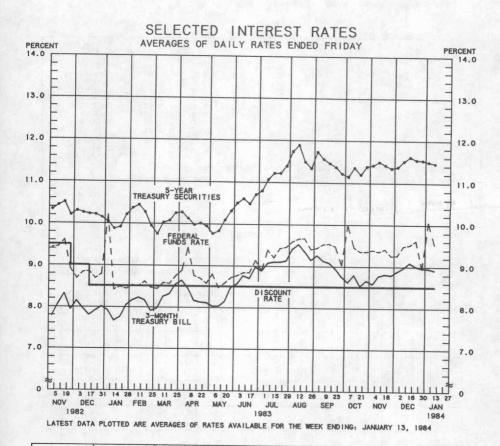
2/ CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' H.6 RELEASE.



1984	90 DAY	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS ##
NOV. 4 11 18 25 DEC. 2 9 16 23 30 JAN. 6 13 # 20	9. 29 9. 41 9. 41 9. 34 9. 52 9. 52 9. 84 9. 83 9. 67 9. 57 9. 46	9.06 9.16 9.14 9.06 9.06 9.33 9.70 9.78 9.66 9.36 9.24	9.13 9.22 9.25 9.19 9.21 9.41 9.74 9.70 9.54 9.36 9.30	12. 42 12. 47 12. 42 12. 36 12. 39 12. 51 12. 66 12. 56 12. 55 12. 53	13.58 13.63 13.64 13.59 13.63 13.69 13.79 13.79 13.79 13.75 13.75	9.79 9.75 9.70 9.74 9.82 9.91 10.04 9.92 9.76 9.66 N.A.

AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE.
BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA.

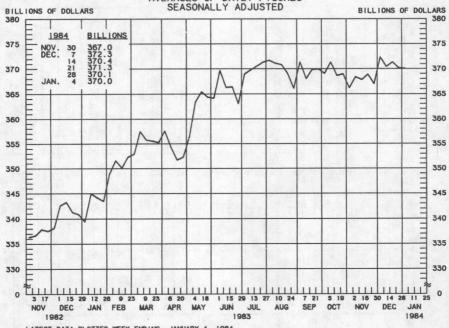
N.A. - NOT AVAILABLE



1984	FEDERAL FUNDS ***	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL NOWN	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
NOV. 4 11 18 25 DEC. 2 9	9.40 9.36 9.42 9.26 9.27 9.49 9.52	8.58 8.77 8.81 8.79 8.88 8.97 9.09	8.68 9.02 8.91 8.96 9.05 9.16	9.05 9.09 9.08 9.07 9.15 9.23	11.42 11.50 11.42 11.35 11.38 11.52	11.74 11.79 11.69 11.59 11.61 11.78
23 30 JAN. 6	9.62 8.96 10.06 9.53	9.00 8.96 8.95 8.91	9.24 9.14 9.19	9.25 9.22 9.19	11.55 11.54 11.50	11.82 11.78 11.78

AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE.
SEVEN-DAY AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN DATE SHOWN.
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NEW ISSUE RATE
RATES ON LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES ARE COMPUTED BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS.
TREASURY BILL YIELDS ON DISCOUNT BASIS.





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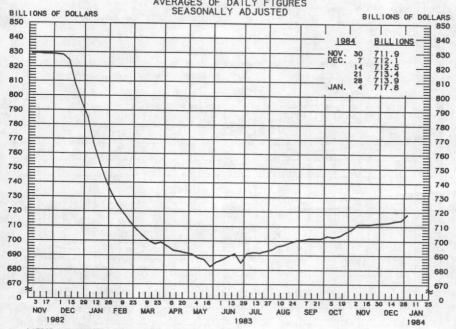
1/ DEMAND DEPOSITS PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

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TOTAL TIME DEPOSITS & ALL COMMERCIAL BANKS AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: JANUARY 4, 1984 1/ SAVINGS DEPOSITS PLUS SMALL TIME DEPOSITS PLUS LARGE TIME DEPOSITS

374.4

	(billio	ons of dollars,	not seasonally	adjusted)
		MMDAs 1/	MMMFs 2/	SUPER NOWS 3/
November	23 30	\$369.5 370.1	\$179.2 178.6	\$36.4 36.4
December	7	372.3 372.8	178.6 178.7	37.7 37.4
	21 28	372.0 372.2	178.1 177.3	37.4 37.4 37.3
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MMDAs MMMEs and SUDER MOULS

176.2

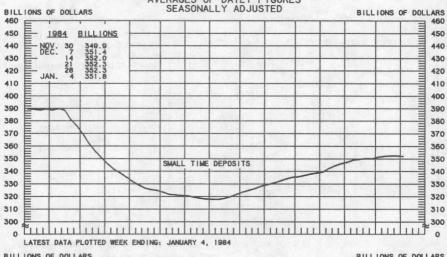
1/ Money market deposit accounts at all depository institutions, effective 12/14/82.
2/ Total money market mutual fund balances.
3/ NOW accounts at all depository institutions, requiring a \$2,500 minimum balance and eligible to earn more than 5.25 percent, effective 1/5/83.

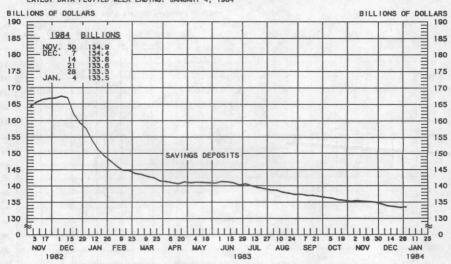
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38.4

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SMALL TIME DEPOSITS LA COMMERCIAL BANK SAVINGS DEPOSITS AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BILL

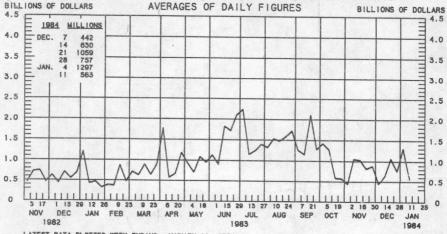




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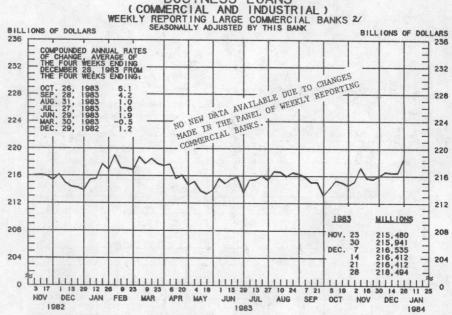
1/ COMMERCIAL BANK TIME DEPOSITS ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF LESS THAN \$100,000.





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BUSINESS LOANS "

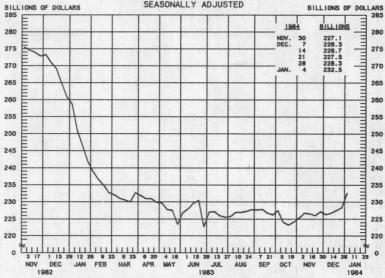


LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: DECEMBER 28, 1983

1/ BUSINESS LOAMS INCLUDE BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES AND COMMERCIAL PAPER.

2/ BANKS WITH DOMESTIC ASSETS OF \$750 MILLION OR MORE

LARGE TIME DEPOSITS
ALL COMMERCIAL BANKS
AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: JANUARY 4, 1984
TIME DEPOSITS ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE.