

From their peaks of 14.81 percent and 12.54 percent in July 1984, the average interest rates on both fixed-rate mortgages (FRMs) and adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) have declined, by 429 basis points and 293 basis points, respectively. This decline has narrowed the rate spread between the two types of mortgages.

Interest rates on ARMs tend to be lower than those on FRMs because ARMs shift the risk of interest rate variation from lender to borrower. Borrowers are more willing to accept this risk when the spread between the two types of mortgages is large, but they reduce their use of ARMs when the spread narrows. As the table on the back page indicates, the FRM-ARM rate spread declined from an average level of 197 basis points in 1984 to 91 basis points in March 1986. This has been accompanied by a 30 percentage-point reduction in the ARM share of the mortgage market.

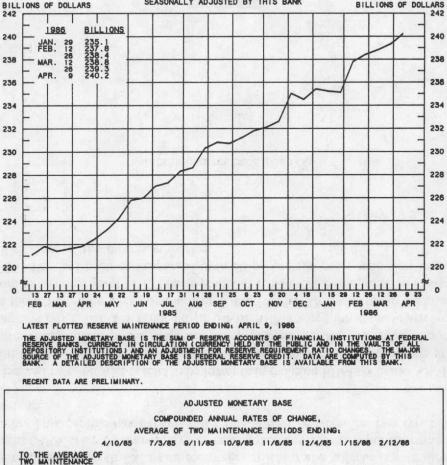
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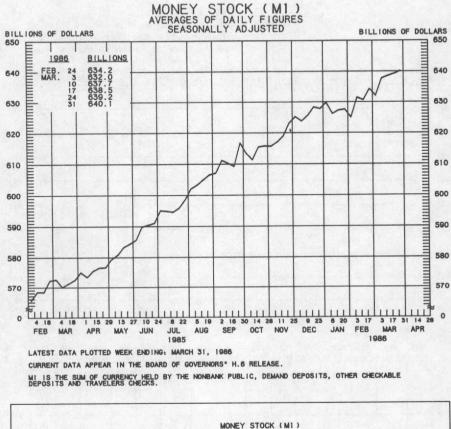
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ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BY THIS BANK



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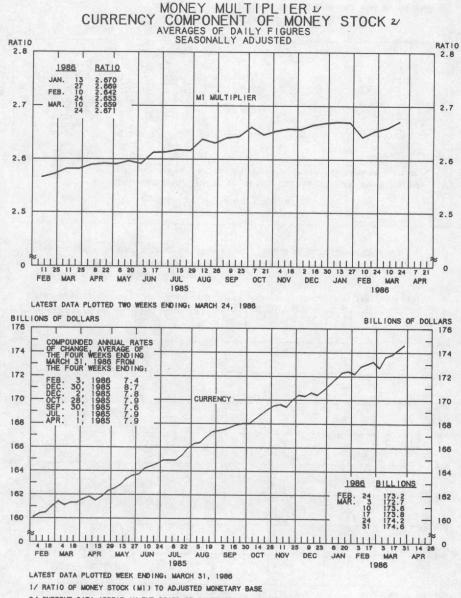
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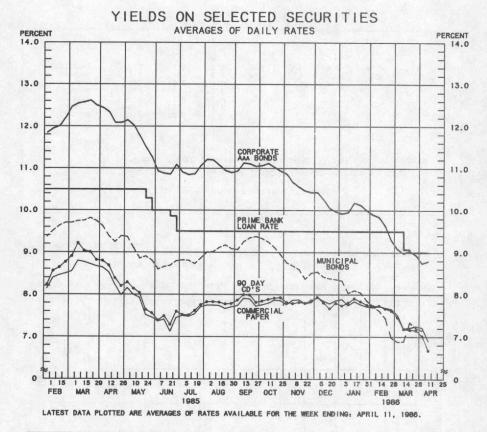


TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS IS THE SUM OF DEMAND DEPOSITS AND OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.

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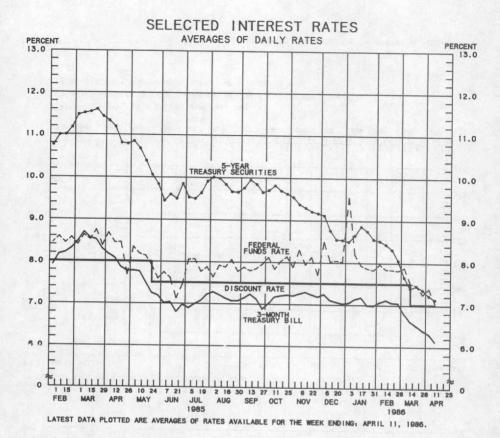


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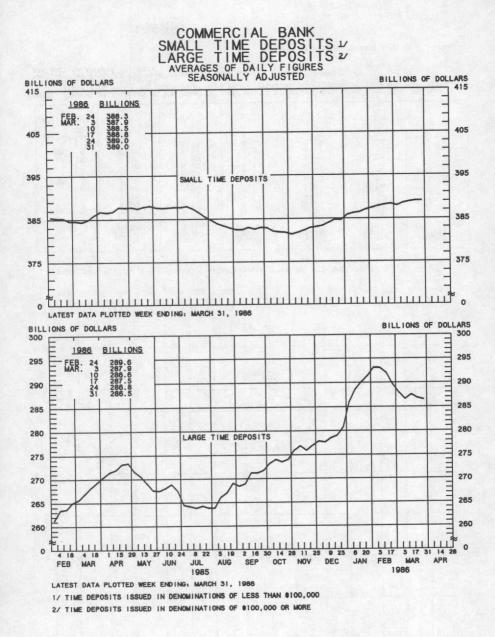
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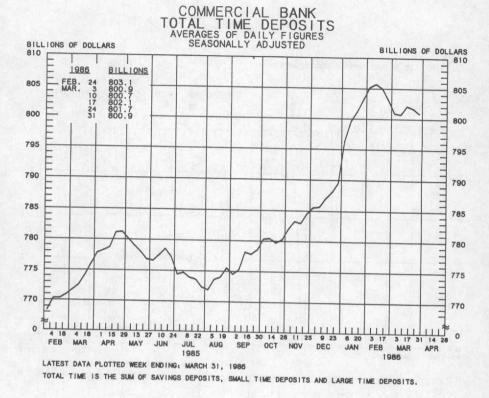
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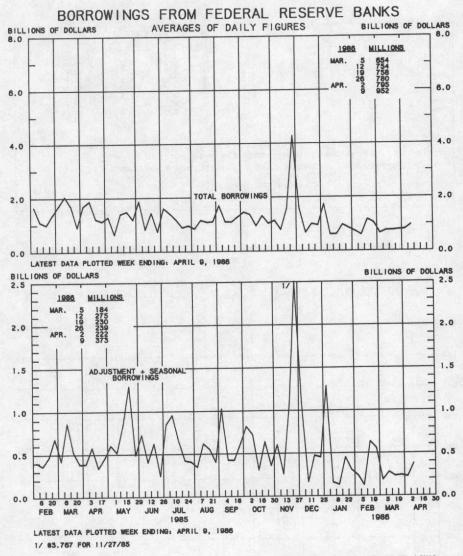


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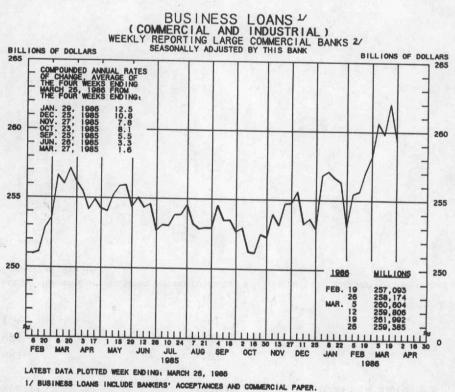
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2/ BANKS WITH DOMESTIC ASSETS GREATER THAN \$1.4 BILLION

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Spread Between Rates on FRMs and ARMs and the ARM Share of New Mortgages

Period	Spread ¹	ARMs as percent of total new mortgages
1984	197	61%
1985	189	50
March 1986 ²	91	31

¹Average difference in basis points between committment interest rates on FRMs and ARMs for loans at 90 percent of sales price

²Preliminary