

The discount rate is the interest rate charged to banks and certain other financial institutions on funds borrowed from the Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve Board reduced this interest rate by 50 basis points effective Monday, April 21. At its new level of 6.50 percent, the discount rate is lower than it has been since early-May of 1978.

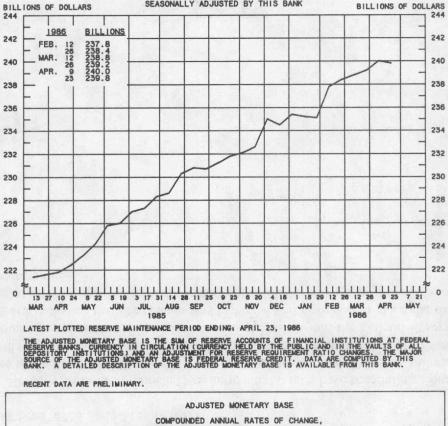
Recently, both short-term and long-term interest rates have been falling. Since the beginning of February, for example, both the 3-month Treasury bill rate and the interest rate on corporate Aaa bonds have declined by about 110 basis points (see pages 6 and 7). In announcing their decision, the Federal Reserve Board indicated that the change was technical and designed to place the discount rate in a more appropriate relationship with the prevailing level of market interest rates.

-Gary J. Santoni



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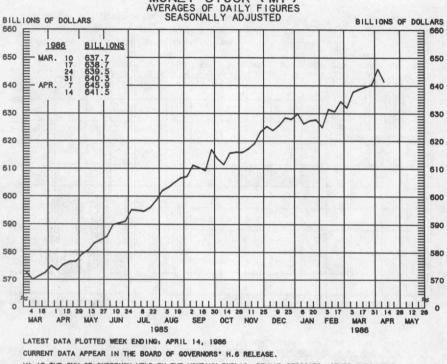
ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BY THIS BANK



AVERAGE OF TWO MAINTENANCE PERIODS ENDING:

	4/24/85	7/17/85	9/25/85	10/23/85	11/20/85	12/18/85	1/29/86	2/26/86
TO THE AVERAGE O	F							
PERIODS ENDING:								
9/25/85 10/23/85	9.5	7.2						
11/20/85	8.2	6.8	4.6					
12/18/85	8.9	8.1	7.7	9.6				
1/29/86	7.7	6.6	5.6	6.1	6.4			
2/26/86	8.6	7.9	7.6	8.5	9.4	7.5	11.0	
3/26/86 4/23/86	8.0	7.3	6.9	7.4	7.8	6.4	9.0	5.0

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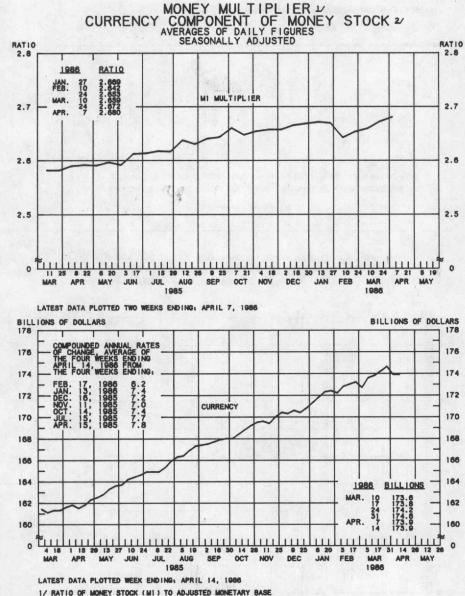


MONEY STOCK (M1) AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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TO THE AVERAGE		/10/00	9/16/85	10/14/85	11/11/85	12/16/85	1/13/86	2/17/86
OF FOUR WEEKS								
10/14/85 11/11/85 12/16/85	13.0 13.3	13.4 11.9 12.7	8.1 10.8	11.7				
2/17/86 3/17/86	11.3	11.9 10.0 10.7 10.9	10.0 7.9 9.1 9.6	10.4 7.7 9.1 9.7	11.8 7.8 9.5 10.2	3.9 7.4 8.7	7.3	14.5

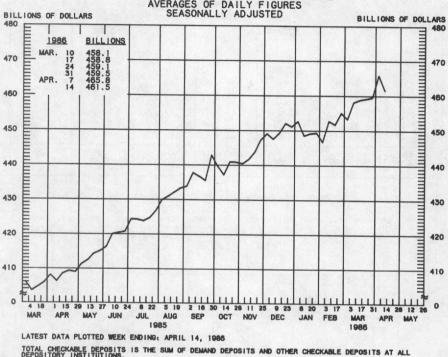
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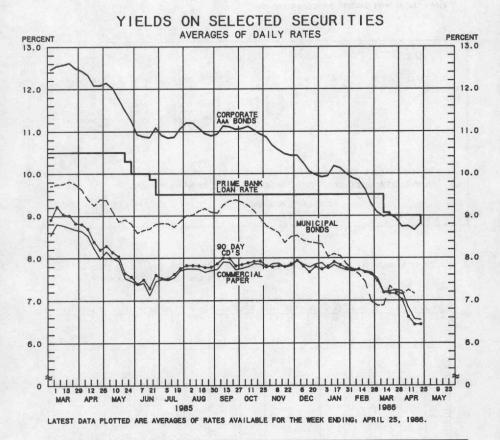
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	4/15/85				11/11/85			
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
9/16/85 10/14/85 11/11/85 12/16/85	17.2 16.2 14.8 15.4	15.5 13.3 14.5	8.5 12.4	13.2				
1/13/86 2/17/86 3/17/86	14.7 12.6 13.2	13.6	11.4 8.2	11.7 7.6	14.1 8.0	2.3		
4/14/86	13.4	11.8	9.8 10.6	9.7 10.6	10.4	7.3	6.8 9.5	17.7

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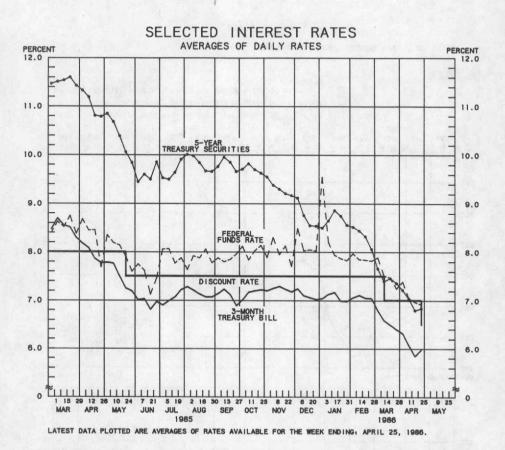
1986	90 DAY CD*S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS" ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS HER
MAR. 7 14 21 28 APR. 4 11 18 25 # MAY 2 9 16 23 30	7.46 7.19 7.17 7.16 7.02 6.62 6.62 6.44 6.44	7.52 7.20 7.22 7.25 6.83 6.55 6.55	7.29 7.08 7.05 7.03 6.82 6.48 6.32 6.42	9.08 8.98 9.03 8.94 8.74 8.75 8.66 8.81	10.59 10.50 10.50 10.42 10.28 10.24 10.13 10.04	6.88 6.89 7.34 7.15 7.15 7.15 7.16 N.A.

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS* H.15 RELEASE. # AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE BWN BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA

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1986	FEDERAL FUNDS NON	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL MORE	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
MAR. 7 14 21 28 APR. 4 11 18 25 4 MAY 25 9 16 23 30	7.89 7.52 7.47 7.25 7.39 7.05 6.97 6.92	6.79 6.49 6.39 6.31 6.07 5.84 5.97	6.87 6.54 6.55 6.43 6.32 6.17 5.93 5.87	6.76 6.57 6.46 6.27 6.03 5.85 5.97	7.66 7.40 7.46 7.36 7.22 7.04 6.80 6.84	8.35 8.17 8.20 8.01 7.66 7.62 7.42 7.57

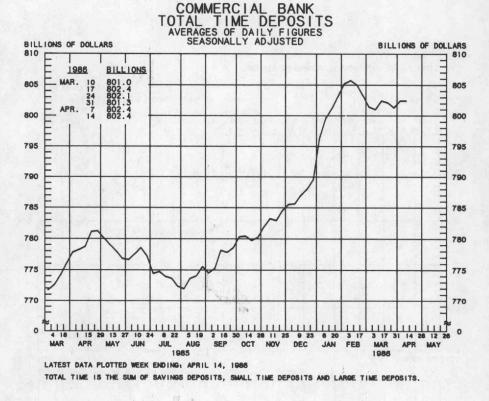
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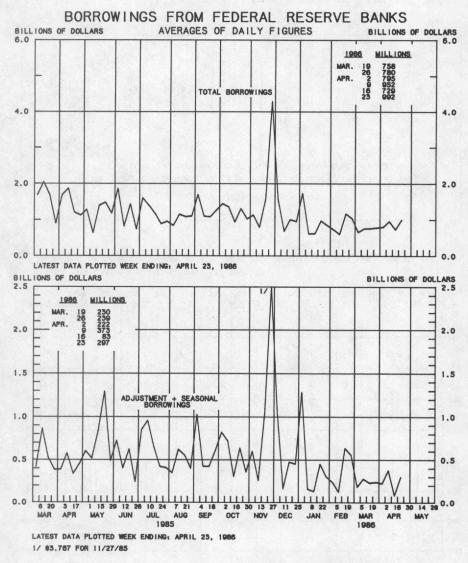
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	TOTAL TIME DEPOSITS							
	COMPOUND	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:						
	4/15/85	7/15/85	9/16/85	10/14/85	11/11/85	12/16/85	1/13/86	2/17/86
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
9/16/85 10/14/85 11/11/85	-0.6 0.4 0.8	2.2	4.7					
12/16/85 1/13/86 2/17/86	1.5 2.7 4.1	3.3 4.8 6.5	5.2 7.1 9.1	4.8 7.4 9.7	9.3	14.9		
3/17/86 4/14/86	3.4	5.2	6.9 5.9	7.0	7.8	8.6	6.4 4.5	-2.2

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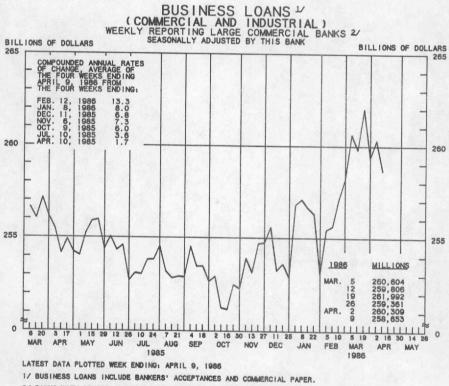


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MMDAS, MMMFS AND SUPER NOWS

(BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

February	17	\$336.7	\$248.1	\$66.9
	24	337.7	248.8	66.8
March	3	338.4	249.9	67.5
	10	339.7	252.6	69.0
	17	340.3	255.5	68.5
	24	340.5	258.7	68.1
	31	341.1	260.5	68.6
April	7	344.9	261.9	N.A.
	14	346.1	267.4	N.A.
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Money market de	eposit ac	counts at commentation and fund balances	rcial banks	



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

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