

March 21, 1991

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Consumer prices, as measured by CPI for all urban consumers, rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.7 percent in February, following an increase at a 5.5 percent rate in January. February prices were up 5.4 percent from a year earlier.
 - ✓ Consumer prices for energy items, seasonally adjusted, fell 4 percent in February, marking the third successive month of decline. Such prices were still up 6.6 percent from a year earlier.
- ✓ Consumer credit dropped \$2.4 billion on a seasonally adjusted basis, or at a 4 percent annual rate, in January, after declining \$342 million in December. This marks the first back-to-back monthly decline in such credit since January and February 1987.
- ✓ Total business inventories, seasonally adjusted, rose 0.4 percent in January, while sales fell 1.2 percent. As a result, the ratio of inventories to sales rose from 1.53 in December to 1.56 in January, the highest since January 1987.



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Adjusted Monetary Base Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars **Billions of Dollars** 340 340 1991 Billions 327.4 329.5 331.5 333.2 332.0 336.3 Jan 9 23 20 20 20 20 Feb 330 330 Mar 320 320 310 310 300 300 0 0 17 31 14 28 14 28 11 25 3 9 23 6 20 4 18 1 15 29 12 26 10 24 7 21 5 19 2 16 30 13 27 13 27 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Dec Aug Nov Sep Oct Jan Feb Mar 1990 1991

Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: March 20, 1991

The adjusted monetary base is the sum of reserve accounts of financial institutions at Federal Reserve banks, currency in circulation (currency held by the public and in the vauits of all depository institutions) and 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.

Recent data are preliminary.

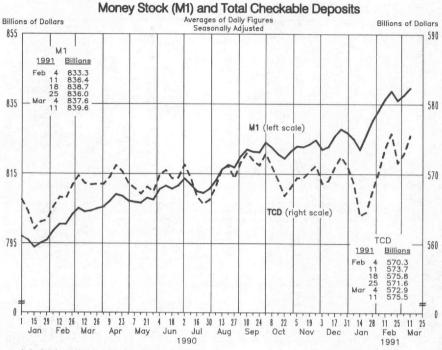
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8/22/90	7.6							
9/19/90	8.9	11.5						
10/17/90	8.8	10.7	12.2					
11/14/90	8.1	9.2	9.0	5.5				
12/26/90	8.2	9.2	9.0	7.0	6.5			
1/23/91	10.1	11.7	12.7	11.9	13.0	17.2		
2/20/91	10.6	12.2	13.3	12.7	13.8	17.1	23.4	
3/20/91	10.4	11.7	12.5	11.9	12.5	14.8	17.8	11.8









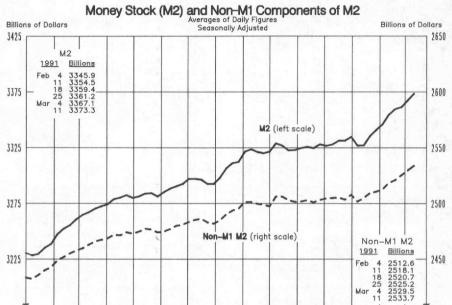
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Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks.

Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

			Money	Stock (N	11)			
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8/13/90	2.7							
9/10/90	4.0	4.9						
10/8/90	4.2	5.0	8.3					
11/12/90	3.4	3.6	4.7	1.8				
12/10/90	3.4	3.5	4.2	2.1	0.7			
1/14/91	3.3	3.3	3.9	2.2	1.4	2.7		
2/11/91	3.8	4.1	4.8	3.6	3.3	4.9	5.9	
3/11/91	4.3	4.7	5.5	4.7	4.6	6.2	7.3	10.3



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M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, money market deposit accounts, savings and small time deposits, and general purpose and broker/dealer money market mutual funds. For more detail, see the H.6 release.

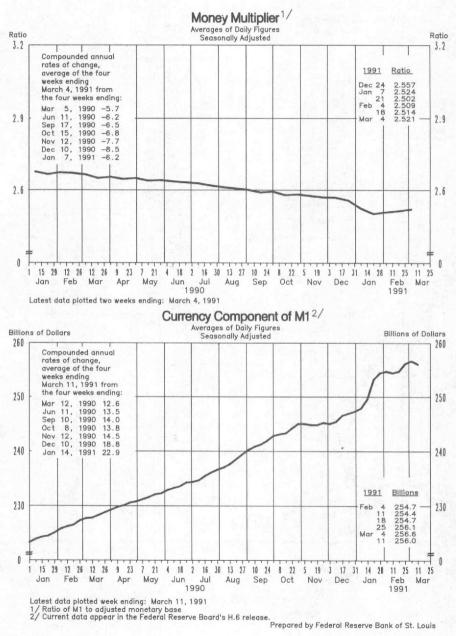
Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	3/12/90	6/11/90	8/13/90	9/10/90	10/8/90	11/12/90	12/10/90	1/14/91
8/13/90	2.6							
9/10/90	3.4	4.0						
10/8/90	3.3	3.6	5.1					
11/12/90	2.8	2.8	3.3	1.2				
12/10/90	2.7	2.6	2.8	1.2	0.7			
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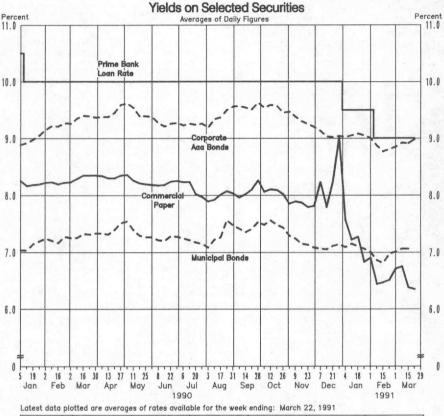








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1991	90-Day CDs	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Dec 28	8.13	9.01	7.95	9.04	10.47	7.14
Jan 4	7.35	7.57	7.08	9.02	10.38	7.09
11	7.30	7.22	7.05	9.05	10.51	7.15
18	7.33	7.27	7.13	9.08	10.51	7.10
25	6.94	6.83	6.76	9.05	10.44	7.06
Feb 1	6.84	6.90	6.67	9.00	10.34	7.00
8	6.45	6.44	6.28	8.87	10.13	6.86
15	6.44	6.47	6.30	8.77	10.00	6.81
22	6.54	6.51	6.38	8.81	10.04	6.97
Mar 1	6.71	6.71	6.52	8.85	10.09	7.01
8	6.70	6.75	6.42	8.92	10.11	7.06
15	6.35	6.38	6.14	8.91	10.05	7.06
22 *	6.37	6.35	6.20	8.98	10.15	N.A.

Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release.

* Averages of rates available

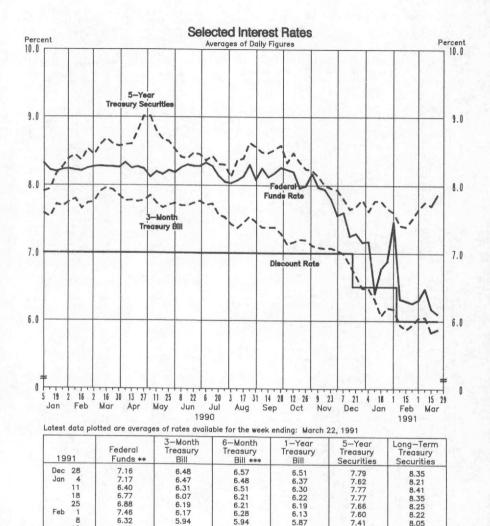
** Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

N.A. - Not Available









Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release excluding long—term Treasury securities which are computed by this bank. Treasury bill yields are on a discount basis.

5.85

5.91

6.01

6.06

5.91

5.82

5.84

5.93

6.02

6.09

5.94

6.03

* Averages of rates available

15

22

1

8

22 *

15

Mar

** Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

5.87

5.94

6.04

6.05

5.83

5.87

*** Auction average (discount)

6.29

6.26

6.31

6.47

6.17

6.10

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7.39

7.51

7.65

7.75

7.70

7.86

8.02

8.10

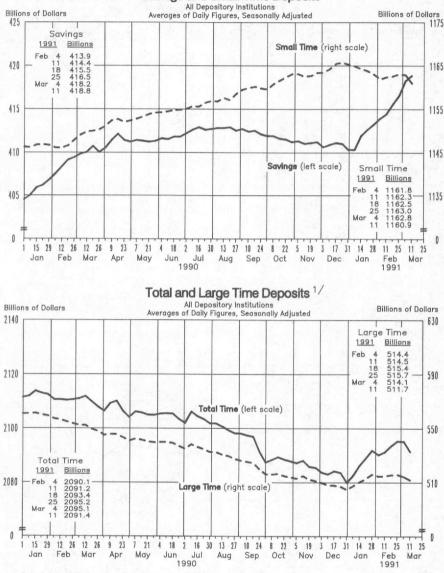
8.23

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Savings and Small Time Deposits

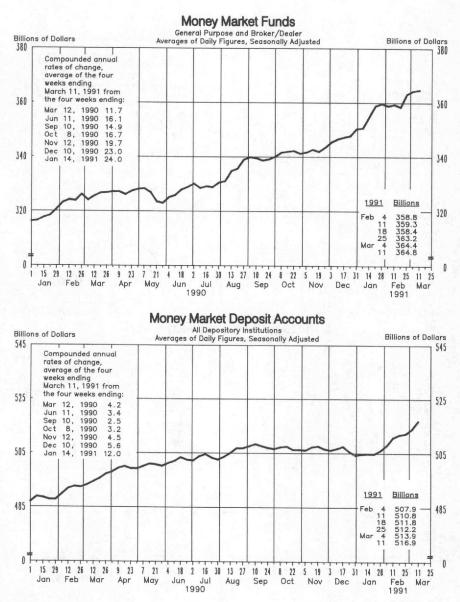


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1/ Total time is the sum of savings deposits, and small and large time deposits; where large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more.
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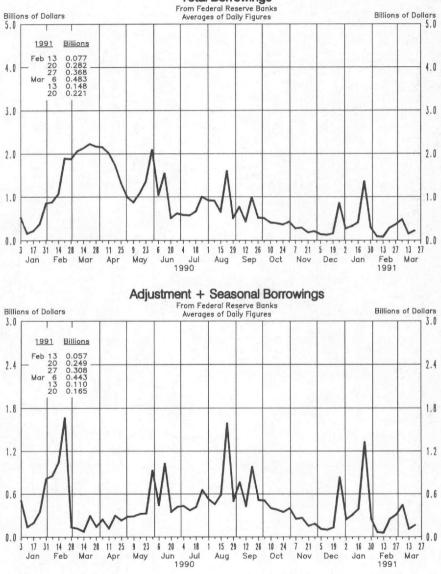


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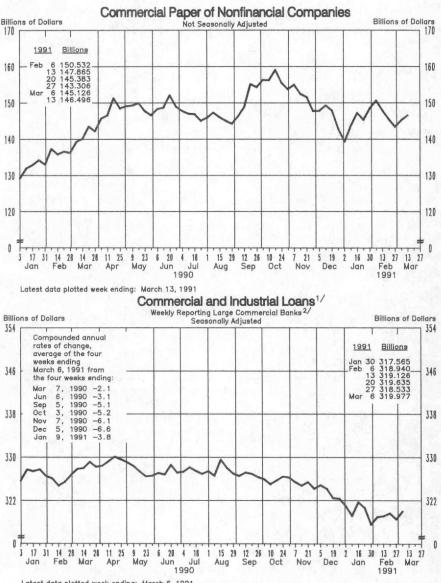
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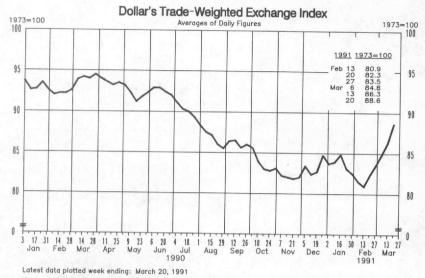
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1/ Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper.

2/ Banks with domestic assets greater than \$1.4 billion

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Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.10 release.

Data are weighted averages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.



