

## 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.
$\checkmark$ 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.
$\checkmark$ 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.


Adjusted Monetary Base


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 vaults 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 preliminory.

## Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

| $8 / 22 / 90$ | 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 | 17.2 |  |  |
| $1 / 23 / 91$ | 10.1 | 11.7 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 13.0 | 17.1 | 23.4 |  |
| $2 / 20 / 91$ | 10.6 | 12.2 | 13.3 | 12.7 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 11.8 |  |
| $3 / 20 / 91$ | 10.4 | 11.7 | 12.5 | 11.9 | 12.5 | 14.8 | 17.8 |  |

Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: March 11, 1991
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 (M1)

Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { To the average } & 3 / 12 / 90 & 6 / 11 / 90 & 8 / 13 / 90 & 9 / 10 / 90 & 10 / 8 / 90 & 11 / 12 / 90 & 12 / 10 / 90\end{array} 1 / 14 / 91$ of four weeks ending:

| $8 / 13 / 90$ | 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 | 5.9 |
| $2 / 11 / 91$ | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 7.3 |

Money Stock (M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2


Latest data plotted week ending:- March 11, 1991
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.
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)

Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:
To the average
3/12/9 of four weeks ending:

| $8 / 13 / 90$ | 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 |  |  |
| $1 / 14 / 91$ | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 3.1 |
| $2 / 11 / 91$ | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 4.7 |
| $3 / 11 / 91$ | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 4.7 |

Money Multiplier ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted two weeks ending: March 4, 1991
Currency Component of $\mathrm{M}^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: March 11, 1991
1/Ratio of M1 to adjusted monetary base
2. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.

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Yields on Selected Securities


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: March 22, 1991

| 1991 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 90-Day } \\ \text { CDs } \end{gathered}$ | 30-Day Commercial Paper | 90-Day Bankers' Acceptances | Corporate Aad 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

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Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: March 22, 1991

| 1991 |  | Federal Funds ** | 3-Month Treasury Bill | 6-Month Treasury Bill *** | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | Long-Term Treasury Securities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dec Jan |  | 7.16 | 6.48 | 6.57 | 6.51 | 7.79 | 8.35 |
|  | 4 | 7.17 | 6.47 | 6.48 | 6.37 | 7.62 | 8.21 |
|  | 11 | 6.40 | 6.31 | 6.51 | 6.30 | 7.77 | 8.41 |
|  | 18 | 6.77 | 6.07 | 6.21 | 6.22 | 7.77 | 8.35 |
|  | 25 | 6.88 | 6.19 | 6.21 | 6.19 | 7.66 | 8.25 |
| Feb | 1 | 7.46 | 6.17 | 6.28 | 6.13 | 7.60 | 8.22 |
|  | 8 | 6.32 | 5.94 | 5.94 | 5.87 | 7.41 | 8.05 |
|  | 15 | 6.29 | 5.87 | 5.85 | 5.84 | 7.39 | 8.02 |
|  | 22 | 6.26 | 5.94 | 5.91 | 5.93 | 7.51 | 8.10 |
| Mar | 1 | 6.31 | 6.04 | 6.01 | 6.02 | 7.65 | 8.23 |
|  | 8 | 6.47 | 6.05 | 6.06 | 6.09 | 7.75 | 8.35 |
|  | 15 | 6.17 | 5.83 | 5.91 | 5.94 | 7.70 | 8.31 |
|  | $22^{*}$ | 6.10 | 5.87 | 5.82 | 6.03 | 7.86 | 8.45 |

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.

* Averages of rates available
** Seven-day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown
*** Auction average (discount)
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## Savings and Small Time Deposits



Total and Large Time Deposits ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: March 11, 1991
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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Money Market Funds


## Money Market Deposit Accounts



Latest data plotted week ending: March 11, 1991

Total Borrowings
From Federal Reserve Banks


Adjustment + Seasonal Borrowings


Latest data plotted week ending: March 20, 1991
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies


Latest data plotted week ending: March 13, 1991
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: March 6, 1991
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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Dollar's Trade-Weighted Exchange Index


Latest data plotted week ending: March 20, 1991
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.
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