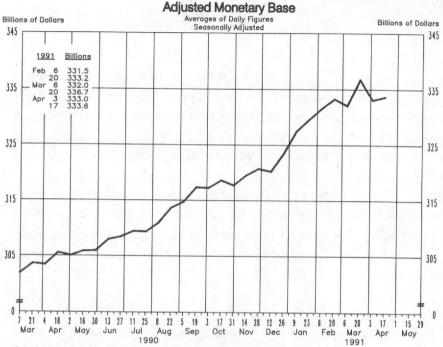


THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ The money stock, as measured by seasonally adjusted M2, rose at a 5.5 percent annual rate from the four-week period ending December 17, 1990, to the latest four-week period. M2 rose 5.8 percent during the same period a year earlier.
- ✓ The trade-weighted foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollar rose 14.9 percent from the week ending February 13 to the week ending April 24.
- ✓ Orders for durable goods dropped 6.2 percent in March to a seasonally adjusted \$110.3 billion, the lowest level since August 1987. This decline in orders, the fourth in the last five months, follows a revised 0.2 percent decline in February to \$117.6 billion.
- ✓ The U.S. federal budget deficit in March was \$40.85 billion, up considerably from the \$26.18 billion deficit in February but below the \$53.32 billion deficit a year ago. The total deficit from October 1990 through March was \$151.64 billion, compared with \$150.84 billion for the same period a year earlier.



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Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: April 17, 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 preliminary.

Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compound 4/18/90	led annual 7/11/90	rates of c 9/19/90	hange, ave 10/17/90	rage of two 11/14/90	0 maintena 12/12/90	nce period 1/23/91	s ending: 2/20/91
9/19/90	9.2							
10/17/90	9.0	11.3						
11/14/90	8.2	9.3	5.5					
12/12/90	8.1	9.1	6.3	5.4				
1/23/91	10.4	12.1	11.9	13.0	17.2			
2/20/91	10.9	12.7	12.7	13.8	17.1	20.9		
3/20/91	10.7	12.1	12.0	12.7	15.0	17.1	12.3	
4/17/91	9.5	10.4	9.7	9.9	11.3	12.0	6.5	1.8

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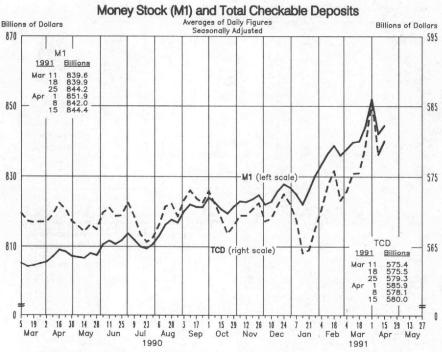
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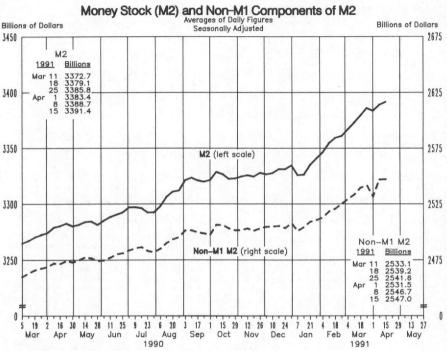
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Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

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 (M	11)			
To the average of four weeks ending:	Com 4/16/90	7/16/90	annual rate 9/17/90	es of chang 10/15/90	e, average 11/12/90	of four we 12/17/90	eks endin 1/14/91	g: 2/18/9
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10/15/90	3.9	5.2	Y.					
11/12/90	3.2	3.8	1.3					
12/17/90	3.2	3.6	1.9	1.2				
1/14/91	3.1	3.4	2.0	1.6	2.7			
2/18/91	4.1	4.8	4.3	4.5	6.1	7.9		
3/18/91	4.3	4.9	4.5	4.7	6.0	7.2	9.4	
4/15/91	4.8	5.6	5.5	5.8	7.0	8.3	10.2	8.8



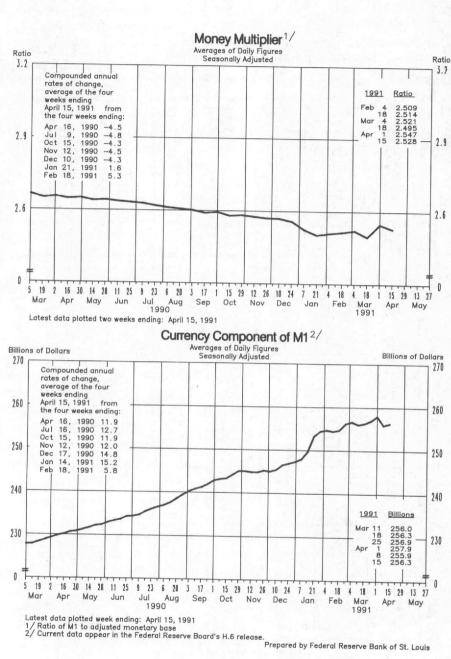
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M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, money market deposit accounts, savings and small time deposits, and general purpose and broker/dealer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

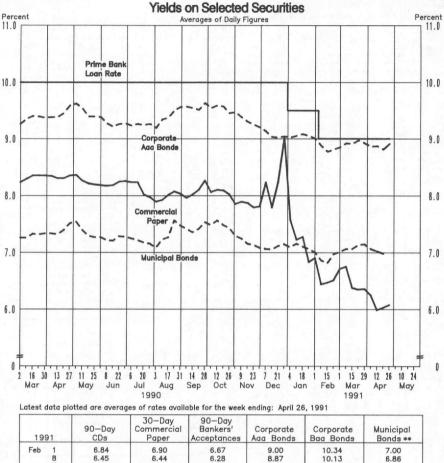
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9/17/90	3.1							
10/15/90	2.9	3.5						
11/12/90	2.5	2.6	0.9					
12/17/90	2.4	2.4	1.1	0.7				
1/14/91	2.2	2.1	0.9	0.6	1.0			
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3/18/91	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.3	4.1	5.1	7.2	
4/15/91	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.6	5.5	7.1	7.4





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1991		90—Day CDs	Commercial Paper	Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
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	6.35	6.35	6.19	8.97	10.13	7.13
	29	6.31	6.36	6.14	8.92	10.06	7.14
Apr	5	6.18	6.25	6.02	8.86	9.98	7.06
	12	6.00	5.99	5.88	8.87	9.96	7.02
	19	6.00	6.03	5.89	8.81	9.93	6.98
	26 *	6.10	6.08	5.94	8.91	9.98	N.A.

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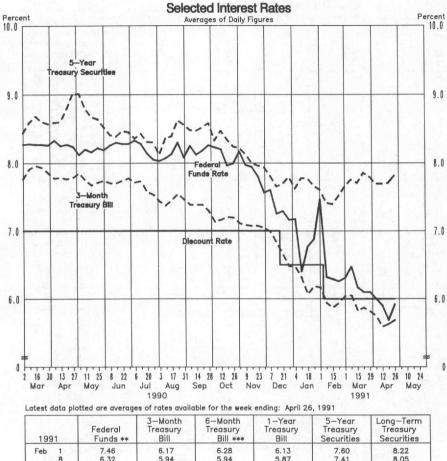
* Averages of rates available

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

N.A. - Not Available







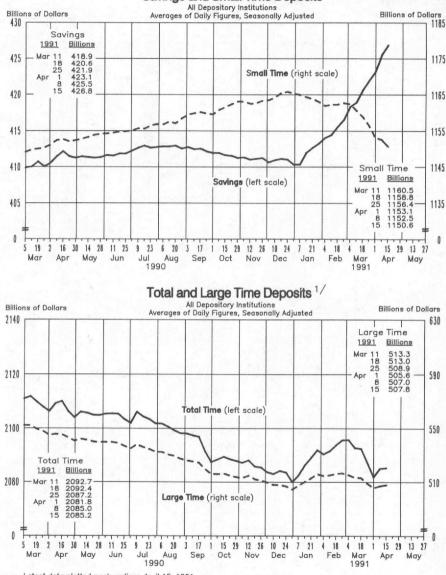
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	8	6.32	5.94	5.94	5.87	7.41	8.05
	15	6.29	5.87	5.85	5.84	7.39	8.02
	22	6.26	5.94	5.91	5.93	7.51	8.10
Mar	1	6.31	6.04	6.01	6.02	7.65	8.23
	8	6.47	6.05	6.06	6.09	7.75	8.35
	15	6.17	5.83	5.91	5.94	7.70	8.31
	22	6.10	5.87	5.82	6.01	7.85	8.43
	29	6.10	5.82	5.84	5.94	7.79	8.35
Apr	5	6.00	5.75	5.79	5.87	7.69	8.27
	12	5.90	5.59	5.68	5.84	7.69	8.27
	19	5.69	5.63	5.67	5.87	7.70	8.20
	26 *	5.92	5.69	5.79	5.88	7.81	8.31

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)

Savings and Small Time Deposits



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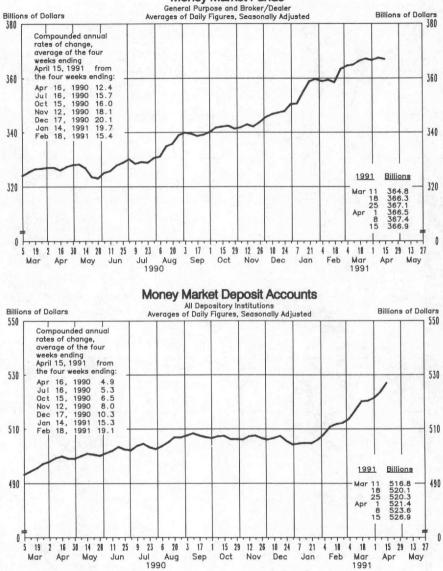
1/ Total time is the sum of savings deposits, and small and large time deposits; where large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more.
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Money Market Funds

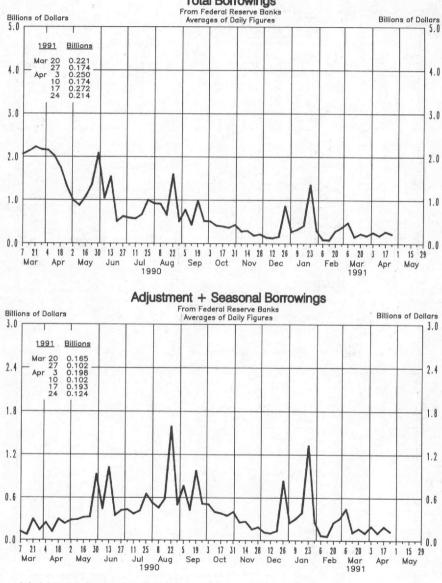


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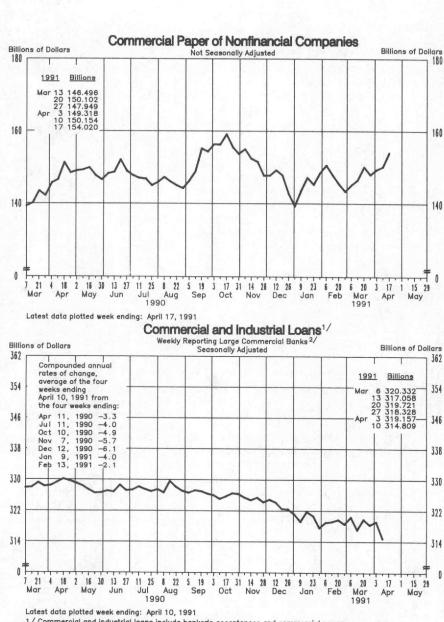


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Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper.
 Banks with domestic assets greater than \$1.4 billion

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

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