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## August 15, 1991

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ The consumer price index (CPI-U) rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.7 percent in July. Excluding food and energy, both of which registered declines in July, the CPI-U rose at a 4.3 percent rate.
$\checkmark$ Privately owned housing starts were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $1,070,000$ units in July, slightly higher than the revised June estimate of $1,032,000$. Thus far in 1991, there have been 591,400 housing starts, 23 percent lower than the 763,800 started during the same period last year.

Retail sales increased at a seasonally adjusted 6 percent annual rate in July, after rising at a 1.7 percent rate in June. Retail sales data are not adjusted for inflation.

Sales of durable goods rose at an 8.6 percent annual rate in July, up from a 3.1 percent rate increase in June, while sales of nondurable goods rose at a 4.5 percent rate, up from a 1 percent rate of increase in June.


Adjusted Monetary Base


Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: August 7, 1991
The adjusted monetary base is the sum of reserve accounts of fingncial 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
Recent data are preliminary.

## Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: two maintenance periods ending:

| $1 / 9 / 91$ | 12.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $2 / 6 / 91$ | 13.6 | 15.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 6 / 91$ | 12.9 | 13.6 | 15.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $4 / 3 / 91$ | 12.5 | 12.9 | 13.4 | 9.0 |  |  |  |  |
| $5 / 1 / 91$ | 10.5 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 0.5 |  |  |
| $6 / 12 / 91$ | 9.6 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 4.9 |  |  |
| $7 / 10 / 91$ | 9.3 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 6.0 | 7.2 |
| $8 / 7 / 91$ | 9.3 | 8.5 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 6.0 |  |

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Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: August 5, 1991
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.
$M 1$ 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)

To the average of four weeks ending:

| $1 / 7 / 91$ | 4.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2 / 4 / 91$ | 4.3 | 3.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 4 / 91$ | 5.8 | 6.2 | 9.0 |  |  |  |  |
| $4 / 8 / 91$ | 6.3 | 6.9 | 9.2 | 12.2 |  |  |  |
| $5 / 6 / 91$ | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 4.6 |  |  |
| $6 / 3 / 91$ | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 7.1 | 5.6 | 11.1 |
| $7 / 8 / 91$ | 6.5 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 9.1 |
| $8 / 5 / 91$ | 6.4 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 9.1 |

Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: $\begin{array}{lllllllll}8 / 6 / 90 & 11 / 5 / 90 & 1 / 7 / 91 & 2 / 4 / 91^{2} & 3 / 4 / 91 & 4 / 8 / 91 & 5 / 6 / 91 & 6 / 3 / 91\end{array}$ 4.
7.7
7.2
6.5

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


Latest data plotted week ending: August 5, 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.


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Latest data plotted two weeks ending: August 5, 1991
Currency Component of $\mathrm{M}^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: August 5, 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
Percent
Averages of Daily Figures
Percent


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: August 16, 1991

| 1991 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 90-Day } \\ \text { CDs } \end{gathered}$ | 30-Day Commercial Paper |  | Corporate Aad Bonds | Corporate Baa Bonds | Municipal Bonds |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May 24 | 5.91 | 5.91 | 5.76 | 8.86 | 9.89 | 6.98 |
| 31 | 5.90 | 5.91 | 5.76 | 8.87 | 9.85 | 6.97 |
| Jun 7 | 6.07 | 6.02 | 5.91 | 8.93 | 9.92 | 7.06 |
| 14 | 6.12 | 6.10 | 5.98 | 9.01 | 10.00 | 7.19 |
| 21 | 6.03 | 6.05 | 5.93 | 9.05 | 9.98 | 7.15 |
| 28 | 6.05 | 6.08 | 5.94 | 9.04 | 9.95 | 7.13 |
| Jul 5 | 6.04 | 6.06 | 5.93 | 9.04 | 9.91 | 7.10 |
| 12 | 6.02 | 6.02 | 5.92 | 9.04 | 9.96 | 7.07 |
| 19 | 5.97 | 5.96 | 5.90 | 8.99 | 9.92 | 7.04 |
| 26 | 5.94 | 5.93 | 5.83 | 8.97 | 9.84 | 7.00 |
| Aug 2 | 5.90 | 5.92 | 5.80 | 8.93 | 9.80 | 6.99 |
| 9 | 5.69 | 5.73 | 5.56 | 8.82 | 9.69 | 6.94 |
| 16 * | 5.64 | 5.69 | 5.51 | 8.77 | 9.68 | 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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Selected Interest Rates


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: August 16, 1991

| 1991 |  | Federal Funds ** | 3-Month <br> Treasury Bill | 6-Month Treasury Bill *** | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | Long-Term Treasury Securities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May <br> Jun |  | 5.79 | 5.44 | 5.66 | 5.77 | 7.73 | 8.34 |
|  | 31 | 5.72 | 5.46 | 5.65 | 5.76 | 7.66 | 8.31 |
|  | 7 | 5.91 | 5.58 | 5.71 | 5.92 | 7.86 | 8.44 |
|  | 14 | 5.75 | 5.58 | 5.78 | 6.00 | 7.97 | 8.54 |
|  | 21 | 5.78 | 5.58 | 5.79 | 5.97 | 7.95 | 8.54 |
|  | 28 | 5.79 | 5.56 | 5.76 | 5.96 | 7.96 | 8.53 |
| Aug | 5 | 6.34 | 5.58 | 5.71 | 6.00 | 7.95 | 8.49 |
|  | 12 | 5.79 | 5.57 | 5.71 | 5.90 | 7.97 | 8.52 |
|  | 19 | 5.85 5.75 | 5.59 | 5.70 | 5.92 | 7.92 | 8.49 |
|  | 26 | 5.75 | 5.58 | 5.72 | 5.90 | 7.87 | 8.45 |
|  | 2 | 5.79 5.78 | 5.53 | 5.69 | 5.81 | 7.76 | 8.37 |
|  | 15* | 5.83 | 5.40 | 5.59 | 5.54 | 7.54 | 8.22 |
|  | 16* | 5.62 | 5.30 | 5.39 | 5.43 | 7.44 | 8.16 |

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: August 5, 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: August 5, 1991
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## Total Borrowings



Adjustment + Seasonal Borrowings


Latest data plotted week ending: August 14, 1991
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies


Latest data plotted week ending: August 7, 1991
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: July 31, 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: August 14, 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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