

## January 9, 1992

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ New jobless claims for the week ending December 28 totaled 458,000, up 22,000 from the previous week. The 1991 peak of 543,000 occurred during the week ending March 23.
$\checkmark$ Total sales of cars and light trucks, domestic and foreign, rose 2.7 percent in December. Sales totaled 12.3 million vehicles in 1991, compared with 13.9 million vehicles in 1990.
$\checkmark$ The producer price index (PPI) declined at a 2.9 percent annual rate in December, after increasing at a 2 percent rate in November. For the year ending December 1991, the PPI fell 0.1 percent, compared with a 5.9 percent increase during 1990.
$\checkmark$ Construction spending in November declined at an 8.7 percent annual rate, after increasing at a 7.3 percent rate in October. The November spending level was 5.8 percent below that of a year ago.
$\checkmark$ Consumer credit was unchanged in November, following a rise at a 2.7 percent annual rate in October.

Adjusted Monetary Base


Latest dato plotted reserve maintenance period ending: January 8, 1992
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
gdjustment 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 Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: $\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { two maintenance } & 1 / 9 / 91 & 4 / 3 / 91 & 6 / 12 / 91 & 7 / 10 / 91 & 8 / 7 / 91 & 9 / 4 / 91 & 10 / 2 / 91 & 11 / 13 / 91\end{array}$ periods ending:

| $6 / 12 / 91$ | 7.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $7 / 10 / 91$ | 7.1 | 2.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 7 / 91$ | 7.3 | 3.5 | 7.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 4 / 91$ | 7.2 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |
| $10 / 2 / 91$ | 7.7 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 9.2 |  |  |  |
| $11 / 13 / 91$ | 7.4 | 5.2 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 8.0 |  |  |
| $12 / 11 / 91$ | 7.3 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.0 |  |
| $1 / 8 / 92$ | 7.3 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 7.2 |

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Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: December 30, 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 (N) |  |  |  |  |
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| Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: <br> To the average $12 / 31 / 904 / 1 / 91 \quad 5 / 27 / 91 \quad 7 / 1 / 91 \quad 7 / 29 / 91 \quad 9 / 2 / 91 \quad 9 / 30 / 91 \quad 10 / 28 / 91$ of four weeks ending: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/27/91 | 7.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7/1/91 | 8.3 | 7.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7/29/91 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/2/91 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 4.6 |  |  |  |  |
| 9/30/91 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 7.4 |  |  |  |
| 10/28/91 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 9.9 |  |  |
| 12/2/91 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 12.4 | 14.9 |  |
| 12/30/91 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 12.8 |

Adjusted Reserves


Latest data plotted two weeks ending: December 25, 1991

Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

## Adjusted Reserves

Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: $12 / 26 / 90 \quad 3 / 20 / 91 \quad 5 / 29 / 91 \quad 6 / 26 / 91 \quad 7 / 24 / 91 \quad 8 / 21 / 91 \quad 9 / 18 / 91 \quad 10 / 30 / 91$ To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

| $5 / 29 / 91$ | 8.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $6 / 26 / 91$ | 8.9 | 5.3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $7 / 24 / 91$ | 7.9 | 4.5 | 7.7 |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 21 / 91$ | 6.7 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| $9 / 18 / 91$ | 8.8 | 6.8 | 9.9 | 8.5 | 12.0 |  |  |
| $10 / 30 / 91$ | 6.9 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 7.4 |  |
| $11 / 27 / 91$ | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 7.7 | 0.6 |
| $12 / 25 / 91$ | 7.9 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 5.6 |

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Money Multiplier ${ }^{1 /}$


Currency Component of M1 ${ }^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: December 30, 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


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


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


Latest data plotted week ending: December 30, 1991
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.
$M 2$ 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, savings (including money market deposít accounts), 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: $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { To the average } & 12 / 31 / 90 & 4 / 1 / 91 & 5 / 27 / 91 & 7 / 1 / 91 & 7 / 29 / 91 & 9 / 2 / 91 & 9 / 30 / 91 \\ 10 & 10 / 28 / 91\end{array}$ of four weeks ending:

| $5 / 27 / 91$ | 5.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $7 / 1 / 91$ | 4.6 | 3.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $7 / 29 / 91$ | 3.4 | 1.4 | -0.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 2 / 91$ | 2.8 | 1.0 | -0.6 | -2.2 |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 30 / 91$ | 2.5 | 0.7 | -0.5 | -1.6 | -0.5 |  |  |  |
| $10 / 28 / 91$ | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0.1 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 1.3 |  |  |
| $12 / 2 / 91$ | 2.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 3.7 |  |
| $12 / 30 / 91$ | 2.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 |

## Savings and Money Market Funds



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


Latest data plotted week ending: December 30, 1991
1/ Large time deposits are those issued in demoninations of $\$ 100,000$ or more.
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Total Borrowings


Adjustment + Seasonal Borrowings


Latest data plotted week ending: January 8, 1992
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies


Latest data plotted weak ending: January 1, 1992
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: December 25, 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：January 8， 1992
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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