

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ The composite index of leading economic indicators decreased 0.3 percent in December, marking the second consecutive monthly decline after a slight 0.1 percent increase in October.
$\checkmark$ Construction spending declined at a 2.9 percent annual rate in December. This followed a 5.4 percent rate of decline in November. Compared with a year earlier, December construction spending was down 3.3 percent.
$\checkmark$ New home sales declined 6.6 percent in December, after increasing in two of the previous three months. For all of 1991, sales were down 5.2 percent from 1990.
$\checkmark$ Output per hour (productivity) in the business sector rose at a 1.5 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter and was up at a 1.3 percent rate during the last two quarters. Fourth-quarter productivity was at its highest level since early 1988.

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## Adjusted Monetary Base



Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: February 5, 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 voults 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 Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: two maintenance periods ending:

| $7 / 10 / 91$ | 4.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $8 / 7 / 91$ | 5.1 | 6.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 4 / 91$ | 5.2 | 6.1 | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |
| $10 / 2 / 91$ | 6.0 | 7.2 | 9.1 | 9.2 |  |  |  |
| $10 / 30 / 91$ | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 8.3 |  |  |
| $12 / 11 / 91$ | 6.0 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 6.0 |  |
| $1 / 8 / 92$ | 6.2 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 7.5 |
| $2 / 5 / 92$ | 7.4 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 10.0 | 11.6 |

Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: January 27, 1992
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)

| To the average | Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| of four weeks | $1 / 28 / 91$ | $4 / 29 / 91$ | $6 / 24 / 91$ | ending:


| $6 / 24 / 91$ | 9.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $7 / 29 / 91$ | 8.3 | 8.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 26 / 91$ | 8.6 | 9.1 | 6.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 30 / 91$ | 8.1 | 8.2 | 6.2 | 7.4 |  |  |  |  |
| $10 / 28 / 91$ | 8.6 | 8.9 | 7.7 | 9.1 | 8.6 |  |  |  |
| $11 / 25 / 91$ | 9.0 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 13.2 |  |  |
| $12 / 30 / 91$ | 9.4 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 12.9 | 12.8 |  |
| $1 / 27 / 92$ | 10.0 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 14.5 |

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Adjusted Reserves


Latest dato plotted two weeks ending: January 22, 1992
Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

## Adjusted Reserves

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To the average of Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:
two maintenance
periods ending:
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| $6 / 26 / 91$ | 0.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $7 / 24 / 91$ | 1.0 | 13.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 21 / 91$ | 0.7 | 10.1 | 0.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 18 / 91$ | 3.5 | 13.1 | 8.5 | 12.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10 / 16 / 91$ | 1.4 | 8.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 4.2 |  |  |  |  |
| $11 / 27 / 91$ | 2.9 | 9.1 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 7.7 | 0.6 |  |  |  |
| $12 / 25 / 91$ | 4.1 | 10.1 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 5.6 | 15.2 |  |  |
| $1 / 22 / 92$ | 6.7 | 13.1 | 11.2 | 12.7 | 15.6 | 13.0 | 22.6 | 30.7 |  |

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


Latest data plotted week ending: January 27, 1992
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


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: February 7, 1992

| 1991 |  | Federal Funds ** | 3-Month Treasury Bill | 6-Month Treasury Bill *** | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | Long-Term Treasury Securities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov | 15 | 4.74 | 4.62 | 4.71 | 4.70 | 6.64 | 7.74 |
|  | 22 | 4.89 | 4.49 | 4.62 | 4.57 | 6.56 | 7.81 |
|  | 29 | 4.68 | 4.39 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 6.54 | 7.84 |
| Dec | 6 | 4.79 | 4.32 | 4.39 | 4.38 | 6.34 | 7.71 |
|  | 13 | 4.54 | 4.16 | 4.20 | 4.23 | 6.25 | 7.65 |
|  | 20 | 4.49 | 4.03 | 4.19 | 4.14 | 6.21 | 7.59 |
|  | 27 | 4.22 | 3.81 | 3.85 | 3.97 | 6.00 | 7.38 |
| Jan | 3 | 4.19 | 3.87 | 3.91 | 3.93 | 5.98 | 7.30 |
|  | 10 | 4.19 | 3.77 | 3.86 | 3.87 | 6.01 | 7.27 |
|  | 17 | 4.01 | 3.81 | 3.87 | 3.98 | 6.34 | 7.47 |
|  | 24 | 3.87 | 3.77 | 3.84 | 3.95 | 6.32 | 7.56 |
|  | 31 | 4.01 | 3.84 | 3.93 | 4.02 | 6.41 | 7.65 |
| Feb | 7 | 4.17 | 3.84 | 3.93 | 4.01 | 6.46 | 7.69 |

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 dato plotted week ending: January 27, 1992
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, savings (including money market deposit 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)

To the average Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { of four weeks } & 1 / 28 / 91 & 4 / 29 / 91 & 6 / 24 / 91 & 7 / 29 / 91 & 8 / 26 / 91 & 9 / 30 / 91\end{array} 10 / 28 / 91 \quad 11 / 25 / 91$ ending:

| $6 / 24 / 91$ | 5.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $7 / 29 / 91$ | 3.8 | 1.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 26 / 91$ | 3.3 | 0.9 | -1.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 30 / 91$ | 2.7 | 0.5 | -1.3 | -0.5 |  |  |  |  |
| $10 / 28 / 91$ | 2.9 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 |  |  |  |
| $11 / 25 / 91$ | 3.1 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 5.1 |  |  |
| $12 / 30 / 91$ | 3.1 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 2.3 |
| $1 / 27 / 92$ | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.3 |

[^0]Savings and Money Market Funds


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


Latest data platted week ending: January 27, 1992
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: February 5, 1992
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

## Billions of Dollars

Not Seasonally Adjusted
Billions of Dollars


Latest data plotted week ending: January 29, 1992
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$
Weekly Reporting Large Commercial Banks ${ }^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: January 22, 1992
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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Latest data plotted week ending: February 5, 1992
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H .10 release.
Dato are weighted averages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.

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