

# THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- The M1 money stock grew at a 14 percent annual rate from September 1991 to the four-week period ending April 13, 1992, up sharply from a 7.5 percent rate of increase during the first nine months of 1991.
- Privately owned housing starts in March rose 6.4 percent to an annual rate of 1.365 million units. This follows an 8.7 percent rise in February and represents a 48.7 percent increase from the level of starts in March 1991.
- New orders for durable goods fell 1.6 percent in March, after virtually no change in February. Orders for durable goods in the first quarter were 4.7 percent above the level of orders in the first quarter of 1991.

The federal budget balance posted a deficit of \$49.4 billion in March, following a deficit of \$48.8 billion in February. The deficit total of \$196.9 billion thus far this fiscal year compares with a deficit of \$152.2 billion for the same period in 1991.

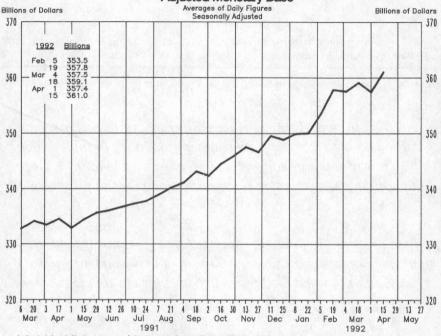
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Adjusted Monetary Base



Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: April 15, 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 values 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:	4/17/91	7/10/91	9/18/91	10/16/91	11/13/91	o maintenai 12/11/91	1/8/92	2/19/92
9/18/91	5.8							
10/16/91	5.7	7.4						
11/13/91	6.7	8.6	9.1					
12/11/91	6.5	8.0	7.8	9.2				
1/8/92	6.4	7.6	7.1	7.8	5.2			
2/19/92	7.7	9.2	9.7	10.7	10.0	11.9		
3/18/92	7.9	9.3	9.7	10.6	10.0	11.3	14.0	
4/15/92	7.5	8.7	8.8	9.4	8.7	9.5	10.8	6.6





#### Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars **Billions of Dollars** 970 690 M1 1992 Billions 950 Mar 9 939.5 670 939.5 942.9 938.3 935.3 940.7 939.6 16 23 30 6 Apr 930 650 630 910 TCD (right scale) 890 610 -1 M1 (left scale) 870 590 TCD 1992 Billions 659.6 663.0 658.3 655.5 660.1 658.2 Mar 9 16 23 30 850 570 6 13 Apr 17 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 Feb Mar 830 8 22 5 19 2 16 30 14 28 11 25 9 23 6 20 3 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan 18 1 15 29 13 27 10 24 Aug Feb Mar Apr May Jun Mar Apr May 1991 1992

# Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

Latest data plotted week ending: April 13, 1992

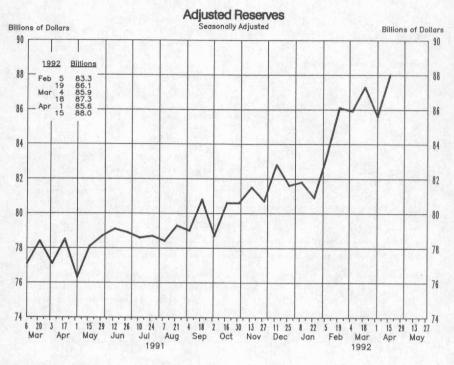
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

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 of four weeks ending:	4/15/91	7/15/91	9/16/91	es of chang 10/14/91	11/11/91	12/16/91	1/13/92	2/10/92
9/16/91	7.5							
10/14/91	7.6	7.9						
11/11/91	8.6	9.7	11.7					
12/16/91	9.2	10.5	12.3	14.2				
1/13/92	9.2	10.3	11.6	12.7	11.5			
2/10/92	10.7	12.3	14.3	15.8	15.9	17.6		
3/16/92	12.1	14.0	16.2	17.7	18.2	20.2	25.3	
4/13/92	11.2	12.5	14.0	14.9	14.8	15.3	17.2	13.3



Latest data plotted two weeks ending: April 15, 1992

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

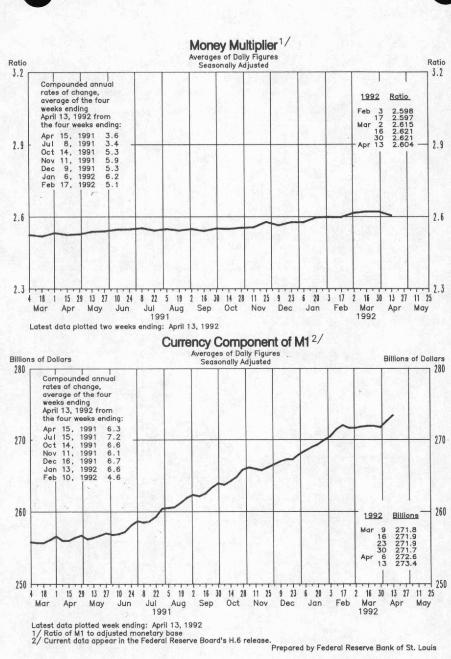
### **Adjusted Reserves**

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9/18/91	6.5							
10/16/91	4.9	4.3						
11/13/91	7.5	8.7	10.2					
12/11/91	8.0	9.2	10.7	18.4				
1/8/92	6.9	7.5	7.5	11.3	4.9			
2/19/92	10.6	12.4	14.8	19.2	17.5	19.9		
3/18/92	12.3	14.6	17.5	21.7	20.9	23.6	35.4	
4/15/92	11.6	13.4	15.4	18.6	17.4	18.7	25.2	17.3

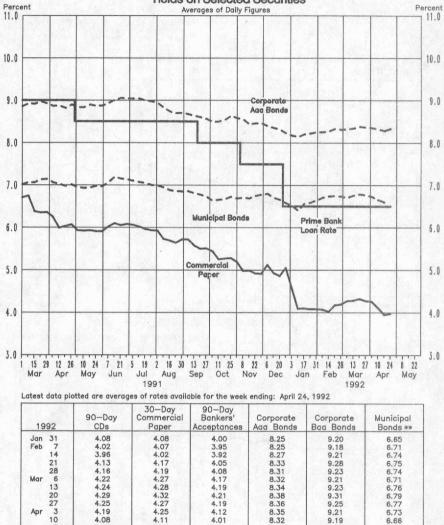
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Yields on Selected Securities



3.84

3.89

8.28

8.33

Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release.

\* Averages of rates available

3.93

3.97

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

3.95

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N.A. - Not Available

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9.16

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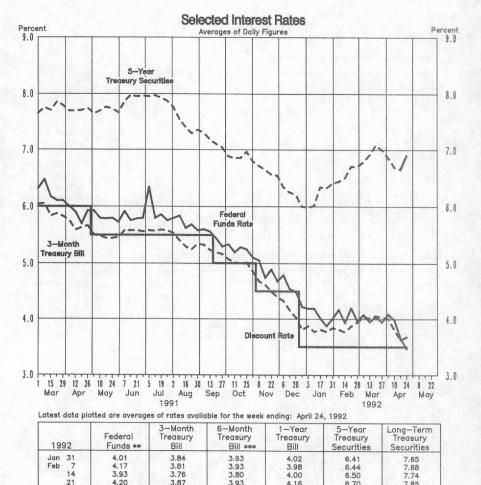
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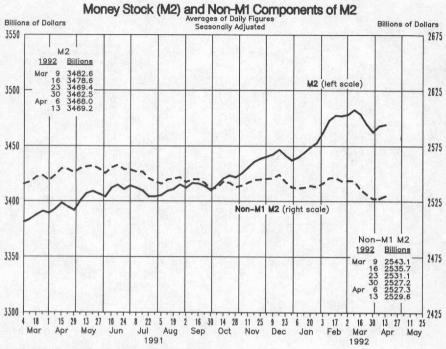


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	28	3.96	3.94	4.08	4.19	6.70	7.79
Mar	6	4.08	4.04	4.10	4.32	6.79	7.83
	13	3.95	4.02	4.13	4.43	6.91	7.91
	20	4.04	4.06	4.27	4.50	7.08	7.98
	27	3.94	4.03	4.27	4.40	7.00	7.91
Apr	3	4.09	4.01	4.19	4.27	6.86	7.84
	10	3.98	3.80	4.02	4.06	6,69	7.78
	17	3.65	3.63	3.73	3.95	6.65	7.76
	24 *	3.47	3.68	3.86	4.12	6.90	7.93

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)



Latest data plotted week ending: April 13, 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.

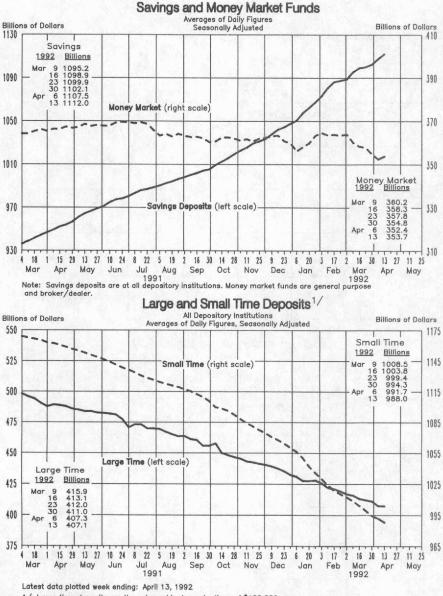
## Money Stock (M2)

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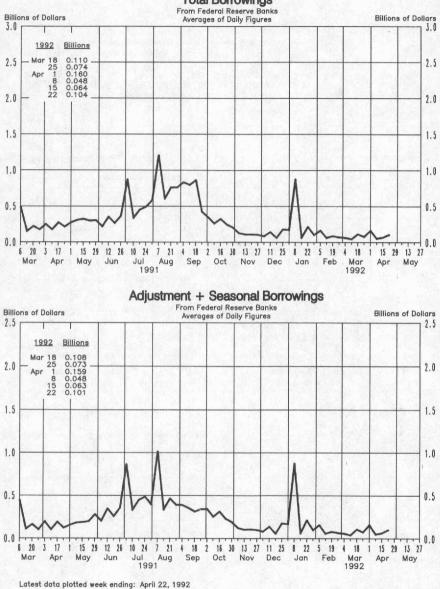






1/ Large time deposits are those issued in demoninations of \$100,000 or more.



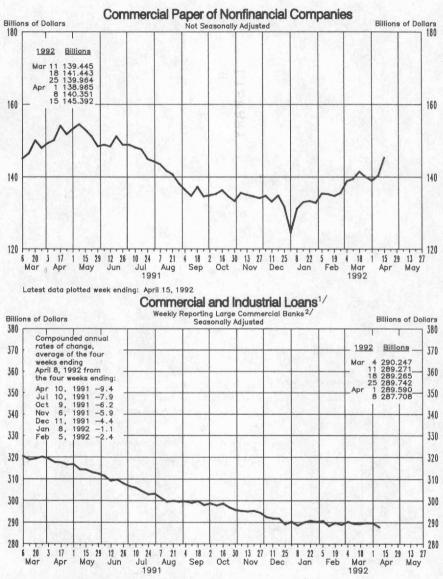


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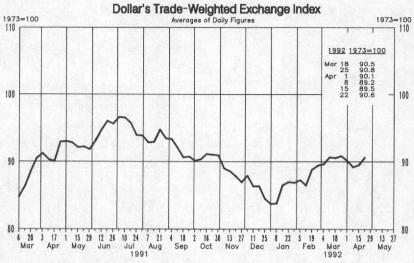






Latest data plotted week ending: April 8, 1992

1/ Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper. 2/ Banks with domestic assets greater than \$1.4 billion



Latest data plotted week ending: April 22, 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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