

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- The nation's jobless rate was 7.2 percent in April, down slightly from the 7.3 percent rate posted in both February and March, but still well above the 6.6 percent rate in April of last year.
- Employment in service-producing industries expanded by 135,000 jobs in April, the largest single-month gain since June 1990.
- Retail sales advanced at an 11.3 percent annual rate in April, following a decline at an 11 percent rate in March. Sales were up 4.4 percent over April of last year.
- The consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose at a 2.6 percent annual rate in April, compared with an increase of 6.2 percent in March. The CPI-U was up 3.2 percent from a year earlier.
- The producer price index for finished goods increased at a 2 percent annual rate in April, after increasing at a 3 percent rate in February and March.

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Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars **Billions of Dollars** 370 370 1992 Billions 357.5 359.2 357.5 361.1 Mar 18 360 360 Anr 1 5 29 May 13 361.3 350 350 340 340 330 330 - 320 320 6 20 3 17 1 15 29 12 26 10 24 7 21 4 10 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 6 22 5 19 Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb 4 18 1 15 29 13 27 Mar May Apr

Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: May 13, 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 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.

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Recent data are preliminary.

## **Adjusted Monetary Base**

o the average of wo maintenance eriods ending:	5/15/91	8/7/91	10/16/91	11/13/91	12/11/91	1/8/92	2/19/92	3/18/92
10/16/91	7.1							
11/13/91	8.0	9.5						
12/11/91	7.7	8.6	9.2					
1/8/92	7.3	7.9	7.8	5.2				
2/19/92	8.7	9.8	10.7	10.0	11.9			
3/18/92	8.8	9.8	10.6	10.1	11.4	14.1		
4/15/92	8.4	9.1	9.5	8.8	9.6	10.9	6.8	
5/13/92	8.5	9.2	9.6	9.0	9.7	10.8	7.9	6.7

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Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars Billions of Dollars 970 690 M1 1992 Billions Mar 30 Apr 6 950 935.7 935.7 941.2 940.2 945.9 941.2 951.7 670 6 13 20 27 4 May 930 650 910 630 TCD (right scale) 890 610 -1 M1 (left scale) 870 590 TCD 1992 Billions Mar 30 656.0 6 13 20 27 660.6 658.9 664.1 659.4 669.3 850 Apr 570 May À 830 - 550 10 24 5 19 2 16 30 14 28 11 25 9 23 6 20 3 17 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 1 18 15 29 13 27 8 22 1 Mar Apr May Aug Sep Jun Jul Oct Nov Dec Feb Jan Mar Apr May

Latest data plotted week ending: May 4, 1992

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

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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.

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10/7/91	8.8							
11/4/91	9.6	10.5						
12/2/91	10.4	11.7	14.8					
1/6/92	10.2	11.0	12.5	11.9				
2/3/92	11.3	12.6	14.6	14.7	14.3			
3/2/92	13.0	14.8	17.4	18.2	19.1	25.9		
4/6/92	12.5	13.9	15.7	16.0	16.1	19.0	17.9	
5/4/92	12.1	13.2	14.5	14.6	14.4	16.1	14.5	8.1

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**Adjusted Reserves** Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars Billions of Dollars 90 90 1992 Billions 88 88 Feb Mar 19 86.1 18 1 86.1 86.0 87.3 85.7 88.2 87.5 Apr 15 29 86 86 84 84 82 82 80 80 78 78 76 76 74 74 6 20 3 17 1 15 29 12 26 10 24 7 21 4 18 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 8 22 5 19 4 18 1 15 29 13 27 Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May May Aug Apr 1992 1991

Latest data plotted two weeks ending: April 29, 1992

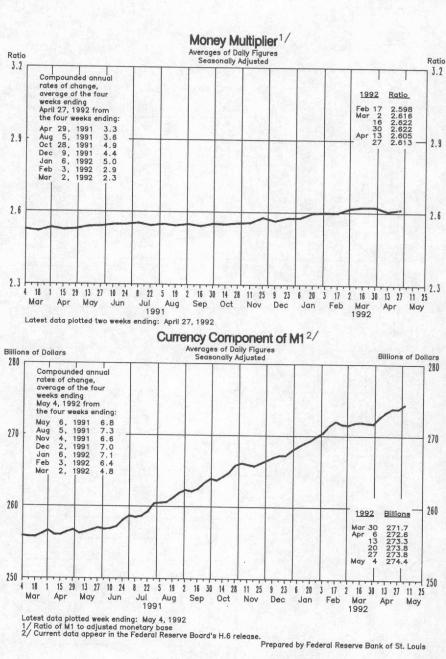
Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

Adjusted Reserves									
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10/30/91	8.4	9.3							
11/27/91	8.4	9.1	11.1						
12/25/91	9.6	10.8	13.7	13.6					
1/22/92	7.1	7.0	6.7	4.4	2.4				
3/4/92	13.4	15.7	19.7	21.0	24.9	27.3			
4/1/92	12.8	14.6	17.5	18.2	20.5	20.9	37.2		
4/29/92	13.6	15.5	18.2	18.9	21.0	21.4	33.0	14.4	

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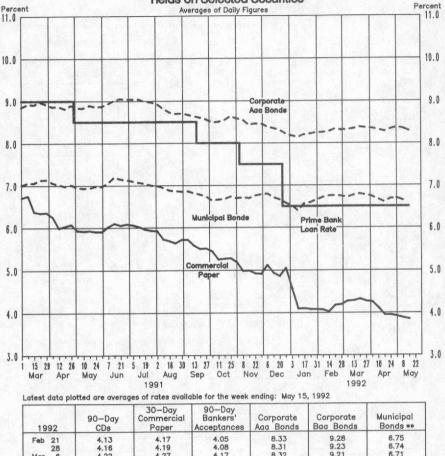
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Yields on Selected Securities



28	4.16	4.19	4.08	8.31	9.23	6.74
6			4.17	8.32	9.21	6.71
13				8.34	9.23	6.76
				8.38	9.31	6.79
				8.36	9.25	6.77
3			4.12	8.35	9.21	6.73
10			4.01	8.32	9.19	6.66
		3.95	3.84	8.28	9.16	6.60
			3.87	8.33	9.24	6.68
1		3.92	3.82	8.37	9.23	6.69
8		3.88	3.77	8.35	9.20	6.64
15 *	3.78	3.85	3.71	8.29	9.14	N.A.
	28 6 13 20 27 3 10 17 24 1 8 15 *	6 4.22   13 4.24   20 4.29   27 4.25   3 4.19   10 4.08   17 3.93   24 3.96   1 3.92   8 3.85	6 4.22 4.27   13 4.24 4.28   20 4.29 4.32   27 4.25 4.27   3 4.19 4.25   10 4.08 4.11   17 3.95 3.95   24 3.96 3.95   1 3.92 3.92   8 3.85 3.88	6 4.22 4.27 4.17   13 4.24 4.28 4.19   20 4.29 4.32 4.21   27 4.25 4.27 4.19   3 4.19 4.25 4.21   10 4.08 4.11 4.01   17 3.93 3.95 3.84   24 3.96 3.95 3.87   1 3.92 3.92 3.82   8 3.85 3.88 3.77	20 4.22 4.27 4.17 8.32   13 4.24 4.28 4.19 8.34   20 4.29 4.32 4.21 8.38   27 4.25 4.27 4.19 8.36   3 4.19 4.25 4.21 8.38   3 4.19 4.25 4.12 8.38   10 4.08 4.11 4.01 8.32   17 3.93 3.95 3.84 8.28   24 3.96 3.95 3.87 8.33   1 3.92 3.92 3.82 8.37   8 3.85 3.88 3.77 8.35	20 4.22 4.27 4.17 8.32 9.21   13 4.24 4.28 4.19 8.34 9.23   20 4.29 4.32 4.21 8.38 9.31   27 4.25 4.27 4.19 8.36 9.25   3 4.19 4.25 4.12 8.35 9.21   10 4.08 4.11 4.01 8.32 9.19   17 3.93 3.95 3.84 8.28 9.16   24 3.96 3.95 3.87 8.33 9.24   1 3.92 3.92 3.82 8.37 9.23   8 3.85 3.77 8.35 9.20

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 Percent Percent Averages of Daily Figures 9.0 9.0 5-Year Treasury Securities 8.0 8.0 1 7.0 7.0 1 1 6.0 6.0 Federal Funds Rate 3-Month **Treasury Bill** 5.0 5.0 4.0 4.0 **Discount Rate** 3.0 3.0 15 29 12 26 10 24 7 21 5 19 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 8 22 6 20 3 17 31 14 28 13 27 10 24 8 22 Aug Nov Dec Mar Apr May Jun Jul Sep Oct Jan Feb Mar Apr May 1991 1992 Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: May 15, 1992 3–Month Treasury 6-Month 1-Year 5-Year Long-Term Treasury Treasury Federal Treasury Treasury 1992 Funds \*\* Bill Bill \*\*\* Bill Securities Securities 4.20 Feb 21 3.87 3.93 4.16 6.70 7.85 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

15 \* 3.84 3.62 3.74 3.95 6.67 7.75 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.

4.13

4.27

4.27

4.19

4.02

3.73

3.86

3.85

3.78

4.43

4.50

4.40

4.27

4.06

3.95

4.11

4.12

4.06

\* Averages of rates available

3.95

4.04

3.94

4.09

3.98

3.65

3.47

3.65

13

20

27

Apr

May

3

10

17

24

1

8

\*\* Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown \*\*\* Auction average (discount)

4.02

4.06

4.03

4.01

3.80

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3.68

3.69

3.63

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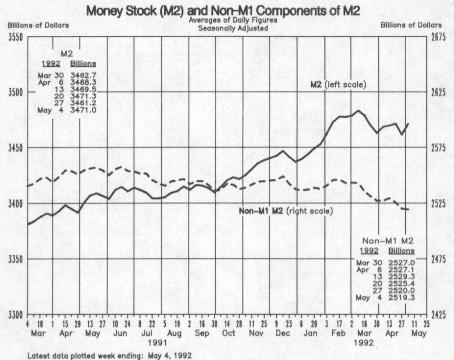
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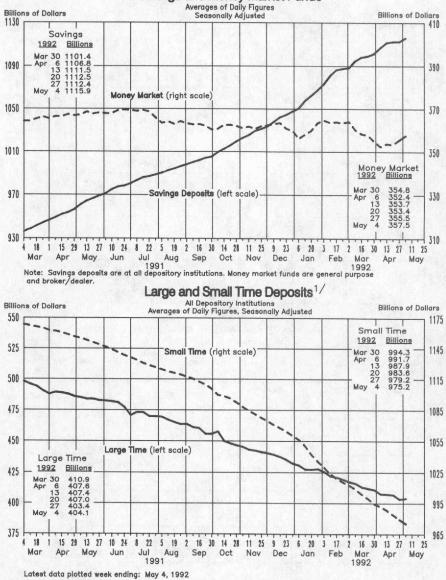
M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and general purpose and broker/dealer money market mutual funds. For more detail,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

## Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	5/6/91	8/5/91	10/7/91	11/4/91	12/2/91	1/6/92	2/3/92	3/2/92
10/7/91	1.2					×.		
11/4/91	1.5	2.0						
12/2/91	2.1	2.8	4.5					
1/6/92	2.0	2.5	3.3	3.2				
2/3/92	2.2	2.7	3.5	3.5	2.7			
3/2/92	2.9	3.6	4.7	4.9	4.8	6.9		
4/6/92	2.4	2.8	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.1	
5/4/92	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.4	1.9	-1.4

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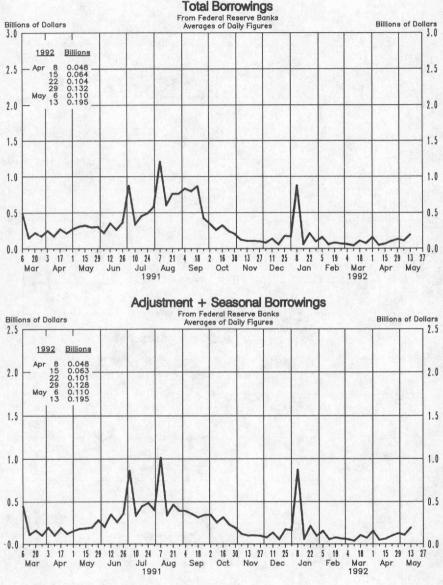


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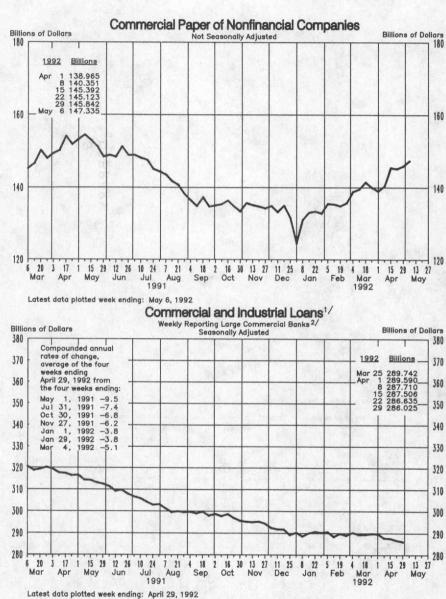




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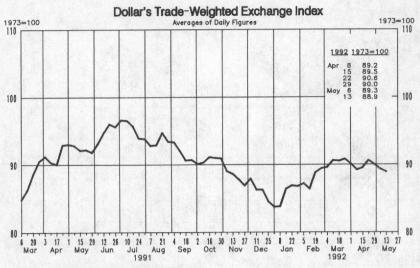
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1/ Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper.

2/ Banks with domestic assets greater than \$1.4 billion

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

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