## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Housing starts declined 2.8 percent during July, following a revised decline of 3.8 percent in June. Except for the South, which recorded a 0.4 percent increase, every region showed a decline.
$\checkmark$ Industrial production increased at a 4.5 percent annual rate during July, and has risen in five of the last six months. Production has increased at a 4.4 percent annual rate during the last six months.
$\checkmark$ Business inventories increased 0.6 percent during June. Total business sales rose 1.6 percent, the largest increase since April 1991. At the current level of sales, business inventories would be depleted in 1.5 months, down from 1.52 months in May.

The merchandise trade deficit for June was $\$ 6.6$ billion, down from $\$ 7.1$ billion in May. For the first half of 1992 , the deficit was $\$ 35.5$ billion, up $\$ 5$ billion compared to the same period a year ago.

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Adjusted Monetary Base


Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: August 19, 1992
The adjusted monetary pase is the sum of reserve accounts of financial institutions ot 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 odjusted monetary base is Federa available from this bank 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 $\begin{array}{lllllll}8 / 21 / 91 & 11 / 13 / 91 & 1 / 22 / 92 & 2 / 19 / 92 & 3 / 18 / 92 & 4 / 15 / 92 & 5 / 13 / 92\end{array} \quad 6 / 24 / 92$ periods ending:

| $1 / 22 / 92$ | 7.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $2 / 19 / 92$ | 9.7 | 10.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 18 / 92$ | 9.8 | 10.1 | 16.7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $4 / 15 / 92$ | 9.0 | 8.8 | 12.0 | 6.8 |  |  |  |  |
| $5 / 13 / 92$ | 9.1 | 8.9 | 11.4 | 7.6 | 6.3 |  |  |  |
| $6 / 24 / 92$ | 8.4 | 8.1 | 9.5 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 6.5 |  |  |
| $7 / 22 / 92$ | 8.0 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.2 |  |
| $8 / 19 / 92$ | 9.0 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 12.0 |

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Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: August 10, 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)
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { To the average } & 8 / 12 / 91 & 11 / 11 / 91 & 1 / 13 / 92 & 2 / 10 / 92 & 3 / 9 / 92 & 4 / 13 / 92\end{array} 5 / 11 / 92 \quad 6 / 8 / 92$ of four weeks ending:

| 1/13/92 | 11.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/10/92 | 13.4 | 15.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/9/92 | 15.1 | 18.3 | 26.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4/13/92 | 13.4 | 14.9 | 17.4 | 13.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 5/11/92 | 13.5 | 14.8 | 16.6 | 13.7 | 8.4 |  |  |  |
| 6/8/92 | 13.1 | 14.0 | 15.1 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 11.4 |  |  |
| 7/13/92 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 9.2 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 3.1 |  |
| 8/10/92 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 10.5 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 7.4 | 6.8 |

Adjusted Reserves


Latest data plotted two weeks ending: August 5, 1992
Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

## Adjusted Reserves

To the average of Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { two maintenance } & 8 / 7 / 91 & 10 / 30 / 91 & 1 / 8 / 92 & 2 / 5 / 92 & 3 / 4 / 92 & 4 / 1 / 92\end{array} \quad 4 / 29 / 92 \quad 6 / 10 / 92$ periods ending:

| $1 / 8 / 92$ | 9.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2 / 5 / 92$ | 9.1 | 7.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 4 / 92$ | 17.1 | 21.0 | 40.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $4 / 1 / 92$ | 15.8 | 18.2 | 28.1 | 40.4 |  |  |  |  |
| $4 / 29 / 92$ | 16.5 | 18.9 | 26.8 | 34.4 | 14.4 |  |  |  |
| $6 / 10 / 92$ | 14.7 | 16.0 | 20.2 | 23.4 | 9.8 | 11.3 |  |  |
| $7 / 8 / 92$ | 11.8 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 15.0 | 3.4 | 2.6 | -4.6 |  |
| $8 / 5 / 92$ | 12.2 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 15.4 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 1.3 | -0.7 |



Latest data plotted two weeks ending: August 3, 1992
Currency Component of $\mathrm{M1}^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: August 10, 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


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: August 21, 1992

| 1992 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 90-Day } \\ \text { CDs } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 30-Day } \\ \text { Commercial } \\ \text { Paper } \end{gathered}$ | 90-Day Bankers' Acceptances | Corporate Aan Bonds | Corporate Baa Bonds | Municipal Bonds ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 29 | 3.89 | 3.92 | 3.84 | 8.25 | 9.11 | 6.58 |
|  | 5 | 3.91 | 3.94 | 3.84 | 8.24 | 9.09 | 6.57 |
|  | 12 | 3.86 | 3.91 | 3.81 | 8.24 | 9.08 | 6.52 |
|  | 19 | 3.83 | 3.89 | 3.79 | 8.22 | 9.02 | 6.46 |
|  | 26 3 | 3.84 3.75 | 3.89 | 3.79 | 8.20 | 9.02 | 6.46 6.42 |
|  | 3 | 3.75 3 | 3.80 | 3.66 | 8.16 | 8.98 | 6.38 |
|  | 10 17 | 3.37 3.34 | 3.45 3.42 | 3.33 | 8.08 | 8.89 | 6.88 6.17 |
|  | 17 24 | 3.34 3.32 | 3.42 3.40 | 3.38 <br> 3.29 | 8.09 8.06 | 8.89 8.87 8.87 | 6.17 6.16 6.05 |
|  | 24 31 | 3.32 3.32 | 3.40 3.36 | 3.29 3.29 | 8.06 8.01 | 8.82 8.71 | 6.05 5 |
| Aug | 7 | 3.32 | 3.39 | 3.29 3.28 | 8.01 7.99 | 8.71 8.68 | 5.89 6.06 |
|  | 14 | 3.28 | 3.35 | 3.25 3 | 7.93 | 8.68 8.62 | 6.06 6.05 |
|  | 21 | 3.28 | 3.38 | 3.25 | 7.86 | 8.62 | 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 ovailable for the week ending: August 21, 1992

| 1992 | Federal Funds ** | 3-Month <br> Treasury Bill | 6-Month Treasury Bill *** | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | Long-Term Treasury Securities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3.80 | 3.71 | 3.90 | 4.06 | 6.70 | 7.79 |
| Jun 5 | 3.85 | 3.71 | 3.90 | 4.08 | 6.61 | 7.76 7.74 |
| - 12 | 3.69 | 3.67 | 3.83 | 3.99 | 6.56 | 7.74 |
| 19 | 3.73 | 3.63 | 3.75 | 3.93 | 6.44 6.40 | .67 |
| 26 | 3.72 | 3.64 | 3.77 | 3.94 3.79 | 6.22 | 7.56 |
| Jul 3 | 3.87 | 3.48 | 3.66 3.32 | 3.79 3.48 | 5.93 | 7.42 |
| 10 | 3.24 3.28 | 3.22 | 3.32 3.31 | 3.38 | 5.85 | 7.45 |
| 17 24 | 3.28 3.22 | 3.19 3.17 | 3.24 | 3.38 | 5.74 | 7.36 |
| 31 | 3.18 | 3.18 | 3.27 | 3.43 | 5.70 | 7.20 |
| Aug 7 | 3.33 | 3.16 | 3.30 | 3.39 | 5.69 | 7.18 |
| 14 | 3.24 | 3.11 | 3.19 | 3.28 | 5.53 5.47 | 7.08 7.12 |
| 21 * | 3.33 | 3.15 | 3.18 | 3.24 | 5.47 |  |

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: August 10, 1992
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.
M 2 is the sum of M 1 , 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: $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { To the average } & 8 / 12 / 91 & 11 / 11 / 91 & 1 / 13 / 92 & 2 / 10 / 92 & 3 / 9 / 92 & 4 / 13 / 92 & 5 / 11 / 92\end{array}$ of four weeks ending:

| $1 / 13 / 92$ | 2.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2 / 10 / 92$ | 3.2 | 4.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 9 / 92$ | 3.8 | 4.9 | 7.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $4 / 13 / 92$ | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 1.5 |  |  |  |  |
| $5 / 11 / 92$ | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.3 | -1.4 |  |  |  |
| $6 / 8 / 92$ | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.7 | -1.4 | -0.3 |  |  |
| $7 / 13 / 92$ | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.9 | -0.2 | -1.9 | -1.4 | -2.5 |  |
| $8 / 10 / 92$ | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | -1.3 | -0.8 | -1.3 | -1.2 |

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## Savings and Money Market Funds



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


Latest data plotted week ending: August 10, 1992
1/ Large time deposits are those issued in demoninations of $\$ 100,000$ or more.
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Latest data plotted week ending: August 12, 1992
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: August 5, 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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Dollar's Trade-Weighted Exchange Index


Latest data plotted week ending: August 19, 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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