

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ The merchandise trade deficit fell to \$10.5 billion in October, from \$10.6 billion in September. So far this year, the trade deficit has totalled \$98.2 billion, up from \$68.2 billion for the first 10 months of 1992.
- Retail sales for November advanced 0.4 percent, after rising 1.8 percent in October. November sales were up 7.1 percent from a year earlier. (Retail sales data are not adjusted for inflation.)
- ✓ Industrial production rose at an annual rate of 11.2 percent in November, following a 9 percent increase in October. November production was up 4.4 percent from a year earlier.
- Consumer prices rose at a 2.5 percent annual rate in November, following a 5.1 percent increase in October. So far this year, consumer prices have risen at a 2.7 percent rate, compared with a 3 percent increase for 1992.

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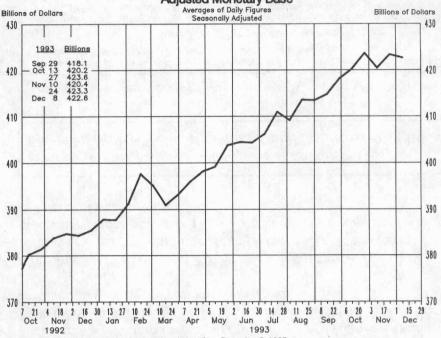
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Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: December 8, 1993

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.

Recent data are preliminary.

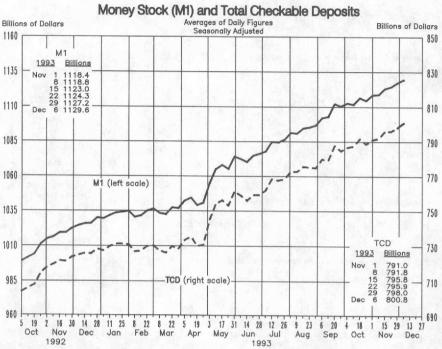
Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	12/9/92	3/3/93	5/12/93	6/9/93	7/7/93	8/4/93	9/1/93	10/13/93
5/12/93	8.9							
6/9/93	10.5	7.4						
7/7/93	9.6	6.6	11.4					
8/4/93	10.3	8.3	13.0	9.9				
9/1/93	10.5	8.8	12.7	10.5	13.9			
10/13/93	10.8	9.5	12.6	11.2	13.3	12.2		
11/10/93	10.6	9.5	12.1	10.8	12.4	11.3	11.2	
12/8/93	10.0	8.8	10.8	9.6	10.6	9.4	8.8	6.0









Latest data plotted week ending: December 6, 1993

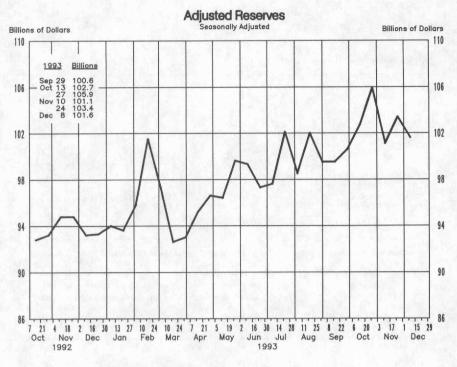
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M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks.

Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

Money Stock (M1)

To the average of four weeks ending:	12/7/92	1pounded (3/8/93	5/3/93	6/7/93	7/5/93	8/9/93	9/6/93	10/4/93
5/3/93	5.7							
6/7/93	9.7	14.6						
7/5/93	9.2	12.5	17.7					
8/9/93	9.9	12.8	16.3	10.3				
9/6/93	10.0	12.6	15.2	10.6	12.7			
10/4/93	10.5	13.0	15.3	11.8	13.6	13.5		
11/8/93	10.2	12.2	13.8	10.8	11.9	11.1	11.1	
12/6/93	10.2	12.0	13.4	10.8	11.7	11.0	11.0	8.9



Latest data plotted two weeks ending: December 8, 1993

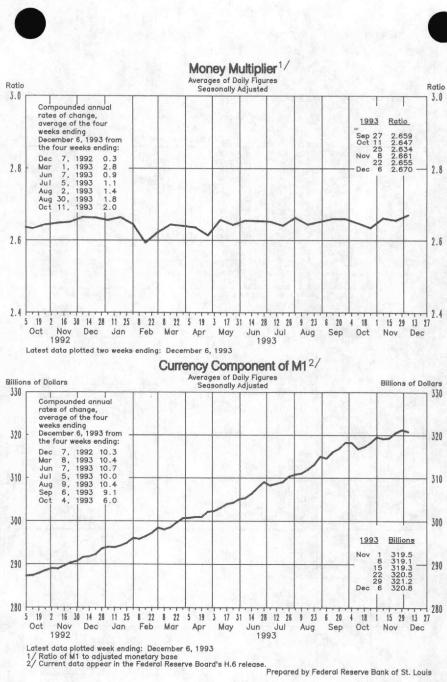
Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

			Adjusted	Reserve	8			
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5/12/93	6.4							
6/9/93	12.0	0.4						
7/7/93	6.5	-5.4	6.9					
8/4/93	10.4	2.2	18.2	5.3				
9/1/93	10.0	2.8	15.2	5.8	24.2			
10/13/93	9.8	3.8	13.2	6.5	17.0	7.5		
11/10/93	11.0	6.0	15.0	9.8	18.8	12.4	14.7	
12/8/93	9.0	4.1	11.0	6.1	12.5	6.5	6.4	5.2

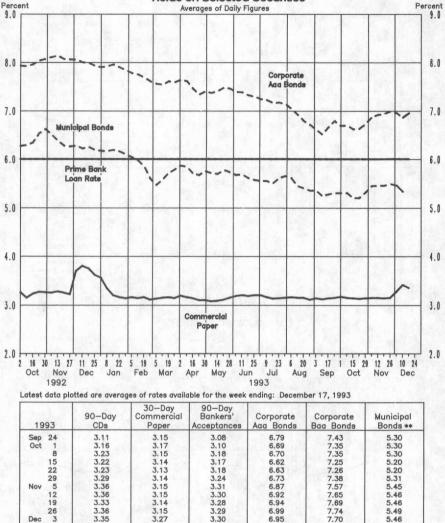
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Yields on Selected Securities



3.26

3.21

6.86

6.95

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

* Averages of rates available

3.31

3.25

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

3.41

3.35

N.A. - Not Available

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7.61

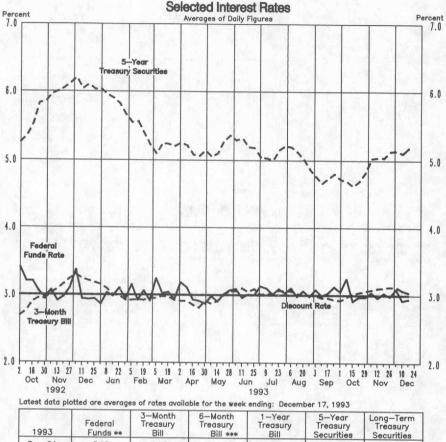
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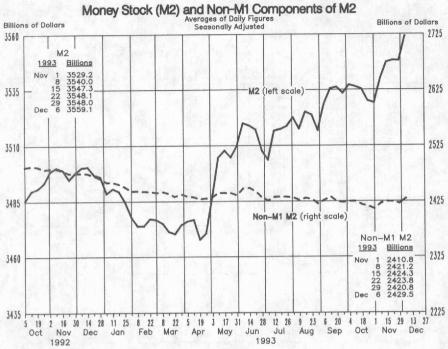




19	93	Federal Funds **	Treasury Bill	Treasury Bill ***	Treasury Bill	Treasury Securities	Treasury Securities
Sep	24	3.12	2.93	3.06	3.26	4.80	5.99
Oct	1	3.05	2.92	3.02	3.21	4.72	5.89
	8	3.24	2.97	3.08	3.21	4.69	5.88
	15	2.91	3.02	3.12	3.22	4.62	5.77
	22	2.97	3.04	3.14	3.27	4.69	5.82
	29	2.97	3.06	3.19	3.32	4.82	5.95
Nov	5	3.04	3.08	3.25	3.40	5.03	6.13
	12	2.96	3.10	3.28	3.39	5.04	6.17
	19	3.03	3.11	3.26	3.42	5.04	6.20
	26	2.98	3.12	3.30	3.46	5.13	6.30
Dec	3	3.09	3.12	3.26	3.46	5.14	6.25
	10	2.92	3.07	3.27	3.44	5.10	6.14
	17 *	2.94	3.04	3.26	3.48	5.18	6.26

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: December 6, 1993

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 (N	12)			
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5/3/93	-1.6							
6/7/93	0.7	4.1						
7/5/93	0.7	3.2	6.2					
8/9/93	0.9	3.0	4.7	1.4				
9/6/93	1.0	2.8	4.1	1.5	1.9			
10/4/93	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.2	2.7	3.1		
11/8/93	1.1	2.5	3.2	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	
12/6/93	1.5	2.9	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.5



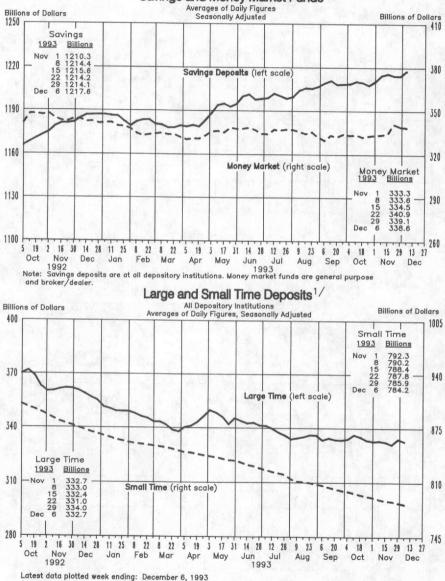




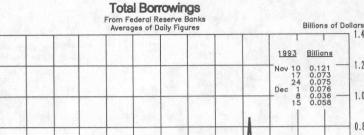
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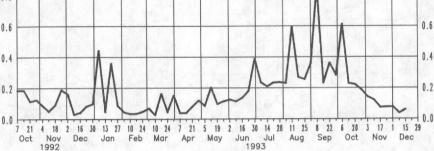




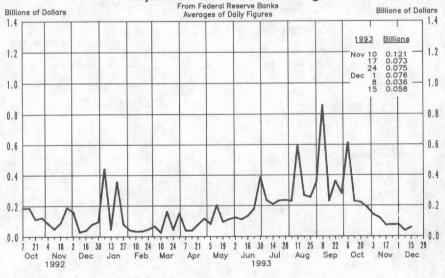


1/ Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more.









Latest data plotted week ending: December 15, 1993

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Billions of Dollars

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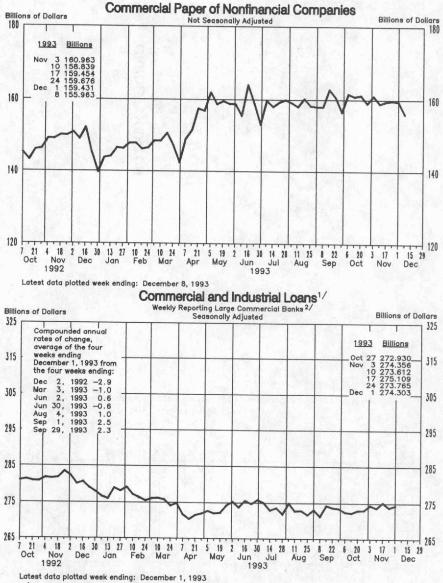
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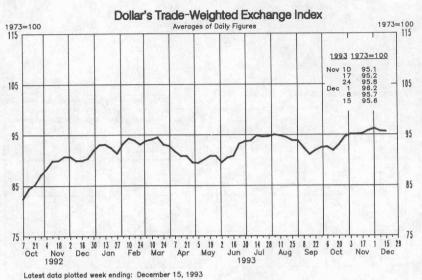


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1/ Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper.

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



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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