

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ The prime rate, the rate charged by commercial banks on shortterm loans to large businesses with the highest credit ratings, increased from 6 percent to 6.25 percent on March 24, 1994. This marked the first change in the prime rate since July 2, 1992.
- Corporate Aaa bonds yielded 7.61 percent for the week ending April 1, up from 6.67 percent in October 1993.
- ✓ The trade-weighted exchange index of the U.S. dollar (TWEX) averaged 93.7 percent of its 1973 value during the week of March 30, up slightly from 93.3 percent last October.
- ✓ The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence increased to 86.7 percent (1985=100) in March from a revised 79.9 percent in February. The March reading was the highest since July 1990.
- ✓ Sales of new one-family homes rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 649,000 in February, after dropping 22.5 percent in January. Compared with a year earlier, sales of new one-family homes were up 8.4 percent.

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Adjusted Monetary Base



Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: March 30, 1994

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 a vaulable from this bank.

Recent data are preliminary.

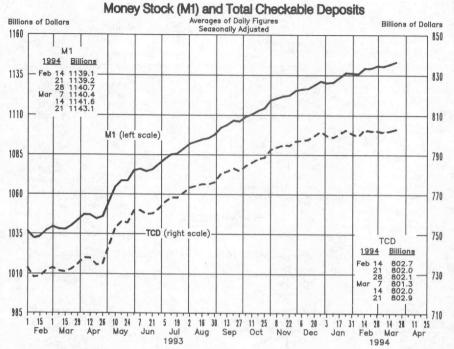
Adjusted Monetary Base

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9/1/93	11.7							
9/29/93	11.5	10.8						
10/27/93	11.3	10.5	10.2					
11/24/93	10.3	9.2	7.8	6.4				
1/5/94	9.6	8.4	7.0	6.0	4.5			
2/2/94	10.6	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.2	11.8		
3/2/94	11.1	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.8	13.1	19.2	
3/30/94	10.4	9.9	9.5	9.4	9.3	10.7	13.4	9.4

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Latest data plotted week ending: March 21, 1994

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 (N	H)			
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8/23/93	13.0							
9/20/93	12.7	10.5						
10/18/93	12.1	10.1	9.7					
11/22/93	12.0	10.3	10.2	10.0				
12/20/93	11.4	9.8	9.4	9.0	9.2			
1/24/94	10.8	9.1	8.5	8.1	7.9	6.1		
2/21/94	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.7	7.4	6.1	5.7	
3/21/94	9.9	8.3	7.7	7.2	6.9	5.7	5.4	5.3

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Adjusted Reserves Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars Billions of Dollars 110 110 1994 Billions 102.2 103.9 104.6 105.5 106.0 103.4 Jan 5 19 16 16 16 106 106 Feb Mar 102 102 98 98 94 94 90 90 86 86 3 17 3 17 31 14 28 12 26 9 23 7 21 4 18 1 15 29 13 27 18 24 8 22 5 19 2 16 2 16 30 13 27 Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr 1993 1994

Latest data plotted two weeks ending: March 16, 1994

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

Adjusted Reserves

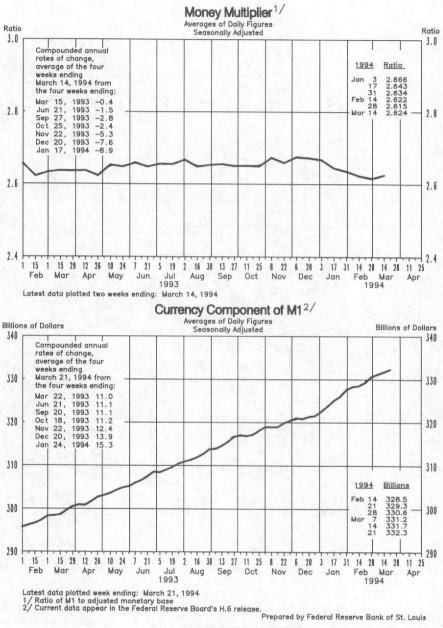
o the average of wo maintenance periods ending:	3/17/93	6/9/93	8/18/93	9/15/93	10/13/93	11/10/93	12/22/93	1/19/9
8/18/93	10.1							
9/15/93	10.2	6.9						
10/13/93	10.5	8.1	11.6					
11/10/93	9.0	6.3	7.1	5.3				
12/22/93	6.4	3.2	2.0	-0.4	-5.0			
1/19/94	8.7	6.6	7.2	6.4	4.8	7.4		
2/16/94	10.2	8.9	10.2	10.1	9.7	13.0	31.2	
3/16/94	8.9	7.4	8.1	7.7	6.9	8.8	17.9	10.5

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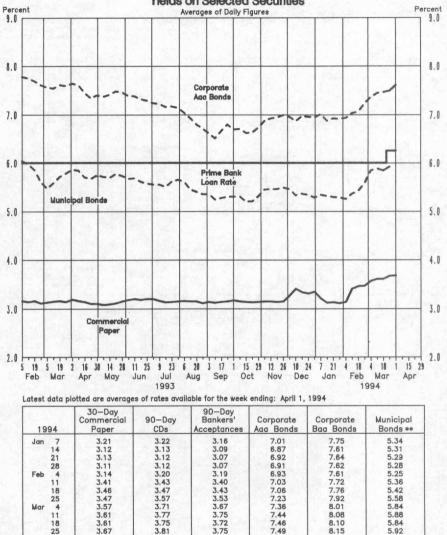
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Yields on Selected Securities



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

* Averages of rates available

3.68

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

3.80

3.73

7.61

N.A. - Not Available

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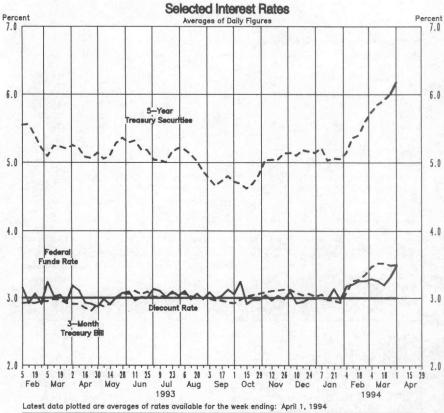
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8.25

N.A.







1994		Federal Funds **	3—Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	Long-Term Treasury Securities
Jan 7	1	3.00	3.05	3.46	5.21	5.85	6.30
14	5.11	2.98	2.97	3.38	5.03	5.69	6.15
21		3.13	2.96	3.36	5.06	5.74	6.17
28	1.15	2.97	2.93	3.35	5.05	5.74	6.16
Feb 4	1	3.17	3.08	3.49	5.14	5.80	6.18
11		3.20	3.25	3.69	5.36	5.94	6.34
18	- 1	3.25	3.27	3.70	5.40	5.95	6.39
25		3.25	3.35	3.82	5.60	6.15	6.59
Mar 4		3.28	3.47	3.95	5.74	6.29	6.72
11	100	3.25	3.52	4.09	5.85	6.40	6.80
18	121	3.19	3.52	4.11	5.91	6.45	6.83
25	1530	3.31	3.49	4.15	6.00	6.52	6.90
Apr 1	*	3.49	3.50	4.20	6.18	6.71	7.05

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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May Latest data plotted week ending: March 21, 1994

10 24 7 21 5 19 2

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

Jun

Jul

1993

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.

Sep

Aug

16 30 13 27 11 25 8 22 6 20

Oct

Nov

Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	3/22/93	6/21/93	8/23/93	9/20/93	10/18/93	11/22/93	12/20/93	1/24/94
8/23/93	3.1							
9/20/93	2.9	1.6						
10/18/93	2.7	1.5	1.6					
11/22/93	2.7	1.8	2.0	2.1				
12/20/93	2.7	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.7			
1/24/94	2.6	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.2		
2/21/94	2.3	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.1	0.5	
3/21/94	2.4	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.6

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Billions of Dollars

2725

2625

2525

2425

2325

2225

Apr

Non-M1 M2 1994 Billions

Feb

1994

2431.6 2422.7 2426.9 2436.1 2442.0 2442.8

14 28 14 28 11 25

Mar

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Billions of Dollars

M2 1994

Feb 14 28

Mar 14 21 Billions

3570.7 3561.9 3567.6 3576.5 3583.6 3585.9

3600

3575

3550

3525

3500

3475

15 1

Feb Mar

15 29 12 26

Apr

Money Stock (M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2 Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted

M2 (left scale)

Non-M1 M2 (right scale)

3 17 31

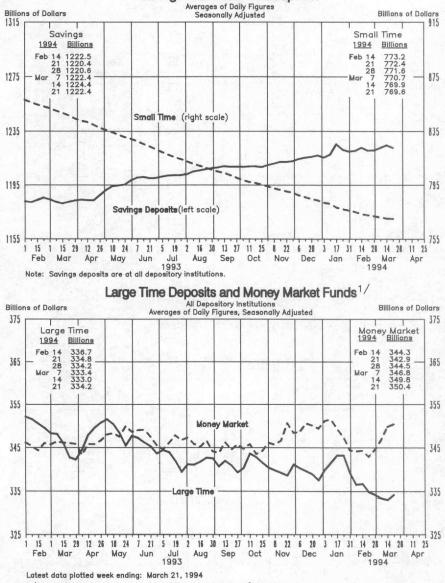
Jan

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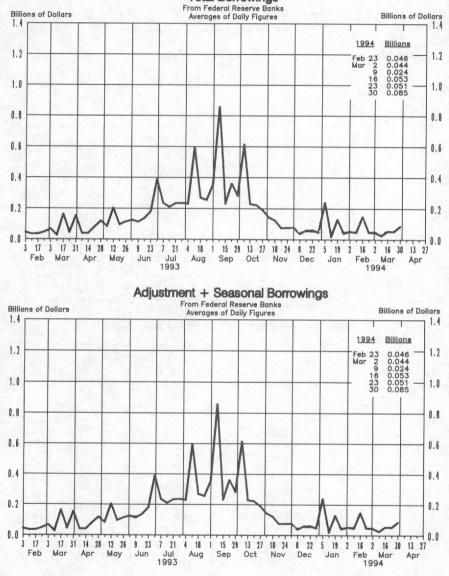
Savings and Small Time Deposits



1/ Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Money market funds are general purpose and broker/dealer.

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Total Borrowings

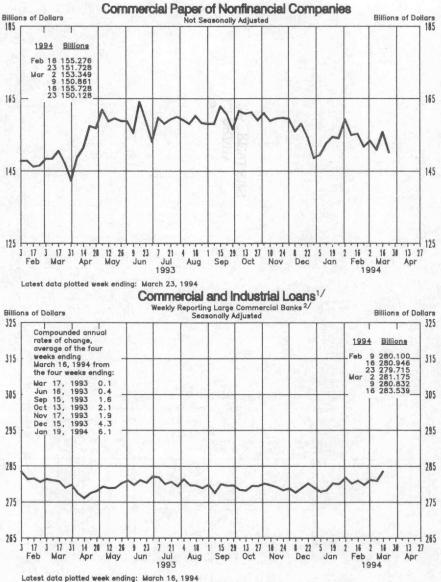


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1/ Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper.

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

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Latest data plotted week ending: March 30, 1994

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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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