

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ Effective May 17, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve raised the discount rate to 3.50 percent from 3 percent, the first change since July 1992 and the first increase since February 1989. Subsequently, most major banks boosted their prime lending rate to 7.25 percent from 6.75 percent.
$\checkmark$ Industrial production rose at a 3.2 percent annual rate in April, down from a 6.1 percent rate of increase posted over the previous three months. Industrial output continues to be bolstered by strong gains in output of information processing equipment.
$\checkmark$ The consumer price index (CPI) rose at a seasonally adjusted 1.6 percent annual rate in April. Over the past two months, consumer prices have risen at a 2.9 percent rate, compared with a 1.7 percent rate over the previous two months.
$\checkmark$ Privately owned housing starts declined 2.5 percent in April, following a revised 12.3 percent gain in March. Housing starts have risen 18.1 percent over the past 12 months. Housing starts are adjusted for seasonal fluctuations.

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Adjusted Monetary Base


Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: May 11, 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 odjustment for reserve requirement ratio chonges. The major source of the adjusted monetary bage is Federal Reserve credit. Data are computed by this bank. A detailed description of the adjusted monetary bose is
available from this bank.
Recent data are preliminary.

## Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

| $10 / 13 / 93$ | 11.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $11 / 10 / 93$ | 10.6 | 10.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $12 / 8 / 93$ | 10.0 | 9.2 | 5.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 5 / 94$ | 9.4 | 8.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $2 / 16 / 94$ | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.3 | 11.8 | 14.3 |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 16 / 94$ | 10.8 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 15.8 |  |  |  |
| $4 / 13 / 94$ | 10.3 | 10.0 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 10.9 | 12.7 | 6.8 |  |  |
| $5 / 11 / 94$ | 10.0 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 5.5 |  |

Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: May 9, 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.

| To the average of four weeks ending: | Money Stock (Mi) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Com | pounded | annual rates $10 / 11 / 93$ | of chang $11 / 8 / 93$ | e, average $12 / 6 / 93$ | of four we $1 / 10 / 94$ | eks ending $2 / 7 / 94$ | 3/7/94 |
| 10/11/93 | 12.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11/8/93 | 12.6 | 10.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12/6/93 | 12.0 | 9.8 | 9.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/10/94 | 11.1 | 8.9 | B. 1 | 7.1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2/7/94 | 10.6 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 6.1 |  |  |  |
| 3/7/94 | 10.1 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 |  |  |
| 4/11/94 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 |  |
| 5/9/94 | 8.2 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.2 | -0.6 |

Adjusted Reserves


Latest data plotted two weaks ending: May 11, 1994
Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

## Adjusted Reeerves

To the average of Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: two maintenance $\begin{array}{llllll}5 / 12 / 93 & 8 / 4 / 93 & 10 / 13 / 93 & 11 / 10 / 93 & 12 / 8 / 93 & 1 / 5 / 94 \\ 2 / 16 / 94 & 3 / 16 / 94\end{array}$ periods ending:

| $10 / 13 / 93$ | 13.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $11 / 10 / 93$ | 11.3 | 9.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $12 / 8 / 93$ | 9.7 | 7.5 | -0.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 5 / 94$ | 8.5 | 6.1 | -0.4 | 0.0 |  |  |  |  |
| $2 / 16 / 94$ | 11.9 | 11.3 | 9.7 | 13.0 | 18.6 | 16.3 |  |  |
| $3 / 16 / 94$ | 10.3 | 9.2 | 6.9 | 8.8 | 11.4 | 7.1 | -8.9 |  |
| $4 / 13 / 94$ | 8.1 | 6.5 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 4.9 | -6.8 | -7.8 |
| $5 / 11 / 94$ | 7.3 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.9 |  |  |

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Money Multiplier ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted two weeks ending: May 9, 1994
Currency Component of $\mathrm{M}^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: May 9, 1994
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: May 20, 1994

| 1994 | 30-Day Commercial Paper | $\begin{gathered} \text { 90-Day } \\ \text { CDs } \end{gathered}$ | $90-$ Day Bankers' Acceptances | Corporate Aad Bonds | Corporate Baa Bonds | Municipal Bonds ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 25 | 3.47 | 3.57 | 3.53 | 7.23 | 7.92 | 5.58 |
| Mar 4 | 3.57 | 3.71 | 3.67 | 7.36 | 8.01 | 5.84 |
| 11 | 3.61 | 3.77 | 3.75 | 7.44 | 8.08 | 5.88 |
| 18 | 3.61 | 3.75 | 3.72 | 7.46 | 8.10 | 5.84 |
| 25 | 3.67 | 3.81 | 3.75 | 7.49 | 8.15 | 5.92 |
| Apr 1 | 3.68 | 3.84 | 3.75 | 7.65 | 8.30 | 6.07 |
| - 8 | 3.77 | 3.93 | 3.88 | 7.90 | 8.56 | 6.34 |
| 15 | 3.71 | 3.90 | 3.84 | 7.87 | 8.51 | 6.22 |
| 22 | 3.88 | 4.08 | 4.04 | 7.93 | 8.55 | 6.19 |
| 29 | 3.89 | 4.12 | 4.06 | 7.81 | 8.46 | 6.16 |
| May 6 | 4.05 | 4.35 | 4.31 | 7.97 | 8.59 | 6.18 |
| 13 | 4.37 | 4.68 | 4.63 | 8.12 | 8.74 | 6.32 |
| 20 * | 4.36 | 4.56 | 4.50 | 7.94 | 8.57 | N.A. |

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

* Averages of rates ovailable
** 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 available for the week ending: May 20, 1994

| 1994 | Federal Funds ** | 3-Month <br> Treasury Bill | 1-Year <br> Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | 10-Year Treasury Securities | Long-Term Treasury Securities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 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 | 3.25 | 3.52 | 4.09 | 5.85 | 6.40 | 6.80 |
| 18 | 3.19 | 3.52 | 4.11 | 5.91 | 6.45 | 6.83 |
| 25 | 3.31 | 3.49 | 4.15 | 6.00 | 6.52 | 6.90 |
| Apr 1 | 3.49 | 3.50 | 4.21 | 6.19 | 6.72 | 7.07 |
| 8 | 3.69 | 3.60 | 4.49 | 6.47 | 6.97 | 7.31 |
| 15 | 3.37 | 3.57 | 4.46 | 6.47 | 6.93 | 7.28 |
| 22 | 3.59 | 3.73 | 4.64 | 6.60 | 7.03 | 7.33 |
| 29 | 3.59 | 3.85 | 4.72 | 6.56 | 6.96 | 7.24 |
| May 6 | 3.76 | 4.04 | 4.96 | 6.76 | 7.16 | 7.42 |
| 13 | 3.70 | 4.19 | 5.19 | 6.98 | 7.37 | 7.60 |
| 20* | 4.02 | 4.18 | 5.01 | 6.71 | 7.10 | 7.37 |

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: May 9, 1994
Current dato appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H .6 release.
M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodallars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, sovings (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:
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { To the average } & 5 / 10 / 93 & 8 / 9 / 93 & 10 / 11 / 93 & 11 / 8 / 93 & 12 / 6 / 93 & 1 / 10 / 94 \\ & 2 / 7 / 94 & 3 / 7 / 94\end{array}$ of four weeks ending:

| $10 / 11 / 93$ | 2.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $11 / 8 / 93$ | 2.7 | 1.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $12 / 6 / 93$ | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 10 / 94$ | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.4 |  |  |  |
| $2 / 7 / 94$ | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 |  |
| $3 / 7 / 94$ | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 |  |
| $4 / 11 / 94$ | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| $5 / 9 / 94$ | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |

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Savings and Small Time Deposits


Large Time Deposits and Money Market Funds ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: May 9, 1994
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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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies


Latest data plotted week ending: May 11, 1994
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: May 4, 1994
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: May 18, 1994
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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