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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✔ 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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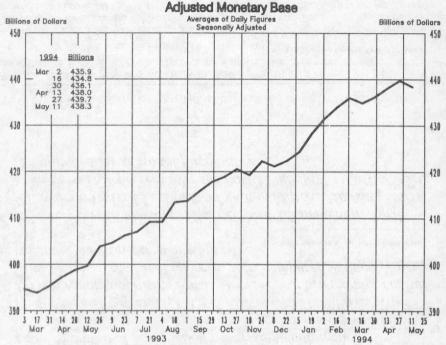
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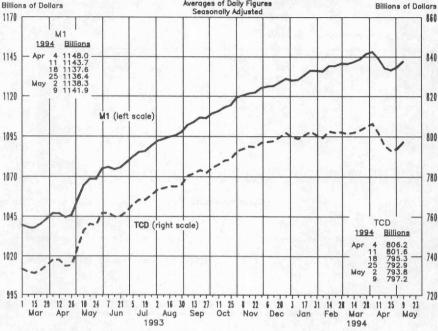
Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: May 11, 1994

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 adjustment for reserve requirement ratio changes. The major source of the adjusted monetary base is Federal Reserve cradit. Data are computed by this bank. A detailed description of the adjusted monetary base is available from this bank.

Recent data are preliminary.

		-	Adjusted N	Aonetary I	Base			
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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	
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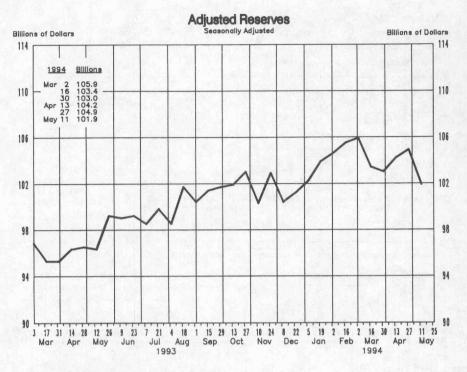
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Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

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.

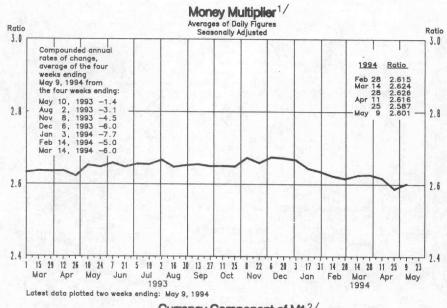
			Money	Stock (N	H)			
To the average of four weeks ending:	Com 5/10/93	8/9/93	annual rate 10/11/93	s of chang 11/8/93	e, average 12/6/93	of four we 1/10/94	2/7/94	g: 3/7/94
10/11/93	12.9							
11/8/93	12.6	10.2						
12/6/93	12.0	9.8	9.6					
1/10/94	11.1	8.9	8.1	7.1				
2/7/94	10.6	8.5	7.7	6.8	6.1			
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	5.8	5.3	
5/9/94	8.2	6.0	4.8	4.0	3.1	2.3	1.2	-0.6

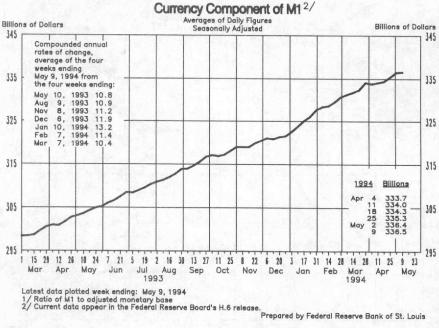


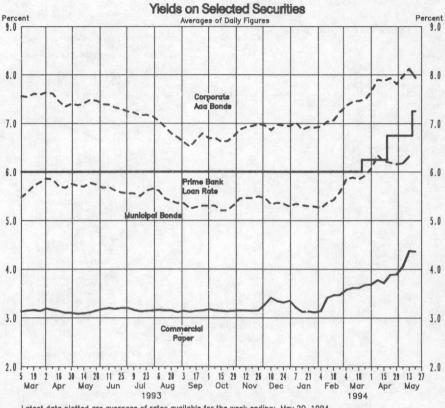
Latest data plotted two weeks ending: May 11, 1994

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

			Adjusted	Reserve				
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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			
3/16/94	10.3	9.2	6.9	8.8	11.4	16.3		
4/13/94	8.1	6.5	3.6	4.5	5.5	7.1	-8.9	
5/11/94	7.3	5.5	2.7	3.4	4.0	4.9	-6.8	-7.8







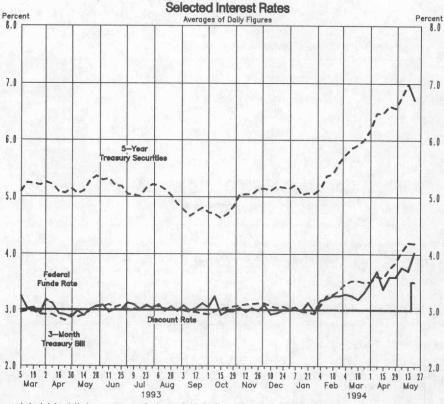
19	94	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb	25	3.47	3.57	3.53	7.23	7.92	5.58
Mar	4	3.57	3.71	3.67	7.36	8.01	5.84
	11	3.61	3.77	3.75	7.44	8.08	5.88
	18	3.61	3.75	3.72	7.46	8.10	5.84
	25	3.67	3.81	3.75	7.49	8.15	5.92
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.

N.A. - Not Available

^{*} Averages of rates available

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



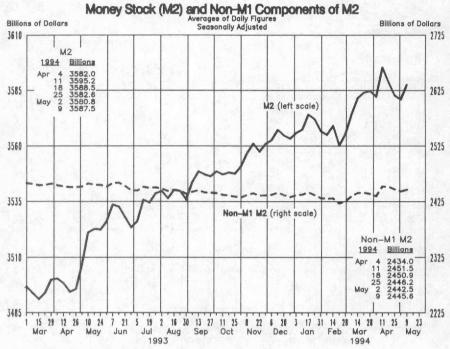
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1994	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	Long—Term Treasury Securities
Feb 25	3.25	3.35	3.82	5.60	6.15	6.59
Mar 4	3.28	3.47	3.95	5.74	6.29	6.72
11	3.25	3.52	4.09	5.85	6.40	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)



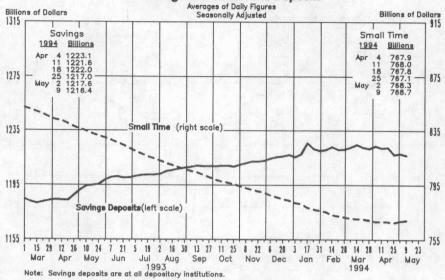
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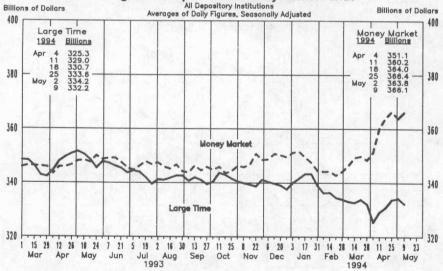
M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and general purpose and broker/dealer money market mutual funds. For more detail,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

Money Stock (M2)											
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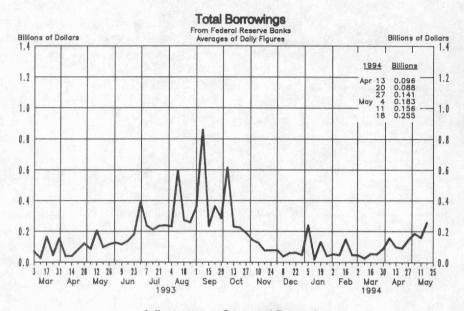
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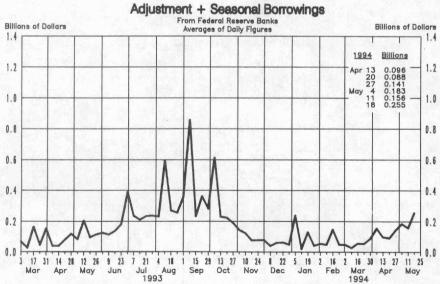


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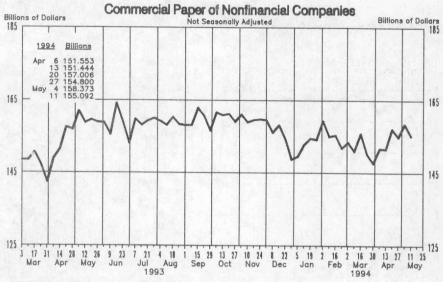
1/ Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more.

Money market funds are general purpose and broker/dealer. Prepared by Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

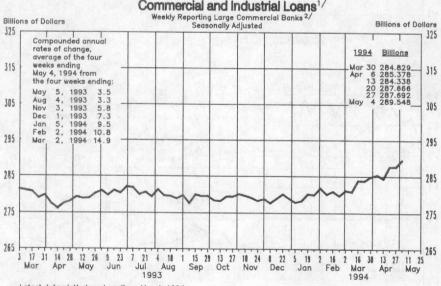




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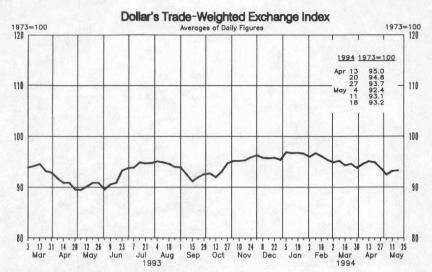




Latest data plotted week ending: May 4, 1994

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

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



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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