

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- Paced by a 0.7 percent decline in new orders for nondurable goods, total new factory orders decreased 0.1 percent in March. Measured from four quarters earlier, new orders were up 10.3 percent in the first quarter of 1995. Factory orders are not adjusted for inflation.
- The composite index of leading indicators decreased 0.5 percent in March, after falling 0.2 percent in February. The index has declined for three of the past six months.
- ✓ The value of total new construction put in place in March was at an annual rate of \$525.1 billion, down 0.4 percent from February and the third consecutive monthly decline. Compared with a year earlier, total construction was up 5.9 percent. Construction spending is not adjusted for inflation.
- New single-family home sales in March were at an annual rate of 577,000 units, up 3 percent from February but 20.1 percent below a year earlier.
- ✓ According to the advance estimate, real gross domestic product increased at a 2.8 percent annual rate in the first quarter of 1995, after rising 5.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 1994.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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**Adjusted Monetary Base** Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars Billions of Dollars 470 470 1995 Billions 461.8 462.4 462.9 463.8 464.4 466.8 Feb 15 Mar 1 15291226 Apr 460 460 450 450 440 440 430 430 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 8 22 6 20 3 17 31 14 28 12 25 9 23 7 21 4 18 1 15 1 15 29 12 26 10 24 Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May 1994 1995 Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: April 26, 1995

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 valiable from this bank.

Recent data are preliminary.

## **Adjusted Monetary Base**

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9/28/94	6.7							
10/26/94	6.5	6.0						
11/23/94	6.3	5.7	5.3					
12/21/94	5.9	5.2	4.5	3.9				
2/1/95	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.5			
3/1/95	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.7	8.3		
3/29/95	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.9	5.5	
4/26/95	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.8	5.8	5.0

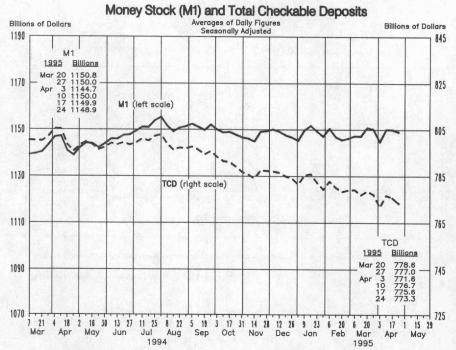
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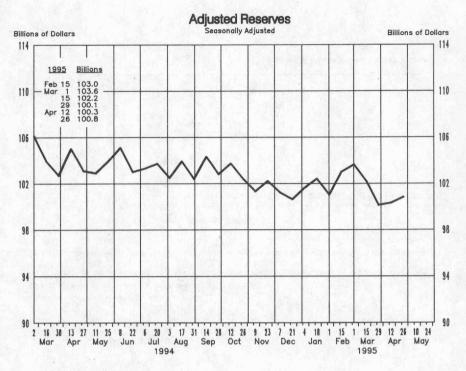
M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks.

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

Money	Stock	(M1)	
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To the average of four weeks ending:	4/25/94	7/25/94	9/26/94	es of chang 10/24/94	11/21/94	12/26/94	1/23/95	2/27/9
9/26/94	1.6							
10/24/94	1.0	-0.9						
11/21/94	0.5	-1.2	-2.5					
12/26/94	0.7	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3				
1/23/95	0.7	-0.4	-0.6	0.0	1.1			
2/27/95	0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.4	0.2	-0.6		
3/27/95	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.1	
4/24/95	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.7

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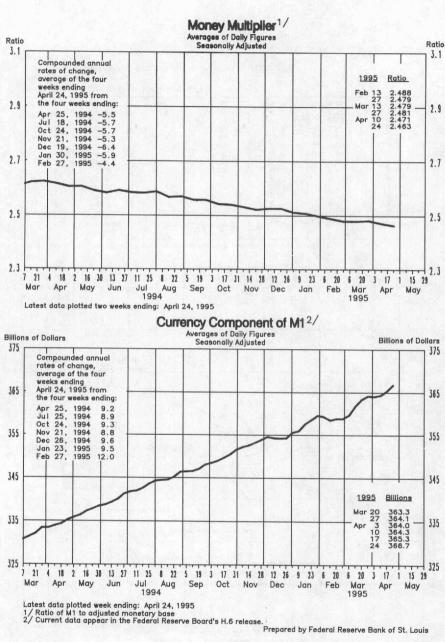
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Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

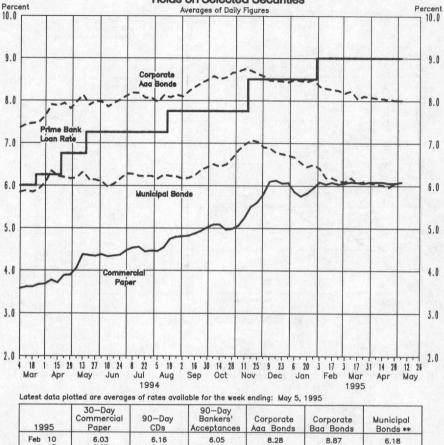
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9/28/94	-1.1							
10/26/94	-1.9	-1.4						
11/23/94	-3.8	-4.7	-10.8					
12/21/94	-4.7	-5.8	-10.8	-13.1				
2/1/95	-3.0	-3.2	-5.2	-5.0	-0.5			
3/1/95	-0.9	-0.3	-0.7	0.6	5.6	13.0		
3/29/95	-3.0	-3.2	-4.6	-4.3	-1.7	1.1	-3.2	
4/26/95	-3.4	-3.6	-5.0	-4.8	-2.8	-0.9	-4.6	-15.8

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Yields on Selected Securities



1995		Paper	90-Day CDs	Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb	10	6.03	6.16	6.05	8.28	8.87	6.18
	17	6.07	6.17	6.05	8.26	8.85	6.18
	24	6.03	6.11	6.00	8.23	8.82	6.11
Mar	3	6.05	6.13	6.03	8.17	8.76	6.08
	10	6.08	6.20	6.08	8.22	8.81	6.18
	17	6.07	6.14	6.03	8.04	8.62	6.06
	24	6.05	6.12	6.02	8.10	8.69	6.09
	31	6.08	6.15	6.05	8.08	8.65	6.07
Apr	7	6.08	6.15	6.03	8.05	8.62	6.03
	14	6.08	6.12	6.00	8.04	8.62	6.01
	21	6.05	6.10	5.99	8.02	8.60	5.96
	28	6.05	6.09	5.99	8.00	8.57	6.06
May	5 *	6.08	6.08	5.98	8.00	8.55	N.A.

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\* Averages of rates available

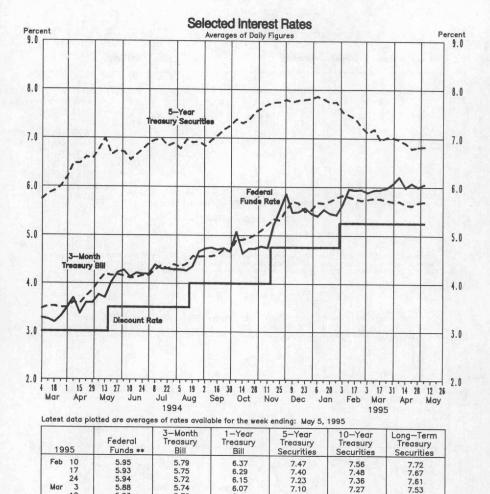
\*\* Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

N.A. - Not Available

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6.14

6.00

5.97

5.98

5.99

5.90

5.80

5.85

5.87

7.18

6.95

7.01

7.01

6.96

6.89

6.78

6.81

6.82

\*\* Seven-day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

5,76

5.75

5.72

5.69

5.70

5.63

5.61

5.67

5.69

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7.35

7.11

7.16

7.15

7.12

7.08

7.03

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7.03

7.61

7.40

7.47

7.45

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7.36

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May 5 \* 5.93

5.94

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Money Stock (M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2 Averages of Daily Figures Secsonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars Billions of Dollars 3670 2545 M2 1995 Billions 3639.0 3641.8 3634.6 3641.9 3637.0 3647.4 Mar 20 27 3 10 17 Apr 2520 3645 24 M2 (left scale) 2495 3620 1 1 3595 2470 1 Non-M1 M2 Non-M1 M2 (right scale) 1995 Billions 3570 2445 Mar 20 27 Apr 3 10 17 2488.2 2491.8 2489.9 2491.9 2487.1 2498.5 24 3545 - 2420 16 30 13 27 11 25 8 22 5 19 3 17 31 14 28 12 26 9 23 6 20 6 20 3 May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar 17 1 15 29 7 21 4 18 2 Mar Apr Apr May 1994 1995

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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.

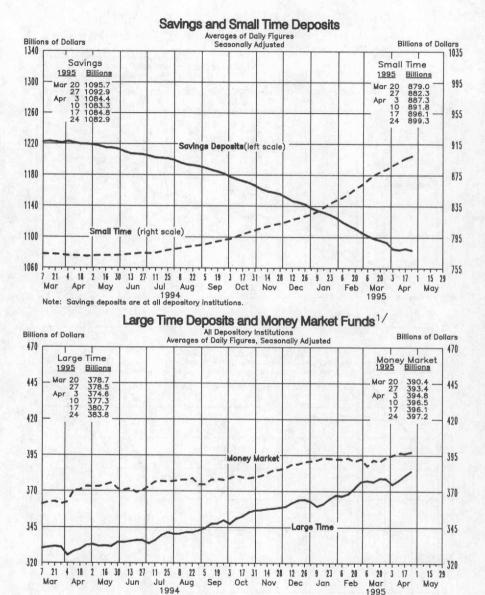
## Money Stock (M2)

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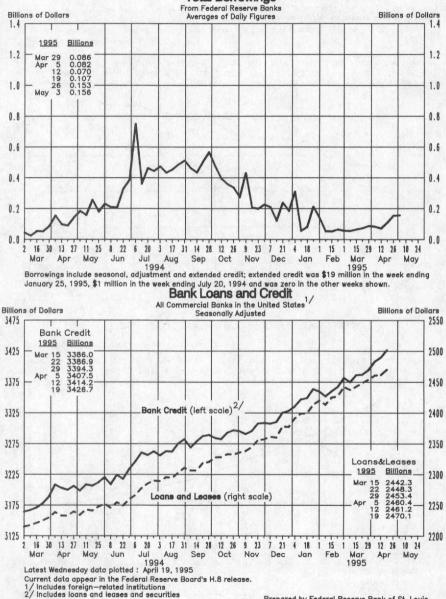
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1/ Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more.

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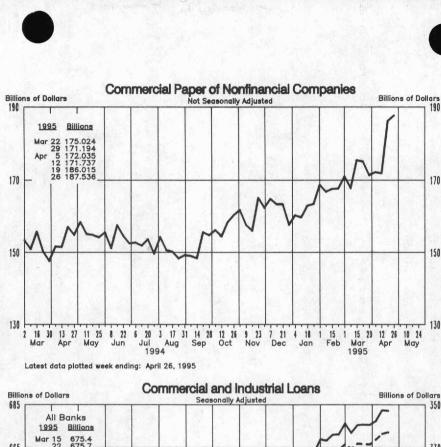
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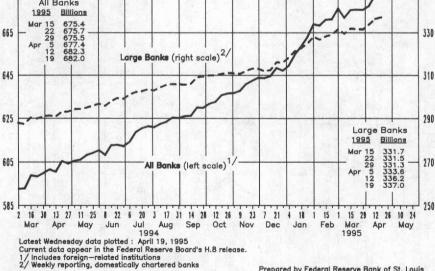
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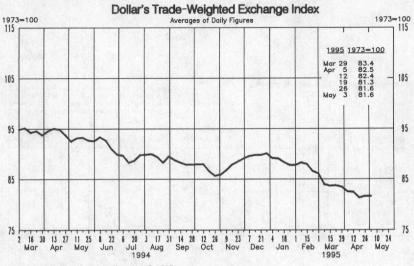
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Data are weighted averages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.

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