



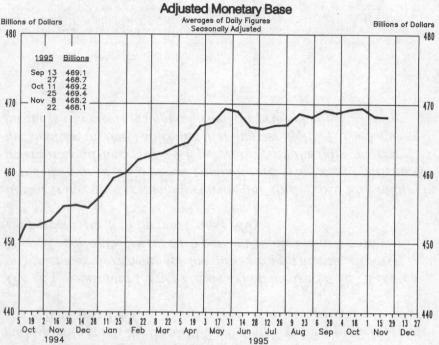
THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- Advance new orders for manufactured durable goods dropped 1 percent in October to \$167.28 billion. Nevertheless, durable goods orders have risen 7.1 percent since July, following a 0.4 percent gain over the previous three months. New orders are not adjusted for inflation.
- ✓ Total housing starts were at an annual rate of 1,337,000 units in October, 3.7 percent below September's rate and the third consecutive decline. Single family starts fell 2 percent in October, while multi-family starts declined 11.2 percent, dropping to their lowest level since July 1994.
- ✓ The U.S. goods and services trade deficit measured \$8.35 billion in September, narrowing for the third straight month. Exports of goods and services rose 1.6 percent, while imports rose 1.4 percent, the first increase since May.
- ✓ Business inventories (manufacturing and trade) rose \$2.8 billion in September, or at a 3.6 percent annual rate. The value of business inventories advanced at a 4.8 percent rate in the third quarter, the smallest increase since the first quarter of 1994. The value of business inventories is not adjusted for price changes.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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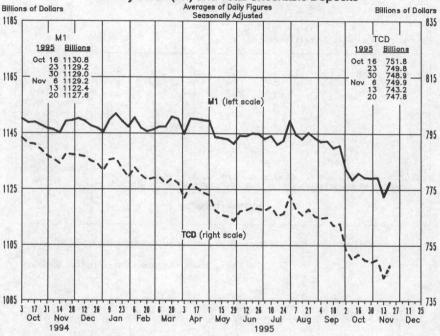
Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: November 22, 1995

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 available from this bank.

Recent data are preliminary.

		A	djusted N	Nonetary I	Base			
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compound 11/23/94	ed annual 2/15/95	rates of c 4/26/95	hange, ave 5/24/95	rage of two 6/21/95	7/19/95	nce period 8/16/95	ls ending: 9/27/95
4/26/95	6.1							
5/24/95	6.4	6.0						
6/21/95	5.3	4.3	3.1					
7/19/95	4.3	2.9	1.0	-2.2				
8/16/95	4.2	3.0	1.5	-0.5	0.0			
9/27/95	3.9	2.8	1.7	0.4	0.9	2.5		
10/25/95	3.6	2.6	1.6	0.5	0.9	2.1	1.7	
11/22/95	3.1	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	-1.0





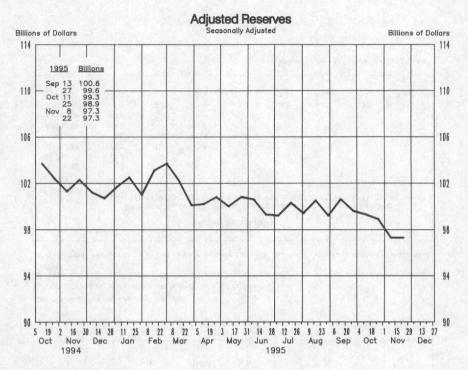
Latest data plotted week ending: November 20, 1995

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.

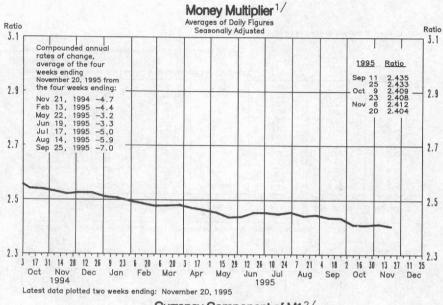
			Money	Stock (N	H)			
To the average of four weeks ending:	Com 11/21/94	2/20/95	4/17/95	s of chang 5/22/95	ge, average 6/19/95	of four we 7/17/95	8/21/95	g: 9/18/95
4/17/95	0.4							
5/22/95	-0.3	-1.0						
6/19/95	-0.5	-1.1	-2.6					
7/17/95	-0.5	-0.9	-1.9	-0.9				
8/21/95	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	1.0			
9/18/95	-0.5	-0.9	-1.4	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7		
10/23/95	-1.6	-2.2	-3.1	-3.0	-3.3	-4.2	-7.5	
11/20/95	-1.7	-2.4	-3.1	-3.1	-3.4	-4.0	-6.3	-7.3

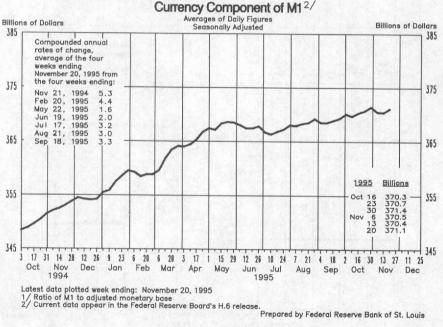


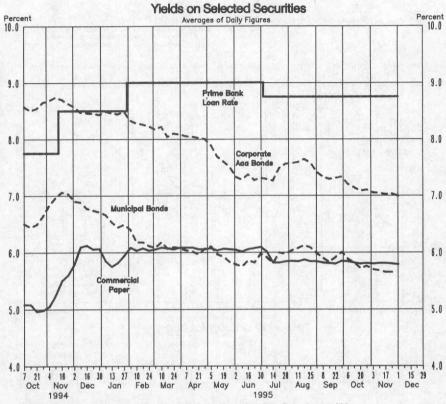
Latest data plotted two weeks ending: November 22, 1995

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

			Adjusted	Reserve	8			
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:					rage of two 6/21/95			
4/26/95	-3.0							
5/24/95	-2.7	-6.0						
6/21/95	-3.0	-5.8	-3.2					
7/19/95	-3.0	-5.2	-3.0	-3.8				
8/16/95	-2.4	-4.1	-1.6	-1.7	0.0			
9/27/95	-2.0	-3.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.4	1.6		
10/25/95	-2.9	-4.2	-2.8	-3.0	-2.6	-2.6	-4.6	
11/22/95	-4.4	-6.1	-5.5	-6.1	-6.3	-7.1	-9.7	-16.8







Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: December 1, 1995

19	95	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Sep	8	5.82	5.75	5.66	7.33	7.95	5.90
	15	5.81	5.71	5.64	7.29	7.91	5.83
	22 .	5.80	5.70	5.62	7.31	7.93	5.91
	29	5.85	5.78	5.70	7.33	7.95	6.00
Oct	6	5.84	5.79	5.70	7.20	7.82	5.88
	13	5.82	5.79	5.70	7.14	7.76	5.82
	20	5.80	5.78	5.71	7.08	7.70	5.72
	27	5.81	5.79	5.73	7.10	7.73	5.76
Nov	3	5.80	5.77	5.67	7.05	7.70	5.70
	10	5.81	5.74	5.64	7.04	7.71	5.68
	17	5.81	5.74	5.64	7.02	7.69	5.65
	24	5.80	5.73	5.64	7.03	7.71	5.65
Dec	1 *	5.79	5.74	5.65	6.99	7.66	N.A.

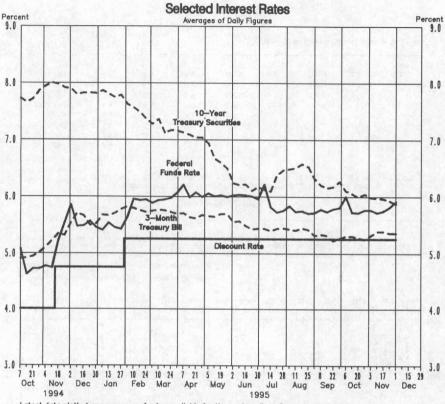
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^{*} Averages of rates available

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

N.A. - Not Available



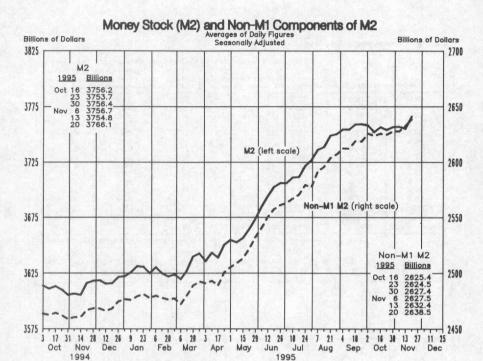
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199	5	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	Long—Term Treasury Securities
Sep	8	5.77	5.33	5.32	5.99	6.20	6.53
	15	5.73	5.31	5.29	5.96	6.15	6.38
	22	5.78	5.22	5.26	5.98	6.17	6.56
	29	5.80	5.26	5.37	6.08	6.26	6.62
Oct	6	6.00	5.30	5.30	5.92	6.10	6.47
	13	5.72	5.30	5.29	5.88	6.05	6.39
	20	5.71	5.27	5.28	5.83	5.99	6.31
	27	5.76	5.24	5.27	5.84	6.04	6.34
Nov	3	5.76	5.31	5.19	5.75	5.98	6.28
	10	5.71	5.38	5.16	5.73	5.97	6.27
	17	5.74	5.38	5.14	5.71	5.96	6.26
	24	5.81	5.35	5.14	5.70	5.92	6.26
Dec	1 *	5.91	5.35	5.13	5.65	5.87	6.22

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.

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^{**} Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

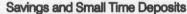


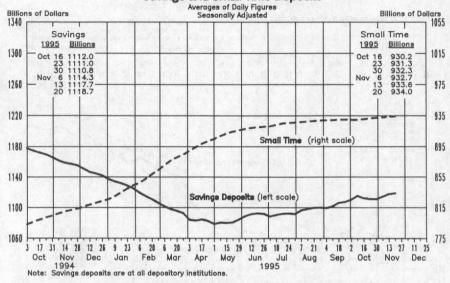
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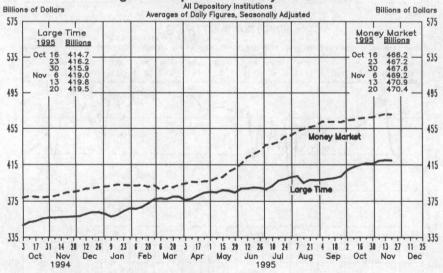
M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and general purpose and broker/dealer money market mutual funds. For more detail,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

			Money	Stock (N	12)			
T- 11-	Com	pounded	annual rate	s of chang	e, average	of four we	eeks ending	ı:
To the average of four weeks ending:	11/21/94	2/20/95	4/17/95	5/22/95	6/19/95	7/17/95	8/21/95	9/18/95
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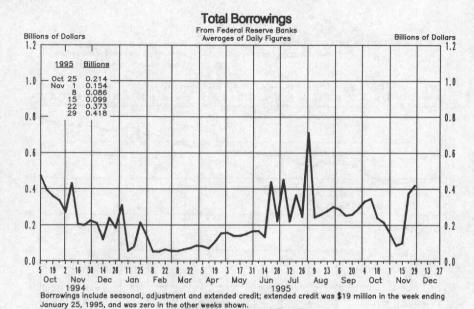
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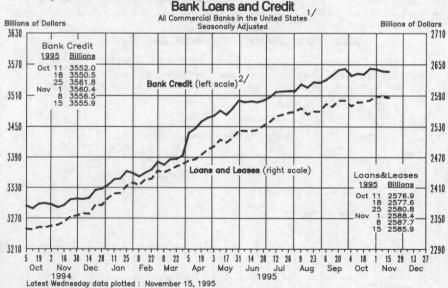


Latest data plotted week ending: November 20, 1995

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

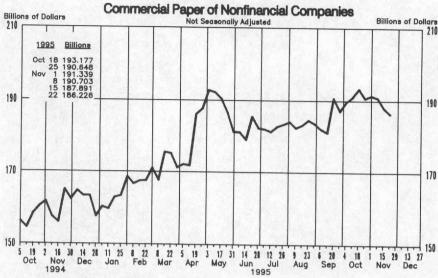
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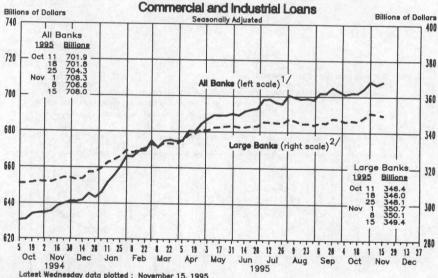


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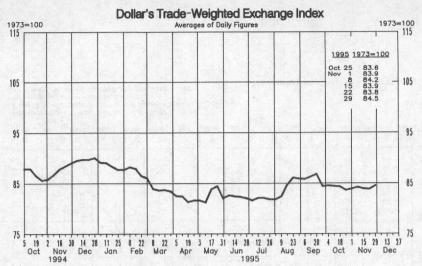
1/ Includes foreign—related institutions
2/ Includes loans and leases and securities







Latest Wednesday data plotted: November 15, 1995 Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.8 release. 1/ Includes foreign—related institutions 2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks



Latest data plotted week ending: November 29, 1995

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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