



THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Effective Jan. 31, the Federal Reserve Board approved a reduction in the discount rate from 5.25 percent to 5 percent. In a related move, the Federal Open Market Committee agreed that the reduction would be fully reflected in the reserve markets, allowing the federal funds rate to drop 25 basis points from about 5.50 percent to about 5.25 percent.
- ✓ After exhibiting no change in November, the consumer price index (CPI) rose at a 2.4 percent annual rate in December. Consumer prices rose 2.6 percent in 1995 (December to December), the same increase as for the 12 months ending in December 1994.
- ✓ Spurred by a large increase in energy prices, which had fallen for six consecutive months, the producer price index for finished goods (PPI) surged up at a 6.7 percent annual rate in December. Excluding energy prices, however, the PPI rose at only a 1.7 percent rate in December.
- ✓ Retail sales advanced at a 3.9 percent annual rate in December, down significantly from November's 8.1 percent pace. Sales rose at a 1.9 percent rate in the fourth quarter, the smallest increase since total sales fell at a 2.2 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter of 1991. Retail sales are not adjusted for price changes.

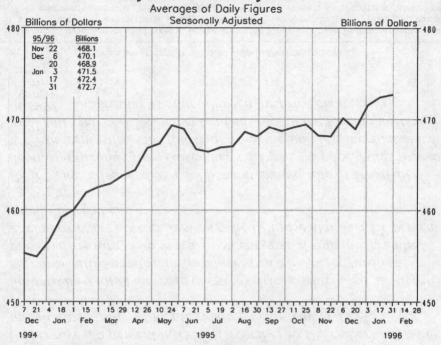
All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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Adjusted Monetary Base

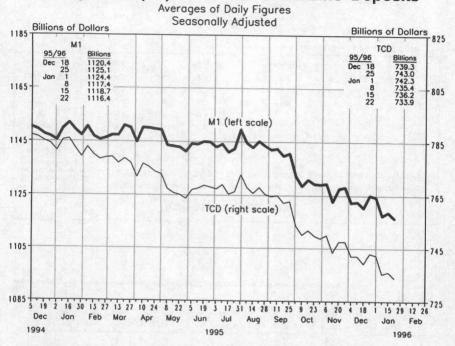


The adjusted monetary base is the sum of reserve occounts of financial institutions at Federal Reserve banks, currency in circulation (currency held by the public and in the vaults of all depository institutions) and an adjustment for reserve requirement ratio changes. The major source of the adjusted 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.

		Adjus	ted Me	onetar	y Base	е					
	Compou	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:									
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	2/1/95	4/26/95	7/5/95	8/2/95	8/30/95	9/27/95	10/25/95	12/6/95			
7/5/95	3.6										
8/2/95	3.2	1.1									
8/30/95	3.3	1.7	2.5								
9/27/95	3.1	1.7	2.2	2.7							
10/25/95	2.9	1.6	1.9	2.2	1.3						
12/6/95	2.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.2					
1/3/96	2.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.0				
1/31/96	2.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.6	5.0			

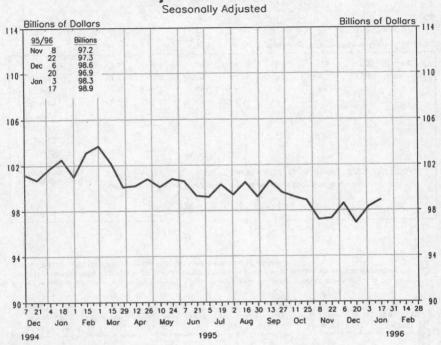
Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits



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

		Mo	oney S	tock (M1)				
To the average	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
of four weeks ending:	1/23/95	4/24/95	6/19/95	7/24/95	8/21/95	9/25/95	10/23/95	11/20/95	
6/19/95	-1.2								
7/24/95	-1.1	-2.1							
8/21/95	-0.5	-0.8	1.0						
9/25/95	-1.0	-1.5	-0.7	-0.7					
10/23/95	-2.2	-3.2	-3.3	-4.3	-7.5				
11/20/95	-2.3	-3.2	-3.4	-4.1	-6.3	-7.8			
12/25/95	-2.5	-3.4	-3.5	-4.1	-5.7	-6.4	-3.9		
1/22/96	-2.6	-3.4	-3.6	-4,1	-5.4	-5.8	-3.9	-4.0	

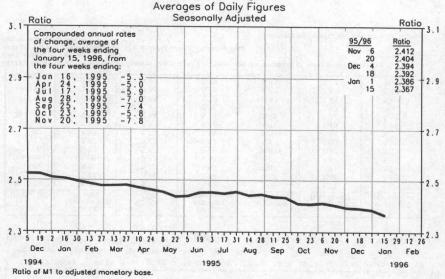
Adjusted Reserves



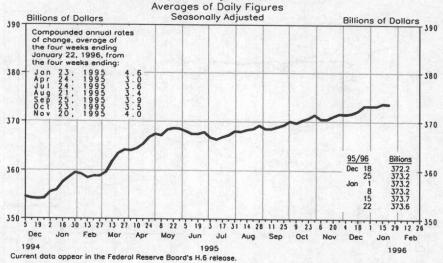
Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

Adjusted Reserves										
	Compou	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending								
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:					8/16/95					
6/21/95	-4.8									
7/19/95	-4.5	-1.5			*					
8/16/95	-3.5	-0.6	0.0							
9/13/95	-3.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.7						
10/11/95	-3.6	-1.6	-1.9	-1.7	-3.8					
11/22/95	-5.5	-4.7	-6.3	-7.1	-9.7	-12.8				
12/20/95	-4.6	-3.4	-4.4	-4.7	-6.2	-7.6	-8.1			
1/17/96	-3.4	-2.1	-2.4	-2.4	-3.3	-3.7	-3.0	9.0		



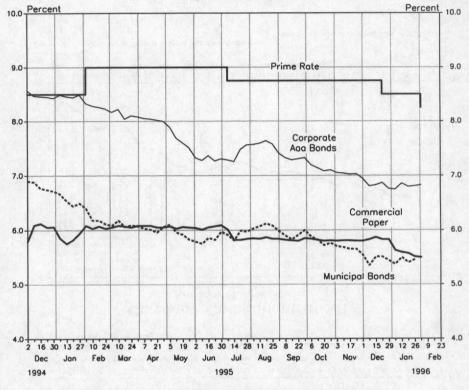


Currency Component of M1



Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1995	96	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Nov	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	5.80	5.73	5.62	6.94	7.61	5.54
	8	5.83	5.67	5.56	6.81	7.48	5.35
	15	5.87	5.67	5.57	6.83	7.50	5.51
	22	5.83	5.60	5.49	6.87	7.54	5.51
	29	5.83	5.53	5.46	6.76	7.43	5.44
Jan	5	5.63	5.44	5.37	6.75	7.42	5.37
	12	5.59	5.45	5.36	6.86	7.52	5.50
	19	5.57	5.39	5.32	6.80	7.45	5.40
	26	5.51	5.36	5.28	6.81	7.47	5.46
Feb	2	5.50	5.28	5.19	6.83	7.47	N.A.

Current data are from the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on February 2, 1996 .

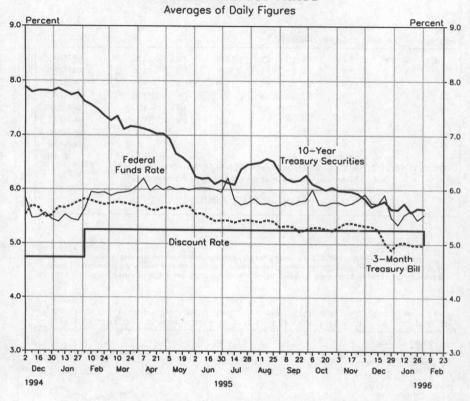
•• Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

N.A. — Not Available

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Selected Interest Rates



1995	/96	Federal Funds ••	3-Month Treosury Bill	1 – Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	Long-Term Treasury Securities
Nov	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	5.33	5.11	5.59	5.82	6.17
	8	5.75	5.32	5.08	5.49	5.68	6.02
	15	5.73	5.26	5.06	5.55	5.73	6.05
	22	5.90	5.02	5.01	5.56	5.78	6.10
	29	5.48	4.89	4.94	5.44	5.64	5.97
Jan	5	5.35	5.02	4.91	5.39	5.63	5.96
	12	5.53	5.03	4.89	5.44	5.74	6.07
	19	5.61	4.98	4.77	5.30	5.58	5.95
	26	5.44	4.97	4.79	5.35	5.65	6.00
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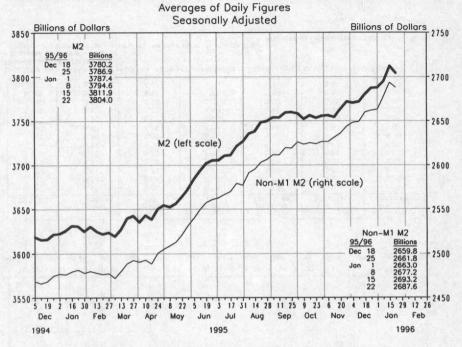
Reserve Board's 5.1.3 release.

• Averages of rates available

• Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

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Money Stock(M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2

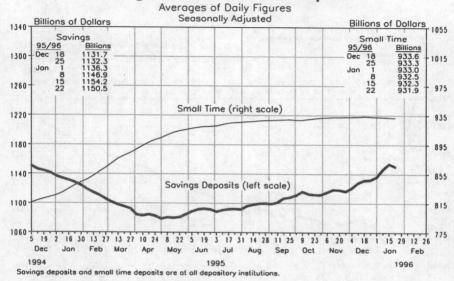


M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and general purpose and broker/dealer money market mutual funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.5 release.

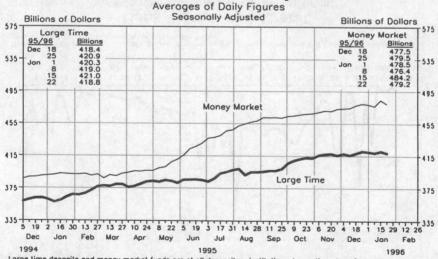
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

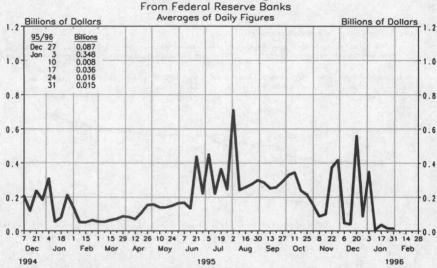


Large Time Deposits and Money Market Funds



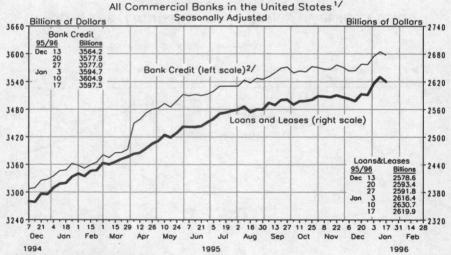
Large time deposits and money market funds are at all despository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Money market funds are general purpose and broker/dealer.

Total Borrowings



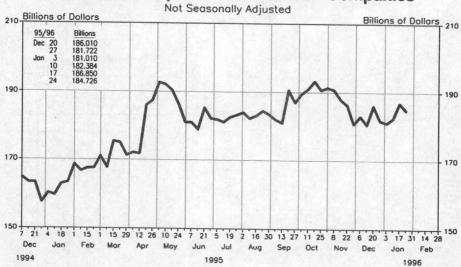
Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit; extended credit was \$19 million in the week ending January 25, 1995, and was zero in the other weeks shown.

Bank Loans and Credit

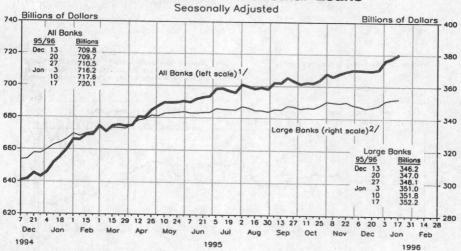


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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



Commercial and Industrial Loans

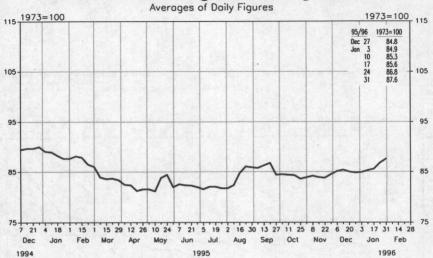


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2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

Dollar's Trade - Weighted Exchange Index



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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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