

## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ 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.
$\checkmark$ 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.
$\checkmark$ 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.
$\checkmark$ 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 odjusted monetory bose is the sum of reserve accounts of finoncial institutions at Federal Reserve banks, currency in circulation (currency held by the public and in the voults of oll depository institutions) and an adjustment for reserve requirement ratio changes. The major source of the odjusted monetory bose is Federal Reserve credit. Dalo are computed by this bank. A detailed description of the adjusted monetory base is available from this bank.
Recent dato ore preliminary.

## Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $7 / 5 / 95$ | 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 |

Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: $2 / 1 / 95 \quad 4 / 26 / 95 \quad 7 / 5 / 95 \quad 8 / 2 / 95 \quad 8 / 30 / 95 \quad 9 / 27 / 95 \quad 10 / 25 / 95 \quad 12 / 6 / 95$

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits
Averages of Daily Figures
Billions of Dollars
Seasonally Adjusted


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demond depasits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks. Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current dato appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.

| To the average of four weeks ending: | Money stock (M1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1/23/95 | 4/24/95 | 6/19/95 | 7/24/95 | 8/21/95 | 9/25/9 | 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 |

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## Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted


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

## Adjusted Reserves

To the overage of two maintenonce periods ending:

| $6 / 21 / 95$ | -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 |

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Money Multiplier


Ratio of M1 to adjusted monetary base.

## Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures


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

Yields on Selected Securities
Averages of Daily Figures


| 1995/96 | 30-Day Commercial Poper | $\begin{gathered} 90-\text { Day } \\ \mathrm{CDs} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 90-Day Bonkers' Acceptances | Corporate Aoa 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 doto are from the Federal Reserve Board's $\mathrm{H}, 15$ release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on Februory 2, 1996.
*Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday doto
N.A. - Not Avoilable

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Selected Interest Rates
Averages of Daily Figures


| 1995/96 |  | Federal Funds ** | $\begin{gathered} 3 \text {-Month } \\ \text { Treasury } \\ \text { Bill } \end{gathered}$ | 1-Year Treosury Bill | $\begin{gathered} \text { 5-Year } \\ \text { Treosury } \\ \text { Securities } \end{gathered}$ | 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 |
| Feb | 2 | 5.53 | 4.97 | 4.73 | 5.31 | 5.64 | 5.98 |

Except for long-term Treosury securities, which ore computed by this Bank, current dato appeor in the Federal
Reserve Board's H. 15 releose.

- Averages of rates available
* Seven-doy overages for week ending two doys eorlier 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 morket deposit accounts), small time deposits and general purpose and broker/deoler money market mutual funds. Current doto appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 releose.

## Money Stock (M2)

To the averoge of four weeks ending:

| $6 / 19 / 95$ | 4.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $7 / 24 / 95$ | 4.7 | 8.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 21 / 95$ | 5.3 | 8.3 | 7.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $9 / 25 / 95$ | 5.3 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 |  |  |  |  |
| $10 / 23 / 95$ | 4.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 2.8 |  |  |  |
| $11 / 20 / 95$ | 4.3 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 2.2 | 0.1 |  |  |
| $12 / 25 / 95$ | 4.5 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 3.5 |  |
| $1 / 22 / 96$ | 4.7 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 6.7 |

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## Savings and Small Time Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures


Sovings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

## Large Time Deposits and Money Market Funds

Averages of Daily Figures


Lorge 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 braker/dealer.

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Total Borrowings
From Federal Reserve Banks


Borrowings include seosonal, odjustment and extended credit; extended credit wos $\$ 19$ million in the week ending January 25, 1995, and wos zero in the other weeks shown.

## Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States ${ }^{1 /}$


Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 8 release.
1 Includes foreign-related institutions
2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

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## Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



Commercial and Industrial Loans


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2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chortered bonks

Dollar's Trade - Weighted Exchange Index
Averages of Daily Figures


Current dato appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 10 release.
Dota are weighted averages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S.
dallar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.
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