THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

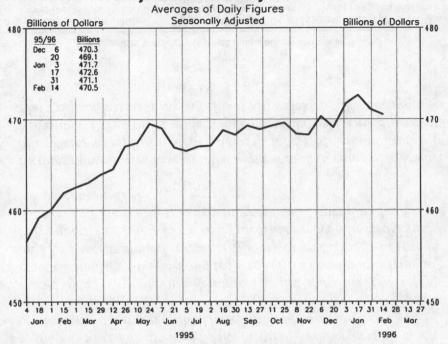
- ✓ The index of leading economic indicators edged up 0.2 percent in December, the first increase since August. Eight of the 10 available indicators contributed positively to the December increase.
- ✓ The index of industrial production fell at a 6.6 percent annual rate in January, more than offsetting the 2 percent rate of increase in December 1995, and the largest monthly decline since March 1991. According to the Federal Reserve Board, the output of most major market groups was affected by the adverse weather that hit much of the eastern portion of the United States in January.
- ✓ Paced by a sharp increase in nonresidential spending, real total construction spending rebounded strongly in December, rising at an 11.8 percent annual rate, after falling at an 8.5 percent rate in November. For all of 1995, real construction spending rose just 0.4 percent, the smallest yearly increase since spending fell 9.8 percent in 1991.
- ✔ Business inventories rose at a 0.9 percent annual rate in November, after rising at an 8.7 percent rate in October. Measured from November 1994, total business inventories have risen 7.3 percent. The value of business inventories is 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 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.

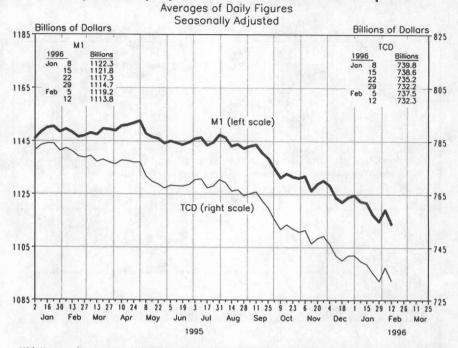
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		Adjus	ted M	onetar	y Bas	е			
455	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending								
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	2/15/95	5/10/95	7/19/95	8/16/95	9/13/95	10/11/95	11/8/95	12/20/95	
7/19/95	3.0								
8/16/95	3.1	0.6							
9/13/95	3.0	1.0	2.8						
10/11/95	2.7	1.0	2.2	1.5					
11/8/95	2.4	0.8	1.5	0.9	0.3				
12/20/95	2.2	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7			
1/17/96	2.6	1.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.5	3.6		
2/14/96	2.1	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	

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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 overes	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:									
To the average of four weeks ending:	2/13/95	5/15/95	7/10/95	8/14/95	9/11/95	10/9/95	11/13/95	12/11/95		
7/10/95	-0.9									
8/14/95	-0.7	-1.5								
9/11/95	-0.9	-1.7	-1.0							
10/9/95	-1.7	-2.9	-3.1	-5.1						
11/13/95	-2.2	-3.4	-3.7	-5.2	-6.4					
12/11/95	-2.3	-3.3	-3.6	-4.6	-5.3	-4.2				
1/15/96	-2.5	-3.4	-3.7	-4.5	-5.0	-4.2	-3.5			
2/12/96	-2.9	-3.9	-4.2	-5.0	-5.5	-5.0	-4.8	-5.7		

Adjusted Reserves



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

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Jul

1995

Jun

Adjusted Reserves									
To the average of	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending								
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	2/15/95	5/10/95	7/19/95	8/16/95	9/13/95	10/11/95	11/8/95	12/20/95	
7/19/95	-5.9								
8/16/95	-4.6	-4.3							
9/13/95	-4.2	-3.7	0.7						
10/11/95	-5.0	-5.1	-3.4	-6.3					
11/8/95	-6.0	-6.4	-6.0	-8.8	-12.3				
12/20/95	-6.3	-6.8	-6.7	-8.7	-10.7	-10.5			
1/17/96	-4.2	-4.0	-2.8	-3.7	-4.3	-2.2	2.7		
2/14/96	-4.6	-4.5	-3.6	-4.5	-5.1	-3.7	-0.8	5.5	

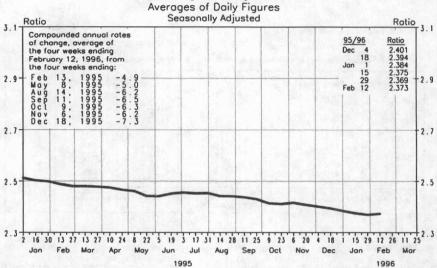
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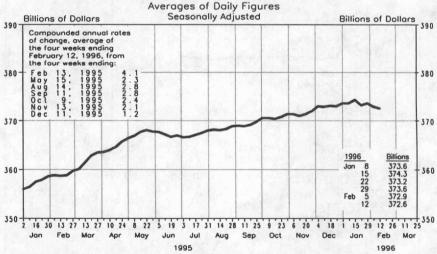
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Money Multiplier



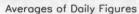
Ratio of M1 to adjusted monetary base.

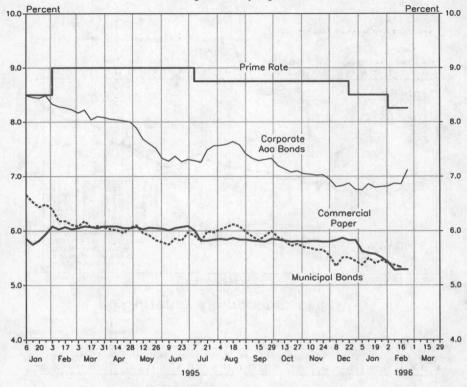
Currency Component of M1



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Yields on Selected Securities





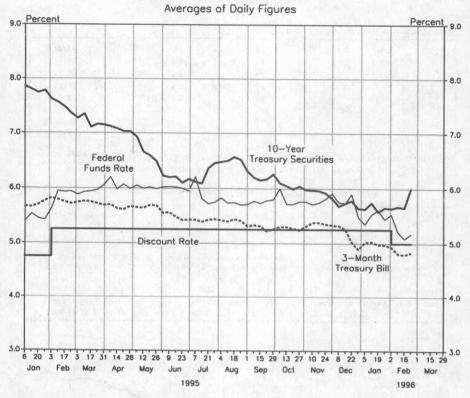
1995/96	995/96 Commercial 90-Day Paper CDs		90-Day Bankers' Corpo Acceptances Aaa B		Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds ••	
Dec 1	5.80	5.73	5.62	6.94	7.61	5.54	
8	5.83	5.67	5.56	6.81	7.48	5.35	
15	5.87	5.67	5.57	6.83	7.50	5.51	
22	5.83	5.60	5.49	6.87	7.54	5.51	
29	5.83	5.53	5.46	6.76	7.43	5.44	
Jan 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	5.42	5.23	5.14	6.82	7.46	5.40	
9	5.28	5.15	5.06	6.87	7.50	5.37	
16	5.29	5.13	5.05	6.86	7.50	5.33	
23	5.29	5.15	5.08	7.12	7.76	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 23, 1996

• Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data
N.A. — Not Available



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
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	4.93	4.69	5.28	5.64	6.00
9	5.21	4.81	4.61	5.27	5.67	6.04
16	5.09	4.79	4.57	5.20	5.65	6.03
23 •	5.17	4.83	4.81	5.55	6.00	6.35

Except for long—term Treasury securities, which are computed by this Bank, current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release.

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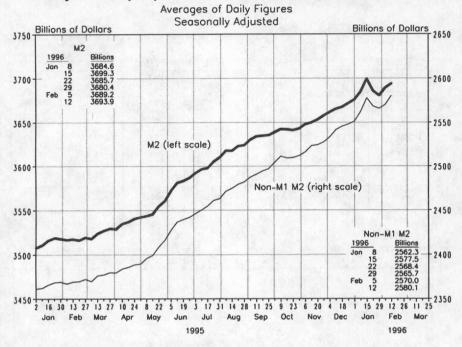
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•• Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

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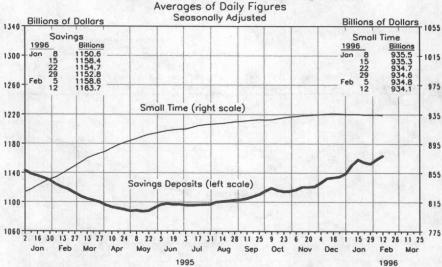
Money Stock(M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2



M2 is the sum of M1, sovings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and retail money funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

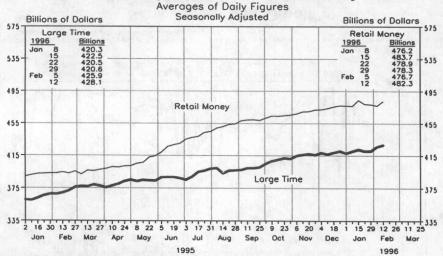
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10/9/95	5.3	6.8	5.5	4.6					
11/13/95	4.9	5.9	4.6	3.7	2.8				
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1/15/96	5.1	5.9	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.7	6.1		
2/12/96	4.8	5.5	4.6	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.5	

Savings and Small Time Deposits



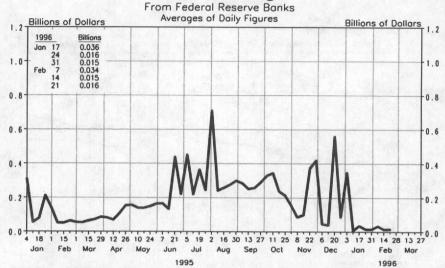
Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



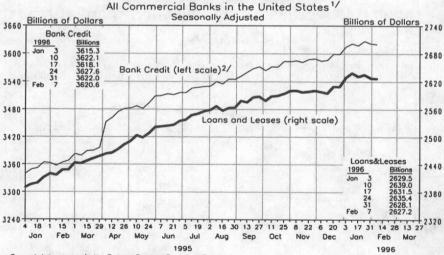
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Total Borrowings



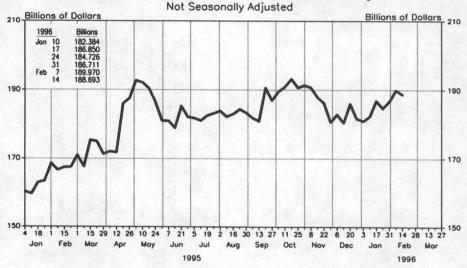
Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit; extended credit was \$19 million in the week ending January 25, 1995, and was zero in the other weeks shown.

Bank Loans and Credit

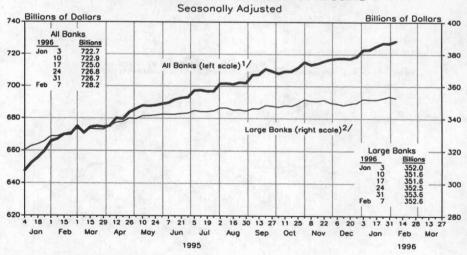


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2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



Commercial and Industrial Loans

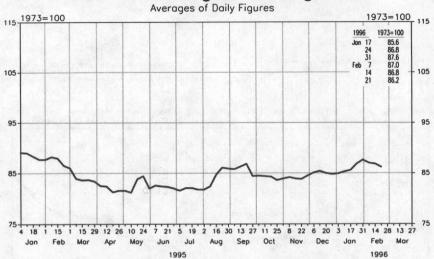


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1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

Dollar's Trade - Weighted Exchange Index



Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.10 release. Data are weighted overages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.

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