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## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ The composite index of leading economic indicators fell 0.5 percent in January, the fourth decline in the last five months. Six of the 11 components made negative contributions, while five contributed positively.
$\checkmark$ Business sector productivity (output per hour) was unchanged in the fourth quarter of 1995, following an annual rate of increase of 1.6 percent in the third quarter. Productivity increased 0.9 percent in 1995, up slightly from the 0.8 percent gain posted in 1994. Unit labor costs, on the other hand, advanced at a 3 percent rate in the fourth quarter and rose 2.5 percent for all of 1995 - the largest increase in four years.
$\checkmark$ After advancing at a brisk 7 percent annual rate in December, real disposable personal income fell at a 0.4 percent rate in January. Real personal consumption expenditures, reflecting a large drop in durable goods purchases, fell at a 9.1 percent rate in January after rising at a 9.5 percent pace between October and December.
$\checkmark$ New orders for manufactured goods rose 0.5 percent in January, following a 1.7 percent surge in December. Total factory orders rose at a 12 percent annual rate between July 1995 and January 1996 after falling at a 5.1 percent rate over the prior six-month period.

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 odjustment for reserve requirement ratio changes. The major source of the odjusted monetary base is Federal Reserve credit. Data are computed by this bank. A detailed description of the adjusted monetary bose is available from this bank.
Recent data ore preliminary.

| To the overage of two maintenonce periods ending: | Adjusted Monetary Base |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Compounded annual rates of change, overage of two maintenance periods ending: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3/1/95 | 5/24/95 | 8/2/95 | 8/30/95 | 9/27/95 | 10/25/95 | 11/22/95 | 1/3/96 |
| 8/2/95 | 2.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/30/95 | 2.8 | 0.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/27/95 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 2.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/25/95 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 1.3 |  |  |  |  |
| 11/22/95 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.9 | -0.2 | -1.0 |  |  |  |
| 1/3/96 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |  |
| 1/31/96 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 3.9 |  |
| 2/28/96 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 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 demond deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current doto appeor in the Federal Reserve Boord's H. 6 release.

| To the overage of four weeks ending: | Money Stock (M1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2 / 27 / 95$ | $5 / 29 / 95$ | $7 / 24 / 95$ | $8 / 28 / 95$ | $9 / 25 / 9$ | $0 / 23 / 95$ | $1 / 27 / 95$ | 25/95 |
| 7/24/95 | -0.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/28/95 | -0.7 | -0.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/25/95 | -0.9 | -1.2 | $-1.8$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/23/95 | -2.0 | -2.9 | -4.3 | -6.3 |  |  |  |  |
| 11/27/95 | -2.2 | -2.9 | -3.9 | -5.0 | -6.1 |  |  |  |
| 12/25/95 | -2.5 | -3.3 | -4.2 | -5.1 | -5.9 | -4.1 |  |  |
| 1/29/96 | -2.7 | -3.5 | -4.3 | -5.1 | -5.6 | -4.4 | -5.1 |  |
| 2/26/96 | $-2.8$ | -3.5 | -4.2 | -4.8 | -5.2 | -4.1 | -4.6 | -4.2 |

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## Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted


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

## Adjusted Reserves

To the overage of two maintenance periods ending:

| $8 / 2 / 95$ | -7.6 |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $8 / 30 / 95$ | -5.7 | -3.6 |
| $9 / 27 / 95$ | -5.5 | -3.7 |
| $10 / 25 / 95$ | -6.3 | -5.3 |
| $11 / 22 / 95$ | -8.0 | -7.9 |
| $1 / 3 / 96$ | -6.7 | -6.2 |
| $1 / 31 / 96$ | -5.2 | -4.3 |
| $2 / 28 / 96$ | -4.7 | -3.7 |

$\begin{array}{ll}-3.7 & -3.6\end{array}$
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Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: $\begin{array}{lllllll}3 / 1 / 95 & 5 / 24 / 95 & 8 / 2 / 95 & 8 / 30 / 95 & 9 / 27 / 95 & 10 / 25 / 95 & 11 / 22 / 95\end{array} 1 / 3 / 96$
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$-5.8 \quad-8.1$
$-3.2 \quad-4.7$
$-3.8$
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-9.3
-4.8
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$-3.7$

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-2.6 & 6.0
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Money Multiplier
Averoges of Daily Figures


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Currency Component of M1


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Yields on Selected Securities
Averages of Daily Figures


| 1995/96 | 30-Day Commercial Paper | $\begin{gathered} 90 \text {-Day } \\ \text { CDs } \end{gathered}$ | 90-Day Bankers' Acceptances | Corporate Aad Bonds | Corporate Baa Bonds | Municipal Bonds ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dec 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 | 5.28 | 5.14 | 5.07 | 7.13 | 7.77 | 5.48 |
| Mor 1 | 5.30 | 5.16 | 5.09 | 7.20 | 7.86 | 5.57 |
| 8 | 5.31 | 5.16 | 5.08 | 7.12 | 7.80 | N.A. |

Current doto are from the Federal Reserve Boord's H. 15 release, and are overages of rates available for the week ending on March 8, 1996
** Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday dato N.A. - Not Available

## Selected Interest Rates

## Averages of Daily Figures



| 1995/96 | Federal Funds o* | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-Month } \\ & \text { Treasury } \\ & \text { Bill } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1-\text { Year } \\ & \text { Treasury } \\ & \text { Bill } \end{aligned}$ | 5-Yeor Treasury Securities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10-Yeor } \\ & \text { Treosury } \\ & \text { Securities } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Long-Term Ireasury Securities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dec 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 |
| Jon 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 |
| 25 | 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 | 4.82 | 4.78 | 5.52 | 5.97 | 6.35 |
| Mor 1 | 5.31 | 4.87 | 4.87 | 5.65 | 6.06 | 6.43 |
| 8. | 5.57 | 4.93 | 4.90 | 5.60 | 5.98 | 6.37 |

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

- Averoges of rates ovailoble
- Seven-day overoges for week ending two doys earlier than dote shown

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

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted


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

| To the overage of four weeks ending: | Money Stock (M2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2/27/95 | 5/29/95 | 7/24/95 | 8/28/95 | 9/25/95 |  | 27/95 | 12/25/95 |
| 7/24/95 | 5.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/28/95 | 6.0 | 8.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/25/95 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 5.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/23/95 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 3.8 |  |  |  |  |
| 11/27/95 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 3.0 |  |  |  |
| 12/25/95 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.1 |  |  |
| 1/29/96 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.7 |  |
| 2/26/96 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.0 |

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## Savings and Small Time Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures


Sovings deposits and small time deposits are of all depository institutions.
Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds
Averages of Daily Figures


Large time deposits and retail money funds ore at all despository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominotions of $\$ 100,000$ or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

## Total Borrowings

From Federal Reserve Banks


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

Bank Loans and Credit
All Commercial Banks in the United States ${ }^{1 /}$


Current data oppear 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

Not Seasonally Adjusted


## Commercial and Industrial Loans



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1/ Includes foreign-reloted institutions
2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

## Dollar's Trade - Weighted Exchange Index

Averages of Daily Figures


Current doto appeor in the Federal Reserve Board's H .10 releose. Doto are weighted averages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollor, compuled using 10 industrial country currencies.

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