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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ *The value of advance new orders for manufactured durable goods fell \$4.2 billion in February, or by 2.5 percent, the fourth decline in the last five months. Excluding the 11.6 percent drop in new orders for transportation equipment, new orders rose 0.7 percent. Durable goods orders are not adjusted for inflation.*
- ✓ *Import prices declined 0.5 percent in February, as prices of petroleum imports posted their largest one-month drop since July 1995. After rising at a 6.2 percent annual rate between December 1993 and May 1995, import prices have since declined at a 1.5 percent annual rate over the past seven months. Import prices are not seasonally adjusted.*
- ✓ *The National Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing single-family homes rose 6.5 percent in February to an annual rate of 3,960,000 units. February's sales rate, up 12.5 percent from a year earlier, was the largest since October 1992 and reversed a four-month decline.*
- ✓ *According to the Conference Board, consumer confidence measured 97.7 percent (1985 = 100) in March, down slightly from the 98.0 percent reading in February. Compared with March 1995, however, the consumer confidence index has declined 2.5 percentage points.*

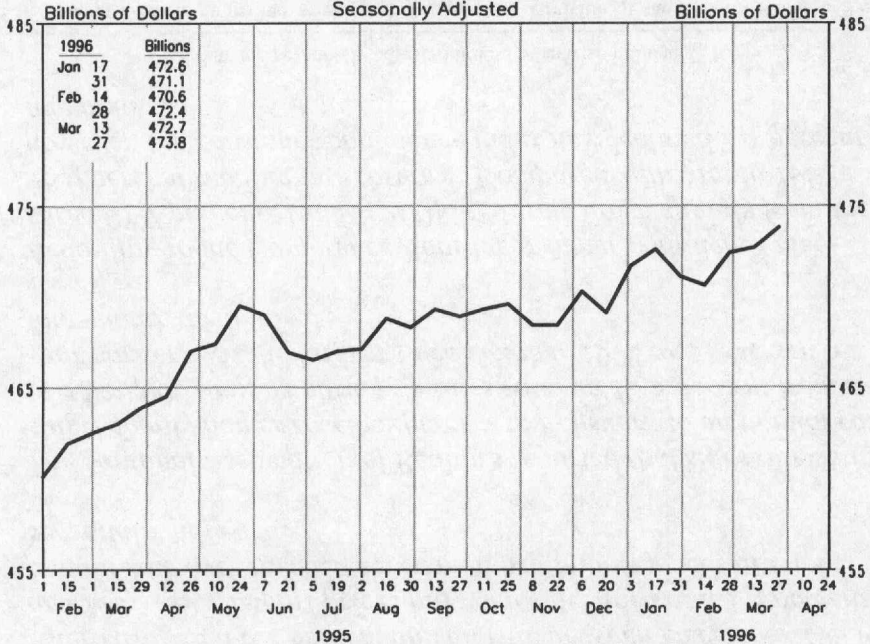
All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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.

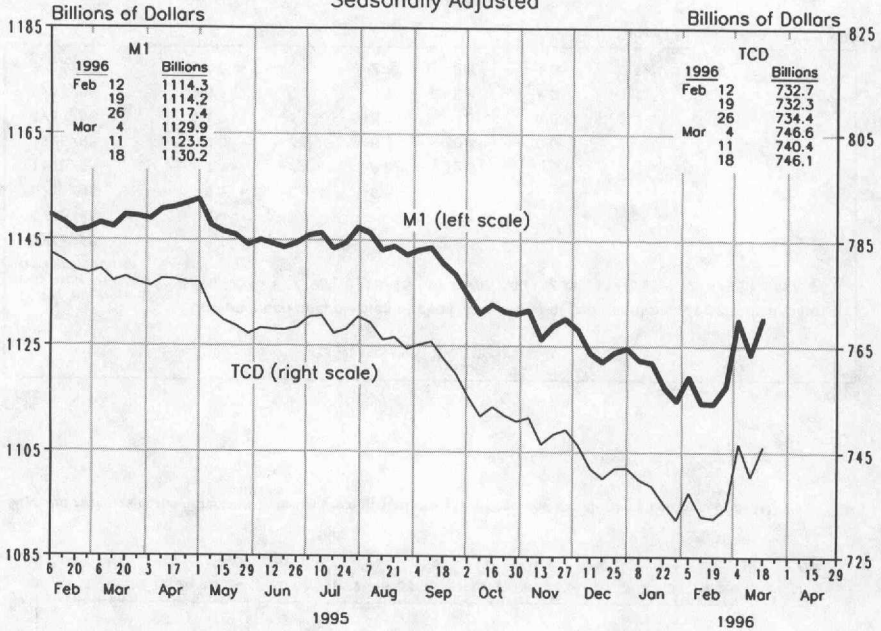
Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:							
	3/29/95	6/21/95	8/30/95	9/27/95	10/25/95	11/22/95	12/20/95	1/31/96
8/30/95	2.6							
9/27/95	2.4	0.9						
10/25/95	2.3	0.9	1.3					
11/22/95	1.6	0.2	-0.2	-1.0				
12/20/95	1.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3			
1/31/96	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.9	3.9		
2/28/96	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.5	2.0	
3/27/96	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.9	3.1	2.9	1.9

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Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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.

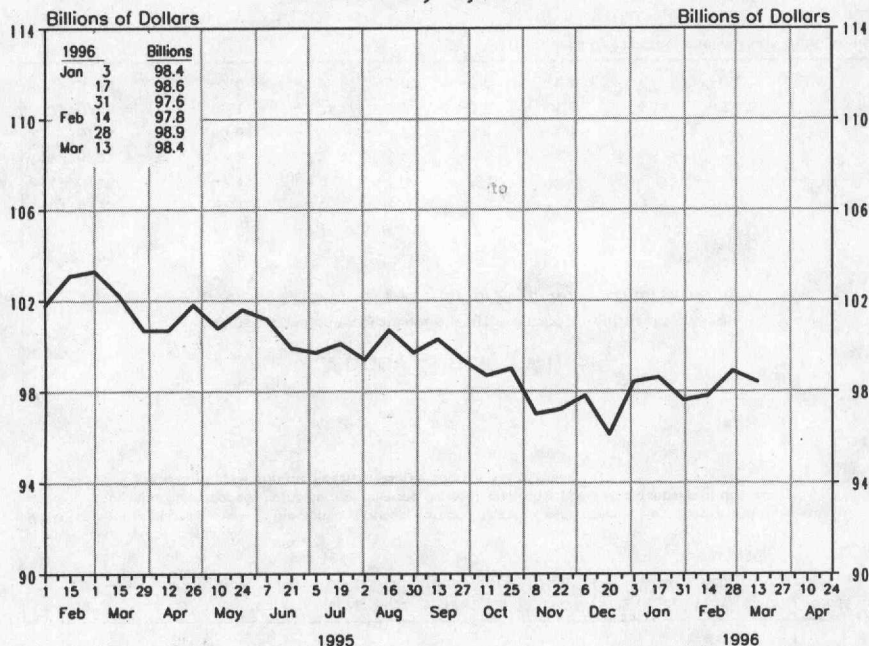
Money Stock (M1)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:							
	3/20/95	6/19/95	8/21/95	9/18/95	10/16/95	11/20/95	12/18/95	1/15/96
8/21/95	-0.6							
9/18/95	-1.0	-0.7						
10/16/95	-2.1	-2.6	-6.0					
11/20/95	-2.4	-3.0	-5.3	-6.4				
12/18/95	-2.5	-3.2	-5.0	-5.6	-4.2			
1/15/96	-2.6	-3.2	-4.7	-5.1	-3.9	-3.6		
2/19/96	-3.1	-3.7	-5.1	-5.5	-4.7	-4.8	-5.2	
3/18/96	-2.0	-2.2	-3.0	-3.0	-1.9	-1.1	-0.2	1.1

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Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



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

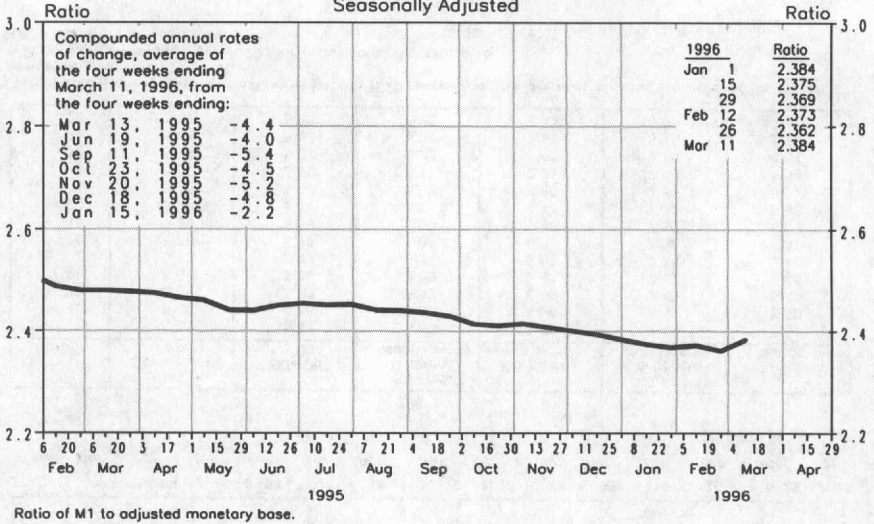
Adjusted Reserves

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:								
	3/15/95	6/7/95	8/16/95	9/13/95	10/11/95	11/8/95	12/6/95	1/17/96	
8/16/95	-6.1								
9/13/95	-5.4	-5.0							
10/11/95	-6.2	-6.4	-6.3						
11/8/95	-7.1	-7.7	-8.8	-12.3					
12/6/95	-7.0	-7.5	-8.2	-10.4	-10.0				
1/17/96	-4.9	-4.6	-3.7	-4.3	-2.2	2.7			
2/14/96	-5.4	-5.2	-4.7	-5.4	-4.0	-1.1	1.1		
3/13/96	-4.0	-3.4	-2.4	-2.6	-1.0	2.1	4.6	1.3	

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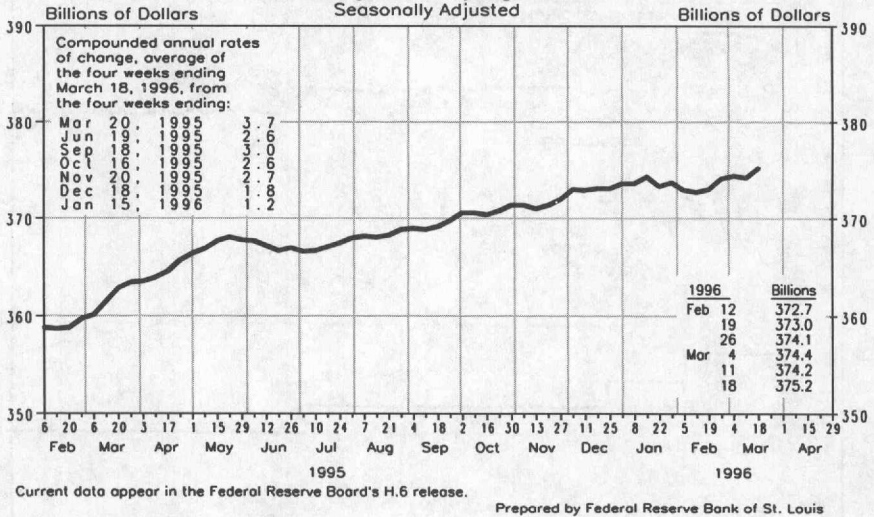
Money Multiplier

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



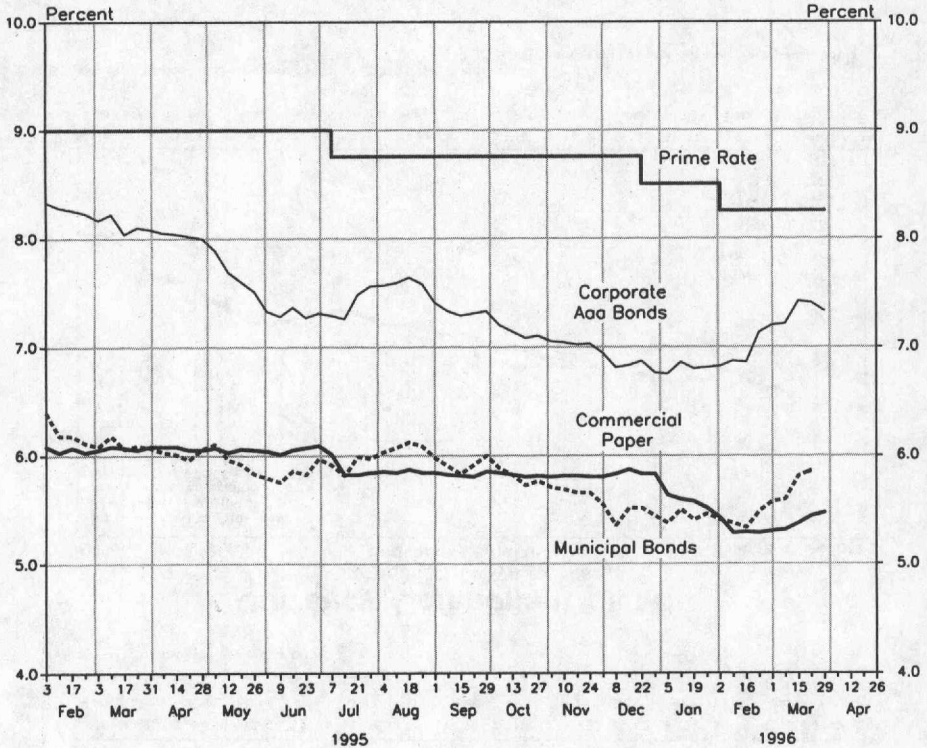
Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures
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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1996	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
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
Mar 1	5.30	5.16	5.09	7.20	7.86	5.57
8	5.31	5.19	5.11	7.21	7.90	5.59
15	5.37	5.31	5.23	7.42	8.10	5.81
22	5.44	5.33	5.26	7.41	8.10	5.86
29	5.47	5.33	5.25	7.33	8.03	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 March 29, 1996.

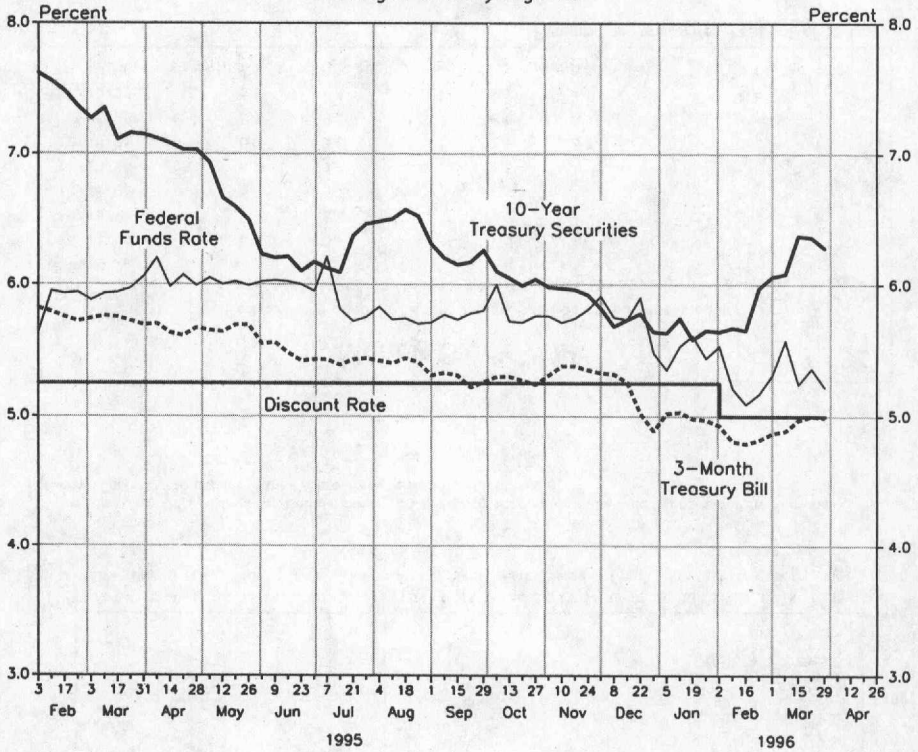
** Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

N.A. - Not Available

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Selected Interest Rates

Averages of Daily Figures



1996	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	Long-Term Treasury Securities
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	4.82	4.78	5.52	5.97	6.35
Mar 1	5.31	4.87	4.87	5.65	6.06	6.43
8	5.57	4.89	4.89	5.71	6.08	6.46
15	5.24	4.97	5.13	6.06	6.37	6.72
22	5.36	5.00	5.15	6.08	6.36	6.72
29 *	5.22	4.99	5.11	6.04	6.28	6.66

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

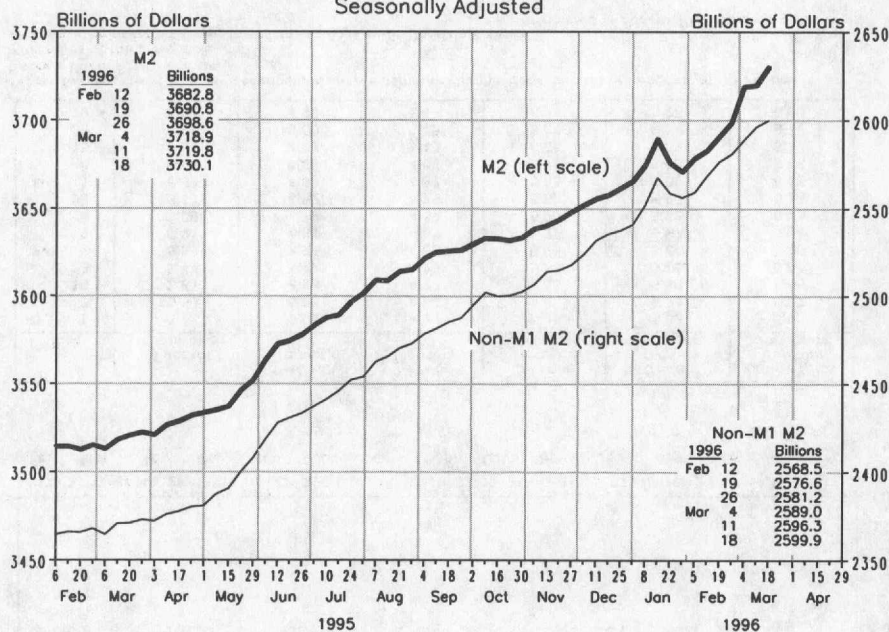
* Averages of rates available

** 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

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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

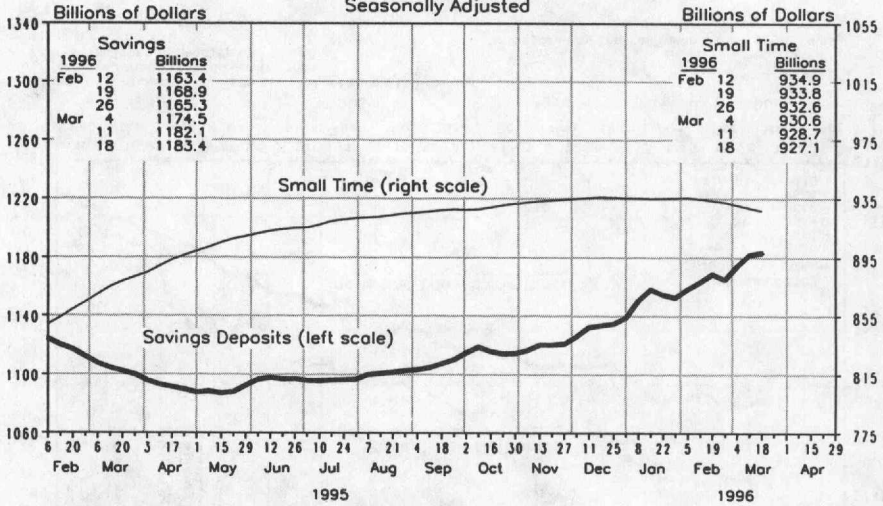
Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
	3/20/95	6/19/95	8/21/95	9/18/95	10/16/95	11/20/95	12/18/95	1/15/96	
8/21/95	6.3								
9/18/95	6.1	6.5							
10/16/95	5.7	5.7	4.0						
11/20/95	5.2	4.9	3.4	2.7					
12/18/95	5.2	5.0	3.9	3.5	3.7				
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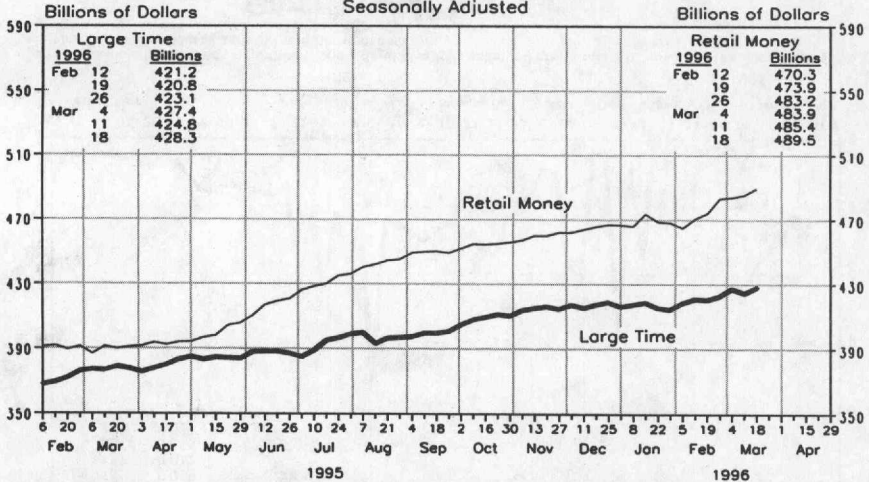
Savings and Small Time Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

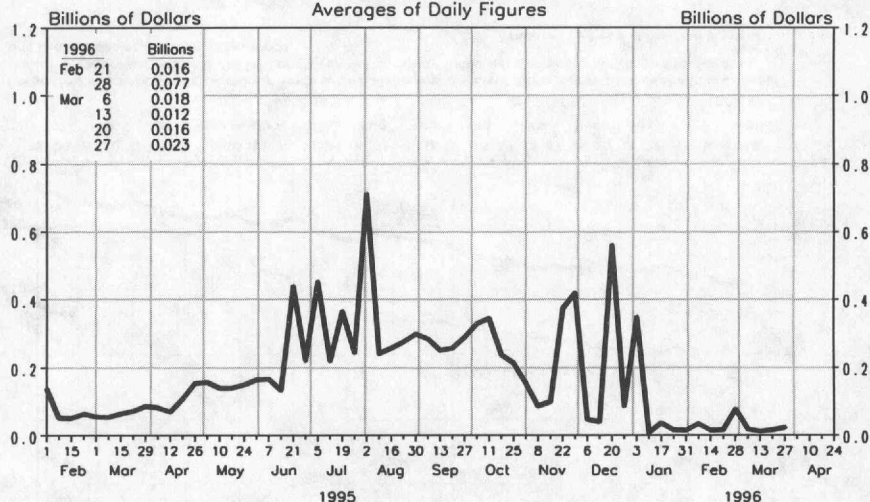


Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

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Total Borrowings

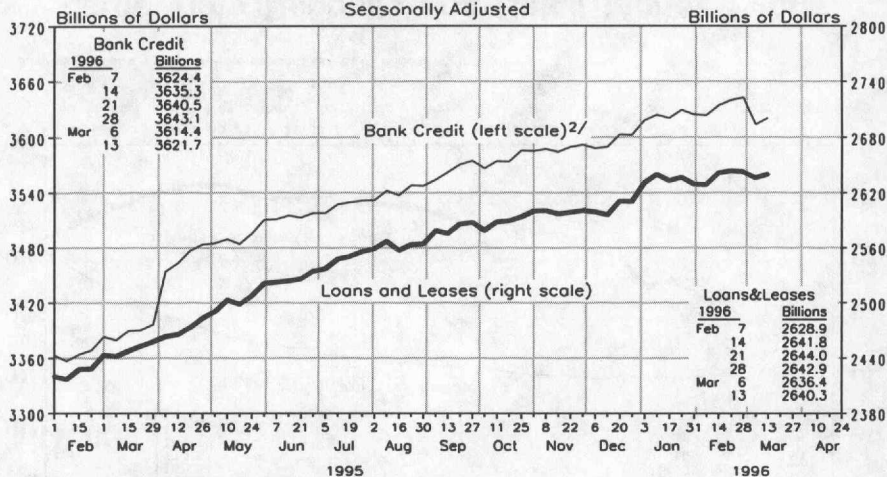
From Federal Reserve Banks
Averages of Daily Figures



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

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



Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.8 release.

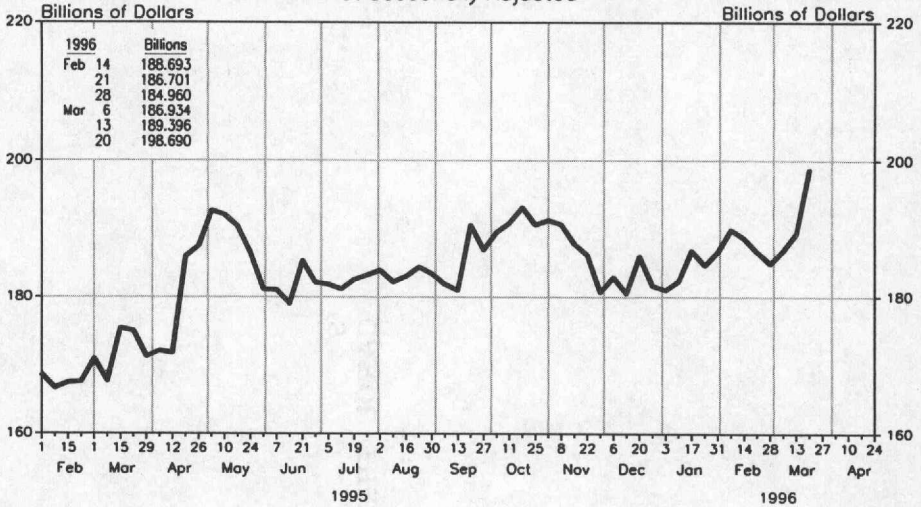
^{1/} Includes foreign-related institutions

^{2/} Includes loans and leases and securities

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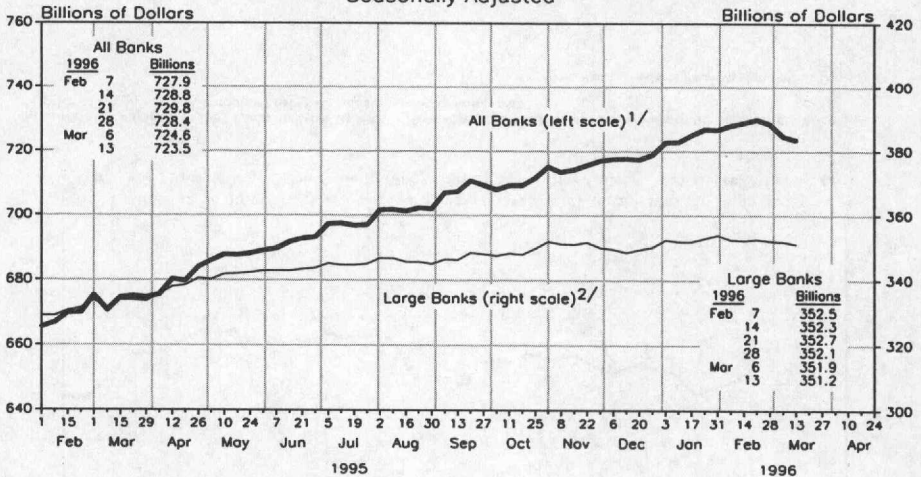
Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

Not Seasonally Adjusted



Commercial and Industrial Loans

Seasonally Adjusted

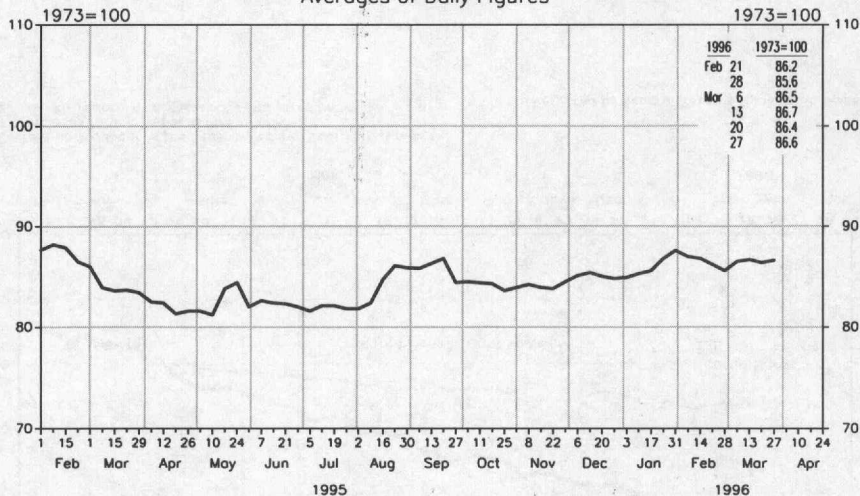


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 1/ Includes foreign-related institutions
 2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

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Dollar's Trade – Weighted Exchange Index

Averages of Daily Figures



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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