

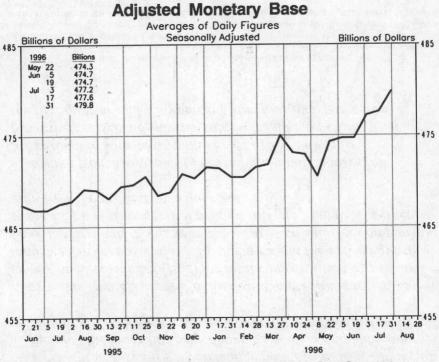
THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Real GDP advanced at a 4.2 percent annual rate in the second quarter, more than double the revised 2 percent rate posted in the first quarter. Second-quarter GDP growth was boosted measurably by a 7.1 percent rate of gain in its government component, the largest increase since the fourth quarter of 1988. Real GDP has increased 2.6 percent over the past four quarters.
- ✓ The National Association of Purchasing Managers index measured 50.2 percent in July, off 4.1 percentage points from June. In the last 12 months, the index has been above 50 percent only three times, a value that generally indicates an expanding manufacturing sector.
- ✓ After rising at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the first quarter, the employment cost index (ECI) for total compensation by private industry workers rose at a 3.2 percent rate in the second quarter. Over the first half of this year, the wages and salaries component of the ECI has risen at a 3.9 percent rate, up from a 2.8 percent gain over the previous two quarters.
- Measured from May, sales of new single-family houses fell 5.3 percent in June to an annual rate of 734,000 units. Nevertheless, second-quarter sales were up 1.6 percent from the first quarter and 13.8 percent from four quarters earlier.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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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.

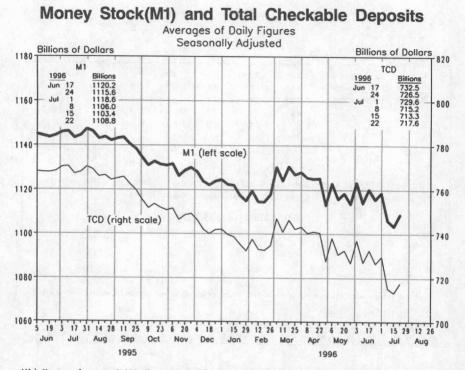
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		Compou	nded annua	I rates of a	change, av	erage of tw	o maintena	ance period	s ending:
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:		8/2/95 10/25/95		1/3/96	1/31/96	2/28/96	3/27/96	4/24/96	6/5/96
1/3/96		1.6							
1/31/96		1.4	0.6						
2/28/96		1.2	0.6	0.1					
3/27/96		1.9	1.7	2.3	3.5				
4/24/96		1.6	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.8			
6/5/96		1.7	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.8	1.2		
7/3/96	1.1	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.1	2.1	3.3	
7/31/96		2.4	2.4	2.9	3.3	3.9	3.3	4.5	5.9

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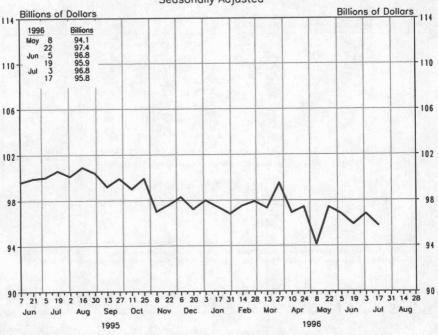


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkoble deposits and travelers checks. Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current data oppear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

		Me	oney S	tock (M1)					
To the overage	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:									
of four weeks ending:	7/24/95	10/23/95	12/25/95	1/22/96	2/19/96	3/25/96	4/22/96	5/20/96		
12/25/95	-4.2									
1/22/96	-4.0	-3.8								
2/19/96	-4.4	-4.4	-4.9							
3/25/96	-2.2	-0.9	1.3	3.3						
4/22/96	-2.2	-1.2	0.4	1.5	5.3					
5/20/96	-2.9	-2.3	-1.5	-1.1	0.6	-5.8				
6/24/96	-2.5	-1.9	-1.1	-0.7	0.6	-3.4	-3.8			
7/22/96	-3.1	-2.7	-2.3	-2.2	-1.4	-5.0	-5.8	-4.3		

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Adjusted Reserves Seasonally Adjusted



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

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	7/19/95	10/11/95	12/20/95	1/17/96	2/14/96	3/13/96	4/10/96	5/22/96
12/20/95	-5.8							
1/17/96	-5.1	-6.6						
2/14/96	-5.3	-6.5	-3.9					
3/13/96	-4.1	-4.5	-0.9	-0.7				
4/10/96	-2.9	-2.6	1.3	2.2	6.9			
5/22/96	-5.3	-6.0	-4.8	-5.5	-5.2	-9.2		
6/19/96	-4.2	-4.5	-2.8	-3.1	-2.4	-4.5	-9.2	
7/17/96	-4.0	-4.2	-2.6	-2.8	-2.2	-3.8	-7.0	3.4

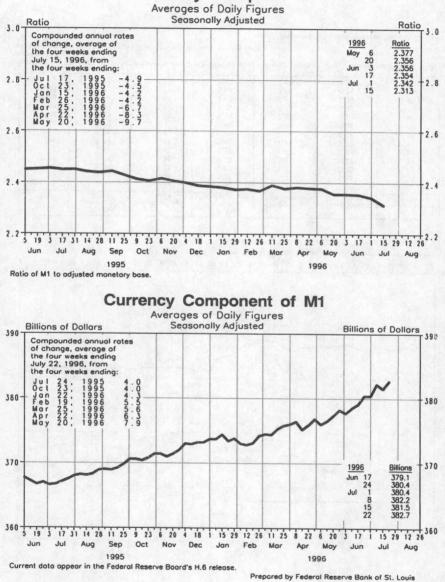
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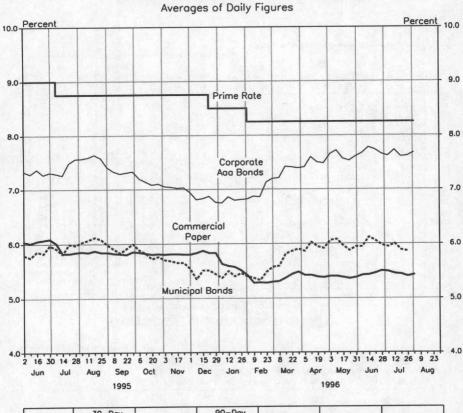




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199	96	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Doy CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Boo Bonds	Municipal Bonds ••
May	10	5.40	5.37	5.30	7.72	8.40	6.08
moy	17	5.38	5.36	5.28	7.57	8.25	5.96
	24	5.36	5.35	5.27	7.53	8.20	5.87
	31	5.38	5.36	5.30	7.61	8:27	5.94
Jun	7	5.42	5.42	5.34	7.67	8.34	5.94
00	14	5.43	5.48	5.40	7.78	8.47	6.12
	21	5.46	5.47	5.39	7.74	8.44	6.06
	28	5.50	5.49	5.40	7.66	8.36	5.97
Jul	5	5.49	5.49	5.43	7.62	8.32	5.94
00.	12	5.45	5.57	5.47	7.73	8.42	6.00
	19	5.44	5.54	5.45	7.61	8.32	5.88
	26	5.40	5.51	5.44	7.62	8.34	5.86
Aug	2	5.43	5.55	5.47	7.68	8.39	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 August 2, 1996 . • Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data N.A. – Not Available

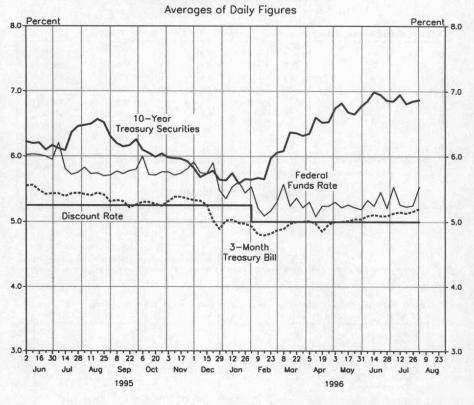
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Yields on Selected Securities

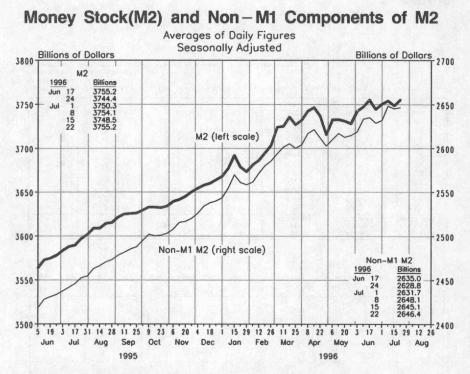


Selected Interest Rates



199	96	Federal Funds ••	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	Long-Term Treosury Securities
May	10	5.22	5.00	5.35	6.55	6.82	7.11
	17	5.26	5.01	5.28	6.42	6.68	6.96
	24	5.22	5.04	5.27	6.41	6.65	6.93
	31	5.19	5.04	5.39	6.55	6.77	7.02
Jun	7	5.33	5.09	5.46	6.63	6.85	7.08
	14	5.24	5.11	5.52	6.77	6.99	7.23
	21	5.45	5.09	5.48	6.73	6.95	7.18
	28	5.21	5.09	5.47	6.63	6.86	7.08
Jul	5	5.53	5.13	5.49	6.60	6.85	7.04
	12	5.26	5.15	5.57	6.72	6.95	7.16
	19	5.23	5.13	5.47	6.59	6.81	7.04
	26	5.25	5.16	5.53	6.62	6.85	7.05
Aug	2 .	5.53	5.20	5.55	6.64	6.87	7.07

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 Prepared by Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



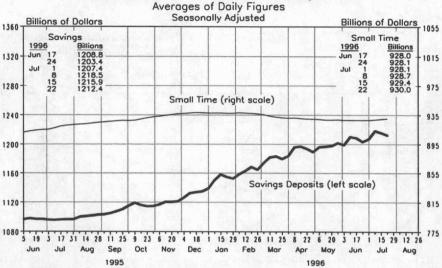
M2 is the sum of M1, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and retail money funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

		M	oney S	stock (M2)					
To the average		Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
of four weeks ending:	7/24/95	10/23/95	12/25/95	1/22/96	2/19/96	3/25/96	4/22/96	5/20/96		
12/25/95	4.7									
1/22/96	5.0	5.3								
2/19/96	4.6	4.4	4.5							
3/25/96	5.8	6.4	7.7	8.0						
4/22/96	5.6	6.0	6.9	6.8	9.1					
5/20/96	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.9	0.0				
6/24/96	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.5	5.1	2.1	1.2			
7/22/96	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.4	2.0	1.4	3.8		

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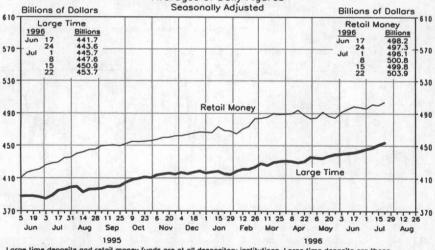




Savings and Small Time Deposits

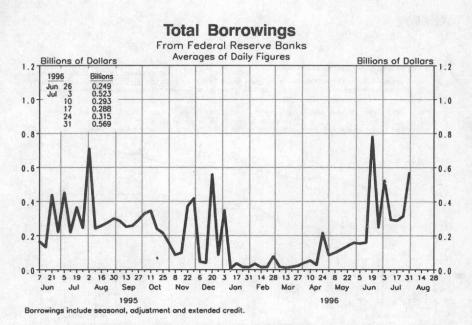
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Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds Averages of Daily Figures

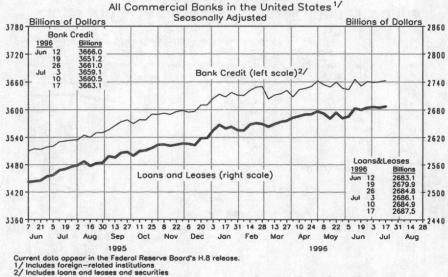


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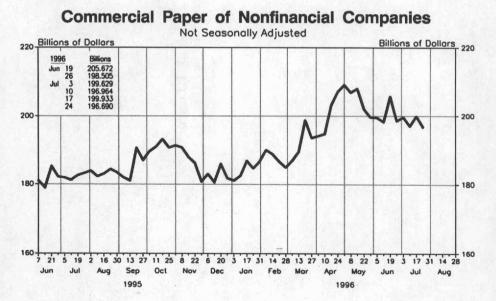




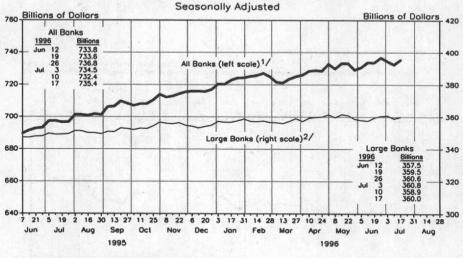
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