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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✔ *The currency component of the M1 money stock rose at a 5.6 percent annual rate from the average of the four weeks ending Feb. 12 to the average of the four weeks ending Aug. 12. Over the previous six-month period, by contrast, currency rose at a 2.8 percent rate (see page 5).*

- ✔ *U.S. exports of goods and services totaled $69.7 billion in June, off 0.3 percent from May. Imports, on the other hand, fell 3.3 percent to $77.8 billion. Measured from a year earlier, exports have risen 7.4 percent, while imports are up 3 percent.*

- ✔ *U.S. import prices fell at a 2.2 percent annual rate in July, the third straight decline. Import prices have fallen 0.6 percent since July 1995.*

- ✔ *Paced by a 5.7 percent drop in single-family starts, total privately owned housing starts fell 1.3 percent in July to an annual rate of 1,455,000 units—the third consecutive drop. Starts have risen 0.3 percent from July 1995. Building permits, however, rose 2.6 percent in July and are up 6.9 percent from a year earlier.*

- ✔ *For the average of the four weeks ending Aug. 17, first-time claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 314,000, down 24,500 from a year earlier.*

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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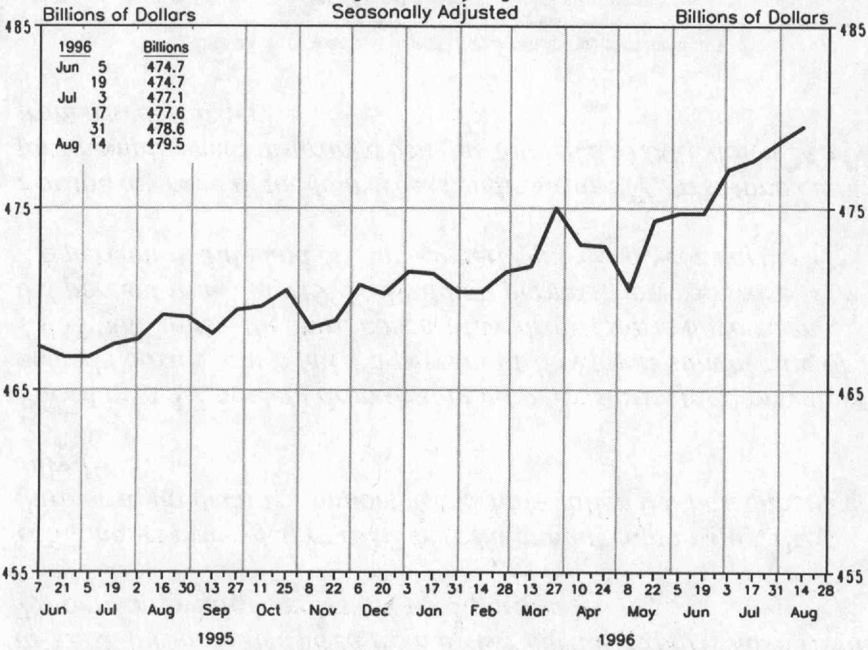
Adjusted Monetary Base

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

Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	8/16/95	11/8/95	1/17/96	2/14/96	3/13/96	4/10/96	5/8/96	6/19/96
1/17/96	1.5							
2/14/96	0.8	0.7						
3/13/96	1.2	1.4	0.3					
4/10/96	1.8	2.3	2.3	5.1				
5/8/96	0.9	0.9	0.1	1.2	0.0			
6/19/96	1.6	1.8	1.6	2.7	2.4	0.8		
7/17/96	2.1	2.4	2.5	3.6	3.5	2.7	6.4	
8/14/96	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.7	3.7	3.1	6.0	6.2

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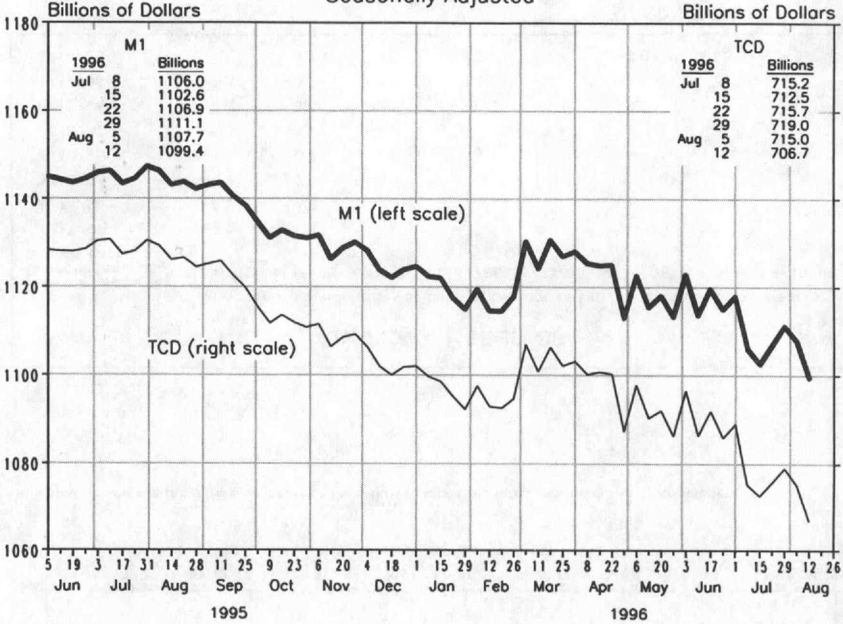
Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

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)

Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:

To the average of four weeks ending:	8/14/95	11/13/95	1/15/96	2/12/96	3/11/96	4/15/96	5/13/96	6/10/96
1/15/96	−4.5							
2/12/96	−4.9	−4.7						
3/11/96	−3.5	−2.3	−0.9					
4/15/96	−2.5	−0.8	1.1	5.1				
5/13/96	−3.1	−2.0	−1.1	0.9	−1.4			
6/10/96	−3.0	−2.0	−1.4	0.1	−1.7	−5.3		
7/15/96	−3.3	−2.6	−2.3	−1.3	−2.9	−5.5	−4.4	
8/12/96	−3.4	−2.8	−2.6	−1.8	−3.2	−5.3	−4.5	−5.4

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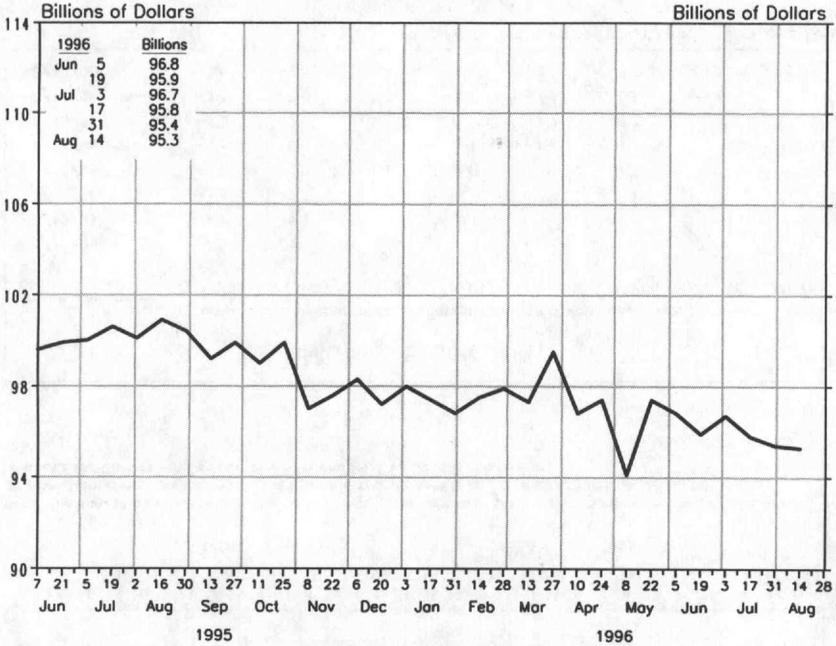
Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



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

Adjusted Reserves

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1/17/96	−6.5							
2/14/96	−6.5	−4.8						
3/13/96	−4.9	−2.6	−0.7					
4/10/96	−3.5	−0.7	2.2	6.9				
5/8/96	−6.3	−5.4	−6.2	−6.1	−11.4			
6/19/96	−4.8	−3.4	−3.1	−2.4	−4.5	−9.2		
7/17/96	−4.5	−3.2	−2.8	−2.2	−3.8	−7.0	2.7	
8/14/96	−5.1	−4.1	−4.0	−3.7	−5.2	−8.0	−1.5	−6.6

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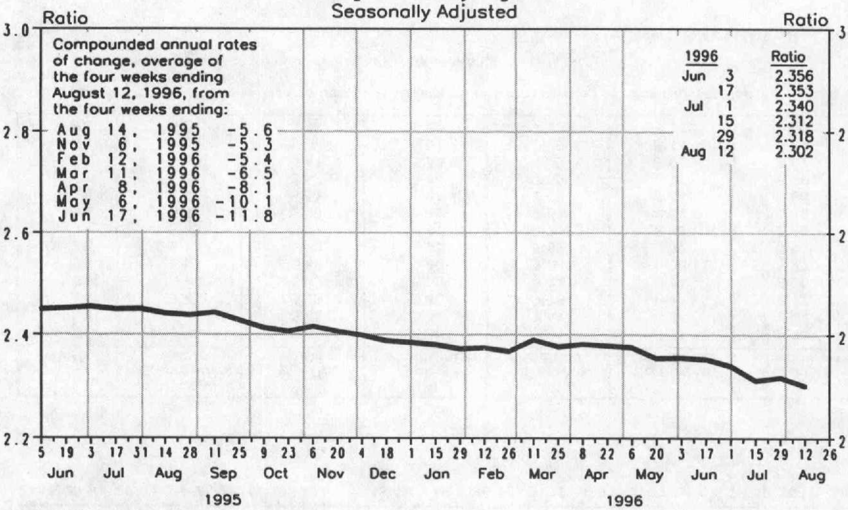
Money Multiplier

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



Ratio of M1 to adjusted monetary base.

Currency Component of M1

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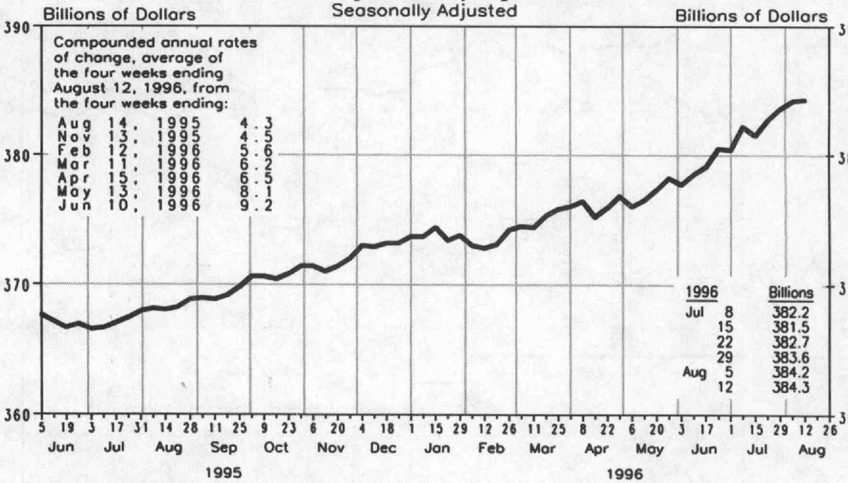

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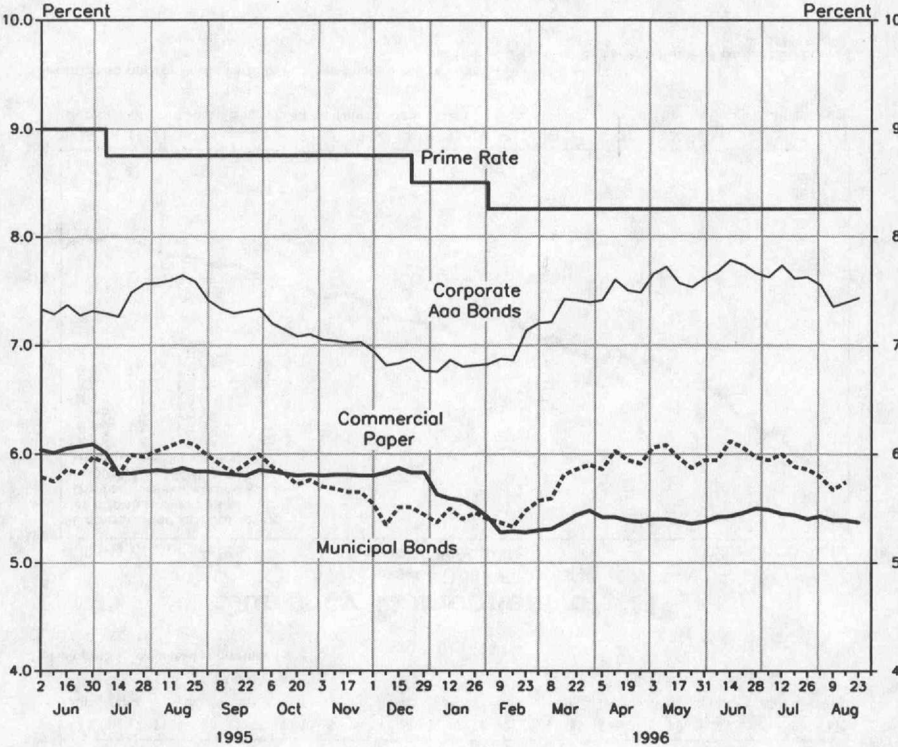
Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1996	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds ••
May 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
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
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	5.52	5.44	7.55	8.27	5.79
9	5.39	5.41	5.33	7.35	8.08	5.67
16	5.39	5.39	5.31	7.39	8.11	5.74
23	5.37	5.37	5.29	7.43	8.14	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 23, 1996 .
•• Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data
N.A. – Not Available

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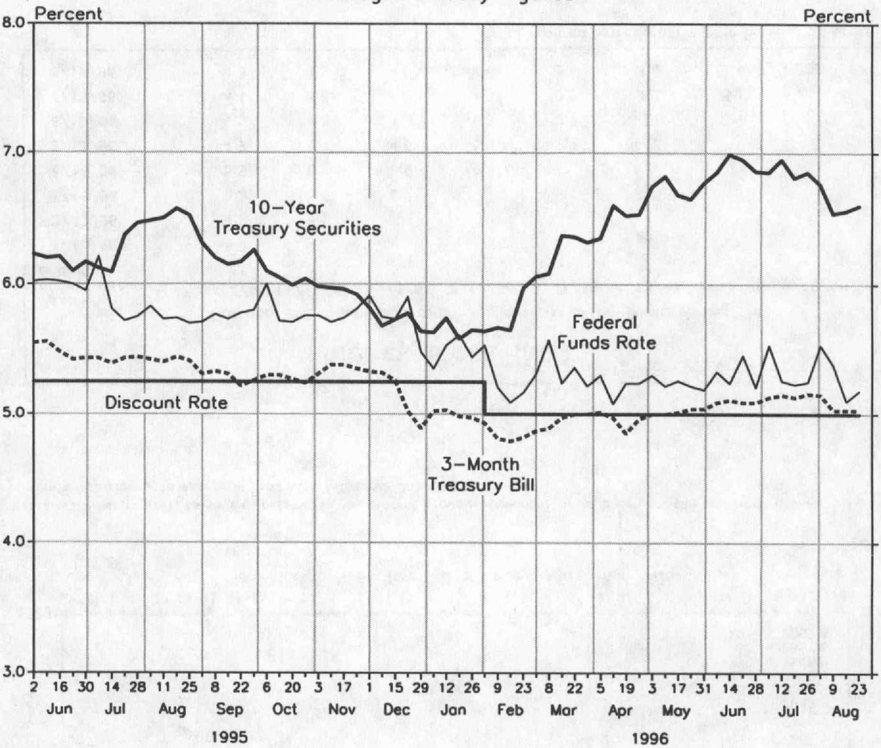
Selected Interest Rates

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
May 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	5.15	5.48	6.52	6.76	6.96
9	5.38	5.03	5.30	6.28	6.54	6.77
16	5.10	5.03	5.30	6.31	6.56	6.80
23 •	5.18	5.03	5.33	6.34	6.60	6.85

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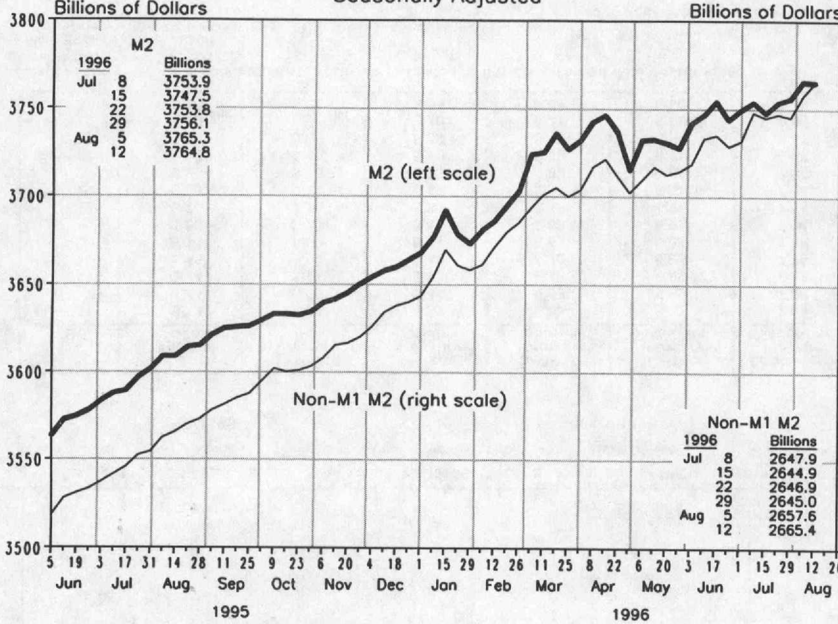
Money Stock(M2) and Non – M1 Components of M2

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: 8/14/95	11/13/95	1/15/96	2/12/96	3/11/96	4/15/96	5/13/96	6/10/96
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6/10/96	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.8	2.7	−0.1		
7/15/96	4.4	4.6	4.0	4.5	2.9	1.3	3.1	
8/12/96	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.4	3.1	1.9	3.4	3.7

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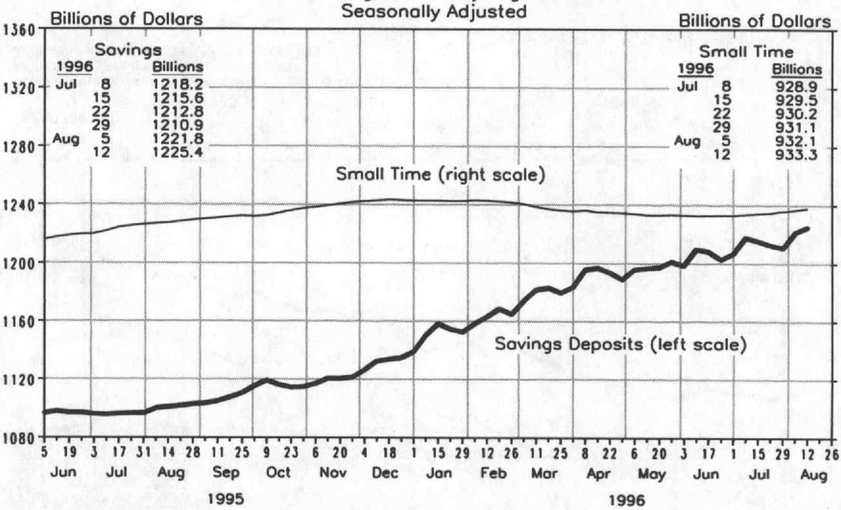
Savings and Small Time Deposits

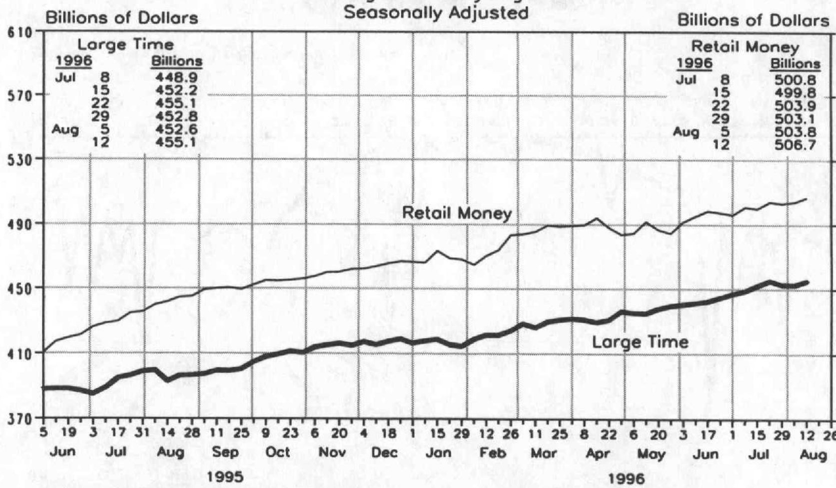
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all despository 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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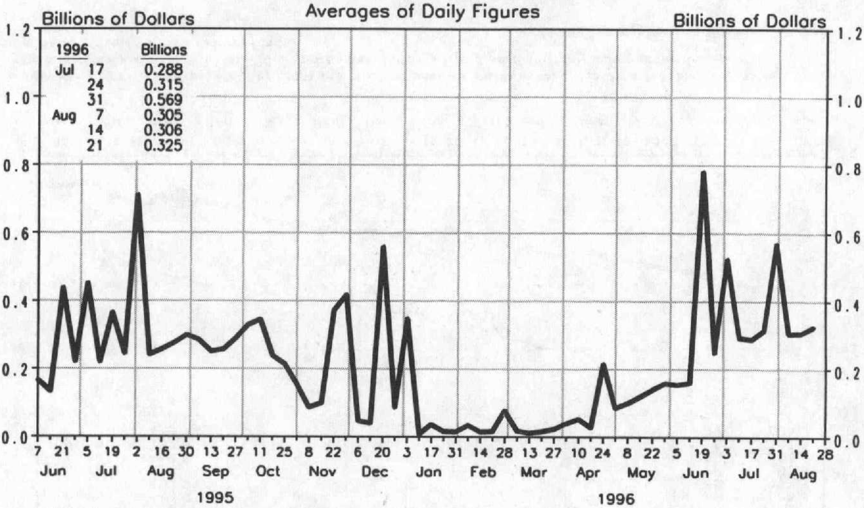
Total Borrowings

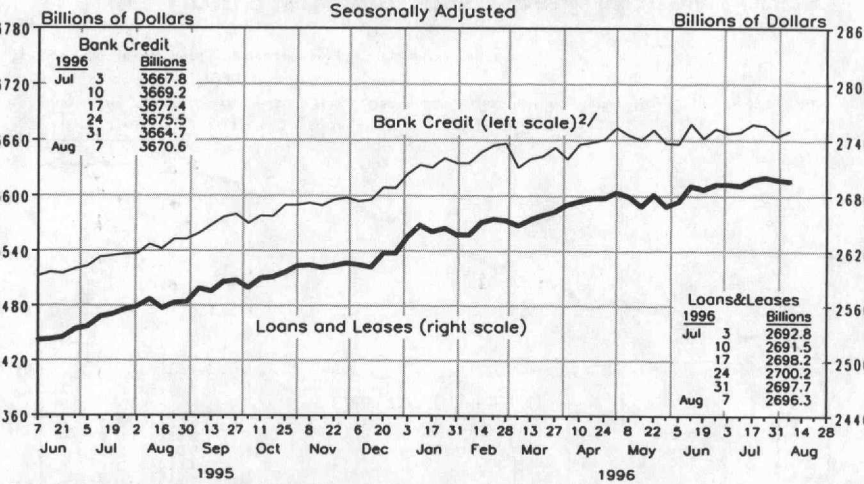
From Federal Reserve Banks
Averages of Daily Figures



Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

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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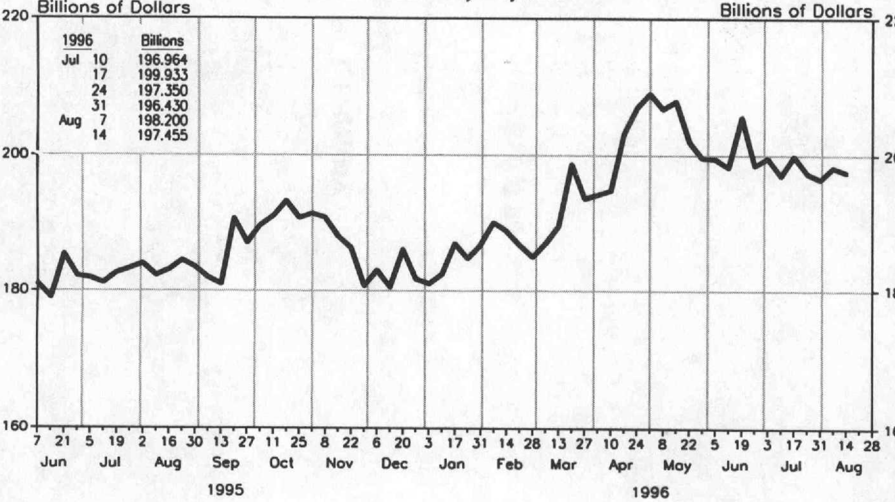
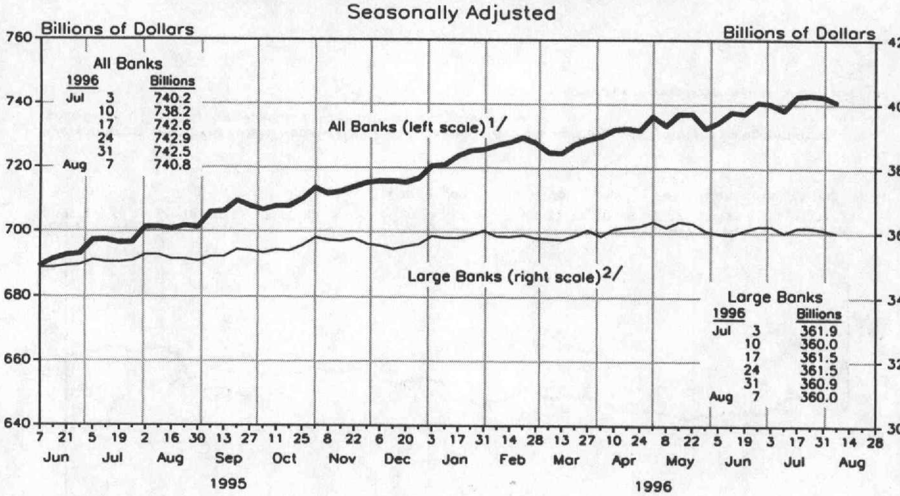
Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

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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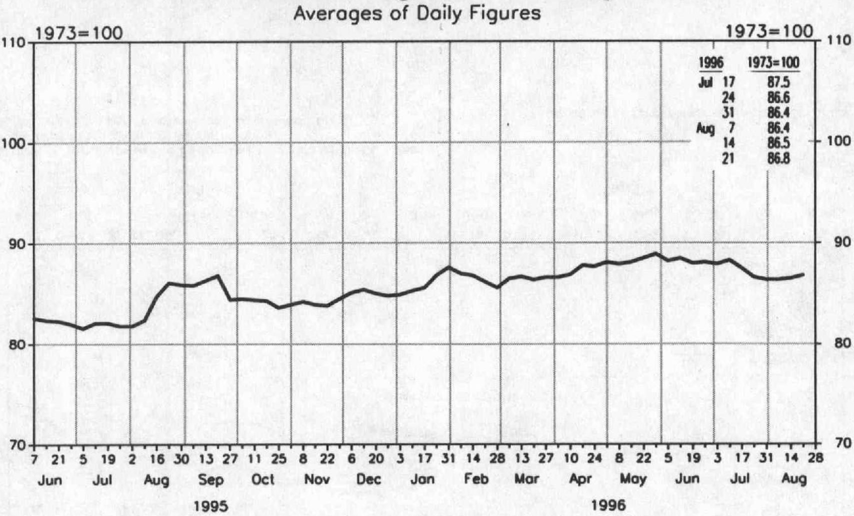
Dollar's Trade – Weighted Exchange Index

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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