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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ *Privately owned housing starts surged 4.5 percent in August to an annual rate of 1.525 million units, the highest since March 1994. This increase stemmed from an 8.3 percent rise in single family starts.*
- ✓ *The July U.S. goods and services trade deficit measured \$11.7 billion, \$3.5 billion more than in June. Exports fell 3.6 percent in July, the sharpest decline since April 1994, while imports rose 1.2 percent.*
- ✓ *Total industrial production advanced at a 6 percent annual rate in August, following a 0.8 percent rate of gain in July. Manufacturing output rose for the fifth consecutive month in August and is up 4 percent from a year earlier.*
- ✓ *The consumer price index (CPI) increased at a 1.5 percent annual rate in August. Excluding food and energy prices, the CPI rose at a 0.7 percent rate, the smallest rise since December 1982. Consumer prices have risen 2.9 percent over the past year.*
- ✓ *Total retail sales rose at a 2 percent annual rate in August, as the value of sales at automotive dealers increased for the first time in three months. The nominal value of retail sales is up 4.3 percent over the past year.*

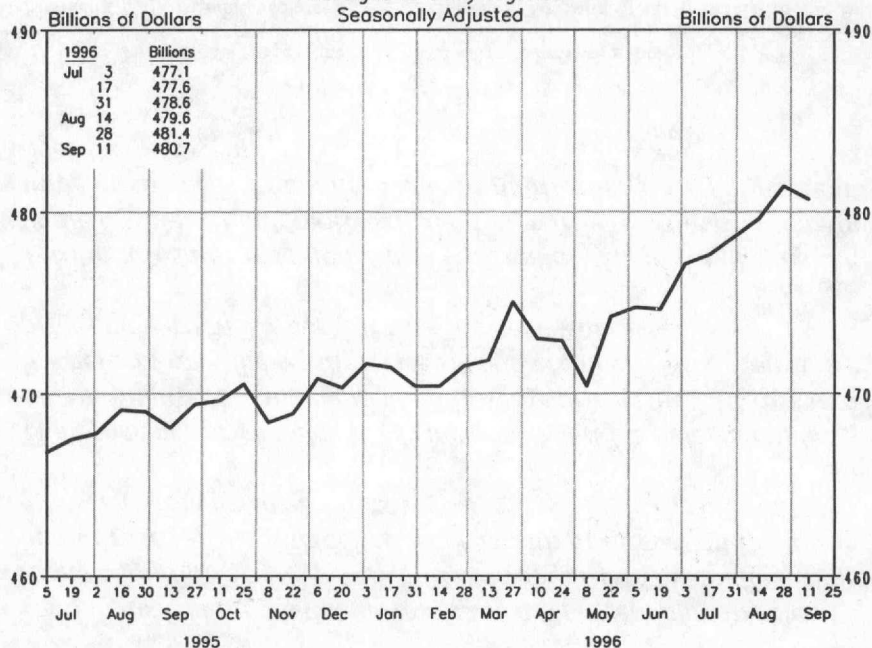
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Adjusted Monetary Base

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 on 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.

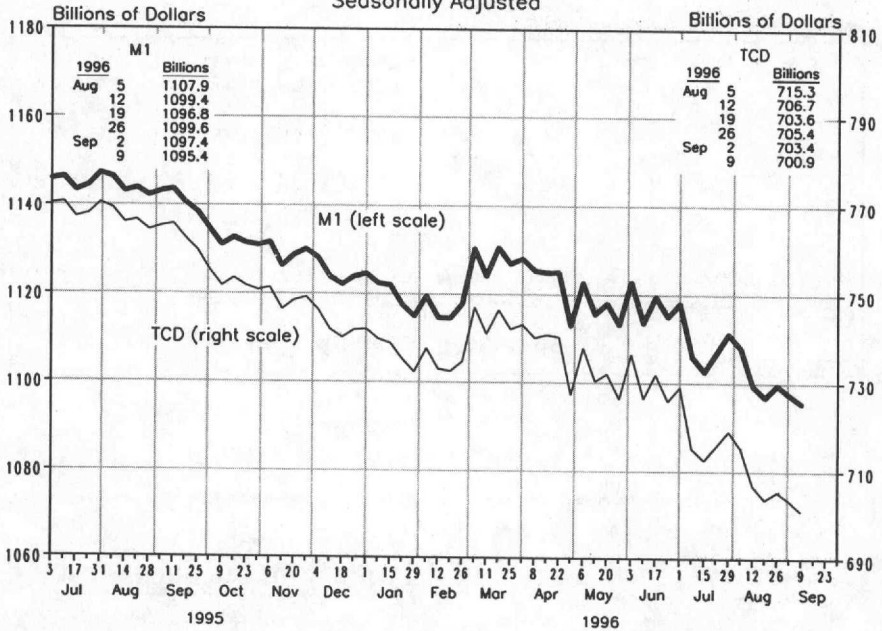
Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:							
	9/13/95	12/6/95	2/14/96	3/13/96	4/10/96	5/8/96	6/5/96	7/17/96
2/14/96		0.9						
3/13/96		1.3	1.4					
4/10/96		2.0	2.5	5.1				
5/8/96		1.0	0.9	1.2	0.0			
6/5/96		1.7	2.0	2.9	2.6	0.7		
7/17/96		2.2	2.6	3.6	3.5	2.7	6.4	
8/14/96		2.4	2.8	3.7	3.7	3.1	6.0	5.1
9/11/96		2.7	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.6	5.9	5.3
								5.1

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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.

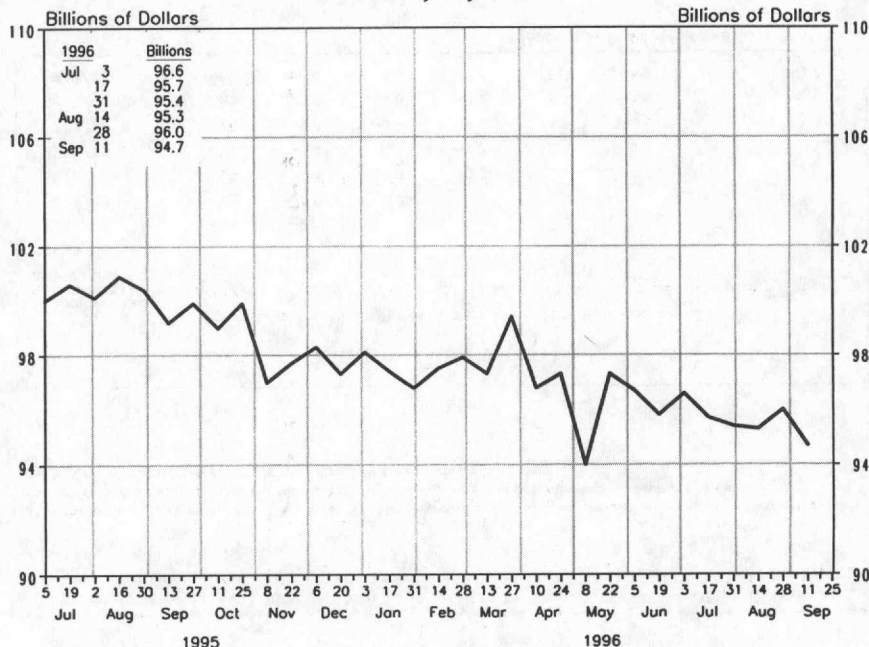
Money Stock (M1)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
	9/11/95	12/11/95	2/12/96	3/11/96	4/8/96	5/6/96	6/10/96	7/8/96	
2/12/96	-5.4								
3/11/96	-3.7	-2.1							
4/8/96	-2.3	0.0	6.7						
5/6/96	-2.9	-1.4	1.9	-0.2					
6/10/96	-3.1	-1.9	0.1	-1.7	-5.5				
7/8/96	-3.0	-2.0	-0.4	-1.9	-4.6	-3.4			
8/12/96	-3.5	-2.8	-1.8	-3.2	-5.4	-4.9	-5.4		
9/9/96	-4.0	-3.6	-3.0	-4.3	-6.3	-6.1	-6.8	-8.7	

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Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



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

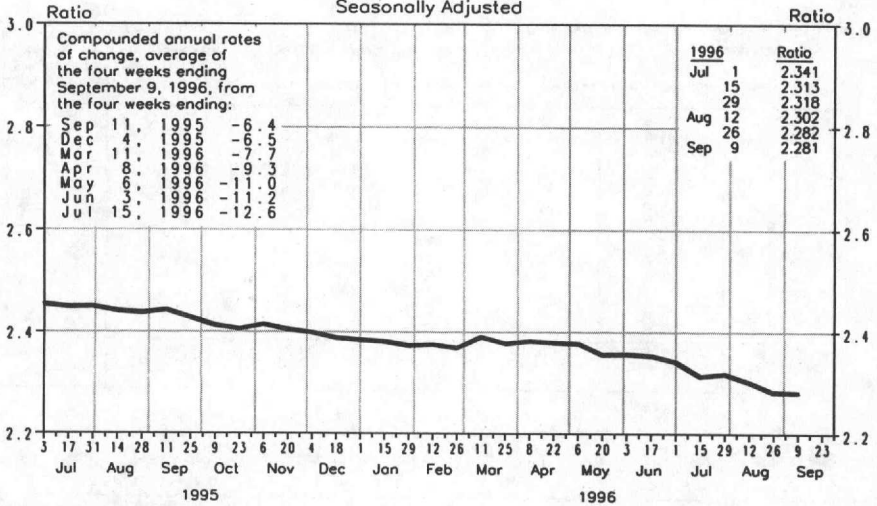
Adjusted Reserves

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:								
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2/14/96	-6.0								
3/13/96	-4.4	-1.5							
4/10/96	-2.9	0.3	6.2						
5/8/96	-6.2	-5.5	-6.5	-12.0					
6/5/96	-3.8	-2.0	-0.7	-2.6	-7.1				
7/17/96	-4.2	-3.0	-2.4	-4.1	-7.0	2.7			
8/14/96	-4.8	-3.8	-3.7	-5.2	-7.7	-1.2	-8.3		
9/11/96	-4.4	-3.4	-3.2	-4.5	-6.4	-0.9	-6.0	-5.3	

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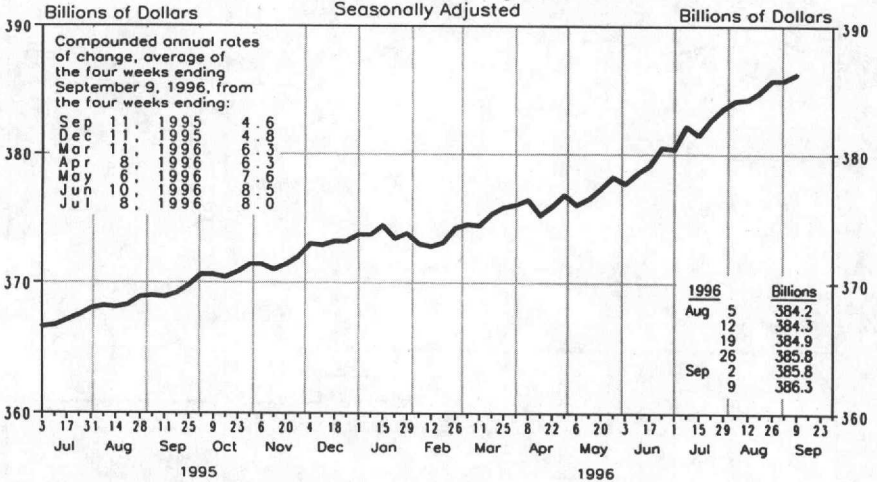
Money Multiplier

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Seasonally Adjusted



Currency Component of M1

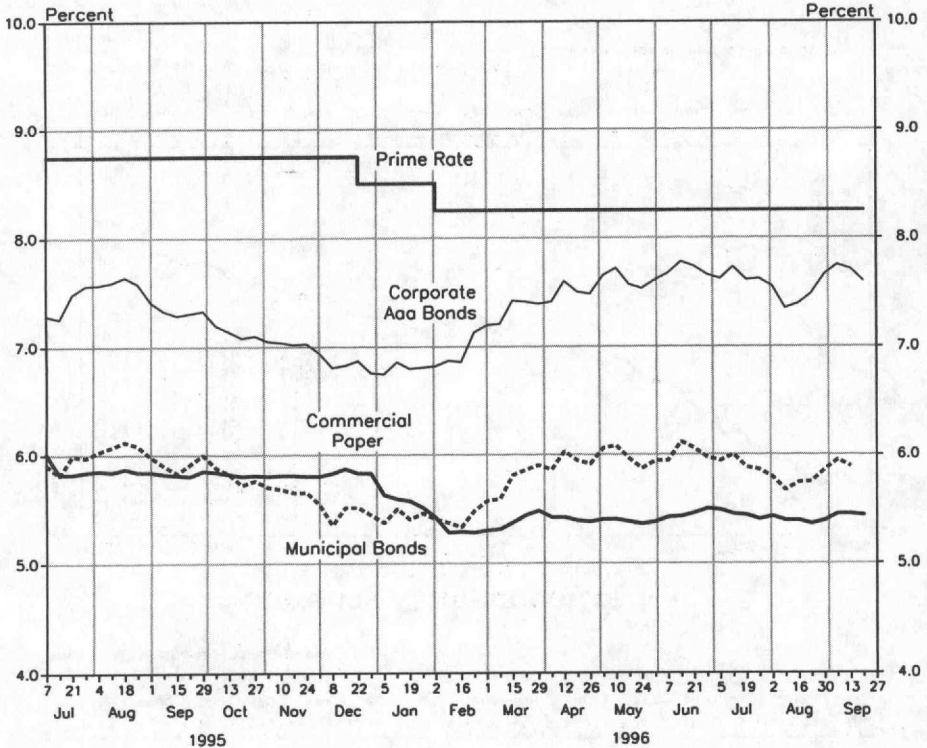
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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1996	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Jun 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	5.36	5.37	5.29	7.48	8.18	5.75
30	5.39	5.42	5.33	7.66	8.35	5.86
Sep 6	5.45	5.55	5.44	7.75	8.43	5.95
13	5.45	5.51	5.42	7.71	8.40	5.89
20	5.44	5.48	5.38	7.60	8.30	N.A.

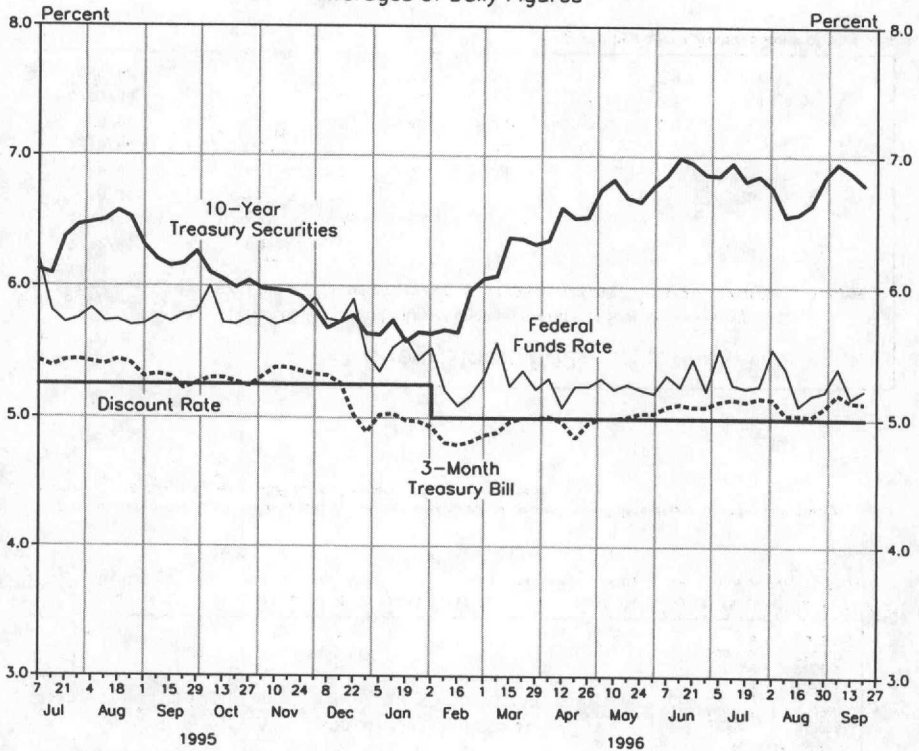
Current data are from the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on September 20, 1996.

** 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
Jun 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	5.02	5.34	6.38	6.63	6.87
30	5.21	5.09	5.48	6.60	6.84	7.07
Sep 6	5.39	5.19	5.61	6.73	6.95	7.17
13	5.16	5.13	5.54	6.64	6.88	7.12
20 *	5.22	5.12	5.49	6.56	6.79	7.04

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

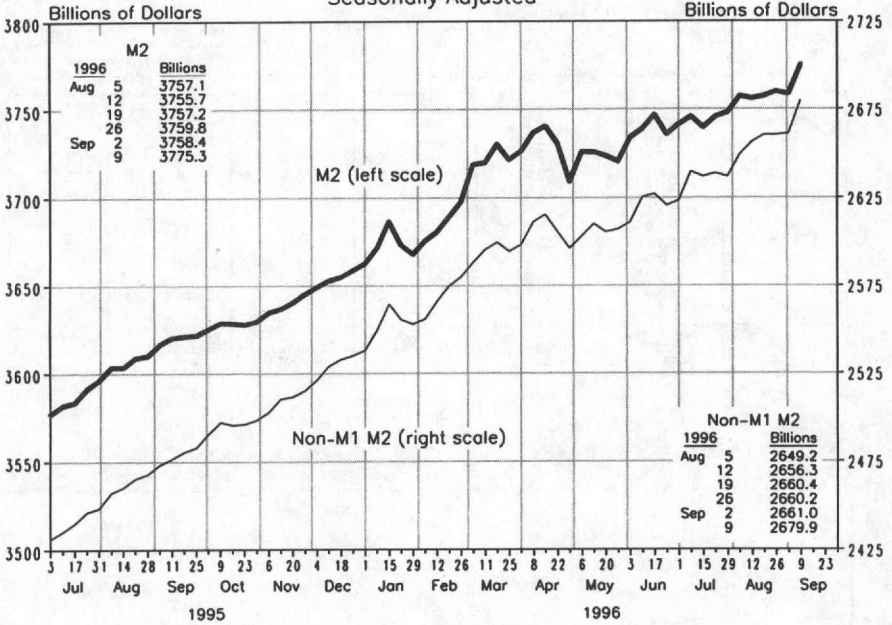
* Averages of rates available

** 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

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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.

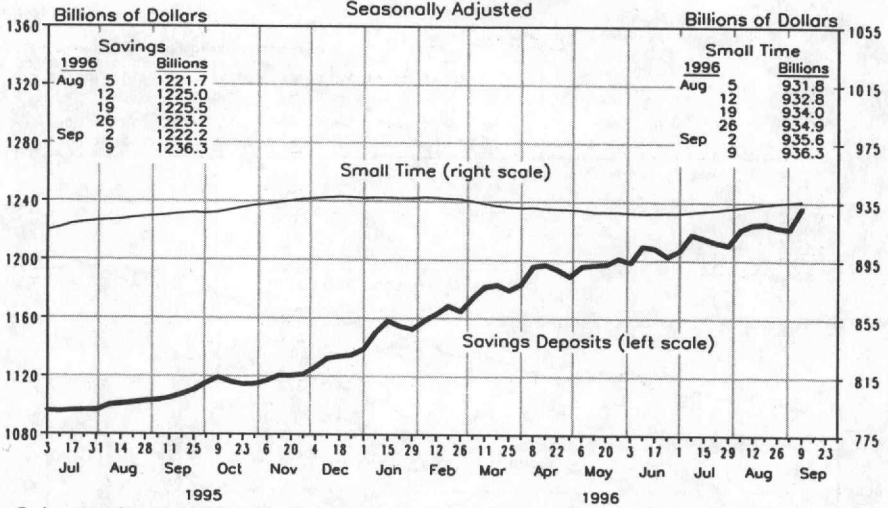
Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:							
	9/11/95	12/11/95	2/12/96	3/11/96	4/8/96	5/6/96	6/10/96	7/8/96
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6/10/96	4.3	4.6	4.6	2.5	0.1			
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

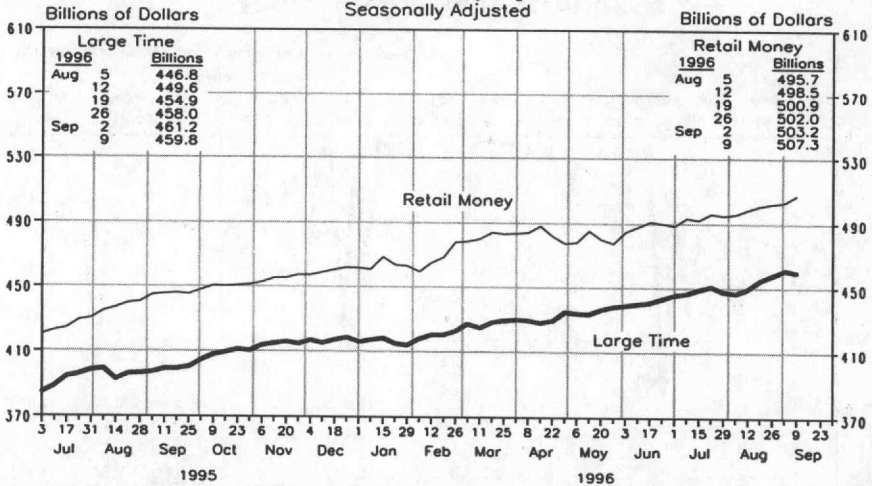
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Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

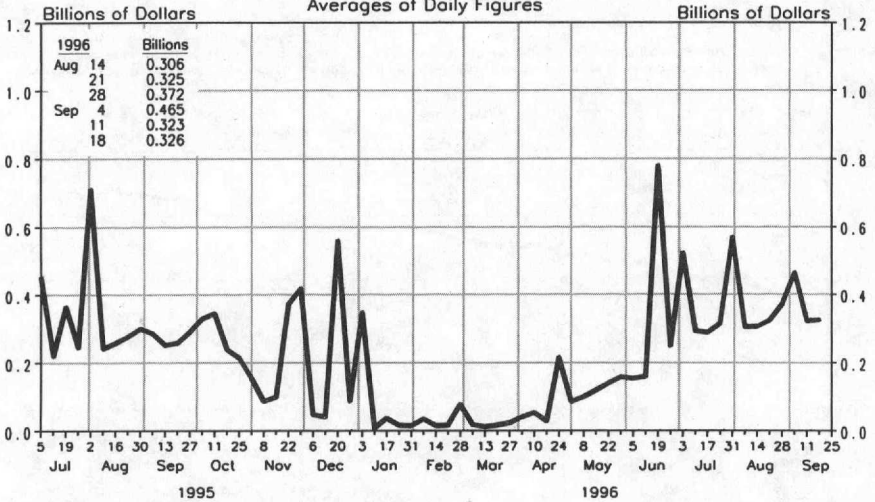


Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

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Total Borrowings

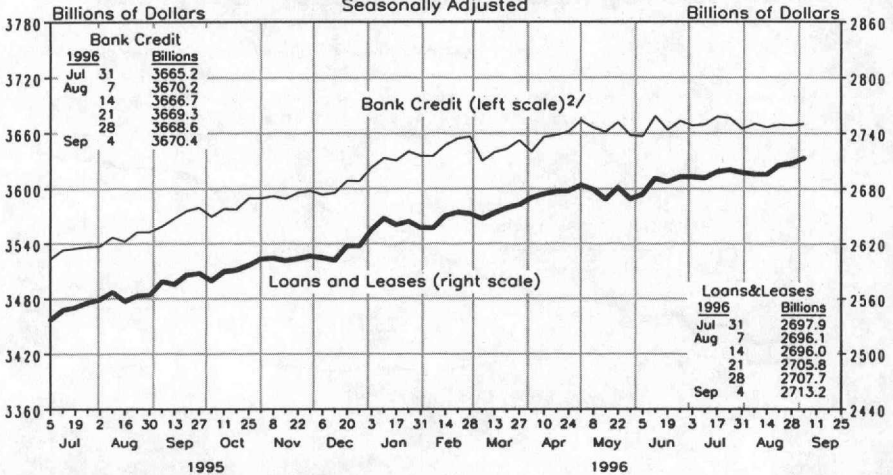
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Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

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



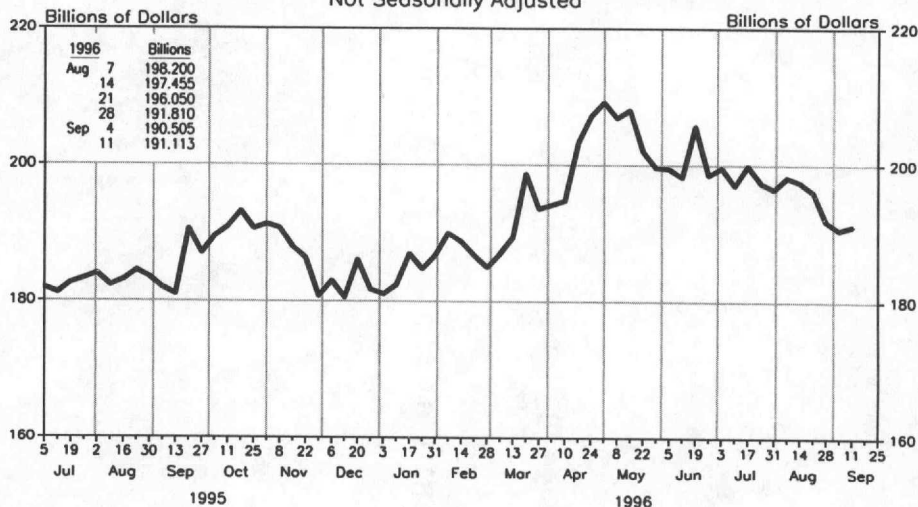
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- 1/ Includes foreign-related institutions
- 2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

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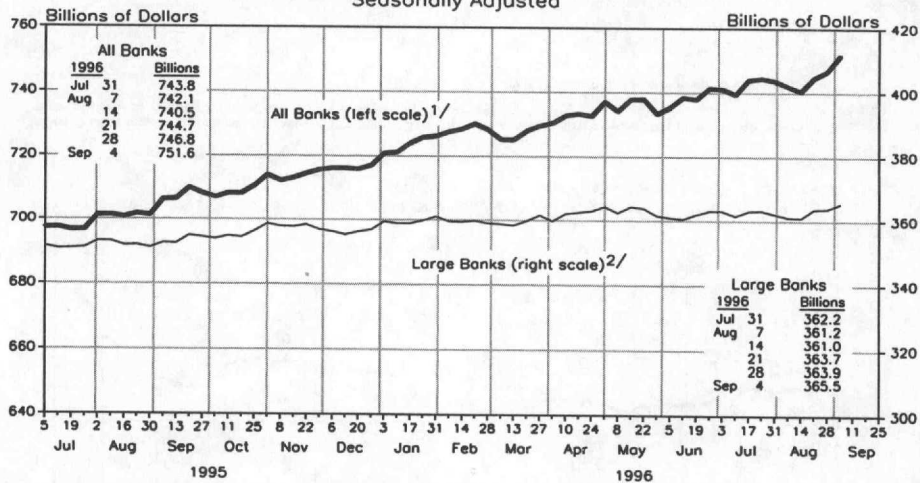
Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

Not Seasonally Adjusted



Commercial and Industrial Loans

Seasonally Adjusted



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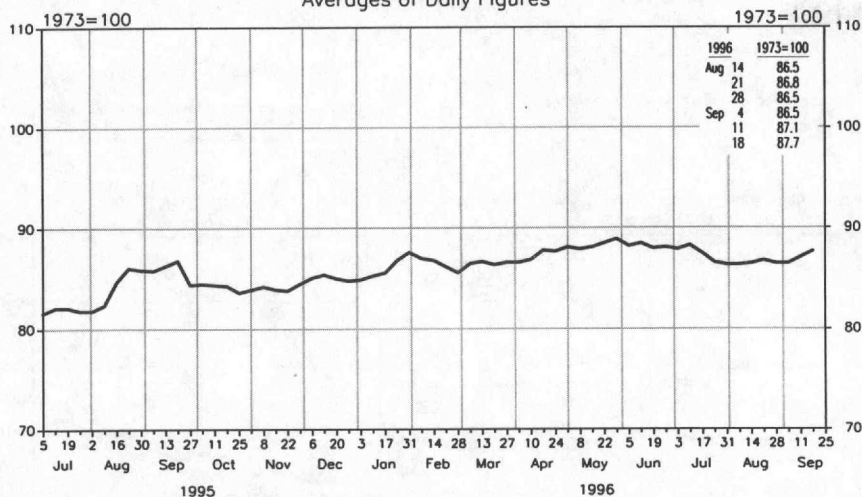
1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

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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