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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *According to the Commerce Department, domestic auto sales were at an annual rate of 7.1 million units in July, up 7.7 percent from June's pace and modestly above the 6.7 million second-quarter average rate. Still, sales are off 1.1 percent from a year earlier.*

- *The real value of total construction put in place fell 1.4 percent in June, the largest decline in six months. For the second quarter, real construction spending, after rising 0.6 percent in the first quarter, rose by less than 0.1 percent in the second quarter. Construction spending is up 2.1 percent from four quarters earlier.*

- *Following a 0.3 percent rise in May, the composite index of leading economic indicators was unchanged in June according to the Conference Board. Increases in equity prices (S&P 500) made the largest positive contribution for the second month in a row.*

- *Real disposable personal income rose at a 5.1 percent annual rate in June and rose at a 3 percent rate for the second quarter. Real personal consumption expenditures, on the other hand, rose at an annual rate of 1.7 percent in June and only 0.8 percent in the second quarter.*

- *Nonfarm payrolls increased 316,000 in July, well above the 195,500 average gain of the prior two months. Year-to-date, payroll employment gains averaged just under 246,000 a month, up 9.4 percent from the same period in 1996. The civilian unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points in July to 4.8 percent.*

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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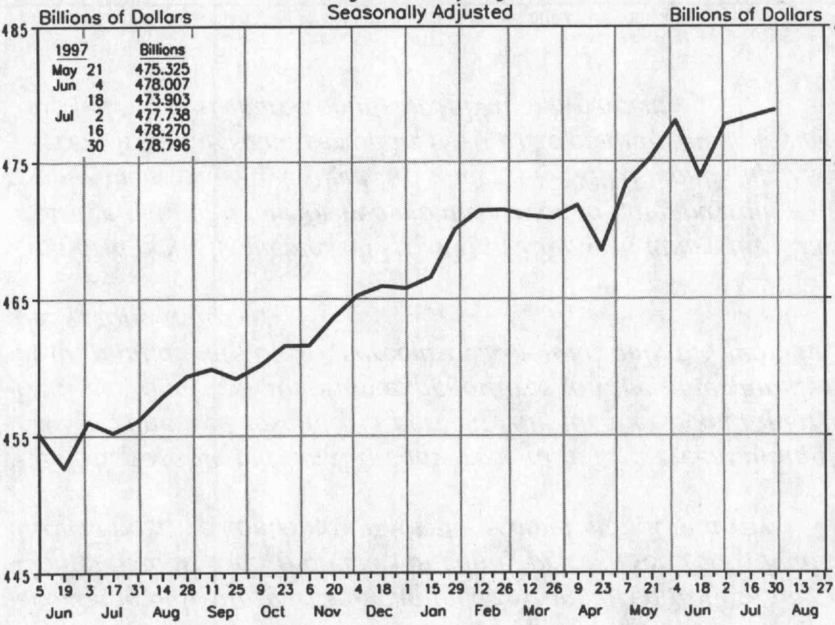
Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series was recently revised to include Federal Reserve deposits used to satisfy clearing balance contracts. 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: 7/31/96	10/23/96	1/1/97	1/29/97	2/26/97	3/26/97	4/23/97	6/4/97
1/1/97	5.4							
1/29/97	5.7	6.2						
2/26/97	6.1	6.8	8.2					
3/26/97	5.2	5.3	4.9	3.8				
4/23/97	4.4	4.1	3.1	1.7	−1.8			
6/4/97	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.2	4.1	6.4		
7/2/97	4.8	4.7	4.3	3.8	2.7	3.9	6.4	
7/30/97	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.4	3.6	4.7	6.7	2.6

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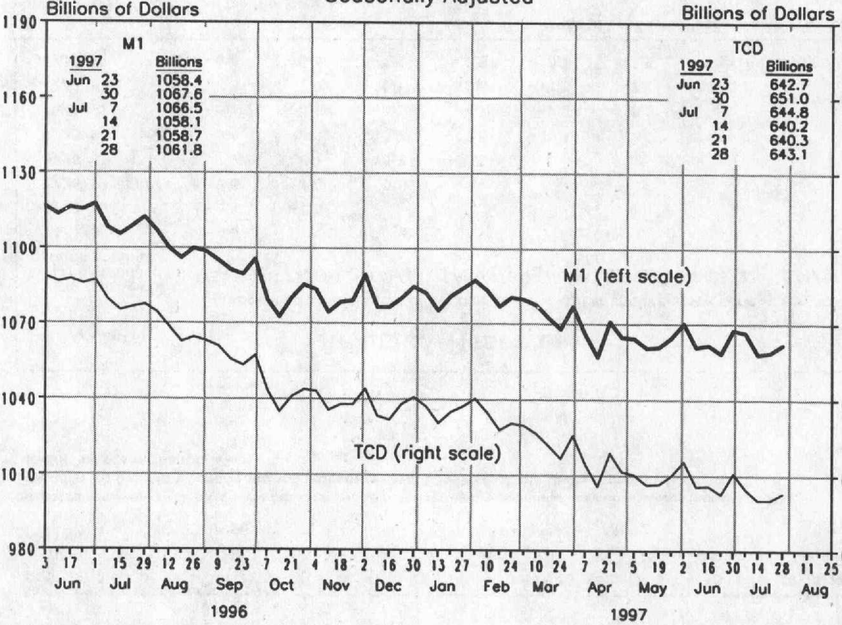
Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

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:	7/29/96	10/28/96	12/30/96	1/27/97	3/3/97	3/31/97	4/28/97	5/26/97
12/30/96	−6.1							
1/27/97	−5.0	0.5						
3/3/97	−4.2	0.2	0.4					
3/31/97	−4.6	−1.2	−2.1	−3.6				
4/28/97	−5.2	−2.7	−4.1	−5.8	−9.0			
5/26/97	−5.0	−2.7	−3.8	−5.0	−6.9	−6.6		
6/30/97	−4.5	−2.4	−3.2	−4.0	−5.0	−4.3	−1.4	
7/28/97	−4.3	−2.2	−2.9	−3.5	−4.3	−3.5	−1.3	−0.7

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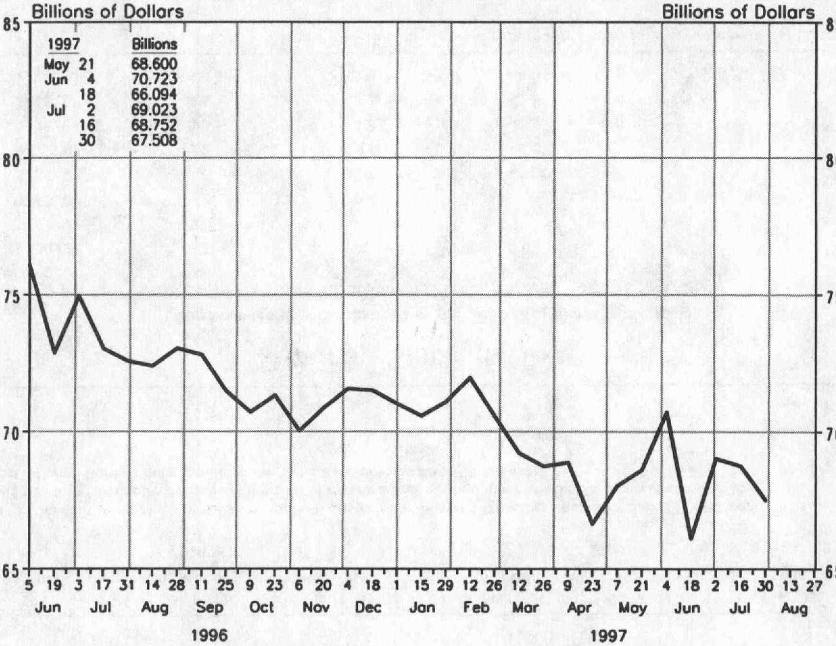
Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



Adjusted reserves is the difference between the adjusted monetary base and the currency component of M1. The adjusted monetary base series was recently revised: See the footnote to the monetary base chart for a description of the change.

Adjusted Reserves

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	7/31/96	10/23/96	1/1/97	1/29/97	2/26/97	3/26/97	4/23/97	6/4/97
	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:							
1/1/97	−4.9							
1/29/97	−5.4	−1.0						
2/26/97	−3.6	1.0	0.1					
3/26/97	−7.9	−6.7	−13.2	−15.9				
4/23/97	−9.4	−9.0	−15.2	−17.5	−28.1			
6/4/97	−5.1	−3.1	−5.3	−4.7	−8.2	5.2		
7/2/97	−7.8	−7.0	−10.1	−10.6	−14.3	−7.4	−1.5	
7/30/97	−6.4	−5.3	−7.5	−7.5	−10.1	−3.5	2.1	−13.5

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Money Multiplier

Averages of Daily Figures
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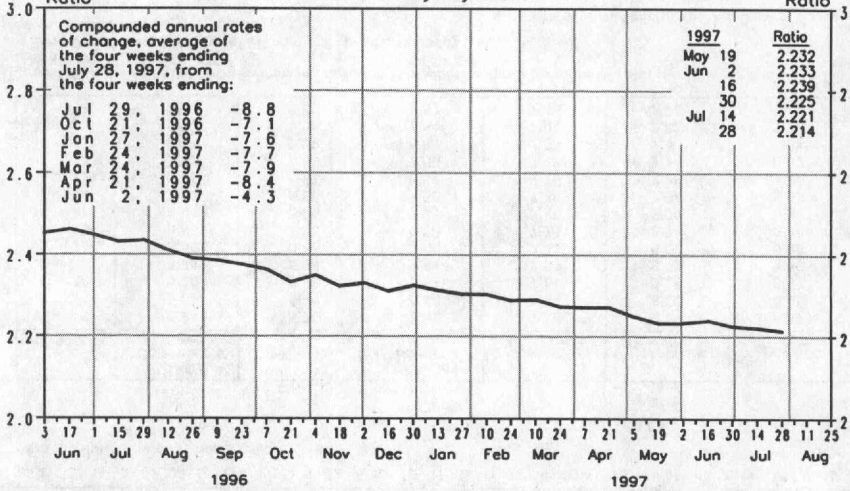

Ratio of M1 to the adjusted monetary base.

Currency Component of M1

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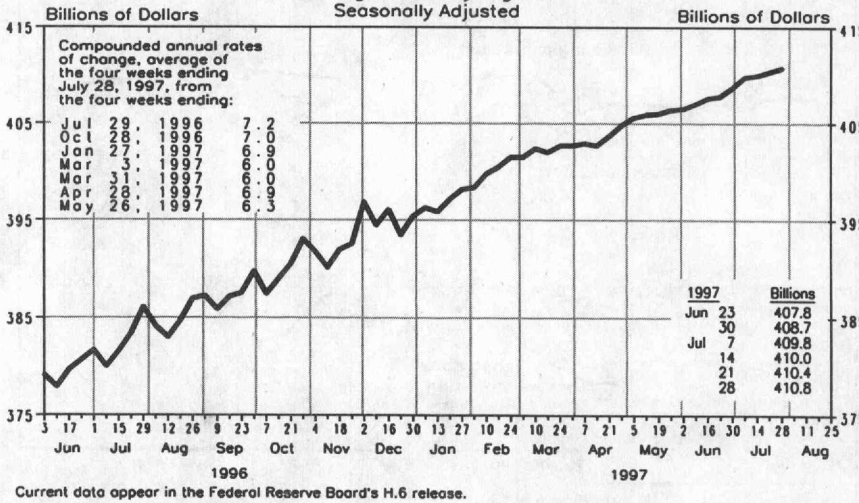

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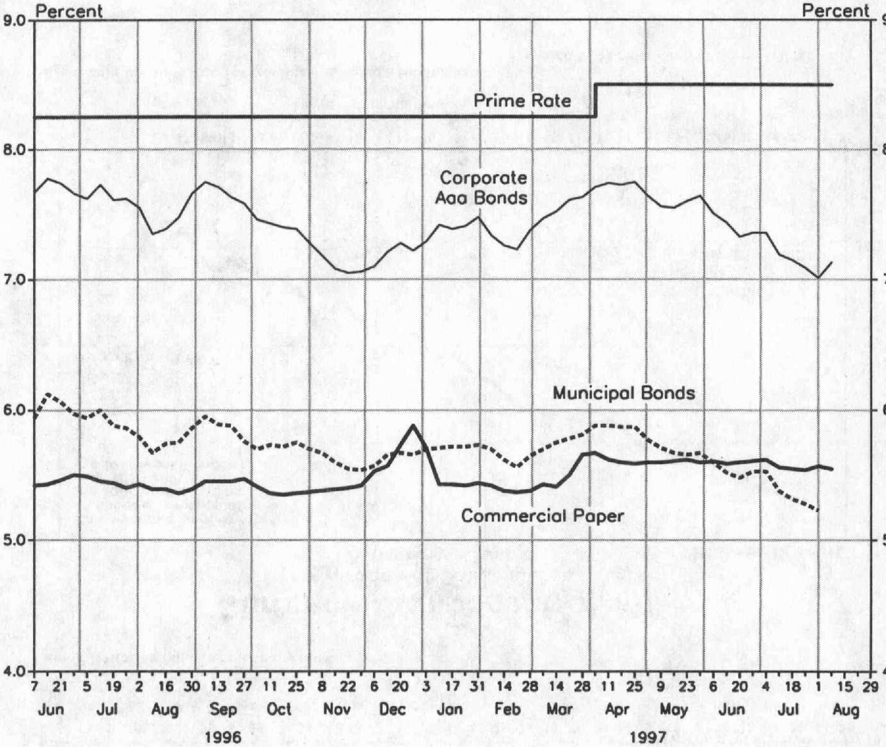
Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1997		30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
May	16	5.61	5.70	5.63	7.55	8.17	5.67
	23	5.62	5.71	5.63	7.60	8.22	5.66
	30	5.60	5.69	5.59	7.64	8.25	5.67
Jun	6	5.61	5.68	5.61	7.51	8.13	5.60
	13	5.59	5.68	5.60	7.44	8.06	5.52
	20	5.60	5.65	5.58	7.33	7.94	5.48
	27	5.61	5.66	5.58	7.36	7.96	5.53
Jul	4	5.62	5.66	5.58	7.36	7.94	5.53
	11	5.56	5.61	5.54	7.19	7.79	5.38
	18	5.55	5.59	5.53	7.15	7.76	5.32
	25	5.54	5.59	5.51	7.09	7.70	5.28
Aug	1	5.57	5.58	5.51	7.01	7.62	5.23
	8	5.55	5.60	5.53	7.13	7.73	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 8, 1997

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

N.A. – Not Available

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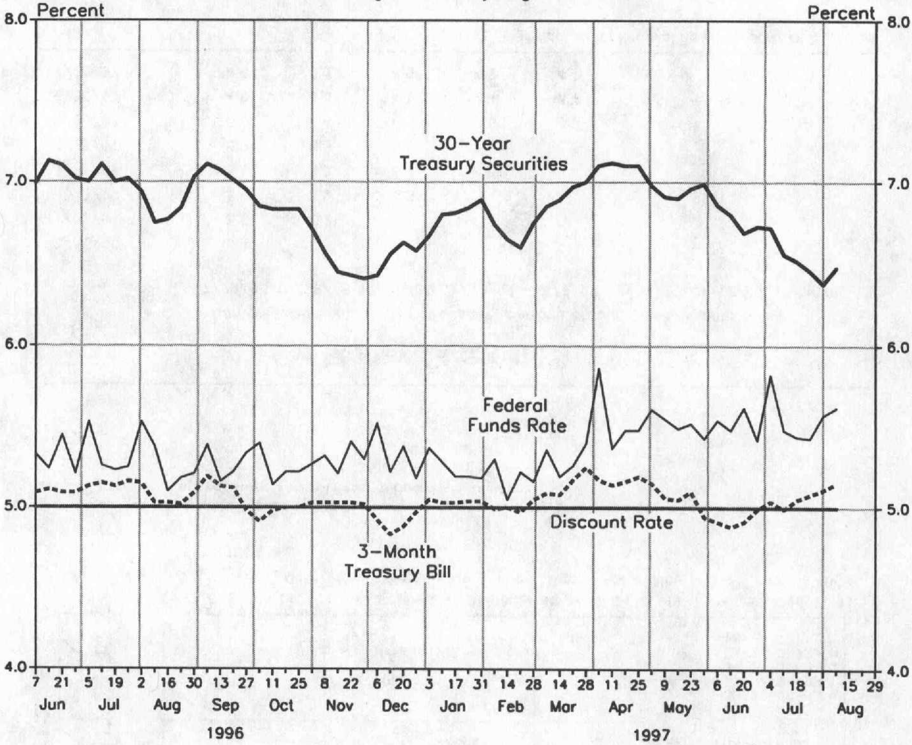
Selected Interest Rates

Averages of Daily Figures



1997		Federal Funds ••	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
May	16	5.49	5.05	5.53	6.54	6.68	6.90
	23	5.52	5.10	5.51	6.58	6.73	6.96
	30	5.43	4.94	5.53	6.60	6.75	6.99
Jun	6	5.54	4.91	5.44	6.48	6.61	6.86
	13	5.48	4.88	5.40	6.40	6.52	6.80
	20	5.62	4.91	5.34	6.29	6.40	6.69
	27	5.42	4.99	5.35	6.33	6.45	6.73
Jul	4	5.82	5.04	5.32	6.31	6.42	6.72
	11	5.48	4.99	5.24	6.15	6.26	6.56
	18	5.44	5.05	5.24	6.14	6.23	6.52
	25	5.43	5.08	5.25	6.09	6.18	6.46
Aug	1	5.57	5.11	5.19	6.00	6.11	6.38
	8 •	5.62	5.15	5.24	6.12	6.22	6.48

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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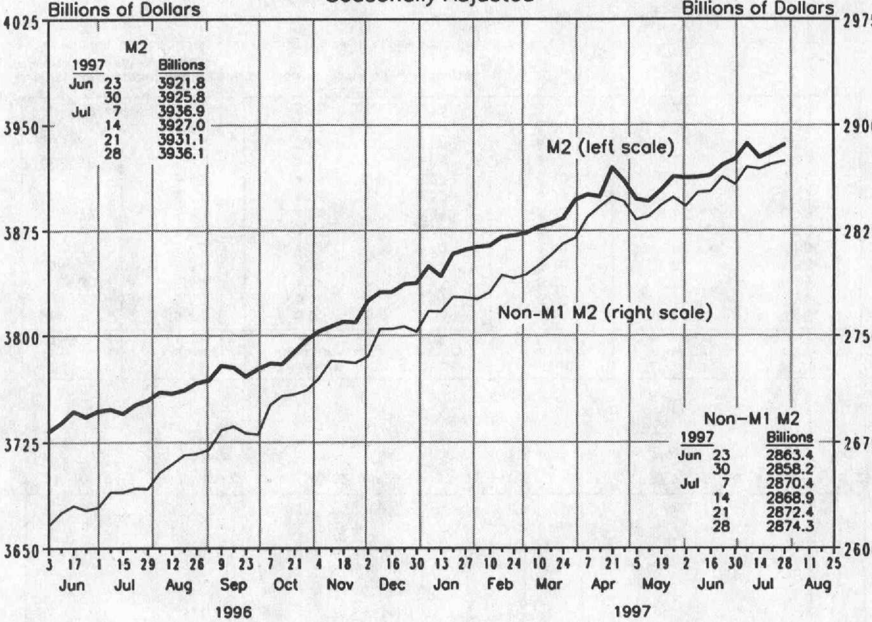

M2 is the sum of M1, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and retail money funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

Money Stock (M2)

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

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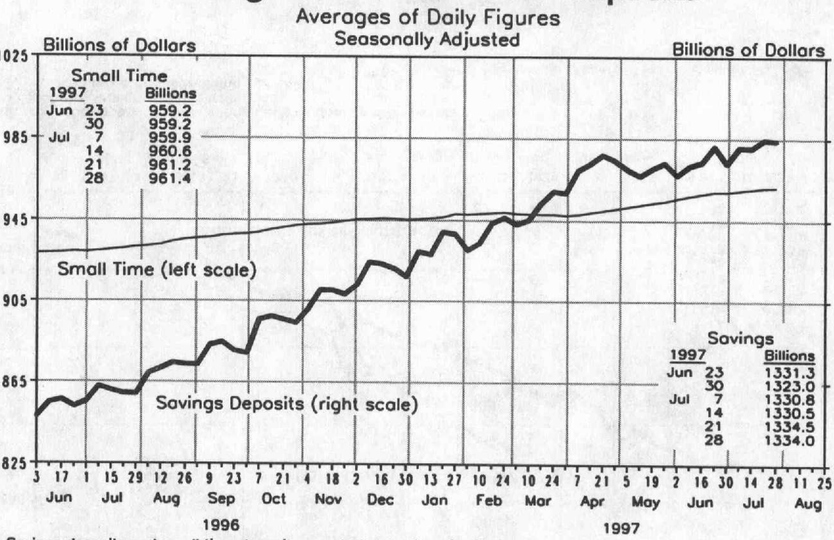
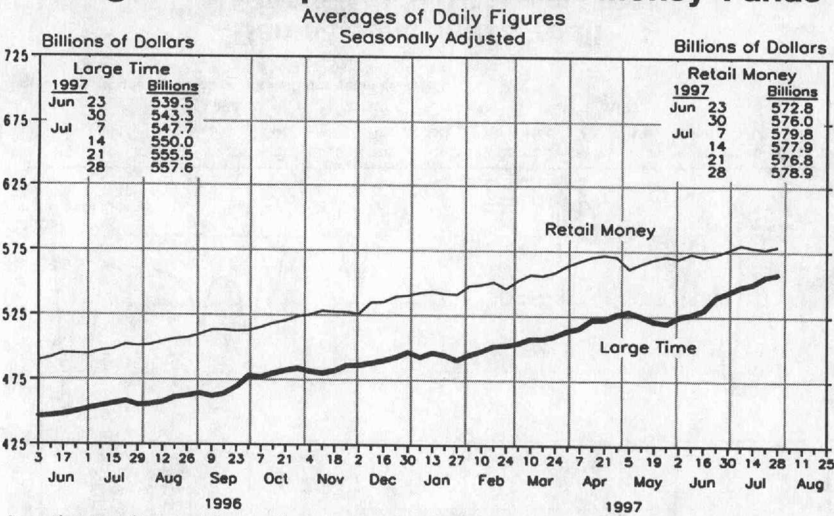
Savings and Small Time Deposits



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

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



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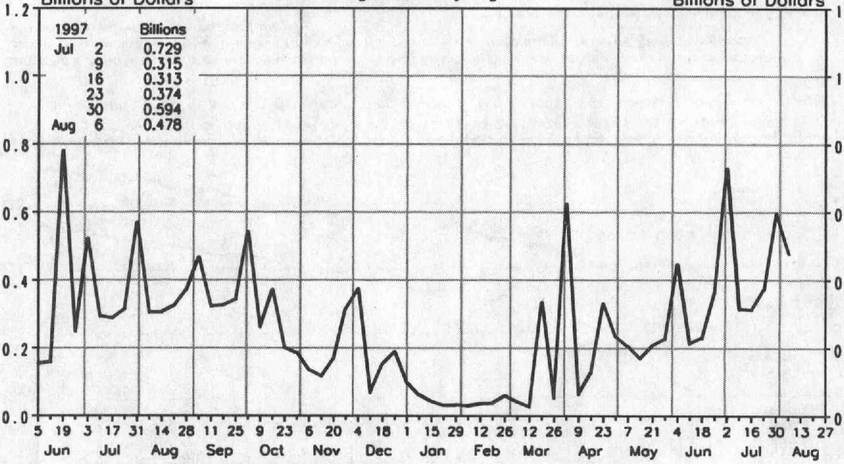
Total Borrowings

From Federal Reserve Banks

Averages of Daily Figures

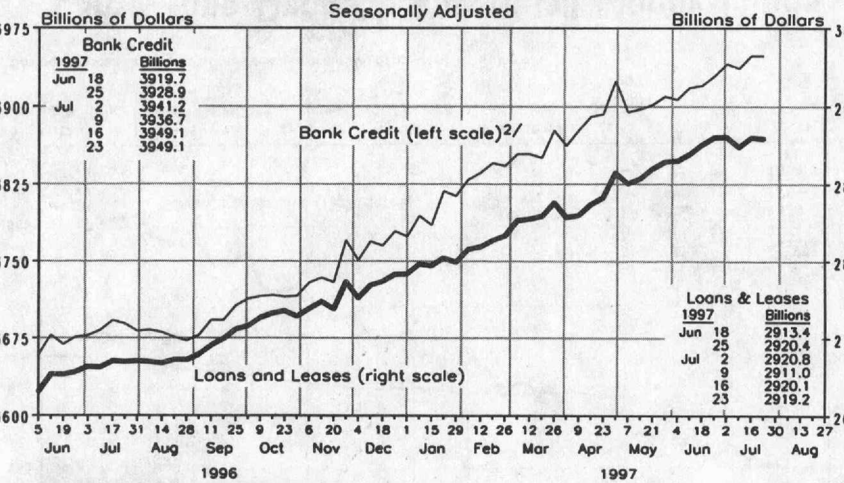


Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States 1/

Seasonally Adjusted



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1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

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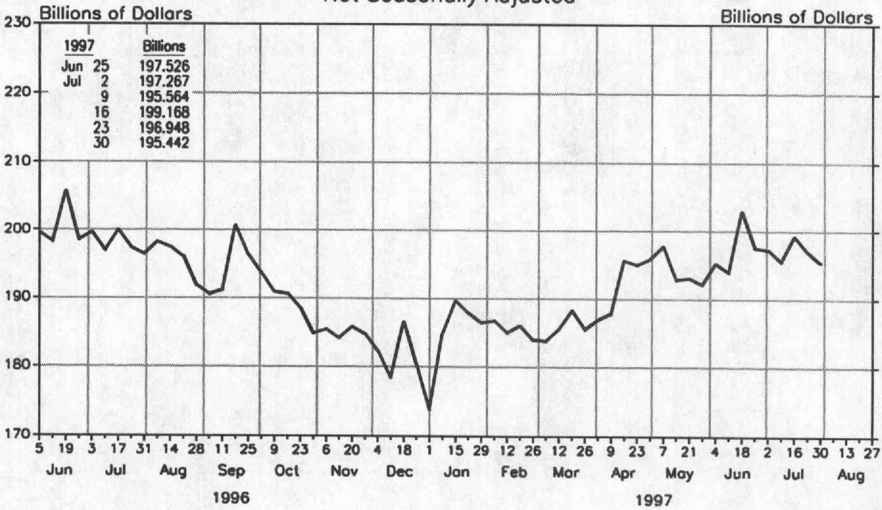
Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

Not Seasonally Adjusted



Commercial and Industrial Loans

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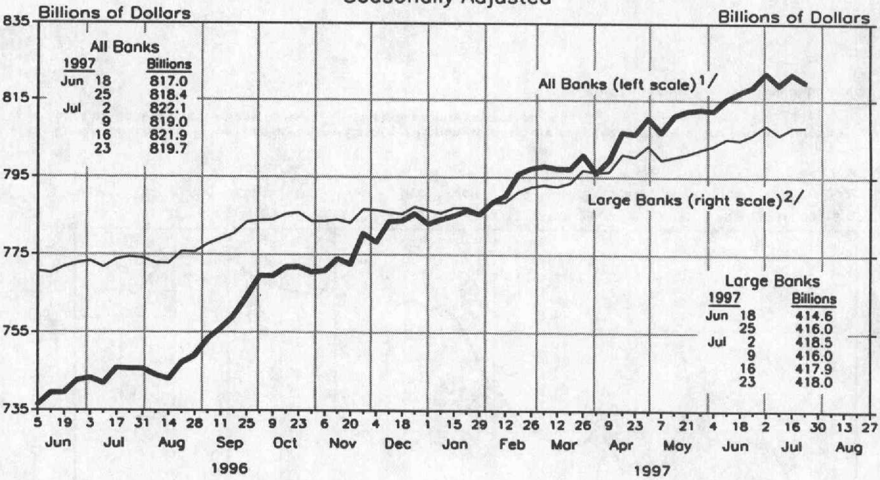

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2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

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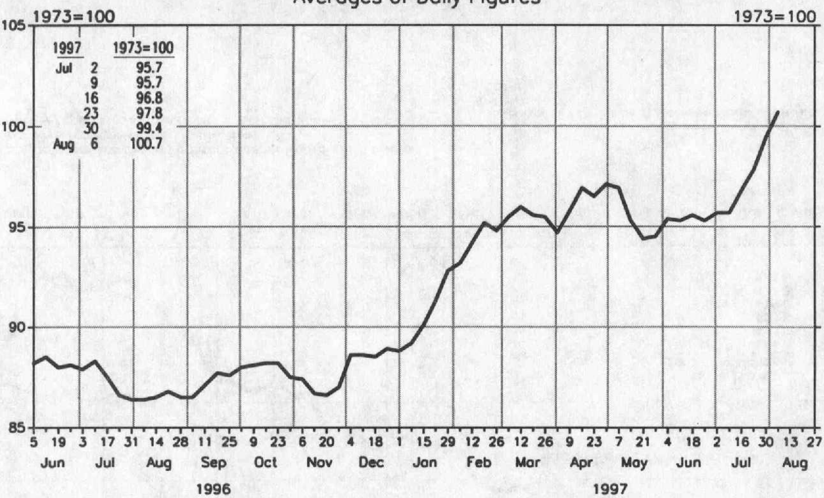
Dollar's Trade – Weighted Exchange Index

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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