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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- According to the preliminary estimate, real GDP rose at a 3.6 percent annual rate in the second quarter, significantly faster than the 2.2 percent growth initially estimated in the advance report released in July. This upward revision was accounted for mostly by increased exports and business inventories. Over the first half of 1997, real GDP increased at a 4.3 percent rate, markedly faster than the 2.7 percent increase seen over the second half of 1996.
- Advance new orders for manufactured durable goods totaled \$180.5 billion in July, down 0.6 percent from June's level but up 6.2 percent from December 1996. On the other hand, manufacturers' shipments of durable goods, following a strong 2.6 percent increase in June, rose 1.7 percent in July. New orders are not adjusted for price changes.
- Consumer confidence remains at relatively high levels according to the Conference Board: Its index of consumer confidence measured 129.1 percent in August (1985=100), up 2.8 percentage points from July but down only slightly from the more than 28-year high of 129.9 posted in June.
- Sales of existing single-family homes totaled 4.24 million units at an annualized rate in July, up 2.2 percent from June's sales pace, and, moreover, near the all-time high of 4.28 million units registered in May 1996. Measured from July 1996, existing home sales were up 2.2 percent.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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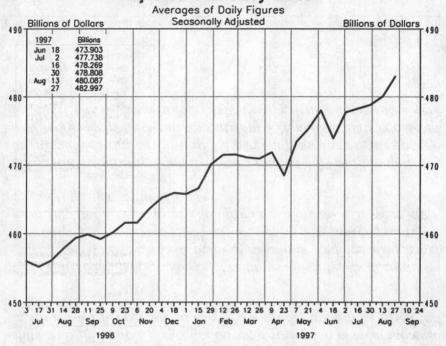
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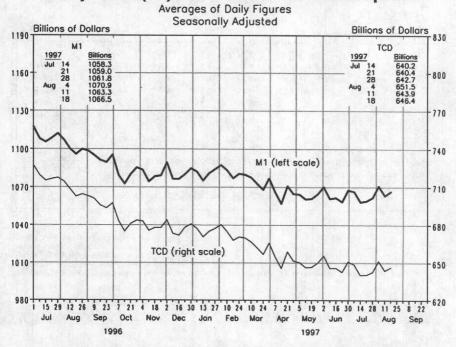
Adjusted Monetary Base



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	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: 8/28/96 11/20/96 1/29/97 2/26/97 3/26/97 4/23/97 5/21/97 7/2/97									
two maintenance periods ending:	8/28/96	11/20/96	1/29/9/	2/26/9/	3/26/9/	4/23/9/	5/21/97	7/2/97		
1/29/97	5.1									
2/26/97	5.7	7.3								
3/26/97	4.7	5.3	3.8							
4/23/97	3.9	3.9	1.7	-1.8						
5/21/97	4.7	5.1	4.2	2.7	4.7					
7/2/97	4.5	4.7	3.8	2.7	3.9	6.4				
7/30/97	4.7	5.0	4.4	3.6	4.7	6.7	4.7			
8/27/97	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.3	5.4	7.1	5.7	8.1		

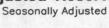
Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

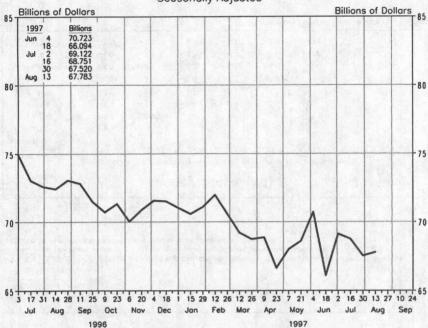


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks. Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

		Mo	oney S	tock (M1)				
To the average of four weeks	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: 8/19/96 11/18/96 1/20/97 2/17/97 3/17/97 4/21/97 5/19/97 6/16/9								
ending:	.,.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	., .,,	., 20, 5.	-,,	0, 11, 31	4/21/3/	3/ 13/3/	6/16/97	
1/20/97	-4.9								
2/17/97	-3.7	0.9							
3/17/97	-4.1	-0.8	-1.8						
4/21/97	-4.8	-2.8	-4.7	-7.9					
5/19/97	-4.9	-3.3	-5.0	-7.3	-7.8				
6/16/97	-4.3	-2.6	-3.7	-5.2	-4.8	-2.0			
7/21/97	-4.0	-2.4	-3.3	-4.3	-3.9	-1.8	0.2		
8/18/97	-3.5	-1.8	-2.4	-3.2	-2.6	-0.6	1.1	0.7	

Adjusted Reserves

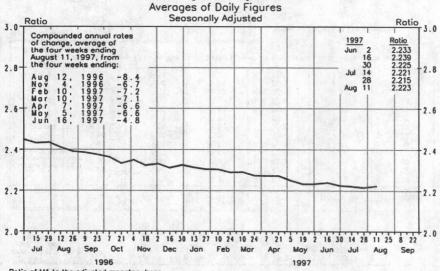




Adjusted reserves is the difference between the adjusted monetary base and the currency component of M1. The adjusted monetary base series was recently revised: See the footnote to the monetary base chart for a description of the change.

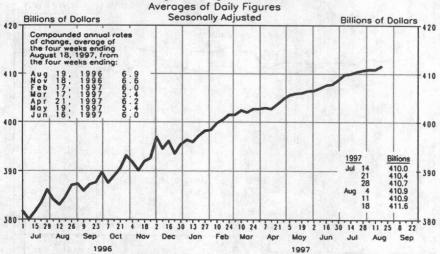
Adjusted Reserves										
	Compou	nded annu	al rates of	rates of change, average of two maintenance periods end						
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	8/14/96	11/6/96	1/15/97	2/12/97	3/12/97	4/9/97	5/7/97	6/18/97		
1/15/97	-5.4									
2/12/97	-2.7	4.5								
3/12/97	-6.1	-3.2	-8.0							
4/9/97	-7.7	-6.2	-11.7	-22.3						
5/7/97	-9.6	-9.3	-15.1	-23.1	-21.7					
6/18/97	-6.6	-5.2	-7.8	-12.1	-7.7	-2.9				
7/16/97	-5.3	-3.6	-5.2	-8.4	-4.0	0.7	13.1			
8/13/97	-6.7	-5.5	-7.6	-10.5	-7.5	-4.8	1.8	-7.0		

Money Multiplier



Ratio of M1 to the adjusted monetary base.

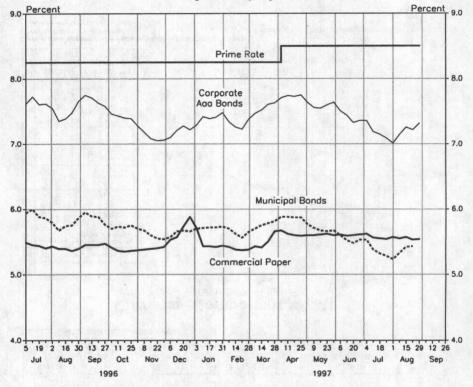
Currency Component of M1



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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



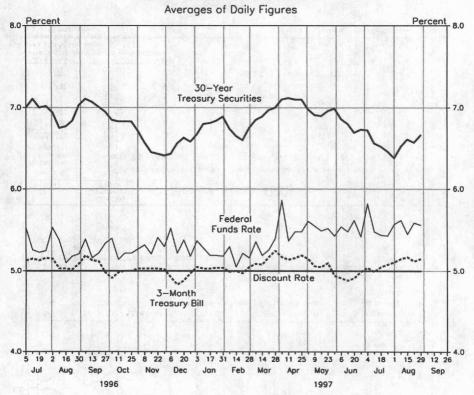
1997	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Doy CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds ••
Jun 6	5.61	5.68	5.61	7.51	8.13	5.60
13	5.59	5.68	5.60	7.44	8.06	5.52
20	5.60	5.65	5.58	7.33	7.94	5.48
27	5.61	5.66	5.58	7.36	7.96	5.53
Jul 4	5.62	5.66	5.58	7.36	7.94	5.53
11	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	7.15	7.76	5.33
15	5.57	5.61	5.53	7.26	7.86	5.42
22	5.53	5.58	5.52	7.22	7.85	5.43
29	5.54	5.59	5.53	7.32	7.87	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 29, 1997

-- Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data
N.A. - Not Available



Selected Interest Rates



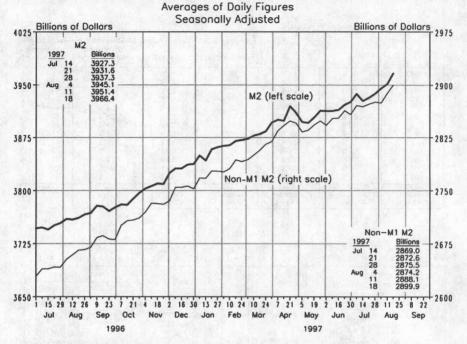
199	97	Federal Funds ••	3-Month Treasury Bill	1 – Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Jun	6	5.54	4.91	5.44	6.48	6.61	6.86
	13	5.48	4.88	5.40	6.40	6.52	6.80
	20	5.62	4.91	5.34	6.29	6.40	6.69
	27	5.42	4.99	5.35	6.33	6.45	6.73
Jul	4	5.82	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	5.25	6.15	6.26	6.52
	15	5.45	5.17	5.29	6.17	6.33	6.61
	22	5.59	5.12	5.24	6.12	6.27	6.57
	29 •	5.56	5.15	5.30	6.24	6.38	6.66

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• Averages of rates available

^{..} Seven-day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

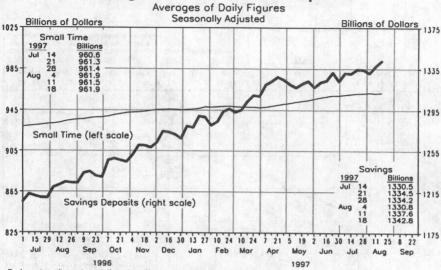
Money Stock(M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2



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

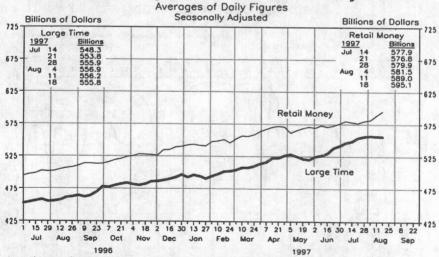
Money Stock (M2)										
	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:									
To the average of four weeks ending:	8/19/96 1	1/18/96	1/20/97	2/17/97	3/17/97	4/21/97	5/19/97	6/16/97		
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Savings and Small Time Deposits



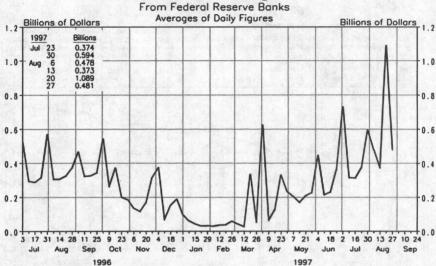
Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



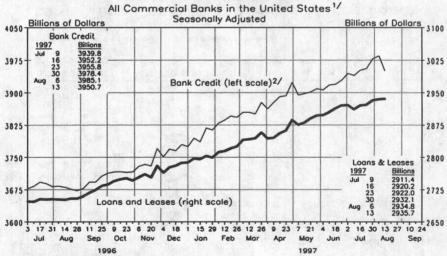
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Total Borrowings



Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

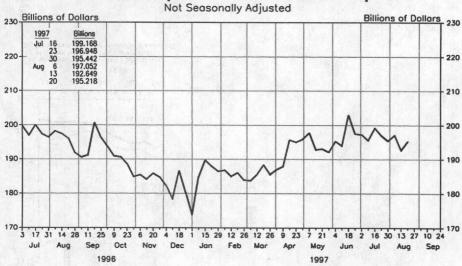


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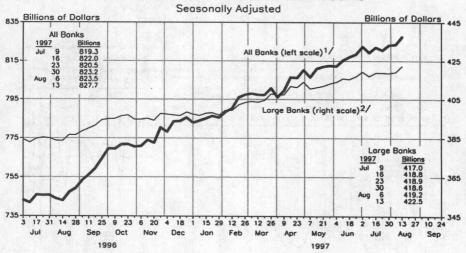
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



Commercial and Industrial Loans

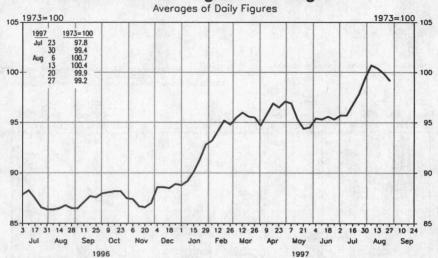


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Dollar's Trade - Weighted Exchange Index



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