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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- Paced by a 0.9 percent rise in new orders for nondurable goods, total factory orders rose 0.2 percent in July, off markedly from June's robust 1.7 percent gain. On a year-to-date basis, total factory orders have risen at a 4.2 percent annual rate.
- Measured in inflation-adjusted terms, the value of construction put in place totaled \$505.2 billion in July, up 0.4 percent from June's level and the largest increase in five months. Measured from a year earlier, real construction spending is up 2.9 percent.
- After rising 0.1 percent in June, the index of leading indicators rose 0.3 percent in July according to the Conference Board. The leading indicator index has declined only twice in the past 21 months.
- Spurred by a 2.1 percent surge in spending on durable goods, real personal consumption expenditures rose at a 7.6 percent annual rate in July. This increase was the largest in six months.
- Sales of new single-family homes were at an annual rate of 817,000 units in July, 0.9 percent above June's sales pace and 6.1 percent more than May's. Sales totaled 782,000 units in July 1996.

The Federal Reserve Board announced that commercial paper statistics (outstandings and interest rates) will now be derived from data transmitted electronically from The Depository Trust Company. For more details, see the Board's web site at

http://www.bog.frb.fed.us/releases/CP/.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

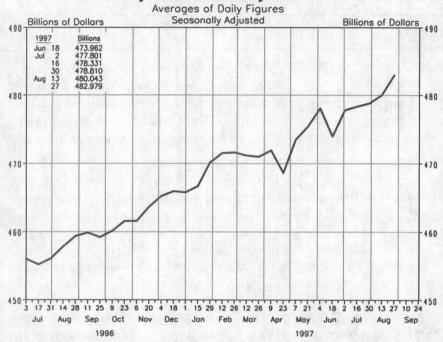
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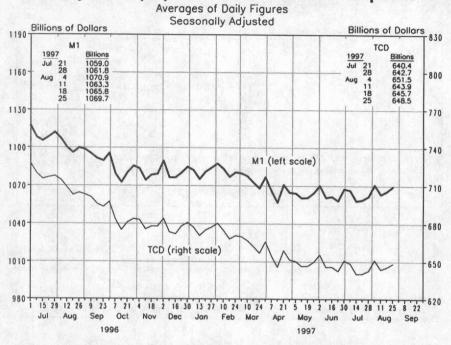
Adjusted Monetary Base



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 two maintenance periods ending:		11/20/96		Later Delication and Co.			once period 5/21/97	s ending: 7/2/9		
1/29/97	5.1									
2/26/97	5.7	7.4								
3/26/97	4.8	5.4	3.8							
4/23/97	3.9	4.0	1.7	-1.8						
5/21/97	4.8	5.2	4.2	2.6	4.7					
7/2/97	4.5	4.7	3.8	2.7	3.8	6.4				
7/30/97	4.7	5.0	4.4	3.5	4.7	6.7	4.6			
8/27/97	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.3	5.3	7.1	5.7	7.9		

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

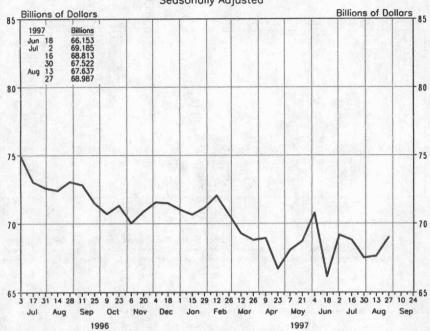


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks. Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

		Money Stock (M1)								
To the average	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:									
of four weeks ending:	8/26/96	11/25/96	1/27/97	2/24/97	3/24/97	4/28/97	5/26/97	6/23/97		
1/27/97	-4.2									
2/24/97	-3.3	1.2								
3/24/97	-4.1	-1.2	-3.6							
4/28/97	-4.8	-3.1	-5.8	-8.9						
5/26/97	-4.6	-3.0	-5.0	-7.0	-6.2					
6/23/97	-4.1	-2.6	-4.0	-5.4	-4.3	-1.2				
7/28/97	-3.9	-2.4	-3.5	-4.5	-3.5	-1.2	-0.7			
8/25/97	-3.0	-1.4	-2.1	-2.7	-1.6	0.8	1.8	2.5		

Adjusted Reserves

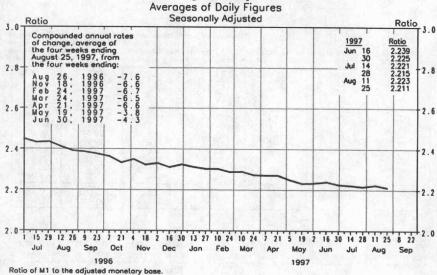
Seasonally Adjusted



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.

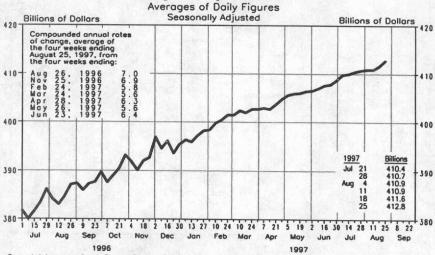
		Ac	djusted	Rese	rves					
	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:									
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	8/28/96	11/20/96	1/29/97	2/26/97	3/26/97	4/23/97	5/21/97	7/2/97		
1/29/97	-5.8									
2/26/97	-3.7	4.8								
3/26/97	-8.6	-5.6	-15.8							
4/23/97	-10.1	-8.6	-17.5	-28.0						
5/21/97	-8.0	-5.7	-11,1	-16.7	-6.0					
7/2/97	-8.2	-6.3	-10.5	-14.2	-7.3	-1.3				
7/30/97	-6.8	-4.7	-7.6	-10.2	-3.7	1.8	-1.8			
8/27/97	-6.1	-3.9	-6.3	-8.4	-2.5	2.0	-0.5	6.3		

Money Multiplier



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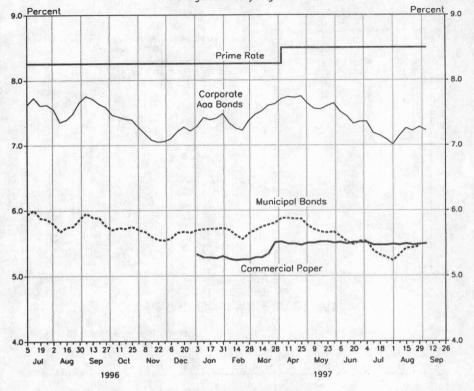
Currency Component of M1



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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



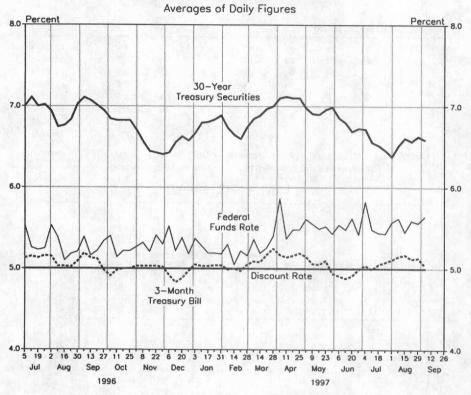
1997	30-Day Commercial Poper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds
Jun 13	5.49	5.68	5.60	7.44	8.06	5.52
20	5.51	5.65	5.58	7.33	7.94	5.48
27	5.51	5.66	5.58	7.36	7.96	5.53
Jul 4	5.51	5.66	5.58	7.36	7.94	5.53
11	5.47	5.61	5.54	7.19	7.79	5.38
18	5.47	5.59	5.53	7.15	7.76	5.32
25	5.47	5.59	5.51	7.09	7.70	5.28
Aug 1	5.48	5.58	5.51	7.01	7.62	5.23
8	5.47	5.60	5.53	7.15	7.76	5.33
15	5.49	5.61	5.53	7.26	7.86	5.42
22	5.47	5.58	5.52	7.22	7.85	5.43
29	5.48	5.60	5.53	7.28	7.82	5.45
Sep 5	5.49	5.61	5.61	7.23	7.77	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 5, 1997. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data, which is currently available only book to the first of the year.

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



Selected Interest Rates



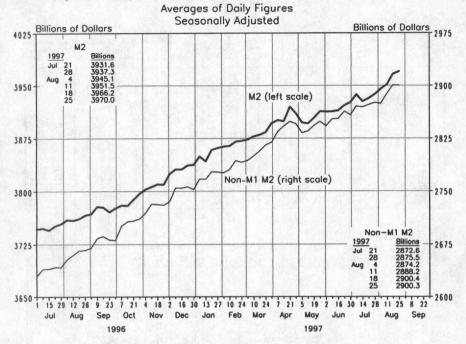
199	97	Federal Funds ••	3-Month Treasury Bill	1 – Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Jun	13	5.48	4.88	5.40	6.40	6.52	6.80
	20	5.62	4.91	5.34	6.29	6.40	6.69
	27	5.42	4.99	5.35	6.33	6.45	6.73
Jul	4	5.82	5.04	5.32	6.31	6.42	6.72
	11	5.48	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	5.13	5.29	6.22	6.36	6.63
Sep	5 .	5.64	5.04	5.27	6.21	6.32	6.59

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• Averages of rates available

•• Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

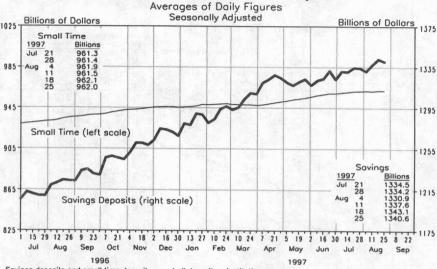
Money Stock(M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2



M2 is the sum of M1, 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.

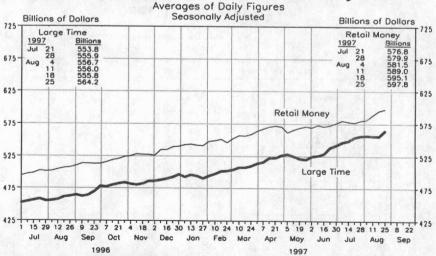
		Mc	tock (M2)						
	Compou	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
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Savings and Small Time Deposits



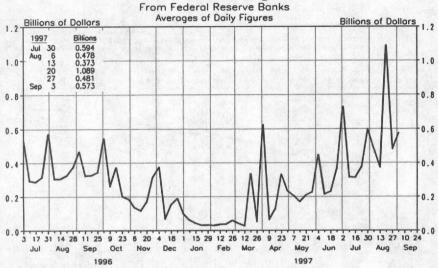
Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



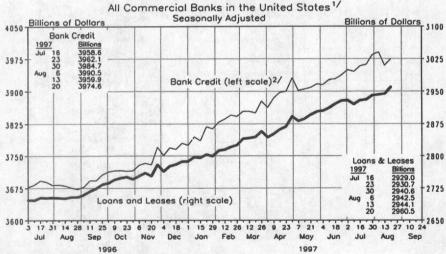
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Total Borrowings



Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

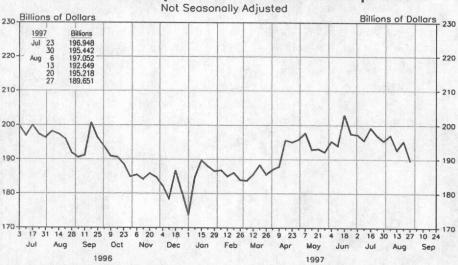


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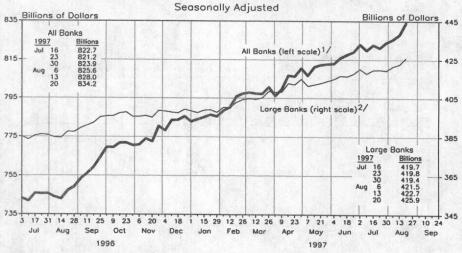
2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



Note: Beginning September 2, 1997, the value of commercial paper outstanding uses new source data. See the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release for more information.

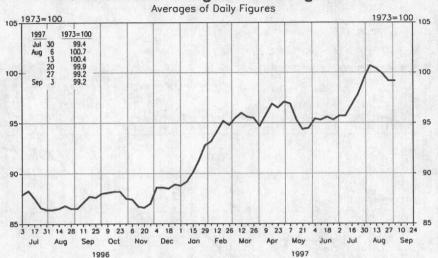
Commercial and Industrial Loans



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1/ Includes foreign-related institutions 2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

Dollar's Trade - Weighted Exchange Index



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.