

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

New orders for manufactured goods totaled \$336.5 billion in September, an increase of 0.4 percent from August. The nominal value of new factory orders rose 2.4 percent in the third quarter, the biggest increase in $2^{1}/_{2}$ years.

• A sharp decline in nonresidential building activity caused real construction spending to fall 1.3 percent in September, its largest decline this year. Still, new construction put in place in the third quarter was 0.4 percent more than that seen in the second quarter.

Matching its August rise, the index of leading indicators rose 0.2 percent in September. The leading index has risen for nine consecutive quarters, the longest consecutive string of increases since the period between the fourth quarter of 1984 and the third quarter of 1987.

Real disposable personal income advanced at a 2.5 percent annual rate in September and was up at a 2.9 percent rate in the third quarter. Real income rose at a 3.8 percent rate over the first half of 1997.

According to the advance report, real GDP, after rising at a 3.3 percent annual rate in the second quarter, rose at a slightly faster 3.5 percent pace in the third quarter. A substantial rebound in consumer spending—in fact, the biggest rise in 5¹/₂ years—and continued strong increases in fixed investment spending more than offset a reduced rate of inventory accumulation and a sharp decline in net exports. Over the last four quarters, real GDP has risen 4 percent.

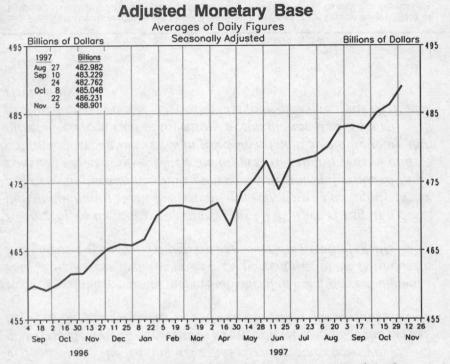
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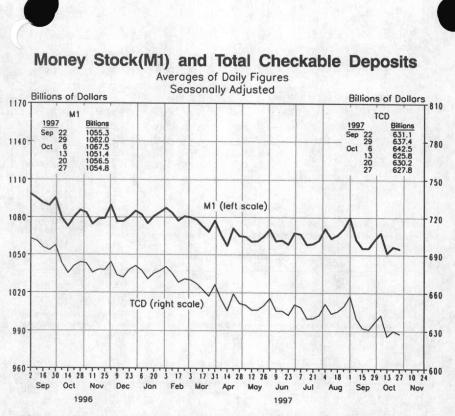


The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series was recently revised to include Federal Reserve deposits 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.

| | | Adjus | ted Me | onetary | y Base | • | | |
|---|---------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Compou | nded annua | I rotes of a | hange, ave | erage of two | o maintene | once period | ls ending: |
| To the average of two maintenance periods ending: | 11/6/96 | 1/29/97 | 4/9/97 | 5/7/97 | 6/4/97 | 7/2/97 | 7/30/97 | 9/10/97 |
| 4/9/97 | 5.1 | | | | | | | |
| 5/7/97 | 4.1 | 2.1 | | | | | | |
| 6/4/97 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 7.5 | | | | | |
| 7/2/97 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 6.9 | | | | |
| 7/30/97 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 7.1 | 2.5 | | | |
| 9/10/97 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 8.2 | | |
| 10/8/97 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.0 | |
| 11/5/97 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 6.2 |

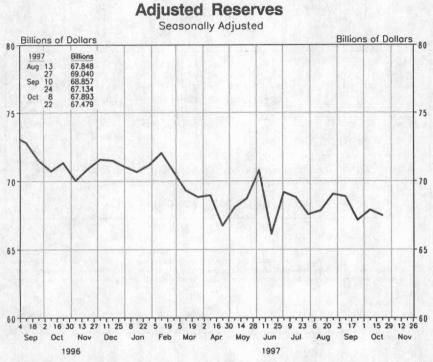
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M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks. Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current data appear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

| | Money Stock (M1) | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| To the susses | ur weeks e | ending: | | | | | | |
| To the average of four weeks ending: | 10/28/96 | 1/27/97 | 3/24/97 | 4/28/97 | 5/26/97 | 6/30/97 | 7/28/97 | 8/25/97 |
| 3/24/97 | -1.1 | | | | | | | |
| 4/28/97 | -2.7 | -5.7 | | | | | | |
| 5/26/97 | -2.7 | -5.0 | -6.3 | | | | | |
| 6/30/97 | -2.4 | -4.0 | -4.3 | -1.5 | | | | |
| 7/28/97 | -2.3 | -3.5 | -3.6 | -1.3 | -0.8 | | | |
| 8/25/97 | -1.3 | -2.0 | -1.5 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 3.5 | | |
| 9/29/97 | -2.1 | -3.0 | -2.8 | -1.3 | -1.1 | -1.2 | -1.4 | |
| 10/27/97 | -2.0 | -2.8 | -2.7 | -1.3 | -1.1 | -1.3 | -1.4 | -5.3 |



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.

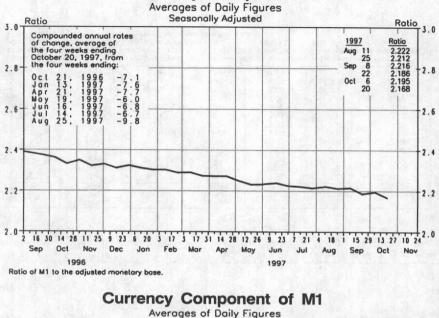
| Adjusted Reserves | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods | | | | | | | | | | |
| To the average of two maintenance periods ending: | 10/23/96 | 1/15/97 | 3/26/97 | 4/23/97 | 5/21/97 | 6/18/97 | 7/16/97 | 8/27/97 | | |
| 3/26/97 | -6.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/23/97 | -8.8 | -14.9 | | | | | | | | |
| 5/21/97 | -6.3 | -9.7 | -6.0 | | | | | | | |
| 6/18/97 | -5.5 | -7.8 | -3.7 | 6.3 | | | | | | |
| 7/16/97 | -3.9 | -5.2 | -0.3 | 7.6 | 5.8 | | | | | |
| 8/27/97 | -4.3 | -5.5 | -2.1 | 2.6 | 0.2 | -0.2 | | | | |
| 9/24/97 | -4.6 | -5.8 | -3.1 | 0.6 | -1.7 | -2.6 | -7.3 | | | |
| 10/22/97 | -4.7 | -5.8 | -3.4 | -0.4 | -2.5 | -3.3 | -6.9 | -7.0 | | |

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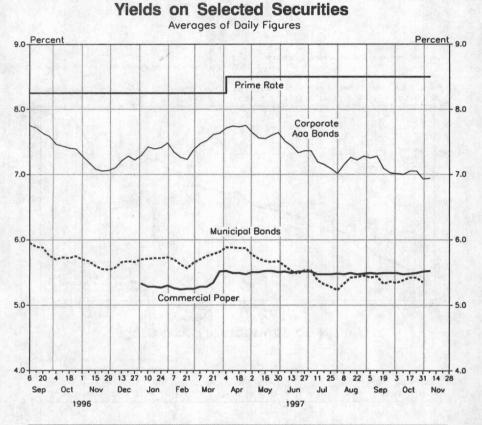
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| 19 | 97 | 30-Day Commercial Paper | 90-Doy CDs | 90–Day Bankers' Acceptances | Corporate Aao Bonds | Corporate Boo Bonds | Municipal Bonds •• |
|-----|----|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aug | 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 | 5.60 | 5.53 | 7.25 | 7.79 | 5.42 |
| | 12 | 5.48 | 5.60 | 5.58 | 7.28 | 7.81 | 5.44 |
| | 19 | 5.49 | 5.59 | 5.53 | 7.09 | 7.67 | 5.33 |
| | 26 | 5.49 | 5.59 | 5.52 | 7.02 | 7.63 | 5.36 |
| Oct | 3 | 5.49 | 5.64 | 5.54 | 7.01 | 7.61 | 5.34 |
| | 10 | 5.47 | 5.60 | 5.55 | 7.00 | 7.60 | 5.38 |
| | 17 | 5.48 | 5.65 | 5.58 | 7.05 | 7.64 | 5.42 |
| | 24 | 5.49 | 5.69 | 5.58 | 7.05 | 7.57 | 5.42 |
| | 31 | 5.51 | 5.67 | 5.58 | 6.93 | 7.49 | 5.35 |
| Nov | 7 | 5.52 | 5.68 | 5.56 | 6.94 | 7.47 | 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 November 7, 1997. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data, which is currently available only back to the first of the year. • Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

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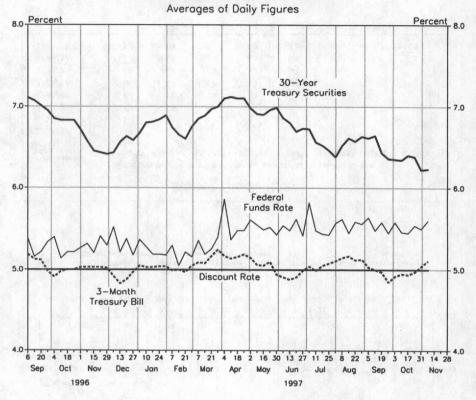


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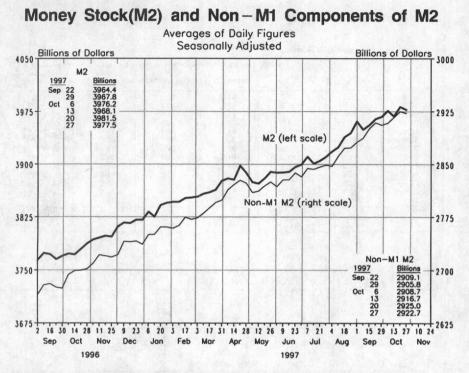
Selected Interest Rates



| 19 | 97 | Federal Funds •• | 3-Month Treasury Bill | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | 10-Year Treasury Securities | 30-Year Treasury Securities |
|-----|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aug | 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 | 5.03 | 5.28 | 6.22 | 6.34 | 6.61 |
| | 12 | 5.48 | 5.00 | 5.29 | 6.23 | 6.34 | 6.64 |
| | 19 | 5.58 | 4.97 | 5.19 | 6.04 | 6.14 | 6.43 |
| | 26 | 5.45 | 4.85 | 5.18 | 6.00 | 6.08 | 6.36 |
| Oct | 3 | 5.58 | 4.92 | 5.16 | 5.94 | 6.06 | 6.35 |
| | 10 | 5.46 | 4.95 | 5.16 | 5.93 | 6.04 | 6.34 |
| | 17 | 5.45 | 4.94 | 5.23 | 6.01 | 6.11 | 6.40 |
| | 24 | 5.54 | 4.97 | 5.23 | 6.02 | 6.09 | 6.38 |
| | 31 | 5.50 | 5.04 | 5.07 | 5.78 | 5.90 | 6.22 |
| Nov | 7 . | 5.60 | 5.11 | 5.16 | 5.82 | 5.94 | 6.23 |

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



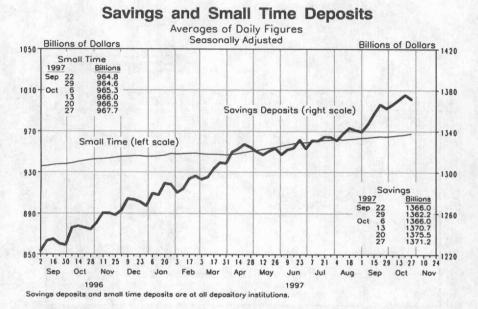
M2 is the sum of M1, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and retail money funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

| | | Money Stock (M2) | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: | | | | | | | | | | |
| To the average of four weeks ending: | 10/28/96 | 1/27/97 | 3/24/97 | 4/28/97 | 5/26/97 | 6/30/97 | 7/28/97 | 8/25/97 | | |
| 3/24/97 | 5.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/28/97 | 5.8 | 5.3 | | | | | | | | |
| 5/26/97 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 3.0 | | | | | | | |
| 6/30/97 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 1.1 | | | | | | |
| 7/28/97 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 2.2 | 4.2 | | | | | |
| 8/25/97 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 6.5 | | | | |
| 9/29/97 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 8.0 | | | |
| 10/27/97 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 6.7 | | |

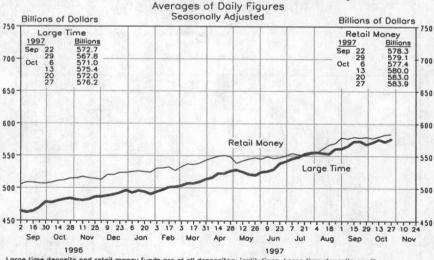








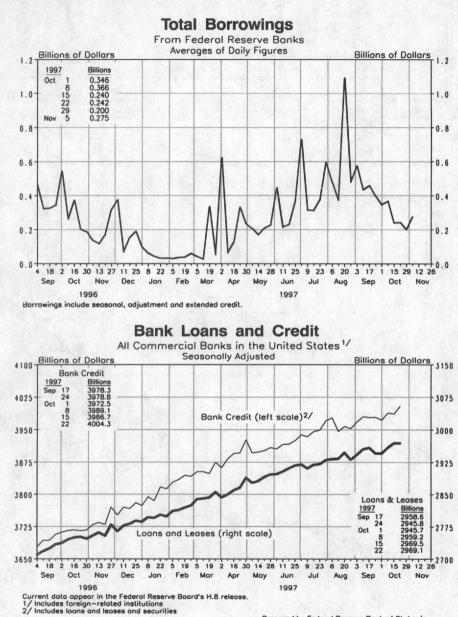
Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



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

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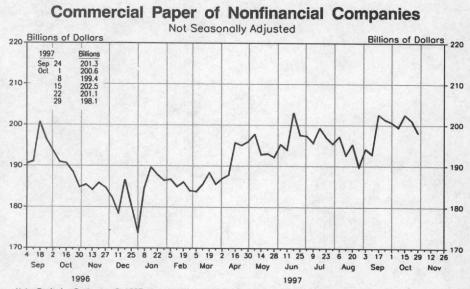
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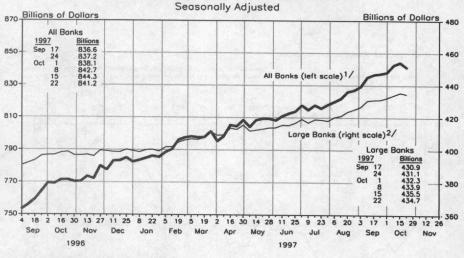






Note: Beginning September 2, 1997, the value of commercial paper outstanding uses new source data. See the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release for more information.

Commercial and Industrial Loans



Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.8 release. 1/ Includes foreign-related institutions 2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks



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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