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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- After falling 2.6 percent in December 1997, the nominal value of total factory orders increased 0.5 percent in January. Factory shipments of manufactured goods, on the other hand, fell 1 percent in January, the largest drop in eight months and the third in the past four months.
- The index of leading indicators was unchanged in January, the second consecutive month of no change.
- Sales of new homes rebounded in January, rising 10.3 percent to an annual rate of 877,000 units. January's sales rate matched the near 12-year high set in November 1997.
- Following a 1.1 percent rise in December, inflation-adjusted private construction spending rose 1.2 percent in January, the largest increase in six months. Measured from a year earlier, private construction spending increased 5.3 percent.
- Personal income (nominal) increased \$41.2 billion in January, or 7.2 percent at an annual rate. Personal consumption expenditures grew at a 4.6 percent rate in January, or 3.8 percent after adjusting for price changes.
- The preliminary report showed fourth-quarter real GDP growth to be 3.9 percent, down 0.4 percentage point from the advance estimate. This downward revision was largely due to lower net exports. Real GDP rose 3.8 percent in 1997 (fourth quarter-to-fourth quarter).

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

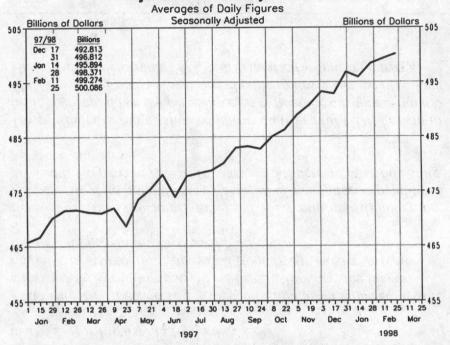
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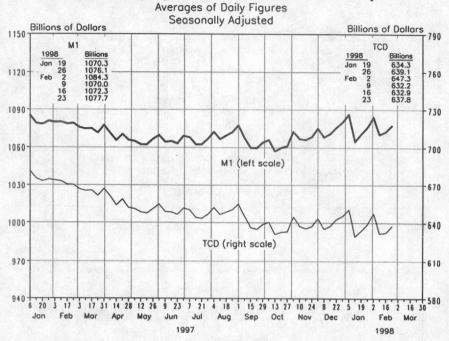
Adjusted Monetary Base



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.

		Adjus	ted M	onetar	y Bas	е		
	Compou	nded annu	al rates of	change, av	erage of to	wo mainten	ance period	ds ending:
To the overage of two maintenance periods ending:	2/26/97	5/21/97	7/30/97	8/27/97	9/24/97	10/22/97	11/19/97	12/31/97
7/30/97	3.5							
8/27/97	4.3	5.7						
9/24/97	4.2	5.3	6.2					
10/22/97	4.6	5.7	6.6	5.6				
11/19/97	5.3	6.6	7.9	7.7	9.6			
12/31/97	5.9	7,1	8.2	8.2	9.4	10.2		
1/28/98	5.9	7.0	7.9	7.8	8.7	9.1	8.0	
2/25/98	6.0	7.0	7.8	7.7	8.4	8.6	7.7	6.6

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

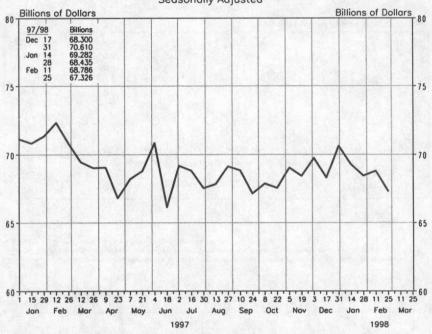


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks. Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

		Mo	oney S	tock (M1)					
To the overess	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:									
To the overage of four weeks ending:	2/24/97	5/26/97	7/21/97	8/25/97	9/22/97	10/20/97	11/24/97	12/22/97		
7/21/97	-3.3									
8/25/97	-1.8	2.3								
9/22/97	-2.2	0.7	0.4							
10/20/97	-2.6	-0.5	-1.4	-4.9						
11/24/97	-1.4	0.8	0.8	-0.6	1.2					
12/22/97	-0.8	1.4	1.6	0.7	2.4	6.0				
1/26/98	-0.6	1.5	1.6	1.0	2.2	4.5	3.3			
2/23/98	-0.3	1.5	1.7	1.2	2.2	4.0	3.0	2.0		

Adjusted Reserves

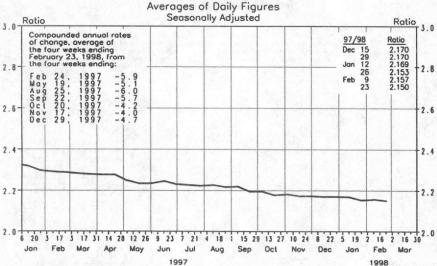
Seasonally Adjusted



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.

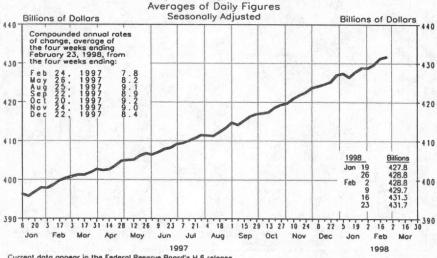
		Ac	djusted	Rese	rves						
	Compou	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending									
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	2/26/97	5/21/97	7/30/97	8/27/97	9/24/97	10/22/97	11/19/97	12/31/97			
7/30/97	-10.8										
8/27/97	-8.4	0.0									
9/24/97	-8.5	-2.0	-1.7								
10/22/97	-8.1	-2.6	-2.9	-7.1							
11/19/97	-5.4	0.7	2.6	1.5	7.1						
12/31/97	-3.5	2.3	4.5	4.1	8.2	14.1					
1/28/98	-4.1	0.8	2.0	1.3	3.7	6.4	1.1				
2/25/98	-4.9	-0.8	-0.3	-1.3	0.2	1.5	-3.5	-12.4			

Money Multiplier



Ratio of M1 to the adjusted monetary base.

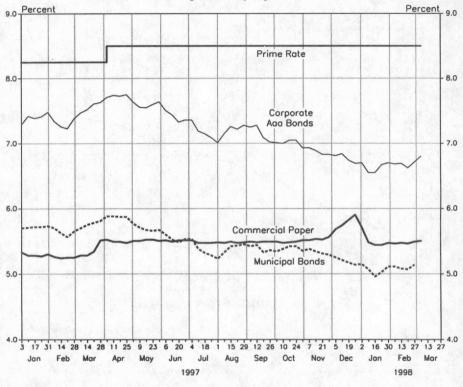
Currency Component of M1



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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures

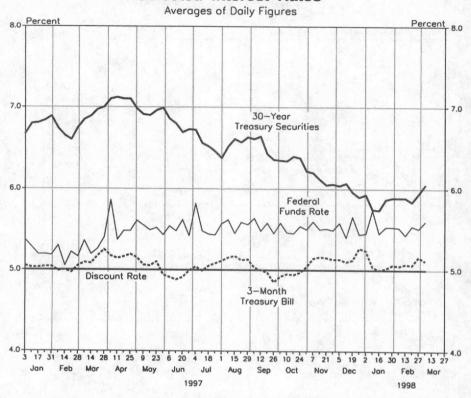


1997	7/98	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Doy CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Dec	12	5.74	5.81	5.78	6.84	7.39	5.21
	19	5.82	5.80	5.77	6.74	7.30	5.17
	26	5.90	5.82	5.76	6.69	7.26	5.14
Jan	2	5.71	5.74	5.62	6.70	6.91	5.15
	9	5.48	5.58	5.52	6.55	7.13	5.07
	16	5.44	5.50	5.47	6.55	7.14	4.96
	23	5.44	5.51	5.45	6.67	7.24	5.03
	30	5.47	5.53	5.47	6.70	7.28	5.11
Feb	6	5.46	5.53	5.47	6.68	7.27	5.11
	13	5.47	5.53	5.45	6.69	7.27	5.08
	20	5.46	5.53	5.45	6.62	7.20	5.07
	27	5.49	5.56	5.48	6.71	7.28	5.14
Mar	6	5.50	5.59	5.51	6.80	7.39	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 March 6, 1998. 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 bands, Thursday data

Selected Interest Rates



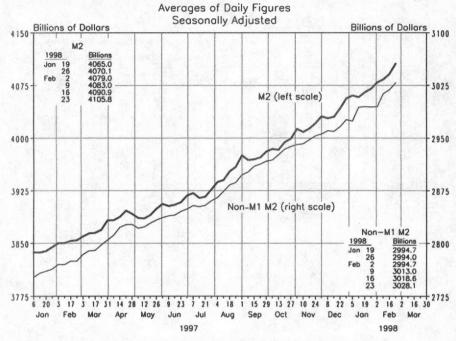
1997	/98	Federal Funds ••	3-Month Treasury Bill	1—Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Dec	12	5.40	5.10	5.23	5.83	5.87	6.07
	19	5.66	5.12	5.20	5.74	5.77	5.96
	26	5.44	5.27	5.26	5.72	5.74	5.90
Jan	2	5.45	5.24	5.23	5.71	5.75	5.93
	9	5.74	5.04	4.99	5.38	5.49	5.75
	16	5.45	5.00	4.92	5.32	5.45	5.74
	23	5.53	5.02	4.96	5.45	5.59	5.87
	30	5.53	5.06	5.01	5.48	5.63	5.89
Feb	6	5.52	5.05	4.99	5.44	5.59	5.89
	13	5.43	5.07	5.01	5.47	5.57	5.89
	20	5.54	5.06	5.02	5.45	5.50	5.84
	27	5.51	5.16	5.14	5.60	5.63	5.94
Mar	6 •	5.60	5.11	5.18	5.70	5.75	6.05

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• Averages of rates available

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

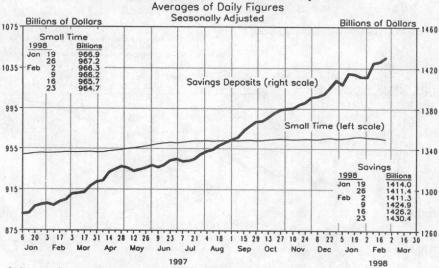
Money Stock(M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2



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.

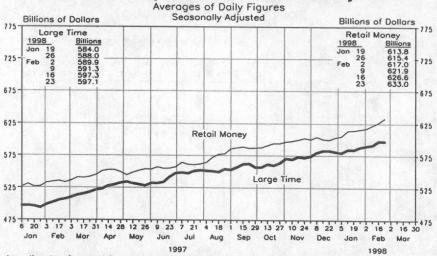
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Savings and Small Time Deposits



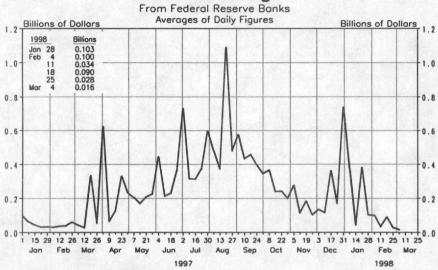
Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



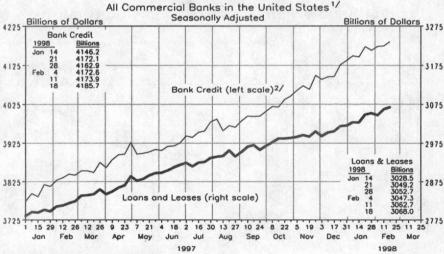
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Total Borrowings



Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

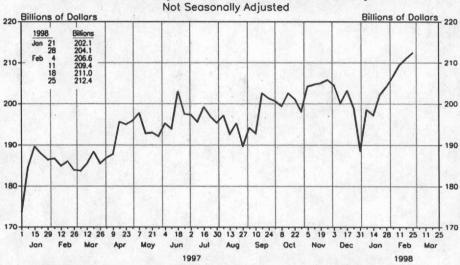
Bank Loans and Credit



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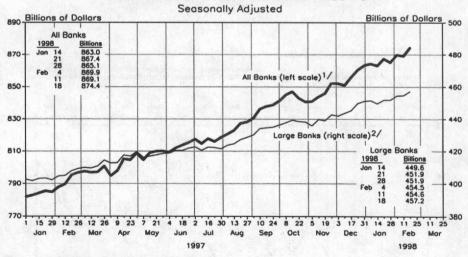
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



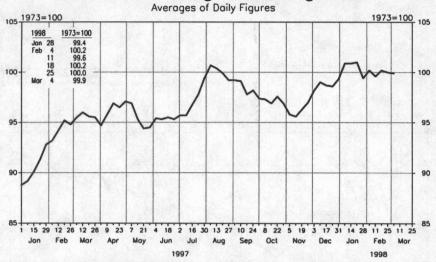
Note: Beginning September 2, 1997, the value of commercial paper outstanding uses new source data. See the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release for more information.

Commercial and Industrial Loans



Current data oppear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.8 release, 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. dallar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.