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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *The consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) advanced at a 3 percent annual rate in April, its biggest increase in seven months. Thus far in 1998, the CPI has risen at a 0.9 percent rate, appreciably slower than the 1.5 percent gain seen over the same period in 1997.*
- *The producer price index for finished goods (PPI) increased at a 2.8 percent annual rate in April, the first increase since September 1997. Year-to-date, however, the PPI has fallen at a 2.5 percent rate, which matched its rate of decline over the first four months of 1997.*
- *Business inventories (manufacturing and trade) rose 0.5 percent in March after rising 0.7 percent in February. For the first quarter, inventories increased 1.3 percent, or \$55.5 billion at an annual rate—significantly more than the \$41.9 billion rise seen in the fourth quarter of 1997. The business inventory-to-sales ratio stood at 1.38 in the first quarter, unchanged from the previous quarter.*
- *Following virtually no change in March, retail sales rose 0.5 percent in April. Revisions indicate that retail sales actually grew at an 8.1 percent annual rate in the first quarter, 0.5 percentage points faster than the 7.6 percent growth originally estimated.*
- *The index of U.S. import prices fell 0.1 percent in April, the sixth straight decline and the fourteenth drop in the past 16 months. Import prices have fallen 4.9 percent over the past 12 months.*

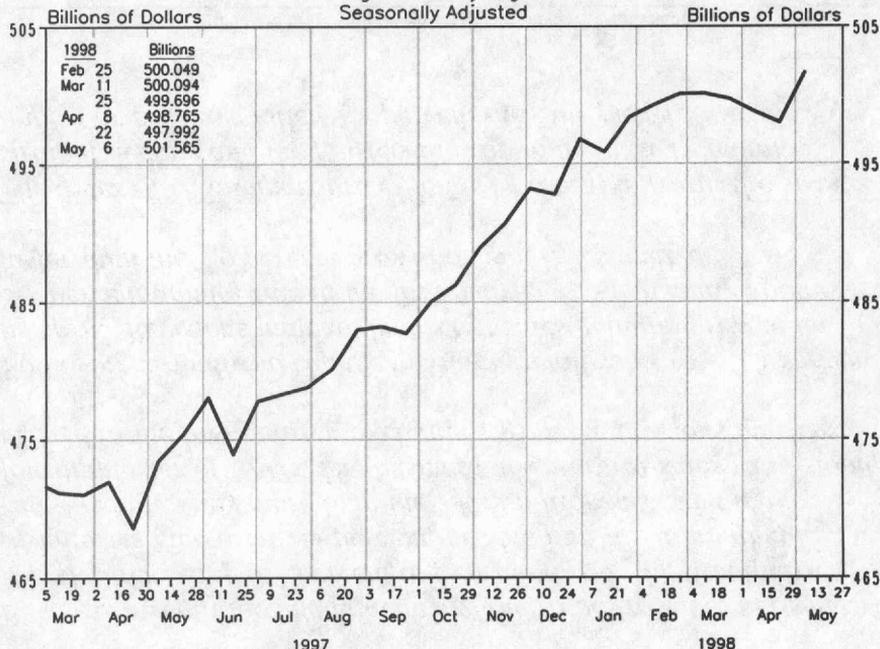
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Adjusted Monetary Base

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:

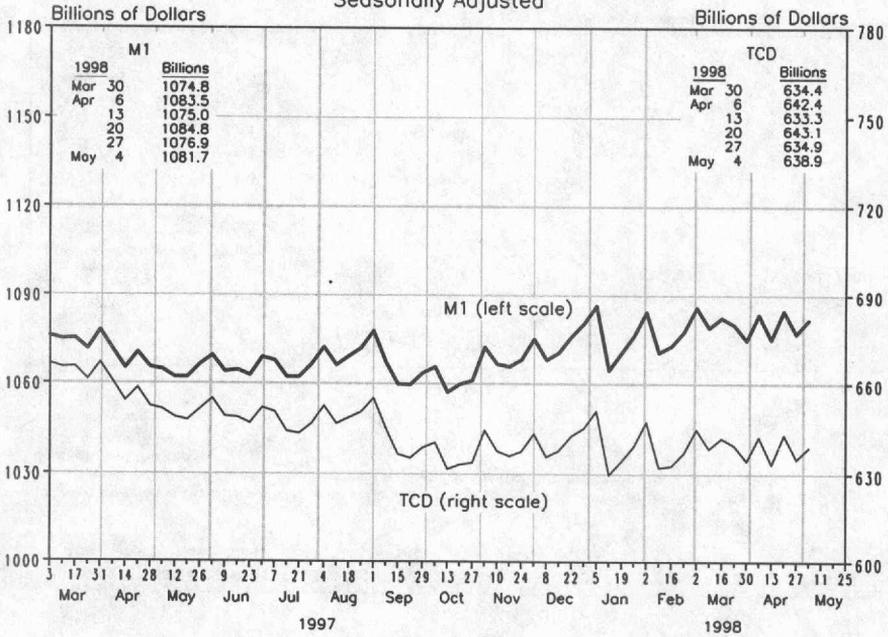
Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

	5/7/97	7/30/97	10/8/97	11/5/97	12/3/97	12/31/97	2/11/98	3/11/98
10/8/97	6.6							
11/5/97	7.2	7.2						
12/3/97	7.8	8.3	11.4					
12/31/97	7.8	8.2	10.2	10.0				
2/11/98	7.7	8.0	9.2	8.8	7.4			
3/11/98	7.3	7.4	8.1	7.6	6.2	5.7		
4/8/98	6.5	6.3	6.4	5.7	4.3	3.4	0.5	
5/6/98	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.1	3.8	2.9	0.8	-0.4

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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.

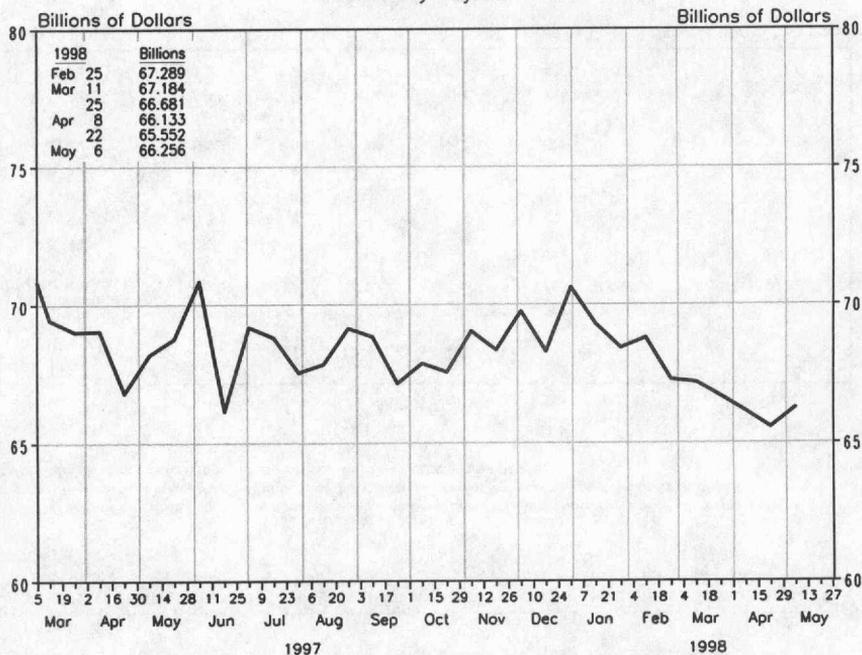
Money Stock (M1)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:							
	5/5/97	8/4/97	10/6/97	11/3/97	12/1/97	1/5/98	2/2/98	3/2/98
10/6/97	-0.9							
11/3/97	-0.7	-1.2						
12/1/97	0.4	0.9	4.2					
1/5/98	1.7	2.8	6.2	8.9				
2/2/98	0.9	1.5	3.4	4.3	2.6			
3/2/98	1.2	1.8	3.4	4.1	2.9	-1.0		
4/6/98	1.4	2.0	3.4	4.0	3.1	0.7	3.5	
5/4/98	1.2	1.7	2.9	3.2	2.4	0.3	2.2	1.6

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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

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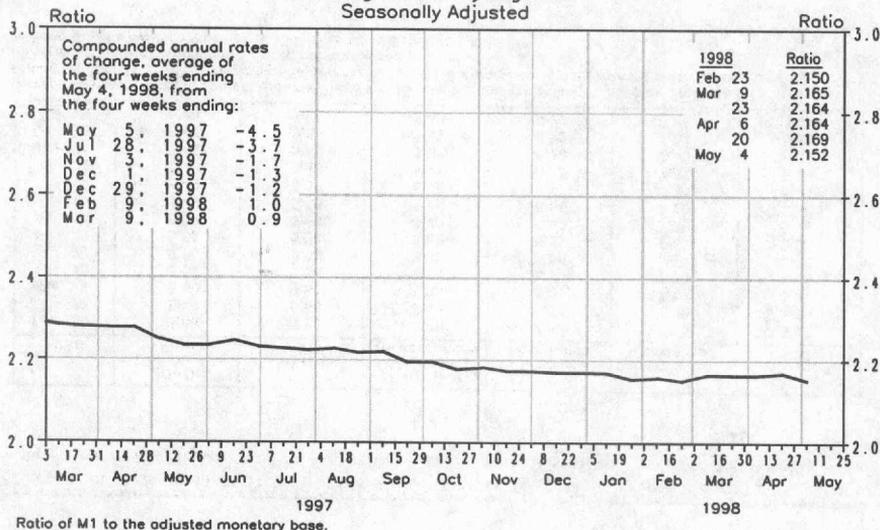
Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

	5/7/97	7/30/97	10/8/97	11/5/97	12/3/97	12/31/97	2/11/98	3/11/98
10/8/97	0.0							
11/5/97	2.3	0.6						
12/3/97	4.0	3.8	15.8					
12/31/97	4.5	4.5	13.1	11.6				
2/11/98	2.1	1.2	4.8	1.8	-3.3			
3/11/98	-0.5	-2.2	-1.0	-4.4	-9.4	-15.5		
4/8/98	-1.8	-3.7	-3.3	-6.4	-10.7	-15.4	-19.1	
5/6/98	-2.4	-4.3	-4.1	-6.9	-10.5	-14.1	-16.0	-12.2

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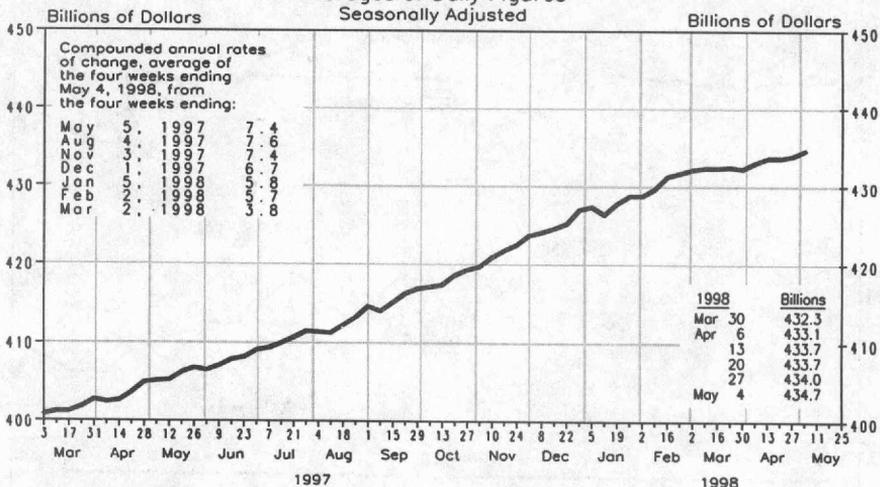
Money Multiplier

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Seasonally Adjusted



Currency Component of M1

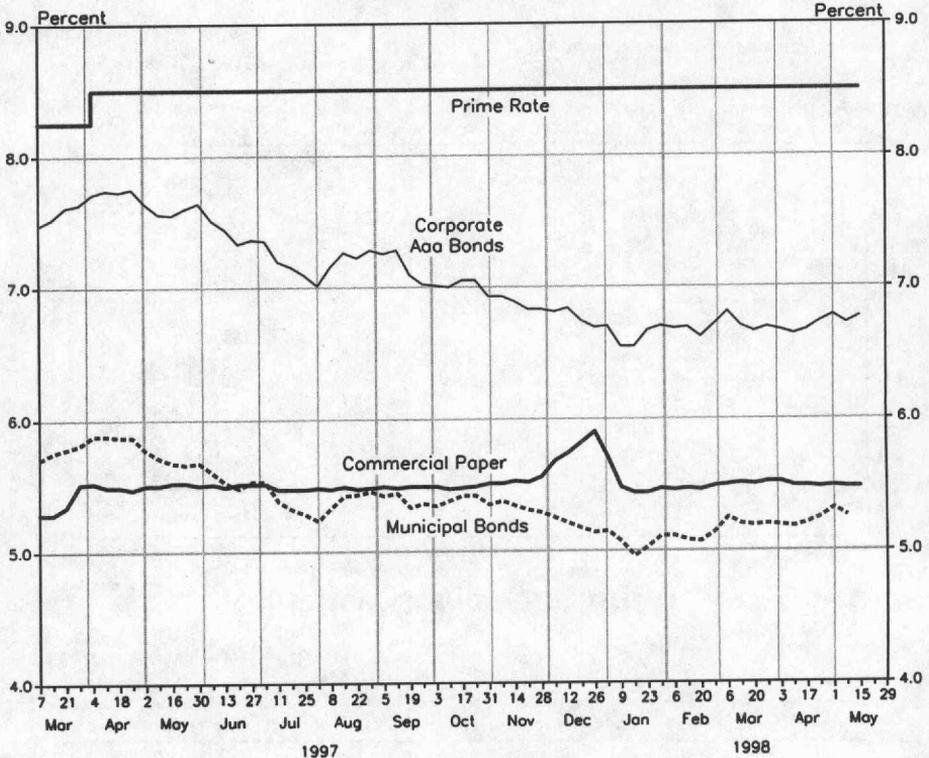
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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



1998	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb 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	6.81	7.40	5.25
13	5.51	5.58	5.51	6.70	7.30	5.20
20	5.50	5.58	5.50	6.66	7.27	5.19
27	5.52	5.59	5.50	6.69	7.30	5.20
Apr 3	5.52	5.58	5.49	6.67	7.30	5.19
10	5.49	5.56	5.48	6.64	7.28	5.18
17	5.49	5.57	5.48	6.67	7.31	5.21
24	5.48	5.58	5.48	6.73	7.35	5.25
May 1	5.49	5.60	5.47	6.78	7.40	5.32
8	5.48	5.58	5.49	6.72	7.34	5.26
15	5.48	5.59	5.48	6.77	7.38	N.A.

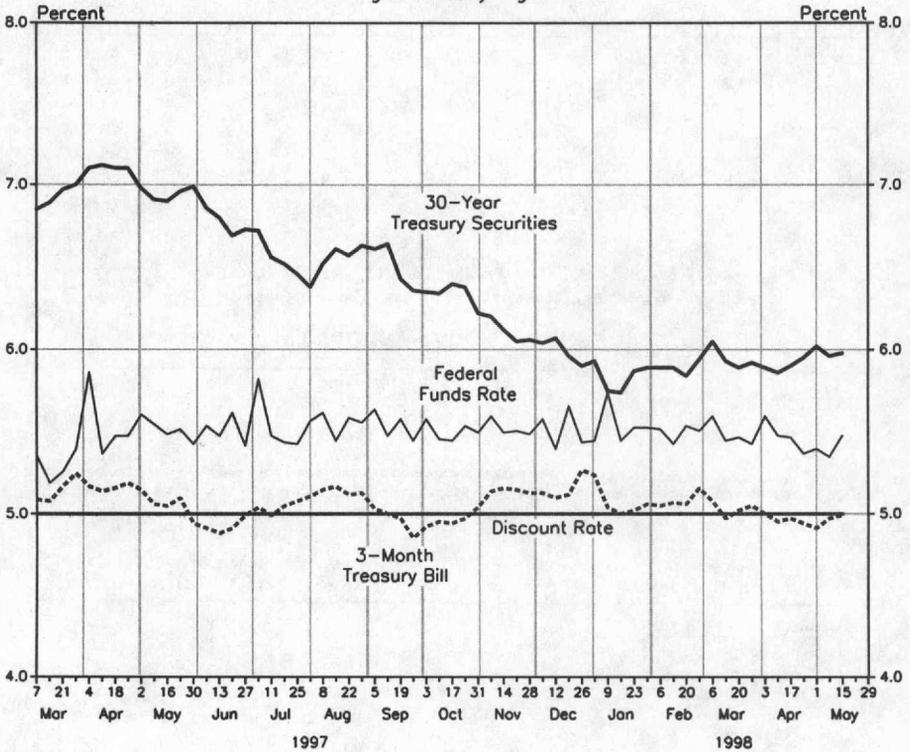
Current data are from the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on May 15, 1998. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data, which is currently available only back to the first of the year.

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

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Selected Interest Rates

Averages of Daily Figures



1998	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Feb 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	5.08	5.15	5.69	5.75	6.05
13	5.45	4.97	5.09	5.57	5.62	5.93
20	5.47	5.02	5.08	5.54	5.57	5.89
27	5.43	5.05	5.12	5.62	5.63	5.92
Apr 3	5.60	5.00	5.09	5.58	5.61	5.89
10	5.48	4.95	5.03	5.52	5.55	5.86
17	5.47	4.97	5.11	5.59	5.61	5.90
24	5.37	4.94	5.12	5.65	5.67	5.95
May 1	5.40	4.91	5.17	5.72	5.75	6.02
8	5.35	4.97	5.15	5.63	5.68	5.96
15 *	5.48	4.99	5.17	5.67	5.71	5.98

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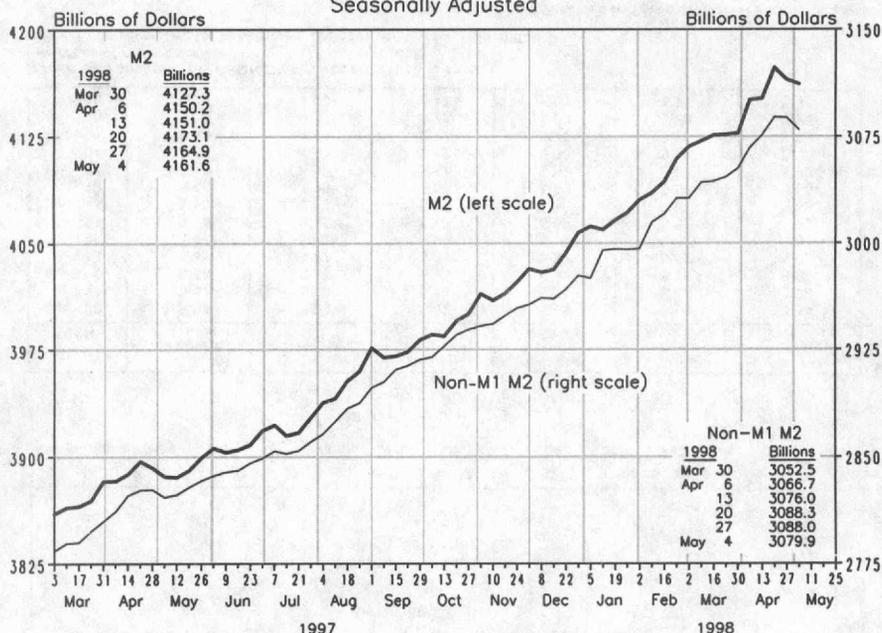
* Averages of rates available

** 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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Seasonally Adjusted



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.

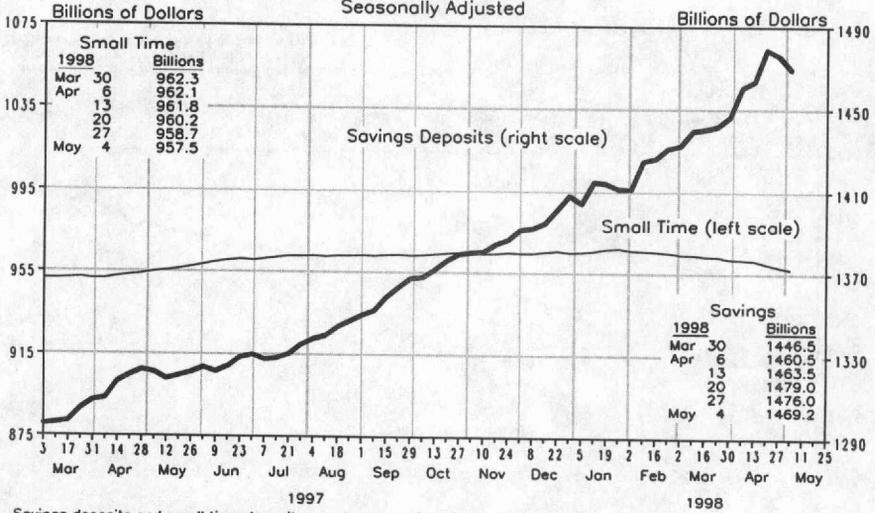
Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:							
	5/5/97	8/4/97	10/6/97	11/3/97	12/1/97	1/5/98	2/2/98	3/2/98
10/6/97	5.4							
11/3/97	5.6	7.8						
12/1/97	5.8	7.6	7.0					
1/5/98	6.1	7.7	7.3	7.5				
2/2/98	6.2	7.6	7.2	7.3	7.4			
3/2/98	6.6	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.8		
4/6/98	6.8	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.6	9.3	
5/4/98	7.0	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.9	9.5	8.9

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Savings and Small Time Deposits

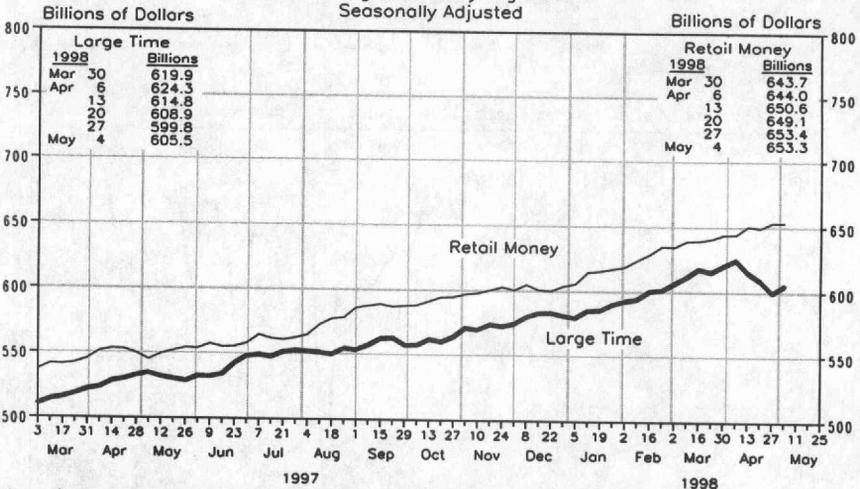
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Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

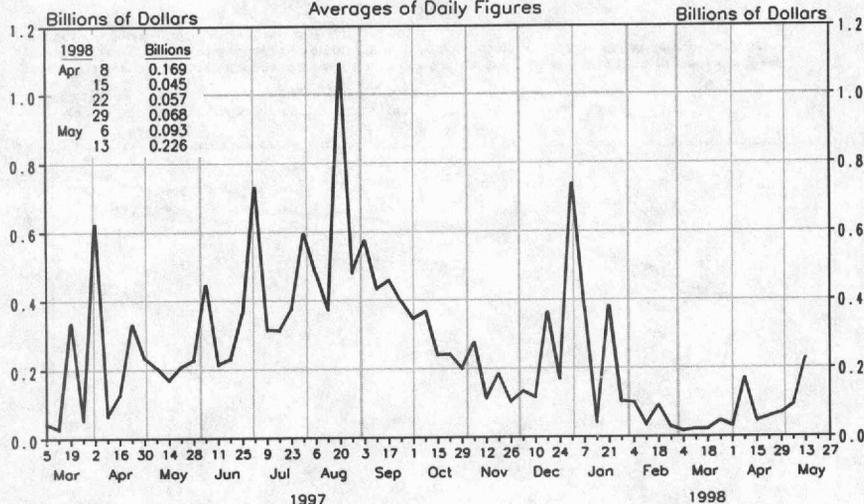


Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

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Total Borrowings

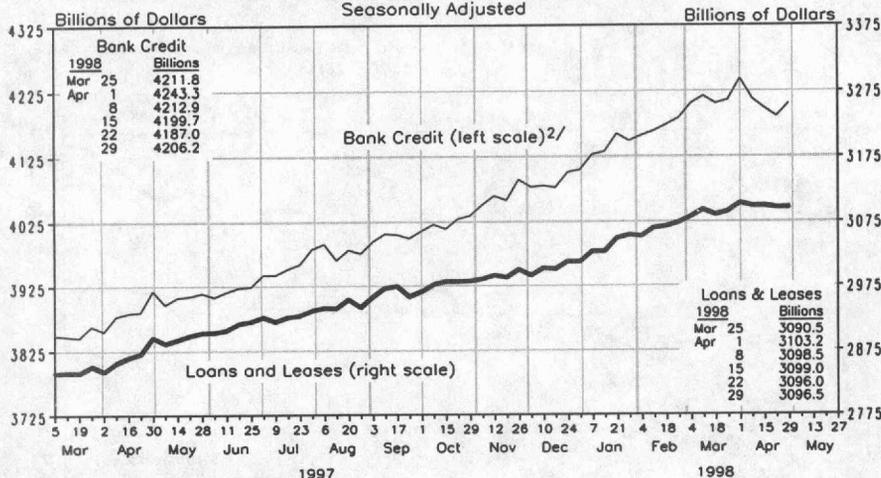
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Averages of Daily Figures



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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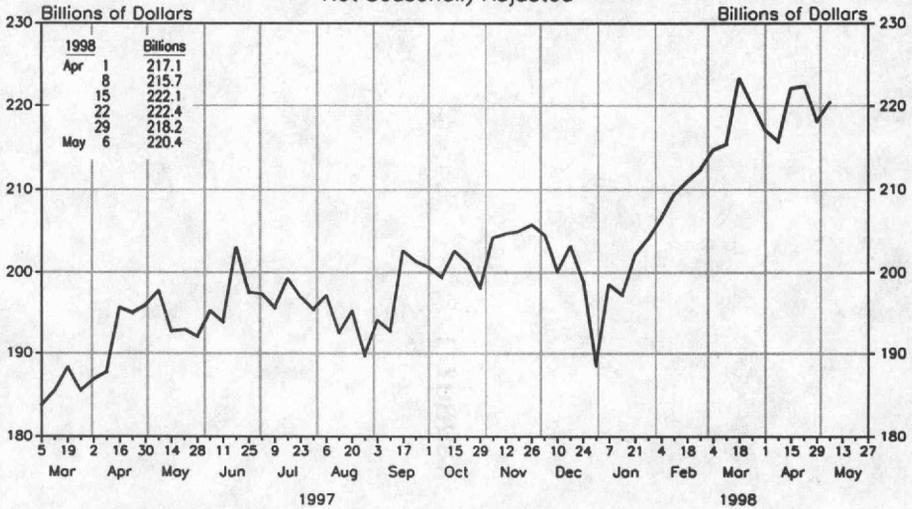
^{1/} Includes foreign-related institutions

^{2/} Includes loans and leases and securities

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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

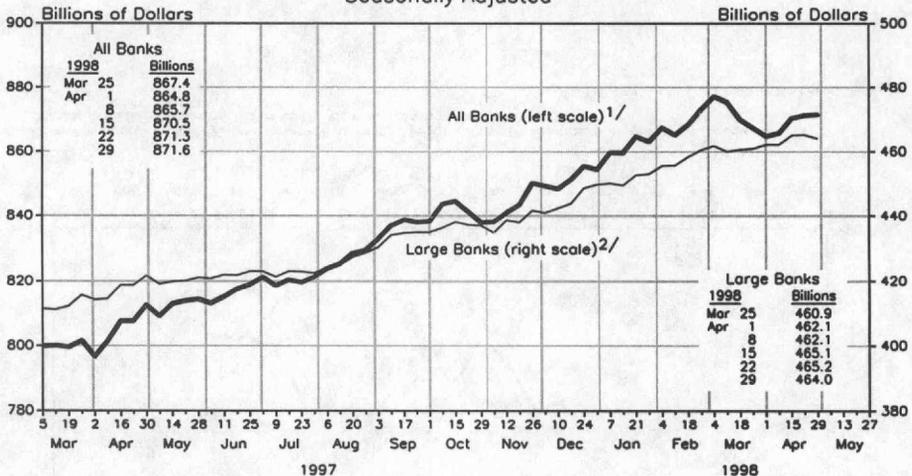
Not Seasonally Adjusted



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

Seasonally Adjusted



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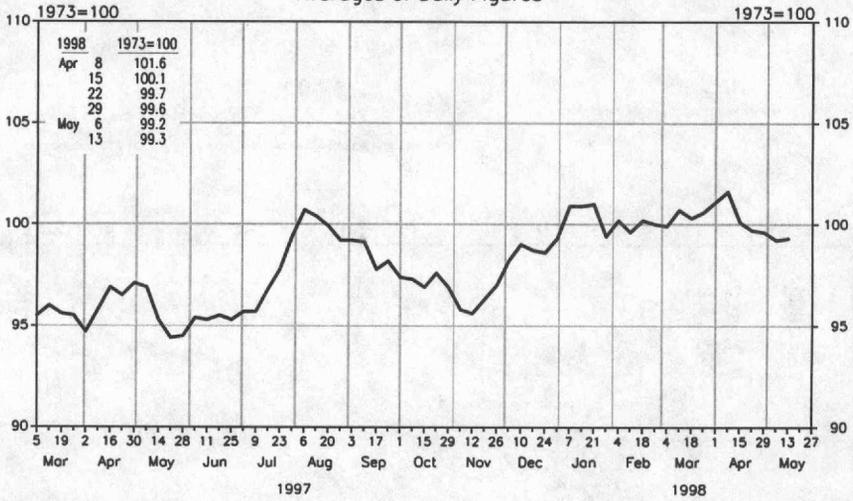
1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

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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