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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

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- According to the final estimate, growth of real GDP measured 1.8 percent in the second quarter, two-tenths of a percentage point higher than the preliminary estimate and four-tenths of a point higher than the advance estimate. After increasing 3.8 percent over the four quarters of 1997, real GDP grew at a 3.7 percent rate over the first half of 1998.
- Following a 1.9 percent rise in July, new orders for manufactured durable goods rose 1.6 percent in August. New orders for nondefense capital goods rose even more in August—7.7 percent—paced by a 15.1 percent rise in orders for transportation goods. Measured from August 1997, new orders for durable goods are up 2 percent with nondefense capital goods orders up 13.9 percent.
- The Conference Board's index of help-wanted advertising measured 92 percent (1987=100) in August, up 6 percentage points from a year earlier.
- Housing starts for privately owned residences were at an annual rate of 1.61 million units in August, a drop of 5.5 percent from July's 1.71 million rate. The average over this two-month period is 5.7 percent more than the 1.57 million second-quarter rate. Measured from August 1997, starts have risen 16.6 percent.
- The federal budget deficit totaled \$11.2 billion in August. Through the first 11 months of fiscal year 1998, the federal government posted a \$31.8 billion surplus. In FY 1997, by contrast, the government ran a \$22 billion deficit.

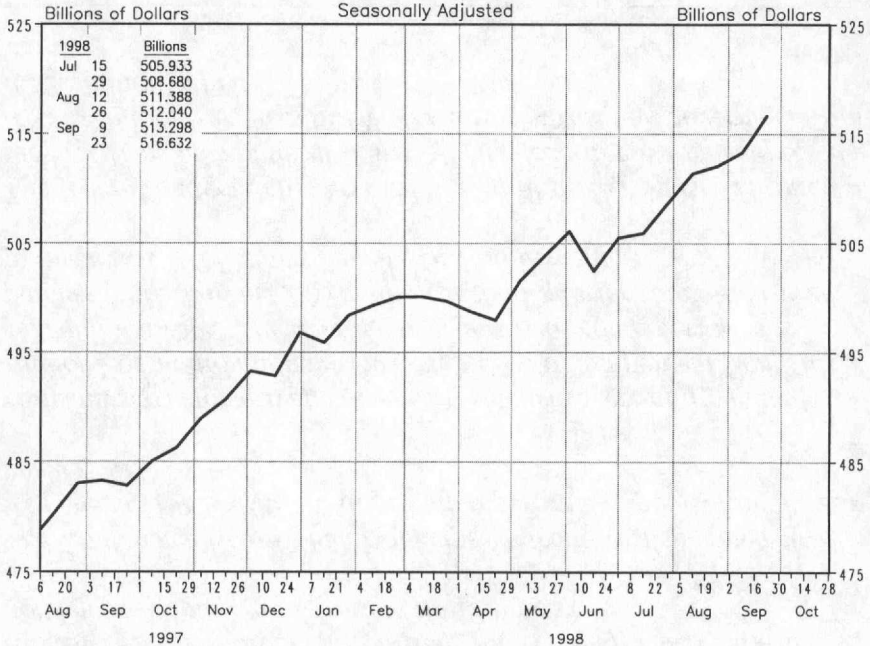
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Adjusted Monetary Base

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.

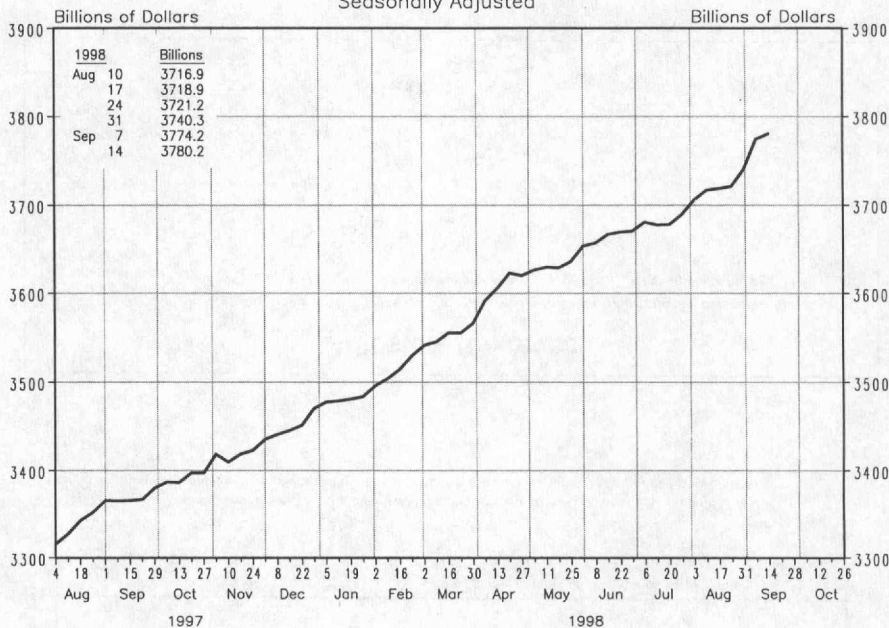
Adjusted Monetary Base

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:							
	9/24/97	12/17/97	2/25/98	3/25/98	4/22/98	5/20/98	6/17/98	7/29/98
2/25/98	8.4							
3/25/98	7.1	5.2						
4/22/98	5.6	3.1	-1.7					
5/20/98	6.3	4.7	2.7	3.7				
6/17/98	6.1	4.6	3.0	3.9	8.0			
7/29/98	6.0	4.7	3.7	4.4	6.9	4.9		
8/26/98	6.5	5.5	4.9	5.7	8.0	6.8	7.9	
9/23/98	6.6	5.8	5.4	6.1	8.1	7.2	8.1	10.2

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Money Zero Maturity (MZM)

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



MZM is M2 (seasonally adjusted) minus total small denomination time deposits (seasonally adjusted), plus institutional money funds (seasonally adjusted), which are included in the non-M2 component of M3.

Money Zero Maturity (MZM)

To the average of four weeks ending:

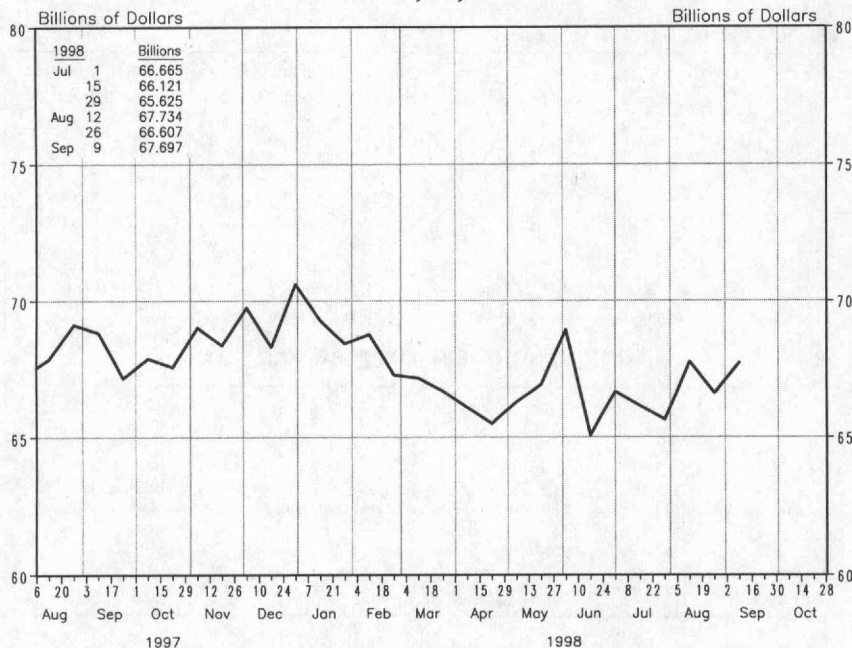
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:

	9/15/97	12/15/97	2/16/98	3/16/98	4/13/98	5/11/98	6/15/98	7/13/98
2/16/98		9.9						
3/16/98		11.1	13.0					
4/13/98		11.5	13.3	15.8				
5/11/98		12.2	14.1	16.4	16.0			
6/15/98		11.7	13.0	14.1	13.0	12.5		
7/13/98		11.3	12.3	12.8	11.8	11.0	8.2	
8/17/98		11.2	12.0	12.3	11.3	10.7	8.8	8.9
9/14/98		11.7	12.5	12.9	12.3	11.9	10.7	11.5
								13.2

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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

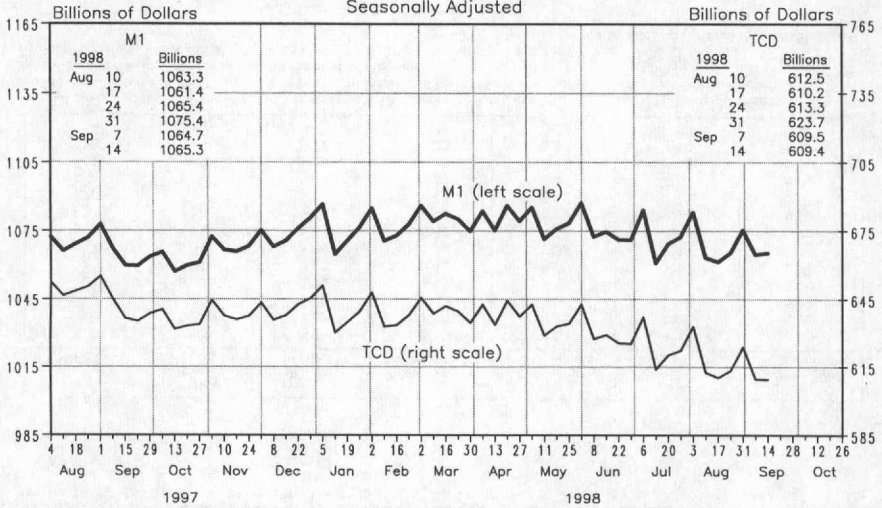
Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	9/10/97	12/3/97	2/11/98	3/11/98	4/8/98	5/6/98	6/3/98	7/15/98
2/11/98	-1.3							
3/11/98	-5.1	-9.5						
4/8/98	-6.5	-10.8	-19.2					
5/6/98	-6.8	-10.5	-16.0	-12.2				
6/3/98	-2.1	-3.3	-3.2	4.6	16.1			
7/15/98	-4.4	-6.2	-7.4	-3.5	0.1	4.1		
8/12/98	-3.6	-4.9	-5.5	-1.9	1.3	4.5	-9.2	
9/9/98	-2.7	-3.6	-3.6	-0.2	2.8	5.7	-4.1	7.7

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Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

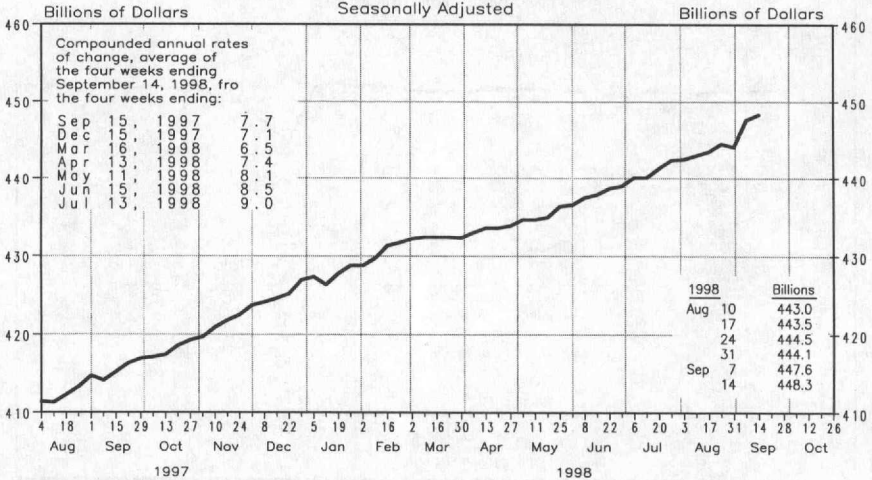
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, total checkable deposits and travelers checks.
Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

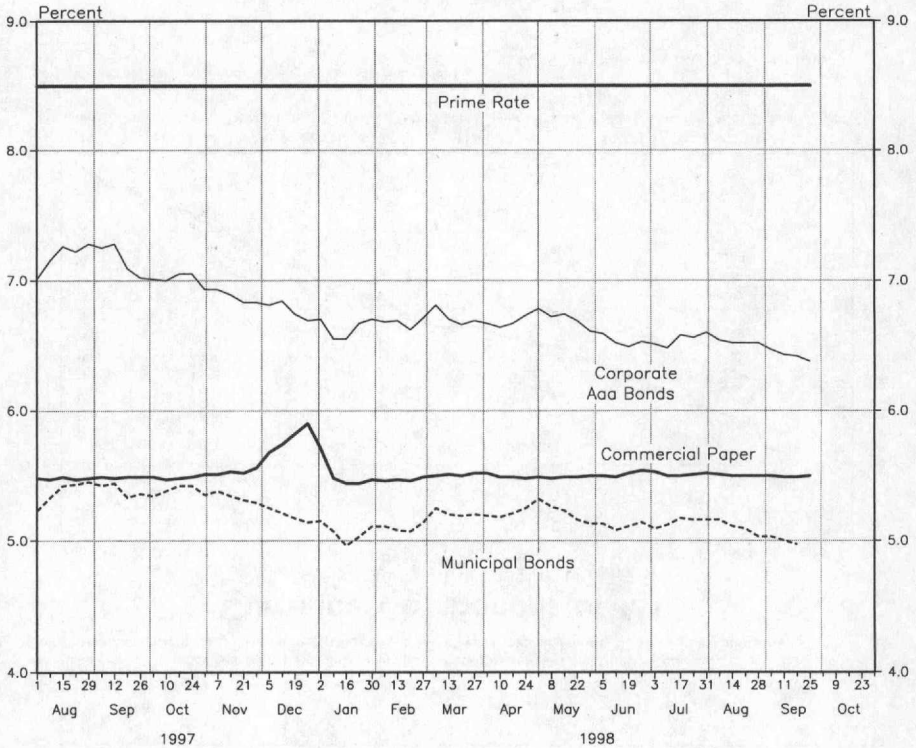


Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

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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 **
Jul 3	5.53	5.60	5.53	6.51	7.11	5.09
10	5.50	5.59	5.50	6.48	7.09	5.12
17	5.50	5.59	5.50	6.58	7.17	5.17
24	5.51	5.59	5.49	6.56	7.15	5.16
31	5.52	5.60	5.49	6.60	7.20	5.16
Aug 7	5.51	5.59	5.50	6.54	7.15	5.16
14	5.50	5.58	5.49	6.52	7.14	5.11
21	5.50	5.58	5.49	6.52	7.14	5.09
28	5.50	5.57	5.49	6.52	7.15	5.03
Sep 4	5.50	5.52	5.47	6.47	7.12	5.03
11	5.49	5.46	5.47	6.43	7.08	5.00
18	5.49	5.42	5.38	6.42	7.10	4.97
25	5.50	5.42	5.38	6.38	7.08	N.A.

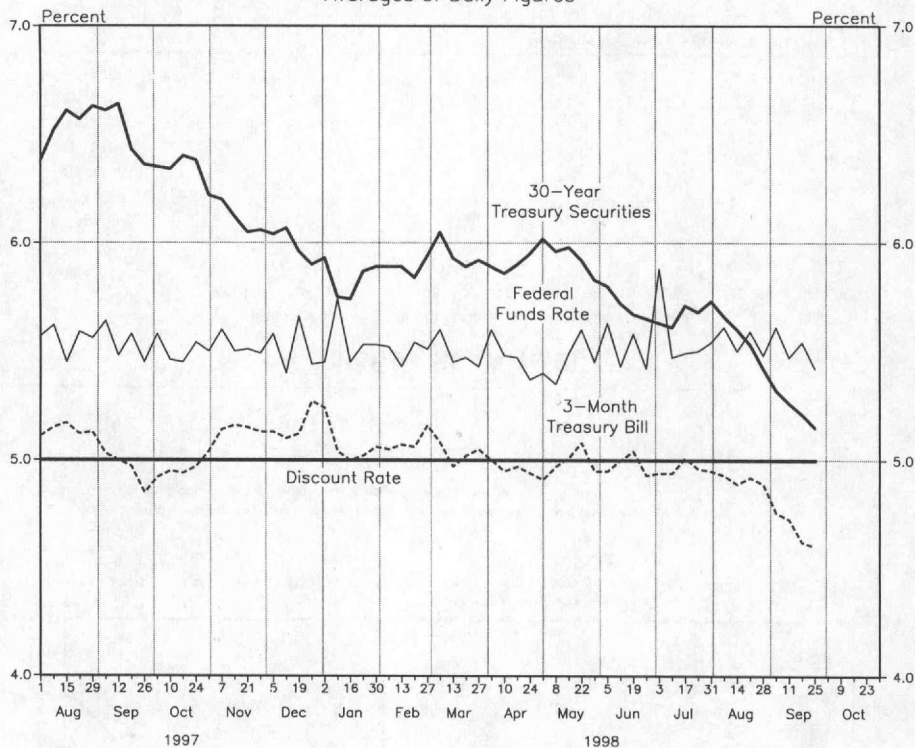
Current data are from the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on September 25, 1998. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data, which is currently available only back to the first of the year.

** 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
Jul 3	5.88	4.94	5.10	5.46	5.44	5.63
10	5.47	4.94	5.07	5.41	5.41	5.61
17	5.49	5.01	5.08	5.47	5.49	5.71
24	5.50	4.96	5.08	5.47	5.46	5.68
31	5.54	4.95	5.09	5.51	5.50	5.73
Aug 7	5.61	4.93	5.04	5.43	5.43	5.66
14	5.50	4.89	4.97	5.36	5.40	5.60
21	5.59	4.92	4.97	5.32	5.39	5.53
28	5.48	4.89	4.85	5.07	5.20	5.42
Sep 4	5.61	4.76	4.68	4.92	5.05	5.32
11	5.47	4.73	4.55	4.72	4.90	5.26
18	5.54	4.62	4.54	4.62	4.83	5.21
25 *	5.42	4.60	4.46	4.52	4.70	5.15

Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release.

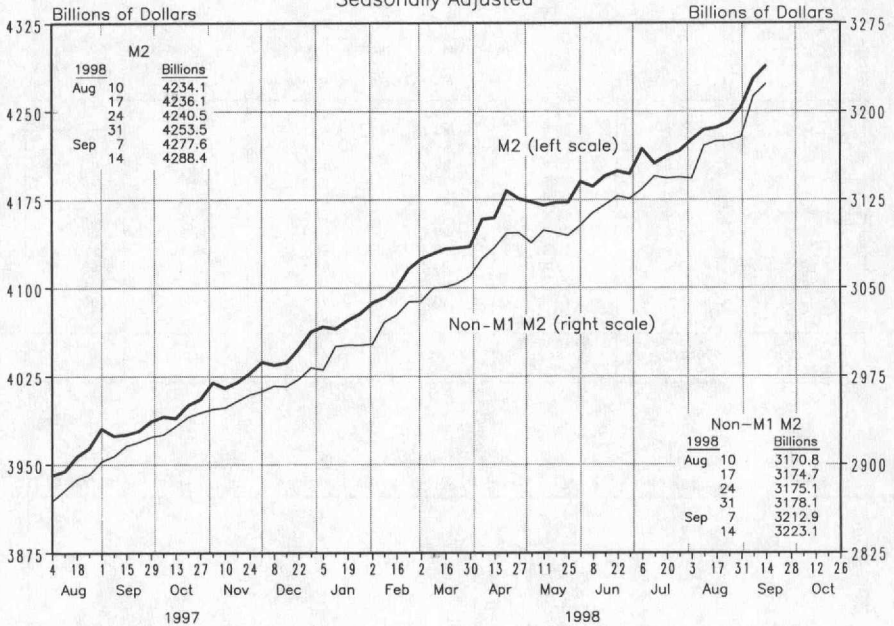
* Averages of rates available

** Seven-day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

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

Averages of Daily Figures
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.

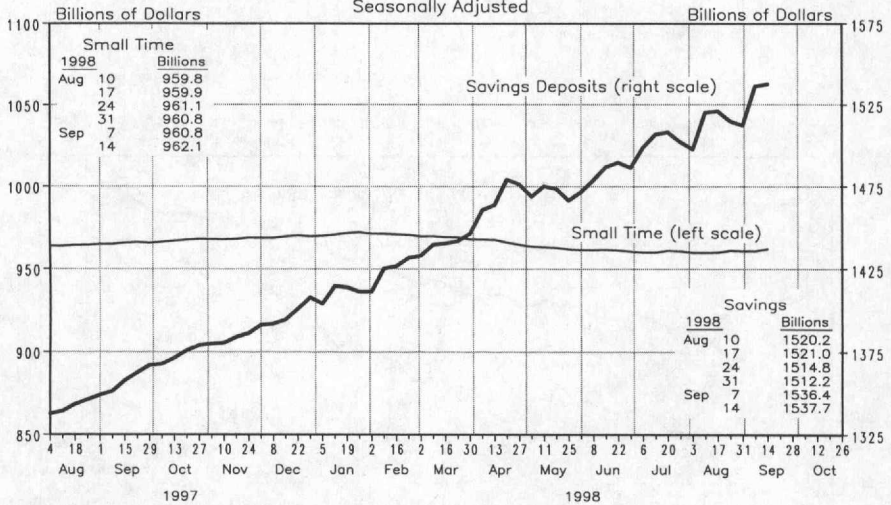
Money Stock (M2)

To the average of four weeks ending:	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:							
	9/15/97	12/15/97	2/16/98	3/16/98	4/13/98	5/11/98	6/15/98	7/13/98
2/16/98		7.0						
3/16/98		7.8	9.4					
4/13/98		7.7	8.8	9.5				
5/11/98		7.9	8.9	9.5	8.1			
6/15/98		7.2	7.7	7.4	6.0	5.6		
7/13/98		7.1	7.5	7.2	6.0	5.8	4.2	
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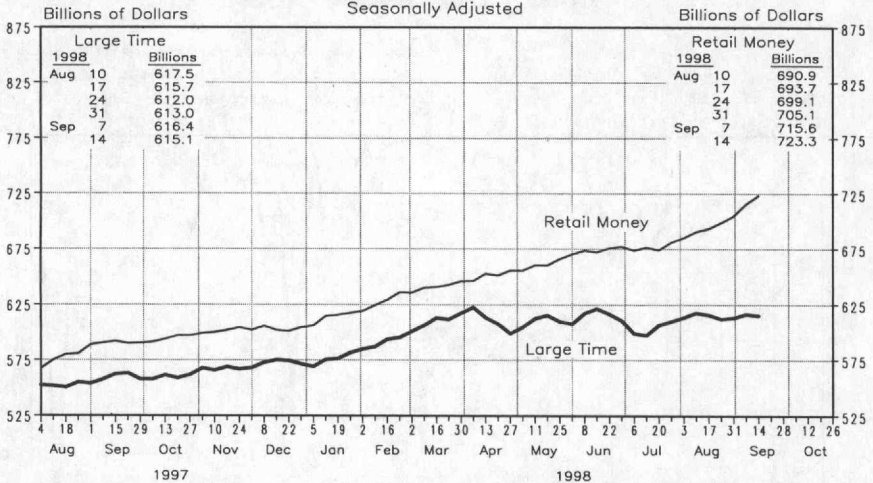
Savings and Small Time Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures
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Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

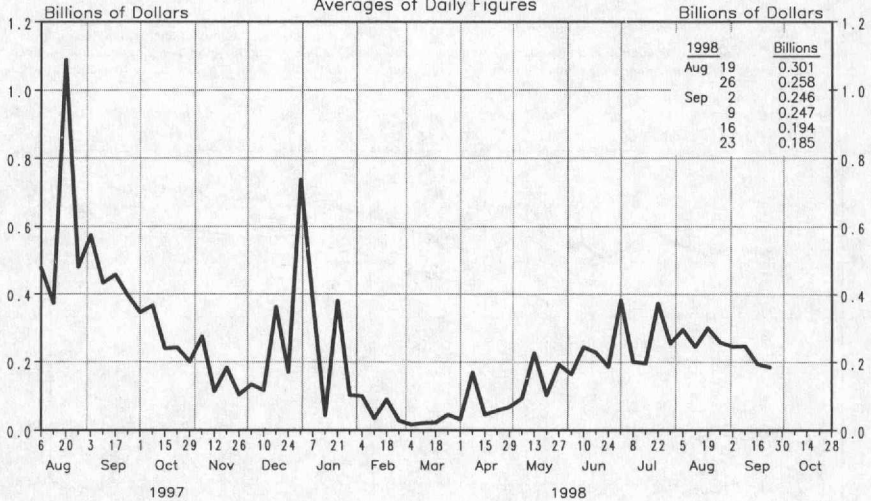


Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer market funds.

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Total Borrowings

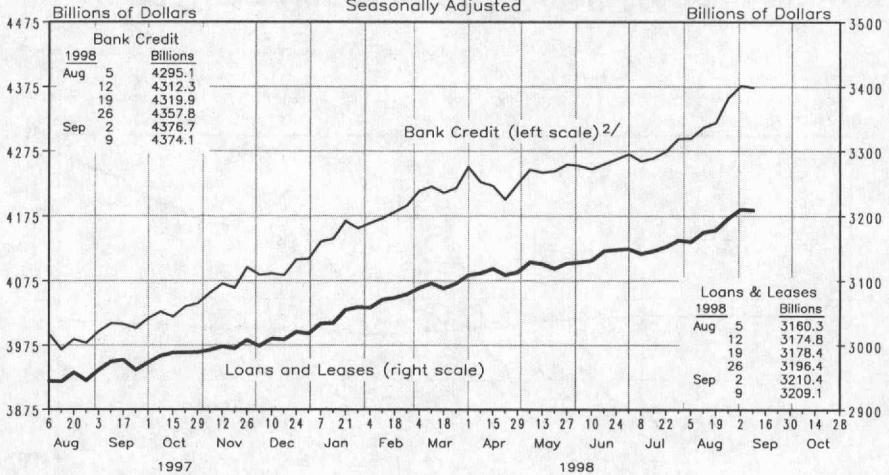
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Averages of Daily Figures



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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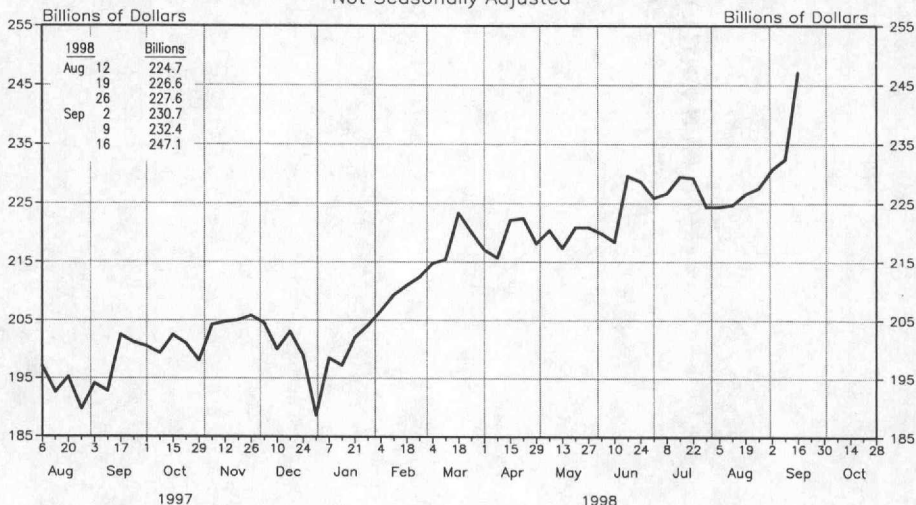
^{1/} Includes foreign-related institutions

^{2/} Includes loans and leases and securities

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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

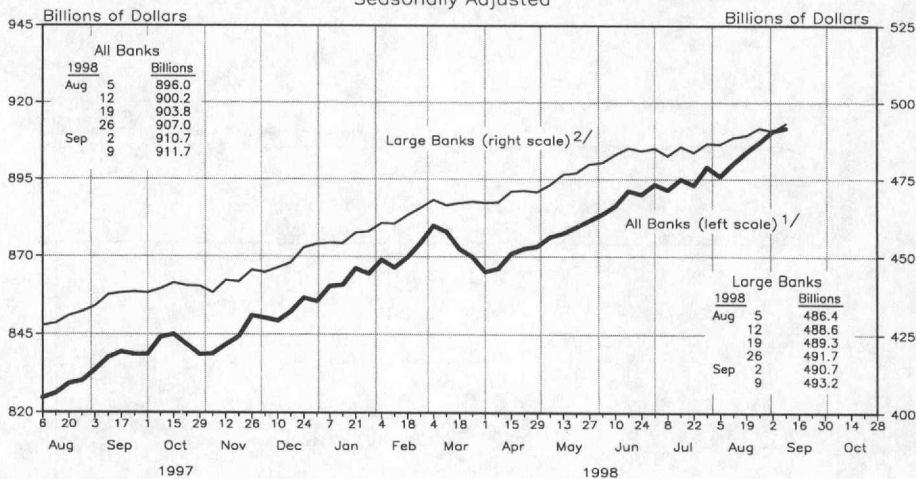
Not Seasonally Adjusted



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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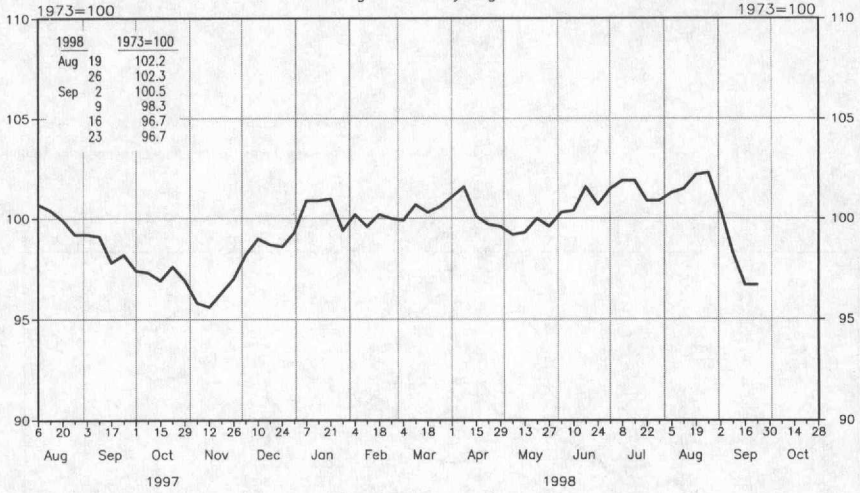
1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

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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