

US Financial Data

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Import prices rose 1 percent in August, as prices of petroleum imports, which rose 11.3 percent, posted their biggest gain in four months. Thus far, in 1999 import prices are up at a 6 percent annual rate, with petroleum prices up 88.9 percent (not annualized).*
- *Initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits totaled 286,000 for the week ending Sept. 4, 1999. Claims averaged 287,500 during the last four weeks, down 6.4 percent from the same four-week period a year earlier.*
- *Despite a 2.4 percent rise in motor vehicle sales, the nominal value of wholesalers' sales fell 0.2 percent in July. This decline, the first in six months, followed 1.8 percent gains in May and June. The value of wholesalers' inventories, by contrast, rose 0.9 percent in July, the largest rise in ten months.*
- *Following gains of 281,000 in June and 338,000 in July, nonfarm payroll employment rose 124,000 in August. Year-to-date, monthly job gains have averaged nearly 215,000 a month, off 9.9 percent from the same pace a year earlier. The civilian unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent, matching its low set in March and May for this expansion.*
- *The value of the U.S. dollar against a basket of currencies of major industrialized countries fell 0.6 percent during the most recent week. The dollar is down 2.4 percent from 26 weeks earlier, and 3.8 percent from a year earlier (see back page).*

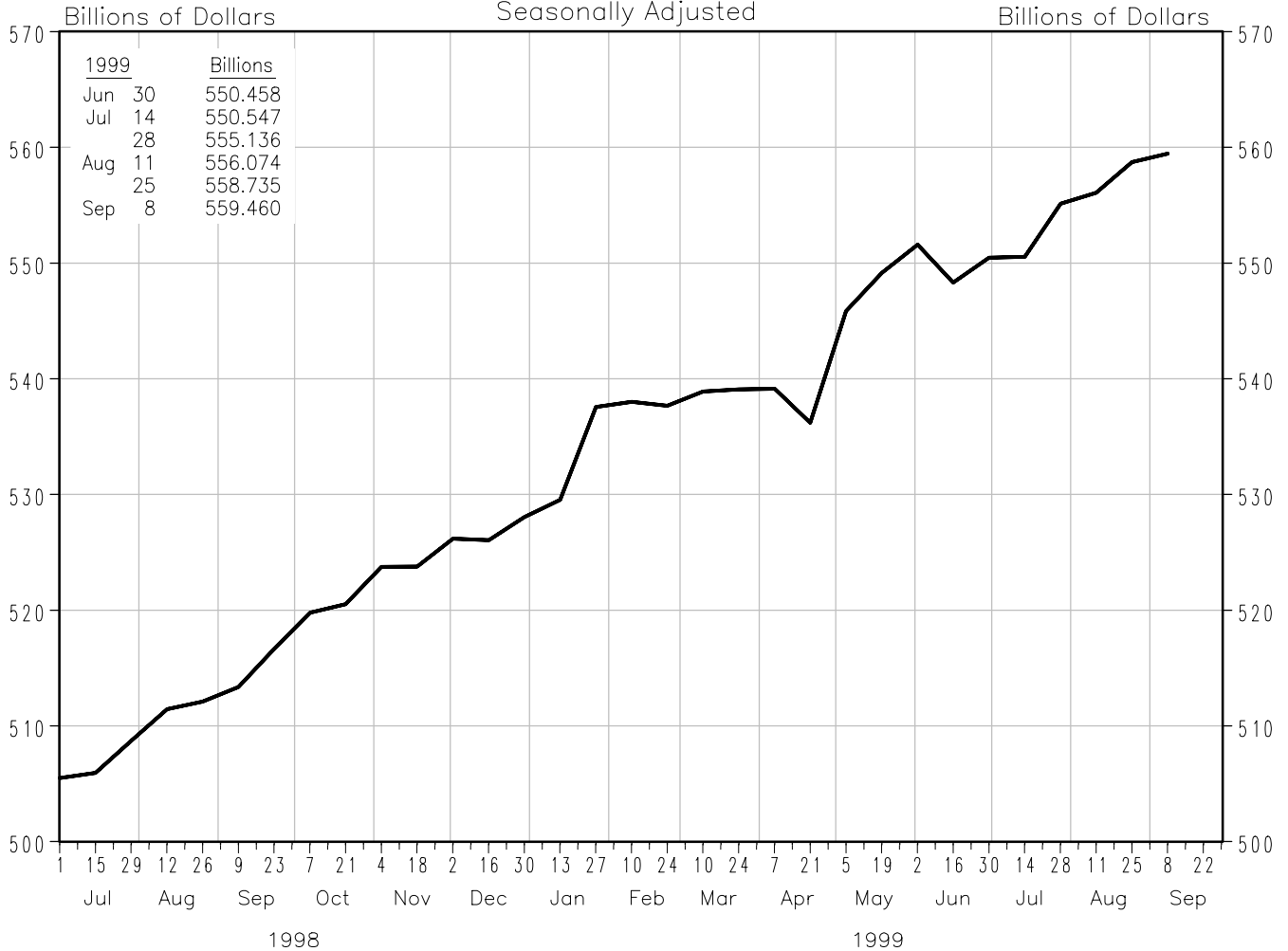
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Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



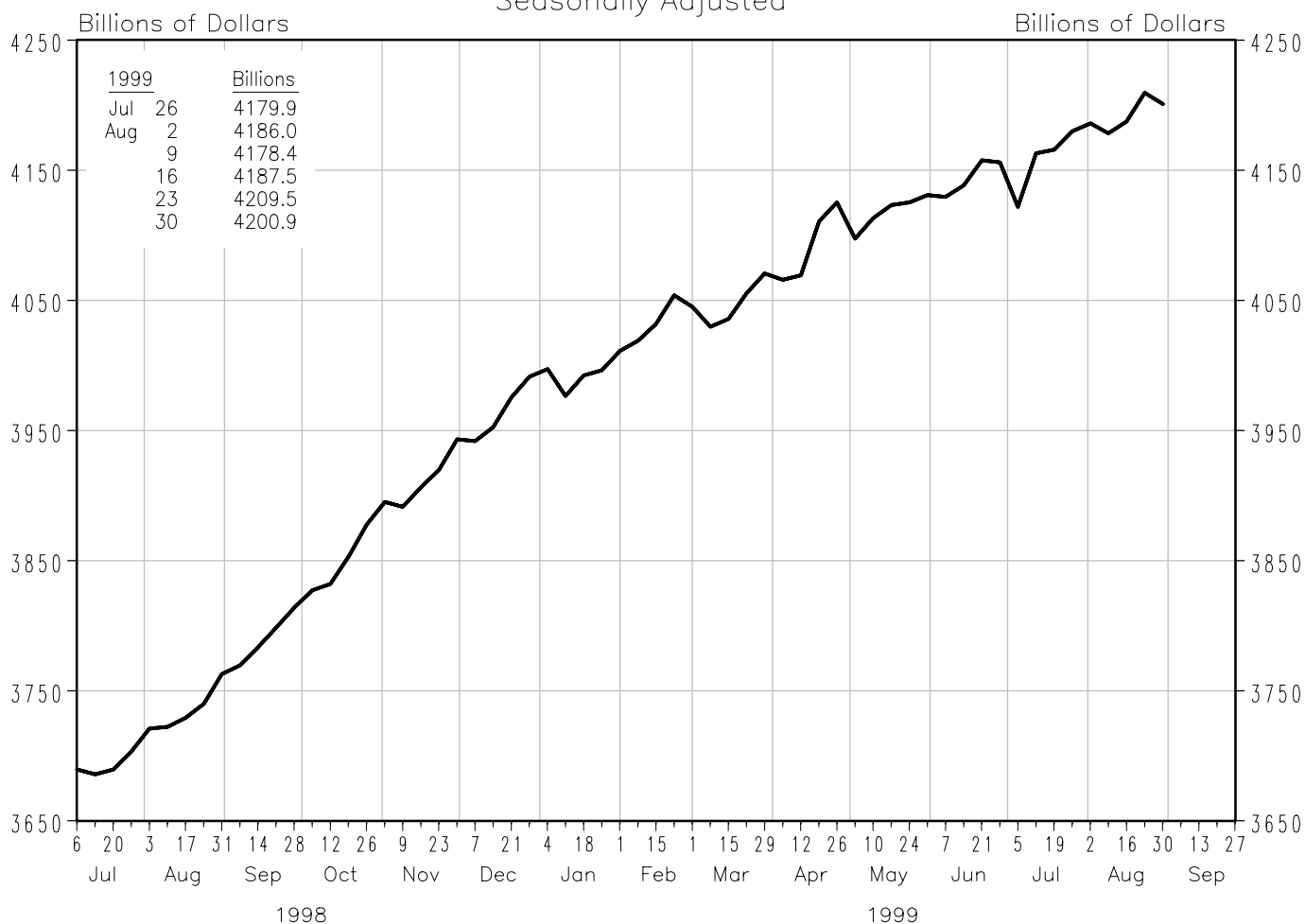
The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series includes Federal Reserve deposits used to satisfy 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:							
	9/9/98	12/2/98	2/10/99	3/10/99	4/7/99	5/5/99	6/2/99	7/14/99
2/10/99	11.9							
3/10/99	10.2	9.7						
4/7/99	9.1	8.0	1.6					
5/5/99	8.6	7.4	2.6	3.4				
6/2/99	10.2	9.9	7.8	10.1	14.4			
7/14/99	8.8	8.0	5.7	6.7	8.1	9.4		
8/11/99	9.1	8.5	6.7	7.8	9.1	10.4	5.1	
9/8/99	9.0	8.5	7.0	7.9	9.0	10.0	6.0	10.6

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)

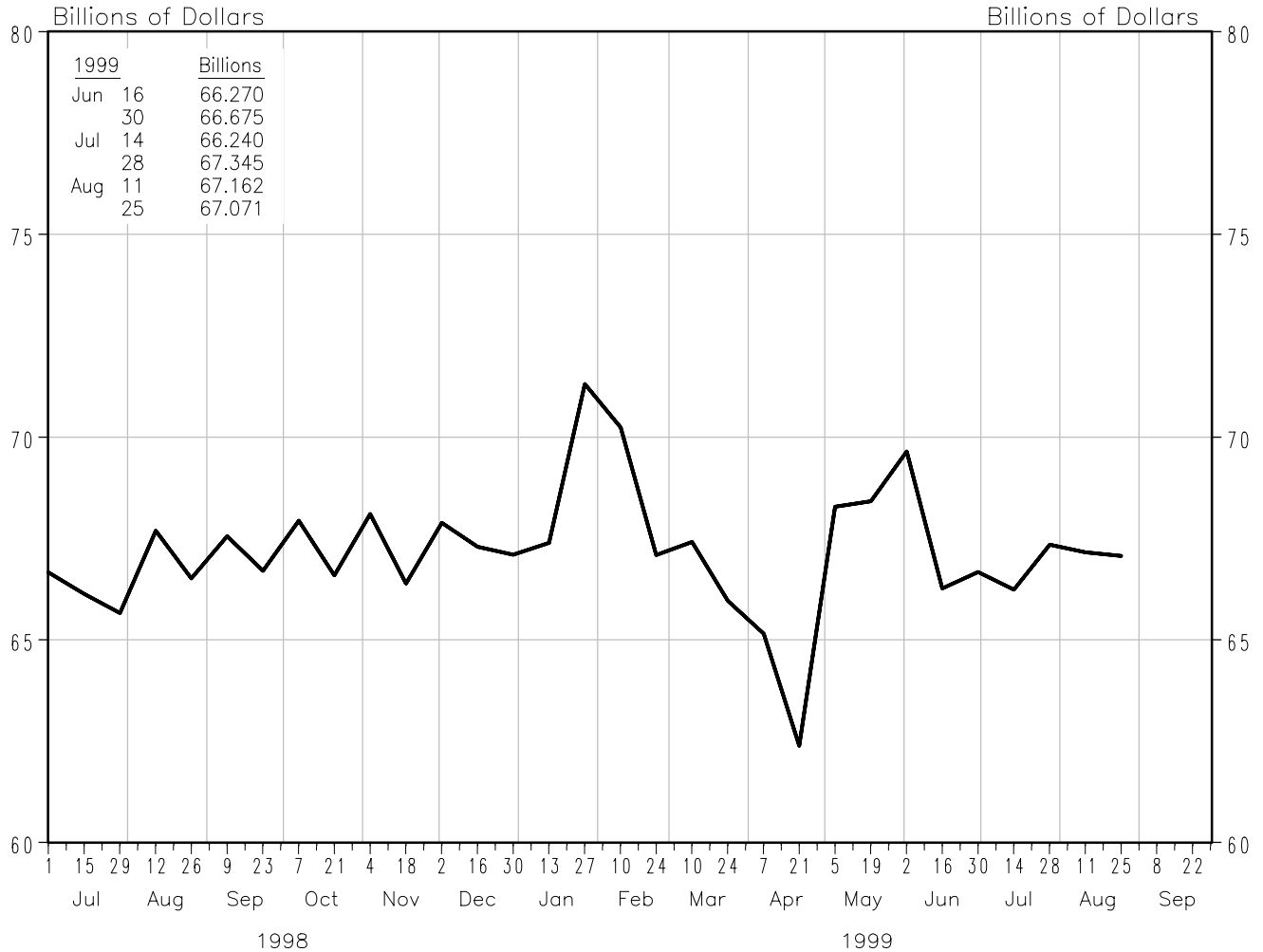
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:

To the average of four weeks ending:

	8/31/98	11/30/98	2/1/99	3/1/99	3/29/99	5/3/99	5/31/99	6/28/99
2/1/99	16.9							
3/1/99	16.6	13.1						
3/29/99	14.8	10.7	9.1					
5/3/99	14.7	11.6	11.1	9.4				
5/31/99	14.0	10.9	10.2	8.8	11.3			
6/28/99	13.3	10.4	9.7	8.4	10.0	7.3		
8/2/99	12.7	10.0	9.2	8.2	9.3	7.3	7.3	
8/30/99	12.2	9.6	8.8	7.9	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.0

Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



Adjusted reserves is the difference between the adjusted monetary base and the currency component of M1.

Adjusted Reserves

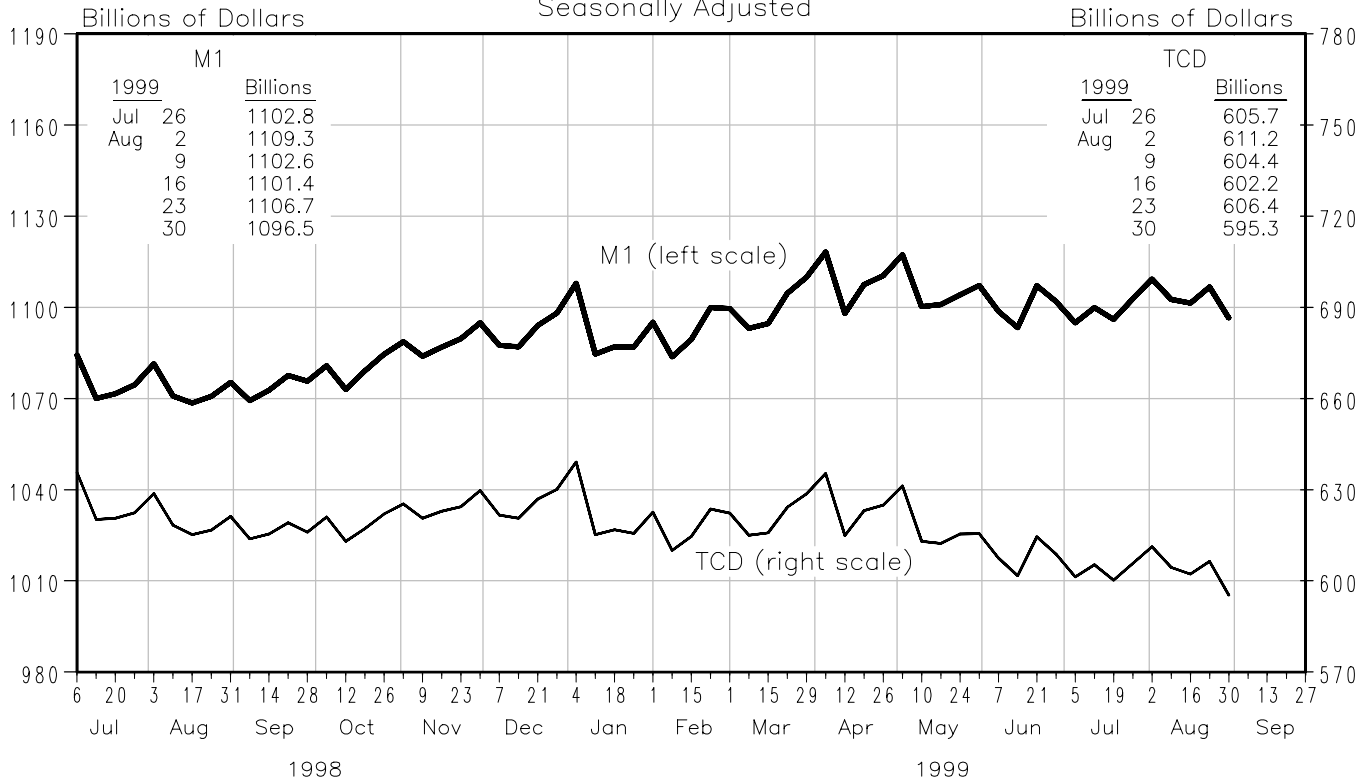
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

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

	8/26/98	11/18/98	1/27/99	2/24/99	3/24/99	4/21/99	5/19/99	6/30/99
1/27/99	8.1							
2/24/99	4.7	8.1						
3/24/99	-1.1	-2.4	-22.5					
4/21/99	-7.5	-11.8	-30.5	-38.2				
5/19/99	2.6	3.3	-4.6	-2.0	17.4			
6/30/99	-1.1	-1.9	-9.5	-8.9	-1.2	24.1		
7/28/99	-0.5	-1.0	-7.2	-6.3	0.5	18.8	-11.3	
8/25/99	0.0	-0.2	-5.5	-4.5	1.5	15.9	-6.5	6.5

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

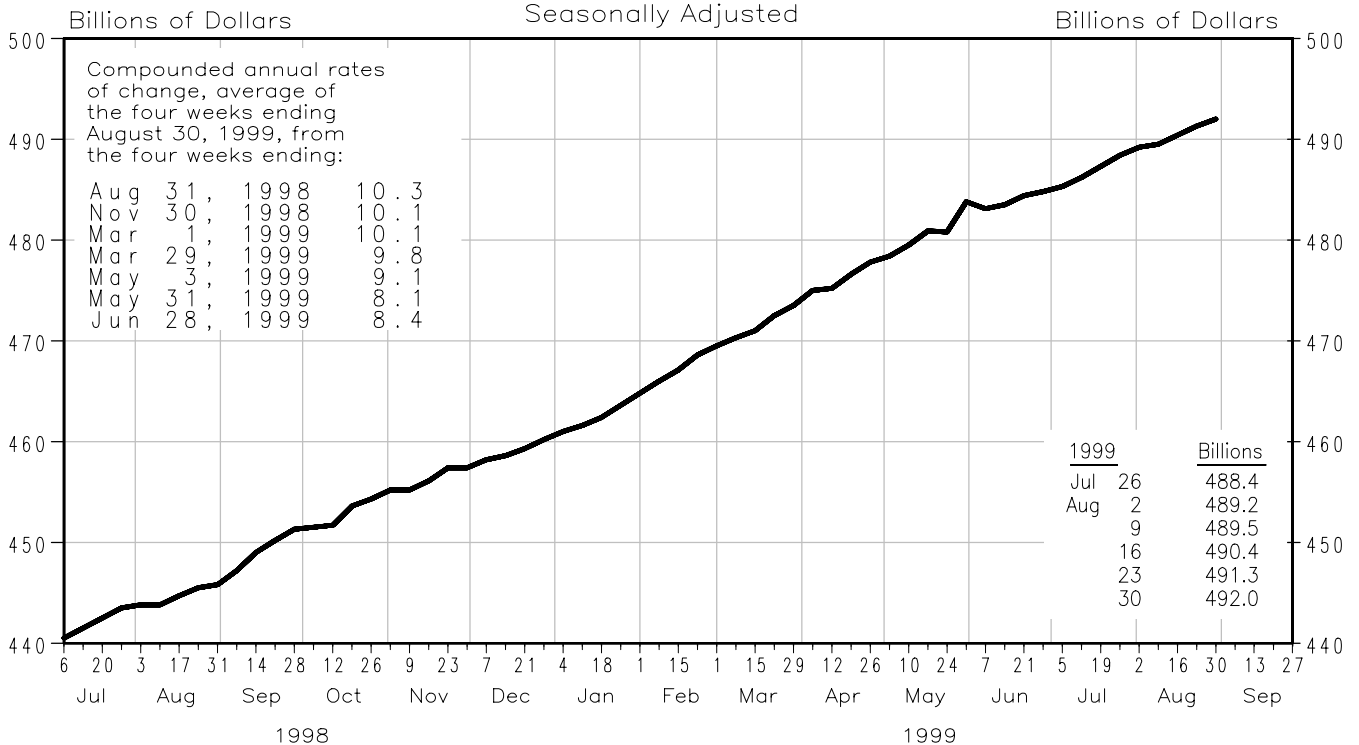
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M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, total checkable deposits and travelers checks.
Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

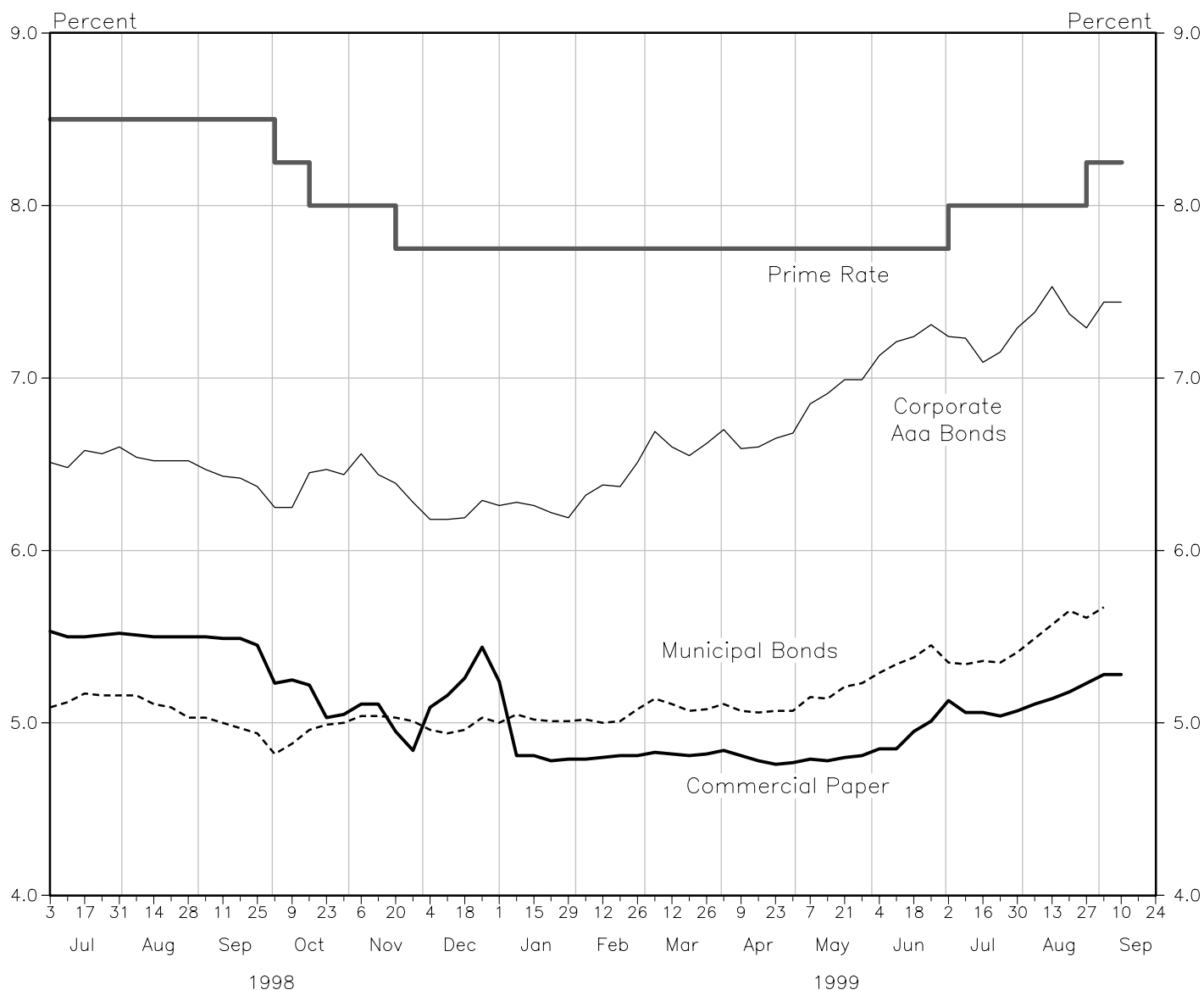


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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



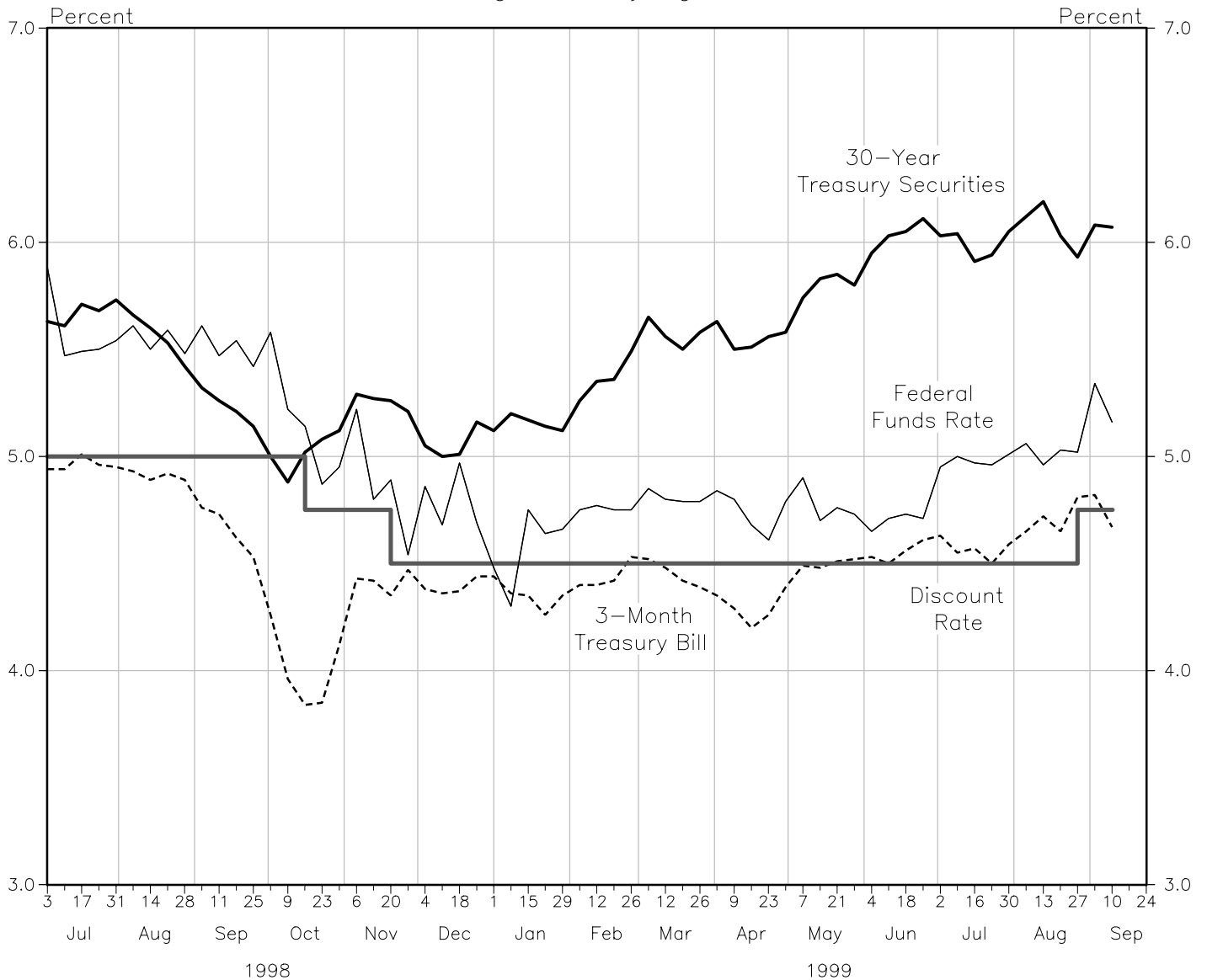
1999	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Jun 18	4.95	5.12	5.04	7.24	8.02	5.38
25	5.01	5.18	5.06	7.31	8.10	5.45
Jul 2	5.13	5.28	5.20	7.24	8.01	5.35
9	5.06	5.23	5.15	7.23	7.98	5.34
16	5.06	5.23	5.19	7.09	7.86	5.36
23	5.04	5.22	5.14	7.15	7.91	5.35
30	5.07	5.27	5.17	7.29	8.04	5.41
Aug 6	5.11	5.35	5.20	7.38	8.13	5.49
13	5.14	5.41	5.29	7.53	8.27	5.57
20	5.18	5.43	5.33	7.37	8.14	5.65
27	5.23	5.42	5.36	7.29	8.06	5.61
Sep 3	5.28	5.45	5.37	7.44	8.21	5.67
10	5.28	5.45	5.33	7.44	8.21	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 10, 1999. 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

Selected Interest Rates

Averages of Daily Figures



1999	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Jun 18	4.73	4.56	4.77	5.80	5.91	6.05
25	4.71	4.61	4.85	5.88	5.98	6.11
Jul 2	4.95	4.63	4.84	5.76	5.87	6.03
9	5.00	4.55	4.78	5.75	5.87	6.04
16	4.97	4.57	4.72	5.61	5.72	5.91
23	4.96	4.50	4.71	5.61	5.72	5.94
30	5.01	4.59	4.80	5.75	5.86	6.05
Aug 6	5.06	4.65	4.85	5.86	5.95	6.12
13	4.96	4.72	4.94	5.97	6.08	6.19
20	5.03	4.65	4.91	5.81	5.91	6.03
27	5.02	4.81	4.91	5.71	5.81	5.93
Sep 3	5.34	4.82	5.00	5.86	5.97	6.08
10 *	5.16	4.67	4.99	5.83	5.94	6.07

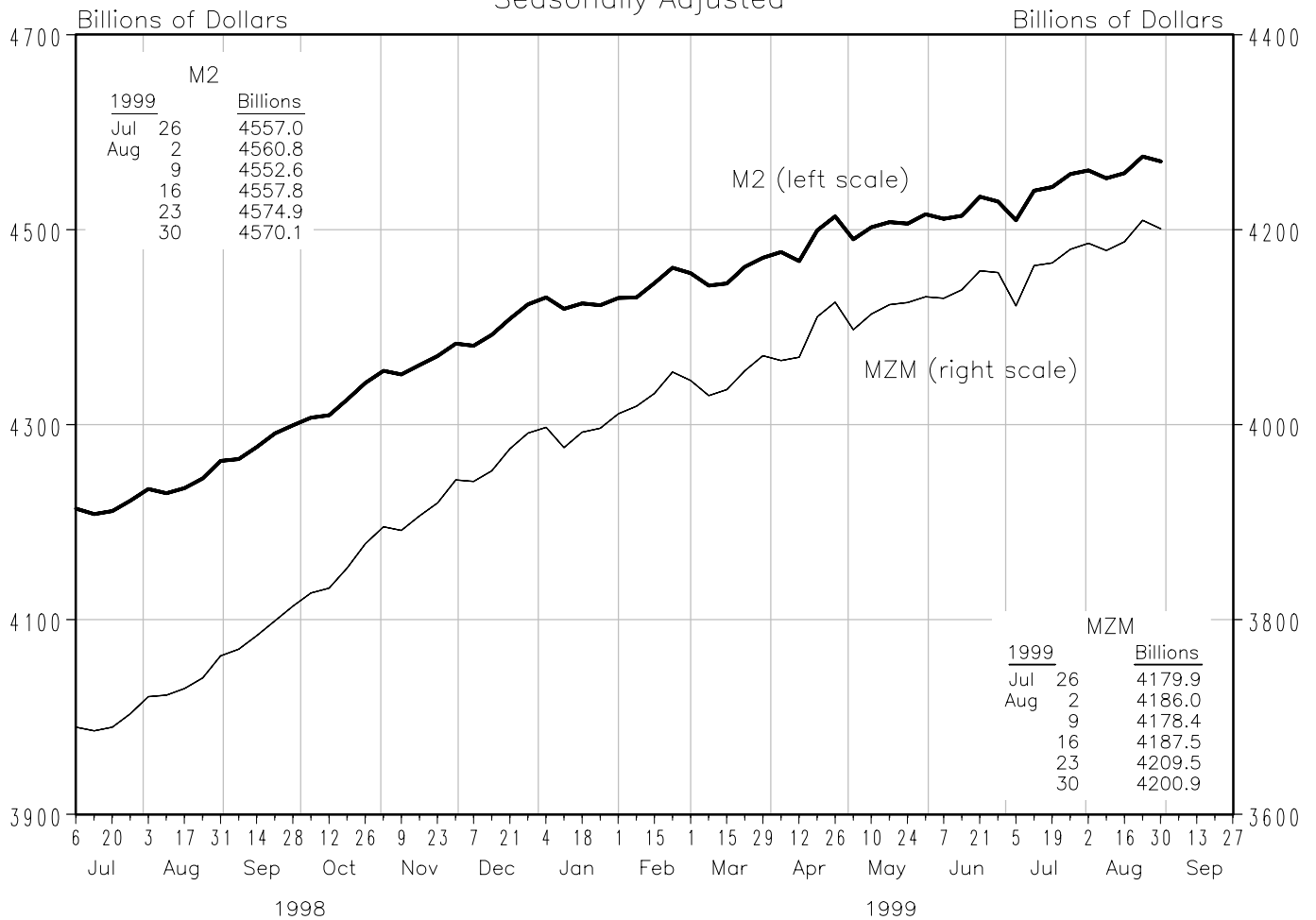
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* Averages of rates available

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

Money Stock(M2) and Money Zero Maturity

Averages of Daily Figures
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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)

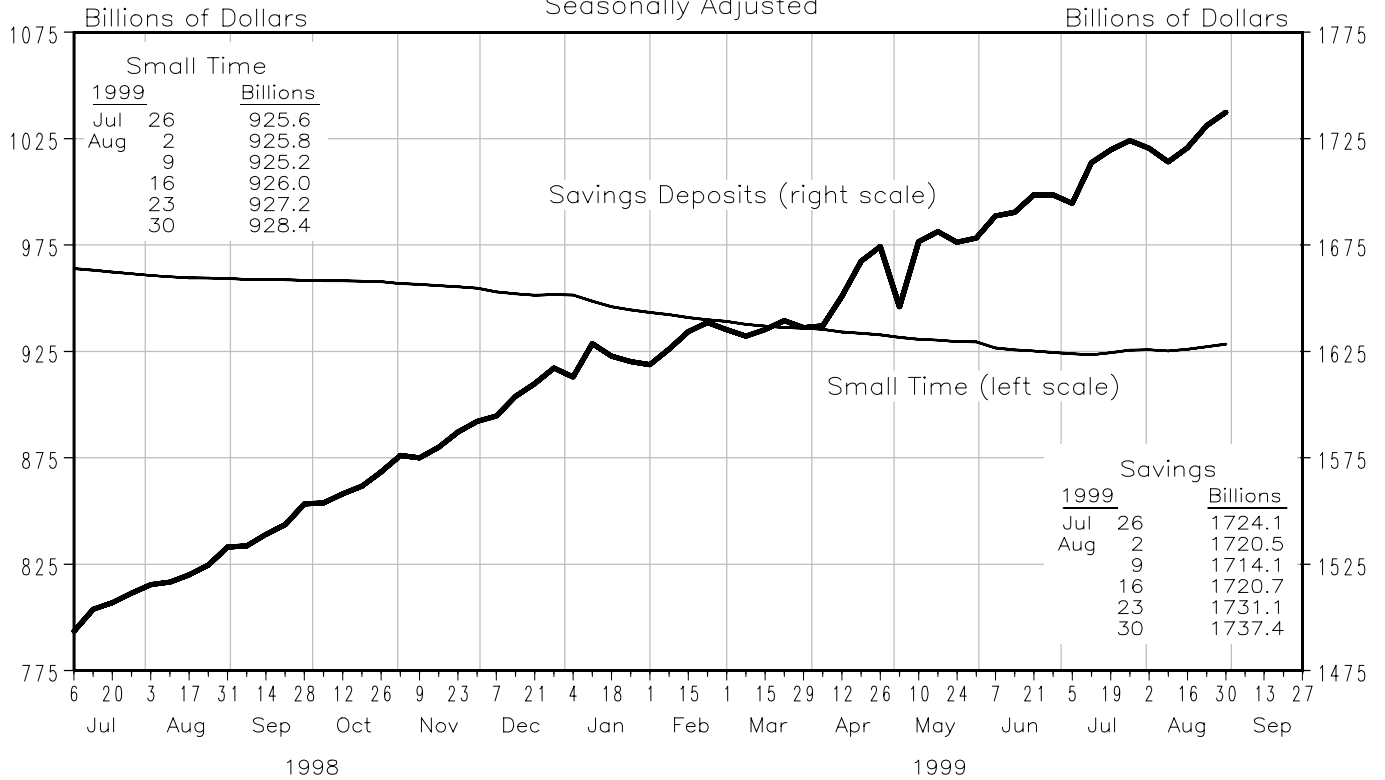
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

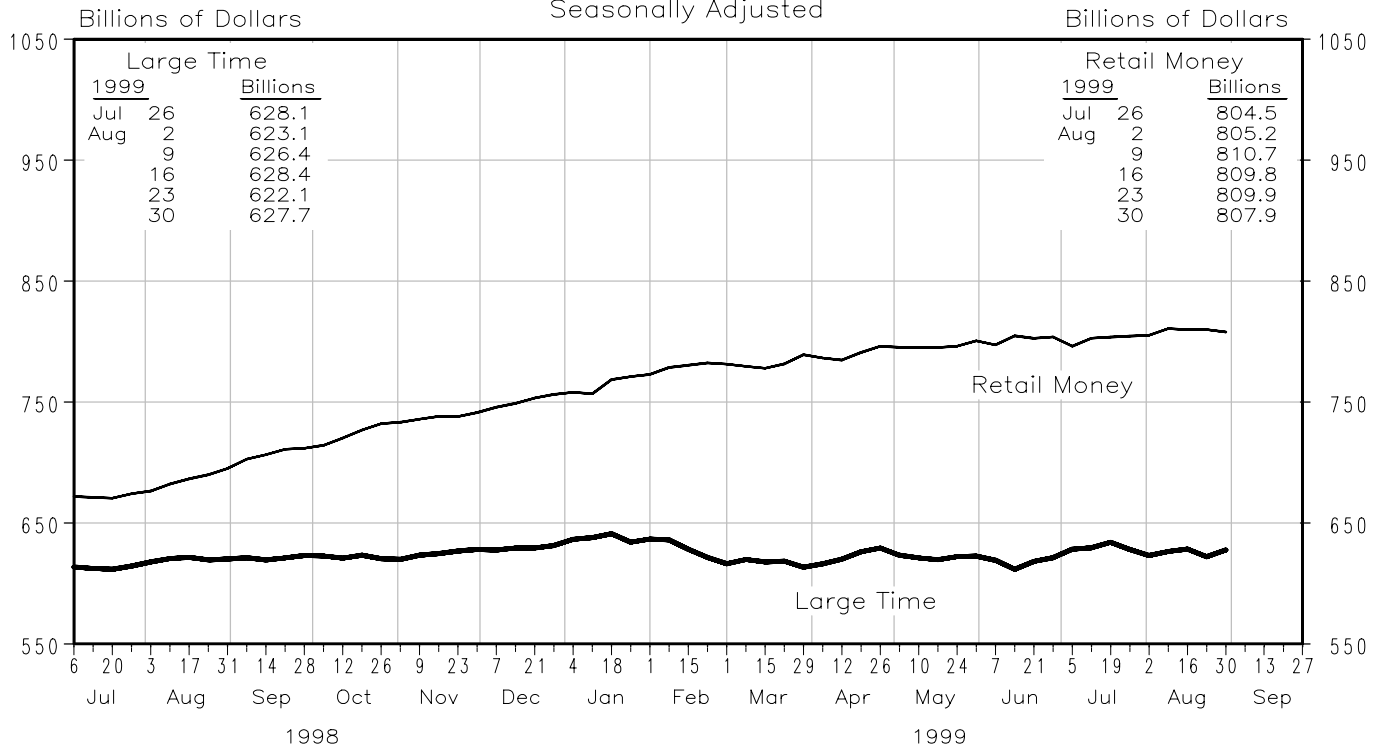
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Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

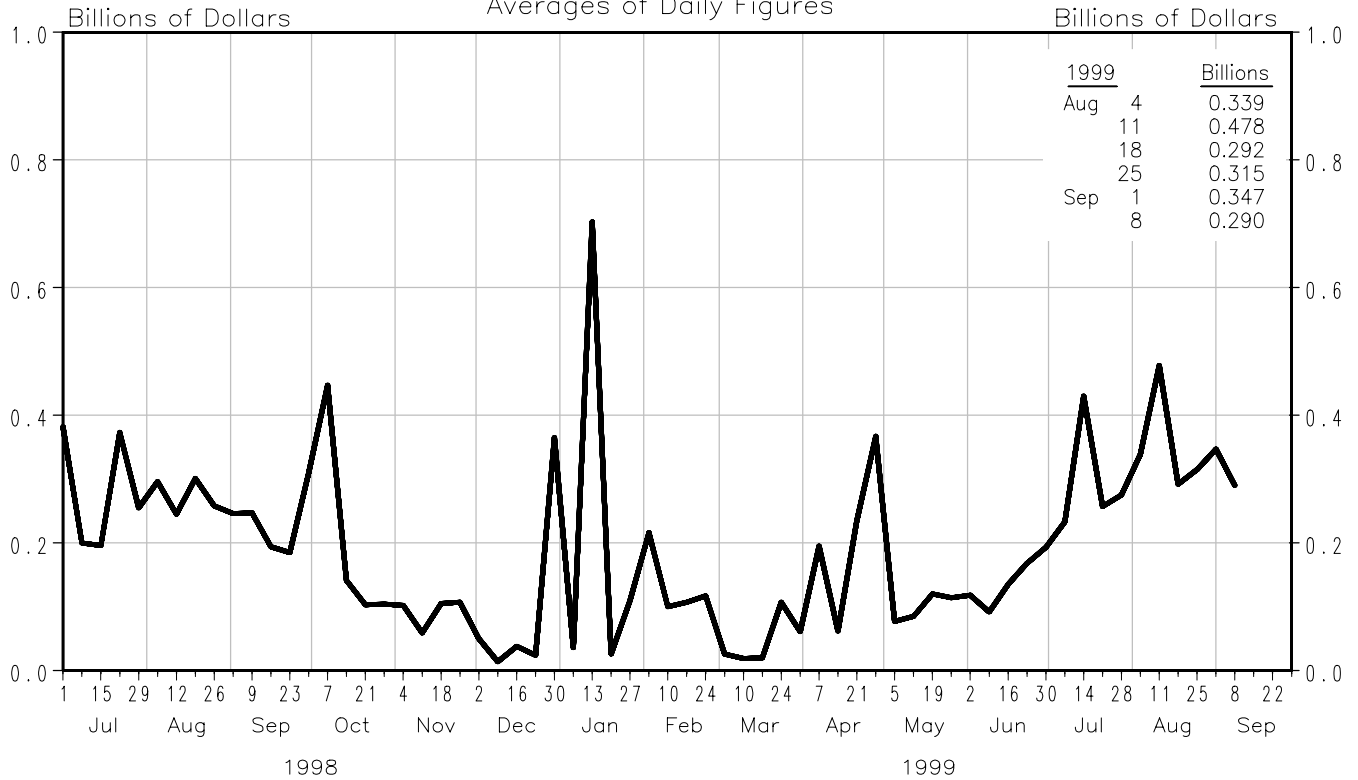
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Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

Total Borrowings

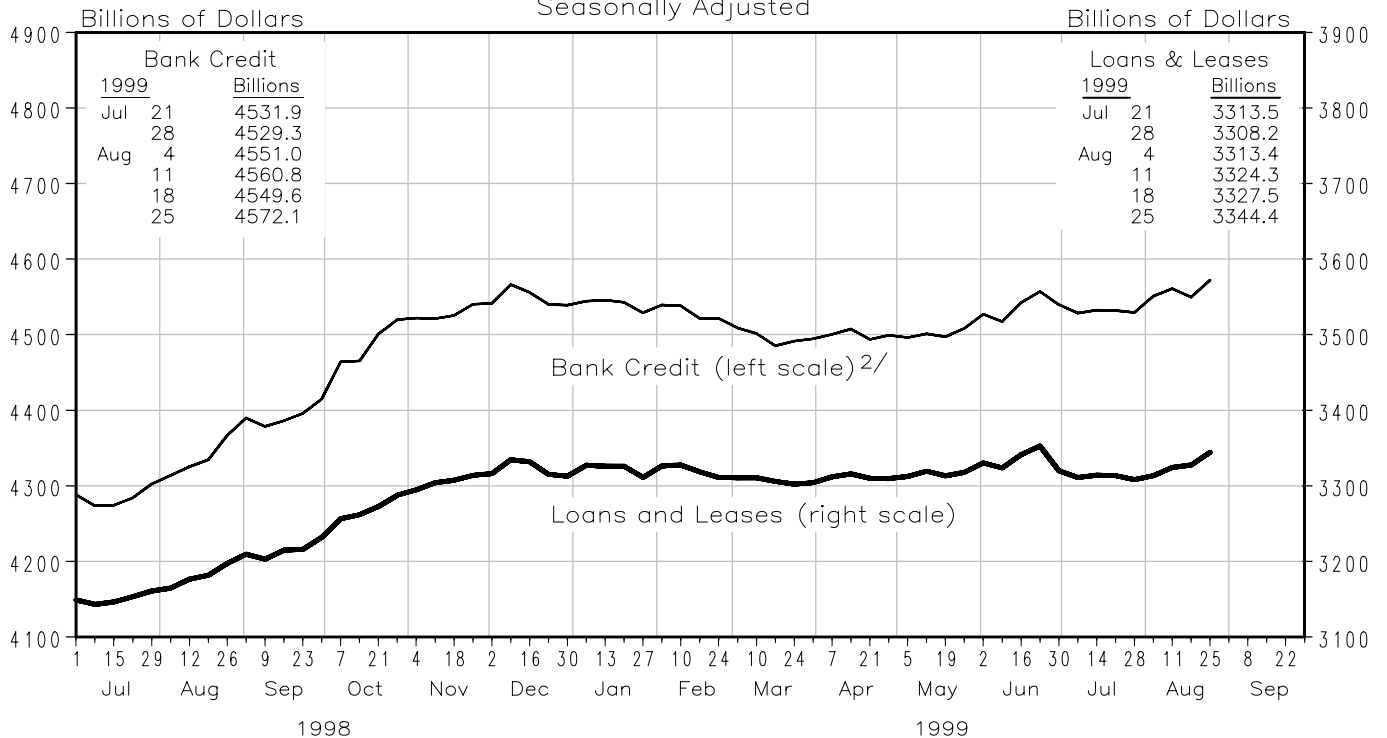
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Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States ^{1/}
Seasonally Adjusted



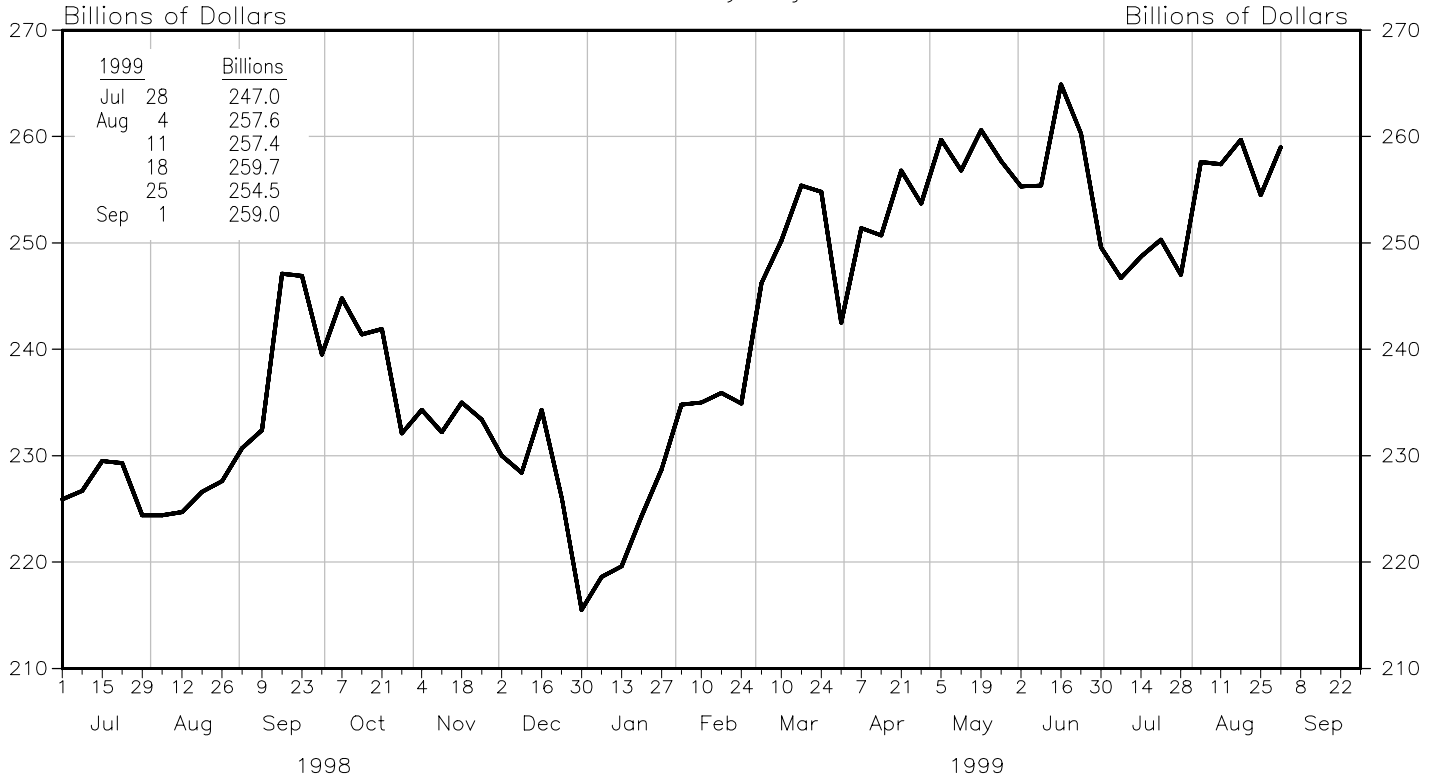
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

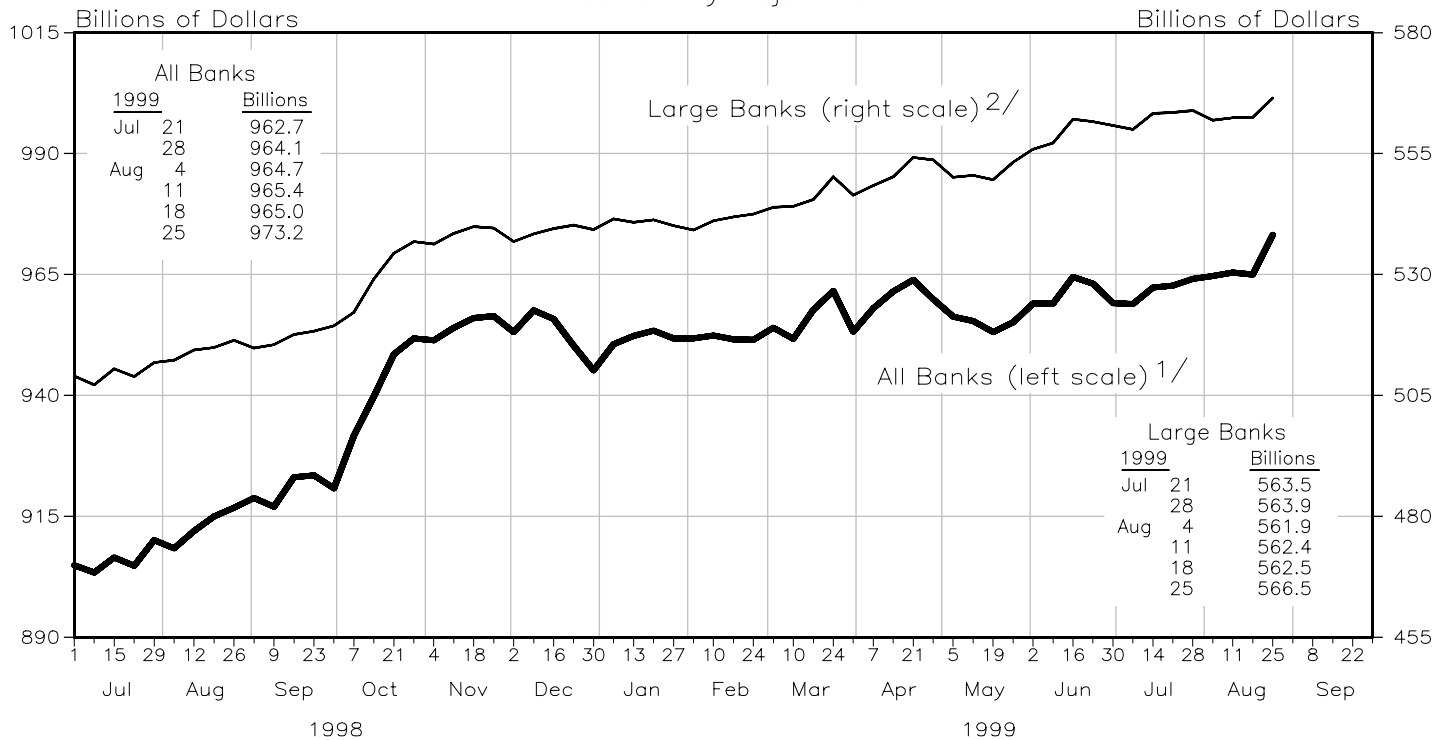
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Commercial and Industrial Loans

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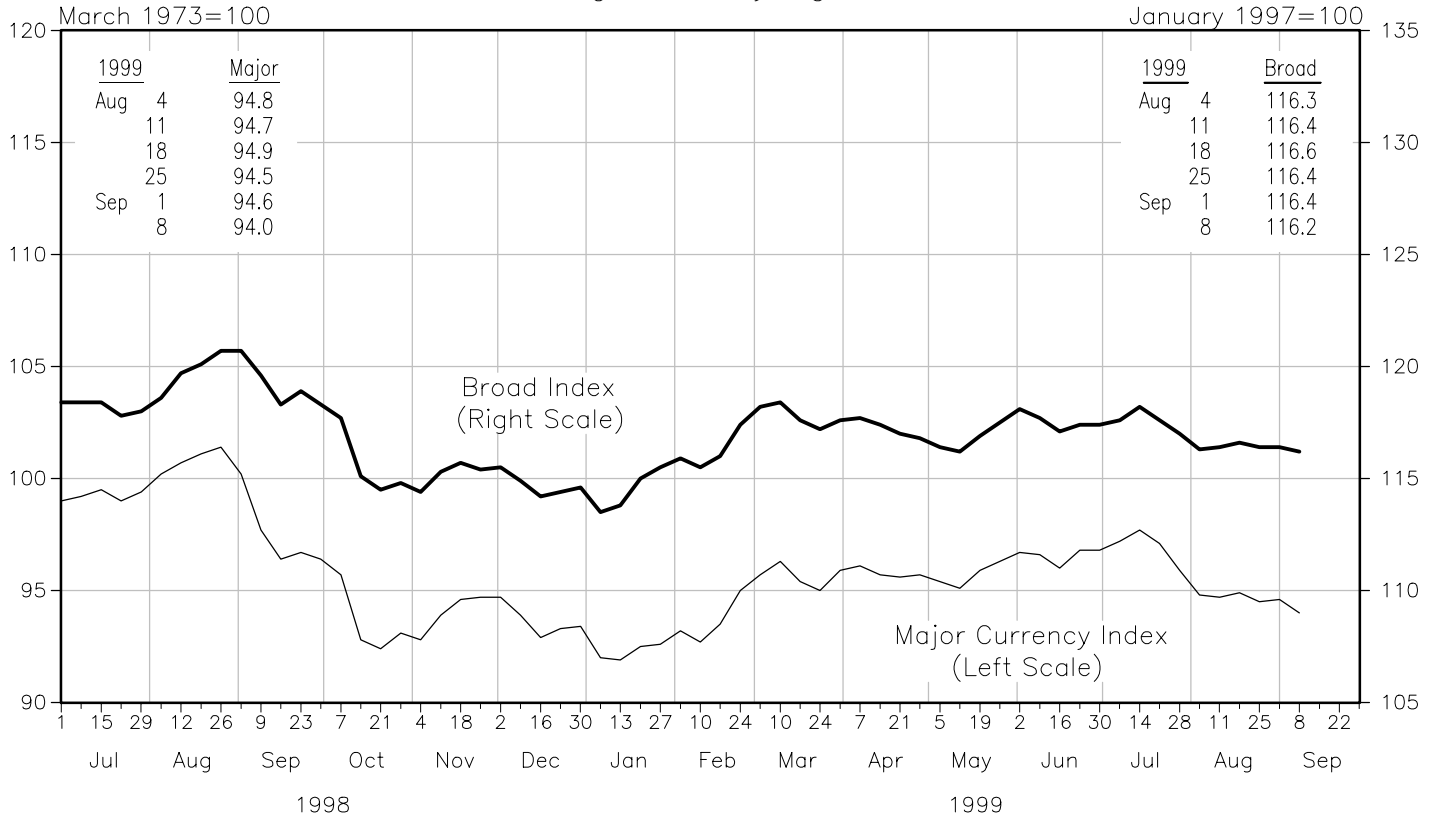
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2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

Trade – Weighted Exchange Rate Indexes

Averages of Daily Figures



The major currency index (MCI) is comprised of 7 currencies. The broad index is comprised of the major currency index plus 19 additional currencies. See the October 1998 issue of the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* for further details.

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