February 15, 2001





THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Prices of goods imported into the U.S. fell 0.4 percent in January, as a 5 percent drop in petroleum prices more than offset a 0.3 percent rise in non-petroleum prices. Import prices have declined in three of the last four months and are up only 2.3 percent from a year earlier.

■ Initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits totaled 352,000 for the week ending Feb. 10. Measured on a four-week moving-average basis, claims totaled 345,000, down 1.4 percent from four weeks earlier, but up 21.7 percent from a year earlier.

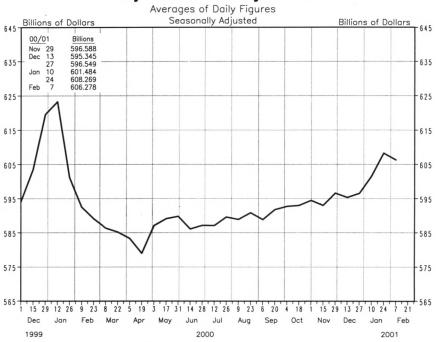
■ In December, the nominal value of inventories held by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers (total business) increased \$1.3 billion, or 0.1 percent. December's increase was the smallest in percentage terms since January 1999. Although business sales increased 0.1 percent in December, sales fell 0.4 percent during the fourth quarter, the first decline since the fourth quarter of 1991. The business inventory-to-sales ratio measured 1.36 during the fourth quarter, the highest level in seven quarters.

After rising just 0.1 percent during the fourth quarter of 2000, the value of retail sales measured in current dollars rose 0.7 percent in January. Excluding automotive sales, retailers' sales increased 0.8 percent in January, the largest gain in 10 months. January's retail sales were up 3.5 percent from a year earlier.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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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 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 |
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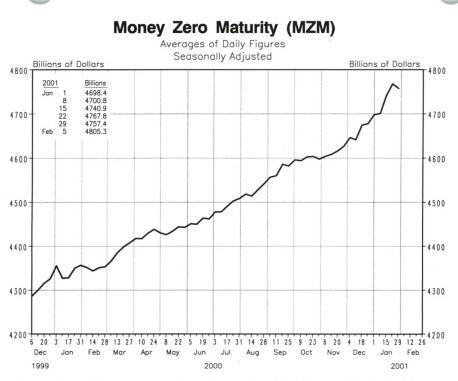
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|---|---|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--|--|
| To the average of two maintenance periods ending: | 2/9/00 | 5/3/00 | 7/12/00 | 8/9/00 | 9/6/00 | 10/4/00 | 11/1/00 | 12/13/00 | | |
| 7/12/00 | -3.8 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/9/00 | -2.5 | 4.0 | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6/00 | -2.0 | 3.4 | 3.0 | | | | | | | |
| 10/4/00 | -1.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.4 | | | | | | |
| 11/1/00 | -0.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.4 | | | | | |
| 12/13/00 | -0.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.3 | | | | |
| 1/10/01 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.7 | | | |
| 2/7/01 | 1.7 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 13.0 | | |

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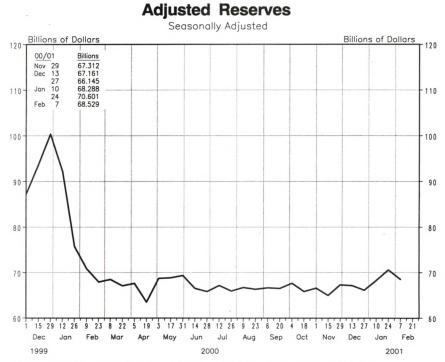


Adjusted Monetary Base



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.

| | 1 | Money | Matur | ity (M | ZM) | | | | |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| T . II | Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending: | | | | | | | | |
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| 7/3/00 | 6.8 | | | | | | | | |
| 8/7/00 | 7.4 | 6.9 | | | | | | | |
| 9/4/00 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 9.7 | | | | | | |
| 10/2/00 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 11.5 | | | | | |
| 11/6/00 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.8 | | | | |
| 12/4/00 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 5.7 | | | |
| 1/8/01 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 11.3 | | |
| 2/5/01 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 15.2 | 19.2 | |



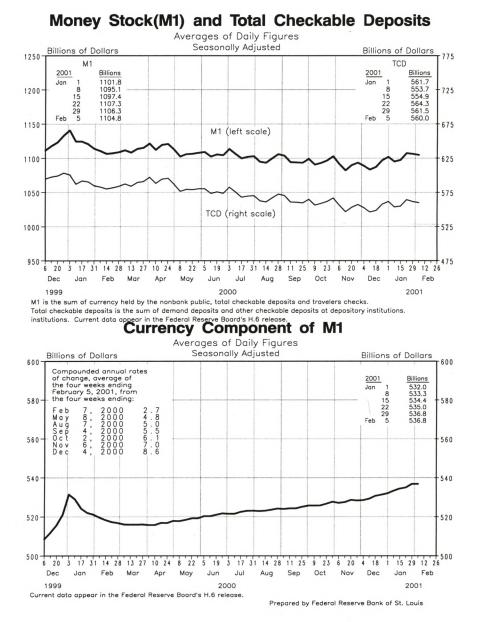
Adjusted reserves is the difference between the adjusted monetary base and the currency component of M1.

| Adjusted | Reserves |
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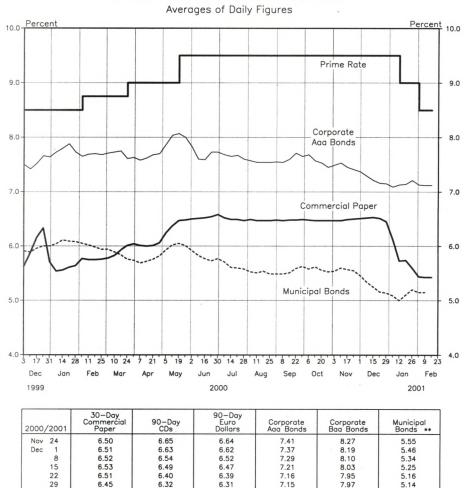
| To the average of | Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--|--|
| two maintenance periods ending: | 2/9/00 | 5/3/00 | 7/12/00 | 8/9/00 | 9/6/00 | 10/4/00 | 11/1/00 | 12/13/00 | | |
| 7/12/00 | -20.6 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/9/00 | -18.1 | 1.3 | | | | | | | | |
| 9/6/00 | -15.6 | 1.6 | -0.2 | | | | | | | |
| 10/4/00 | -12.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 7.6 | | | | | | |
| 11/1/00 | -13.0 | 0.3 | -1.4 | -0.8 | -2.6 | | | | | |
| 12/13/00 | -9.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 1.0 | | | | |
| 1/10/01 | -9.0 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 8.0 | | | |
| 2/7/01 | -5.1 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 9.9 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 20.0 | 24.8 | | |



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Yields on Selected Securities

Current data are from the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, and are averages of rates available for the week ending on February 16, 2001. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data. ** Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

5.96

5.57

5.61

5.51

5.37

5.33

5.31

7.09

7.13

7.14

7.21

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7.94

7.95

7.90

7.95

7.84

7.83

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5.09

5.00

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Jan 5

Feb 2

12

19

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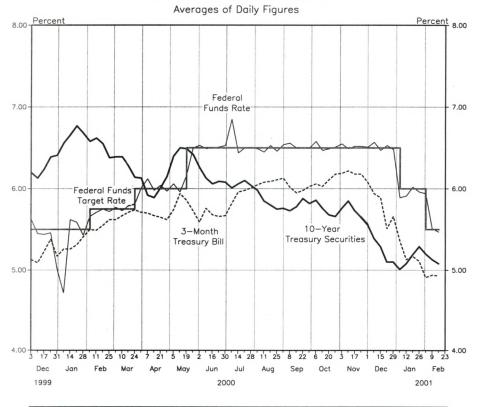
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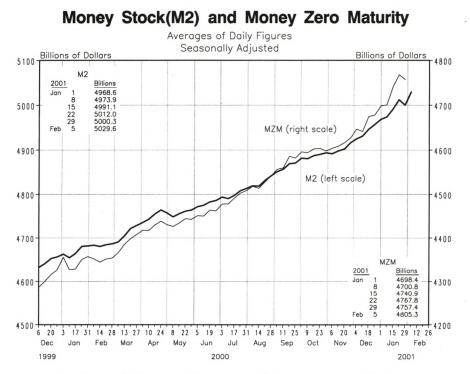
Selected Interest Rates



| 2000, | /2001 | Federal Funds ** | 3–Month Treasury Bill | 1-Year Treasury Bill | 5-Year Treasury Securities | 10-Year Treasury Securities | 30–Year Treasury Securities |
|-------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nov | 24 | 6.52 | 6.18 | 5.87 | 5.63 | 5.65 | 5.71 |
| Dec | 1 | 6.51 | 6.08 | 5.71 | 5.52 | 5.56 | 5.66 |
| | 8 | 6.57 | 5.94 | 5.47 | 5.33 | 5.39 | 5.57 |
| | 15 | 6.47 | 5.89 | 5.44 | 5.25 | 5.29 | 5.49 |
| | 22 | 6.53 | 5.51 | 5.18 | 5.02 | 5.10 | 5.43 |
| | 29 | 6.48 | 5.66 | 5.11 | 4.98 | 5.10 | 5.44 |
| Jan | 5 | 5.89 | 5.36 | 4.71 | 4.80 | 5.01 | 5.42 |
| | 12 | 5.91 | 5.13 | 4.60 | 4.81 | 5.08 | 5.50 |
| | 19 | 6.02 | 5.17 | 4.67 | 4.85 | 5.19 | 5.54 |
| | 26 | 5.96 | 5.11 | 4.64 | 4.94 | 5.29 | 5.64 |
| Feb | 2 | 5.94 | 4.91 | 4.47 | 4.87 | 5.20 | 5.56 |
| | 9 | 5.51 | 4.94 | 4.54 | 4.90 | 5.13 | 5.47 |
| | 16 * | 5.47 | 4.93 | 4.59 | 4.92 | 5.08 | 5.43 |

Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.15 release, except for the federal funds target rate. * Averages of rates available

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

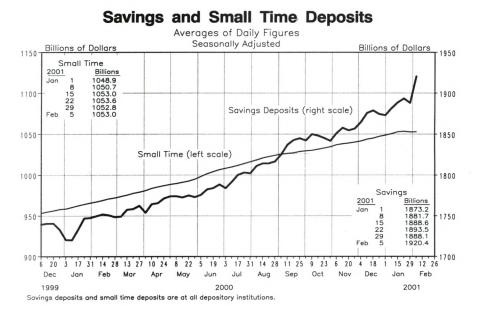


M2 is the sum of M1, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and retail money funds. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

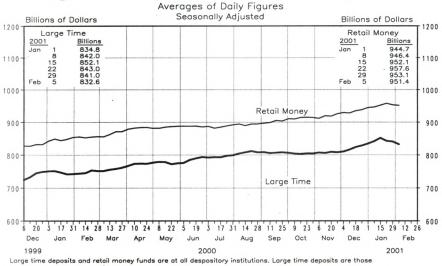
| Money Stock (M2) | | | | | | | | | |
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| 11/6/00 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 6.7 | | | | |
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| 1/8/01 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 8.6 | | |
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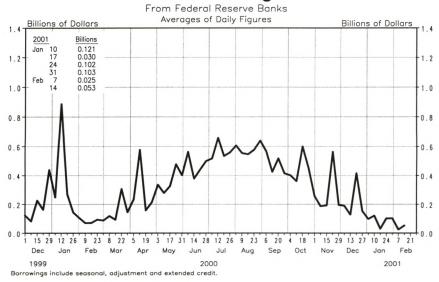
Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds



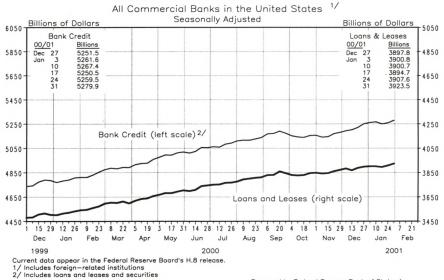
and broker/dealer money market funds.
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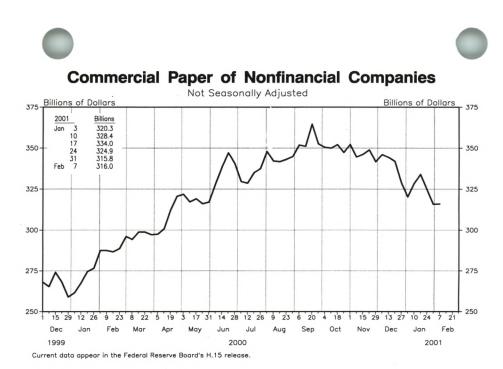


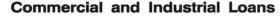
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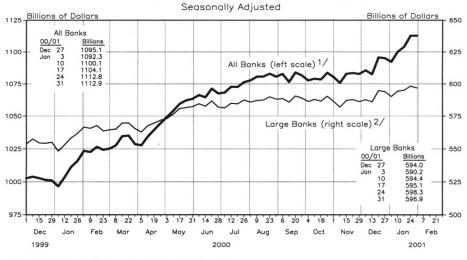


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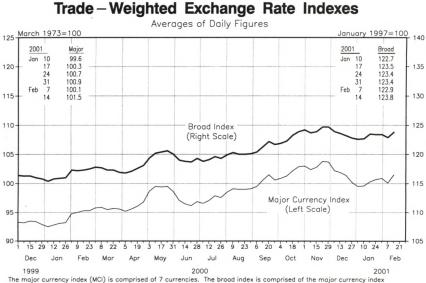


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The major currency index (MCI) is comprised of 7 currencies. The broad index is comprised of the major currency index plus 19 additional currencies. See the October 1998 issue of the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* for further details.

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