

# FEDERAL RESERVE statistical release



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## SELECTED INTEREST RATES

Yields in percent per annum

Instruments	FEB 25	FEB 26	FEB 27	FEB 28	MAR 1	Week ending		FEB
						MAR 1	FEB 22	
FEDERAL FUNDS (EFFECTIVE) 1/	8.52	8.04	8.06	8.74	8.74	8.40	8.57	8.50
COMMERCIAL PAPER 2/3/								
1-MONTH	8.50	8.47	8.45	8.62	8.70	8.55	8.50	8.46
3-MONTH	8.66	8.67	8.65	8.83	8.94	8.75	8.59	8.54
6-MONTH	8.93	8.95	8.94	9.16	9.27	9.05	8.74	8.69
FINANCE PAPER PLACED DIRECTLY 2/								
1-MONTH	8.54	8.43	8.46	8.63	8.64	8.54	8.42	8.42
3-MONTH	8.42	8.45	8.41	8.52	8.59	8.48	8.28	8.25
6-MONTH	8.38	8.38	8.41	8.43	8.45	8.41	8.28	8.20
BANKERS ACCEPTANCES (TOP RATED) 2/								
3-MONTH	8.75	8.65	8.70	8.95	8.95	8.80	8.66	8.55
6-MONTH	9.00	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.35	9.13	8.79	8.69
CDS (SECONDARY MARKET)								
1-MONTH	8.58	8.56	8.55	8.68	8.74	8.62	8.54	8.50
3-MONTH	8.87	8.85	8.85	8.99	8.99	8.91	8.77	8.69
6-MONTH	9.33	9.32	9.35	9.62	9.73	9.47	9.16	9.04
BANK PRIME LOAN 1/4/	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
DISCOUNT WINDOW BORROWING 1/5/	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES								
TREASURY BILLS								
AUCTION AVERAGE 2/ 6/								
3-MONTH				8.36		8.36	8.15	8.22
6-MONTH				8.53		8.53	8.25	8.34
1-YEAR							8.46	8.46
AUCTION AVERAGE (INVESTMENT) 6/								
3-MONTH				8.66		8.66	8.44	8.51
6-MONTH				9.04		9.04	8.73	8.83
SECONDARY MARKET 2/								
3-MONTH	8.38	8.35	8.45	8.50	8.66	8.47	8.31	8.27
6-MONTH	8.53	8.53	8.71	8.80	8.94	8.70	8.42	8.39
1-YEAR	8.67	8.66	8.86	8.93	9.07	8.84	8.58	8.56
TREASURY CONSTANT MATURITIES 7/8/								
1-YEAR	9.41	9.41	9.64	9.72	9.87	9.61	9.30	9.29
2-YEAR	10.36	10.36	10.56	10.66	10.73	10.53	10.19	10.17
3-YEAR	10.75	10.75	10.93	11.03	11.09	10.91	10.56	10.55
5-YEAR	11.40	11.35	11.51	11.55	11.52	11.47	11.17	11.13
7-YEAR	11.70	11.67	11.87	11.87	11.81	11.78	11.50	11.44
10-YEAR	11.75	11.72	11.89	11.91	11.86	11.83	11.57	11.51
20-YEAR	12.00	11.97	12.11	12.13	12.08	12.06	11.81	11.70
30-YEAR	11.71	11.67	11.88	11.90	11.82	11.80	11.54	11.47
COMPOSITE								
OVER 10 YEARS (LONG-TERM) 9/	11.71	11.66	11.82	11.84	11.81	11.77	11.51	11.35
CORPORATE BONDS								
HOODY'S SEASONED								
AAA	12.42	12.38	12.51	12.56	12.49	12.47	12.21	12.13
BAA	13.44	13.45	13.54	13.56	13.58	13.51	13.21	13.23
A-UTILITY 10/					13.18	13.18	12.95	12.76
STATE & LOCAL BONDS 11/				9.71		9.71	9.71	9.65
CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGES 12/					13.02	13.02	12.94	12.92

1. WEEKLY FIGURES ARE AVERAGES OF 7 CALENDAR DAYS ENDING ON WEDNESDAY OF THE CURRENT WEEK; MONTHLY FIGURES INCLUDE EACH CALENDAR DAY IN THE MONTH.
2. QUOTED ON BANK-DISCOUNT BASIS.
3. RATES ON COMMERCIAL PAPER PLACED FOR FIRMS WHOSE BOND RATING IS AA OR THE EQUIVALENT.
4. RATE CHARGED BY BANKS ON SHORT-TERM BUSINESS LOANS.
5. RATE FOR THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.
6. ISSUE DATE.
7. YIELDS ON ACTIVELY TRADED ISSUES ADJUSTED TO CONSTANT MATURITIES. SOURCE: U.S. TREASURY.
8. SEE REVERSE FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSTANT MATURITY SERIES.
9. UNWEIGHTED AVERAGE OF ALL ISSUES OUTSTANDING OF BONDS NEITHER DUE NOR CALLABLE IN LESS THAN 10 YEARS, INCLUDING SEVERAL VERY LOW YIELDING "FLOWER" BONDS.
10. ESTIMATE OF THE YIELD ON A RECENTLY-OFFERED, A-RATED UTILITY BOND WITH A MATURITY OF 30 YEARS AND CALL PROTECTION OF 5 YEARS; FRIDAY QUOTATIONS.
11. BOND BUYER INDEX, GENERAL OBLIGATION, 20 YEARS TO MATURITY, MIXED QUALITY; THURSDAY QUOTATIONS.
12. CONTRACT INTEREST RATES ON COMMITMENTS FOR FIXED-RATE FIRST MORTGAGES. SOURCE: FHLBC.

NOTE: WEEKLY AND MONTHLY FIGURES ARE AVERAGES OF DAILY RATES, EXCEPT FOR STATE & LOCAL BONDS, WHICH ARE BASED ON THURSDAY FIGURES, AND CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGES AND A-UTILITY BONDS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE BASED ON FRIDAY FIGURES.

SELECTED INTEREST RATES  
YIELDS IN PERCENT PER ANNU

WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY

	WEEK ENDED	4 WEEKS ENDED		
	1985 :	1985 :	1985 :	1985
	FEB :	FEB :	FEB :	FEB
	27 :	20 :	27 :	6
FEDERAL FUNDS (EFFECTIVE) 1/	8.40 :	8.57 :	8.50 :	8.37
3-MONTH TREASURY BILL 2/	8.40 :	8.20 :	8.24 :	7.83
3-MONTH COMMERCIAL PAPER 2/	8.66 :	8.52 :	8.50 :	8.07
3-MONTH CD (SECONDARY MARKET)	8.86 :	8.65 :	8.65 :	8.19
3-MONTH EURODOLLAR 3/	9.24 :	8.95 :	9.00 :	8.43
U. S. GOVERNMENT BOND 4/	11.99 :	11.62 :	11.65 :	11.50

1. FEDERAL FUNDS RATES ARE AVERAGES OF EFFECTIVE RATES FOR SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS ENDING ON WEDNESDAY.
2. QUOTED ON BANK DISCOUNT BASIS. "
3. FOR INDICATION PURPOSES ONLY.
4. YIELD AT 20-YEAR CONSTANT MATURITY. SOURCE: U.S. TREASURY

DESCRIPTION OF THE TREASURY CONSTANT MATURITY SERIES

YIELDS ON TREASURY SECURITIES AT "CONSTANT MATURITY" ARE ESTIMATED FROM THE TREASURY'S DAILY YIELD CURVE. THIS CURVE, WHICH RELATES THE YIELD ON A SECURITY TO ITS TIME TO MATURITY, IS BASED ON THE CLOSING MARKET BID YIELDS ON ACTIVELY-TRADED TREASURY SECURITIES IN THE OVER-THE-COUNTER MARKET. THESE MARKET YIELDS ARE CALCULATED FROM COMPOSITES OF QUOTATIONS REPORTED BY FIVE LEADING U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES DEALERS TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK. THE CONSTANT YIELD VALUES ARE READ FROM THE YIELD CURVE AT FIXED MATURITIES, CURRENTLY 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 20, AND 30 YEARS. THIS METHOD PERMITS ESTIMATION OF THE YIELD FOR A 10-YEAR MATURITY, FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF NO OUTSTANDING SECURITY HAS EXACTLY 10 YEARS REMAINING TO MATURITY.