

US Financial Data

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Private-sector labor compensation costs, as measured by the employment cost index (ECI), rose at a 1.4 percent annual rate during the first quarter. This was the smallest increase since the index was first constructed in 1980 and followed a 2.9 percent rate-of-gain in the fourth quarter of 1998. Measured from four quarters earlier, the ECI is up 3 percent.*
- *March new home sales were at an annual rate of 909,000 units, 2.1 percent more than February's rate but about unchanged from January. New home sales fell 4.9 percent during the first quarter but are up 5.3 percent from a year earlier.*
- *After falling 3.9 percent in February, new factory orders for manufactured durable goods rose 2 percent in March. Durable goods orders jumped 3.5 percent during the first quarter, a marked turnaround from the 0.6 percent rise posted in the fourth quarter of 1998. Factory shipments of durable goods, in contrast, slowed from a 2.8 percent gain during the fourth quarter to a 0.2 percent rise in the first quarter.*
- *Sales of existing single-family homes rose 0.6 percent in March to an annual rate of 5.05 million units. Sales exceeded the 5 million rate for the fourth straight month and are up 3.7 percent from a year earlier.*
- *The Conference Board's consumer confidence index rose 0.9 percentage point in April to 134.9 percent (1985=100). April's value was 2.2 percent above its first-quarter average and 8.7 percent more than its average during the fourth quarter of 1998.*

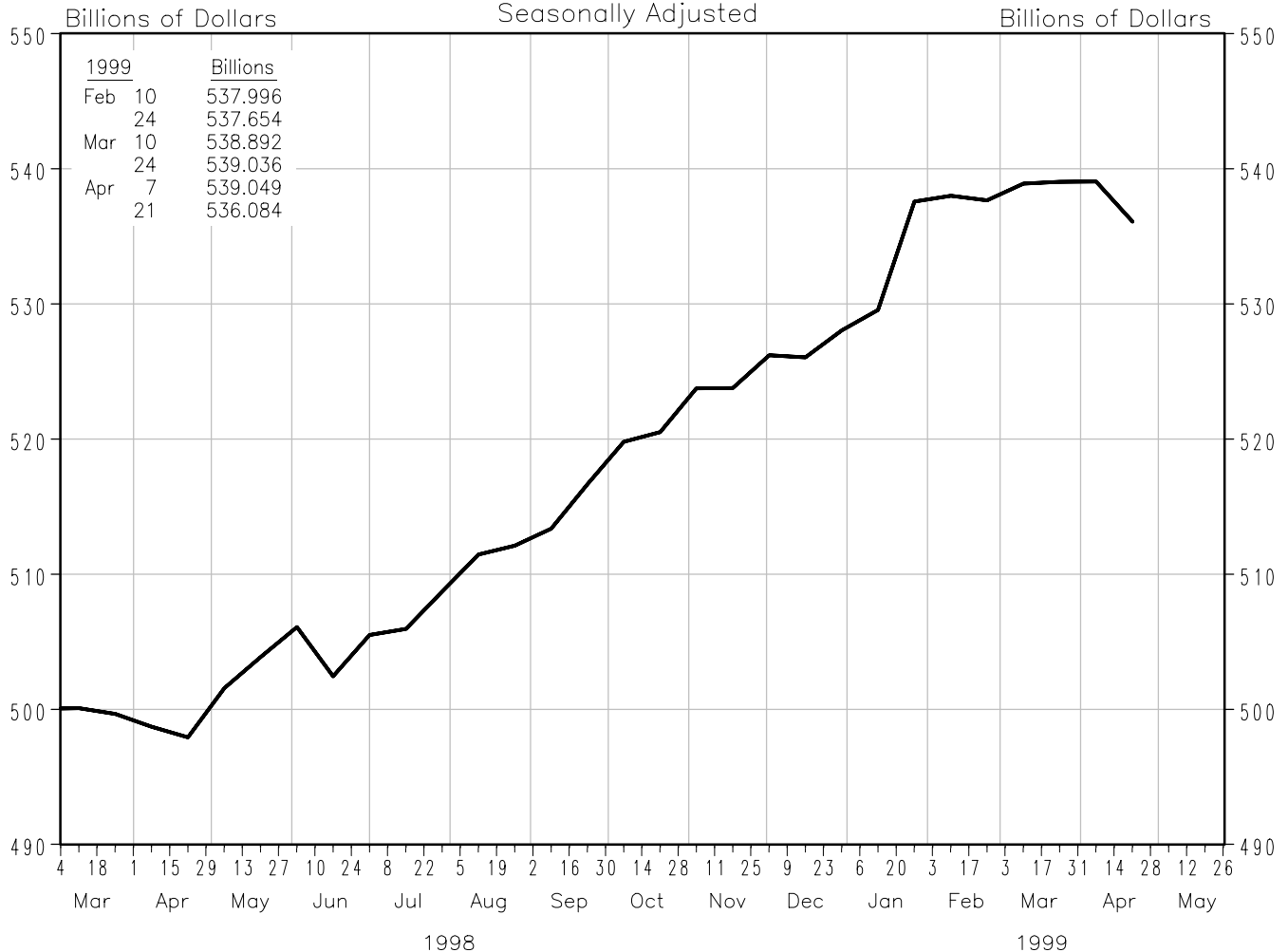
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Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



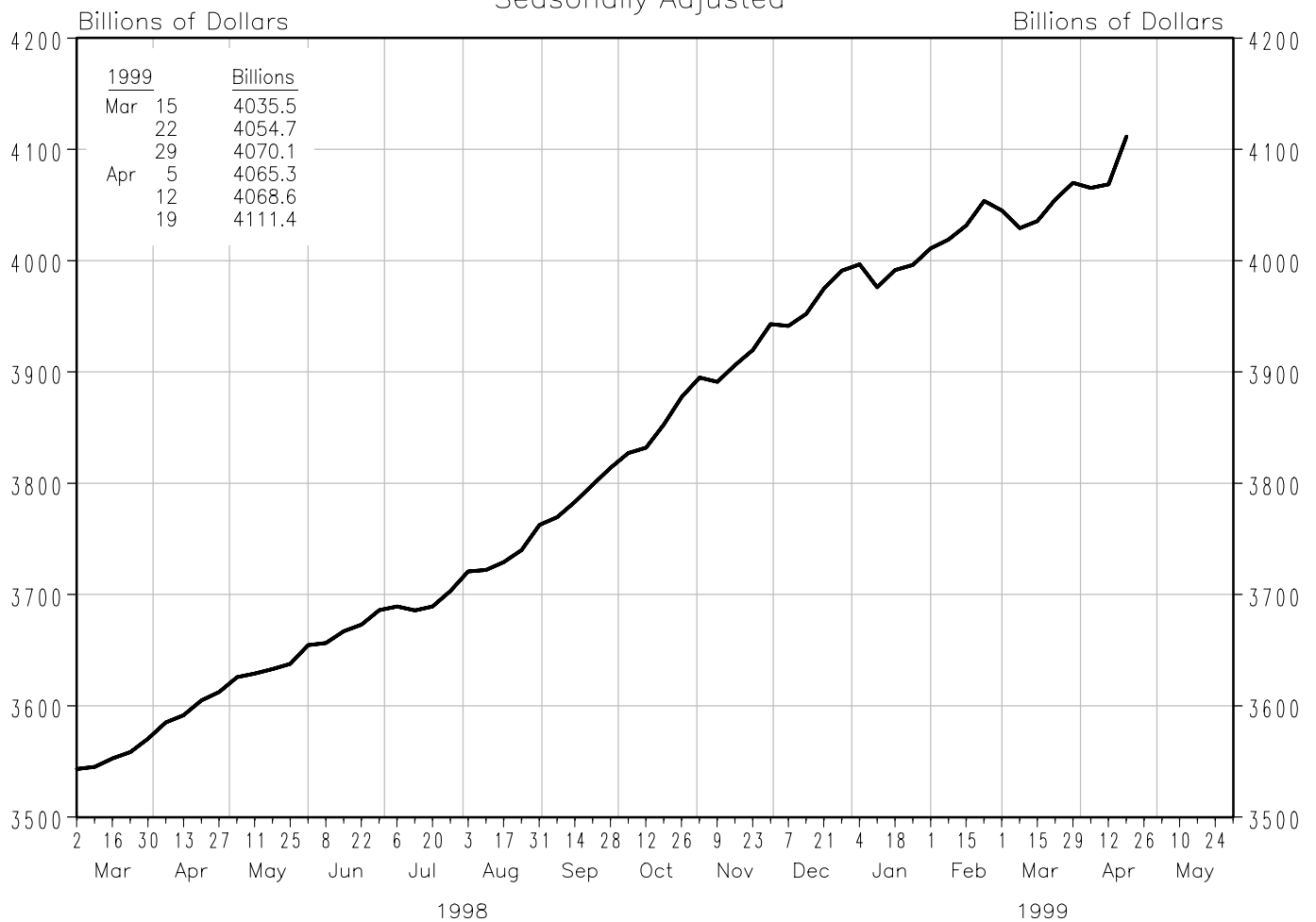
The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series includes Federal Reserve deposits used to satisfy 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:							
		4/22/98	7/15/98	9/23/98	10/21/98	11/18/98	12/16/98	1/27/99	2/24/99
9/23/98		8.1							
10/21/98		8.9	11.0						
11/18/98		9.0	10.7	11.6					
12/16/98		8.7	9.8	9.7	7.7				
1/27/99		9.3	10.5	10.8	9.9	10.1			
2/24/99		9.4	10.5	10.8	10.1	10.3	12.1		
3/24/99		8.9	9.6	9.5	8.8	8.6	9.4	6.8	
4/21/99		7.9	8.3	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.4	3.3	-0.3

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)

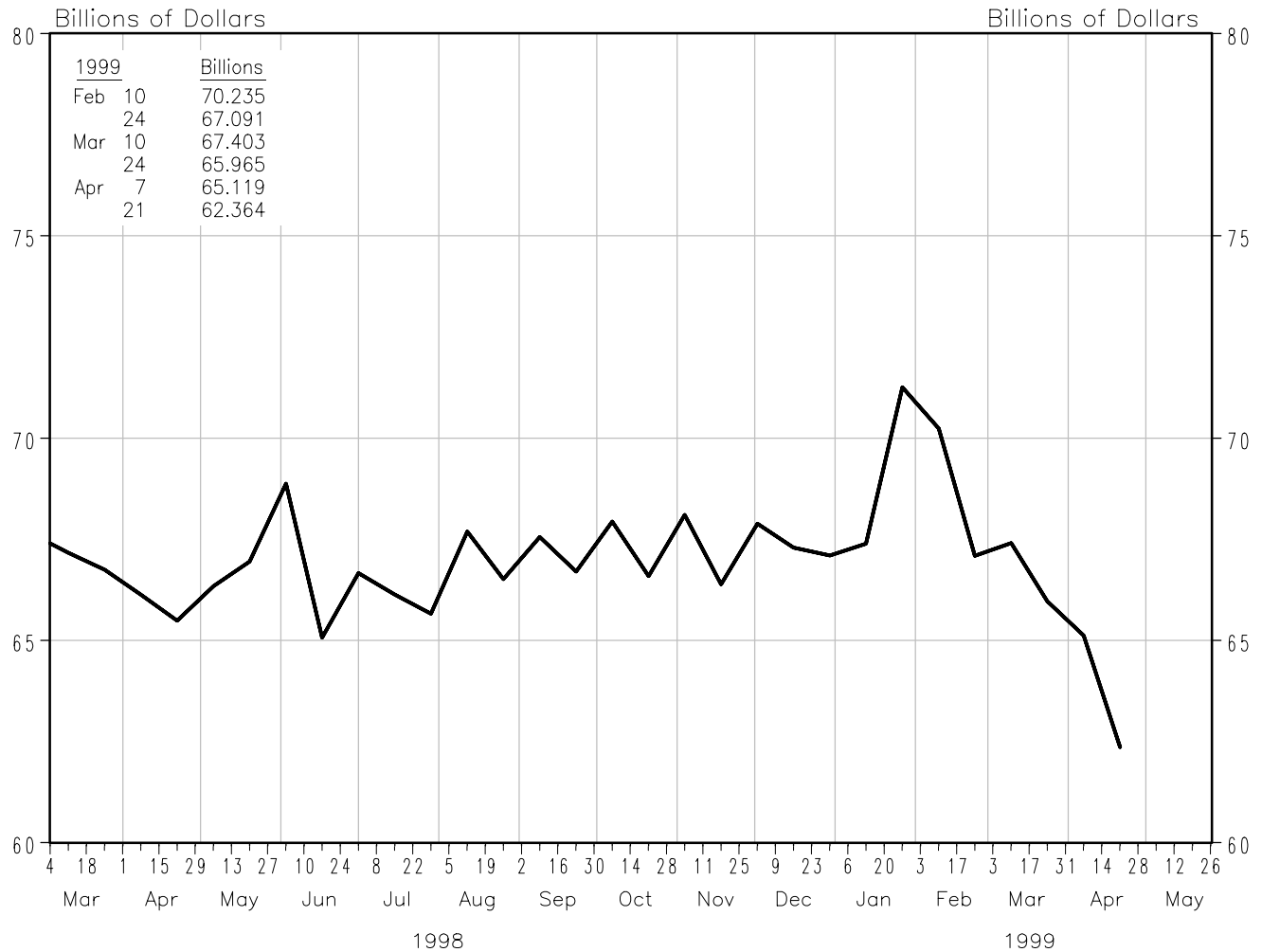
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:

To the average
of four weeks
ending:

	4/20/98	7/20/98	9/21/98	10/19/98	11/16/98	12/21/98	1/18/99	2/22/99
9/21/98	13.0							
10/19/98	14.0	16.5						
11/16/98	15.2	18.0	21.3					
12/21/98	15.5	17.9	19.8	19.8				
1/18/99	15.2	17.0	18.0	17.5	15.2			
2/22/99	14.7	16.0	16.4	15.6	13.6	11.6		
3/22/99	13.7	14.6	14.4	13.4	11.4	9.2	7.8	
4/19/99	13.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	11.7	10.1	9.3	8.3

Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



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

Adjusted Reserves

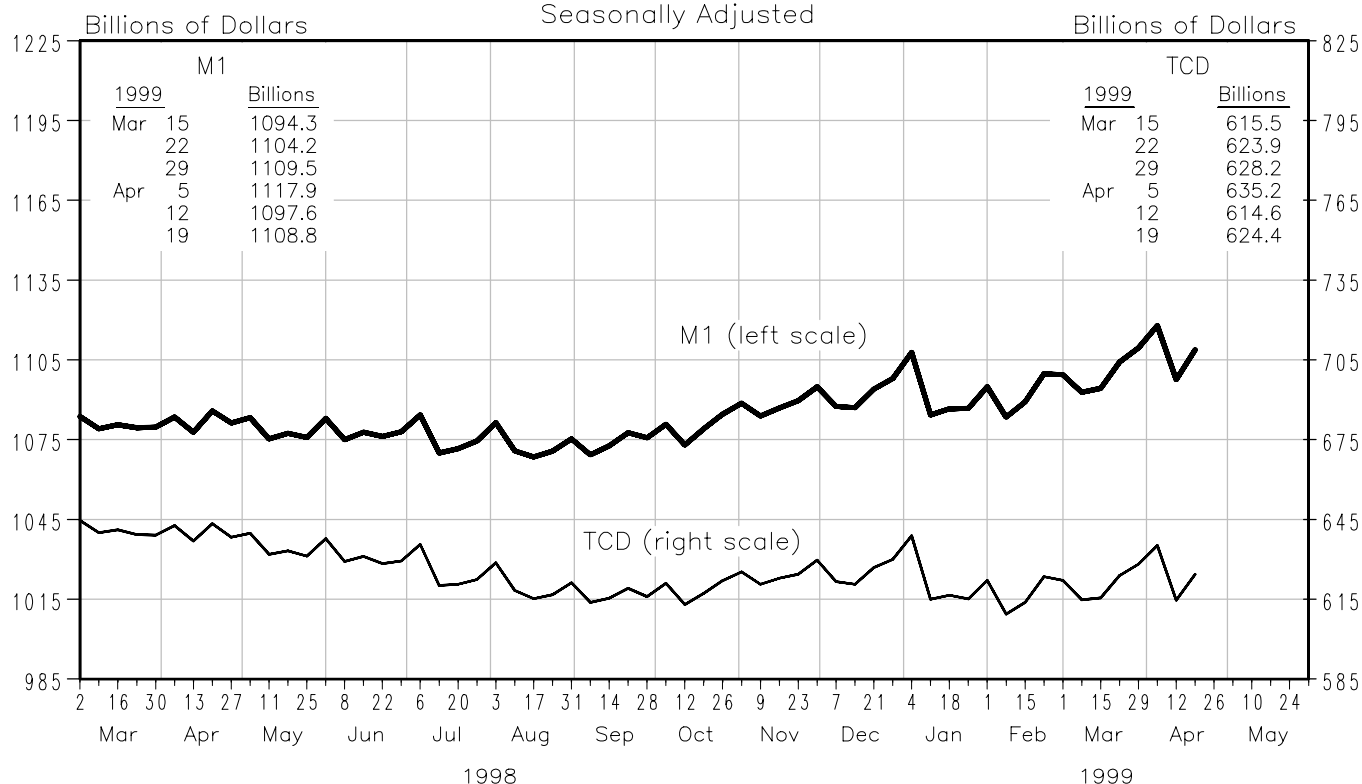
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Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

	4/22/98	7/15/98	9/23/98	10/21/98	11/18/98	12/16/98	1/27/99	2/24/99
9/23/98	4.8							
10/21/98	4.5	4.9						
11/18/98	3.8	3.7	1.1					
12/16/98	4.2	4.3	3.0	3.2				
1/27/99	7.0	8.3	9.7	11.9	17.2			
2/24/99	5.1	5.6	5.5	6.1	8.1	8.6		
3/24/99	1.4	0.6	-1.3	-2.0	-2.4	-4.9	-22.3	
4/21/99	-3.1	-5.2	-8.6	-10.2	-11.9	-15.6	-30.5	-38.3

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

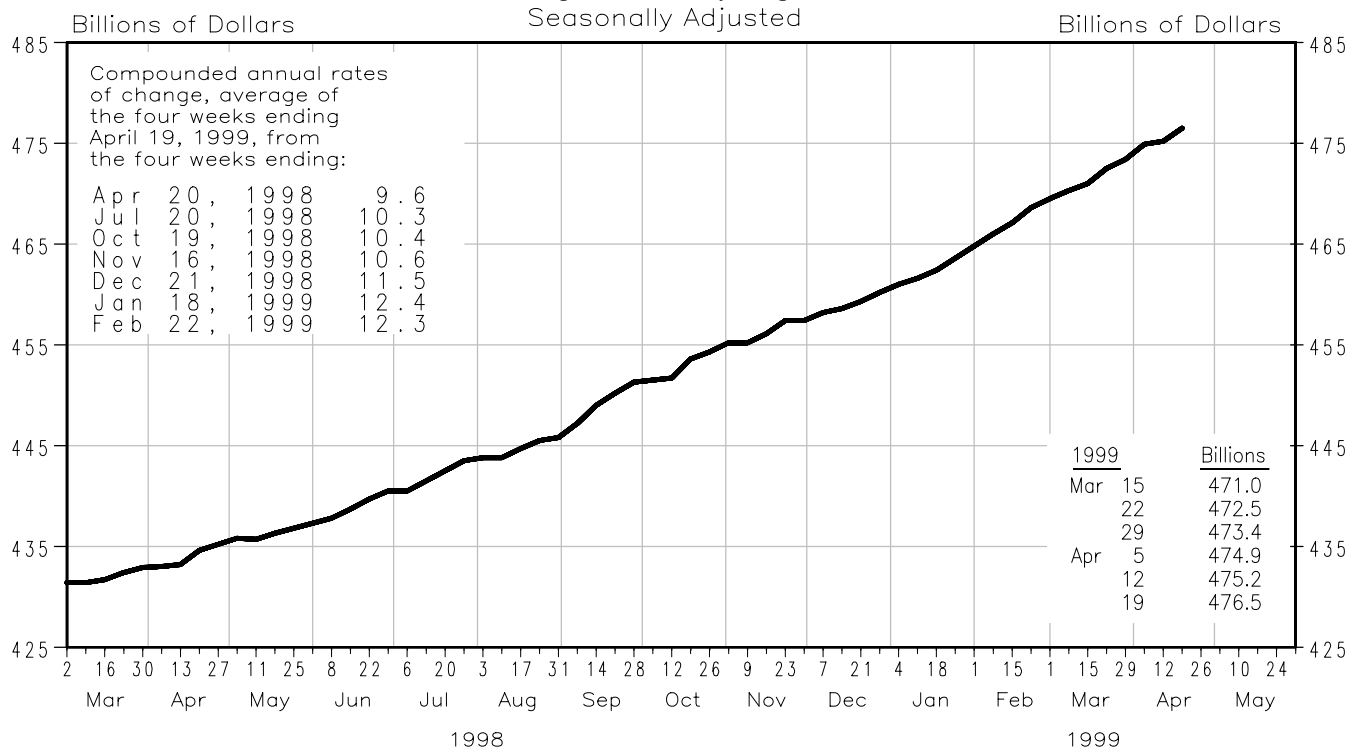


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, total checkable deposits and travelers checks.

Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

Currency Component of M1

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Seasonally Adjusted

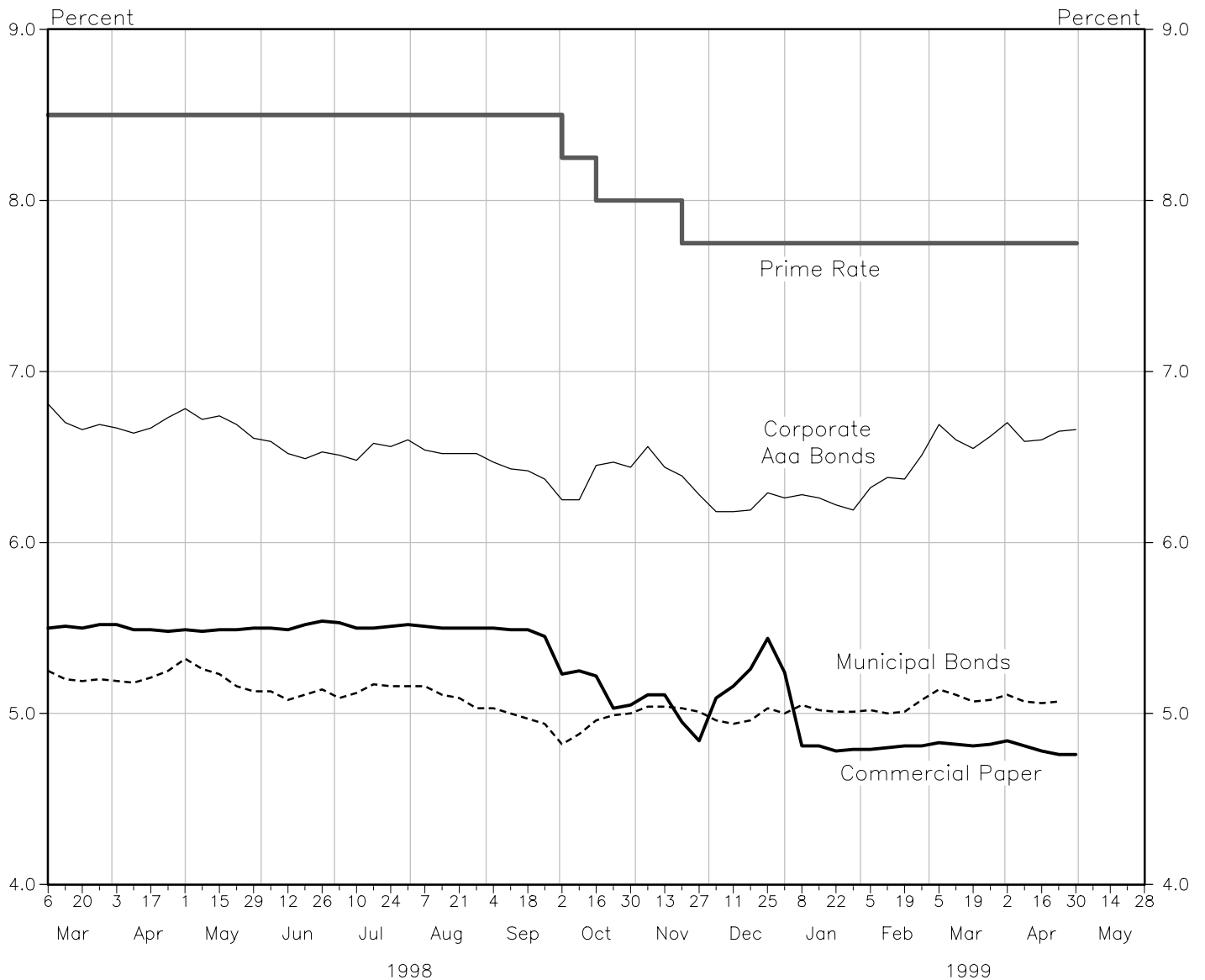


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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



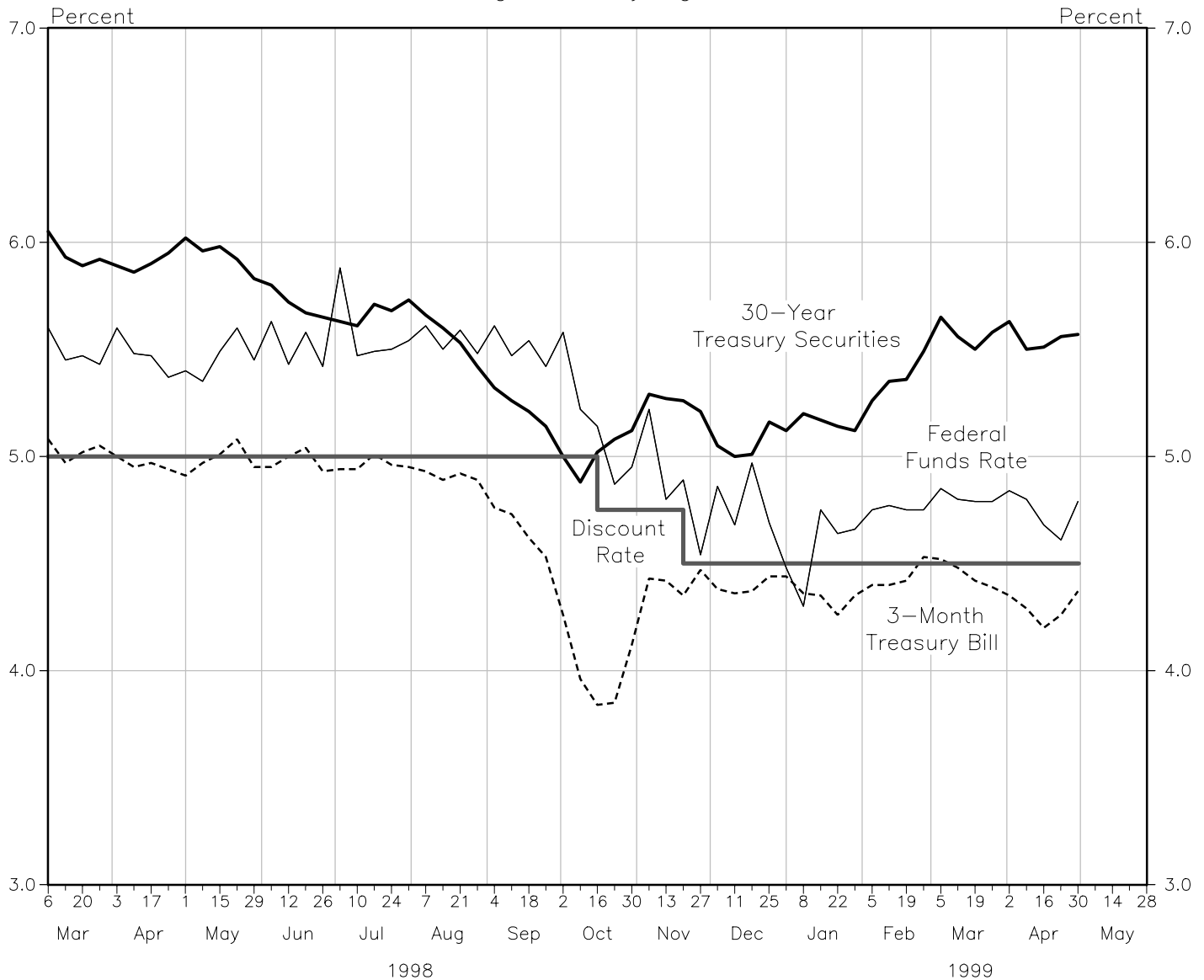
1999	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb 5	4.79	4.88	4.78	6.32	7.34	5.02
12	4.80	4.90	4.79	6.38	7.37	5.00
19	4.81	4.91	4.78	6.37	7.38	5.01
26	4.81	4.92	4.81	6.51	7.47	5.08
Mar 5	4.83	4.93	4.82	6.69	7.61	5.14
12	4.82	4.90	4.82	6.60	7.52	5.11
19	4.81	4.89	4.82	6.55	7.47	5.07
26	4.82	4.90	4.82	6.62	7.53	5.08
Apr 2	4.84	4.90	4.82	6.70	7.56	5.11
9	4.81	4.88	4.80	6.59	7.45	5.07
16	4.78	4.88	4.80	6.60	7.44	5.06
23	4.76	4.88	4.80	6.65	7.48	5.07
30	4.76	4.86	4.80	6.66	7.49	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 April 30, 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
Feb 5	4.75	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.84	5.26
12	4.77	4.40	4.45	4.84	4.95	5.35
19	4.75	4.42	4.49	4.96	5.03	5.36
26	4.75	4.53	4.58	5.11	5.18	5.49
Mar 5	4.85	4.52	4.63	5.29	5.38	5.65
12	4.80	4.48	4.53	5.13	5.21	5.56
19	4.79	4.42	4.50	5.05	5.14	5.50
26	4.79	4.39	4.50	5.11	5.20	5.58
Apr 2	4.84	4.35	4.48	5.12	5.24	5.63
9	4.80	4.29	4.43	5.00	5.11	5.50
16	4.68	4.20	4.43	5.05	5.14	5.51
23	4.61	4.26	4.45	5.10	5.20	5.56
30 *	4.79	4.37	4.49	5.14	5.24	5.57

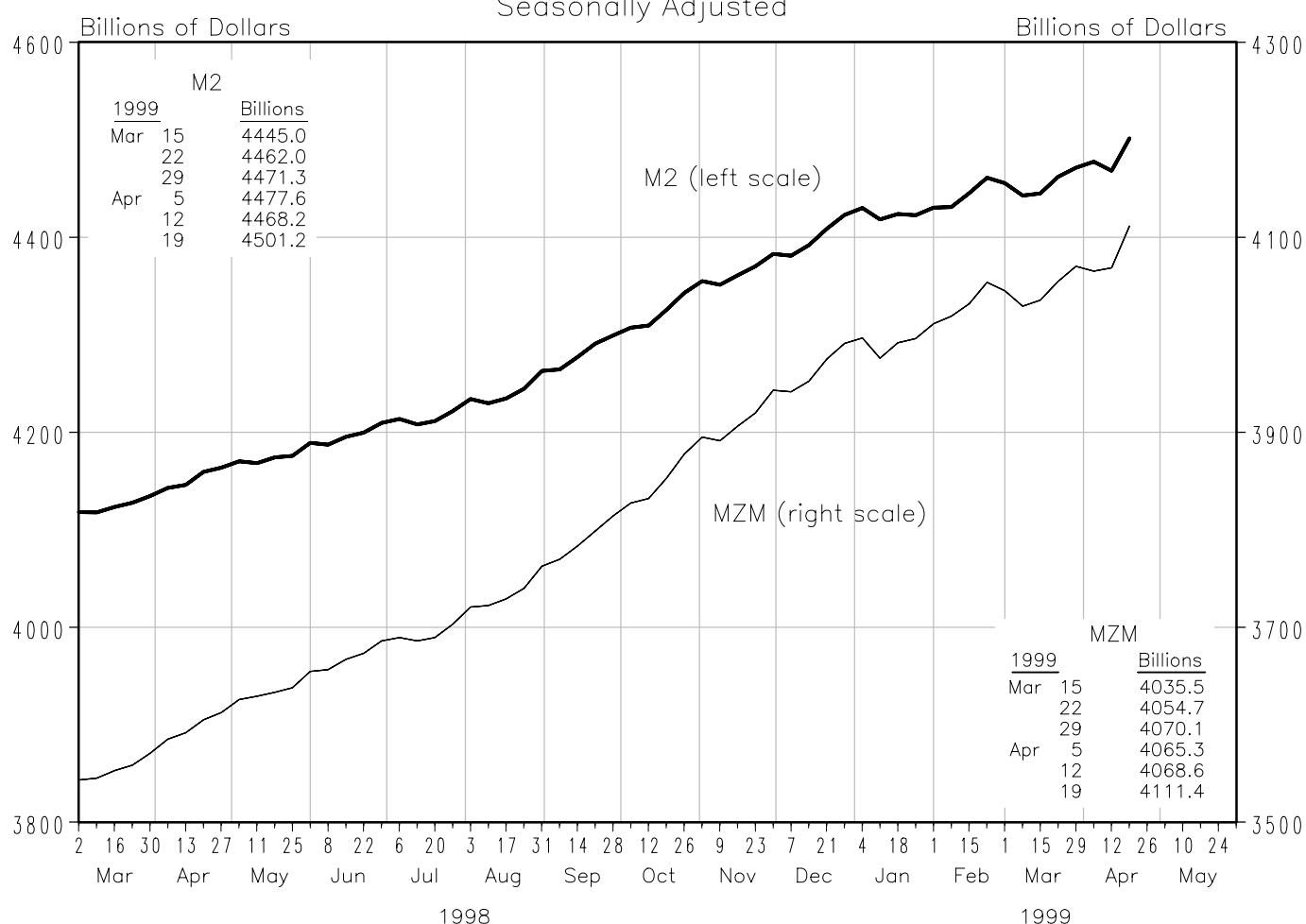
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* Averages of rates available

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

Money Stock(M2) and Money Zero Maturity

Averages of Daily Figures
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)

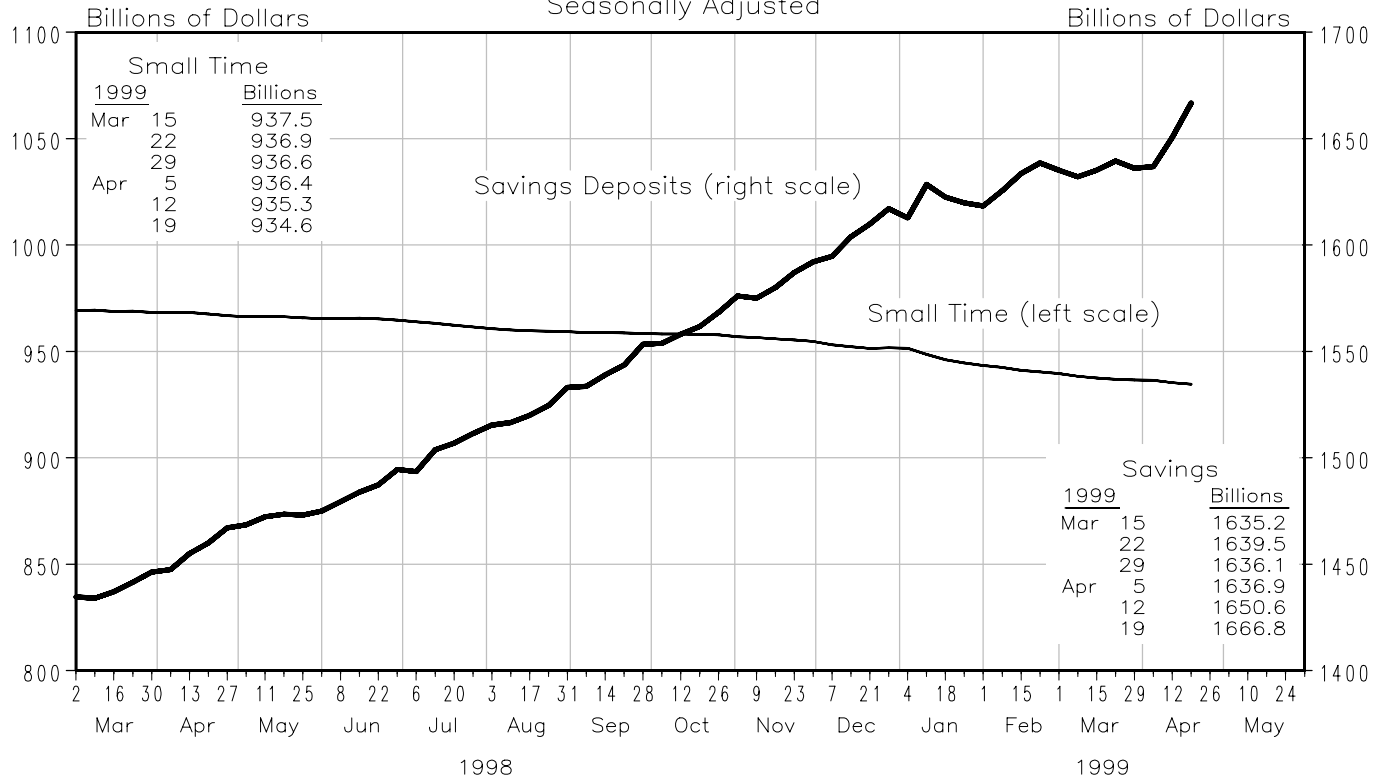
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

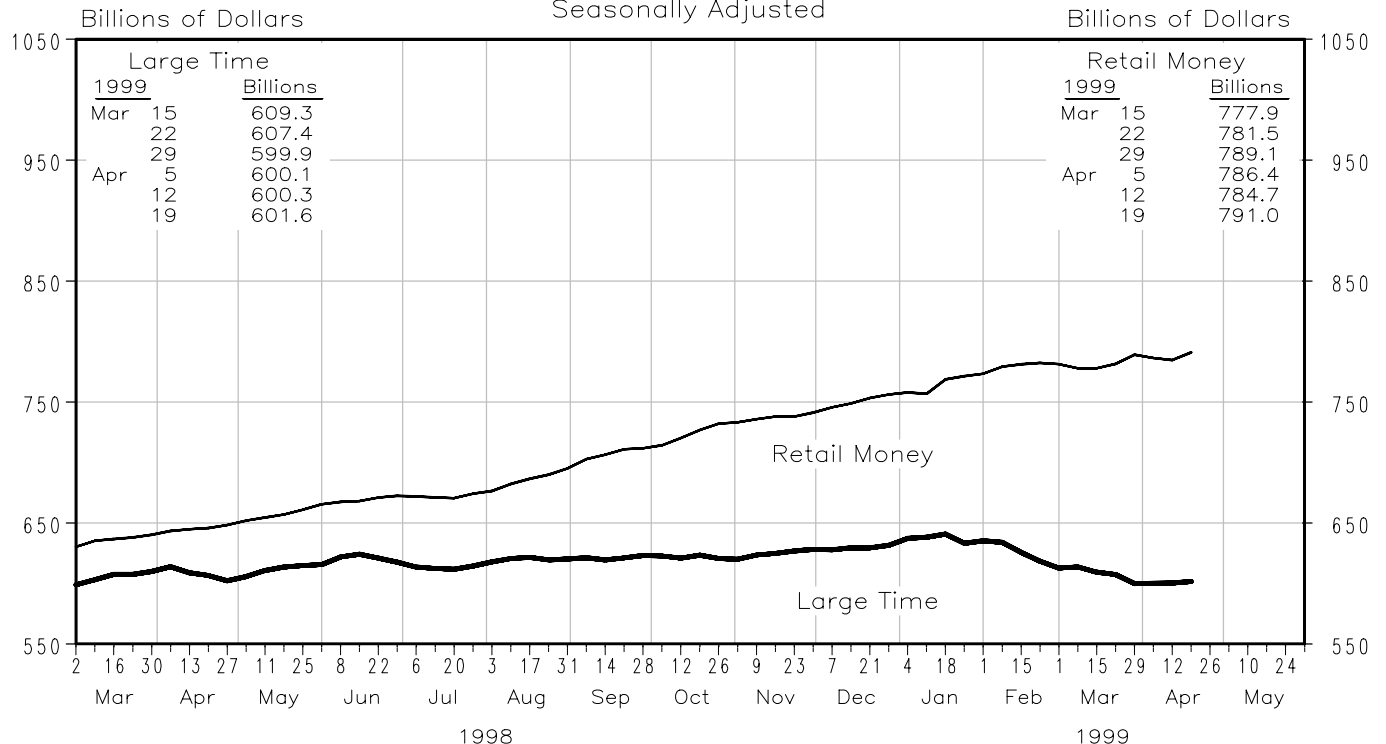
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Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

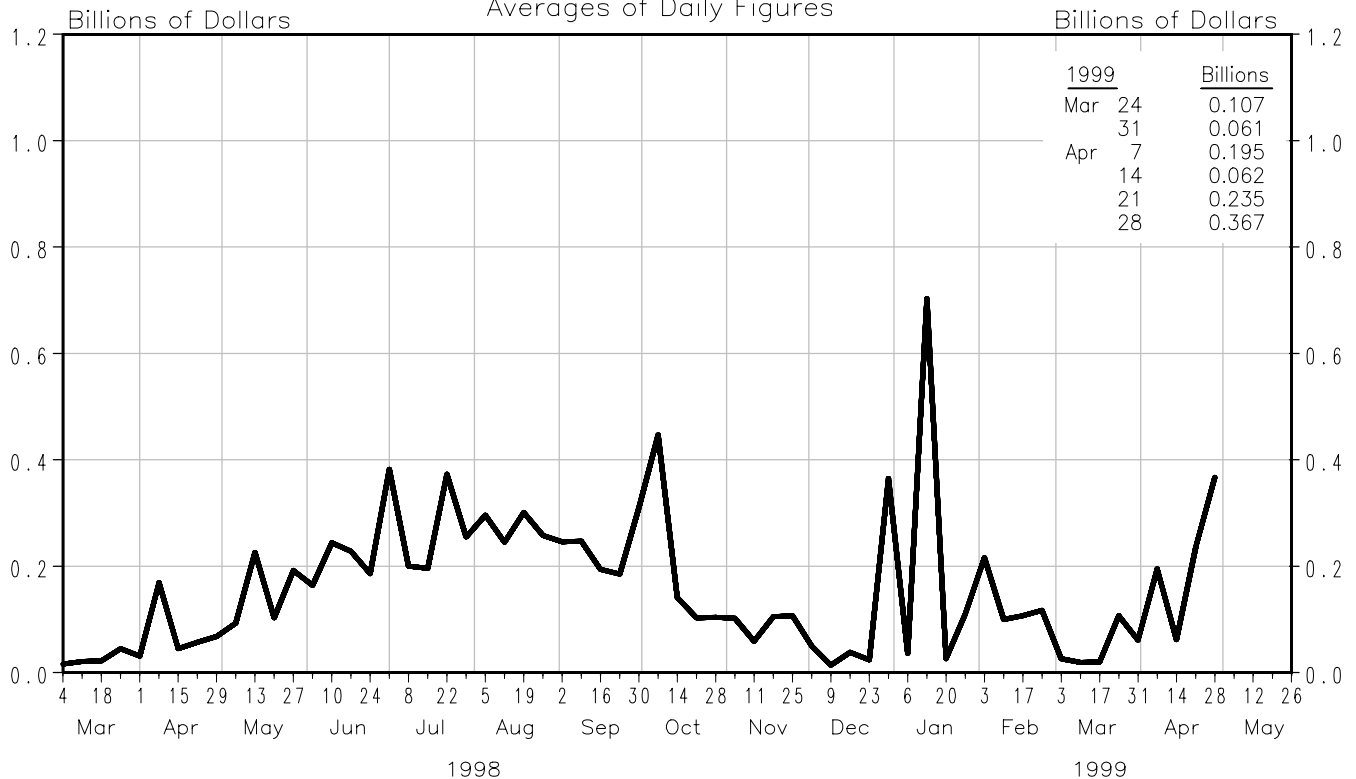
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Seasonally Adjusted



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.

Total Borrowings

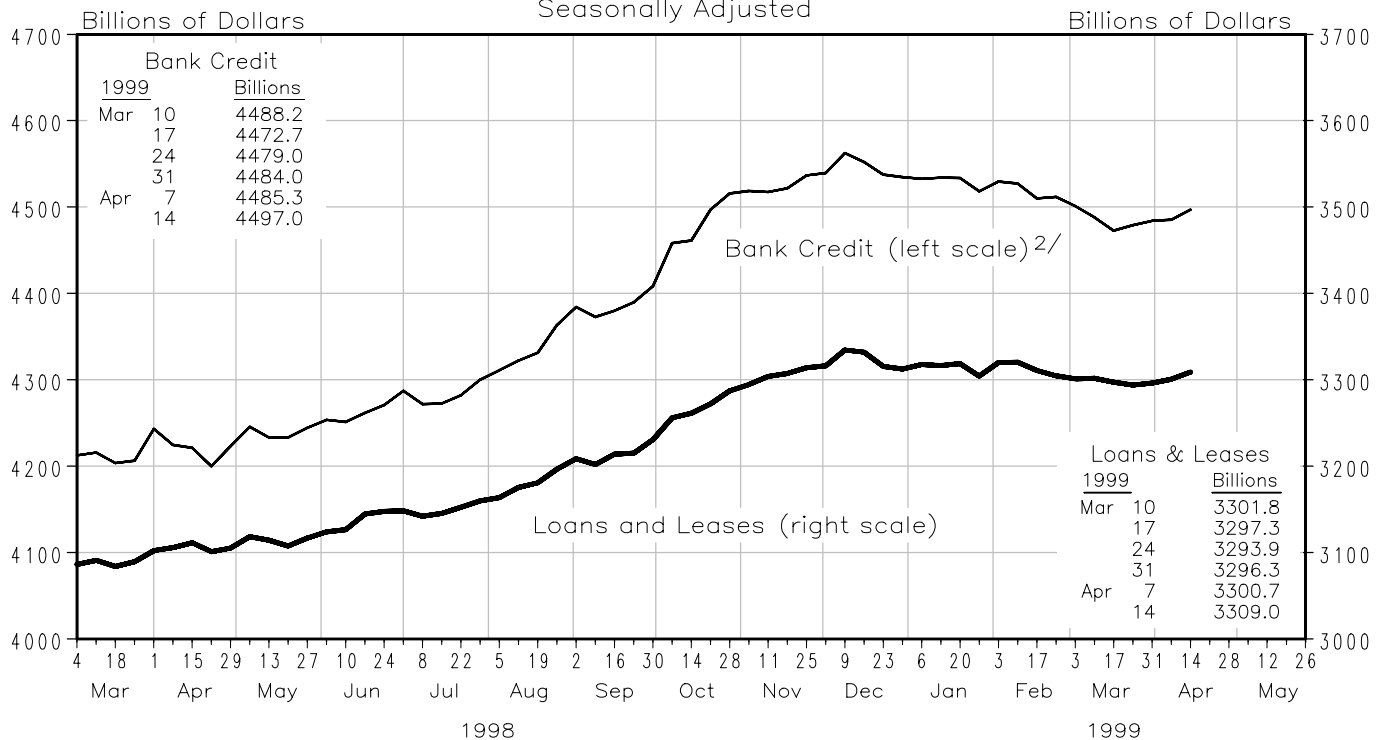
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Averages of Daily Figures



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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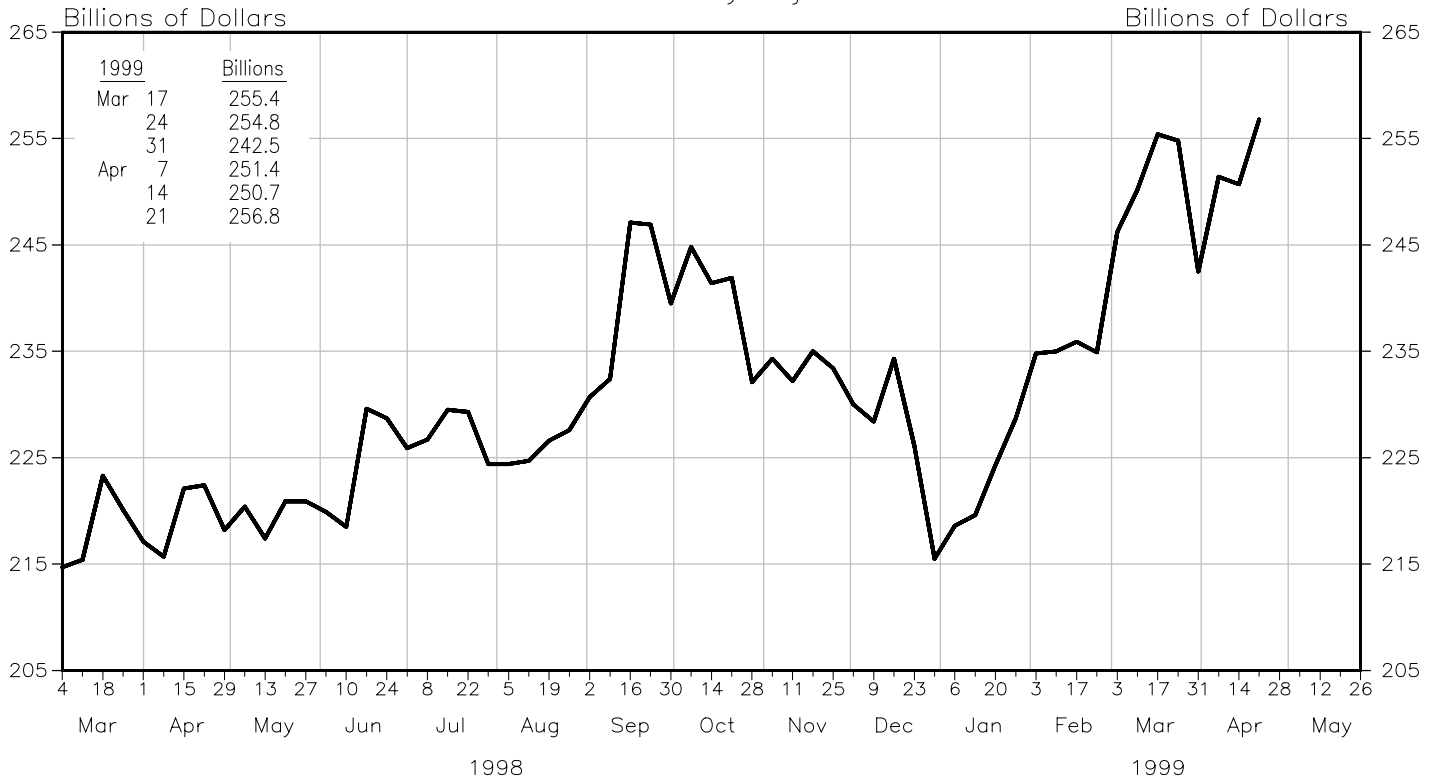
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^{2/} Includes loans and leases and securities

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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

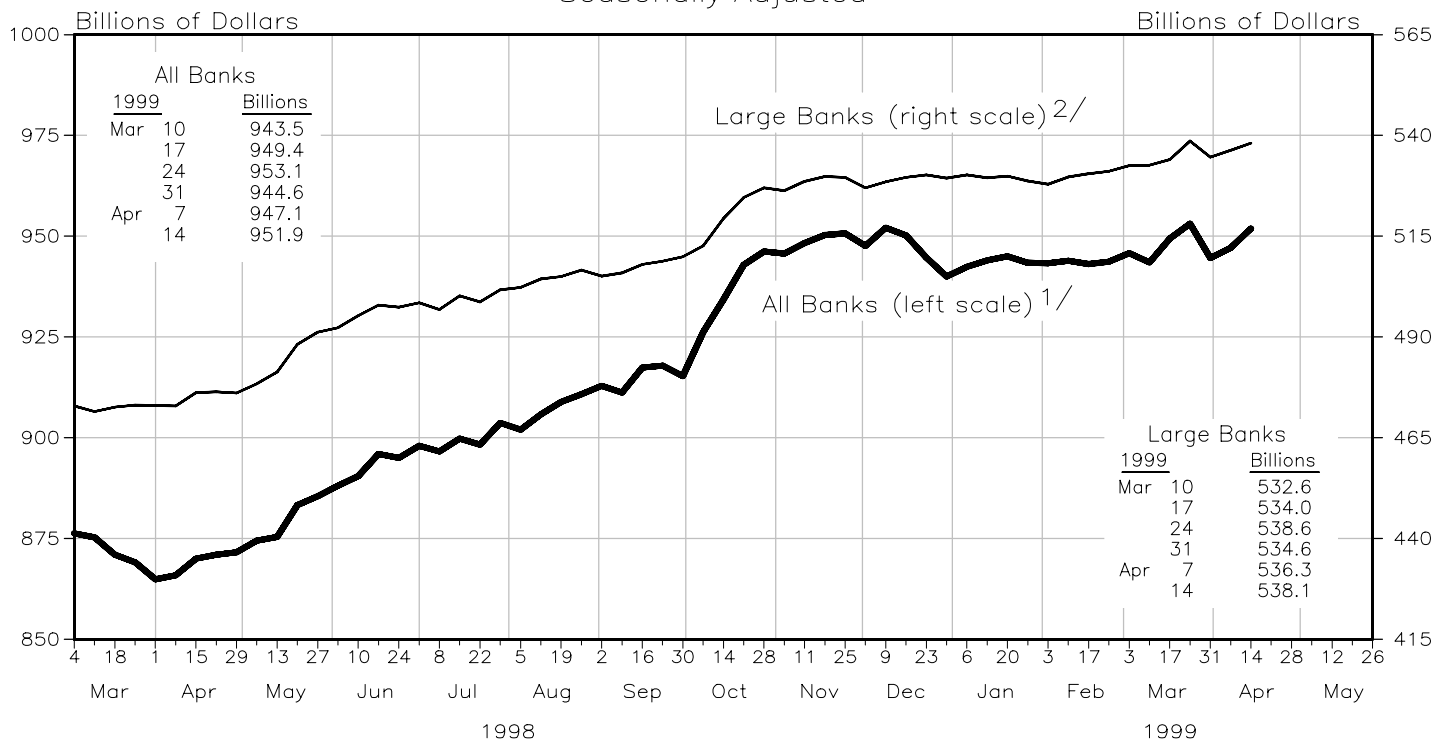
Not Seasonally Adjusted



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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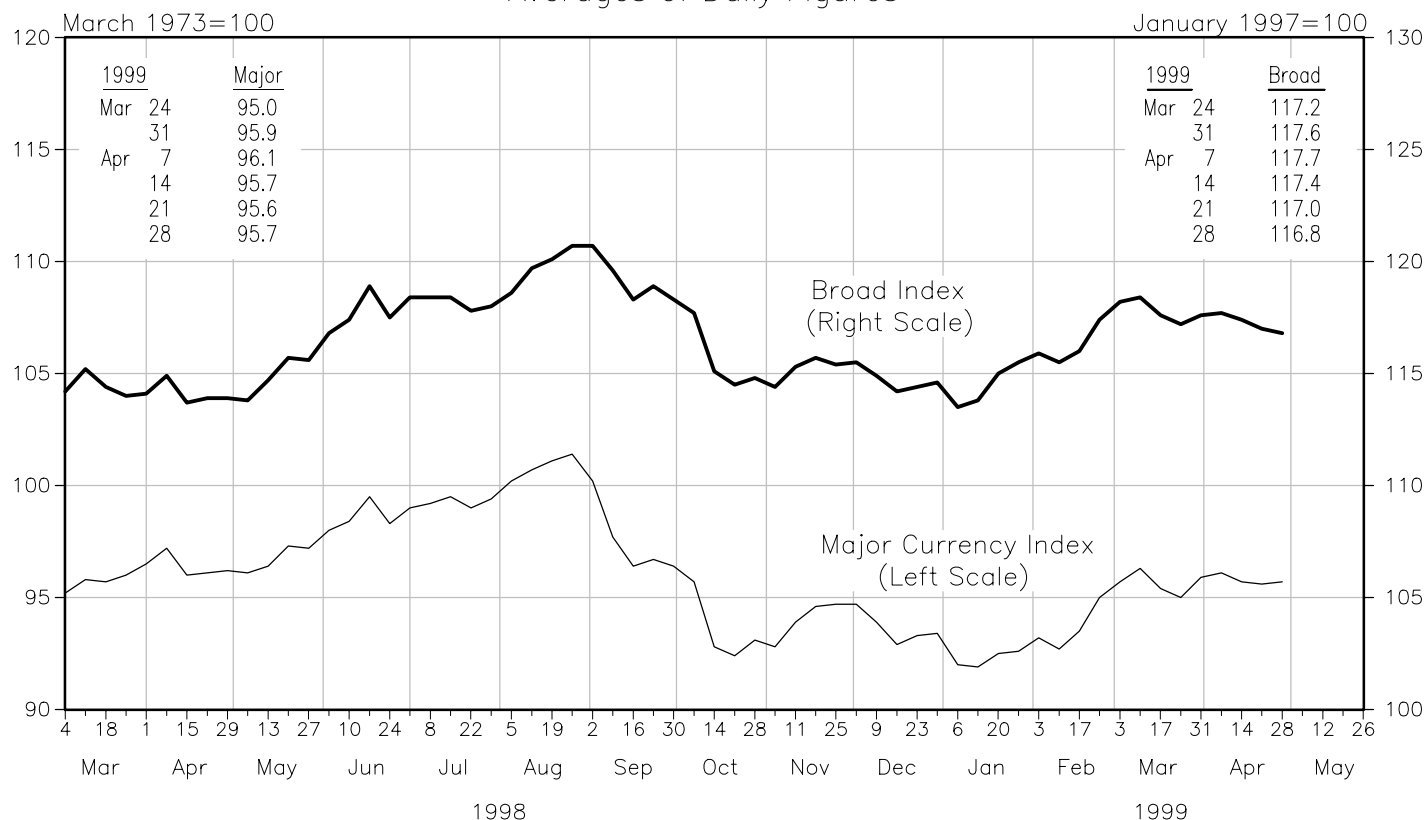
1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

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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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