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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

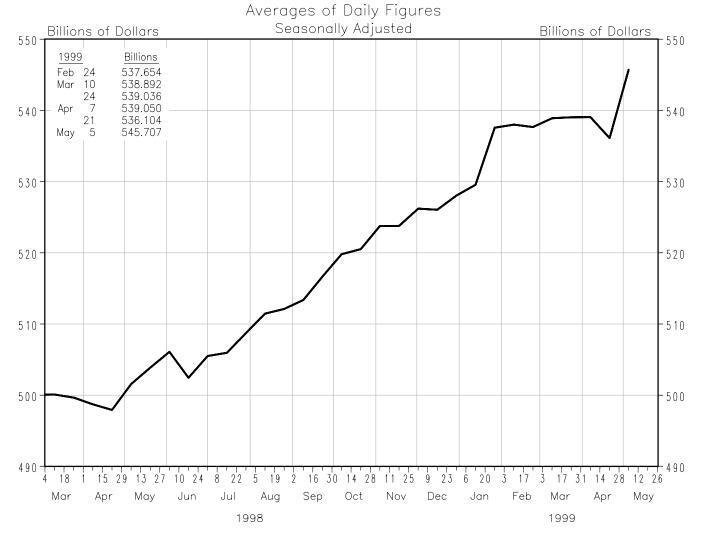
- The producer price index (PPI) for finished goods rose 0.5 percent in April, or at a 5.6 percent annual rate. April's PPI inflation rate was boosted by a 5.1 percent (not annualized) jump in energy prices, the largest one-month rise since October 1990. Excluding energy prices, however, the PPI actually fell at a 2.5 percent rate in April. Measured from a year earlier, the PPI is up 1.1 percent.
- The nominal value of retail sales rose \$0.2 billion in April, or 0.9 percent at an annual rate. Sales in April, which followed an even weaker 0.8 percent gain in March, were boosted by a 2.4 percent (not annualized) increase in sales at gasoline stations. Excluding gasoline sales, retail sales fell at a 0.7 percent rate in April.
- Following a 4.3 percent rise during the fourth quarter of 1998, output per hour (productivity) in the nonfarm business sector grew at a 4 percent annual rate during the first quarter. Unit labor costs, accordingly, which measure compensation costs adjusted for productivity, rose at just a 0.3 percent rate during the first quarter. Nonfarm productivity is up 2.8 percent from four quarters earlier, with unit labor costs up 1.3 percent.
- The index of U.S. import prices rose at a 9.7 percent annual rate in April, the third rise in the past four months and the largest since September 1996. Prices of nonpetroleum imports, however, fell at a 3.8 percent rate in April and are down 2.4 percent from a year earlier.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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Adjusted Monetary Base



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										
T 11	Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:									
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	5/6/98	7/29/98	10/7/98	11/4/98	12/2/98	12/30/98	2/10/99	3/10/99		
10/7/98	9.0									
11/4/98	9.2	11.3								
12/2/98	8.9	10.4	8.8							
12/30/98	8.5	9.4	7.6	6.3						
2/10/99	10.0	11.4	11.3	11.6	13.3					
3/10/99	9.2	10.1	9.4	9.2	9.7	11.6				
4/7/99	8.5	9.2	8.2	7.8	7.9	8.7	1.5			
5/5/99	8.2	8.7	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.8	2.5	3.2		

Money Zero Maturity (MZM)

Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted Billions of Dollars Billions of Dollars 4200 -4200 1999 Billions Mar 29 4070.2 5 4065.2 Apr 4100 12 4068.7 -4100 4110.0 19 26 3 4124.8 May 4094.5 4000-4000 3900-3900 3800 3800 3700-3700 3600-3600 3500+ 3500 6 20 3 17 31 14 28 12 26 9 23 7 21 15 29 12 26 10 24

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.

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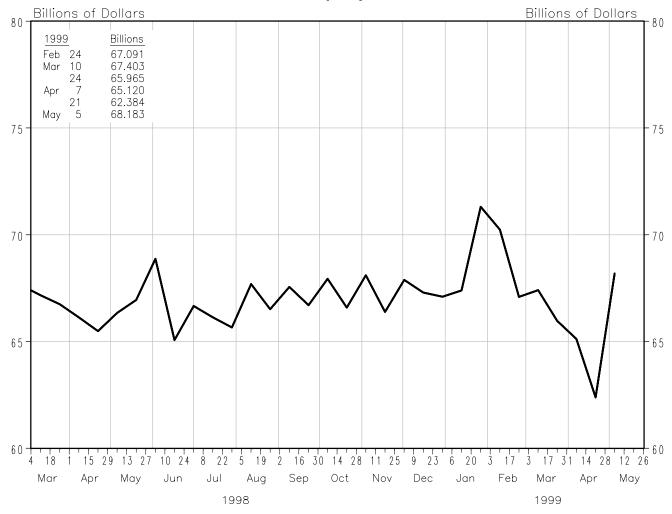
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T	Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:								
To the average of four weeks ending:	5/4/98	8/3/98	10/5/98	11/2/98	11/30/98	1/4/99	2/1/99	3/1/99	
10/5/98	13.4								
11/2/98	14.7	19.0							
11/30/98	15.2	18.9	20.2						
1/4/99	15.6	18.8	19.5	18.4					
2/1/99	14.5	16.5	15.9	14.1	12.2				
3/1/99	14.5	16.3	15.8	14.3	13.1	9.9			
4/5/99	13.5	14.6	13.6	12.1	10.8	8.0	9.4		
5/3/99	13.6	14.7	13.8	12.5	11.5	9.6	11.0	9.2	

Adjusted Reserves

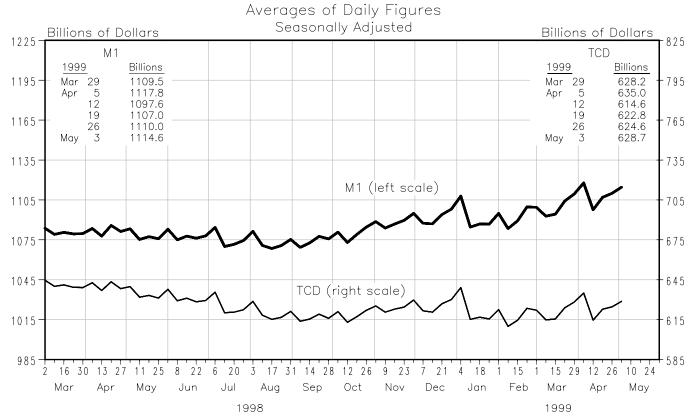
Seasonally Adjusted



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

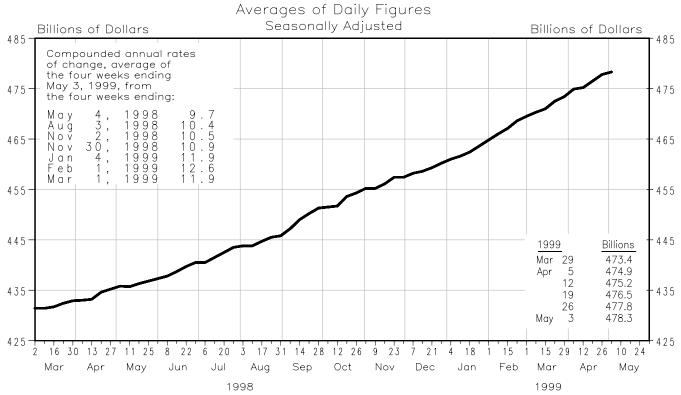
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10/7/98	5.1									
11/4/98	4.4	8.4								
12/2/98	3.2	5.5	-1.8							
12/30/98	3.0	4.7	-0.8	-1.4						
2/10/99	9.7	14.2	15.6	20.2	31.6					
3/10/99	2.4	3.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.4				
4/7/99	-0.6	-0.8	-5.2	-6.2	-6.7	-8.8	-39.3			
5/5/99	-1.0	-1.2	-5.2	-6.0	-6.4	-8.0	-29.5	-17.5		

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits



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

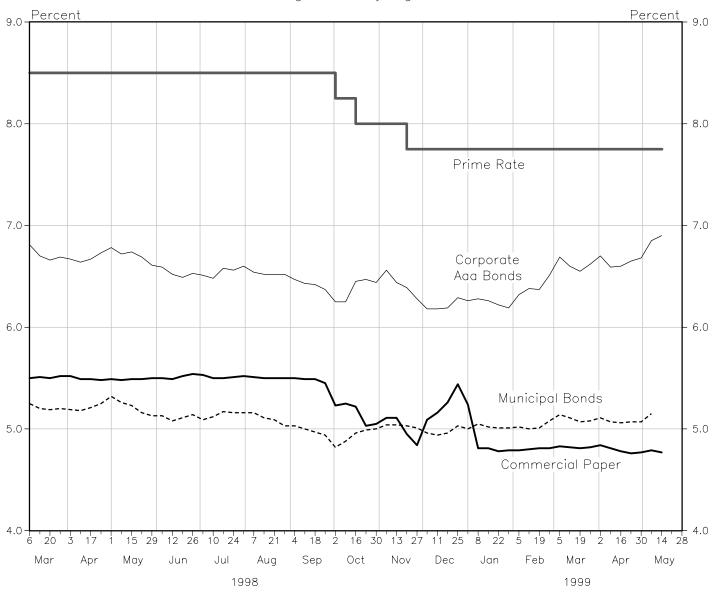


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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



199	99	30—Day Commercial Paper	90—Day CDs	90—Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb	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	4.77	4.87	4.80	6.68	7.50	5.07
May	7	4.79	4.88	4.82	6.85	7.64	5.15
	14	4.77	4.88	4.84	6.90	7.69	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 May 14, 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

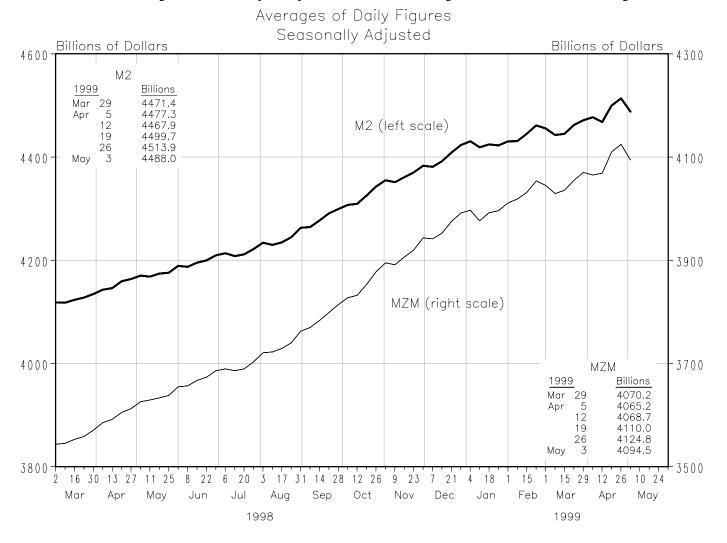


199	99	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5—Year Treasury Securities	10—Year Treasury Securities	30—Year Treasury Securities
Feb	19	4.75	4.42	4.49	4.96	5.03	5.36
	26	4.75	4.53	4.58	5.11	5.18	5.49
Mar	5	4.85	4.52	4.63	5.29	5.38	5.65
	12	4.80	4.48	4.53	5.13	5.21	5.56
	19	4.79	4.42	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	4.39	4.49	5.15	5.26	5.58
May	7	4.90	4.49	4.54	5.32	5.45	5.74
	14 *	4.70	4.48	4.54	5.39	5.55	5.82

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^{**} Seven—day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

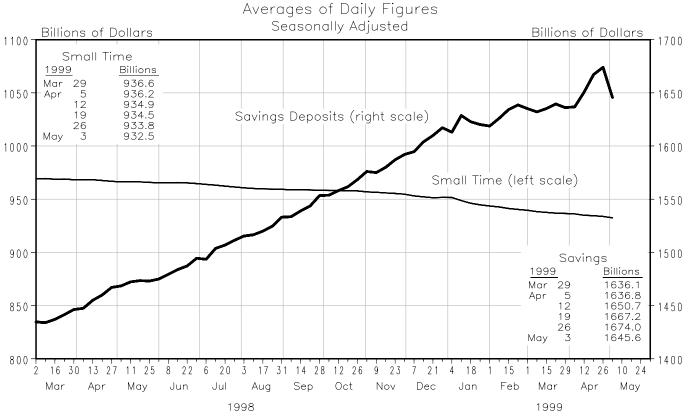
Money Stock(M2) and Money Zero Maturity



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.

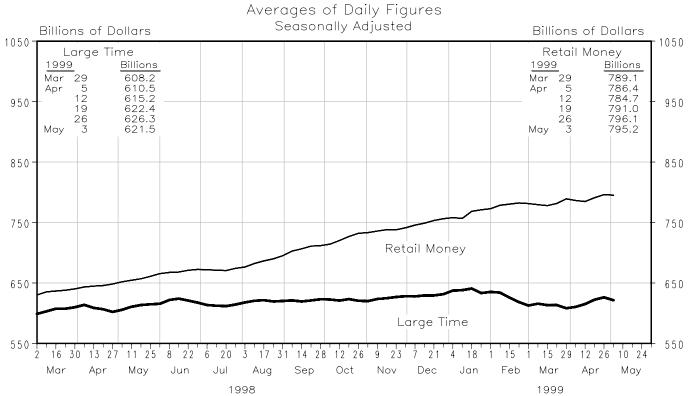
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Savings and Small Time Deposits



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

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

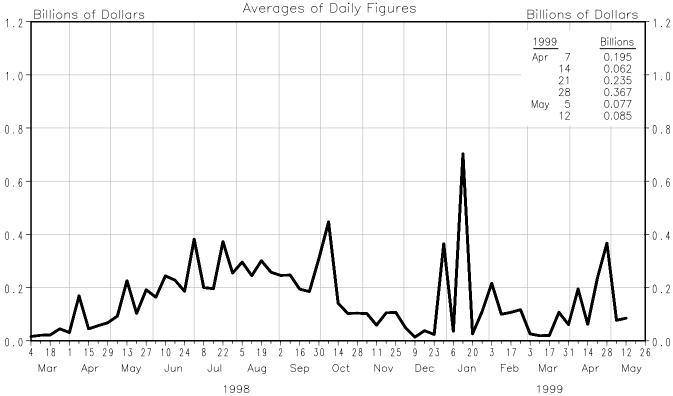


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Total Borrowings

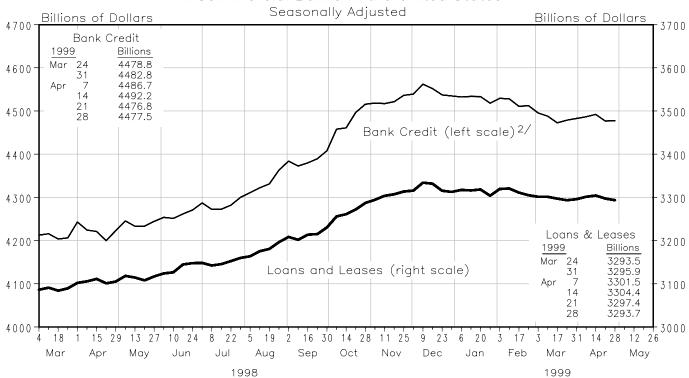
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Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States 1/

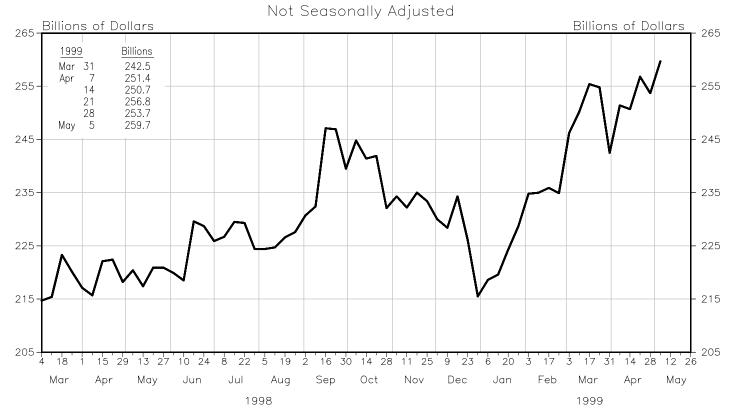


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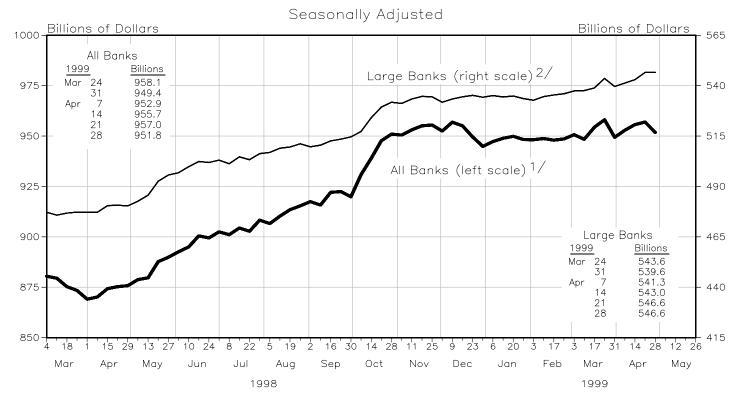
2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies



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

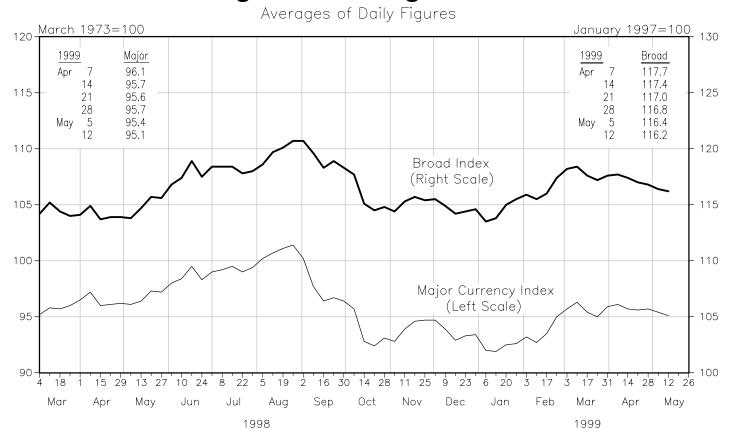


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^{2/} Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

Trade – Weighted Exchange Rate Indexes



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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