

US Financial Data

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *The U.S. goods and services trade deficit measured \$29.2 billion in February, an increase (in absolute-value terms) of \$1.8 billion from January's level. Exports of goods and services, after falling 1.4 percent in January, fell 0.2 percent, or \$0.2 billion, in February. Imports of goods and services, by contrast, rose 1.5 percent, or \$1.6 billion, in February. Excluding imports of petroleum products, however, the value of February imports was unchanged from its January level.*
- *Housing starts totaled 1.604 million units (annualized) in March, down 11.2 percent from February's rate, and the largest decline since January 1994. Starts of multi-family units, which fell 41 percent in March, accounted for all of this decline. Total housing starts averaged 1.718 million units during the first quarter, up 1.7 percent from the prior quarter.*
- *Initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits totaled 257,000 for the week ending April 15. Measured on a four-week moving average basis, initial claims totaled 262,500, the lowest average since the four weeks ending December 15, 1973.*
- *The consumer price index (CPI) surged 0.7 percent, or 8.8 percent at an annual rate, in March, the biggest increase since August 1990. Excluding food and energy prices, the CPI rose at a 5.5-percent rate, its largest increase since October 1992. Measured from a year earlier, the total CPI is up 3.7 percent, while the CPI ex food and energy is up 2.4 percent.*

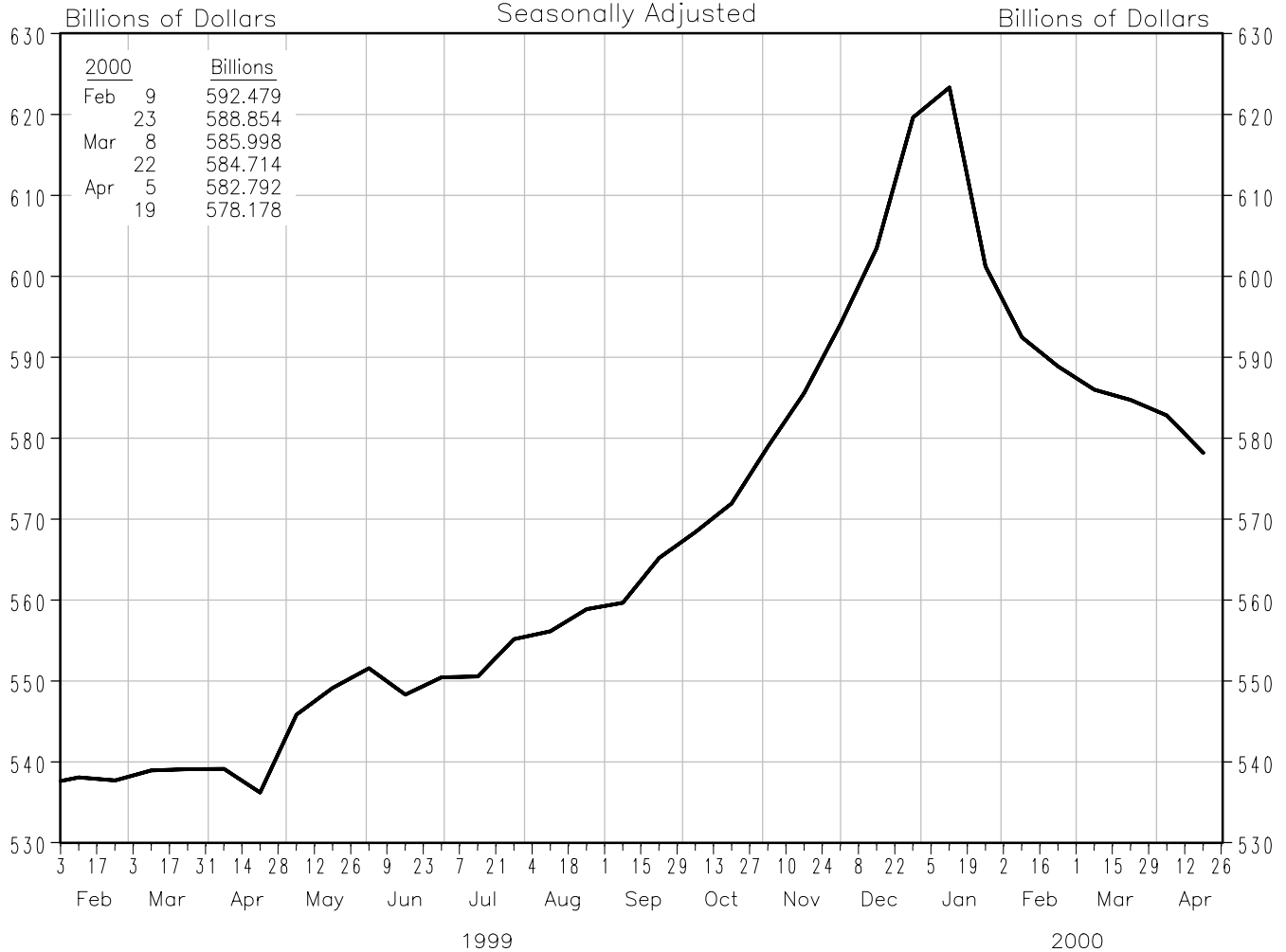
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Adjusted Monetary Base

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

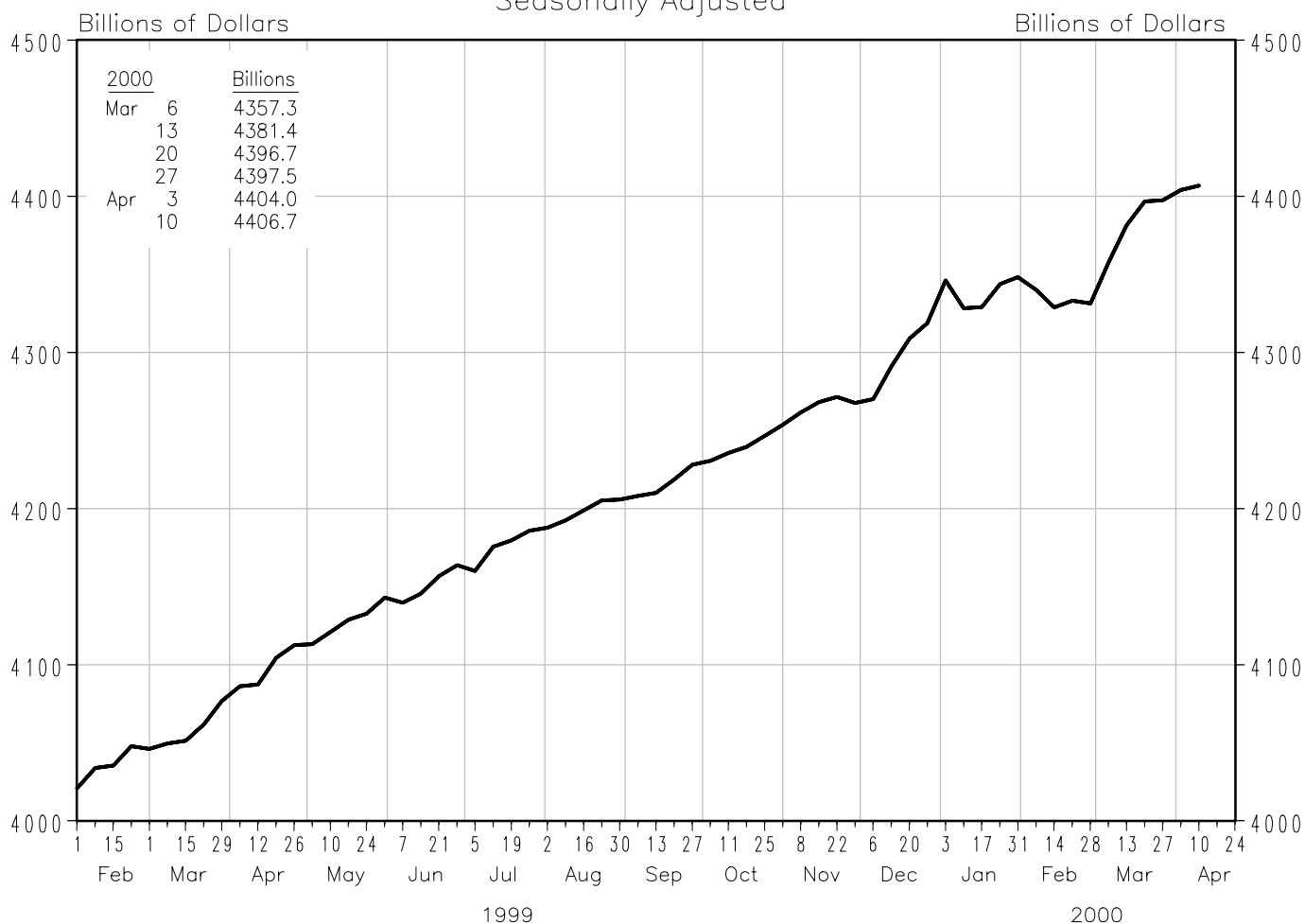
To the average of
two maintenance
periods ending:

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

	4/21/99	7/14/99	9/22/99	10/20/99	11/17/99	12/15/99	1/12/00	2/23/00
9/22/99	11.2							
10/20/99	12.5	13.9						
11/17/99	14.8	17.6	25.3					
12/15/99	17.9	22.0	31.2	37.5				
1/12/00	21.9	27.4	38.3	45.3	52.7			
2/23/00	11.8	12.1	12.3	10.8	5.5	-6.9		
3/22/00	9.6	9.3	8.3	6.4	1.5	-8.1	-26.7	
4/19/00	8.0	7.1	5.6	3.7	-0.7	-8.6	-22.4	-10.7

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)

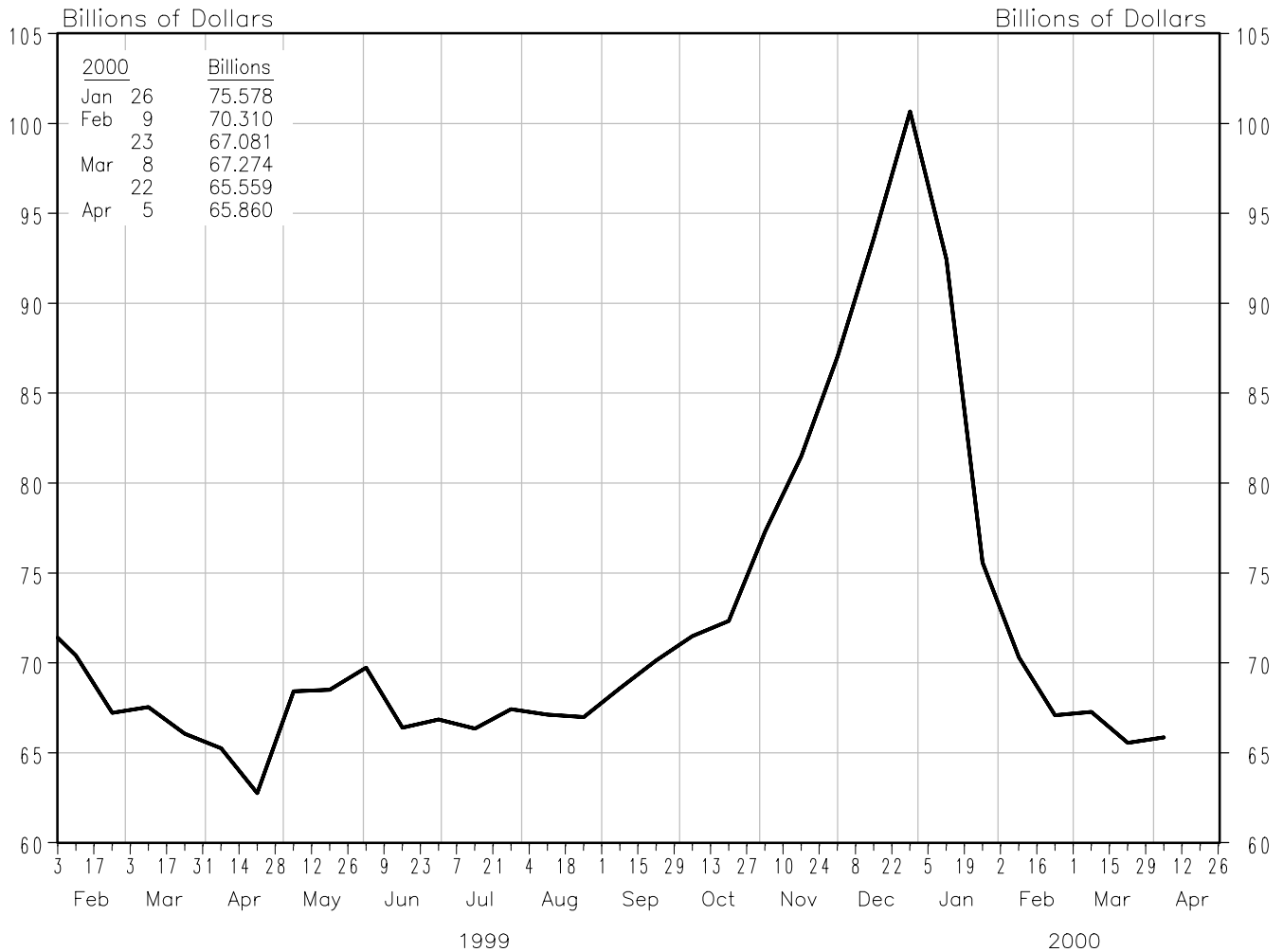
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:

To the average
of four weeks
ending:

	4/12/99	7/12/99	9/13/99	10/11/99	11/8/99	12/13/99	1/10/00	2/7/00
9/13/99	7.7							
10/11/99	7.5	6.3						
11/8/99	7.4	6.5	6.8					
12/13/99	7.3	6.4	6.6	6.6				
1/10/00	8.2	7.9	8.8	9.5	10.7			
2/7/00	7.8	7.5	8.0	8.3	8.7	10.3		
3/13/00	7.3	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.3	3.4	
4/10/00	7.9	7.7	8.1	8.4	8.6	9.3	7.2	8.4

Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



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

Adjusted Reserves

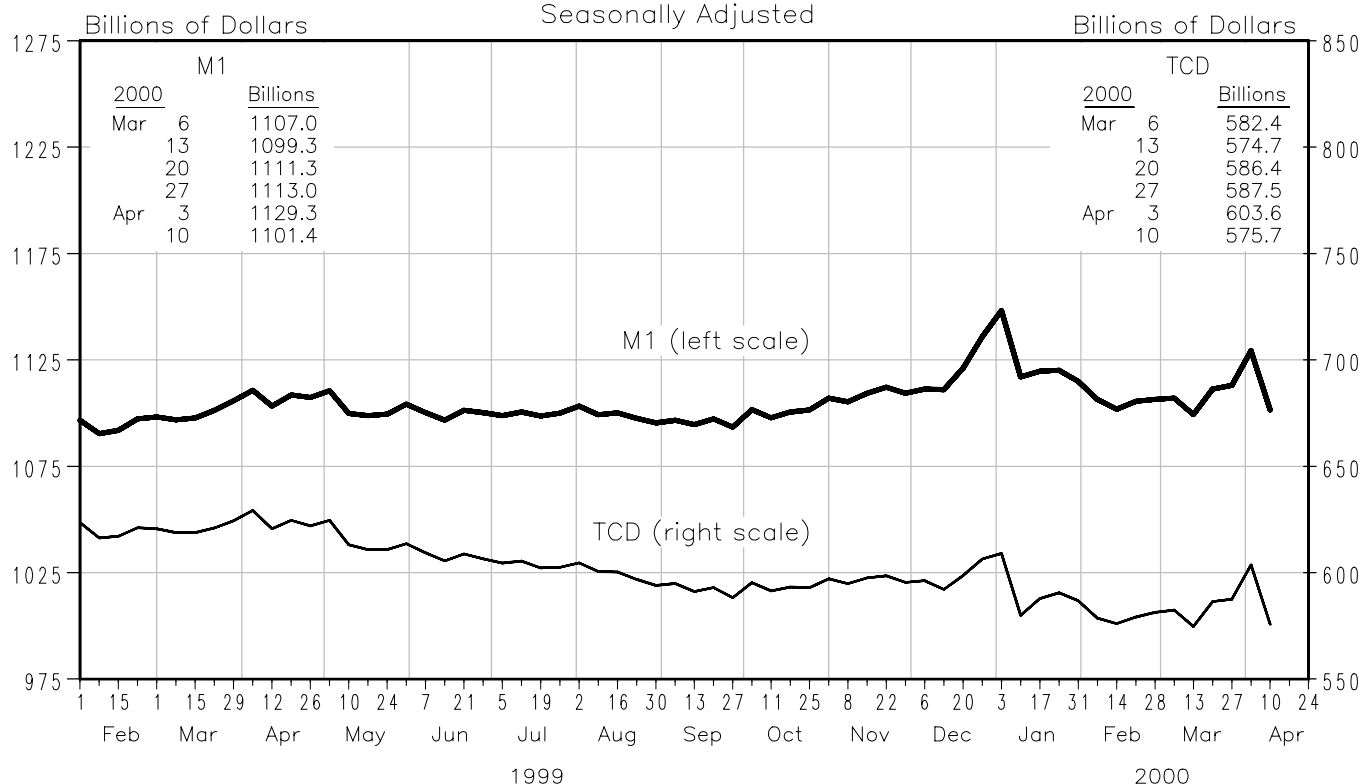
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Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

	4/7/99	6/30/99	9/8/99	10/6/99	11/3/99	12/1/99	12/29/99	2/9/00
9/8/99	7.8							
10/6/99	16.3	25.4						
11/3/99	25.4	39.8	89.9					
12/1/99	46.5	74.2	156.7	209.6				
12/29/99	70.9	112.5	221.8	293.2	445.4			
2/9/00	13.2	15.9	18.9	8.9	-9.0	-52.8		
3/8/00	2.5	1.2	-1.8	-11.7	-26.7	-56.9	-85.3	
4/5/00	0.1	-1.8	-5.3	-13.9	-26.4	-51.3	-76.6	-49.3

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

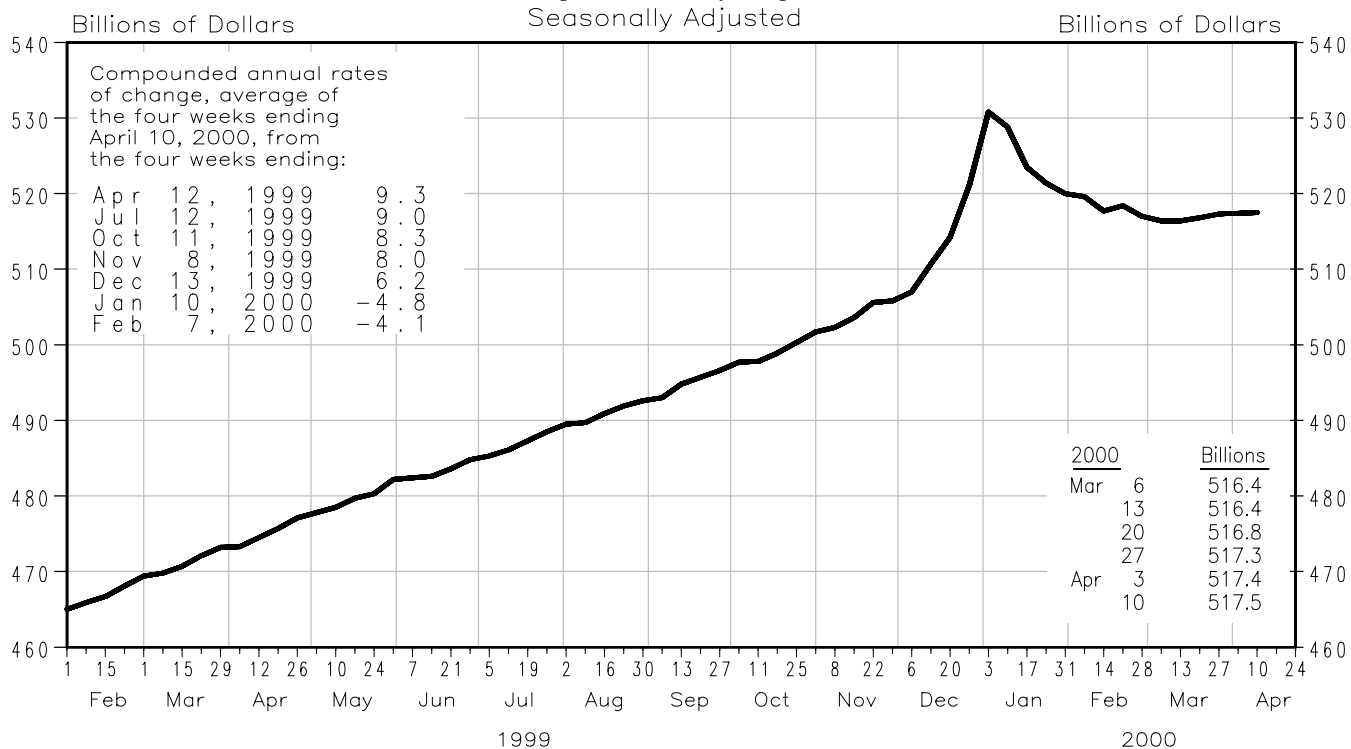


M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, total checkable deposits and travelers checks.

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

Currency Component of M1

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted

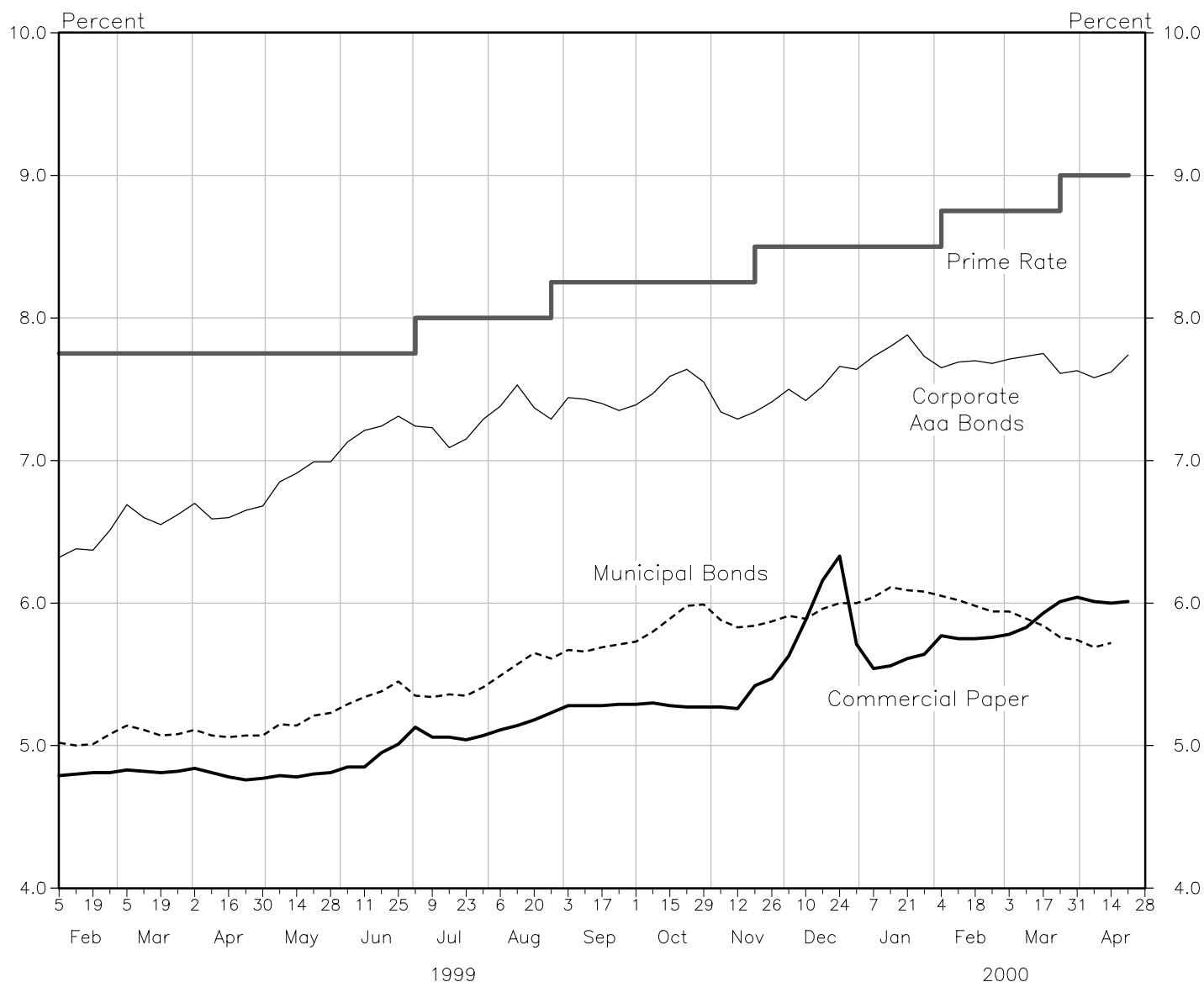


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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



2000	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Jan 28	5.64	5.94	5.87	7.73	8.29	6.08
Feb 4	5.77	6.01	5.94	7.65	8.22	6.05
11	5.75	6.01	5.93	7.69	8.30	6.02
18	5.75	6.00	5.94	7.70	8.32	5.98
25	5.76	6.02	5.96	7.68	8.29	5.94
Mar 3	5.78	6.04	5.97	7.71	8.35	5.94
10	5.83	6.07	5.99	7.73	8.38	5.89
17	5.93	6.13	6.06	7.75	8.45	5.84
24	6.01	6.19	6.10	7.61	8.31	5.76
31	6.04	6.24	6.14	7.63	8.34	5.74
Apr 7	6.01	6.23	6.16	7.58	8.30	5.69
14	6.00	6.24	6.18	7.62	8.35	5.72
21	6.01	6.26	6.18	7.74	8.50	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 21, 2000. 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



2000	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	1-Year Treasury Bill	5-Year Treasury Securities	10-Year Treasury Securities	30-Year Treasury Securities
Jan 28	5.43	5.41	5.78	6.63	6.68	6.57
Feb 4	5.66	5.50	5.86	6.66	6.58	6.33
11	5.71	5.49	5.83	6.76	6.62	6.30
18	5.75	5.55	5.85	6.74	6.55	6.23
25	5.72	5.62	5.84	6.59	6.38	6.13
Mar 3	5.77	5.62	5.83	6.58	6.39	6.15
10	5.73	5.67	5.83	6.60	6.39	6.17
17	5.79	5.71	5.84	6.50	6.28	6.08
24	5.81	5.74	5.88	6.44	6.14	5.97
31	6.01	5.71	5.93	6.42	6.13	5.94
Apr 7	6.12	5.70	5.83	6.20	5.92	5.79
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21 *	5.99	5.65	5.74	6.24	6.02	5.90

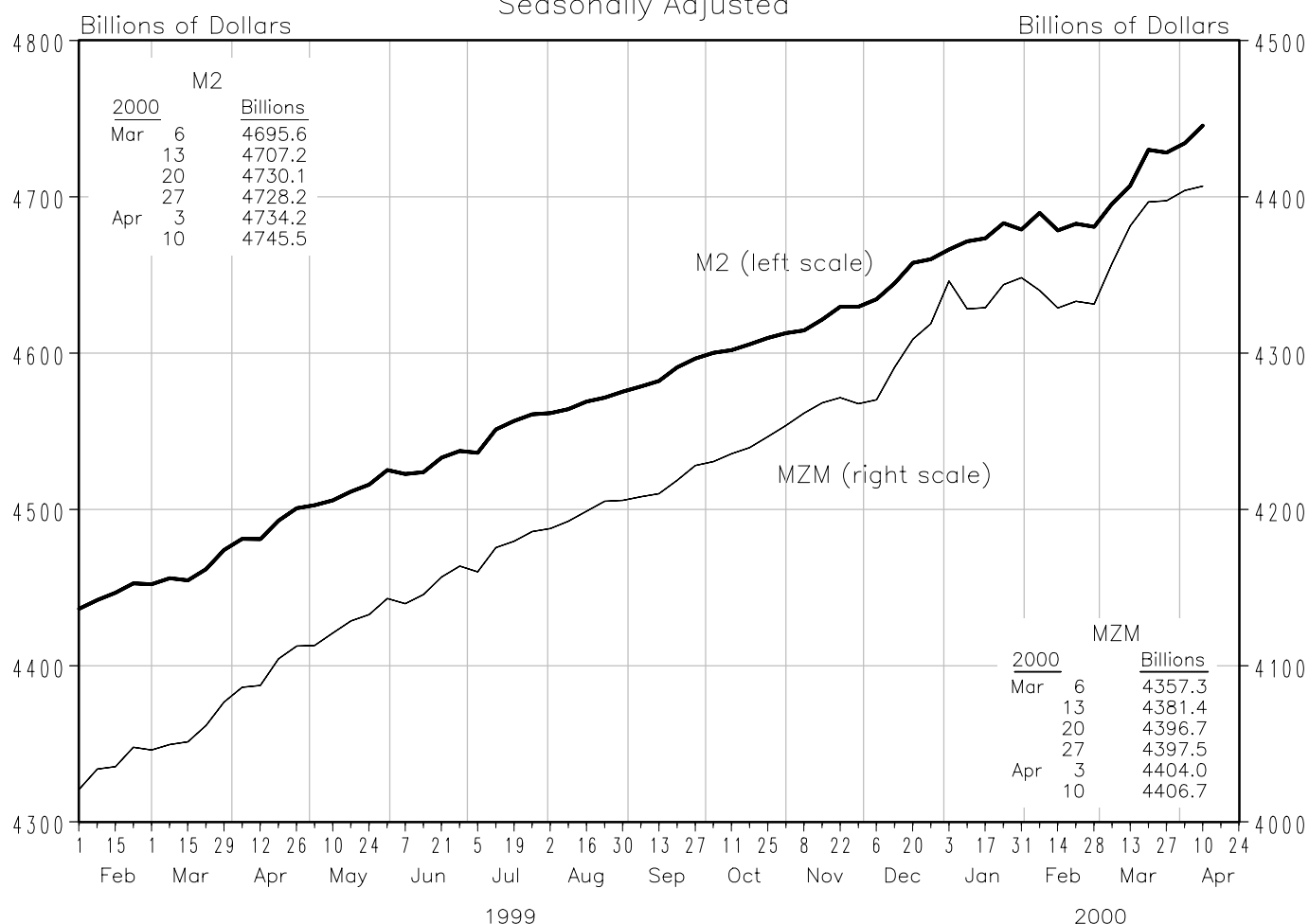
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* Averages of rates available

** 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)

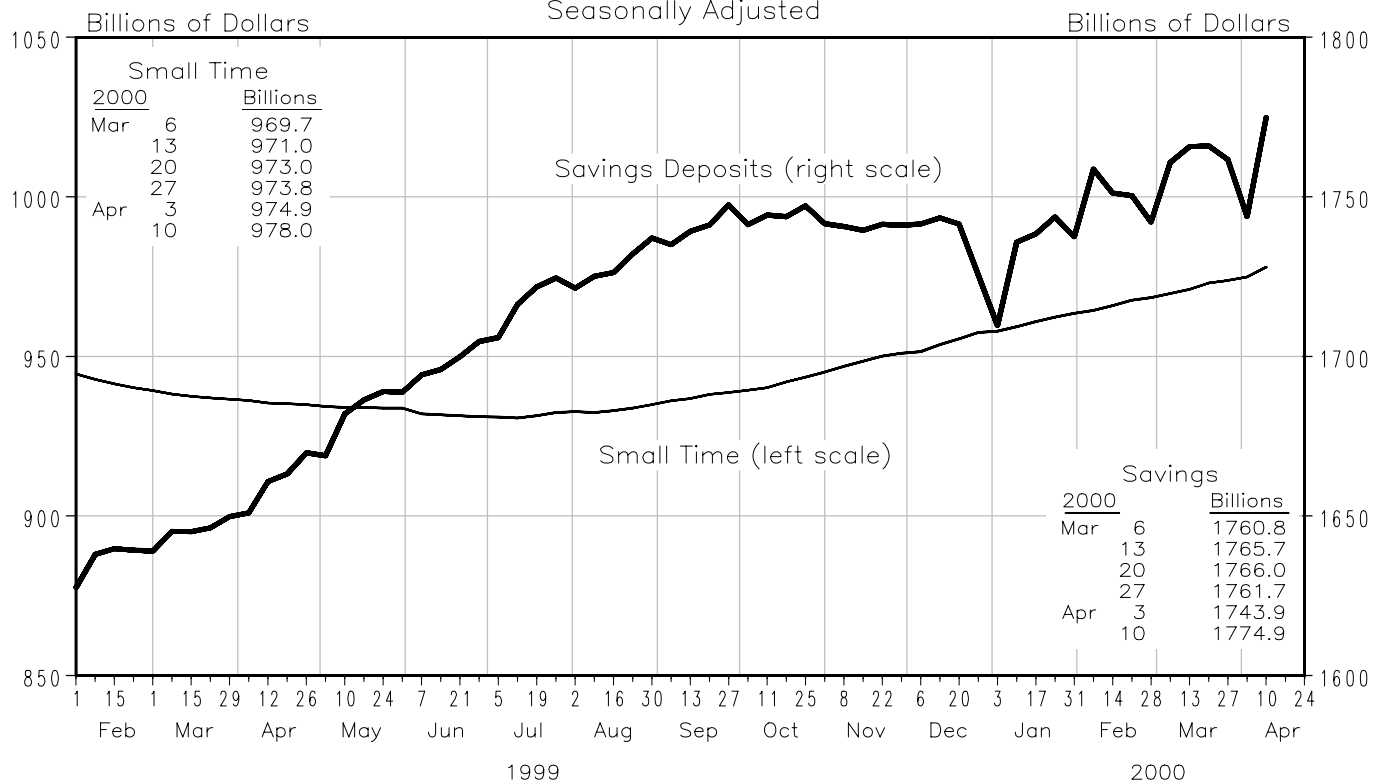
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

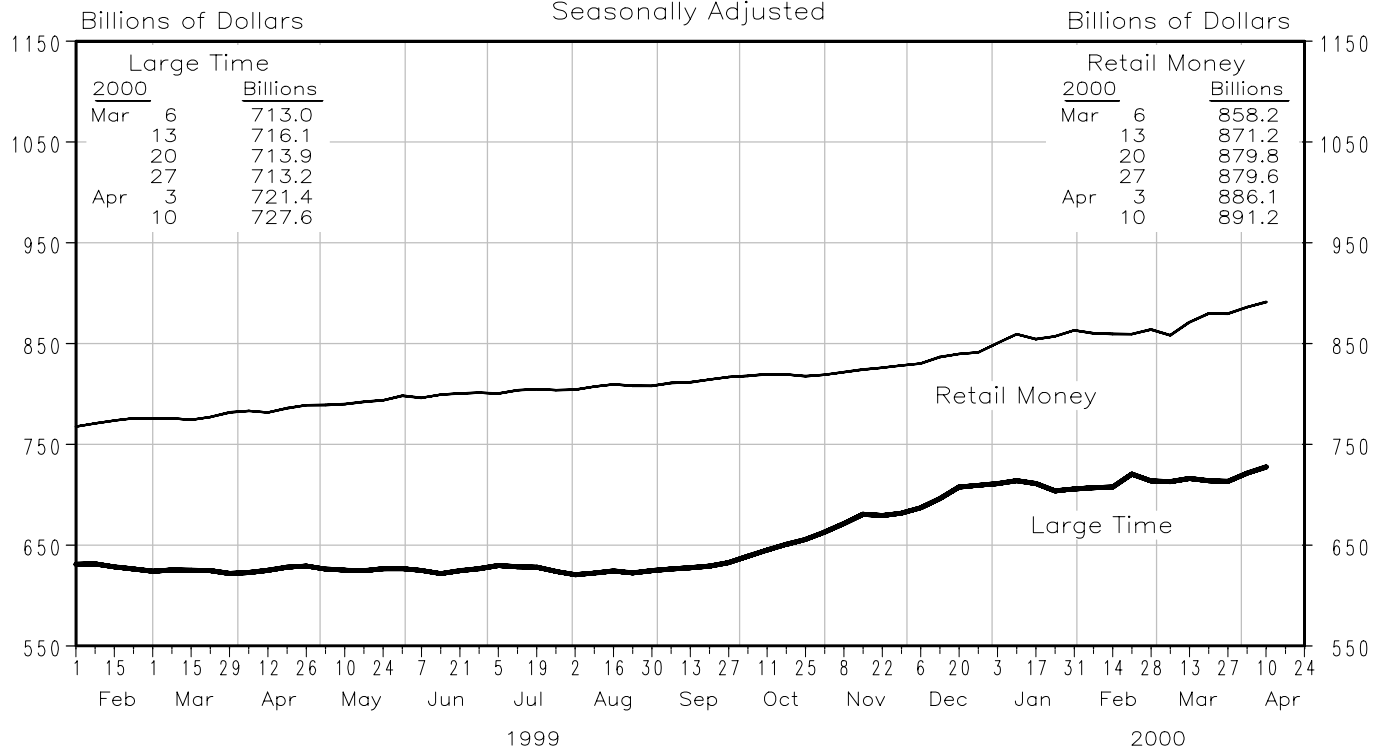
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Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

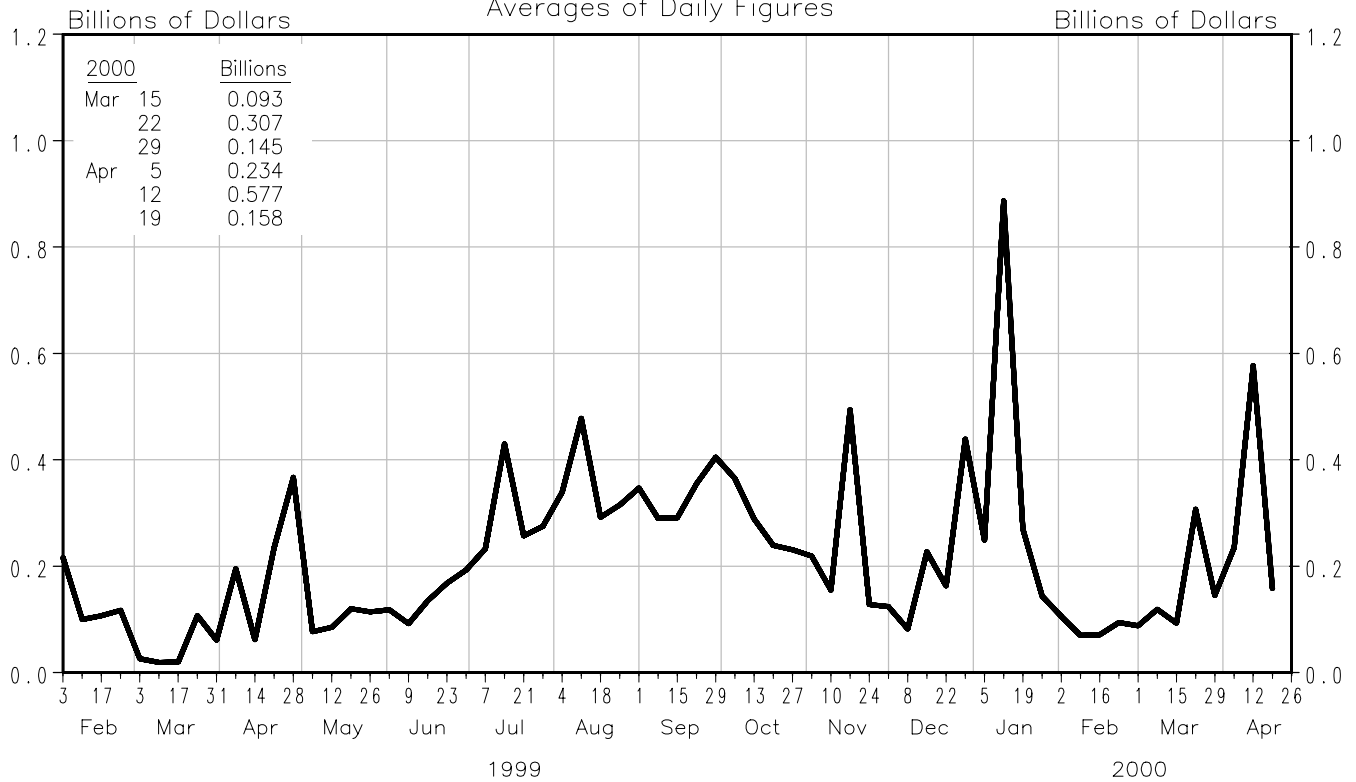
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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

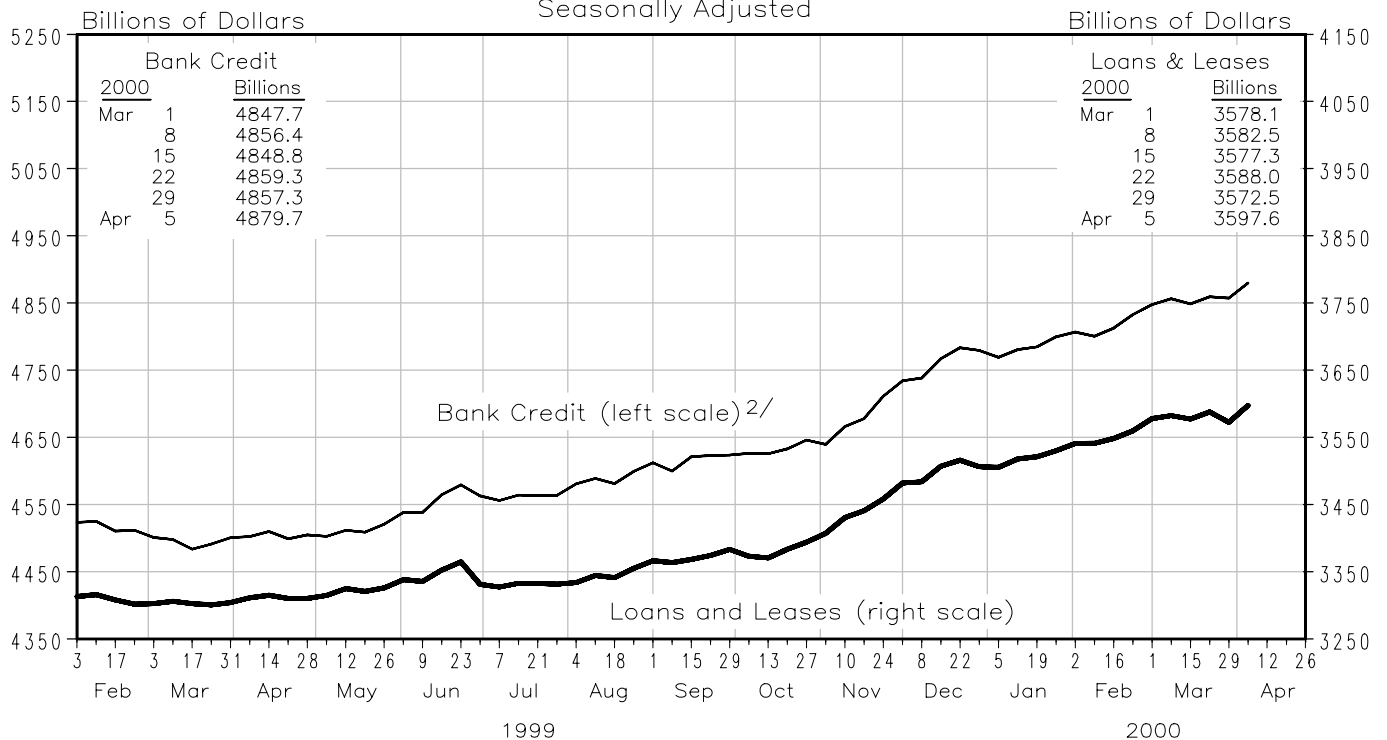
From Federal Reserve Banks
Averages of Daily Figures



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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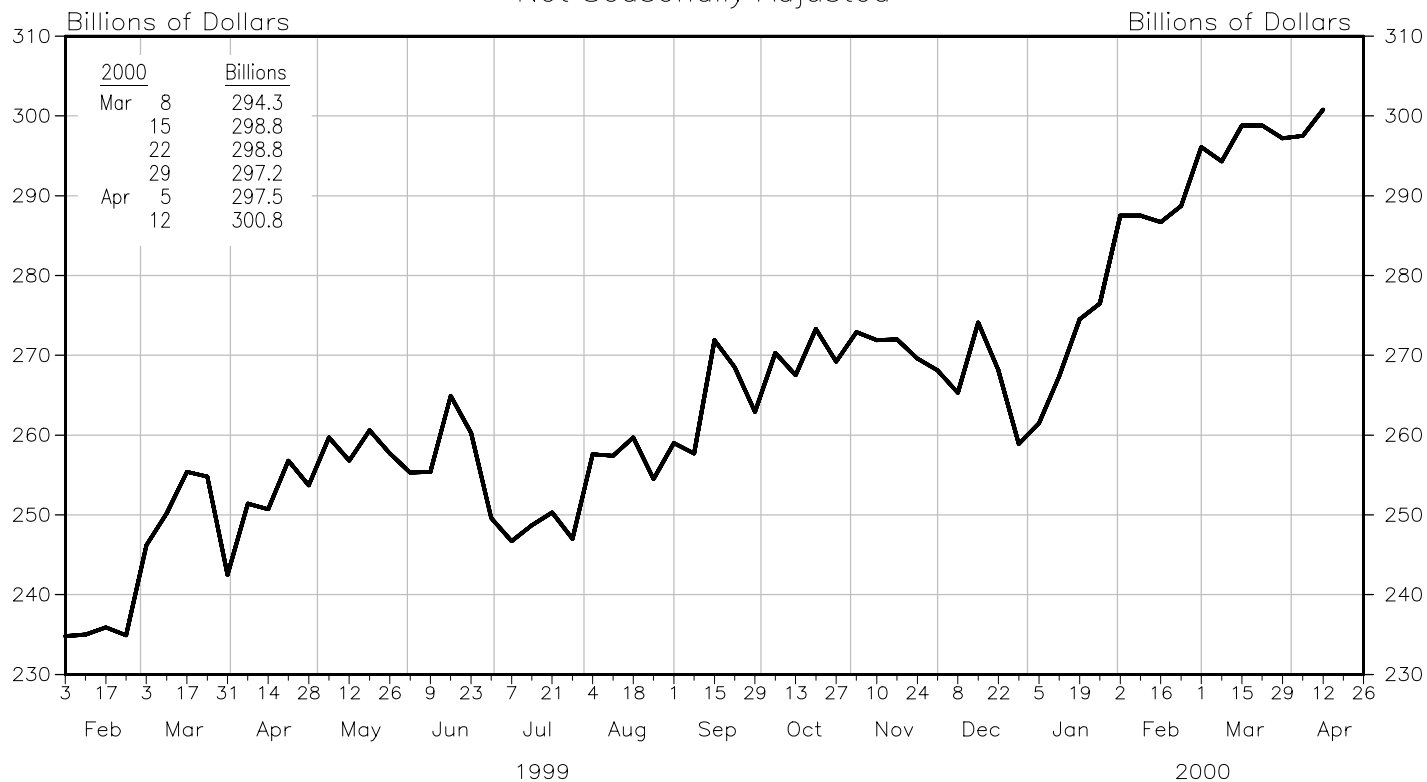
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^{2/} Includes loans and leases and securities

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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

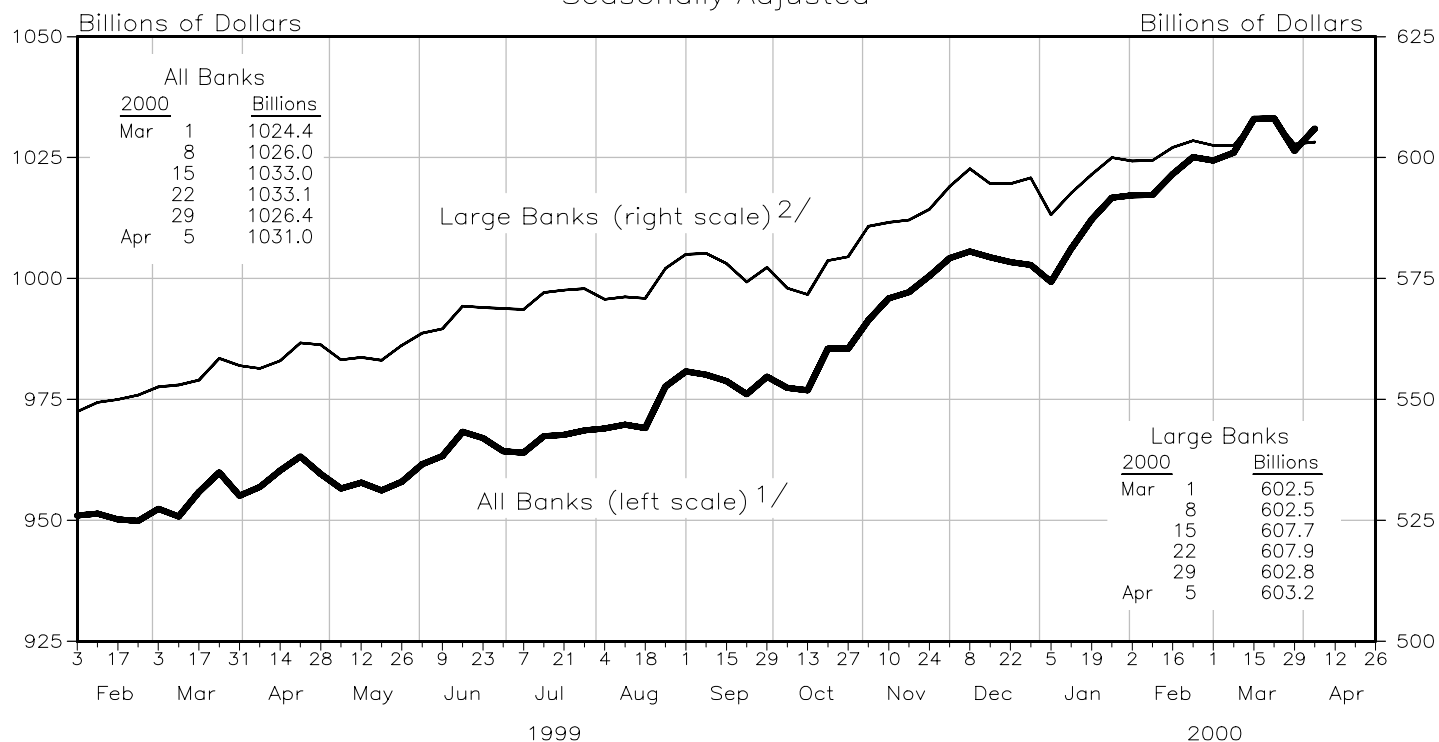
Not Seasonally Adjusted



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Commercial and Industrial Loans

Seasonally Adjusted



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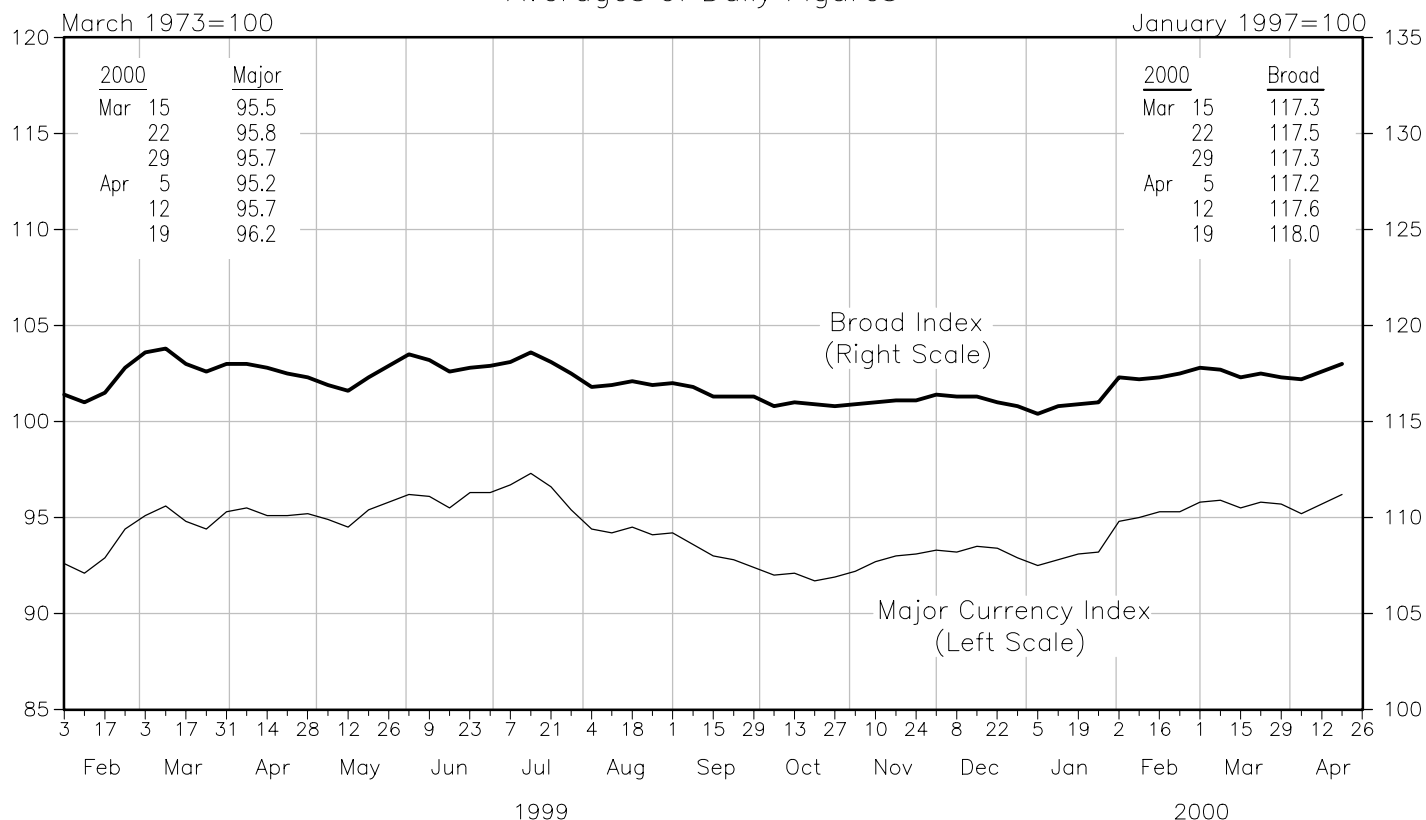
1/ Includes foreign-related institutions

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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