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#### THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

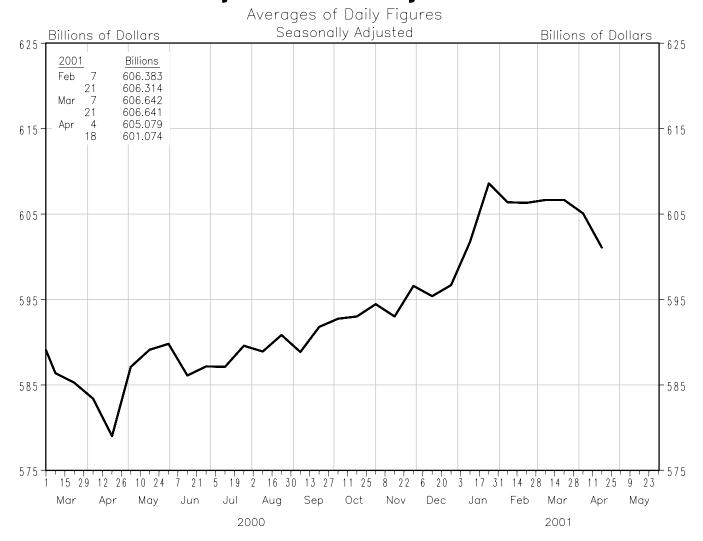
- Following gains of 0.9 percent during the third and fourth quarters of 2000, the employment cost index (ECI) measuring changes in private-industry compensation rose 1.1 percent during the first quarter of 2001. Private-industry wages and salaries increased 1.1 percent during the first quarter, while benefit costs rose 1.4 percent. Measured from four quarters earlier, the ECI has increased 4.2 percent, with wages and salaries up 3.8 percent and benefit costs up 5 percent.
- In March, the value of new orders for manufactured durable goods increased 3 percent, as orders for transportation equipment surged 21.4 percent. Excluding the transportation sector, new orders fell 1.8 percent, the fifth decline in the last six months. New orders for electronic and electrical equipment fell 5.3 percent in March and, moreover, are down 16.3 percent from a year earlier.
- New single-family homes sold at an annual rate of 1,021,000 units in March, the highest sales rate on record and 7.8 percent more than a year earlier. Similarly, sales of previously sold (existing) homes were at an annual rate of 5.44 million units in March, nearly matching the all-time high of 5.45 million units sold in June 1999.
- The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence fell 7.7 percentage points in April to 109.2 percent (1985=100). Measured from a year earlier, the index has declined 28.5 percentage points.

All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated.

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## **Adjusted Monetary Base**

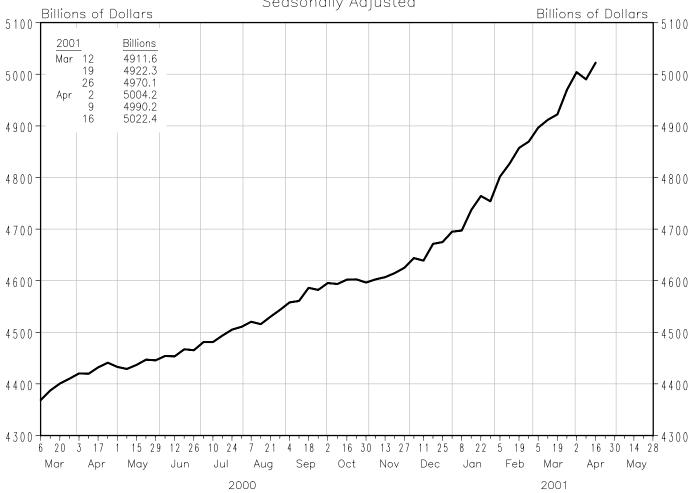


The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series includes Federal Reserve deposits used to satisfy 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										
Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods e										
To the average of two maintenance periods ending:	4/19/00	7/12/00	9/20/00	10/18/00	11/15/00	12/13/00	1/24/01	2/21/01		
9/20/00	3.8									
10/18/00	4.1	3.7								
11/15/00	3.8	3.3	3.8							
12/13/00	3.9	3.6	4.2	3.5						
1/24/01	5.4	5.8	7.4	7.9	10.4					
2/21/01	5.1	5.4	6.5	6.7	8.1	9.4				
3/21/01	4.8	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.4	6.8	1.6			
4/18/01	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.5	-1.5	-3.5		

## Money Zero Maturity (MZM)

Averages of Daily Figures Seasonally Adjusted

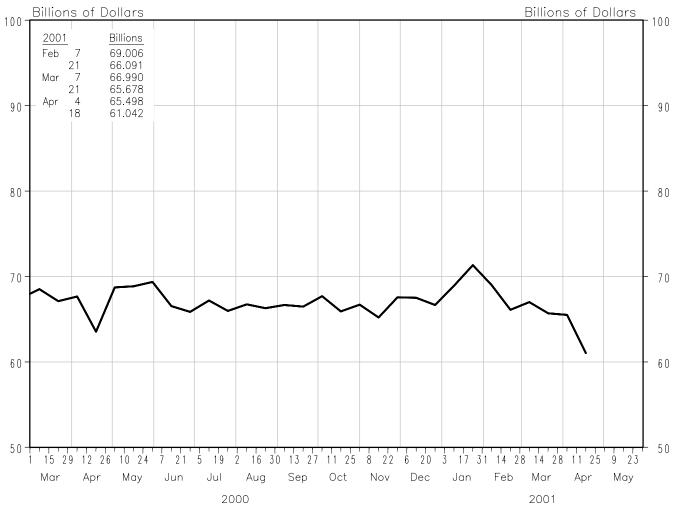


MZM is M2 (seasonally adjusted) minus total small denomination time deposits (seasonally adjusted), plus institutional money funds (seasonally adjusted), which are included in the non-M2 component of M3.

Money Zero Maturity (MZM)										
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:										
To the average of four weeks ending:	4/17/00	7/17/00	9/18/00	10/16/00	11/13/00	12/18/00	1/15/01	2/19/01		
9/18/00	7.7									
10/16/00	8.0	10.5								
11/13/00	7.2	8.5	5.8							
12/18/00	7.6	8.9	7.5	6.7						
1/15/01	8.6	10.1	9.6	9.7	13.1					
2/19/01	10.5	12.6	13.3	14.3	17.8	22.4				
3/19/01	11.8	14.2	15.4	16.5	19.9	23.9	27.1			
4/16/01	13.0	15.7	17.1	18.3	21.5	25.0	27.6	28.1		

# **Adjusted Reserves**

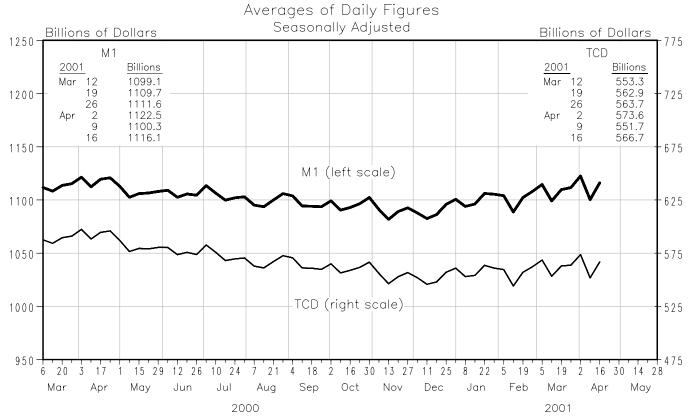
Seasonally Adjusted



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

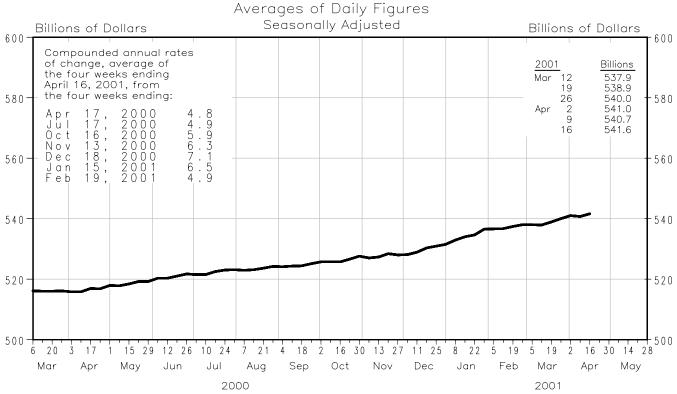
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9/20/00	3.6									
10/18/00	3.7	1.6								
11/15/00	1.0	-2.5	-5.9							
12/13/00	4.6	3.6	6.4	7.3						
1/24/01	9.1	10.3	16.2	19.8	37.6					
2/21/01	3.5	2.5	3.5	3.3	9.3	0.2				
3/21/01	1.2	-0.4	-0.7	-1.6	1.7	-6.4	-30.3			
4/18/01	-3.5	-6.3	-8.4	-10.3	-9.3	-17.1	-36.0	-34.6		

## 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. institutions. Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H.6 release.

#### **Currency Component of M1**

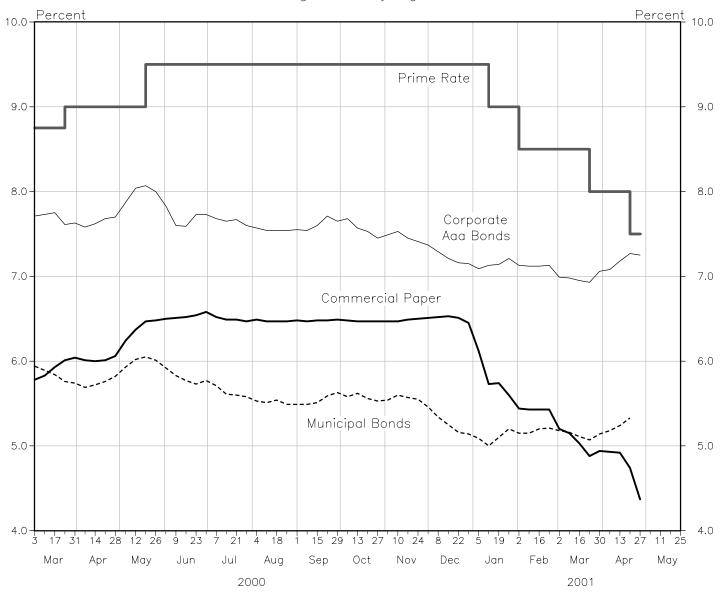


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## **Yields on Selected Securities**

Averages of Daily Figures

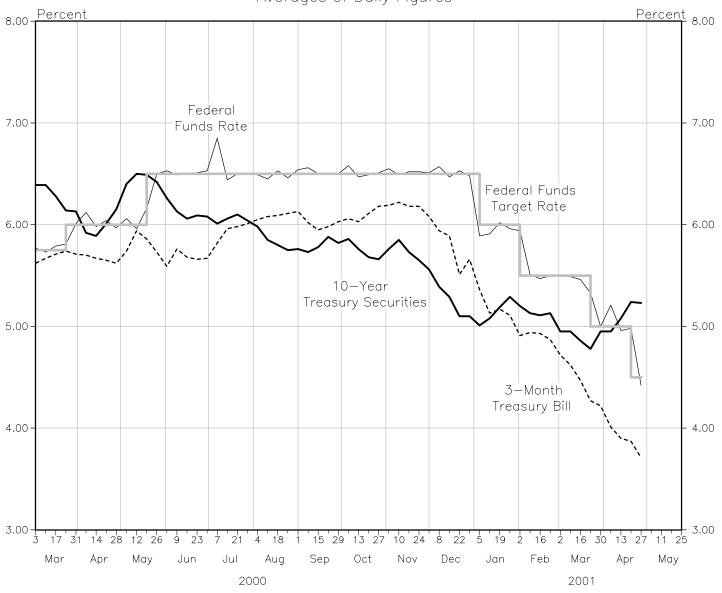


2001	30—Day Commercial Paper	90—Day CDs	90—Day Euro Dollars	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb 2	5.44	5.38	5.37	7.13	7.84	5.15
9	5.43	5.33	5.33	7.12	7.83	5.15
16	5.43	5.32	5.32	7.12	7.91	5.20
23	5.43	5.27	5.25	7.13	7.96	5.21
Mar 2	5.20	5.04	5.03	6.99	7.83	5.18
9	5.15	5.02	5.01	6.98	7.79	5.16
16	5.03	4.92	4.91	6.95	7.81	5.11
23	4.88	4.78	4.77	6.93	7.83	5.07
30	4.94	4.80	4.80	7.06	7.97	5.14
Apr 6	4.93	4.74	4.73	7.08	7.98	5.18
13	4.92	4.69	4.69	7.18	8.06	5.24
20	4.74	4.50	4.56	7.27	8.15	5.33
27	4.37	4.27	4.26	7.25	8.09	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 27, 2001. Beginning September 2, 1997, the commercial paper rate reflects new source data. \*\* Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data

## **Selected Interest Rates**

Averages of Daily Figures



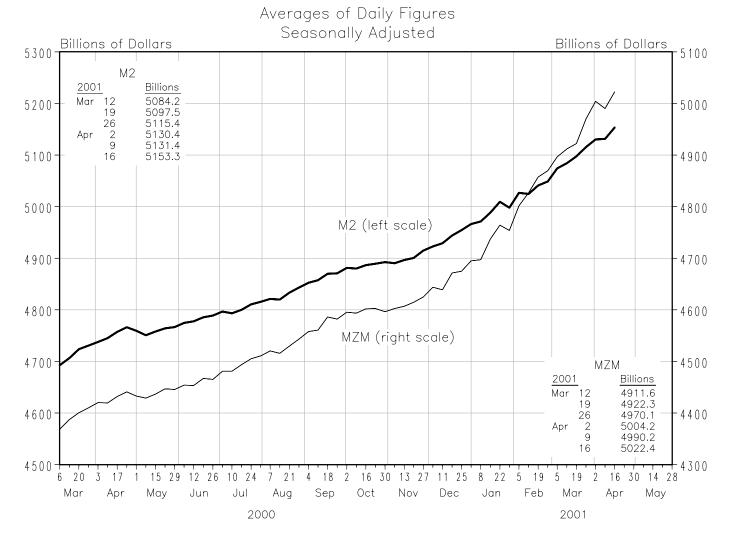
20	01	Federal Funds **	3-Month Treasury Bill	2—Year Treasury Securities	5—Year Treasury Securities	10—Year Treasury Securities	30—Year Treasury Securities
Feb	2	5.94	4.91	4.66	4.87	5.20	5.56
	9	5.51	4.94	4.70	4.90	5.13	5.47
	16	5.47	4.93	4.78	4.95	5.11	5.45
	23	5.50	4.87	4.64	4.93	5.13	5.49
Mar	2	5.50	4.72	4.44	4.74	4.95	5.36
	9	5.49	4.62	4.46	4.75	4.95	5.34
	16	5.46	4.47	4.34	4.64	4.86	5.30
	23	5.33	4.27	4.24	4.51	4.78	5.28
	30	5.00	4.22	4.29	4.65	4.95	5.44
Apr	6	5.21	4.01	4.15	4.60	4.95	5.49
'	13	4.96	3.90	4.25	4.71	5.08	5.59
	20	4.98	3.87	4.34	4.86	5.24	5.71
	27 *	4.42	3.71	4.17	4.81	5.23	5.75

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

<sup>\*</sup> Averages of rates available

 $<sup>**\</sup> Seven-day$  averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown

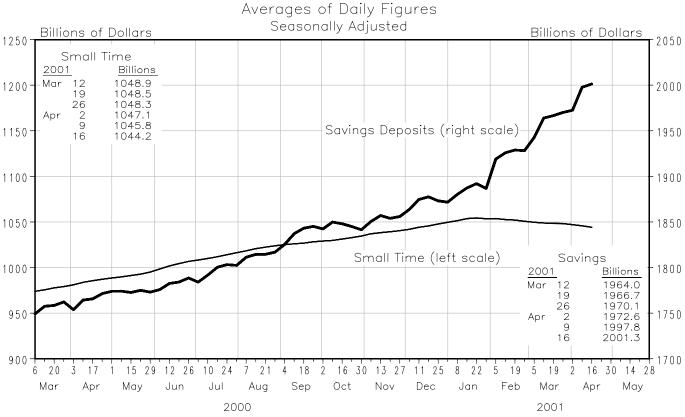
# Money Stock(M2) and Money Zero Maturity



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.

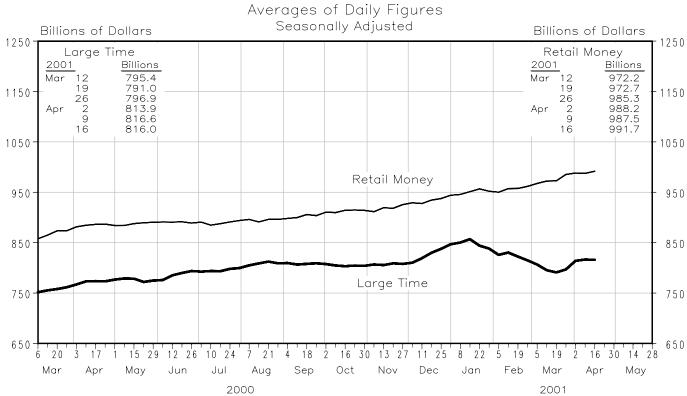
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#### **Savings and Small Time Deposits**



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## Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

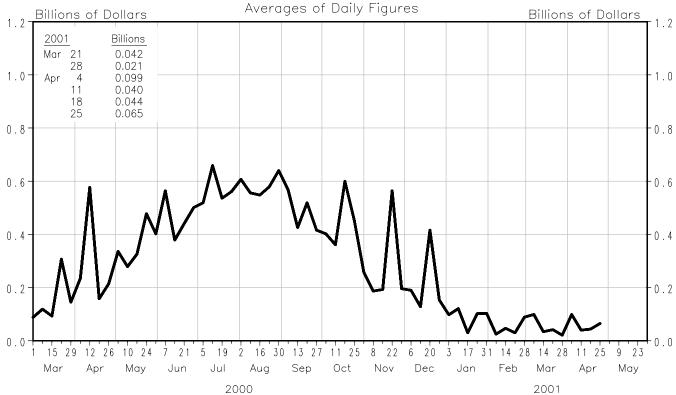


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#### **Total Borrowings**

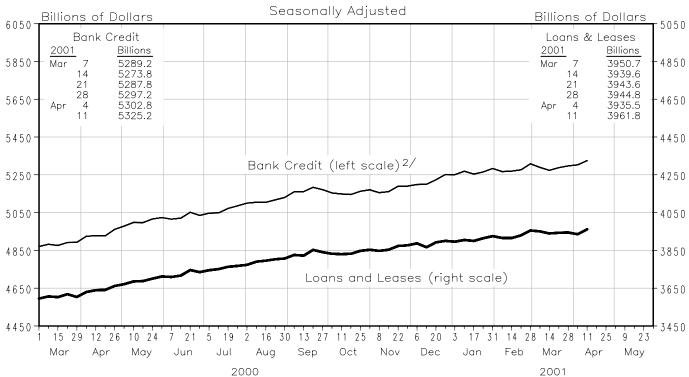
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Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

#### **Bank Loans and Credit**

All Commercial Banks in the United States 1/

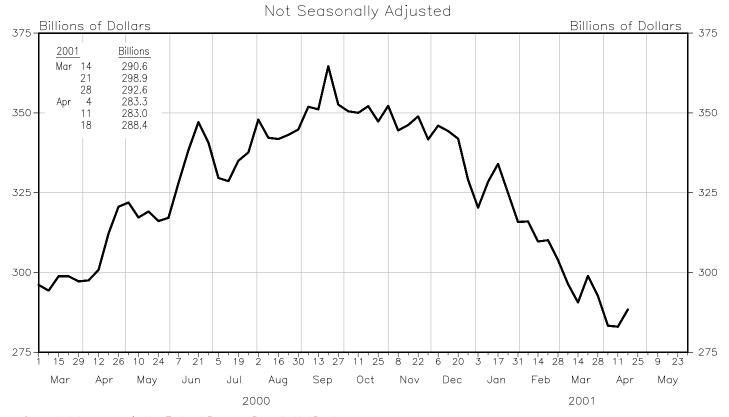


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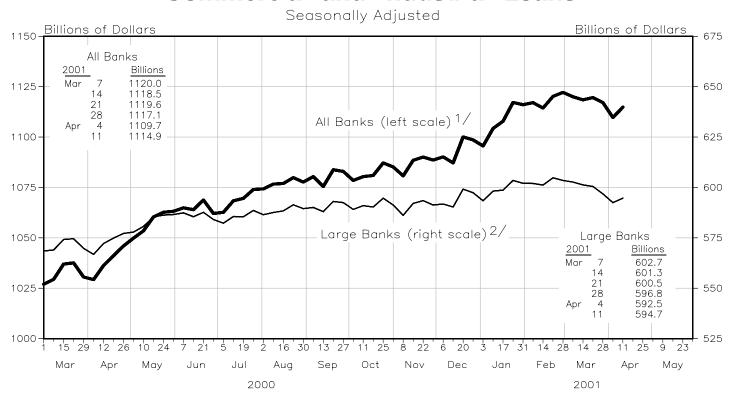
2/ Includes loans and leases and securities

## **Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies**



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#### **Commercial and Industrial Loans**

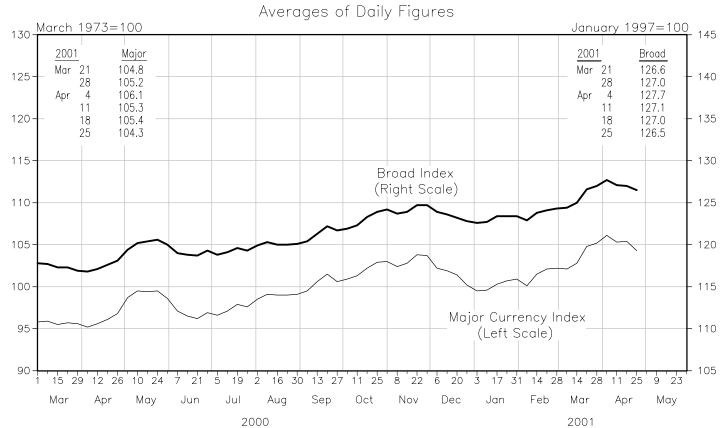


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<sup>1/</sup> Includes foreign-related institutions

<sup>2/</sup> 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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