

US Financial Data

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Although the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) left its federal funds rate target unchanged at 4.75 percent at the May 18 meeting, the FOMC, for the first time ever, immediately announced a change in the directive's symmetry. In a press release issued shortly after the meeting, the FOMC said:*

"The Committee was concerned about the potential for a buildup of inflationary imbalances that could undermine the favorable performance of the economy and therefore adopted a directive that is tilted toward the possibility of a firming in the stance of monetary policy."

- *Paced by a 6.1 percent (not annualized) surge in energy prices, the largest one-month rise on record, the consumer price index (CPI) rose at a 9.1 percent annual rate in April. April's increase exceeded the 1.5 percent rise seen in the first quarter and was the largest one-month gain since August 1990. Measured from a year earlier, the CPI is up 2.3 percent.*
- *The U.S. goods and services trade deficit totaled \$19.7 billion in March, \$0.6 billion more than February's deficit. The trade deficit measured \$55.7 billion during the first quarter, compared with a \$43.2 billion deficit during the fourth quarter of 1998.*
- *Privately owned housing starts were at an annual rate of 1.574 million units in April, down 10.1 percent from March but up 2.1 percent from a year earlier.*

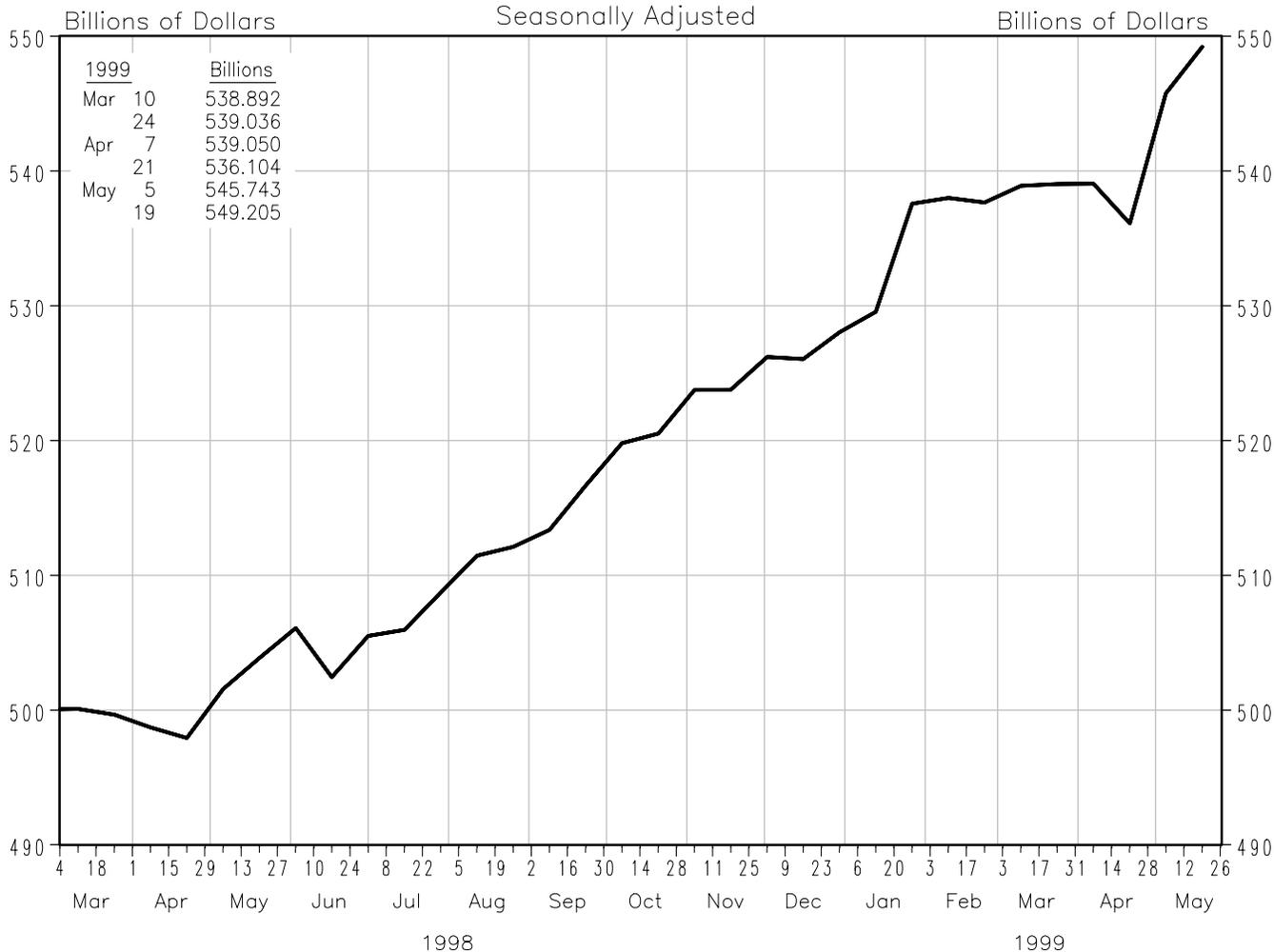
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Adjusted Monetary Base

Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



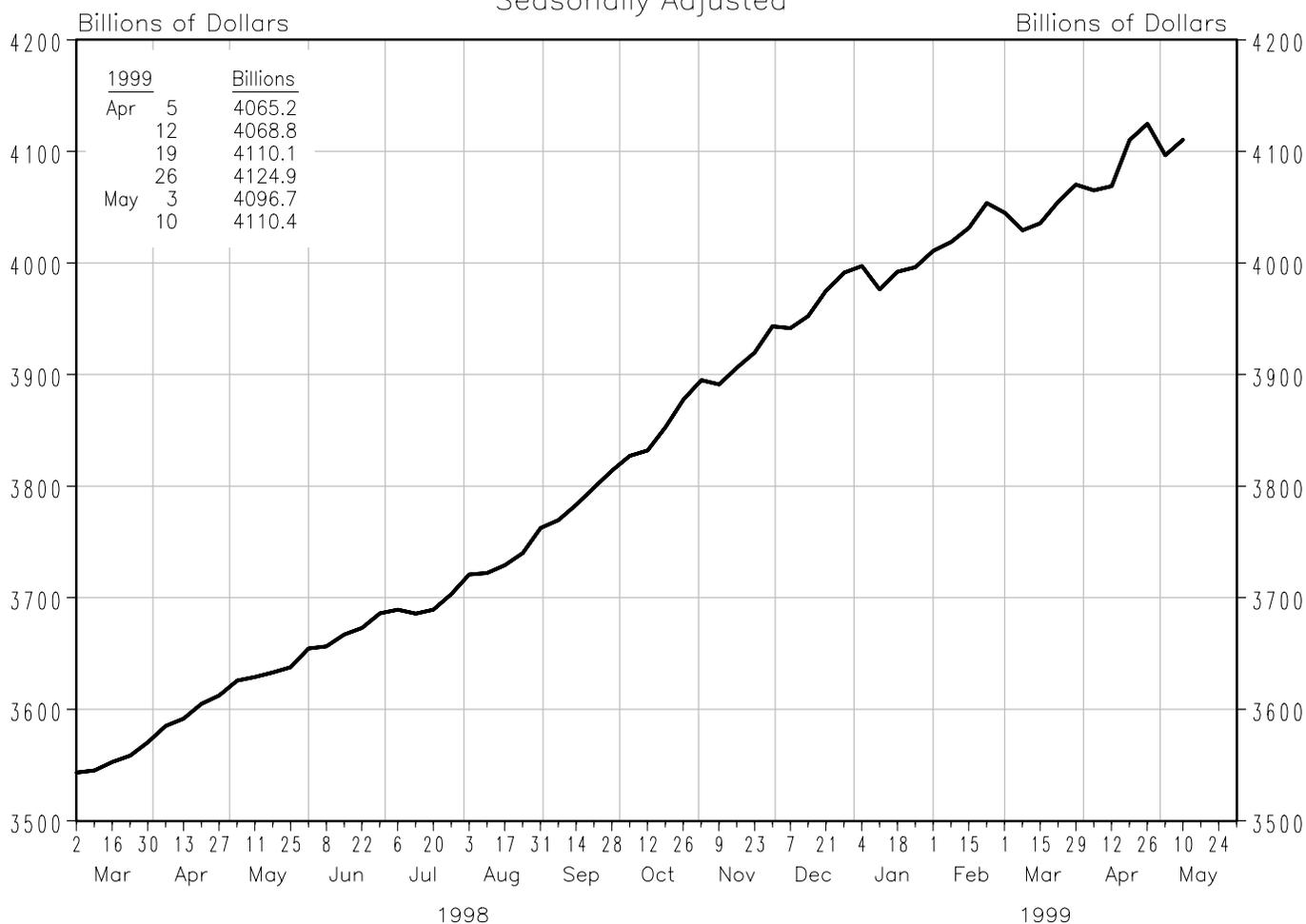
The adjusted monetary base is the sum of Federal Reserve deposits and vault cash held by domestic depository institutions, currency held by the public, and an adjustment for the effect of changes in reserve requirement ratios. The monetary base series includes Federal Reserve deposits used to satisfy 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:							
	5/20/98	8/12/98	10/21/98	11/18/98	12/16/98	1/13/99	2/24/99	3/24/99
10/21/98	8.4							
11/18/98	8.6	10.3						
12/16/98	8.2	9.4	7.7					
1/13/99	8.0	8.9	7.4	6.4				
2/24/99	9.2	10.3	10.1	10.3	12.1			
3/24/99	8.6	9.4	8.8	8.6	9.4	10.4		
4/21/99	7.5	7.9	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.3	-0.3	
5/19/99	8.9	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.9	10.6	8.0	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.

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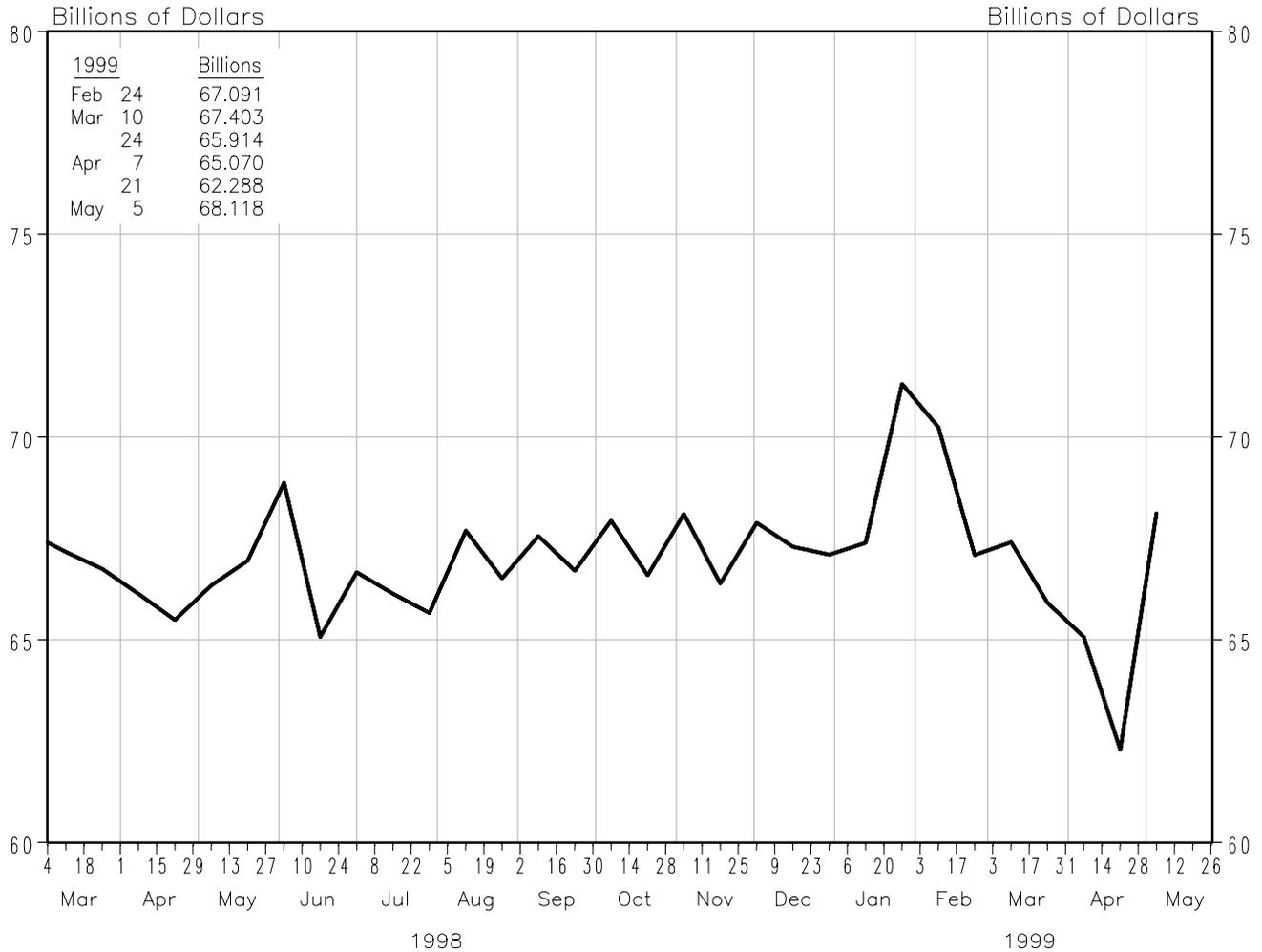
Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:

To the average of four weeks ending:

	5/11/98	8/10/98	10/12/98	11/9/98	12/7/98	1/11/99	2/8/99	3/8/99
10/12/98	13.5							
11/9/98	15.0	19.7						
12/7/98	15.3	19.2	20.2					
1/11/99	15.4	18.5	18.7	16.8				
2/8/99	14.5	16.6	15.7	13.6	11.8			
3/8/99	14.3	16.0	15.0	13.2	11.9	9.3		
4/12/99	13.4	14.6	13.4	11.7	10.4	8.2	9.0	
5/10/99	13.6	14.7	13.7	12.3	11.4	9.9	11.0	10.5

Adjusted Reserves

Seasonally Adjusted



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

Adjusted Reserves

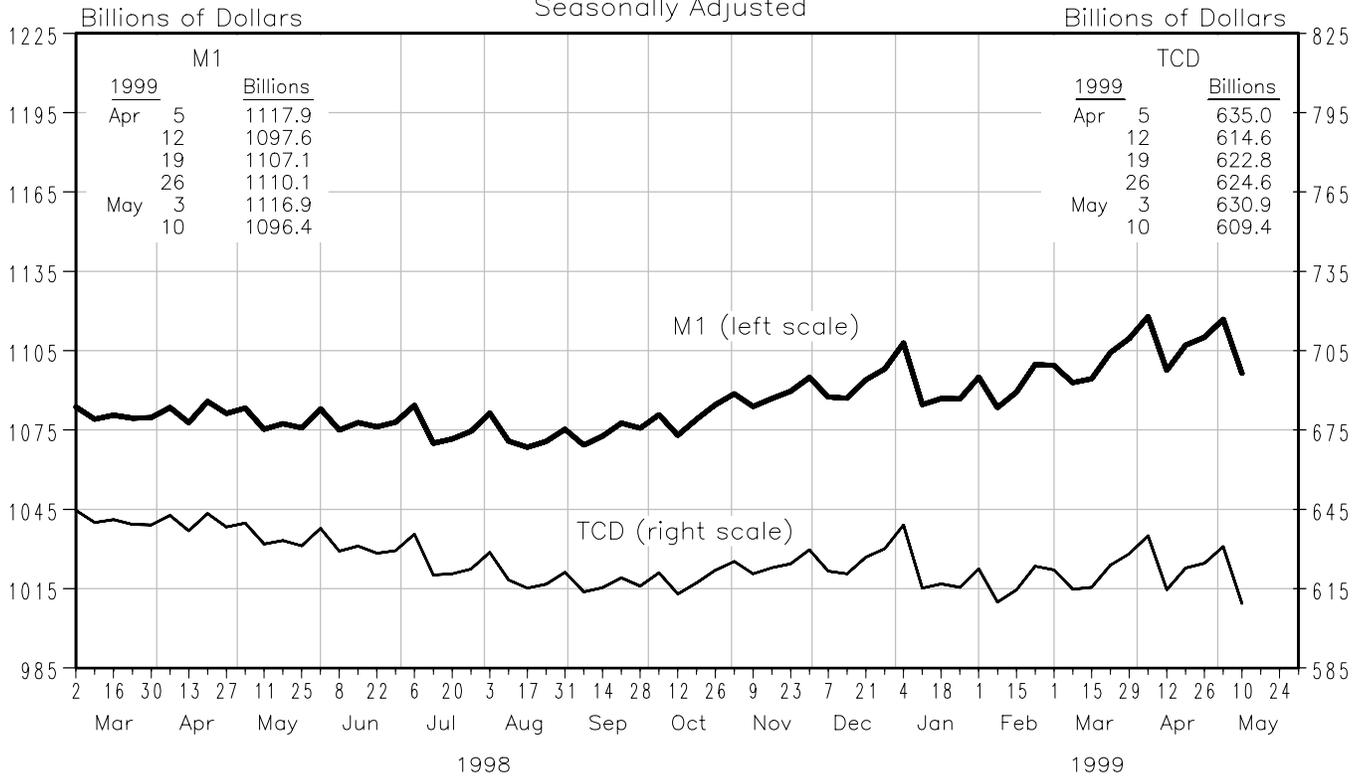
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Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending:

	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	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	-0.7	-0.9	-5.4	-6.4	-6.9	-9.1	-39.6	
5/5/99	-1.1	-1.4	-5.4	-6.3	-6.7	-8.3	-29.9	-18.2

Money Stock(M1) and Total Checkable Deposits

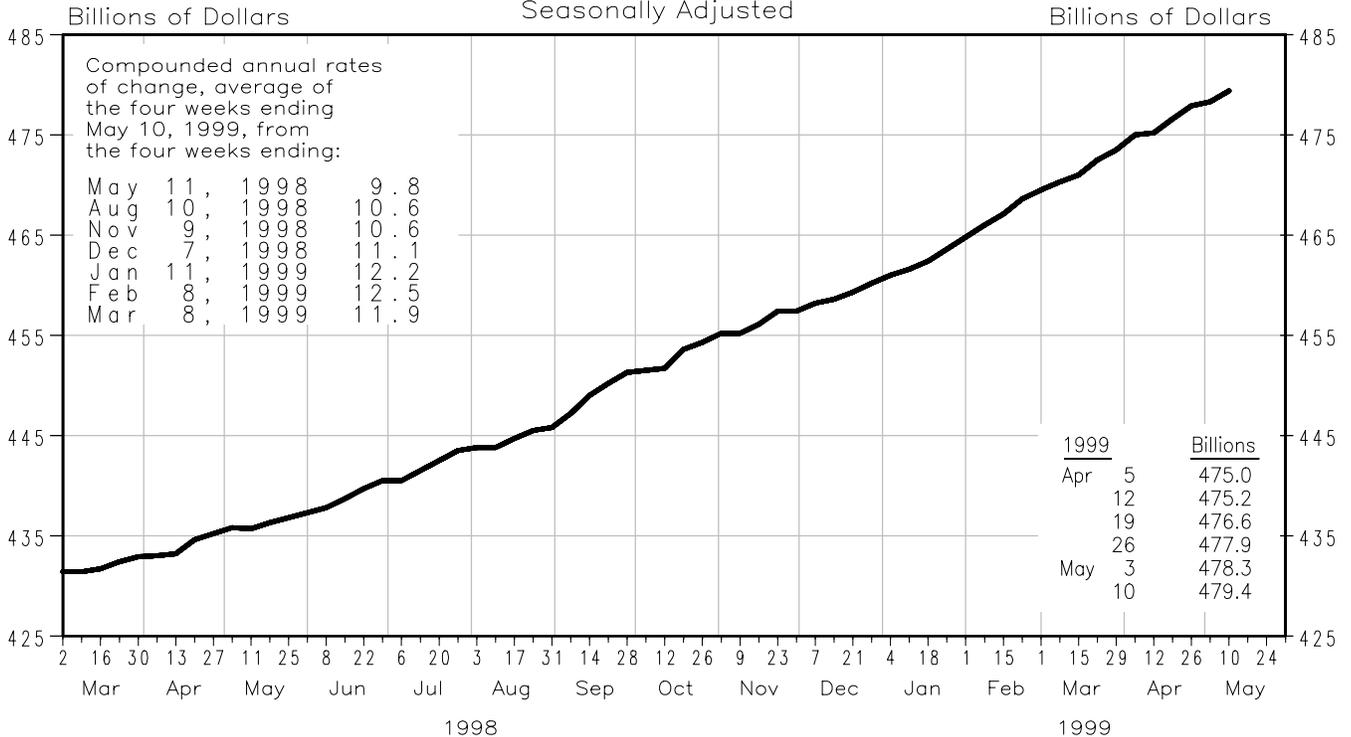
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M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, total checkable deposits and travelers checks.
Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

Currency Component of M1

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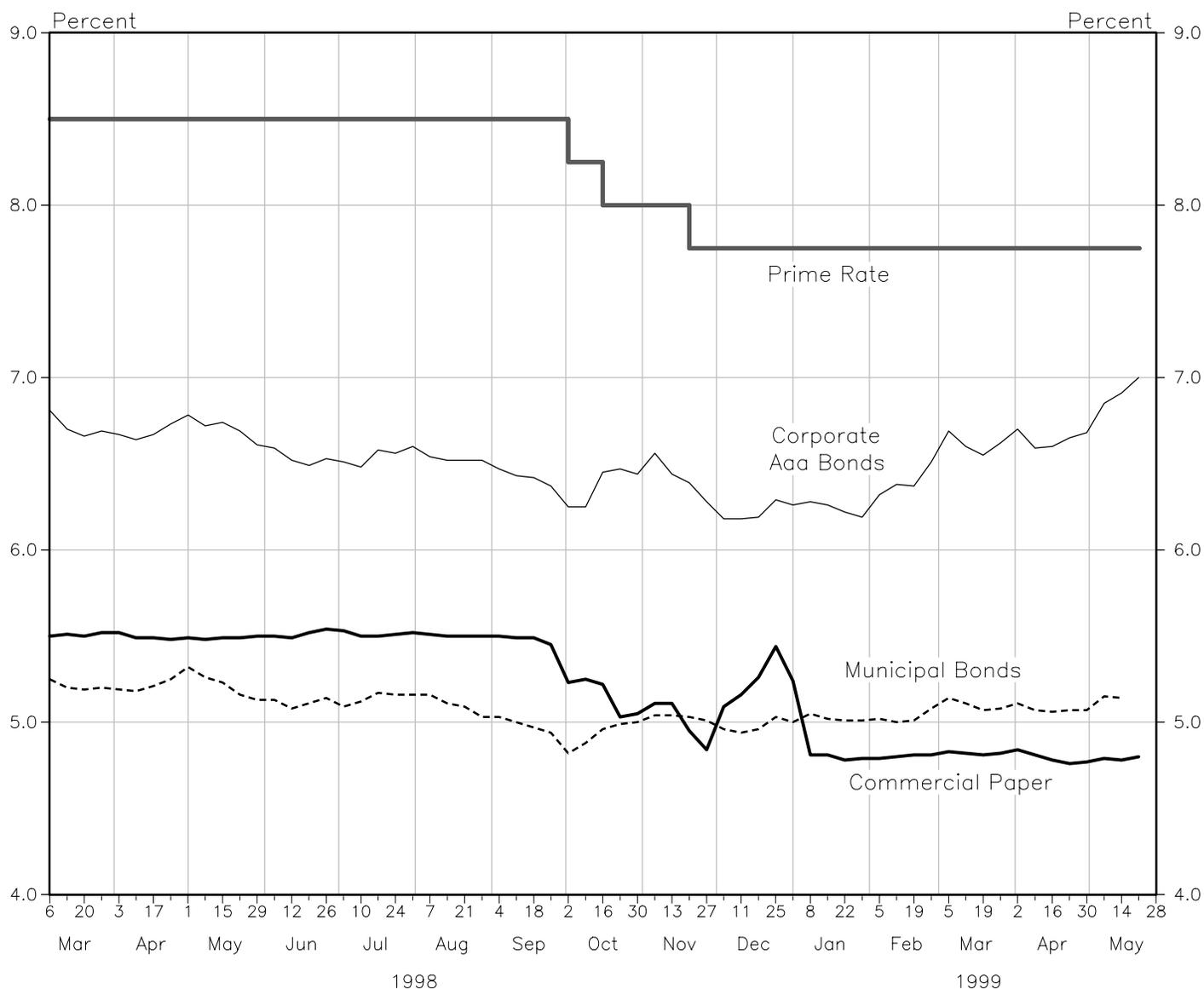


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Yields on Selected Securities

Averages of Daily Figures



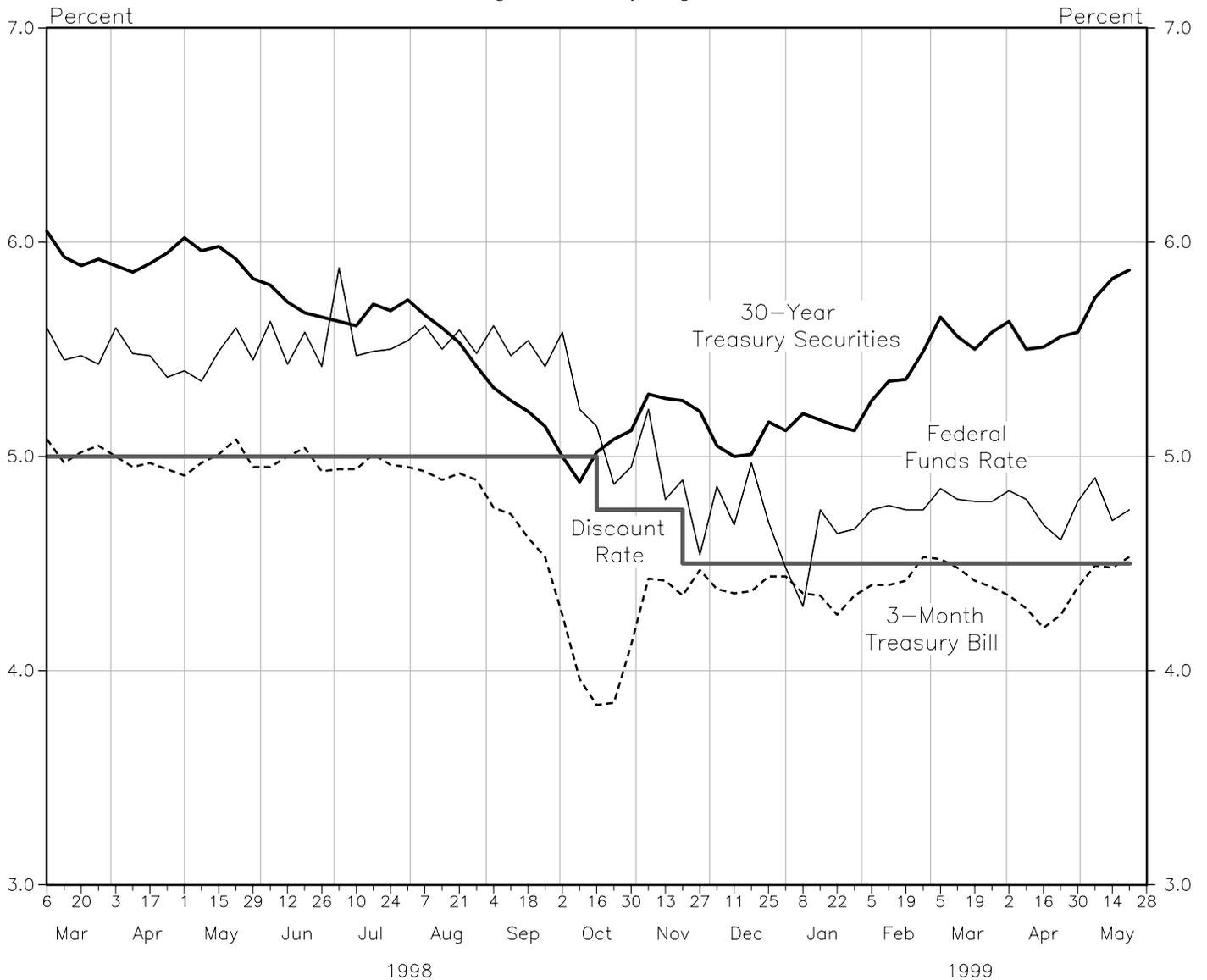
1999	30-Day Commercial Paper	90-Day CDs	90-Day Bankers' Acceptances	Corporate Aaa Bonds	Corporate Baa Bonds	Municipal Bonds **
Feb 26	4.81	4.92	4.81	6.51	7.47	5.08
Mar 5	4.83	4.93	4.82	6.69	7.61	5.14
12	4.82	4.90	4.82	6.60	7.52	5.11
19	4.81	4.89	4.82	6.55	7.47	5.07
26	4.82	4.90	4.82	6.62	7.53	5.08
Apr 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	4.78	4.89	4.84	6.91	7.69	5.14
21	4.80	4.94	4.88	7.00	7.77	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 21, 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 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	4.55	5.39	5.53	5.83
21 *	4.75	4.53	4.65	5.55	5.65	5.87

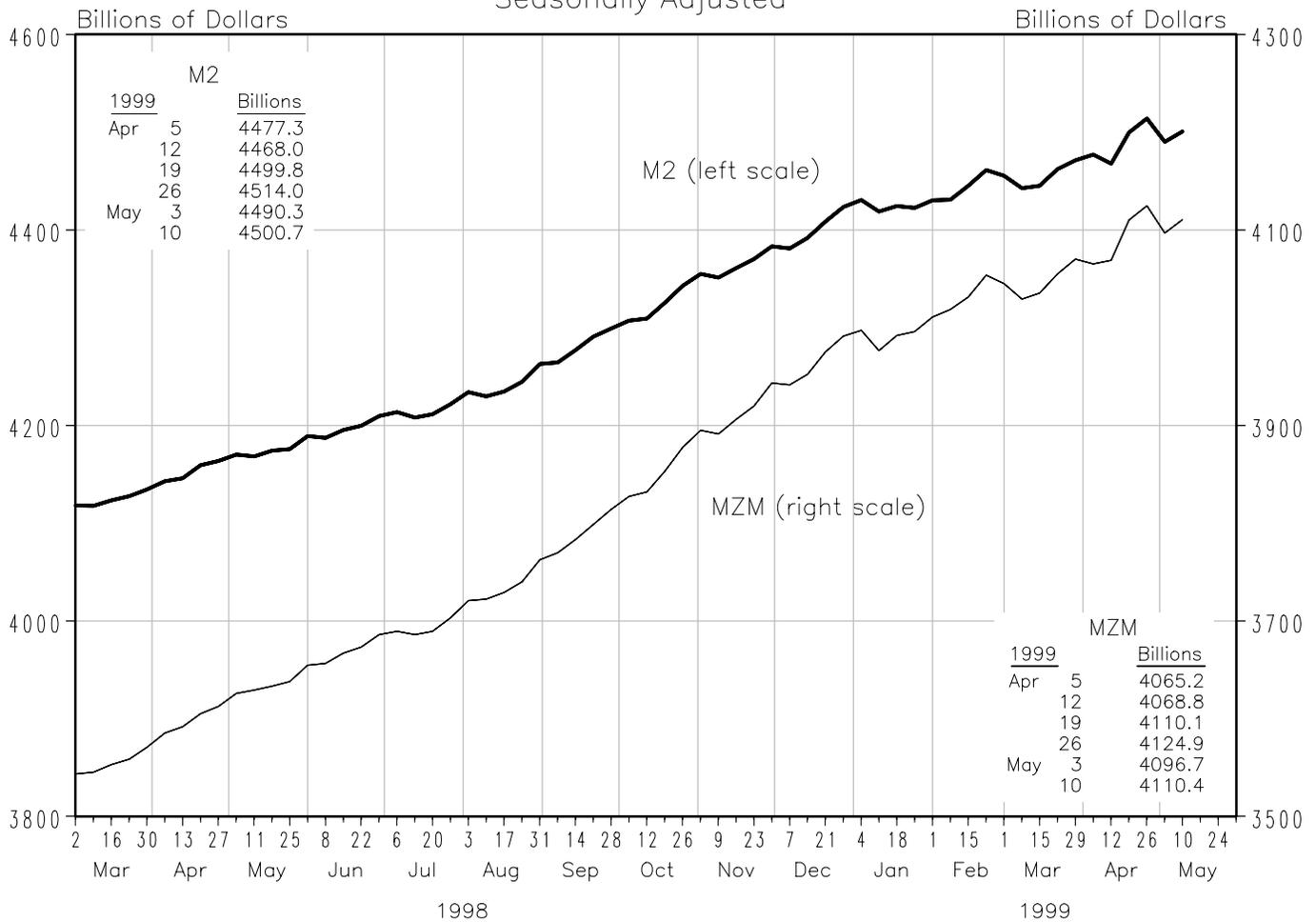
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* Averages of rates available

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

Money Stock(M2) and Money Zero Maturity

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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)

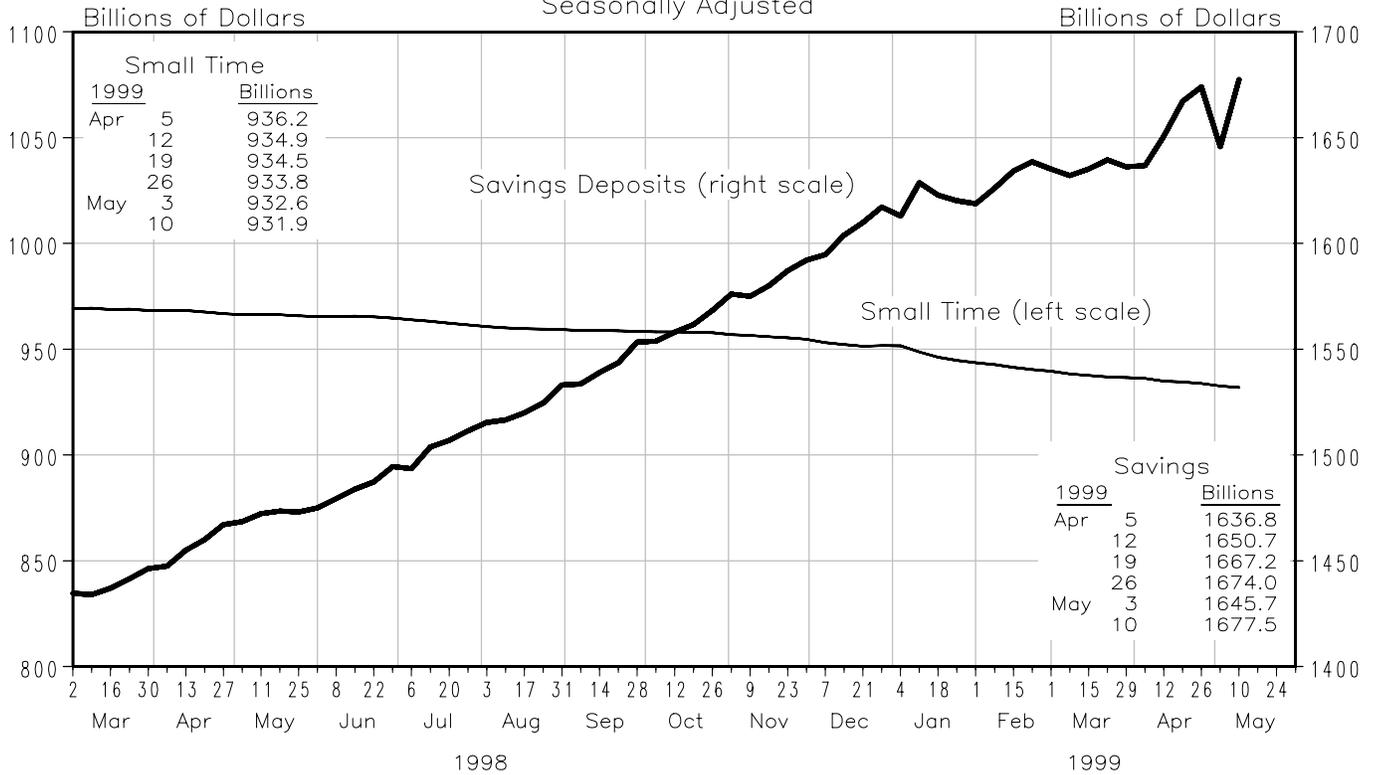
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Savings and Small Time Deposits

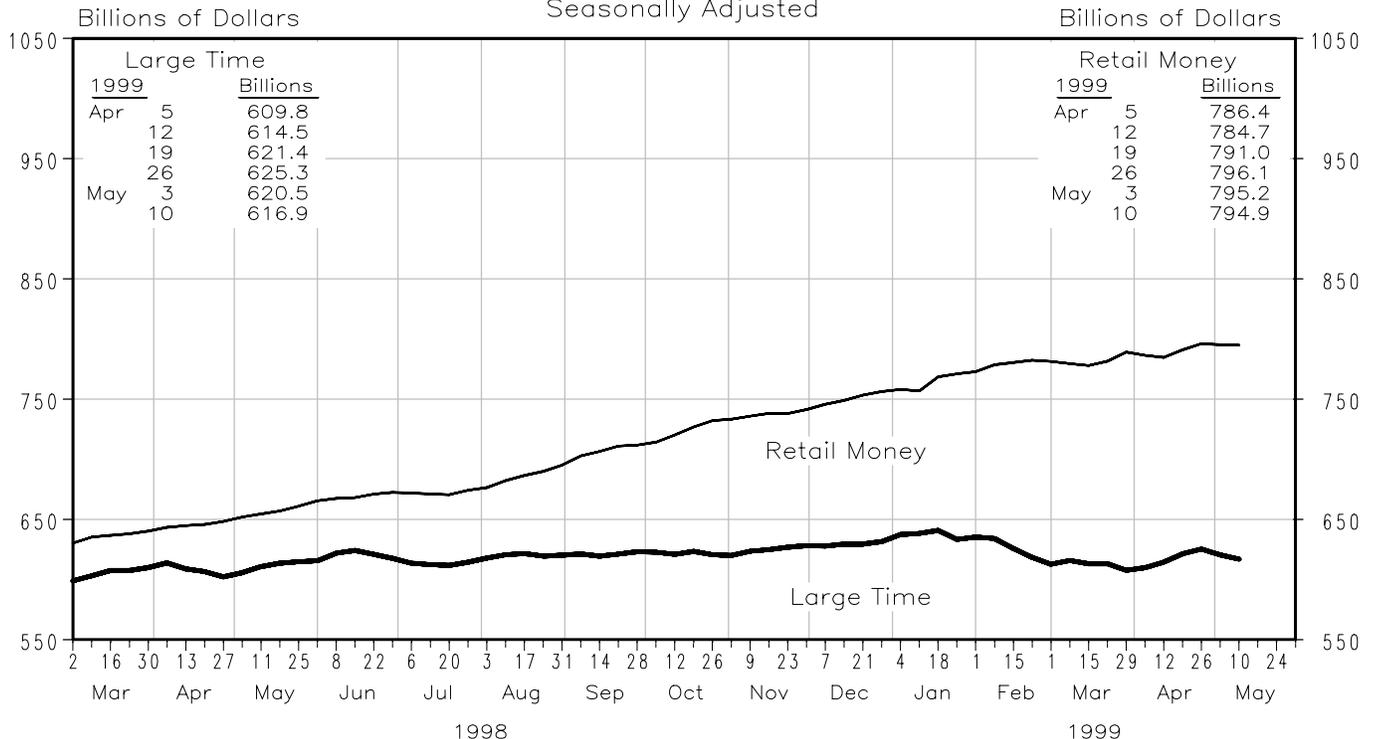
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Savings deposits and small time deposits are at all depository institutions.

Large Time Deposits and Retail Money Funds

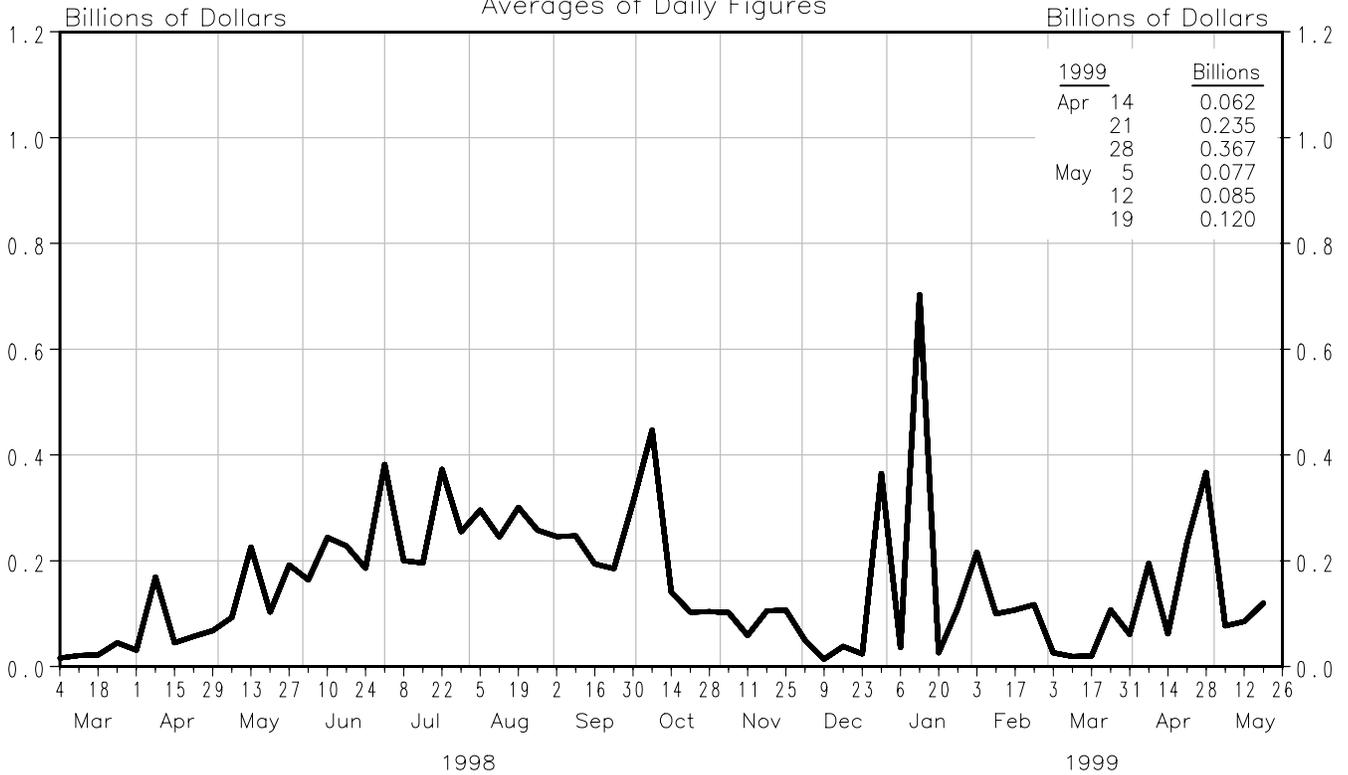
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Large time deposits and retail money funds are at all depository institutions. Large time deposits are those issued in denominations of \$100,000 or more. Retail money funds were originally called general purpose and broker/dealer money market funds.

Total Borrowings

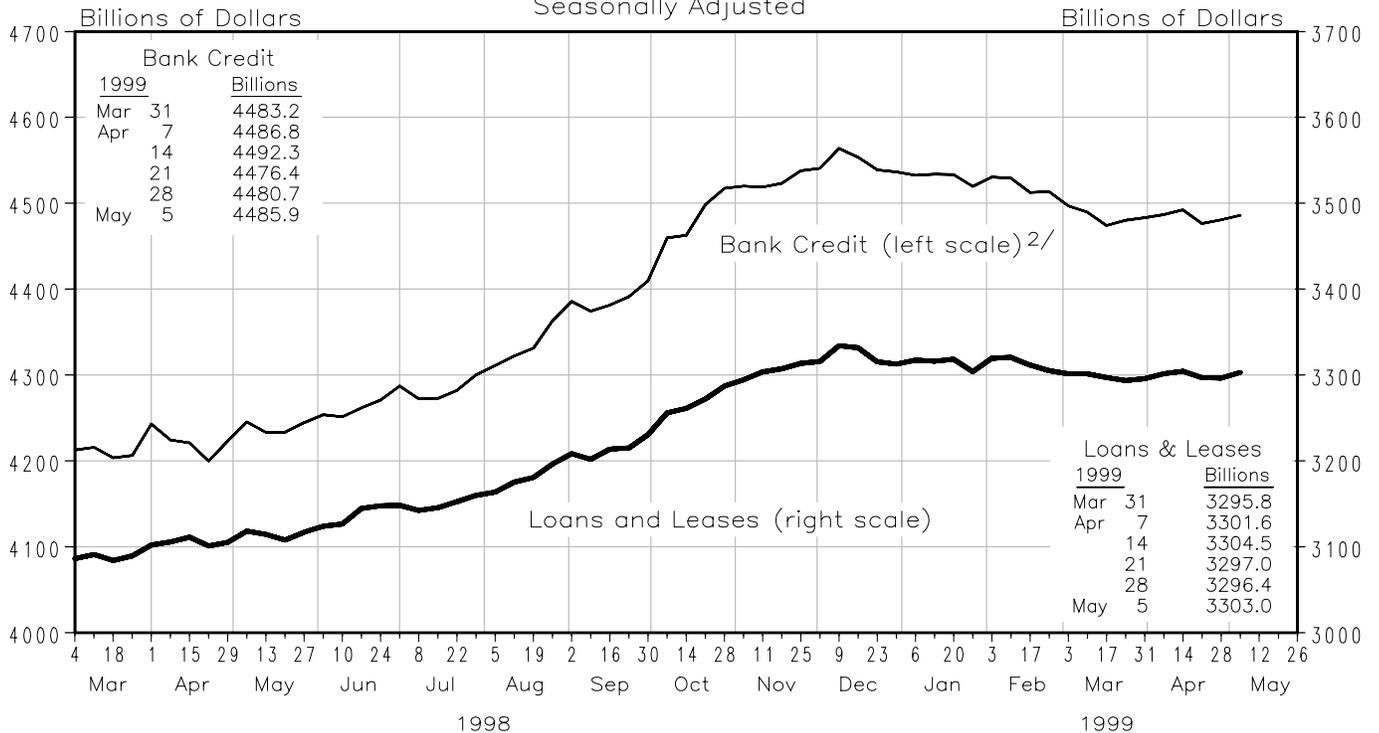
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Averages of Daily Figures



Borrowings include seasonal, adjustment and extended credit.

Bank Loans and Credit

All Commercial Banks in the United States ^{1/}
Seasonally Adjusted



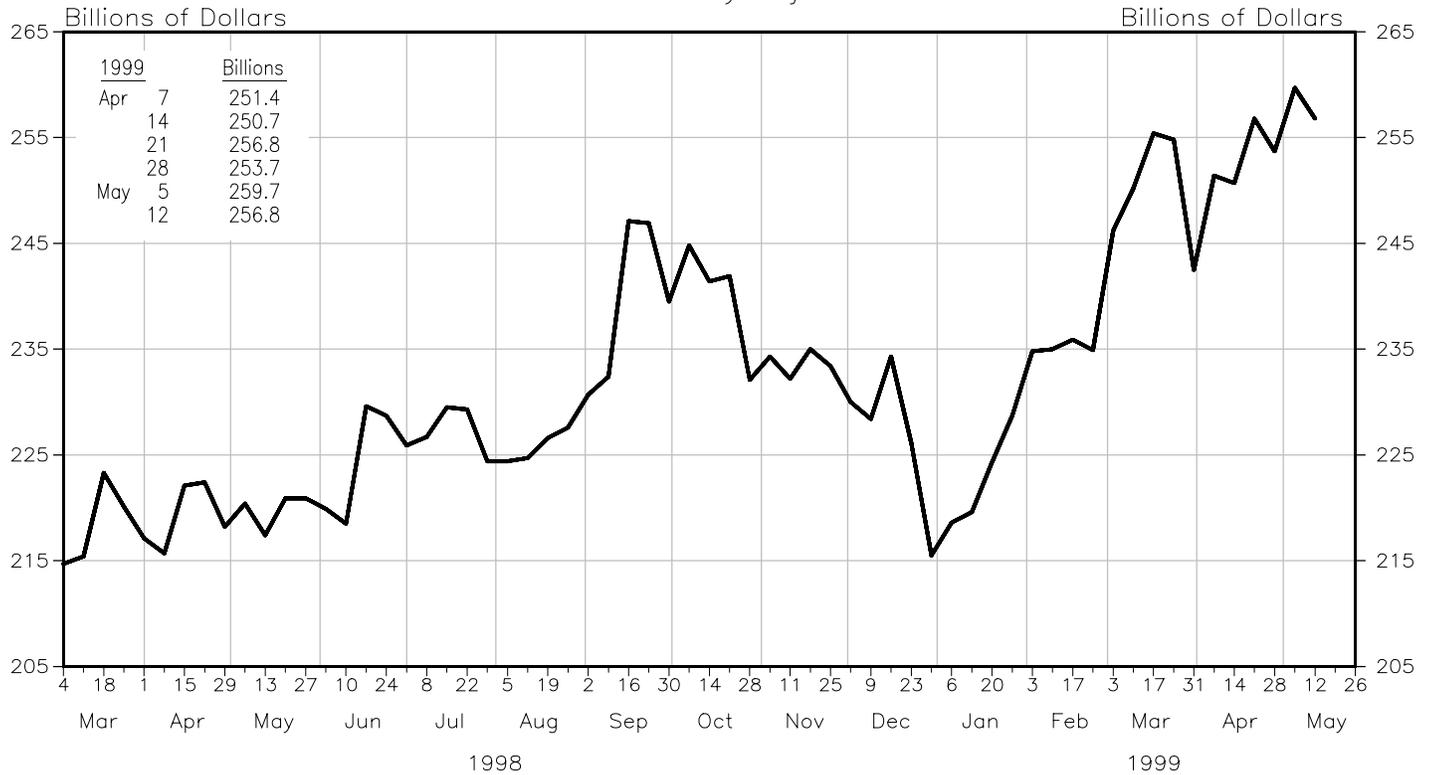
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^{1/} Includes foreign-related institutions

^{2/} Includes loans and leases and securities

Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies

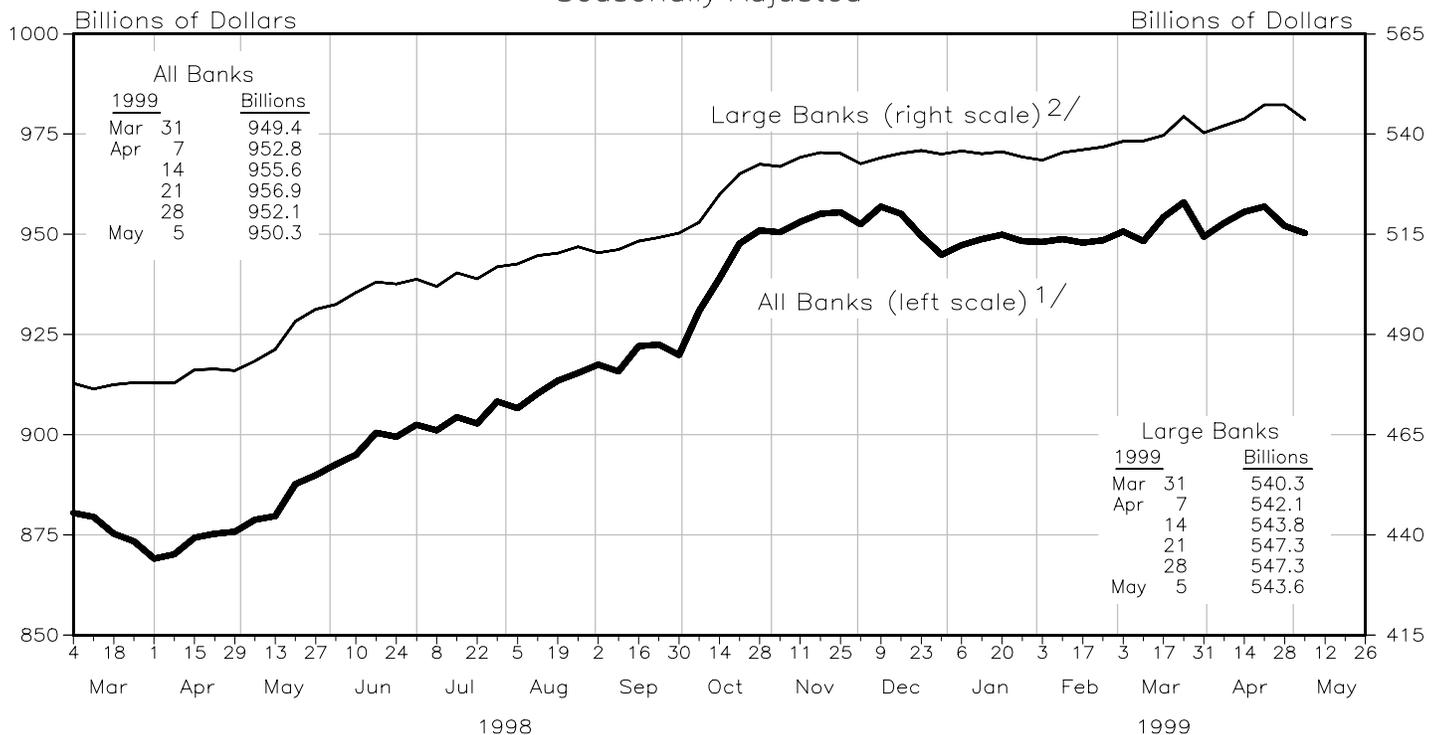
Not Seasonally Adjusted



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

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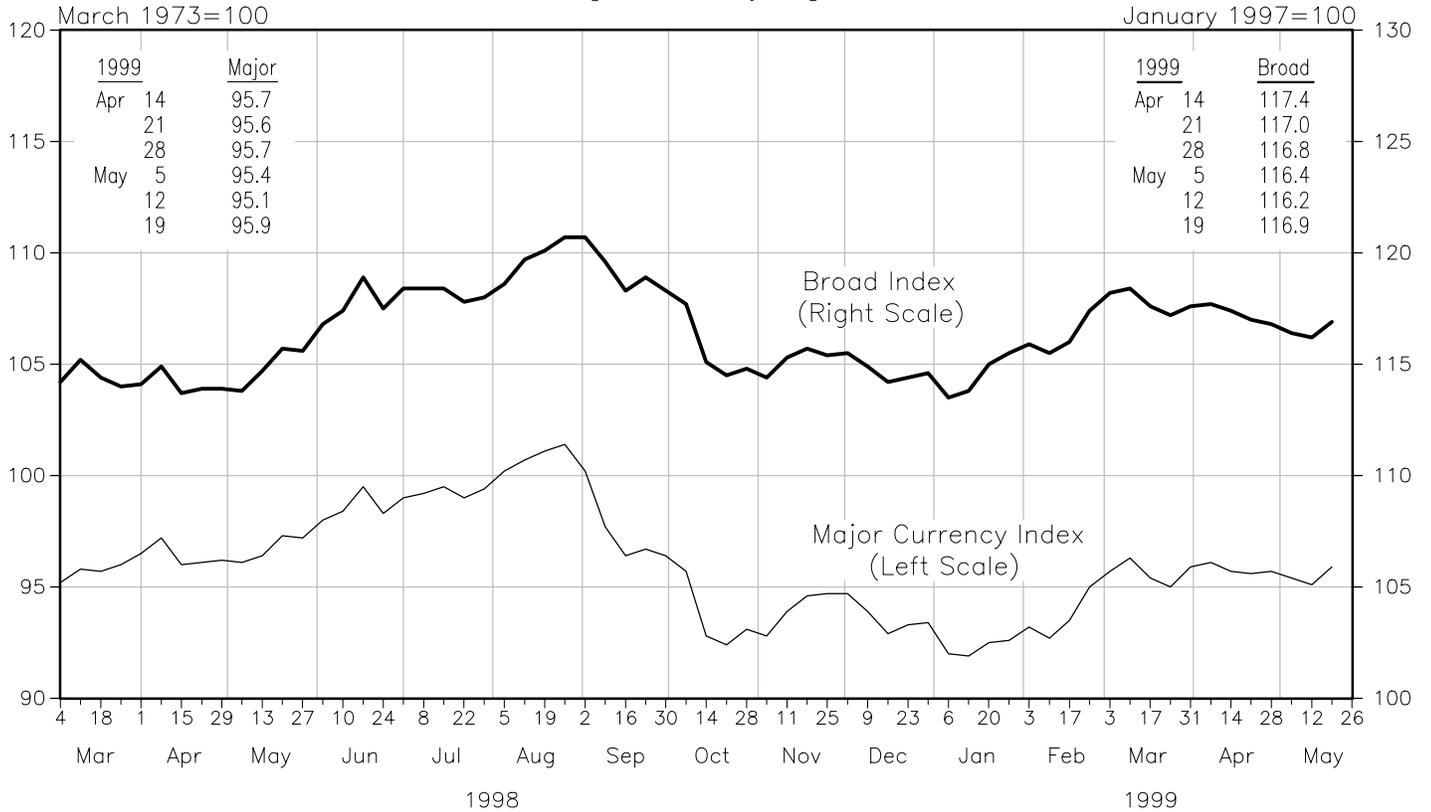
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2/ Weekly reporting, domestically chartered banks

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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