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SELECTED INTEREST RATES

Yields in percent per annum

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April 19, 1999

Instruments	1999 Apr 12	1999 Apr 13	1999 Apr 14	1999 Apr 15	1999 Apr 16	Week Ending Apr 16	Week Ending Apr 9	1999 Mar
Federal funds (effective) [1 2 3]	4.69	4.66	4.72	4.77	4.62	4.68	4.80	4.81
Commercial paper [3 4 5 6]								
Nonfinancial								
1-month	4.79	4.78	4.78	4.79	4.78	4.78	4.81	4.82
2-month	4.79	4.78	4.79	4.78	4.78	4.78	4.80	4.82
3-month	4.79	4.79	4.80	4.80	4.77	4.79	4.80	4.81
Financial								
1-month	4.79	4.80	4.80	4.79	4.79	4.79	4.82	4.84
2-month	4.81	4.83	4.79	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.82	4.83
3-month	4.80	4.81	4.80	4.80	4.81	4.80	4.82	4.84
Bankers acceptances (top rated) [3 4 7]								
3-month	4.81	4.81	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.82
6-month	4.81	4.81	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.82
CDs (secondary market) [3 8]								
1-month	4.86	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.86	4.88
3-month	4.88	4.89	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.91
6-month	4.93	4.93	4.93	4.94	4.95	4.94	4.94	4.98
Eurodollar deposits (London) [3 9]								
1-month	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.81	4.82	4.81
3-month	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.88
6-month	4.94	4.94	4.94	4.94	4.94	4.94	4.94	4.96
Bank prime loan [2 3 10]	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75
Discount window borrowing [2 11]	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
U.S. government securities								
Treasury bills								
Auction high [3 4 12]								
3-month	4.19					4.19	4.27	4.48
6-month	4.32					4.32	4.35	4.52
1-year								4.67
Secondary market [3 4]								
3-month	4.22	4.20	4.18	4.20	4.22	4.20	4.29	4.44
6-month	4.32	4.33	4.33	4.34	4.38	4.34	4.35	4.47
1-year	4.42	4.42	4.41	4.42	4.47	4.43	4.43	4.53
Treasury constant maturities [13]								
3-month	4.32	4.32	4.30	4.32	4.34	4.32	4.41	4.57
6-month	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.51	4.55	4.51	4.53	4.65
1-year	4.66	4.66	4.65	4.66	4.71	4.67	4.66	4.78
2-year	4.93	4.94	4.95	4.97	5.02	4.96	4.91	5.05
3-year	4.95	4.97	4.98	5.05	5.08	5.01	4.96	5.11
5-year	4.98	5.02	5.04	5.08	5.13	5.05	5.00	5.14
7-year	5.17	5.23	5.24	5.27	5.32	5.25	5.24	5.36
10-year	5.06	5.12	5.13	5.18	5.23	5.14	5.11	5.23
20-year	5.72	5.77	5.77	5.80	5.85	5.78	5.78	5.87
30-year	5.45	5.50	5.51	5.53	5.57	5.51	5.50	5.58
Composite								
Over 10 years (long-term) [14]	5.67	5.72	5.72	5.75	5.79	5.73	5.73	5.81
Corporate bonds								
Moody's seasoned								
Aaa	6.55	6.59	6.60	6.61	6.65	6.60	6.59	6.62
Baa	7.40	7.43	7.44	7.45	7.50	7.44	7.45	7.53
State & local bonds [15]				5.06		5.06	5.07	5.10
Conventional mortgages [16]					6.87	6.87	6.92	7.04

See overleaf for footnotes

FOOTNOTES

1. The daily effective federal funds rate is a weighted average of rates on trades through N.Y. brokers.
2. Weekly figures are averages of 7 calendar days ending on Wednesday of the current week; monthly figures include each calendar day in the month.
3. Annualized using a 360-day year or bank interest.
4. On a discount basis.
5. Interest rates interpolated from data on certain commercial paper trades settled by The Depository Trust Company. The trades represent sales of commercial paper by dealers or direct issuers to investors (that is, the offer side). See Board's Commercial Paper Web pages (http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/cp) for more information.
6. The 1-, 2-, and 3-month rates are equivalent to the 30-, 60-, and 90-day dates reported on the Board's Commercial Paper Web page.
7. Representative closing yields for acceptances of the highest rated money center banks. Source: Telerate, Inc.
8. An average of dealer offering rates on nationally traded certificates of deposit.
9. Bid rates for Eurodollar deposits collected around 9:30 a.m. Eastern time.
10. Rate posted by a majority of top 25 (by assets in domestic offices) insured U.S.-chartered commercial banks. Prime is one of several base rates used by banks to price short-term business loans.
11. Rate for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
12. Auction date for daily data; weekly and monthly averages computed on an issue-date basis. Data are stop yields from uniform-price auctions, rounded to two decimal places. (The U.S. Treasury publishes stop yields to three decimal places at http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov).
13. Yields on actively traded issues adjusted to constant maturities. Source: U.S. Treasury.
14. Unweighted average of rates on all outstanding bonds neither due nor callable in less than 10 years.
15. Bond Buyer Index, general obligation, 20 years to maturity, mixed quality; Thursday quotations.
16. Contract interest rates on commitments for fixed-rate first mortgages. Source: FHLMC.

Note: Weekly and monthly figures are averages of business days unless otherwise noted.

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