

# Revision of the Monetary Base

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**D**ATA on the seasonally adjusted monetary base, as computed by this Bank, have been revised to reflect minor changes in the computation of the reserve adjustment magnitude and a change in the method of seasonally adjusting the monetary base. To compute the monetary base, the reserve adjustment magnitude is added to the source base (the uses of which are bank reserves and currency held by the public). The computation of the monetary base is illustrated in Table I.

The main purpose of the reserve adjustment magnitude is to take account of changes in reserve requirement ratios. Total reserves of the banking system are not changed when reserve requirement ratios are changed. However, the amount of deposits that can be supported by a given amount of total reserves is changed. This is taken into account by a change in the reserve adjustment magnitude, and hence the monetary base. For example, when reserve requirement ratios are lowered, the amount of deposits that the amount of total reserves held by the banking sys-

tem can support is increased, and hence the reserve adjustment magnitude is increased. The reserve adjustment magnitude is changed by the amount of reserves liberated or absorbed by the change in reserve requirement ratios. This amount is estimated by taking the change in the average reserve requirement ratio and multiplying it by the deposits in the period immediately preceding the reserve requirement change.

The reserve adjustment magnitude also takes account of the effects on required reserves of shifts in the same type of deposits from a bank in one reserve requirement category to a bank in another category. For example, a shift of demand deposits from banks with lower average reserve requirements on demand deposits to banks with higher average reserve requirements on demand deposits will lower the reserve adjustment magnitude. The effects on required reserves of shifts in deposits between demand and time deposits are *not* included in the reserve adjustment magnitude.

Table I

Computation of the Monetary Base: February 1975  
Sign Indicates Effect on the Monetary Base  
(Millions of Dollars)

<u>Sources</u>		<u>Uses</u>	
Federal Reserve Credit		Member Bank Deposits at Federal Reserve Banks	\$ 28,342
U. S. Government Securities	\$ 85,523	Currency Held by Banks	9,179
Loans	147	Currency Held by The Nonbank Public	67,800
Float Plus Other Federal Reserve Assets	5,337		
Total	\$ 91,007		
Federal Reserve Credit Including Reserve Adjustment	\$ 97,789		
Other Factors			
Gold Stock plus Special Drawing Rights Certificate Account	\$ 12,026		
Treasury Currency Outstanding	9,284		
Treasury Deposits at Federal Reserve <sup>1</sup>	-2,374		
Foreign Deposits with Federal Reserve <sup>1</sup>	-317		
Treasury Cash Holdings, Other Liabilities and Capital Accounts and Other F. R. Deposits <sup>2</sup>	-4,305		
Total	\$ 14,314		
Source Base	\$105,321	Source Base	\$105,321
Reserve Adjustment <sup>2</sup>	6,782	Reserve Adjustment <sup>2</sup>	6,782
Monetary Base	\$112,103	Monetary Base	\$112,103

Data are not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>1</sup>These items absorb funds therefore an increase in them reduces monetary base.

<sup>2</sup>Adjustment for reserve requirement changes and changes in average requirements due to shifts in the same type of deposits where different reserve requirements apply. Reserve adjustment computed by this Bank.

### *Reasons for the Revision*

Data for the reserve adjustment magnitude have been revised (1) to correct a minor computational error in historical data, and (2) to incorporate a new method of seasonally adjusting the monetary base. The effect of the correction of the computational error has been to lower the level of the reserve adjustment magnitude by about \$150 million over the period from September 1969 to the present.

Prior to this revision, the seasonally adjusted monetary base was computed by first seasonally adjusting the source base (using the Federal Reserve Board version of the X-11 variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment computer program) and then adding the nonseasonally adjusted reserve adjustment magnitude. Under the new procedure the reserve adjustment magnitude (RAM) is added to the nonseasonally adjusted source base and then the total is seasonally adjusted.

The new seasonal adjustment procedure is appropriate under conditions where open market operations are used to offset the immediate impact of changes in reserve requirement ratios on the banking system. In such cases the source base would change more or less than it would have in the absence of the change in reserve requirements.

For example, in November and December of 1972, the combined effect of the Board of Governors changing Regulations D and J was the release of \$2 to \$2.5 billion of reserves to the banking system. The Federal Reserve did not buy Government securities during this period as it had in the same period of previous years. Thus, the source base, which does not include the effects of reserve requirement changes, did not rise as it normally had on a seasonal basis. In each of the eleven years prior to 1972, nonseasonally adjusted source base rose in the October-December period. From October to December of 1972 the source base decreased by \$583 million.

Reserve requirements were raised in July 1973 and October 1973. As a consequence, RAM decreased from \$6.950 billion in June to \$5.127 billion in October. Over the June-October 1973 period, the nonseasonally adjusted source base rose by about \$4 billion, compared to an average increase of \$2.1 billion over the same period in the previous three years and a \$2.2 billion change in the June-October 1974 period.

If there was only one period where the use of open market operations to offset changes in reserve requirement ratios resulted in movements in the source

base that were "unusual" according to previous seasonal behavior, then the seasonal adjustment program, when computing seasonal factors, would treat this "unusual" period as an irregular. Hence, seasonal factors would not be affected significantly. However, if changes in reserve requirements occur repeatedly in the same time periods of successive years, the seasonal factors for the source base would be affected. The change in the seasonal factors for the source base would not reflect a basic change in the seasonal pattern of the source base, but would reflect a seasonal pattern in reserve requirement changes.

From the end of 1966 through February 1975, there have been fifteen changes in reserve requirement ratios on either member bank deposits or other liabilities. Nine changes occurred since late 1972. Reserve requirement changes caused the reserve adjustment magnitude (RAM) to rise from \$3.8 billion in October 1972 to \$7.1 billion in December 1972, then fall to \$4.5 billion by August 1974 and then rise to \$6.8 billion for February 1975.

Twelve changes in reserve requirement ratios since the end of 1966 have occurred either in the early part or late part of these years. Of these twelve changes, ten changed required reserves by \$400 million or more. Since late 1972, six of the nine reserve requirement changes have occurred in the period from September through February.

Combining source base and RAM prior to seasonal adjustment offsets part of the apparent bias that has developed in the seasonal factors for the source base due to the recurring changes in reserve requirement ratios. On balance, over the 1969-74 period the seasonal factors for monetary base, seasonally adjusted in this manner, exhibit greater stability than the seasonal factors for the source base.

For the last three years, the effect of changing the method of seasonally adjusting the monetary base has been to leave the changes in levels for the December to April 1972-74 period about the same. The changes in levels from April to October on the new series are, on average, \$454 million higher. The changes in levels from October-December are, on average, \$475 million lower for the new series.

### *Rates of Change*

Tables showing rates of change of the quarterly-average seasonally adjusted monetary base data are presented on page 25. The revision did not significantly affect rates of change over four-quarter or longer periods. For example, from IV/73 to IV/74

**MONETARY BASE - REVISED SERIES  
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE**

TERMINAL QUARTER	INITIAL QUARTER																MILLIONS OF DOLLARS			
	1-70	2-70	3-70	4-70	1-71	2-71	3-71	4-71	1-72	2-72	3-72	4-72	1-73	2-73	3-73	4-73		1-74	2-74	3-74
2-70	5.7																			79,869
3-70	6.7	7.6																		81,354
4-70	6.9	7.6	7.5																	82,835
1-71	7.5	8.1	8.3	9.2																84,679
2-71	7.5	7.9	8.0	8.3	7.3															86,187
3-71	7.7	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.0	8.7														88,007
4-71	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	6.9	6.7	4.7													89,032
1-72	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.9	5.9	7.2												90,583
2-72	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.1	6.6	7.5	7.9											92,319
3-72	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.7	7.3	7.4	6.9										93,881
4-72	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.9	8.2	8.3	9.6									96,068
1-73	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.5	8.1	8.3	8.4	9.2	8.8								98,109
2-73	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.3	7.8							99,975
3-73	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.3	7.9	7.5	7.1						101,699
4-73	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.8	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.9	6.7					103,350
1-74	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.4	7.3	7.4	8.1				105,377
2-74	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.7	9.2			107,728
3-74	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	8.3	7.4		109,677
4-74	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.4	8.5	8.1	8.8	112,003
	1-70	2-70	3-70	4-70	1-71	2-71	3-71	4-71	1-72	2-72	3-72	4-72	1-73	2-73	3-73	4-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	

INITIAL QUARTER

**MONETARY BASE - OLD SERIES  
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE**

TERMINAL QUARTER	INITIAL QUARTER																MILLIONS OF DOLLARS			
	1-70	2-70	3-70	4-70	1-71	2-71	3-71	4-71	1-72	2-72	3-72	4-72	1-73	2-73	3-73	4-73		1-74	2-74	3-74
2-70	5.9																			80,121
3-70	6.1	6.3																		81,363
4-70	6.9	7.4	8.4																	83,025
1-71	7.9	8.0	8.9	9.3																84,892
2-71	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.4	7.4															86,423
3-71	7.4	7.7	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.0														87,907
4-71	7.1	7.3	7.6	7.3	6.7	6.3	5.6													89,114
1-72	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.0	8.4													90,930
2-72	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.2	8.0	7.6											92,600
3-72	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.2	5.8	6.7	6.6	7.0	6.3	5.0										93,742
4-72	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.0	7.8	8.0	11.0									96,217
1-73	7.6	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	8.2	8.4	10.2	9.3								98,385
2-73	7.6	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	8.1	8.3	9.4	8.5	7.8							100,242
3-73	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.7	8.3	7.4	6.5	5.3						101,543
4-73	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.7	8.3	7.6	7.0	6.7	8.0					103,522
1-74	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.8	8.3	7.9	7.4	7.3	8.3	8.6				105,691
2-74	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.4	8.0	7.8	7.8	8.6	8.9	9.1			108,016
3-74	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.7	8.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.8	7.7	7.2	5.4		109,443
4-74	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.3	8.0	7.8	7.8	8.3	8.3	8.2	7.8	10.2	112,136
	1-70	2-70	3-70	4-70	1-71	2-71	3-71	4-71	1-72	2-72	3-72	4-72	1-73	2-73	3-73	4-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	

INITIAL QUARTER



MONETARY BASE - REVISED SERIES  
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH												MILLIONS OF DOLLARS							
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74		6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74	12-74
7-73	10.0																			101,345
8-73	6.7	3.4																		101,630
9-73	6.4	4.7	6.0																	102,121
10-73	6.7	5.7	6.8	7.7																102,751
11-73	6.7	5.9	6.7	7.1	6.6															103,302
12-73	7.0	6.4	7.1	7.5	7.5	8.4														103,996
1-74	7.3	6.8	7.5	7.9	8.0	8.8	9.1													104,757
2-74	7.4	7.0	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.5	7.9												105,426
3-74	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.0	6.1											105,948
4-74	7.9	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.7	9.1	9.2	9.3	10.0	13.9										107,107
5-74	7.8	7.5	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.8	10.2	6.6									107,681
6-74	7.8	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.7	9.6	7.4	8.3								108,396
7-74	7.8	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	9.1	7.5	7.9	7.6							109,056
8-74	7.7	7.5	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.5	7.2	7.3	6.9	6.2						109,604
9-74	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.5	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.5	8.7					110,371
10-74	7.7	7.5	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.2	7.3	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.6	6.6				110,957
11-74	8.0	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.8	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.5	9.3	9.6	12.7			112,064
12-74	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	9.0	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.6	9.8	11.5	10.4		112,988
1-75	7.2	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.2	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.9	1.3	-7.1	112,297
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74	6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74	12-74	

MONETARY BASE - OLD SERIES  
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE

TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH												MILLIONS OF DOLLARS							
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74		6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74	12-74
7-73	7.6																			101,381
8-73	3.8	0.3																		101,403
9-73	4.3	2.8	5.3																	101,844
10-73	5.7	5.2	7.7	10.1																102,662
11-73	6.7	6.5	8.7	10.4	10.8															103,542
12-73	7.3	7.2	9.0	10.3	10.4	9.9														104,363
1-74	7.5	7.5	9.1	10.0	10.0	5.6	9.2													105,134
2-74	7.4	7.4	8.7	9.4	9.2	8.6	8.0	6.8												105,709
3-74	7.3	7.3	8.3	8.8	8.5	8.0	7.3	6.4	6.1											106,229
4-74	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.6	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.0	10.2	14.4										107,426
5-74	7.9	7.9	8.8	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.6	8.4	9.0	10.5	6.7									108,011
6-74	7.8	7.8	8.6	9.0	8.8	8.5	8.3	8.1	8.5	9.3	6.8	6.9								108,611
7-74	7.5	7.5	8.2	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.6	8.0	6.0	5.6	4.3							108,992
8-74	7.2	7.2	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.1	5.3	4.8	3.9	3.4						109,297
9-74	7.3	7.3	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.3	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.9	8.5					110,041
10-74	7.3	7.3	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.4	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.6	8.2	7.9				110,740
11-74	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.7	7.9	8.1	8.3	9.4	11.4	12.9	10.1			112,289
12-74	8.2	8.2	8.7	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.8	9.1	8.4	8.7	9.0	9.9	11.6	12.7	15.2	12.3		113,379
1-75	7.4	7.4	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.5	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.0	2.7	-6.1	112,786
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74	6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74	12-74	

TOTAL FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT - REVISED SERIES																				
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE																				
TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH																		MILLIONS OF DOLLARS	
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74	6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74		12-74
7-73	25.1																			89,396
8-73	4.7	-12.4																		88,419
9-73	0.3	-10.2	-8.0																	87,808
10-73	5.1	-0.8	5.6	21.1																89,222
11-73	5.2	0.8	5.6	13.1	5.6															89,626
12-73	5.4	1.9	5.8	10.8	6.0	6.3														90,086
1-74	5.9	3.0	6.4	10.3	6.9	7.6	8.9													90,731
2-74	6.4	4.0	7.0	10.2	7.7	8.4	9.4	9.8												91,442
3-74	6.2	4.0	6.6	9.3	7.0	7.4	7.8	7.2	4.6											91,783
4-74	5.9	4.0	6.2	8.5	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.0	4.1	3.7										92,063
5-74	7.3	5.7	7.9	10.1	8.6	9.1	9.6	9.8	9.8	12.5	22.0									93,600
6-74	7.4	5.9	7.9	9.8	8.5	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.3	11.0	14.8	8.0								94,200
7-74	7.9	6.5	8.4	10.2	9.1	9.5	10.0	10.2	10.3	11.7	14.5	11.0	14.1							95,242
8-74	8.2	7.0	8.8	10.4	9.4	9.9	10.3	10.5	10.6	11.9	14.0	11.5	13.3	12.4						96,177
9-74	8.1	7.0	8.7	10.2	9.3	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	11.1	12.7	10.5	11.3	10.0	7.6					96,763
10-74	7.4	6.3	7.8	9.1	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.5	9.0	10.0	7.7	7.6	5.5	2.3	-2.8				96,535
11-74	7.6	6.6	8.0	9.2	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.7	9.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	6.7	4.9	3.6	10.3			97,330
12-74	8.2	7.3	8.7	9.9	9.1	9.4	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.3	11.2	9.7	10.0	9.2	8.5	8.8	15.0	19.9		98,815
1-75	6.9	6.0	7.2	8.2	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.6	8.0	6.4	6.2	4.9	3.5	2.5	4.3	1.4	-14.3	97,549
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74	6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74	12-74	

TOTAL FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT - OLD SERIES																				
COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE																				
TERMINAL MONTH	INITIAL MONTH																		MILLIONS OF DOLLARS	
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74	6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74		12-74
7-73	23.2																			89,415
8-73	1.7	-16.1																		88,119
9-73	1.0	-8.6	-0.5																	88,085
10-73	3.4	-2.4	5.2	11.2																88,869
11-73	5.0	0.9	7.3	11.4	11.6															89,686
12-73	6.0	2.9	8.2	11.3	11.3	11.1														90,474
1-74	6.2	3.6	8.1	10.3	10.0	9.2	7.4													91,016
2-74	6.8	4.6	8.5	10.4	10.2	9.8	9.2	10.9												91,806
3-74	6.3	4.4	7.7	9.1	8.7	8.0	6.9	6.7	2.6											92,003
4-74	6.2	4.4	7.3	8.5	8.0	7.3	6.4	6.1	3.7	4.9										92,367
5-74	7.6	6.1	8.9	10.1	10.0	9.7	9.4	10.0	9.6	13.3	22.5									93,940
6-74	7.4	6.1	8.6	9.7	9.5	9.2	8.9	9.2	8.7	10.8	14.0	6.1								94,402
7-74	7.6	6.4	8.7	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.0	9.3	8.9	10.6	12.5	7.9	9.7							95,135
8-74	7.6	6.5	8.6	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.8	9.0	8.7	10.0	11.3	7.9	8.8	7.8						95,732
9-74	8.3	7.3	9.3	10.2	10.1	9.9	9.8	10.1	10.0	11.2	12.6	10.2	11.6	12.6	17.7					97,038
10-74	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.7	8.2	5.3	5.4	4.0	2.1	-11.3				96,072
11-74	7.5	6.6	8.3	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.1	8.8	9.3	7.3	7.5	7.0	6.7	1.7	16.6			97,308
12-74	8.4	7.6	9.3	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.7	10.5	11.2	9.7	10.3	10.5	11.1	9.0	20.9	25.4		99,158
1-75	7.0	6.2	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.6	8.0	6.3	6.3	5.7	5.3	2.4	7.5	3.2	-15.0	97,822
	6-73	7-73	8-73	9-73	10-73	11-73	12-73	1-74	2-74	3-74	4-74	5-74	6-74	7-74	8-74	9-74	10-74	11-74	12-74	

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the monetary base grew 8.3 percent on the old basis and 8.4 percent using revised data. The major effect on quarterly growth rates appears in the quarter-to-quarter rates of change for the last two quarters in the years 1972-74.

The revised growth rates for the last quarter of each of these years is lowered from those reported for the old series. For example, the growth rate of monetary base on the old basis in the period III/74-IV/74 was 10.2 percent, and on the new basis is 8.8 percent. Growth rates of the monetary base from second quarter to third quarter for 1972-74 were raised. For example, in the period II/74-III/74 the growth rate of base on the old basis was 5.4 percent, and with the revised data it was 7.4 percent.

Tables showing month-to-month rates of change of the monetary base are shown on page 26. Using monthly data, the revised monetary base in recent periods shows more of a deceleration in growth than did the previous data. For example, on a revised basis, the monetary base grew at about a 6 percent rate from July 1974 to January 1975, compared to an 8.4 percent rate over the previous six months. On the

old basis, the growth of the base showed very little deceleration over these same periods, from a 7.5 percent rate to about a 7 percent rate in the most recent period.

#### *Federal Reserve Credit*

The series on Federal Reserve credit published by this Bank is also adjusted for the effects of changes in reserve requirement ratios and shifts in deposits. Like the source base, the seasonal factors on Federal Reserve credit were influenced by developments such as in November-December 1972. Federal Reserve credit has tended to show a substantial seasonal increase from October to December. The only year in the postwar period that Federal Reserve credit showed a marked decrease from October to December was 1972.

Therefore, the series on Federal Reserve credit has been revised to reflect the minor revisions in computation of RAM and the fact that RAM is now added to Federal Reserve credit and then the total is seasonally adjusted. Tables showing month-to-month rates of change of Federal Reserve credit on the revised and old bases are shown on page 27.