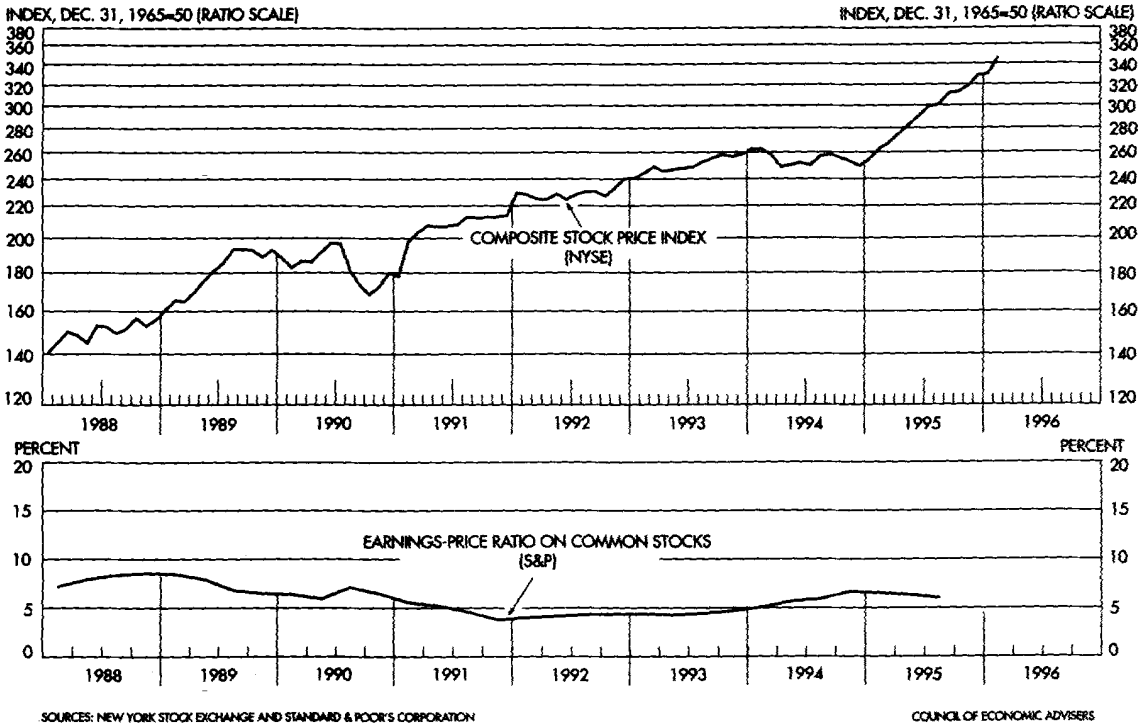
COMMON STOCK PRICES AND YIELDS

Stock prices rose in the early weeks of March.



Period	Common stock prices [1]							Common stock yields (percent) [6]	
	New York Stock Exchange indexes (Dec. 31, 1965 = 50, except as noted) [2]					Dow-Jones industrial average [4]	Standard & Poor's composite index (1941–43 = 10) [5]		
	Composite	Industrial	Transportation	Utility [3]	Finance			Dividend-price ratio	Earnings-price ratio
1986	136.00	155.85	119.87	142.72	147.20	1,792.76	236.34	3.49	6.09
1987	161.70	195.31	140.39	148.59	146.48	2,275.99	286.83	3.08	5.48
1988	149.91	180.95	134.12	143.53	127.26	2,060.82	265.79	3.64	8.01
1989	180.02	216.23	175.28	174.87	151.88	2,508.91	322.84	3.45	7.41
1990	183.46	225.78	158.62	181.20	133.26	2,678.94	334.59	3.61	6.47
1991	206.33	258.14	173.99	185.32	150.82	2,929.33	376.18	3.24	4.79
1992	229.01	284.62	201.09	198.91	179.26	3,284.29	415.74	2.99	4.22
1993	249.58	299.99	242.49	228.90	216.42	3,522.06	451.41	2.78	4.46
1994	254.12	315.25	247.29	209.06	209.73	3,793.77	460.33	2.82	5.83
1995	291.15	367.34	269.41	220.30	238.45	4,493.76	541.64	2.56	.....
1995: Feb	261.86	328.98	237.29	207.73	211.76	3,953.72	481.92	2.81	.....
Mar	266.81	337.96	244.45	204.16	213.29	4,062.78	493.15	2.76	6.51
Apr	274.37	347.69	254.36	208.93	219.38	4,230.66	507.91	2.68	.....
May	281.81	357.01	254.69	211.58	228.55	4,391.57	523.81	2.60	.....
June	289.52	366.75	256.80	216.27	236.26	4,510.76	539.35	2.55	6.32
July	298.18	379.13	279.15	219.18	240.50	4,684.76	557.37	2.50	.....
Aug	300.05	379.79	285.63	221.99	245.27	4,639.27	559.11	2.49	.....
Sept	310.41	390.42	295.54	229.64	260.72	4,746.76	578.77	2.42	6.01
Oct	311.78	389.63	291.16	236.43	265.12	4,760.46	582.92	2.41	.....
Nov	317.58	398.66	300.06	238.98	266.12	4,935.81	595.53	2.37	.....
Dec	327.90	412.11	303.53	247.59	273.36	5,136.10	614.57	2.30	.....
1996: Jan	329.22	412.71	300.30	254.07	273.73	5,179.37	614.42	2.31	.....
Feb	346.46	435.92	315.29	257.80	290.97	5,518.73	649.54	2.22	.....
Week ended:									
1996: Feb 17	349.26	438.89	316.75	261.66	293.59	5,567.12	655.37	2.20	.....
24	347.43	438.08	319.46	254.82	291.67	5,553.36	651.67	2.22	.....
Mar 2	345.03	434.86	317.29	250.39	292.20	5,528.54	645.45	2.23	.....
9	347.80	439.21	321.18	249.17	294.47	5,596.90	649.15	2.21	.....

[1] Average of daily closing prices.
[2] Includes all the stocks (more than 2,000 in 1992) listed on the NYSE.
[3] Dec. 31, 1965 = 100. Effective April 27, 1993 the NYSE doubled the value of the utility index to facilitate trading of options and futures on the index. All indexes shown here reflect the doubling.
[4] Includes 30 stocks.
[5] Includes 500 stocks.
[6] Standard & Poor's series. Dividend-price ratios based on Wednesday closing prices. Earnings-price ratios based on prices at end of quarter.

NOTE.—All data relate to stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Sources: New York Stock Exchange, Dow-Jones & Company, Inc., and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

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