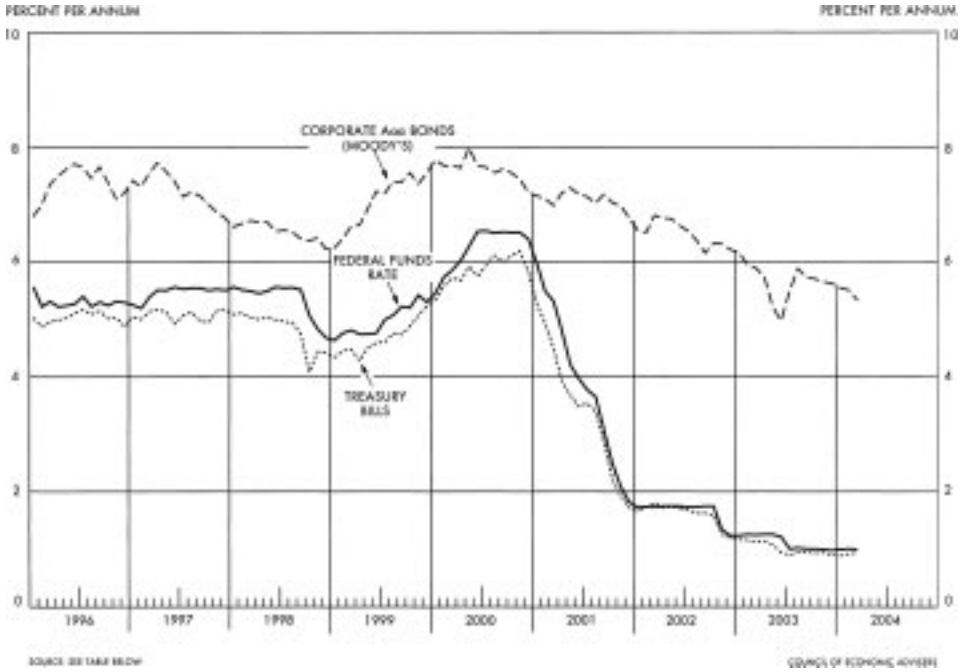
INTEREST RATES AND BOND YIELDS

Overall, interest rates fell in March.



[Percent per annum]

Period	U.S. Treasury security yields				High-grade municipal bonds (Standard & Poor's) [3]	Corporate Aaa bonds (Moody's)	Discount window (N.Y. F.R. Bank) [4 5]		Prime rate charged by banks [5]	Federal funds rate [6]	New-home mortgage yields (FHFB) [7]
	3-month bills (new issues) [1]	Constant maturities [2]					Primary credit	Discount rate			
		3-year	10-year	30-year							
1994	4.29	6.27	7.09	7.37	6.19	7.96	.....	3.60	7.15	4.21	7.49
1995	5.51	6.25	6.57	6.88	5.95	7.59	.....	5.21	8.83	5.83	7.87
1996	5.02	5.99	6.44	6.71	5.75	7.37	.....	5.02	8.27	5.30	7.80
1997	5.07	6.10	6.35	6.61	5.55	7.26	.....	5.00	8.44	5.46	7.71
1998	4.81	5.14	5.26	5.58	5.12	6.53	.....	4.92	8.35	5.35	7.07
1999	4.66	5.49	5.65	5.87	5.43	7.04	.....	4.62	8.00	4.97	7.04
2000	5.85	6.22	6.03	5.94	5.77	7.62	.....	5.73	9.23	6.24	7.52
2001	3.45	4.09	5.02	5.49	5.19	7.08	.....	3.40	6.91	3.88	7.00
2002	1.62	3.10	4.61	*	5.05	6.49	.....	1.17	4.67	1.67	6.43
2003	1.02	2.10	4.01	*	4.73	5.67	2.12	*	4.12	1.13	5.80
2003: Mar	1.13	1.98	3.81	*	4.72	5.89	2.25	*	4.25	1.25	5.75
Apr	1.14	2.06	3.96	*	4.71	5.74	2.25	*	4.25	1.26	5.92
May	1.08	1.75	3.57	*	4.35	5.22	2.25	*	4.25	1.26	5.75
June	0.95	1.51	3.33	*	4.32	4.97	2.00	*	4.00	1.22	5.51
July	0.90	1.93	3.98	*	4.71	5.49	2.00	*	4.00	1.01	5.53
Aug	0.96	2.44	4.45	*	5.08	5.88	2.00	*	4.00	1.03	5.77
Sept	0.95	2.23	4.27	*	4.91	5.72	2.00	*	4.00	1.01	5.97
Oct	0.93	2.26	4.29	*	4.84	5.70	2.00	*	4.00	1.01	5.92
Nov	0.94	2.45	4.30	*	4.74	5.65	2.00	*	4.00	1.00	5.92
Dec	0.90	2.44	4.27	*	4.65	5.62	2.00	*	4.00	0.98	5.59
2004: Jan	0.89	2.27	4.15	*	4.53	5.54	2.00	*	4.00	1.00	5.48
Feb	0.92	2.25	4.08	*	4.48	5.50	2.00	*	4.00	1.01	5.72
Mar	0.94	2.00	3.83	*	4.39	5.33	2.00	*	4.00	1.00	.....
Week ended:											
2004: Mar 6	0.94	2.16	4.00	*	4.48	5.43	2.00	*	4.00	1.03	.....
13	0.93	1.94	3.75	*	4.29	5.27	2.00	*	4.00	1.00	.....
20	0.95	1.94	3.75	*	4.29	5.28	2.00	*	4.00	1.00	.....
27	0.93	1.93	3.76	*	4.36	5.28	2.00	*	4.00	0.99	.....
Apr 3	0.95	2.10	3.95	*	4.54	5.43	2.00	*	4.00	1.01	.....

[1] Bank-discount basis.

[2] Yields on actively traded issues adjusted to constant maturities.

[3] Weekly data are Wednesday figures.

[4] Discount window borrowing for primary credit and discount rate (adjustment credit). The rate for primary credit replaced the rate for adjustment credit under an amendment to the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation A, effective January 9, 2003.

[5] Average effective rate for year; rate in effect at end of month or week.

[6] Daily effective rate; weighted average of rates on brokered trades.

[7] Effective rate (in the primary market) on conventional mortgages, reflecting fees and charges as well as contract rate and assumed, on the average, repayment at end of 10 years.

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Sources: Department of the Treasury, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Housing Finance Board, Moody's Investors Service, and Standard & Poor's.

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