# **FEDERAL RESERVE** statistical release

H.3 (502) AGGREGATE RESERVES OF DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND THE MONETARY BASE

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# Aggregate Reserves of Depository Institutions and the Monetary Base

As announced on March 15, 2020, the Board reduced reserve requirement ratios on net transaction accounts to 0 percent, effective March 26, 2020. This action eliminated reserve requirements for all depository institutions. As a result, many of the items related to reserve requirements and featured in tables 1 and 2 of the Board's Statistical Release H.3, "Aggregate Reserves of Depository Institutions and the Monetary Base," are zero beginning with the two weeks ending April 8, 2020.

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#### Table 1

Not seasonally adjusted

Millions of dollars unless otherwise noted

Date		Reserve balances required		Reserve balances maintained <sup>4</sup>			
	Reserve balance requirements <sup>1</sup>	Top of penalty- free band <sup>2</sup>	Bottom of penalty- free band <sup>3</sup>	Total	Balances maintained to satisfy reserve balance requirements <sup>5</sup>	Balances maintained that exceed the top of the penalty- free band <sup>6</sup>	
<b>Month<sup>7</sup></b> 2019-Mar. Apr. May June	128,423 130,120 134,717 134,908	141,279 143,144 148,200 148,409	115,569 117,098 121,237 121,408	1,661,297 1,559,450 1,511,285 1,535,857	140,926 142,641 147,792 148,025	1,520,371 1,416,809 1,363,493 1,387,832	
July Aug. Sept.	135,103 134,639 134,707	148,624 148,114 148,188	121,584 121,167 121,227	1,513,550 1,520,876 1,439,771	148,191 147,555 147,498	1,365,359 1,373,321 1,292,273	
Oct. Nov. Dec.	134,998 140,705 138,984	148,509 154,787 152,893	121,489 126,625 125,076	1,481,513 1,529,341 1,630,090	148,050 154,256 152,562	1,333,462 1,375,085 1,477,528	
2020-Jan. Feb. Mar.	144,816 138,370 113,139	159,309 152,218 124,461	130,326 124,524 101,817	1,645,384 1,656,989 2,045,148	158,765 151,612 124,147	1,486,619 1,505,377 1,921,000	
<b>Two weeks ending<sup>8</sup></b> 2020-Feb. 12 Feb. 26	131,006 143,140	144,118 157,465	117,897 128,817	1,660,291 1,640,294	143,526 156,831	1,516,765 1,483,463	
Mar. 11 Mar. 25	145,565 136,149	160,132 149,774	130,999 122,524	1,721,690 2,041,280	159,601 149,497	1,562,089 1,891,783	
Apr. 8	0	0	0	2,647,180	0	2,647,180	

1. Equals required reserves (table 2, column 2) less vault cash used to satisfy required reserves (table 2, column 4).

2. Equals the sum of each institution's top of the penalty-free band. For each institution, the top of the penalty-free band is equal to the institution's reserve balance requirement plus an amount that is the greater of 10 percent of the institution's reserve balance requirement or \$50,000.

3. Equals the sum of each institution's bottom of the penalty-free band. For each institution, the bottom of the penalty-free band is equal to the institution's reserve balance requirement less an amount that is the greater of 10 percent of the institution's reserve balance requirement or \$50,000.

4. Effective February 18, 2014, omits balances held by designated financial market utilities. These balances are reported in the H.4.1 statistical release.

5. Equals the sum of balances maintained up to the top of each institution's penalty-free band.

6. Equals the sum of balances maintained that exceed the top of each institution's penalty-free band.

7. Prorated averages of biweekly averages.

8. Averages of daily figures.

#### Note on the Elimination of Reserve Requirements

The Board reduced the reserve requirement ratios on net transaction accounts to 0 percent, effective March 26, 2020. As a result, release items reported under "Reserve balances required" (reserve balance requirements and the top and bottom of penalty-free band) and "Balances maintained to satisfy reserve balance requirements" are zero beginning with the two weeks ending April 8, 2020.



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#### Table 2

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Date	Reserves		Vault cash <sup>2</sup>			Monetary base		
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Required	Total	Used to satisfy required reserves <sup>3</sup>	Surplus <sup>4</sup>	Total⁵	Total balances maintained <sup>6</sup>	Currency in circulation
Month <sup>7</sup> 2019-Mar. Apr.	1,725,938 1,623,904	193,064 194,575	76,814 76,135	64,640 64,455	12,174 11,681	3,381,455 3,286,650	1,661,297 1,559,450	1,720,158 1,727,201
May	1,576,309	199,742	75,826	65,024	10,802	3,244,460	1,511,285	1,733,175
June	1,601,309	200,360	76,106	65,452	10,654	3,274,825	1,535,857	1,738,968
July	1,578,615	200,169	76,485	65,065	11,420	3,260,316	1,513,550	1,746,765
Aug.	1,586,844	200,608	78,451	65,969	12,483	3,271,378	1,520,876	1,750,502
Sept.	1,504,805	199,741	76,550	65,035	11,516	3,202,668	1,439,771	1,762,898
Oct.	1,547,136	200,621	76,660	65,623	11,036	3,252,807	1,481,513	1,771,294
Nov.	1,595,222	206,586	76,920	65,881	11,039	3,315,551	1,529,341	1,786,209
Dec.	1,698,344	207,239	80,167	68,255	11,913	3,426,483	1,630,090	1,796,393
2020-Jan.	1,715,219	214,652	81,206	69,835	11,371	3,442,603	1,645,384	1,797,219
Feb.	1,726,943	208,324	80,717	69,954	10,763	3,454,504	1,656,989	1,797,515
Mar.	2,099,369	167,360	77,096	54,222	22,874	3,883,155	2,045,148	1,838,007
<b>Two weeks ending<sup>8</sup></b> 2020-Feb. 12 Feb. 26	1,732,355 1,709,136	203,070 211,982	84,536 78,429	72,064 68,842	12,472 9,587	3,453,798 3,438,834	1,660,291 1,640,294	1,793,507 1,798,541
Mar. 11	1,788,394	212,269	76,121	66,704	9,417	3,530,453	1,721,690	1,808,763
Mar. 25	2,108,932	203,801	78,380	67,652	10,728	3,884,720	2,041,280	1,843,441
Apr. 8	2,647,180	0	75,888	0	75,888	4,526,124	2,647,180	1,878,945

1. Equals total reserve balances maintained (table 1, column 4) plus vault cash used to satisfy required reserves.

2. Vault cash eligible to satisfy reserve requirements. It includes only vault cash held by institutions not exempt from reserve requirements. Dates refer to the maintenance periods for which the vault cash can be used to satisfy reserve requirements.

3. All vault cash held during the lagged computation period by "bound" institutions (that is, those whose required reserves exceed their vault cash) plus the amount of vault cash applied during the maintenance period by "nonbound" institutions (that is, those whose vault cash exceeds their required reserves) to satisfy current reserve requirements.

4. Total vault cash eligible to satisfy reserve requirements, held by institutions not exempt from reserve requirements, minus the amount used to satisfy reserve requirements.

5. Equals total balances maintained plus currency in circulation.

6. Effective February 18, 2014, omits balances held by designated financial market utilities. These balances are reported in the H.4.1 statistical release.

7. Prorated averages of biweekly averages.

8. Averages of daily figures.

#### Note on the Elimination of Reserve Requirements

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#### Table 3

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Date						
	Total	Primary	Secondary	Seasonal	Other credit extensions <sup>1</sup>	- Nonborrowed reserves <sup>2</sup>
Month <sup>3</sup>						
2019-Mar.	15	7	0	8	0	1,725,923
Apr.	30	14	0	15	0	1,623,875
May	56	18	0	38	0	1,576,254
June	80	20	0	60	0	1,601,229
July	120	9	0	111	0	1,578,495
Aug.	117	16	0	101	0	1,586,727
Sept.	101	15	0	86	0	1,504,704
Oct.	63	4	0	59	0	1,547,073
Nov.	26	4	0	22	0	1,595,196
Dec.	21	10	0	11	0	1,698,323
2020-Jan.	6	5	0	1	0	1,715,213
Feb.	3	3	0	0	0	1,726,939
Mar.	40,554	19,538	0	0	21,015	2,058,816
Two weeks ending <sup>4</sup>						
2020-Feb. 12	3	3	0	0	0	1,732,352
Feb. 26	2	2	0	0	0	1,709,134
Mar. 11	10	10	0	0	0	1,788,384
Mar. 25	34,009	23,308	0	0	10,701	2,074,923
Apr. 8	130,156	46,546	0	0	83,611	2,517,024

1. Includes borrowings associated with facilities other than the primary, secondary, and seasonal credit lending programs. Detail on borrowings contained in this item is available under "Loans" in table 1 of the H.4.1 statistical release.
Equals total reserves (table 2, column 1) less total borrowings from the Federal Reserve.

3. Prorated averages of biweekly averages.

4. Averages of daily figures.