

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	12/2001	09/2002	12/2002	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 1996 dollars	9,248.8	9,485.6	9,503.2	2.8%	0.2%
Disposable Income/96\$	6,729.1	7,081.6	7,127.2	5.9%	0.6%
Total Pers. Consumption	7,097.9	7,347.2	7,467.8	5.2%	1.6%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	0.91%	4.28%	4.84%	3.9%	0.6%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	51.691	50.752	51.745	0.1%	2.0%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.39	1.37	1.37	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	106.1	100.4	98.6	-7.1%	-1.8%
Total Civilian Employment	136,067,000	137,312,000	136,439,000	0.3%	-0.6%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.7%	6.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.6	40.8	40.9	0.7%	0.2%
Private Housing Starts	1,583.0	1,808.0	1,847.0	16.7%	2.2%
Index of Ind. Production	108.3	111.2	110.3	1.8%	-0.8%
Japan Ind. Production	89.0	95.4	93.7	5.3%	-1.8%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	73.1	74.4	75.4	3.1%	1.3%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	5,440.6	5,703.5	5,791.8	6.5%	1.5%
Prime Rate	4.84%	4.75%	4.25%	-0.6%	-0.5%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	7.1	6.1	6.0	-1.1%	-0.1%
Crude Materials Price Index	95.6	110.2	120.5	26.0%	9.3%
Producer Price Index	137.7	139.0	139.4	1.2%	0.3%
Consumer Price Index	177.3	180.9	181.6	2.4%	0.4%
Composite Leading Indicators	110.5	110.4	111.3	0.7%	0.8%

p=preliminary; r=revised; n.a.=not applicable

All figures are in annualized billions of dollars except for Employment, Hours, Private Housing Starts, Indexes and percentages.

All \$ numbers are in current dollars except as noted.

Sources: The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; The Conference Board