

## CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	3/2002	12/2002	3/2003	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 1996 dollars	9,363.2	9,518.2	9,562.8	2.1%	0.5%
Disposable Income/96\$	6,961.0	7,100.8	7,141.4	2.6%	0.6%
Total Pers. Consumption	7,205.3	7,491.2	7,557.8	4.9%	0.9%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	3.88%	4.26%	4.34%	0.5%	0.1%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	50.853	51.623	55.516	9.2%	7.5%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.40	1.39	1.38	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	107.6	98.6	94.3	-12.4%	-4.4%
Total Civilian Employment	136,143,000	136,439,000	137,348,000	0.9%	0.7%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.7%	6.0%	5.8%	0.1%	-0.2%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.0	40.9	40.8	-0.5%	-0.2%
Private Housing Starts	1,651.0	1,815.0	1,748.0	5.9%	-3.7%
Index of Ind. Production	109.6	109.9	110.2	0.5%	0.3%
Japan Ind. Production	90.3	93.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	73.1	72.5	72.3	-1.1%	-0.3%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	5,503.5	5,796.6	5,898.7	7.2%	1.8%
Prime Rate	4.75%	4.25%	4.25%	-0.5%	0.0%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	7.0	6.0	5.7	-1.3%	-0.3%
Crude Materials Price Index	104.0	119.1	153.0	47.1%	28.5%
Producer Price Index	139.2	139.3	145.1	4.2%	4.2%
Consumer Price Index	178.5	181.6	183.9	3.0%	1.3%
Composite Leading Indicators	111.0	111.3	110.5	-0.5%	-0.7%

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