

## CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	3/2004	12/2004	3/2005	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	10,697.4	10,994.3	11,088.8	3.7%	0.9%
Disposable Income/2000\$	7,897.0	8,218.3	8,193.1	3.7%	-0.3%
Total Pers. Consumption	8,097.7	8,484.6	8,610.9	6.3%	1.5%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	1.10%	2.39%	0.98%	-0.1%	-1.4%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	62.426	65.348	65.682	5.2%	0.5%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.30	1.30	1.31	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	86.5	80.2	80.9	-6.5%	0.9%
Total Civilian Employment	138,298,000	140,156,000	140,501,000	1.6%	0.2%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.4%	5.2%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.9	40.6	40.4	-1.2%	-0.5%
Private Housing Starts	2,000.0	2,063.0	1,833.0	-8.4%	-11.1%
Index of Ind. Production	114.7	117.6	118.5	3.3%	0.8%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	75.1	77.1	77.5	3.2%	0.5%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,167.8	6,417.0	6,469.6	4.9%	0.8%
Prime Rate	4.00%	5.15%	5.58%	1.6%	0.4%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	5.5	5.8	5.9	0.4%	0.1%
Crude Materials Price Index	153.1	168.5	169.3	10.6%	0.5%
Producer Price Index	146.7	150.8	153.6	4.7%	1.9%
Consumer Price Index	187.2	191.1	193.2	3.2%	1.1%
Composite Leading Indicators	115.8	115.4	115.1	-0.6%	-0.3%

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; Northeast Midwest Institute