

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	3/2005	12/2005	3/2006	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	10,999.3	11,248.3	11,381.4	3.5%	1.2%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,098.1	8,206.4	8,271.2	2.1%	0.8%
Total Pers. Consumption	8,610.9	8,982.1	9,132.4	6.1%	1.7%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	0.59%	-0.19%	-0.77%	-1.4%	-0.6%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	65.682	66.750	68.951	5.0%	3.3%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.31	1.26	1.26	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	80.9	85.8	85.2	5.3%	-0.7%
Total Civilian Employment	140,501,000	142,779,000	143,641,000	2.2%	0.6%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.9%	4.7%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.4	40.8	41.1	1.7%	0.7%
Private Housing Starts	1,833.0	1,989.0	1,960.0	6.9%	-1.5%
Index of Ind. Production	118.5	110.4	111.2	-6.2%	0.7%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	78.3	79.5	80.1	2.3%	0.8%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,469.6	6,675.7	6,778.4	4.8%	1.5%
Prime Rate	5.58%	7.15%	7.53%	2.0%	0.4%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	5.9	6.3	6.3	0.4%	0.0%
Crude Materials Price Index	169.3	203.2	178.6	5.5%	-12.1%
Producer Price Index	153.6	160.0	159.0	3.5%	-0.6%
Consumer Price Index	193.2	197.7	199.8	3.4%	1.1%
Composite Leading Indicators	115.1	138.5	138.4	20.2%	-0.1%

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