

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	3/2006	12/2006	3/2007	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,316.4	11,513.0	11,531.7	1.9%	0.2%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,276.8	8,441.7	8,540.1	3.2%	1.2%
Total Pers. Consumption	9,132.4	9,478.5	9,705.0	6.3%	2.4%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	-0.03%	-1.09%	-0.96%	-0.9%	0.1%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	68.951	63.407	63.146	-8.4%	-0.4%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.26	1.28	1.27	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	85.2	80.9	79.9	-6.2%	-1.2%
Total Civilian Employment	143,641,000	145,926,000	145,786,000	1.5%	-0.1%
Total Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%	-0.2%	0.0%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.1	41.0	41.2	0.2%	0.5%
Private Housing Starts	1,960.0	1,629.0	1,528.0	-22.0%	-6.2%
Index of Ind. Production	111.2	112.2	113.0	1.6%	0.7%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	79.8	79.9	79.6	-0.3%	-0.4%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,778.4	7,027.3	7,218.9	6.5%	2.7%
Prime Rate	7.53%	8.25%	8.25%	0.7%	0.0%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	6.3	6.1	6.2	-0.1%	0.1%
Crude Materials Price Index	178.6	191.3	203.6	14.0%	6.4%
Producer Price Index	159.0	161.5	165.5	4.1%	2.5%
Consumer Price Index	197.8	202.8	206.0	3.1%	1.6%
Composite Leading Indicators	138.4	138.0	137.4	-0.7%	-0.4%

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