

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	3/2007	12/2007	3/2008	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,412.6	11,675.7	11,693.1	2.5%	0.1%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,623.9	8,695.2	8,726.4	1.2%	0.4%
Total Pers. Consumption	9,573.0	9,983.2	10,079.2	5.3%	1.0%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	1.12%	0.00%	0.23%	-0.9%	0.2%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	61.855	64.768	62.704	1.4%	-3.2%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.28	1.27	1.27	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	79.9	73.7	70.3	-12.0%	-4.6%
Total Civilian Employment	145,786,000	146,211,000	145,969,000	0.1%	-0.2%
Total Unemployment Rate	4.5%	5.0%	5.1%	0.6%	0.1%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.2	41.1	41.2	0.0%	0.2%
Private Housing Starts	1,491.0	1,000.0	947.0	-36.5%	-5.3%
Index of Ind. Production	112.4	112.4	111.9	-0.4%	-0.4%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	78.8	79.2	78.6	-0.3%	-0.8%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	7,151.5	7,428.0	7,661.5	7.1%	3.1%
Prime Rate	8.25%	7.33%	5.66%	-2.6%	-1.7%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	6.2	6.1	6.0	-0.2%	-0.1%
Crude Materials Price Index	202.3	231.8	266.0	31.5%	14.8%
Producer Price Index	164.2	171.6	175.8	7.1%	2.4%
Consumer Price Index	205.1	211.7	213.3	4.0%	0.8%
Composite Leading Indicators*	137.4	135.9	102.0	-25.8%	-24.9%

* Beginning March 2008, amount is adjusted to 2004=100
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