

## CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	3/2008	12/2008	3/2009	1 yr. ago	last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,646.0	11,522.1	11,360.5	-2.5	-1.4
Disposable Income/96\$	8,667.9	8,758.2	8,887.0	2.5	1.5
Total Pers. Consumption	10,039.7	9,836.0	9,934.6	-1.0	1.0
Personal Savings divided by disposable income*100	0.24	3.91	5.22	5.0	1.3
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92 \$	63.222	57.730	49.989	-20.9	-13.4
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.26	1.46	1.44	n/a	n/a
Exchange value of US\$	70.3	80.7	83.8	19.2	3.8
Total Civilian Employment	145,696,000	145,338,000	140,887,000	-3.3	-3.1
Total Unemployment Rate	5.1	7.2	8.5	3.4	1.3
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.1	39.9	39.6	-3.6	-0.8
Private Housing Starts	988.0	550.0	521.0	-47.3	-5.3
Index of Ind. Production	112.0	105.2	97.6	-12.9	-7.2
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	78.0	70.9	66.7	-14.5	-5.9
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	7,664.5	8,154.1	8,316.6	8.5	2.0
Prime Rate	5.66	3.61	3.25	-2.4	-0.4
30-yr Conventional Mtge Rate	6.0	5.3	5.0	-1.0	-0.3
Crude Materials Price Index	262.6	173.1	160.1	-39.0	-7.5

\* 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