

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	9/2004	6/2005	9/2005	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	10,808.9	11,089.1	11,193.2	3.6%	0.9%
Disposable Income/2000\$	7,993.3	8,128.7	8,110.5	1.5%	-0.2%
Total Pers. Consumption	8,320.2	8,737.3	8,853.3	6.4%	1.3%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	1.31%	0.09%	-1.23%	-2.5%	-1.3%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	65.069	64.151	63.087	-3.0%	-1.7%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.31	1.28	1.25	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	86.2	85.0	83.9	-2.7%	-1.3%
Total Civilian Employment	139,527,000	141,638,000	142,432,000	2.1%	0.6%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.0%	5.1%	-0.3%	0.1%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.8	40.4	40.6	-0.5%	0.5%
Private Housing Starts	1,905.0	2,065.0	2,108.0	10.7%	2.1%
Index of Ind. Production	115.7	108.3	107.1	-7.4%	-1.1%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	77.3	78.1	78.2	1.2%	0.1%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,332.9	6,515.6	6,587.9	4.0%	1.1%
Prime Rate	4.58%	6.01%	6.59%	2.0%	0.6%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	5.8	5.6	5.8	0.0%	0.2%
Crude Materials Price Index	153.1	166.0	198.2	29.5%	19.4%
Producer Price Index	148.5	153.7	158.9	7.0%	3.4%
Consumer Price Index	189.7	194.1	198.5	4.6%	2.3%
Composite Leading Indicators	115.4	137.7	136.8	18.5%	-0.7%

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