

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	9/2005	6/2006	9/2006	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,115.1	11,388.1	11,450.5	3.0%	0.5%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,060.8	8,245.4	8,319.7	3.2%	0.9%
Total Pers. Consumption	8,854.8	9,270.5	9,343.6	5.5%	0.8%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	-1.64%	-1.59%	-1.46%	0.2%	0.1%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	62.889	63.523	66.617	5.9%	4.9%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.25	1.26	1.30	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	83.8	81.7	81.8	-2.4%	0.1%
Total Civilian Employment	142,435,000	144,363,000	144,850,000	1.7%	0.3%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	-0.5%	0.0%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.6	41.3	41.1	1.2%	-0.5%
Private Housing Starts	2,160.0	1,833.0	1,740.0	-19.4%	-5.1%
Index of Ind. Production	107.2	113.2	112.1	4.6%	-1.0%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	78.3	80.4	80.8	3.2%	0.5%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,600.1	6,829.9	6,878.8	4.2%	0.7%
Prime Rate	6.59%	8.02%	8.25%	1.7%	0.2%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	5.8	6.7	6.4	0.6%	-0.3%
Crude Materials Price Index	200.3	181.3	184.6	-7.8%	1.8%
Producer Price Index	158.4	161.7	159.8	0.9%	-1.2%
Consumer Price Index	198.6	202.3	202.7	2.1%	0.2%
Composite Leading Indicators	136.8	138.1	137.7	0.7%	-0.3%

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