

## CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	12/2004	9/2005	12/2005	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	10,897.1	11,202.3	11,233.5	3.1%	0.3%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,169.2	8,060.8	8,198.0	0.4%	1.7%
Total Pers. Consumption	8,467.6	8,854.8	8,996.6	6.2%	1.6%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	2.51%	-1.97%	-0.41%	-2.9%	1.6%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	61.684	62.889	66.258	7.4%	5.4%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.28	1.25	1.25	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	80.1	83.8	85.8	7.1%	2.4%
Total Civilian Employment	140,133,000	142,435,000	142,779,000	1.9%	0.2%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.1%	4.9%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.6	40.6	40.8	0.5%	0.5%
Private Housing Starts	2,050.0	2,160.0	1,988.0	-3.0%	-8.0%
Index of Ind. Production	106.7	107.2	110.5	3.6%	3.1%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	77.8	78.1	79.4	2.1%	1.7%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,422.1	6,600.1	6,680.4	4.0%	1.2%
Prime Rate	5.15%	6.59%	7.15%	2.0%	0.6%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	5.8	5.8	6.3	0.5%	0.5%
Crude Materials Price Index	166.8	200.3	203.2	21.8%	1.4%
Producer Price Index	151.5	158.4	160.0	5.6%	1.0%
Consumer Price Index	191.2	198.6	197.7	3.4%	-0.5%
Composite Leading Indicators	115.4	136.8	138.5	20.0%	1.2%

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