

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	12/2005	9/2006	12/2006	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,163.8	11,443.5	11,506.5	3.1%	0.6%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,183.3	8,311.0	8,419.1	2.9%	1.3%
Total Pers. Consumption	8,982.1	9,348.5	9,491.1	5.7%	1.5%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	-0.35%	-1.60%	-1.36%	-1.0%	0.2%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	66.750	66.617	65.560	-1.8%	-1.6%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.26	1.30	1.28	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	85.8	81.6	80.9	-5.7%	-0.9%
Total Civilian Employment	142,779,000	144,906,000	145,926,000	2.2%	0.7%
Total Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.6%	4.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	40.8	41.1	41.0	0.5%	-0.2%
Private Housing Starts	1,989.0	1,724.0	1,643.0	-17.4%	-4.7%
Index of Ind. Production	110.4	112.2	112.5	1.9%	0.3%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	79.3	80.8	79.9	0.8%	-1.1%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	6,675.7	6,886.5	7,021.0	5.2%	2.0%
Prime Rate	7.15%	8.25%	8.25%	1.1%	0.0%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	6.3	6.4	6.1	-0.2%	-0.3%
Crude Materials Price Index	203.2	183.9	196.0	-3.5%	6.6%
Producer Price Index	160.0	160.2	161.6	1.0%	0.9%
Consumer Price Index	197.7	202.7	202.8	2.6%	0.0%
Composite Leading Indicators	138.5	137.7	138.0	-0.4%	0.2%

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