

## CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	12/2006	9/2007	12/2007	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,395.7	11,658.9	11,677.4	2.5%	0.2%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,510.7	8,702.6	8,709.3	2.3%	0.1%
Total Pers. Consumption	9,478.5	9,832.0	9,975.2	5.2%	1.5%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	.49%	0.65%	0.29%	-0.1%	-0.4%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	63.407	63.527	64.382	1.5%	1.3%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.28	1.27	1.26	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	80.9	75.9	73.7	-8.9%	-2.9%
Total Civilian Employment	145,926,000	146,260,000	146,211,000	0.2%	0.0%
Total Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.7%	5.0%	0.5%	0.3%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.0	41.3	41.1	0.2%	-0.5%
Private Housing Starts	1,629.0	1,182.0	1,006.0	-38.2%	-14.9%
Index of Ind. Production	112.2	114.2	114.1	1.7%	-0.1%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	79.9	80.4	79.6	-0.4%	-1.0%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	7,027.3	7,350.8	7,447.1	6.0%	1.3%
Prime Rate	8.25%	8.03%	7.33%	-0.9%	-0.7%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	6.1	6.4	6.1	0.0%	-0.3%
Crude Materials Price Index	191.3	204.8	230.2	20.3%	12.4%
Producer Price Index	161.5	167.2	172.5	6.8%	3.2%
Consumer Price Index	202.8	208.5	211.7	4.4%	1.5%
Composite Leading Indicators	138.0	137.9	135.9	-1.5%	-1.5%

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