

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	12/2007	9/2008	12/2008	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2000 dollars	11,620.7	11,712.4	11,599.4	-0.2%	-1.0%
Disposable Income/2000\$	8,683.1	8,689.1	8,760.4	0.9%	0.8%
Total Pers. Consumption	9,983.2	10,132.4	9,836.0	-1.5%	-2.9%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	0.49%	1.51%	3.54%	3.1%	2.0%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	64.768	62.547	57.730	-10.9%	-7.7%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.27	1.30	1.44	n.a.	n.a.
Exchange value of US\$	73.7	75.5	80.7	9.5%	6.9%
Total Civilian Employment	146,211,000	145,029,000	145,338,000	-0.6%	0.2%
Total Unemployment Rate	5.0%	6.2%	7.2%	2.2%	1.0%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.1	40.5	39.9	-2.9%	-1.5%
Private Housing Starts	1,000.0	824.0	550.0	-45.0%	-33.3%
Index of Ind. Production	112.4	105.2	103.6	-7.8%	-1.5%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	79.3	75.5	71.9	-9.3%	-4.8%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	7,428.0	7,795.9	8,154.1	9.8%	4.6%
Prime Rate	7.33%	5.00%	3.61%	-3.7%	-1.4%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	6.1	6.0	5.3	-0.8%	-0.7%
Crude Materials Price Index	231.8	256.9	173.1	-25.3%	-32.6%
Producer Price Index	171.6	181.5	169.3	-1.3%	-6.7%
Consumer Price Index	211.7	218.8	211.5	-0.1%	-3.3%
Composite Leading Indicators*	135.9	100.6	99.5	-26.8%	-1.1%

* Beginning March 2008, amount is adjusted to 2004=100
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