

CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

	12/2011	9/2012	12/2012	Change from 1 yr. ago	Change from last qtr.
GDP in 2005 dollars	13,441.0	13,652.5	13,656.8	1.6%	0.0%
Disposable Income/2005\$	10,121.5	10,288.8	10,445.4	3.2%	1.5%
Total Personal Consumption	10,860.5	11,223.4	11,278.3	3.8%	0.5%
Personal Savings divided by disposable income	3.88	4.23	5.38	1.5%	1.2%
Orders for Plant and Equipment/92\$	68.893	60.013	63.346	-8.1%	5.6%
Ratio of Inventories to sales/92\$	1.26	1.28	1.27	n/a	n/a
Exchange value of US\$	73.3	72.6	73.1	-0.3%	0.7%
Total Civilian Employment	140,790,000	142,974,000	143,305,000	1.8%	0.2%
Total Unemployment Rate	8.5	7.8	7.8	-0.7%	0.0%
Ave. Weekly Mfg. Hours	41.6	41.5	41.8	0.5%	0.7%
Private Housing Starts	689.0	843.0	973.0	41.2%	15.4%
Index of Ind. Production	95.9	97.2	98.7	2.9%	1.5%
Mfg. Capacity Utilization	76.6	77.7	77.8	1.6%	0.1%
Money Supply (M2)/82\$	9,640.1	10,158.9	10,402.4	7.9%	2.4%
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25	3.25	0.0%	0.0%
30-yr Conventional Mortgage	4.0	3.5	3.4	-0.7%	-0.2%
Crude Materials Price Index	250.4	246.4	251.0	0.2%	1.9%
Producer Price Index	193.3	197.2	195.6	1.2%	-0.8%
Consumer Price Index	227.0	231.2	231.1	1.8%	0.0%
Composite Leading Indicators*	102.0	100.2	100.9	-1.1%	0.7%

* 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