

# BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT

## August 09

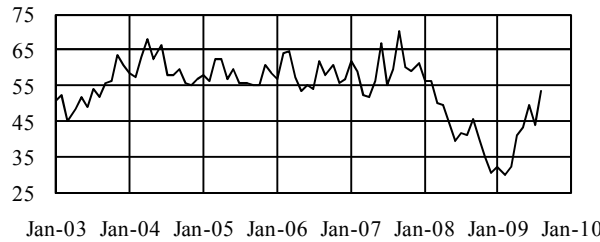
The Seasonally Adjusted Milwaukee Index rose eleven points to 56 this month. The raw is up ten to 54. New Orders Received had a fourteen point jump to 59. Production rose eleven points to 56 in August. Backlog went up thirteen points to 51. Supplier Lead Times declined eight points to 47. Blue Collar Employment improved nine points to 42. White Collar Employment rose five points to 47. Inventory Levels had a four point jump to 37. Capital Equipment went up two to an even 50. The Level Of Purchasing Activities

went up four to 57 in August.

Business improved and prices went up. We had a thirteen point gain in the Prices Paid Index to 60. Nineteen increased, one did not

change and one went down. Sixteen are above 50, four at 50 and one below. Fuel rose sixty-seven followed by petroleum at

### Milwaukee Index



Date	Index
August-2009	54
July-2009	44
June-2009	50
May-2009	43
August-2008	41
August-2007	60
August-2006	62

forty-five. Ferrous is up twenty-nine and Aluminum eighteen. Chemicals and Stampings rose sixteen. Computer Hardware/Software went down seven points.

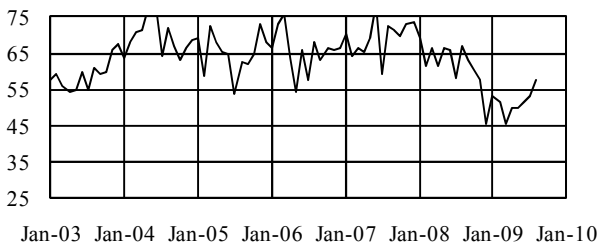
### Commodity Price Index

Aluminum 73	Electronic Components 53	Plastics 67
Casting 57	Forgings 59	Plating 56
Chemicals 60	Fuel 76	Precious Metals 65
Computer Hardware/Software 47	Hydraulic Componentes 50	Printing Paper 53
Copper, Brass, Bronze 76	Office Supplies 50	Rubber Products 50
Corrugated/Packaging 50	Petroleum Products 76	Stampings 54
Electric Motors/Transformers 53	Piping & Tubing 66	Ferrous (Steel, Stainless) 77

#### Commentary:

Up 13 points this month. Business Improved, prices up.

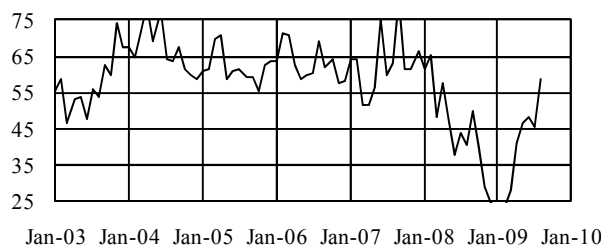
### Level of Purchasing Activities



Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	29	56	15	57
July-2009	25	56	19	53
June-2009	26	50	24	51
May-2009	23	53	23	50
August-2008	47	41	13	67
August-2007	48	48	3	73
August-2006	44	47	8	68

**Commentary:** A little busier this month. Up four to 57.

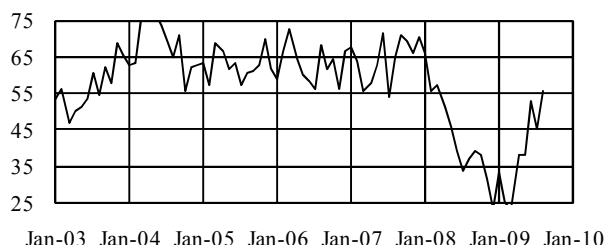
## New Orders



**Commentary:** A 14 point increase to 59.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	38	41	21	59
July-2009	25	41	34	45
June-2009	30	36	33	48
May-2009	20	53	27	47
August-2008	29	23	48	40
August-2007	41	44	15	63
August-2006	53	33	14	69

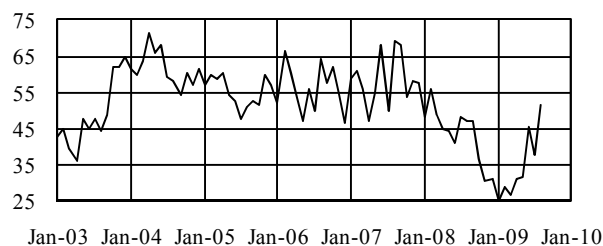
## Production



**Commentary:** 11 point increase to 56 in August.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	38	35	26	56
July-2009	23	45	32	45
June-2009	33	39	27	53
May-2009	17	43	40	38
August-2008	23	29	48	37
August-2007	41	47	12	65
August-2006	50	36	14	68

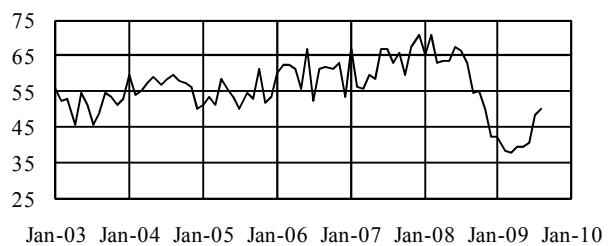
## Backlog



**Commentary:** A 13 point jump to 51.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	29	44	26	51
July-2009	13	50	38	38
June-2009	12	68	21	46
May-2009	7	50	43	32
August-2008	22	50	28	47
August-2007	50	38	12	69
August-2006	37	54	9	64

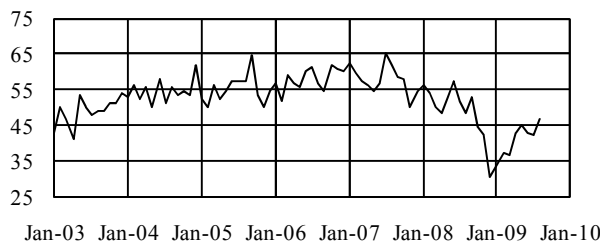
## Capital Expenditures



**Commentary:** Up a little. Two points increase to an even 50.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	15	71	15	50
July-2009	16	65	19	48
June-2009	3	76	21	41
May-2009	11	57	32	39
August-2008	42	42	16	63
August-2007	29	68	3	63
August-2006	31	61	8	61

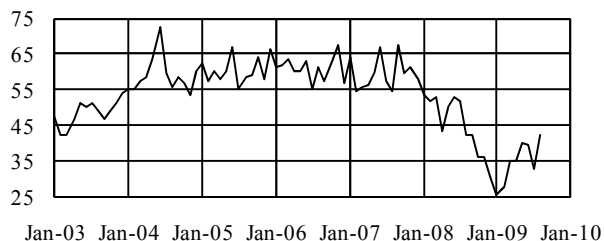
## White Collar Employment



**Commentary:** Five points jump to 47.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	9	76	15	47
July-2009	13	59	28	42
June-2009	9	68	24	43
May-2009	7	77	17	45
August-2008	6	84	9	48
August-2007	26	71	3	62
August-2006	17	81	3	57

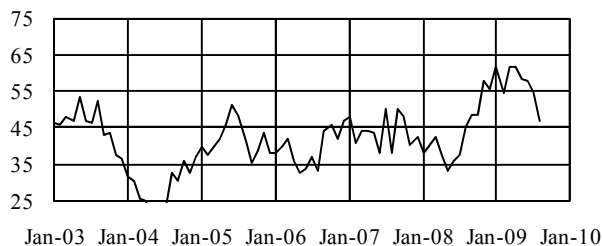
## Blue Collar Employment



**Commentary:** A nice nine point increase to 42.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	0	85	15	42
July-2009	0	66	34	33
June-2009	9	62	29	40
May-2009	7	67	27	40
August-2008	6	72	22	42
August-2007	21	68	12	54
August-2006	31	61	8	61

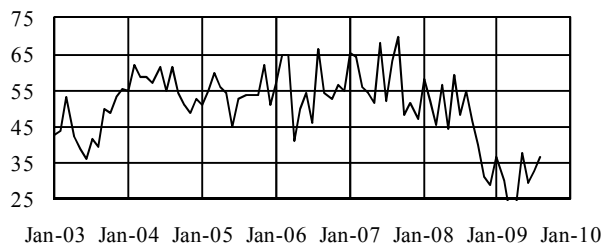
## Supplier Lead Times



**Commentary:** Got worse with improved business. Down eight to 47.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	18	70	12	47
July-2009	13	66	22	55
June-2009	3	79	18	58
May-2009	7	70	23	58
August-2008	17	77	7	45
August-2007	26	71	3	38
August-2006	33	67	0	33

## Inventory Levels



**Commentary:** A four point gain to 37.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
August-2009	18	38	44	37
July-2009	16	34	50	33
June-2009	15	29	56	29
May-2009	21	34	45	38
August-2008	38	34	28	55
August-2007	44	38	18	63
August-2006	44	44	11	67