

BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT

December 08

The Seasonally Adjusted Milwaukee Index is down five points to 30. A year ago it was at 62. New Orders Received declined five points to 24. Production is down nine to 23. Backlog went up a point to 31.

Supplier Lead Times are down two to 56.

Blue Collar Employment went down five to 31. White Collar Employment declined eleven to 31. Inventory Levels are down two to 19. Capital Equipment dropped eight points to 42. It was 71 a year ago. The

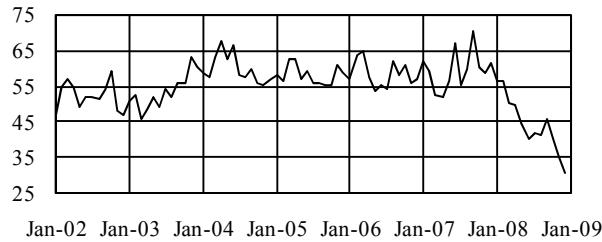
Level of Purchasing Activities are off thirteen to stand at 45.

The Prices Paid Index went down three to 29 this month. Two Increased, two did not

change and seventeen dropped.

One is above 50 and twenty are below. Precious Metal and Printing Paper went up ten points.

Milwaukee Index



Date	Index
December-2008	30
November-2008	35
October-2008	40
September-2008	46
December-2007	62
December-2006	57
December-2005	59

Aluminum and Chemicals dropped eleven and Forgings dropped ten points.

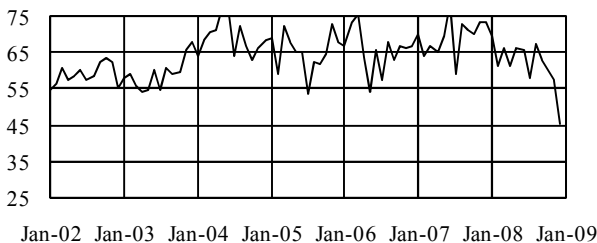
Commodity Price Index

Aluminum 13	Electronic Components 43	Plastics 29
Casting 25	Forgings 21	Plating 41
Chemicals 20	Fuel 4	Precious Metals 33
Computer Hardware/Software 39	Hydraulic Componentets 34	Printing Paper 53
Copper, Brass, Bronze 15	Office Supplies 43	Rubber Products 34
Corrugated/Packaging 46	Petroleum Products 10	Stampings 19
Electric Motors/Transformers 44	Piping & Tubing 25	Ferrous (Steel, Stainless) 10

Commentary:

Dropped three points to 29. Two are above 50, balance at or below.

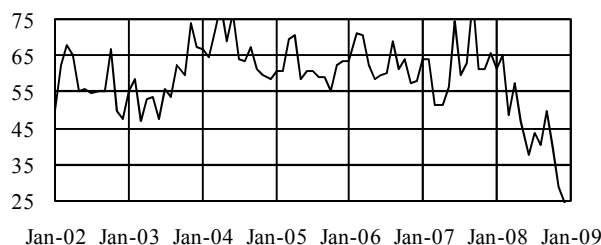
Level of Purchasing Activities



Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	27	36	36	45
November-2008	36	42	21	58
October-2008	41	38	21	60
September-2008	42	42	16	63
December-2007	56	35	9	74
December-2006	43	47	10	67
December-2005	48	40	12	68

Commentary: A 13 point decline to 45.

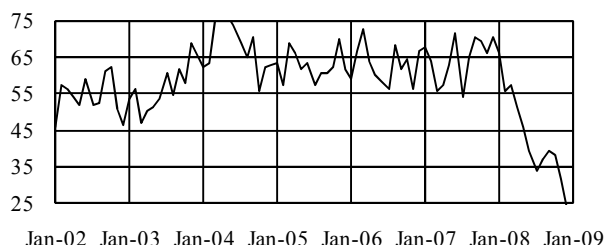
New Orders



Commentary: Down five points to 24.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	6	36	58	24
November-2008	12	33	55	29
October-2008	23	33	43	40
September-2008	34	31	34	50
December-2007	50	32	18	66
December-2006	37	43	20	58
December-2005	44	40	16	64

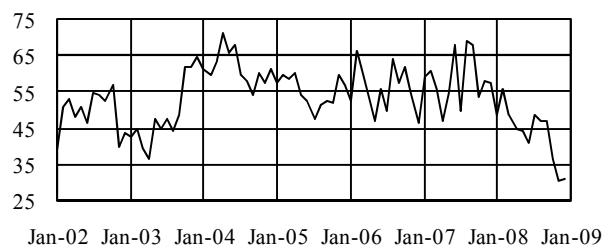
Production



Commentary: A nine point drop to 23.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	9	28	63	23
November-2008	15	33	52	32
October-2008	20	37	43	38
September-2008	22	34	44	39
December-2007	53	35	12	71
December-2006	50	33	17	67
December-2005	42	40	19	62

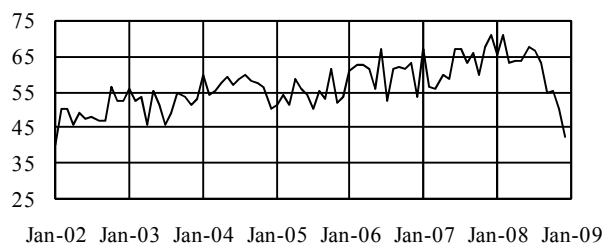
Backlog



Commentary: Up a point to 31.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	9	44	47	31
November-2008	6	48	45	30
October-2008	17	40	43	37
September-2008	25	44	31	47
December-2007	35	44	21	57
December-2006	27	40	33	47
December-2005	35	44	21	57

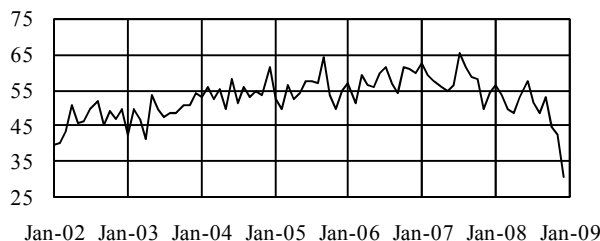
Capital Expenditures



Commentary: Eight points down to 42. Was 71 a year ago.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	16	53	31	42
November-2008	24	52	24	50
October-2008	33	43	23	55
September-2008	28	53	19	55
December-2007	41	59	0	71
December-2006	17	73	10	53
December-2005	17	74	10	54

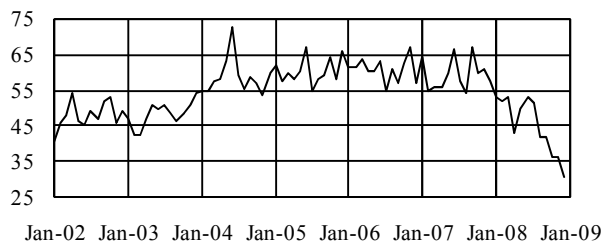
White Collar Employment



Commentary: Off 11 points to 31.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	3	56	41	31
November-2008	9	67	24	42
October-2008	7	76	17	45
September-2008	16	75	9	53
December-2007	15	79	6	54
December-2006	20	80	0	60
December-2005	16	77	7	55

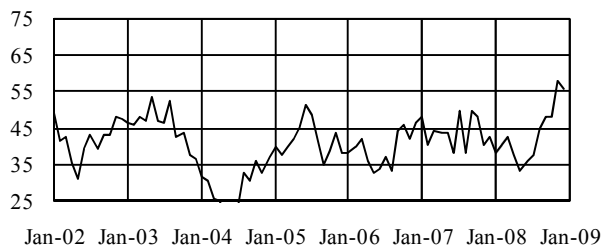
Blue Collar Employment



Commentary: A five point drop to 31.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	3	56	41	31
November-2008	9	55	36	36
October-2008	10	52	38	36
September-2008	13	59	28	42
December-2007	22	72	6	58
December-2006	17	79	3	57
December-2005	33	67	0	66

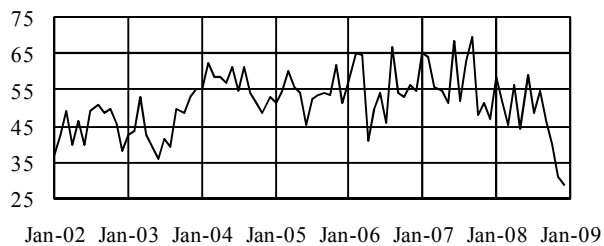
Supplier Lead Times



Commentary: Down two points to still growing 56.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	15	59	26	56
November-2008	13	58	29	58
October-2008	27	50	23	48
September-2008	16	71	13	48
December-2007	21	74	6	43
December-2006	13	80	7	47
December-2005	23	77	0	38

Inventory Levels



Commentary: Two point drop to 29.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2008	21	15	64	29
November-2008	16	31	53	31
October-2008	30	20	50	40
September-2008	30	33	37	47
December-2007	32	29	38	47
December-2006	33	43	23	55
December-2005	33	37	30	51