

# BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT

## December - 2006

The Seasonally Adjusted Milwaukee Index rose a point to 58 this month. The Raw Index went up a point to 57. It has been above 50 for 43 months. New Orders Received did not change. It is still at 58.

Production rose eleven points to 67 - trying to make the year end numbers. Backlog is down eight points - production used ti up. Supplier Lead Times

Improved five points to 47 in December.

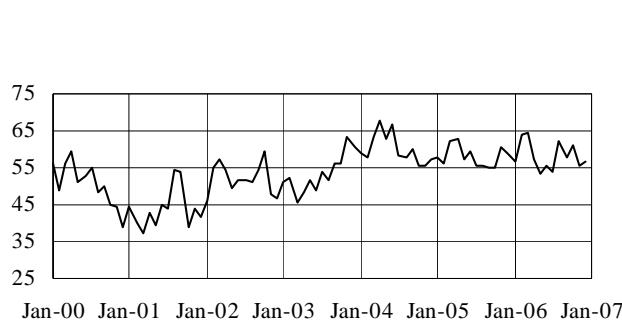
Blue Collar Employment is down ten points to 57. Still growing. White Collar Employment went down a point to 60. Inventory Levels declined a point

to 55 this month. Capital Equipment Expenditures dropped ten points to 53. The Level of Purchasing Activity is up a point to 67.

The Prices Paid Index is down three points to 53. Six went up, two did not change and thirteen declined. Nine are above 50, eight at 50 and four below 50. The biggest decline was twenty for copper. This was followed by Precious Metal at

sixteen and Computer Hardware/Software and Forgings at fourteen. Fuel increased twelve and Petroleum ten points. Aluminum is up seven points to 61.

### Milwaukee Index



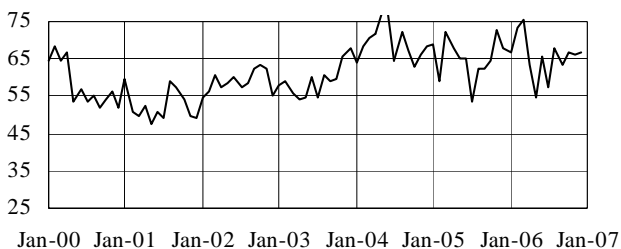
Date	Index
December-2006	57
November-2006	56
October-2006	61
September-2006	58
December-2005	59
December-2004	57
December-2003	61

### Commodity Price Index

Aluminum 61	Electronic Components 50	Plastics 50
Casting 59	Forgings 55	Plating 50
Chemicals 63	Fuel 58	Precious Metals 67
Computer Hardware/Software 46	Hydraulic Componenets 50	Printing Paper 50
Copper, Brass, Bronze 44	Office Supplies 50	Rubber Products 50
Corrugated/Packaging 52	Petroleum Products 57	Stampings 50
Electric Motors/Transformers 58	Piping & Tubing 48	Ferrous (Steel, Stainless) 41

**Commentary:**  
A three point drop to 53 this month.

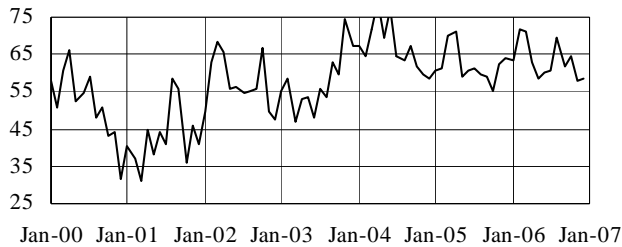
### Level of Purchasing Activities



**Commentary:** Up a point this month to 67.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	43	47	10	67
November-2006	39	55	6	66
October-2006	39	55	6	67
September-2006	32	62	6	63
December-2005	48	40	12	68
December-2004	43	51	6	69
December-2003	44	47	9	68

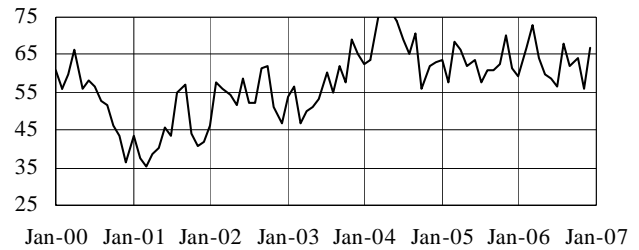
## New Orders



**Commentary:** No change. Still at 58.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	37	43	20	58
November-2006	41	34	25	58
October-2006	40	49	11	64
September-2006	38	47	15	62
December-2005	44	40	16	64
December-2004	34	49	17	59
December-2003	54	27	19	68

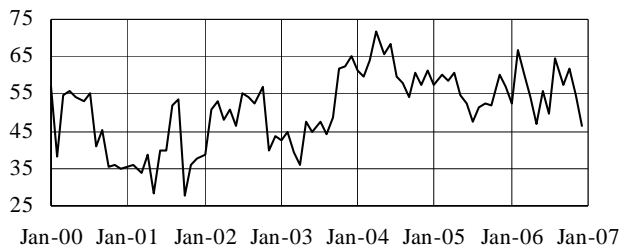
## Production



**Commentary:** An 11 point increase to 67. Year end I guess.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	50	33	17	67
November-2006	34	44	22	56
October-2006	37	54	9	64
September-2006	35	53	12	62
December-2005	42	40	19	62
December-2004	34	57	9	63
December-2003	50	31	19	65

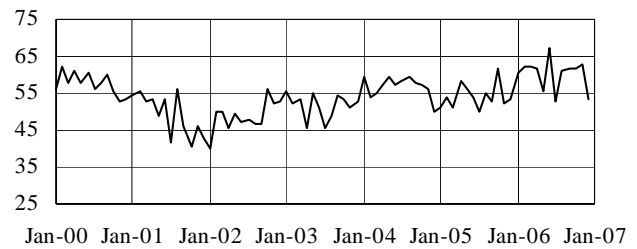
## Backlog



**Commentary:** Down eight. Production used up a lot of it.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	27	40	33	47
November-2006	28	53	19	55
October-2006	38	47	15	62
September-2006	29	56	15	57
December-2005	35	44	21	57
December-2004	37	49	14	61
December-2003	41	49	11	65

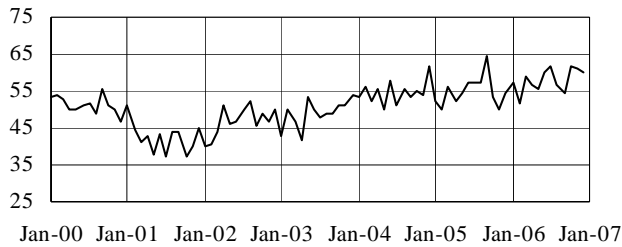
## Capital Expenditures



**Commentary:** A 10 point drop to barely growing 53. Year end.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	17	73	10	53
November-2006	29	68	3	63
October-2006	29	66	6	61
September-2006	29	65	6	62
December-2005	17	74	10	54
December-2004	6	88	6	50
December-2003	14	78	8	53

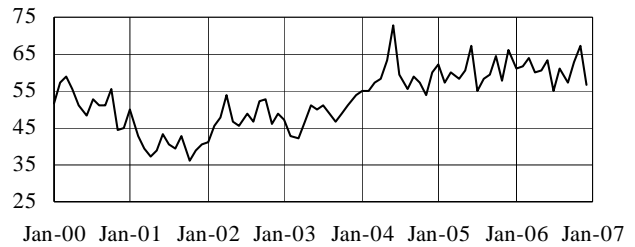
## White Collar Employment



**Commentary:** Down a point to a still nice 60.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	20	80	0	60
November-2006	22	78	0	61
October-2006	24	76	0	62
September-2006	9	91	0	54
December-2005	16	77	7	55
December-2004	24	76	0	62
December-2003	11	86	3	54

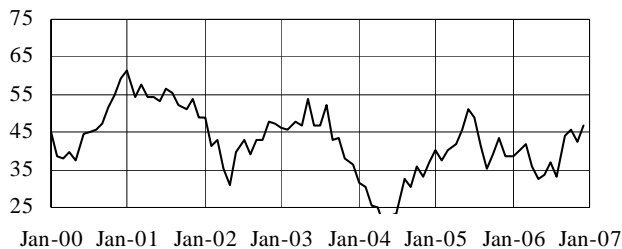
## Blue Collar Employment



**Commentary:** A 10 point drop to still growing 57.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	17	79	3	57
November-2006	38	59	3	67
October-2006	26	74	0	63
September-2006	21	74	6	57
December-2005	33	67	0	66
December-2004	23	74	3	60
December-2003	11	86	3	54

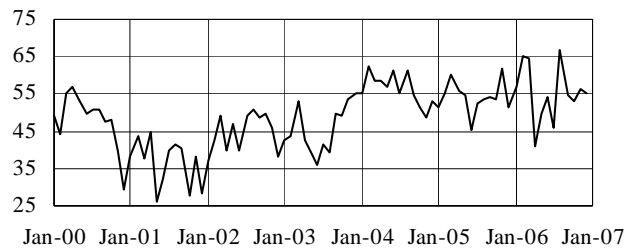
## Supplier Lead Times



**Commentary:** A nice five point increase to 47. Almost to 50.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	13	80	7	47
November-2006	25	66	9	42
October-2006	14	80	6	46
September-2006	12	88	0	44
December-2005	23	77	0	38
December-2004	29	69	3	37
December-2003	27	73	0	36

## Inventory Levels



**Commentary:** Down one point to 53.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
December-2006	33	43	23	55
November-2006	41	31	28	56
October-2006	34	37	29	53
September-2006	26	56	18	54
December-2005	33	37	30	51
December-2004	29	49	23	53
December-2003	32	46	22	55