

BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT

October 08

The Milwaukee Index went down four points adjusted to 42 in October. The Raw Index is down six to 40. New Orders Received dropped ten points to 40. Production is off a point to 38.

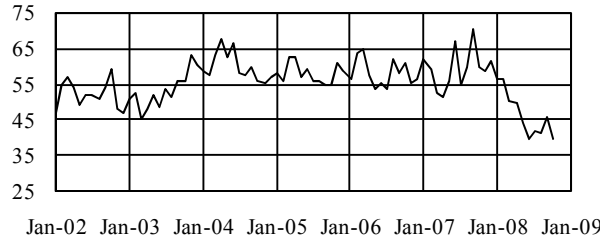
Backlog declined ten points to a low 37. Supplier Lead Times did not change. They are still at 48. Blue Collar Employment is down six

points to 36. White Collar Dropped eight points to 45. Inventory Levels are off seven to 40. Capital Equipment is still at a growing 55. The Level of Purchasing Activities went down three to 60

this month.

The Prices Paid Index dropped fourteen points to 44. Only two increased and nineteen declined. Six are above 50, four at 50 and eleven below.

Milwaukee Index



Date	Index
October-2008	40
September-2008	46
August-2008	41
July-2008	42
October-2007	60
October-2006	61
October-2005	55

Computer Hardware/Software went up fourteen and Printing Paper one. Petroleum declined forty-two and Fuel and

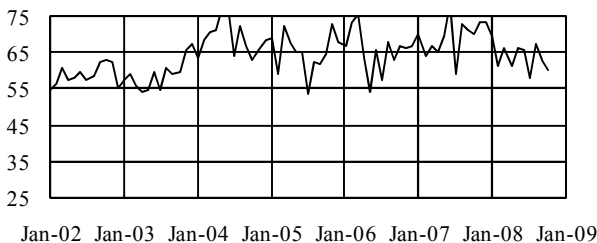
Ferrous thirty-three. Stampings and Rubber Products are down twenty-four. Copper and Piping and Tubing dropped twenty-one.

Commodity Price Index

Aluminum	24	Electronic Components	50	Plastics	75
Casting	42	Forgings	44	Plating	42
Chemicals	66	Fuel	5	Precious Metals	33
Computer Hardware/Software	54	Hydraulic Componentes	50	Printing Paper	57
Copper, Brass, Bronze	29	Office Supplies	50	Rubber Products	55
Corrugated/Packaging	74	Petroleum Products	26	Stampings	35
Electric Motors/Transformers	50	Piping & Tubing	40	Ferrous (Steel, Stainless)	24

Commentary:
Down 14 points to 44. In line with other indices.

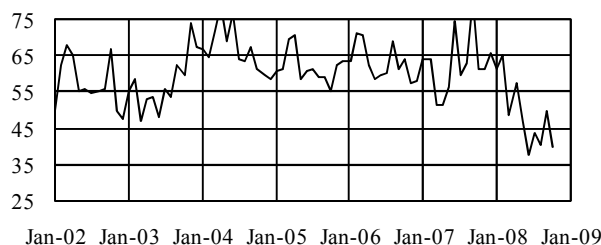
Level of Purchasing Activities



Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
October-2008	41	38	21	60
September-2008	42	42	16	63
August-2008	47	41	13	67
July-2008	42	32	26	58
October-2007	48	44	8	70
October-2006	39	55	6	67
October-2005	44	41	15	65

Commentary: A three point decline to 60. Still quite busy.

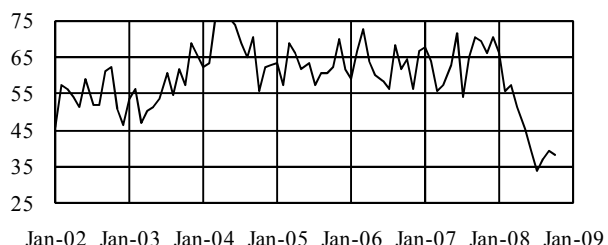
New Orders



Commentary: A 10 point drop in orders to 40. Not good.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	23	33	43	40
September-2008	34	31	34	50
August-2008	29	23	48	40
July-2008	38	13	50	44
October-2007	46	31	23	62
October-2006	40	49	11	64
October-2005	32	46	21	55

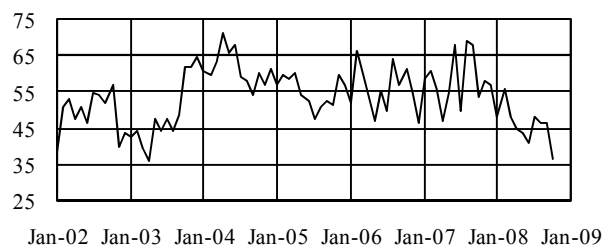
Production



Commentary: Production down a point to 38 this month.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	20	37	43	38
September-2008	22	34	44	39
August-2008	23	29	48	37
July-2008	19	29	52	34
October-2007	58	23	19	69
October-2006	37	54	9	64
October-2005	32	61	7	63

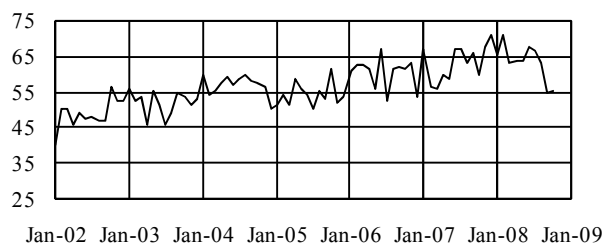
Backlog



Commentary: 10 points down to 37. Not too much work ahead.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	17	40	43	37
September-2008	25	44	31	47
August-2008	22	50	28	47
July-2008	28	41	31	48
October-2007	27	54	19	54
October-2006	38	47	15	62
October-2005	29	46	25	52

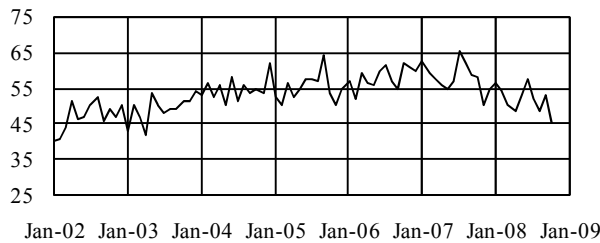
Capital Expenditures



Commentary: Still at 55 this month.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	33	43	23	55
September-2008	28	53	19	55
August-2008	42	42	16	63
July-2008	35	61	3	66
October-2007	31	58	12	60
October-2006	29	66	6	61
October-2005	23	77	0	62

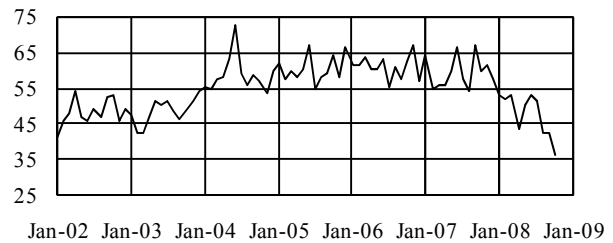
White Collar Employment



Commentary: Eight points decline to 45.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	7	76	17	45
September-2008	16	75	9	53
August-2008	6	84	9	48
July-2008	13	77	10	52
October-2007	24	68	8	58
October-2006	24	76	0	62
October-2005	18	71	11	54

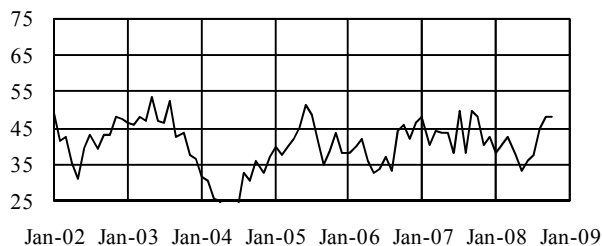
Blue Collar Employment



Commentary: A six point drop to 36.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	10	52	38	36
September-2008	13	59	28	42
August-2008	6	72	22	42
July-2008	16	72	13	52
October-2007	23	73	4	60
October-2006	26	74	0	63
October-2005	32	64	4	64

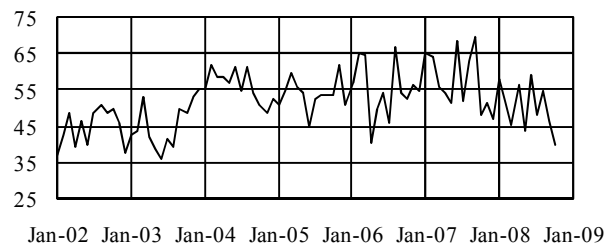
Supplier Lead Times



Commentary: No change. Still at 48.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	27	50	23	48
September-2008	16	71	13	48
August-2008	17	77	7	45
July-2008	28	69	3	38
October-2007	15	73	12	48
October-2006	14	80	6	46
October-2005	26	70	4	39

Inventory Levels



Commentary: Down seven points to 40. Getting rid of obsolete items.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2008	30	20	50	40
September-2008	30	33	37	47
August-2008	38	34	28	55
July-2008	35	26	39	48
October-2007	27	42	31	48
October-2006	34	37	29	53
October-2005	26	56	19	54