

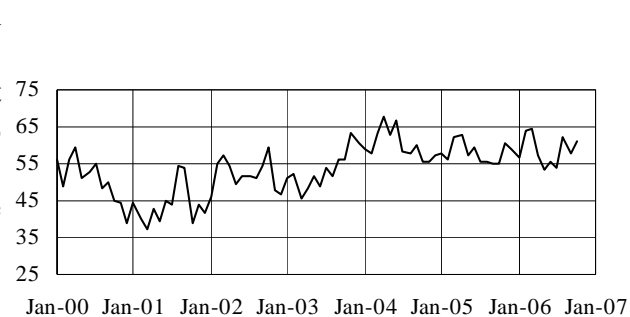
BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT

October - 2006

The Milwaukee Index increased eight points to 64 in October. The Raw Index went up three to 61. New Orders Received increased two points to 64. Production is also at 64, having risen two points. Backlog went up five to 62. Supplier Lead Times are improving. It went up two points to 46. Blue Collar Employment increased six points to 63. White Collar Employment went up eight points to 62 in October. Inventory Levels declined a point to 53. Capital Equipment is still strong at 61. It is down a

point. Level of Purchasing Activities went up four to 67. The Prices Paid Index increased a point to 54. Twelve went up, two did not change and seven went down. Fifteen are above 50, one at 50 and five below 50. The biggest increase was nineteen for Aluminum. This was followed by ten for Electronics and seven for Electric Motors. Fuel declined sixteen points. This was followed by twelve for Ferrous and ten for Plastics.

Milwaukee Index



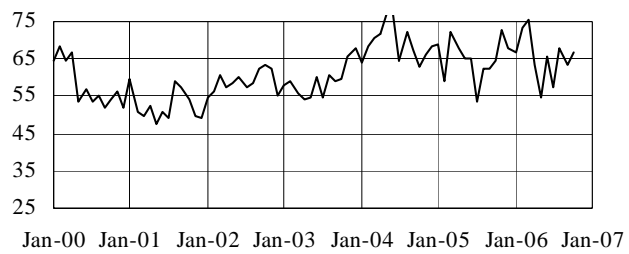
Date	Index
October-2006	61
September-2006	58
August-2006	62
July-2006	54
October-2005	55
October-2004	56
October-2003	56

Commodity Price Index

Aluminum 61	Electronic Components 60	Plastics 57
Casting 56	Forgings 56	Plating 64
Chemicals 61	Fuel 18	Precious Metals 73
Computer Hardware/Software 47	Hydraulic Componenets 47	Printing Paper 58
Copper, Brass, Bronze 64	Office Supplies 50	Rubber Products 56
Corrugated/Packaging 54	Petroleum Products 35	Stampings 53
Electric Motors/Transformers 61	Piping & Tubing 60	Ferrous (Steel, Stainless) 48

Commentary:
Went up a point this month to 54.

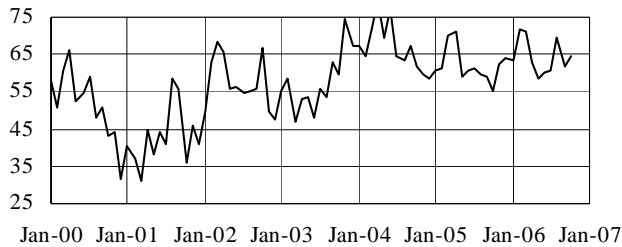
Level of Purchasing Activities



Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
October-2006	39	55	6	67
September-2006	32	62	6	63
August-2006	44	47	8	68
July-2006	36	44	21	58
October-2005	44	41	15	65
October-2004	40	45	14	63
October-2003	30	59	11	60

Commentary: A little busier this month. Up four to 67.

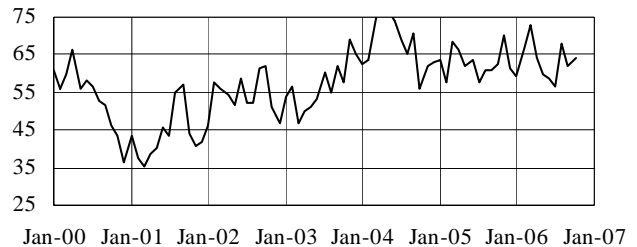
New Orders



Commentary: A two point increase to a nice 64.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2006	40	49	11	64
September-2006	38	47	15	62
August-2006	53	33	14	69
July-2006	37	47	16	61
October-2005	32	46	21	55
October-2004	37	49	14	62
October-2003	41	37	22	60

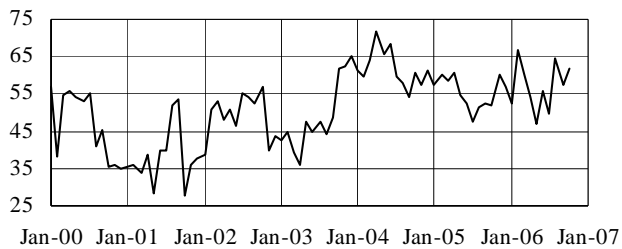
Production



Commentary: Up two points also to 64.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2006	37	54	9	64
September-2006	35	53	12	62
August-2006	50	36	14	68
July-2006	31	51	18	56
October-2005	32	61	7	63
October-2004	30	51	19	56
October-2003	35	46	20	58

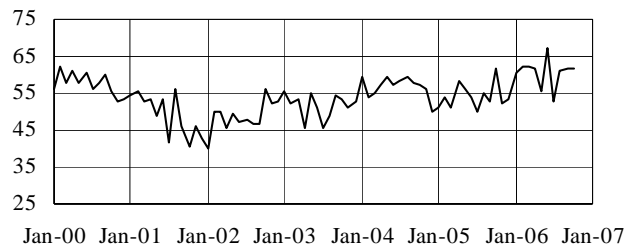
Backlog



Commentary: Five points increase to 62. More work for the future.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2006	38	47	15	62
September-2006	29	56	15	57
August-2006	37	54	9	64
July-2006	23	54	23	50
October-2005	29	46	25	52
October-2004	35	51	14	60
October-2003	39	46	15	62

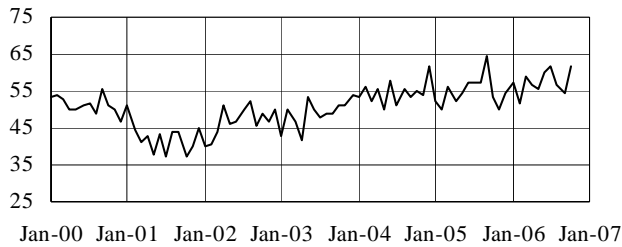
Capital Expenditures



Commentary: Went down a point to a still good 61.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
October-2006	29	66	6	61
September-2006	29	65	6	62
August-2006	31	61	8	61
July-2006	21	64	15	53
October-2005	23	77	0	62
October-2004	19	76	5	57
October-2003	13	80	7	53

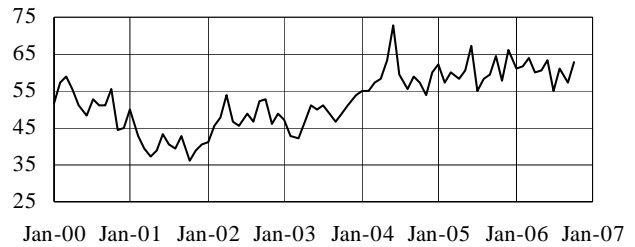
White Collar Employment



Commentary: A nice eight point increase to 62.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
October-2006	24	76	0	62
September-2006	9	91	0	54
August-2006	17	81	3	57
July-2006	23	77	0	62
October-2005	18	71	11	54
October-2004	12	86	2	55
October-2003	9	85	7	51

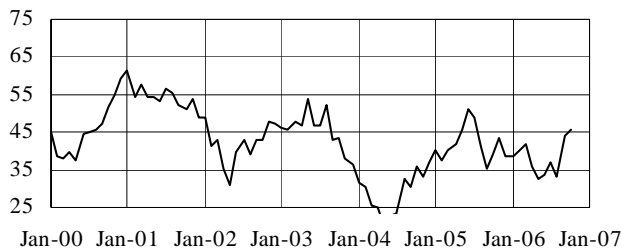
Blue Collar Employment



Commentary: Up six points to 63. A very good number.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
October-2006	26	74	0	63
September-2006	21	74	6	57
August-2006	31	61	8	61
July-2006	15	79	5	55
October-2005	32	64	4	64
October-2004	19	77	5	57
October-2003	11	76	13	49

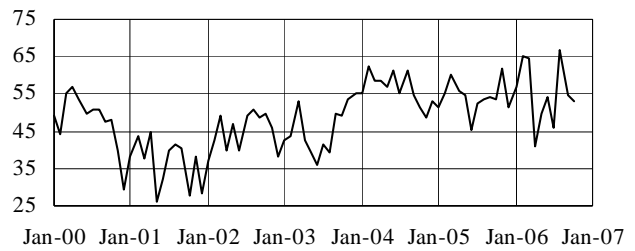
Supplier Lead Times



Commentary: Getting better. Up to 46 from 44.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
October-2006	14	80	6	46
September-2006	12	88	0	44
August-2006	33	67	0	33
July-2006	28	69	3	37
October-2005	26	70	4	39
October-2004	28	72	0	36
October-2003	15	83	2	43

Inventory Levels



Commentary: Down a point to 53.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
October-2006	34	37	29	53
September-2006	26	56	18	54
August-2006	44	44	11	67
July-2006	21	51	28	46
October-2005	26	56	19	54
October-2004	30	42	28	51
October-2003	22	54	24	49