

BUSINESS SURVEY REPORT

July - 2006

The Seasonally Adjusted Milwaukee Index is down two points to 52 this month. Raw dropped one to 54 (as seen on the chart). New Orders Received are up one point to 61. Production declined three points to 56.

Backlog went down six points to 50. Supplier Lead

Times improved three points to 37. Blue

Collar Employment went down

eight points to 55. White Collar Employment is up two to 62. Inventory Levels are down eight points to

46. Capital Equipment went down 14, for a correction to 53. The Level of Purchasing Activities is down eight points to 58.

There was no change in the Prices Paid Index. It is still at

68. Nine went up, nine went down,

and three stayed the same. The

biggest increase was seventeen for

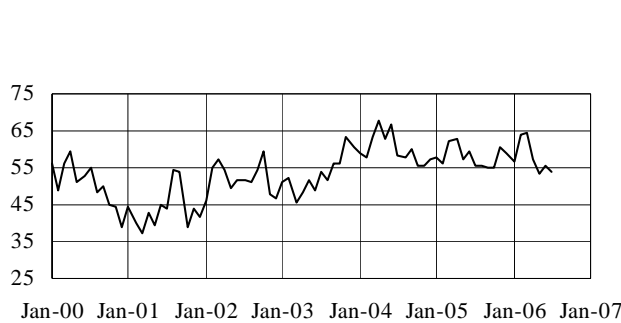
fuel. This was followed by twelve

for Petroleum and eight for Precious

Metal. Casings

went down sixteen and forgings dropped twelve points. Plating is down nine.

Milwaukee Index



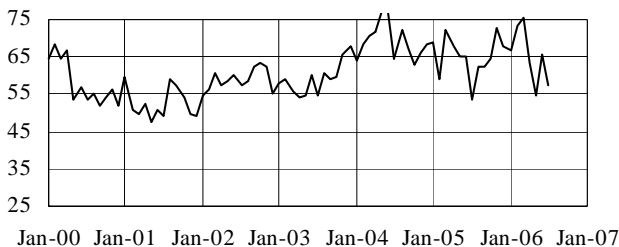
Date	Index
July-2006	54
June-2006	55
May-2006	54
April-2006	58
July-2005	56
July-2004	58
July-2003	54

Commodity Price Index

Aluminum 63	Electronic Components 57	Plastics 80
Casting 56	Forgings 58	Plating 62
Chemicals 84	Fuel ##	Precious Metals 75
Computer Hardware/Software 47	Hydraulic Componenets 56	Printing Paper 57
Copper, Brass, Bronze 81	Office Supplies 48	Rubber Products 59
Corrugated/Packaging 70	Petroleum Products 97	Stampings 67
Electric Motors/Transformers 61	Piping & Tubing 74	Ferrous (Steel, Stainless) 77

Commentary:
No change in average. Still at 68.

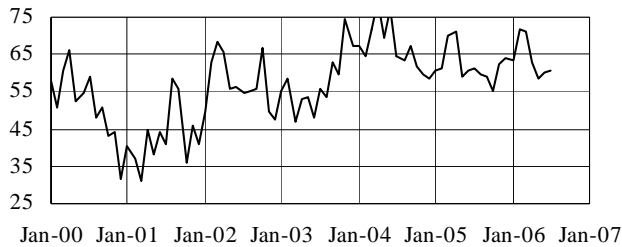
Level of Purchasing Activities



Commentary: Down eight points to 58.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
July-2006	36	44	21	58
June-2006	40	51	9	66
May-2006	32	44	24	54
April-2006	43	41	16	64
July-2005	23	63	15	54
July-2004	36	57	7	64
July-2003	21	67	12	55

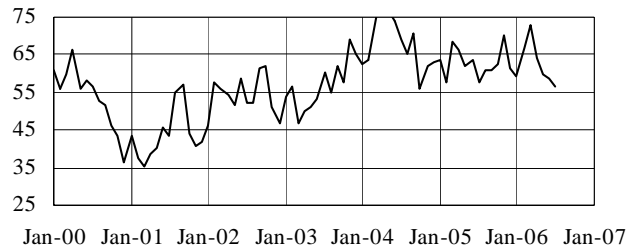
New Orders



Commentary: Up one point to 61.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
July-2006	37	47	16	61
June-2006	37	46	17	60
May-2006	34	49	17	59
April-2006	41	44	15	63
July-2005	40	43	18	61
July-2004	50	29	21	64
July-2003	33	47	21	56

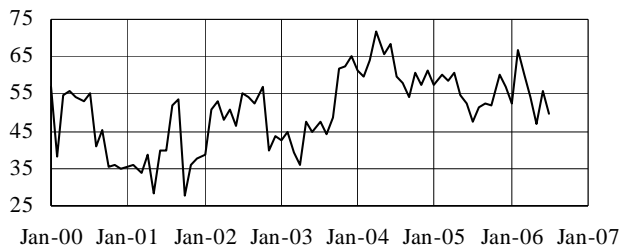
Production



Commentary: Down three. Now at 56.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
July-2006	31	51	18	56
June-2006	34	49	17	59
May-2006	29	63	9	60
April-2006	44	41	15	64
July-2005	28	60	13	58
July-2004	48	43	10	69
July-2003	30	60	9	60

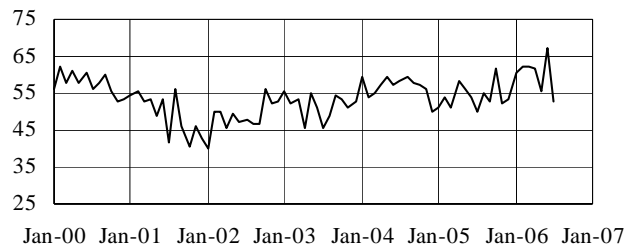
Backlog



Commentary: A six point drop to 50.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
July-2006	23	54	23	50
June-2006	26	60	14	56
May-2006	29	37	34	47
April-2006	33	41	26	54
July-2005	20	55	25	48
July-2004	45	29	26	60
July-2003	21	52	26	48

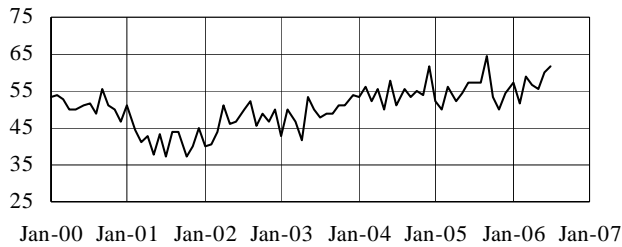
Capital Expenditures



Commentary: A big correction, 14 points. Now at 53.

Date	Increase	Same	Decrease	Index
	%	%	%	
July-2006	21	64	15	53
June-2006	37	60	3	67
May-2006	14	83	3	56
April-2006	26	72	3	62
July-2005	8	85	8	50
July-2004	22	73	5	59
July-2003	7	77	16	45

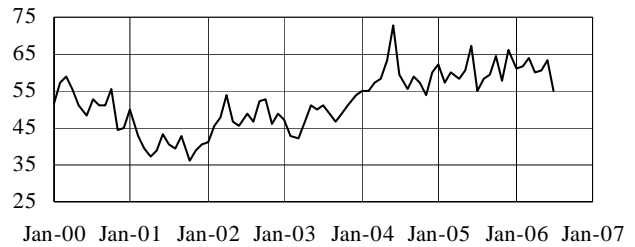
White Collar Employment



Commentary: Up two to 62.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
July-2006	23	77	0	62
June-2006	23	74	3	60
May-2006	17	77	6	56
April-2006	21	71	8	57
July-2005	15	85	0	58
July-2004	7	88	5	51
July-2003	7	81	12	48

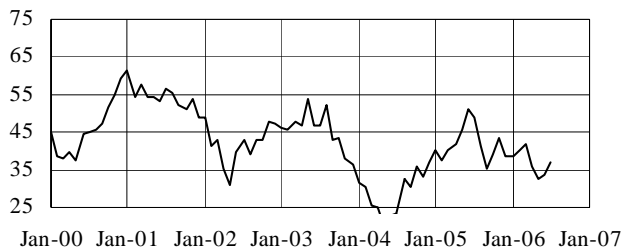
Blue Collar Employment



Commentary: Down eight points to 55.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
July-2006	15	79	5	55
June-2006	35	56	9	63
May-2006	24	74	3	60
April-2006	26	69	5	60
July-2005	13	85	3	55
July-2004	31	57	12	60
July-2003	12	79	10	51

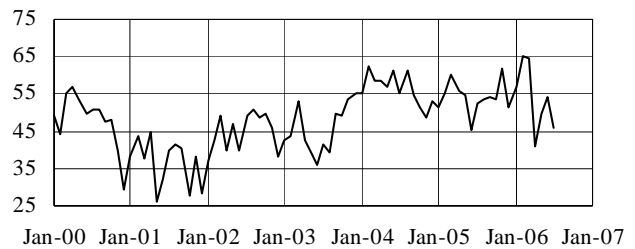
Supplier Lead Times



Commentary: Improve a little-three points.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
July-2006	28	69	3	37
June-2006	32	68	0	34
May-2006	34	66	0	33
April-2006	28	72	0	36
July-2005	18	67	15	49
July-2004	54	46	0	23
July-2003	12	84	5	47

Inventory Levels



Commentary: An eight point drop to 46.

Date	Increase %	Same %	Decrease %	Index
July-2006	21	51	28	46
June-2006	29	51	20	54
May-2006	20	60	20	50
April-2006	16	50	34	41
July-2005	33	40	28	53
July-2004	30	50	20	55
July-2003	17	50	33	42