

THE NUMBERS SINCE THE SUMMER

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL FROM JULY 2012 TO DECEMBER 2012

	POS	NEG	NO						
	(good)	(bad)	CHANGE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOUSING NUMBERS									
SALES OF EXISTING HOMES (in Millions)	X			4.5M	4.8M	4.7M	4.8M	5.0M	4.9M
SALES OF NEW HOMES (in thousands)			X	374,000	373,000	369,000	368,000	377,000	369,000
HOUSING BUILDING STARTS - (Annualized pace)	X			811,000	801,000	890,000	868,000	899,000	954,000
JOB NUMBERS									
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	X			8.2%	8.1%	7.8%	7.9%	7.8%	7.8%
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE (in Millions)	X			12.7M	12.5M	12.1M	12.3M	12.0M	12.2M
INCREASE IN JOBS (in thousands)		X		181,000	192,000	132,000	137,000	161,000	155,000
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			X	\$23.52	\$23.52	\$23.60	\$23.59	\$23.66	\$23.73
CONFIDENCE AND SALES NUMBERS									
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE	X			63	65	61	68	73	72
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE (ISM INDEX)			X	50	50	52	52	50	51
RETAIL SALES (in Billions)			X	\$404B	\$408B	\$413B	\$412B	\$412B	\$413B
AUTO SALES COMPARED TO LAST YEAR			X	9%	20%	13%	7%	15%	9%
EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES (in Billions)			X	\$184B	\$182B	\$187B	\$181B	\$190B	n/a
FINANCIAL NUMBERS (end of month)									
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE		X		13,008	13,091	13,436	13,093	13,025	12,938
STANDARD & POORS 500 AVERAGE	X			1,379	1,407	1,441	1,412	1,416	1,426
BOND MARKET - 10 YEAR TREASURY BOND		X		1.51%	1.63%	1.65%	1.72%	1.62%	1.78%
HOME MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES-30 YEAR FIXED	X			3.55%	3.60%	3.50%	3.38%	3.35%	3.34%
ECONOMIC NUMBERS									
INFLATION RATE			X	1.40%	1.70%	2.00%	2.20%	1.80%	1.70%
GOLD PRICE per ounce			X	\$ 1,603	\$ 1,737	\$ 1,781	\$ 1,678	\$ 1,714	\$ 1,685
OIL PRICES PER BARREL			X	\$ 88	\$ 94	\$ 95	\$ 89	\$ 87	\$ 92
GDP GROWTH (Quarterly results only)			X	1.3			3.1		(0.01)
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