

THE NUMBERS SINCE THE SUMMER

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL FROM JUNE 2011 TO DECEMBER 2011

	POS	NEG	NO							
	(good)	(bad)	CHANGE	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOUSING NUMBERS										
SALES OF EXISTING HOMES (in Millions)			X	4.1M	4.0M	4.3M	4.2M	4.2M	4.4M	4.6M
SALES OF NEW HOMES (in thousands)			X	300,086	298,000	296,000	313,000	283,000	315,000	307,000
HOUSING BUILDING STARTS - (Annualized pace)			X	629,000	600,000	572,000	630,000	628,000	685,000	657,000
JOB NUMBERS										
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			X	9.2%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	9.0%	8.6%	8.5%
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE (in Millions)			X	14.1M	13.9M	14.M	14.M	13.9M	13.3M	13.1M
INCREASE IN JOBS (in thousands)	X			20,000	127,000	104,000	210,000	112,000	100,000	200,000
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			X	\$23.01	\$23.12	\$23.08	\$23.13	\$23.20	\$23.18	\$23.22
CONFIDENCE AND SALES NUMBERS										
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE		X		57.6	59.2	44.5	46.4	40.9	56	64.8
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE (ISM INDEX)		X		55.3	50.9	50.6	51.6	50.8	52.7	53.1
RETAIL SALES (in Billions)			X	\$388B	\$389B	\$390B	\$395B	\$397B	\$399B	\$403B
AUTO SALES COMPARED TO LAST YEAR	X			11%	6.5%	7.5%	9.9%	7.5%	13.9%	8.7%
EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES (in Billions)	X			\$171B	\$178B	\$171B	\$180B	\$179B	\$178B	N/A
FINANCIAL NUMBERS (end of month)										
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE			X	12,414	12,143	11,613	10,913	11,955	12,046	12,218
STANDARD & POORS 500 AVERAGE			X	1,321	1,292	1,213	1,131	1,253	1,247	1,257
BOND MARKET - 10 YEAR TREASURY BOND	X			3.0%	3.0%	2.3%	1.98%	2.0%	2.15%	1.87%
HOME MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES-30 YEAR FIXED	X			4.5%	4.6%	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%
ECONOMIC NUMBERS										
INFLATION RATE			X	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%
GOLD PRICE per ounce		X		1508	1630	1818	1620	1720	1743	1567
OIL PRICES PER BARREL		X		95.30	95.68	88.81	78.93	93.19	100.36	98.83
GDP GROWTH (Quarterly results only)		X		2.2			1.8			2.8
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