

The NAPM - Metro Detroit Purchasing Managers index stood at 53.5 for September

Detroit Index: Overall business in the metropolitan Detroit area is expanding

Employment: 31% report higher; 14% report lower

Production: 28% report higher; 17% report lower

Commodity Prices: 64% report higher prices

Commodity up/down in price: 61% cite higher steel prices; 16% cite oil and related products as being higher prices

Commodity in short supply: Metals, carbon steel, manganese casting steel, aluminum billets for tool, resins

Detroit Index		2004				2005	
	3 month average	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Index		53.5					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						

Production		2004				2005	
	3 month average	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	Higher	28					
	Same	56					
	Lower	17					
Index		55.6					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						

Production moves steadily ahead

New Orders		2004				2005	
	3 month average	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	Higher	25					
	Same	53					
	Lower	22					
Index		51.4					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						

Showing modest growth upward

Inventory - Raw Materials		2004				2005	
	3 month average	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	Higher	19					
	Same	58					
	Lower	22					
Index		48.6					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						

Raw materials inventory dropping

Next Release
1 November 2004

Inventory - Finished Goods		2004				2005	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	3 month average						
	Higher	17					
	Same	64					
	Lower	19					
Index		48.6					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						
Finished goods inventory decline							

Employment		2004				2005	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	3 month average						
	Higher	31					
	Same	56					
	Lower	14					
Index		58.3					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						
Growth seen in hiring							

Vendor Deliveries		2004				2005	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	3 month average						
	Faster	17					
	Same	64					
	Slower	19					
Index		51.3					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						
Vendors remain busy							

Commodity Prices		2004				2005	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	3 month average						
	Higher	64					
	Same	36					
	Lower	0					
Index		81.9					
Index	Seasonally Adjusted						
Prices up strongly driven by steel and oil							

Buying Policy:		2004				2005	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Production Materials							
	less than 11 days	3					
	11-15 days						
	16-30 days						
	31-60 days	3					
	more than 60 days	3					
Average Days							
Days	Seasonally Adjusted						
92% report no change in current policy							

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