

Consumer Electronics Association Economic Outlook

	2007				2008				2009				Annual			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2006	2007	2008	2009
Real Gross Domestic Product (a)	0.6	3.8	4.9	1.1	1.4	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.7
Personal Consumption	3.7	1.4	2.8	2.8	1.1	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.2
Fixed Investment	-4.4	3.2	-0.7	-5.2	-3.3	-0.9	0.7	1.6	2.9	4.5	4.7	5.9	2.4	-3.0	-1.7	2.9
Residential Investment	-16.3	-11.8	-20.5	-26.5	-19.4	-14.3	-8.9	-4.4	1.9	7.8	7.1	11.7	-4.6	-17.1	-17.6	0.5
Net Exports	10.3	-22.7	-25.5	0.9	-10.0	-16.3	-13.6	-11.7	-10.1	-8.4	-5.5	-0.7	1.0	-9.8	-12.9	-9.9
Government	-0.5	4.1	3.8	4.8	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.2	2.6	1.7
Contribution to Real GDP																
Personal Consumption	2.6	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.2	1.7
Fixed Investment	-0.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.7
Residential Investment	-0.8	-0.5	-0.9	-1.2	-0.8	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-0.4	0.2
Inventory Change	-0.6	0.2	0.9	-0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Net Exports	-0.5	1.3	1.4	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.2
Government	-0.1	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.1
Employment (a)	0.7	1.8	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.9	1.0	0.1	0.7
Productivity (b)	0.6	2.2	6.3	1.2	1.5	2.8	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.1	1.0	1.6	2.5	2.4
Personal Income (a)	10.0	3.8	6.0	4.1	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.9	6.4	5.3	5.5	5.6	6.6	6.2	4.9	5.4
Real Disposable Income (a)	5.4	-0.8	4.5	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.7	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.1	1.9	3.4
Dollar Exchange Rate(d)	107.2	104.6	102.7	99.4	98.1	98.1	98.8	98.5	98.2	98.5	98.5	99.2	108.5	103.5	98.4	98.6
Import Price Index (a)	1.0	11.9	7.5	11.8	9.0	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	4.0	3.4	6.4	0.3
Corporate Profits Before tax (e)	2.1	4.2	1.8	6.7	7.0	3.9	7.3	7.8	6.5	4.4	3.2	2.4	13.2	3.7	6.5	4.0
Corporate Profits After tax (e)	1.2	3.3	2.7	7.4	7.5	5.6	7.9	8.9	7.2	4.8	3.7	3.0	12.2	3.6	7.5	4.6
Consumer Sentiment	92.2	86.9	85.7	77.5	76.8	78.4	79.9	81.1	82.1	83.0	83.8	84.4	87.3	85.6	79.0	83.3
Inflation Indicators (a)																
Consumer Price Index	3.8	6.0	1.9	4.2	4.2	2.6	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.5	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.1
Core Consumer Price Index	2.3	1.9	2.5	2.4	3.3	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.6	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.2
PCE Price Index	3.5	4.3	1.8	3.8	3.6	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.9	1.9
Producer Price Index	6.7	10.0	1.0	10.3	6.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	2.9	3.9	5.0	1.3
Employment Cost Index	6.2	3.2	4.7	4.4	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.7	5.7	4.8	5.3	5.6	6.0	5.8	4.5	5.0
Housing Indicators (f)																
Housing Starts	1,460	1,464	1,300	1,177	1,090	1,029	1,001	996	1,022	1,059	1,062	1,150	1,812	1,350	1,029	1,073
Commodity Prices																
Crude Oil	58.1	65.0	75.5	90.7	99.5	98.1	96.2	94.6	93.0	91.6	90.4	89.3	66.1	72.3	97.1	91.1
Copper	2.71	3.46	3.48	3.25	3.06	3.08	3.09	3.08	3.07	3.07	3.06	3.05	3.10	3.23	3.08	3.06
Interest Rate Yields (g)																
Federal Funds Rate	5.26	5.25	5.08	4.58	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.96	5.04	4.50	4.50
3-mon Treasury Bill	4.98	4.74	4.55	4.15	4.10	4.13	4.15	4.17	4.20	4.22	4.24	4.24	4.73	4.60	4.14	4.23
10-year Treasury Note	4.68	4.85	4.74	4.70	4.85	4.95	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.79	4.74	4.95	5.00

(a) Annualized percent change from previous quarter

(b) Nonfarm payroll, annualized percent change from previous quarter

(c) Output per hour, private nonfarm business, annualized percent change from previous quarter

(d) 36 Country trade-weighted exchange rate

(e) Year-over-year percentage change

(f) Thousands of units, average of monthly seasonally adjusted annual figure

(g) Quarterly average

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