

KENTUCKY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

October 2011 as of January 27, 2012

KY Composite Index of Leading Indicators increased by 3.4 percent in October.

- The Leading Index adjacent-month growth rate was positive for the seventh time this year.
- The month-over-same-month-last-year growth rate has been positive for twenty-one consecutive months with 1.1 percent growth.
- The component indicators all increased in October: 4 increases, 0 decreases.
 - + KY Labor Intensity Index increased by 2.1 percent.
 - + KY Index of Initial UI Claims increased by 5.0 percent.
 - + US Retail Sales increased by 8.2 percent.
 - + US Manufacturer's New Orders Index increased by 14.3 percent.

Component weights for October are 62.8, 17.0, 14.1, and 6.1 respectively.

CURRENT LEADING INDEX IMPLICATION: Kentucky reference series is in expansion

LAST LEADING INDEX TURNING POINT: October 2009¹

KY Composite Index of Coincident Indicators increased by 4.6 percent in October.

- The Coincident Index adjacent-month growth rate was positive for the sixth month this year.
- The month-over-same-month-last-year growth rate has been positive for nineteenth consecutive months with 1.9 percent growth.
- All three component indicators increased in October: 3 increases, 0 decreases.
 - + KY Non-farm Employment increased 3.2 percent.
 - + US Industrial Production Index increased 7.1 percent.
 - + US Personal Income Less Transfers increased 6.7 percent.

Component weights for October are 38.3, 27.9, and 21.1 respectively. Component weights do not sum to one because the two US components were discounted to give the Kentucky component more weight.

*** Kentucky Leading Index Increases in October**

The Kentucky Leading Index increased by 3.4 percent in October compared to September. This is the strongest growth in the index since March, when the index rose by 4.9 percent in a single month. Coincidentally, the solid October growth brings the leading index back up to its March level. All four index components contributed positively to the October growth in the leading index. This is the first time since November 2010 that all four components increased simultaneously. The Kentucky Leading Index has now regained 52.1 percent of its 2007 recession losses.

*** Kentucky Labor Intensity Index Changes Direction Again**

For the sixth consecutive month, the labor intensity index has changed directions. The labor intensity index has lost a net 0.3 points since May 2011. The October gain, while solid, was not sufficient to make up for the September loss. Furthermore, the labor intensity index is still down 0.1 percent compared to October 2010. This chronic weakness in the labor intensity index is largely responsible for many of the declines and softness in the leading index. The Kentucky labor intensity index has been positive in six of the 10 months in 2011.

*** US Leading Index Undergoes Large Restructuring**

Several components of the US leading index were replaced with new variables as of January 26, 2012. Also, the methodology for computing the index and components was altered. [These changes impacted the entire US leading index series going back to 1959 and are therefore no longer compatible with the levels or growth rates determined by the previous index definition.]

- The money supply, as measured by M2, was replaced by the newly created *Leading Credit Index* (TM).
- The ISM supplier delivery (aka vendor performance diffusion index) was replaced by the ISM new orders index.
- The University of Michigan's Consumer Expectations Index was replaced with the "average consumer expectation on business and economic conditions" series produced by the Conference Board.
- The US manufacturer's new orders for non-defense capital goods was replaced with US manufacturer's new orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft.

The methodology changes include:

- normalized levels of the indicators rather than its monthly changes will be used in determining a diffusion index's contribution to the leading index.
- autoregressions will be computed in log differences instead of levels for computing missing data points for missing months.
- trend adjustments will be performed in two periods: 1959-1983 and 1984-2010.
- the leading credit index contribution to the US leading index are calculated from levels, not changes, and are inverted. That is, as the leading credit index goes down, it will exert an upward contribution to the US leading index and vice versa.

¹October 2009 was the third month of the trio of positive monthly growth rates, which indicated the state reference series would soon transition from contractionary to expansionary.

The new list of US leading index components and their October 2011 weights are provided below:

- 1) Average weekly hours for US manufacturing (27.8%)
- 2) ISM new orders index (16.5%)
- 3) Average consumer expectation on business and economic conditions (15.5%)
- 4) Interest rate spread (10.7%)
- 5) Manufacturer's new orders for consumer goods and materials (8.1%)
- 6) leading credit index (7.9%)
- 7) index of stock prices (3.8%)
- 8) Manufacturer's new orders for non-defense goods excluding aircraft (3.6%)
- 9) US initial claims (3.3%)
- 10) Building permits for new private housing (2.7%)

The revision to the US leading index do not change the cyclical properties of the US leading index. The restructuring and revisions "make the LEI [US leading index] a more accurate predictor of US business cycles[.]" according to Ataman Ozyildirim, economist at the Conference Board, who is one of the chief architects of the design changes.

*** UI Claims Index Up Sharply**

The UI claims index rose modestly in October gaining 5.0 percent over September. The UI claims index, an inverted index, is made up of two components: Kentucky first pays and US initial claims. Kentucky first pays, those persons receiving their first payment in a given benefits year, has now fallen in four of the last five months. Between December 2008 and June 2009, Kentucky first pays reached record levels (20,000+ persons per month) as the 2007 recession impacted Kentucky firms and employees. First pays remained above historical averages but continued to taper throughout 2009 and 2010. By February of 2011, first pays reached a trough, just above 8,400 seasonally adjusted persons. Since February the long-term trend in the UI claims index is unclear. First pays have been more volatile than usual since February and but are currently 4.9 percent above their October 2010 level.

*** US Retail Sales Remain Strong**

US retail sales grew by 8.2 percent in October. This is the fifth consecutive month of solid or strong retail sales growth. The previous peak from November 2007 was recently surpassed. Including the October gain, US retail sales are now \$20.2 billion above their November 2007 peak, a 5.3 percent net improvement over that time. US retail sales, which are notoriously resistant to declines even during contractions, suffered substantial losses during the 2007 recession. US retail sales fell \$45.8 billion during the recession, a net decline of 12.1 percent. Growth is currently robust, having grown in 27 of the last 31 months. US retail sales are currently 7.5 percent greater than they were in October 2010.

*** Manufacturer's New Orders Index Up Sharply**

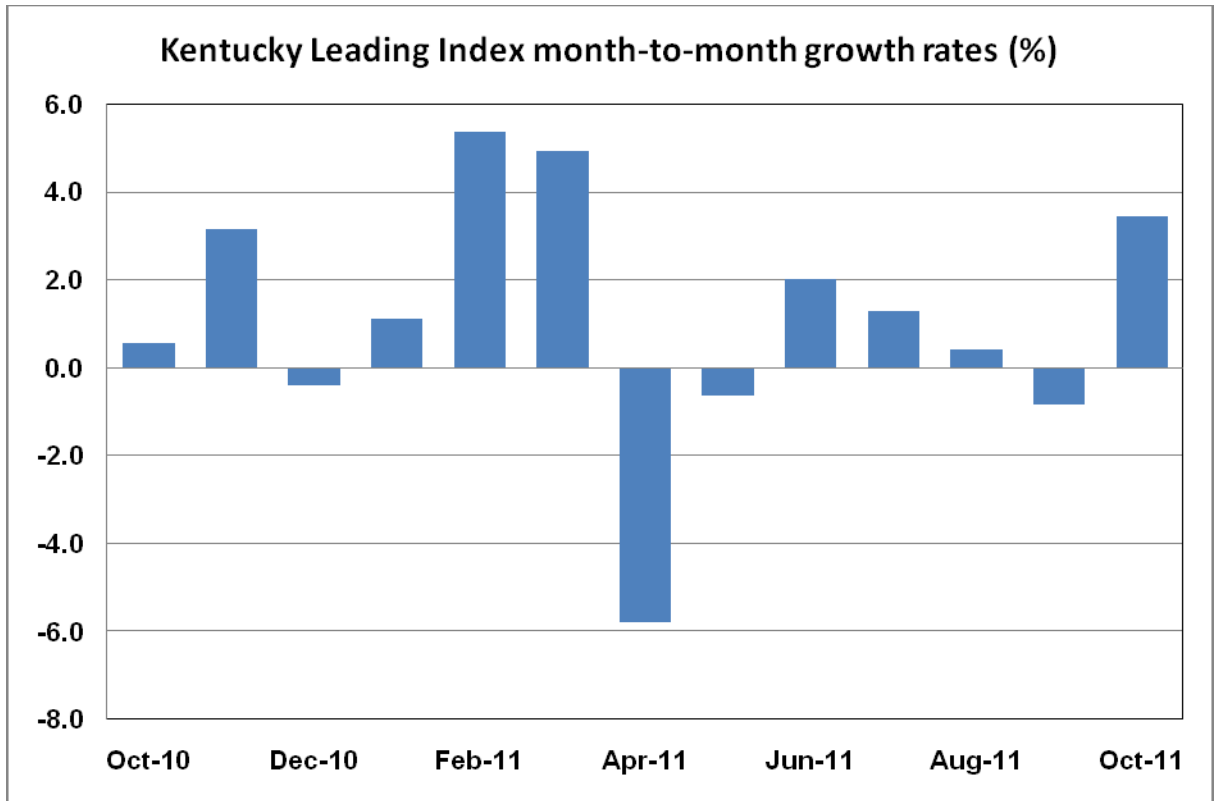
The manufacturer's new orders index grew 14.3 percent in October. The new orders index is by nature an erratic series on a monthly basis. The long-term trends in the series are very clear. After the series bottomed out in early 2009, the index grew rapidly in September of 2010. Following September of 2010, growth tapered off considerably, growing a net 3.0 percent since that time. The two components of the new orders index moved in diverging directions in October, with new orders for consumer goods and materials carrying sufficient weight in the index to pull the index solidly positive for October. New orders for consumer goods and materials makes up approximately 80 percent of the weight in the new orders index.

*** US Employment Growth Tapers Again**

US non-farm employment rose by 1.0 percent in October compared to September. Average growth for the last year is just a bit over that amount. US employment has grown a net 1.2 percent compared to October 2010, with both the services sectors and manufacturing sectors moving at roughly the same pace.

Kentucky non-farm employment regained some losses with a strong 3.2 percent growth in October. Kentucky manufacturing employment had both the largest absolute and percentage gain among the Kentucky supersectors. October gains in non-farm employment were sufficient to erase the loses from August and September. Kentucky non-farm employment is currently 1.0 percent above its October 2010 level.

Our indices are compiled and published on a monthly basis, roughly two weeks following the Conference Board release of the U.S. Leading Index. A complete description of the Index of Leading Indicators and methodology was published in the University of Kentucky Center for Business and Economic Research, *Kentucky Annual Economic Report, 2000*.



About the Indicators

Kentucky Reference Series

Inflation-adjusted personal income less transfer payments and policy-adjusted General Fund tax receipts are combined to form the GOEA composite reference series.

Kentucky Leading Indicators

- **GOEA Labor Intensity Index:** Composed of seasonally adjusted weekly hours multiplied by employment for the following manufacturing industries: lumber products; chemical and allied products; petroleum, coal, rubber and plastic products; fabricated metals; and transportation equipment.
- **GOEA Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims Index:** This index has two components: Kentucky claims in their first month of payment and total U.S. initial claims. Additional claims for UI are the subset of initial claims filed by workers who have previously filed UI claims but are currently filing new claims with intermittent workforce attachment since their original claim. The claims in their first month of payment without intermittent qualified experience performed better in the testing process and were chosen accordingly.
- **U.S. Retail Sales:** Inflection points used to determine turning points.
- **U.S. Manufacturer's New Orders Index:** This index has two components: U.S. Manufacturer's New Orders for Nondefense Capital Goods and U.S. Manufacturer's New Orders for Consumer Goods and Materials. Separately these two series slightly missed one or two turning points in the official reference series. But together they preceded each turning point.

Notes:

- Growth rates are computed with precise numbers. Due to rounding, two observations may have the same reported value but still exhibit growth at a more precise level.
- More information is available on our website, <http://www.osbd.ky.gov/>.

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**SELECTED KENTUCKY ECONOMIC INDICATORS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	2010			2011									
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
KY Leading Index (1992=100)	109.7	109.9	109.9	110.0	110.5	110.9	110.4	110.3	110.5	110.6	110.7	110.6	110.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.5	3.2	-0.4	1.1	5.4	4.9	-5.8	-0.6	2.0	1.3	0.4	-0.8	3.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.4	0.9	1.1
KY Leading Index Diffusion Index	54.2	70.8	70.8	70.8	75.0	70.8	66.7	54.2	58.3	58.3	58.3	50.0	62.5
KY Coincident Index (1992=100)	129.9	130.0	130.3	131.0	131.1	131.5	131.5	131.4	131.6	131.9	131.9	131.9	132.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.1	1.2	2.9	6.5	0.7	3.7	-0.3	-0.8	1.6	3.6	-0.7	0.0	4.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.4	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9
KY Labor Intensity Index (1992=100)	99.4	99.7	99.3	99.3	99.5	99.9	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.4	99.4	99.2	99.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-1.0	3.1	-4.3	0.4	2.2	4.5	-1.7	-1.7	0.6	-2.8	0.1	-3.0	2.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.1
KY Index of Initial UI Claims (1992=100)	99.1	99.2	99.9	99.6	101.1	100.9	98.6	98.4	99.5	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	5.2	1.4	9.4	-4.4	19.8	-2.3	-23.8	-1.8	13.0	7.0	-0.7	-2.3	5.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.1	3.8	3.0	0.2	0.0	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.1	1.1
US Retail Sales (\$ billions)	370.7	374.0	376.2	379.3	384.0	387.0	387.7	387.5	388.3	389.9	391.1	396.0	398.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	14.9	11.1	7.5	10.2	16.2	9.5	2.3	-0.6	2.4	5.2	3.6	16.4	8.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	7.8	7.4	7.6	8.0	9.1	7.5	7.2	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.5	8.1	7.5
US Manufacturer's New Orders Index (1992=100)	106.5	106.6	106.2	106.9	106.4	109.6	107.0	108.0	107.4	109.6	109.6	108.4	109.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-22.4	1.6	-4.6	8.4	-5.1	41.6	-24.7	12.1	-6.4	26.4	1.0	-12.7	14.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	6.2	7.4	5.9	4.2	3.4	6.9	2.1	3.9	3.1	2.4	3.8	-0.3	3.0
KY First Pays	9,464.8	10,661.7	9,588.5	9,728.3	8,492.8	9,233.3	12,959.6	14,380.9	10,262.2	10,118.7	10,085.7	10,297.8	9,924.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-77.1	317.4	-72.0	19.0	-80.4	172.7	5,745.4	248.6	-98.3	-15.5	-3.8	28.4	-35.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-29.5	-13.1	-23.3	-19.0	-38.6	-27.9	25.6	38.8	-6.1	-3.1	-9.5	-3.8	4.9
US Initial Claims for UI (000s)	451.2	432.9	417.9	429.6	392.3	390.1	432.4	426.6	426.9	408.4	410.8	415.2	405.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-4.4	-39.2	-34.5	39.3	-66.4	-6.5	244.0	-15.0	0.8	-41.2	7.3	13.6	-25.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-14.4	-12.9	-12.0	-11.4	-17.4	-15.1	-7.1	-8.4	-8.6	-11.0	-13.6	-8.3	-10.2
Manufs' New Orders, Cons. Goods and Materials	115,377	118,169	118,910	118,077	116,113	119,004	117,208	117,075	117,085	118,854	117,371	116,834	119,511
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-22.0	33.2	7.8	-8.1	-18.2	34.3	-16.7	-1.4	0.1	19.7	-14.0	-5.4	31.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.9	3.3	3.5	2.1	2.3	2.9	1.3	1.7	2.0	0.2	0.2	-0.8	3.6
Manufs' New Orders, Non-def. Capital Goods	45,017.0	41,219.0	39,441.0	41,926.0	43,846.0	45,928.0	43,378.0	45,678.0	44,432.0	46,126.0	48,667.0	46,853.0	45,269.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-23.7	-65.3	-41.1	108.2	71.1	74.5	-49.6	85.9	-28.2	56.7	90.3	-36.6	-33.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	30.0	25.2	15.8	13.0	8.1	24.1	5.5	12.7	7.6	11.5	19.5	1.8	0.6
GF Total Tax Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)	680.5	710.5	843.6	722.7	527.6	656.6	820.4	727.9	802.2	671.2	603.6	821.2	667.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	9.2	4.0	10.1	6.7	5.2	4.5	7.9	19.0	4.5	7.9	-3.3	10.3	-1.9
GF Sales & Use Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)	254.9	228.7	249.4	302.0	178.1	225.9	264.2	242.1	233.7	282.2	238.1	248.1	256.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.5	2.7	10.0	2.3	1.4	7.3	3.6	4.9	-3.3	6.8	1.6	13.5	0.7
GF Income Tax Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)	277.9	266.7	284.5	275.6	215.5	201.7	389.9	345.3	315.1	282.4	266.5	337.1	292.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	7.0	2.6	5.8	18.1	5.0	7.3	8.7	37.5	0.0	11.5	-2.1	5.3	5.1

**SELECTED U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	2010				2011								
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
US Leading Index (2004=100)	89.8	90.5	91.7	91.8	92.7	93.7	93.7	94.2	94.2	94.4	93.7	93.1	93.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.3	9.8	17.1	1.3	12.4	13.7	0.0	6.6	0.0	2.6	-8.5	-7.4	8.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	6.5	6.2	6.3	5.8	6.7	6.0	5.4	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.0	3.8	4.3
US Coincident Index (2004=100)	100.2	100.5	100.8	101.5	101.0	101.7	101.2	101.2	101.7	101.9	102.2	102.2	103.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.4	3.7	3.6	8.7	-5.8	8.6	-5.7	0.0	6.1	2.4	3.6	0.0	9.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.5	3.6	3.5	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.8
US Manufacturing Average Weekly Hours	41.2	41.2	41.3	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.3	41.3	41.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-2.9	0.0	3.0	-5.7	6.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.9	0.0	6.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.5	2.0	1.7	0.7	2.2	1.0	0.5	-0.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.7
ISM New Orders Diffusion Index	59.9	59.6	62.0	67.8	68.0	63.3	61.7	51.0	51.6	49.2	49.6	49.6	52.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	498.9	-5.8	60.6	192.5	3.6	-57.7	-26.5	-89.8	15.1	-43.5	10.2	0.0	93.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.0	-4.9	-6.6	2.6	9.9	0.6	-3.0	-16.4	-9.5	-7.0	-7.6	-3.9	-12.5
Average of Consumer Expectations & Confidence	-0.93	-0.71	-0.23	-0.08	0.06	-0.86	-0.61	-0.63	-0.80	-1.12	-2.12	-2.04	-2.04
Interest Rate Spread, NSA	2.35	2.57	3.11	3.22	3.42	3.27	3.36	3.08	2.91	2.93	2.20	1.90	2.08
Leading Credit Index	-1.50	-1.11	-1.24	-1.67	-1.94	-1.26	-1.38	-0.73	-0.34	-0.50	1.26	0.92	-0.27
Index of 500 Common Stocks (NSA, 1941-3=10)	1,171.6	1,198.9	1,241.5	1,282.6	1,321.1	1,304.5	1,331.5	1,338.3	1,287.3	1,325.2	1,185.3	1,173.9	1,207.2
% Chg Previous Month AR	67.9	31.9	52.1	47.8	42.6	-14.1	27.9	6.3	-37.3	41.6	-73.8	-11.0	39.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	9.7	10.2	11.8	14.2	21.3	13.2	11.2	19.0	18.8	22.7	9.0	4.6	3.0
Manuf.'s New Orders Non-def. Goods excl. Aircraft	38,895.9	39,994.9	41,517.8	39,396.0	39,245.4	41,265.6	40,978.0	41,717.9	41,909.4	41,628.5	42,000.6	42,542.6	42,197.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-30.7	39.7	56.6	-46.7	-4.5	82.6	-8.0	24.0	5.7	-7.8	11.3	16.6	-9.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	15.6	17.8	18.5	15.7	11.5	11.1	12.2	9.9	5.4	10.5	6.6	6.1	8.5
Building Permits for New Private Housing (000s)	555.0	564.0	630.0	568.0	534.0	574.0	563.0	609.0	617.0	601.0	625.0	589.0	644.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-14.0	21.3	277.3	-71.2	-52.3	137.9	-20.7	156.6	17.0	-27.0	60.0	-50.9	191.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-4.8	-9.5	-5.1	-10.7	-18.5	-16.6	-10.9	4.6	5.5	4.5	8.7	4.8	16.0
US Non-farm Employment (Mil.)	130.0	130.1	130.3	130.3	130.6	130.8	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.2	131.3	131.5	131.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.6	0.9	1.4	0.6	2.2	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.2	1.2	1.0	1.9	1.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2
US Service-Providing Employment (Mil.)	112.2	112.3	112.5	112.5	112.6	112.8	113.0	113.0	113.0	113.1	113.2	113.4	113.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.8	0.9	1.6	0.3	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.8	1.2	1.9	1.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.1
US Manufacturing Employment (000s)	11,539.0	11,554.0	11,565.0	11,618.0	11,655.0	11,675.0	11,703.0	11,710.0	11,724.0	11,758.0	11,757.0	11,756.0	11,766.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-0.6	1.6	1.1	5.6	3.9	2.1	2.9	0.7	1.4	3.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.0
US Industrial Production Index (1992=100)	91.1	91.4	92.6	92.8	92.5	93.1	92.7	93.0	93.1	94.1	94.4	94.6	95.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-1.4	3.6	16.3	3.0	-4.4	8.6	-4.8	3.8	1.6	14.2	2.9	3.0	7.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	6.0	6.0	6.7	5.8	5.2	5.3	4.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.4
US Personal Income Less Trans. (\$billions chained 2000)	9,161.4	9,159.6	9,178.2	9,304.7	9,337.5	9,346.4	9,329.1	9,325.7	9,343.3	9,327.9	9,299.3	9,301.4	9,352.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.8	-0.2	2.5	17.9	4.3	1.1	-2.2	-0.4	2.3	-2.0	-3.6	0.3	6.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.9	3.6	3.3	4.4	4.6	4.3	3.3	2.5	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.1

**SELECT KENTUCKY EMPLOYMENT SERIES
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	2010			2011									
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
KY Non-farm Employment (000s)	1,779.4	1,781.5	1,777.7	1,781.9	1,783.5	1,789.8	1,795.1	1,789.5	1,792.1	1,797.0	1,795.7	1,792.9	1,797.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.9	1.4	-2.5	2.9	1.1	4.3	3.6	-3.7	1.8	3.3	-0.9	-1.9	3.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.0
KY Construction Employment (000s)	67.7	68.2	63.7	64.1	65.1	65.2	64.4	64.0	65.2	63.9	65.9	64.8	64.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	19.6	9.2	-55.9	7.8	20.4	1.9	-13.8	-7.2	25.0	-21.5	44.7	-18.3	-3.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-5.4	-5.1	-10.5	-8.2	-5.0	-5.8	-7.1	-6.2	-3.0	-4.9	-1.8	-2.8	-4.6
KY Natural Resources & Mining Employment (000s)	22.6	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.4	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.1	22.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.0	6.1	-2.0	3.8	-15.4	20.2	4.3	2.6	1.8	5.0	3.2	1.6	-10.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.3	3.6	3.7	5.1	3.8	5.6	5.0	4.5	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.7	1.4
KY Manufacturing Employment (000s)	211.4	211.4	211.7	210.8	213.2	211.4	213.9	212.0	213.0	216.1	214.7	214.8	217.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.5	0.0	1.7	-5.0	14.6	-9.7	15.2	-10.2	5.8	18.9	-7.5	0.6	18.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.7	1.9	2.7	1.6	1.8	3.4	2.4	2.1	3.0
KY Trade, Transportation & Utilities Employment (000s)	358.4	359.0	359.9	361.7	359.0	360.4	360.4	359.3	360.6	359.6	359.7	359.8	360.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-2.3	2.0	3.1	6.2	-8.6	4.8	0.0	-3.6	4.4	-3.3	0.3	0.3	1.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.5
KY Information Services Employment (000s)	26.0	26.0	26.0	25.9	26.0	26.0	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	25.7	25.8	26.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.5	4.7	0.0	4.7	-4.5	-4.5	0.0	-8.9	4.8	9.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-2.3	-1.9	-2.3	-1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.8	0.0
KY Financial Services Employment (000s)	86.0	86.7	85.7	86.1	85.3	84.9	85.2	84.9	84.2	83.8	83.0	83.3	83.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	8.8	10.2	-13.0	5.7	-10.6	-5.5	4.3	-4.1	-9.5	-5.6	-10.9	4.4	-2.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.7	-0.6	-1.5	-0.8	-1.3	-1.6	-1.2	-1.4	-2.1	-2.3	-3.0	-2.5	-3.4
KY Business Services Employment (000s)	182.4	182.0	184.2	185.8	185.9	185.3	187.1	186.5	185.9	190.0	191.1	193.1	192.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	14.9	-2.6	15.5	10.9	0.6	-3.8	12.3	-3.8	-3.8	29.9	7.2	13.3	-1.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.8	3.8	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.4	4.5	3.6	2.9	5.5	6.2	7.1	5.8
KY Education & Health Services Employment (000s)	251.1	252.0	251.2	252.7	252.8	253.1	254.1	253.0	253.6	253.6	254.4	255.1	255.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	5.4	4.4	-3.7	7.4	0.5	1.4	4.8	-5.1	2.9	0.0	3.9	3.4	3.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
KY Leisure & Hospitality Employment (000s)	171.3	170.7	170.1	171.1	172.4	176.9	177.5	178.7	179.8	180.9	177.7	176.2	177.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	37.6	-4.1	-4.1	7.3	9.5	36.2	4.1	8.4	7.6	7.6	-19.3	-9.7	8.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.6	4.2	6.8	5.8	7.2	7.5	8.9	6.6	5.6	3.6
KY Other Services Employment (000s)	72.5	71.8	71.3	70.6	70.8	72.1	73.2	72.8	71.8	71.2	72.0	71.0	71.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	26.4	-11.0	-8.0	-11.2	3.5	24.4	19.9	-6.4	-15.3	-9.6	14.3	-15.5	5.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.5	3.8	3.3	2.2	3.2	4.3	4.6	3.6	1.3	-0.6	1.0	-0.1	-1.7
KY Government Employment (000s)	330.0	331.0	331.2	330.5	330.7	331.7	330.3	329.5	329.2	329.0	328.3	325.8	325.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-5.0	3.7	0.7	-2.5	0.7	3.7	-4.9	-2.9	-1.1	-0.7	-2.5	-8.8	-0.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.7	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	-2.2	-1.6	-1.3	-1.4	-1.7	-1.3
CPI, All Urban (1982-84=100)	219.0	219.2	220.2	221.1	222.3	223.5	224.4	224.8	224.3	225.4	226.3	227.0	226.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.0	1.5	5.3	4.9	6.8	6.8	5.2	2.0	-2.6	6.2	4.6	3.7	-1.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.6
Ave. Prime Interest Rate (% , NSA)	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25

**SELECT EMPLOYMENT SERIES
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	2010			2011									
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Transportation Equipment Employment (000s)	41.8	41.5	41.6	41.2	41.0	41.2	40.9	40.5	41.0	40.9	41.3	41.8	42.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.0	-10.5	3.9	-11.1	-4.1	4.9	-8.0	-10.7	15.1	-1.9	11.0	16.6	18.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.3	1.8	2.5	0.5	8.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2	1.4
Fabricated Metals Employment (000s)	17.5	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.6	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.2	18.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.6	10.6	5.3	6.7	-13.6	19.0	16.6	0.5	4.9	5.6	1.7	-8.5	9.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.0	5.2	5.8	7.3	4.9	5.5	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.2	5.1	4.0	4.5
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics and Rubber Products Emp. (000s)	14.9	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.4	14.3	14.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-3.1	-0.2	-18.3	1.5	-6.3	1.8	0.0	-0.9	-8.2	-3.0	-9.7	-7.6	-3.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-2.7	-2.0	-4.5	-3.2	-3.3	-3.2	-3.3	-2.7	-3.9	-3.4	-4.0	-4.7	-4.7
Chemical Products Employment (000s)	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-0.9	-4.8	-3.4	6.0	-3.8	2.9	-1.8	-3.0	9.3	-5.2	-5.2	1.4	-0.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.3	1.5	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
Lumber Products Employment (000s)	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	7.6	-17.2	-5.2	-8.7	22.4	-6.3	0.8	-9.3	9.7	-28.6	5.0	-11.1	-7.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.5	2.3	1.2	0.1	2.3	0.1	-1.2	-2.2	-2.2	-4.4	-3.3	-4.3	-5.5
Transportation Equipment Average Weekly Hours	41.7	41.4	40.8	38.5	42.2	42.9	40.7	38.4	40.0	39.7	40.9	40.0	40.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-39.5	-9.6	-16.0	-49.0	200.3	21.8	-46.8	-50.5	64.4	-10.0	44.4	-24.7	6.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-5.2	-5.9	-13.1	-10.4	-2.0	4.7	-2.8	-10.9	-6.3	-6.6	-3.6	-8.1	-3.6
Fabricated Metals AWH	41.8	41.8	42.8	43.8	43.6	43.3	42.7	42.0	42.4	42.3	42.2	42.9	42.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	23.2	0.8	33.2	30.6	-5.9	-8.4	-13.4	-18.7	10.3	-0.6	-4.2	21.9	-3.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.7	3.4	3.5	10.9	10.1	11.4	0.8	6.3	4.7	14.8	1.5	4.4	2.3
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics & Rubber Products AWH	44.8	45.8	45.5	46.8	46.4	44.8	47.9	48.6	48.7	48.7	48.6	48.5	48.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-26.1	28.4	-7.2	41.9	-10.2	-35.1	127.1	18.5	1.7	-0.5	-0.9	-4.6	7.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.6	6.5	8.9	11.5	9.3	4.5	12.2	13.8	12.9	15.0	7.8	5.4	8.7
Chemical Products AWH	43.5	43.9	43.5	42.8	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.8	44.0	44.0	43.8	43.8	43.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	7.5	12.3	-11.1	-18.5	24.7	9.3	8.0	19.3	-20.6	1.1	-6.2	-0.4	1.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.7	2.1	1.8	-0.9	-0.2	0.9	3.1	3.2	1.1	3.0	0.6	1.2	0.7
Lumber Products AWH	40.7	42.2	39.8	39.5	39.5	42.5	39.8	40.1	39.4	39.0	39.0	37.8	38.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-10.2	50.3	-49.3	-10.7	1.2	142.9	-54.4	9.9	-20.9	-9.6	0.0	-32.0	27.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	8.0	11.3	4.1	3.5	3.6	9.8	1.3	0.6	-2.5	-1.1	-4.4	-8.0	-5.3
KY Initial Claims	26,220.3	27,012.6	25,945.8	27,827.2	23,595.2	22,193.8	31,855.4	33,923.8	24,441.5	26,781.5	26,566.8	26,399.6	25,994.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-46.8	42.9	-38.3	131.7	-86.2	-52.0	7,545.8	112.7	-98.0	199.6	-9.2	-7.3	-16.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-20.9	-17.9	-14.6	0.1	-41.7	-25.3	17.1	31.6	-9.3	-6.7	-7.7	-4.5	-0.9
KY Exhaustees	4,251.6	4,958.3	4,077.1	4,737.5	4,253.3	3,775.2	3,833.2	3,781.6	3,073.3	3,505.7	3,711.2	3,159.0	3,878.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-68.1	532.9	-90.4	505.9	-72.6	-76.1	20.1	-15.0	-91.7	385.3	98.1	-85.5	1,072.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-43.4	-35.2	-39.5	-23.7	-34.8	-41.3	-30.3	-26.6	-49.9	-25.5	-23.0	-32.4	-8.8
US Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	9.8	9.4	9.1	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9
KY Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.6