

Unemployment rate	Bureau of Labor Statistics – Current Population Survey (CPS) http://www.bls.gov/webapps/legacy/cpsatab11.htm http://www.bls.gov/webapps/legacy/cpsatab7.htm Total, 16 years and over, August 2008 data are seasonally adjusted.
Inflation rate	Bureau of Labor Statistics http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpirsdc.htm ; http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpiurs1978_2007.pdf % Change in CPI-U-RS, All Urban Consumers, U.S. City average, All items.
Job growth	Bureau of Labor Statistics – Current Employment Statistics (CES) http://www.bls.gov/webapps/legacy/cesstab1.htm Total nonfarm, total private, manufacturing jobs; August data are seasonally adjusted.
Employment rate	Bureau of Labor Statistics – Current Population Survey (CPS). http://www.bls.gov/data/#employment Employment-to-population ratio for all (LNS12300000), men (LNS12300001), and women (LNS12300002). Data for 2008 are seasonally adjusted.
Real wage growth	Bureau of Labor Statistics – Current Employment Statistics (CES) http://www.bls.gov/data/#wages Average hourly earnings of production workers (CES0500000008).
Minimum wage	U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division (WHD) http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/chart.htm Federal Minimum Wage rates under the Fair Labor Standards Act, converted to July 2008 dollars for Electoral Cycle Version and July 2007 dollars for Business Cycle Version.
Family income	U.S. Census Bureau – Current Population Survey (CPS) http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc/f06AR.html All races, per year, median, 2007 dollars.
Poverty	U.S. Census Bureau – Current Population Survey (CPS) http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/histpov/perindex.html Numbers and shares of population below poverty, all regions.
Health insurance	U.S. Census Bureau – Current Population Survey (CPS) http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032001/health/h01_001.htm (2001) http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032008/health/h01_001.htm (2007) Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type – Not covered at any time during the year, all races.
Personal savings	Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) – National Income and Product Accounts http://www.bea.gov/national/nipaweb/Nipa-Frb.asp Personal savings as a percentage of disposable personal income (DPI), derived from National Income and Product Accounts and averaged over indicated time period.

College tuition	College Board, <i>Trends in College Pricing 2007</i> http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/trends/college-pricing-2006 Using 2007 dollars, weighted by same-year full-time undergraduate enrollments except 2007-08, which is weighted by 2006-07 enrollments.
Gasoline	Energy Information Administration http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_top.asp Monthly Motor Gasoline Retail Prices, U.S. City Average, Unleaded Regular Gasoline, converted to July 2008 dollars for Electoral Cycle Version and July 2007 dollars for Business Cycle Version.
GDP growth	Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) – National Income and Product Accounts http://www.bea.gov/national/index.htm#gdp Real GDP in chained 2007 dollars, seasonally adjusted where appropriate.
Productivity growth	U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics http://www.bls.gov/lpc/ Nonfarm Business, Output Per Hour, Indexed at 1992 = 100, seasonally adjusted where appropriate.
Trade balance	U.S. Census Bureau – Foreign Trade Statistics http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/historical/index.html U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, Annual totals – Balance of Payments (BOP) Basis, Balance Total, as share of GDP.
Federal debt	Economic Report of the President http://www.gpoaccess.gov/eop/tables08.html Gross Federal debt, as share of GDP
Net foreign debt	Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) – International Economic Accounts http://www.bea.gov/international/index.htm#iip Net international investment position of the United States, as share of GDP.