Summary, ISM-Western Washington, Inc. Report on Business

Month: June, 2021

The month of June showed decreases from May for most measures of the Western Washington manufacturing economy. The Manufacturing Index, at 54.6, gained 5.2 points from May, but the Forecast at 59.3 increased 7.9 from May, indicating trouble today, but a better economy in 90 days. Production, New Orders, and Employment, were down from May's figures, while the Deliveries forecast increased. Current Inventories increased, and are forecasted as stable in 90 days. Current Prices were slightly higher, and were forecasted to be a bit higher still, in 90 days. Supplier lead times were somewhat longer, as forecasted. This is expected to continue for the next 90 days. The National figure for June was 62.1, a 9-point increase from May. The Suez Canal closure, and the delay at many U.S. ports, including Seattle, continued to adversely affect business conditions in Western Washington.

Index Numbers less than 50 indicate a shrinking economy, while those over 50 signal an expanding economy. Prices and International Index numbers are not included in the Composite Index, and index numbers (excluding Prices, Supplier Deliveries, and International purchases) are seasonally adjusted.

Items in short supply: Many electronic components, circuit card assemblies, and PPE – especially those in shipments from overseas.

Items up in price: Scrap metal, alloy metal and materials, acetone, fiberglass, PPE, and many other things used; also freight rates.

Buying Policy in Average Lead Times (days):

MRO: 35 (up from May)

Production: 18 (up slightly from May)

Capital: 238 (down from May)

The data presented herein are obtained from a survey of manufacturing supply managers based on information they have collected within their respective organizations. ISM-Western Washington, Inc. makes no representation, other than that stated within this release, regarding the individual company data collection procedures. Use of the data is in the public domain and should be compared to all other economic data sources when used in decision-making.

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Summary, June 2021	% Higher	% Same	% Lower	Net	Index	PMI
Production	10.00	90.00	0.00	10	52.5	10.5
Production Forecast (90day)	20.00	80.00	0.00	20	57.3	10.8
New Orders	20.00	80.00	0.00	20	59.1	11.8
New Order Forecast (90day)	30.00	70.00	0.00	30	64.0	12.2
Employment	20.00	80.00	0.00	20	55.8	11.2
Employment Forecast (90day)	0.00	100.00	0.00	0	46.5	11.5
Inventory	10.00	80.00	10.00	0	50.4	10.1
Inventory Forecast (90day)	10.00	90.00	0.00	10	55.4	10.3
Prices	40.00	60.00	0.00	40	70.0	
Price Forecast (90day)	50.00	50.00	0.00	50	75.0	
Deliveries	0.00	90.00	10.00	10	55.0	11.0
Delivery Forecast (90day)	10.00	70.00	20.00	10	55.0	9.8
Composite						54.6
Composite 90-Day Forecast						59.3
International	11.10	66.67	22.22	-11	44.4	

2-Month Comparison

May/June 2021	This Month	Last Month	Diff.	WW Index	Last Month	Diff.
Production	52.5	61.0	-8.5	10.5	10.9	-0.4
Production Forecast	57.3	61.0	-3.7	10.8	14.1	-3.3
New Orders	59.1	71.1	-12.0	11.8	10.8	1.0
New Order Forecast	64.0	71.1	-7.1	12.2	14.1	-1.9
Employment	55.8	62.9	-7.1	11.2	6.3	4.9
Employment Forecast	46.5	49.5	-3.0	11.5	11.5	0.0
Inventory	50.4	45.5	4.9	10.1	8.4	1.7
Inventory Forecast	55.4	50.1	5.3	10.3	11.6	-1.3
Prices	70.0	68.2	1.8			
Price Forecast	75.0	81.8	-6.8			
Deliveries	55.0	54.5	0.5	11.0	13.0	-2.0
Delivery Forecast	55.0	45.5	9.5	9.8	8.0	1.8
Composite				54.6	49.4	5.2
Composite Forecast				59.3	51.4	7.9
International	44.4	45.0	-0.6			