Risk of Recession

Less than 50-50 odds of recession, but you really have to do contingency planning.

source: Wall Street Journal survey of economists

Industrial Production

If the rapid growth were repeated for 12 months, we'd be out of the woods.

Auto Sales

Just getting over Japanese supply problems.

Disposable Income

The Social Security tax cuts helped.
Corporate Profits After-Tax
based on tax data

$ billions

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Still making money

Foreign Exchange Value of Dollar
trade-weighted index

$ rises in crisis; still a safe haven

Interest Rates

30-year Mortgage

percent

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Pretty dang low, and will stay there.

Stock Market

3-month Treasury

S&P 500

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Fear of recession weighing on stocks.