



# CNMI ECONOMIC INDICATORS

FIRST QUARTER  
CY 2006

	Year and Quarter				
	05.1	05.2	05.3	05.4	06.1
Consumer Price Index (CPI) <sup>1,2</sup>	101.3	101.6	100.2	100.6	101.3
Visitor Arrivals	139,345*	122,028	136,435	109,038	112,496
Hotel Occupancy Rate <sup>3</sup>	74	70	75	62	67.6
New Car and Truck Sales	433	438	350	323	330
Ocean Cargo (in Revenue Tons)					
Inbound <sup>4</sup>	150,976	155,148	161,508	138,273	134,888
Outbound	30,313	26,623	31,130	27,440	23,904
Transshipment	65	213	6	0	0
Building Permits Issued <sup>5</sup>	88	111	76	75	105
Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads <sup>6</sup>	36	45	40	46	50

Sources: Central Statistics Division, Dept of Commerce; Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA); Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI); Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association (CADA); Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA); Building Safety Code Division, Dept of Public Works; *Marianas Variety*

<sup>1</sup> Weights updated based on expenditure survey conducted in 1998. Revised CPI has 9 major expenditure categories.

<sup>2</sup> 1st Quarter 2003 = 100

<sup>3</sup> Average Occupancy Rate for the months of the quarter

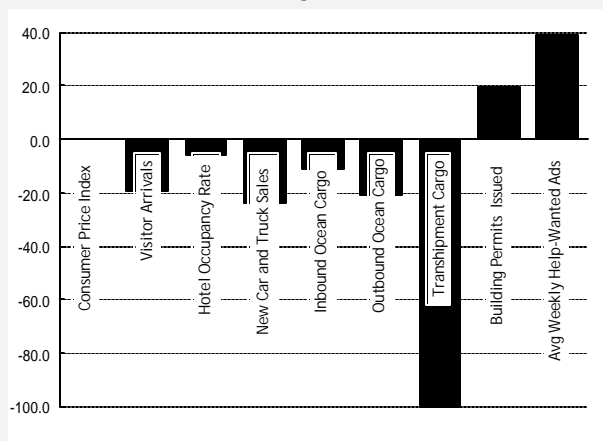
<sup>4</sup> Includes Fuel, Cement and Other Inbound Ocean Cargo

<sup>5</sup> Residential and Commercial Permits

<sup>6</sup> Average number of help-wanted ads in the *Marianas Variety* for the first full week of months in quarter

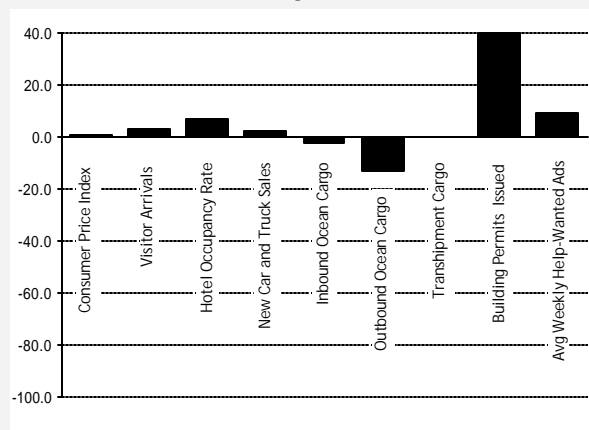
\* Revised

% Change from 05.1



- Consumer Price Index (No change)
- ↓ Visitor Arrivals (Down 19.3%)
- ↓ Hotel Occupancy Rate (Down 6.3%)
- ↓ New Car and Truck Sales (Down 23.8%)
- ↓ Inbound Ocean Cargo (Down 10.7%)
- ↓ Outbound Ocean Cargo (Down 21.1%)
- ↓ Transshipment Cargo (Down 100.0%)
- ↑ Building Permits Issued (Up 19.3%)
- ↑ Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads (Up 38.9%)

% Change from 05.4



- ↑ Consumer Price Index (Up 0.7%)
- ↑ Visitor Arrivals (Up 3.2%)
- ↑ Hotel Occupancy Rate (Up 6.5%)
- ↑ New Car and Truck Sales (Up 2.2%)
- ↓ Inbound Ocean Cargo (Down 2.4%)
- ↓ Outbound Ocean Cargo (Down 12.9%)
- Transshipment Cargo (No Change)
- ↑ Building Permits Issued (Up 40.0%)
- ↑ Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads (Up 8.7%)