



CNMI ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicator	Year & Qtr				Year	Year & Qtr				Year
	05.1	05.2	05.3	05.4	2005	04.1	04.2	04.3	04.4	2004
Consumer Price Index (CPI) ^{1,2}	101.3	101.6	100.2	100.6		100.2	100.9	100.5	101.2	
Visitor Arrivals	139,345*	122,028	136,435	109,038	506,846	139,647	124,525	139,303	131,749	535,224
Hotel Occupancy Rate ³	74	70	75	62	70.2	76.2	68.5	75.0	67.4	71.8
New Car and Truck Sales	433	438	350	323	1,544	366	347	505	394	1,612
Ocean Cargo (in Revenue Tons)										
Inbound ⁴	150,976	155,148	161,508	138,273	605,905	153,739	158,907	177,309	174,846	664,801
Outbound	30,313	26,623	31,130	27,440	115,506	35,995	32,590	41,817	37,263	147,664
Transshipment	65	213	6	0	284	661	902	6	23	1,592
Building Permits Issued ⁵	88	111	76	75	350	69	79	86	118	352
Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads ⁶	36	45	40	46	42	31	31	27	34	31

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	03.1	03.2	03.3	03.4	2003	02.1	02.2	02.3	02.4	2002
Consumer Price Index (CPI) ^{1,2}	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.6		102.2	100.8	100.8	99.4	
Visitor Arrivals	135,360	82,801	113,837	127,460	459,458	117,850	111,821	119,430	126,068	475,169
Hotel Occupancy Rate ³	75.2	50.7	64.9	68.8	64.9	65.5	55.4	67.9	64.7	63.4
New Car and Truck Sales	299	257	317	395	1,268	224	210	209	261	904
Ocean Cargo (in Revenue Tons)										
Inbound ⁴	154,377	172,395	160,864	181,370	669,005	148,264	171,128	157,836	143,595	620,823
Outbound	41,275	40,228	46,357	37,865	165,725	35,728	40,654	52,329	38,257	166,968
Transshipment	690	488	13	52	1,242	127	61	2,513	2,314	5,015
Building Permits Issued ⁵	68	95	82	78	323	83	95	79	72	329
Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads ⁶	40	19	23	27	27.25	32	46	47	42	42

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

² 1st Quarter 2003 = 100

³ Average Occupancy Rate for HANMI member hotels for the months of the quarter

⁴ Includes Fuel, Cement and Other Inbound Ocean Cargo

⁵ Residential and Commercial Permits

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

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	01.1	01.2	01.3	01.4	2001	00.1	00.2	00.3	00.4	2000
Consumer Price Index (CPI) ^{1,2}	100.3	100.6	100.8	100.7		99.3	101.8	103.2	101.4	
Visitor Arrivals	134,260	117,755	116,435	75,831	444,281	134,243	127,234	137,888	129,232	528,597
Hotel Occupancy Rate ³	65.5	56.3	55.6	40.2	54.4	63.1	58.9	62.9	60.0	61.2
New Car and Truck Sales	299	245	228	232	1,004	222	219	245	304	990
Ocean Cargo (in Revenue Tons)										
Inbound ⁴	169,965	191,743	175,627	155,507	692,842	169,041	175,497	179,691	183,313	707,542
Outbound	39,235	50,752	54,083	43,184	187,255	39,436	48,951	56,198	42,969	187,554
Transshipment	20	31	4	33	88	419	454	1,134	367	2,374
Building Permits Issued ⁵	108	73	50	51	282	72	82	77	87	318
Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads ⁶	40	34	32	29	34	41	42	36	36	39

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	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.4	1999	98.1	98.2	98.3	98.4	1998
Consumer Price Index (CPI) ^{1,2}	98.9	99.6	99.7	99.5		98.1	97.4	98.0	98.8	
Visitor Arrivals	129,479	117,707	127,856	126,746	501,788	134,207	118,029	121,369	116,560	490,165
Hotel Occupancy Rate ³	62.8	56.3	60.4	62.3	60.4	66.9	57.8	53.5	54.0	58.0
New Car and Truck Sales	209	206	191	243	849	376	418	336	327	1,457
Ocean Cargo (in Revenue Tons)										
Inbound ⁴	161,449	178,617	183,433	172,883	696,382	194,592	230,214	186,686	204,302	815,794
Outbound	43,432	45,903	49,401	45,597	184,333	39,516	55,189	64,095	47,051	205,851
Transshipment	2,827	233	690	335	4,085	1,208	1,461	2,730	453	5,852
Building Permits Issued ⁵	119	93	81	61	354	167	157	180	113	617
Average Weekly Help-Wanted Ads ⁶	45	48	44	41	45	37	46	48	45	44

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