

HOW'S THAT HOPE AND CHANGE WORKIN' OUT FOR YA?

	Jan-09	TODAY	% chg	Source
Avg. Retail price/gallon gas in U.S.	\$1.83	\$3.63	99%	1
Crude oil, Per barrel	\$38.74	\$94.73	144.55%	2
Gold: Per ounce	\$853.25	\$1,547.50	81.36%	2
Corn, No.2 yellow, Central IL	\$3.56	\$6.66	87.07%	2
Soybeans, No. 1 yellow, IL	\$9.66	\$13.52	39.95%	2
Sugar, cane, raw, world, lb. Fob	\$13..37	\$35..39	164.70%	2
Unemployment rate, non-farm, overall	7.8%	9.1%	18.45%	3
Unemployment rate, blacks	12.60%	16.20%	28.50%	3
Number of unemployed	11,616,000	14,100,000	21.38%	3
Number of fed. Employees	2,779,000	2,830,000	1.84%	3
Real median household income	\$50,112	\$49,777	-0.70%	4
Number of food stamp recipients	31,983,716	44,647,861	39.59%	5
Number of unemployment benefit recipients	7,526,598	9,193,838	22.20%	6
Number of long-term unemployed	2,600,000	6,300,000	142.31%	3
Poverty rate, individuals	13.20%	14.30%	8.30%	4
People in poverty in U.S.	39,800,000	43,600,000	9.50%	4
U.S. Rank in Economic Freedom World Rankings	5	9	<i>n/a</i>	10
Present Situation Index	29.9	23.5	-21.40%	11
Failed banks	140	164	17.10%	12
U.S. Dollar versus Japanese yen exchange rate	89.76	80.315	-11.70%	2
U.S. Money supply, M1, in billions	1,575.10	1,935.40	22.80%	13
U.S. Money supply, M2, in billions	8,310.90	9,001.10	8.30%	13

National debt, in trillions	\$10.63	\$14.49	36.31%	14
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[\(1\) U.S. Energy Information Administration](#); [\(2\) Wall Street Journal](#); [\(3\) Bureau of Labor Statistics](#); [\(4\) Census Bureau](#); [\(5\) USDA](#); [\(6\) U.S. Dept. Of Labor](#); [\(7\) FHFA](#); [\(8\) Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller](#); [\(9\) RealtyTrac](#); [\(10\) Heritage Foundation and WSJ](#); [\(11\) The Conference Board](#); [\(12\) FDIC](#); [\(13\) Federal Reserve](#); [\(14\) U.S. Treasury](#)

