



# Forté Capital's Selected Statistics

U.S. Equity Indexes	5/28/2004	YTD Return
S&P 500	1121	0.79%
Dow Jones Industrials	10188	-2.54%
NASDAQ Composite	1987	-0.83%
NYSE Composite	6485	0.69%
Wilshire 5000	10926	1.17%
Dow Jones Transports	2948	-1.96%
Dow Jones Utilities	276	3.34%

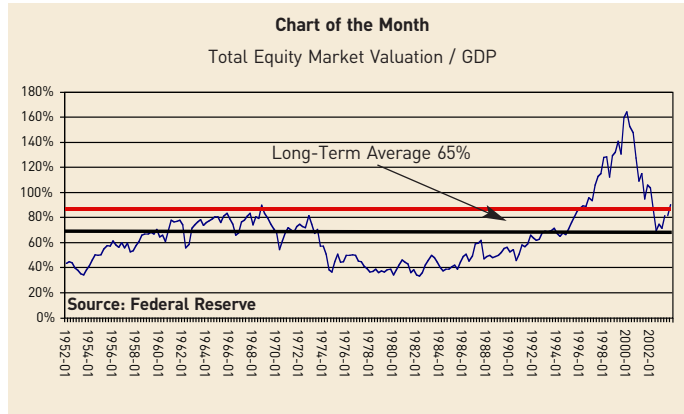
Forté Capital's Proprietary Market Risk Barometer	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish
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Market Valuation	4		
Monetary Environment	4		
Investor Psychology	6		
Internal Market Technicals	4		
Overall Short-Term Outlook	4.37		
Overall Long-Term Outlook	4.86		

**As of 5/28/04**

Selected Interest Rates	5/28/04	4/30/04
Fed Funds Rate	1.00%	1.06%
3-Month Libor	1.32%	1.18%
Prime Rate	4.00%	4.00%
15-Year Mortgage	5.27%	5.08%
30-Year Mortgage	5.90%	5.74%
1-Year ARM	3.43%	3.20%
3-Month Treasury Bill	1.06%	0.96%
5-Year Treasury Note	3.81%	3.63%
10-Year Treasury Bond	4.66%	4.53%
10-Year Inflation Indexed Treas.	1.83%	2.04%

Equity Market Statistics	5/28/2004	4/30/2004
<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>		
Dividend Yield	2.09%	2.07%
Price/Earnings Ratio (12-Mth Trailing)	18.05	18.20
Price to Book Value	3.46	3.49
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>		
Earnings Yield	4.35%	4.40%
Dividend Yield	1.71%	1.73%
Price/Earnings (12-Mth Trailing)	22.99	22.72
Price/Earnings (2004 EPS Est)	17.1	17.1

Key Economic Statistics	Most Recent	Prior Month
<b>National</b>		
Producer Price Index (monthly chg)	0.68%	0.55%
Consumer Price Index (monthly chg)	0.20%	0.50%
Unemployment Rate	5.60%	5.60%
ISM Manufacturing Index	62.80	62.40
ISM Services Index	65.20	68.40
Change in Non-Farm Payroll Employment	248,000	346,000
<b>New York State</b>		
NY Business Incorporations	6,782	7,269
Consumer Price Index - NY, NJ, CT	3.70%	3.20%
Unemployment Rate	6.00%	6.70%
NYS Index of Coincident indicators	0.00%	1.80%



### Commentary on Significant Economic Data This Month

According to the most recent government report, payroll employment increased by 248,000 in May. Both April and March payroll numbers were revised upward, by 58,000 and 16,000 respectively. The manufacturing sector added 32,000 jobs in May, its fourth consecutive month of increasing employment. The average manufacturing workweek increased by 0.4 hours in May, while average hourly earnings rose by 2.2% compared to last year. The economy has now created over 1.4 million jobs since last August, about half the total jobs lost during the most recent economic slowdown.

According to the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey, approximately 20% of employers expect to increase net payroll employment for the second quarter of 2004, the highest level since the first quarter of 2001. This bodes well for a continuing improvement in the employment situation.

Industrial production increased by 0.8% in April, the third strong increase in the past four months. Capacity utilization increased 0.3%, to 76.9% overall, while crude stage processing capacity utilization was considerably stronger, at 84.7%, in April.

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