

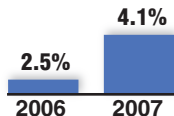
# Economic doldrums

*The recent crisis in the financial sector is affecting Main Street, as well as Wall Street.*

## Crunched consumers

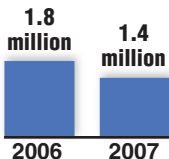
### Prices are up ...

Annual percent change in inflation



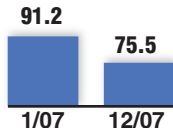
### ... housing starts are down ...

Annual units started



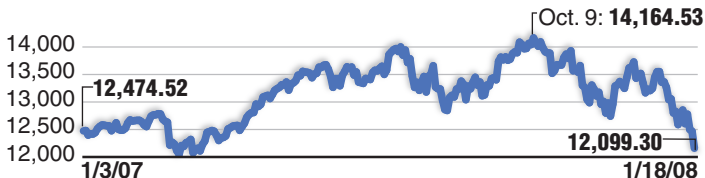
### ... confidence is off

Univ. of Michigan consumer sentiment index, 1966=100



## Worried investors

Daily closing prices on the Dow Jones Industrial Average:



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, Yahoo! Business, University of Michigan, The Dallas Morning News  
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