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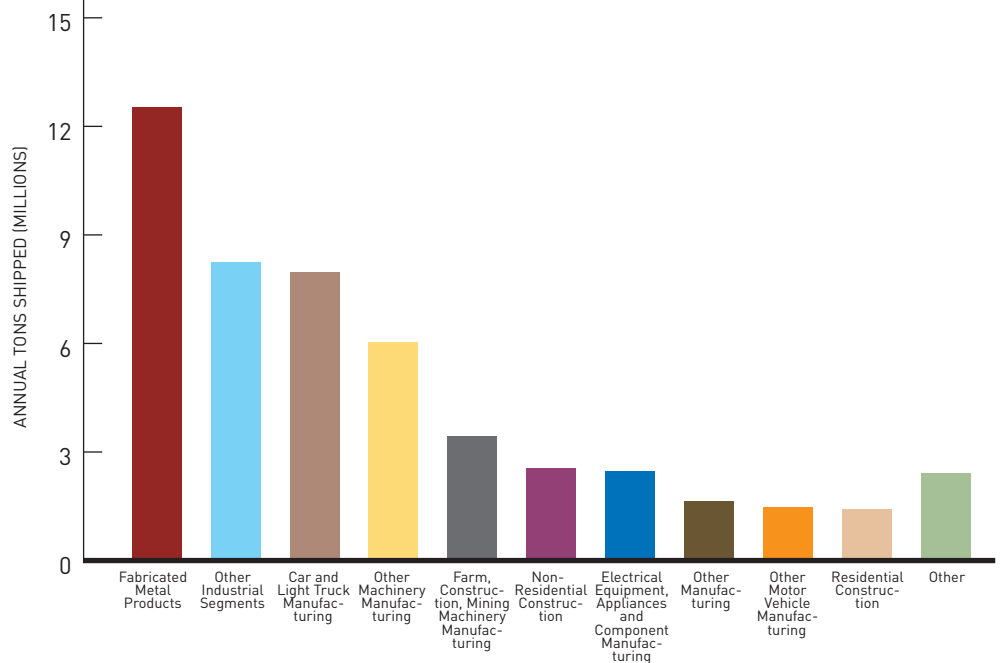
of manufacturers say their company will increase hiring in the next six months.

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believe the U.S. economy will improve during the same time period.

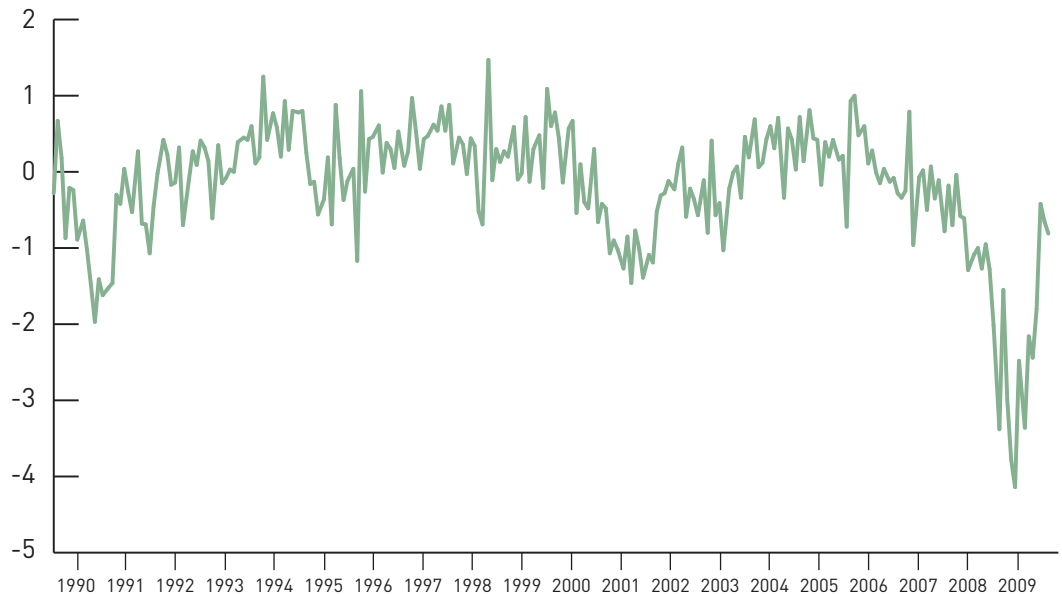
SOURCE: GRANT THORNTON, LLP, OCTOBER 2009

NORTH AMERICAN SERVICE CENTER STEEL SHIPMENTS IN 2008



SOURCE: MSCI, OCTOBER 2009

CHICAGO FED NATIONAL ACTIVITY INDEX

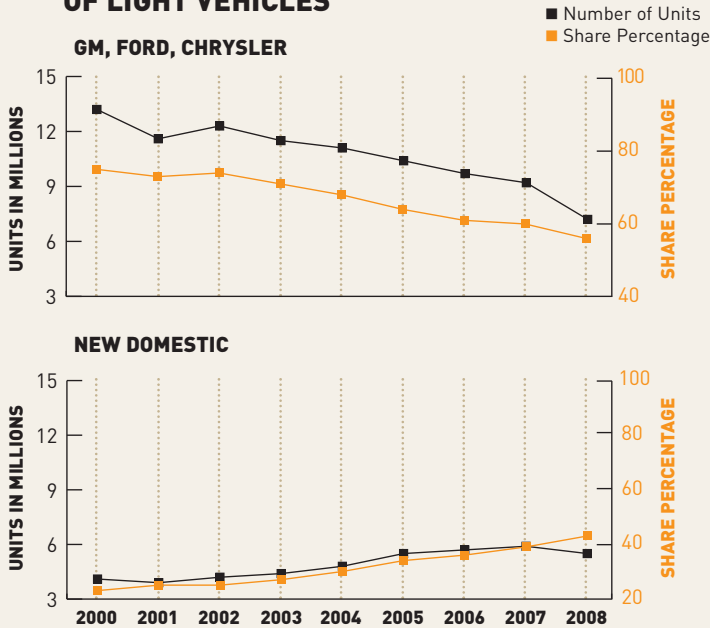


The CFNAI is a monthly indicator calculated as the weighted average of 85 existing monthly indicators of national economic activity.

SOURCE: CHICAGO FED

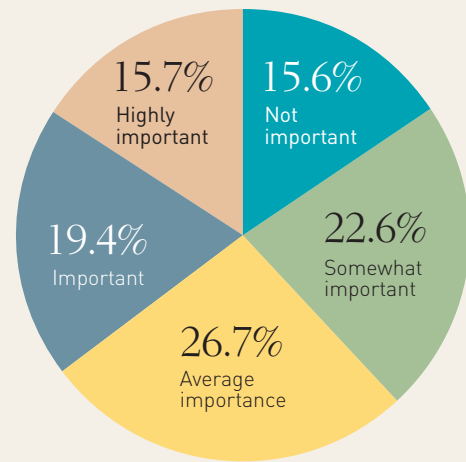
Forward's report on industry numbers and statistics

NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCTION OF LIGHT VEHICLES



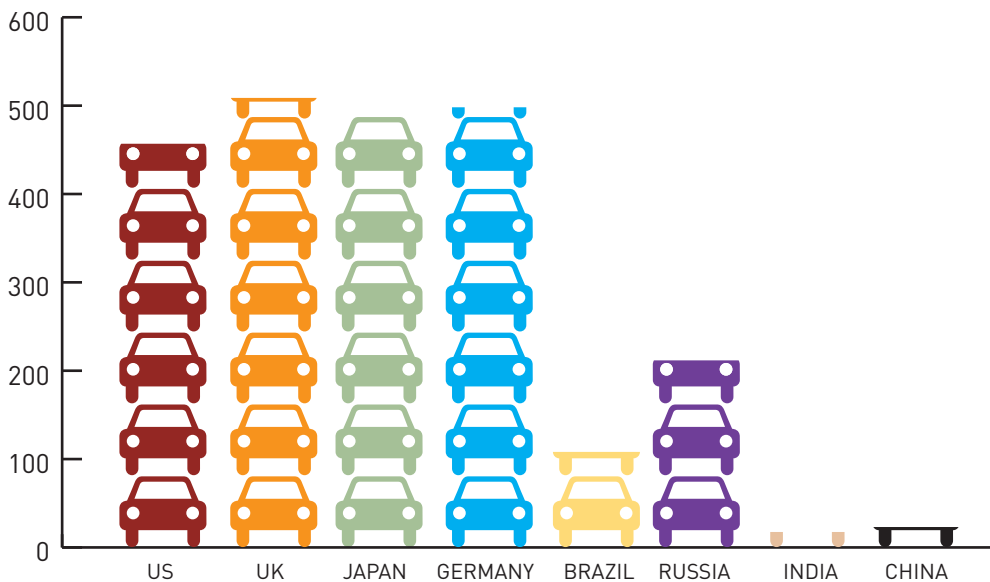
SOURCE: DESROSIERS AUTOMOTIVE CONSULTANTS INC.

IMPORTANCE OF GREEN/SUSTAINABILITY TO MANUFACTURERS' SUCCESS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS:



SOURCE: NEXT GENERATION MANUFACTURING NATIONAL SURVEY 2009, AMERICAN SMALL MANUFACTURERS COALITION

NUMBER OF CARS PER 1,000 PEOPLE IN 2008



SOURCE: "AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY BRIEFING" ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT
*FIGURES INCLUDE LIGHT TRUCKS

Ranking of types of new facilities individuals would support if they could create 1,000 new jobs in their community:

- 1 Manufacturing facility
- 2 Technology development center
- 3 Energy production facility
- 4 Healthcare facility
- 5 Retailing center
- 6 Communications hub
- 7 Financial institution

SOURCE: "PUBLIC VIEW ON MANUFACTURING, ANNUAL INDEX 2009," DELOITTE AND THE MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE