US economic indicators up more than expected in June金融英语考 试 PDF转换可能丢失图片或格式,建议阅读原文 https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/644/2021_2022_US_economi _c92_644783.htm In this July 17, 2009 photo, construction worker Akram Humaideh, left, begins new home construction in Springfield, III. A private-sector forecast of U.S. economic activity rose more than expected in June, the third straight monthly increase. (AP Photo) More plans to build homes, higher stock prices and fewer people filing first-time claims jobless aid sent a private-sector forecast of U.S. economic activity higher than expected in June. 我 要收藏 It was the third straight monthly increase for the New York-based Conference Boards index of leading economic indicators, and another sign pointing toward the recession ending later this year. The index rose 0.7 percent last month. Wall Street analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected a gain of 0.4 percent. The group also said activity in the six-month period through June rose 2 percent. The index is meant to project economic activity in the next three to six months. If these conditions continue, "expect a slow recovery this autumn," said Conference Board economist Ken Goldstein. Seven of the 10 indicators rose in June, including building permits, stock prices, manufacturers new orders for consumer goods and positive readings on jobs. The biggest gainer was the "interest rate spread." Thats the difference between yields on 10-year Treasurys and the federal funds rate, at which banks lend to one another, which is at a record low near zero. A big difference between the two is viewed as positive because investors are willing to lend for

longer periods. The Conference Board said that consumer expectations, manufacturers orders for capital goods and the real money supply weighed down the forecast last month. 100Test 下载 频道开通,各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com