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March 2015

Arlington, Texas—The table below compares Decision Analyst’s U.S. Economic Index to its Economic Indices for other countries. In South America, Brazil’s Economic Index has declined 17 points in the past year, while Argentina increased 5 points. In Europe, the Economic Index is trending up in most of the major countries, signaling economic expansion in Europe for the remainder of the year. However, Russia’s Economic Index is down 9 points from the past year, a very negative indicator for Russia. The Economic Index for each country tends to lead economic activity in each country by 6 to 12 months.

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	March 2015	Past-12-Month Change (From Mar. 2014 to Mar. 2015)
North America		
 United States	108	↑ +4
 Canada	93	↓ -1
 Mexico*	92	↑ +4
South America		
 Argentina*	87	↑ +5
 Brazil*	100	↓ -17
 Chile*	97	↓ -10
 Colombia*	107	↑ +1
 Peru*	110	↓ -4
Europe		
 France	94	↑ +9
 Germany	107	↑ +2
 Italy	89	↓ -2
 Russian Federation*	89	↓ -9
 Spain*	94	↑ +11
 United Kingdom	110	↑ +8
Australia/Asia		
 Australia*	94	↓ -3
 India*	126	↑ +5

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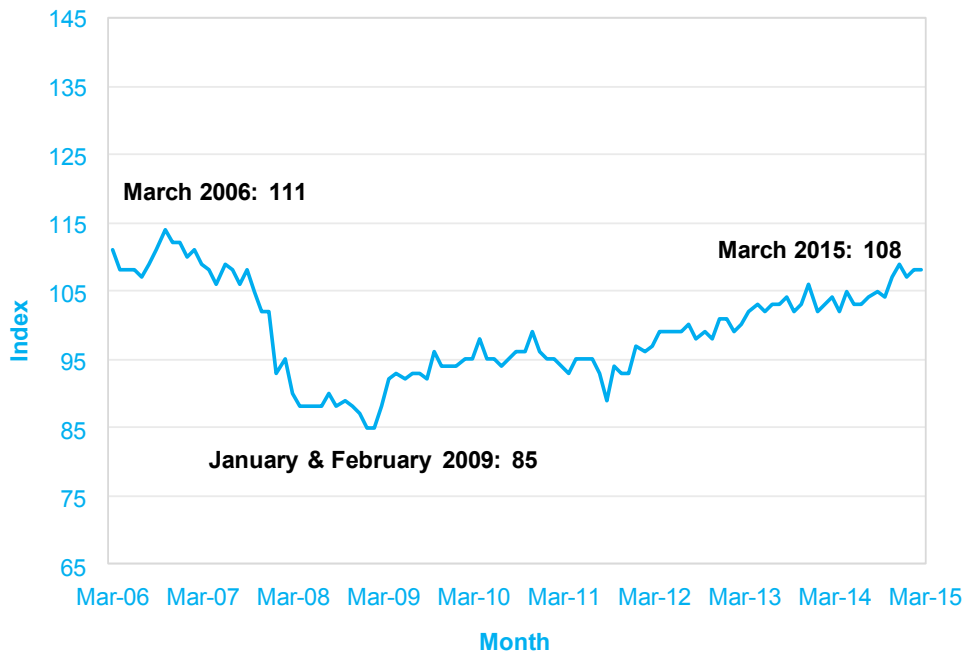
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The Decision Analyst Economic Indices are based on monthly online surveys in the respective countries; these surveys provide inputs to Decision Analyst's econometric models that compute the Economic Indices for each country.

North America

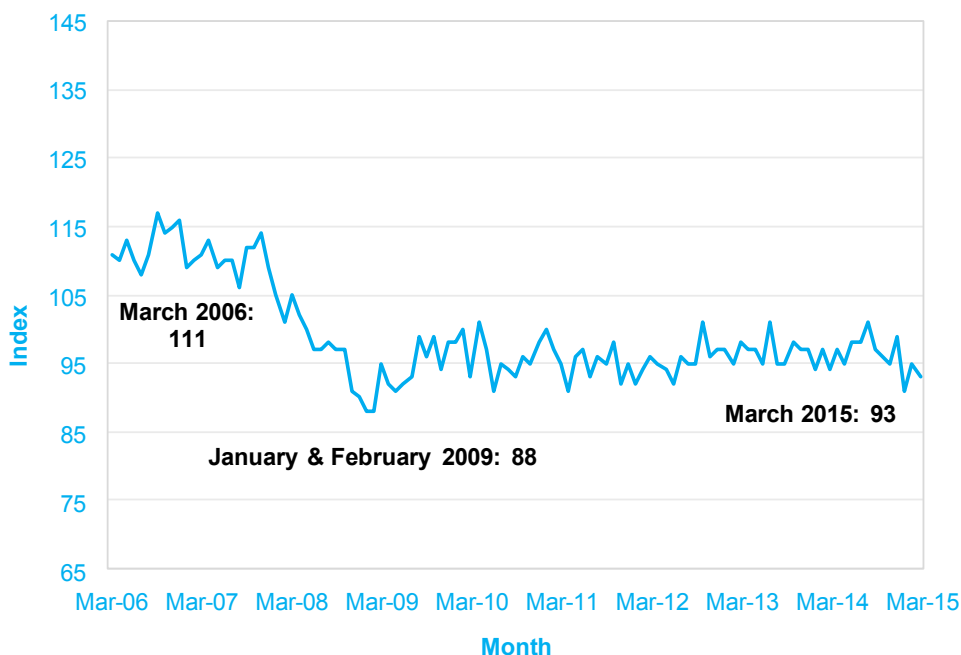
United States Economic Index March 2015



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Change**
(From March 2014 to
March 2015)



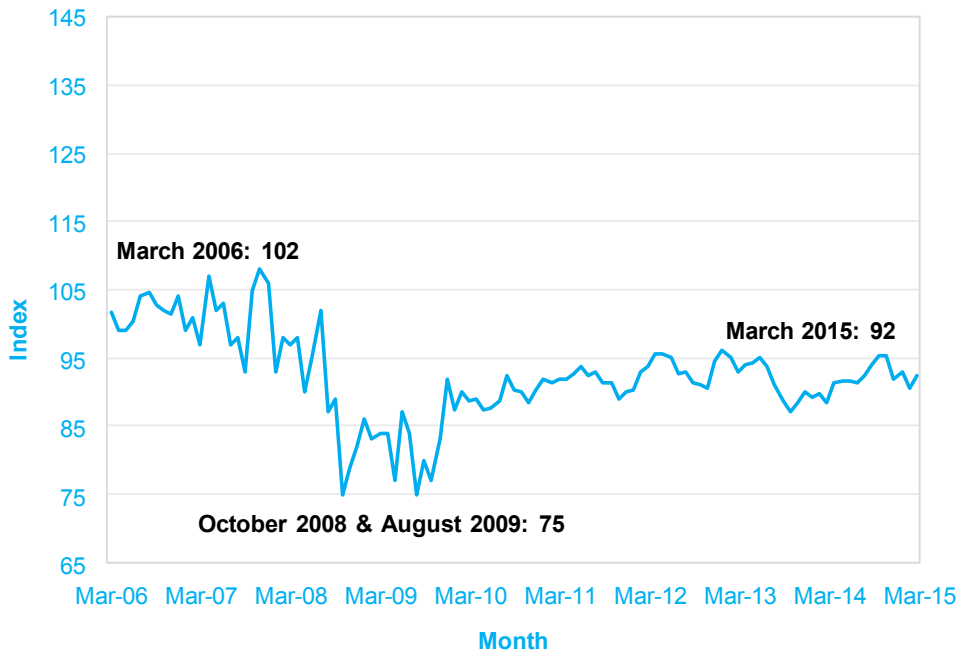
Canada Economic Index March 2015



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**Mexico* Economic Index
March 2015**

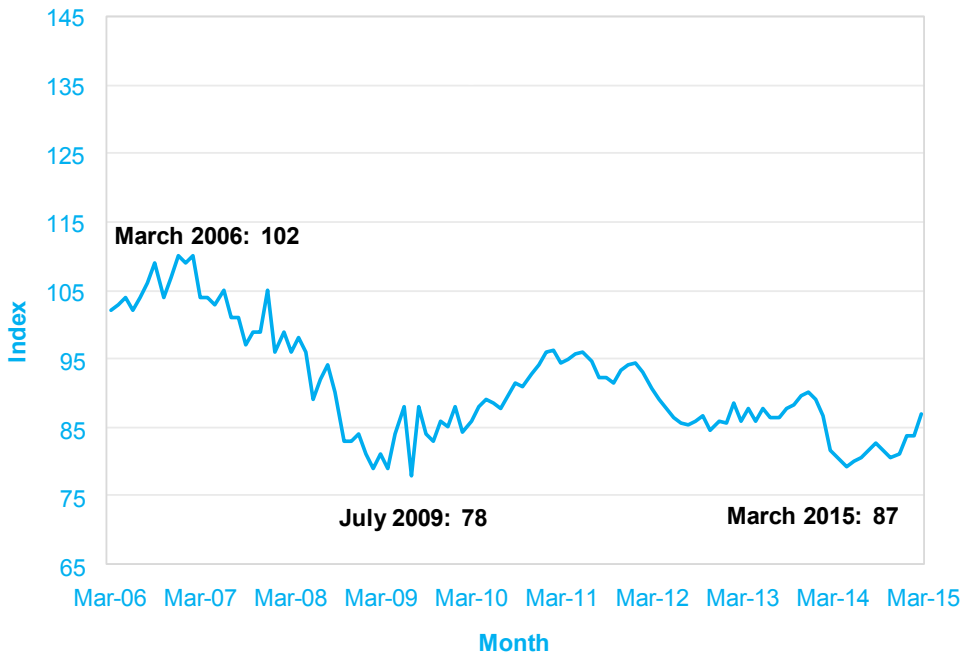


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South America

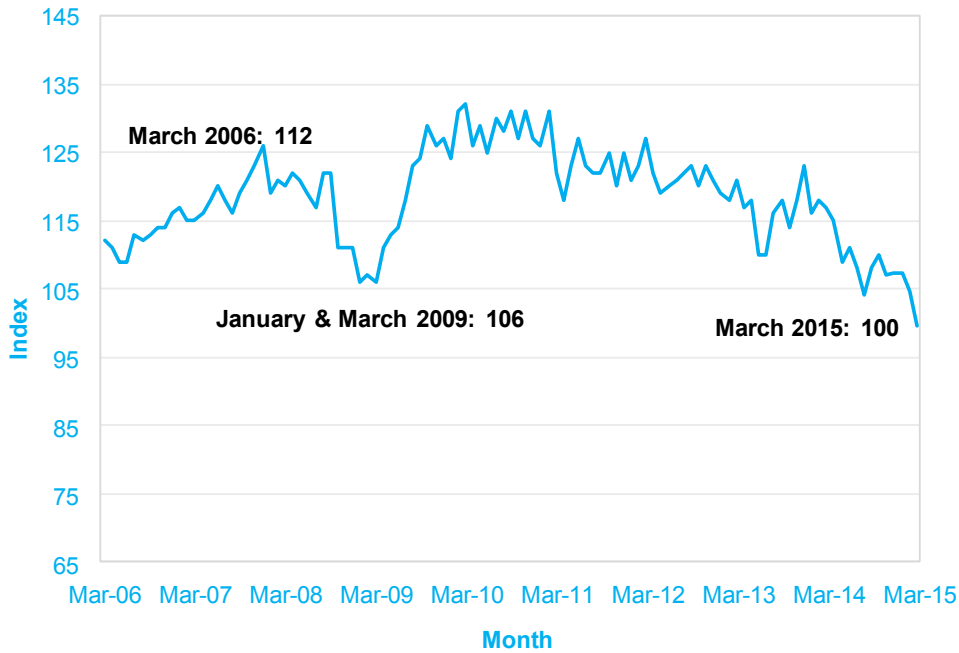
**Argentina* Economic Index
March 2015**



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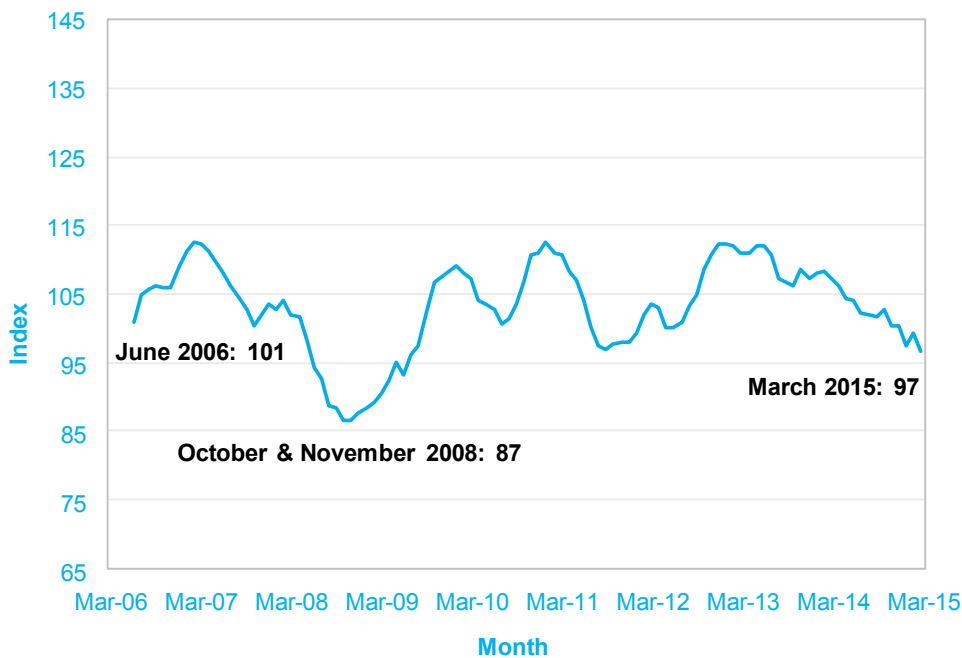
Brazil* Economic Index March 2015



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Chile* Economic Index March 2015

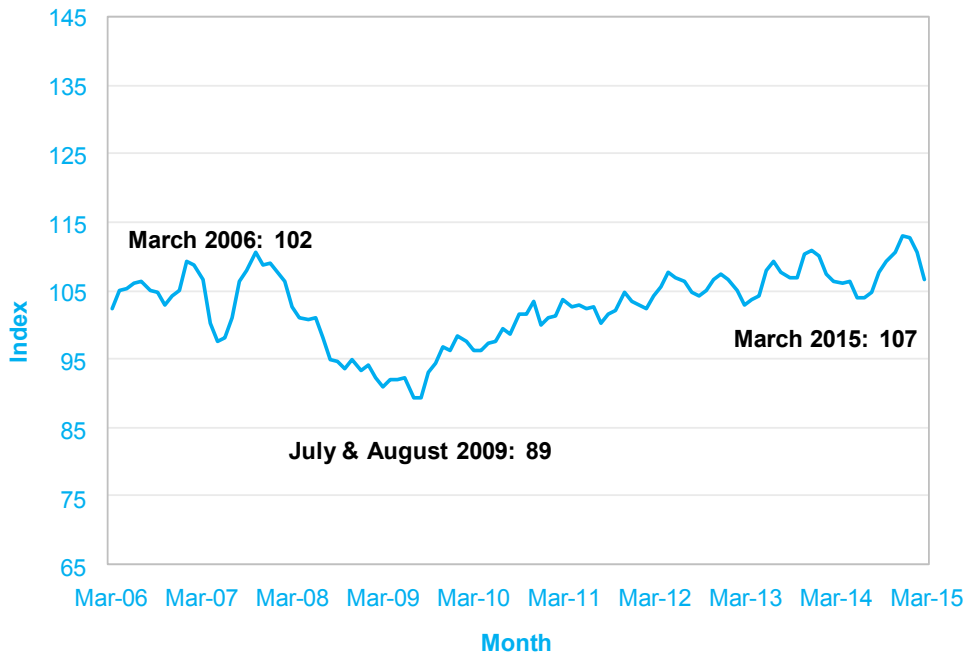


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*Data collection for Chile
began in June 2006.*

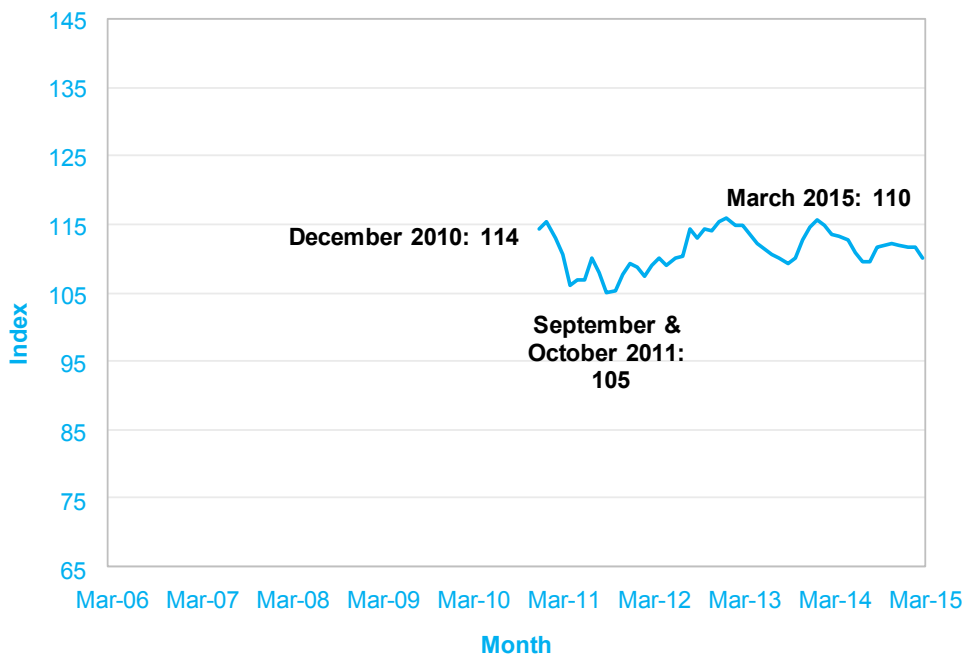
Colombia* Economic Index March 2015



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Peru* Economic Index March 2015



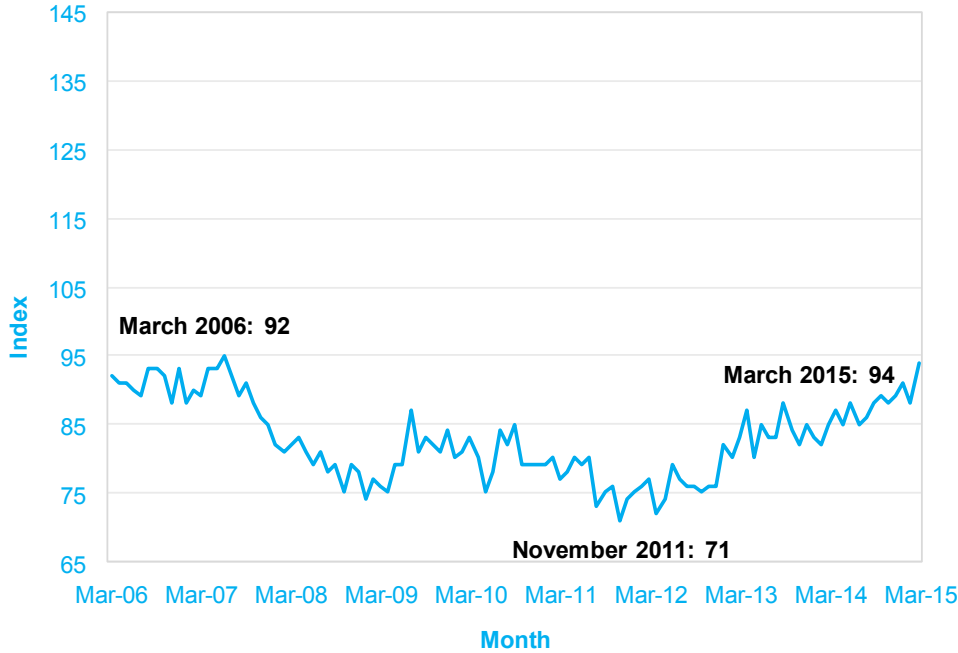
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Peru began in
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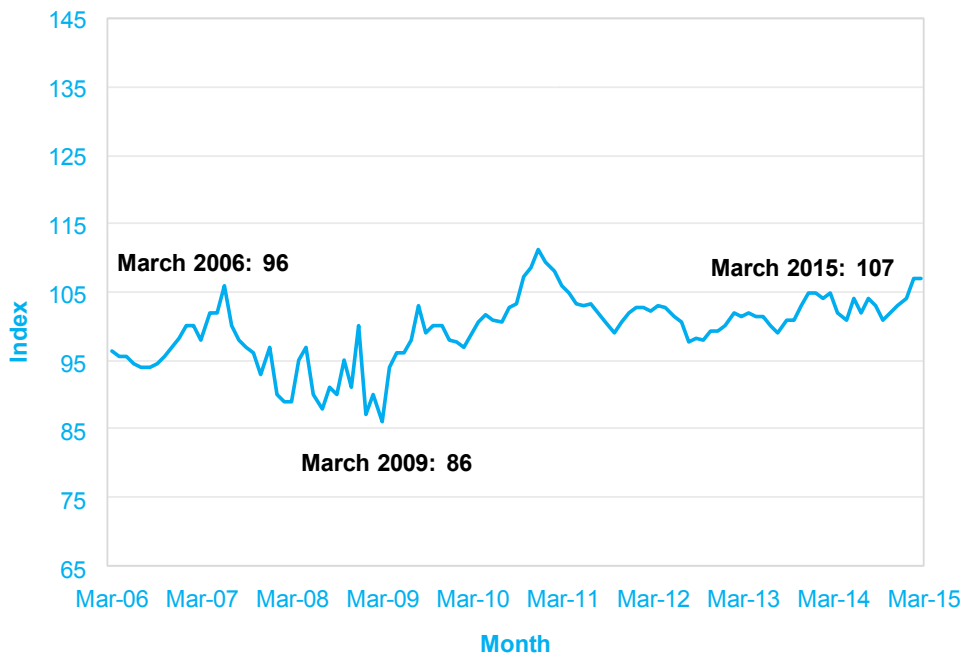
France Economic Index March 2015



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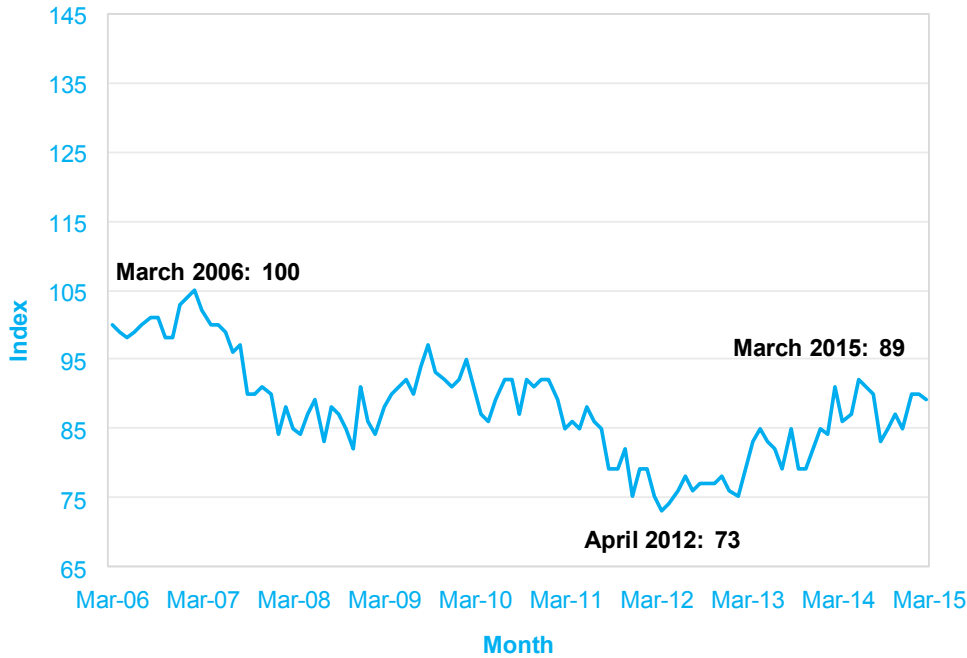
Germany Economic Index March 2015



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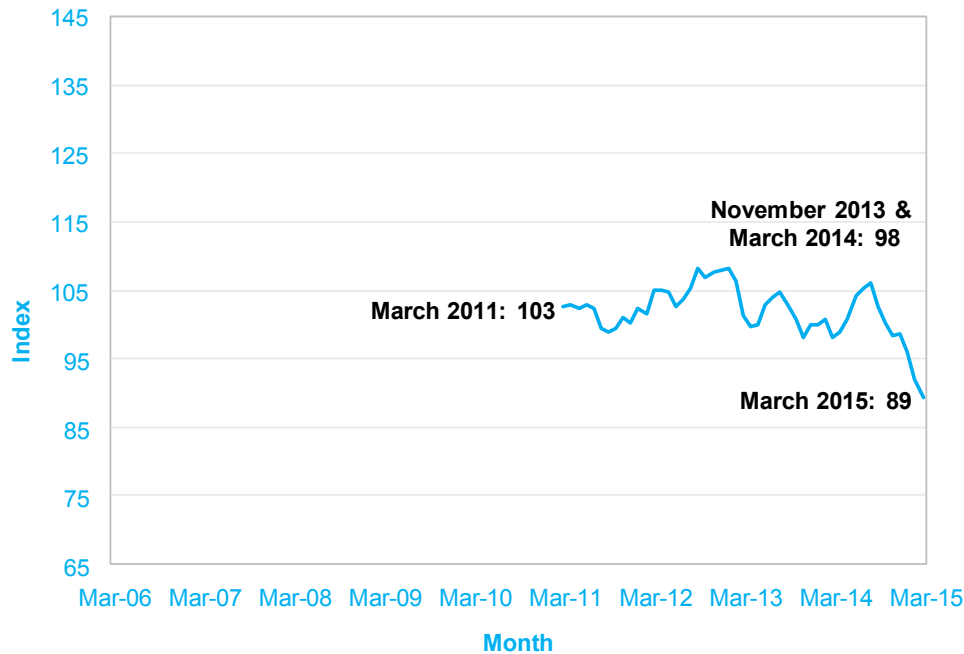
Italy Economic Index March 2015



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Russian Federation* Economic Index March 2015



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Russian Federation
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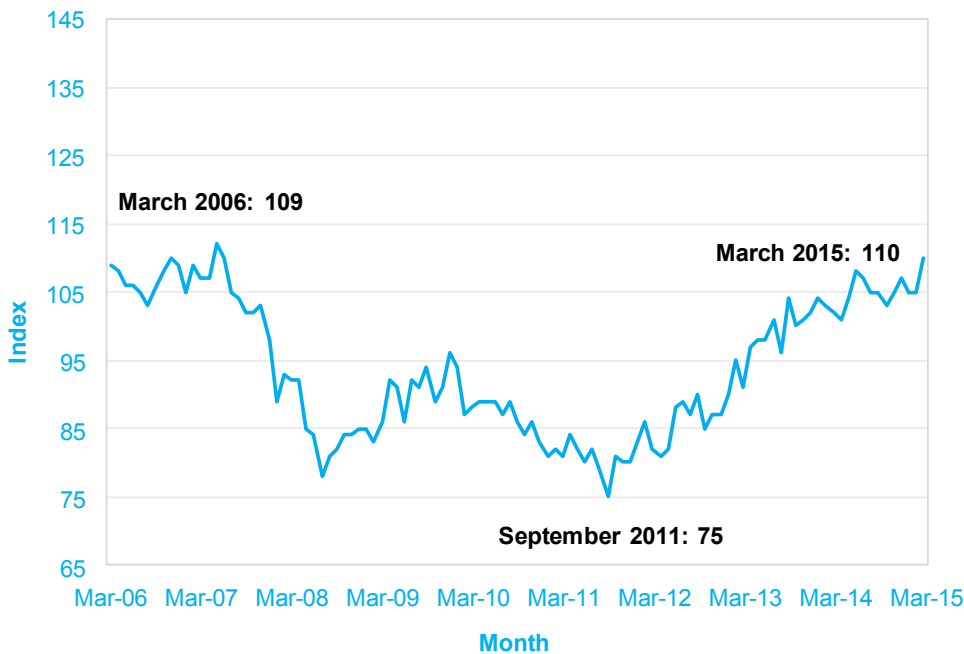
**Spain* Economic Index
March 2015**



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**United Kingdom Economic Index
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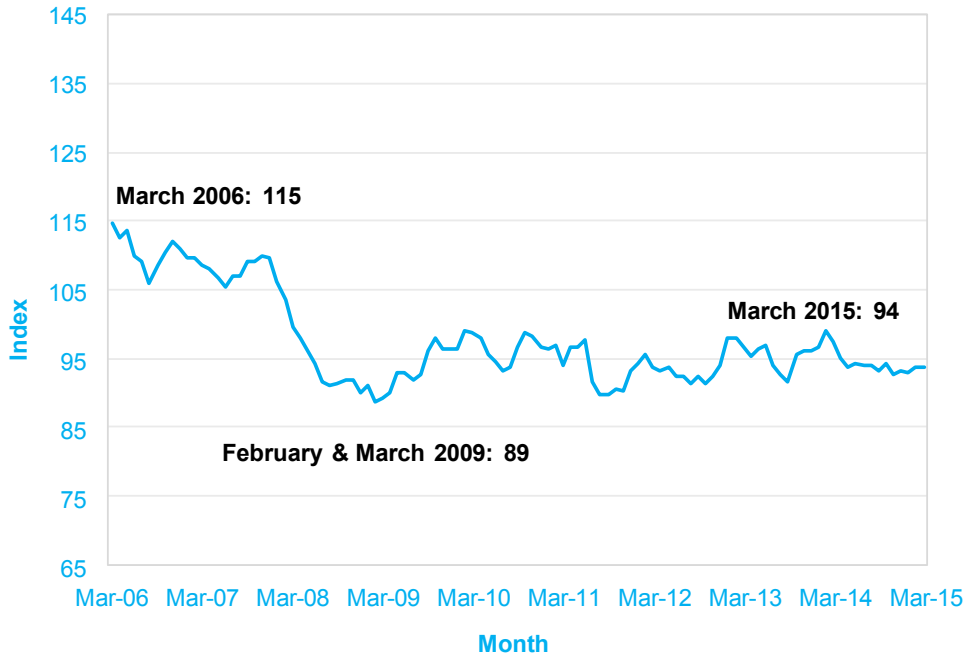


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Australia/Asia

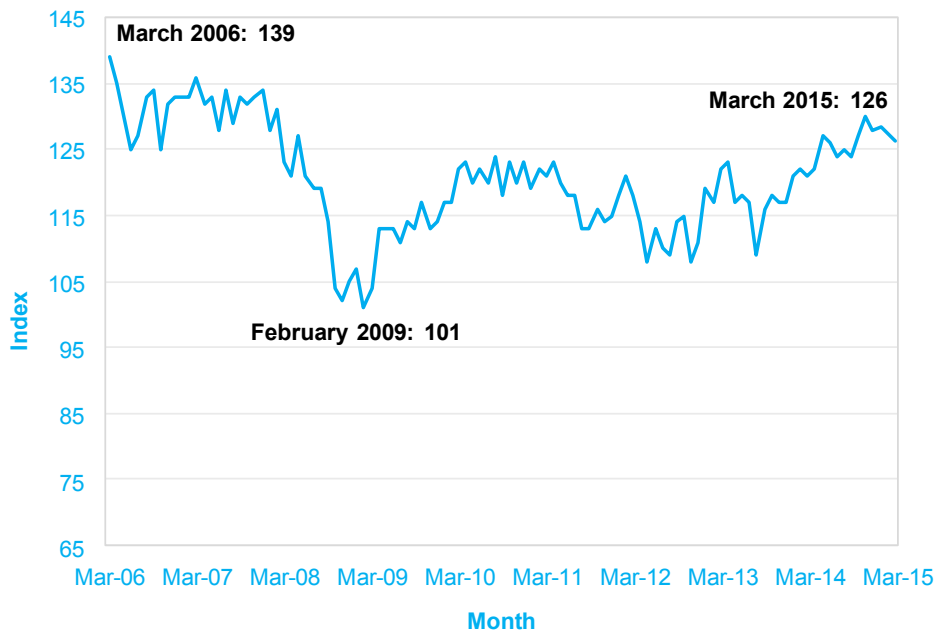
Australia* Economic Index March 2015



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India* Economic Index March 2015



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*Three-Month Moving Average

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Methodology

The Decision Analyst Economic Index is based on a monthly online survey of several thousand households balanced by gender, age, and geography. The scientific survey is conducted in the last 10 days of each month. The Economic Index is calculated from 9 different economic measurements using a sophisticated econometric model. The result is a snapshot of coming economic activity in each country surveyed, as seen through the eyes of representative consumers living in the respective countries.

Decision Analyst conducts its concurrent economic surveys each month in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States. Whenever the Decision Analyst Economic Index is greater than 110, it tends to signal an expanding economy. An Index value of 90 to 110 suggests a no-growth or slow-growth economy, and near or below 90 generally indicates economic contraction. These guidelines vary by country, however.

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