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April 2017

Arlington, Texas—The following chart compares Decision Analyst's U.S. Economic Index to its Economic Indices for other countries. Globally, South America is moving in a positive direction, while a few countries in Europe are starting to look hesitant. Brazil increased 13 points in the past 12 months, while Argentina increased 10 points. In Europe, The Russian Federation increased 11 points, and France increased 6 points. The United Kingdom, powered by Brexit, dropped 13 points, and Germany fell 4 points.

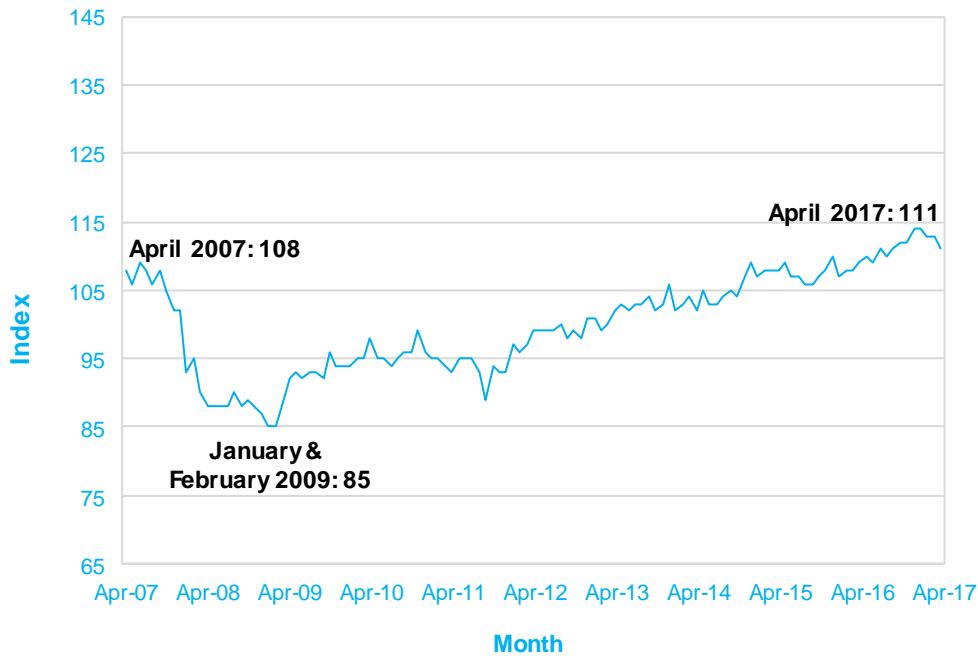
Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices April 2017			Past-12-Month Change (From Apr. 2016 to Apr. 2017)
North America		April 2017 Index	
	United States	111	↑ +2
	Canada	95	↑ +6
	Mexico*	92	↓ -1
South America			
	Argentina*	91	↑ +10
	Brazil*	97	↑ +13
	Chile*	96	↑ +5
	Colombia*	103	↑ +6
	Peru*	109	↑ +6
Europe			
	France	92	↑ +6
	Germany	101	↓ -4
	Italy	98	↓ -1
	Russian Federation*	100	↑ +11
	Spain*	99	↑ +1
	United Kingdom	97	↓ -13
Australia/Asia			
	Australia*	93	→ +/-0
	India*	123	↓ -3

* The Index numbers for Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, and Spain are 3-month moving averages to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations. The reported Index number averages the current month with the previous 2 months.

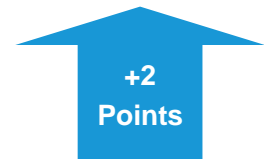
The Decision Analyst Economic Indices are based on monthly online surveys in the respective countries; these surveys provide inputs to Decision Analyst's econometric models that compute the Economic Indices for the different countries.

North America

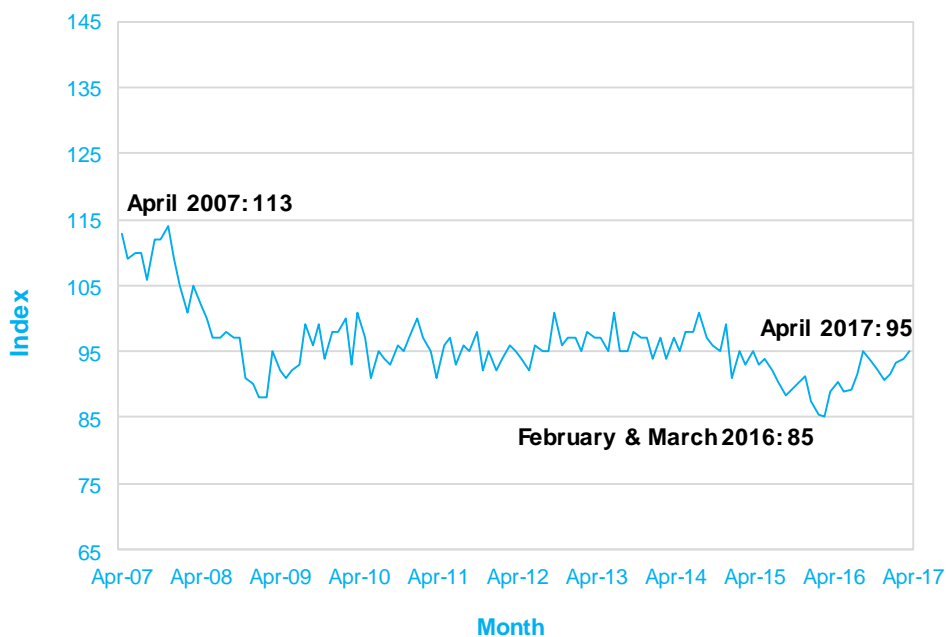
United States Economic Index April 2017



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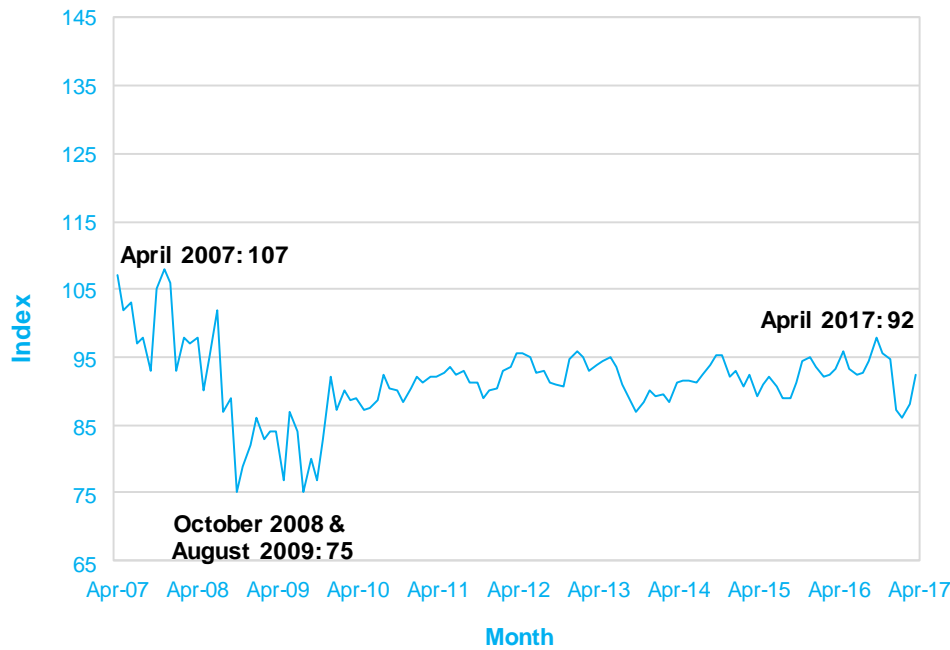
Canada Economic Index April 2017



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**Mexico* Economic Index
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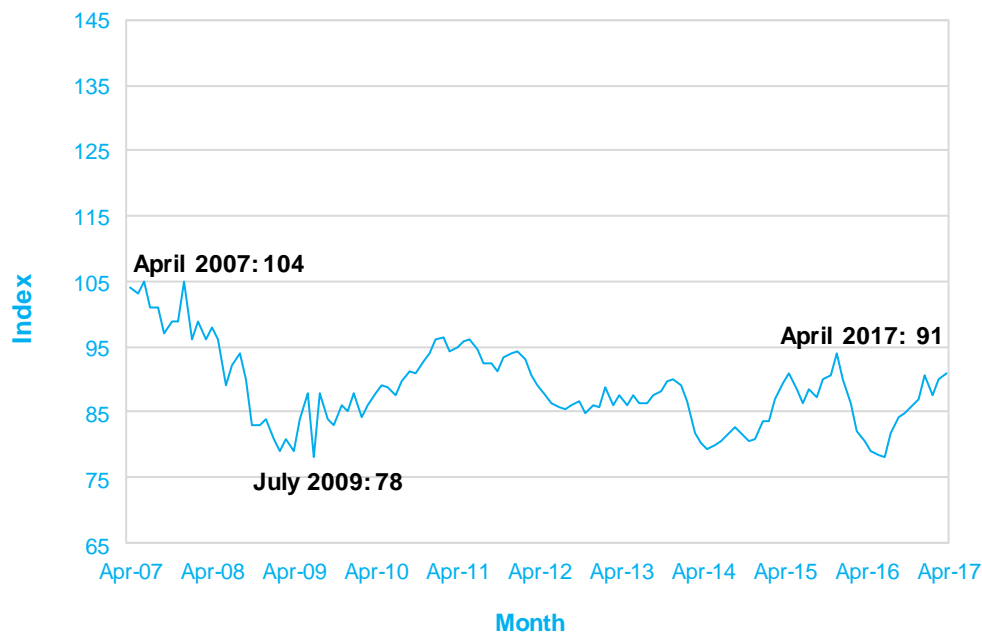


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South America

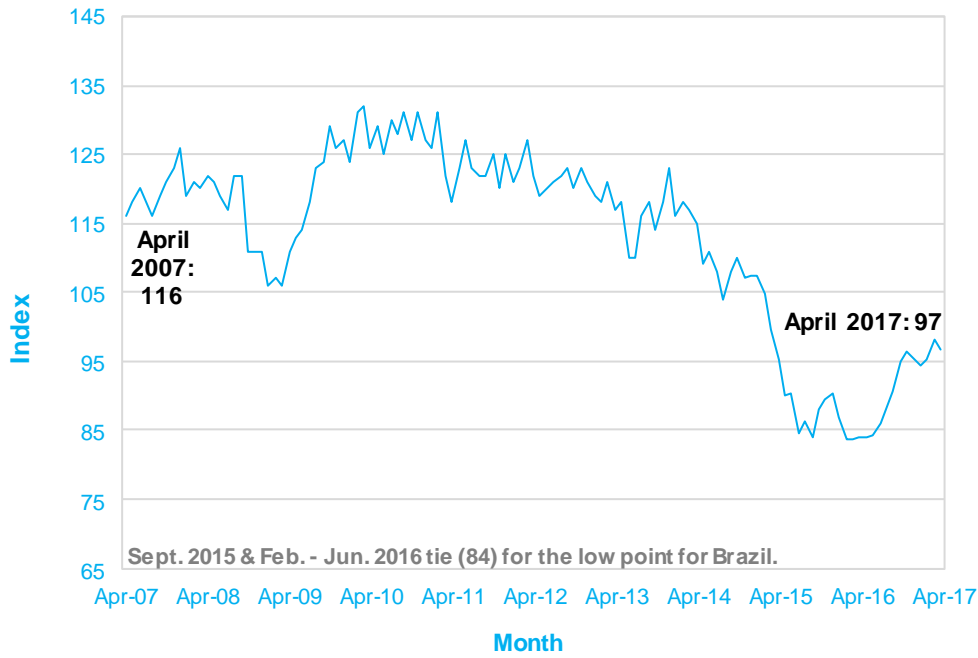
**Argentina* Economic Index
April 2017**



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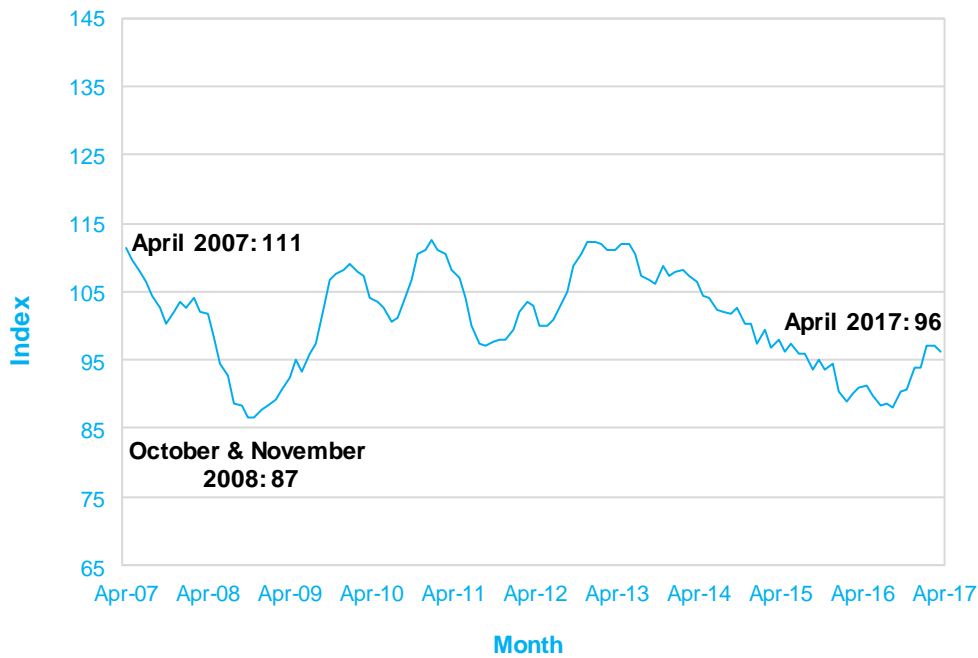
**Brazil* Economic Index
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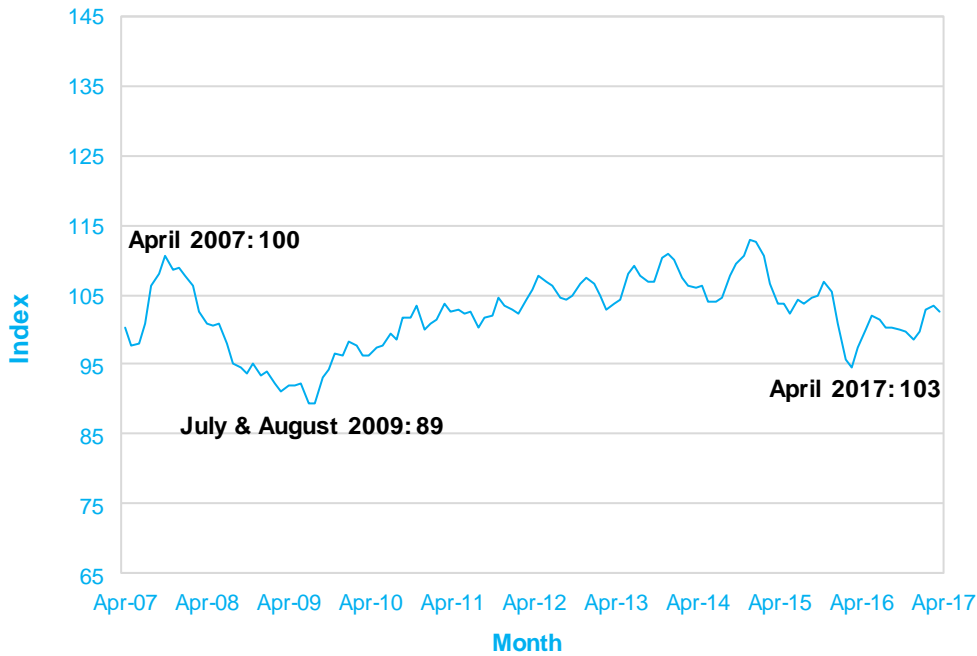
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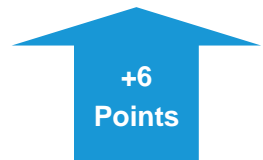
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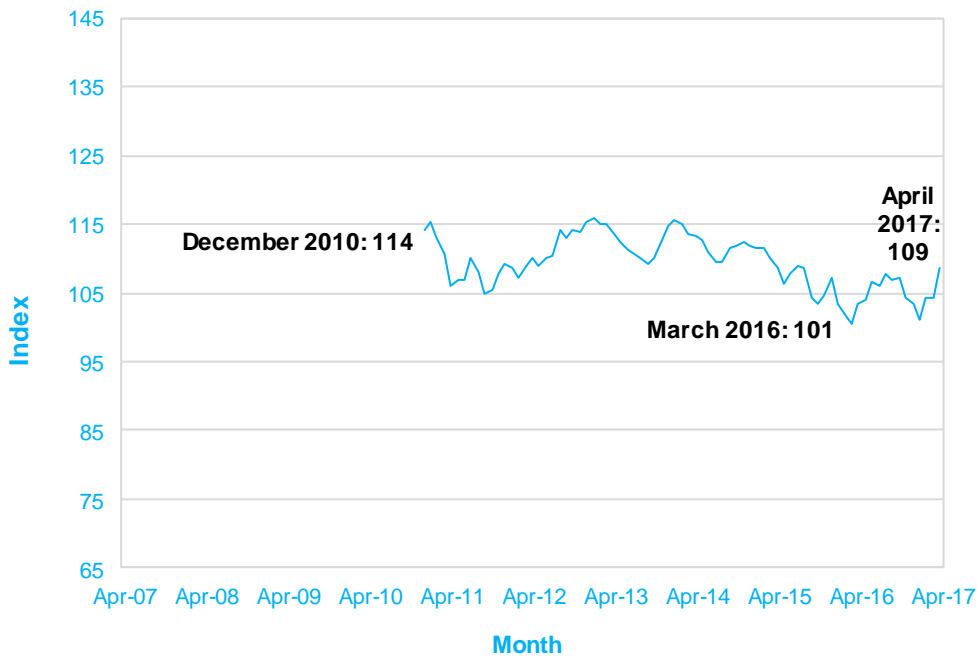
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**Peru* Economic Index
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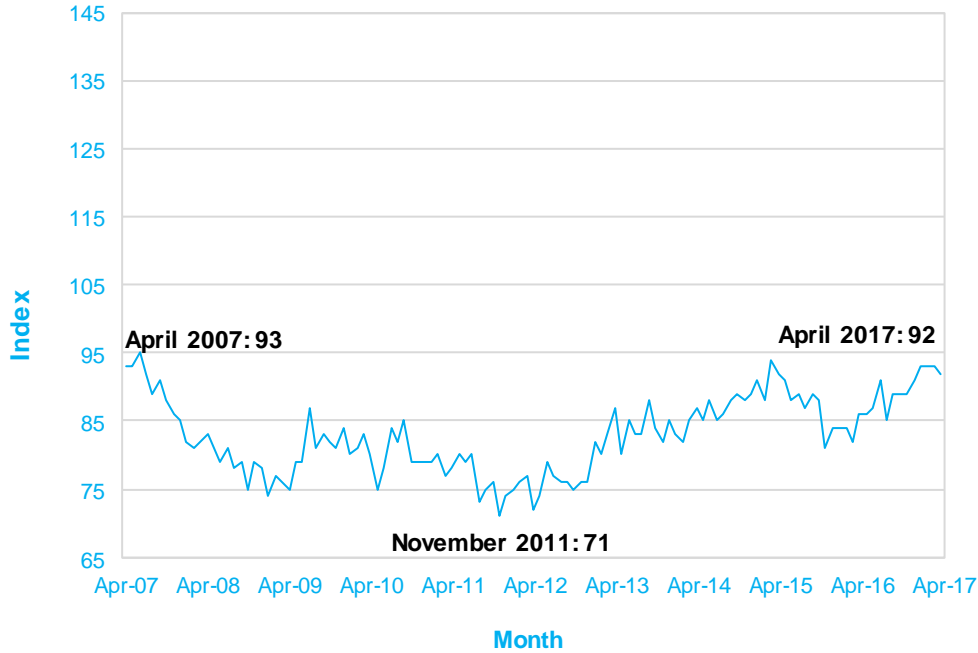
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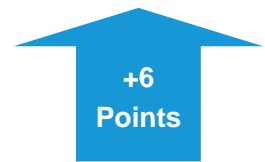
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Europe

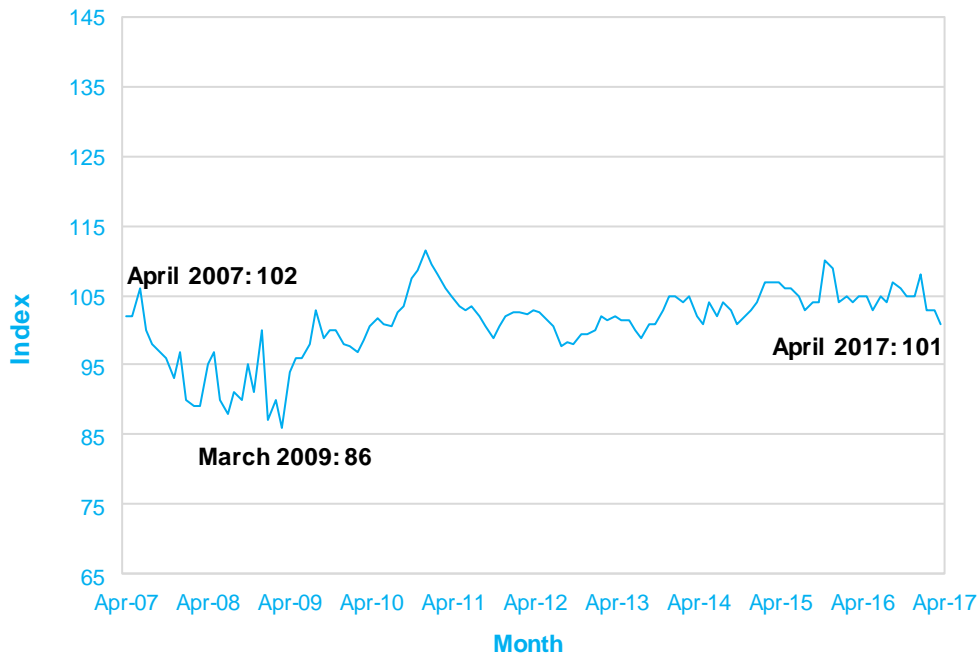
France Economic Index April 2017



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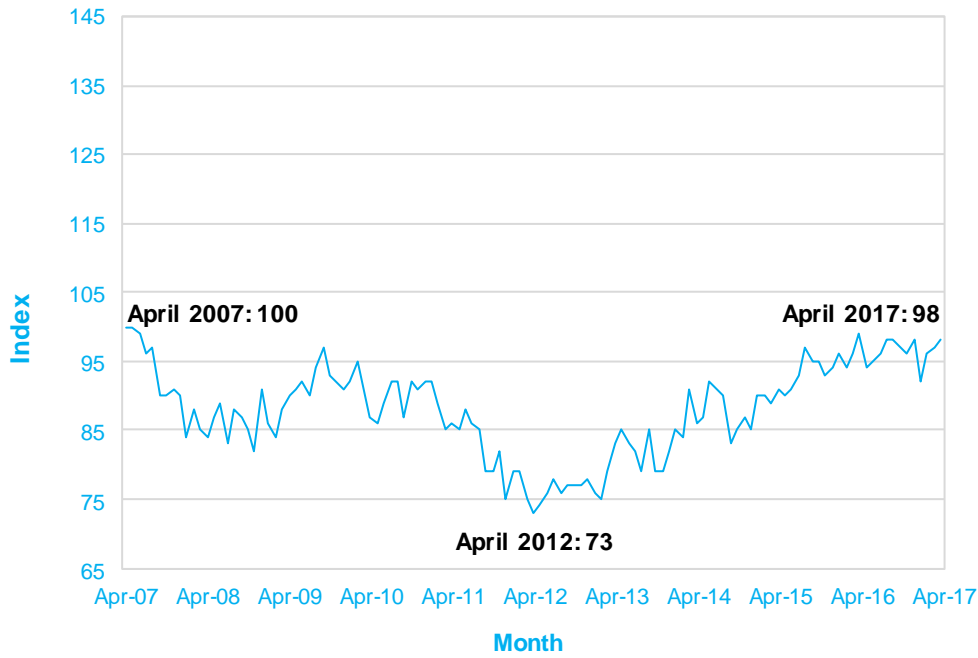
Germany Economic Index April 2017



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Italy Economic Index April 2017

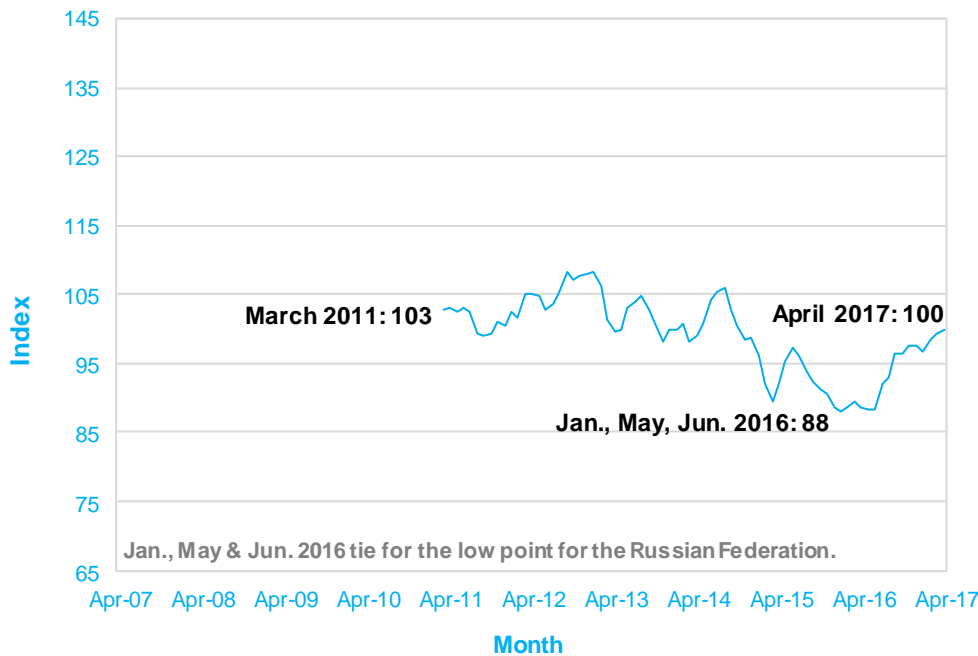


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-1 Point

Russian Federation* Economic Index April 2017



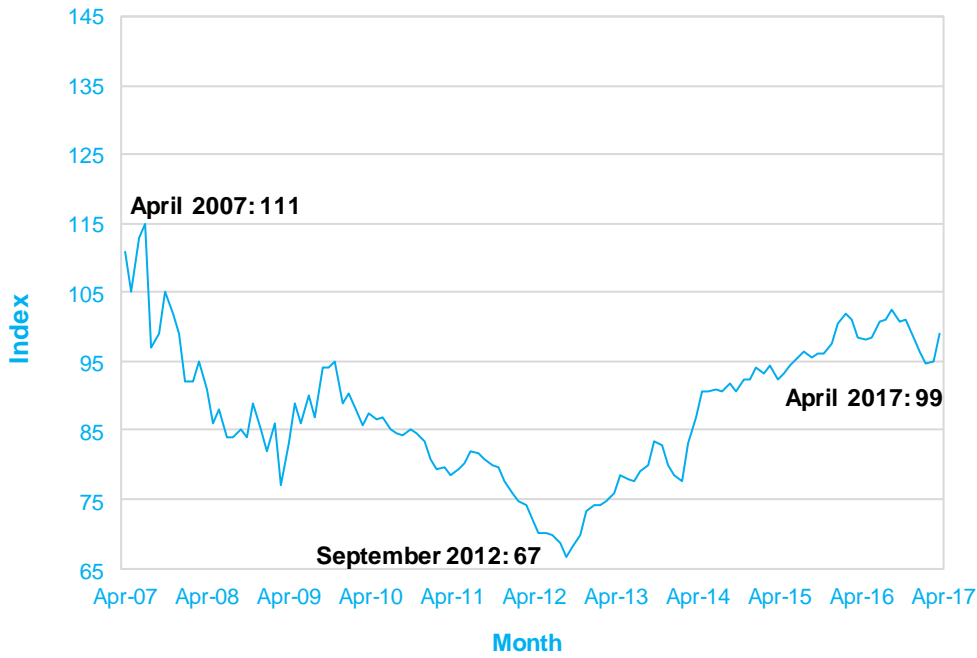
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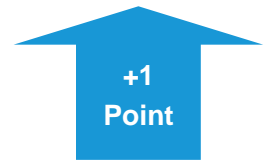
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Points**

Data collection for
the Russian
Federation began in
March 2011.

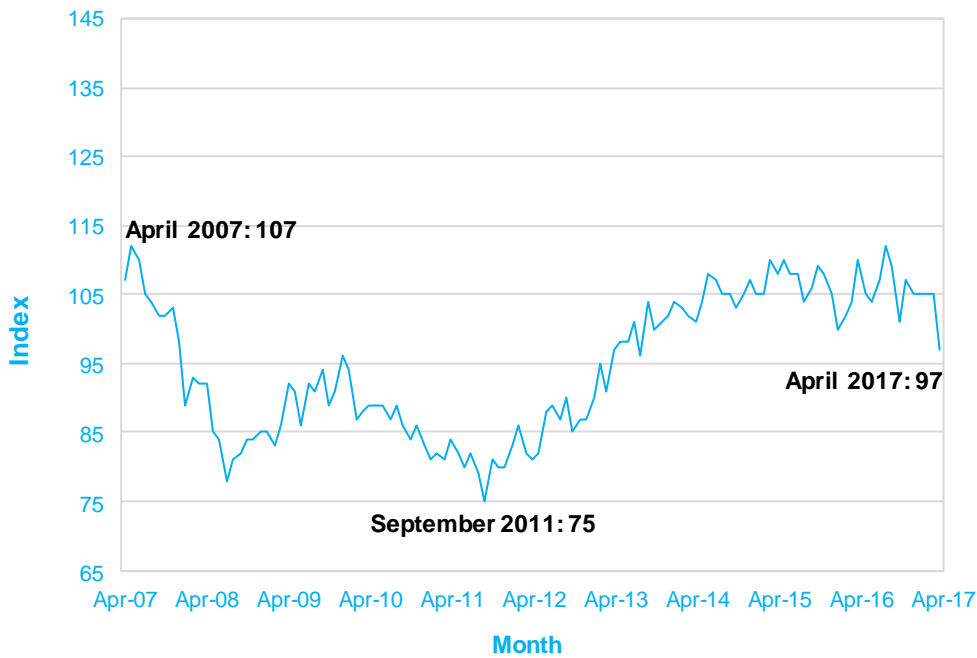
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**United Kingdom Economic Index
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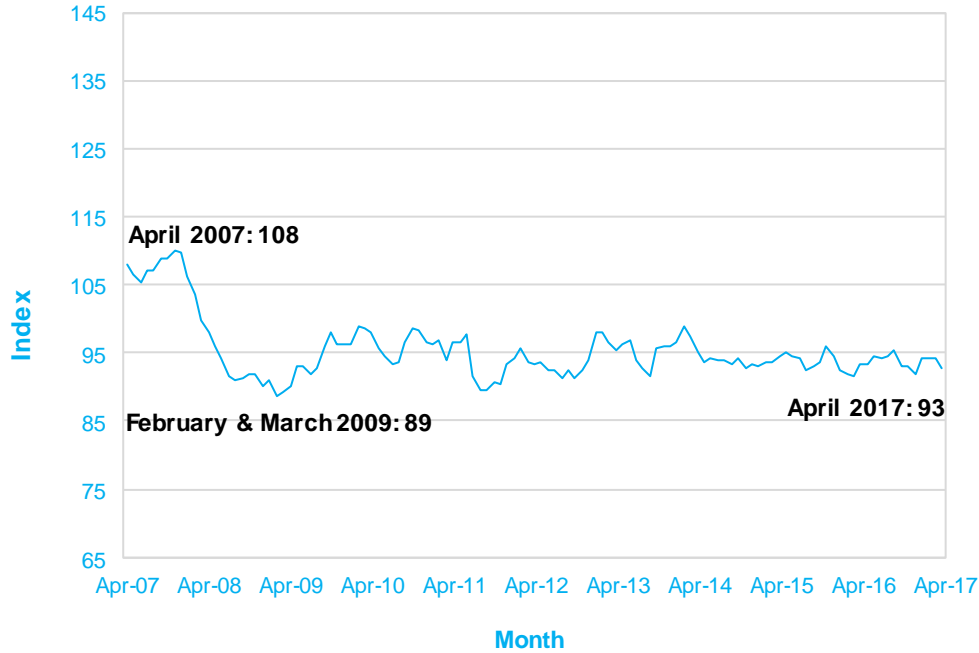


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Australia/Asia

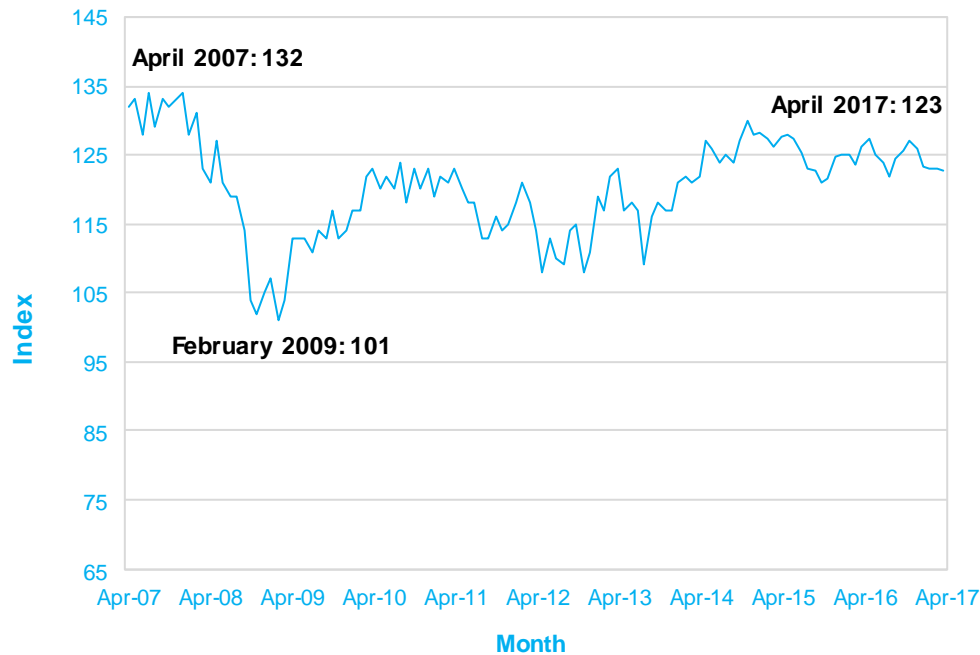
Australia* Economic Index April 2017



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India* Economic Index April 2017



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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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