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December 2016

Arlington, Texas—The following chart compares Decision Analyst’s U.S. Economic Index to the Economic Indices for other countries. Globally, many countries show no change in the past 12 months; Canada, Mexico, Chile, Spain, and the United Kingdom all have the same Index score in December 2016 as they had in December 2015. On the positive side the Russian Federation has increased 9 points in the past 12 months, France has increased 7 points, and Brazil has increase 5 points. Argentina has declined 7 points in the past 12 months, while Colombia has declined 6 points.

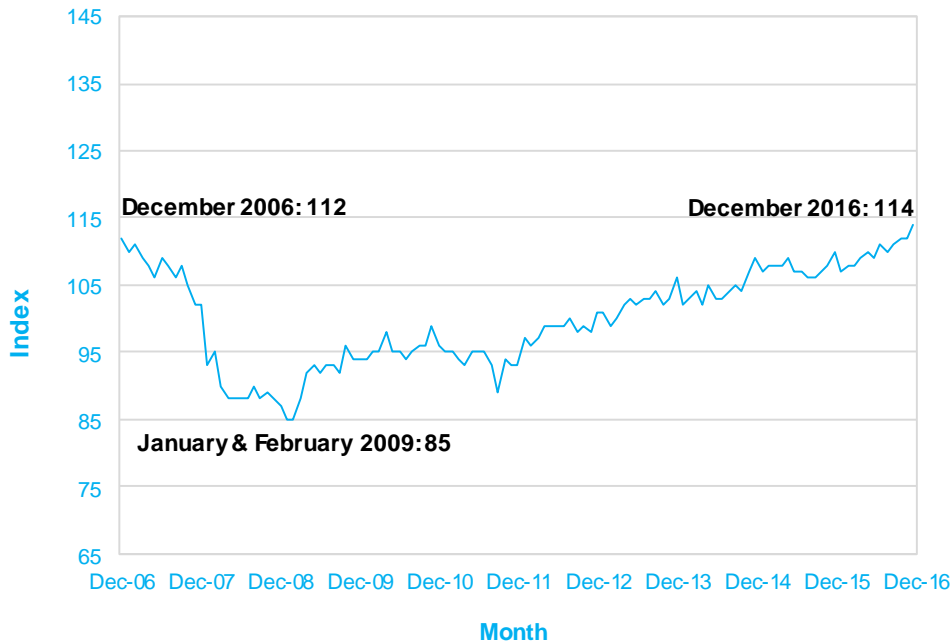
Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices December 2016			Past-12-Month Change (From Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016)
North America		December 2016 Index	
	United States	114	↑ +4
	Canada	91	→ +/-0
	Mexico*	95	→ +/-0
South America			
	Argentina*	87	↓ -7
	Brazil*	95	↑ +5
	Chile*	94	→ +/-0
	Colombia*	99	↓ -6
	Peru*	103	↓ -4
Europe			
	France	91	↑ +7
	Germany	105	↓ -4
	Italy	98	↑ +4
	Russian Federation*	98	↑ +9
	Spain*	98	→ +/-0
	United Kingdom	105	→ +/-0
Australia/Asia			
	Australia*	92	↓ -3
	India*	126	↑ +1

* 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 each country.

North America

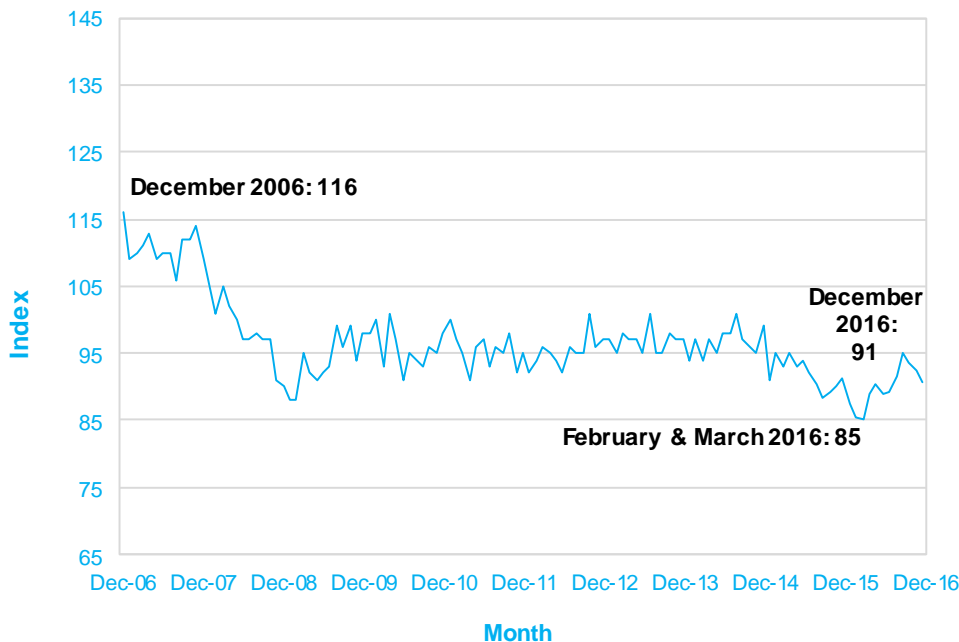
United States Economic Index December 2016



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Change**
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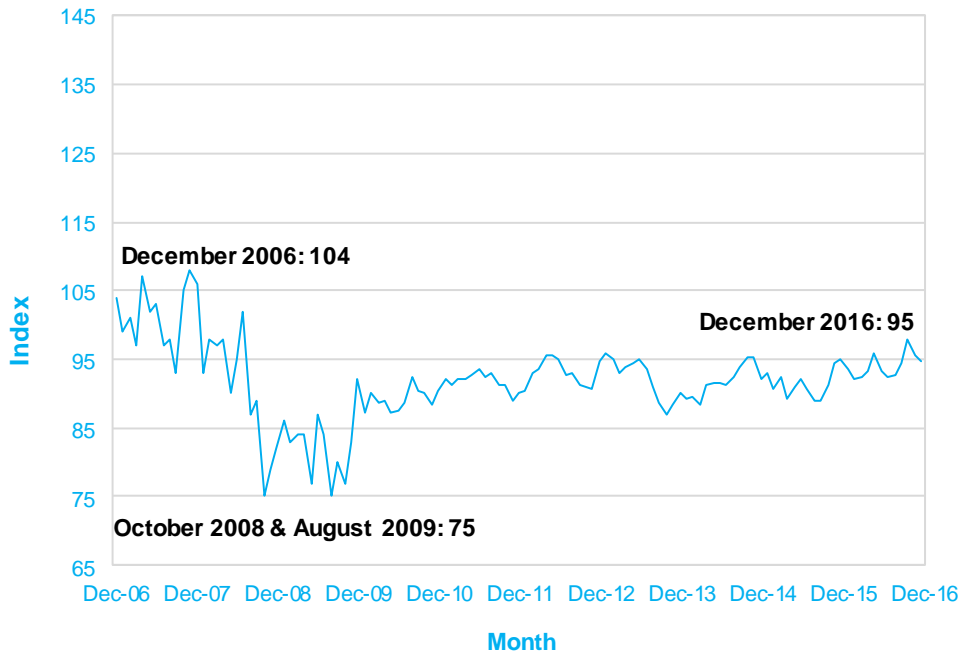
Canada Economic Index December 2016



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**Mexico* Economic Index
December 2016**

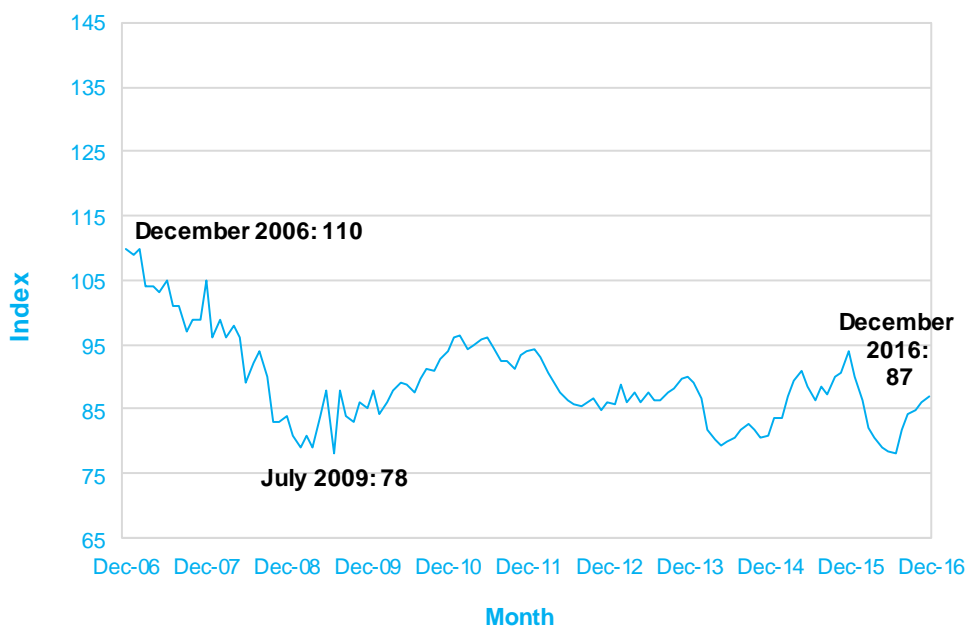


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South America

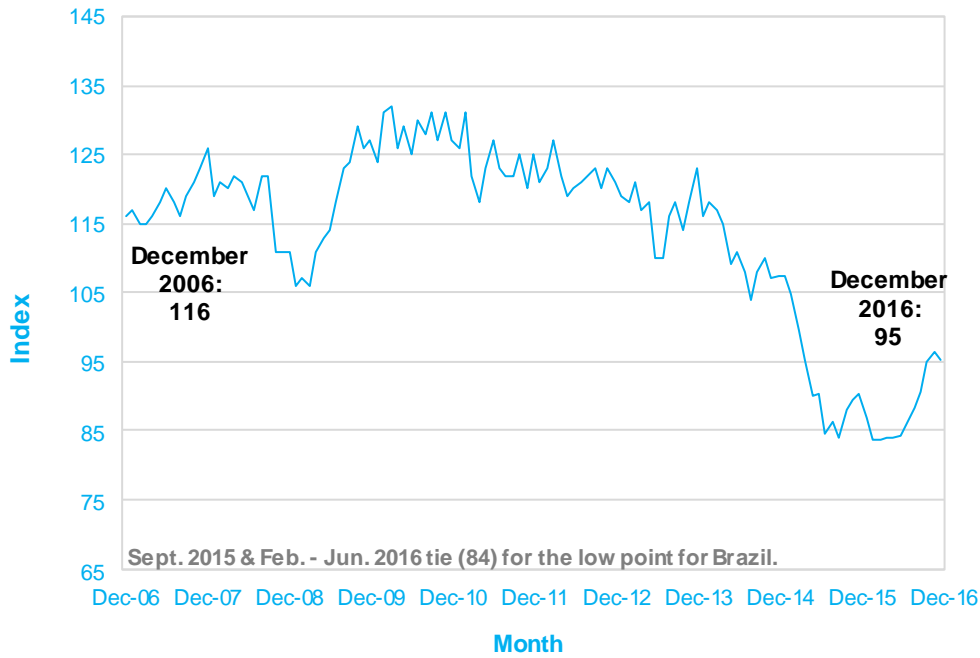
**Argentina* Economic Index
December 2016**



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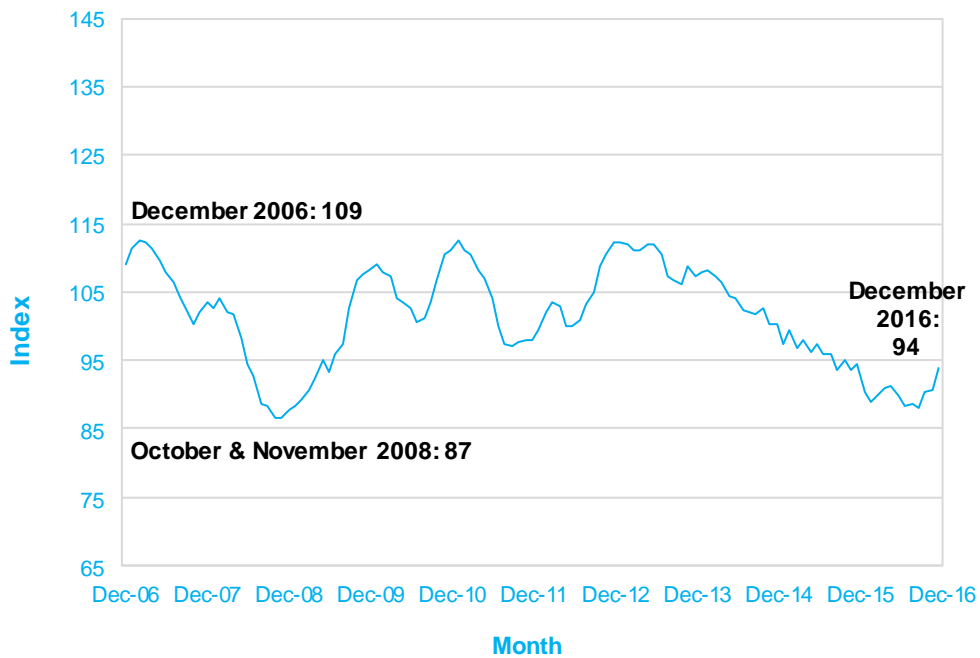
**Brazil* Economic Index
December 2016**



**Past-12-Month
Change**
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**+5
Points**

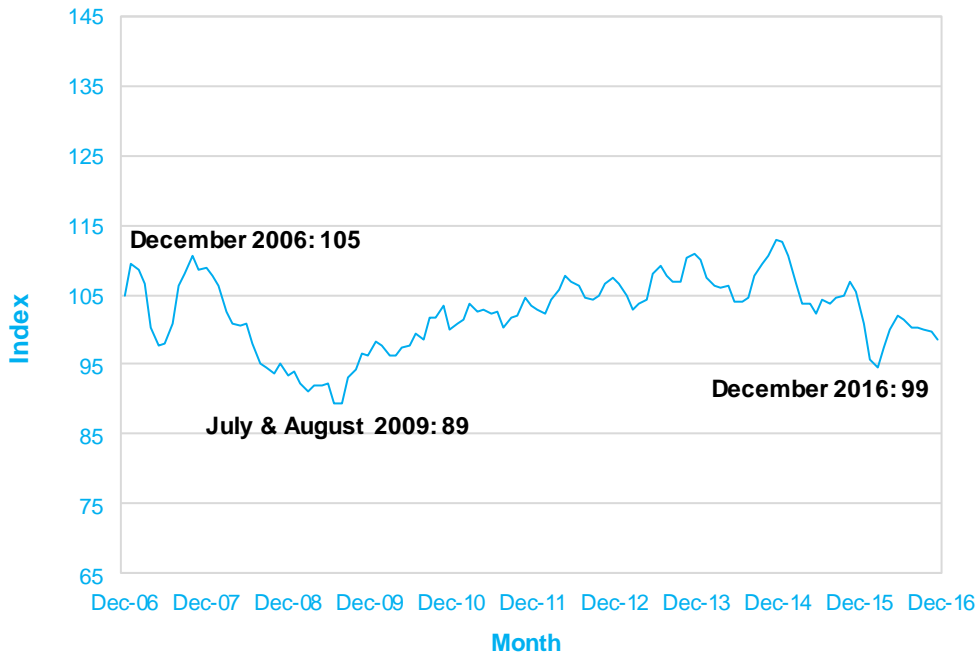
**Chile* Economic Index
December 2016**



**Past-12-Month
Change**
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Dec. 2016)

**+/-0
Points**

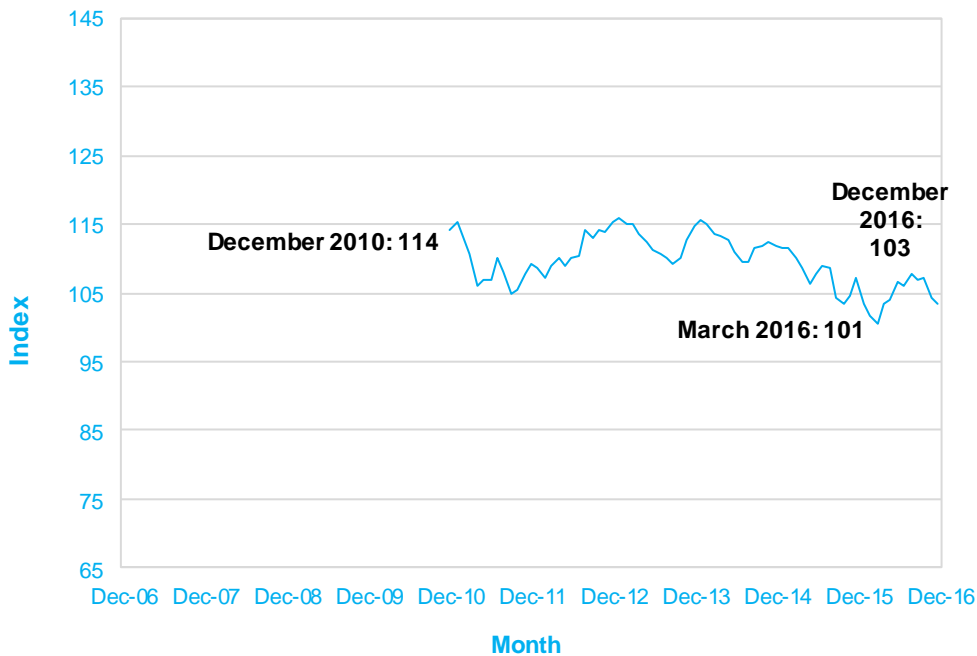
**Colombia* Economic Index
December 2016**



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**Peru* Economic Index
December 2016**



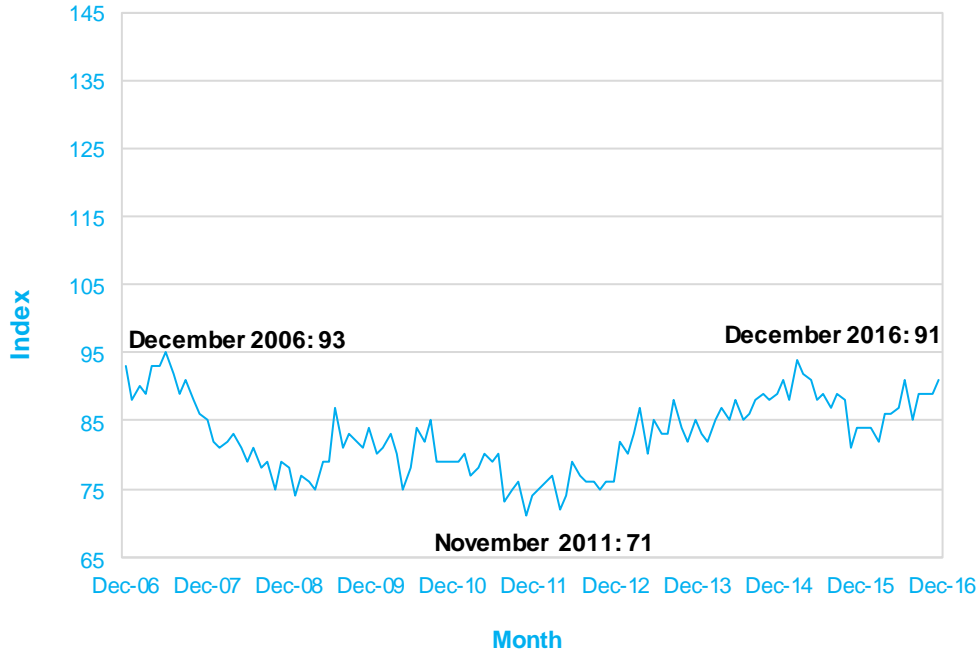
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Data collection for
Peru began in
December 2010.

Europe

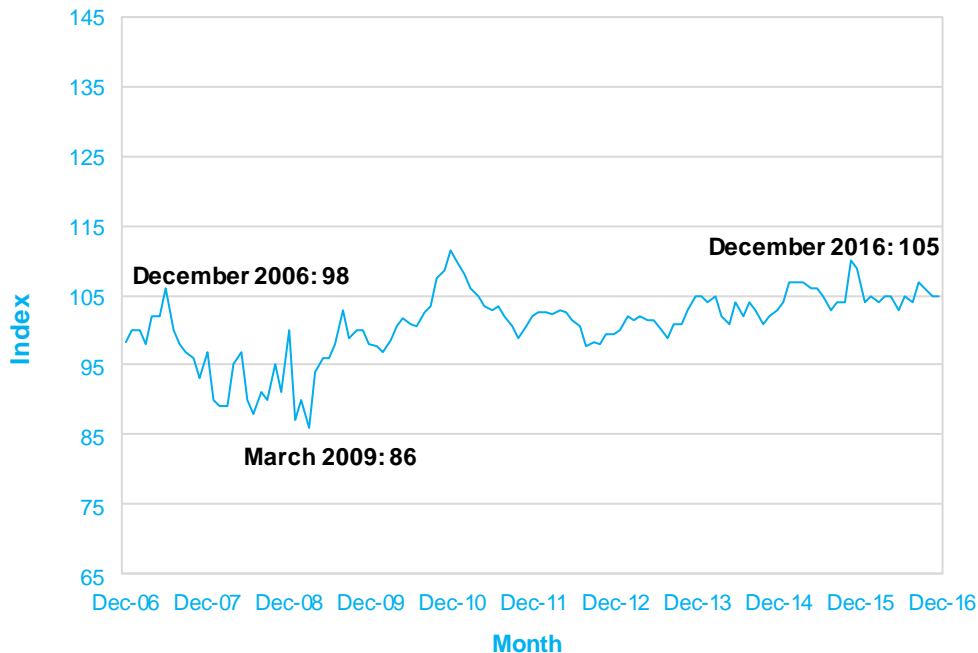
France Economic Index December 2016



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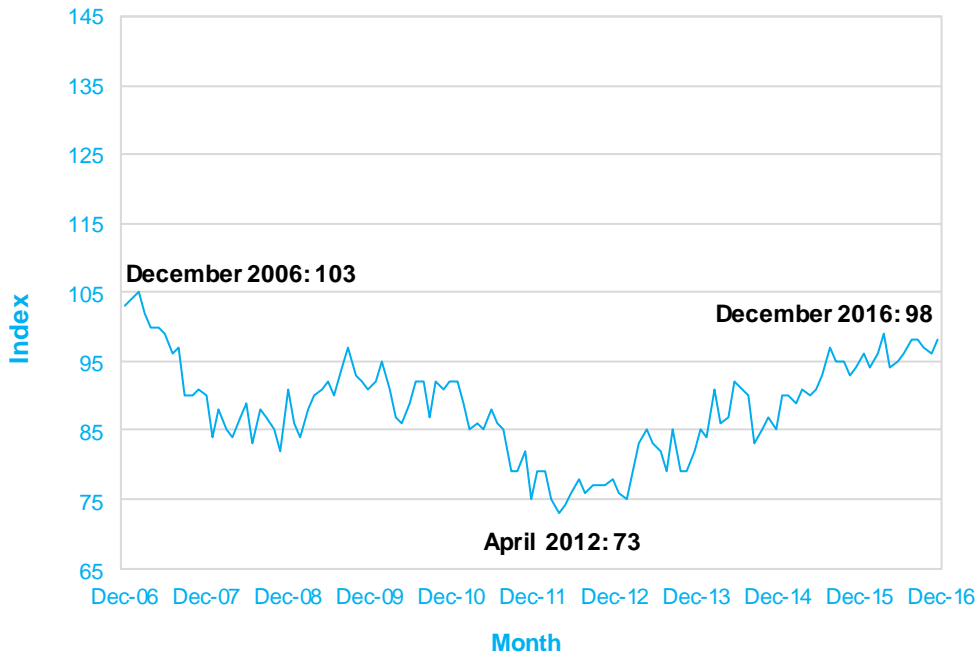
Germany Economic Index December 2016



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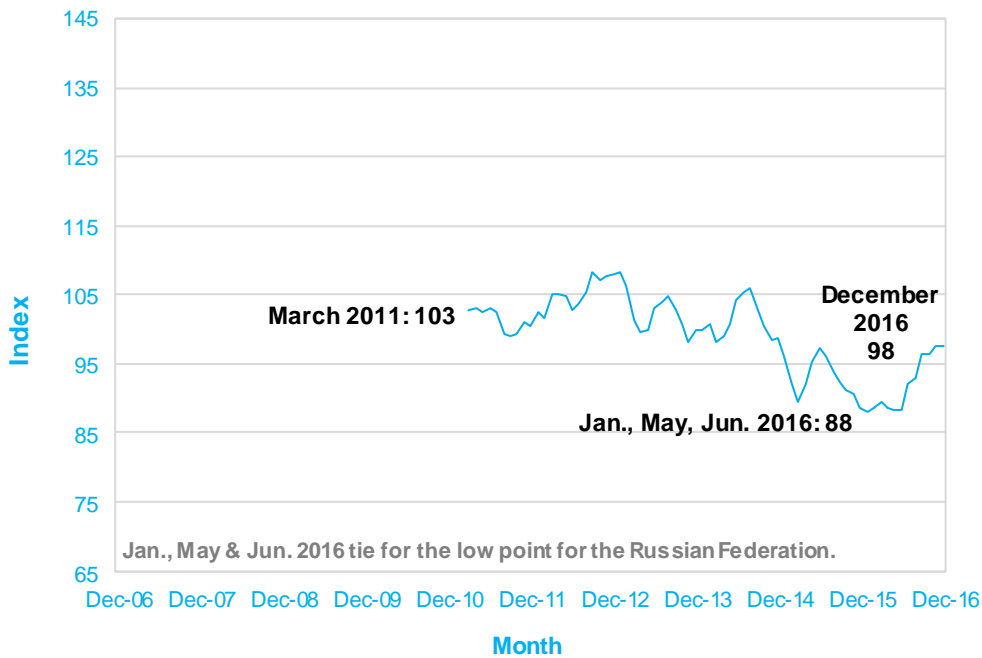
**Italy Economic Index
December 2016**



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**Russian Federation* Economic Index
December 2016**

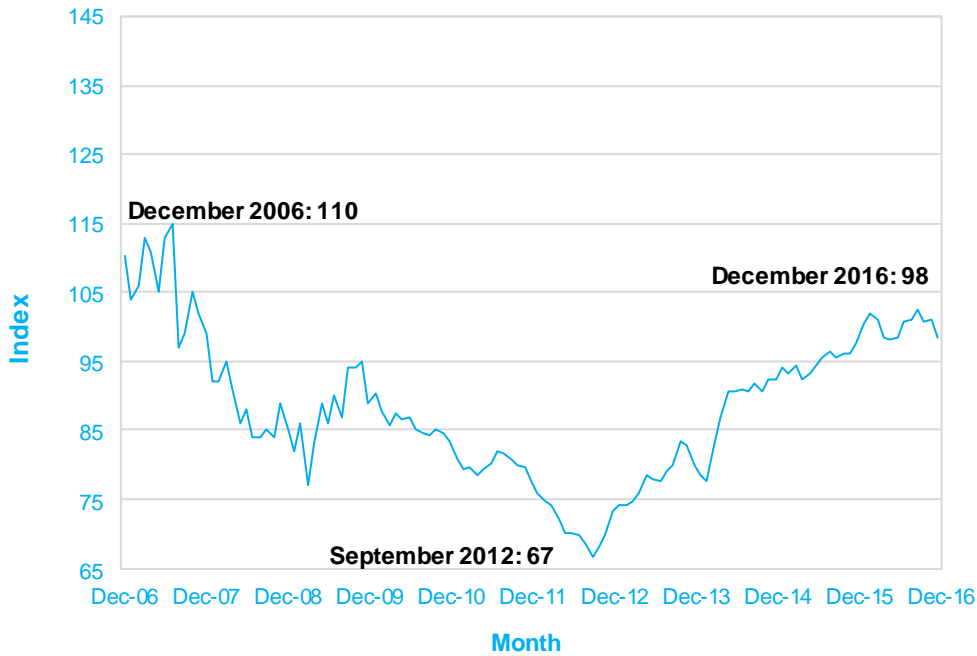


**Past-12-Month
Change**
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Data collection for
the Russian
Federation began in
March 2011.

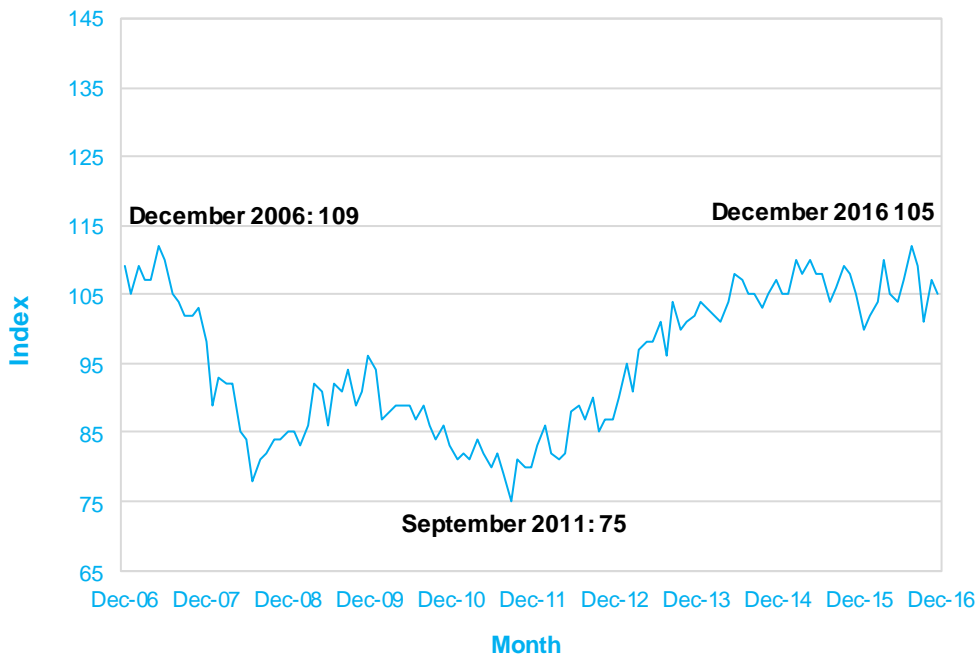
**Spain* Economic Index
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**United Kingdom Economic Index
December 2016**

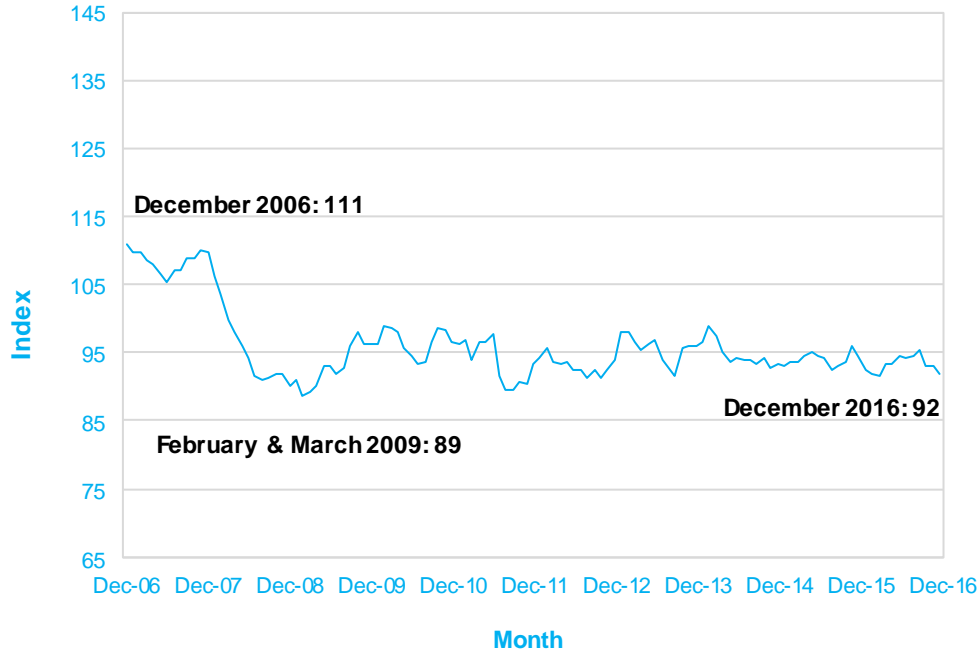


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Australia/Asia

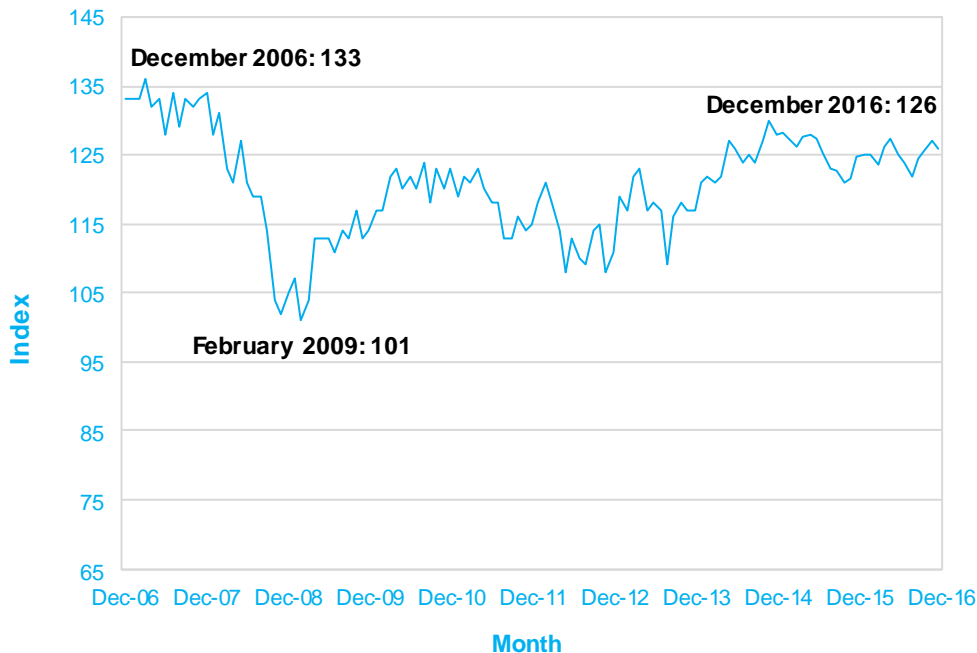
Australia* Economic Index December 2016



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India* Economic Index December 2016



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*Three-Month Moving Average

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 2 previous months. Prior to July 2013, the Index numbers reported for Germany were a 3-month moving average. Starting in July 2013, the Index numbers reported for Germany are the actual monthly numbers.

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.

About Decision Analyst

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