


Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices

December 2018

Global Indices

The following chart compares the U.S. Economic Index to Decision Analyst's Economic Indices for other countries. In South America, Argentina has declined 19 points in the past 12 months, while Brazil and Columbia each increased 3 points. In Europe, France has decreased 5 points and Russia decreased 4 points in the past 12 months. Italy has increased 2 points. The major countries tracked by Decision Analyst are shown below.

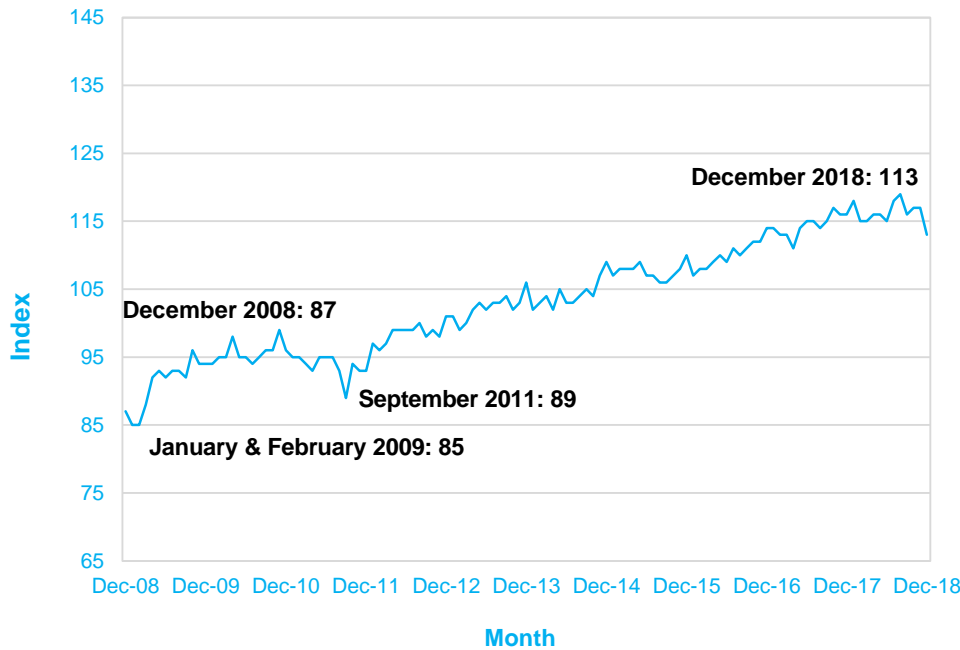
Global Economic Indices December 2018			Past-12-Month Change (From Dec. 2017 to Dec. 2018)	
North America		Dec. 2018 Index		
	United States	113	↓	-3
	Canada	97	↑	+2
	Mexico*	105	↑	+7
South America				
	Argentina*	73	↓	-19
	Brazil*	108	↑	+3
	Chile*	98	↓	-5
	Colombia*	99	↑	+3
	Peru*	101	↓	-5
Europe				
	France	85	↓	-4
	Germany	104	↓	-2
	Italy	100	↑	+2
	Russian Federation*	100	↓	-4
	Spain*	101	↑	+1
Asia				
	India*	130	↑	+8

* The Index numbers for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, and Spain are 3-month moving averages to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations. Each reported Index number is an average of 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

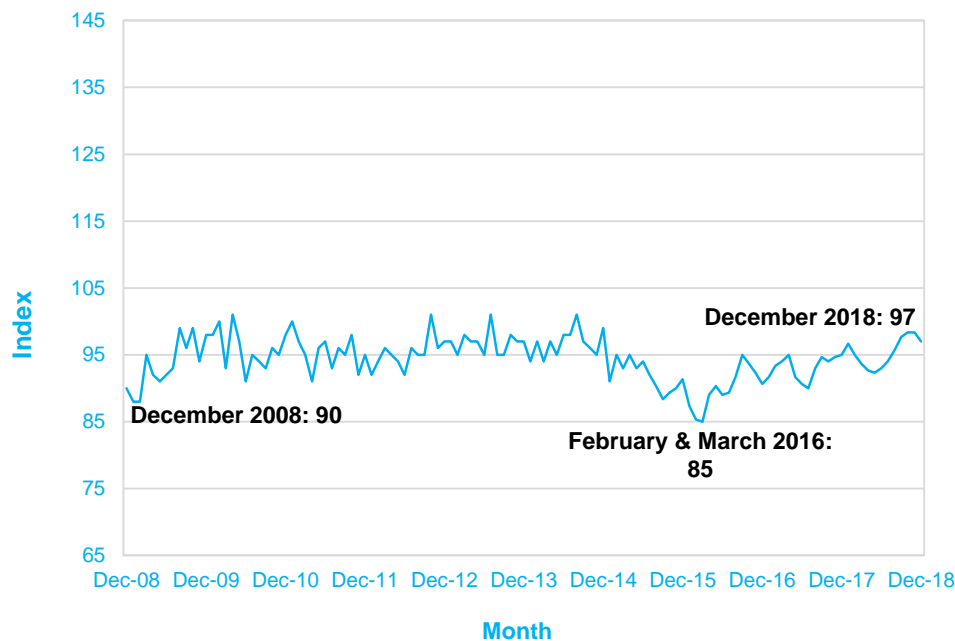
United States Economic Index December 2018



**Past-12-Month
Change**
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Dec. 2018)



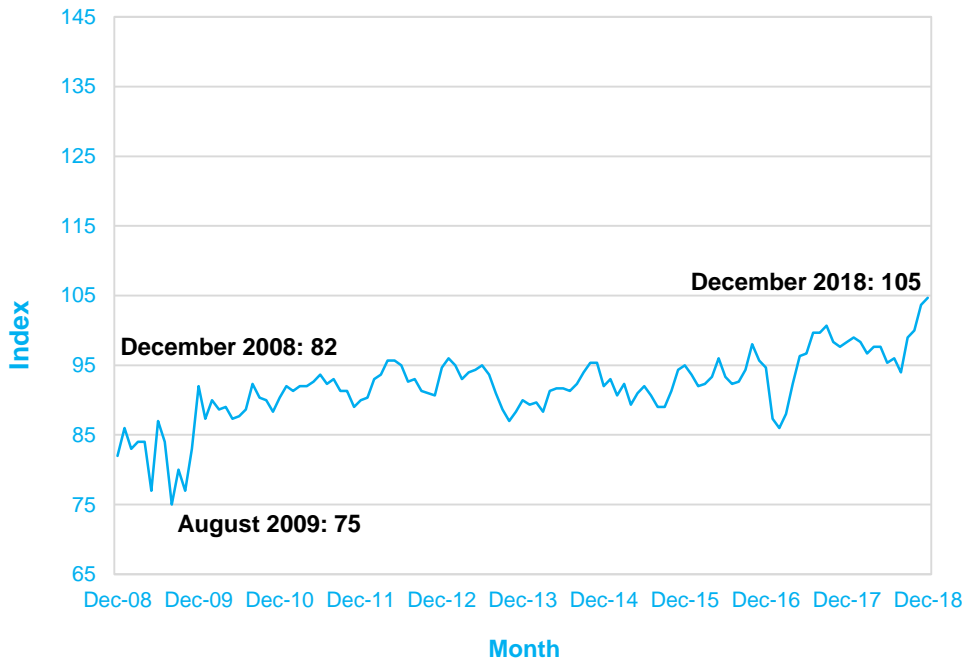
Canada Economic Index December 2018



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**Mexico* Economic Index
December 2018**

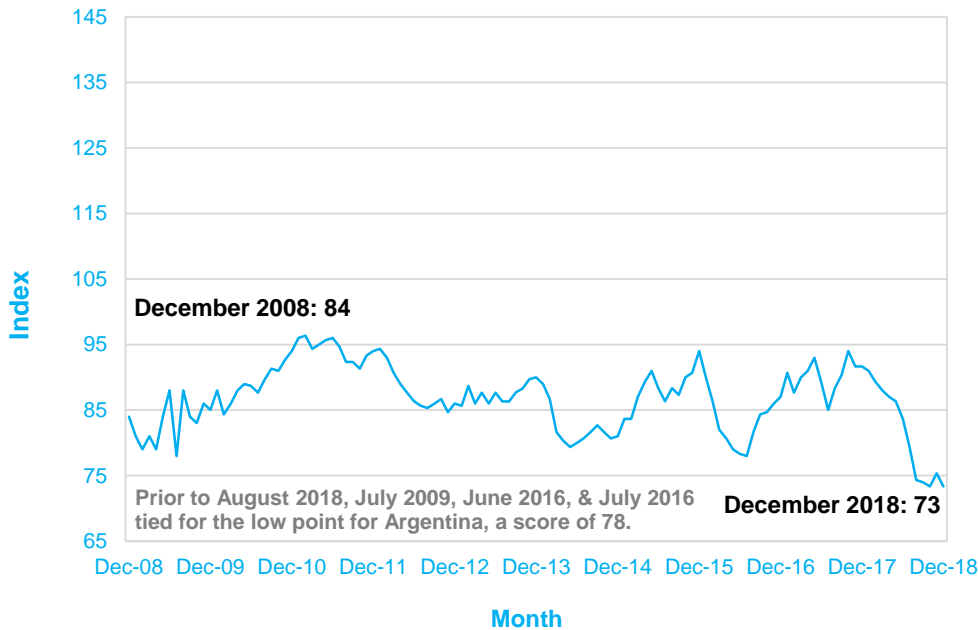


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South America

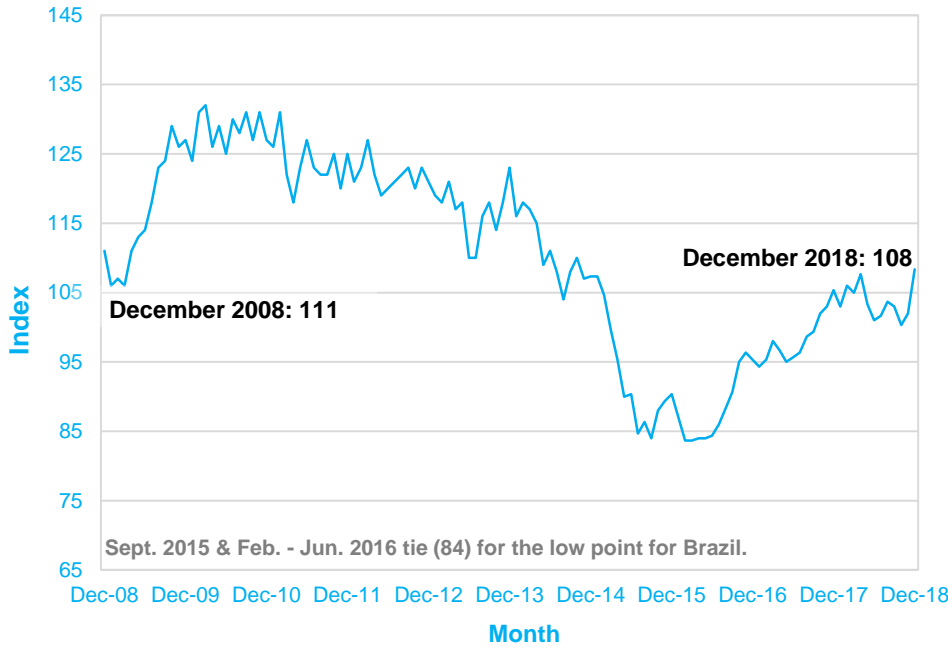
**Argentina* Economic Index
December 2018**



**Past-12-Month
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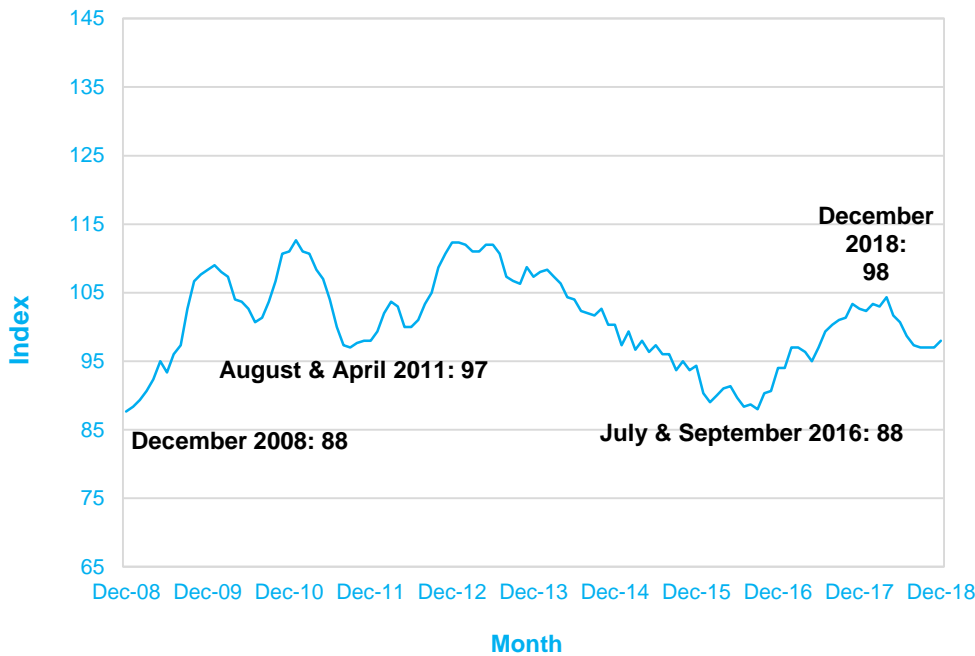
**Brazil* Economic Index
December 2018**



**Past-12-Month
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**+3
Points**

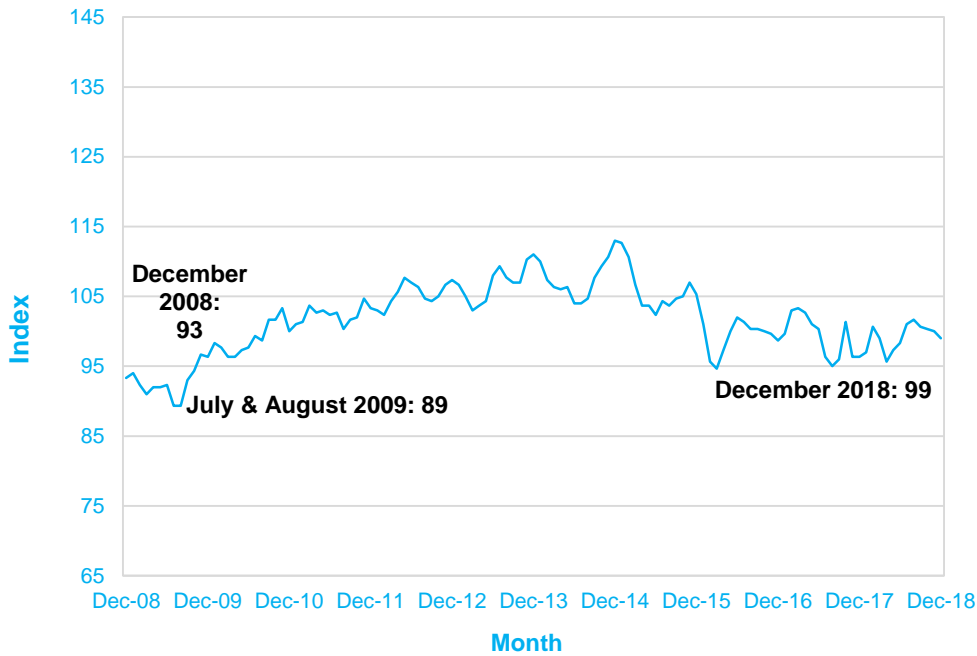
**Chile* Economic Index
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**Past-12-Month
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**-5
Points**

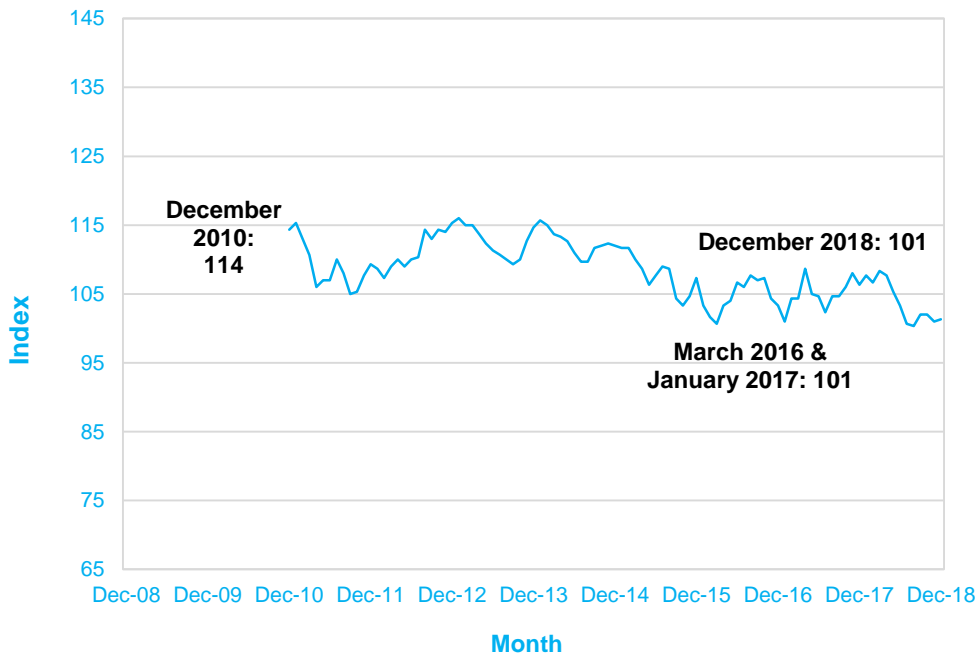
**Colombia* Economic Index
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**+3
Points**

**Peru* Economic Index
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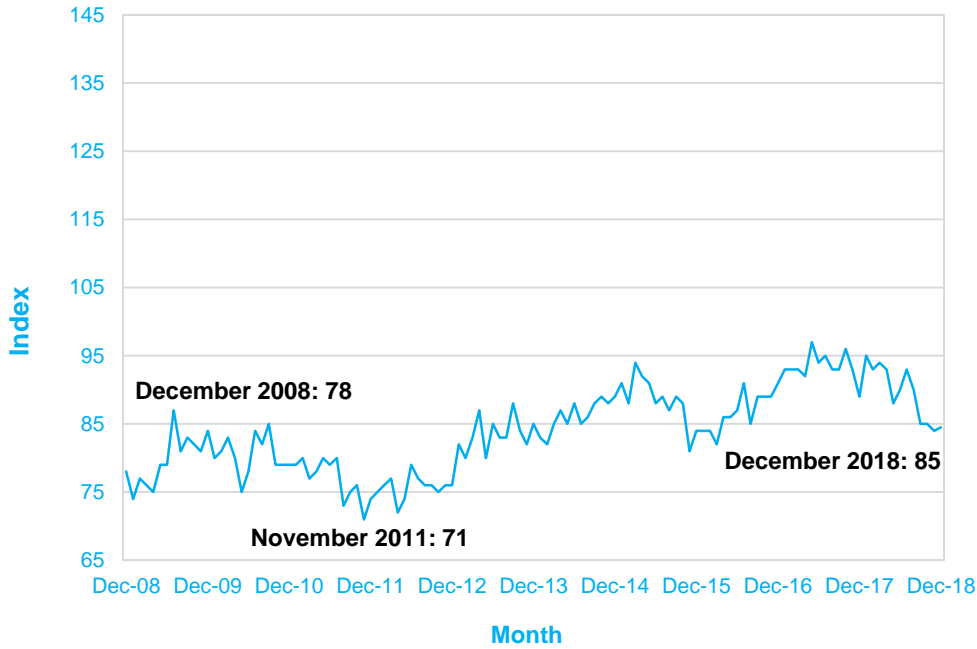
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Change
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**-5
Points**

Data collection for
Peru began in
July 2010.

Europe

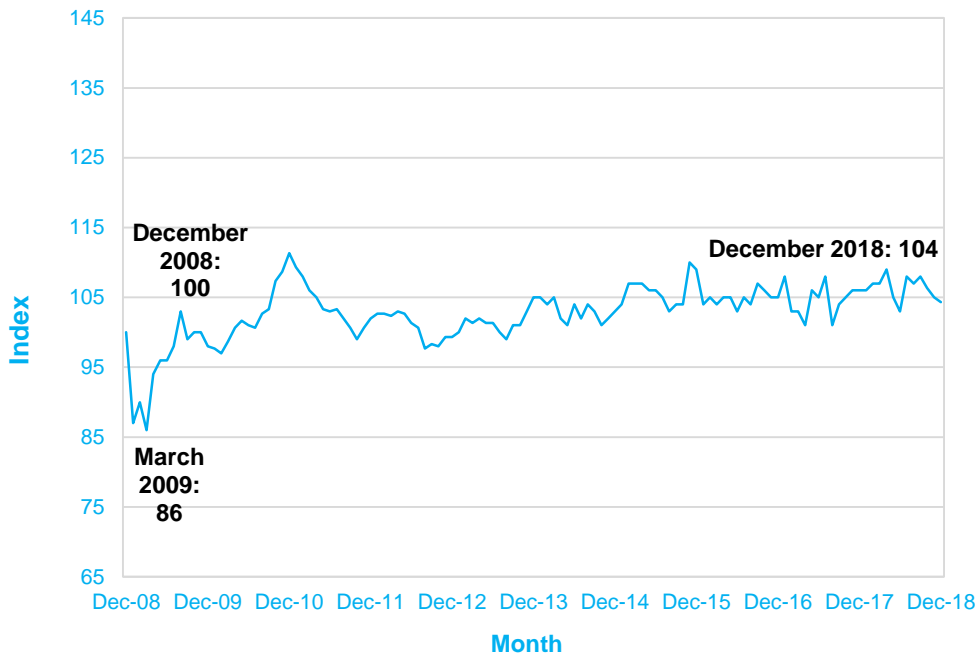
France Economic Index December 2018



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**-4
Points**

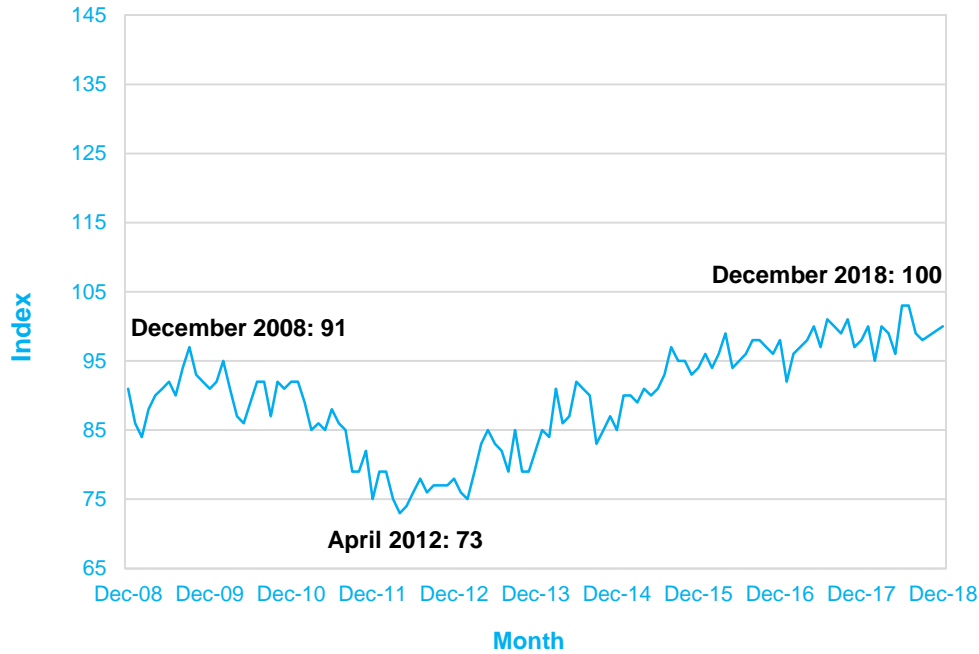
Germany Economic Index December 2018



**Past-12-Month
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**-2
Point**

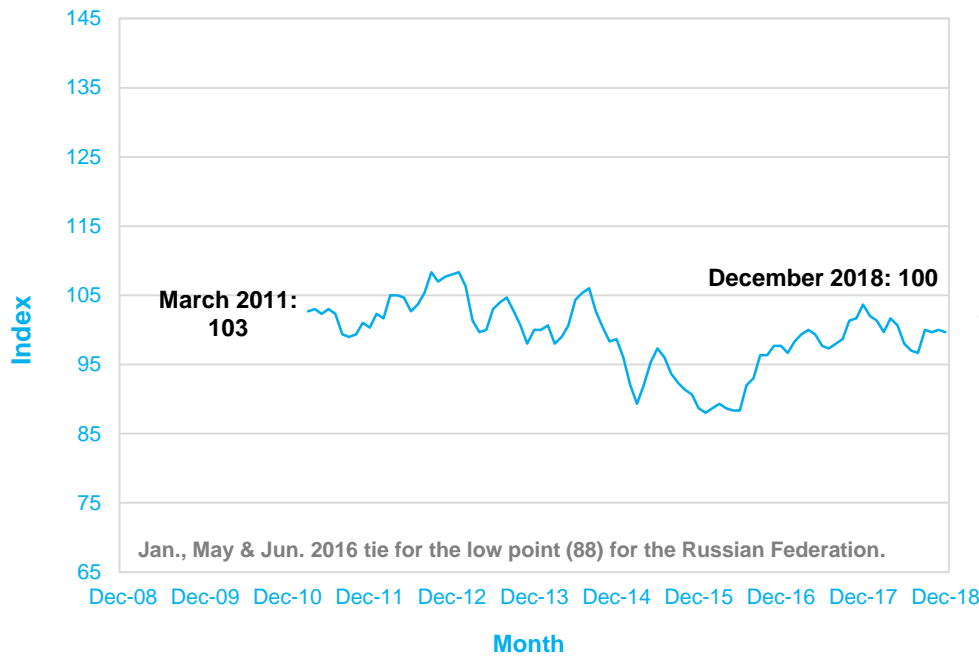
Italy Economic Index December 2018



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Russian Federation* Economic Index December 2018

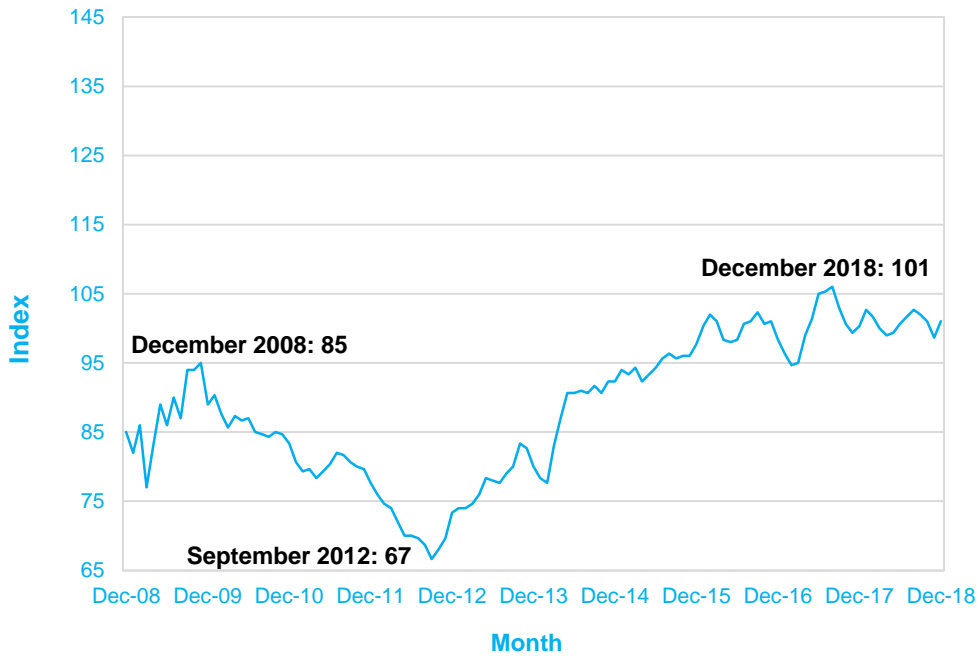


**Past-12-Month
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**Data collection for
the Russian
Federation began in
March 2011.**

**Spain* Economic Index
December 2018**

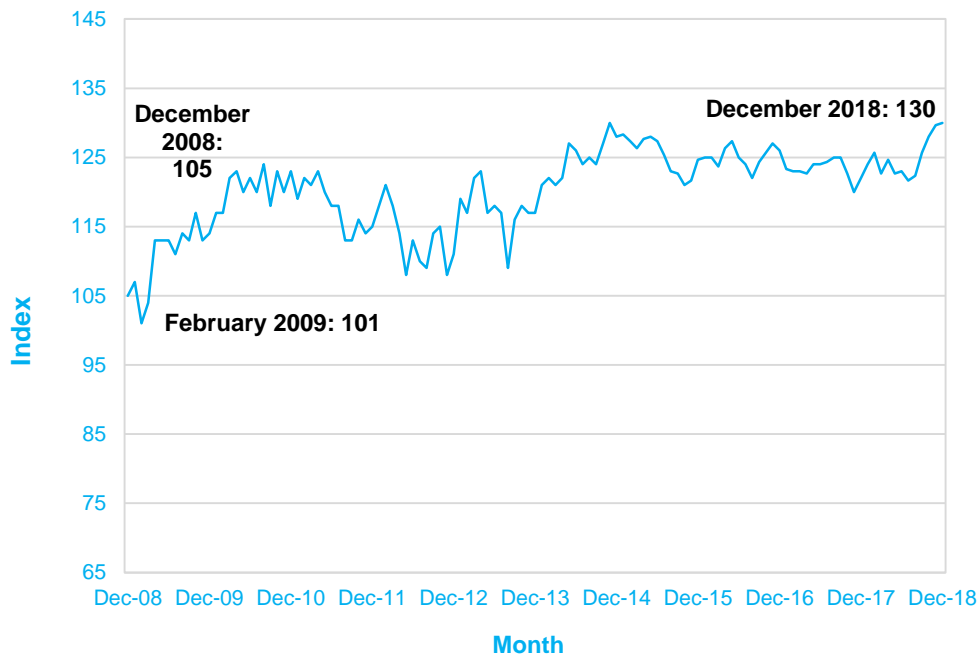


**Past-12-Month
Change
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**+1
Point**

Asia

**India* Economic Index
December 2018**



**Past-12-Month
Change
(From Dec. 2017 to
Dec. 2018)**

**+8
Points**

*Three-Month Moving Average

The Index numbers for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, and Spain are 3-month moving averages to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations. Each 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, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, Spain, 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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