







# Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices

February 2018

Arlington, Texas— The following chart compares the U.S. Economic Index to its Economic Indices for other countries. Spain increased by 7 points in the past 12 months, while Germany increased by 4 points. Meanwhile, Italy declined by 1 point. In South America, Brazil increased 11 points in the past 12 months, and Chile increased 6 points. Colombia declined by 2 points. Australia increased by 4 points.

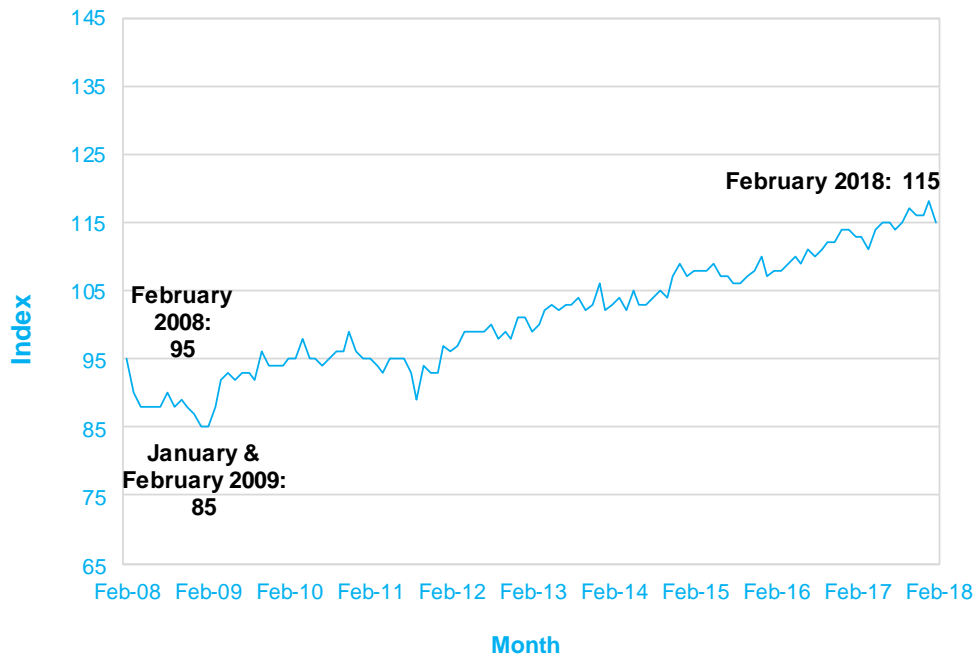
Global Economic Indices February 2018		
	February 2018 Index	Past-12-Month Change (From Feb. 2017 to Feb. 2018)
<b>North America</b>		
 United States	115	↑ +2
 Canada	95	↑ +2
 Mexico*	98	↑ +12
<b>South America</b>		
 Argentina*	89	↑ +1
 Brazil*	106	↑ +11
 Chile*	103	↑ +6
 Colombia*	101	↓ -2
 Peru*	107	↑ +3
<b>Europe</b>		
 France	93	→ +/-0
 Germany	107	↑ +4
 Italy	95	↓ -1
 Russian Federation*	101	↑ +3
 Spain*	102	↑ +7
 United Kingdom	108	↑ +3
<b>Australia/Asia</b>		
 Australia*	98	↑ +4
 India*	126	↑ +3

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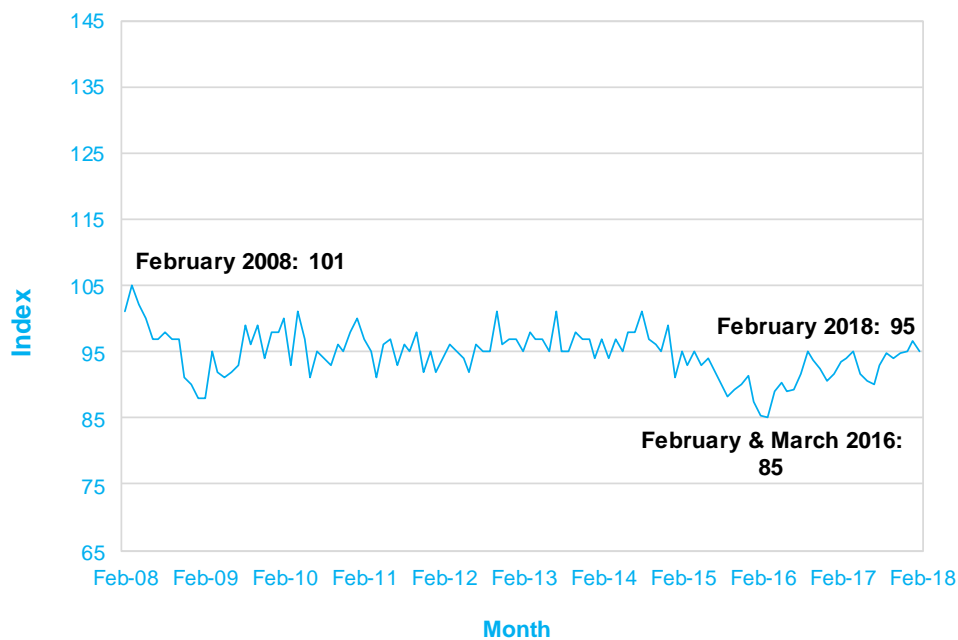
The Decision Analyst Economic Indices are based on monthly online surveys in the respective countries; these surveys provide inputs to Decision Analyst’s econometric models that compute the Economic Indices for the different countries.

## North America

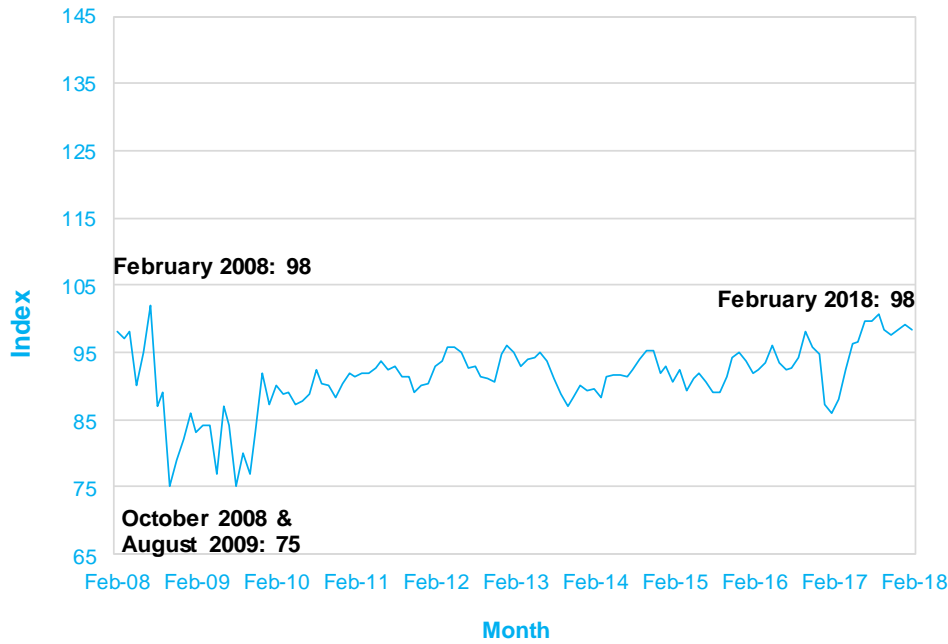
### United States Economic Index February 2018



### Canada Economic Index February 2018



**Mexico\* Economic Index  
February 2018**

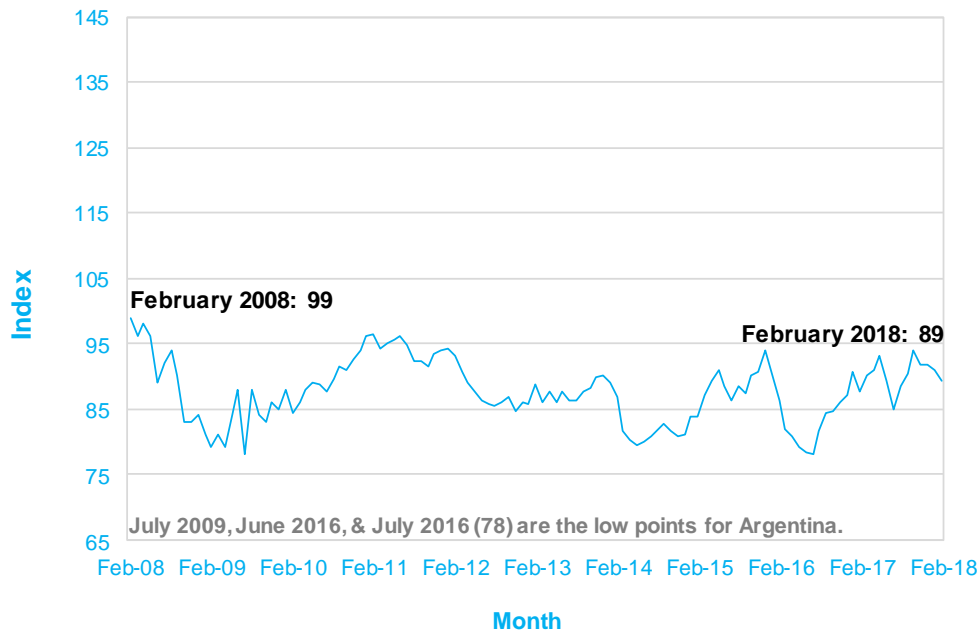


**Past-12-Month  
Change  
(From Feb. 2017 to  
Feb. 2018)**



**South America**

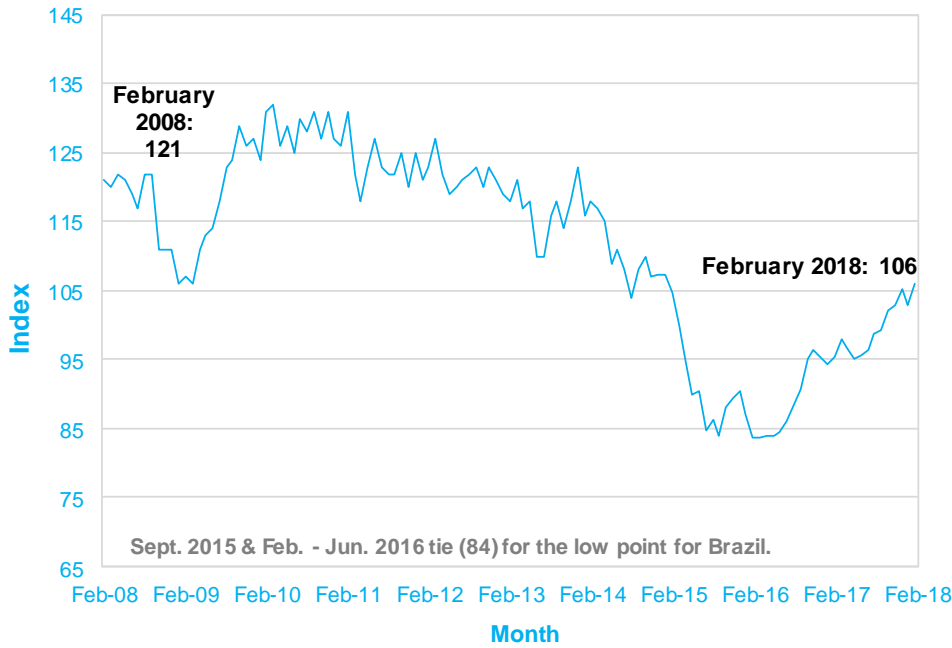
**Argentina\* Economic Index  
February 2018**



**Past-12-Month  
Change  
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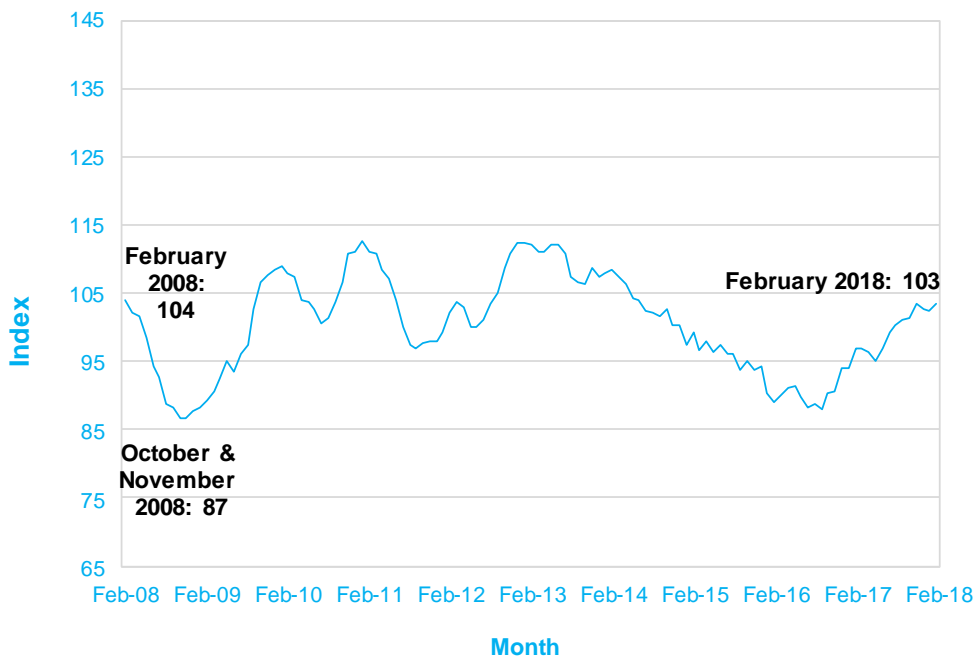
**Brazil\* Economic Index  
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**Past-12-Month  
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Feb. 2018)



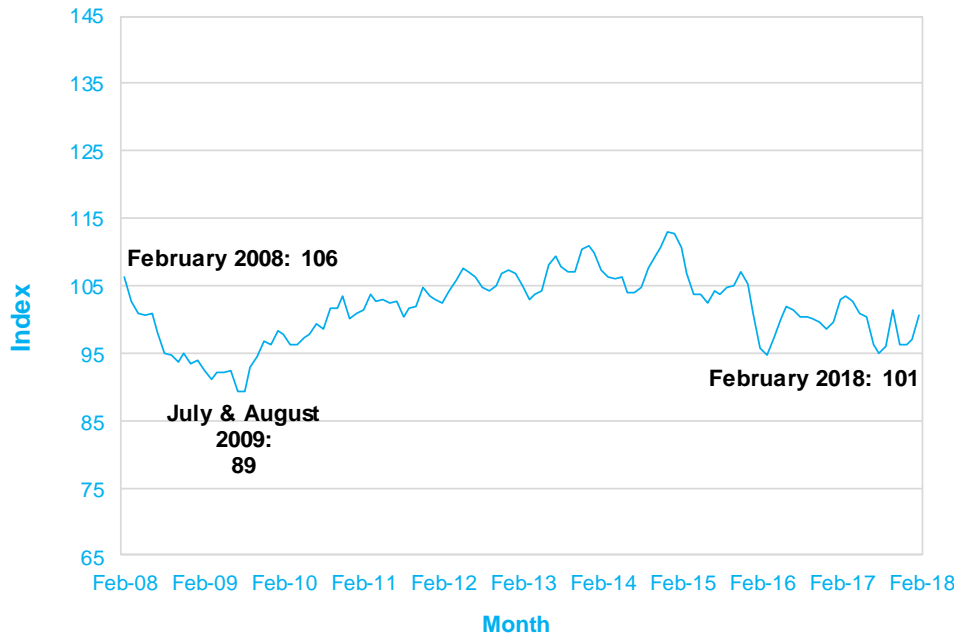
**Chile\* Economic Index  
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**Past-12-Month  
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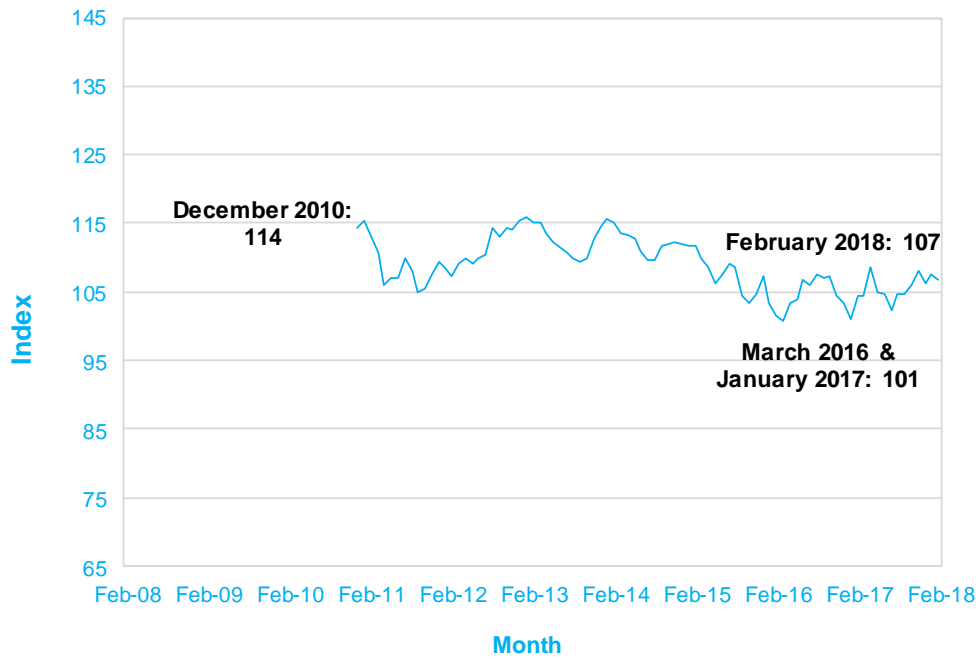
**Colombia\* Economic Index  
February 2018**



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

**-2  
Points**

**Peru\* Economic Index  
February 2018**



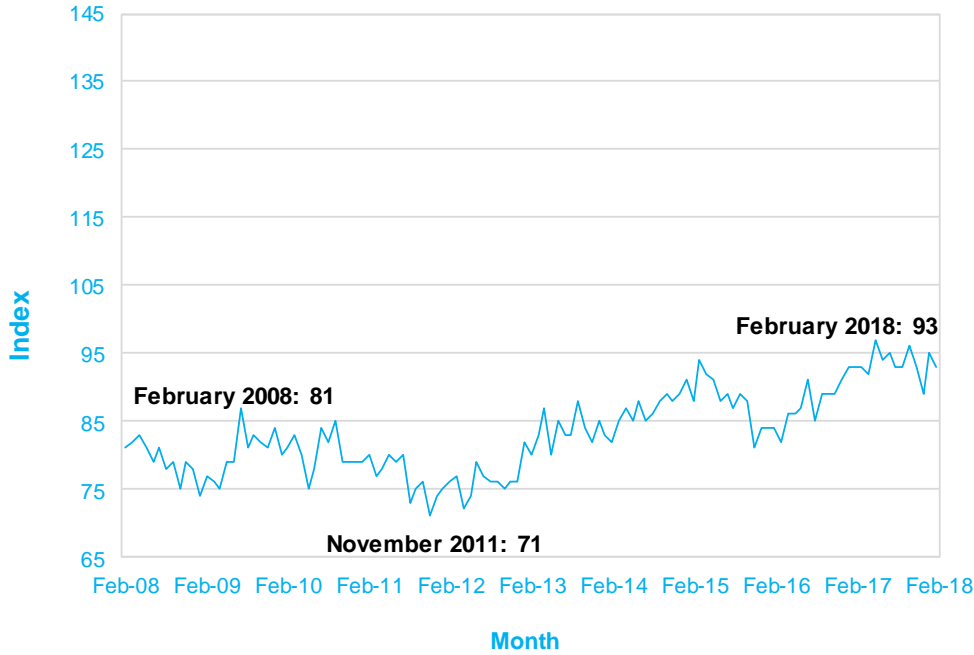
**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
(From Feb. 2017 to  
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**+3  
Points**

Data collection for  
Peru began in  
February 2010.

## Europe

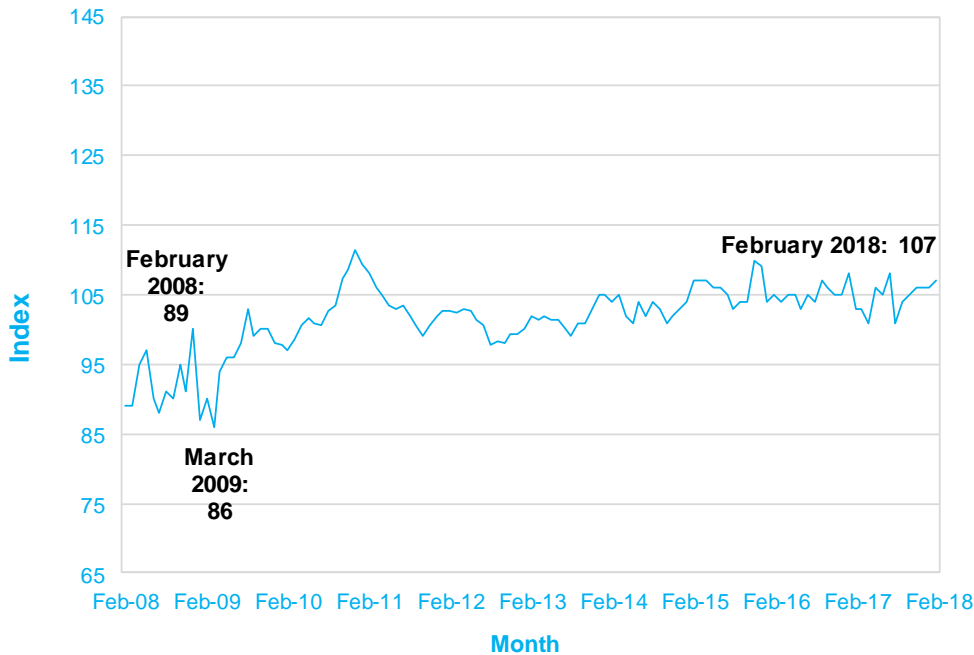
### France Economic Index February 2018



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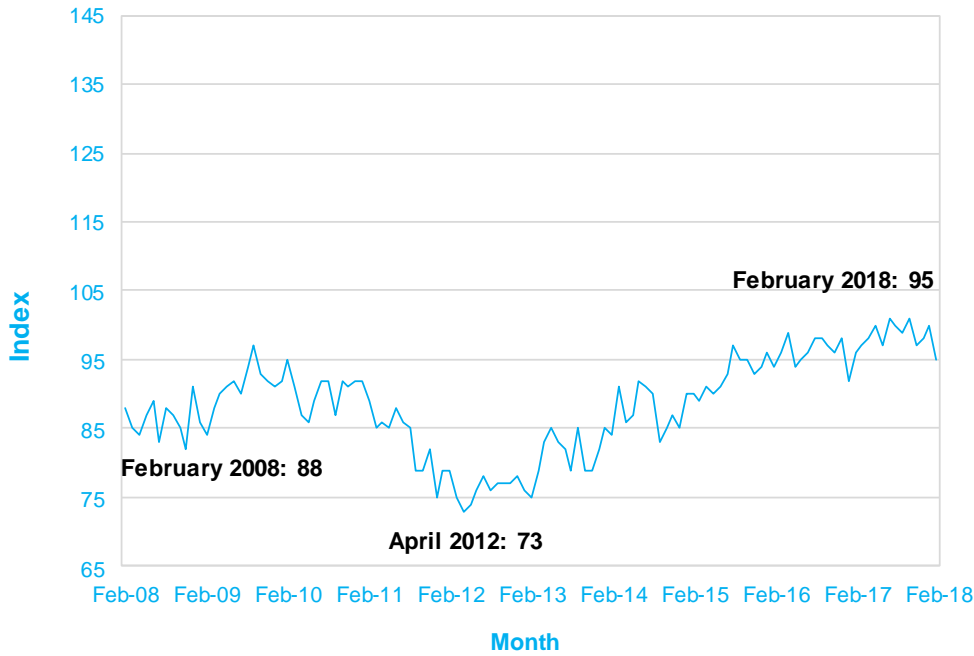
### Germany Economic Index February 2018



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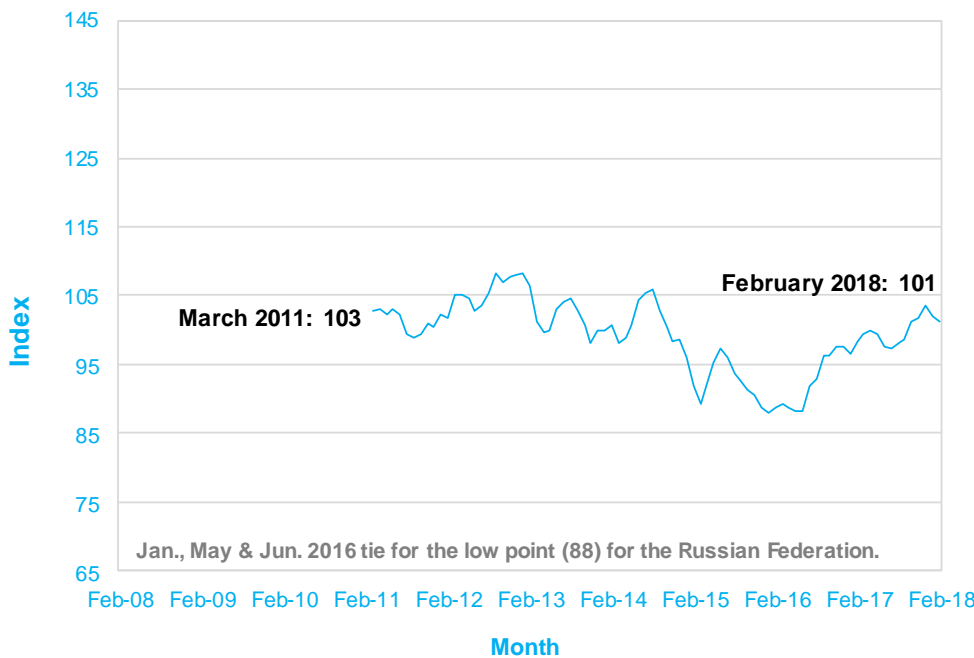
### Italy Economic Index February 2018



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**-1  
Point**

### Russian Federation\* Economic Index February 2018

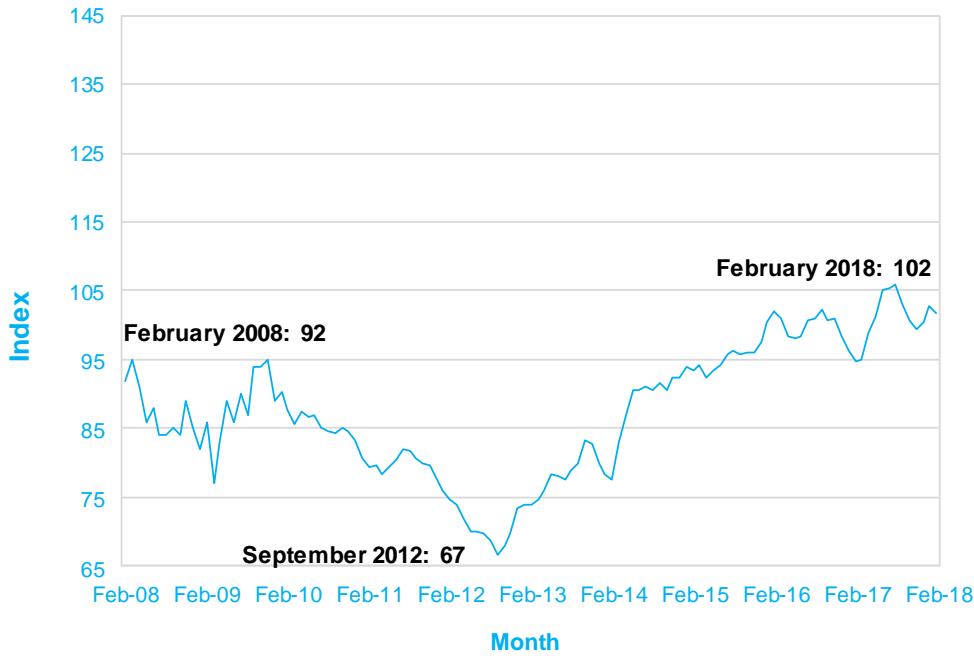


**Past-12-Month  
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**+3  
Points**

Data collection for  
the Russian  
Federation began in  
March 2011.

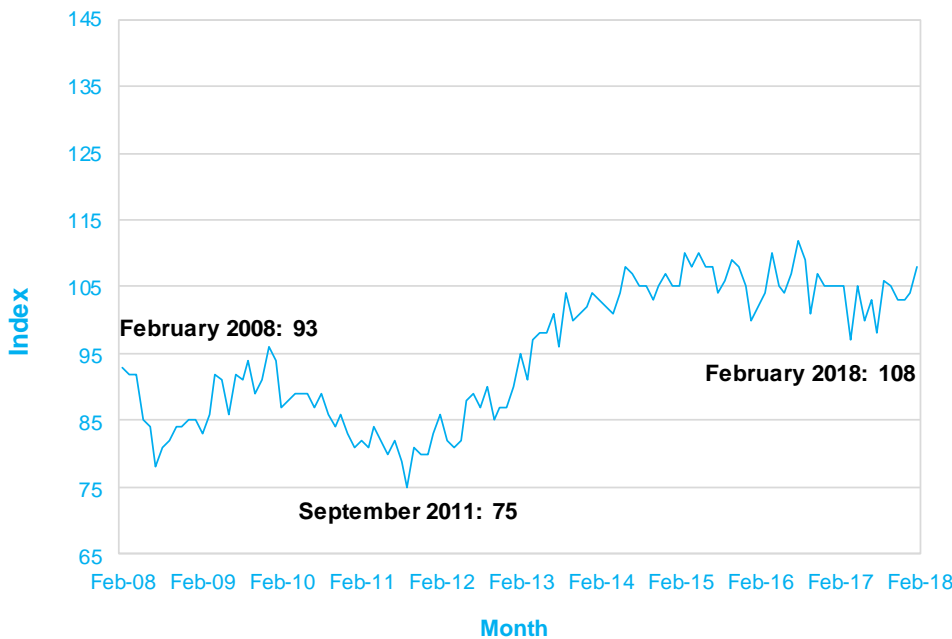
**Spain\* Economic Index  
February 2018**



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

**+7  
Points**

**United Kingdom Economic Index  
February 2018**



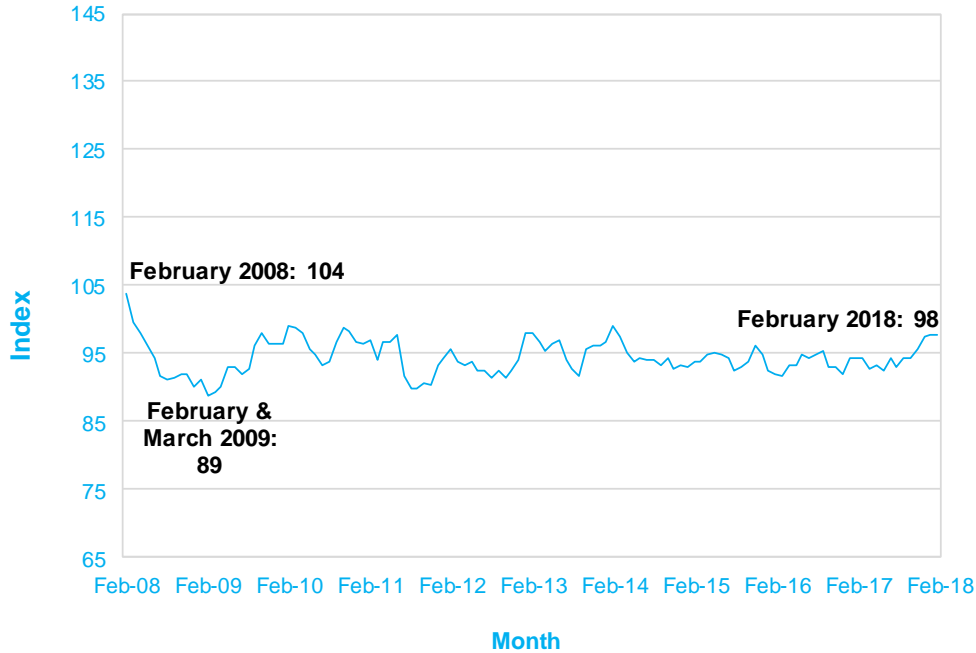
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**+3  
Points**



## Australia/Asia

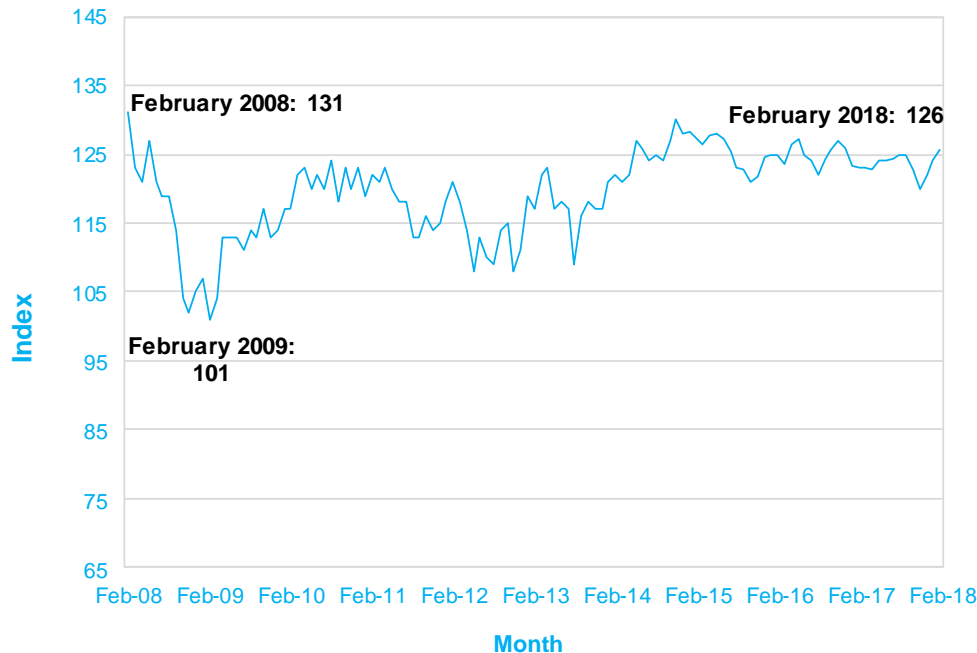
### Australia\* Economic Index February 2018



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

**+4  
Points**

### India\* Economic Index February 2018



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

**+3  
Points**

## \*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.

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