Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices February 2019

The following chart compares the U.S. Economic Index to Decision Analyst's Economic Indices for other countries. In South America, Brazil has the largest gain, with an increase of 10 points in the past 12 months; meanwhile, Argentina has declined 14 points. In Europe, Italy has increased 5 points in the past 12 months, while France has decreased 6 points, and the Russian Federation has decreased 5 points. The major countries tracked by Decision Analyst are shown below.

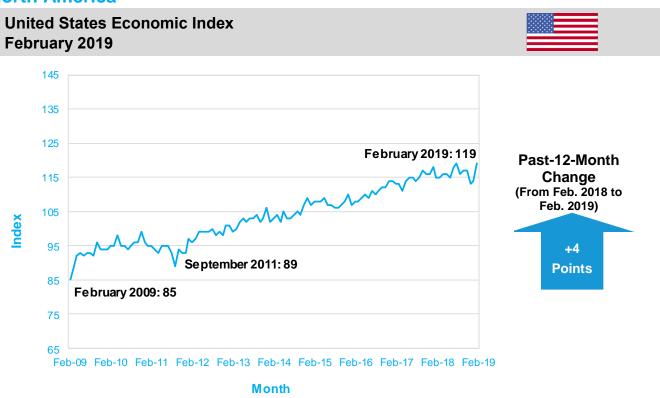
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North America		Feb. 2019 Index	Past-12-Month Change (From Feb. 2018 to Feb. 2019)
	United States	119	↑ +4
*	Canada	95	→ +/-0
*	Mexico*	102	↑ +4
South A	merica		
•	Argentina*	75	Ψ -14
	Brazil*	116	↑ +10
*	Chile*	98	Ψ -5
	Colombia*	97	Ψ -4
@	Peru*	107	→ +/-0
Europe			
	France	87	Ψ -6
	Germany	107	→ +/-0
	Italy	100	↑ +5
	Russian Federation*	96	Ψ -5
	Spain*	103	↑ +1
	United Kingdom	108	→ +/-0
Asia			
•	India*	129	↑ +3

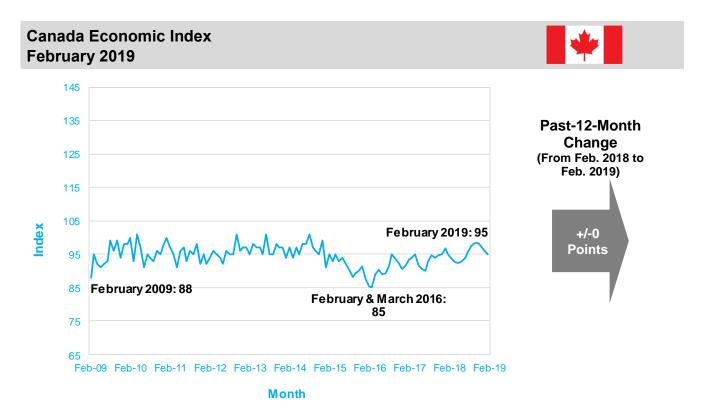
^{*} The Index numbers for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, Spain, and the UK are 3-month moving averages to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations. Each reported Index number is an average of the current month with the previous 2 months.

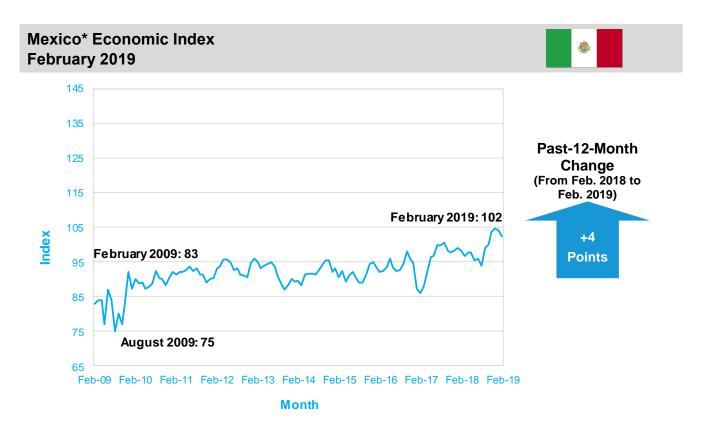


The Decision Analyst Economic Indices are based on monthly online surveys in the respective countries; these surveys provide inputs to Decision Analyst's econometric models that compute the Economic Indices for the different countries.

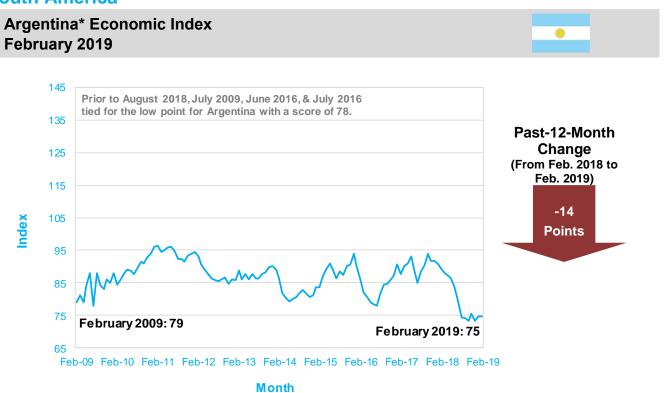
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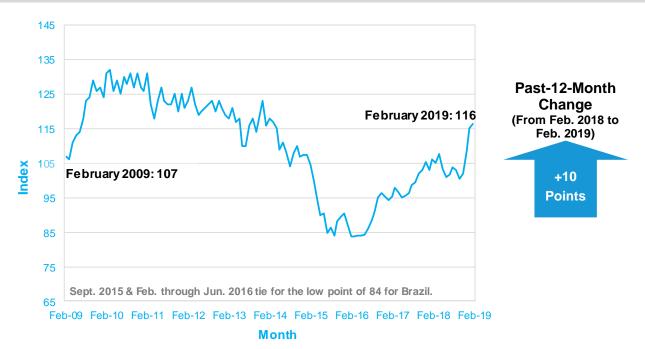


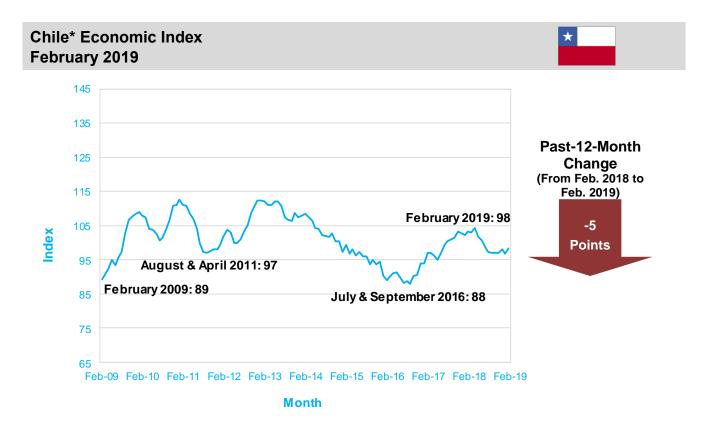
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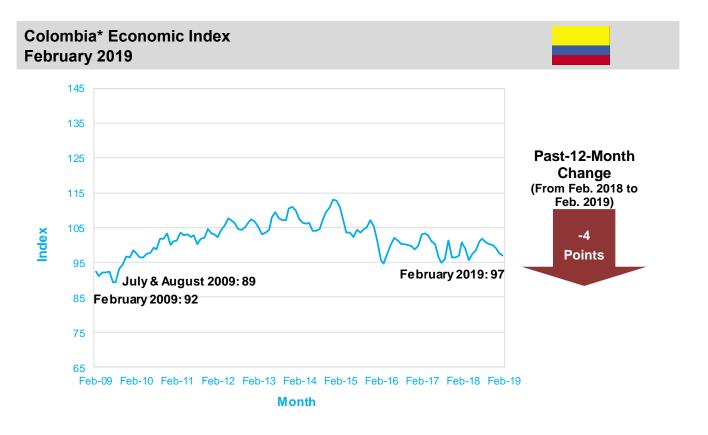


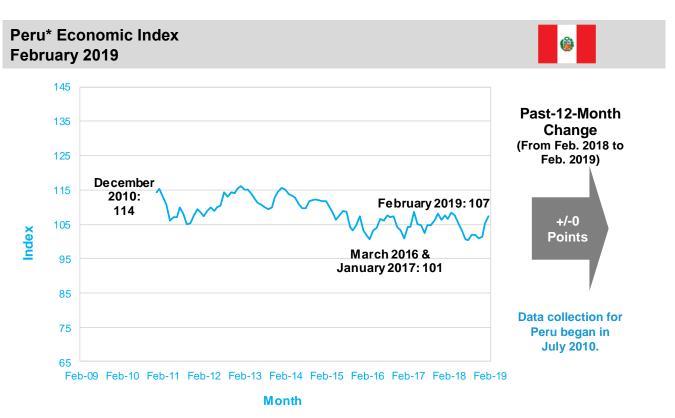
Brazil* Economic Index February 2019



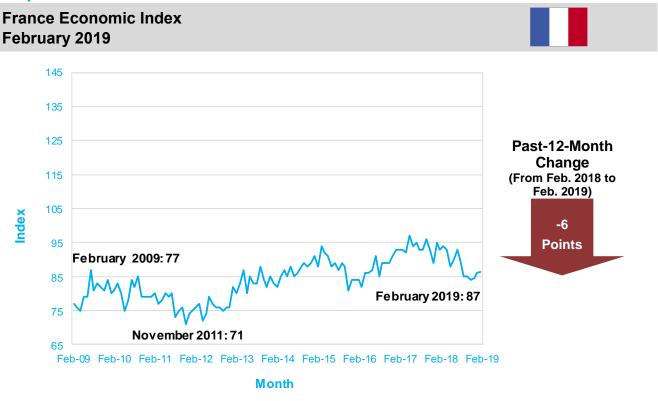


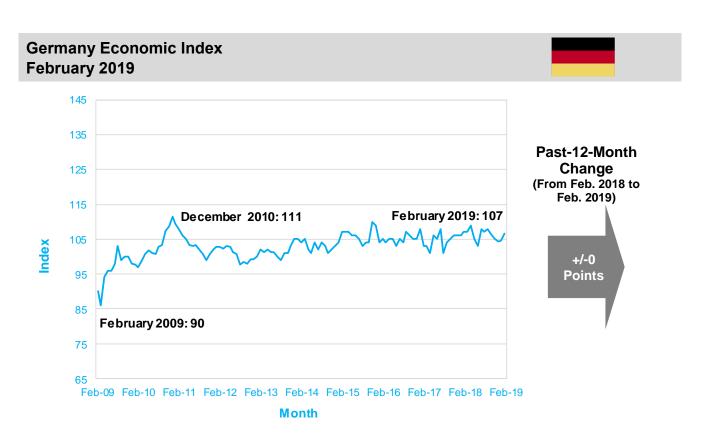


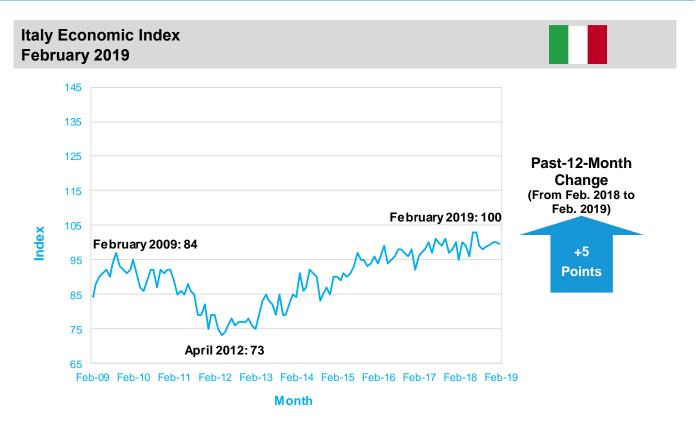


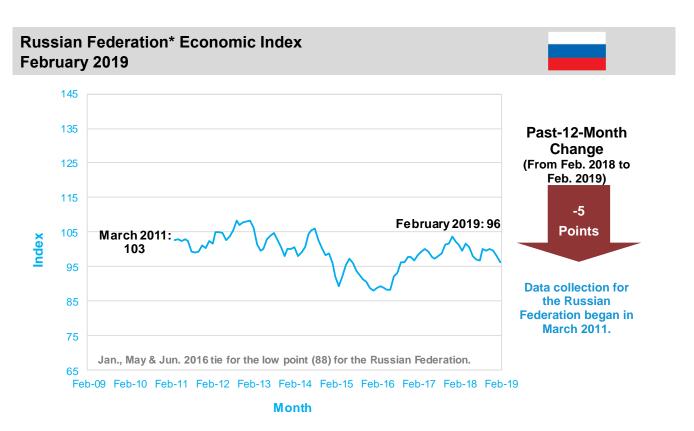


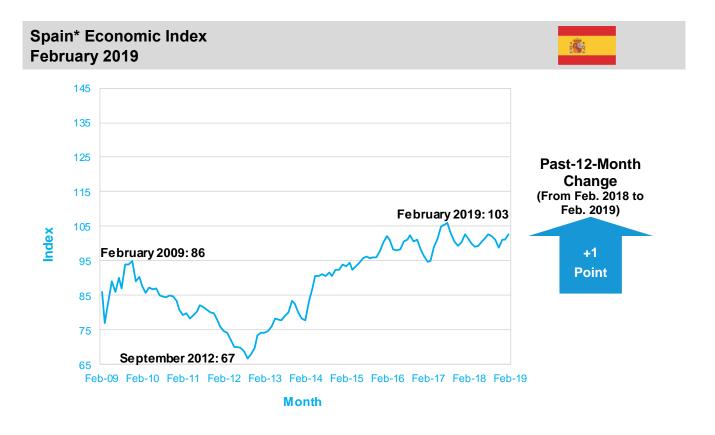
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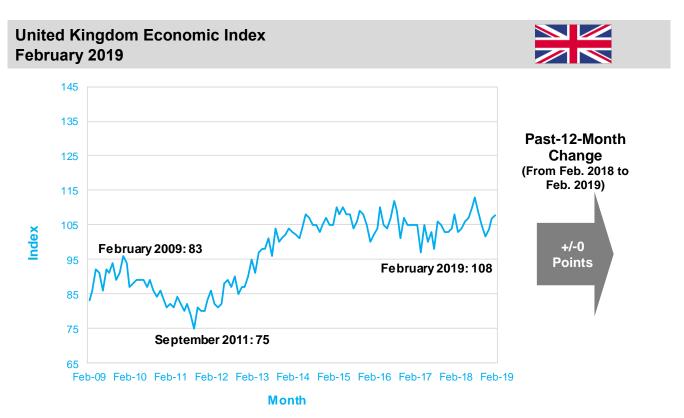




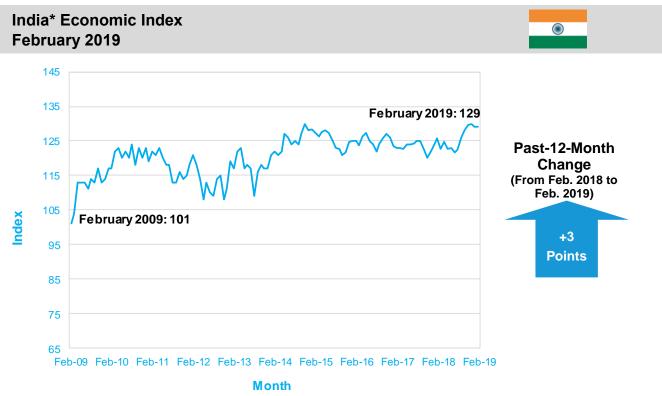








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*Three-Month Moving Average

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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, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, Spain, the UK, 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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