Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices July 2018

Arlington, Texas—The following chart compares the U.S. Economic Index to Decision Analyst's Economic Indices for other countries. The Economic Indices for all European countries are less than the U.S. Economic Index, and several countries in Europe are seeing declines in their Indices. Spain has declined 3 points in the past 12 months, while France has declined 2 points. Italy has increased by 2 points in the past 12 months. In South America, Brazil has increased by 6 points in the past 12 months, while Argentina has declined by 6 points. The major countries tracked by Decision Analyst are shown below.

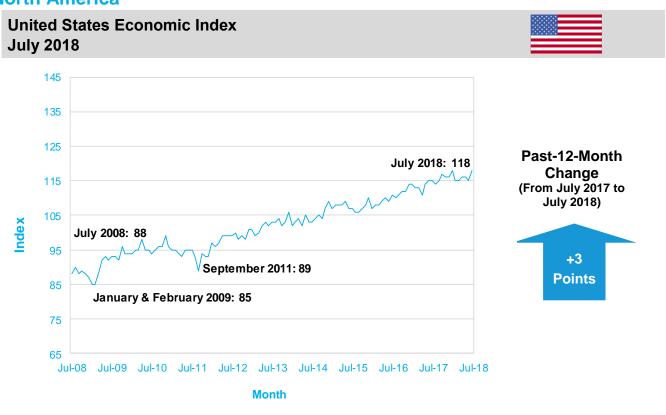
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North America		July 2018 Index	Past-12-Month Change (From July 2017 to July 2018)
	United States	118	↑ +3
*	Canada	94	↑ +4
	Mexico*	96	Ψ -4
South	America		
•	Argentina*	79	Ψ -6
	Brazil*	102	↑ +6
*	Chile*	99	→ +/-0
	Colombia*	101	↑ +5
•	Peru*	101	Ψ -1
Europe	e		
	France	93	Ψ -2
	Germany	108	→ +/-0
	Italy	103	↑ +2
	Russian Federation*	97	→ +/-0
	Spain*	102	Ψ -3
Austra	lia/Asia		
*	Australia*	97	↑ +3
•	India*	122	Ψ -2

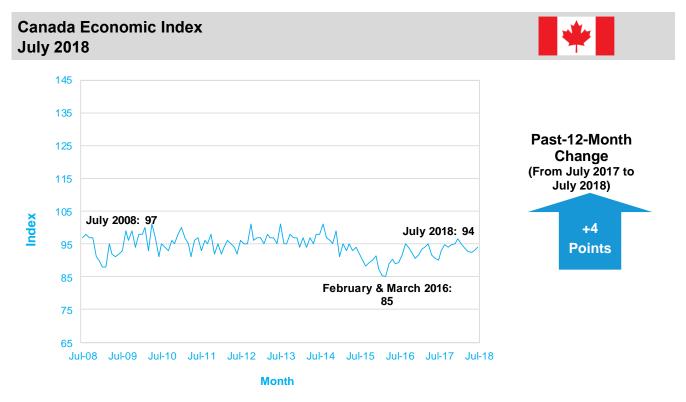
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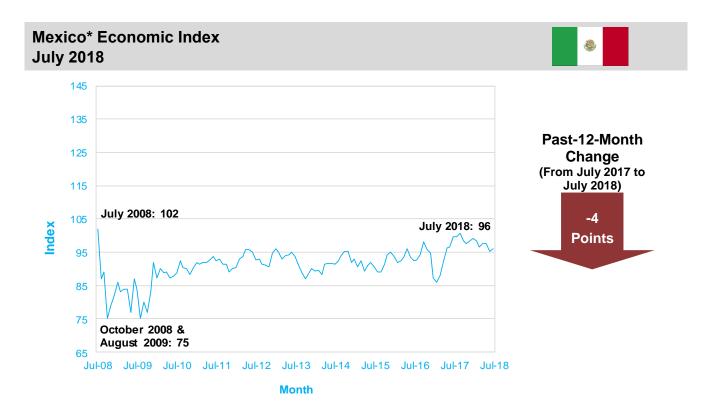


The Decision Analyst Economic Indices are based on monthly online surveys in the respective countries; these surveys provide inputs to Decision Analyst's econometric models that compute the Economic Indices for the different countries.

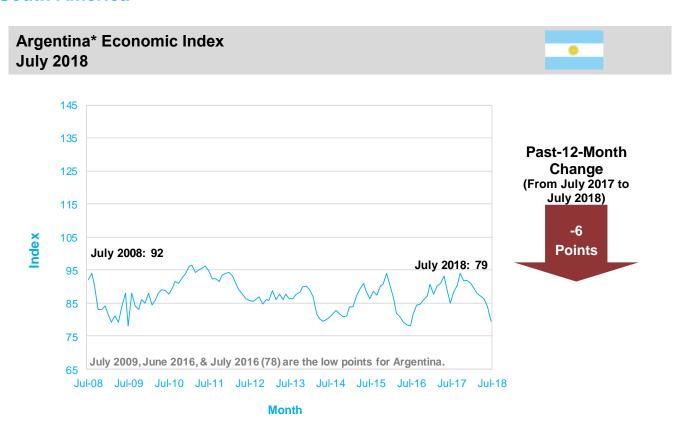
North America





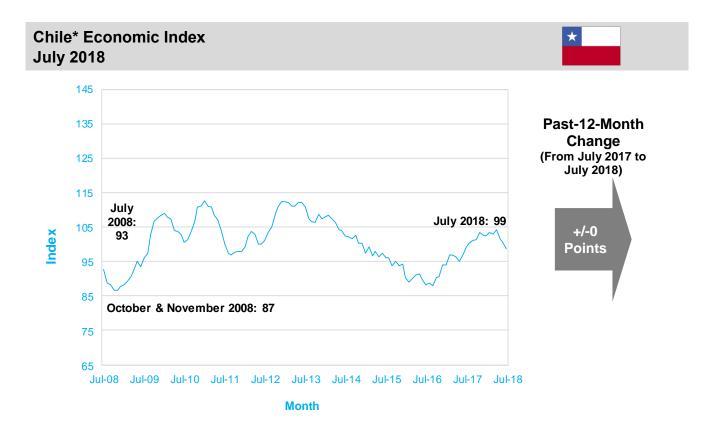


South America

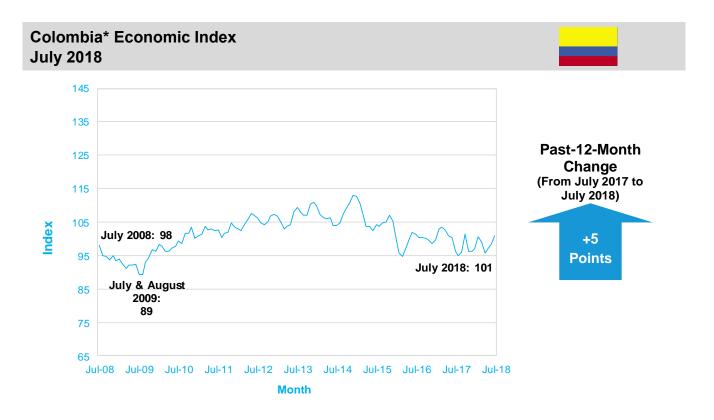


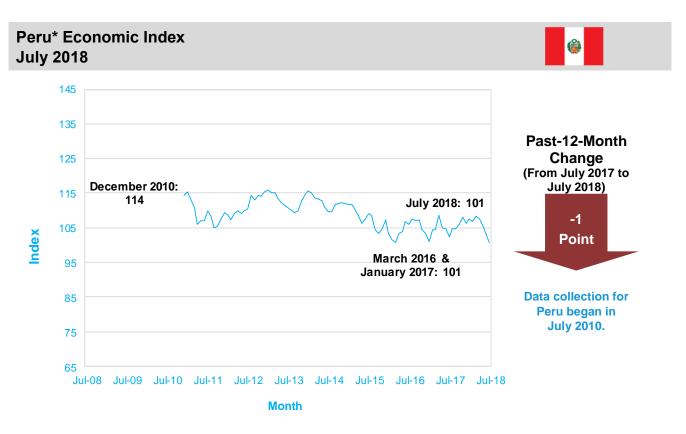
Brazil* Economic Index July 2018 145 135 July 2008: Past-12-Month 117 125 Change (From July 2017 to 115 July 2018) July 2018: 102 105 +6 **Points** 95 85 75 Sept. 2015 & Feb. - Jun. 2016 tie (84) for the low point for Brazil.

Jul-08 Jul-09 Jul-10 Jul-11 Jul-12 Jul-13 Jul-14 Jul-15 Jul-16 Jul-17 Jul-18 **Month**

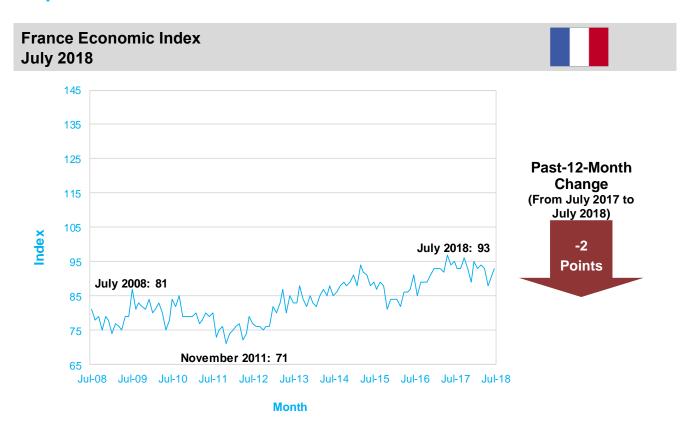


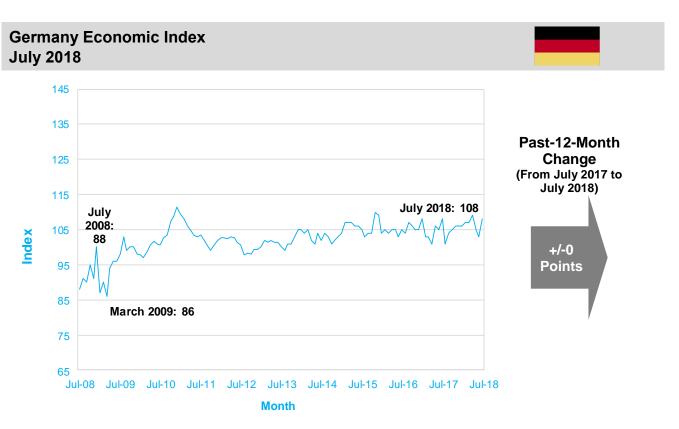
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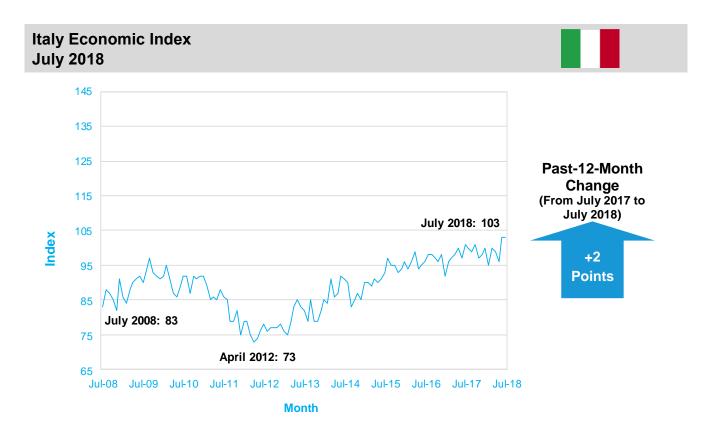


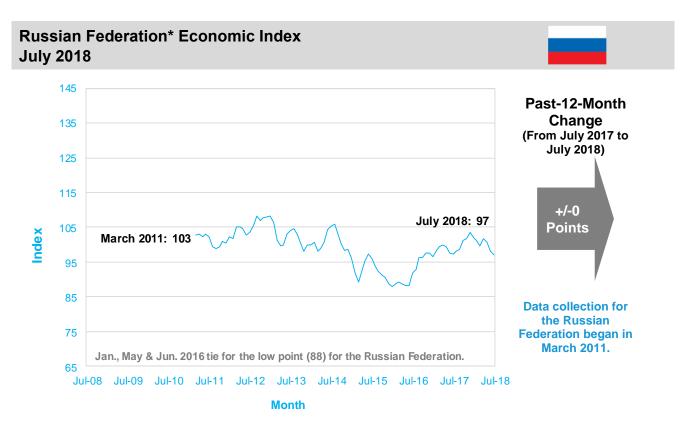


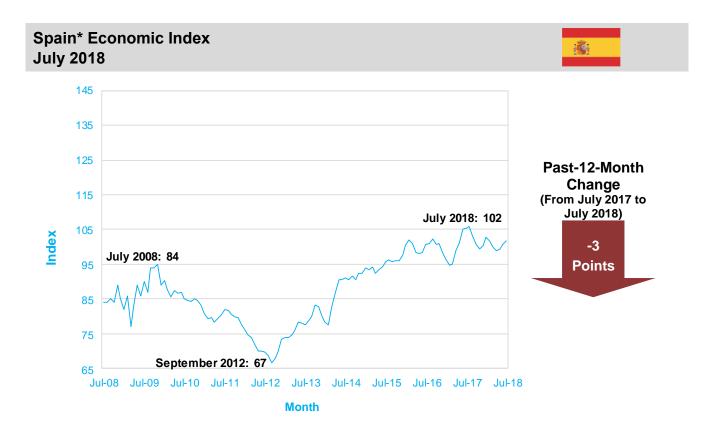
Europe



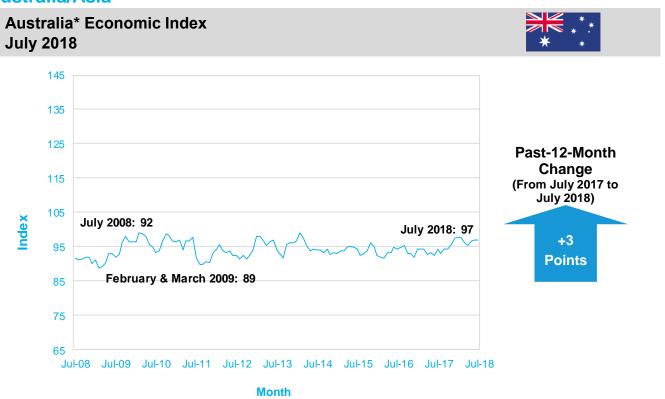


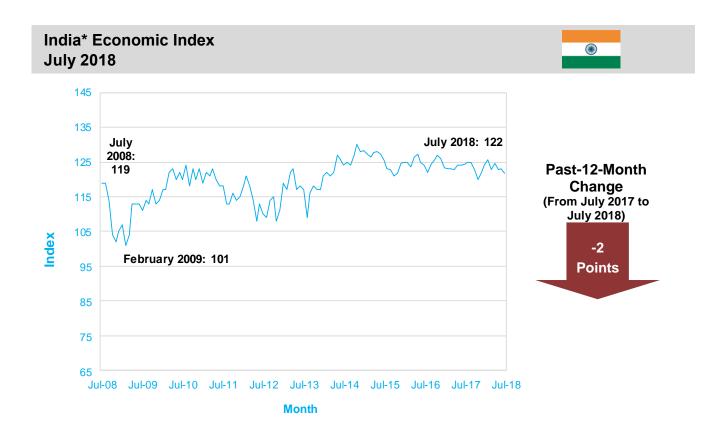






Australia/Asia





*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, 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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