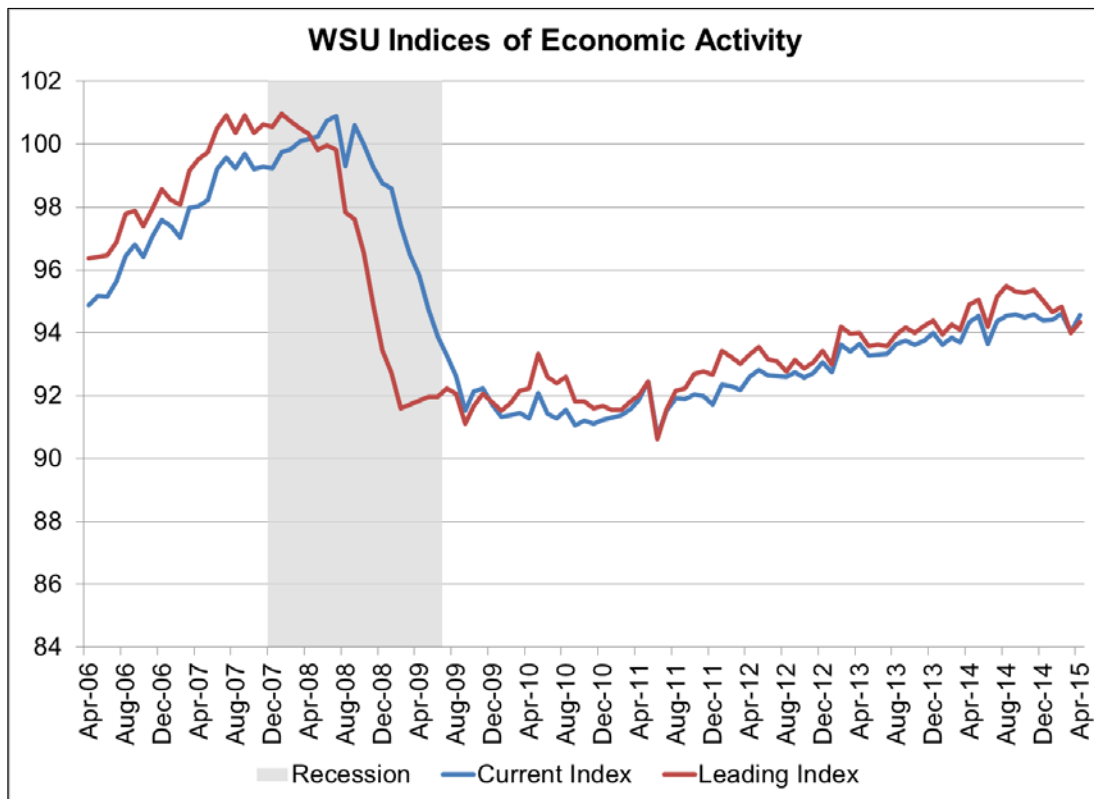


WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

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The Center for Economic Development and Business Research has compiled the current and leading indices to provide insights into the present and future state of the Wichita economy. The WSU Current Conditions Index is designed to give an indication of the present conditions of the Wichita metropolitan area economy. The WSU Leading Economic Indicators Index is designed to give an indication of where the Wichita economy is headed over the next six months.

WSU Current Index of Economic Activity

The current index was improved slightly between March and April, reversing the deterioration from February to March. The currently level of economic activity remains slightly above the April 2014 level. The improvement can be attributed to increases in employment and the earnings and hours of production workers. These improvements were enough to off-set the small increase in the unemployment rate.

WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	Apr-15	Mar-15	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	94.6	94.0	▲ 0.6%	▲ 0.3%
Index Components - Wichita MSA				
Total Non-farm Employment	293,300	292,200	▲ 0.4%	▲ 0.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.9%	▲ 0.2%	▼ -0.1%
Hours of Production Employees*	45.7	44.4	▲ 2.9%	▲ 1.3%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$790.13	\$758.84	▲ 4.1%	▼ -5.4%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data compiled by CEDBR and seasonally adjusted

*Manufacturing Weekly Average

WSU Leading Index of Economic Activity

The leading index improved slightly between March and April, although it is still indicating there will be a decrease in economic activity in early fall. This will potentially bring economic activity below the 2014 level. This can be attributed to small decreases in all of the index components.

WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	Apr-15	Mar-15	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	94.3	94.0	▲ 0.4%	▼ -0.6%
Predicted change*	▼ -0.24	▼ -0.03	-	-
Index Components				
Aircraft Production Index	105.3	105.8	▼ -0.5%	▲ 2.5%
Kansas Leading Index	0.0	0.5	▼ -100.0%	▼ -100.0%
National Industrial Production Index	105.2	105.5	▼ -0.3%	▲ 1.9%
International Leading Index	100.1	100.1	▬ 0.0%	▼ -0.3%

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), data compiled by CEDBR

*Predicted change in the level of economic activity over the next six months from the current level of economic activity

Data can be accessed directly at index.cedbr.org