

News Release

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Using the Composite Indexes: *The Leading Economic Index (LEI) provides an early indication of significant turning points in the business cycle and where the economy is heading in the near term. The Coincident Economic Index (CEI) provides an indication of the current state of the economy. Additional details are below.*

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Continued to Rise in December

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Vargas, increased by 1.6% in December 2025 to 124.2 (2016=100), after a 1.0% increase in November. Due to the substantial consecutive increases in the past 4 months, the LEI expanded by 3.0% over the second half of 2025, more than reversing a 0.3% contraction over the first half of 2025 (December 2024 to June 2025).

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Vargas, increased by 0.3% in December 2025 to 117.6 (2016=100), after increasing by 0.8% in November. The CEI expanded by 2.3% over the second half of 2025, a much faster rate of increase than the 0.9% growth over the previous six-month period.

Note for Change in Annual BCI Benchmark Revision Timing

Annual BCI Benchmark Revisions

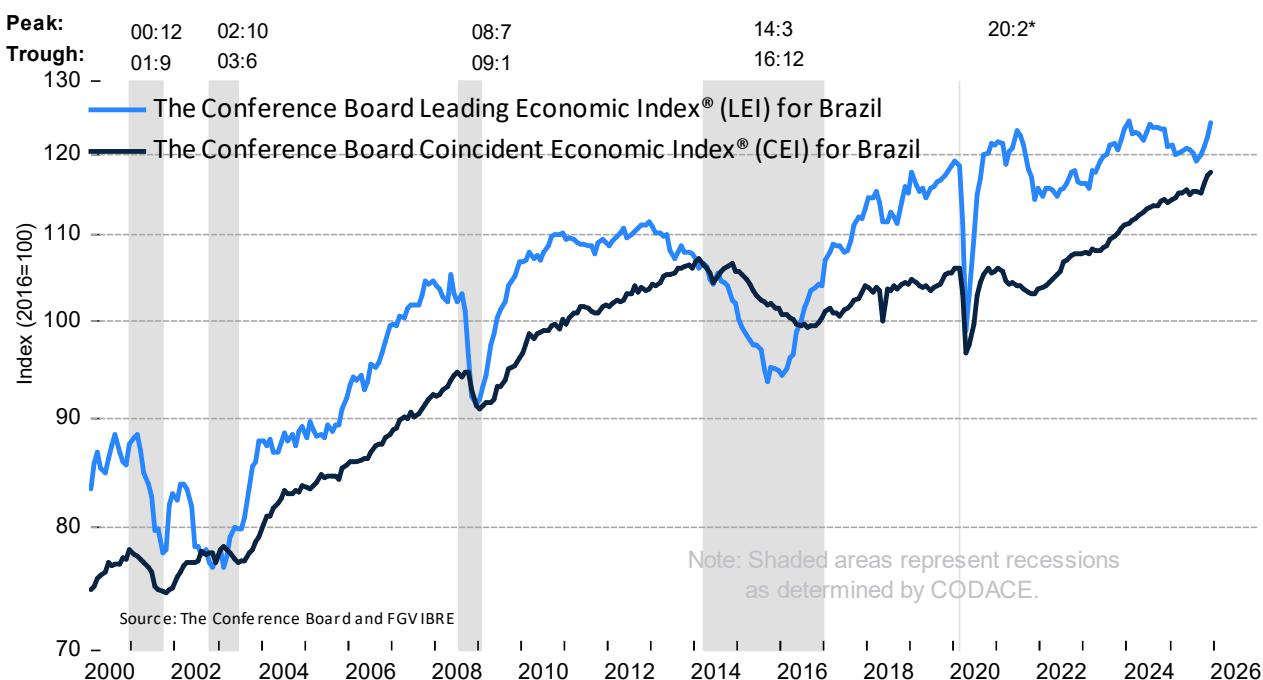
Release of the annual benchmark revisions for Business Cycle Indicator (BCI) composite economic indexes will be moved from **January 2026 to June 2026. Releases in subsequent years will also be in June.** This modification ensures that the sample period fully incorporates the most recent completed calendar year of the underlying components (source data) of composite indexes (leading and coincident). This data is used for calculating standardization factors and subsequently trend adjustments.

Due to the change in revision release timing from January to June, the cutoff for incorporating source data revisions into the benchmark process will shift accordingly:

- For the next benchmark revision in **June 2026**, the cutoff used for calculating standardization factors and trend adjustment will be **December 2025**, rather than December 2024.
- This change in timing allows the volatility calculations and factor updates to reflect a more complete dataset prior to the annual recalculation of the historical composite indexes.

The next release is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026 at 10 A.M. ET.

The Conference Board/Fundação Getulio Vargas Brazil LEI increased substantially in December



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Majority of the LEI components improved in December, driving the Index higher

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® and Component Contributions (Percent)



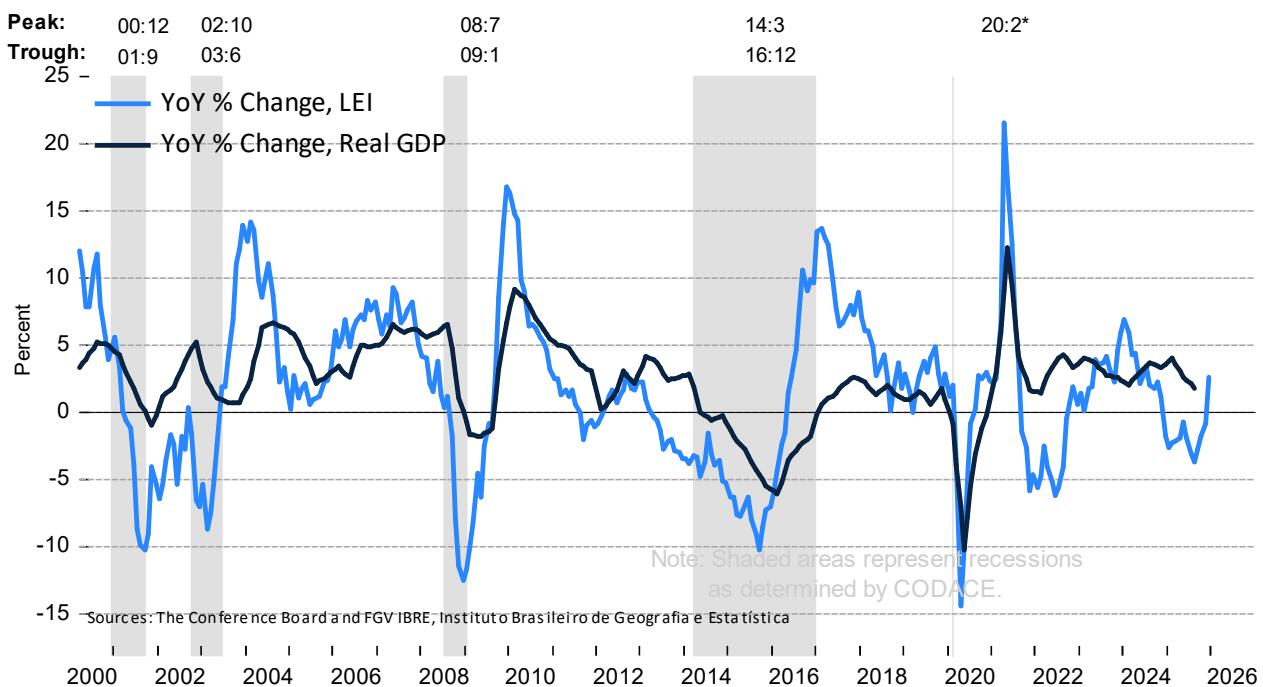
Source: The Conference Board

* Inverted series; a negative change in this component makes a positive contribution

** Statistical Imputation

LEI change might not equal sum of contributions due to application of trend adjustment factor

The annual growth rate for the Brazil LEI continued to rise in December, suggesting tailwinds to further growth in the near term



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About The Conference Board **Leading Economic Index® (LEI)** and **Coincident Economic Index® (CEI)** for Brazil

The composite economic indexes are key elements in an analytic system designed to signal peaks and troughs in the business cycle. Comprised of multiple independent indicators, the indexes are constructed to summarize and reveal common turning points in the economy in a clearer and more convincing manner than any individual component.

The CEI reflects current economic conditions and is highly correlated with real GDP. The LEI is a predictive tool that anticipates—or “leads”—turning points in the business cycle by around six months.

The eight components of the **Leading Economic Index® for Brazil** are:

- Swap Rate - 1 year
- Ibovespa, Bovespa Index
- Manufacturing Survey, Expectations Index
- Services Sector Survey, Expectations Index
- Consumers Survey, Expectations Index
- Terms of Trade, Index
- Physical Production, Durables Consumer Goods, Index
- Exports, Quantum, Index

The six components of the **Coincident Economic Index® for Brazil** are:

- Industrial production
- Industrial Electric Energy Consumption
- Shipments of Corrugated Paper
- Volume of Sales of the Retail Market
- Occupied Employment Population
- Average Real Income of Workers

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