

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 Decreased in May

This month's release of the composite economic indexes incorporates annual benchmark revisions which bring them up-to-date with revisions in the source data. These revisions do not change the cyclical properties of the indexes. The indexes are updated throughout the year, but only for the previous six months. Data revisions that fall outside of the moving six-month window are not incorporated until the benchmark revision is made and the entire histories of the indexes are recomputed. As a result, the revised indexes, in levels and month-on-month changes, will not be directly comparable to those issued prior to the benchmark revision.

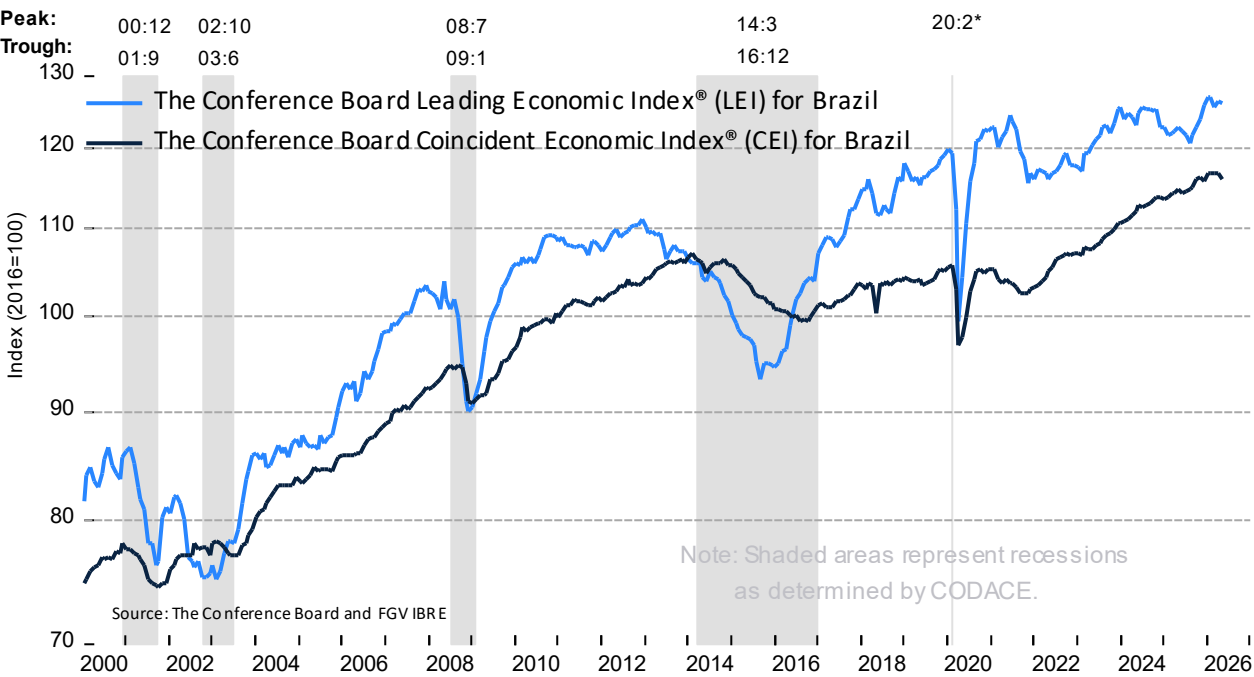
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The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Vargas, edged down by 0.2% in May 2026 to 126.0 (2016=100), following a 0.6% increase in April. However, the LEI still expanded by 1.8% over the six-month period between November 2025 and May 2026, a faster rate of growth than 1.0% increase over the previous six-month period between May and November 2025.

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Vargas, declined by 0.7% to 116.0 (2016=100) in May 2026, being unchanged in both April and March. As a result, the CEI contracted by 0.3% over the six-month period between November 2025 and May 2026, a much weaker performance compared to 1.3% expansion over the previous six-month period.

The next release is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 10 A.M. ET.

The Conference Board/Fundação Getulio Vargas Brazil LEI decreased in May following an increase in April...



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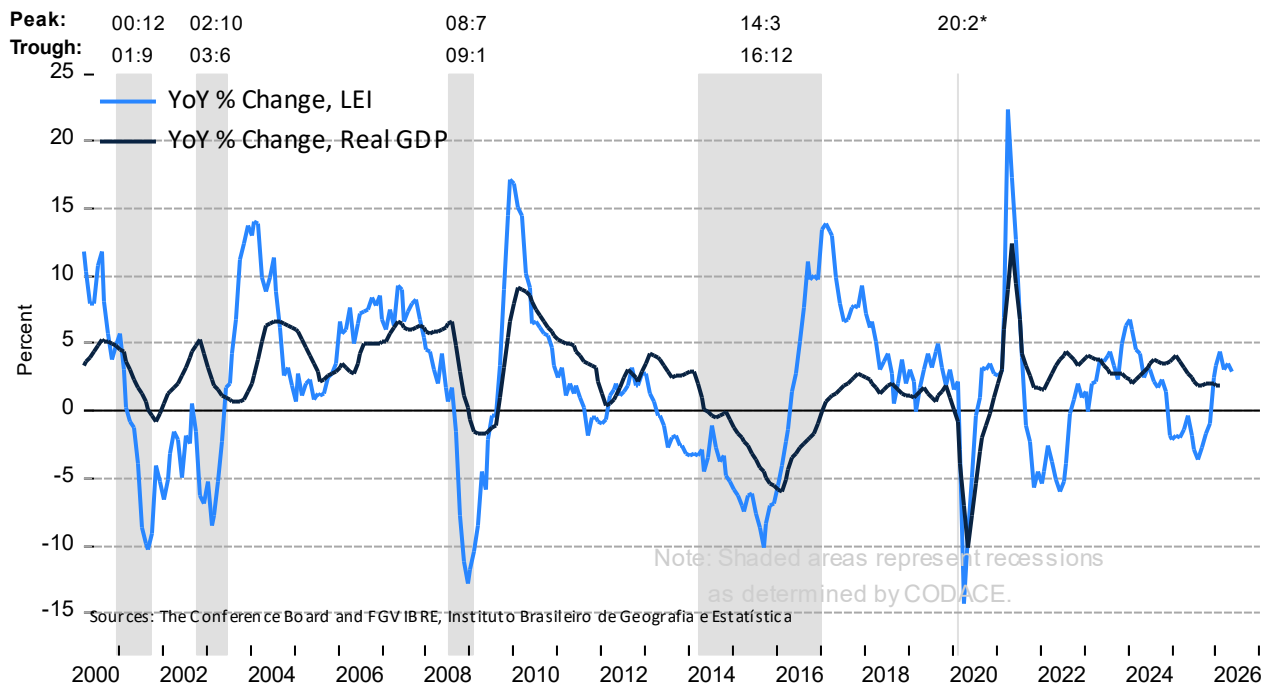
... driven primarily by a strong negative contribution from stock prices, with services sector expectations slightly offsetting some weakness

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

		May. '26	6 mo. ending May. '26
Financial Components			
SWAP Rate, 1 year*		0.00	-0.06
Stock Prices Ibovespa, Bovespa Index	-0.35		0.75
Non-Financial Components			
Services Sector Survey, Expectations Index	0.17		-0.27
Manufacturing Survey, Expectations Index	0.01		0.57
Terms of Trade, Index **	-0.03		0.41
Physical Production, Durables Consumer Goods, Index**	-0.01		0.01
Consumers Survey, Expectations Index	-0.08		0.00
Exports Volume, Index **	-0.05		0.27

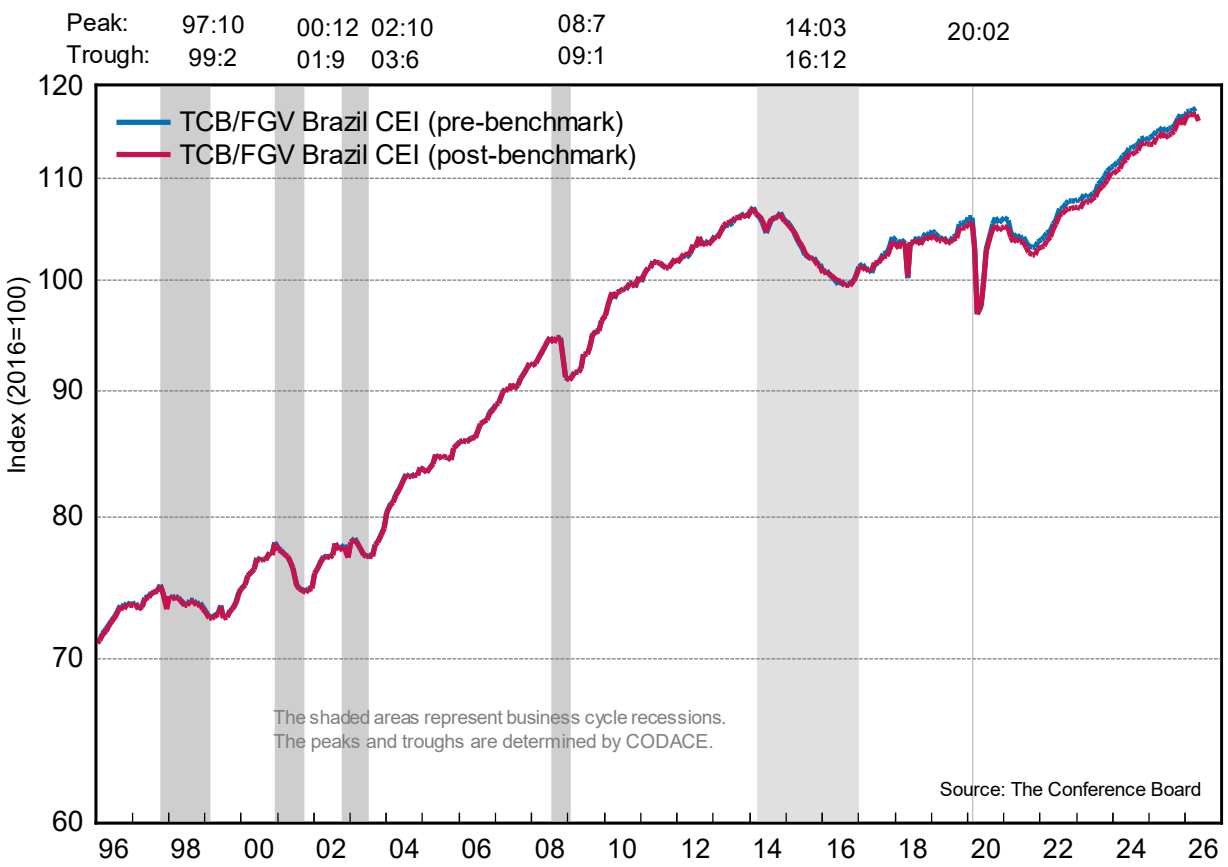
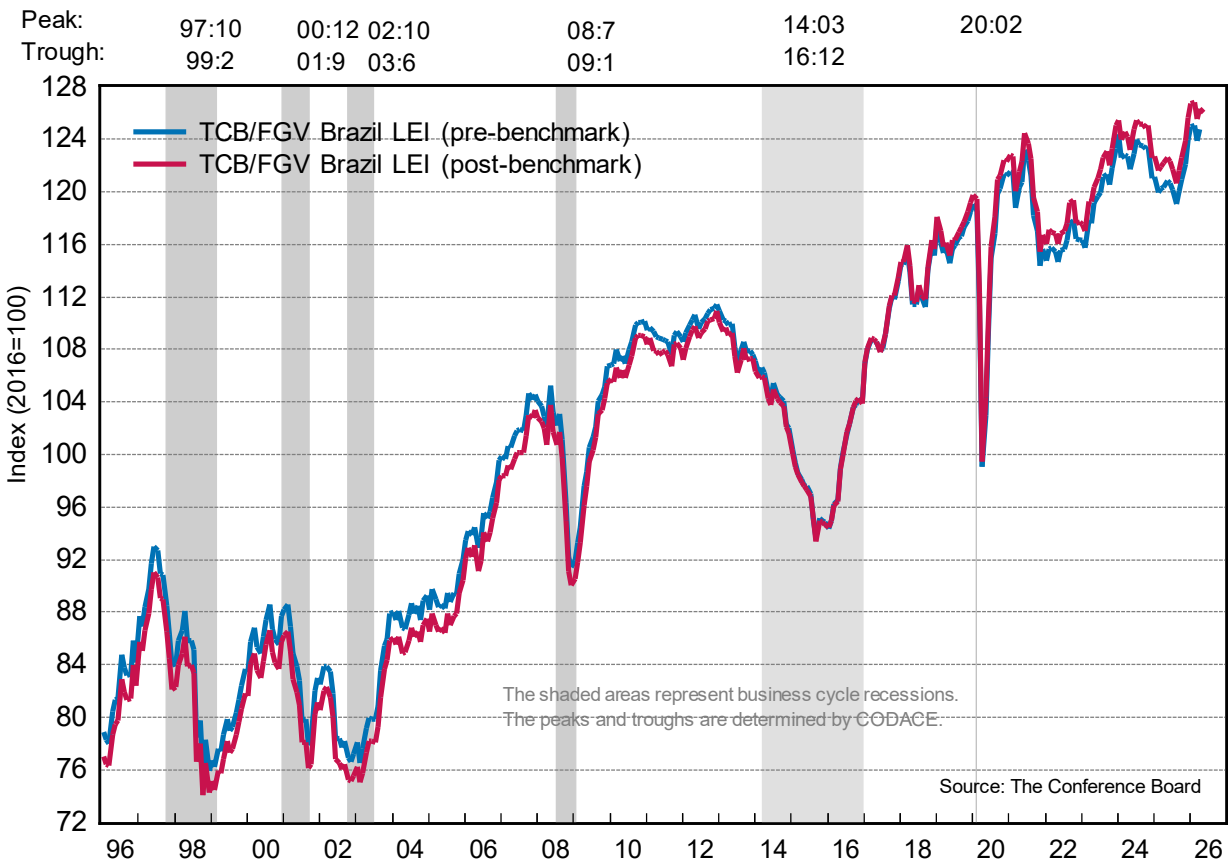
Source: The Conference Board
* Inverted series; a negative change in this component makes a positive contribution
** Statistical Imputation
LEI change might not equal sum of its contributions due to application of trend adjustment factor

The annual growth rate for the Brazil LEI dropped slightly in May but remains positive, indicating growth in the near term



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The composite business cycle indexes pre- and post- benchmark revisions: 1996-present



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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