

## 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.*

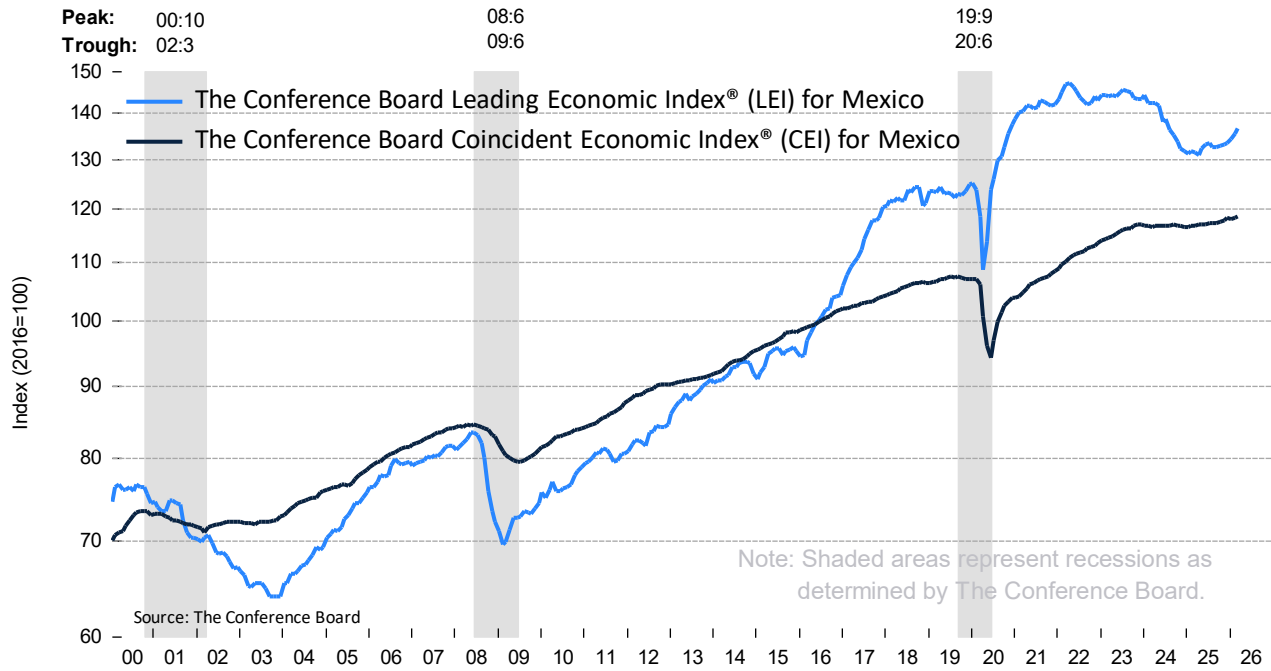
### **The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Mexico Increased in March**

**The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI)** for Mexico increased by 0.9% in March 2026 to 136.6 (2016=100), after increasing by 1.0% in February. Overall, the LEI expanded by 3.1% over the six-month period between September 2025 to March 2026, a substantially faster rate compared to the 1.0% growth over the previous six-month period between March and September 2025.

**The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI)** for Mexico ticked up by 0.1% in March 2026 to 118.3 (2016=100), after increasing by 0.2% in February. The CEI expanded by 1.1% over the six-month period between September 2025 to March 2026, after growing by 0.3% over the previous six-month period.

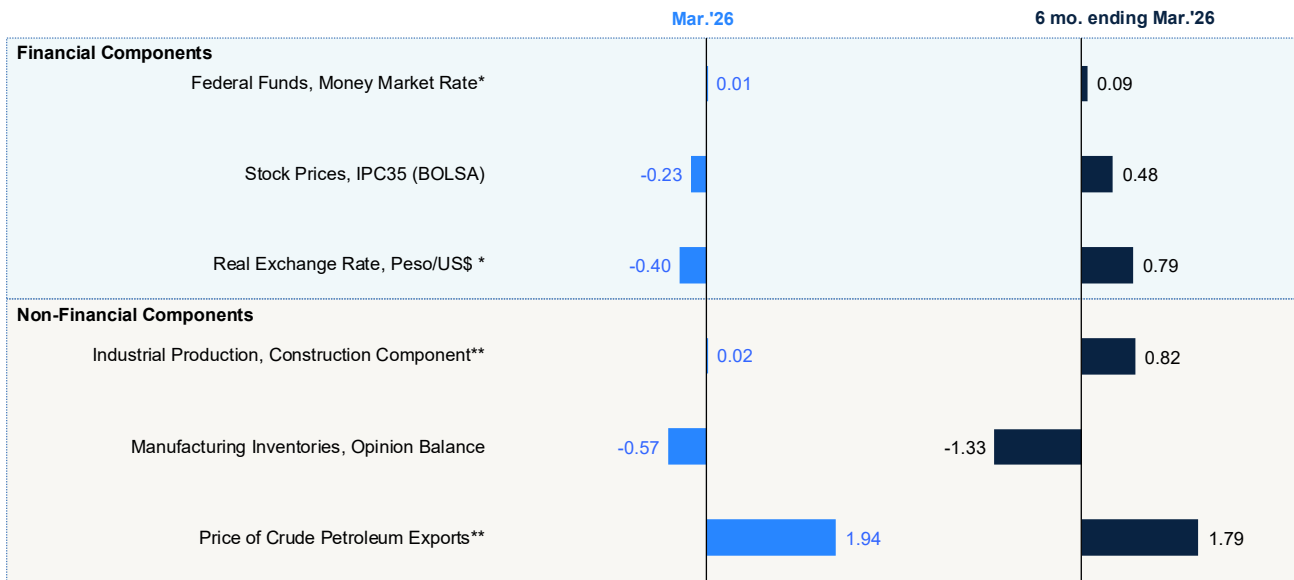
**The next release is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11 A.M. ET.**

## The Mexico LEI increased in March...



...driven by a substantial increase in price of oil, while other components remained somewhat weak

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



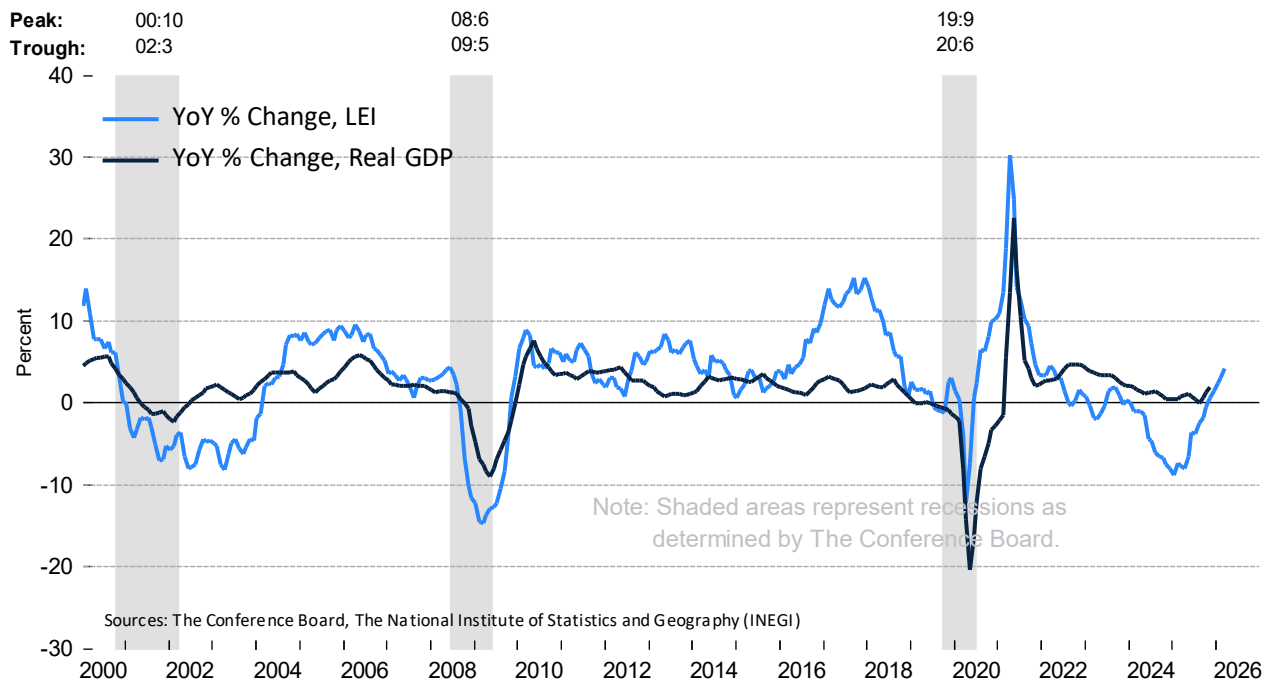
Source: The Conference Board

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

\*\* Statistical Imputation

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

## The annual growth rate of the LEI continued to increase in March, suggesting tailwinds to future economic activity



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

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 five months.

The six components of the *Leading Economic Index*® for Mexico are:

- Industrial Production (Construction)
- Stock Prices
- Petroleum Exports: Crude (US\$/Barrel)
- Manufacturing Inventories (Opinion Balance)
- Federal Funds, Money Market Rate
- Real Exchange Rate

The three components of the *Coincident Economic Index*® for Mexico are:

- Industrial Production
- Retail Sales
- Employment, IMSS Beneficiaries

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