

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 South Korea Increased in June

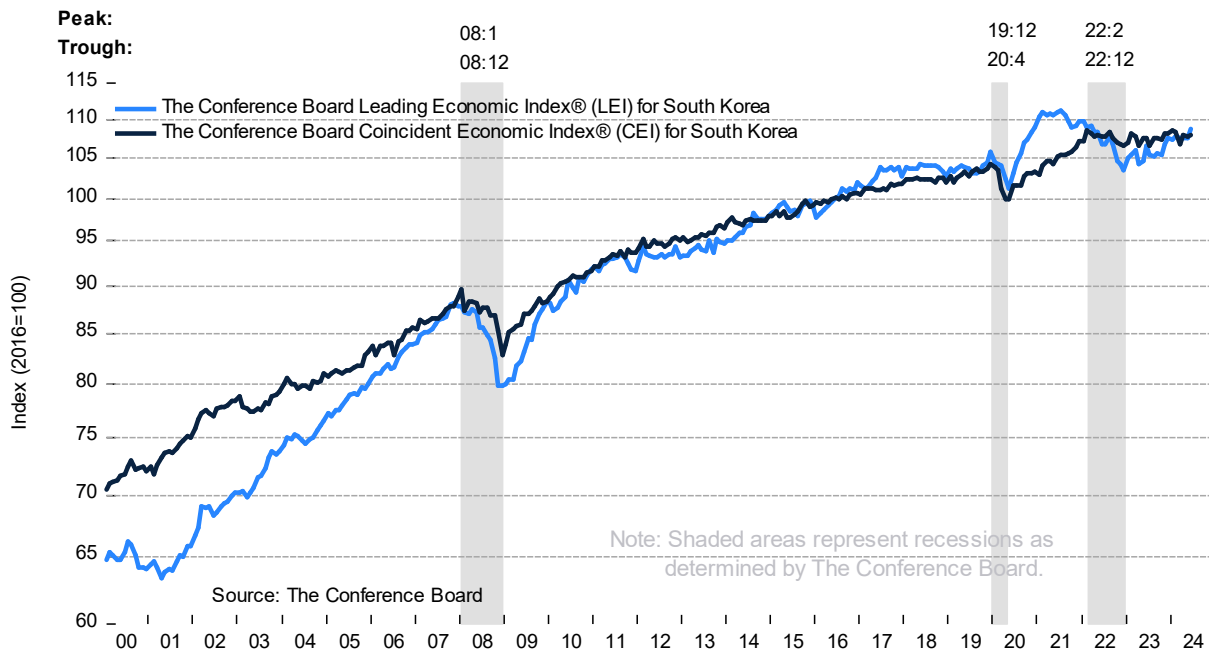
The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for South Korea increased by 1.0 percent in June 2024 to 108.7 (2016=100), after being unchanged in May. As a result, the growth rate of LEI over the first half of 2024 grew by 1.0 percent, after growing at a slightly lower rate of 0.9 percent over the second half of last year.

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for South Korea ticked up by 0.2 percent to 107.9 (2016=100) in June 2024, reversing the 0.2 percent (downwardly revised) decrease in May. Despite the most recent monthly gain, the CEI contracted by 0.2 percent over the first half of this year, a reversal from an expansion of 0.6 percent over the second half of 2023.

“The South Korea LEI increased substantially in June,” said **Malala Lin, Economic Research Associate, at The Conference Board**. “Positive contributions from all components, save the neutral contribution from exports, led to the LEI’s gain. Most notably, there was a strong improvement in the inventory-to-shipment index in June, reflecting surges in shipments and sharp declines in inventories for tech products. While the annual growth of the LEI rate slowed a bit between April and June, it remained positive and suggested moderate growth ahead, after the quarter-on-quarter GDP contraction in Q2.”

The next release is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2024, at 10:30 A.M. ET.

The South Korea LEI increased in June



The June increase reflects positive contributions from most components, with a notable improvement in the inventories-to-shipment index

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

Jun. '24

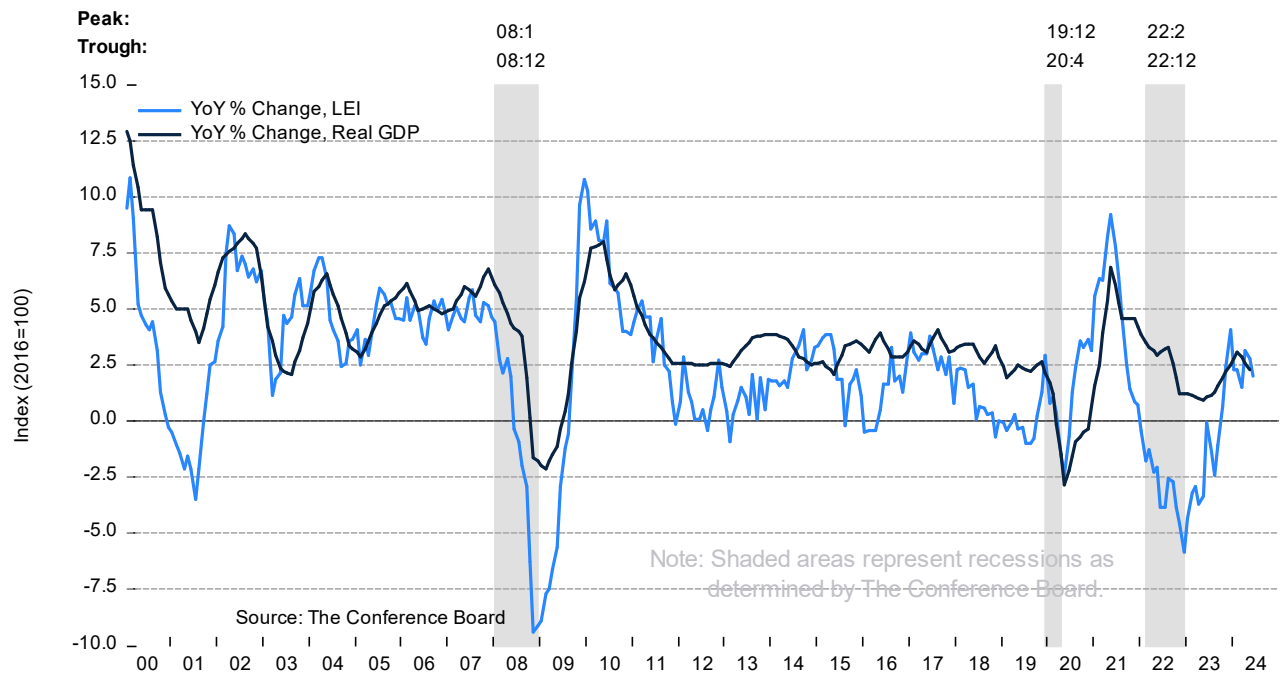
6 mo. ending Jun. '24

Financial Components			
Yield of Government Public Bonds*	0.13		0.16
Stock Prices	0.07		0.39
Non-Financial Components			
Index of Inventories to Shipments*	0.51	-0.06	
Exports FOB	0.00	-0.39	
Value of Machinery Orders	0.07		0.53
Private Construction Orders	0.12	-0.09	

Source: The Conference Board

* Inverted series; a negative change in this component makes a positive contribution
LEI change might not equal sum of its contributions due to application of trend adjustment factor

The South Korea LEI continued to indicate positive growth going forward



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

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 three months.

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

- Stock Prices
- Yield of Government Public Bonds
- Exports FOB
- Value of Machinery Orders
- Index of Inventories to Shipments
- Private Construction Orders

The four components of the *Coincident Economic Index*® for South Korea are:

- Industrial Production
- Wholesale and Retail Sales
- Total Employment
- Monthly Cash Earnings

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