

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.*

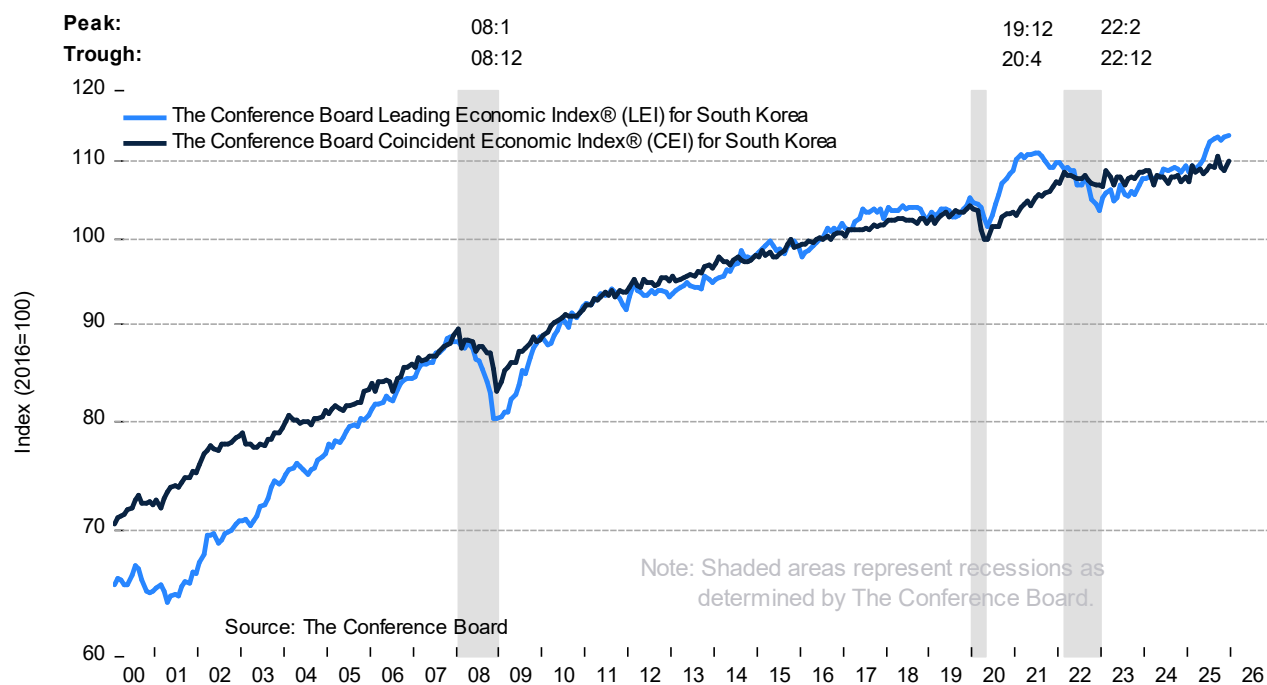
The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for South Korea Increased in December

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for South Korea increased by 0.3% to 113.5 (2016=100) in December 2025, after increasing by 0.4% in November. The LEI expanded by 1.9% over the second half of 2025, an unchanged growth rate from the first half of 2025.

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for South Korea rose by 1.1% to 110.0 (2016=100) in December 2025, partially reversing the last two months of declines (-0.3% in November and -1.4% in October). Overall, the CEI expanded 1.3% over the second half of 2025, a faster rate compared to the 0.7% growth in the first half of the year.

The next release is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. ET.

The South Korea LEI increased in December



Improvements in the index of inventories to shipments, private construction orders, and stock prices led to the December increase

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

	Dec.'25	6 mo. ending Dec.'25
Financial Components		
Yield of Government Public Bonds*	-0.15	-0.47
Stock Prices	0.10	1.75
Non-Financial Components		
Index of Inventories to Shipments*,**	0.17	-0.06
Exports FOB	-0.11	-0.07
Value of Machinery Orders**	0.03	0.25
Private Construction Orders	0.14	-0.04

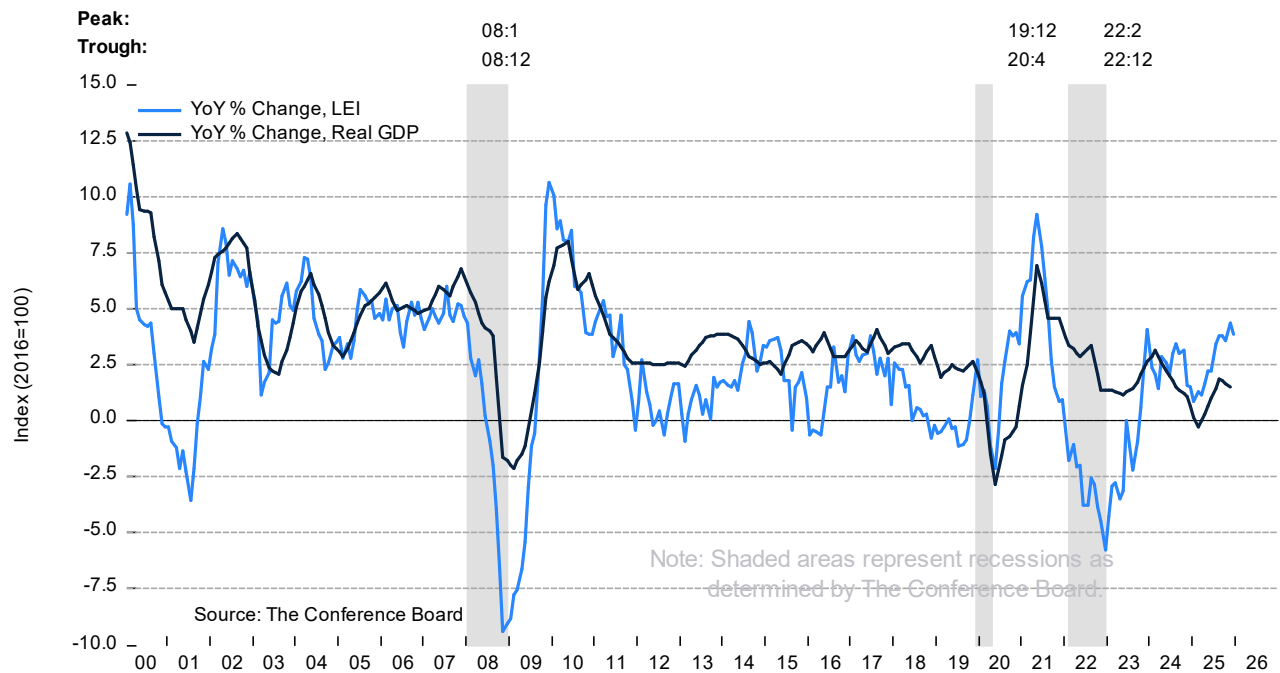
Source: The Conference Board

* 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 South Korea LEI annual growth rate remained strong



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
- Real Exports FOB (3-month moving average)
- 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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