

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 Continued to Rise in February

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for South Korea increased by 1.0% to 116.1 (2016=100) in February 2026, after increasing by 0.8% in January (Please note that this release covers February data and does not reflect the stock prices decline registered in March related to the recent geopolitical conflicts. The LEI expanded by 2.7% over the six-month period between August 2025 and February 2026, a slower rate compared to the 3.4% growth over the previous six-month period between February and August 2025.

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for South Korea also increased by 1.0% to 110.9 (2016=100) in February 2026, following no change in January. Overall, the CEI expanded by 1.6% over the six-month period between August 2025 and February 2026, more than reversing the 0.2% contraction over the previous six-month period.

The next release is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. ET.

