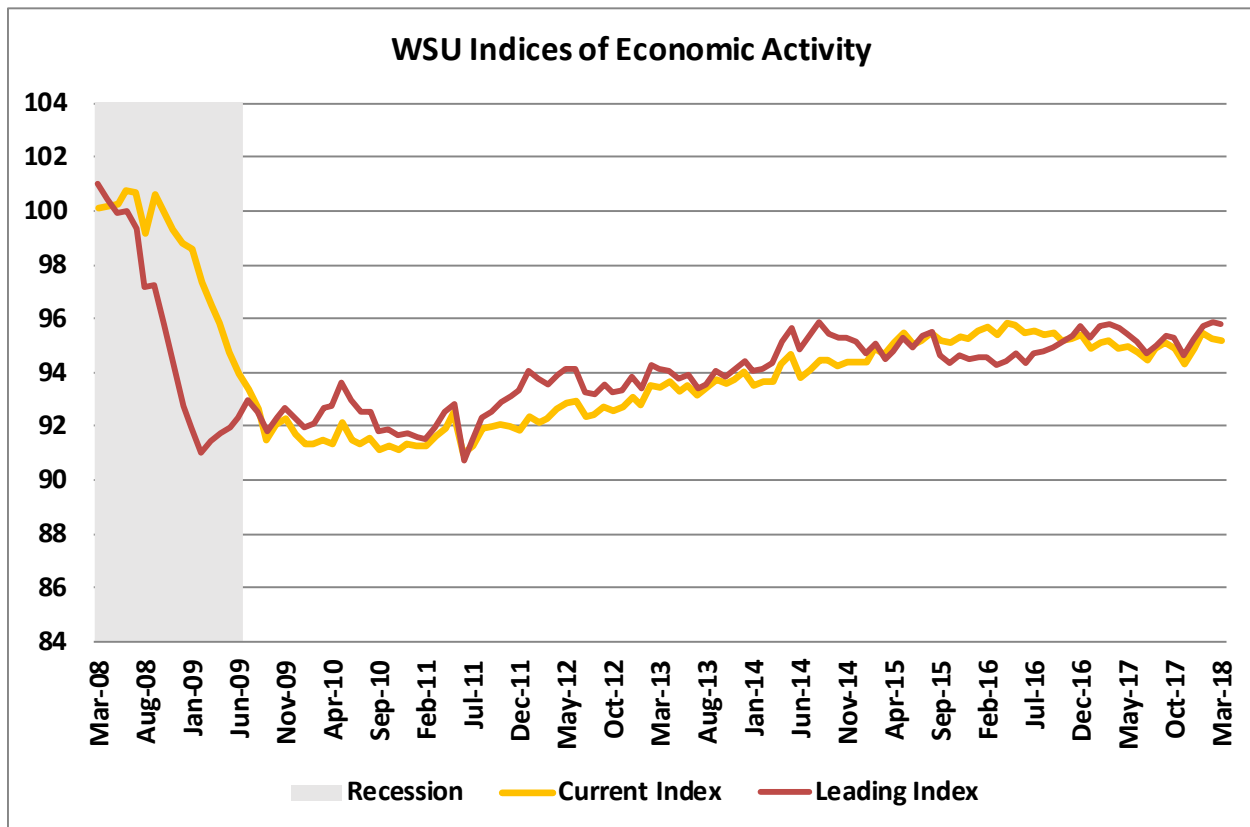


WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

March 2018

The Center for Economic Development and Business Research has compiled the current and leading indices to provide insights into the present and future state of the Wichita economy. The WSU Current Conditions Index is designed to give an indication of the present conditions of the Wichita metropolitan area economy. The WSU Leading Economic Indicators Index is designed to give an indication of where the Wichita economy is headed over the next six months.



WSU Current Index of Economic Activity

The current index stayed the same in March 2018, after declining in January and February. The current level of economic activity is equal to the 2017 level. There was an increase in total employment, while the unemployment rate, hours of production employees, and weekly earnings of production employees declined.

WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	Mar-18	Feb-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	95.2	95.2	0.0%	0.0%
Index Components - Wichita MSA				
Total Non-farm Employment	295,500	294,800	0.2%	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Hours of Production Employees*	43.6	45.1	-3.3%	0.5%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$760.94	\$798.14	-4.7%	0.5%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data compiled by CEDBR and seasonally adjusted

*Manufacturing Weekly Average

WSU Leading Index of Economic Activity

The leading index indicates small decline in economic activity into March from current levels, continuing a trend of small changes in 2018. This can be attributed to declines in the aircraft production index, Kansas leading index, and international leading index.

WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	Mar-18	Feb-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	95.8	95.9	-0.1%	0.0%
Predicted change*	0.63	0.68	-	-
Index Components				
Aircraft Production Index	97.3	97.4	-0.1%	-3.4%
Kansas Leading Index	2.2	2.8	-0.6%	-0.3%
National Industrial Production Index	107.2	106.6	0.6%	4.4%
International Leading Index	100.0	100.1	-0.1%	0.0%

Philadelphia, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), data compiled level of economic activity

Data can be accessed directly at www.kansaseconomy.org/local-indices