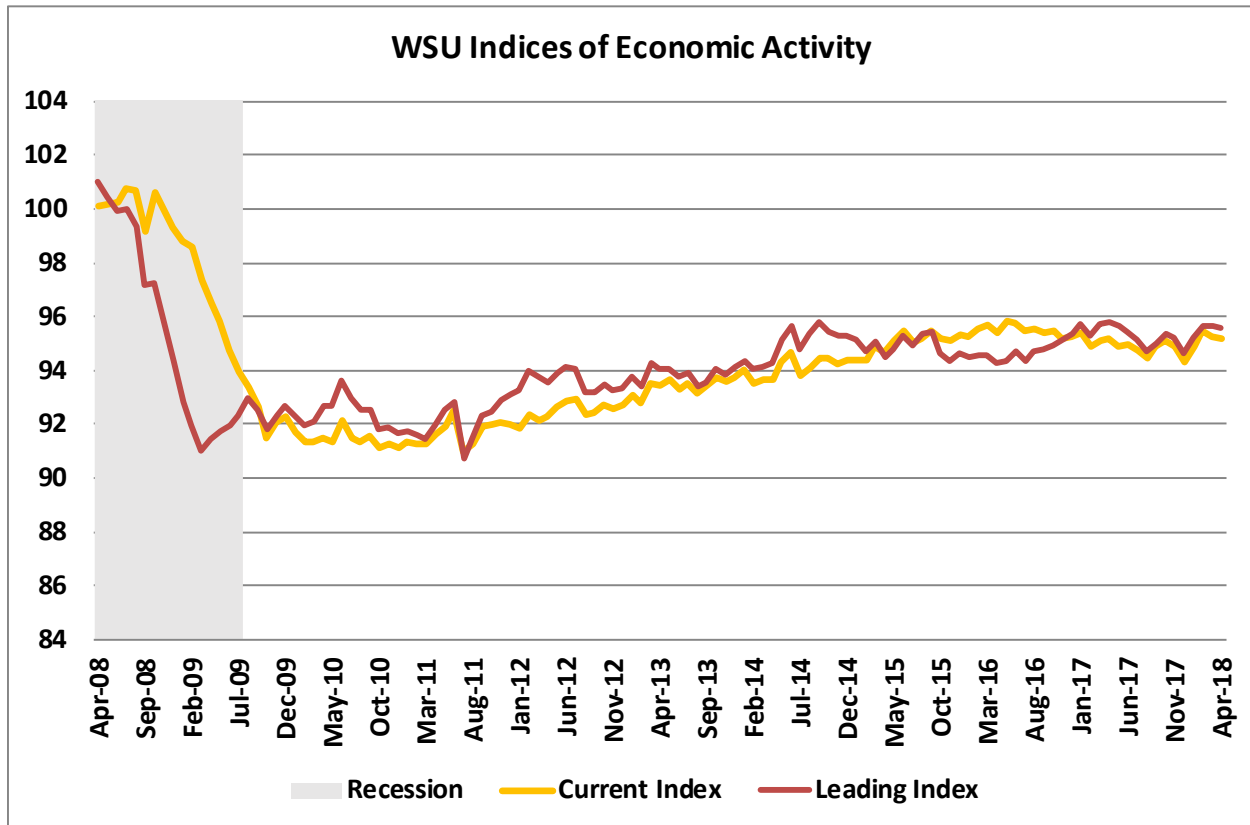


## WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

April 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 April 2018, after declining in January and February. The current level of economic activity is above the 2017 level. There was a decrease in total employment, while the unemployment rate stayed flat. Hours of production employees, and weekly earnings of production employees both increased.

### WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	Apr-18	Mar-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	95.2	95.2	0.0%	0.3%
<b>Index Components - Wichita MSA</b>				
Total Non-farm Employment	295,100	295,300	-0.1%	0.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.3%
Hours of Production Employees*	44.1	44.0	0.2%	1.4%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$779.18	\$758.79	2.7%	3.0%

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 economic activity remained flat in April from current levels, continuing a trend of small or no changes in 2018.

### WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	Apr-18	Mar-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	95.5	95.5	0.0%	-0.1%
Predicted change*	0.33	0.39	-	-
<b>Index Components</b>				
Aircraft Production Index	98.0	96.3	1.8%	-3.6%
Kansas Leading Index	2.1	2.1	0.0%	-0.6%
National Industrial Production Index	107.4	106.4	0.9%	3.6%
International Leading Index	99.9	100.0	-0.1%	-0.1%

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](http://www.kansaseconomy.org/local-indices)