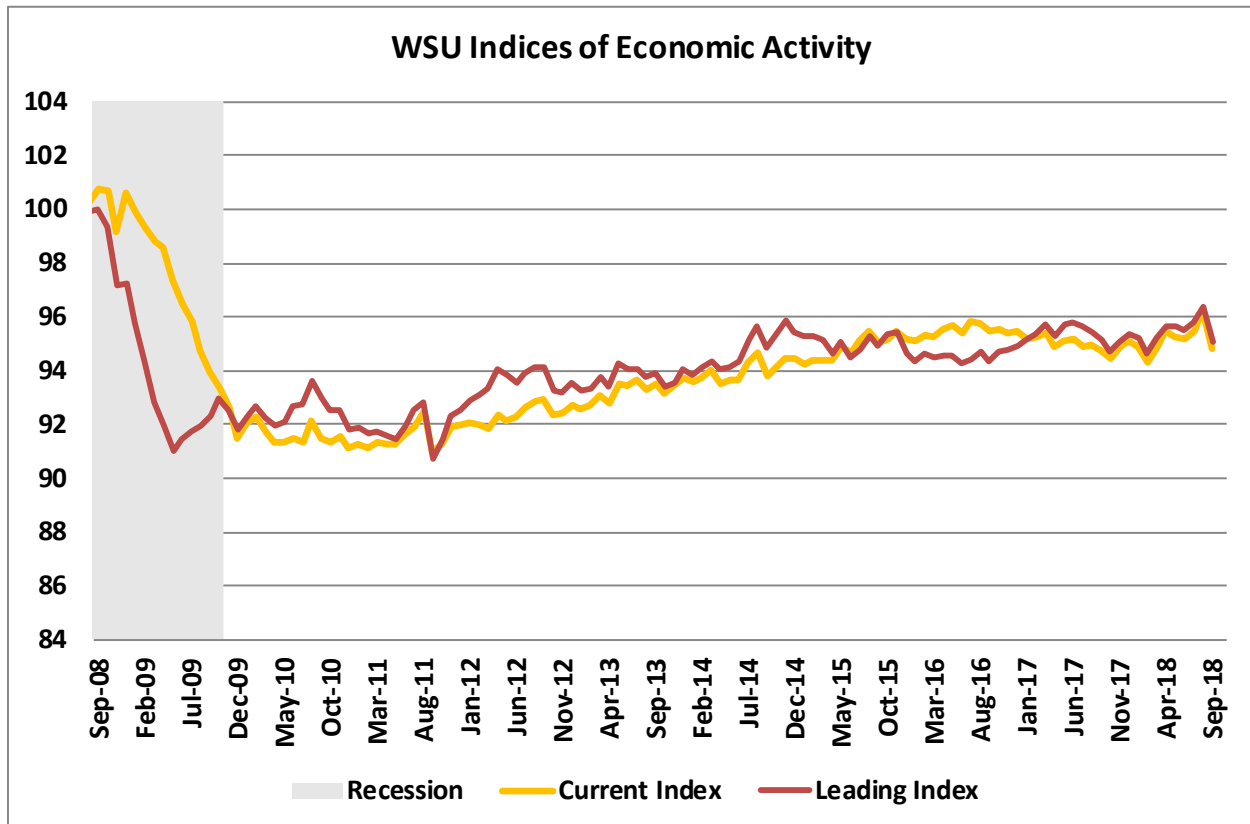


WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

September 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 increased slightly in September 2018. The current level of economic activity is above the 2018 level. There was a decrease in total employment, while the unemployment rate declined. Hours of production employees increased, and weekly earnings of production employees increased.

WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	96.6	96.3	▲ 0.3%	▲ 1.6%
Index Components - Wichita MSA				
Total Non-farm Employment	298,900	299,200	▼ -0.1%	▲ 1.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.4%	▼ -0.1%	▼ -0.6%
Hours of Production Employees*	43.2	40.9	▲ 5.6%	▲ 0.2%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$818.62	\$795.36	▲ 2.9%	▲ 5.0%

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 increased in September from current levels, predicting an increase in economic activity over the next six months.

WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	97.2	97.0	▲ 0.3%	▲ 2.0%
Predicted change*	▲ 0.61	▲ 0.69	-	-
Index Components				
Aircraft Production Index	99.2	97.5	▲ 1.7%	▲ 0.3%
Kansas Leading Index	2.0	2.7	▼ -0.7%	▲ 0.3%
National Industrial Production Index	108.5	108.2	▲ 0.3%	▲ 5.1%
International Leading Index	99.5	99.6	▼ -0.1%	▼ -0.8%

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