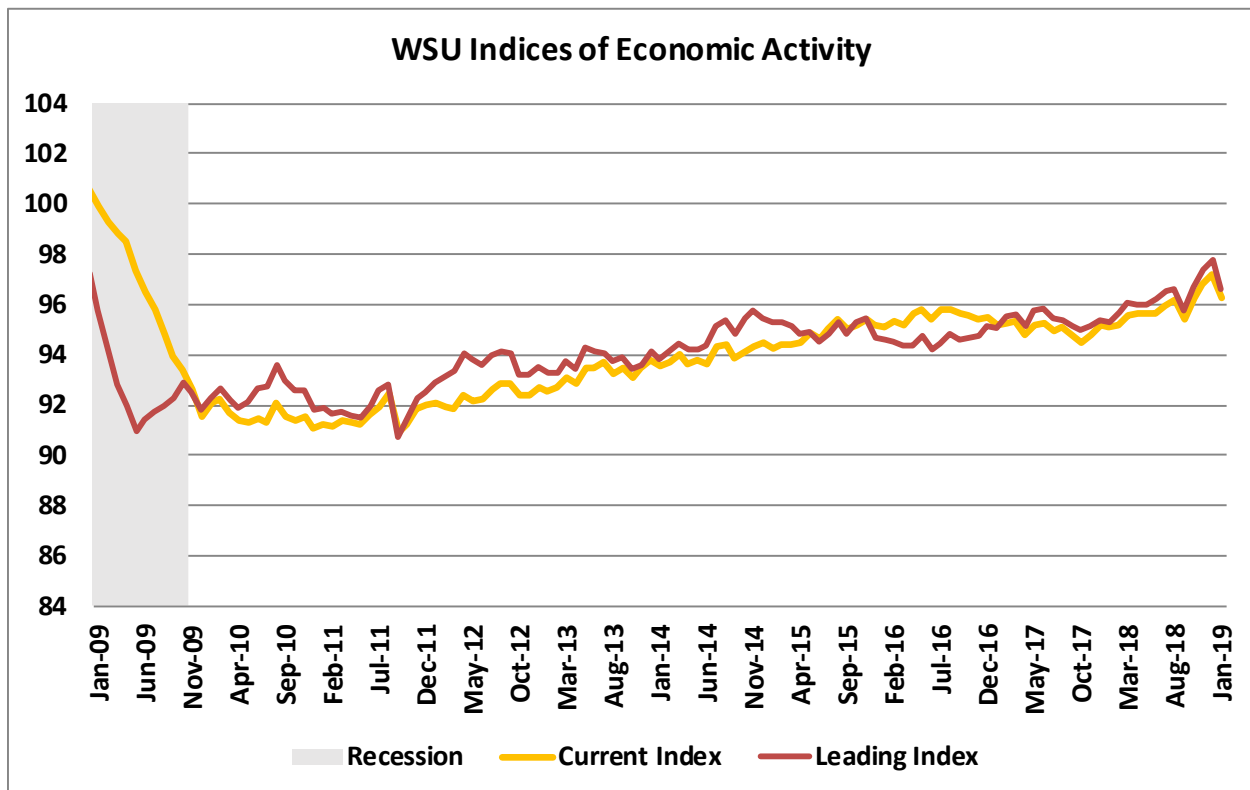


WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

January 2019

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 January 2019. The current level of economic activity is above the 2018 level. There was an increase in total employment, while the unemployment rate also increased. Hours of production employees decreased, and weekly earnings of production employees decreased.

WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	Jan-19	Dec-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	96.6	96.4	▲ 0.2%	▲ 0.9%
Index Components - Wichita MSA				
Total Non-farm Employment	301,600	301,200	▲ 0.1%	▲ 2.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	▬ 0.0%	▲ 0.3%
Hours of Production Employees*	41	40.9	▲ 0.2%	▼ -9.1%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$748.82	\$738.12	▲ 1.4%	▼ -5.3%

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 decreased from current levels, predicting a decrease in economic activity over the next six months.

WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	Jan-19	Dec-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	96.7	96.9	▼ -0.2%	▲ 0.8%
Predicted change*	▲ 0.14	▲ 0.52	-	-
Index Components				
Aircraft Production Index	104.1	103.0	▲ 1.1%	▲ 6.8%
Kansas Leading Index	-0.6	0.6	▼ -1.2%	▼ -2.4%
National Industrial Production Index	110.4	110.5	▼ -0.1%	▲ 3.9%
International Leading Index	99.1	99.2	▼ -0.1%	▼ -1.4%

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