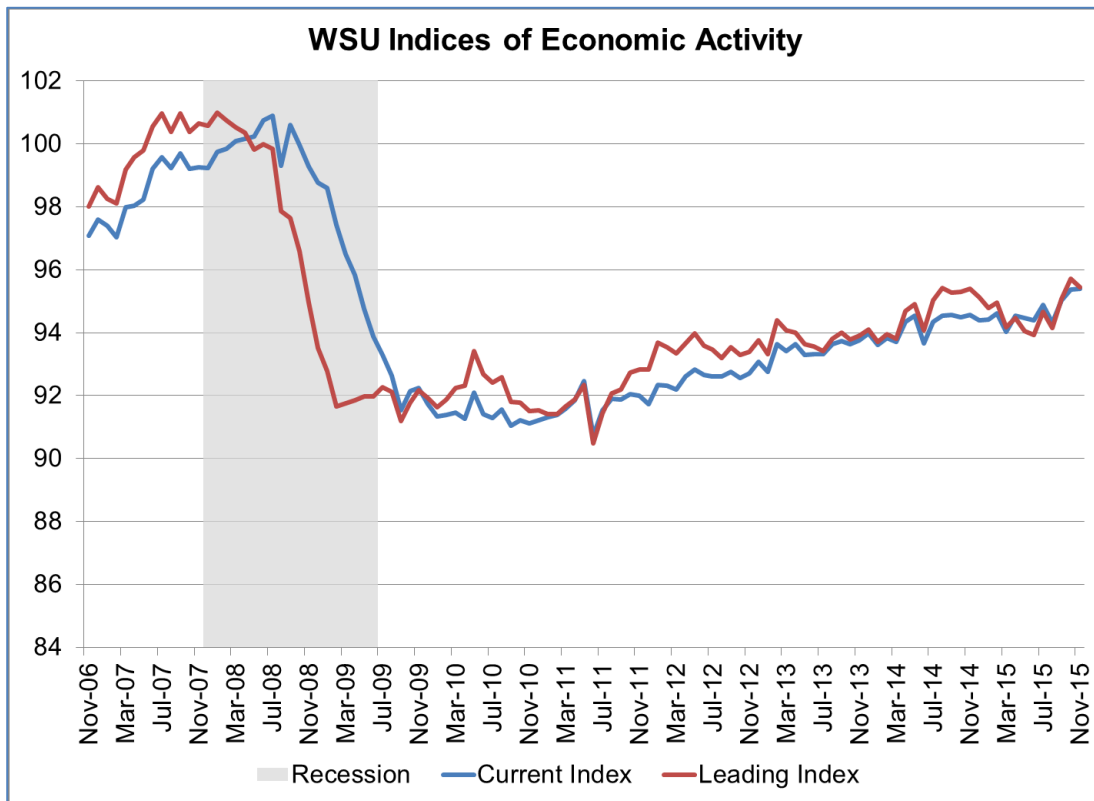


## WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

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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 was unchanged between October and November, after gradual improvements through the fall. This kept the current level of economic activity above the 2014 level. There were slight decreases in employment and the hours and earnings of production employees. These decreases were completely offset by the improvement in the unemployment rate.

### WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	Nov-15	Oct-15	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	95.4	95.4	0.0%	0.8%
<b>Index Components - Wichita MSA</b>				
Total Non-farm Employment	296,500	297,000	-0.2%	0.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.9%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Hours of Production Employees*	43.7	43.8	-0.2%	0.9%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$769.40	\$770.61	-0.2%	-2.2%

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

\*Manufacturing Weekly Average

## WSU Leading Index of Economic Activity

The leading index declined somewhat between October and November, after strong improvements through the fall. Even with the recent decline, the leading index continues to indicate there will be a slight improvement in economic activity in the spring. This recent deterioration is attributable to slight decreases in three of the four index components.

### WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	Nov-15	Oct-15	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	95.4	95.7	-0.3%	0.0%
Predicted change*	0.06	0.34	-	-
<b>Index Components</b>				
Aircraft Production Index	102.8	103.6	-0.8%	-1.6%
Kansas Leading Index	2.1	2.9	-27.6%	75.0%
National Industrial Production Index	106.5	107.1	-0.6%	-1.2%
International Leading Index	99.8	99.8	0.0%	-0.6%

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), data compiled by CEDBR

\*Predicted change in the level of economic activity over the next six months from the current level of economic activity

Data can be accessed directly at [index.cedbr.org](http://index.cedbr.org)