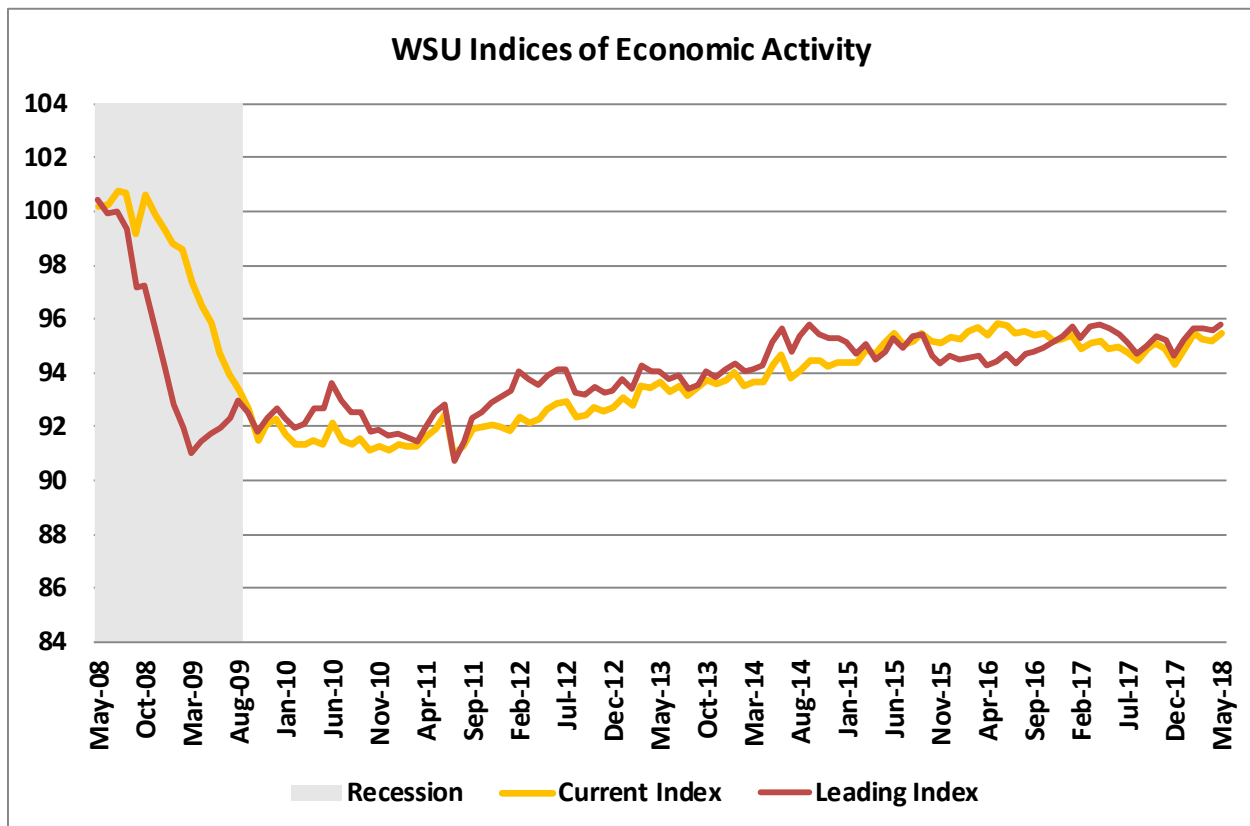


## WSU Wichita Metropolitan Area Indices

May 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 May 2018 after staying flat in April 2018. The current level of economic activity is above the 2017 level. There was an increase in total employment, while the unemployment rate declined. Hours of production employees, and weekly earnings of production employees both decreased.

### WSU Wichita Current Conditions Index

	May-18	Apr-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Current Conditions Index	95.8	95.5	▲ 0.3%	▲ 0.8%
<b>Index Components - Wichita MSA</b>				
Total Non-farm Employment	297,000	295,500	▲ 0.5%	▲ 0.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.9%	▼ -0.4%	▼ -0.5%
Hours of Production Employees*	43.1	44.5	▼ -3.1%	▼ -3.6%
Earnings of Production Employees*	\$763.03	\$799.01	▼ -4.5%	▼ -1.3%

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 increased in May 2018 from current levels, continuing a trend of small or no changes in 2018.

### WSU Wichita Leading Conditions Index

	May-18	Apr-18	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Leading Conditions Index	96.1	95.8	▲ 0.3%	▲ 0.7%
Predicted change*	▲ 0.32	▲ 0.35	-	-
<b>Index Components</b>				
Aircraft Production Index	99.2	98.0	▲ 1.2%	▼ -1.8%
Kansas Leading Index	2.2	2.2	▬ 0.0%	▲ 1.0%
National Industrial Production Index	107.3	107.4	▼ -0.1%	▲ 3.5%
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)