

ICEI[®] BUSINESS CONFIDENCE INDEX INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

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Lack of confidence hits highest number of industrial sectors since June 2020

In January 2025, industry confidence fell in 24 of the 29 industrial sectors considered, in all regions of Brazil and in all company sizes (small, medium, and large).

With the worsening of confidence, industries in the North, Central-West regions and seven industrial sectors shifted from confidence to lack of confidence between December 2024 and January 2025. Thus, in January 2025, lack of confidence affects 23 industrial sectors, the highest number since June 2020.



ICEI by Industry Sectors

In December, industry confidence fell in 24 of the 29 industrial sectors considered and increased in the remaining five sectors. With the drop in confidence, seven industry sectors shifted from confidence to lack of confidence between December 2024 and January 2025. Only one sector made the opposite transition, from lack of confidence to confidence: miscellaneous products.

Thus, between December 2024 and January 2025, the number of confident sectors fell from 11 to 5 and the number of sectors with lack of confidence grew from 17 to 23, the highest number of sectors without confidence since June 2020.

+ Most confident sectors

	Pharmacochemicals and Pharmaceuticals	53.8
	Beverages	50.9
	Mining of non-metal ores	50.7
	Other manufacturing	50.4

- Least confident sectors

	Wood	43.9
	Non-metallic mineral products	44.0
	Wearing apparel	45.2
	Footwear and parts	46.0

Note: The ICEI ranges from 0 to 100 points. A score above 50 points indicates business confidence. The further the score is above 50 points, the greater and more widespread the confidence is. A score below 50 points indicates a lack of business confidence. The further the score is below 50 points, the greater and more widespread the lack of confidence is.

SECTORS	Jan-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Mining and Quarrying	57.6	53.9	52.4
Construction Industry	55.5	51.0	49.6
Manufacturing Industry	53.1	50.3	48.5

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Industry Sectors

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Mining and Quarrying	57.6	53.9	52.4
Mining of non-metal ores	53.3	52.1	50.7
Construction Industry	55.5	51.0	49.6
Construction of buildings	55.7	50.8	49.5
Infrastructure construction	54.0	51.5	48.3
Specialized services for the construction	53.1	49.2	46.1
Manufacturing Industry	53.1	50.3	48.5
Food	53.5	51.5	49.4
Beverages	55.9	55.0	50.9
Textiles	53.0	47.6	50.0
Wearing apparel	53.5	47.9	45.2
Leather	47.6	49.9	48.7
Footwear and parts	52.0	49.4	46.0
Wood	47.3	45.6	43.9
Pulp and Paper	53.6	48.9	47.9
Printing and reproduction	54.9	53.0	48.6
Biofuel	48.0	49.5	49.9
Chemicals (except Perfumery, cleaning, etc.)	52.6	50.0	48.8
Perfumery, cleaning, and personal hygiene	56.5	48.1	48.4
Pharmacochemicals and Pharmaceuticals	61.3	57.3	53.8
Rubber	44.3	44.3	47.6
Plastic products	52.5	49.5	47.8
Non-metallic mineral products	44.9	47.6	44.0
Basic metals	52.7	48.4	46.7
Metal Products	52.5	49.5	46.2
Computers, electronics and opticals	48.8	52.0	47.3
Electrical equipment	52.6	52.8	50.2
Machinery and equipment	53.4	48.9	47.3
Motor vehicles	53.6	50.8	46.9
Furniture	50.1	50.8	49.1
Other manufacturing	55.7	49.7	50.4
Repair and installation	55.8	49.8	49.1

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ICEI by company size

The ICEI fell in all company sizes, especially in small companies (-2.8 points), followed by medium (-1.6 point) and large (-1.4 point).

With the drop, large industrial companies stopped registering confidence and now show neutrality. Meanwhile, small and medium-sized companies registered a deepening of the lack of confidence.

PORTE	Jan-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Pequenas empresas	51.2	49.6	46.8
Médias empresas	52.4	49.8	48.2
Grandes empresas	55.4	51.4	50.0

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ICEI by Geographic Region

In January 2025, industrial business confidence fell in all regions of Brazil. The biggest drop occurred among the industries in the North (-3.3 points), followed by those in the Central-West (-2.9 points), South (-2.1 points), Southeast (-1.7 point), and Northeast (-0.5 point).

The ICEI of the North and Central-West regions fell below the dividing line of 50 points, marking a transition from confidence to lack of confidence between December 2024 and January 2025. Thus, in January 2025, with the exception of the industries in the Northeast region of Brazil, the industries in the other regions register a lack of confidence.

REGIÃO GEOGRÁFICA	Jan-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Região Norte	54.8	52.2	48.9
Região Nordeste	58.7	53.8	53.3
Região Sudeste	52.6	48.7	47.0
Região Sul	50.2	49.8	47.7
Região Centro-Oeste	53.6	51.8	48.9

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Technical specifications

Sample profile

1,812 companies: 722 small, 661 medium and 429 large.

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