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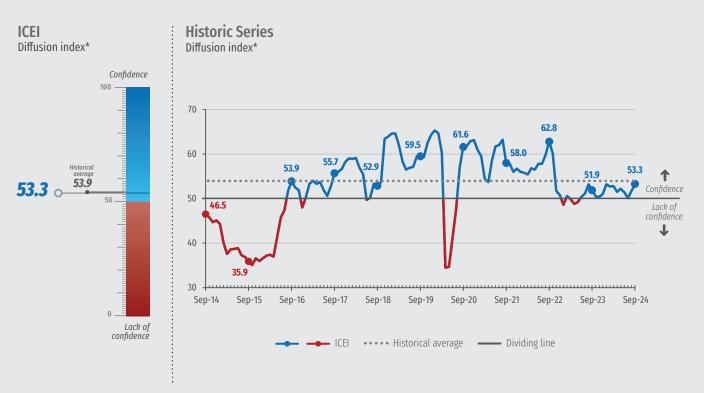


# Industrial confidence continues to recover in September

In September 2024, the Industrial Entrepreneur Confidence Index (ICEI) increased by 1.6 points, to 53.3 points.

This is the second consecutive month of industry confidence advancement. In July, the ICEI was at 50.1 points, very close to the dividing line. That is, in that month, entrepreneurs showed neither confidence nor lack of confidence. With two consecutive increases, the ICEI moves away from the dividing line and indicates stronger and more widespread confidence in the Brazilian industrial sector.

For the second consecutive month, all components that make up the ICEI showed growth. Also for the second consecutive month, the improvement in the evaluation of the Brazilian economy is the main responsible for the rise in confidence: both the evaluation of current conditions and the expectations of the Brazilian economy have become less negative.



\*The index ranges from 0 to 100. A score above 50 points indicates entrepreneurs' confidence. The further above 50 points, the greater and more widespread is the confidence. A score below 50 points indicates a lack of confidence among entrepreneurs. The further below 50 points, the greater and more widespread is the lack of confidence.

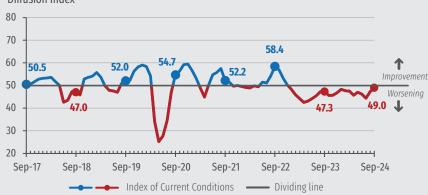
### **Components of the ICEI**

The current conditions index advanced 1.8 points, to 49.0 points, in September. By remaining below the 50-point dividing line, it still demonstrates a perception of worsening current conditions by industry entrepreneurs, but less intensely than in August. The current conditions index for the Brazilian economy, which advanced 3.8 points, to 44.4 points, stands out.

The expectations index, similarly, advanced 1.5 points, to 55.4 points in September. By rising above the 50-point dividing line, it indicates more optimism from industrial entrepreneurs regarding the next six months. In particular, the expectations index regarding the Brazilian economy advanced 2.9 points, to 49.1 points.

### Index of Current Conditions





\*The Index ranges from 0 to 100. A score above 50 indicates that conditions are better than in the last six months and a score below 50 indicate that conditions are worse.



\*The Index ranges from 0 to 100. A score above 50 points indicates positive expectations. A score above 50 indicates a pessimistic expectation.

#### ICEI and its components

Diffusion indices\*

|   | SEP 23 | AUG 24 | <b>SEP 24</b> |
|---|--------|--------|---------------|
| ICEI  | 51.9   | 51.7   | 53.3          |
| Current conditions (compared to the last six months): | 47.3   | 47.2   | 49.0          |
| Brazilian economy                                     | 42.4   | 40.6   | 44.4          |
| Company   | 49.7   | 50.4   | 51.3          |
| Expectations (for the next six months):               | 54.2   | 53.9   | 55.4          |
| Brazilian economy                                     | 48.2   | 46.2   | 49.1          |
| Company   | 57.2   | 57.8   | 58.5          |

\*Indices range from 0 to 100. A score above 50 points indicates confident entrepreneurs, improved current conditions, or optimistic expectations. A score below 50 indicates entrepreneurs' lack of confidence, worsening current conditions, or pessimistic expectations.

## O Technical specifications

#### Sample profile

1,207 companies: 488 small, 441 medium and 278 large.

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