



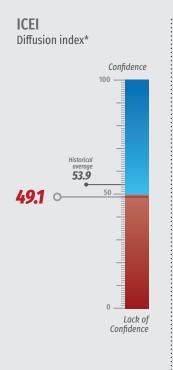


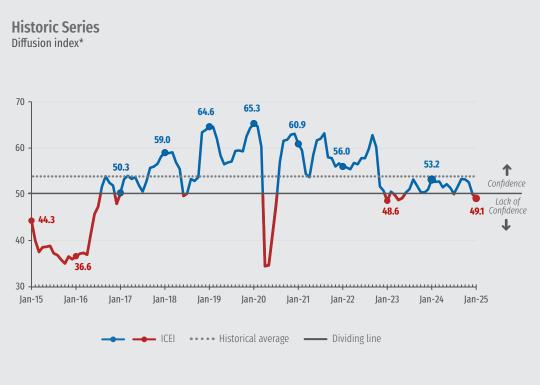


# **Industry starts 2025 with pessimism**

In January 2025, the Industrial Entrepreneur Confidence Index (ICEI) fell 1.0 point, from 50.1 points to 49.1 points. This is the fourth consecutive decline in the index, which has accumulated a 4.2 point drop since September 2024.

The drop was enough for the ICEI to cross below the 50-point dividing line, thus marking a transition from a neutral state to a state of lack of confidence in the Brazilian industrial sector, between December 2024 and January 2025.





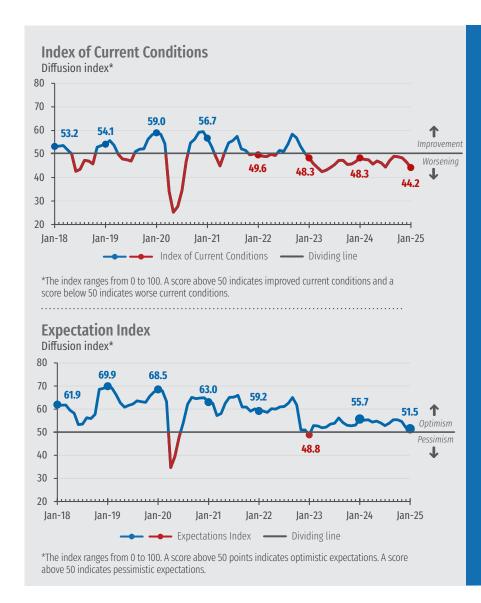
<sup>\*</sup>The index ranges from 0 to 100. A score above 50 points indicates entrepreneurs' confidence. The further above 50 points, the greater and more widespread is the confidence. A score below 50 points indicates a lack of confidence among entrepreneurs. The further below 50 points, the greater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

## **Components of the ICEI**

All components of the ICEI declined in January, especially the assessment of current conditions of companies and the Brazilian economy.

The current conditions index fell 2.3 points, to 44.2 points. Business owners' assessment is that the current conditions of the Brazilian economy and their own companies have become more negative compared to the previous six months.

The expectations index fell 0.4 points, to 51.5 points. Expectations for the next six months of the Brazilian economy have become more negative, while business owners' optimism about the next six months of their companies has decreased.



## **ICEI** and its components

Diffusion indices\*

	JAN 24	<b>DEC 24</b>	JAN 25
ICEI	53.2	50.1	49.1
Current conditions (compared to the last six months):	48.3	46.5	44.2
Brazilian economy	44.6	39.4	36.6
Company	50.2	50.0	47.9
Expectations (for the next six months):	55.7	51.9	51.5
Brazilian economy	50.1	43.3	42.5
Company	58.5	56.2	56.0

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



## **Technical specifications**

#### Sample profile

1,232 companies: 469 small, 459 medium and 304 large.

#### Collection period

7 to 13 January 2025.

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