







Business confidence remains high

The Business Confidence Index (ICEI) edged up by 1.2 points in August 2021, reaching 63.2 points. This is the fourth consecutive month of improvement in business confidence, with an accumulated growth of 9.5 points in the period. The ICEI in August is the highest in 2021 so far.

As it is above the 50-point dividing line which separates confidence from lack of confidence, the index indicates confidence among industrial entrepreneurs. This marks the 13th consecutive month in which entrepreneurs show confidence. Moreover, in August the ICEI is further away from the 50-point dividing line, which shows greater and more widespread optimism in the industry.



*The index ranges from 0 to 100 points. Figures above 50 points indicate business confidence. The further above 50 points, the greater and more widespread is the confidence. Figures below 50 points indicate lack of business confidence. The further below 50 points, the greater and more widespread is the lack of confidence.

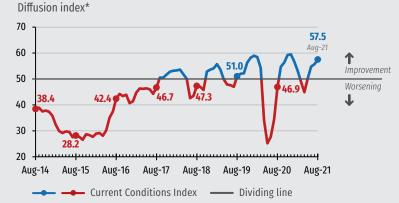
ICEI components

All components of the business confidence index increased in August 2021.

It should be noted the increase in the Current Conditions Index, whose growth indicates a more positive perception of the current conditions of the Brazilian economy and of the companies. The index grew 1.8 points to 57.5 points, thus moving away from the 50-point dividing line that separates a negative perception from a positive perception of current conditions.

The Expectations Index, which was already at a high level, grew 0.8 points and reached 66.0 points, indicating even more optimism of the industry for the next six months.

Current Conditions Index



*The index ranges from 0 to 100. Figures above 50 points indicate a better situation than the last six months. Figures below 50 points indicate a worse situation.

Expectations Index

Diffusion index*



*The index ranges from 0 to 100 points. Figures above 50 points indicate optimistic expectations. Figures below 50 points indicate pessimistic expectations.

ICEI and its components Diffusion indices*

	AUG 20	JUL 21	AUG 21
ICEI	57.0	62.0	63.2
Current conditions (compared to the last 6 months):	46.9	55.7	57.5
Brazilian Economy	41.3	54.4	56.2
Own company	49.7	56.4	58.1
Expectations (for the next 6 months):	62.1	65.2	66.0
Brazilian Economy	57.4	62.4	63.1
Own company	64.5	66.6	67.5

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Technical specifications

Sample profile

1,477 enterprises, including 580 small, 558 medium and 339 large companies.

Data collection period

August 2-6, 2021.

Document closed by August 10, 2021.



Learn more

For more information on the survey, including sectoral and regional results, previous editions, methodology and historical series, visit: www.cni.com.br/e_icei

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