

The Brazilian Institute of Economics (IBRE) of the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV) announces that from June 2012 edition the indicators of the Services Sector Survey will be released monthly also adjusted for seasonality.

The seasonal adjustment is obtained by filtering the seasonal component calculated using a model of structural decomposition of the survey series. For each item in the survey containing response options of a qualitative nature, the corresponding series will be adjusted to the extreme response options (good/bad situation). The intermediate option (normal/equal) will be obtained as the residue of adjusted extreme options, so that the three possible answers are equal to one hundred percent (100%).

The series of the Confidence Indices (SCI) of the Present Situation (PSI) and Expectations (EI) will not be adjusted directly from their original series, but as the arithmetic mean of the adjusted series of their components.

The adjusted figures will facilitate interpretation of results, but should be used with proviso since the survey began in June 2008 and the series of each item therefore counts on 49 comments by June 2012. The seasonal adjustment factors for the remaining months of the current year will be kept fixed.

In the view of the Brazilian Institute of Economics, this step will lead to the improvement in the Service Sector Survey, facilitating the use of these indicators in monitoring the present situation and in anticipation of short-term trends in the economy.