Taiwan Business Indicators in April 2022

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In April 2022, the overall monitoring indicator continued to flash the “green” signal, the total score decreased 3 points to 28. The trend-adjusted leading index decreased for six consecutive months and the coincident index increased for eight consecutive months, the government will be closely monitoring the economic situation.

The Monitoring Indicators

* The total score in April 2022 was 28, flashing the “green” signal, which decreased 3 points from 31 last month.

Leading Indicators

* The trend-adjusted leading index decreased by 0.33% in April 2022 to 100.19, falling for six consecutive months.

Coincident Indicators

* The trend-adjusted coincident index increased by 0.09% in April 2022 to 102.34, rising for eight consecutive months.

Lagging Indicators

* The trend-adjusted lagging index increased by 0.40% in April 2022 to 104.28, rising for eighteen consecutive months.

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**Figure 1 Total Scores in the Past Year**



**Figure 2 Monitoring Indicators**

 **Table 1 Leading Indicators**

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| 　 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
| **Trend adjusted index** | 102.10 | 101.95 | 101.65 | 101.26 | 100.86 | 100.52 | 100.19 |
| Change from preceding month (%) | 0.09 | -0.15 | -0.30 | -0.38 | -0.39 | -0.34  | -0.33 |
| **Components1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diffusion Index of export orders2 | 100.76 | 100.57 | 100.31 | 100.00 | 99.64 | 99.25  | 98.85  |
| Real monetary aggregates M1B  | 100.43 | 100.31 | 100.17 | 100.00 | 99.80 | 99.57  | 99.32  |
| TAIEX average closing price  | 100.44 | 100.33 | 100.22 | 100.09 | 99.92 | 99.71  | 99.49  |
| Net accession rate of employees on payrolls of industry and services 3  | 100.52 | 100.66 | 100.68 | 100.63 | 100.60 | 100.58  | 100.55  |
| New housing construction started 4 | 98.90 | 99.10 | 99.39 | 99.86 | 100.55 | 101.49  | 102.53  |
| Real imports of semiconductor equipment  | 100.59 | 100.51 | 100.34 | 100.09 | 99.81 | 99.54  | 99.29  |
| The TIER manufacturing sector composite indicator  | 100.32 | 100.19 | 100.04 | 99.80 | 99.45 | 99.03  | 98.56  |

Note：1. All components are passed through seasonal adjustment, trend-removal, smoothing and normalization.

2. Diffusion Index of export orders by number of firms.

3. Net accession rate is equal to accession rate minus separation rate.

4. Including only housing, mercantile, business and service, industry warehousing.

 2011.2(P) 2012.1(T)　　　　 2014.10(P) 2016.2(T)



 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

**Figure 3 Trend-adjusted Leading Index**

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions.

**Table 2 Coincident Indicators**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2021 | 2022 |
| Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
| **Trend adjusted index** | 100.97  | 101.26  | 101.58  | 101.90  | 102.15  | 102.25  | 102.34  |
| Change from preceding month (%) | 0.24  | 0.29  | 0.31  | 0.32  | 0.24  | 0.11  | 0.09  |
| **Components** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial production index | 100.55  | 100.41  | 100.30  | 100.20  | 100.07  | 99.88  | 99.70  |
| Electric power consumption  | 100.95  | 100.87  | 100.74  | 100.58  | 100.40  | 100.17  | 99.95  |
| Index of producer’s shipment for manufacturing  | 100.79  | 100.58  | 100.37  | 100.17  | 99.98  | 99.78  | 99.60  |
| Sales of trade and food services | 100.63  | 101.01  | 101.30  | 101.52  | 101.68  | 101.79  | 101.86  |
| Nonagricultural employment  | 99.08  | 99.38  | 99.62  | 99.78  | 99.85  | 99.876  | 99.882  |
| Real customs-cleared exports | 98.91  | 99.33  | 99.93  | 100.64  | 101.31  | 101.86  | 102.39  |
| Real machineries and electrical equipments imports  | 100.21  | 100.13  | 100.13  | 100.19  | 100.30  | 100.45  | 100.62  |

2011.2(P) 2012.1(T) 2014.10(P) 2016.2(T)



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**Figure 4 Trend-adjusted Coincident Index**

**Table 3 Lagging Indicators**

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|  | 2021 | 2022 |
| Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
| **Trend adjusted index** | 101.84  | 102.43  | 102.85  | 103.15  | 103.45  | 103.86  | 104.28  |
| Change from preceding month (%) | 0.78  | 0.58  | 0.41  | 0.29  | 0.29  | 0.40  | 0.40  |
| **Components** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployment rate  | 99.71  | 100.20  | 100.58  | 100.85  | 101.03  | 101.17  | 101.29  |
| The manufacturing unit output labor cost index | 100.10  | 100.10  | 100.06  | 100.02  | 100.06  | 100.25  | 100.44  |
| Interbank overnight call-loan rate | 99.98  | 99.99  | 100.00  | 100.03  | 100.07  | 100.12  | 100.18  |
| Loans and investments of financial institutions | 100.42  | 100.35  | 100.30  | 100.25  | 100.17  | 100.06  | 99.92  |
| Inventory value for manufacturing | 101.75  | 101.95  | 102.09  | 102.20  | 102.34  | 102.52  | 102.73  |

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**Figure 5 Trend-adjusted Lagging Index**