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Economics

Unit 6 – Economic Indicators & Goals

The Current Indexes of Economic Indicators

Assignment: Using information from the [Current Index of Economic Indicators](http://www.conference-board.org/press/index.cfm) <http://www.conference-board.org/press/index.cfm> , answer the following questions:

1. Using the table below, record the **change** in the Conference Board's Leading, Coincident, and Lagging Index of Indicators for the past 3 months. Indicate increases with a plus (+) or a minus (–) next to the rate of change to indicate an increase or decrease. You will need to read through the headlines and find the ones relevant to the U.S.

Index	Last Month	2 Months Ago	3 Months Ago
Index of Leading Economic Indicators			
Index of Coincident Economic Indicators			
Index of Lagging Economic Indicators			

2. What is happening with the change in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators (staying the same, getting better, getting worse)?
3. What is happening with the change in the Index of Coincident Economic Indicators (staying the same, getting better, getting worse)?
4. What is happening with the change in the Index of Lagging Economic Indicators (staying the same, getting better, getting worse)?
5. Based on the Index of Leading Economic Indicators and the comments from the Conference Board, would you predict that the economy is getting better, worse, or staying the same? What specific comments does the Conference Board make concerning the future of the economy?