

# Economic Indicators

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## Overview

The objective of this module is to acquaint the participants with the various economic indicators and its effect on the economy.

## Learning Outcome Statements

- Collect relevant authentic information related to economic indicators
- Interpret indicator levels
- Form an economic outlook based on the changes and current level of indicators
- Use indicators for corporate credit assessment
- Predict or form an opinion on predictions on the direction of the economy and its components
- Apply the economic data for professional needs

## Key Contents

### Introduction

- Define Economic Indicators
- Leading indicators
- Lagging indicators
- Coincident indicators
- Interpretation of changes in indicator levels
- Importance of monitoring Economic Indicators
- Locating economic indicators on the Internet

### Understanding Influential Economic Indicators

- Housing industry (new and existing home sales, housing starts, and other industry reports)
- Consumer Price Inflation (CPI)
- Producer Price Inflation (PPI)
- Consumer Confidence Surveys
- Employment Report
- Unemployment Benefits Claims
- Personal Spending
- Personal Income
- Retail Sales

### International Economic Indicators

- Regional trade practices
- Emerging markets
- Economic indicator and impact on corporates