



ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS SURVEY TO THE PANEL OF PRIVATE ANALYSTS - EEE (For its acronym in Spanish) -

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The *Economic Expectations Survey to the Private Panel of Analysts* is held monthly in order to obtain the opinion of national and international analysts, regarding the behavior of some of the macroeconomic variables in the country. Said survey is extremely useful, given the importance that the expectations of the economic agents have in the behavior of the economic activity of the country.

In the first part of this note, we present the inflation expectations and the annual and quarterly economic activity, held between the second and fourth week of August 2011.

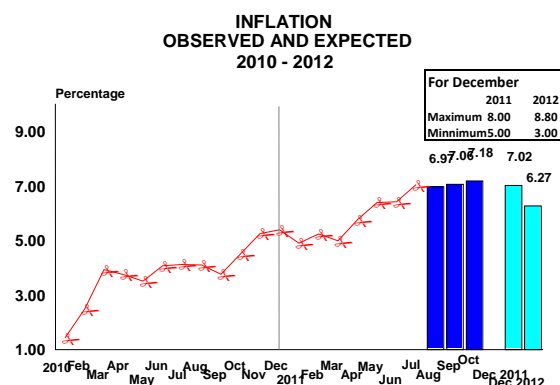
In the second part, the confidence index of the economic activity is presented, which was made based on the referred survey.

I. INFLATION EXPECTATIONS AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

1. INFLATION

The Economic analysts surveyed foresee a y-o-y inflation of 6.97% for August 2011 with a maximum value of 7.73% and a minimum of 6.00%; while for September 2011, they estimate that it will reach 7.06%. For December 2011, the analysts forecast an average inflation of 7.02%, registering a maximum value of 8.00% and a minimum of 5.00%. For December 2012, they consider it could reach 6.27%, with a maximum value of 8.80% and a minimum value of 3.00%.

On the other hand, the economic analysts estimated that for August 2012, inflation would be at 6.33%; while for August 2013, this could be at 5.95%.



Source: Banco de Guatemala and Economic Expectations Survey to the Panel of Private Analysts (EEE).

For the end of 2011, the expected y-o-y inflation increased by 0.24 percentage points (6.78% in the previous survey), whereas for December 2012 it decreased by 0.06 percentage points (6.33% in the previous survey).

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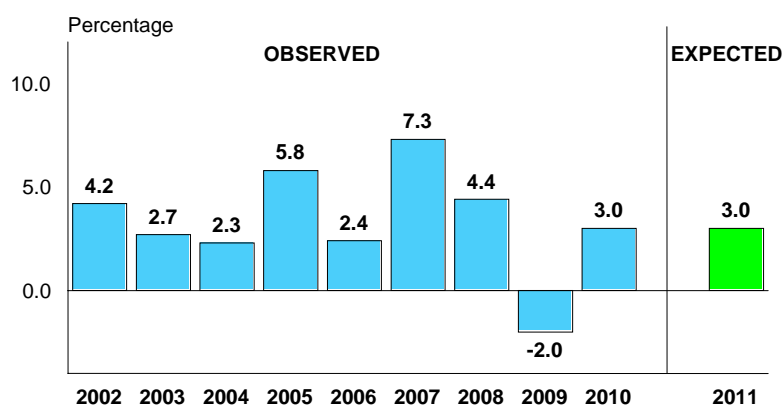
2.1 ANNUAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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2.2 QUARTERLY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

In August 2011, the private analysts estimated that the growth of the real quarterly GDP corresponding to the second quarter of 2011, registering a growth of 3.0%, equal to the forecasted in the July, 2011 survey.

**GROWTH OF THE REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF THE
SECOND QUARTER OBSERVED FROM 2002 TO 2010
AND EXPECTED FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2011
GROWTH RATE**



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II. CONFIDENCE INDEX OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FROM THE PANEL OF PRIVATE ANALYSTS

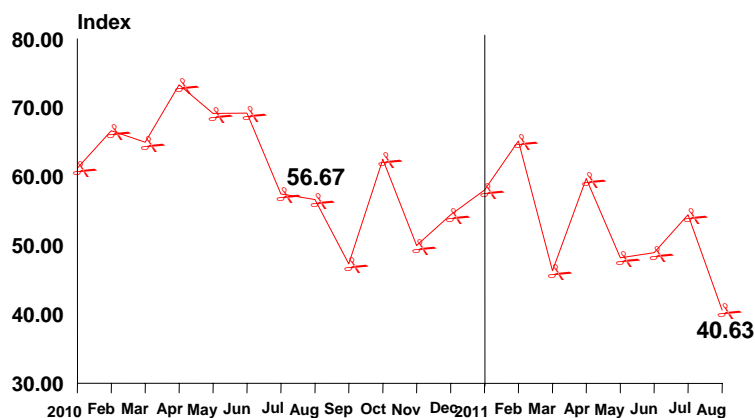
The Confidence Index of the Economic Activity from the Panel of Private Analysts has the purpose of measuring the perception on the current economic situation and the environment for business that the interviewed economic analysts have, which is compared with the prevailing index in the recent past. It also pursues obtaining an appreciation on the economic evolution of the country in the near future. For that purpose, the private analysts were asked a series of questions, which results are as follows:

INDICATORS ON THE CONFIDENCE LEVEL

Pregunta	2010							2011							
	Junio	Julio	Agosto	Septiembre	Octubre	Noviembre	Diciembre	Enero	Febrero	Marzo	Abril	Mayo	Junio	Julio	Agosto
8. ¿Cómo considera que evoluciona el clima de los negocios para las actividades productivas del sector privado en los próximos seis meses en comparación con los pasados seis meses?															
	Mejorará	53.8%	6.7%	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.4%	28.6%	21.4%	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%
	Igual	38.5%	73.3%	73.3%	78.6%	91.7%	75.0%	64.3%	35.7%	71.4%	70.6%	77.8%	78.6%	91.7%	78.6%
	Empeorará	7.7%	20.0%	20.0%	21.4%	8.3%	25.0%	14.3%	35.7%	7.2%	29.4%	0.0%	21.4%	8.3%	7.1%
9. ¿Considera usted que actualmente la economía del país está mejor que hace un año?															
	Sí	69.2%	80.0%	100.0%	71.4%	83.3%	75.0%	92.9%	100.0%	78.6%	82.4%	77.8%	85.7%	75.0%	85.7%
10. ¿Espere usted que la evolución económica del país mejore durante los próximos seis meses?															
	Sí	76.9%	53.3%	40.0%	35.7%	66.7%	41.7%	35.7%	35.7%	71.4%	29.4%	55.6%	28.6%	25.0%	28.6%
11. ¿Cómo considera que sea la coyuntura actual de las empresas en el país para efectuar inversiones?															
	Buen momento	30.8%	20.0%	6.7%	7.1%	8.3%	8.3%	7.1%	14.3%	28.6%	5.9%	0.0%	7.1%	8.3%	14.3%
	No está seguro	53.8%	66.7%	73.3%	71.4%	91.7%	75.0%	57.2%	71.4%	50.0%	64.7%	88.9%	64.3%	83.4%	71.4%
	Mal momento	15.4%	13.3%	20.0%	21.4%	0.0%	16.7%	35.7%	14.3%	21.4%	29.4%	11.1%	28.6%	8.3%	14.3%

In August 2011, the confidence index level of the economic activity¹ was at 40.63, index lower by 25.41%, regarding the registered in July 2011 (54.47) and lower by 28.30% regarding the observed in August 2010 (56.67).

CONFIDENCE INDEX OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY JANUARY 2010 TO AUGUST 2011



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¹ The index is made based on four questions. Their calculation is derived from considering sub-indexes for each question; same that result from the balance of answers that are obtained subtracting, for each question, the percentage of positive answers, the percentage of negatives and add a constant of 100, with the purpose of avoiding negative quantities. The sub-indexes obtained this way for each question are averaged and the trust index results from expressing said average value as a percentage of the maximum possible average.

**CONFIDENCE INDEX OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR
JANUARY 2010 - AUGUST 2011**

Month	Index	Percent change (%)		
		1-m-% change	Y-o-y % change	Accumulated
2010				
January	61.25	16.67	236.91	16.67
February	66.67	8.85	433.36	26.99
March	65.00	-2.50	333.33	23.81
April	73.34	12.83	433.38	39.70
May	69.17	-5.69	268.91	31.75
June	69.23	0.09	361.53	31.87
July	57.50	-16.94	199.17	9.52
August	56.67	-1.44	51.12	7.94
September	47.32	-16.50	72.07	-9.87
October	62.50	32.08	79.96	19.05
November	50.00	-20.00	33.33	-4.76
December	54.47	8.94	3.75	3.75
2011				
January	58.04	6.55	-5.24	6.55
February	65.18	12.30	-2.23	19.66
March	46.33	-28.92	-28.72	-14.94
April	59.73	28.92	-18.56	9.66
May	48.22	-19.27	-30.29	-11.47
June	48.96	1.53	-29.28	-10.12
July	54.47	11.25	-5.27	0.00
August	40.63	-25.41	-28.30	-25.41