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Deceleration trend in UK economic growth worsens after Brexit vote

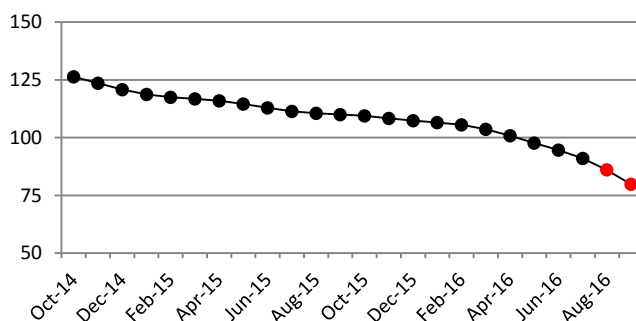
- The UK NCI™ is at 85.95 for August, down from 91.02 for July, and the September NCI™ is forecast at 79.81. Although the UK NCI™ has been falling steadily for over 2 years, the latest figures show an acceleration in the decline.
- This month's NCI™ incorporates data from a number of surveys conducted after the result of the Brexit referendum – notably the Services PMI and Consumer Confidence. The negative news in these data releases has caused the level as well as the trajectory of the NCI™ series to be revised downwards.

NCI™ release data

NCI™ Release Dates

reference period	08/07/2016	09/08/2016
Jul-16	93.82 (A)	91.02 (U)
Aug-16	93.07 (F)	85.95 (A)
Sep-16	--	79.81 (F)

Notes: (A), ACTUAL, denotes the estimate of economic activity for the current month; (F), FORECAST, the forecast for next month; (U) UPDATED, denotes updates reflecting data released since the last NCI publication date. Source: Now-Casting Economics Ltd

Revised NCI™ history**The newsflow: macroeconomic data releases since last month's NCI™**

Release Date	Release Name	Reference Period	Model Unit	Release Value*	Model Expectation	Impact of Data Releases	
						UK NCI™ July	UK NCI™ August
09/08/2016	Industrial Production Excl Construction	Jun-16	MoM %	0.00	-0.03	0.01	0.01
09/08/2016	Imports	Jun-16	MoM %	3.99	1.49	0.03	0.04
09/08/2016	Exports	Jun-16	MoM %	2.38	1.35	0.02	0.02
04/08/2016	New Passenger Car Registrations	Jul-16	YoY %	0.06	-3.69	0.10	0.12
02/08/2016	PMI: Construction	Jul-16	Index	45.94	45.34	0.18	0.36
28/07/2016	Economic Sentiment Indicator	Jul-16	Index	102.60	102.42	0.02	0.06
27/07/2016	Distributive Trades: Retail Sales Volume	Jul-16	Index	-14.00	-0.27	-0.45	-0.73
27/07/2016	Gross Domestic Product	Q2'16	QoQ %	0.60	0.19	0.37	0.36
24/07/2016	PMI: Services	Jul-16	Index	47.36	51.96	-1.36	-2.77
24/07/2016	PMI: Manufacturing	Jul-16	Index	49.08	51.43	-0.58	-1.34
21/07/2016	Retail Sales	Jun-16	MoM %	-0.88	-0.10	-0.19	-0.22
20/07/2016	Claimant Count Rate	Jun-16	Rate %	2.20	2.22	0.39	0.45
14/07/2016	Ratio of House Sales to Unsold Stock	Jun-16	Index	39.30	40.50	-0.20	-0.28
08/07/2016	Consumer Confidence	Jul-16	Index	-9.00	-2.71	-0.73	-2.26
						-2.39	-6.18

Note: Released values are expressed in Model Units

Source: Now-Casting Economics Ltd and Official Data Sources



UK NCI™

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Notes

What is the NCI™? The Now-Casting Index - NCI™ - is an index that measures the state of the business cycle. It is calculated from a broad set of economic indicators.

How to read the NCI™? The NCI™ is normalized to have a mean value of 100 and a standard deviation of 25 calculated over the estimation sample, which starts in 1995. Values above 100 indicate that real activity is growing above the mean.

NCI™ updates The NCI™ is updated in relation to surprises in data releases (*news*) computed as the difference between the release value and model-based now-cast for each input indicator. The weights attached to each *news* are also model-based.

Impact of data releases The impact of each data release on the NCI™ is the product of the economic *news* associated with that release and a model-based weight which reflects the importance of each variable and is a function of its timeliness. 'News' is defined in this context as the difference between the actual value of a release and the model's expectation of that value.

Impact of revisions The difference between the value of the NCI™ released today and the forecast of it made a month ago may be more or less than the total impact of all the releases listed in the table on page 1, because of the impact of any revisions to prior data releases made during this period.

Source of data The Now-Casting Index for the UK is produced by Now-Casting Economics Limited and is based on a model built on monthly and quarterly economic indicators covering production, labour, construction, domestic and international trade, services and surveys. Raw data are supplied by Haver Analytics. Now-Casting Economics releases the UK NCI™ monthly for the current month together with a forecast for the next month and updates to the previous release. Forecast updates are based on data released since the last NCI™ publication. The model is estimated in real-time at each data release; now-casts of GDP and other macroeconomic series are published live within 30 minutes of the data release.

Now-Casting model The NCI™ is an output of the Now-Casting model, which is designed to capture commonalities among macroeconomic data while filtering out idiosyncratic noise. The model produces estimates of the real economic conditions in different countries in real time, taking into account non-synchronous data sampled at mixed frequency. The NCI™ and its revisions are produced automatically, without judgment or other intervention. The deep parameters of Now-Casting model are estimated at the beginning of every year; the NCI™ is the result of a pure out-of-sample forecast. Normalization is updated at the beginning of every year in concomitance with updates of deep parameters.

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