

# Timely Indicator of Economic Activity – Slight moderation through the end of 3Q22

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- Today, INEGI released its *Timely Indicator of Economic Activity (IOAE, in Spanish)* for September, as well as revised estimates for August
- August’s estimate was revised up relative to the preliminary figure, now at 0.1% m/m, (3.2% y/y sa) on marginally stronger dynamism in industry, but with services flat
- September is expected at 0.0% m/m (3.3% y/y sa). The deceleration would be consistent with some prevailing risks –particularly for services–, albeit with some favorable signs for factory production
- Using available data along these estimates, GDP in 3Q22 would have grown around 0.6% q/q (+3.0% y/y). This is consistent with our current forecast, and would be positive considering accumulated progress in the first half of the year

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**Activity kept growing in 3Q22.** INEGI released its *Timely Indicator of Economic Activity (IOAE in Spanish)* for August and September. Using [July’s GDP-proxy \(IGAE\)](#) along these estimates, GDP in the third quarter would have expanded close to 0.6% q/q (+3.0% y/y). Although this is lower than the 1.1% and 0.9% seen in 1Q22 and 2Q22, respectively, we believe the result is favorable on: (1) The progress already accumulated in the first half of the year; and (2) more headwinds in the period, including higher inflationary pressures, an acceleration in monetary tightening, and fears over a US recession. This, in a context in which supply chain disruptions continue, despite improving at the margin. Nevertheless, we think that strength in fundamentals (*e.g.* employment and remittances) remain key to support dynamism.

**Improvement in August’s figures...** The revised print came in at +3.2% y/y (range: 2.0% to 4.4%), 30bps higher than the previous estimate (sa). In sequential terms, this implies +0.1% m/m (previous: 0.0%). [Industry was unchanged](#) at 0.0% m/m, highlighting resiliency in manufacturing, while services were not revised, also at 0.0%. Therefore –and based on our calculations–, activity in the month would have grown 4.1% y/y (nsa).

**...with a moderation in September.** The estimate stands at +3.3% y/y (range: 2.0% to 4.6%), which translates into 0.0% m/m. Inside, industry would stay flat –in our view, likely supported by manufacturing–, while services would moderate to -0.1% –consistent with early data from other timely indicators, such as [IMEF’s non-manufacturing PMI](#) and ANTAD sales. Therefore, we estimate +3.1% y/y in the period (nsa).

This indicator is an effort by INEGI to forecast the monthly GDP-proxy IGAE five weeks in advance, which is very valuable. It is constructed through *nowcasting* methods, based on econometric models –which in turn rely on forward-looking high-frequency data to anticipate economic activity–. By construction, INEGI publishes confidence intervals for these estimates; nevertheless, we focus only in the midpoint of these ranges.

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Timely Indicator of Economic Activity  
Seasonally adjusted figures unless stated otherwise

	IGAE (GDP-proxy)			Industrial production			Services		
	% y/y (nsa)	% y/y	% m/m	% y/y (nsa)	% y/y	% m/m	% y/y (nsa)	% y/y	% m/m
July	1.3*	2.2*	0.4*	2.6*	3.5*	0.4*	0.8*	1.7*	0.4*
August	4.1	3.2	0.1	3.9*	3.0*	0.0*	4.0	3.1	0.0
September	3.1	3.3	0.0	3.6	4.1	0.0	3.0	3.1	-0.1

\*Note: Actual data: for actual data for industrial production, figures are taken from the last report from the sector and not from the available IGAE figures  
Source: INEGI and Banorte

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