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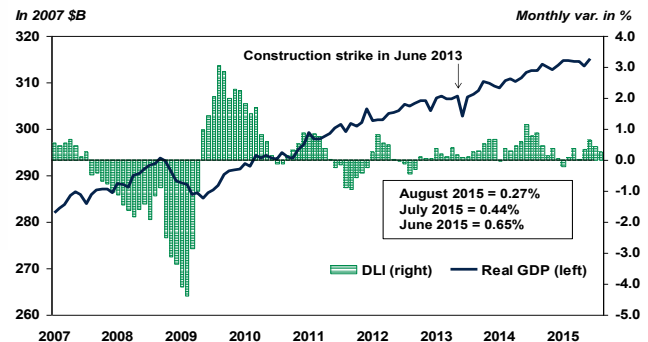
The DLI advances by 0.3% in August

The Desjardins Leading Index maintained its upward trend for a fourth straight month in August, offering hope that Quebec's economic growth will be a little more solid in the months to come.

- **Consumers component:** It posted sluggish growth in August after the July pullback. Despite good employment data, the consumer confidence index is struggling to stay close to its historical average, and retail sales are lacklustre, largely due to gasoline prices.
- **Housing component:** Meagre growth in August, after the strong advances recorded in the two previous months. Housing activity should therefore keep expanding in the months ahead. However, since the resale market is still in a surplus position, the average selling price will continue to rise only modestly.
- **Business component:** It stabilized in August after a slight upturn in June and July. This component should firm up thanks to improvement in the international trade sector, which will benefit from the loonie's depreciation and the remarkable rebound in the U.S. economy, which is getting back on track after a disappointing first quarter.

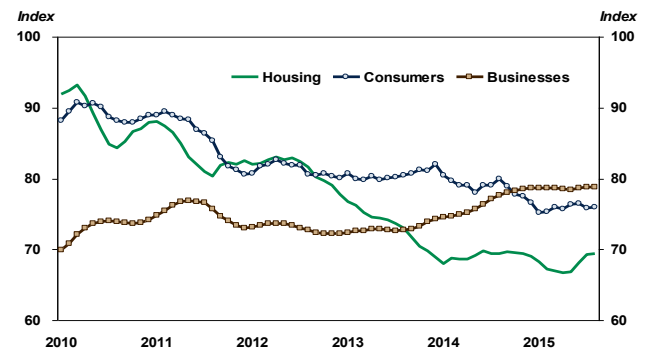
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Growth of the Desjardins Leading Index (DLI)



Sources: Institut de la statistique du Québec and Desjardins, Economic Studies

Growth of the three DLI components



Source: Desjardins, Economic Studies

Trends in the components

Monthly var. in %	June	July	August
DLI	0.65	0.44	0.27
Consumers	0.20	-0.76	0.14
Housing	1.79	1.69	0.25
Businesses	0.26	0.22	-0.03

Source: Desjardins, Economic Studies

A composite index that allows market players to monitor shifts in Quebec's economy that may indicate an imminent recession or recovery.

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