April 2021: The overall index increased significantly in March 2021 based on data available through the end of April 2021. All indicators moved in a positive direction, except for King County Residential Permits.

Direction of Individual Components:

Positive: Consumer Sentiment (US), Yield Spread (US), Purchasing Manager’s Index (US*), New Business Incorporation (WA), Initial Unemployment Claims (KC), Durable Goods (KC), Help Wanted Ads (KC)

Negative: Residential Permits (KC)

*The Northwest Purchasing Managers Index data is temporarily unavailable. The National index will substitute until data collection of the Northwest index resumes.