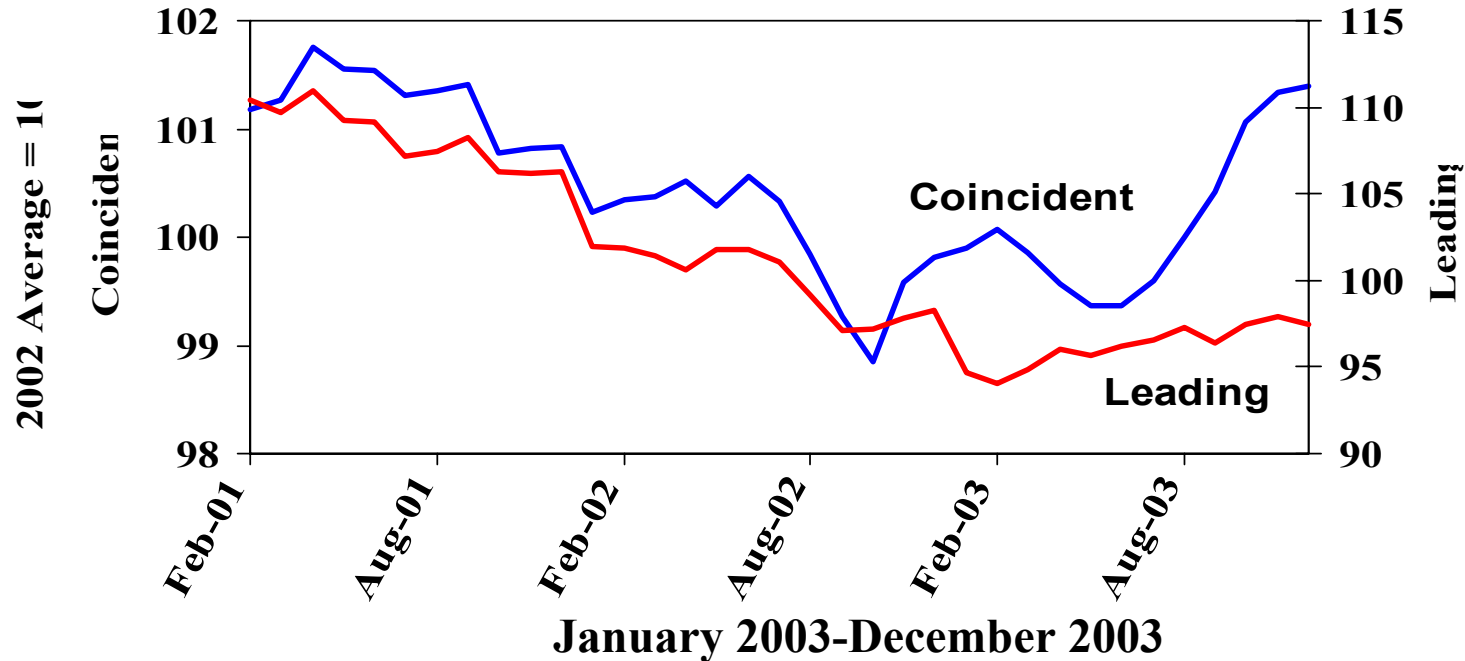


# The Richmond-Petersburg MSA Leading Index Increased in 7 of the Last 10 Months. This, Along with the Recent Strength of the Coincident Index, Suggests Further Economic Growth in the Area.



January 2003-December 2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Leading Index</b>	94.7	94.0	94.9	96.1	95.7	96.2	96.6	97.3	96.4	97.5	98.0	97.5
<b>Percentage Change</b>	-3.7	-0.7	0.9	1.3	-0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	-0.9	1.2	0.5	-0.5
<b>Coincident Index</b>	99.9	100.1	99.9	99.6	99.4	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.4	101.1	101.3	101.4
<b>Percentage Change</b>	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.1

Source: Virginia Center for Urban Development

