

# **Monex Economic Forecasts 2025**

- This report presents our main macroeconomic forecasts for 2025: GDP, exchange rate, inflation and reference rate.
- For 2025, we forecast GDP growth of 0.34% YoY, inflation of 3.80% YoY, an exchange rate (USD/MXN) of \$20.50 at the end of the year, and a reference rate of 7.25%.
- Global risk aversion moderated following the U.S.-China tariff deal, in which both sides agreed to cut tariffs. At the local level, inflation remained within Banxico's range of variability, although economic activity continues to show weakness.

#### **Monex Economic Forecasts**

This report brings together our main macroeconomic forecasts for 2025 in relation to **GDP**, **exchange rate**, **inflation** and **reference rate**, both in closing figures and in averages for the period. In addition, we offer our vision on the economic environment, the most relevant news and the key factors to monitor in the coming months.

## Timely GDP: secondary and tertiary activities with loss of dynamism

In Q1-25, timely <u>GDP</u> grew 0.6% YoY. Although the economy continued to show weakness in the face of the lower dynamism of productive activities, at a quarterly rate GDP advanced 0.2% and recovered from the contraction of Q4-24, thus avoiding a technical recession. Primary activities (+8.1% QoQ) gave the greatest boost of the period, in the face of a better climatological environment. However, secondary activities remained in negative territory (-0.3% QoQ) and tertiary activities stagnated (0.0% QoQ). In this context, by the end of 2025 we estimate a GDP expansion of 0.34% per year.

#### Peso finds a boost in easing trade tensions

During April, the USD/MXN was driven lower thanks to lower risk aversion and better-than-expected results from various economic figures in Mexico and the US. With this, the exchange rate closed the month at \$19.61, which implied an appreciation of the peso by 4.2% compared to the end of March. Among the main factors behind this movement are, on the **external front**: 1) progress in U.S. trade negotiations with other countries; 2) economic data in that country, such as the preliminary GDP report for Q1-25 and the PMIs, which exhibited a deterioration in economic activity; and, 3) a 4.6% monthly decline in the dollar (measured through the DXY index), derived from the above data. Domestically: Mexico's timely Q1-25 GDP showed a higher expansion than market estimates and reduced fears of a recession. By the end of 2025, we estimate an exchange rate of \$20.50 pesos per dollar, which considers Mexico's low economic growth and uncertainty around the trade relationship with the US.

## Inflation picks up, but remains in the range

Headline <u>inflation</u> rose in April to 3.93% YoY from 3.80% previously, but remained within Banxico's range of variability (3% +/- 1 pp) for the fourth consecutive month. The increase was mainly explained by core inflation, which increased to 3.93% YoY from 3.64%, due to continued pressures in the goods category and a rebound in services. For its part, non-core inflation fell to 3.76% YoY from 4.16% previously, standing significantly below its historical average, thanks to the moderation of supply shocks in the agricultural component and the low volatility in the energy component. Given the behavior of both and the current economic slowdown, by the **end of 2025** we estimate **headline inflation of 3.80% YoY** and a **benchmark interest rate of 7.25%.** 

## **Key aspects to follow:**

At the international level, the focus will be on the announcements of U.S. trade agreements with various countries, considering the 90-day pause to their reciprocal tariffs. After the agreement with the United Kingdom and the meeting with China – in which the US reduced tariffs on Chinese products to 30% from 145% and Beijing did the same by reducing them to 10% from 125% – the global economic outlook has improved, although a global economic slowdown is still expected. Additionally, PCE inflation figures in the US will be key to assessing the impact of tariffs and the Fed's actions in the remainder of 2025. At the local level, the economic outlook remains mixed (likely slowdown in GDP in Q2-25), pending greater clarity on the early revision of the USMCA.

## Mexico Economic Forecasts - Monex 2025 (expected figures at the end of the year)

Annual Expectations	GDP	Inflation	Reference rate	USD/MXN
2025	0.34%	3.80%	7.25%	\$20.50

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	Gross Domestic Product				(	aross Dome	stic Produc	t		Gross Domestic Product				
		Quarterly	y Change			Annual \	/ariation		Cumulative Annual Change					
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026		
1T	0.72%	-0.03%	0.20%	0.40%	3.82%	1.46%	0.60%	1.35%	3.82%	1.46%	0.60%	1.35%		
Q2	0.83%	0.29%	0.28%	0.51%	3.43%	2.24%	0.02%	1.48%	3.63%	1.85%	0.31%	1.42%		
Q3	0.54%	1.00%	0.50%	0.49%	3.54%	1.67%	0.12%	1.60%	3.60%	1.79%	0.25%	1.48%		
Q4	0.37%	-0.60%	0.34%	0.41%	2.44%	0.60%	0.61%	1.72%	3.31%	1.49%	0.34%	1.54%		
Average	0.61%	0.16%	0.33%	0.45%	3.31%	1.49%	0.34%	1.54%	3.59%	1.65%	0.37%	1.44%		
		USDI	MXN			EUR	USD			EUR	MXN			
		Monthly	average			Monthly	average			Monthly	average			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Jan	18.97	17.08	20.55	20.12	1.08	1.09	1.04	1.11	20.44	18.41	21.28	22.43		
Feb	18.57	17.09	20.46	20.01	1.07	1.08	1.04	1.12	19.88	18.29	21.31	22.35		
Sea	18.38	16.78	20.25	20.04	1.07	1.09	1.08	1.11	19.68	17.98	21.90	22.31		
Apr	18.07	16.80	20.04	19.88	1.10	1.07	1.12	1.12	19.82	18.42	22.50	22.18		
May	17.72	16.80	19.45	20.03	1.09	1.08	1.12	1.12	19.25	18.25	21.71	22.39		
Jun	17.23	18.25	19.41	20.21	1.08	1.08	1.12	1.12	18.69	19.79	21.74	22.66		
Jul	16.91	18.12	19.64	20.03	1.11	1.08	1.12	1.12	18.70	20.03	21.97	22.43		
Aug	16.99	19.18	19.83	20.22	1.09	1.10	1.13	1.13	18.53	20.92	22.33	22.79		
Sep	17.32	19.63	20.01	20.41	1.07	1.11	1.12	1.13	18.48	20.94	22.40	23.09		
Oct	18.08	19.71	20.10	20.49	1.06	1.09	1.12	1.13	19.10	20.82	22.42	23.11		
Nov	17.38	20.34	20.25	20.65	1.08	1.06	1.11	1.12	18.81	22.01	22.46	23.14		
Dec	17.18	20.28	20.34	20.74	1.09	1.05	1.12	1.13	18.76	22.14	22.79	23.49		
Average	17.73	18.34	20.03	20.24	1.08	1.08	1.10	1.12	19.18	19.83	22.07	22.70		
		USDI				EUR	USD			EUR	MXN			
		End of					period				period			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Jan	18.84	17.13	20.69	20.23	1.09	1.08	1.04	1.12	20.46	18.54	21.44	22.55		
Feb	18.33	17.05	20.58	20.07	1.06	1.08	1.04	1.12	19.38	18.43	21.35	22.48		
Sea	18.02	16.56	20.46	19.70	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.12	19.53	17.87	22.13	21.97		
Apr	17.99	17.13	19.61	20.08	1.10	1.07	1.13	1.12	19.82	18.27	22.22	22.50		
May	17.69	16.97	19.42	20.00	1.07	1.08	1.11	1.11	18.91	18.41	21.47	22.18		
Jun	17.12	18.29	19.45	20.19	1.09	1.07	1.11	1.11	18.67	19.59	21.59	22.47		
Jul	16.74	18.63	19.48	19.91	1.10	1.08	1.11	1.11	18.41	20.17	21.65	22.19		
Aug	17.06	19.70	19.84	20.26	1.08	1.10	1.11	1.11	18.49	21.77	22.04	22.5		
Sep	17.43	19.69	20.12	20.50	1.06	1.11	1.10	1.11	18.43	21.93	22.21	22.68		
Oct	18.03	20.01	20.07	20.50	1.06	1.09	1.10	1.12	19.06	21.78	22.05	23.00		
Nov	17.39	20.36	20.25	20.66	1.09	1.06	1.10	1.12	18.93	21.54	22.21	23.15		
Dec	17.07	20.88	20.50	20.80	1.10	1.04	1.11	1.13	18.84	21.62	22.67	23.50		

		Infla	ition			Infla	ition			Inflation				
	Monthly					Anı	nual			Accumulated				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Jan	0.68%	0.89%	0.29%	0.41%	7.91%	4.88%	3.59%	3.93%	0.68%	0.89%	0.29%	0.41%		
Feb	0.56%	0.09%	0.28%	0.29%	7.62%	4.40%	3.77%	3.94%	1.24%	0.99%	0.56%	0.70%		
Sea	0.27%	0.29%	0.31%	0.30%	6.85%	4.42%	3.80%	3.93%	1.51%	1.28%	0.88%	1.00%		
Apr	-0.02%	0.20%	0.33%	0.31%	6.25%	4.65%	3.93%	3.91%	1.49%	1.48%	1.21%	1.32%		
May	-0.22%	-0.19%	-0.11%	-0.10%	5.84%	4.69%	4.01%	3.92%	1.27%	1.29%	1.10%	1.22%		
Jun	0.10%	0.38%	0.24%	0.23%	5.84%	4.98%	3.87%	3.91%	1.37%	1.68%	1.34%	1.45%		
Jul	0.46%	1.05%	0.40%	0.38%	5.06%	5.57%	3.20%	3.89%	1.86%	2.74%	1.75%	1.84%		
Aug	0.55%	0.01%	0.29%	0.28%	4.64%	4.99%	3.49%	3.88%	2.42%	2.75%	2.04%	2.12%		
Sep	0.44%	0.05%	0.32%	0.31%	4.45%	4.58%	3.77%	3.87%	2.88%	2.80%	2.37%	2.44%		
Oct	0.38%	0.55%	0.44%	0.42%	4.26%	4.76%	3.66%	3.85%	3.27%	3.37%	2.82%	2.87%		
Nov	0.64%	0.44%	0.53%	0.51%	4.32%	4.55%	3.76%	3.83%	3.93%	3.82%	3.36%	3.39%		
Dec	0.71%	0.38%	0.42%	0.40%	4.66%	4.21%	3.80%	3.80%	4.66%	4.21%	3.80%	3.80%		
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Average	0.38%	0.35%	0.31%	0.31%	5.64%	4.72%	3.72%	3.89%	2.21%	2.28%	1.79%	1.88%		

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Average

<sup>\*</sup> Predictions are shown in blue.



		Cetes 28	3 days			Referen	ce rate		Rea	ıl ex-ante ra	te of each t	erm		
	Monthly average					End of	period			End of period				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Jan	10.65%	11.29%	9.86%	7.25%	10.50%	11.25%	10.00%	7.25%	5.63%	7.28%	6.17%	3.81%		
Feb	10.99%	11.05%	9.45%	6.89%	11.00%	11.25%	9.50%	7.00%	6.18%	7.47%	5.67%	3.57%		
Sea	11.23%	11.02%	9.10%	6.78%	11.25%	11.00%	9.00%	6.75%	6.49%	7.18%	5.18%	3.34%		
Apr	11.29%	10.97%	8.81%	6.69%	11.25%	11.00%	9.00%	6.75%	6.51%	7.10%	5.18%	3.34%		
May	11.32%	10.99%	8.49%	6.52%	11.25%	11.00%	8.50%	6.50%	6.58%	7.19%	4.68%	3.09%		
Jun	11.15%	10.97%	8.06%	6.15%	11.25%	11.00%	8.25%	6.25%	6.69%	7.20%	4.44%	2.85%		
Jul	11.22%	10.92%	8.22%	6.20%	11.25%	11.00%	8.25%	6.25%	6.84%	7.12%	4.46%	2.86%		
Aug	11.16%	10.76%	7.89%	5.94%	11.25%	10.75%	8.00%	6.00%	6.93%	6.99%	4.22%	2.62%		
Sep	11.08%	10.44%	7.49%	5.84%	11.25%	10.50%	7.75%	6.00%	7.06%	6.78%	3.98%	2.39%		
Oct	11.08%	10.24%	7.50%	5.77%	11.25%	10.50%	7.75%	6.00%	7.18%	6.66%	4.00%	2.41%		
Nov	11.08%	10.05%	7.12%	5.69%	11.25%	10.25%	7.50%	6.00%	7.13%	6.35%	3.78%	2.43%		
Dec	10.89%	9.85%	7.01%	5.86%	11.25%	10.00%	7.25%	6.00%	7.22%	6.16%	3.80%	2.43%		
Average	11.10%	10.79%	8.36%	6.34%	<b>11.17%</b>	10.86%	8.50%	6.43%	6.70%	6.96%	4.63%	2.93%		

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	Monthly average					Monthly	average			Monthly	average	
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	10.78%	11.50%	10.28%	7.52%	10.94%	11.66%	10.38%	7.66%	11.10%	11.83%	10.51%	7.81%
Feb	11.10%	11.50%	9.88%	7.24%	11.27%	11.65%	9.96%	7.38%	11.41%	11.81%	10.08%	7.52%
Sea	11.34%	11.44%	9.74%	7.17%	11.51%	11.61%	9.82%	7.31%	11.79%	11.77%	9.93%	7.50%
Apr	11.53%	11.25%	9.28%	7.02%	11.64%	11.41%	9.35%	7.13%	11.90%	11.57%	9.45%	7.31%
May	11.54%	11.24%	8.68%	6.74%	11.59%	11.40%	8.87%	6.87%	11.84%	11.56%	9.12%	7.09%
Jun	11.50%	11.24%	8.30%	6.43%	11.51%	11.39%	8.50%	6.55%	11.65%	11.55%	8.73%	6.73%
Jul	11.50%	11.25%	8.51%	6.50%	11.50%	11.40%	8.67%	6.61%	11.52%	11.56%	8.91%	6.75%
Aug	11.50%	11.08%	8.19%	6.26%	11.50%	11.23%	8.35%	6.36%	11.46%	11.38%	8.55%	6.46%
Sep	11.50%	10.95%	7.86%	6.27%	11.51%	11.14%	8.04%	6.40%	11.49%	11.29%	8.26%	6.51%
Oct	11.50%	10.74%	8.02%	6.25%	11.51%	10.89%	8.18%	6.36%	11.53%	11.03%	8.38%	6.48%
Nov	11.51%	10.61%	7.71%	6.28%	11.51%	10.80%	7.90%	6.40%	11.51%	10.94%	8.02%	6.49%
Dec	11.50%	10.38%	7.47%	6.28%	11.50%	10.64%	7.65%	6.43%	11.45%	10.78%	7.73%	6.49%
Average	11.39%	11.16%	8.77%	6.70%	11.46%	11.27%	8.81%	6.79%	11.55%	11.42%	8.97%	6.93%

USD SOFR (vs. Fixed Rate)												
Forwards Forwards												
	Coupon	3M	6M	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	10A	15A	30A	
1A	4.07	3.85	3.68	3.52	3.61	3.72	3.86	4.02	4.45	4.40	2.92	
2A	3.80	3.69	3.62	3.56	3.66	3.79	3.94	4.08	4.49	4.40	2.92	
3A	3.74	3.68	3.63	3.61	3.73	3.87	4.00	4.12	4.51	4.40	2.92	
4A	3.73	3.70	3.67	3.67	3.80	3.93	4.06	4.16	4.51	4.40	2.92	
5A	3.76	3.73	3.72	3.74	3.86	3.98	4.10	4.20	4.52	4.40	2.92	
8A	3.88	3.87	3.87	3.90	4.00	4.12	4.21	4.30	4.48	4.24	2.92	
9A	3.92	3.91	3.92	3.94	4.05	4.15	4.25	4.32	4.47	4.21	2.92	
10A	3.96	3.95	3.96	3.99	4.09	4.18	4.27	4.34	4.47	4.19	2.92	
15A	4.11	4.10	4.10	4.12	4.19	4.26	4.31	4.36	4.32	4.00	2.74	
20A	4.16	4.15	4.15	4.16	4.20	4.23	4.26	4.28	4.17	3.79	2.65	
30A	4.07	4.06	4.05	4.05	4.06	4.06	4.06	4.05	3.89	3.52	2.56	

<sup>\*</sup> Predictions are shown in blue.



## Main economic notes (April 15 to May 15, 2025)

#### **Global Economic**

**CH: China's economy surprises consensus** 

**IMF: Downward Economic Growth Outlook** 

PMI: Pullbacks in the face of tariffs

**Eurozone: Growth in the bloc's major economies** 

EUR: Inflation surprises to the upside in April

ING: Bank of England resumes cuts

**Monex International Trade Report** 

OPEC loses optimism on oil demand

### **Economic USA**

US: Retail Sales Rebound in March

US: Industrial production falls in March

US: Beige Book reports rising inflation due to tariffs

USA: Deteriorating American Confidence

US: GDP shrinks for first time in 3 years

US: PCE inflation moderates in March

US: Nonfarm Payrolls Resilient Despite Tariffs

US: Mexico's imports to the US increased 9.6% year-on-year in Q1-25

US: The FED extends pauses to its cycle of cuts

US: April CPI inflation avoids Trump tariffs

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MEX: IOAE forecasts declines for February and March

MEX: Retail Sales in Moderation

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MEXICO: Economic Activity Surprises with Advances...

MEX: Automotive exports with the greatest momentum

MEXICO: Unemployment Rate Hits All-Time Low

MEX: Preliminary GDP figures 1Q-25

**MEX: Business Economic Sentiment** 

MEX: Remittances with mixed performance

MÉX: Banxico Expectations Survey for April

MEX: Fixed Investment and Consumption with Slight Momentum

MEX: Inflation rebounds, but remains in the range

MEX: Consumer Confidence on the Decline

MEX: Industrial Production Returns to Negative Territory

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**Does Trump underestimate China? Beijing is ready** 

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