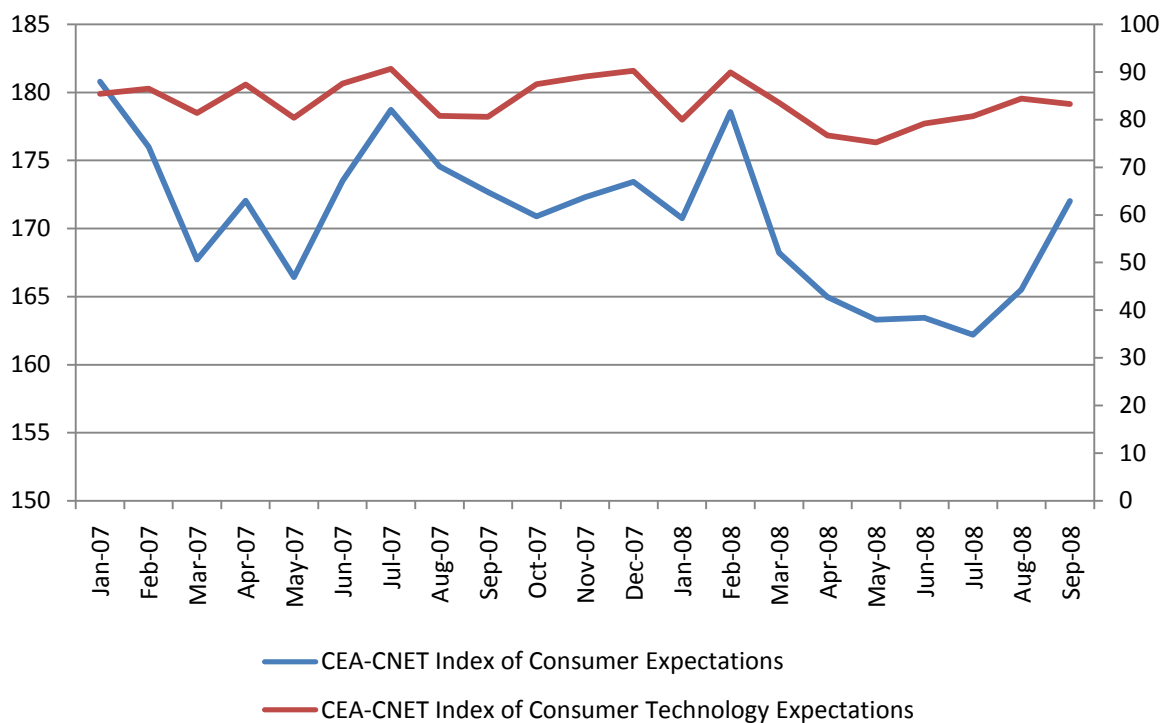


## The CEA-CNET Consumer Sentiment Indexes

The CEA-CNET Consumer Sentiment Indexes represent more than three years of research into cutting-edge methods for measuring consumer expectations about the future. The indexes measure how consumers perceive the overall health of the economy and the outlook for technology spending. Both indexes focus on consumer perceptions of the future. These forward looking expectations provide market observers valuable information into how consumers will likely behave over the pursuing months.

As the September report highlights, consumer expectations moved up marketed in September despite the uncertainty presented by Wall Street over the last few weeks. Two consecutive months of declining gasoline prices have likely encouraged optimism among consumers. Spending on technology is flat relative to last month, but remains above the levels during the same period last year.

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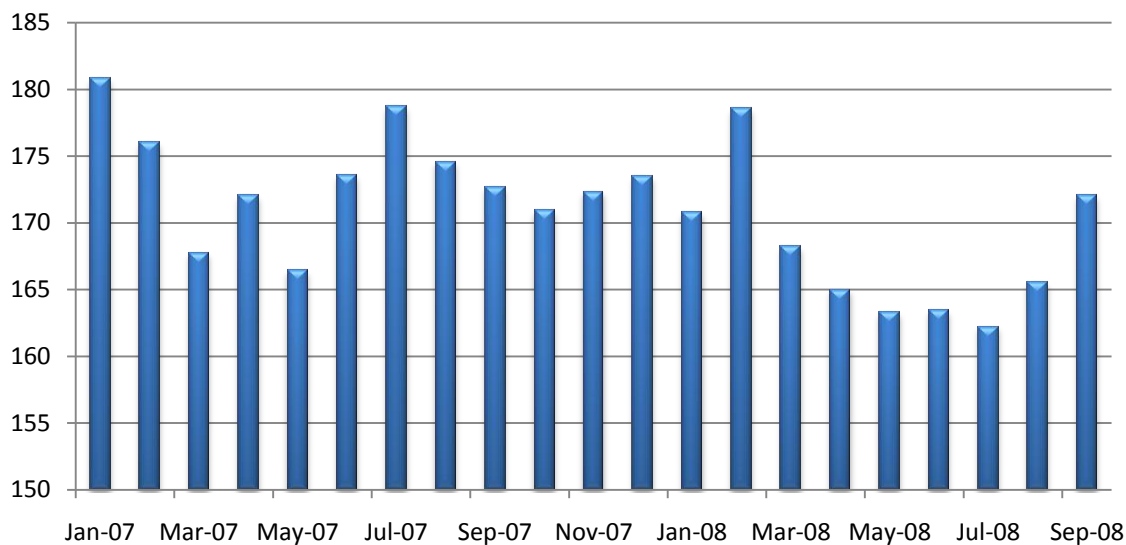
## The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations

The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) measures consumer expectations about the broader economy. The index carries a maximum value of 300 and a minimum value of 100.

**Table 1: CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
180.8	176.0	167.7	172.0	166.4	173.5	178.7	174.6	172.7	170.9	172.3	173.4
2008											
170.8	178.6	168.2	165.0	163.3	163.4	162.2	165.5	172.0			

### CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations



- In September the CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations continued its rebounded from a July low. The index is now only slightly below the measure from the same period last year. Following two consecutive months of gasoline price declines, consumers are expressing some relief.
- Mean expectations that the U.S. Economy will be better off in the next 12 months showed its second highest month-to-month increase. Consumers also showed more optimism around personal financial health.

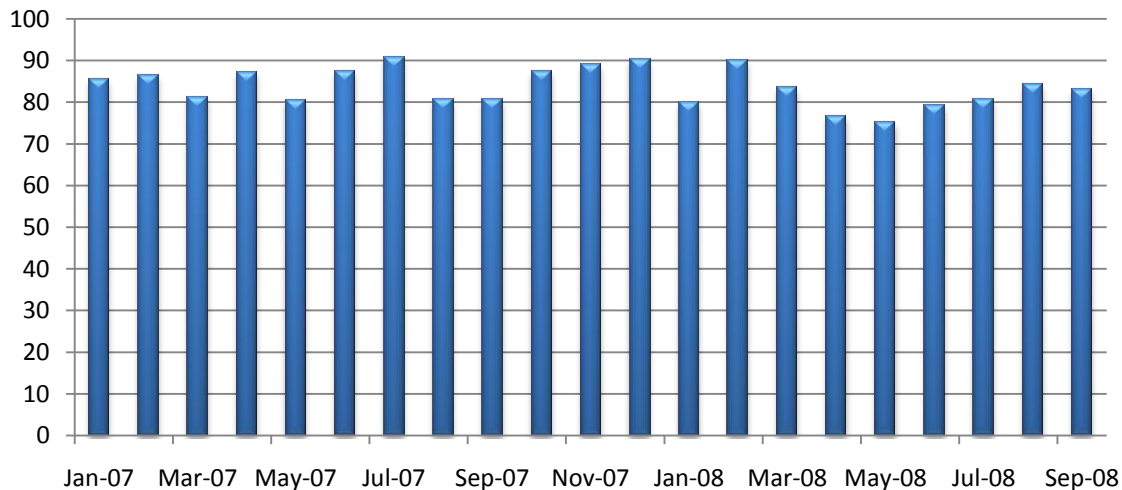
## The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Technology Expectations

The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Technology Expectations (ICE) measures consumer expectations about technology spending. The index carries a maximum value of 200 and a minimum value of zero.

**Table 2: CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Technology Expectations (ICTE)**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
85.4	86.5	81.4	87.4	80.4	87.6	90.7	80.8	80.6	87.4	89.1	90.2
2008											
79.0	89.9	83.5	76.7	75.2	79.2	80.7	84.4	83.2			

### CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Technology Expectations



- The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Technology Expectations (ICTE) remained relatively flat in September, dipping slightly but remaining higher on a year-over-year basis.
- Mean expectations for spending more in consumer technology slipped marginally in September, but expectations for buying technology remains above prior year levels from the same period.

## **About the CEA-CNET Consumer Sentiment Indexes**

The CEA-CNET Consumer Sentiment Indexes are a joint effort of CEA and CNET. The Indexes are published monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The survey data are collected each month by random-digit-dial for 1,000 respondents and weighted to be representative of the U.S. population.

For an in-depth analysis of the methodology used in the CEA-CNET Consumer Sentiment Index see the whitepaper “The CEA-CNET Consumer Sentiment Indexes.”

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**Appendix I: Composition of the CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations**

The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Expectations is derived from three components – Expectations for the U.S. Economy, Expectations for the Job Market, and Expectations for Personal Financial Health. The CEA-CNET Index of Consumer Technology Expectations is derived from two components – Expectations for Purchasing CE and Expectations for Purchasing More CE.

**Table 3: Expectations for the U.S. Economy**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
39.9	37.4	36.9	35.6	32.5	38.1	39.7	39.8	35.3	35.4	34.9	36.4
2008											
38.2	40.6	39.5	36.5	33.6	33.6	34.9	35.1	38.5			

**Table 4: Expectations for the Job Market**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
83.5	85.2	80.0	84.5	82.9	82.5	84.1	84.5	85.8	83.6	84.8	83.3
2008											
83.5	83.4	81.1	82.5	81.7	81.6	80.7	82.3	81.8			

**Table 5: Expectations for Personal Financial Health**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
57.3	53.4	50.8	52.0	51.1	53.0	54.9	50.3	51.5	51.9	52.6	53.7
2008											
49.1	54.6	47.7	46.0	48.1	48.3	46.6	48.1	51.7			

**Table 6: Expectations for Buying CE**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
48.8	50.3	47.1	50.9	46.4	50.0	52.4	46.5	46.7	51.3	51.7	50.5
2008											
46.3	52.5	47.4	44.4	43.9	46.6	47.8	49.7	49.7			

**Table 7: Expectations for Spending More on CE**

2007											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
36.6	36.1	34.3	36.5	34.0	37.6	38.2	34.3	33.9	36.1	37.4	39.7
2008											
33.7	37.4	36.1	32.3	31.3	32.5	33.0	34.7	33.6			