

LatAm Daily | Today we expect news from Brazil on inflation and the labor market

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We expect Brazilian inflation figures for the first fortnight of March today, where food and administered prices are expected to have continued to lose steam taking the IPCA-15 down in the first half of March. Also, the unemployment rate is forecasted to have jumped and wages are likely to keep decelerating.

No relevant news were released yesterday.

What to watch today

Brazil - IPCA-15 (March, 7:00hrs NYT)

We expect food and administered prices to have continued to lose steam in the first half of March, taking the IPCA-15 down to around 0.6% MoM from 1.42% MoM in the previous reading (which referred to inflation from mid-January till mid-February) and 0.90% MoM in the full-month IPCA of February.

Brazil - Labor market report (February, 7:00hrs NYT)

Wages are likely to continue to decelerate while the unemployment rate is forecast to jump to 8.10% from 7.6% in January and 5.9% one year ago. In fact, if our forecast proves to be correct, unemployment will have reached its highest figure since the 2009 crisis.

Publications will be suspended for next Thursday 24th and Friday 25th due to Easter holidays. We will resume our publications on Monday 28th.

Calendar indicators

	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
Brazil						
Formal Job Creation Total	18-mar al 21 mar	Feb	-41235		-104582	-99694
FGV CPI IPC-S	23-Mar	1-mar	0.62			0.65%
Unemployment Rate	23-Mar	Feb	8.1	8.10		7.60%
IBGE Inflation IPCA-15 MoM	23-Mar	Mar	0.54	0.60		1.42%
Current Account Balance	23-Mar	Feb	-200			-\$4817m
National Unemployment Rate	24-Mar	Jan	9.3			9.0%
Chile						
Central Bank's Traders Survey	23-Mar					
Mexico						
Retail Sales MoM	23-Mar	Jan	1.5			-1.60%
Retail Sales YoY	23-Mar	Jan	4			3.40%
Bi-Weekly CPI	23-Mar	1-mar	0.17	0.20	0.1	-0.05%
Bi-Weekly Core CPI	23-Mar	1-mar	0.18	0.18	0.3	0.12%
Bi-Weekly CPI YoY	23-Mar	1-mar	2.81	2.82	2.71	2.80%

Source: Bloomberg and BBVA Research

Most recent Latam reports

Date	Description
03.18.2016	Chile: GDP increased 2.1% in 2015 but showing weakness in 4Q15 (In Spanish)
03.18.2016	Mexico Weekly: The peso appreciates to levels close to those at the beginning of the year (In Spanish)
03.18.2016	Mexico: Fondeo is maintained at 3.75%. Cautious tone despite an environment less volatile (In Spanish)
03.18.2016	Colombia: BanRep continues tightening (In Spanish)
03.17.2016	Chile: The CB maintains the MPR at 3.5% (In Spanish)
03.17.2016	Mexico: Fondeo rate unchanged at 3.75%
03.16.2016	Chile: Labour aggregates, job search efforts and Google trends
03.16.2016	Peru: Economic activity moderated in January (In Spanish)
03.14.2016	Chile: Unemployment rate will rise in the medium term (In Spanish)
03.14.2016	Brazil: Crisis without expiration date

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