

## **Historical Data Files for the Business Leaders Survey**

Historical monthly data for all of the Business Leaders Survey diffusion indexes, as well as aggregate proportion series (percentage of firms reporting increases, decreases, and no change) are available from September 2004 to the most current month.

The columns in the accompanying file correspond to the following variables where:

- **\$=c** for a current variable, or
- **\$=f** for a future (six-month forecast) variable

For example, "bacdina" represents the current business activity diffusion index (NSA).

### **Variable names and definitions appear in the files as follows:**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
ba\$dna	current/future business activity; percent reporting decreases; NSA
ba\$na	current/future business activity; percent reporting no change; NSA
ba\$ina	current/future business activity; percent reporting increases; NSA
ba\$dina	current/future business activity; diffusion index; NSA
bc\$dna	current/future business climate; percent reporting decreases; NSA
bc\$na	current/future business climate; percent reporting no change; NSA
bc\$ina	current/future business climate; percent reporting increases; NSA
bc\$dina	current/future business climate; diffusion index; NSA
em\$dna	current/future employment; percent reporting decreases; NSA
em\$na	current/future employment; percent reporting no change; NSA
em\$ina	current/future employment; percent reporting increases; NSA
em\$dina	current/future employment; diffusion index; NSA
wp\$dna	current/future wages; percent reporting decreases; NSA
wp\$na	current/future wages; percent reporting no change; NSA
wp\$ina	current/future wages; percent reporting increases; NSA
wp\$dina	current/future wages; diffusion index; NSA
pp\$dna	current/future prices paid; percent reporting decreases; NSA
pp\$na	current/future prices paid; percent reporting no change; NSA
pp\$ina	current/future prices paid; percent reporting increases; NSA
pp\$dina	current/future prices paid; diffusion index; NSA

pr\$dna	current/future prices received; percent reporting decreases; NSA
pr\$nna	current/future prices received; percent reporting no change; NSA
pr\$ina	current/future prices received; percent reporting increases; NSA
pr\$dina	current/future prices received; diffusion index; NSA
cs\$dna	current/future capital spending; percent reporting decreases; NSA
cs\$nna	current/future capital spending; percent reporting no change; NSA
cs\$ina	current/future capital spending; percent reporting increases; NSA
cs\$dina	current/future capital spending; diffusion index; NSA