Abstract

This paper presents the progress achieved by UCEL in the design of a Regional Economic Activity Indicator (IAER, Indicador de la Actividad Económica Regional) specifically focused on the province of Santa Fe. The purpose of the research is to measure the growth of the provincial Gross Geographic Product. Some alternatives stemming from the research, as well as a methodological comment on each of the alternatives undertaken -its advantages, drawbacks and restrictions are presented. The first alternative is to continue evaluating the productive structure adopted by the National Institute of Statistics and Census (IPEC, Instituto Provincial de Estadísticas y Censos). The second one proposes the adoption of an exports-based model. The third option uses shift-share analysis -i.e. a model which focuses on the relationship between regional growth and industrial settlement.

Keywords