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## Revelation of Expectations in Latin America

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### A. Highlights

April surveys of expectations conducted by Central Banks in the region indicate that the simple average of growth expectations in 2019 decreased by 0.2% from 2.8% to 2.6% and the simple average of inflation expectations remained constant at 4.0% with respect to March's surveys.

At the individual country level, growth expectations for 2019 in April compared to the previous month decreased in Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay, increased in Colombia and remained constant in Peru.

Inflation expectations for 2019 increased in Brazil and Colombia, and remained stable in Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

In April, growth expectations for 2019 ranged from 0.9% in Uruguay to 3.8% in Peru, while inflation expectations for 2019 ranged from 2.4% in Peru to 7.5% in Uruguay.

Country	Growth expectation (percentage expected for 2019)		Inflation expectation (percentage expected for 2019)	
	as of Apr 2019	Mar - Apr change	as of Apr 2019	Mar - Apr change
Brazil	1.7	↓ -0.4	4.0	↑ 0.1
Chile	3.3	↓ -0.1	2.7	→ 0.0
Colombia	3.2	↑ 0.2	3.3	↑ 0.1
Guatemala	3.0	↓ -0.1	4.4	→ 0.0
Mexico	1.5	↓ -0.1	3.7	→ 0.0
Paraguay	3.7	↓ -0.2	4.0	→ 0.0
Peru	3.8	→ 0.0	2.4	→ 0.0
Uruguay	0.9	↓ -0.4	7.5	→ 0.0
<b>Eight country average</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>↓ -0.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>→ 0.0</b>

Source: REVELA, IDB 2019. Data available for download

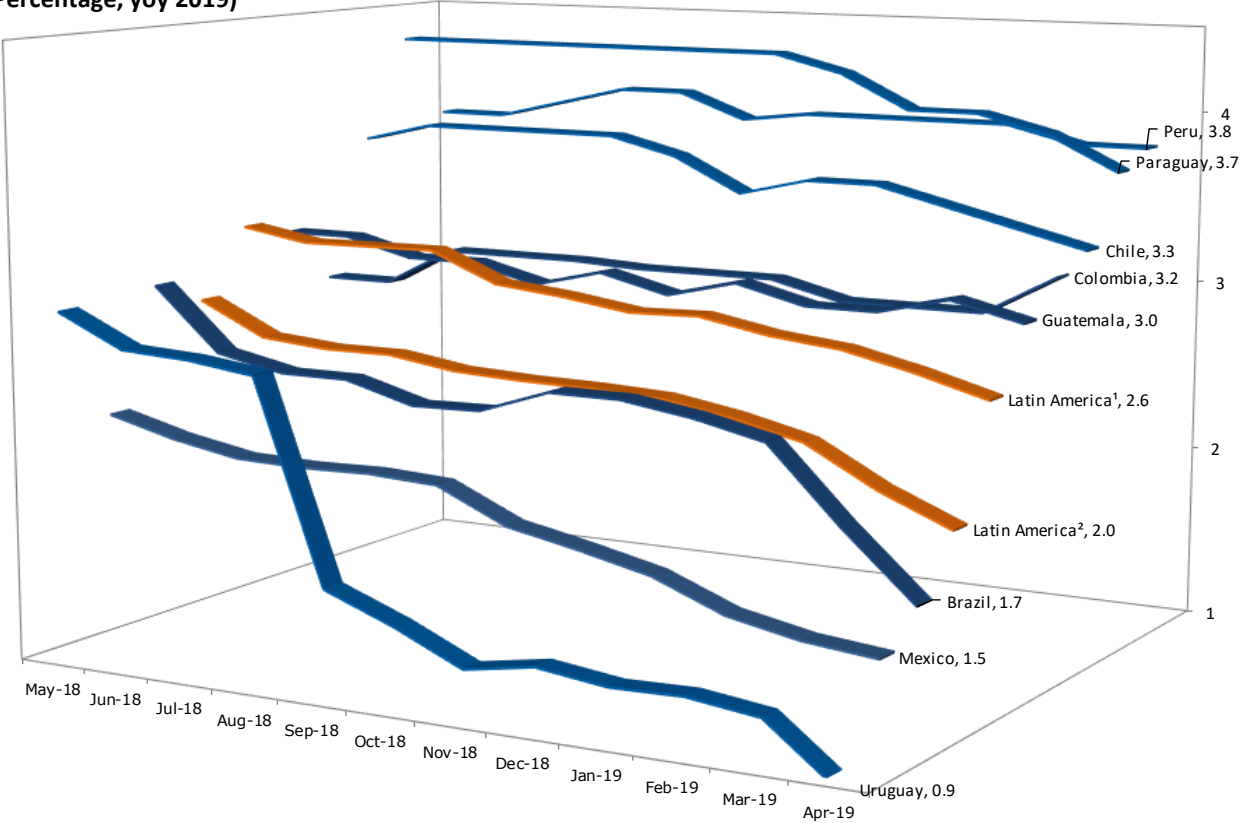
## B. Growth

According to surveys in April, the simple average of growth expectations decreased by 0.2% from 2.8% to 2.6% and the GDP-weighted average of growth expectations decreased also by 0.2% from 2.2% to 2.0% for 2019. Compared to expectations six months before, expected growth decreased both under the GDP-weighted average and under the simple average calculations by 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively.

Growth expectations for 2019 decreased by 0.8% in Brazil, by 0.7% in Mexico, by 0.6% in Paraguay and Uruguay, by 0.4% in Chile, by 0.1% in Guatemala and Peru, but increased by 0.1% in Colombia.

Compared to surveys six months ago, growth expectations for 2019 decreased in all the countries except Colombia, where it grew by 0.2%, and Peru, where it remained constant. With these results, growth expectations for the region for 2019 ranged from 0.9% in Uruguay to 3.8% in Peru in April.

**Figure 1. Market Expectations of Growth**  
(Percentage, yoy 2019)



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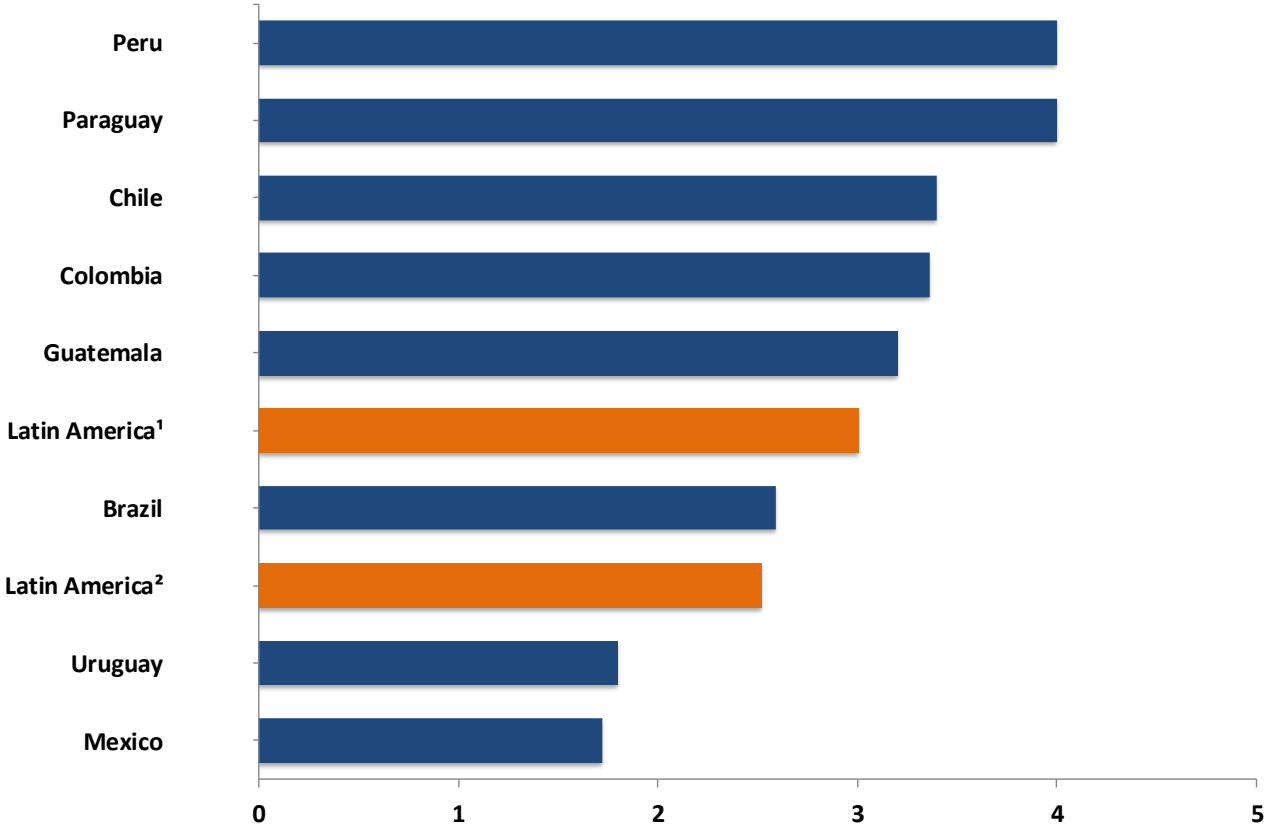
<sup>1</sup> Refers to the simple average of the eight inflation targeting countries.

<sup>2</sup> Refers to the GDP weighted average of the eight inflation targeting countries.

Growth expectations for 2020 decreased in April compared to March for the simple average calculation by 0.2% and for the GDP-weighted average calculation by 0.1%.

Expected growth for 2020 increased for Colombia, decreased for Brazil and Mexico and remained constant for the rest of the countries. According to April surveys, growth expectations for 2020 ranged from 1.7% in Mexico to 4.0% in Paraguay and Peru.

**Figure 2. Growth Market Expectations**  
(Percentage, yoy 2020)



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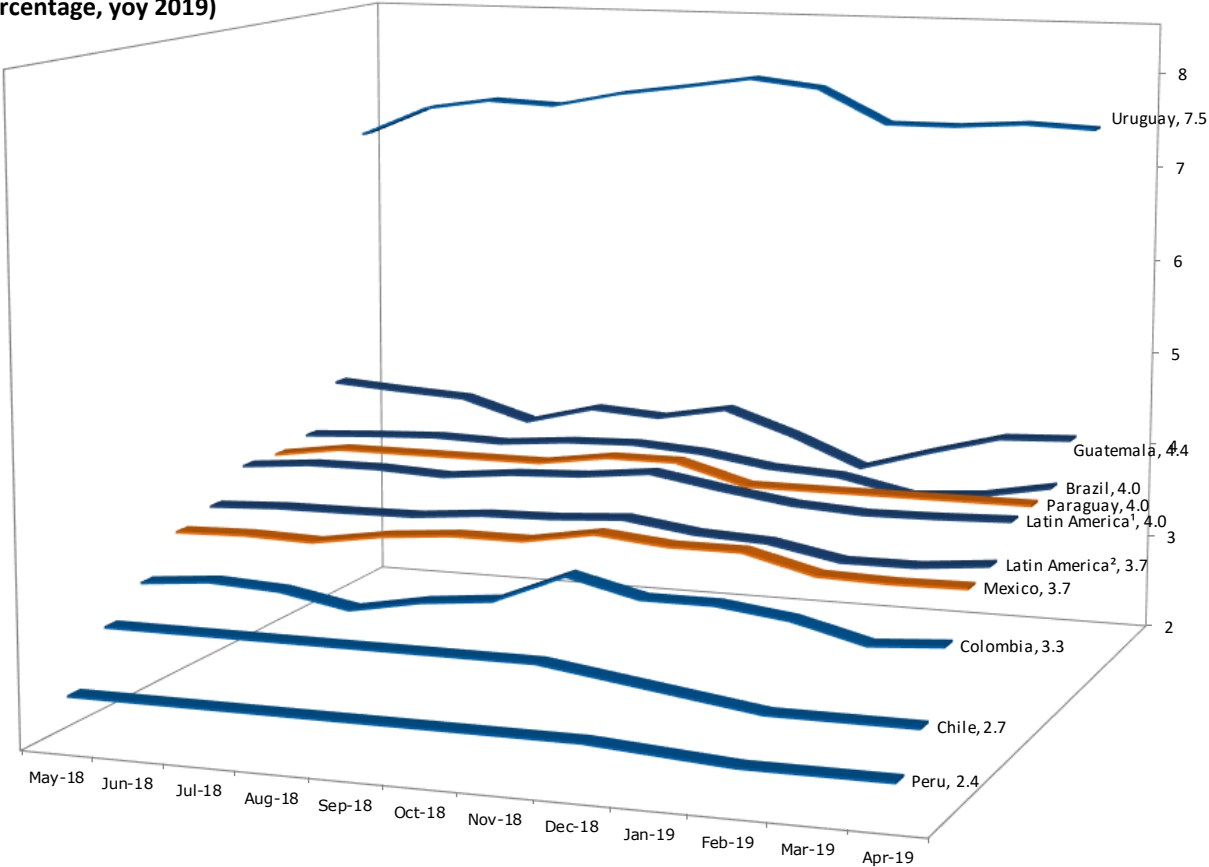
# C. Inflation

According to surveys in April, the simple average of inflation expectations for 2019 remained constant at 4.0% while the GDP-weighted average increased by 0.1% from 3.6% to 3.7% with respect to March.

At the individual country level, compared to the previous month inflation expectations for 2019 increased by 0.1% in Mexico and Brazil and remained constant for the other countries.

During the previous six months, cumulative decreases were surveyed in all the countries except Guatemala. According to April surveys, inflation expectations in the region for 2019 ranged from 2.4% in Peru to 7.5% in Uruguay.

**Figure 3. Inflation Market Expectations (Percentage, yoy 2019)**



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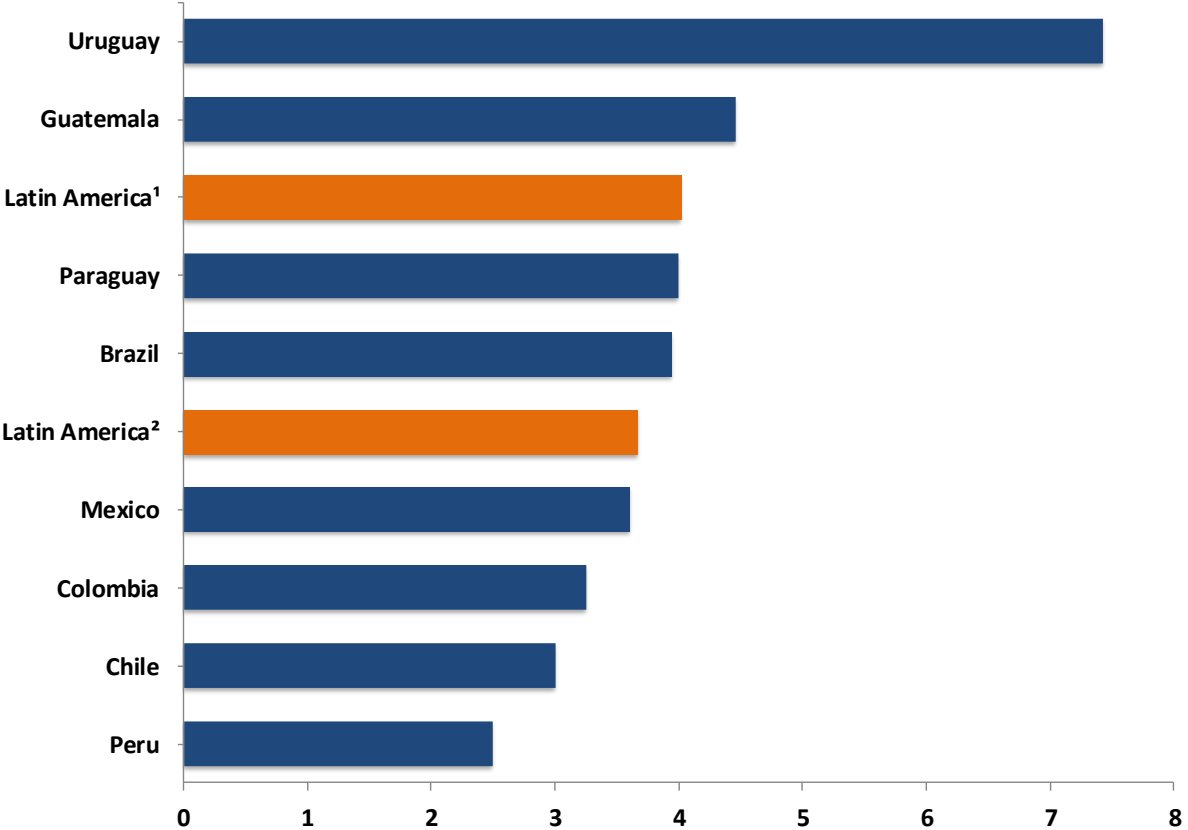
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Inflation expectations for 2020 remained constant in April compared to March for the simple average calculation at 4.0% and for the GDP-weighted average calculation at 3.7%.

Expected inflation for 2020 decreased in Mexico and Brazil, increased in Guatemala and Uruguay and remained constant in the rest of the countries with respect to the previous month. According to April surveys, inflation expectations for 2020 ranged from 2.5% in Peru to 7.4% in Uruguay.

**Figure 4. Inflation Market Expectations**  
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