

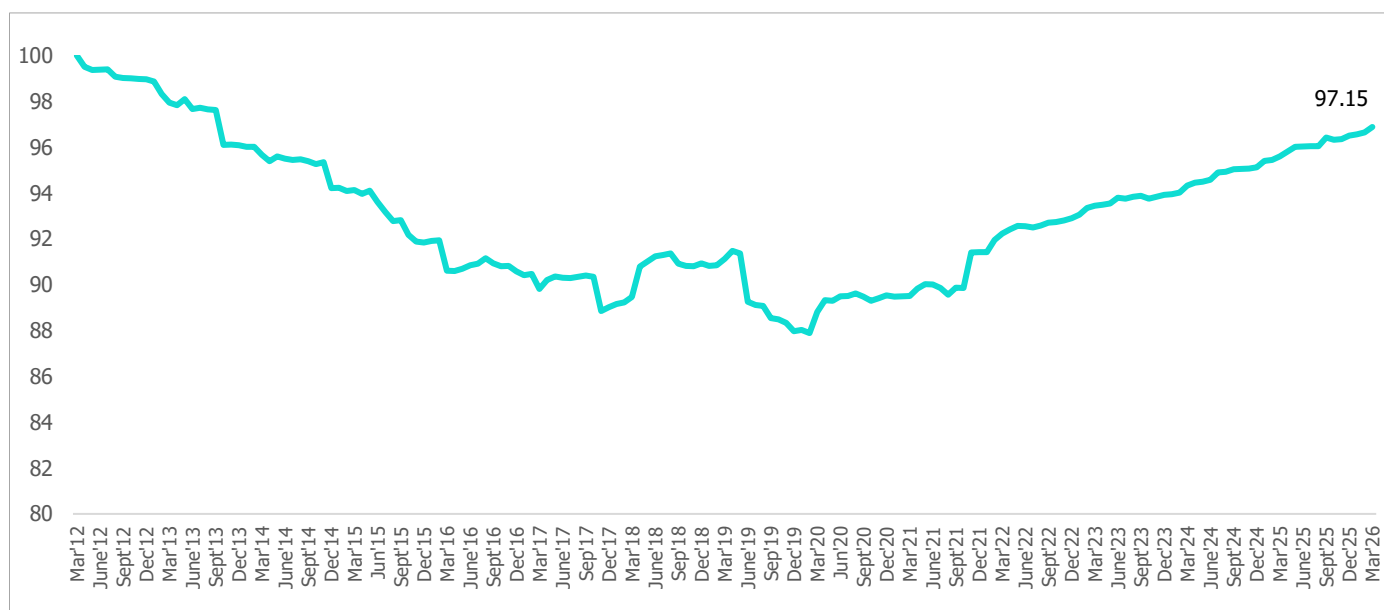
CareEdge Debt Quality Index: April 2026



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The CareEdge Debt Quality Index (CDQI) has witnessed upward trend since November 2021. The index continued its rising trend as it reaches to 97.15 in April 2026 as compared to 96.89 in March 2026 driven by enhanced rated debt in the higher investment grade rating categories.

Exhibit 1: Movement in CDQI



Source: CareEdge calculations

About CDQI

CareEdge Debt Quality Index (CDQI) denotes the quality of debt that can be interpreted over time and juxtaposed with other developments in the financial sector. The CDQI captures, on a scale of 100 (index value for the base year FY12), whether the quality of debt is improving or declining. Intuitively an upward movement indicates an improvement in the quality of debt benchmarked against the base year. As it is contemporary with minimum time lags, the health of the debt and credit markets is encapsulated on a near-real-time basis.

The dataset comprises 1,685 companies from our portfolio of 2,980 companies as of March 2012. The dataset is revisited at regular intervals and is replaced suitably with a new set of companies with a similar rating and an approximate volume of outstanding debt rated in case an entity ceases to have a rating coverage. Currently, the volume of debt of the sample companies stands at Rs 60.55 lakh crore in April 2026.

For detailed methodology see:

<http://www.careratings.com/pdf/Banner/CDQI%20PR%20&%20Report%20%20for%20website.pdf>

Annexure 1: Movement in CDQI

Month	CDQI – Index	Change	Month	CDQI - Index	Change
May-24	94.49	+0.04	May-25	96.01	+0.20
Jun-24	94.58	+0.09	Jun-25	96.02	+0.01
July-24	94.90	+0.32	July-25	96.05	+0.03
Aug-24	94.92	+0.02	Aug-25	96.05	+0.00
Sep-24	95.04	+0.12	Sep-25	96.43	+0.38
Oct-24	95.06	+0.02	Oct-25	96.32	-0.11
Nov-24	95.07	+0.01	Nov-25	96.35	+0.03
Dec-24	95.13	+0.06	Dec-25	96.51	+0.16
Jan-25	95.41	+0.28	Jan-26	96.56	+0.05
Feb-25	95.45	+0.04	Feb-26	96.64	+0.08
Mar -25	95.60	+0.15	Mar -26	96.89	+0.25
Apr -25	95.81	+0.21	Apr -26	97.15	+0.26

Source: CareEdge calculations

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