LONG-TERM FORECASTS



Interest rates

interest rates									
	13-Mar-24	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
Australia									
Cash	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.10	3.85	3.60	3.35	3.10	3.10
90 Day BBSW	4.35	4.40	4.37	4.12	3.92	3.67	3.47	3.30	3.30
3 Year Swap	3.84	4.05	3.95	3.85	3.75	3.65	3.60	3.55	3.50
3 Year Bond	3.64	3.85	3.75	3.65	3.55	3.45	3.40	3.35	3.30
10 Year Bond	4.00	4.20	4.05	3.95	3.85	3.90	3.90	3.95	4.00
10 Year Spread to US (bps)	-15	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	0
New Zealand									
Cash	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.25	5.00	4.75	4.50
90 Day Bill	5.64	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.50	5.25	4.95	4.75	4.50
2 Year Swap	4.87	5.10	4.95	4.75	4.50	4.40	4.15	4.10	4.00
10 Year Bond	4.56	4.85	4.70	4.65	4.60	4.50	4.40	4.35	4.25
10 Year Spread to Aus	56	65	65	70	75	60	50	40	25
10 Year Spread to US	41	70	70	75	80	65	50	40	25
United States									
Fed Funds	5.375	5.375	5.125	4.625	4.375	4.125	3.875	3.625	3.375
10 Year Bond	4.15	4.15	4.00	3.90	3.80	3.85	3.90	3.95	4.00
Euro area									
ECB Deposit Rate	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.00	2.75	2.50	2.50
10 Year Bund	2.33	2.35	2.25	2.20	2.15	2.25	2.30	2.40	2.45
10 Year Spread to US	-182	-180	-175	-170	-165	-160	-160	-155	-155
United Kingdom									
BoE Bank Rate	5.25	5.25	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.50
10 Year Gilt	3.95	4.00	3.90	3.80	3.75	3.80	3.85	3.95	4.00
10 Year Spread to US	-20	-15	-10	-10	-5	-5	-5	0	0

Source: Bloomberg, Westpac Economics

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Australian dollar

	13-Mar-24	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
AUD vs									
USD	0.6609	0.66	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.73
JPY	97.58	97	97	97	97	96	95	94	93
EUR	0.6050	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62
NZD	1.0731	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.12
CAD	0.8919	0.88	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.90	0.91
GBP	0.5171	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.56
CHF	0.5803	0.57	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.62
DKK	4.5115	4.52	4.53	4.55	4.58	4.60	4.63	4.59	4.65
SEK	6.7719	6.78	6.81	6.84	6.87	6.91	6.95	6.89	6.98
NOK	6.9558	6.96	6.99	7.02	7.06	7.10	7.14	7.08	7.17
ZAR	12.38	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	13.0
SGD	0.8808	0.88	0.89	0.91	0.91	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.95
HKD	5.1703	5.16	5.28	5.39	5.47	5.54	5.62	5.62	5.69
PHP	36.58	36.6	37.1	37.6	37.8	38.0	38.2	37.8	38.0
THB	23.58	23.1	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.4	23.4	23.0	23.0
MYR	3.0991	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.05	3.05	3.06	3.02	3.03
CNY	4.7536	4.75	4.79	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.82	4.82	4.75
IDR	10299	10230	10328	10419	10430	10366	10368	10296	10293
TWD	20.80	20.6	20.9	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.1	20.9	21.0
KRW	869	865	878	883	882	880	886	878	883
INR	54.78	54.1	54.7	54.5	54.6	54.7	54.7	54.0	54.0

New Zealand dollar

	13-Mar-24	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
NZD vs									
USD	0.6159	0.62	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.65
JPY	90.93	91	91	90	88	86	86	85	83
EUR	0.5638	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
AUD	0.9319	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89
CAD	0.8311	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.81
GBP	0.4819	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.50
CNY	4.4299	4.46	4.47	4.48	4.42	4.35	4.36	4.36	4.23

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US Dollar

	13-Mar-24	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
USD vs									
DXY index	102.96	103.0	101.4	99.7	98.6	97.6	96.6	95.7	95.4
JPY	147.65	147	144	141	138	135	132	130	127
EUR	1.0924	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.17
AUD	0.6609	0.66	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.73
NZD	0.6159	0.62	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.65
CAD	1.3495	1.34	1.32	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.26	1.25	1.25
GBP	1.2781	1.27	1.27	1.28	1.29	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.31
CHF	0.8780	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.85
ZAR	18.73	18.8	18.6	18.4	18.2	18.1	18.0	18.0	17.8
SGD	1.3328	1.33	1.32	1.32	1.31	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
HKD	7.8235	7.82	7.82	7.81	7.81	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80
PHP	55.36	55.5	55.0	54.5	54.0	53.5	53.0	52.5	52.0
THB	35.68	35.0	34.5	34.0	33.5	33.0	32.5	32.0	31.5
MYR	4.6904	4.65	4.55	4.45	4.35	4.30	4.25	4.20	4.15
CNY	7.1932	7.20	7.10	7.00	6.90	6.80	6.70	6.70	6.50
IDR	15584	15500	15300	15100	14900	14600	14400	14300	14100
TWD	31.47	31.2	30.9	30.5	30.0	29.6	29.3	29.0	28.8
KRW	1314	1310	1300	1280	1260	1240	1230	1220	1210
INR	82.90	82.0	81.0	79.0	78.0	77.0	76.0	75.0	74.0

Euro & British Pound Sterling

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	13-Mar-24	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25			
euro vs												
USD	1.0924	1.09	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.17			
JPY	161.29	160	160	159	157	155	153	152	149			
GBP	0.8547	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.89			
CHF	0.9591	0.95	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99			
DKK	7.4569	7.46	7.46	7.46	7.46	7.46	7.46	7.46	7.46			
SEK	11.1934	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2			
NOK	11.4970	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5			
sterling vs												
USD	1.2781	1.27	1.27	1.28	1.29	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.31			
JPY	188.70	187	183	180	178	176	172	170	166			
CHF	1.1222	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.11			
AUD	0.5171	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.56			

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Key macroeconomic forecasts

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	2022				2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4f	Q1f	Q2f	Q3f	Q4f	Q1f	Q2f	Q3f	Q4f
Real GDP %qtr	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
%yr	3.6	3.5	5.8	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.5
Unemployment rate %	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6
Wages (WPI) %qtr	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5
%yr	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
CPI Headline %qtr	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
%yr	5.1	6.1	7.3	7.8	7.0	6.0	5.4	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.7
Core inflation - trimmed mean	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
%yr	3.8	5.0	6.1	6.8	6.5	5.8	5.1	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.8
Australian commodities index#	340	366	374	379	370	343	328	320	310	310	306	294	281	272	267	266
World growth year-average	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	3.3	-	-	-	3.3	-	-	-	3.1

Calendar year changes are through the year for Australian GDP, wages and inflation. The unemployment rate is shown on a quarter-average basis, as is the commodities index. World growth is forecast on a year-average basis. GDP forecasts are reviewed following the release of quarterly national accounts.

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