

Forecast Table – August 2020 – ‘Baseline’ Scenario

This table provides additional detail on key macroeconomic variables presented in the ‘baseline’ scenario in the August 2020 *Statement on Monetary Policy*.

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Percentage change over year to quarter shown^(b)

	Jun 2020	Dec 2020	Jun 2021	Dec 2021	Jun 2022	Dec 2022
Gross domestic product	-6	-6	4	5	4	4
Household consumption	-11	-7	8	6	5	4
Dwelling investment	-14	-14	2	8	2	5
Business investment	-12	-17	-5	6	7	9
Public demand	5	3	1	2	3	3
Gross national expenditure	-7	-6	5	5	4	4
Imports	-18	-12	11	9	9	7
Exports	-11	-9	5	8	8	5
Real household disposable income	2	-5	-6	3	6	5
Terms of trade	-1	-1	-6	-2	-2	-2
Major trading partner (export-weighted) GDP	-5	0	9	5	4	4
Unemployment rate (quarterly, %)	7.0	10	9	8½	7½	7
Employment	-4.4	-6	0	3	4	3
Wage price index	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1½	1¼
Nominal (non-farm) average earnings per hour	5	1½	-3	¼	2½	2½
Trimmed mean inflation	1.2	1	1¼	1	1¼	1½
Consumer price index	-0.3	1¼	3	1	1¼	1½

(a) Forecast assumptions: TWI at 61, A\$ at US\$0.72, Brent crude oil price at US\$46/bbl; the cash rate remains at its current level and other elements of the Bank’s monetary stimulus package, including the 0.25 per cent target for the 3-year Australian Government bond yield, are assumed to remain unchanged. Shaded regions are historical data.

(b) Rounding varies: economic activity variables and employment rounded to the nearest whole number; unemployment rate to the nearest half point; wages and prices variables to the nearest quarter point

Sources: ABS; CEIC Data; Consensus Economics; Refinitiv; RBA