

Forecast Table – May 2023

This table provides additional detail on forecasts of key macroeconomic variables as at the May 2023 *Statement on Monetary Policy*.

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Percentage change over year to quarter shown^(b)

	Dec 2022	Jun 2023	Dec 2023	Jun 2024	Dec 2024	Jun 2025
Gross domestic product	2.7	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.1
Household consumption	5.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.4
Dwelling investment	-3.7	0.3	0.2	-2.4	-3.0	-0.5
Business investment	3.1	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.9	2.6
Public demand	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.2	2.0	2.4
Gross national expenditure	3.2	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.1
Imports	12.1	3.3	7.0	5.0	3.4	2.7
Exports	7.7	7.3	6.1	4.0	3.0	2.5
Real household disposable income	-3.3	-2.5	0.0	0.4	1.8	3.0
Terms of trade	7.2	-7.0	-4.5	-5.0	-4.1	-3.7
Major trading partner (export-weighted) GDP	2.3	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.7
Unemployment rate (quarterly, %)	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5
Employment	5.0	2.5	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.1
Wage price index	3.3	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7
Nominal (non-farm) average earnings per hour	2.5	4.2	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.1
Trimmed mean inflation	6.9	6.0	4.0	3.3	3.1	2.9
Consumer price index	7.8	6.3	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.0

(a) Forecasts finalised 1 May. The forecasts are conditioned on a path for the cash rate broadly in line with expectations derived from surveys of professional economists and financial market pricing. The cash rate is assumed to peak at around 3½ per cent before declining to around 3 per cent by mid-2025. Other forecast assumptions: TWI at 60; A\$ at US\$0.66; Brent crude oil price at US\$78bbl. The rate of population growth is assumed to be in line with forecasts from the Australian Government's Centre for Population.

(b) Forecasts are rounded to the first decimal point. Shading indicates historical data.

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