# The Australian Economy and Financial Markets

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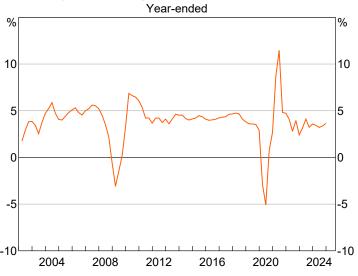
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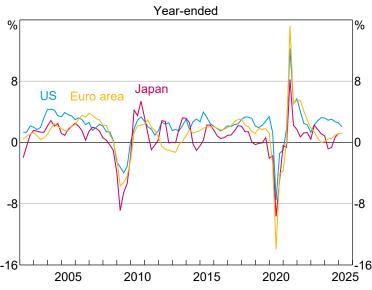
# World Economy

# **Major Trading Partner GDP Growth\***



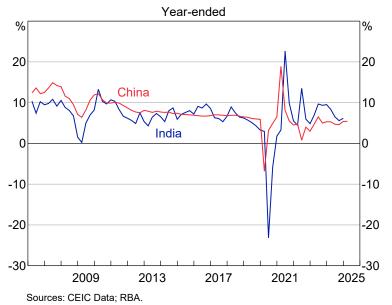
Weighted using Australian export shares. Sources: ABS; CEIC Data; LSEG; RBA.

#### **GDP Growth - G3 Economies**

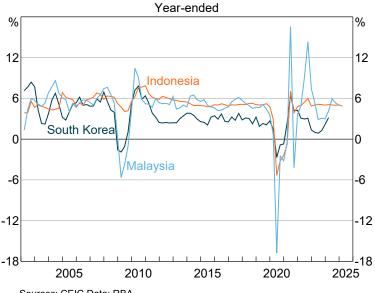


Source: LSEG.

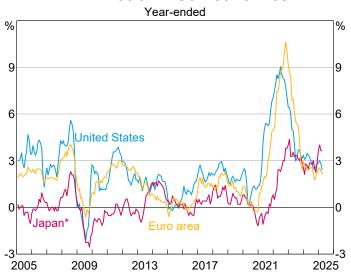
#### **GDP Growth – China and India**



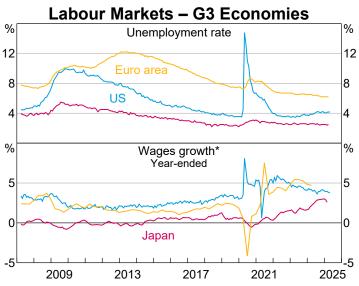
#### **GDP Growth - East Asia**



#### **CPI Inflation – G3 Economies**



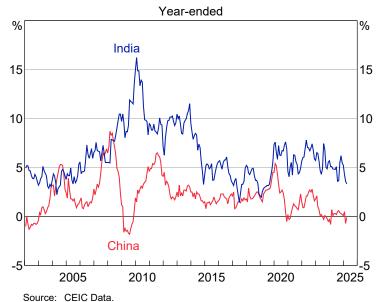
Excludes the effects of the consumption tax increase in 2014. Sources: LSEG; RBA.



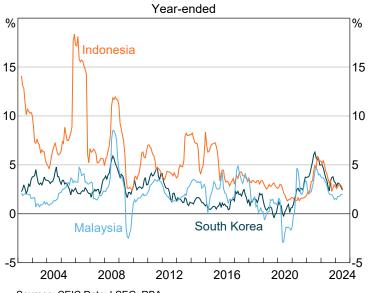
Average hourly earnings for the US; compensation per employee for the euro area; smoothed full-time base wages for Japan.

Sources: CEIC Data; LSEG; RBA.

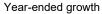
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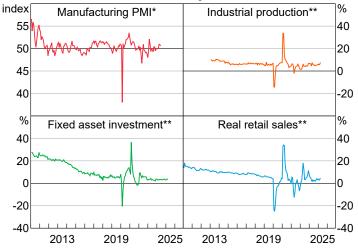


# **CPI Inflation – East Asia**



#### China - Activity Indicators

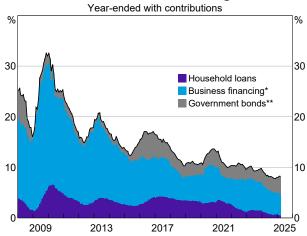




- Diffusion index; average of the official and Caixin.
- Seasonally adjusted by the RBA.

Sources: CEIC Data; Markit Economics; RBA.

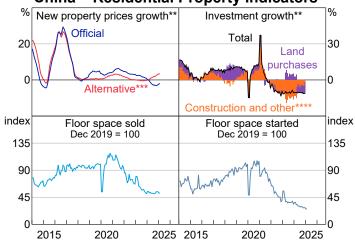
#### China - Total Social Financing Growth



- Sum of business loans, securities financing and off-balance sheet
- Net government bond issuance includes local government bond issuance to pay off debt previously classified as business financing, and uses RBA estimates prior to 2016.

Sources: CEIC Data; RBA.

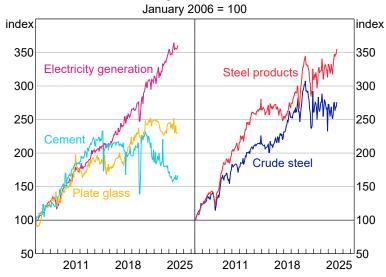
#### China - Residential Property Indicators\*



- Seasonally adjusted by the RBA
- Year-ended.
- \*\*\* China Index Academy.
- \*\*\*\* Construction, installation, equipment purchases and other.

Sources: CEIC Data; RBA; WIND Information.

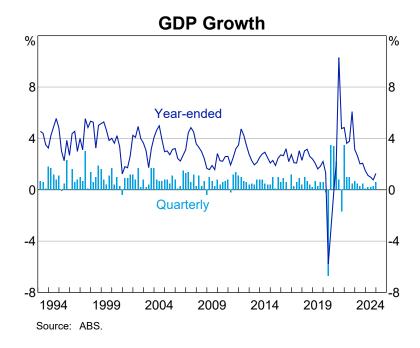
# China – Gross Output of Selected Products\*



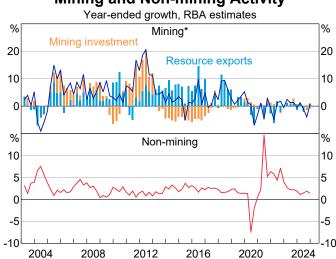
Seasonally adjusted by the RBA.

Sources: CEIC Data; RBA

# **Australian Growth**



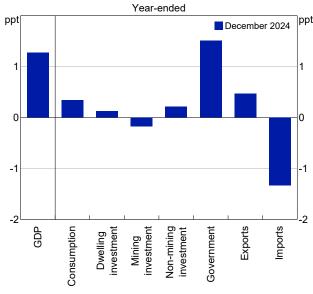
# **Mining and Non-mining Activity**



Net of mining-related imports; components are contributions to year-ended mining activity growth; contribution from changes in inventories not shown.

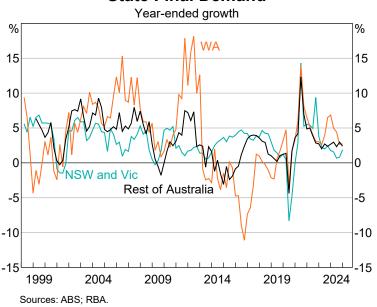
Sources: ABS; RBA.

## **Contributions to GDP Growth**

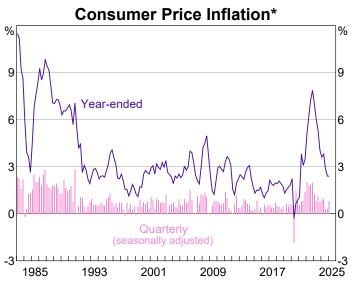


Sources: ABS; RBA.

#### **State Final Demand**

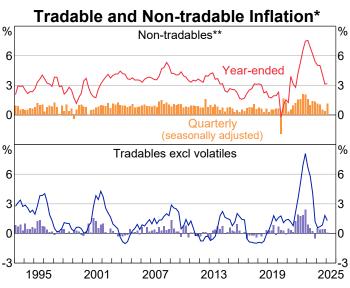


# **Australian Inflation**



Excludes interest charges prior to the September quarter 1998; adjusted for the tax changes of 1999-2000.

Sources: ABS; RBA.

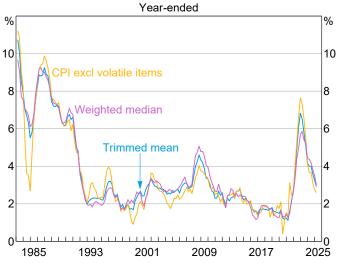


Adjusted for the tax changes of 1999–2000.

Excludes interest charges and indirect deposit & loan facilities.

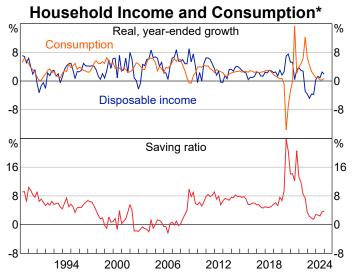
Sources: ABS; RBA.

# Measures of Underlying Inflation\*



Excludes interest charges prior to September 1998 and deposit & loan facilities prior to September 2011; adjusted for 1999-2000 tax changes. Sources: ABS; RBA.

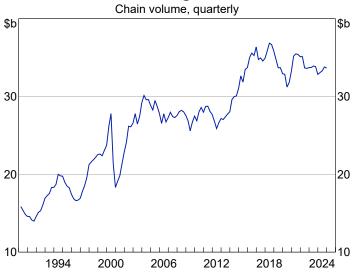
#### **Household Sector**



\* Household sector includes unincorporated enterprises; disposable income is after tax and interest payments; saving ratio is net of depreciation.

Sources: ABS; RBA.

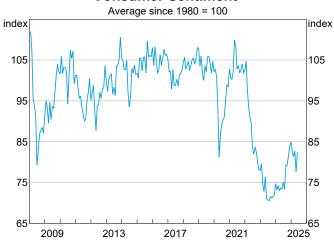
# **Private Dwelling Investment\***



Reference year is 2022/23.

Source: ABS.

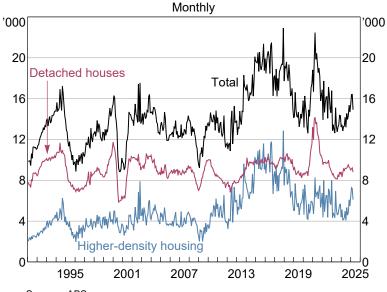
#### Consumer Sentiment\*



\* Average of the ANZ-Roy Morgan and Westpac-Melbourne Institute consumer sentiment measure of respondents' perceptions of their personal finances relative to the previous year; ANZ-Roy Morgan index rescaled to have the same average as the Westpac-Melbourne Institute index since 1996.

Sources: ANZ-Roy Morgan; RBA; Westpac and Melbourne Institute.

# **Private Residential Building Approvals**



Source: ABS.

#### **Housing Prices and Household Debt\***

Ratio to household disposable income
ratio

Housing prices

Household debt

2.0

1.6

4

3

0.8

\* Household disposable income is after tax, before the deduction of interest payments, and includes income of unincorporated enterprises. Sources: ABS; Cotality; RBA.

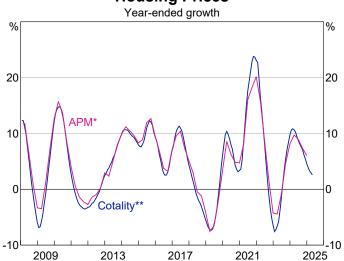
2004

2024

2024

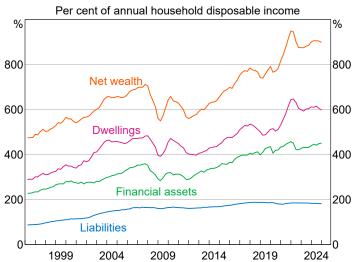
2004

# **Housing Prices**



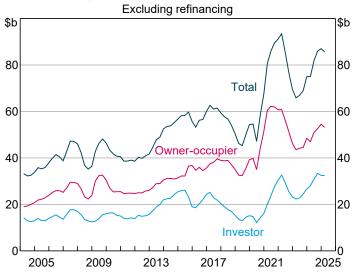
- \* Quarterly stratified median price index; seasonally adjusted.
- \*\* Monthly hedonic price index; non-seasonally adjusted. Sources: APM; Cotality; RBA.

#### Household Wealth and Liabilities\*



\* Household disposable income is after tax, before the deduction of interest payments, and includes income of unincorporated enterprises. Sources: ABS; RBA.

# **Quarterly Housing Loan Commitments\***



\* Seasonally adjusted.

Sources: ABS; RBA.

#### **Business Sector**

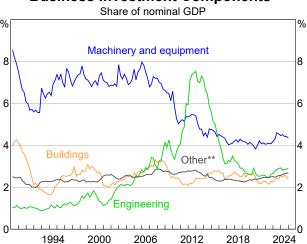
#### **Business Investment\***



\* Adjusted for second-hand asset transfers between the private and other sectors.

Source: ABS.

### **Business Investment Components\***

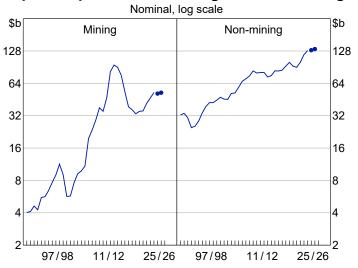


\* Adjusted for second-hand asset transfers between the private and other sectors.

\* Includes intellectual property products and cultivated biological resources.

Source: ABS

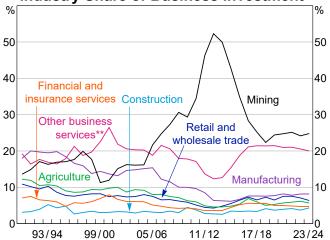
#### Capital Expenditure - Mining and Non-mining\*



\* Dots are firms' expectations for 2024/25 and 2025/26; adjusted for historical differences between expected and realised spending.

Sources: ABS; RBA; RBA calculations.

#### Industry Share of Business Investment\*

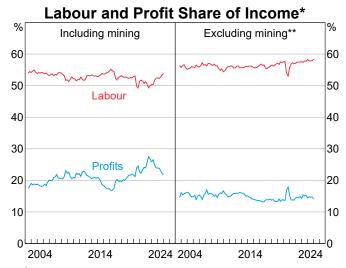


\* Nominal: includes second hand asset transfers.

\*\*\* Includes: information media and telecommunications; rental, hiring and real estate services; professional, scientific and technical services; administrative and support services.

Source: ABS.

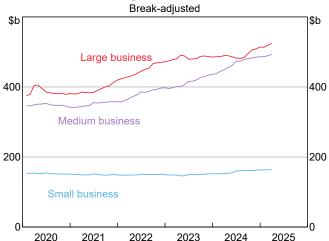




- Shares do not sum to 100 per cent due to the exclusion of gross mixed income, and the gross operating surplus of public corporations, financial corporations, general government and dwellings.
- Excluding mining sector profits and mining sector labour income.

Sources: ABS; RBA.

# **Lending to Businesses\***



EFS data are based on reporting of banks and finance companies that have \$2 billion or more of business credit. Data in April 2023 break-adjusted for revised defintions of business sizes for IRB reporting institutions.

Sources: APRA; RBA.

#### **NAB Business Survey** ppt ppt Business conditions\* 20 20 -20 -20 -40 -40 ppt ppt Business confidence\* -30 -30 -60 -60 Capacity utilisation 84 80 80 Average since 1989 76 76 72 72

Net balance; deviation from average since 1989.

2007

2013

2001

Sources: NAB; RBA.

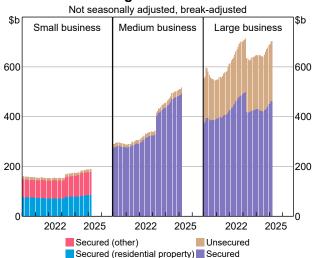
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2019

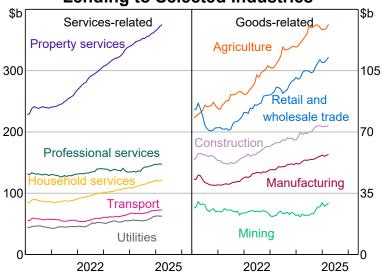
2025

#### Lending to Businesses\*



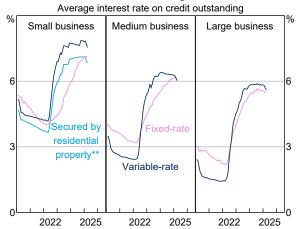
\* Changes to business size definitions in April 2023 resulted in some large business credit being reclassified as medium business credit and some medium business credit being reclassified as small business credit.
Sources: APRA; RBA.

# **Lending to Selected Industries\***



\* Not seasonally adjusted or break-adjusted. Sources: APRA; RBA.

#### **Business Lending Rates\***

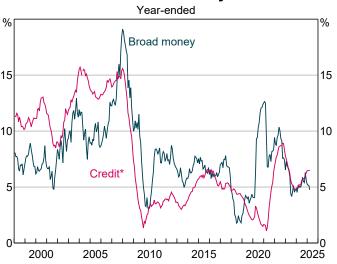


- Changes to business size definitions in April 2023 resulted in some large business credit being reclassified as medium business credit and some medium business credit being reclassified as small business credit.
- Small business loans secured by residential property can have fixed or variable interest rate terms and are included in the fixed-rate and variable-rate lines.

Sources: APRA: RBA.

# **Credit and Money**

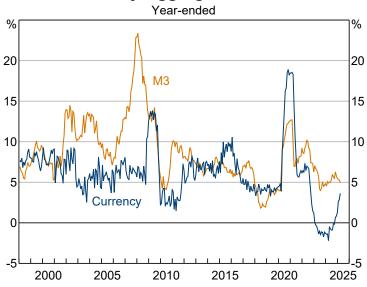
#### **Credit and Broad Money Growth**



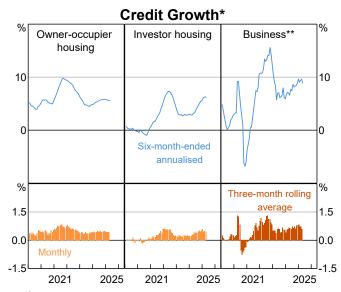
Excluding financial business post May 2004. Seasonally adjusted and break-adjusted; including securitisation.

Sources: ABS; APRA; RBA.

# **Monetary Aggregates Growth**



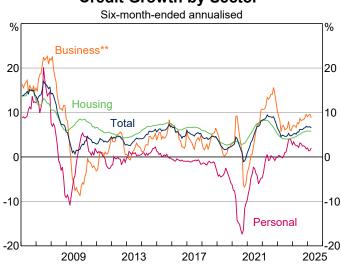
Sources: ABS; APRA; RBA.



- Seasonally adjusted and break-adjusted; including securitisation.
- Excluding financial businesses.

Sources: ABS; APRA; RBA

### Credit Growth by Sector\*

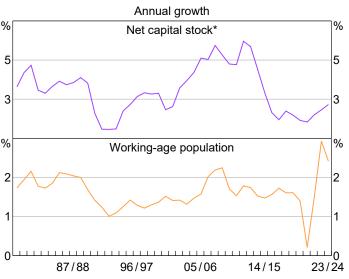


- Seasonally adjusted and break-adjusted; including securitisation.
- Lending to non-financial businesses.

Sources: ABS; APRA; RBA.

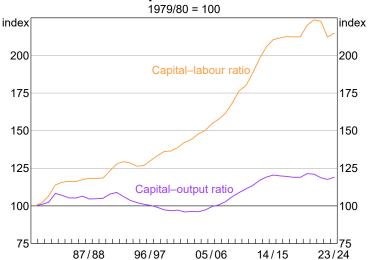
# Factors of Production and Labour Market

#### **Factors of Production**



\* Excluding livestock & orchards, dwellings and ownership transfer costs. Sources: ABS; RBA.

# Capital Ratios\*



Capital stock excludes livestock & orchards, dwellings and ownership transfer costs.

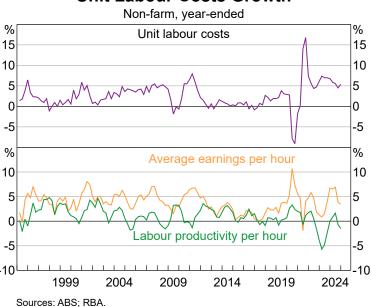
Sources: ABS; RBA.



\* Total pay excluding bonuses.

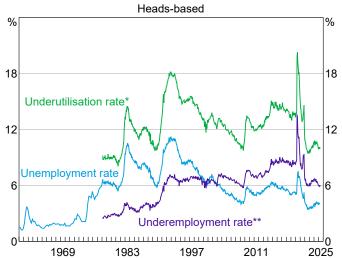
Source: ABS.

# **Unit Labour Costs Growth**



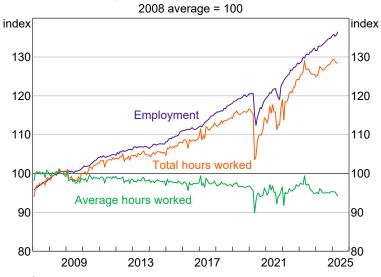
# **Employment and Participation Rates** 65 Participation rate 60 55 55 Employment-to-population ratio 1977 1989 2001 2013 2025 Source: ABS.

# **Labour Underutilisation Rates**



- Sum of the unemployment and underemployment rates.
- Employed people who want, and are available, to work more hours. Source: ABS.

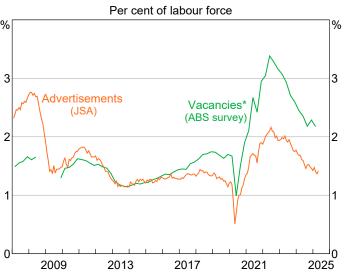
# **Employment and Hours Worked\***



Seasonally adjusted.

Sources: ABS; RBA.

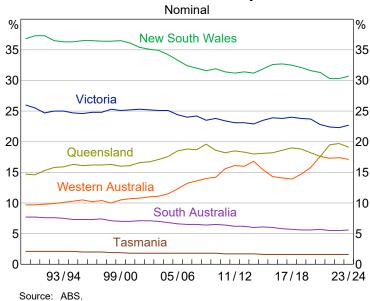
### **Job Vacancies and Advertisements**

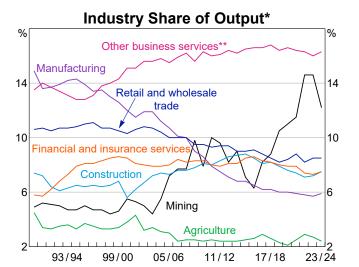


\* This survey was suspended between May 2008 and November 2009. Sources: ABS; Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA); RBA.

# **Regions and Industry**

#### **State Share of Output**

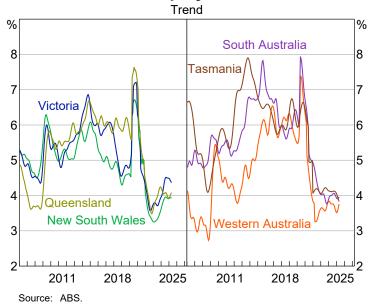




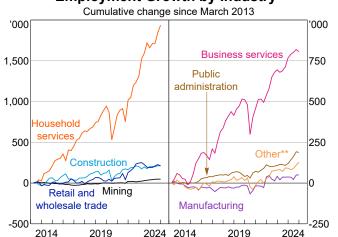
- Nominal gross value added.
- \*\* Includes: information media and telecommunications; rental, hiring and real estate services; professional, scientific and technical services; administrative and support services.

Source: ABS.

# **State Unemployment Rates**



#### **Employment Growth by Industry\***



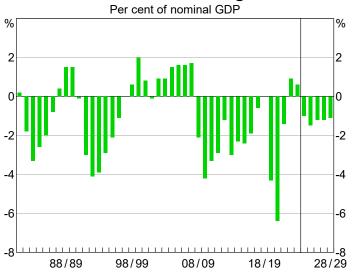
- \* The trend series have been suspended from June 2020 until more certainty emerges in the underlying trend in labour market activity over the COVID-19 period
- \*\* Includes agriculture, forestry & fishing; transport, postal & warehousing; and electricity, gas, water & waste services.

Source: ABS.



# Government

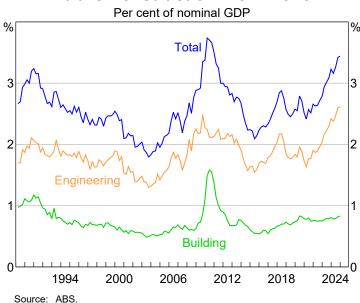
#### **Australian Government Budget Balance\***



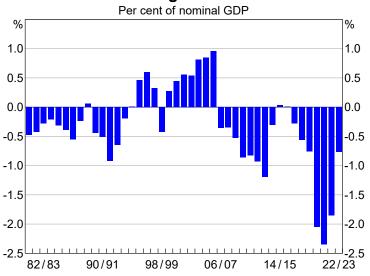
Underlying cash balance; 2025/26 Budget.

Source: Australian Treasury.

#### **Public Construction Work Done**



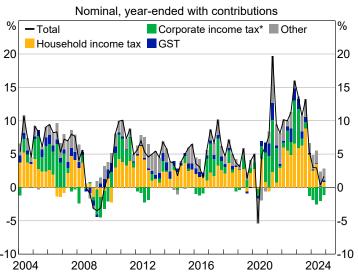
State Budget Balances\*



Underlying cash balance.

Source: ABS.

# **Taxation Revenue Growth**



Only includes taxation of resident corporations.

Source: ABS.



# **Components of Public Demand**

Share of nominal GDP Public consumption Public investment\* 24 22 20

Adjusted for second-hand asset transfers between public and other

2024 2004

2014

2024

Sources: ABS; RBA.

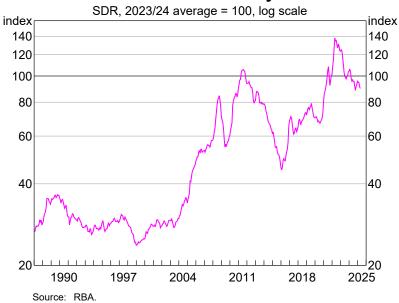
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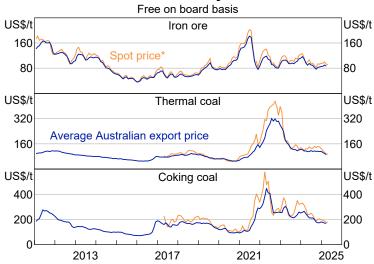


# **Commodity Prices**

# **RBA Index of Commodity Prices**

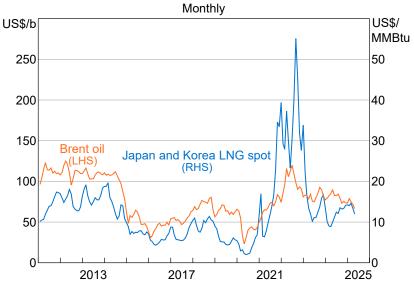


# **Bulk Commodity Prices**



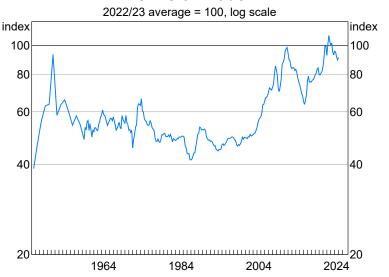
\* Iron ore 62% Fe fines index, Newcastle thermal coal, and premium hard coking coal; coal price data available from April 2017.
Sources: ABS; Bloomberg; CRU; RBA.

#### Oil and LNG Prices



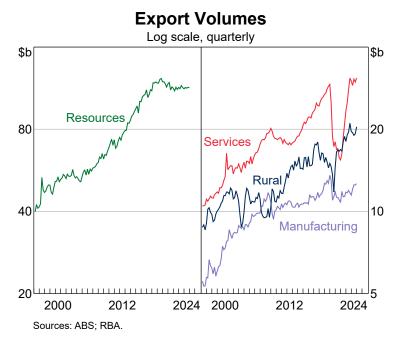
Sources: Bloomberg; LSEG; RBA.

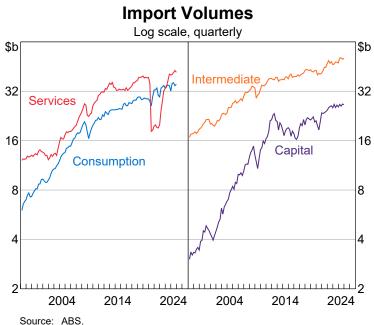
#### Terms of Trade\*

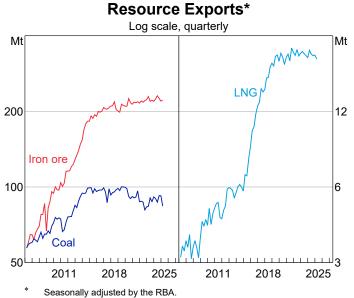


\* Annual data are used prior to 1960. Sources: ABS; RBA.

# Balance of Payments and External Position

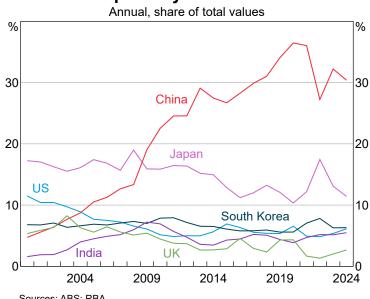






Sources: ABS; Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources;

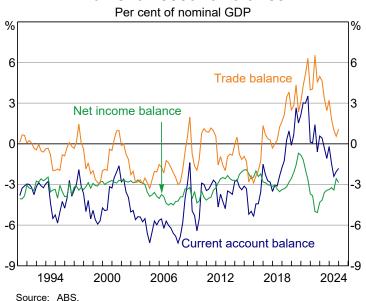
# **Exports by Destination**



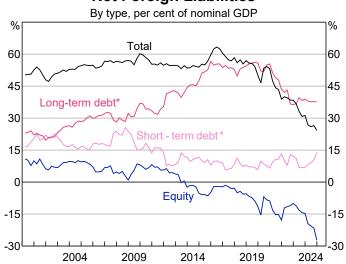
Sources: ABS; RBA.



#### **Current Account Balance**



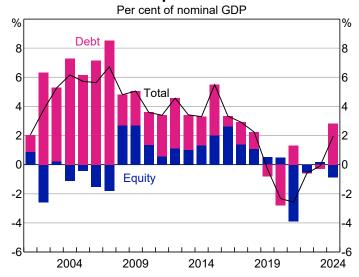
# **Net Foreign Liabilities**



Short-term includes debt with residual maturity of one year or less; long-term includes all other debt.

Source: ABS.

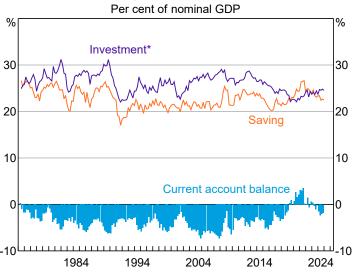
#### **Net Capital Inflow\***



Latest year includes data for the year to date.

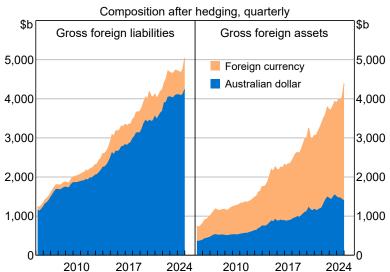
Source: ABS.

# **Saving and Investment**



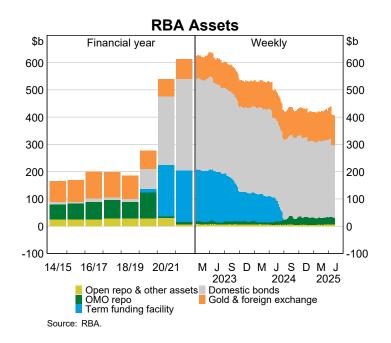
Includes ownership transfer costs and change in inventories. Sources: ABS; RBA.

# **External Position\***

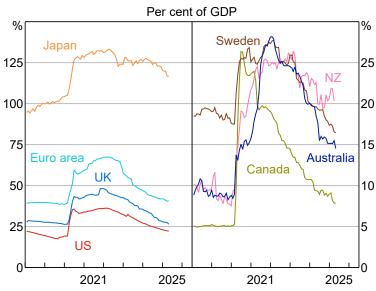


<sup>\*</sup> Hedge ratios inferred from ABS Foreign Currency Exposure surveys. Sources: ABS; RBA.

#### Central Bank Balance Sheets and Bond Purchases



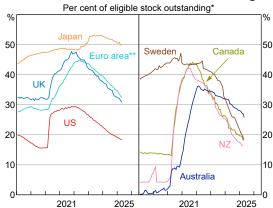
#### **Central Bank Total Assets**



Sources: Central banks; LSEG; RBA.

#### **RBA Liabilities** \$b \$b Financial year Weekly 600 600 500 500 400 400 300 300 200 200 100 100 14/15 16/17 18/19 20/21 MJSDMJSDMJ 2023 2024 Capital & reserve bank reserve fund Government & other deposits Banknotes Other liabilities Exchange settlement balances Source: RBA.

#### **Central Bank Government Bond Holdings**

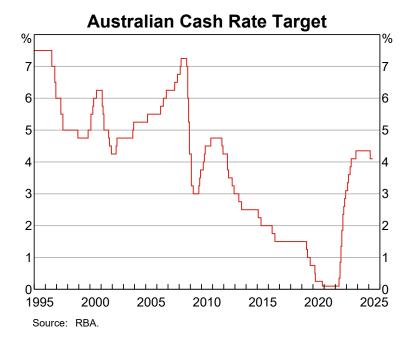


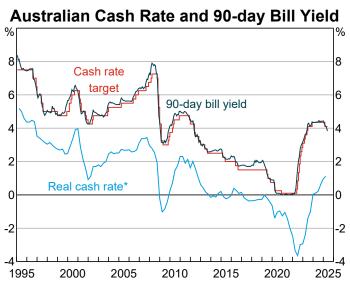
- Data include nominal and inflation-linked bonds issued by central governments that are eligible for purchase in the secondary market under central banks' government bond purchase programs (for Australia, this is nominal Australian Government Securities only); data for euro area also include eligible bonds issued by local and regional
- Holdings data for euro area only include bonds held as part of asset purchase programs; holdings data for other central banks also include bonds held for operational or liquidity purposes.

Sources: Central banks; debt management offices; LSEG; RBA.



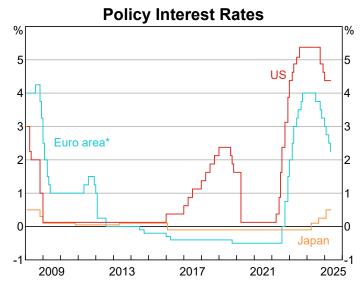
# **Interest Rates**





Calculated using average of year-ended weighted median inflation and year-ended trimmed mean inflation.

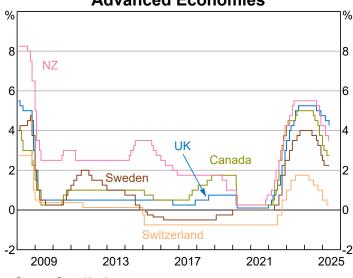
Sources: ABS; AFMA; ASX; RBA.



Main refinancing rate until the introduction of 3-year LTROs in December 2011; deposit facility rate thereafter.

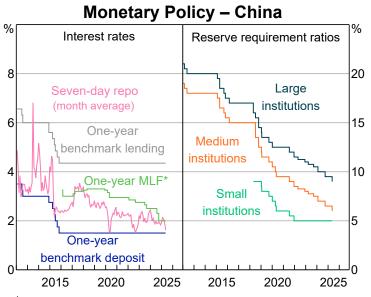
Source: Central banks.

# Policy Interest Rates - Selected **Advanced Economies**



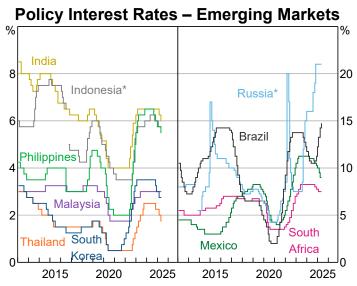
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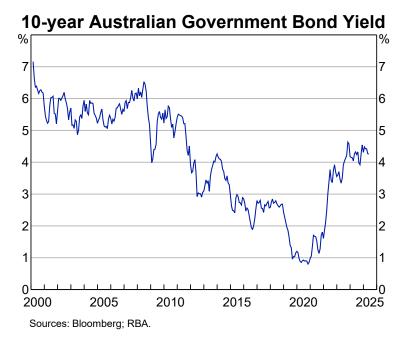
\* Medium term lending facility.

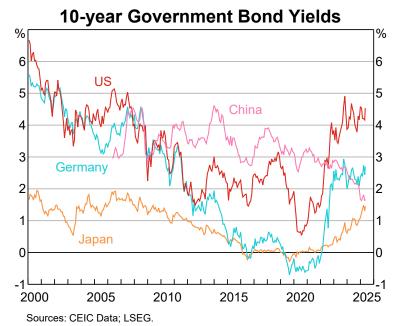
Sources: CEIC Data; RBA.



Breaks in series indicate changes in the official policy rates for Russia (September 2013) and Indonesia (August 2016).

Source: Central banks.



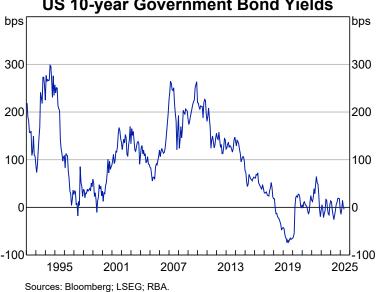




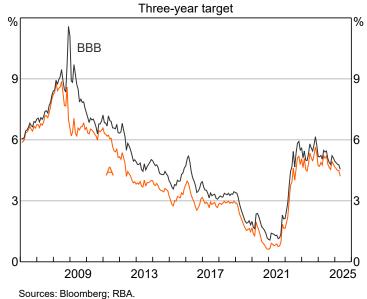
# Spread between Australian 10-year Bond Yield and the Cash Rate Target



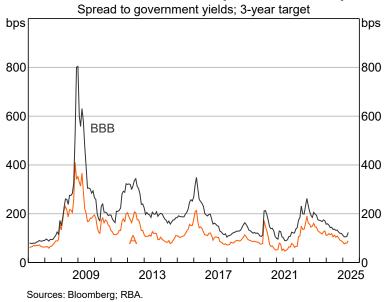
# Differential between Australian and US 10-year Government Bond Yields



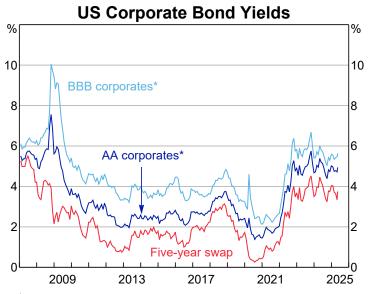
# **Australian Non-financial Corporate Bond Yields**



# **Australian Non-financial Corporate Bond Spreads**



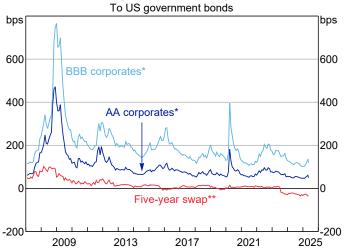




Includes financials and non-financials.

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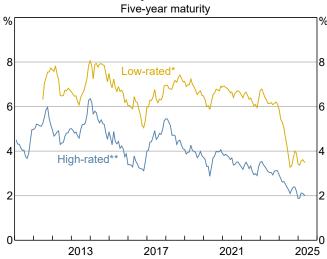
# **US Corporate Bond Spreads**



- Includes financials and non-financials.
- Series break from June 2023; thereafter 5-year swap calculation based on new data due to the cessation of US dollar LIBOR.

Sources: Bloomberg; ICE Data is used with permission.

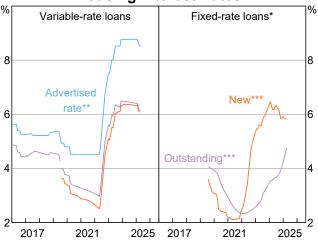
# **Chinese Corporate Bond Yields**



- Based on AA- domestically rated bond.
- Based on AAA domestically rated bond.

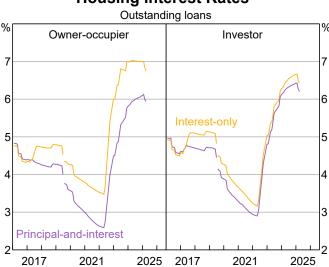
Source: CEIC Data.

#### **Housing Interest Rates**



- \* Weighted average interest rate across all fixed-rate periods.
- \*\* Major banks' standard variable rates for owner-occupier variable-rate
- \*\*\* Series break in July 2019; thereafter, data based on EFS collection.
  Sources: APRA; banks' websites; CANSTAR; RBA; Securitisation System.

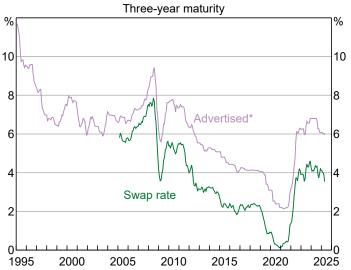
# **Housing Interest Rates\***



Average of variable-rate securitised loans to 2019; thereafter, average of fixed and variable-rate loans, based on EFS data.

Sources: APRA; RBA; Securitisation System.

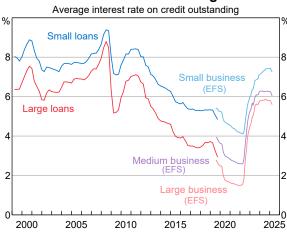
# **Fixed Housing Interest Rates**



\* Available to owner-occupiers.

Sources: Banks' websites; Bloomberg; CANSTAR; RBA.

#### **Australian Business Lending Rates\***



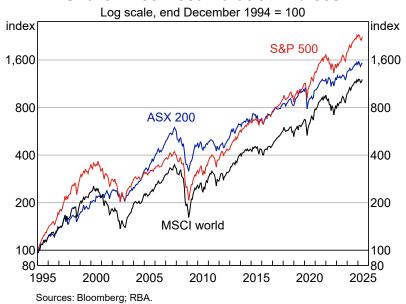
Small loans are loans less than \$2 million; large loans are loans \$2 million or more; new series from July 2019 are from the Economic and Financial Statistics (EFS) collection (see Statistical Table F7). Changes to business size definitions in April 2023 resulted in some large business credit being reclassified as medium business credit and some medium business credit being reclassified as small business credit.

Sources: APRA; RBA.

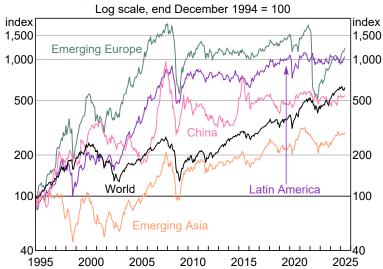


# **Share Markets**

#### **Share Price Accumulation Indices**

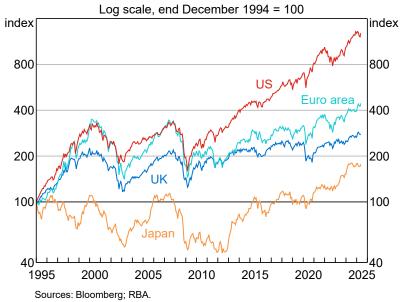


# **Emerging Markets' Share Price Indices\***

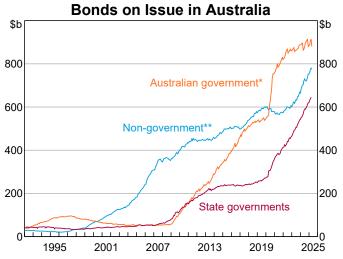


MSCI indices; Shanghai Composite Index for China. Sources: Bloomberg; MSCI; RBA.

# **Advanced Economies' Share Price Indices**



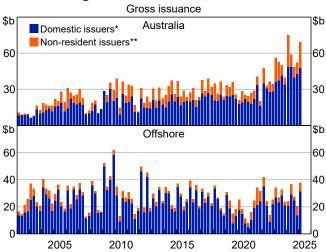
# **Bond Issuance**



- \* Excludes bonds purchased by the Australian Government.
- \*\* Excludes ADIs' self-securitisations, includes government-guaranteed bonds.

Sources: ABS; AOFM; Bloomberg; KangaNews; Private Placement Monitor; RBA; State Treasury Corporations.

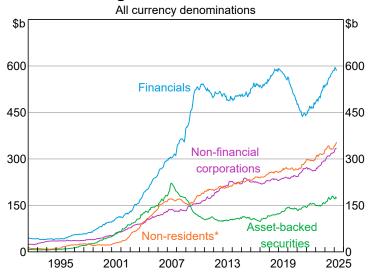
#### **Non-government Bond Issuance**



- \* Excludes ADIs' self-securitisations.
- Offshore non-resident issuance includes Australian dollar-denominated bonds only.

Sources: Bloomberg; KangaNews; Private Placement Monitor; RBA.

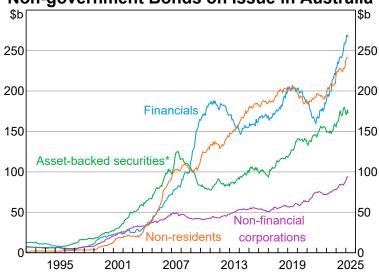
#### **Total Non-government Bonds on Issue**



\* Australian dollar-denominated bonds only

Sources: ABS; Bloomberg; KangaNews; Private Placement Monitor; RBA.

### Non-government Bonds on Issue in Australia

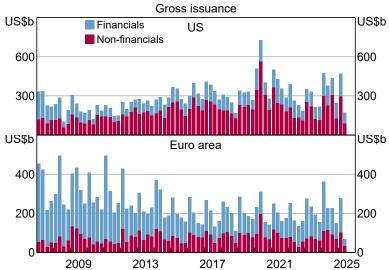


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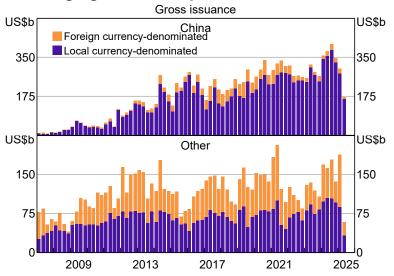


# **US and Euro Area Corporate Bond Issuance\***



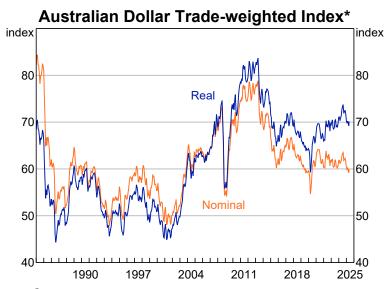
\* Most recent data is quarter-to-date. Sources: Dealogic; RBA.

# **Emerging Market Corporate Bond Issuance\***



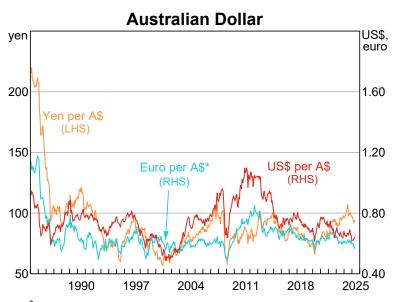
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# **Exchange Rates**



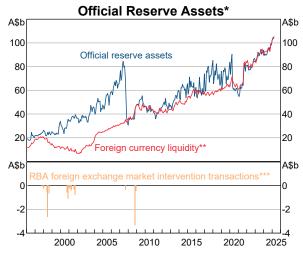
\* May 1970 = 100 for nominal; real indexed to equate post-float averages; latest observations for real TWI are estimates.

Sources: ABS; LSEG; RBA; WM/Reuters.



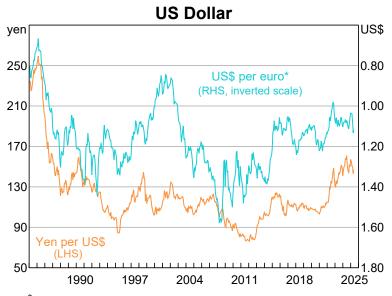
\* ECU per A\$ until 31 December 1998.

Source: Bloomberg.



- \* The reporting methodology for official reserve asset data changes in 2015.
- \*\* Excludes net forward foreign currency commitments.
- \*\*\* Data up to 30 June 2024; a positive value indicates a purchase of foreign exchange, while a negative value indicates a sale of foreign exchange.

Source: RBA.

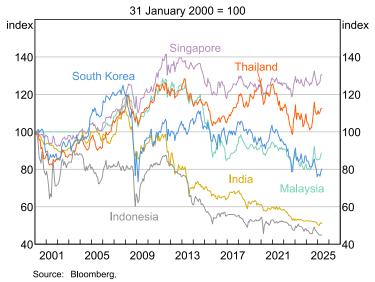


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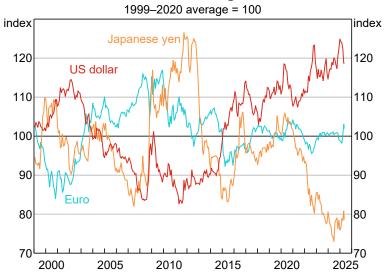
Sources: Bloomberg; Eurostat.



# Selected Asian Currencies against the US Dollar



# **G3 Nominal Trade-weighted Indices**



Sources: BIS; Bloomberg; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

# **Banking Indicators**

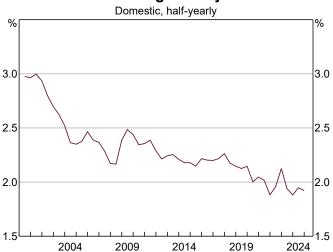
#### **Australian Bank Profitability\***



Fiscal years from 2003 onwards; prior data are as reported in banks' financial statements

Sources: APRA; Banks' annual reports; RBA.

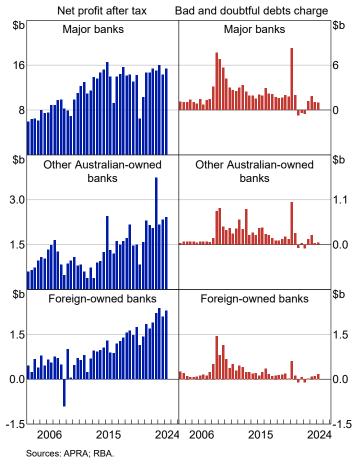
#### Net Interest Margin - Major Banks\*



Data for a given period relate to banks' public profit reports released in that half; IFRS basis from 2006, AGAAP prior; excludes St George Bank and Bankwest prior to the first half of 2009.

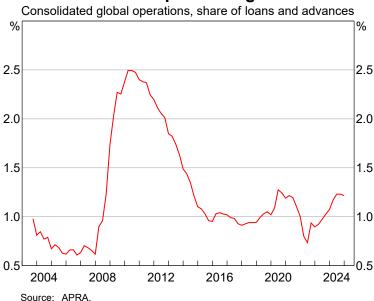
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#### **Australian Bank Profits**

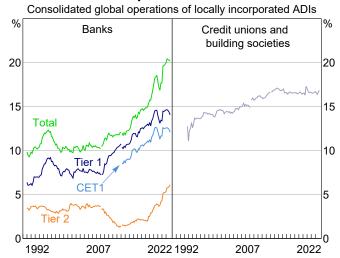




# **Banks' Non-performing Loans**



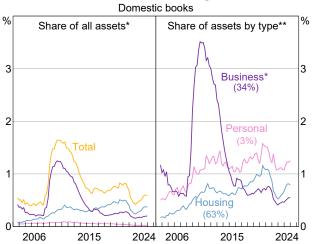
### **Capital Ratios\***



Per cent of risk-weighted assets; break in March 2008 due to the introduction of Basel II for most ADIs; break in March 2013 due to the introduction of Basel III for all ADIs.

Source: APRA

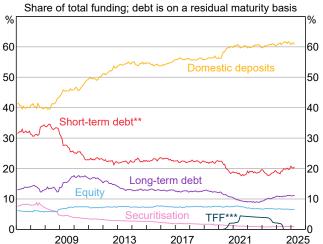
#### **Banks' Non-performing Assets**



- \* Includes lending to financial businesses, bills, short-term and long-term debt securities and other non-household loans
- \*\* Each category's share of total domestic lending at December 2022 is shown in parentheses; shares may not add up to 100 due to rounding

Sources: APRA; RBA.

#### Funding Composition of Banks in Australia\*



- \* Adjusted for movements in foreign exchange rates.
- \*\* Includes deposits and intragroup funding from non-residents.
- \*\*\* Term Funding Facility.

Sources: ABS; APRA; Bloomberg; LSEG; RBA.