

ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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*Methodology change

From 3 January 2022, the interviews for the consumer confidence survey will be conducted throughout the week (Monday to Sunday). Previously they were done at the end of the week (Saturday and Sunday).

Consumer confidence softens

- Consumer confidence dropped 1.9% last week, reversing the gains of the week before. A large fall in confidence in WA and smaller falls in NSW, Queensland and SA drove the drop, while Victoria recorded a small gain.
- 'Weekly inflation expectations' rose 0.1ppt to 4.8% with its four-week moving average unchanged at 4.9%.
- 'Current financial conditions' plunged 7.8% and 'future financial conditions' fell 3.5%. Both the subindices were at their lowest level since late 2020 when the economy was recovering from the second wave of the pandemic.
- 'Current economic conditions' softened 0.3%, while 'future economic conditions' were up 2.4%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' increased 0.7%.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

Last week* (31 Jan – 6 Feb)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
99.9	-1.9%	99.9	112.4	4.9%

The weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,523 interviews conducted online and over the telephone during the week to Sunday.* Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

ANZ Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

Consumer confidence decreased 1.9% last week, falling back below neutral. This coincided with much publicised commentary from the RBA Governor that there was now a "plausible scenario" in which the cash rate went up in 2022. That is a big shift from Lowe's previous statements that interest rates may not go up until 2024. Ratings of both 'current' and 'financial' conditions dropped to levels last seen in late 2020. Among the states, WA suffered the biggest loss, with sentiment 8.1% lower, which could be influenced by COVID numbers and bushfires close to the towns of Bridgetown and Denmark. Confidence also dropped in NSW (-1.7%), Queensland (-3.4%) and SA (-1.9%), while it rose in Victoria (+1.5%).

Confidence down 1.9%

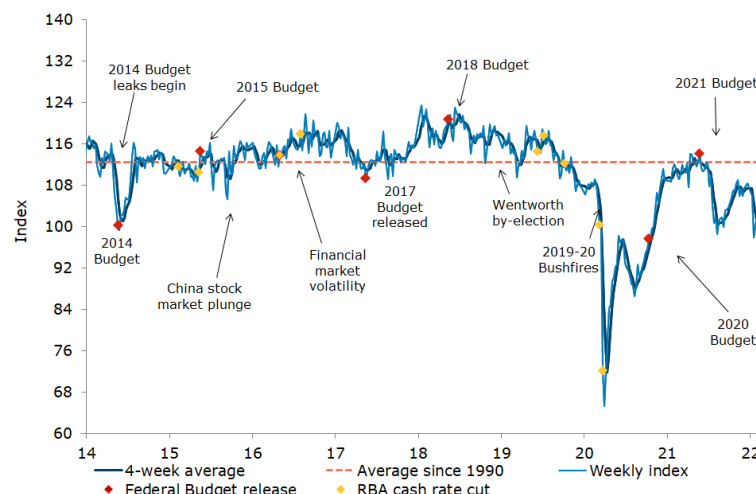
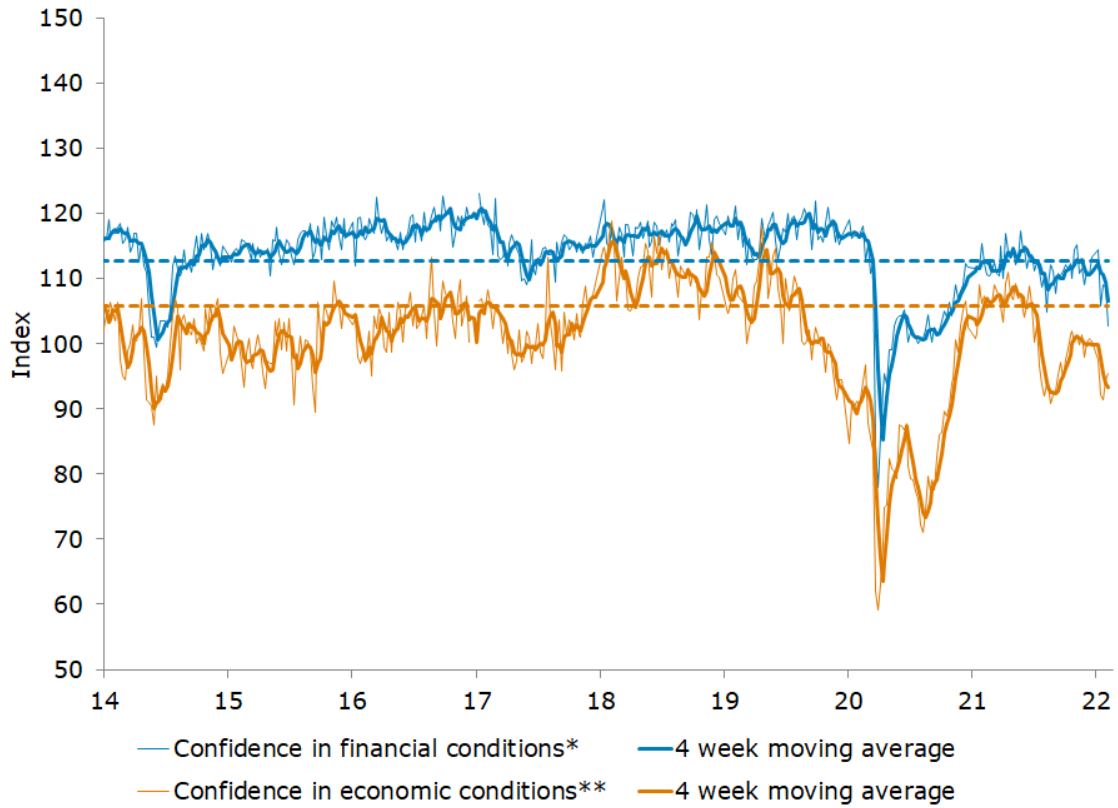




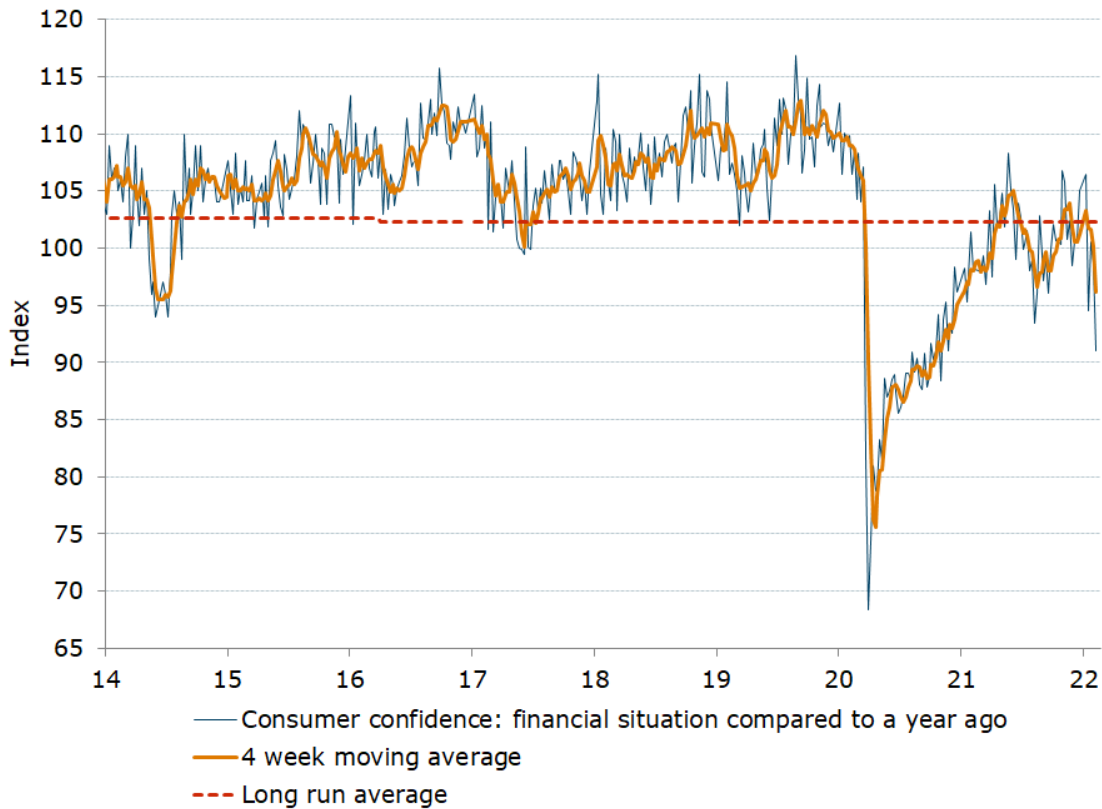
Figure 1. Confidence in financial conditions worsened, but in economic conditions it improved



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Note: *Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. **Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

Figure 2. 'Current financial conditions' declined 7.8%

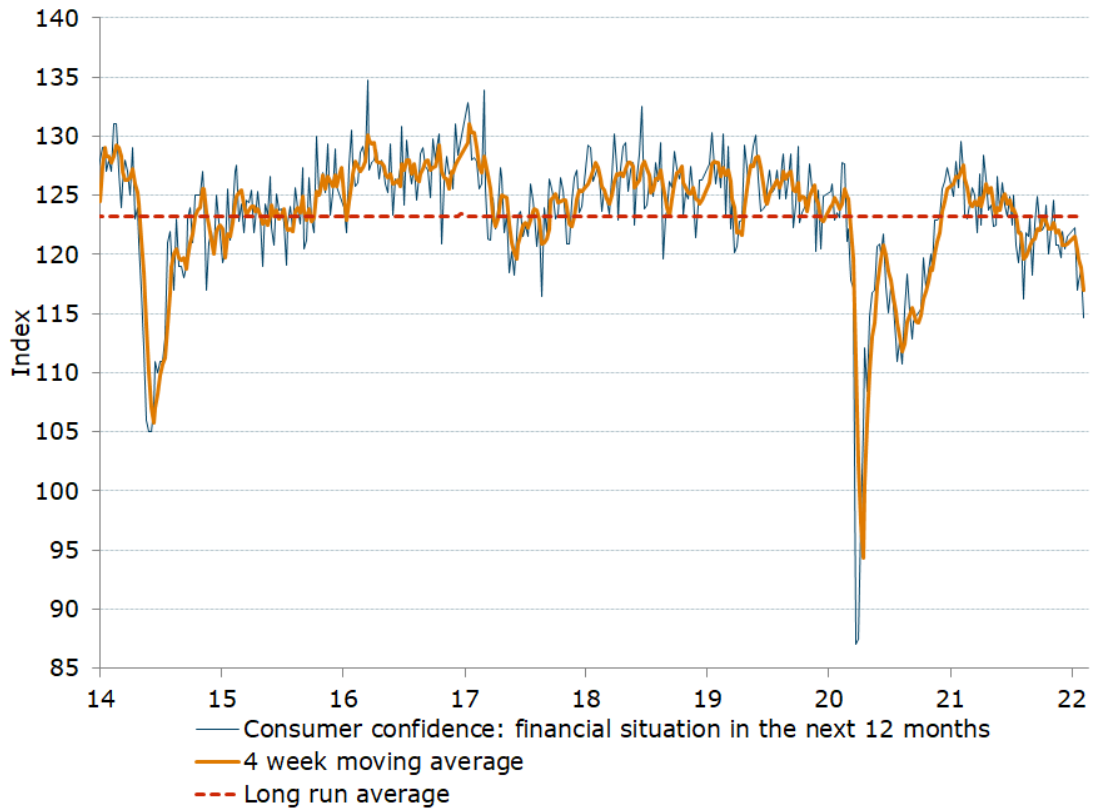


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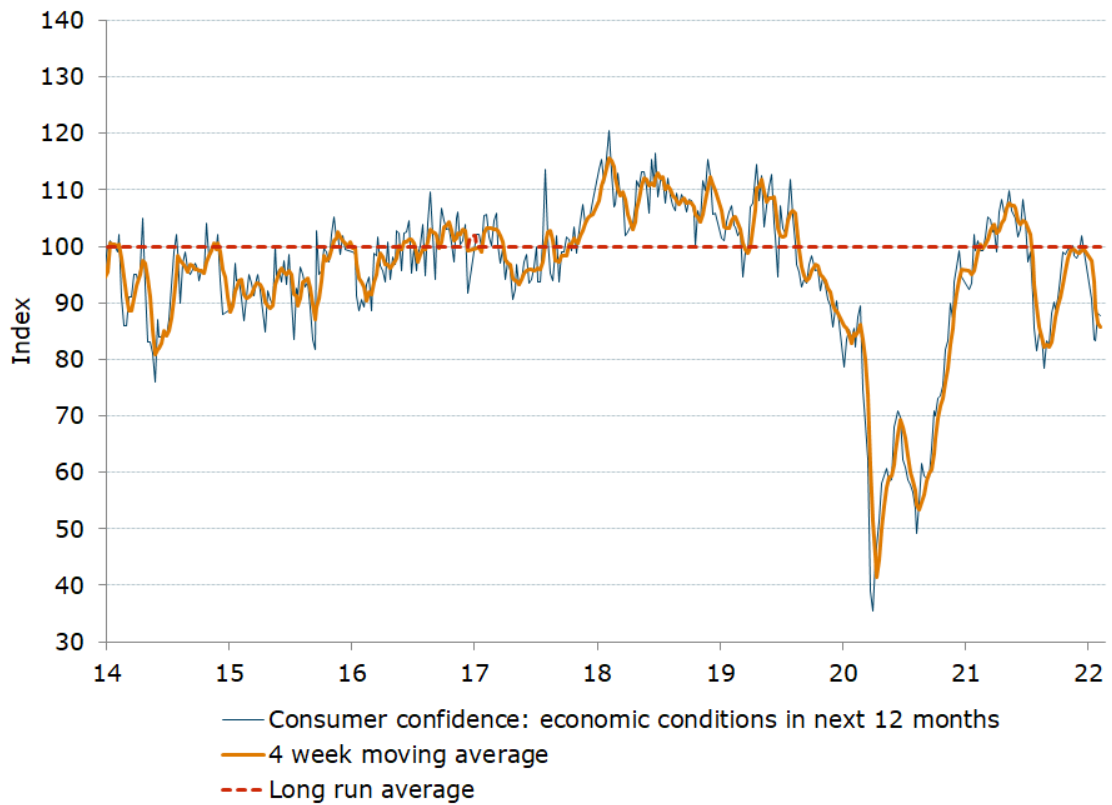
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Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' decreased 3.5%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' softened 0.3%

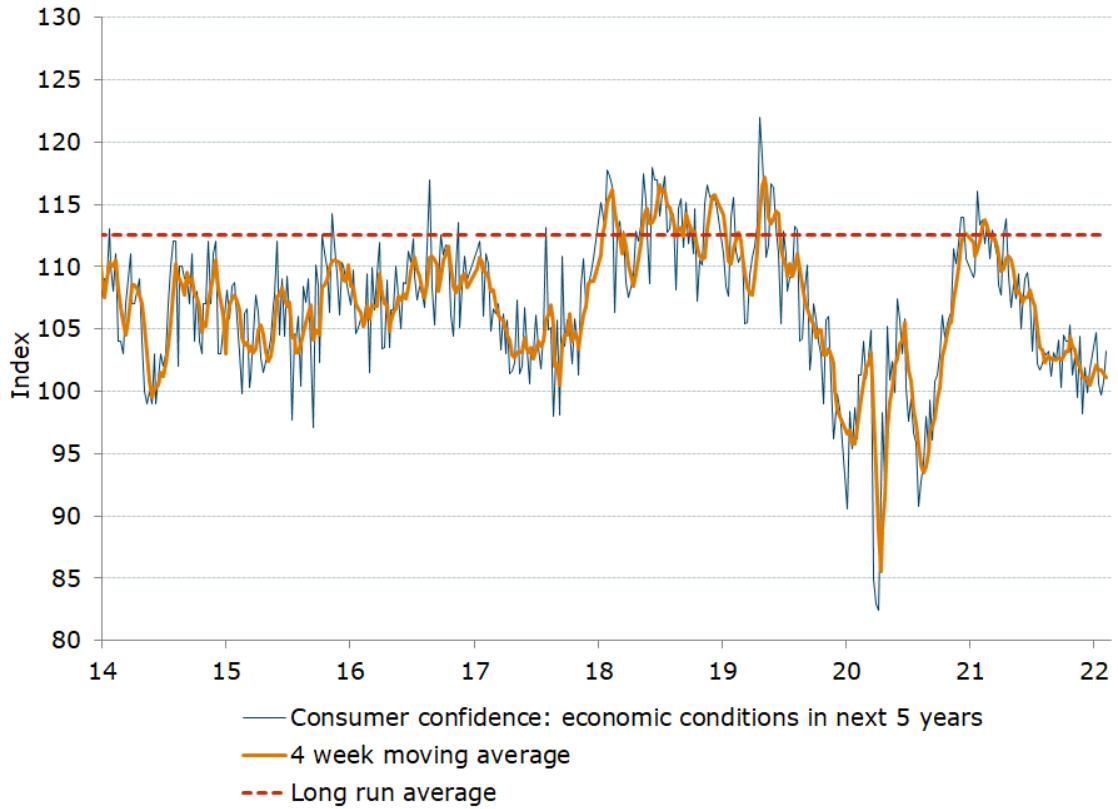


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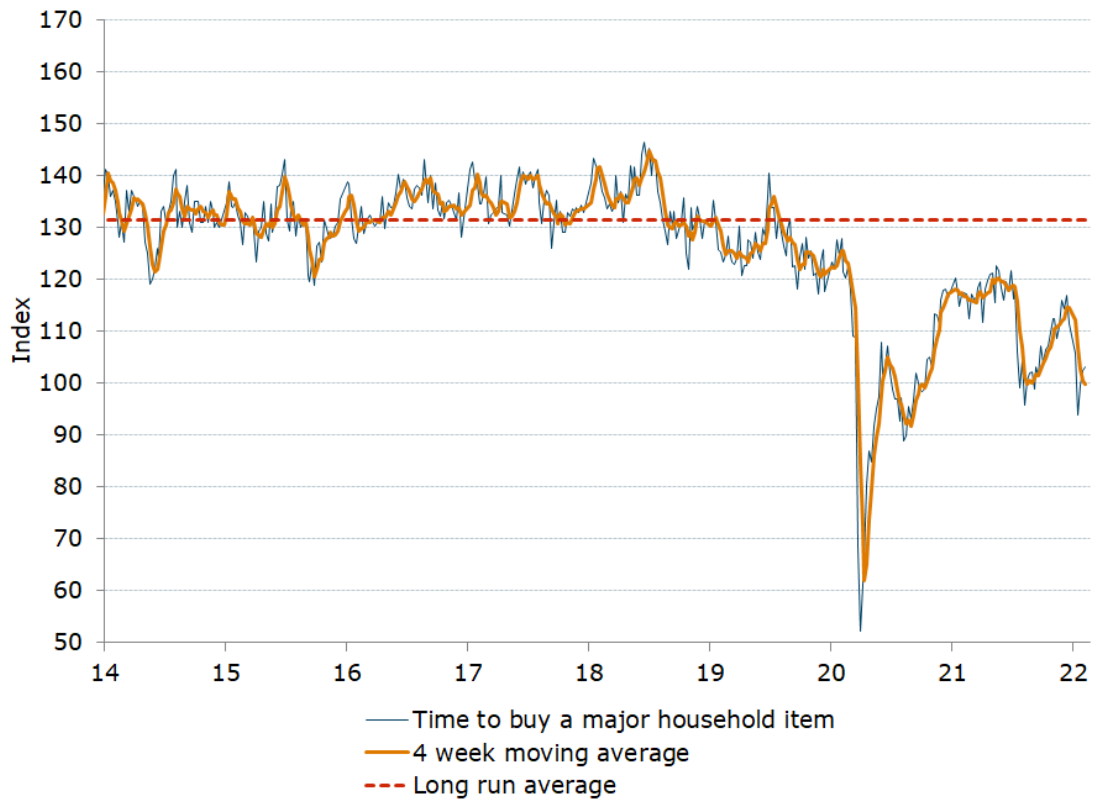
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Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' gained 2.4%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 6. 'Time to buy a major household item' rose 0.7%

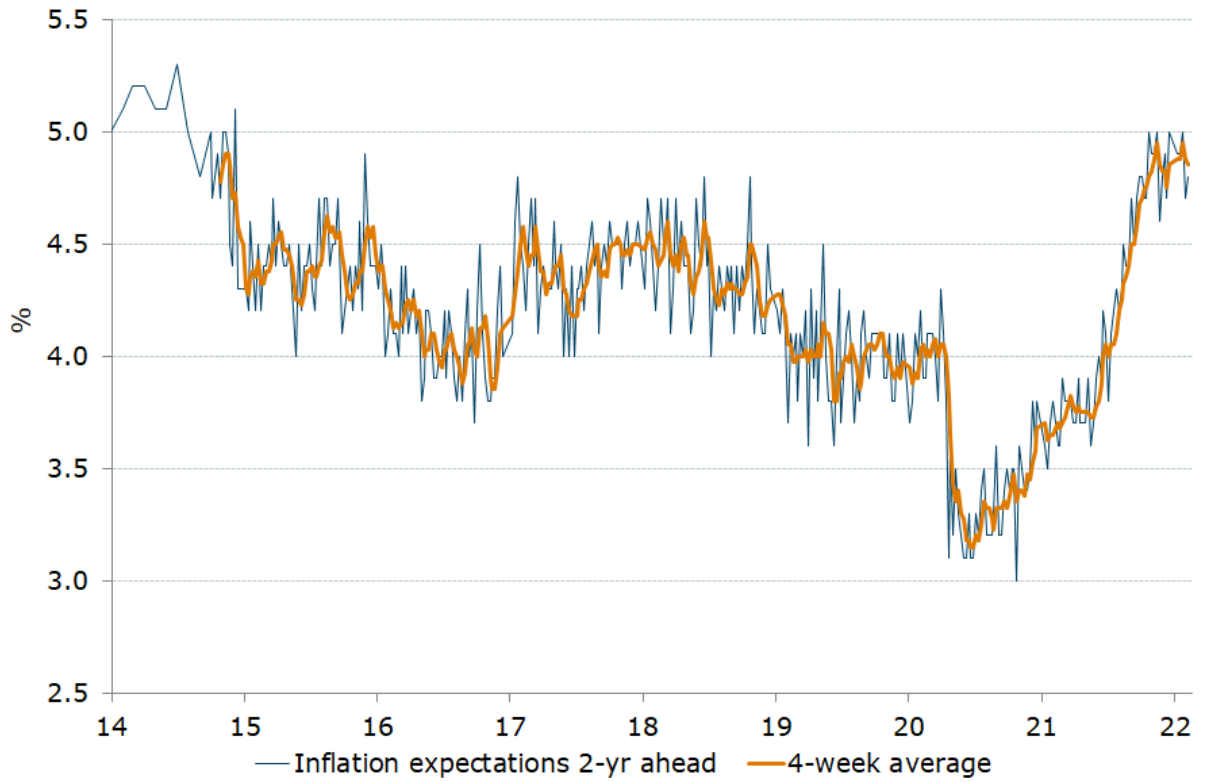


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



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Figure 7. Weekly inflation expectations rose 0.1ppt to 4.8%, while its four-week moving average was unchanged at 4.9%



* Data from Oct-2014 is weekly.
Data prior to that is monthly.

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



Data table

Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

	Headline index		Subindices				Inflation expectations	
	Last week	4-week moving average	1. Financial situation compared to a year ago	2. Financial situation next year	3. Economic conditions next year	4. Economic conditions next 5 years	5. Time to buy a major household item	6. Inflation expectations 2-year ahead (%)
Avg since 2001	115	-	102	124	103	113	132	-
2010 avg	124	-	101	127	124	130	139	5.7
2011 avg	114	-	97	117	101	116	140	6.0
2012 avg	113	-	99	118	97	113	138	5.8
2013 avg	119	-	104	128	106	118	139	5.0
2014 avg	111	-	104	121	94	106	132	4.9
2015 avg	112	-	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
2016 avg	115	-	109	127	99	108	134	4.1
2017 avg	114	-	105	124	100	105	135	4.4
2018 avg	119	-	108	126	109	113	135	4.4
2019 avg	114	-	109	126	101	109	126	4.0
2020 avg	96	-	92	117	69	100	102	3.5
2021 avg	108	-	101	123	98	106	113	4.2
7-Mar-21	111.9	110.3	99.3	125.7	105.3	112.9	116.2	3.8
14-Mar-21	110.9	110.6	96.8	125.0	104.7	111.7	116.3	3.8
21-Mar-21	110.4	110.9	98.9	121.8	102.6	110.8	118.2	3.8
28-Mar-21	112.3	111.4	103.3	126.8	103.1	108.5	119.6	3.7
4-Apr-21	107.7	110.3	97.5	122.5	99.1	107.7	111.7	3.7
11-Apr-21	114.1	111.1	105.6	128.4	106.1	112.5	118.1	3.9
18-Apr-21	114.0	112.0	102.0	126.4	108.2	113.9	119.7	3.7
25-Apr-21	112.4	112.1	102.5	123.8	105.9	109.2	120.8	3.7
2-May-21	112.7	113.3	104.8	124.2	106.8	106.7	121.1	3.7
9-May-21	111.6	112.7	101.9	122.4	109.8	108.6	115.4	3.9
16-May-21	112.5	112.3	103.5	122.5	106.4	107.4	122.5	3.6
23-May-21	114.2	112.8	108.3	126.6	105.5	109.4	121.6	3.7
30-May-21	111.4	112.4	105.0	123.6	105.0	105.0	118.4	3.9
6-Jun-21	110.7	112.2	103.4	126.1	101.7	106.6	115.8	4.0
13-Jun-21	111.0	111.8	99.0	124.2	103.1	109.0	119.6	3.9
20-Jun-21	112.4	111.4	103.9	123.2	108.2	109.5	117.5	4.2
27-Jun-21	112.2	111.6	102.6	124.9	104.5	107.6	121.6	4.1
4-Jul-21	107.8	110.9	99.9	122.5	97.2	103.2	116.2	3.8
11-Jul-21	110.0	110.6	100.3	125.0	98.9	107.0	118.5	4.1
18-Jul-21	104.3	108.6	101.5	120.8	91.1	102.2	106.0	4.2
25-Jul-21	100.7	105.7	98.0	119.3	85.6	101.7	99.0	4.3
1-Aug-21	101.8	104.2	99.0	122.0	81.6	102.2	104.2	4.2
8-Aug-21	98.6	101.4	93.4	116.2	84.7	103.1	95.6	4.3
15-Aug-21	101.1	100.6	96.1	121.9	84.3	102.9	100.4	4.5
22-Aug-21	101.6	100.8	102.8	121.5	78.5	103.2	102.0	4.4
29-Aug-21	101.8	100.8	99.5	123.1	83.2	101.2	102.2	4.4
5-Sep-21	100.0	101.1	97.2	118.2	82.6	103.1	98.9	4.7
12-Sep-21	103.1	101.6	99.1	122.6	88.2	102.5	103.1	4.5
19-Sep-21	103.3	102.1	96.1	124.9	90.1	104.1	101.5	4.7
26-Sep-21	103.7	102.5	99.9	122.5	88.9	100.3	107.2	4.8
3-Oct-21	104.6	103.7	102.1	122.1	90.8	104.5	103.8	4.8
10-Oct-21	105.6	104.3	100.6	122.5	94.6	104.0	106.5	4.7
17-Oct-21	107.0	105.2	100.5	124.2	98.9	104.0	107.1	4.7
24-Oct-21	106.8	106.0	100.3	120.0	98.6	105.3	109.7	5.0
31-Oct-21	108.4	107.0	106.8	122.1	99.4	101.3	112.3	4.9
7-Nov-21	109.0	107.8	105.8	124.6	99.7	102.8	112.4	4.9
14-Nov-21	106.0	107.6	100.8	120.8	100.1	99.5	108.6	5.0
21-Nov-21	107.4	107.7	102.4	120.8	98.4	104.4	110.9	4.6
28-Nov-21	106.0	107.1	98.5	119.7	97.8	98.2	116.0	4.8
5-Dec-21	107.5	106.7	100.6	122.0	98.8	101.9	114.3	4.9
12-Dec-21	108.0	107.2	100.8	120.5	101.8	99.9	116.8	4.7
19-Dec-21	108.4	107.5	105.0	121.5	99.1	101.8	111.3	5.0
9-Jan-22	106.0	107.5	106.5	122.3	90.5	104.7	105.8	4.9
16-Jan-22	97.9	105.1	94.5	117.0	83.6	100.6	93.7	4.9
23-Jan-22	100.1	103.1	100.5	117.7	83.2	99.7	99.6	5.0
30-Jan-22	101.8	101.5	98.7	118.7	88.1	100.8	102.3	4.7
6-Feb-22	99.9	99.9	91.0	114.6	87.8	103.2	103.0	4.8

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