

ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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Inflation expectations rise further

- Consumer confidence increased slightly by just 0.4% last week making it the third consecutive week of small gains. A fall in confidence in Melbourne, regional NSW and Queensland was balanced by increases in SA and WA.
- 'Weekly inflation expectations' rose 0.1ppt, reaching a fresh pandemic-high of 4.8%. The four-week moving average also rose 0.1ppt to 4.7%, its highest level since November 2014.
- Three of the five confidence subindices declined. 'Current financial conditions' gained 4.0%, while 'future financial conditions' dropped 1.9%.
- 'Current economic conditions' softened 1.3% and 'future economic conditions' declined 3.7%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' rose 5.6%.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

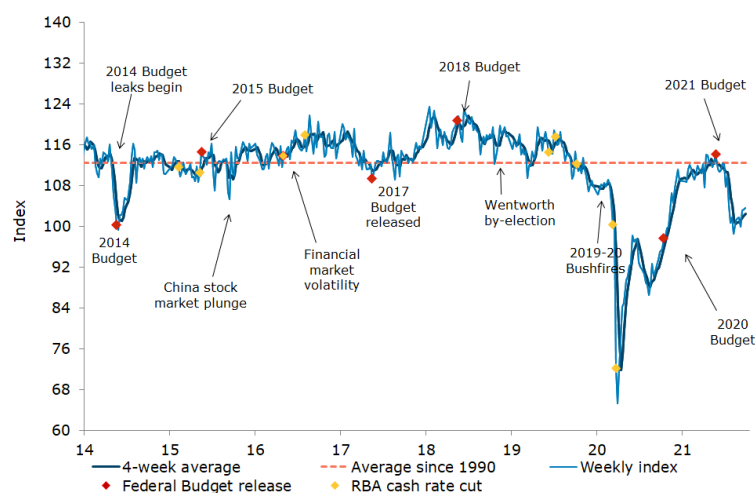
Last weekend (25-26 Sep)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
103.7	0.4%	102.5	112.5	4.7%

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,535 interviews conducted online and over the telephone on the weekend. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

ANZ Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

Consumer confidence gained 0.4% nationally last week, even as Melbourne recorded its highest number of daily cases amidst anti-lockdown protests and tremors from a nearby 6.0 magnitude earthquake. Given the circumstances, sentiment in Melbourne held up quite well with a decline of just 0.9%. Confidence remained practically unchanged in Sydney with a rise of just 0.1% as daily cases started to descend. A more striking development this week is the rise in weekly inflation expectations to 4.8%. This has pushed the four week moving average to 4.7%, its highest level since 2014 – not long after the survey started collecting weekly data on inflation expectations. High inflation expectations at a time of weak wage growth could drag on overall consumer confidence if people start to worry about the cost of living.

Figure 1. Confidence up 0.4%

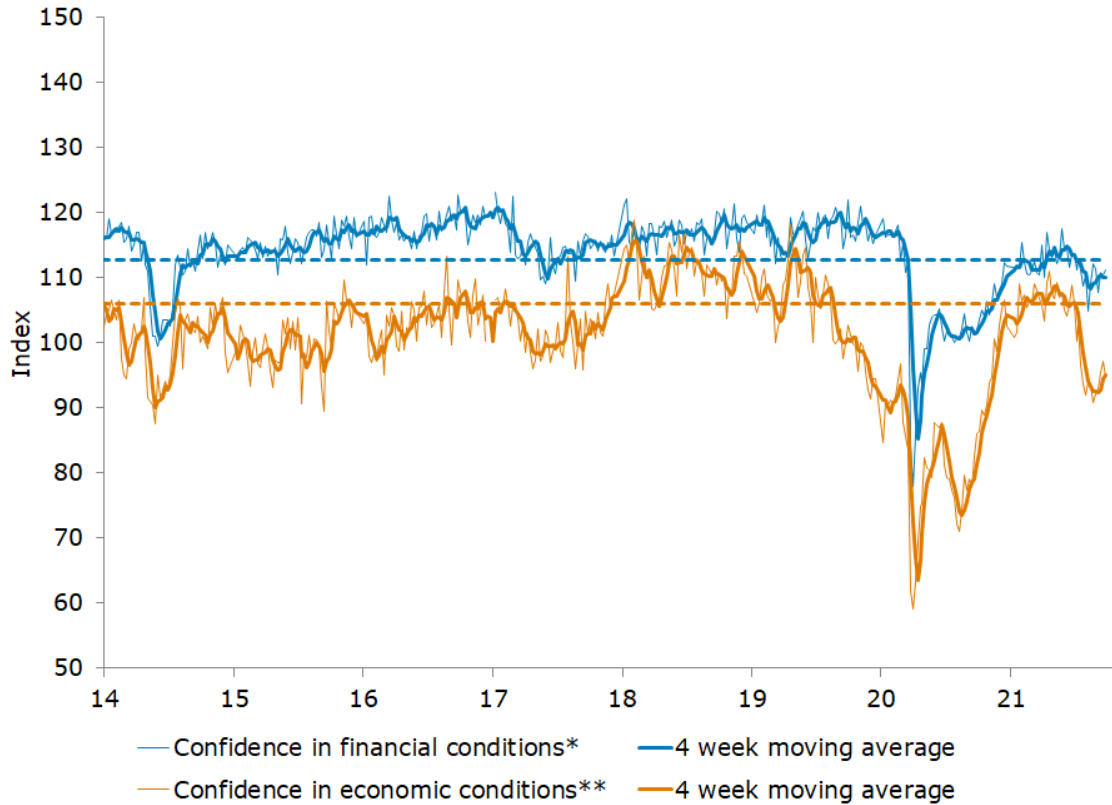


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research



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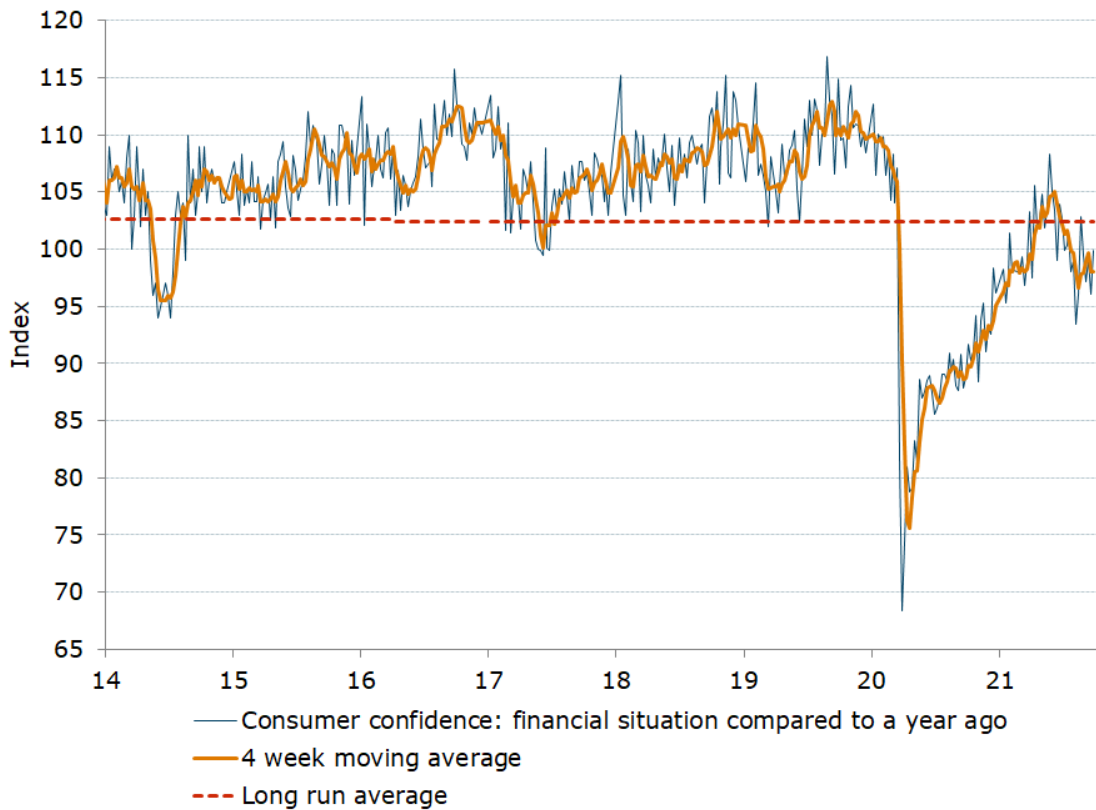
Figure 2. Financial conditions improved, while economic conditions softened



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 3. 'Current financial conditions' rose 4.0%

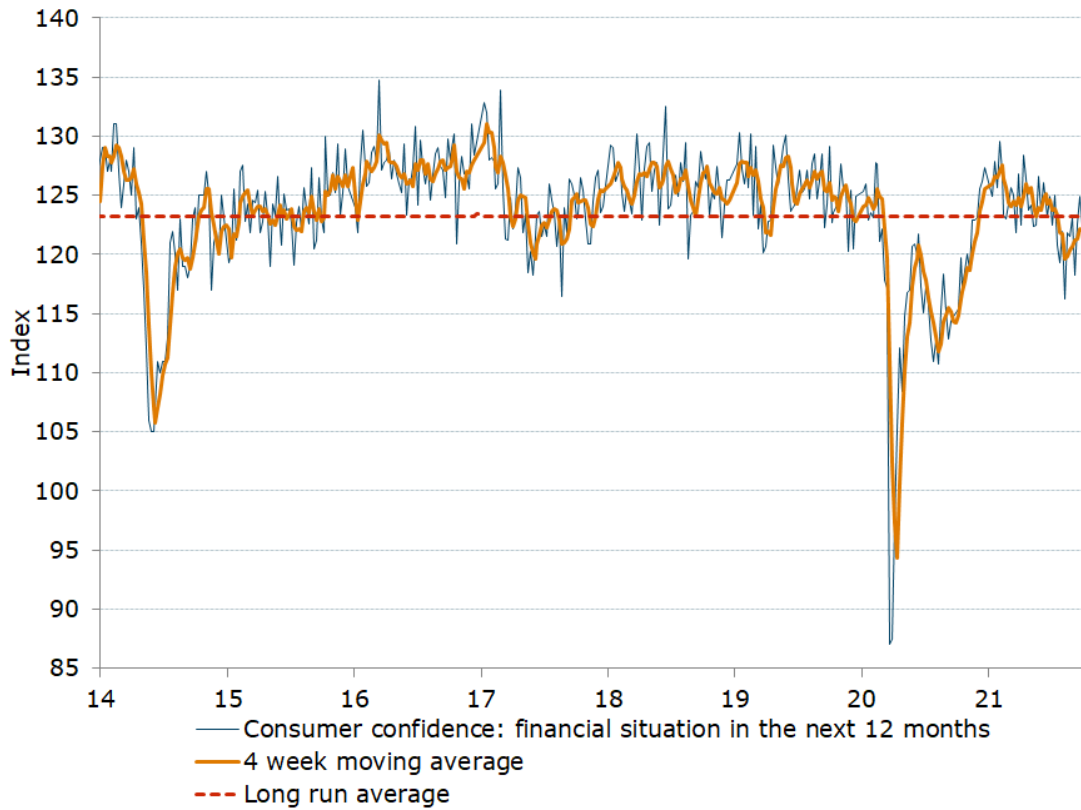


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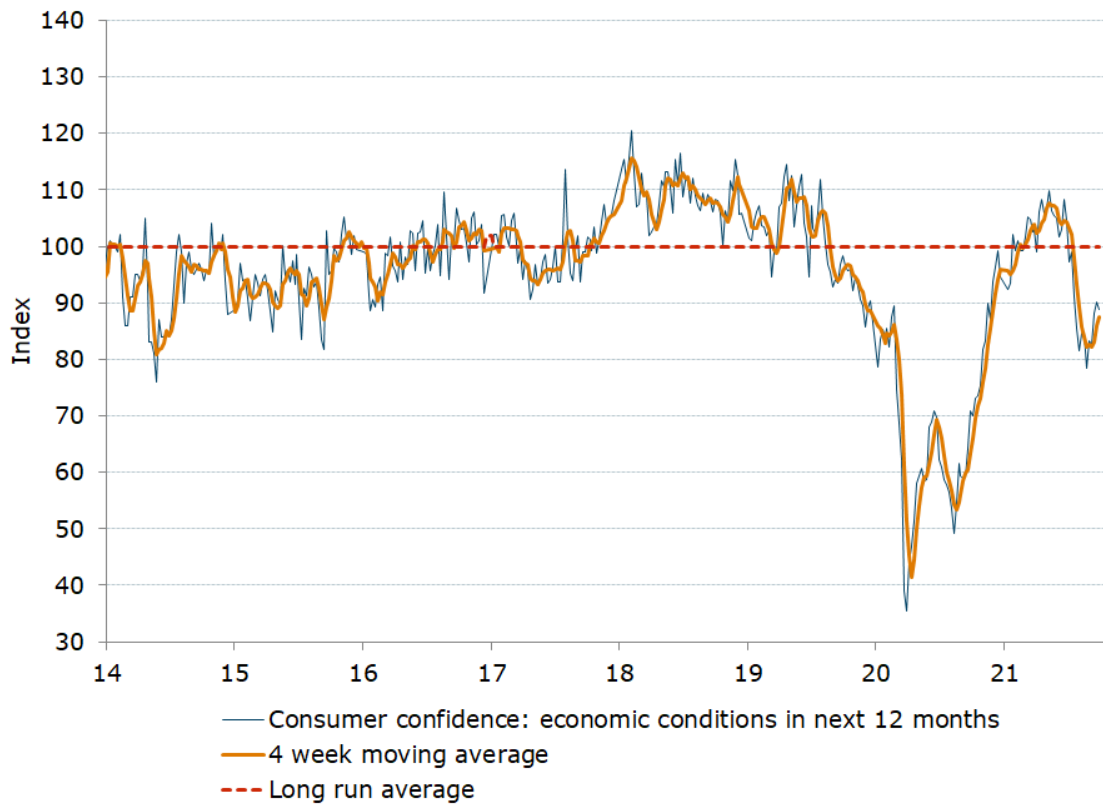
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Figure 4. 'Future financial conditions' declined 1.9%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 5. 'Current economic conditions' lost 1.3%

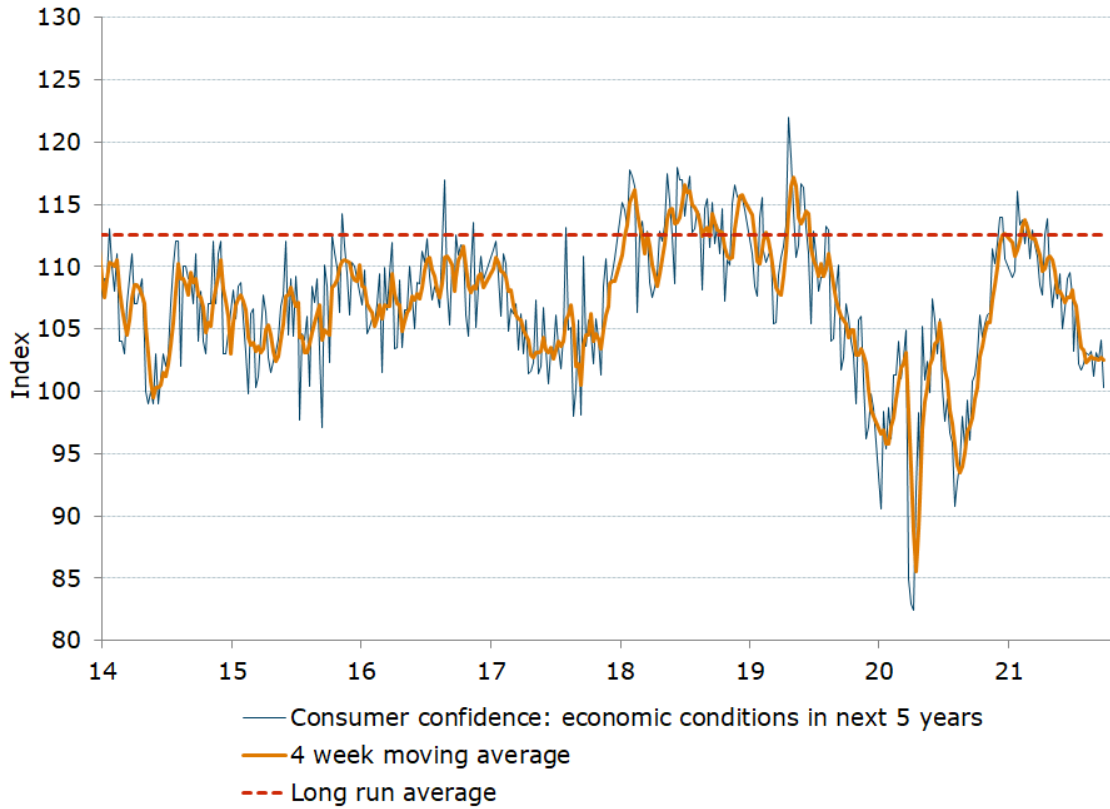


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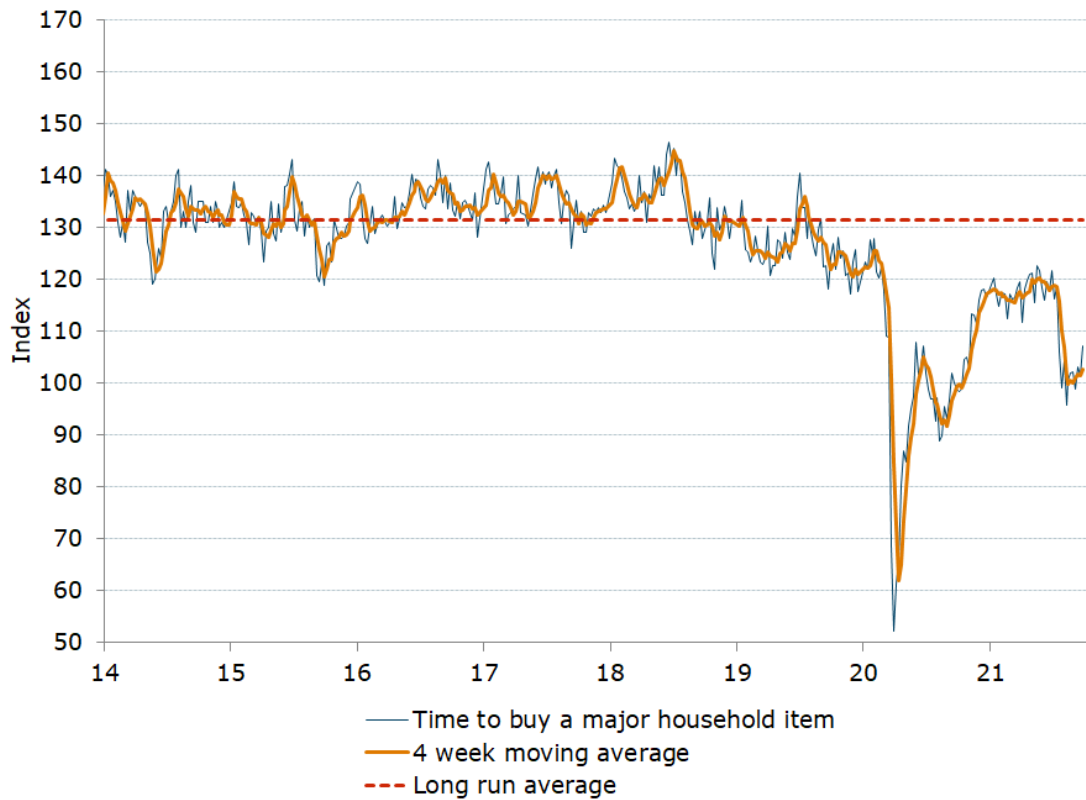
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Figure 6. 'Future economic conditions' fell 3.7%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 7. 'Time to buy a major household item' gained 5.6%

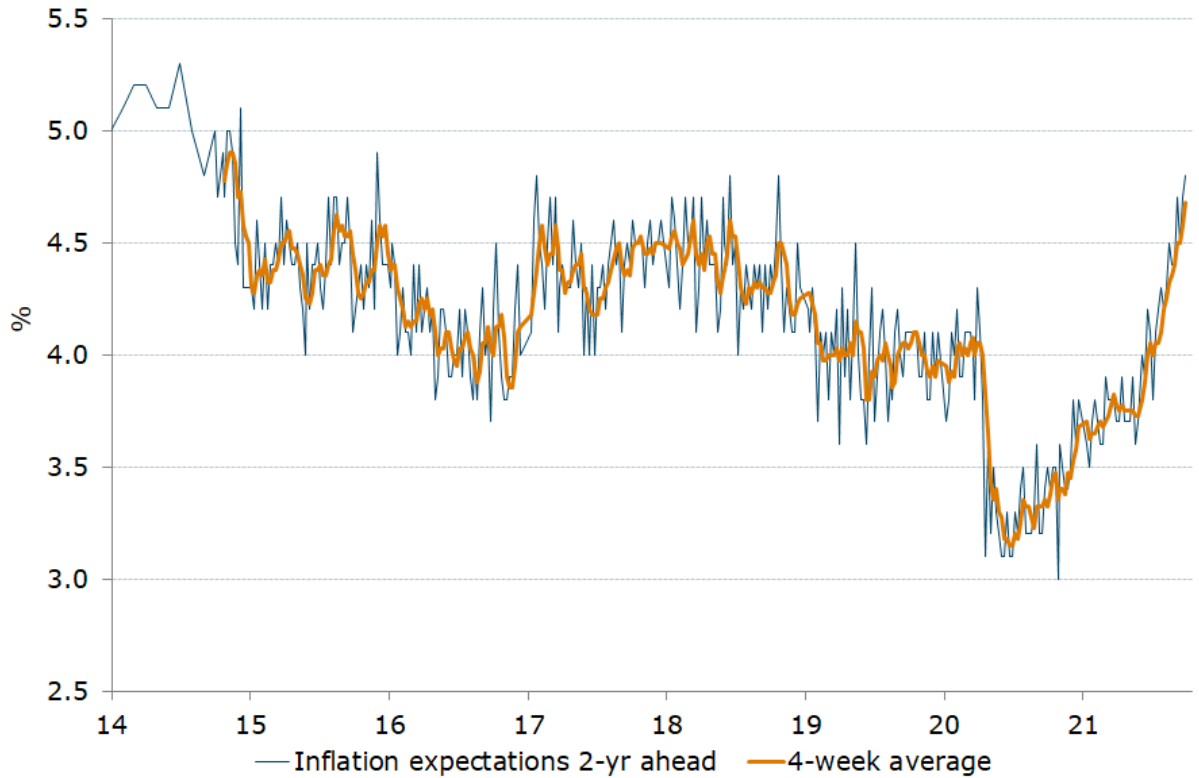


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Figure 8. Weekly inflation expectations rate rose 0.1ppt to 4.8%, pushing its four-week moving up 0.1ppt to 4.7%



* 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
06-Sep-20	91.1	90.7	87.6	112.9	58.9	99.3	96.7	3.2
13-Sep-20	92.4	91.6	90.8	114.3	59.2	96.1	101.8	3.2
20-Sep-20	93.5	91.8	87.9	114.8	64.2	100.8	99.9	3.4
27-Sep-20	95.0	93.0	88.8	115.1	70.8	101.3	98.9	3.5
04-Oct-20	95.7	94.2	91.7	115.4	70.0	102.9	98.4	3.4
11-Oct-20	97.7	95.5	90.3	119.7	73.2	106.1	98.9	3.5
18-Oct-20	98.1	96.6	91.0	117.2	73.5	104.3	104.6	3.5
25-Oct-20	99.7	97.8	94.2	118.6	75.4	105.4	105.0	3.0
01-Nov-20	99.9	98.9	88.4	120.1	81.7	106.1	103.0	3.6
08-Nov-20	103.1	100.2	93.8	118.7	83.2	106.3	113.3	3.5
15-Nov-20	106.6	102.3	95.3	122.9	90.0	111.4	113.1	3.4
22-Nov-20	104.5	103.5	91.0	122.9	87.1	110.2	111.3	3.4
29-Nov-20	107.5	105.4	93.1	123.1	93.7	111.8	116.0	3.5
06-Dec-20	109.3	107.0	92.5	125.6	96.4	114.0	117.7	3.8
13-Dec-20	111.2	108.1	98.4	126.2	99.2	114.0	118.0	3.6
20-Dec-20	109.0	109.3	96.2	127.3	94.6	110.6	116.3	3.8
10-Jan-21	108.9	109.6	98.2	124.9	92.4	109.1	120.1	3.6
17-Jan-21	108.7	109.5	95.3	127.9	93.5	109.6	117.2	3.5
24-Jan-21	111.2	109.5	97.6	125.7	102.0	116.1	114.8	3.7
31-Jan-21	112.1	110.2	101.4	129.6	99.3	113.3	117.0	3.8
07-Feb-21	111.4	110.9	97.9	126.9	101.0	113.8	117.4	3.7
14-Feb-21	109.9	111.2	98.1	123.3	99.2	111.8	117.0	3.6
21-Feb-21	109.2	110.7	98.0	123.0	99.2	113.6	112.4	3.6
28-Feb-21	110.3	110.2	97.8	124.3	101.6	110.6	117.1	3.9
07-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
04-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
02-May-21	112.7	113.3	104.8	124.2	106.8	106.7	121.1	3.7
09-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
06-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
04-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
01-Aug-21	101.8	104.2	99.0	122.0	81.6	102.2	104.2	4.2
08-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
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19-Sep-21	103.3	102.1	96.1	124.9	90.1	104.1	101.5	4.7
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