

WEEKLY ECONOMIC DATA

Period 25th July 2022 - 29th July 2022

Date	Time	Country	Economic Data	Measures	Forecast	Previous
25-Jul	1:30 PM	EUR	German ifo Business Climate	It's a leading indicator of economic health - businesses react quickly to market conditions, and changes in their sentiment can be an early signal of future economic activity such as spending, hiring, and investment	90	92.3
25-Jul	6:30 PM	EUR	Belgian NBB Business Climate	It's a leading indicator of economic health - businesses react quickly to market conditions, and changes in their sentiment can be an early signal of future economic activity such as spending, hiring, and investment	-1.5	-1.8
26-Jul	6:30 PM	USD	HPI m/m	It's a leading indicator of the housing industry's health because rising house prices attract investors and spur industry activity	1.6%	1.6%
26-Jul	6:30 PM	USD	S&P/CS Composite-20 HPI y/y	It's a leading indicator of the housing industry's health because rising house prices attract investors and spur industry activity	20.5%	21.2%
26-Jul	7:30 PM	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	Financial confidence is a leading indicator of consumer spending, which accounts for a majority of overall economic activity	96.8	98.7
26-Jul	7:30 PM	USD	Richmond Manufacturing Index	Survey of about 55 manufacturers in the Richmond area which asks respondents to rate the relative level of business conditions including shipments, new orders, and employment	-17	-11
26-Jul	7:30 PM	USD	New Home Sales	It's a leading indicator of economic health because the sale of a new home triggers a wide-reaching ripple effect. For example, furniture and appliances are purchased for the home, a mortgage is sold by the financing bank, and brokers are paid to execute the transaction	663K	696K

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27-Jul	11:30 AM	EUR	German GfK Consumer Climate	Financial confidence is a leading indicator of consumer spending, which accounts for a majority of overall economic activity	-29	-27.4
27-Jul	1:30 PM	EUR	M3 Money Supply y/y	It's positively correlated with interest rates - early in the economic cycle an increasing supply of money leads to additional spending and investment, and later in the cycle expanding money supply leads to inflation	5.4%	5.6%
27-Jul	1:30 PM	EUR	Private Loans y/y	Borrowing and spending are positively correlated - consumers and businesses tend to seek credit when they are confident in their future financial position and feel comfortable spending money	4.6%	4.6%
27-Jul	Tentative	EUR	German 10-y Bond Auction	Yields are set by bond market investors, and therefore they can be used to decipher investors' outlook on future interest rates. The bid-to-cover ratio represents bond market liquidity and demand, which can be used to gauge investor confidence		1.22 1.1
27-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	It's a leading indicator of production - rising purchase orders signal that manufacturers will increase activity as they work to fill the orders	0.2%	0.7%
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27-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Goods Trade Balance	Export demand and currency demand are directly linked because foreigners must buy the domestic currency to pay for the nation's exports. Export demand also impacts production and prices at domestic manufacturers	-103.2B	-104.3B
27-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Prelim Wholesale Inventories m/m	It's a signal of future business spending because companies are more likely to purchase goods once they have depleted inventories	1.5%	1.8%

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27-Jul	7:30 PM	USD	Pending Home Sales m/m	It's a leading indicator of economic health because the sale of a home triggers a wide-reaching ripple effect. For example, renovations are done by the new owners, a mortgage is sold by the financing bank, and brokers are paid to execute the transaction	0.5%	0.7%
27-Jul	8:00 PM	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	It's the primary gauge of supply and demand imbalances in the market, which can lead to changes in production levels and price volatility		-0.4M
27-Jul	11:30 PM	USD	FOMC Statement	It's the primary tool the FOMC uses to communicate with investors about monetary policy. It contains the outcome of their vote on interest rates and other policy measures, along with commentary about the economic conditions that influenced their votes. Most importantly, it discusses the economic outlook and offers clues on the outcome of future votes		
27-Jul	11:30 PM	USD	Federal Funds Rate	Short term interest rates are the paramount factor in currency valuation - traders look at most other indicators merely to predict how rates will change in the future	2.5%	1.8%
28-Jul	12:01 AM	USD	FOMC Press Conference	It's among the primary methods the Fed uses to communicate with investors regarding monetary policy. It covers in detail the factors that affected the most recent interest rate and other policy decisions, along with commentary about economic conditions such as the future growth outlook and inflation. Most importantly, it provides clues regarding future monetary policy		
28-Jul	All Day	EUR	German Prelim CPI m/m	Consumer prices account for a majority of overall inflation. Inflation is important to currency valuation because rising prices lead the central bank to raise interest rates out of respect for their inflation containment mandate	0.6%	0.1%
28-Jul	12:30 PM	EUR	Spanish Unemployment Rate	Although it's generally viewed as a lagging indicator, the number of unemployed people is an important signal of overall economic health because consumer spending is highly correlated with labor-market conditions	13.2%	13.6%
28-Jul	Tentative	EUR	Italian 10-y Bond Auction	Yields are set by bond market investors, and therefore they can be used to decipher investors' outlook on future interest rates. The bid-to-cover ratio represents bond market liquidity and demand, which can be used to gauge investor confidence		3.47 1.6

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28-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Advance GDP q/q	It's the broadest measure of economic activity and the primary gauge of the economy's health	0.4%	-1.6%
28-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Advance GDP Price Index q/q	It's the broadest measure of inflation, encompassing all activities included in GDP, and is a primary instrument that the central bank uses to assess inflation	7.4%	8.2%
28-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Unemployment Claims	Although it's generally viewed as a lagging indicator, the number of unemployed people is an important signal of overall economic health because consumer spending is highly correlated with labor-market conditions. Unemployment is also a major consideration for those steering the country's monetary policy	253K	251K
28-Jul	8:00 PM	USD	Natural Gas Storage	Change in the number of cubic feet of natural gas held in underground storage during the past week		32B
29-Jul	11:00 AM	EUR	French Consumer Spending m/m	It's the primary gauge of consumer spending, which accounts for the majority of overall economic activity	-0.5%	0.7%
29-Jul	11:00 AM	EUR	French Flash GDP q/q	It's the broadest measure of economic activity and the primary gauge of the economy's health	0.2%	-0.2%
29-Jul	11:30 AM	EUR	German Import Prices m/m	It contributes to inflation for businesses and consumers, especially those who rely heavily on imported goods	1.0%	0.9%
29-Jul	12:15 PM	EUR	French Prelim CPI m/m	Change in the price of goods and services purchased by consumers	0.3%	0.7%

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29-Jul	12:30 PM	EUR	Spanish Flash CPI y/y	Consumer prices account for a majority of overall inflation. Inflation is important to currency valuation because rising prices lead the central bank to raise interest rates out of respect for their inflation containment mandate	10.4%	10.2%
29-Jul	12:30 PM	EUR	Spanish Flash GDP q/q	It's the broadest measure of economic activity and the primary gauge of the economy's health	0.4%	0.2%
29-Jul	1:25 PM	EUR	German Unemployment Change	Although it's generally viewed as a lagging indicator, the number of unemployed people is an important signal of overall economic health because consumer spending is highly correlated with labor-market conditions	15K	133K
29-Jul	1:30 PM	EUR	Italian Prelim GDP q/q	It's the broadest measure of economic activity and the primary gauge of the economy's health	0.3%	0.1%
29-Jul	1:30 PM	EUR	German Prelim GDP q/q	It's the broadest measure of economic activity and the primary gauge of the economy's health	0.1%	0.2%
29-Jul	2:30 PM	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y	Consumer prices account for a majority of overall inflation. Inflation is important to currency valuation because rising prices lead the central bank to raise interest rates out of respect for their inflation containment mandate	8.7%	8.6%
29-Jul	2:30 PM	EUR	Core CPI Flash Estimate y/y	Consumer prices account for a majority of overall inflation. Inflation is important to currency valuation because rising prices lead the central bank to raise interest rates out of respect for their inflation containment mandate	3.9%	3.7%
29-Jul	2:30 PM	EUR	Italian Prelim CPI m/m	Change in the price of goods and services purchased by consumers	0.5%	1.2%
29-Jul	2:30 PM	EUR	Prelim Flash GDP q/q	It's the broadest measure of economic activity and the primary gauge of the economy's health	0.2%	0.6%

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29-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Employment Cost Index q/q	It's a leading indicator of consumer inflation - when businesses pay more for labor the higher costs are usually passed on to the consumer	1.1%	1.4%
29-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Personal Income m/m	Income is correlated with spending - the more disposable income consumers have, the more likely they are to increase spending	0.5%	0.5%
29-Jul	6:00 PM	USD	Personal Spending m/m	Consumer spending accounts for a majority of overall economic activity. It's one of the most important gauges of economic health due to the vast ripple effect consumer buying creates in the economy	0.9%	0.2%
29-Jul	7:15 PM	USD	Chicago PMI	It's a leading indicator of economic health - businesses react quickly to market conditions, and their purchasing managers hold perhaps the most current and relevant insight into the company's view of the economy	55.1	56
29-Jul	7:30 PM	USD	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment	Financial confidence is a leading indicator of consumer spending, which accounts for a majority of overall economic activity	51.1	51.1
29-Jul	7:30 PM	USD	Revised UoM Inflation Expectations	Percentage that consumers expect the price of goods and services to change during the next 12 months		5.20%

KEY DEVELOPMENTS - INTERNATIONAL

Euro zone business activity unexpectedly contracted this month due to an accelerating downturn in manufacturing and a near-stalling of service sector growth as burgeoning costs pushed consumers to cut back on expenditure, a survey showed. S&P Global's flash Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), seen as a good gauge of overall economic health, fell to 49.4 in July from 52.0 in June, well below all forecasts in a poll that had predicted a more modest dip to 51.0. The European Central Bank raised interest rates by more than expected, confirming that concerns about runaway inflation now trump growth considerations. The PMI covering the bloc's dominant services industry dropped to a 15-month low of 50.6 in July from 53.0, below all the predictions in the Reuters poll that had indicated a fall to 52.0. The cost of living crisis has kept consumers wary and they have cut back on non-essential spending so the services new business index fell to 48.4 from 51.8, its lowest since February last year.

Japan's manufacturing activity grew at the slowest pace in 10 months in July as output and new orders contracted, boding ill for an economy struggling to stage a convincing post-pandemic recovery. Activity in the services sector also expanded at a slower rate, suggesting more subdued demand at home as a weakening yen pushed up the cost of imports, raising concerns about the impact that may have on the economy. The au Jibun Bank Flash Japan Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) slipped to a seasonally adjusted 52.2 in July from the previous month's 52.7 final, marking the slowest expansion since last September. The headline figure was pulled down by the first contraction in output in five months and the first decline in overall new orders since last September. New export orders shrank for the fifth straight month. The au Jibun Bank Flash Services PMI Index dropped to a seasonally adjusted 51.2 in July from June's final of 54.0, expanding for the fourth straight month.

Worries over a global slowdown are casting a shadow over Asia's recovery prospects with factory activity growth slowing in Japan and Australia, keeping pressure on policymakers to support their economies while tightening monetary policy to combat inflation. Japan's manufacturing activity grew at the slowest pace in 10 months in July, the purchasing managers' index (PMI) survey showed, boding ill for an economy struggling to shake the wounds from the pandemic. Factory activity also slowed in Australia with the index falling to 55.7 in July from 56.2 in June, a separate survey showed. The surveys underscore the hit manufacturers are suffering from supply constraints, rising raw material costs and slowing global demand - all factors flagged by the Bank of Japan as among key risks to the country's economic recovery. Soaring inflation, driven by Russia's war in Ukraine, has forced central banks across the globe to tighten monetary policy even at the cost of cooling their economies.

Japan's core consumer inflation remained above the central bank's 2% target for a third straight month in June, as the economy faced pressure from high global raw material prices that have pushed up the cost of the country's imports. The rise in consumer prices challenges the Bank of Japan's view that recent price hikes in the world's third-largest economy will remain somewhat temporary, even as households worry about higher living costs. The nationwide core consumer price index (CPI), which excludes volatile fresh food costs but includes those of energy, rose 2.2% in June from a year earlier, government data showed. The data, which matched a median market forecast, meant inflation stayed above the BOJ's 2% target for a third consecutive month. It followed rises of 2.1% in May and April. The core-core CPI, which strips away both volatile food and fuel costs, was up 1.0% in June from a year earlier, marking the sharpest rise since February 2016.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Thursday brought down its FY23 growth forecast for India to 7.2% percent, from 7.5% percent in April this year. The Bank attributed the revised forecast to surging food and fuel prices in India. This can further be linked to ongoing geo-political tensions and supply-chain disruptions worsening the economic conditions. According to the report, "a worsening fallout from the war in Ukraine could lead to a further surge in global energy and commodity prices, with likely knock-on effects on growth and inflation in developing Asia." Furthermore, the resurfacing Covid fears in India might take a toll on the demand side. The high inflationary pressures might end up affect the consumer purchasing power, said the report. Adding to these worries is the strengthening of US dollar against INR. It is likely to generate more uncertainties for the India. The report by ADB said that the tightening of financial conditions might result in softening of growth.

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