

ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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Confidence sharply lower

- Consumer confidence fell 4.2% last week. This was the third consecutive fall, for a cumulative decline of more than 8%, taking the index to a low last seen in May 2014.
- 'Current economic conditions' fell 8%, adding to the massive 16.6% decline in the previous reading. 'Future economic conditions' bucked the trend with a rise of 1.7%.
- Unlike last week, confidence in financial conditions also worsened. 'Current financial conditions' fell 4%, while 'future financial conditions' declined by 3.6%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' fell by 7.4%, resulting in an 11-year low. The four-week moving average for 'inflation expectations' was up 0.1ppt to 4.1%.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

Last weekend (7–8 Mar)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
100.4	-4.2%	105.7	113.1	4.1%

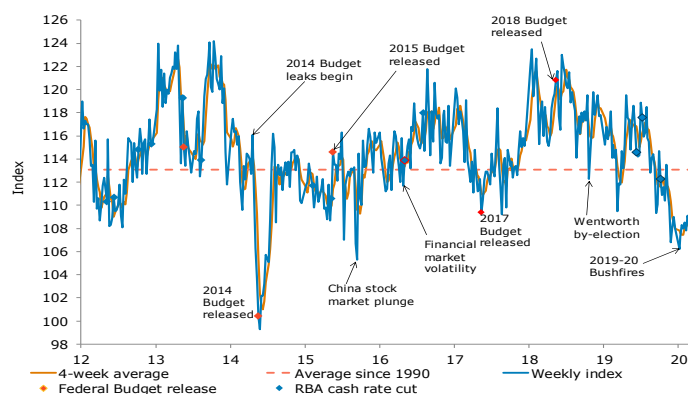
Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

ANZ Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

Concern around coronavirus and some not so encouraging data prints resulted in further weakness in consumer confidence last week. Sharply weaker equity prices and the RBA rate cut probably added to the negative sentiment. The cumulative fall over the last two weeks for the index is more than 7%. There have been only four instances when the cumulative two-week fall was greater, emphasising the downside risks posed by current developments.

Fear about the near-term economic outlook is driving the weakness. 'Current economic conditions' has fallen more than 20% over the last two weeks and is now at the lowest level since the global financial crisis. This highlights the challenge facing the federal government as it finalises its soon to be announced stimulus package.

Confidence tumbles by 4.2%

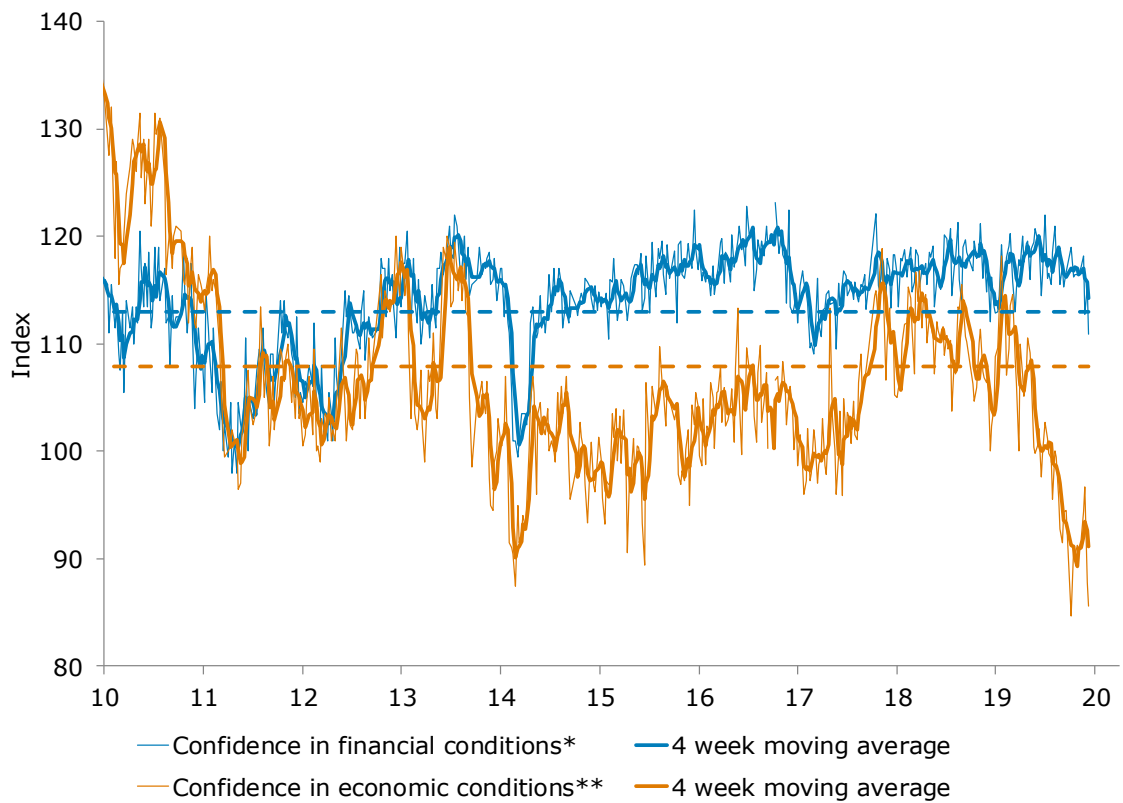


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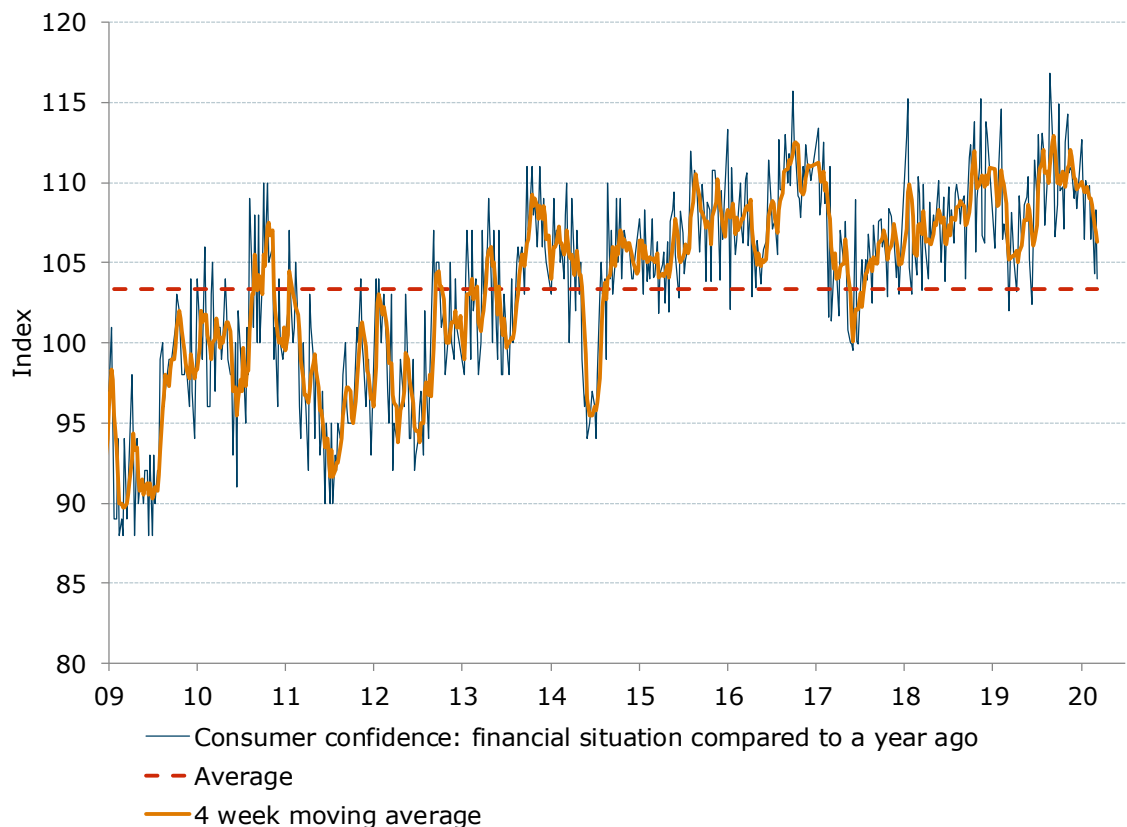
Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions fell in unison



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 finances' declined 4.8% compared to a rise of 3.8% previously

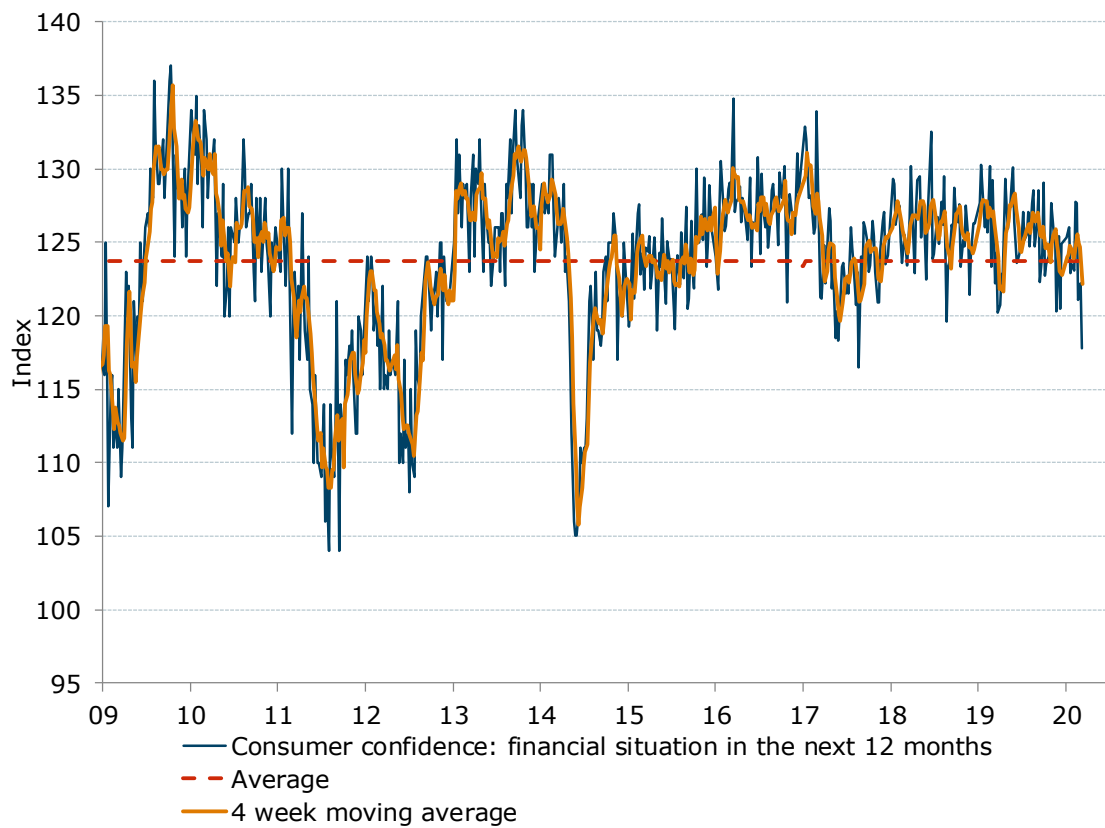


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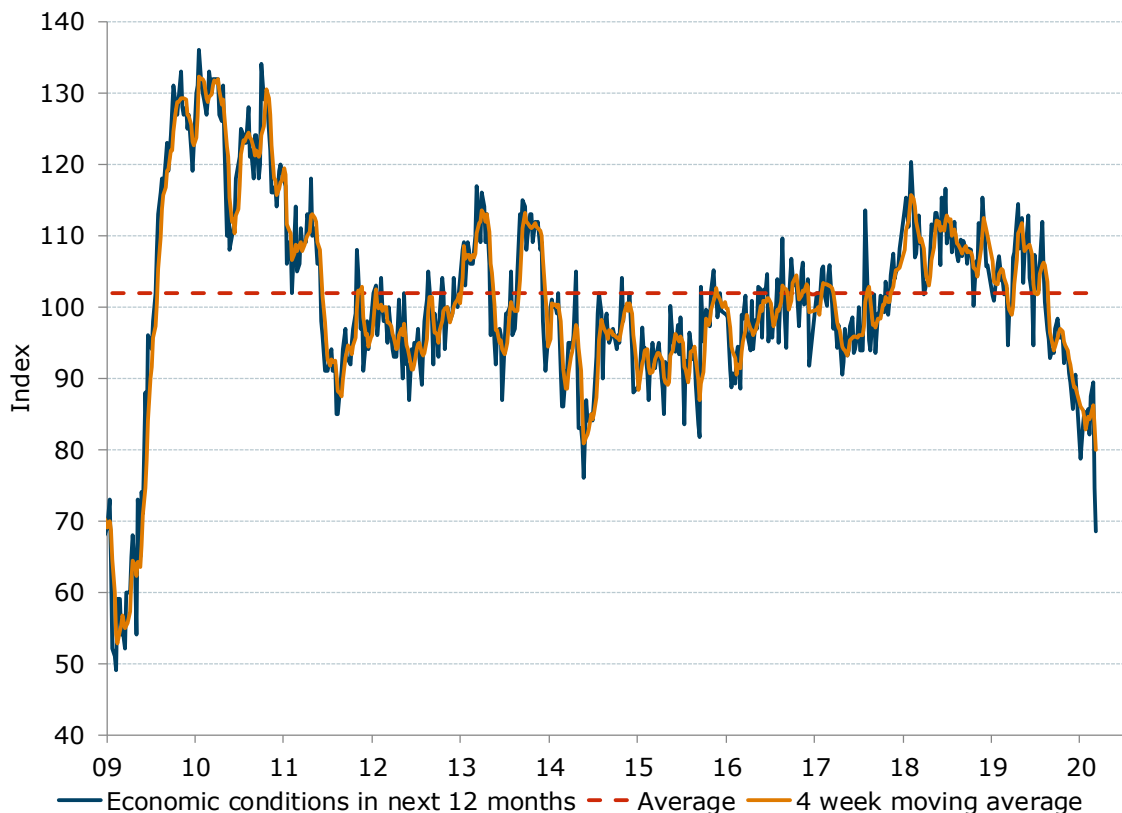
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Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' declined 3.6%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' fell significantly, declining 8%

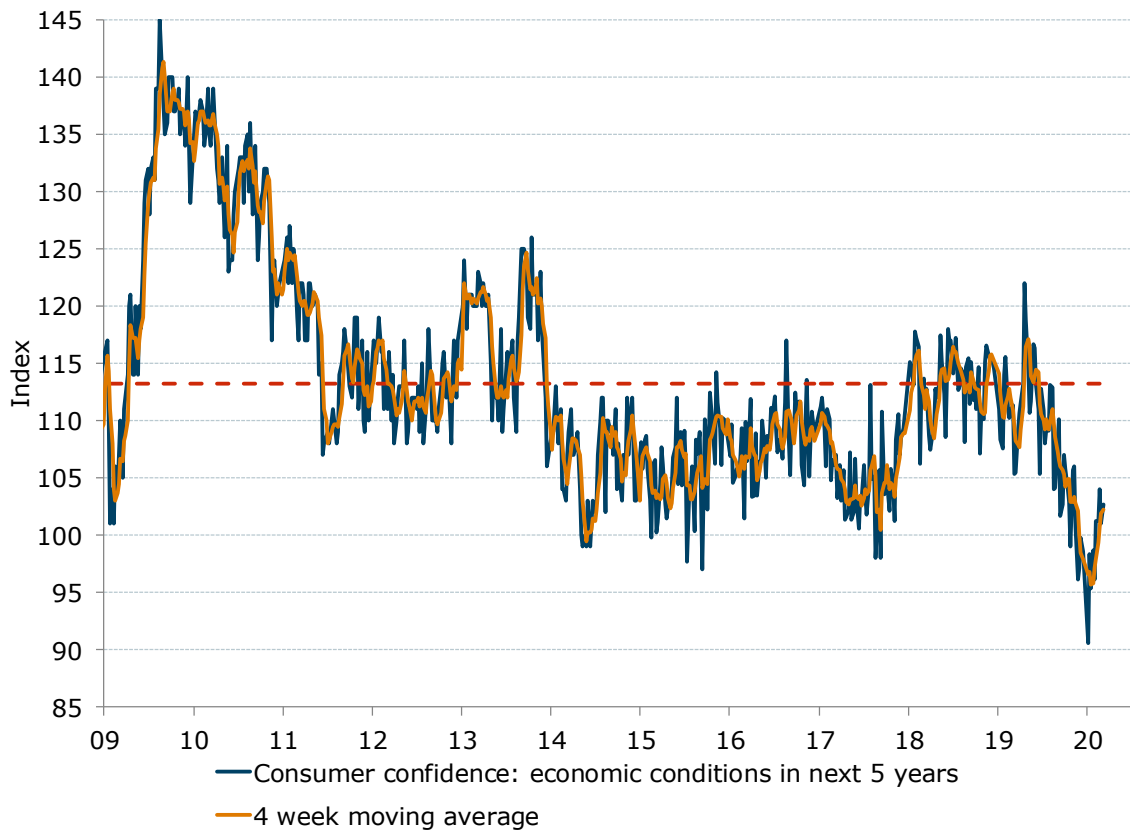


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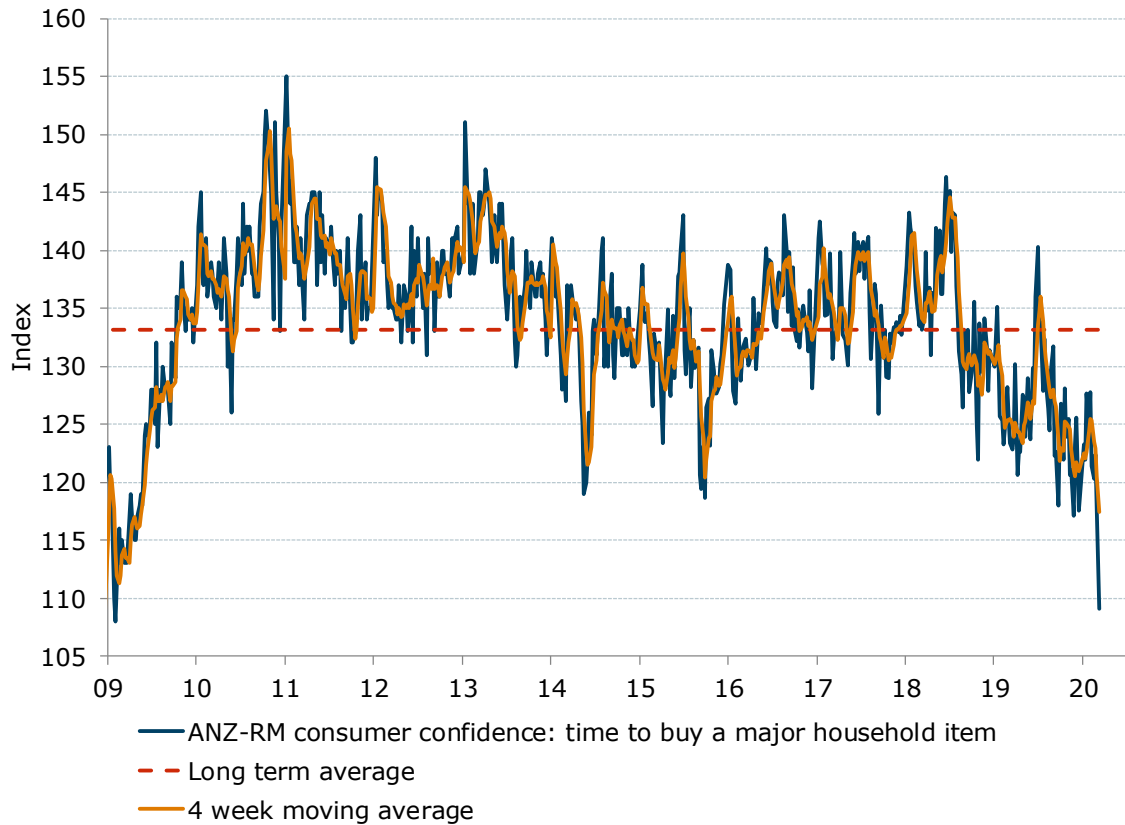
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Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' gained 1.7%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' fell 7.4% and is way below the long term average

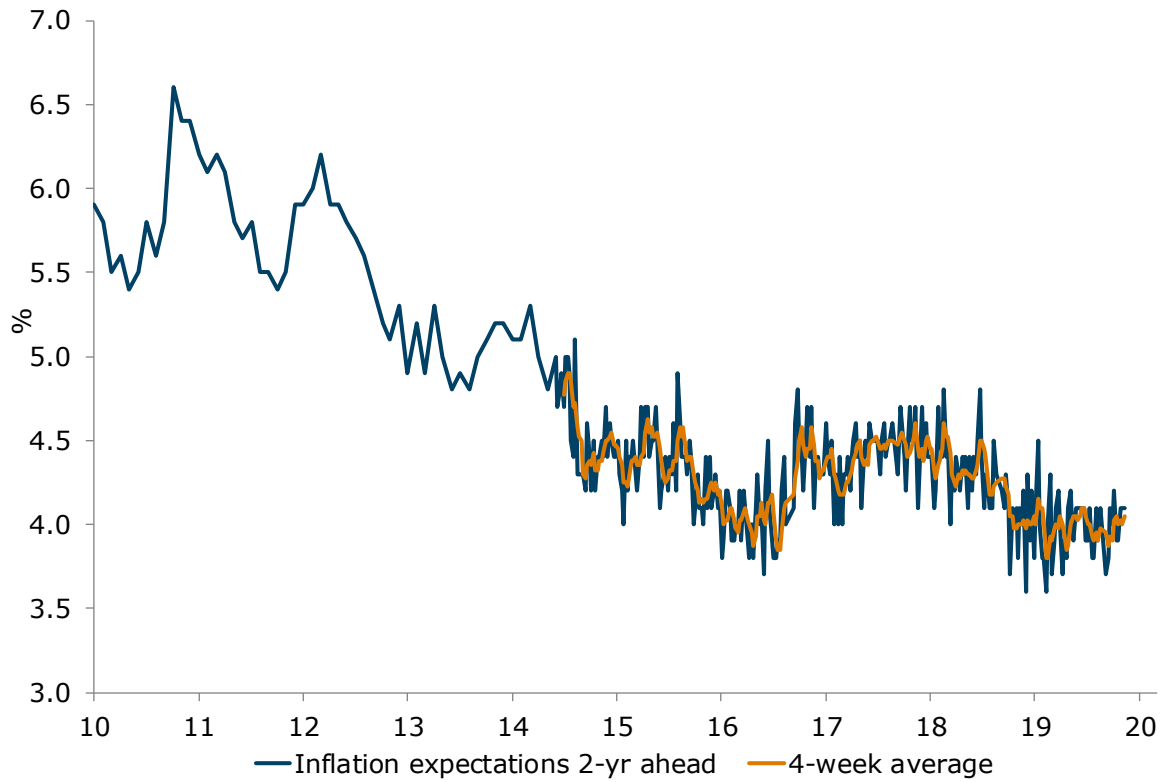


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Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' at 4.1%, were up 0.1ppt



* 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	116	-	103	124	105	114	134	-
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
21-Apr-19	119.5	115.7	109.2	129.3	114.4	122.0	122.6	4.2
28-Apr-19	117.6	116.4	106.3	127.4	108.1	118.8	127.5	3.8
5-May-19	117.3	117.4	106.5	125.9	112.5	114.5	127.1	4.1
12-May-19	114.8	117.3	108.6	127.6	103.4	110.7	123.9	4.5
19-May-19	117.2	116.7	109.1	129.1	107.3	111.7	129.0	4.0
26-May-19	118.6	117.0	110.4	130.1	110.5	116.7	125.3	3.8
2-Jun-19	116.9	116.9	105.2	126.4	112.8	116.4	123.7	3.8
9-Jun-19	114.6	116.8	102.4	123.6	104.0	113.1	129.8	3.6
16-Jun-19	114.2	116.1	106.4	123.9	101.6	111.0	128.2	4.0
23-Jun-19	114.3	115.0	111.4	124.2	94.6	105.4	136.0	4.3
30-Jun-19	118.9	115.5	109.0	125.5	107.2	112.8	140.3	3.7
7-Jul-19	117.6	116.3	113.0	127.1	103.3	110.9	133.8	3.9
14-Jul-19	115.9	116.7	110.0	125.2	102.3	108.0	133.8	4.1
21-Jul-19	116.3	117.2	113.1	125.6	105.8	109.1	127.9	4.2
28-Jul-19	118.5	117.1	112.1	127.1	111.9	109.1	132.4	4.0
4-Aug-19	115.8	116.6	107.3	124.7	105.1	113.2	128.9	3.7
11-Aug-19	115.5	116.5	110.1	127.7	100.6	112.9	126.3	3.9
18-Aug-19	112.8	115.7	110.3	128.5	96.8	104.0	124.5	3.8
25-Aug-19	114.1	114.6	116.8	124.7	95.4	104.2	129.5	4.1
1-Sep-19	114.4	114.2	113.0	126.3	92.8	108.2	131.7	4.2
8-Sep-19	113.3	113.7	111.7	128.5	94.1	110.1	122.3	4.0
15-Sep-19	109.3	112.8	106.6	122.3	93.5	101.7	122.6	3.9
22-Sep-19	110.1	111.8	108.6	124.3	96.9	102.7	118.0	4.1
29-Sep-19	114.7	111.9	114.9	129.1	98.3	107.0	124.3	4.1
6-Oct-19	112.3	111.6	109.5	122.7	96.6	105.8	126.8	4.1
13-Oct-19	110.9	112.0	109.7	123.5	95.6	104.0	121.9	4.1
20-Oct-19	111.6	112.4	107.1	124.0	95.9	102.9	128.1	4.1
27-Oct-19	110.4	111.3	112.5	124.5	92.1	99.0	123.9	3.9
3-Nov-19	113.5	111.6	114.3	127.7	94.5	105.7	125.5	3.9
10-Nov-19	111.1	111.7	110.6	125.6	93.0	106.0	120.6	4.1
17-Nov-19	109.9	111.2	110.9	125.8	90.6	100.8	121.1	3.8
24-Nov-19	106.8	110.3	110.8	120.3	89.4	96.2	117.1	3.8
1-Dec-19	108.1	109.0	109.0	125.4	85.7	97.2	123.3	4.1
8-Dec-19	109.0	108.5	110.1	120.5	89.0	99.8	125.6	3.9
15-Dec-19	108.0	108.0	108.4	124.9	90.4	98.6	117.6	4.1
5-Jan-20	106.2	107.8	112.7	125.3	78.7	90.6	123.3	3.7
12-Jan-20	107.3	107.6	106.5	126.0	83.5	98.4	121.9	3.8
19-Jan-20	108.3	107.5	110.1	122.9	85.3	95.4	127.6	4.1
26-Jan-20	108.0	107.5	109.5	123.5	83.8	98.7	124.5	4.0
2-Feb-20	108.5	108.0	109.8	123.1	85.6	96.2	127.8	4.2
9-Feb-20	107.8	108.2	106.5	127.8	82.1	101.3	121.4	3.9
16-Feb-20	109.1	108.4	108.6	127.7	87.4	101.3	120.3	3.9
23-Feb-20	108.3	108.4	104.3	121.1	89.5	104.0	122.4	4.1
1-Mar-20	104.8	107.5	108.3	122.2	74.6	101.0	117.8	4.1
8-Mar-20	100.4	105.7	104.0	117.8	68.6	102.7	109.1	4.1

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