



Economic Snapshot - December 2011

The table below provides a snapshot of various economic indicators shown currently, 3 months ago and 12 months ago to give an indication of the movement in the economy over the last year. The date of publication figures depicted in the table, are based on those available as at 16 December, 2011.

Economic Indicator	***Rate at date of publication	Rate Nov 2011 RBA Bulletin	Rate 3 months prior	Rate 12 months prior
Cash Rate	4.25%	4.51%	4.75%	4.75%
90 Day Bank Bill Rate	4.55%	4.62%	4.81%	5.03%
10 Year Bond Rate	3.73%	4.08%	4.20%	5.56%
Consumer Price Index Australian All Groups*				
Index Number	N/A	N/A	179.4	174.0
Percentage Change (from previous quarter)	N/A	N/A	0.6%	0.4%
Australia S&P ASX 200	N/A	321.9	313.2	370.8
United States S&P 500	N/A	377.6	342.6	380.8
Dow Jones Euro STOXX 300	N/A	249.2	236.1	301.7
United Kingdom FTSE 100	N/A	256.9	239.3	275.3
Hong Kong Hang Seng	N/A	594.8	581.7	761.6
All Ordinaries - Index Value	4197.8	4184.7	4070.1	4868.8
Property Trusts - Index Value	807.7	811.7	762.9	858.9
Industrials - Index Value	3416.0	3387.5	3147.1	3779.0
Housing Loan Indicator Lending Rates				
Banks - Standard	N/A	7.55%	7.80%	7.80%
Banks - 3 year fixed	N/A	6.40%	6.60%	7.35%
Mortgage Managers	N/A	7.20%	7.35%	7.35%
Building Loan Indicator Lending Rates				
Small Business - Residential Secured	N/A	8.75%	9.00%	9.00%
Small Business - Other	N/A	9.45%	9.70%	9.70%
Small Business - 3 year fixed rate	N/A	7.50%	7.75%	8.70%
Dwelling Approvals - Private sector (mthly)	N/A	10,283 (Oct)	11,510	14,283
Non Residential approvals - Private sector (mthly)	N/A	\$1,441m (Oct)	\$1,334m	\$1,748m
Dwelling Investment - Private spending (qtrly)	N/A	N/A	\$17,312m (Sep Qtr)	\$17,490m (Dec Qtr)
Westpac - Melbourne Institute Consumer Sentiment Index (Base 100)	94.7	103.4	96.9	110.0
NAB Business Confidence Index	N/A	N/A	-3.9	5.3
ANZ Job Series**				
Newspaper Job Ads Recorded Per Week	N/A	7,933	8,076	9,078
Percentage Change (Seasonally adjusted on previous month)	N/A	0.60%	-0.30%	-3.80%
Internet Job Ads Recorded Per Week	N/A	173,528	174,396	176,368
Percentage Change (Seasonally adjusted on previous month)	N/A	0.00%	-2.20%	2.70%
Exchange Rates (per A\$)				
United States dollar	0.9895	1.0021	0.9781	1.0163
UK Pound Sterling	0.6405	0.6425	0.6269	0.6585
Euro	0.7619	0.7516	0.7213	0.7647
Japanese Yen	77.25	78.05	74.88	82.83
* Based on ABS CPI Released October 26, 2011				
** Based on ANZ Job Advertisement Series released December 5, 2011				
*** Date of Publication Figures based on those available December 15, 2011				

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