



# THE WORLD ECONOMY THIS WEEK

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# What's new?

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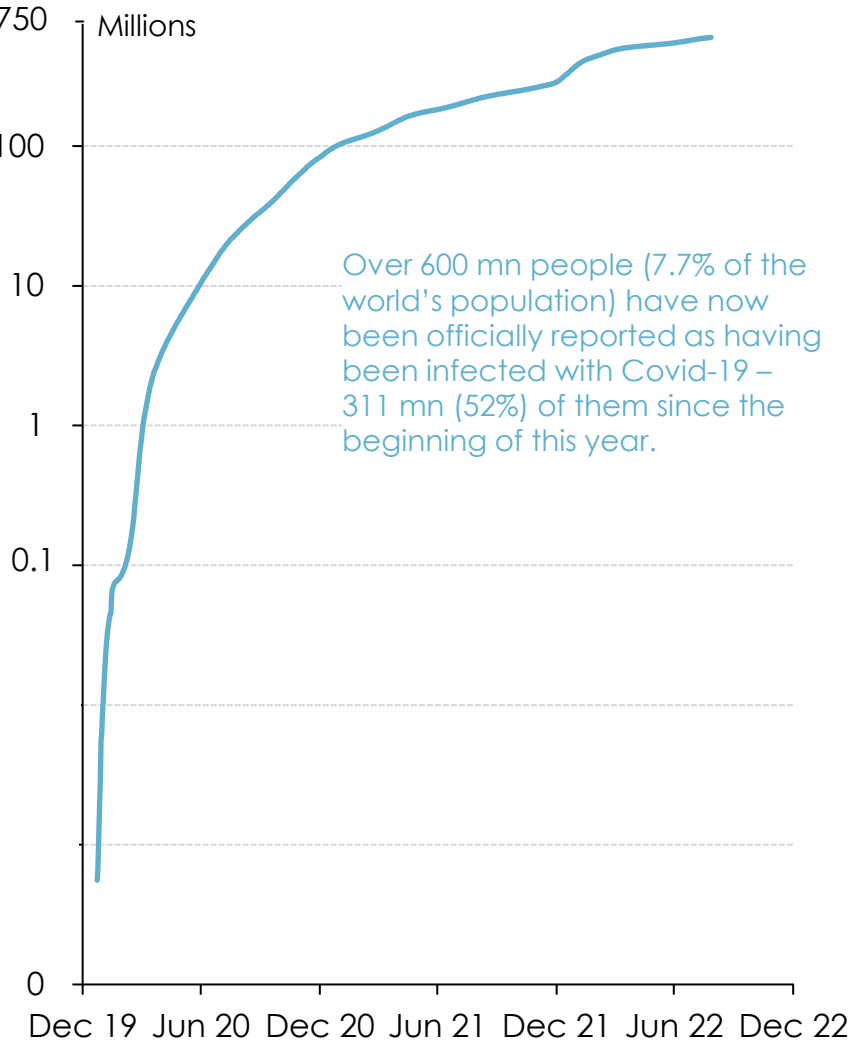
- ❑ Last week brought some more slightly encouraging data on US inflation, with the implicit price deflator of personal consumption expenditures excluding food and energy (the Fed's targeted measure of 'core' inflation) rising by just 0.1% in July, the smallest monthly increase since February last year, which took the annual 'core' inflation rate by this measure down to 4.6%, from 4.8% in June and the most recent peak of 5.3% in February this year ([slide 49](#)); while the most recent regional Fed surveys, last week from the Philadelphia and Kansas City Feds, continue to point to an easing in 'upstream' inflationary pressures ([slide 52](#))
- ❑ US real personal disposable income rose 0.3% in July, aided by lower energy prices, while real consumption spending rose by 0.2% - although abstracting from short-term fluctuations, household finances continue to be 'squeezed' by higher food and energy prices and rising personal taxes, with the personal saving rate of 5.0% in June and July the lowest since early 2008, just before the financial crisis ([slide 42](#))
- ❑ The US housing sector continues to weaken in response to higher mortgage rates, with new home sales falling 12.6% in July to their lowest level since November 2015, leaving the inventory of unsold homes at its highest level since July 2008 ([slide 44](#))
- ❑ Notwithstanding the flavour of this data, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell in Friday's address to the Kansas City Jackson Hole conference forcefully asserted the Fed's determination to bring inflation down to its 2% target, emphasizing that this would require monetary policy to maintain "a restrictive stance for some time" in order to "bring demand and supply into better balance", and that this would likely entail "a sustained period of below-trend growth" and "some softening in labour market conditions" ([slide 57](#))
- ❑ 'Flash' PMIs for August dropped below 50 (indicating a contraction in activity) for the manufacturing sectors in the euro area and the UK, and for the services sector in Japan ([slide 18](#))
- ❑ Iceland's central bank hiked its policy rates by 75bp, bringing the cumulative tightening since May last year to 475bp ([slide 68](#))
- ❑ The People's Bank of China lowered its 1- and 5-year loan prime rates by 5bp (to 3.65%) and 15bp (to 4.3%) respectively, following the previous week's softer-than-expected data on economic activity in July, while the State Council announced some more (relatively modest) stimulus measures: both monetary and fiscal policy-makers continue to respond cautiously to ongoing evidence of economic weakness ([slides 75-76](#))
- ❑ Elsewhere in Asia the Bank of Korea raised its base rate by 25 bp, to 2.5%, as expected, and foreshadowed further increases in the months ahead; while Bank Indonesia raised its policy rates (for the first time since before the onset of the pandemic) by 25bp, but gave no clear indication about the likelihood of further moves ([slides 98-99](#))
- ❑ South Africa's unemployment rate remained astonishingly high at 33.9% in Q2, down just 0.6% in Q1, while the annual 'headline' inflation rate rose to 7.6% in July ([slide 116](#))
- ❑ The main highlight of this week's calendar is the August US labour market survey to be released Friday; Canada, Turkey, India and Brazil have Q2 GDP data; and the only central bank meeting is in Hungary on Tuesday ([slide 122](#))

**Covid-19**

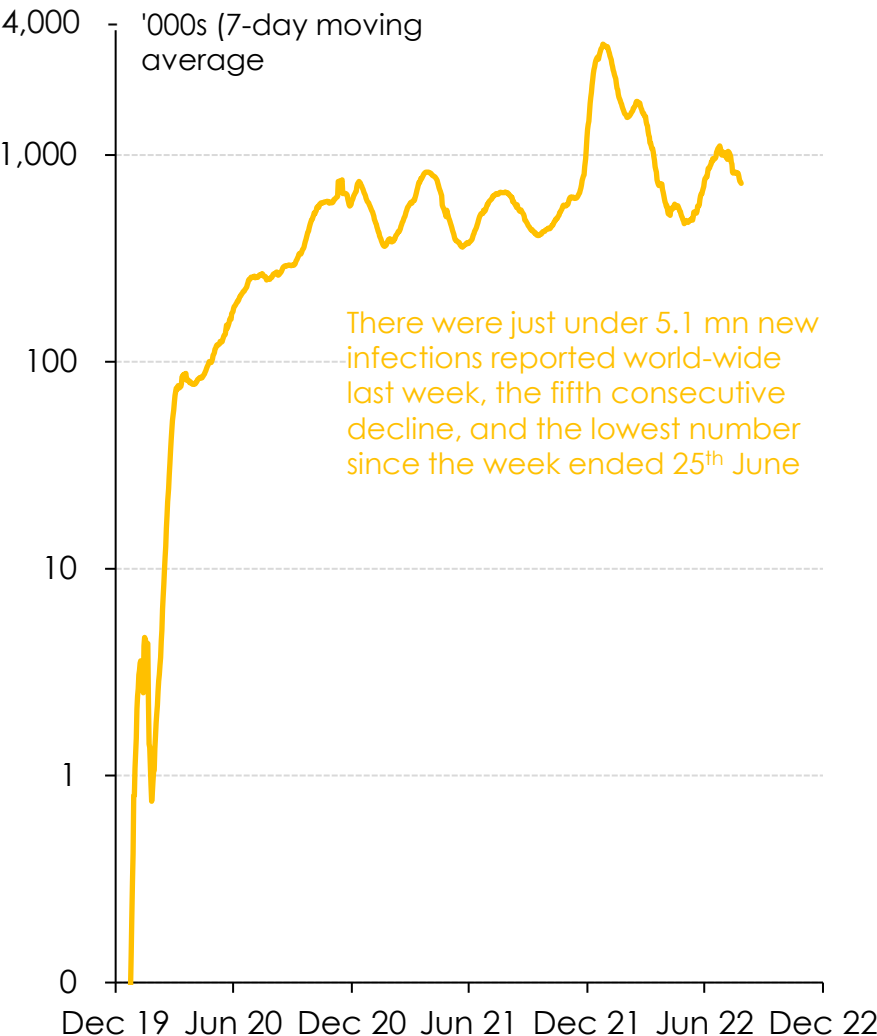
# The global total of new Covid-19 cases has now fallen for five weeks in a row, though it remains well above the average for 2021

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Cumulative confirmed cases – global total



New confirmed cases – global total



New deaths – global total

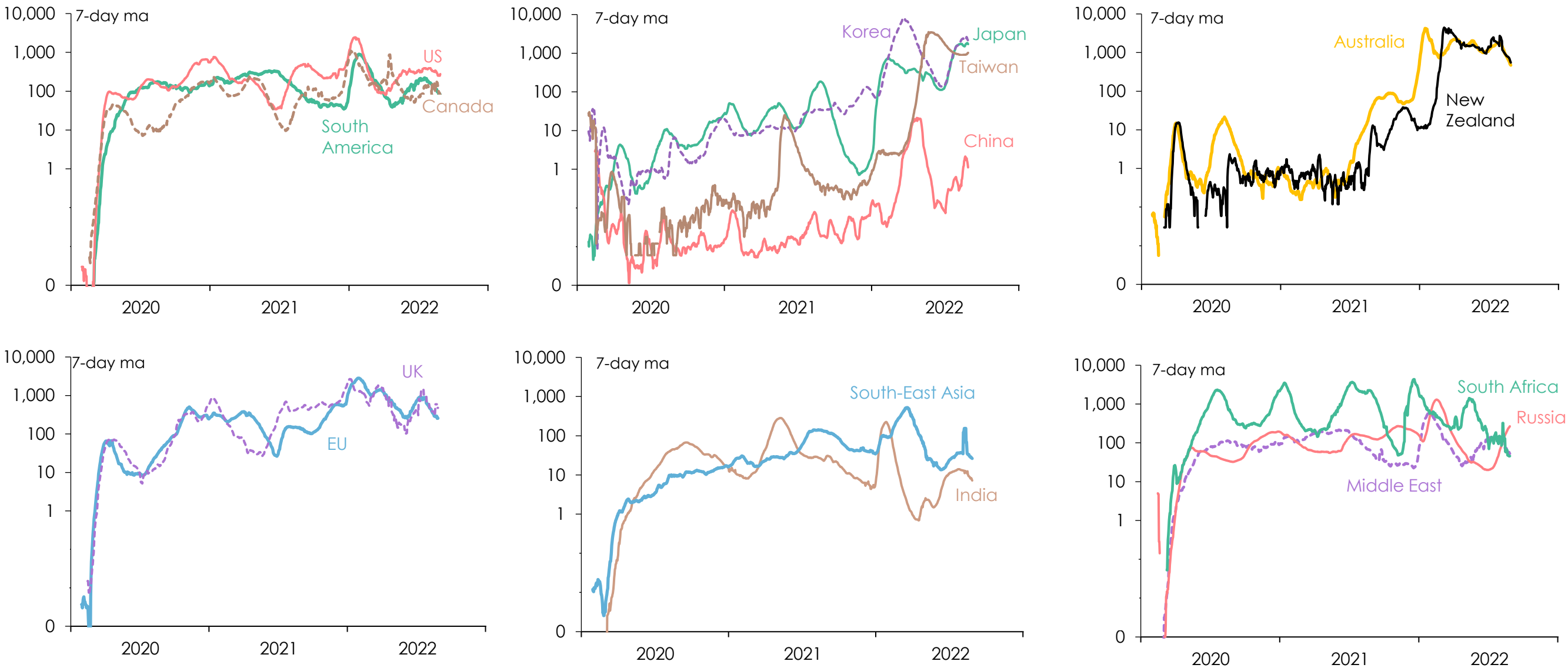


Note: All charts are on logarithmic scales. Data up to 26<sup>th</sup> August. Source: University of Oxford, [Our World in Data](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

# Reported case numbers are now declining in most parts of the world, apart from north-east Asia (including China where sporadic lockdowns continue)

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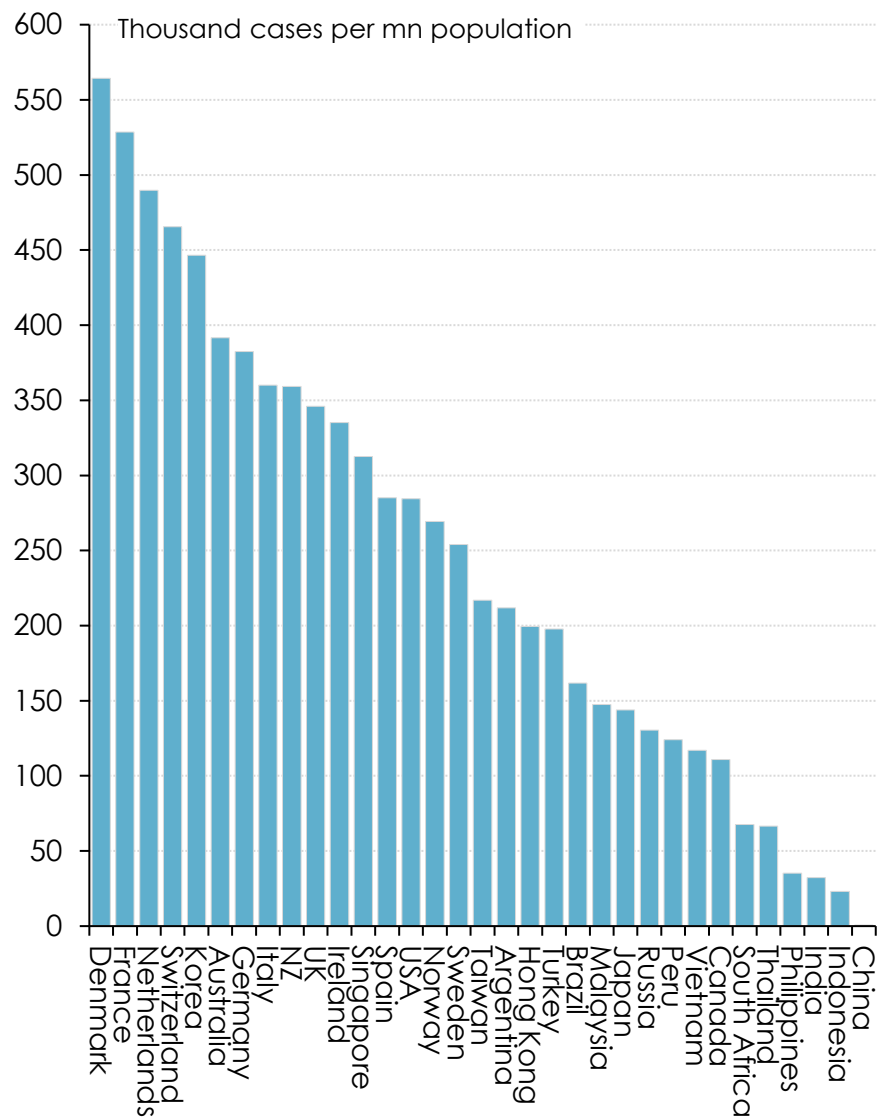
## Daily new cases per million population – major countries and regions



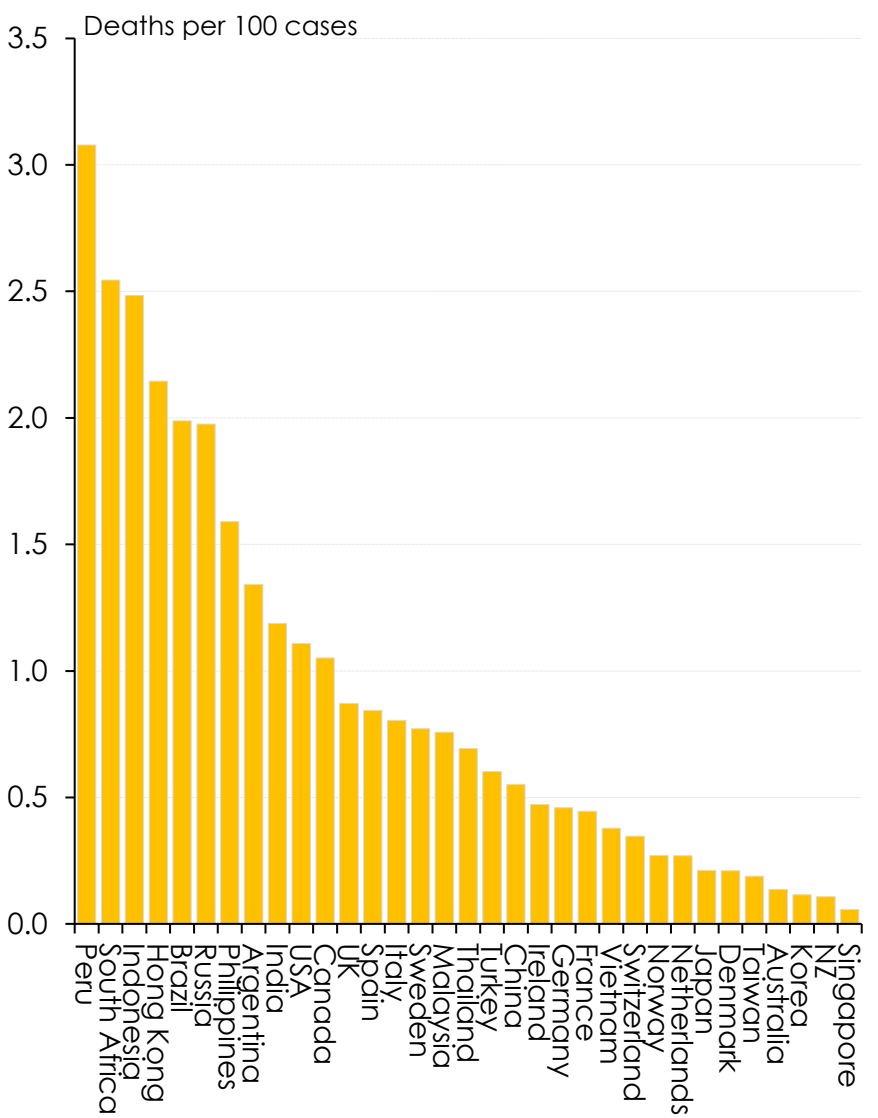
# The highest cumulative infection and death rates (since the onset of the pandemic) have been in Europe, South and North America

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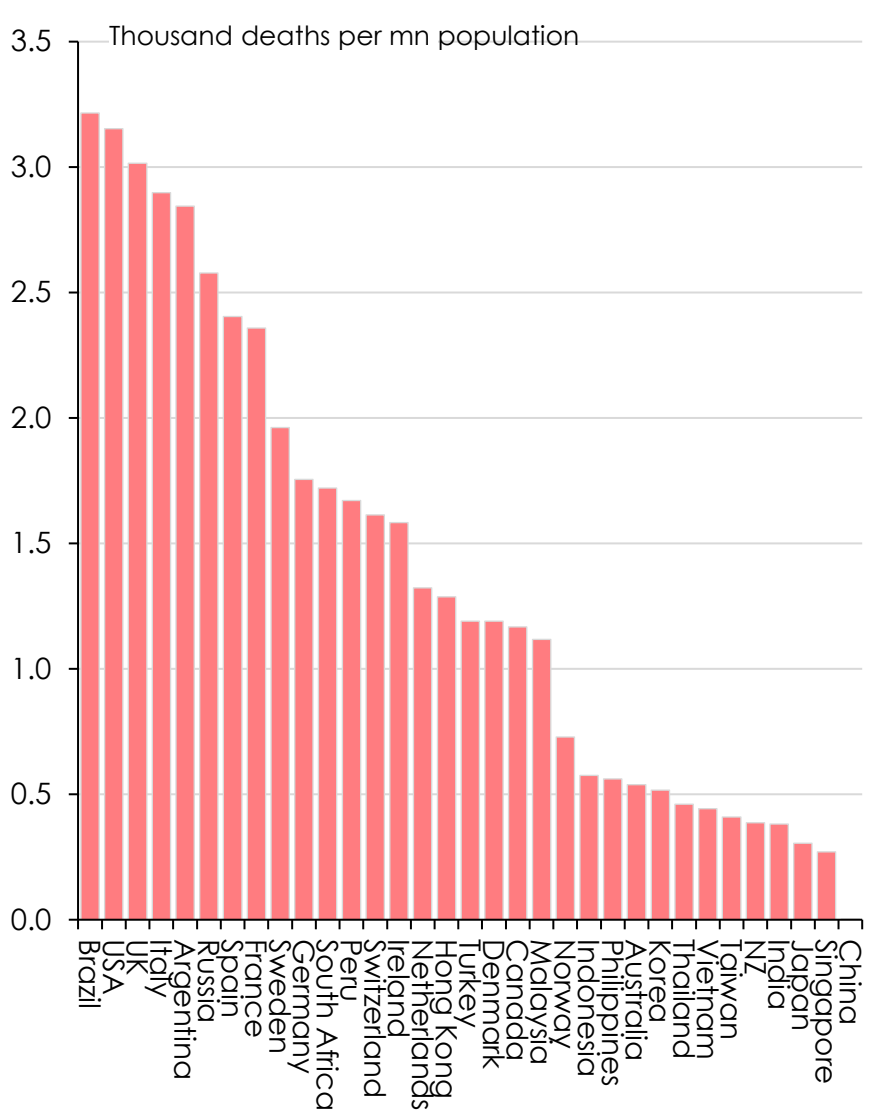
Apparent infection rate



Apparent fatality rate



Apparent death rate

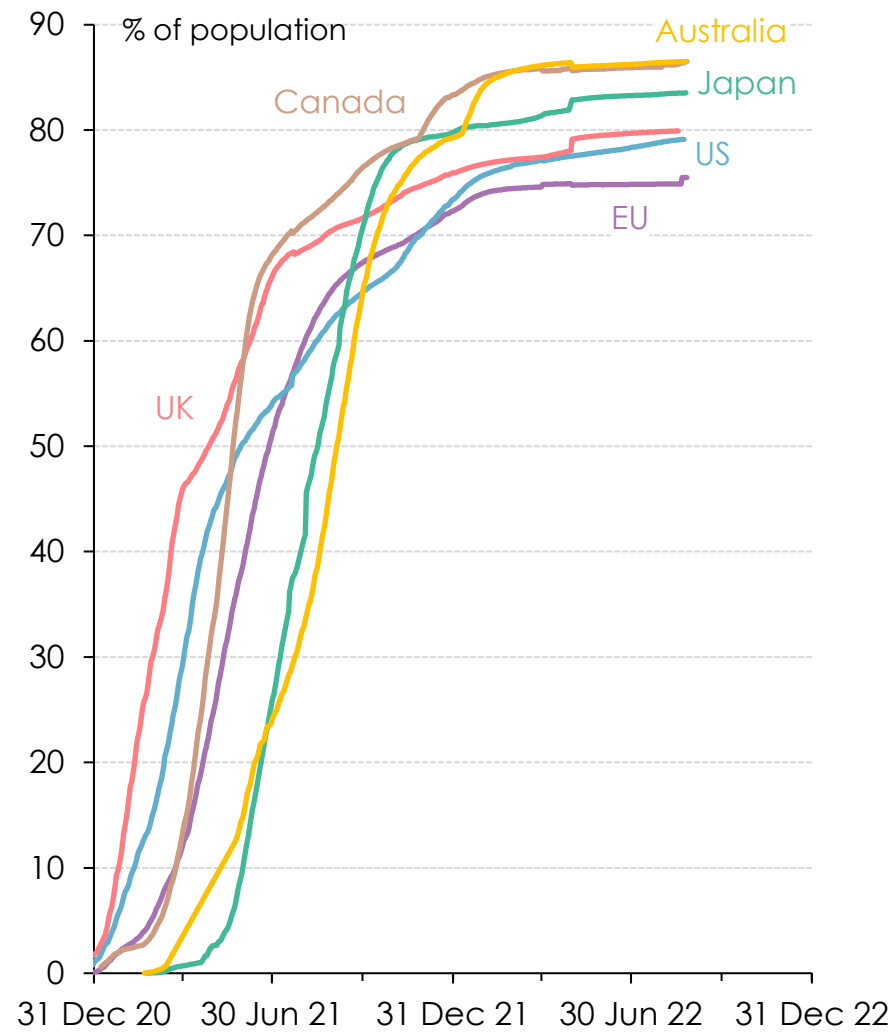


Note: Data shown in these charts are cumulative since the beginning of the pandemic, up to 26<sup>th</sup> August. Sources: University of Oxford, [Our World in Data](#); Corinna.  
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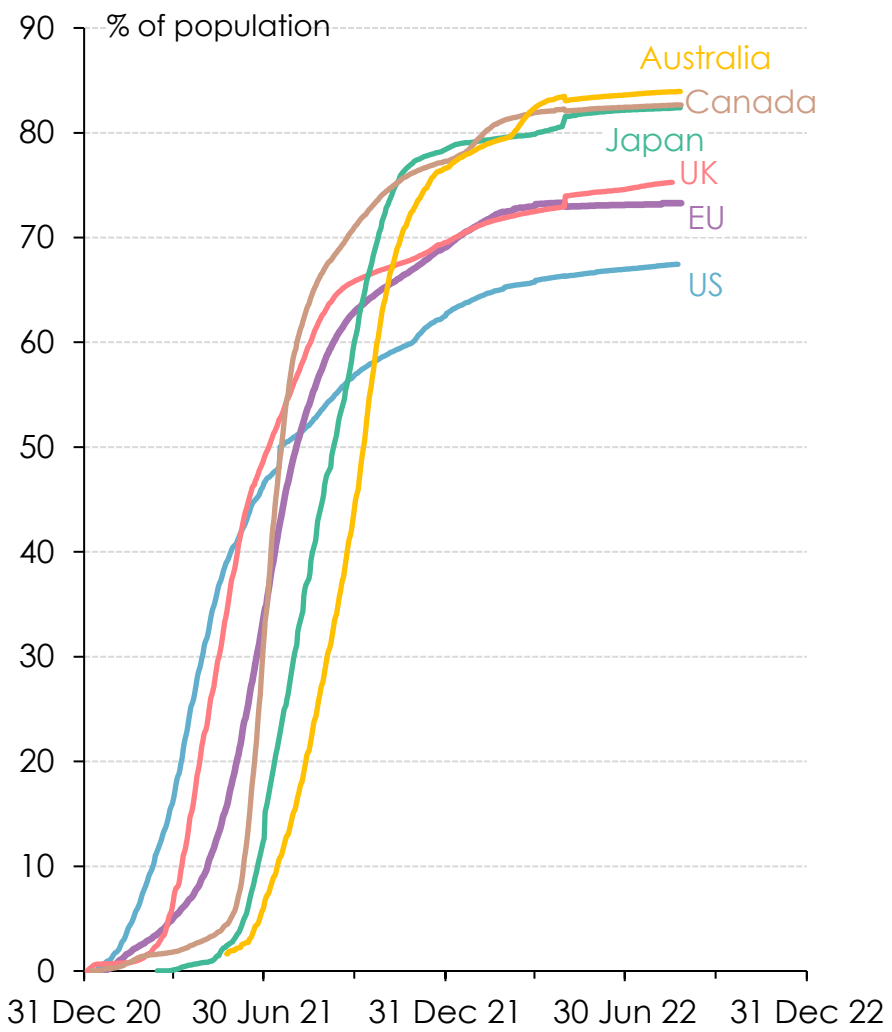
# The US lags behind most other ‘advanced’ economies in fully vaccinating its population and especially with regard to ‘boosters’

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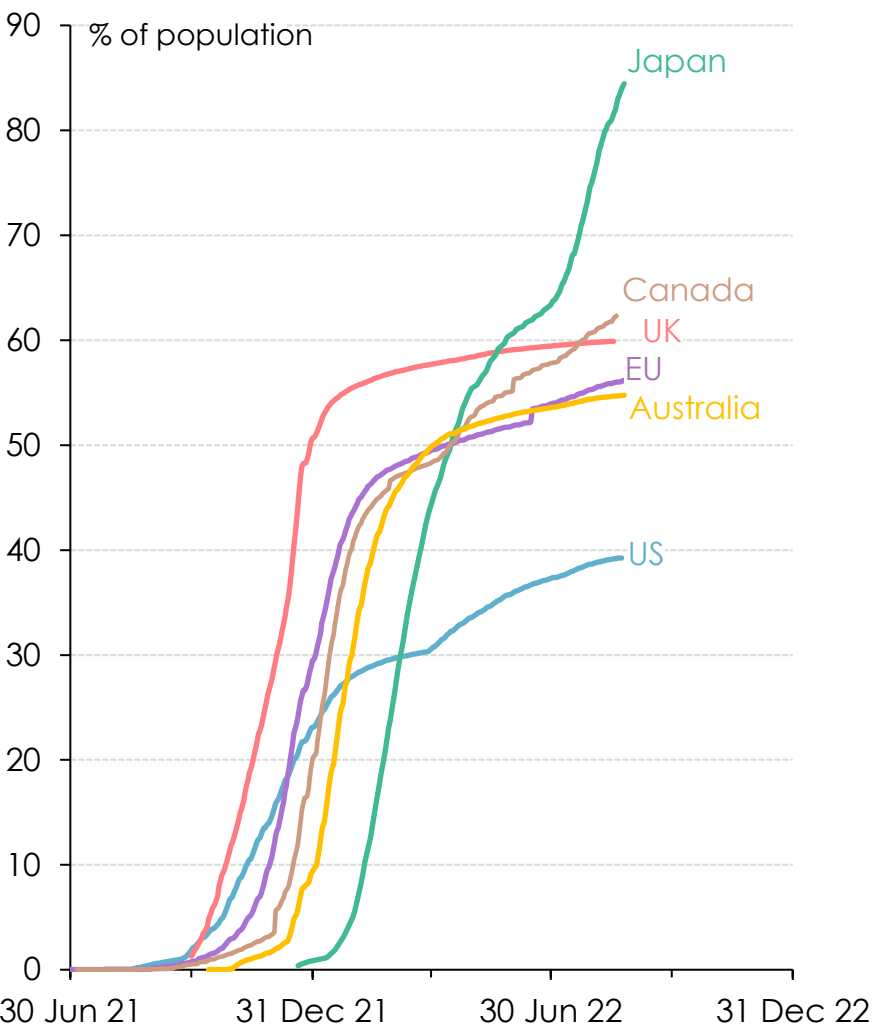
Percentage of populations who have had at least one shot



Percentage of populations who have had two shots



Percentage of populations who have had a ‘booster’ shot



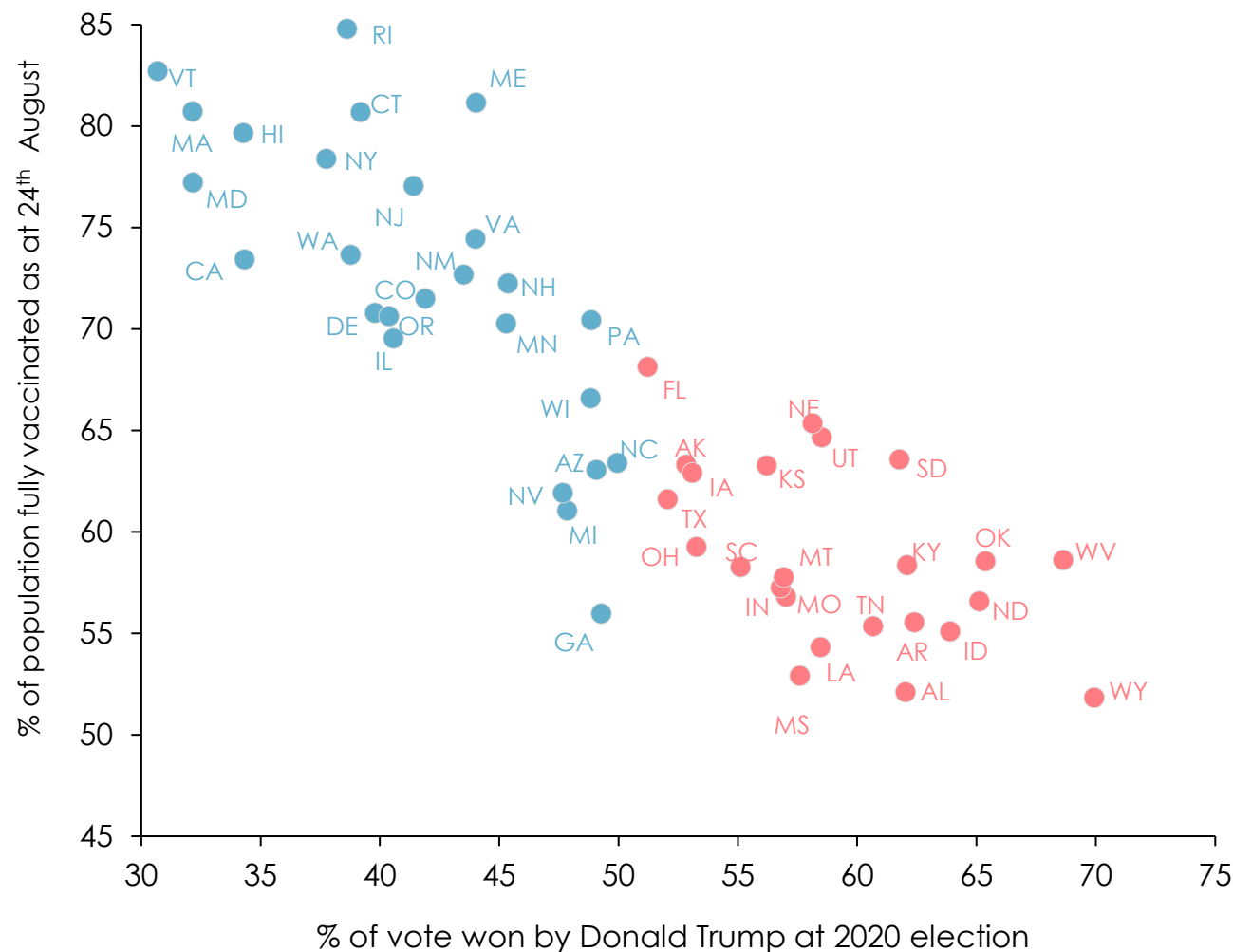
Note: Data up to 25<sup>th</sup> August, except for the UK, 17<sup>th</sup> August, and Canada, 19<sup>th</sup> August.  
Source: [Our World in Data](#); [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).



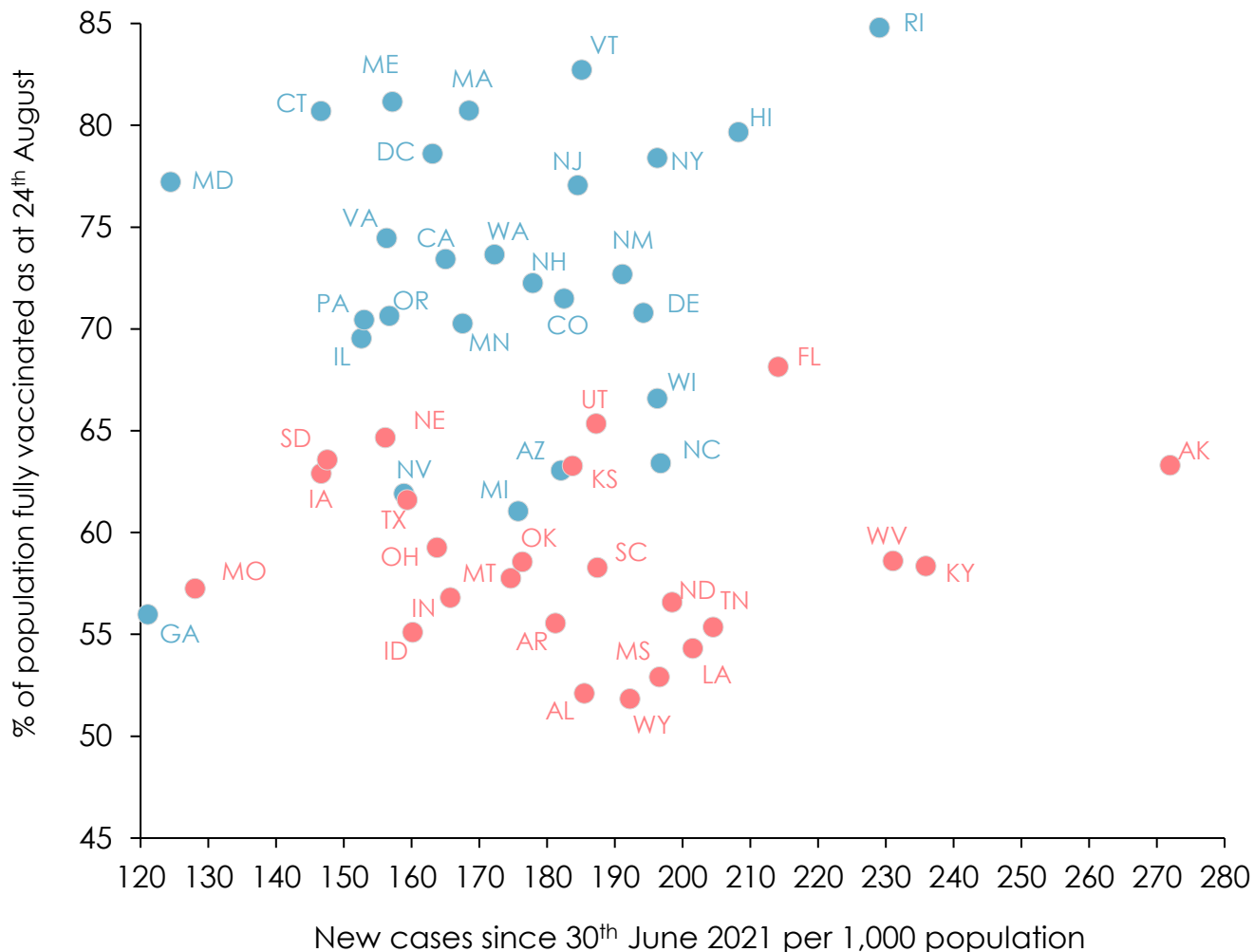
# In the US there's a strong correlation between voting patterns and vaccine hesitancy, and (inversely) between vaccination rates and infection rates

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Vaccination rates vs Trump vote at 2020 elections, by state



Vaccination rates vs infection rates since 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, by state

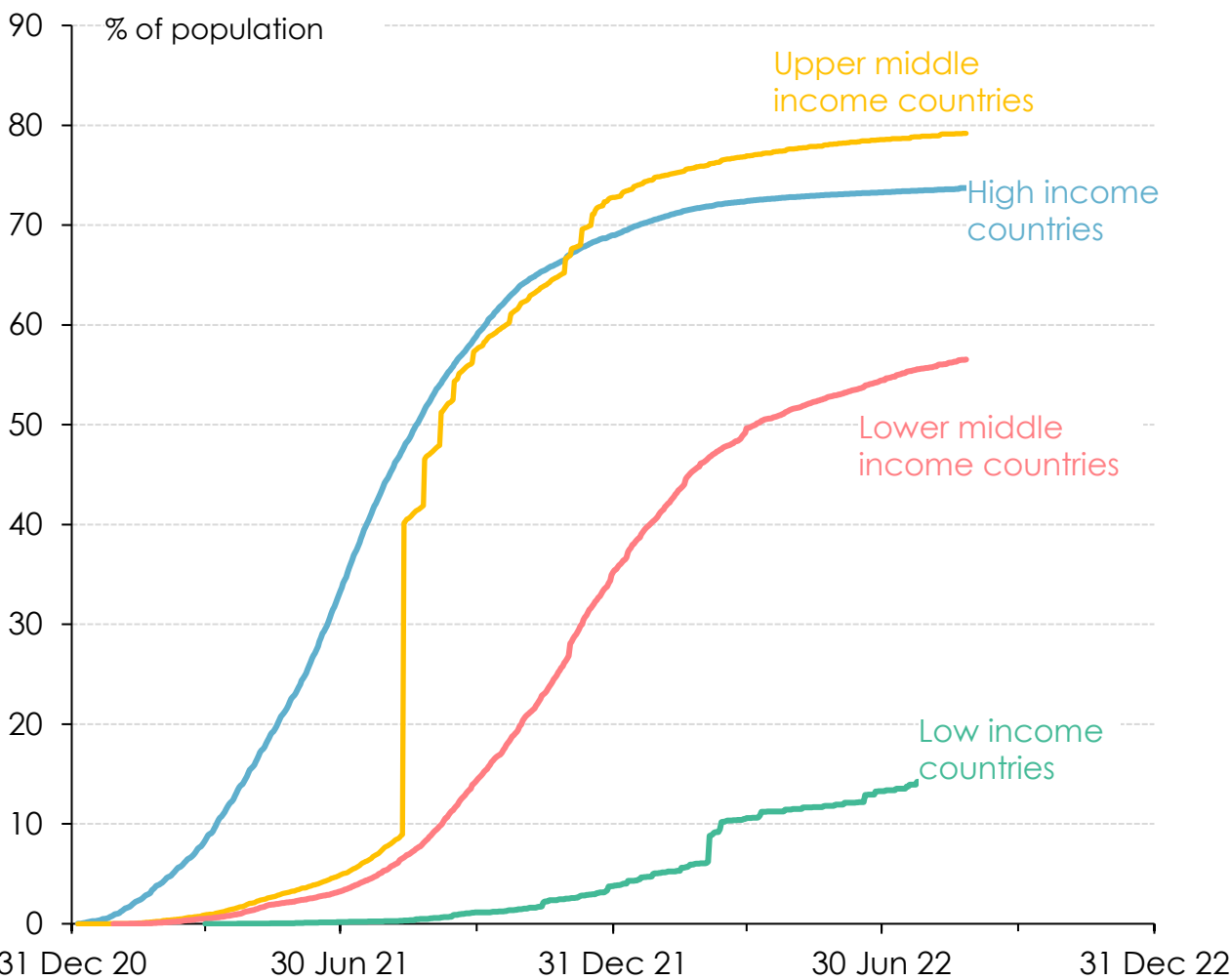


Note: Case data as at 24<sup>th</sup> August. Missouri and Nebraska have stopped reporting case numbers. Sources: [The Cook Political Report](#); [Our World in Data](#); [USA Facts](#); Corinna. [Return to "What's New"](#).

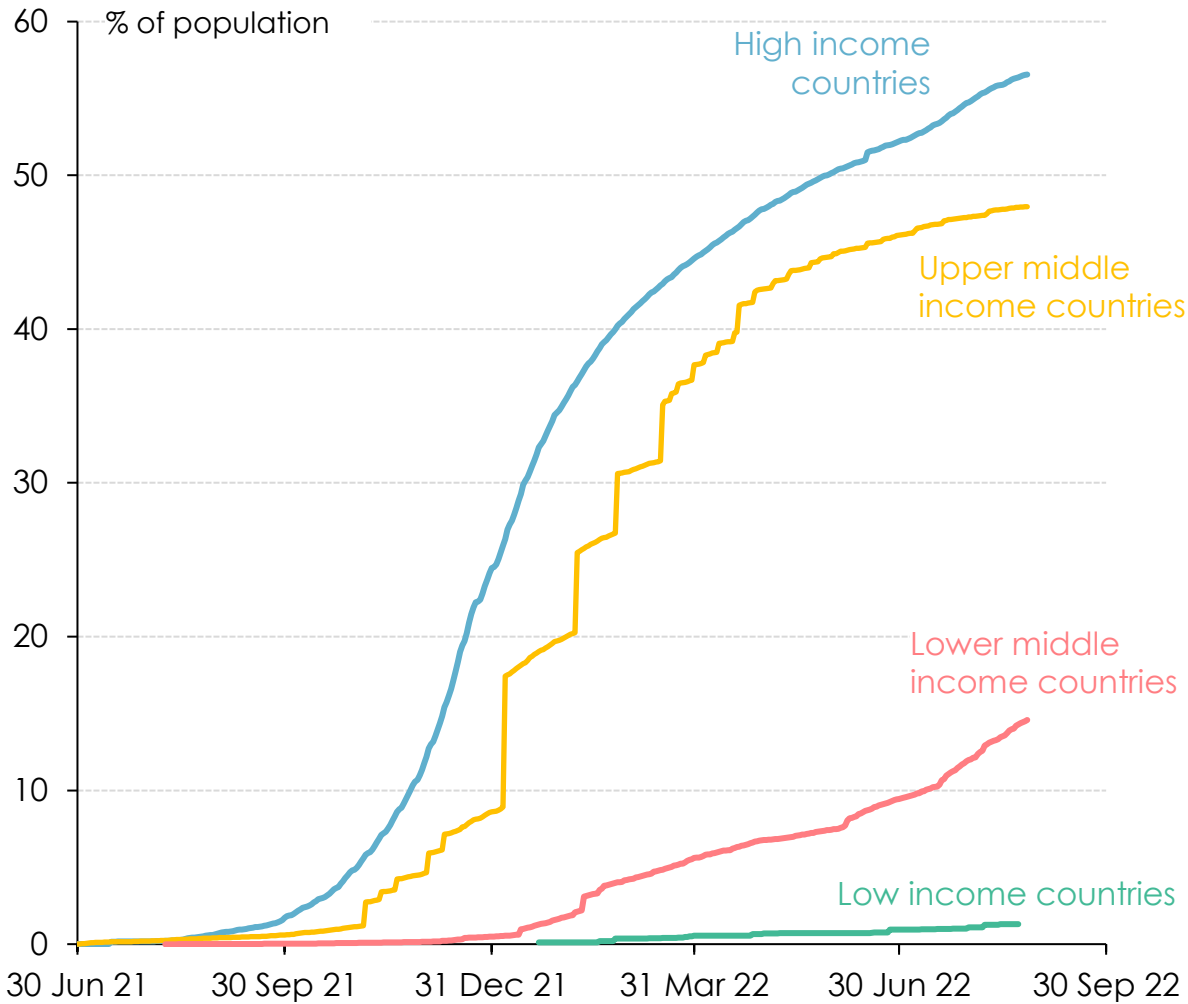
# The vaccine roll-out has proceeded much more slowly among low- and lower-middle income countries

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Percentage of populations who have had two vaccinations, by income group



Percentage of populations who have had a 'booster' shot, by income group



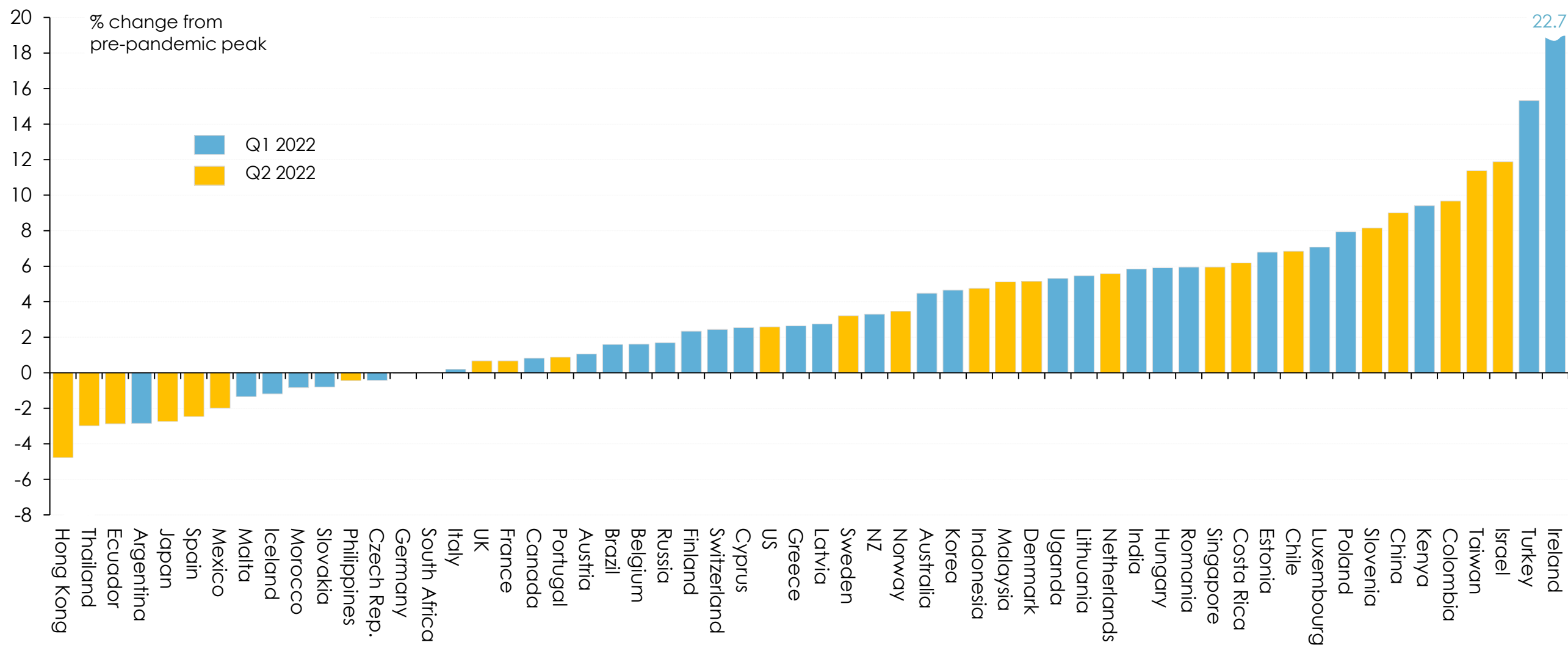
Note: Income categories are as defined by the [World Bank](#): high-income countries are (in 2021) those with a per capita gross national income (GNI) of over US\$12,535; upper-middle income countries are those with per capita GNI between US\$4,046 and \$12,535; lower middle-income countries are those between \$1,036 and \$4,035; and low-income countries are those with per capita GNI of \$1,035 or less. Note that 'upper middle-income countries' includes China, the inclusion of data from which accounts for the large jumps in numbers for this category on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Source: Our World in Data, [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

# The world economy

# 40 countries (of 54 for which seasonally-adjusted GDP estimates are available) have now surpassed their pre-pandemic peaks

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## Q1 or Q2 2022 real GDP compared with pre-recession peak

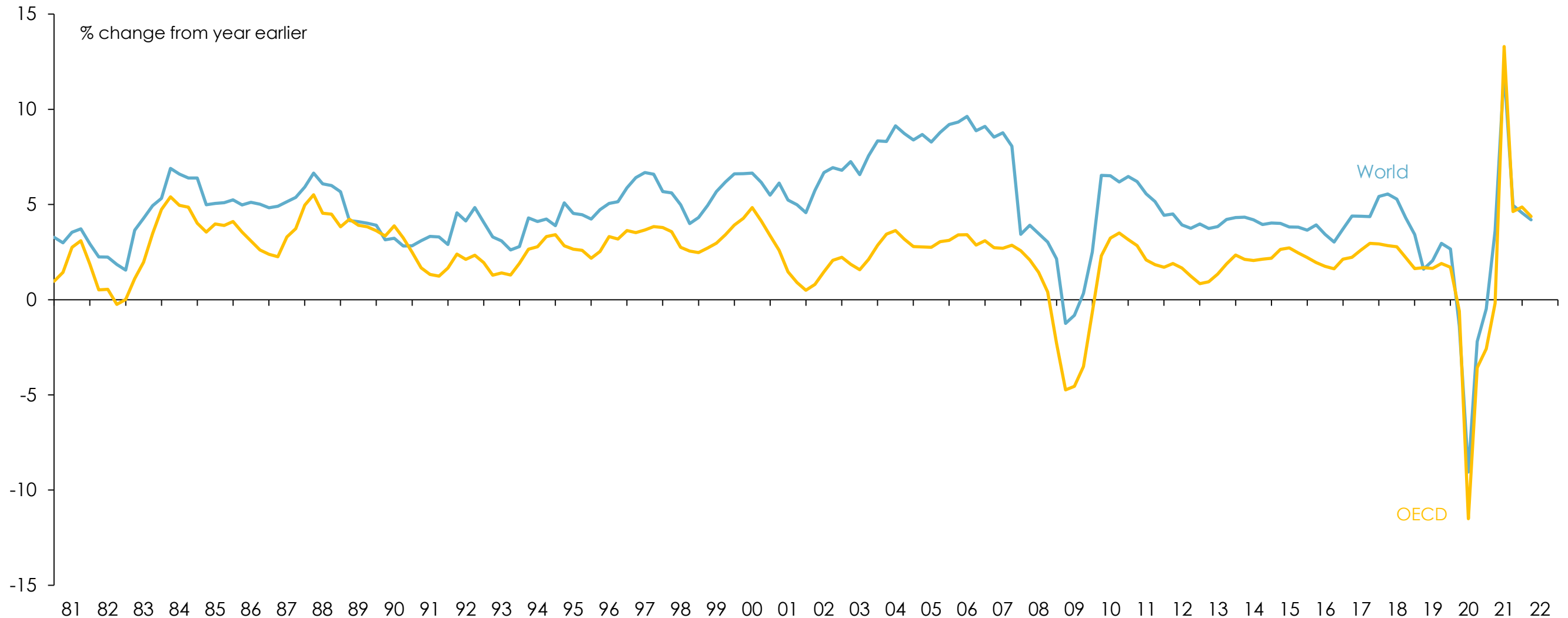


Note: Estimate for China is derived from quarterly growth rates published by China NBS; estimates for India, Indonesia and Russia are seasonally adjusted by the OECD.  
Sources: National statistical agencies and central banks, and OECD. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# The world economy grew by about 4¼% over the year to Q1 – down from a peak of 12% in Q2 2021 which was flattered by comparison with Q2 2020

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## World and OECD area real GDP growth

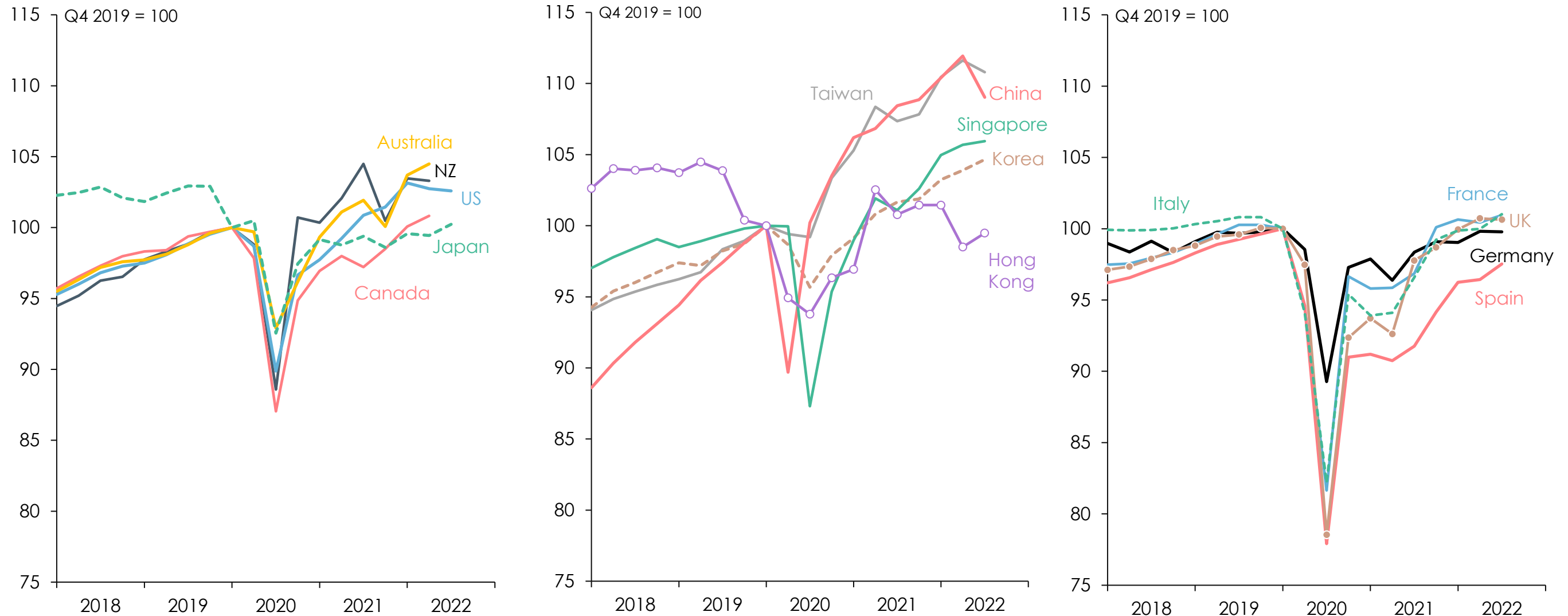


Note: Estimates of global GDP growth compiled by Corinna using data for 100 countries accounting for 94% of 2019 world GDP as measured by the IMF, weighted in accordance with each country's share of global GDP at purchasing power parities in 2019; excludes constituents of the former USSR before 1993, the former Czechoslovakia before 1995, and the former Yugoslavia before 1998. Sources: national statistical agencies and central banks; Eurostat; [OECD](#); IMF; Corinna. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# The more 'advanced' Asian economies, Australia's & NZ's and the US's, have recovered more rapidly from 2020-21 recessions than Europe's

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## Levels of real GDP indexed to Q4 2019 = 100



Note: All series shown are seasonally adjusted, except for China's which has been constructed using the estimates of quarterly changes in real GDP published by the China National Bureau of Statistics. Sources: National statistical agencies, Eurostat and Bank of Korea; Corinna.

# The IMF cut its forecasts for global growth in 2022 and 2023 by 0.4 and 0.7 pc pt, respectively, and raised its inflation forecasts by 0.8 pc pt pa

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## Major global institutions' growth forecasts for 2022 and 2023 compared

	Actual			IMF		OECD		World Bank			Australia/NZ Treasuries		
	2010-19 <sup>^</sup>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
US	2.2	-3.4	5.7	2.3	1.0	2.5	1.2	2.5	2.4	2.0			
China	7.7	2.2	8.1	3.3	4.6	4.4	4.9	4.3	5.2	5.1			
Euro area	1.3	-6.3	5.4	2.6	1.2	2.6	1.6	2.5	1.9	1.9			
India	7.0	-6.6	8.7	7.4	6.1	6.9	6.2	7.5	7.1	6.5			
Japan	1.2	-4.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.3	0.6			
UK	1.8	-9.3	7.4	3.2	0.5	4.7	2.1	na	na	na			
Australia	2.6	-2.1	4.8	3.8	2.2	4.2	2.5	na	na	na	3.0*	2.0*	2.3*
New Zealand	2.9	-3.0	5.6	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.0	na	na	na	1.7 <sup>†</sup>	4.2 <sup>†</sup>	0.7 <sup>†</sup>
World	3.7	-3.1	6.1	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
World trade	3.7	-7.9	10.1	4.1	3.2	4.9	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.8	na	na	na
World inflation	3.5	3.2	4.7	8.3	5.7	7.6	6.3	na	na	na	na	na	na

Note: All actuals and forecasts are % per annum. <sup>^</sup> Annual average. \* Forecasts for fiscal years beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July (and finishing 30<sup>th</sup> June following year) <sup>†</sup> Forecasts by New Zealand Treasury for fiscal years beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July. Sources: International Monetary Fund (IMF), [World Economic Outlook Update](#), 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022; The World Bank, [Global Economic Prospects](#), 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022; Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD), [Economic Outlook 2022 \(preliminary version\)](#), 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022; Australian Treasury, [Ministerial Statement on the Economy](#), 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022; New Zealand Treasury, [Budget Economic and Fiscal Update 2022](#), 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# The IMF's downward revisions to its global growth forecasts have been prompted by higher interest rates, China's lockdowns and Ukraine effects

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## IMF real GDP growth forecasts

	July forecast (%)		Revision from April (pc pts)	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Advanced economies</b>				
US	2.3	1.0	-1.4	-1.3
Euro area	2.6	1.2	-0.2	-1.1
Japan	1.7	1.7	-0.7	-0.6
UK	3.2	0.5	-1.4	-1.3
Canada	3.4	1.8	-0.5	-1.0
Australia	3.8	2.2	-0.4	-0.3
<b>Emerging economies</b>				
China	3.3	4.6	-1.1	-0.5
India	7.4	6.1	-0.8	-0.8
Brazil	1.7	1.1	0.9	-0.3
Russia	-6.0	-3.5	2.5	-1.2
South Africa	2.3	1.4	0.4	0.0
<b>World</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

- ❑ The IMF now expects global economic growth to slow from 6.% in 2021 to 3.2% this year (a downward revision of 0.4 pc pt from its previous forecast in April) and to 2.9% in 2023 (a downward revision of 0.7 pc pt)
  - the downward revisions are particularly large (by IMF standards) for the US, the UK, China, India and (in 2023) the euro area
- ❑ It also raised its forecasts for global inflation by 0.9 pc pts in both 2022 and 2023, to 8.3% and 5.7% respectively
- ❑ The IMF attributes the downward revisions to its economic growth forecasts to a combination of
  - tighter financial conditions, in response to higher inflation
  - further lockdowns, in response to Covid-19, and “the deepening real estate crisis” in China, and
  - further “negative spillovers” from the war in Ukraine
- ❑ The IMF says the risks to the outlook are “overwhelmingly tilted to the downside”
  - its latest Update outlines an “alternative scenario” in which inflation expectations remain “persistently more elevated”, leading to a greater tightening of financial conditions, combined with tighter sanctions on Russia and/or Russia curtailing gas supplies to Europe
  - in this scenario global growth could fall to 2.6% in 2022 and 2.0% in 2023, growth rates which have “only occurred rarely in the past” (on only five occasions since 1970)

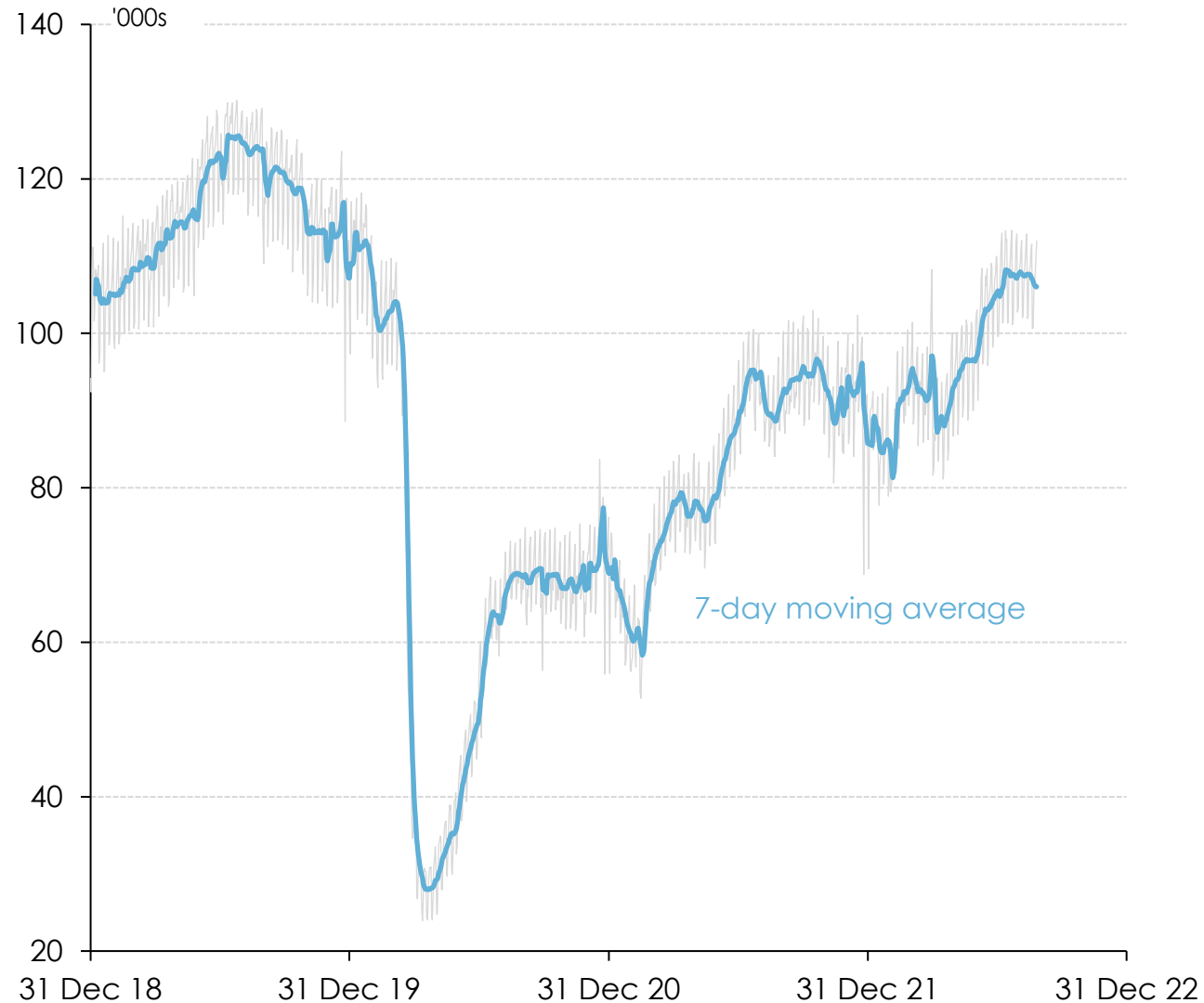
Source: International Monetary Fund (IMF), [World Economic Outlook Update](#), 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022. [Return to "What's New"](#).



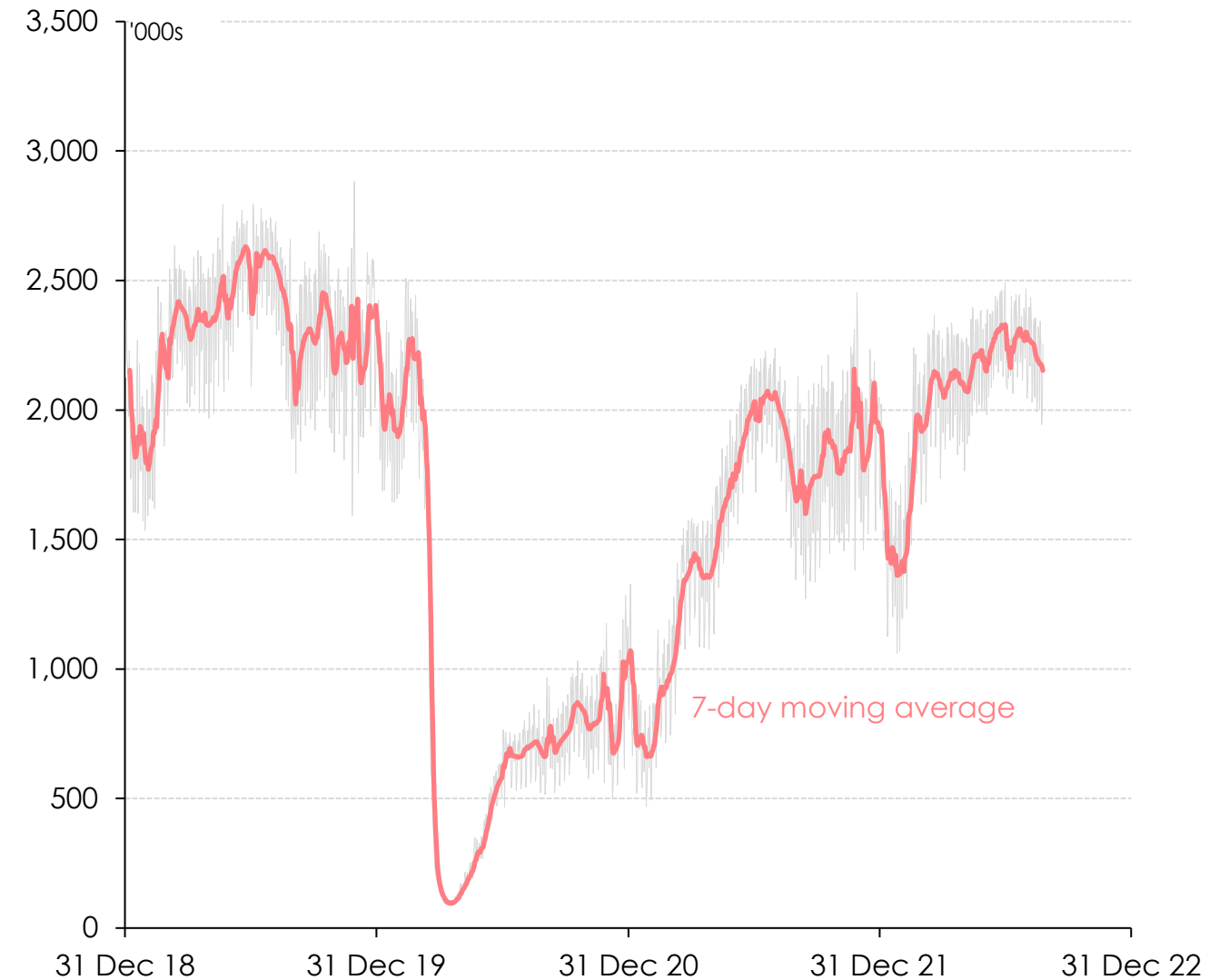
# Global aviation traffic picked up significantly between March and July, but has levelled out again over the past few weeks

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## Daily commercial flights worldwide



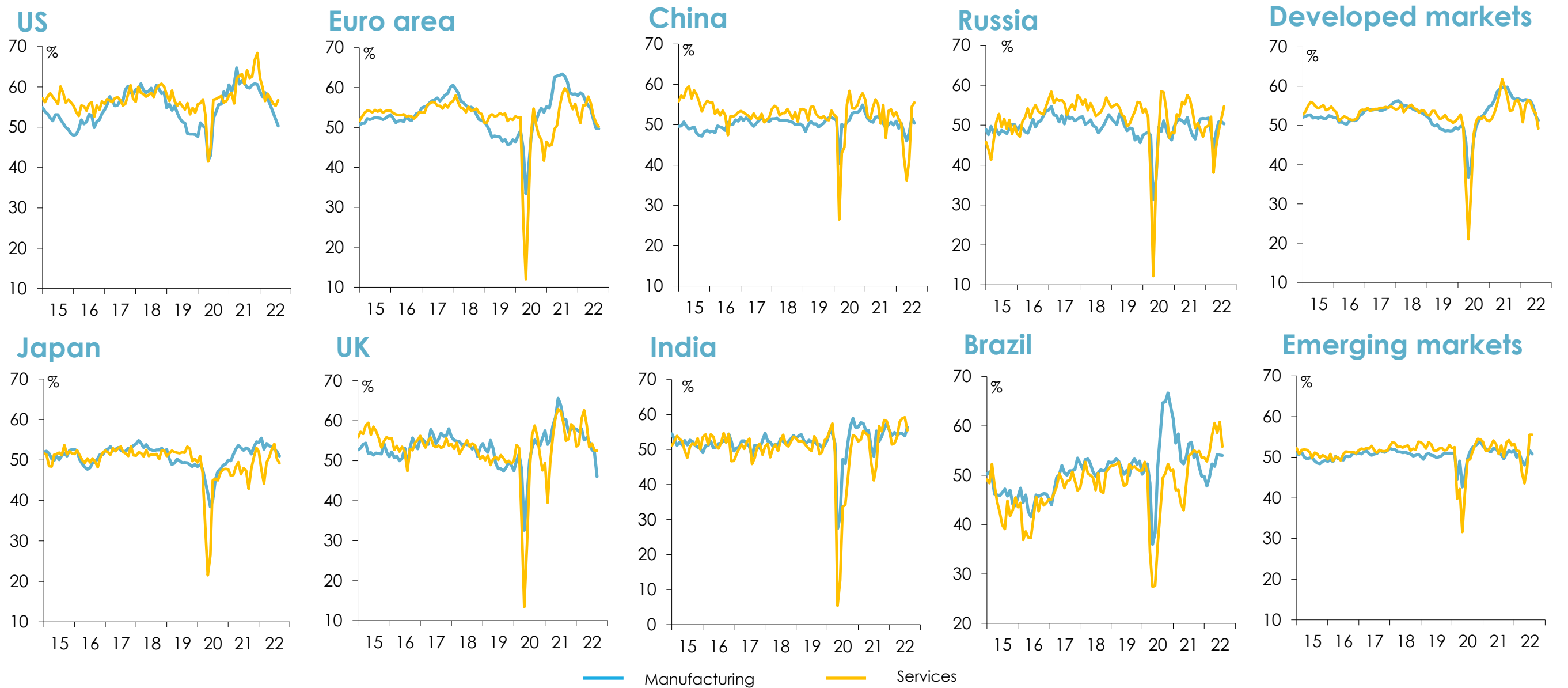
## Daily US TSA 'security' checks



Note: Commercial flights include commercial passenger flights, cargo flights, charter flights, and some business jet flights. Data are up to 26<sup>th</sup> August for commercial flights and 25<sup>th</sup> August for TSA checks. Thicker coloured lines are 7-day centred moving averages of daily data plotted in thin grey lines. Sources: [Flightradar24.com](https://flightradar24.com); [US Transport Safety Administration](https://www.transportation.gov) (at last, something useful – other than job creation - produced by aviation 'security'!!!). [Return to "What's New"](#).

# 'Flash' PMIs for August signalled contractions in manufacturing in the UK and euro area, and in services sector activity in Japan

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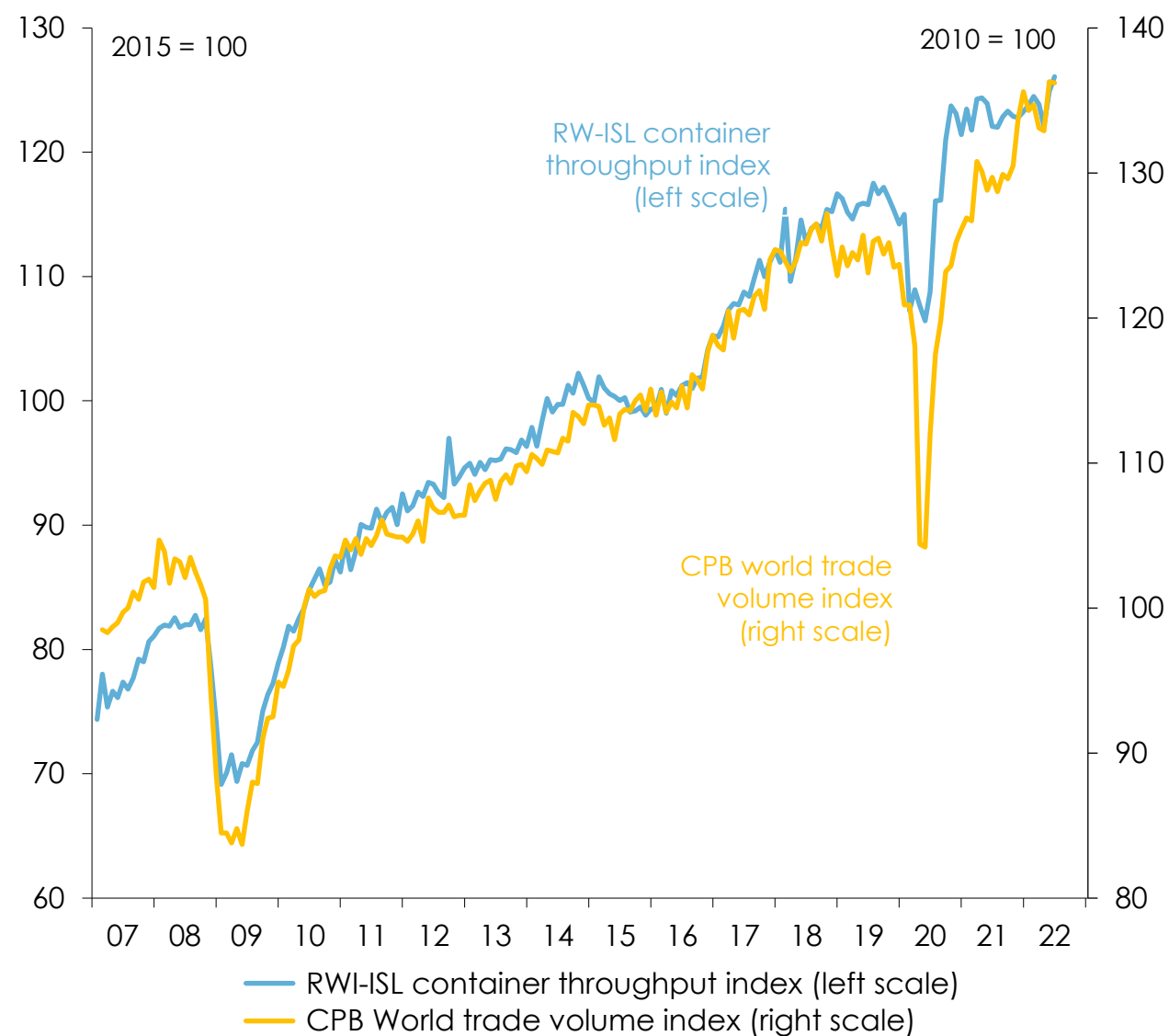


Note: Purchasing Managers' Indexes (PMIs) are derived from surveys of senior executives, who are asked to report whether various dimensions of business activity recorded an increase, decrease or no change compared with the previous month. A reading of 50 indicates an overall increase cf. the previous month, and a reading of less than 50 indicates a decrease. Latest readings for Japan, the euro area and the UK are 'flash' August, others are July. See also PMIs for other Asia-Pacific economies on [slide 89](#). Sources: [US Institute for Supply Management](#); [IHS Markit](#); JP Morgan; [Caixin](#); Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

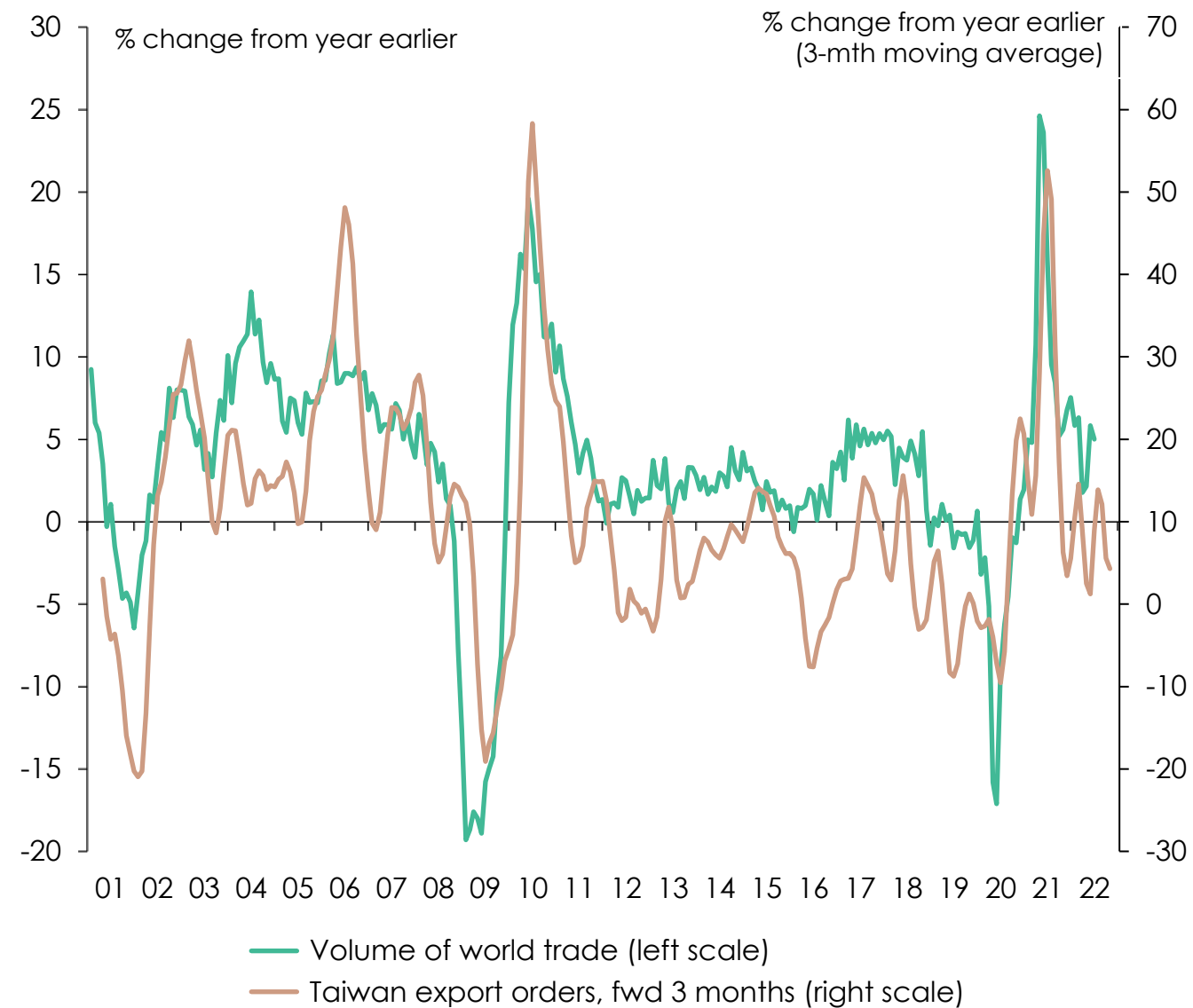
# The volume of world trade fell 0.1% in June, after a strong 2.6% increase in May – and a further slowing seems in prospect

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World trade volumes and container throughput



Taiwan export orders and world trade volumes

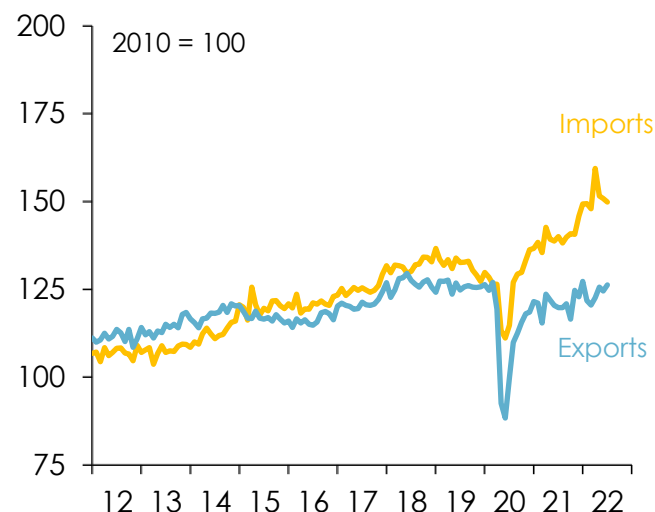


Note: The shipping container throughput index is based on reports from 91 ports around the world handling over 60% of global container shipping.  
Sources: CPB Netherlands Economic Planning Bureau, [World Trade Monitor](#), June 2022 (July data to be released on 23<sup>rd</sup> September); Institute of Shipping Economics & Logistics (ISL) and RWI Leibniz-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) [Container Throughput Index](#), April 2022; Taiwan [Ministry of Economic Affairs](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

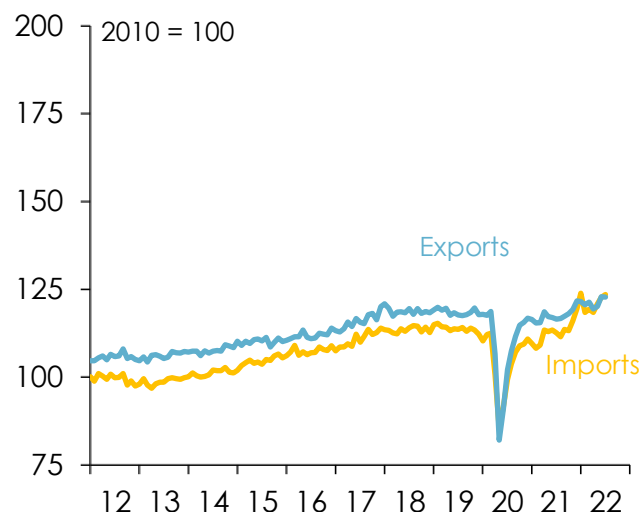
# Supply-chain disruptions in China have been a major factor in the slowing in world trade this year: the UK's poor trade performance is also notable

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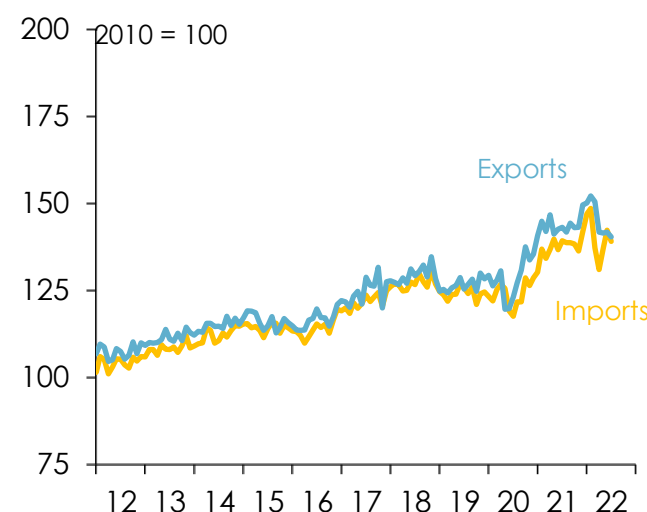
## United States



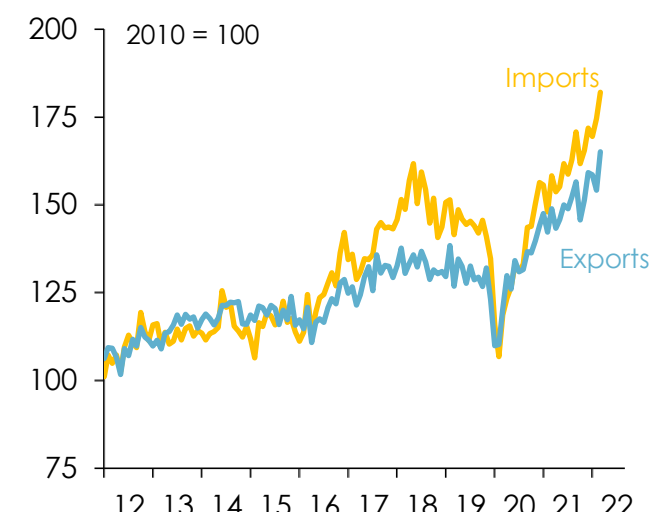
## Euro area



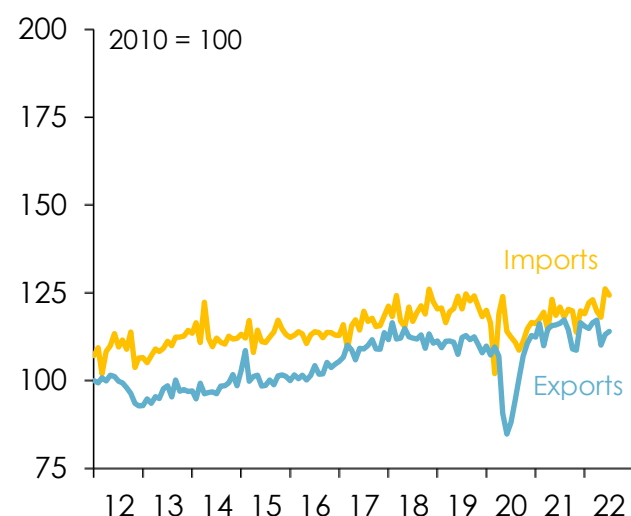
## Other 'advanced' Asia



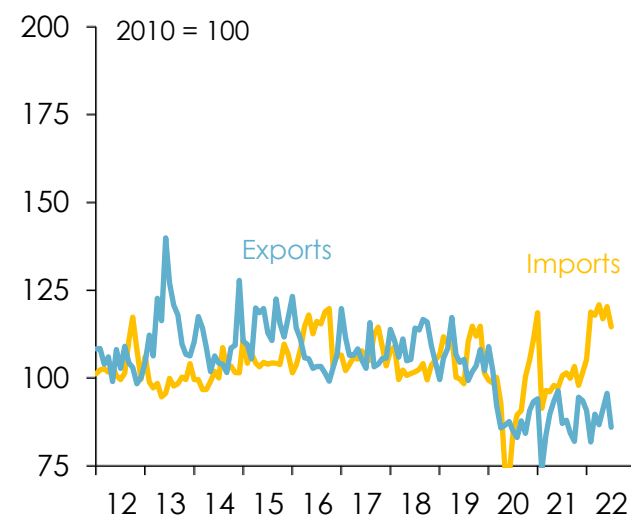
## Other 'emerging' Asia



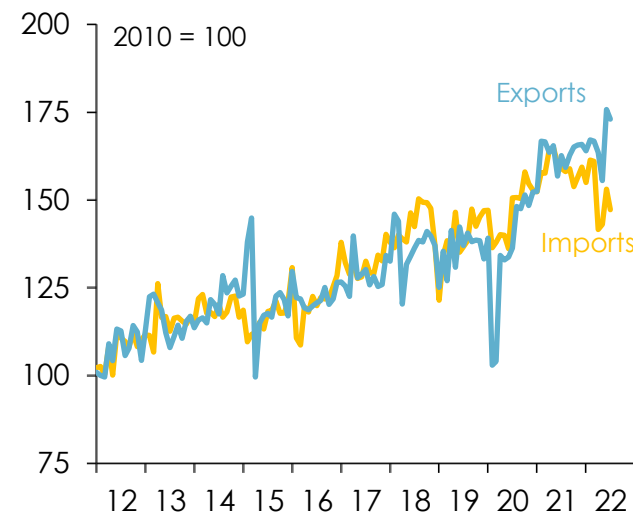
## Japan



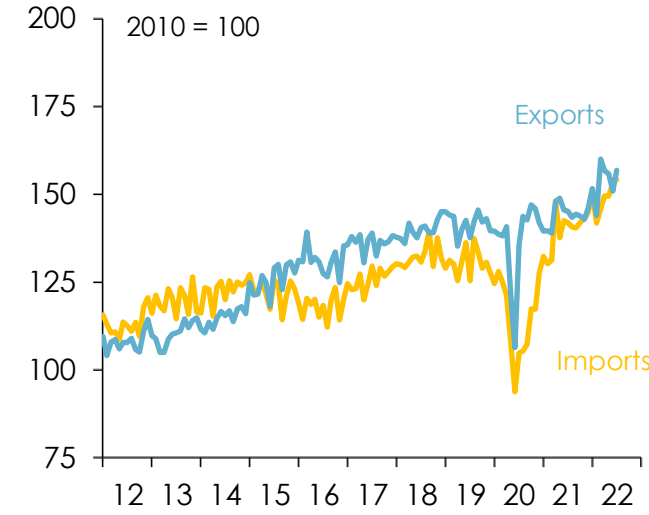
## United Kingdom



## China



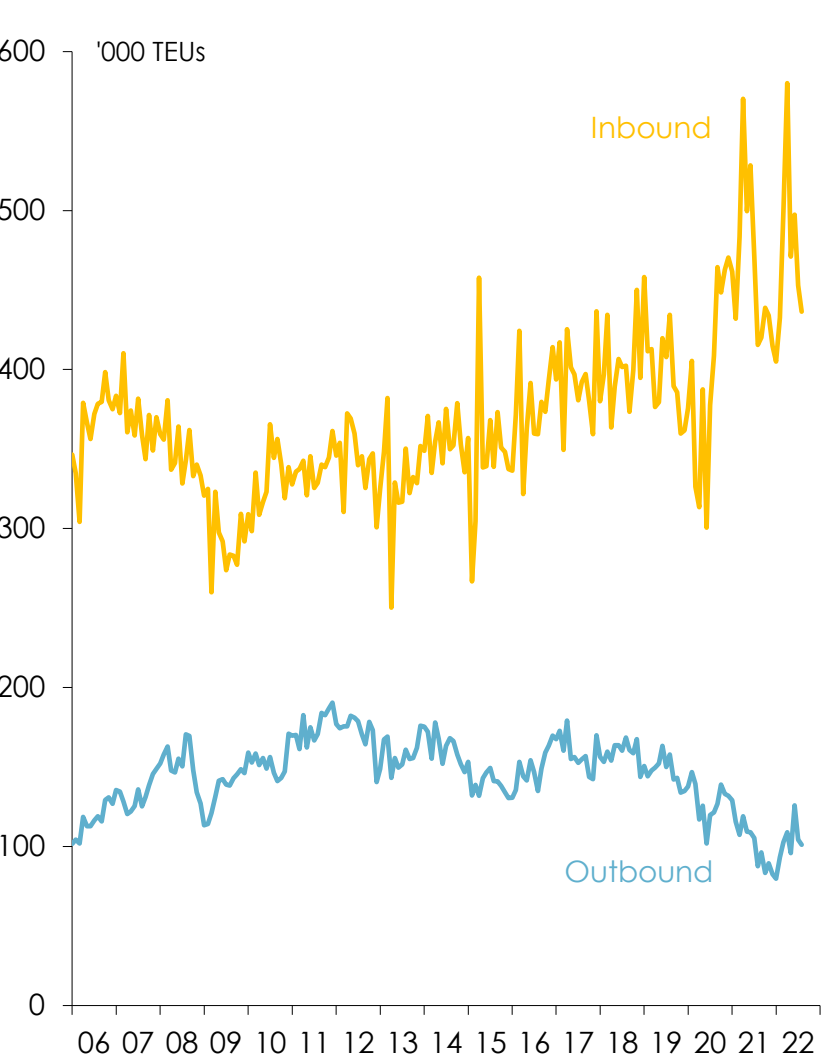
## Latin America



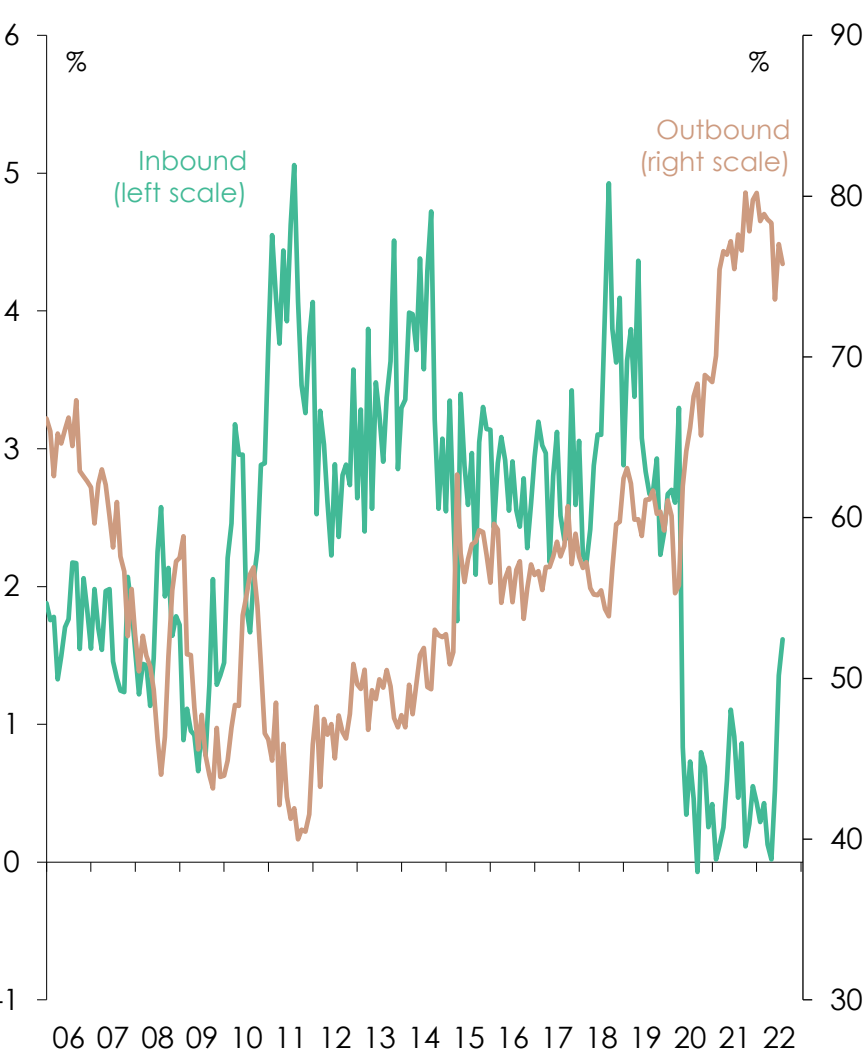
# Congestion at the Port of Los Angeles (the US' largest container port) has eased significantly but trade flows remain unusually unbalanced

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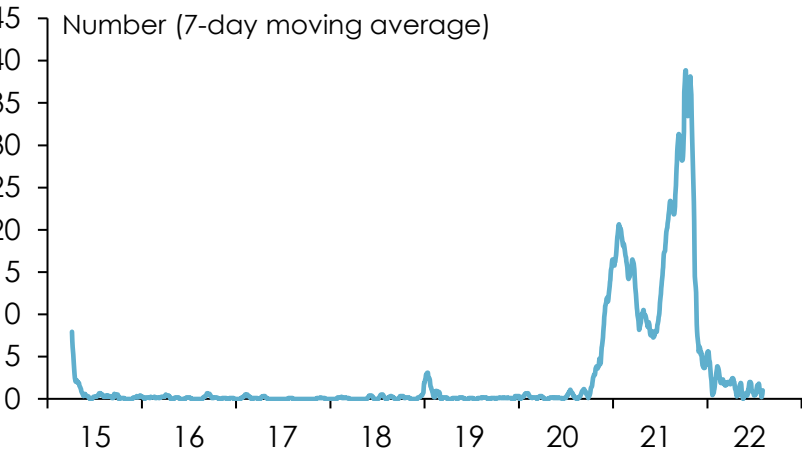
Container traffic through the Port of Los Angeles



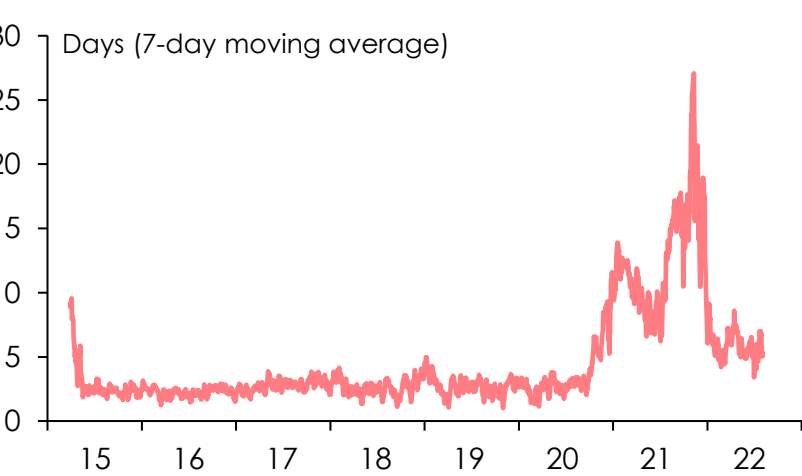
Empty containers as a pc of total passing through PoLA



Number of vessels at anchor outside PoLA



Average time at anchor and berth for ships at PoLA

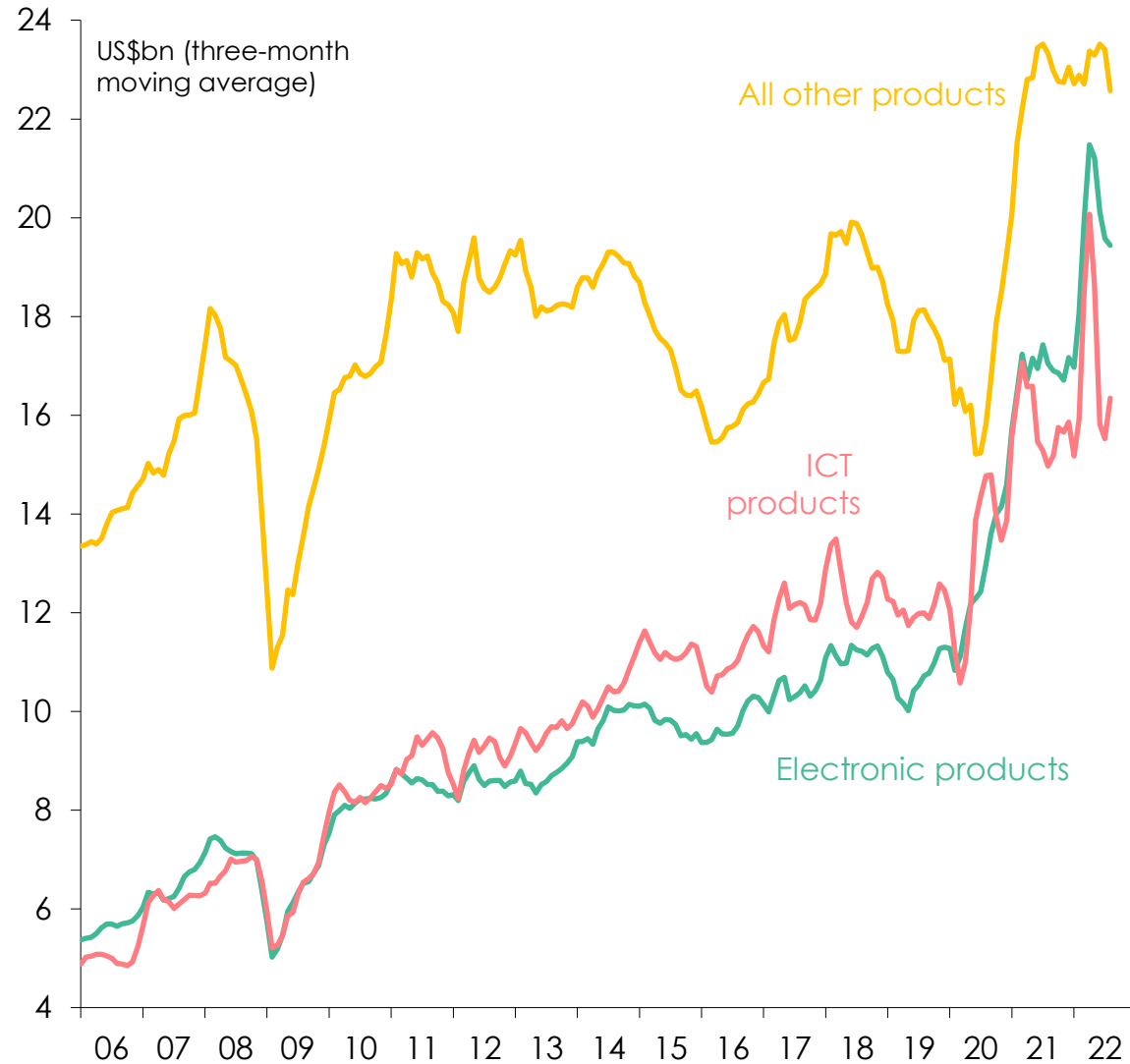


Note: TEU = 20-foot equivalent unit. Data on inbound and outbound container traffic in the first two charts (up to July) have been seasonally adjusted by Corinna using Refinitiv Datastream. Data up to 19<sup>th</sup> August. Source: The Port of Los Angeles, [Container Statistics](#) and [Container vessels in port](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

# Taiwan's output of semi-conductors and other ICT & electronic products are recovering from Covid and drought disruptions

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## Taiwan export orders, by product



Note: Data have been seasonally adjusted by Corinna using Refinitiv Datastream. Latest data are for July. Source: Taiwan [Ministry of Economic Affairs](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

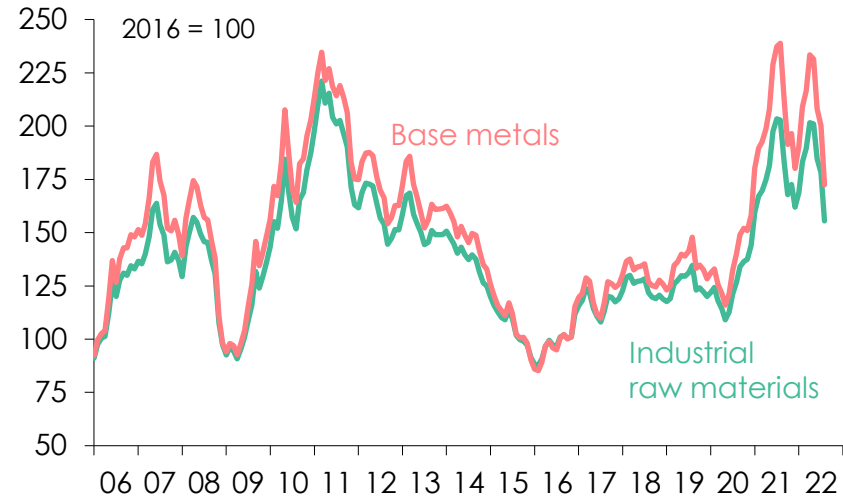
- ❑ Taiwan accounts for 63% of the US\$85bn global semi-conductor chip market (followed by Korea 18% and China 6%)
  - one Taiwanese company, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (TSMC) has 54% of the world market, and United Microelectronics Co (UMC) a further 7% (Samsung accounts for Korea's 18%)
- ❑ Semiconductor fabrication plants ("fabs") use very large amounts of water to rinse chips during their manufacture – a typical fab uses 7½-15 million litres of water daily (and water in Taiwan is very cheap, at less than US40¢/t)
  - Taiwan had been experiencing its worst drought in 56 years, resulting in rationing of water supplies including to semi-conductor manufacturers, although recent heavy rainfalls appear to have broken the drought
- ❑ World-wide semi-conductor production has also been crimped by [plant shutdowns](#) in Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines due to covid-19 outbreaks, and by damage caused by a fire at a Japanese fab earlier this year and a storm at a Texas plant
- ❑ Shortages of semi-conductor chips have caused major headaches for the motor vehicle industry (which uses lots of them)
- ❑ Foreign orders for Taiwanese ICT products have been especially volatile over the first five months of this year, in part because of recurring supply-chain disruptions in China
- ❑ Semi-conductor production has also affected by the war in Ukraine, because Ukraine is a major producer of neon gas which is used in semi-conductor production



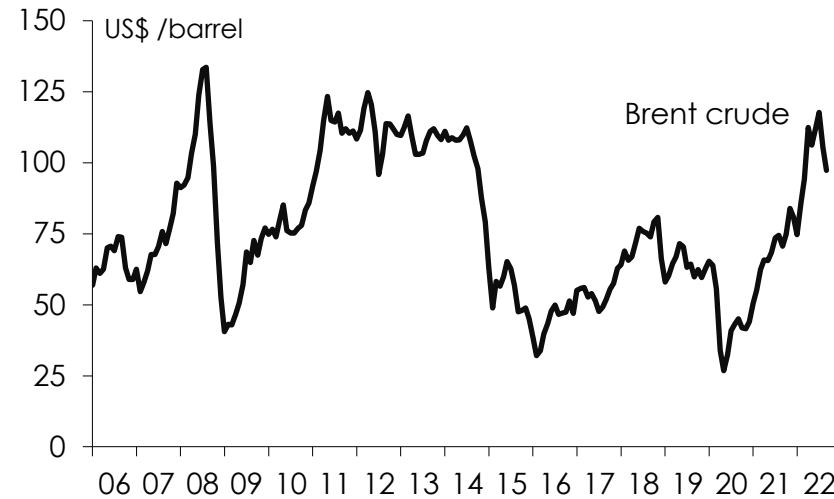
# Commodity prices, apart from gas, are now falling – and supply chain pressures are easing too

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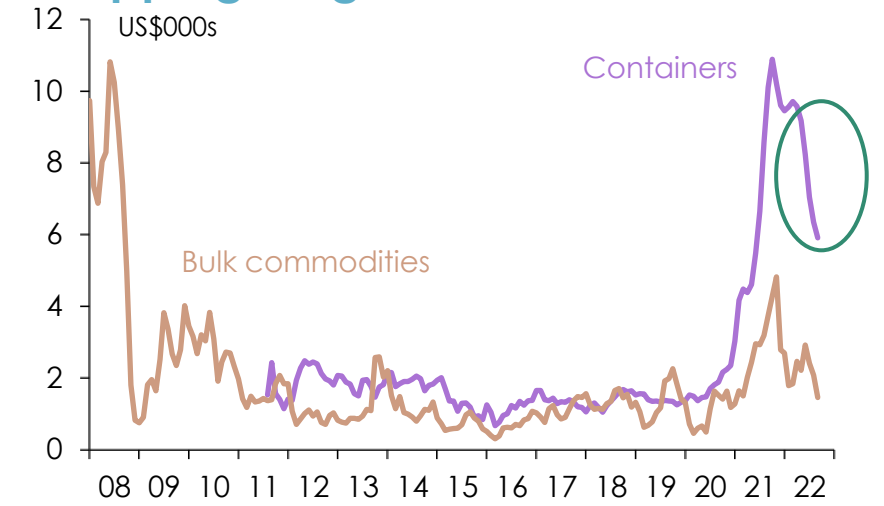
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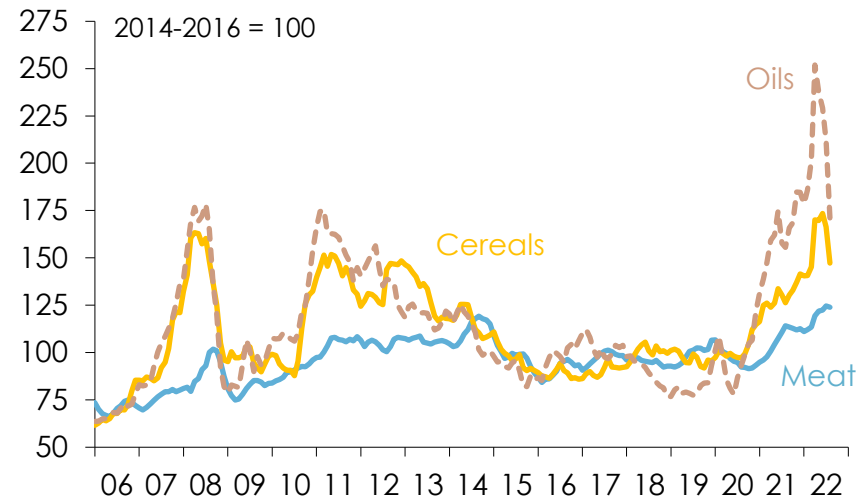
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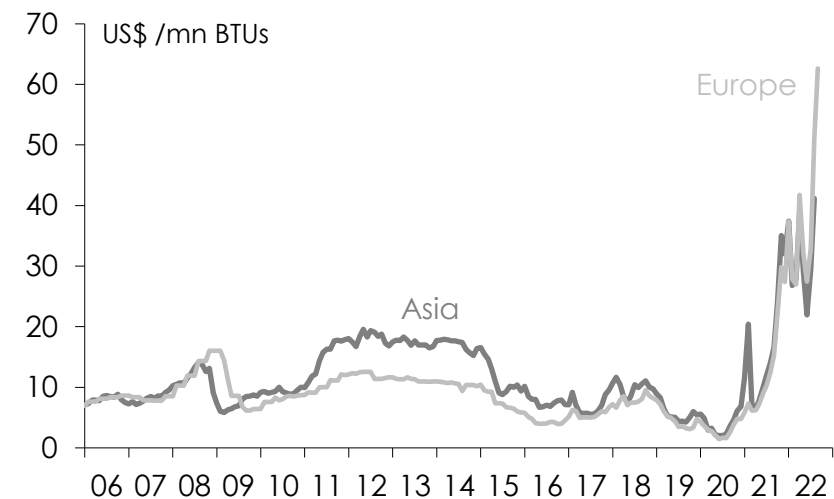
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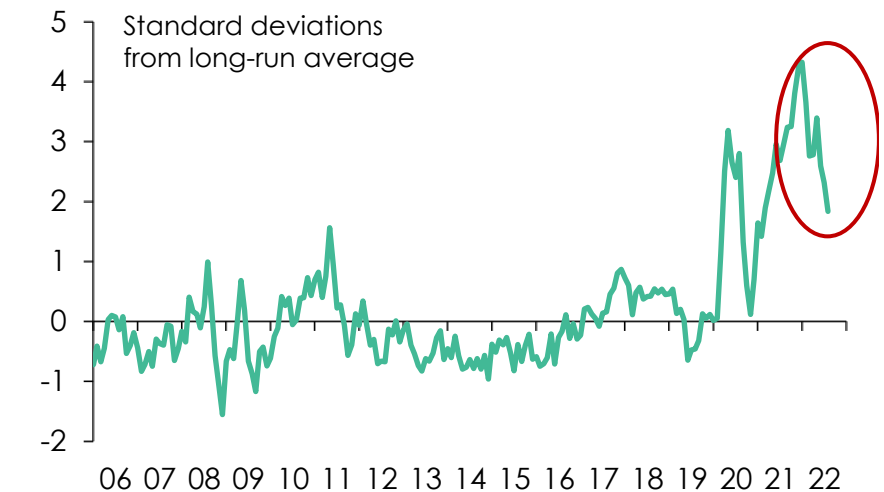
## Food commodity prices



## Natural gas prices



## Global supply chain pressure index

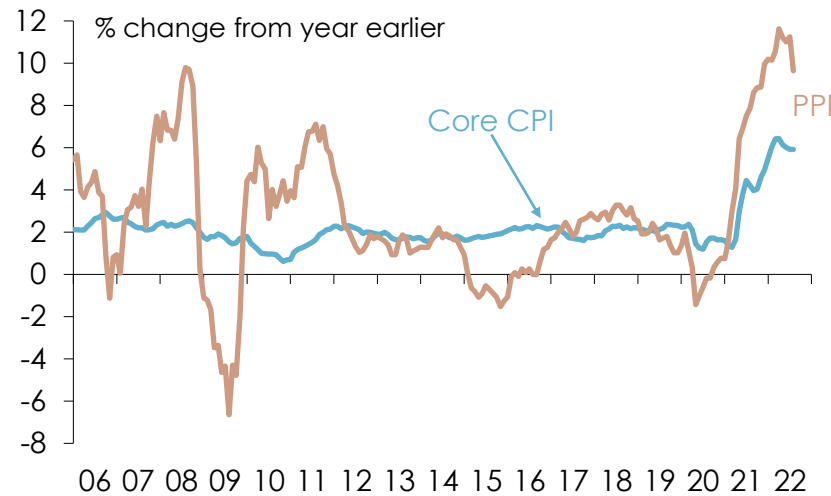


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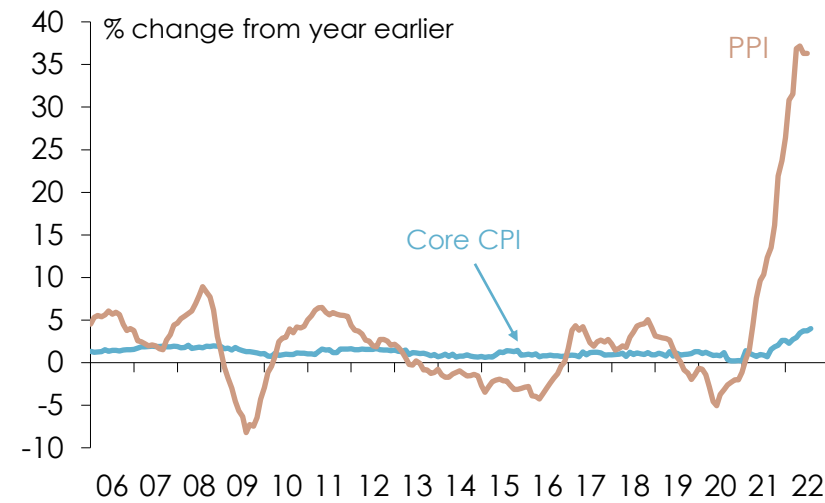
# Inflation at the 'producer' level seems to have peaked in most 'advanced' economies, but not at the 'core' consumer level, except perhaps in the US

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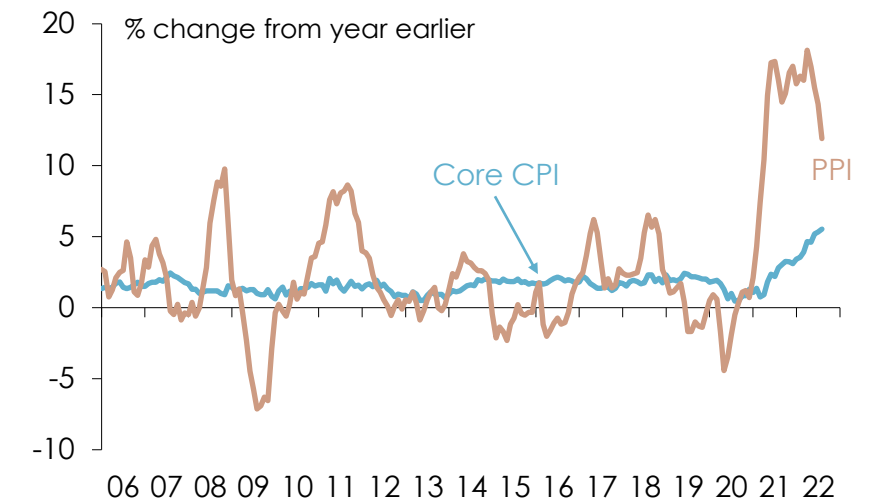
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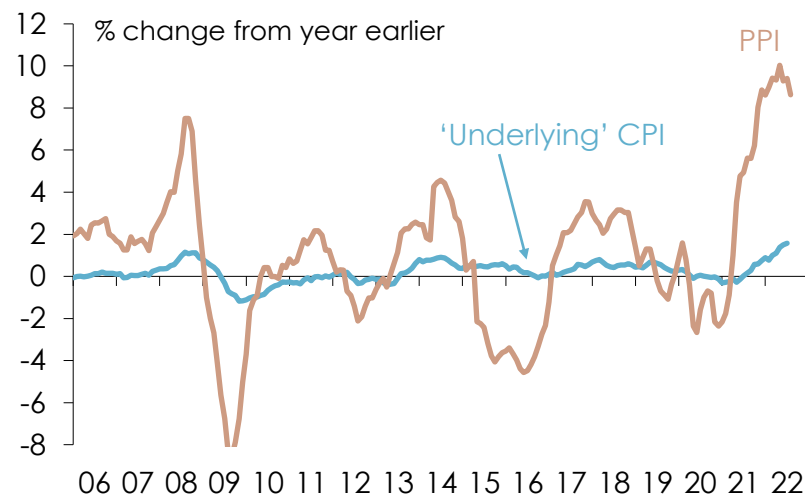
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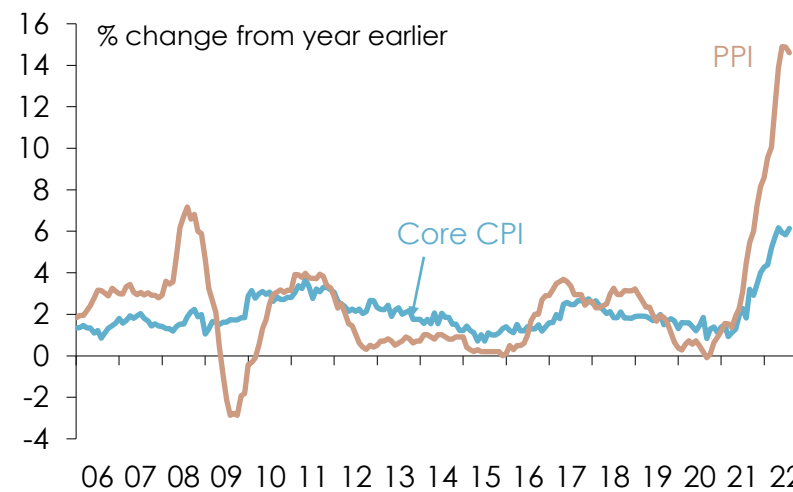
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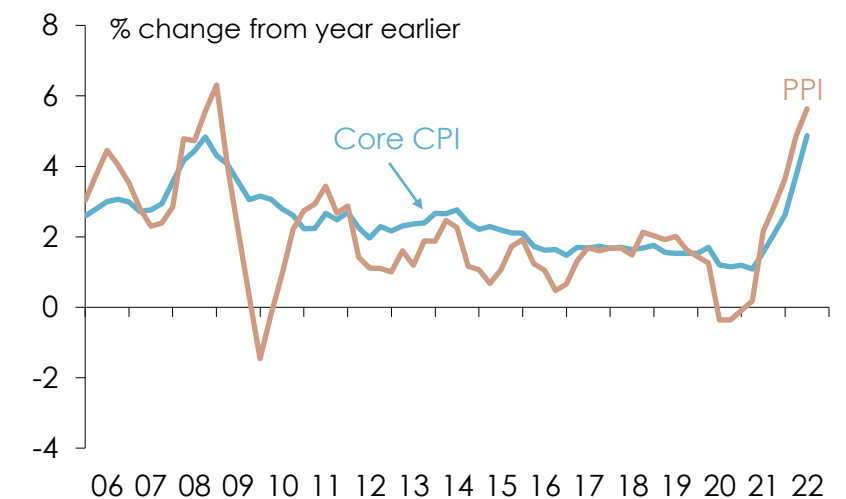
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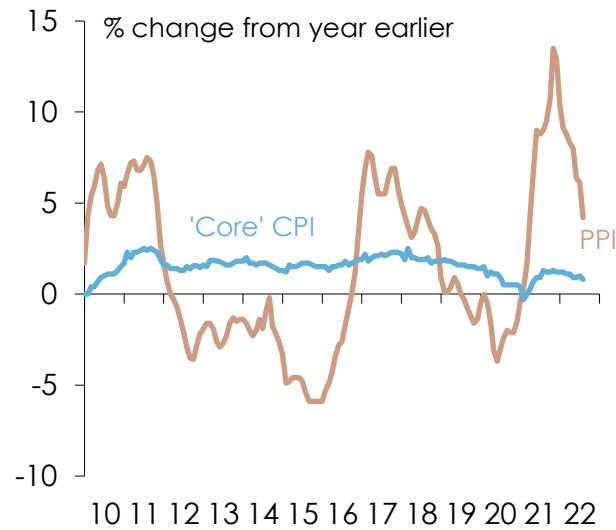
For a more detailed analysis of recent US inflation data see [slides 49-52](#). Sources: [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#); [Statistics Bureau of Japan](#) and [Bank of Japan](#); [Eurostat](#); [UK Office for National Statistics](#); [Statistics Canada](#); [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).



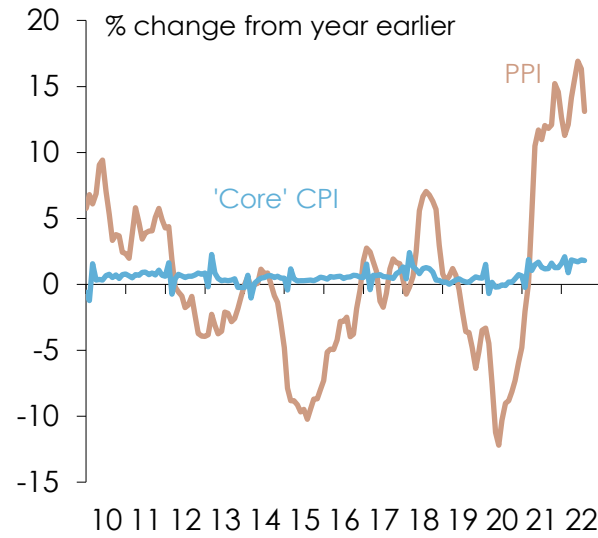
# Inflation at the producer level also appears to have peaked in most Asian economies – but consumer price inflation is still rising (except in China)

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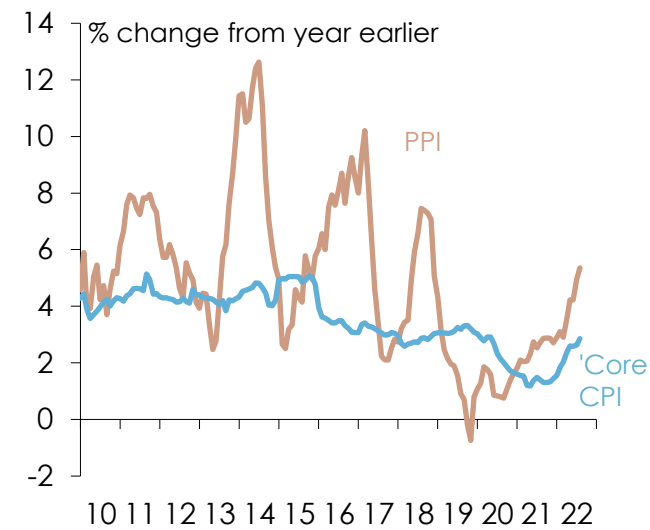
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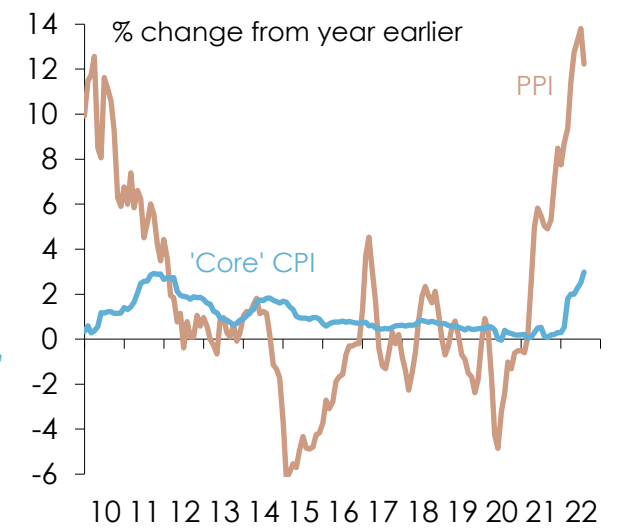
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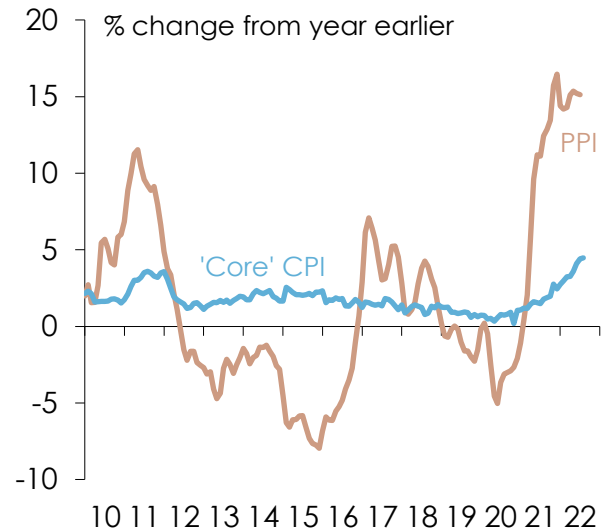
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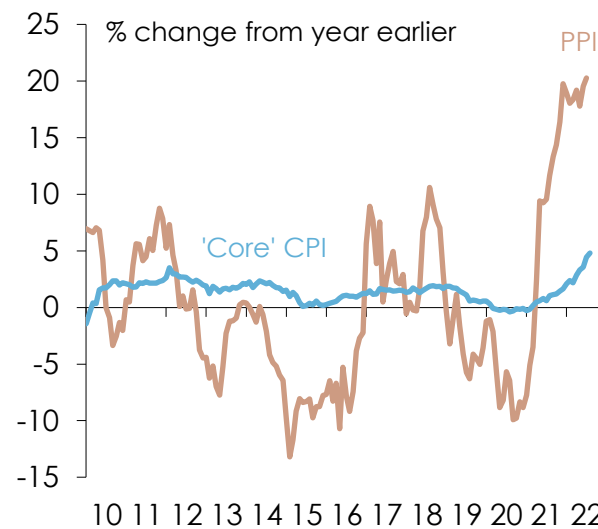
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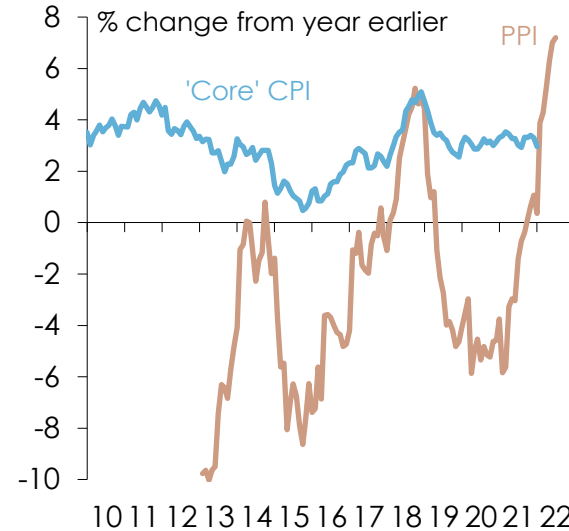
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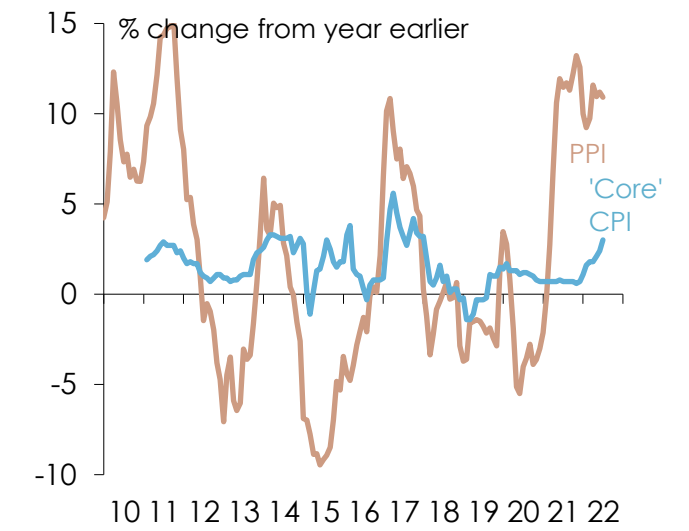
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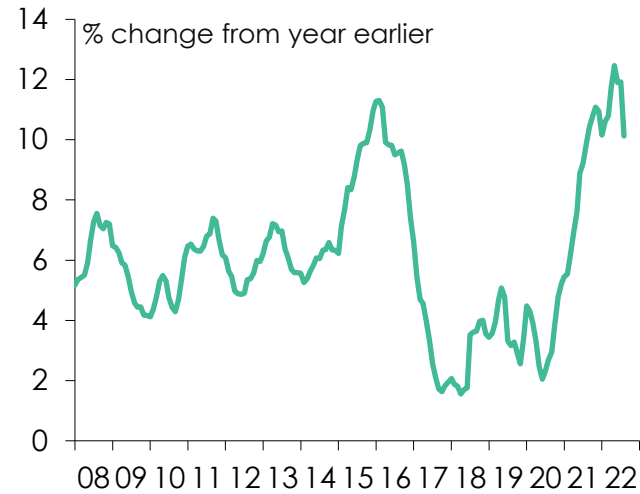


Note: 'Core' CPIs measure different things in different Asian economies – see footnotes to [slide 91](#). The Philippines hasn't published data on 'core' CPI inflation since December 2021. Sources: [China National Bureau of Statistics](#); [Statistics Korea](#); [Bank of Korea](#); [Taiwan Statistical Bureau](#); [Singstat](#); [Monetary Authority of Singapore](#); [Statistics Indonesia](#); [Philippine Statistics Authority](#); [Thailand Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices](#); [Department of Statistics Malaysia](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

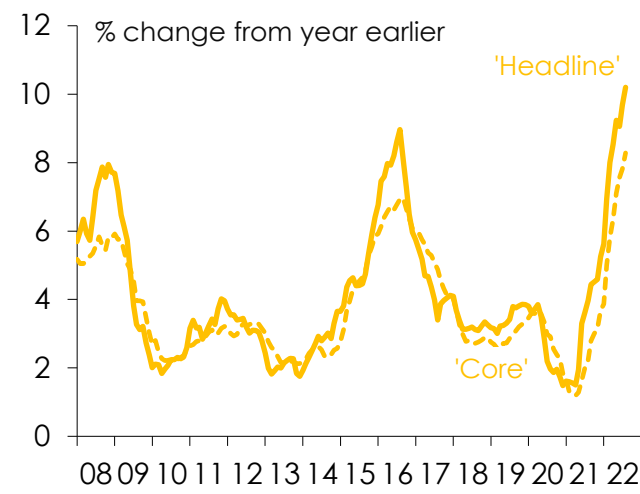
# Consumer price inflation has risen sharply across Latin America – although it may perhaps have peaked in Brazil, Peru and Paraguay

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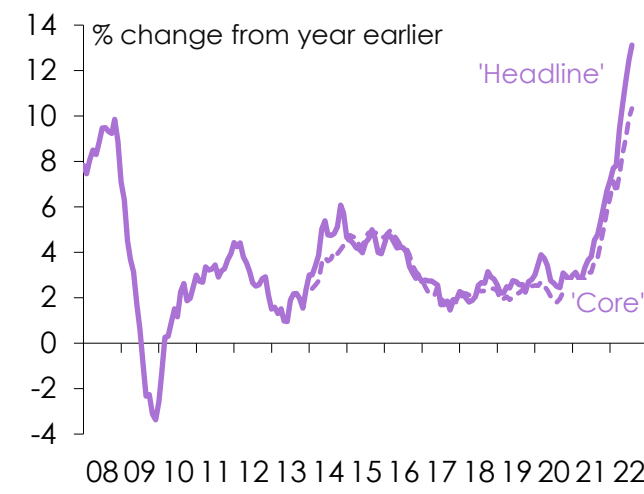
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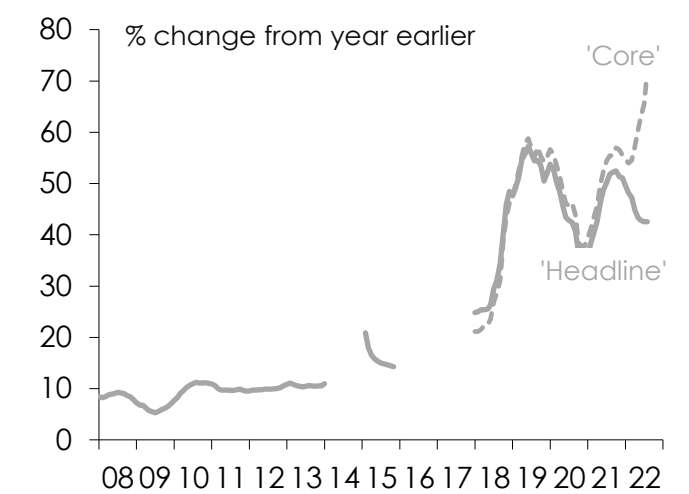
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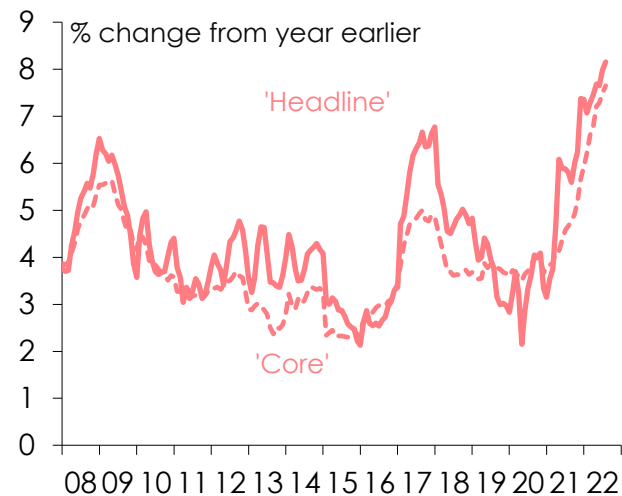
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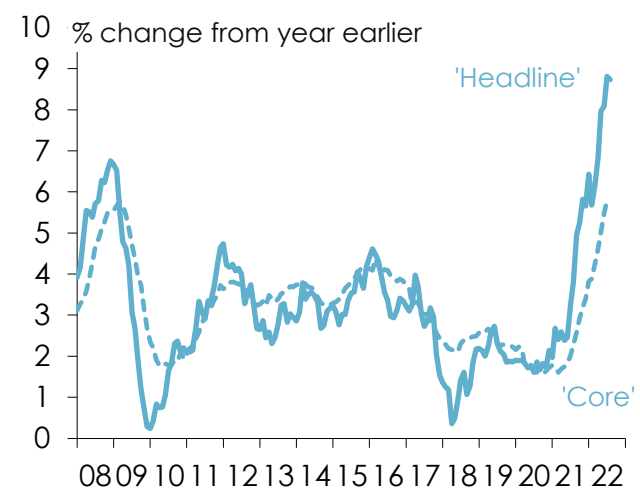
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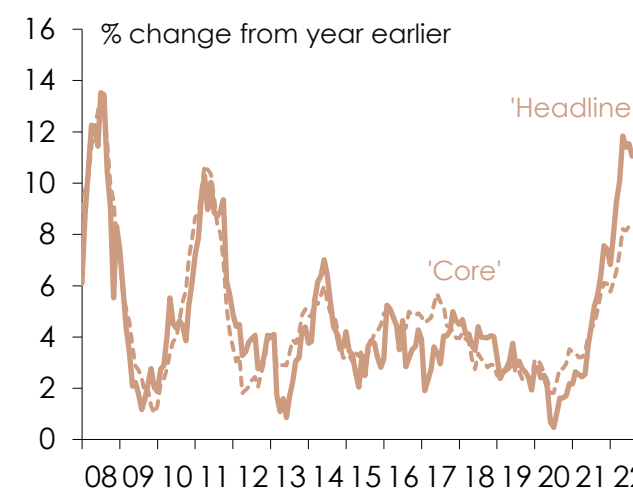
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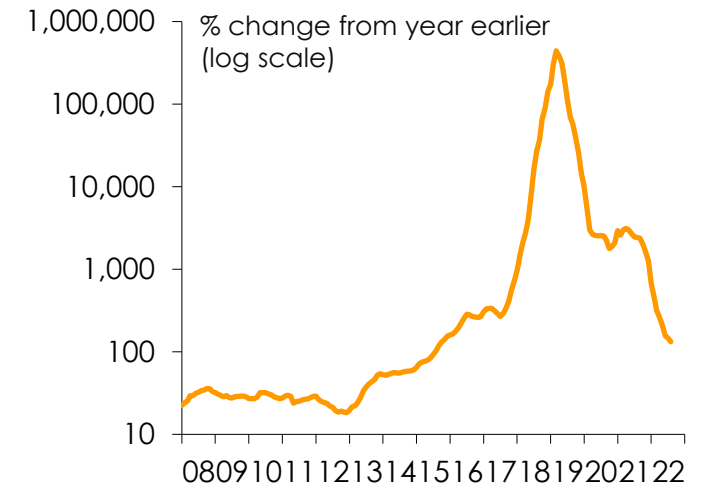
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## Paraguay



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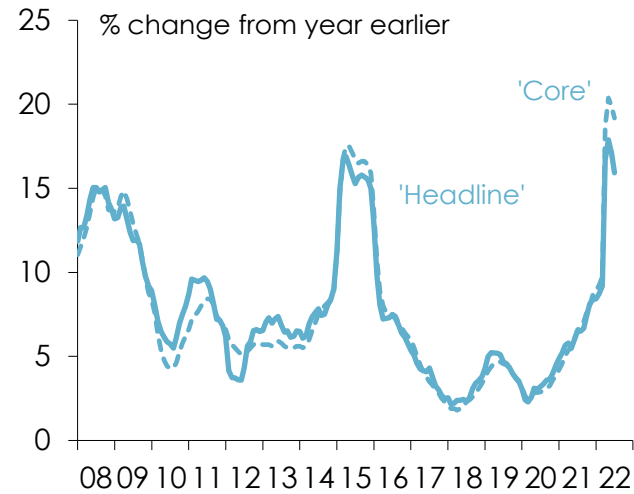


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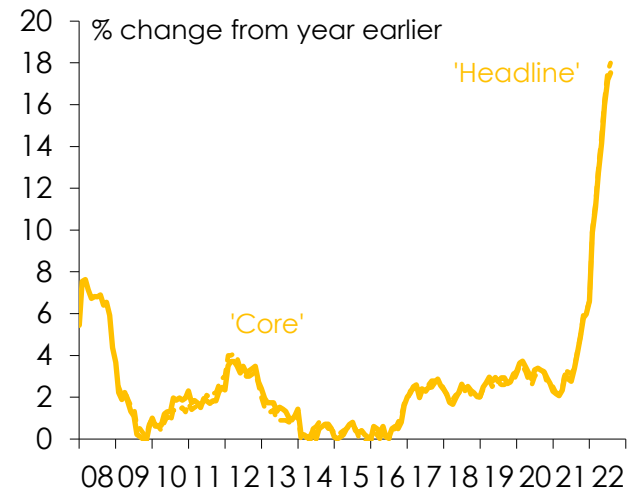
# Consumer price inflation is also rising across Central and Eastern Europe, and in South Africa

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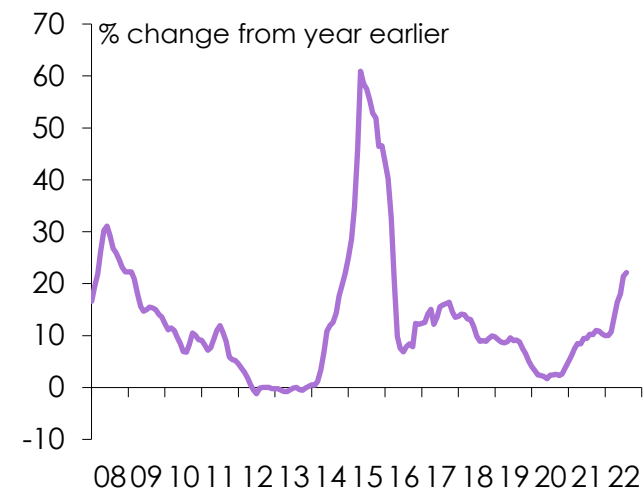
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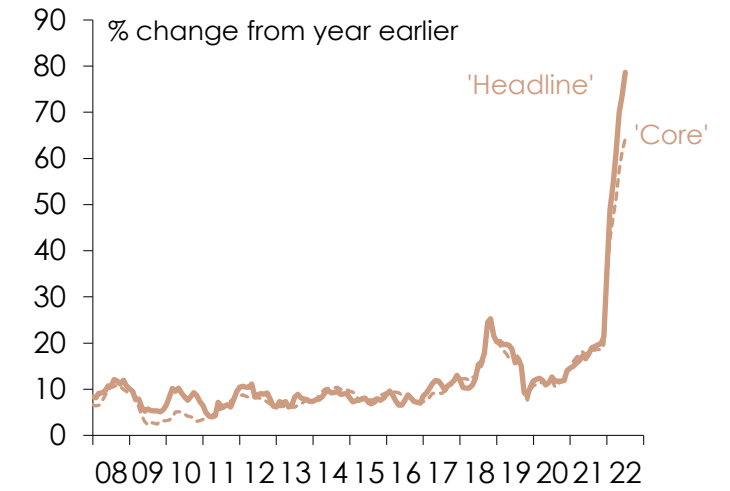
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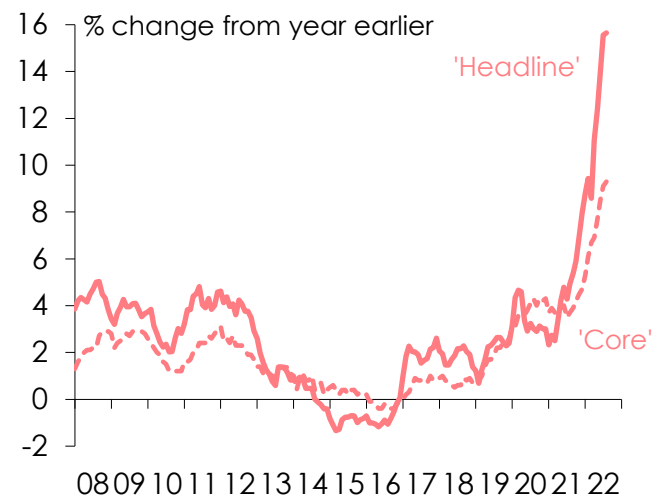
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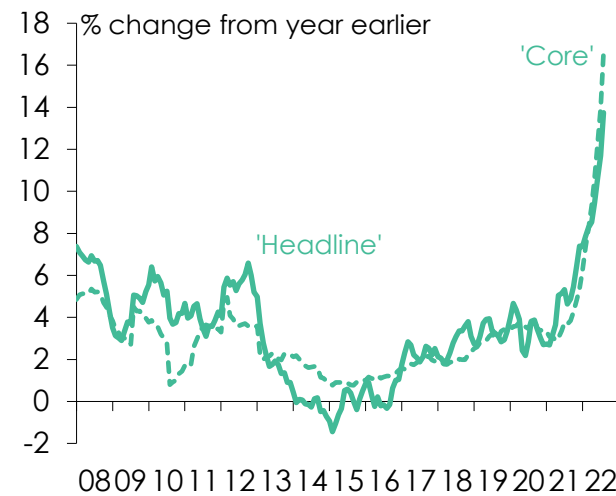
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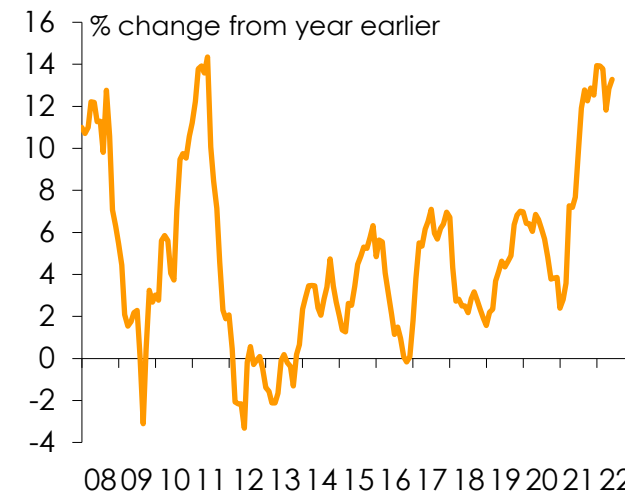
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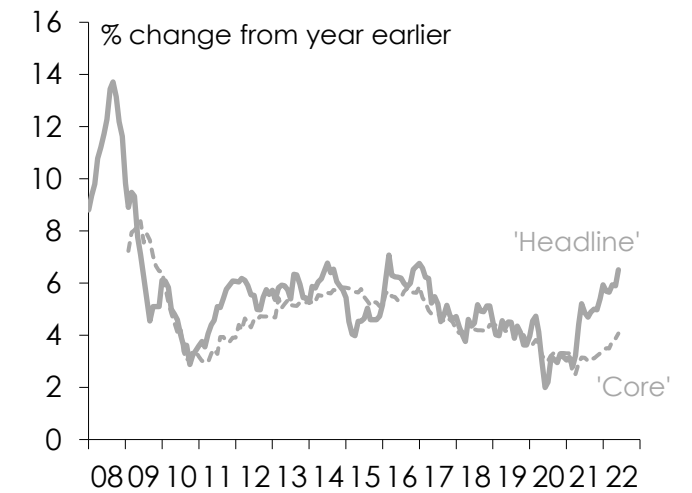
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## Georgia



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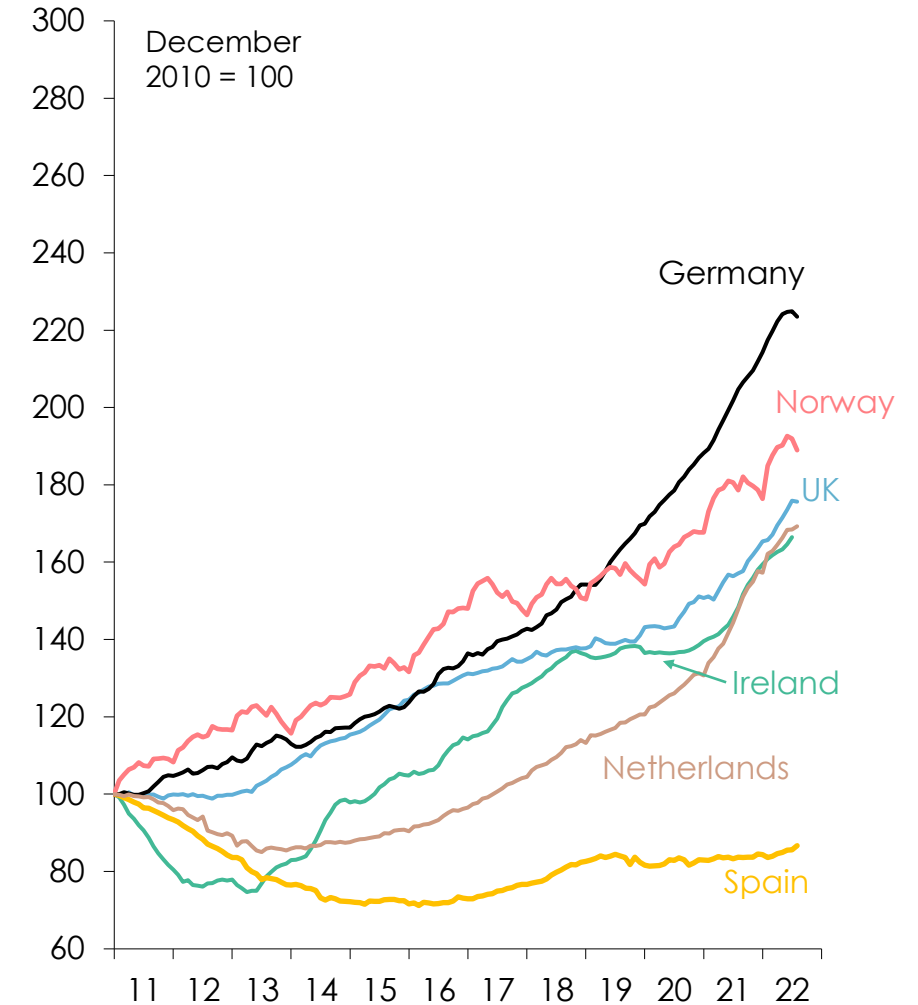
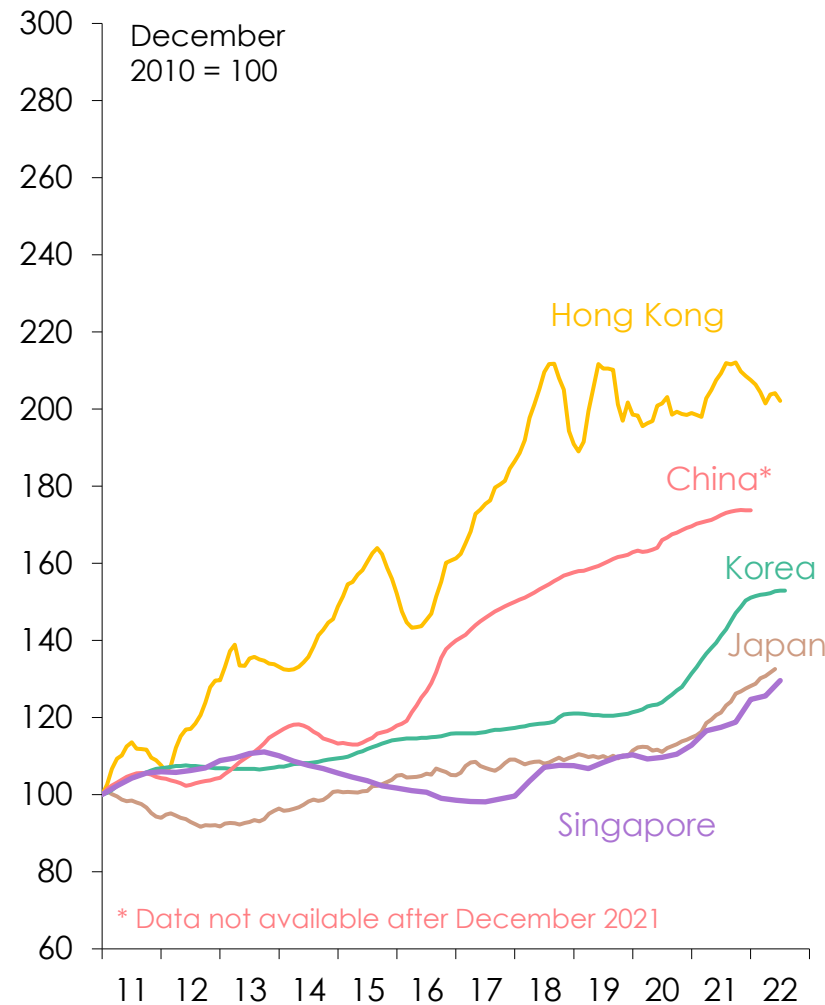
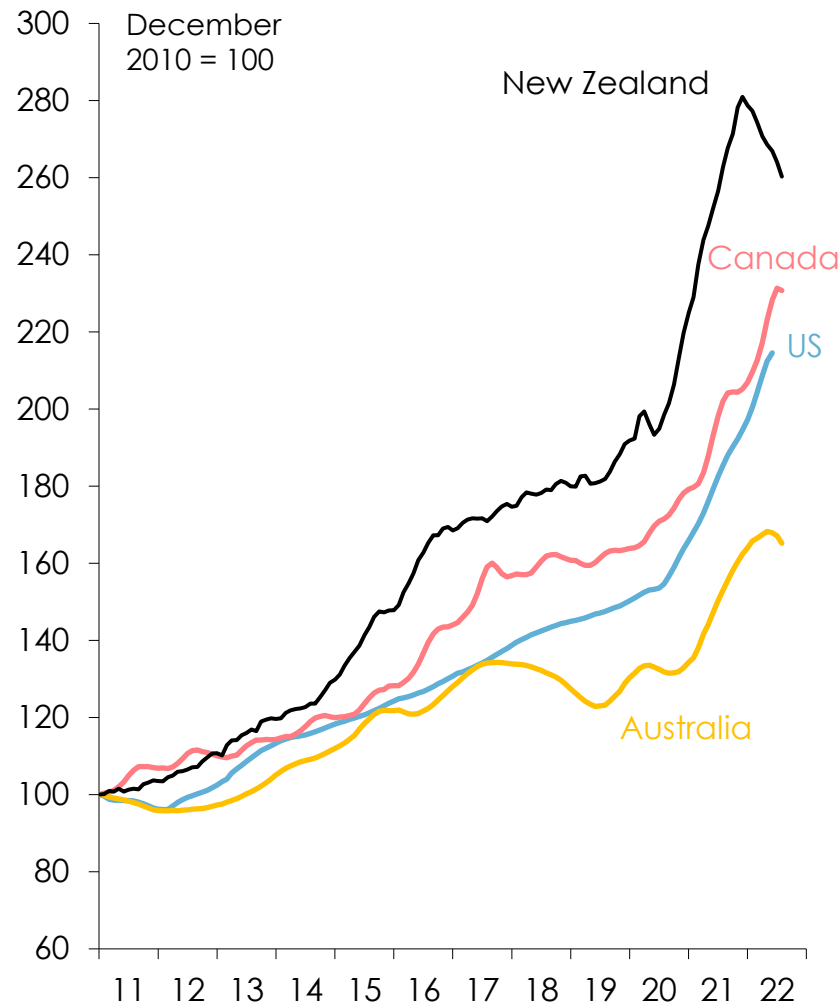


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# House price inflation appears to have peaked in a growing number of countries

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## House price indices

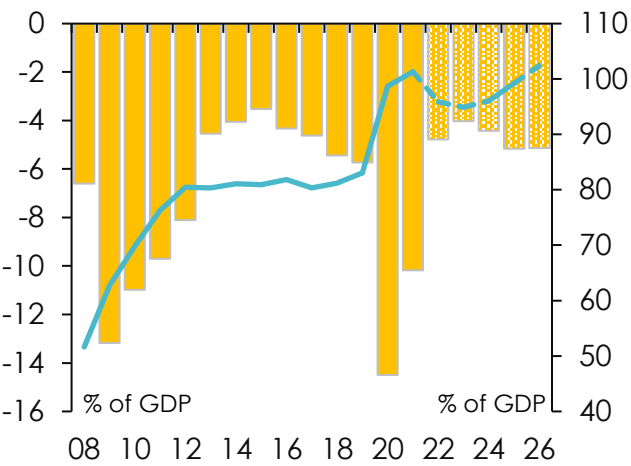


Note: House price indices shown in these charts are those published by [S&P-CoreLogic Case Shiller national](#) (United States); [Teranet-National Bank](#) (Canada); [CoreLogic](#) (Australia); [Real Estate Institute of New Zealand](#); [China Index Academy](#) (note – data not available since December 2021); [Japan Real Estate Institute](#) (Tokyo condominiums); [Kookmin Bank house price index](#) (Korea); [Centaline Centa-City Index](#) (Hong Kong); [Urban Redevelopment Authority](#) (Singapore); [Europace hauspreisindex](#) (Germany); [Halifax house price index](#) (UK); [Central Statistics Office RPPi](#) (Ireland); [Fotocasa real estate index](#) (Spain); [Statistics Netherlands](#); [Eiendom Norge](#) (Norway). These indices have been chosen for their timeliness and widespread recognition: they do not necessarily all measure the same thing in the same way. For more comprehensive residential property price data see the quarterly database maintained by the [Bank for International Settlements](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

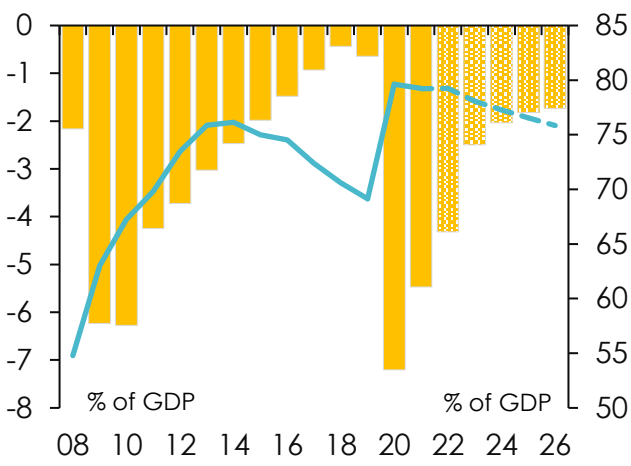
# Fiscal policy is set to be tightened significantly in 2022 in most major economies except Japan, China and India

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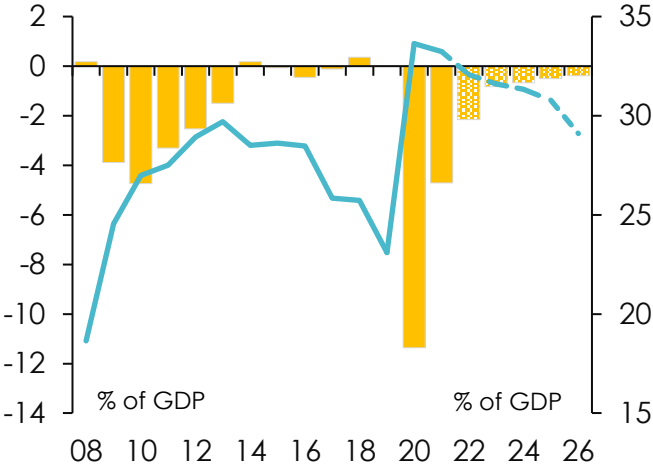
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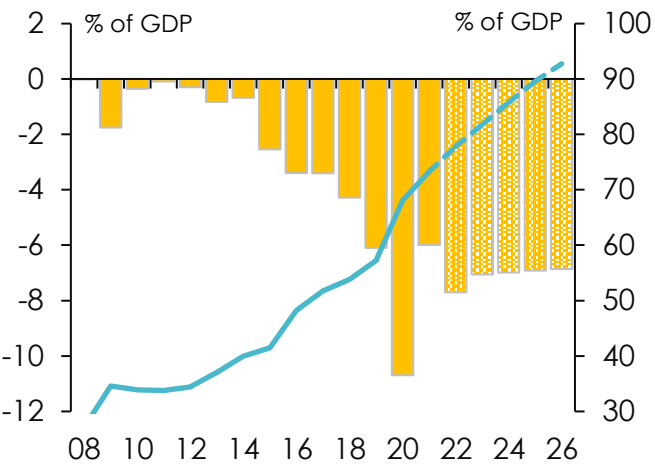
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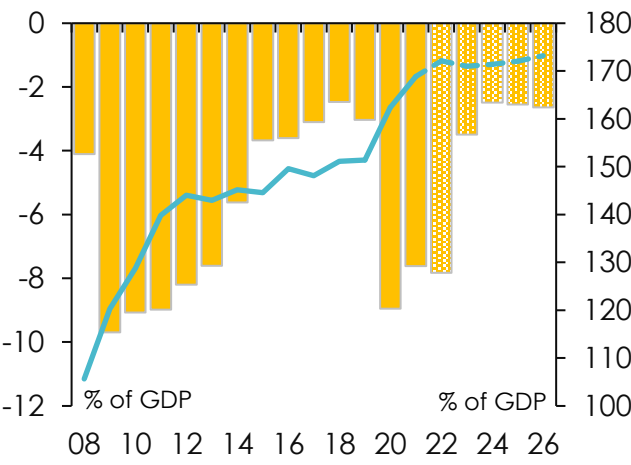
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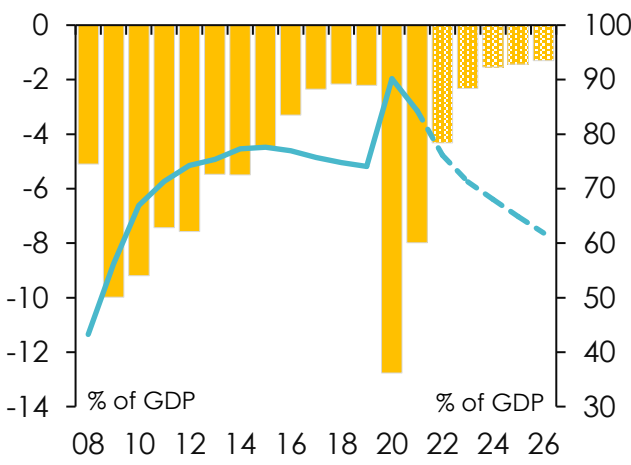
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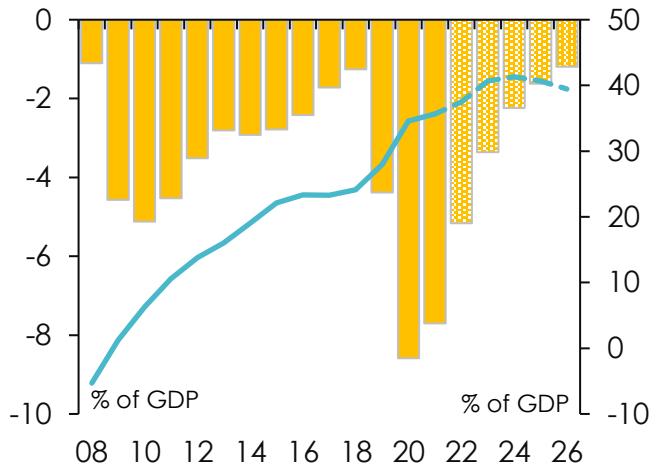
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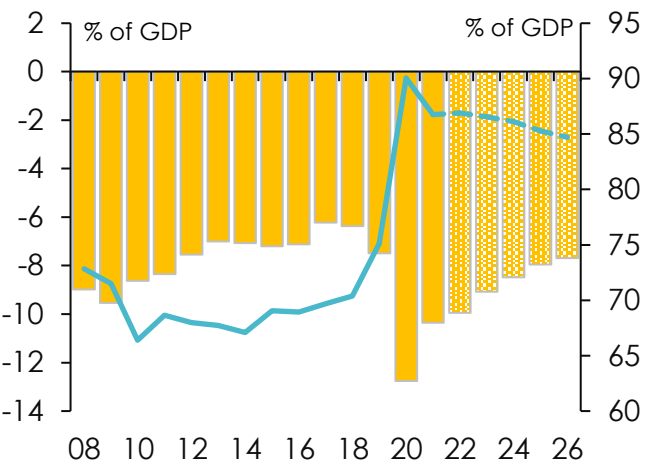
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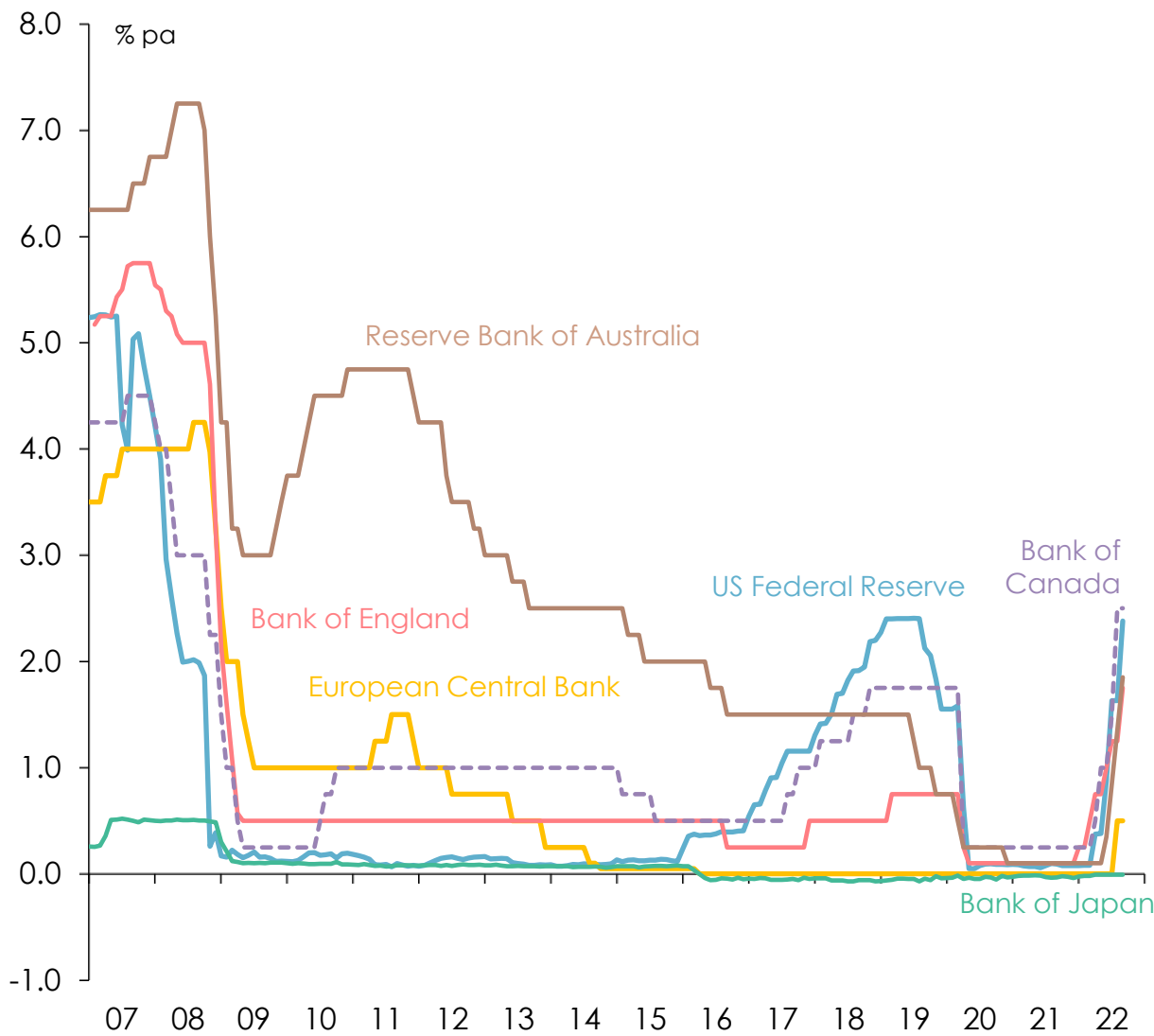


General government overall fiscal balance (left scale) General government net debt (right scale)

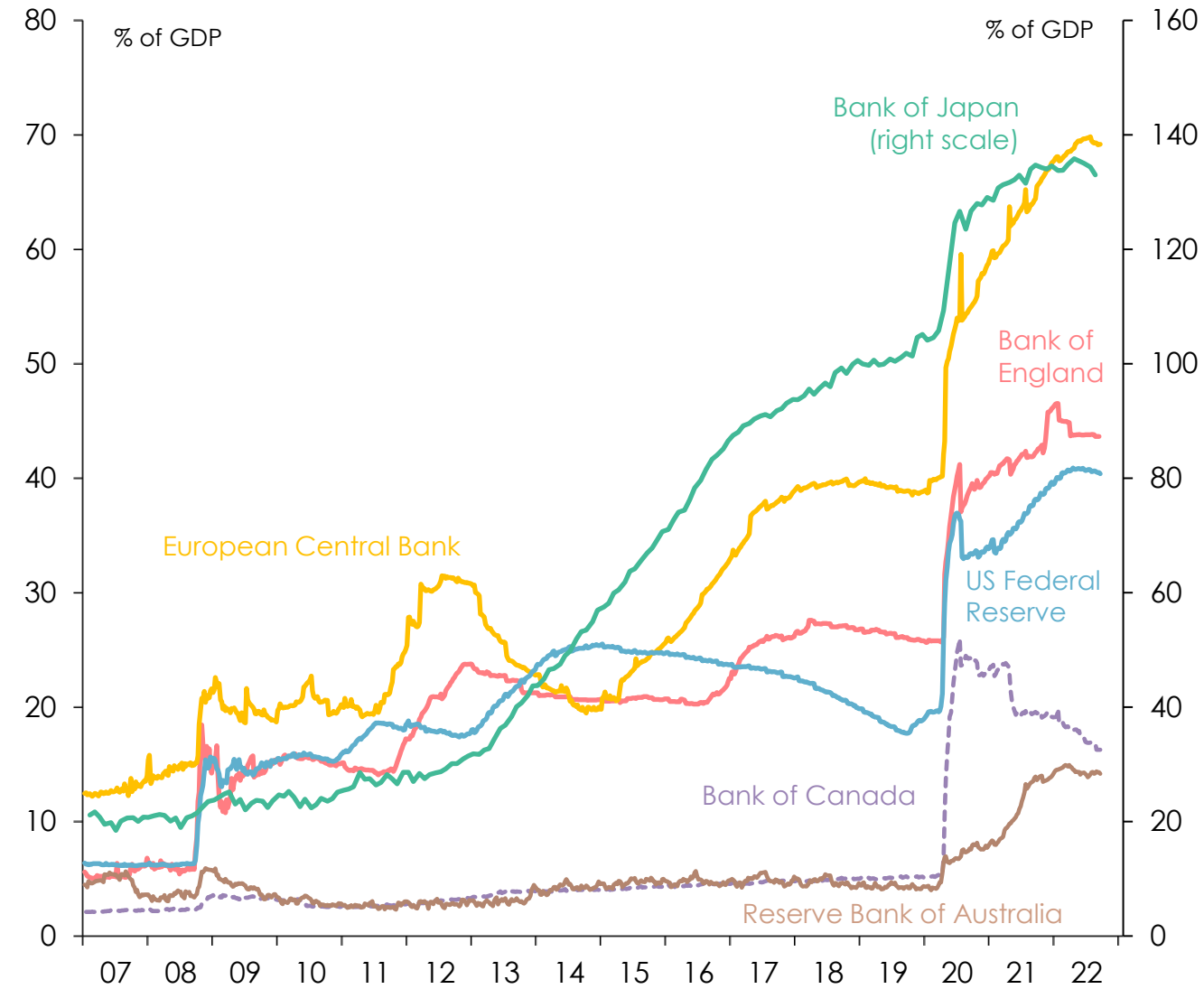
# Every major 'advanced' economy central bank, apart from Japan's, is now tightening monetary policy

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Major central bank policy interest rates



Major central bank balance sheets



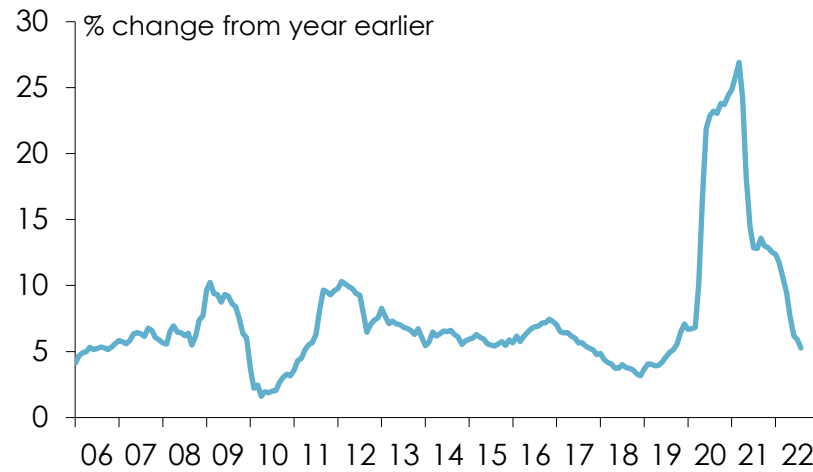
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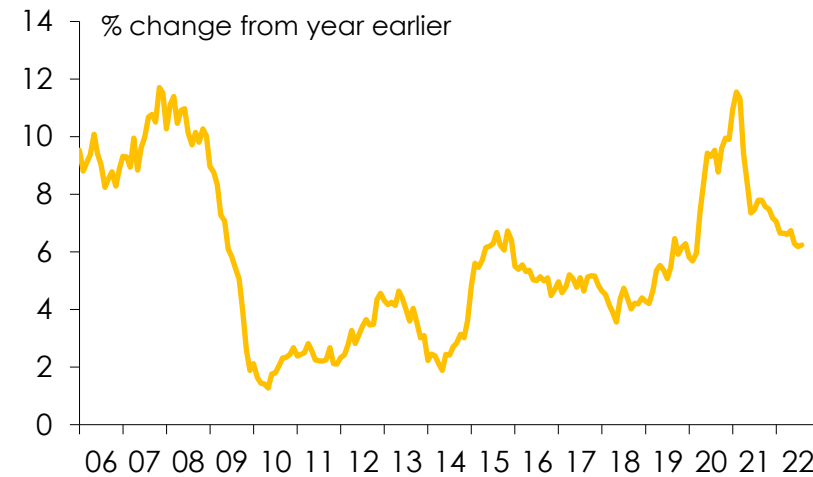
# Money supply growth has slowed sharply from the peaks recorded in the first half of 2021 as large monthly increases in 2020 'wash out'

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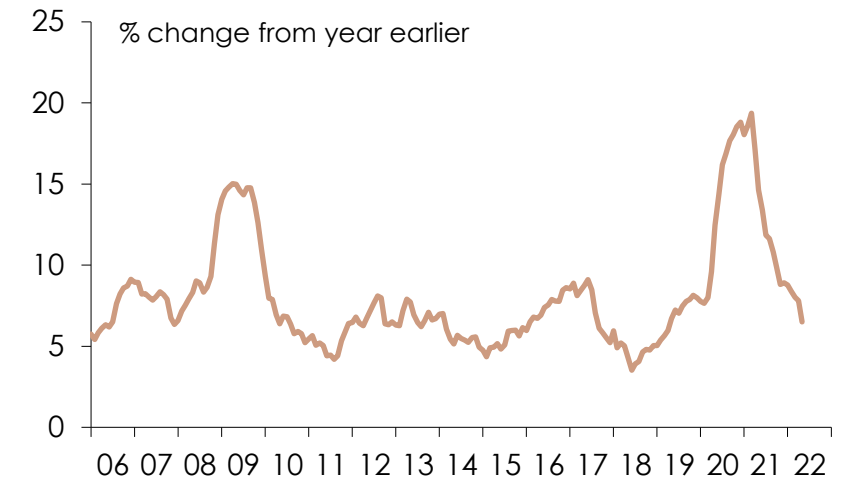
## US M2



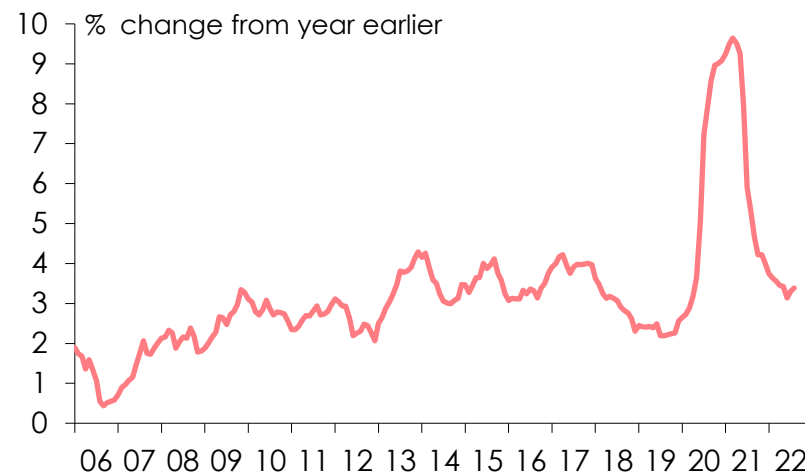
## Euro area M2



## Canada M2



## Japan M2 + CDs



## UK M2



## Australia M3

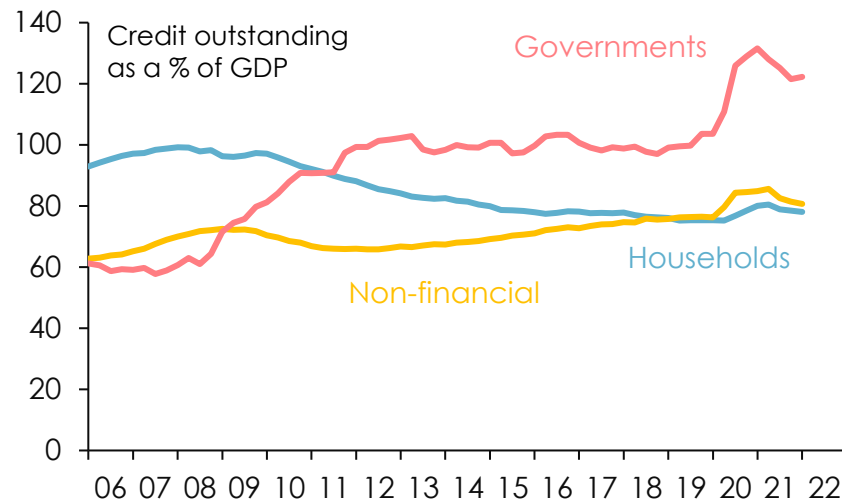


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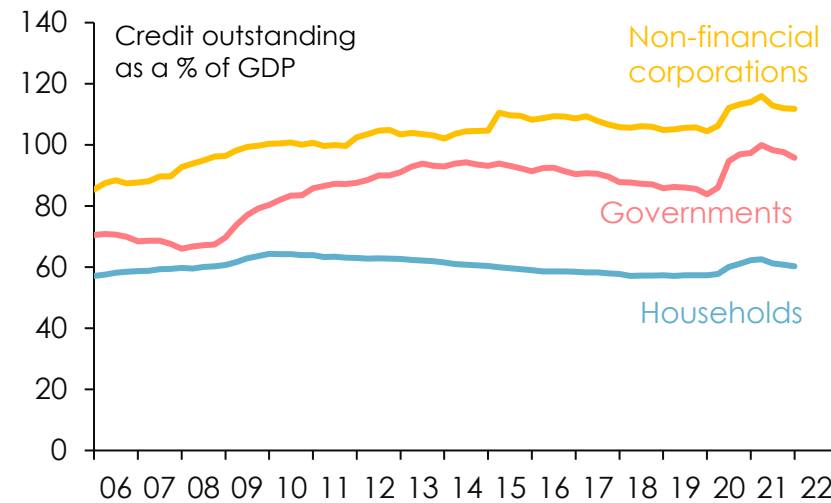
# Japanese, US and UK governments, Canadian corporations and Australian households appear most exposed to increases in interest rates

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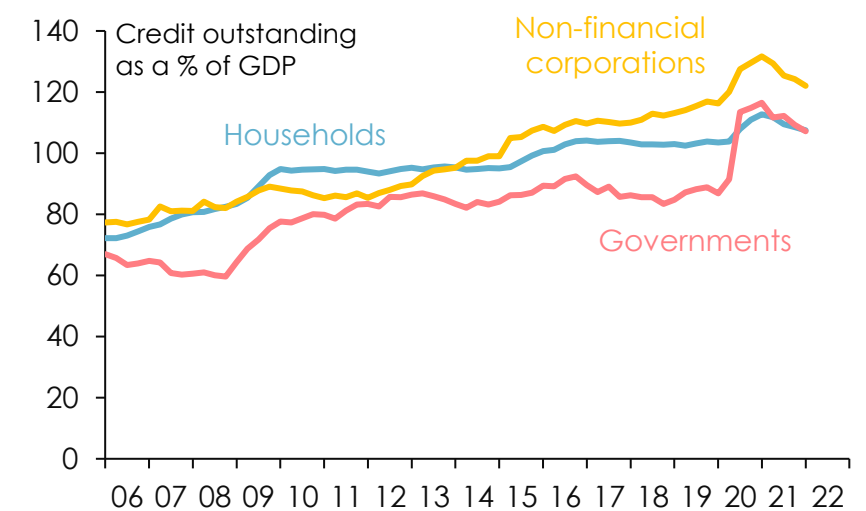
## US



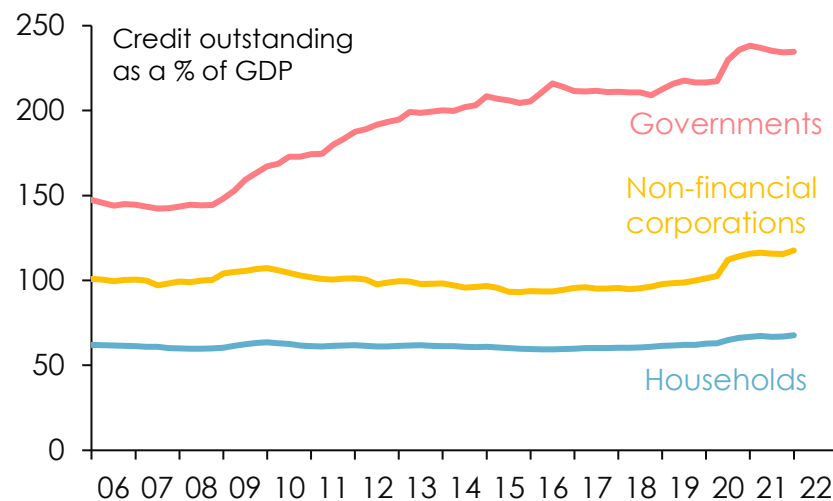
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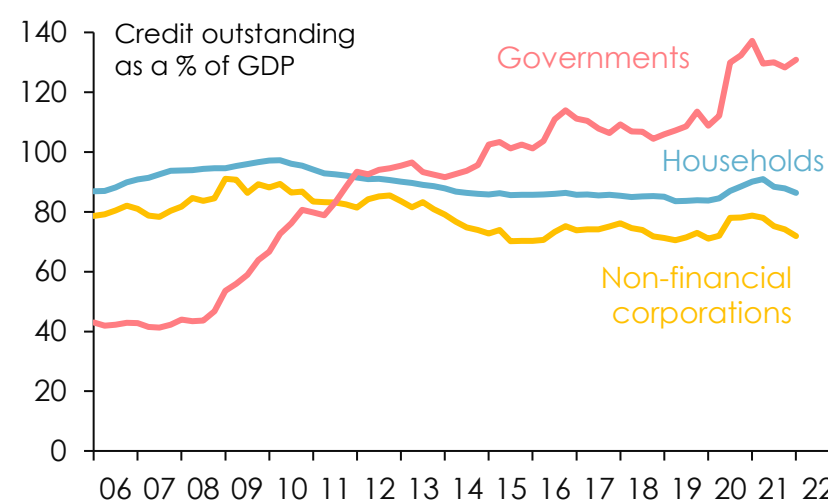
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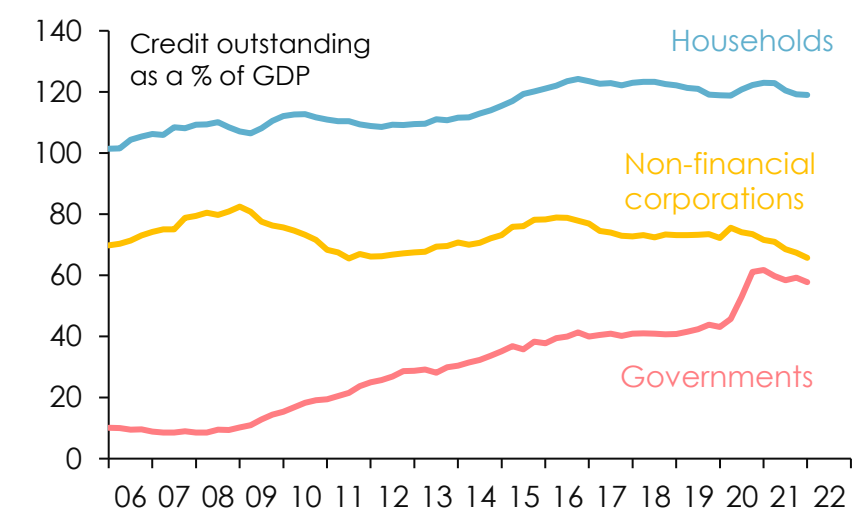
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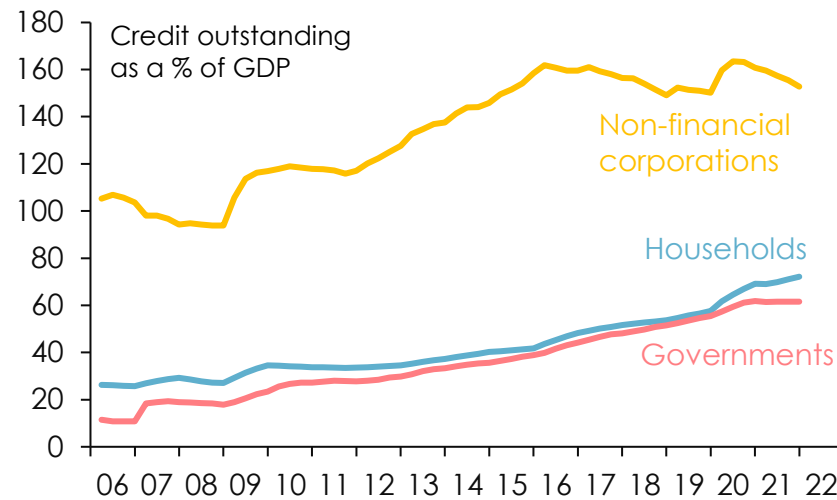
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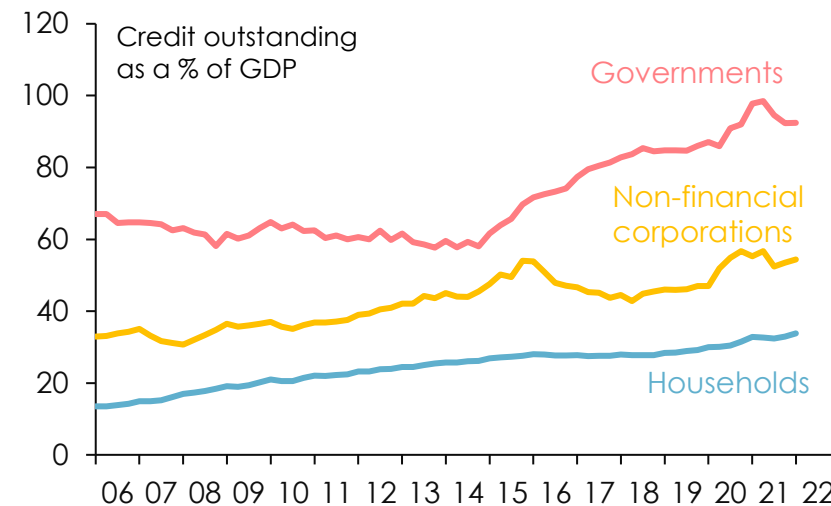
# In major 'developing' economies it's usually governments that are most exposed to rising interest rates – except for China, Russia and Turkey

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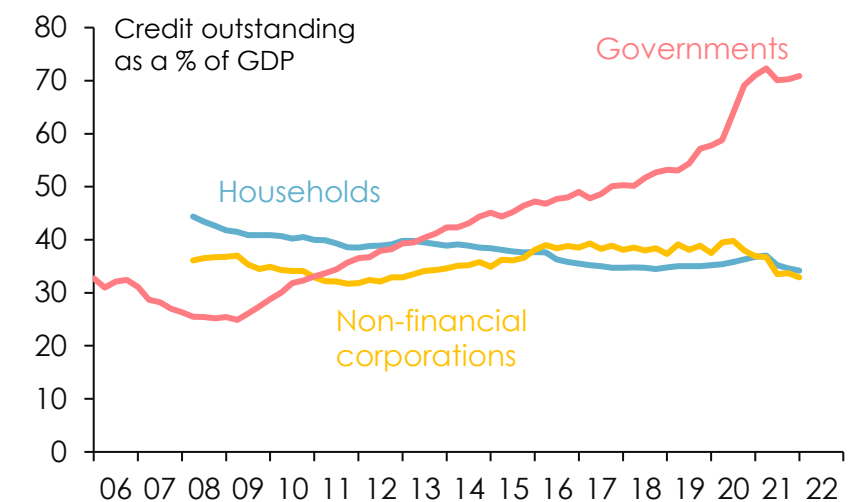
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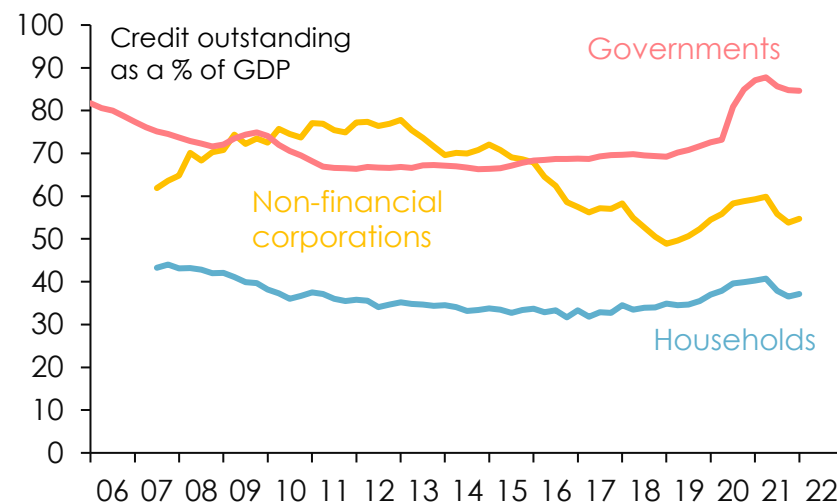
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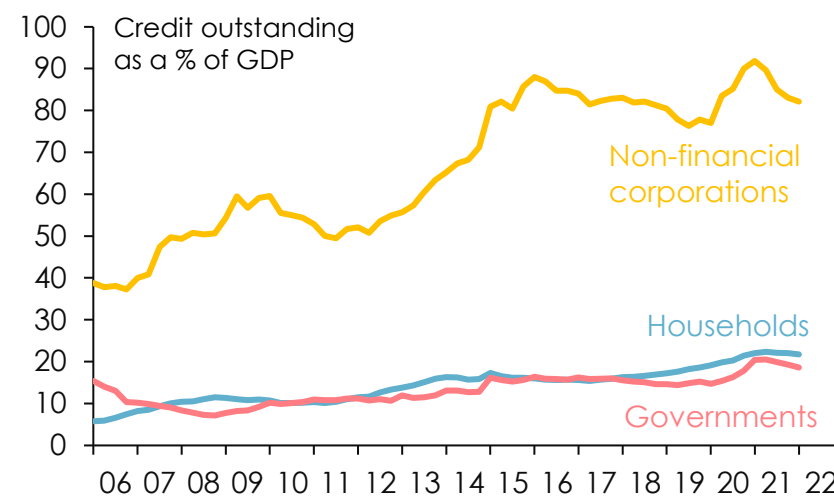
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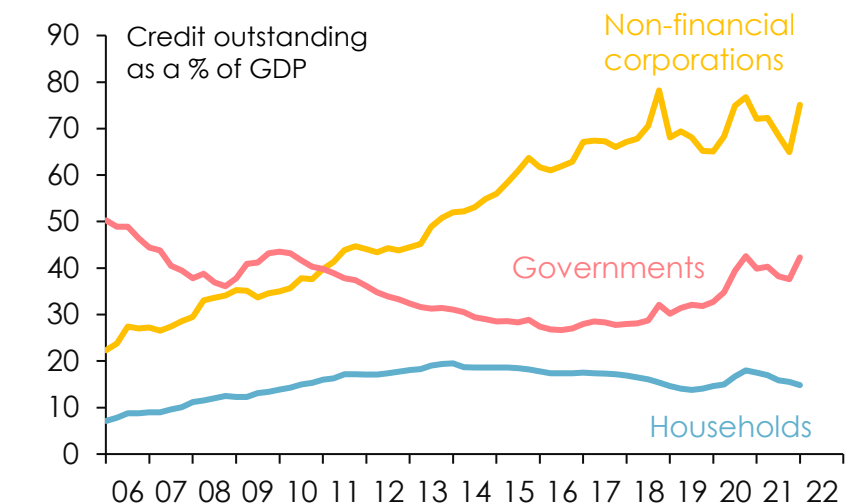
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## Russia



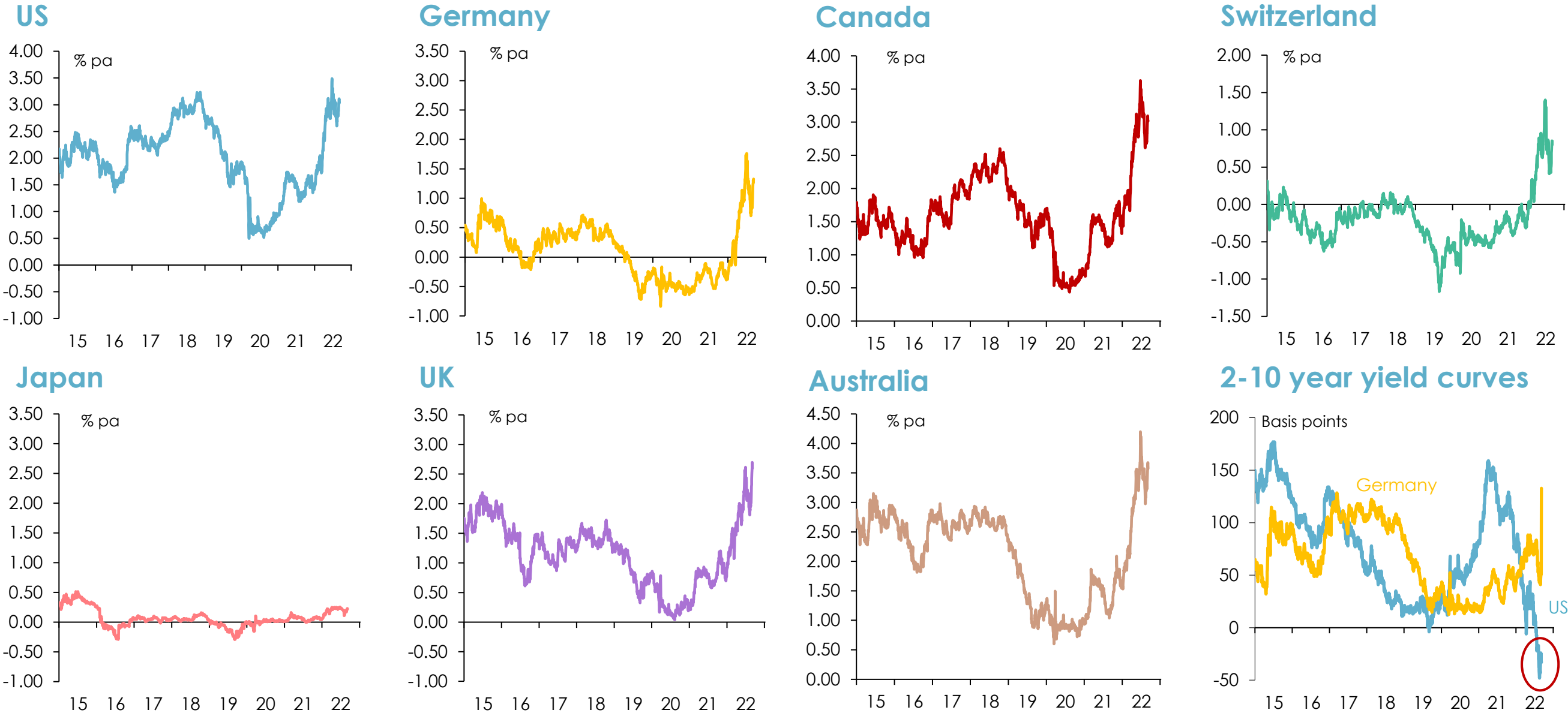
## Turkey



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# Bond yields drifted higher last week in anticipation of Fed Chair Powell's more hawkish tone at the Jackson Hole conference

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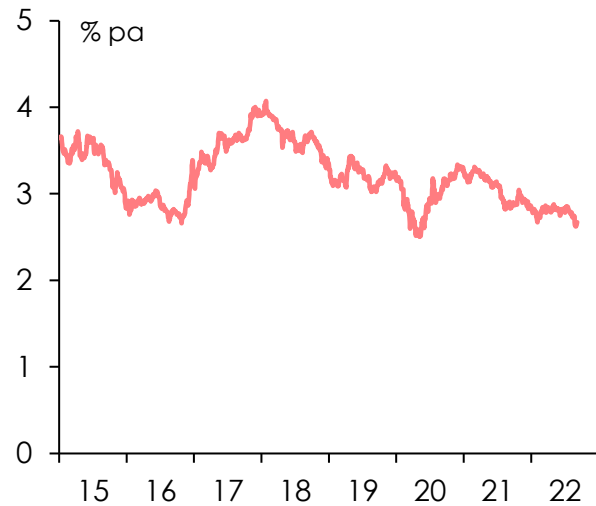


Note: Data up to 26<sup>th</sup> August. For a summary of Powell's remarks see [slide 57](#). For bond yields in other large euro area member states see [slide 64](#), and for bond yields in Asian economies see [slide 99](#). Source: Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# Emerging market 10-year bond yields were little changed, except in Turkey where new requirements for banks to hold bonds prompted a sharp fall

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## China



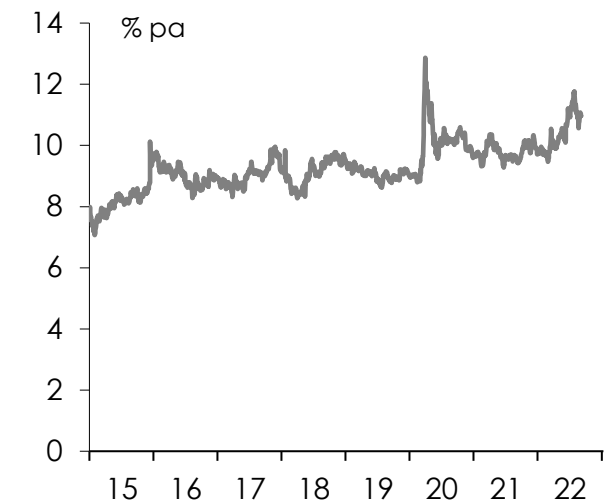
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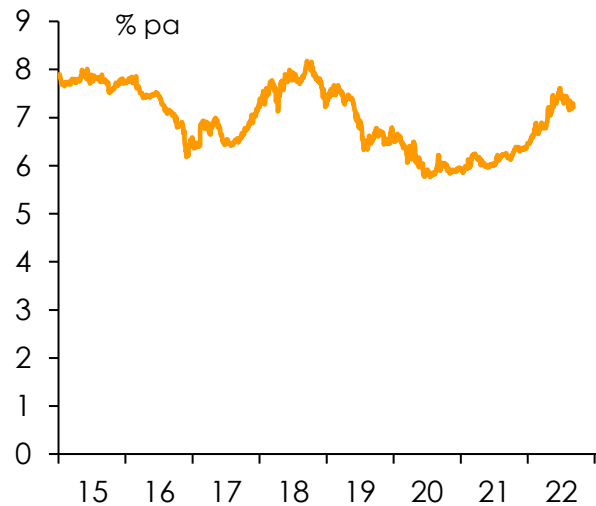
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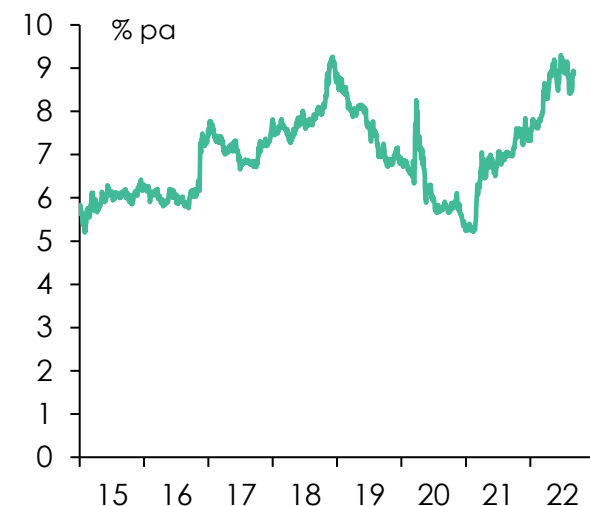
## South Africa



## India



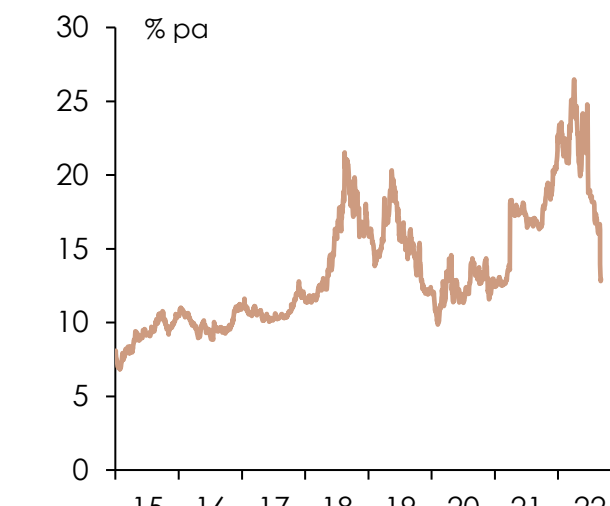
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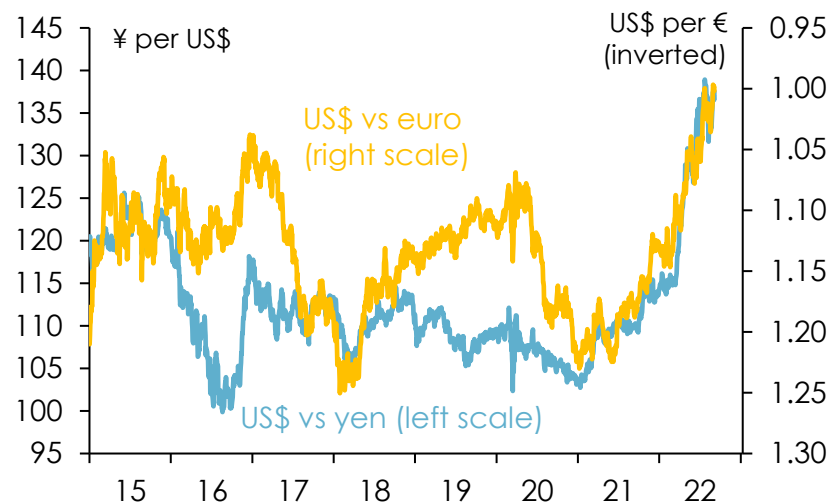
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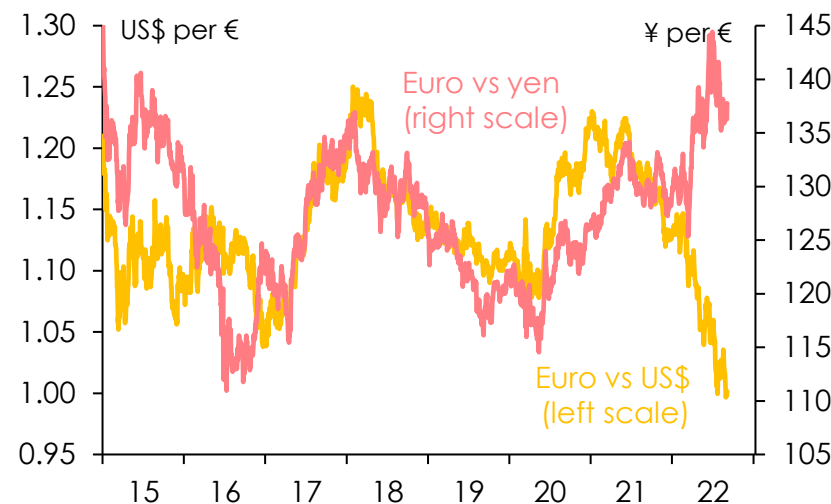
# A more hawkish-sounding Fed prompted further gains by the US dollar against the euro and the yen

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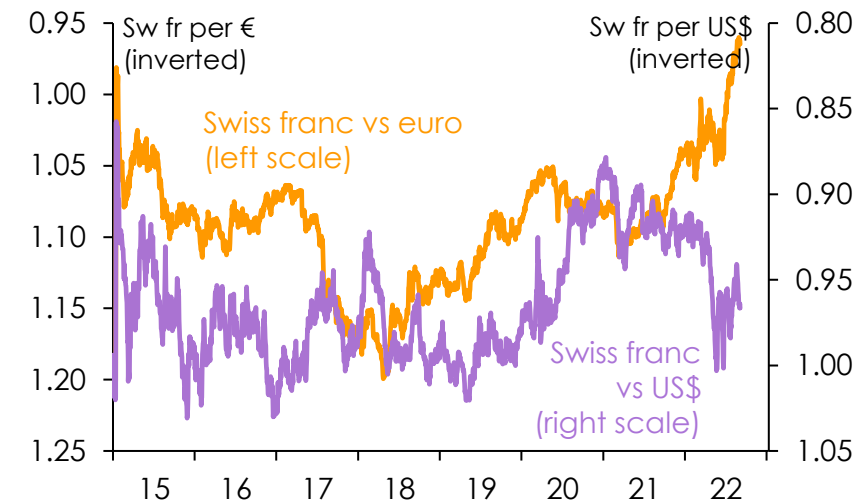
## US dollar



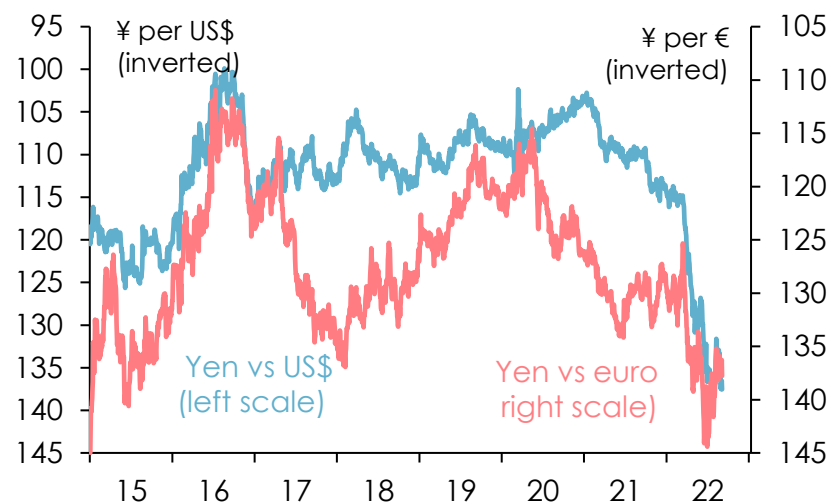
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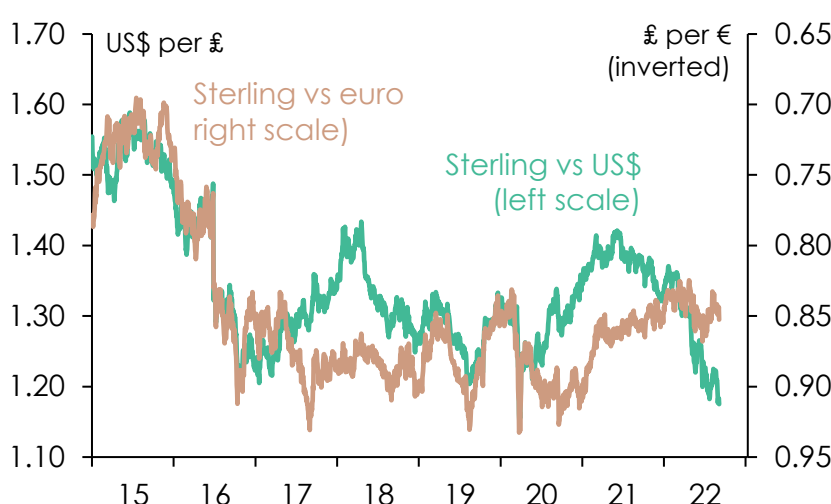
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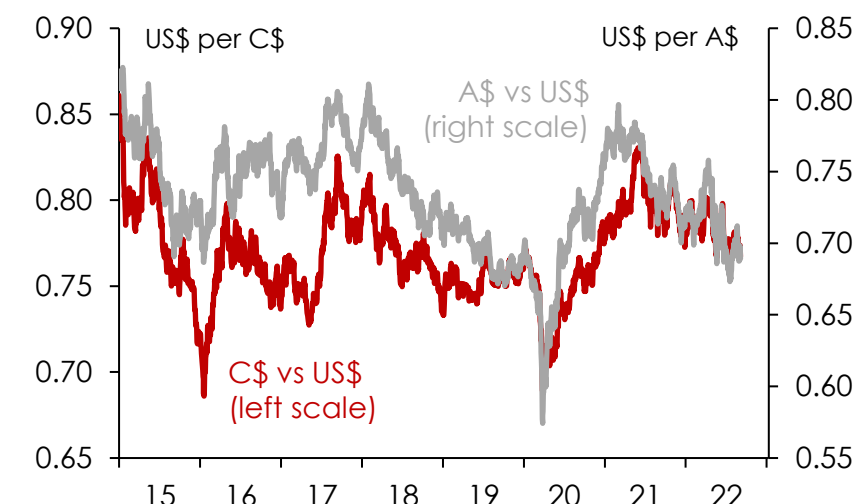
## Japanese yen



## Sterling



## Canadian & Australian dollars

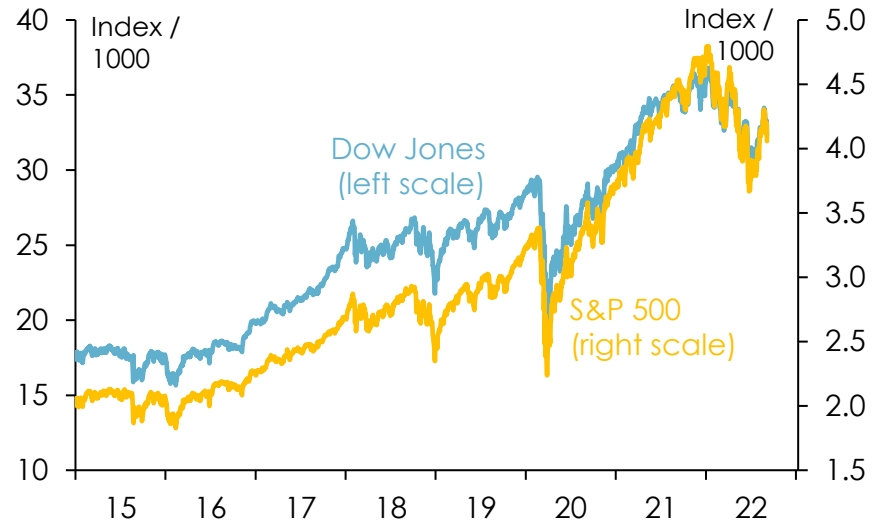


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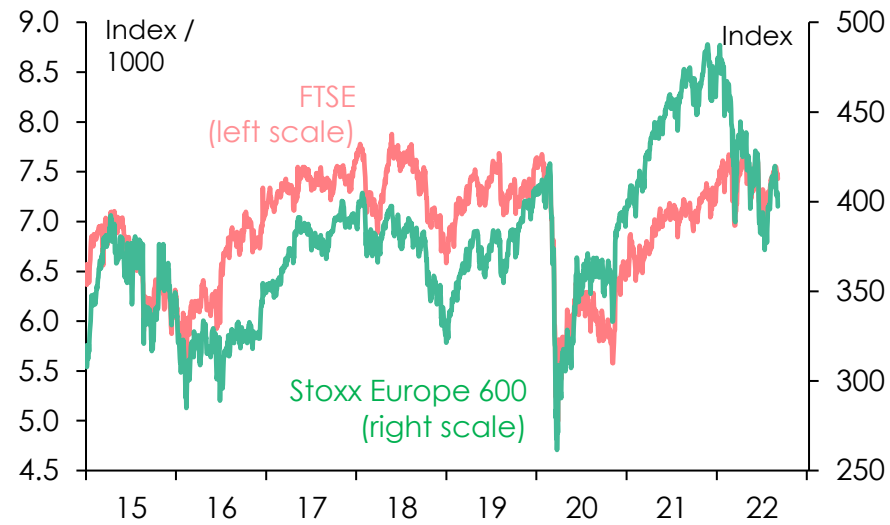
# US and European stocks fell sharply on Friday after Powell's hawkish remarks – Asian stockmarkets will likely react at the start of this week

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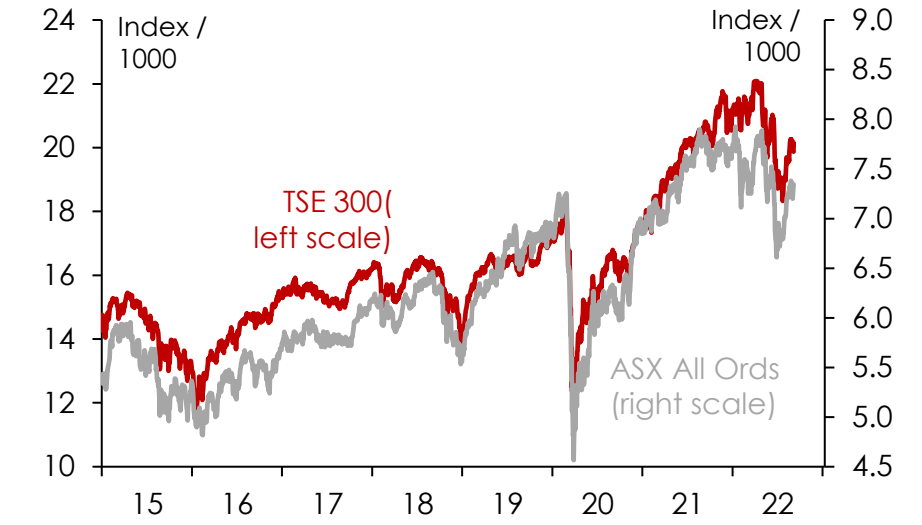
## US stock market



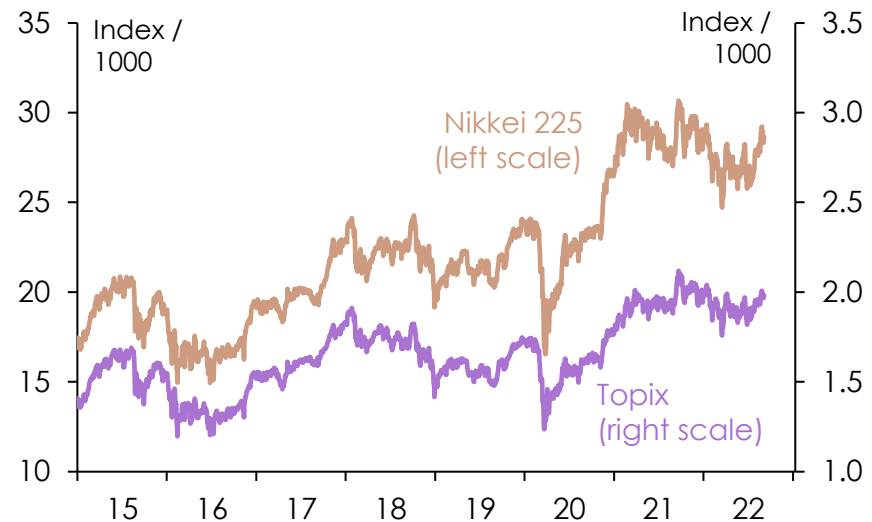
## European stock markets



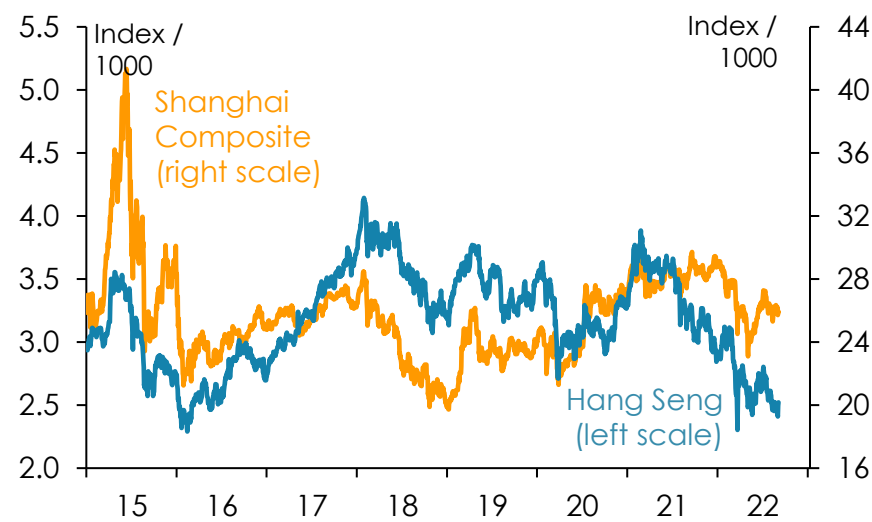
## Canadian & Australian stock markets



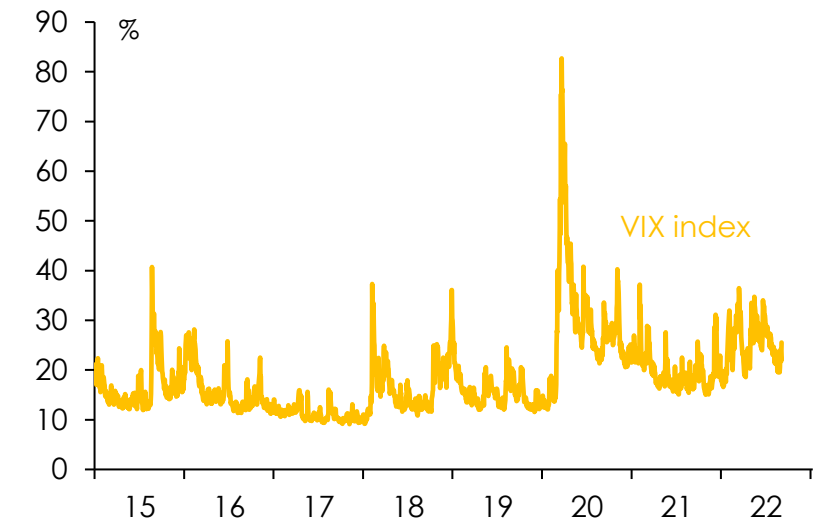
## Japanese stock market



## Chinese & HK stock markets



## Equity market volatility



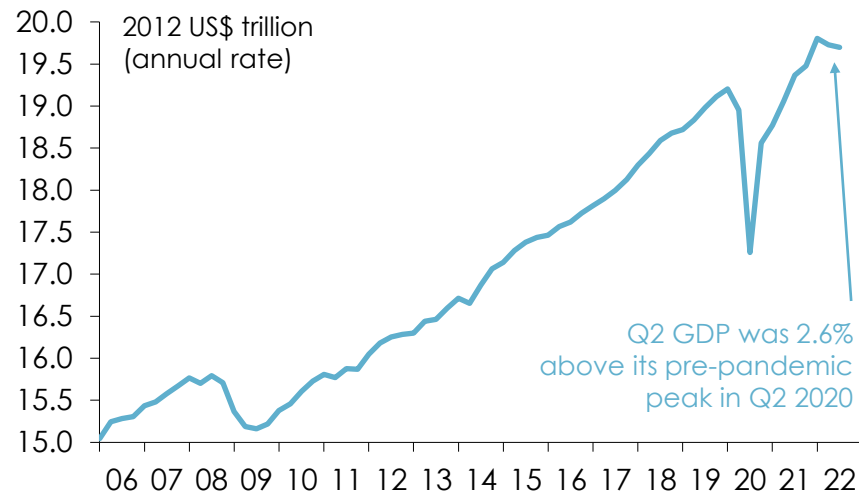
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**The United States**

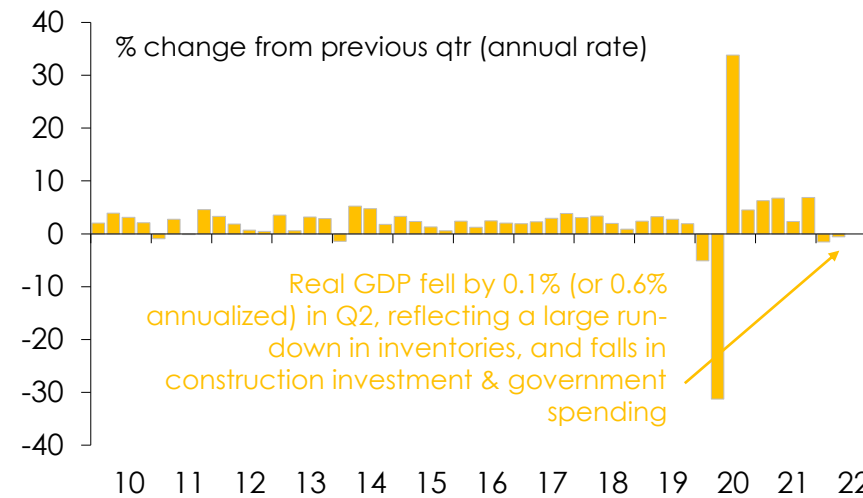
# US real GDP contracted by 0.1% in Q2, the second consecutive decline – slightly less than the initial estimates

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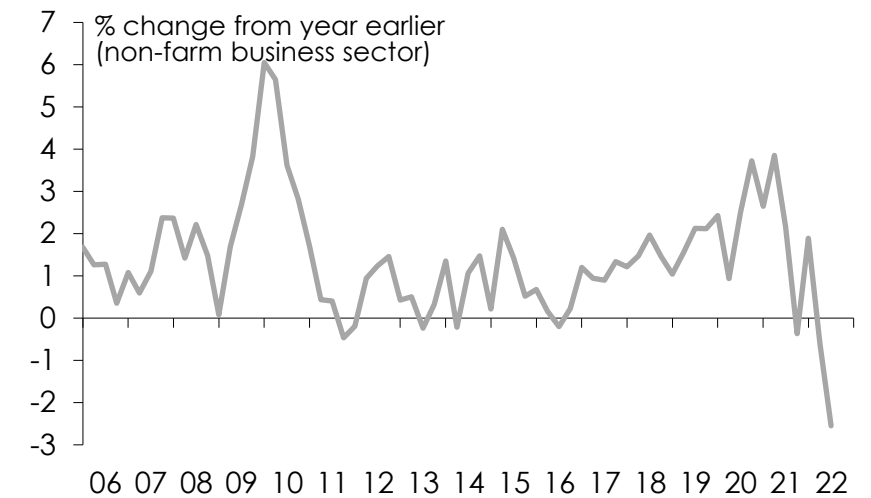
## Level of real GDP



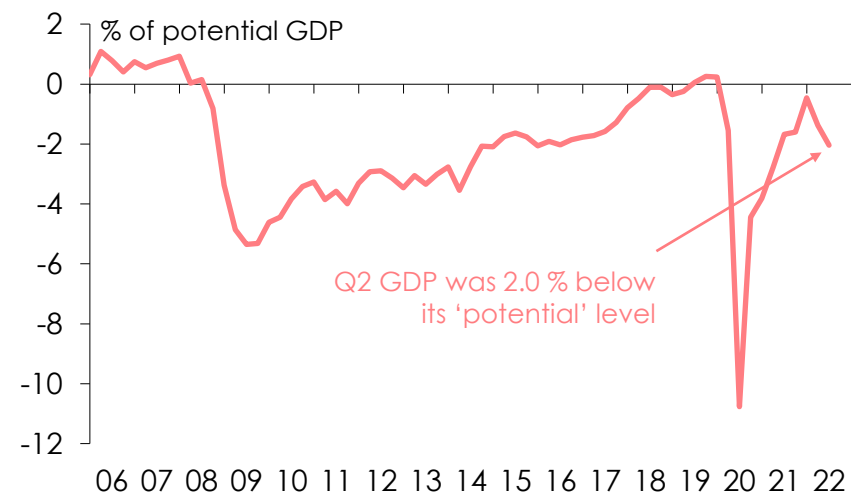
## Quarterly change in real GDP



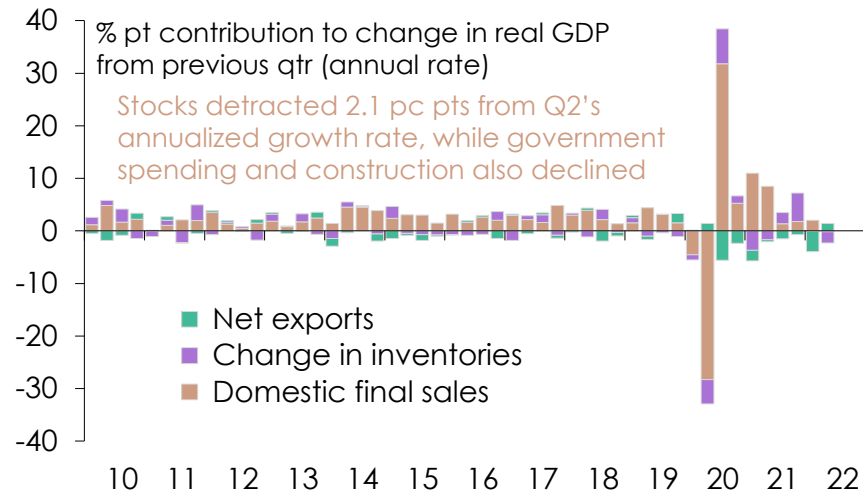
## Labour productivity growth



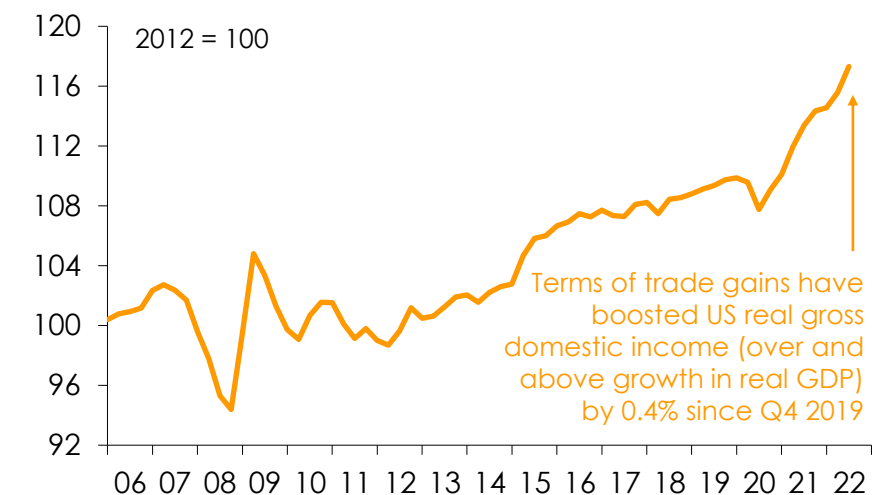
## The 'output gap'



## Contributions to change in real GDP



## Terms of trade



Note: the 'output gap' is the difference between actual and potential GDP (the volume of goods & services that could be produced if the economy were operating at full capacity); the 'terms of trade' is the ratio of the implicit price deflator of exports of goods & services to that of imports of goods & services – it gives an indication of the income gains or losses arising from changes in the prices of goods and services traded between the US and the rest of the world. Sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, [Gross domestic product](#); US Congressional Budget Office, [10-Year Economic Projections](#); US Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Labor Productivity and Costs](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

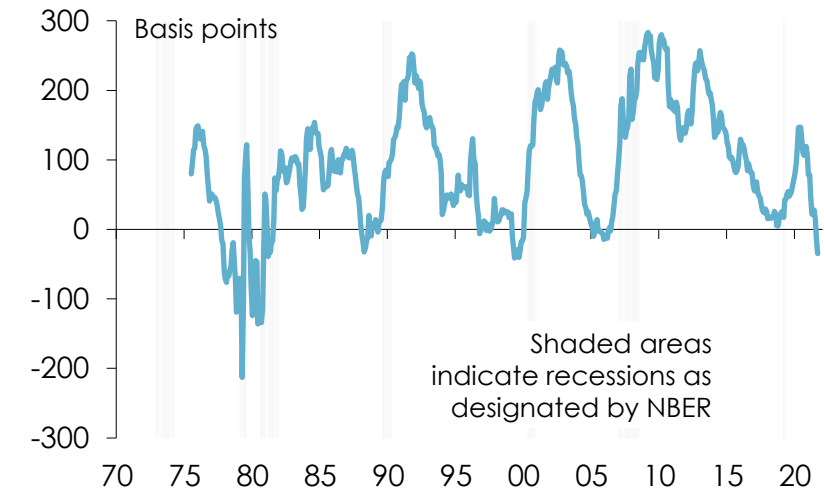


# The US economy was *not* in recession ('technical' or otherwise) in the first half of 2022 – but it could be in the second half, or in 2023

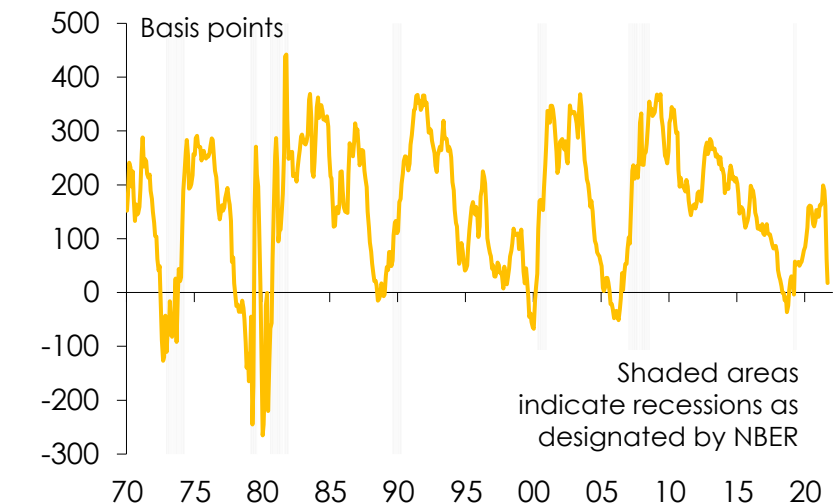
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- ❑ US real GDP contracted at annual rates of 1.6% in Q1 and 0.6% in Q2 which many people interpret as meaning that the US economy was in recession in the first half of this year
- ❑ While this 'rule of thumb' is widely used to identify recessions in many economies, in the US recessions are 'officially' designated by the [Business Cycle Dating Committee](#) of the [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) (an academic body).
- ❑ This Committee defines a recession as "the period between a peak of economic activity and its subsequent trough, or lowest point" which "involves a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and lasts more than a few months"
- ❑ The Committee [explicitly rejects](#) the two-or-more-quarters-of consecutive-contractions-in-real-GDP 'rule of thumb' as a 'definition' of recession
  - noting that "real GDP could decline by relatively small amounts in two consecutive quarters without warranting the determination that a peak had occurred" (which would appear to apply in this instance"
  - more broadly, it notes that "we do not identify economic activity solely with real GDP, but consider a range of indicators" (including real personal income and expenditure, employment, real wholesale & retail sales, and industrial production, as well as the income side of the national accounts)
- ❑ A [much more sensible definition](#) of a recession is when the unemployment rate rises by 1½ pc pts or more in 12 months or less – which clearly hasn't happened
  - employment *increased* by an average of 471K (0.3%) per month between January and July, and the unemployment rate *fell* from 4.0% in January to 3.5% in July ([slide 46](#))
- ❑ However, there is clearly a growing risk that the US economy could fall into a recession by this definition (or according to the NBER-BCD criteria) over the next 6-18 months
  - the 10yr / 2yr yield curve has inverted (although the 10yr / 3mth curve hasn't – yet)
  - a growing number of survey-based and 'leading' indicators of US economic activity are presaging a significant slowdown or outright contraction ([slide 41](#))

## 10-year / 2-year yield spread



## 10-year / 3-month yield spread



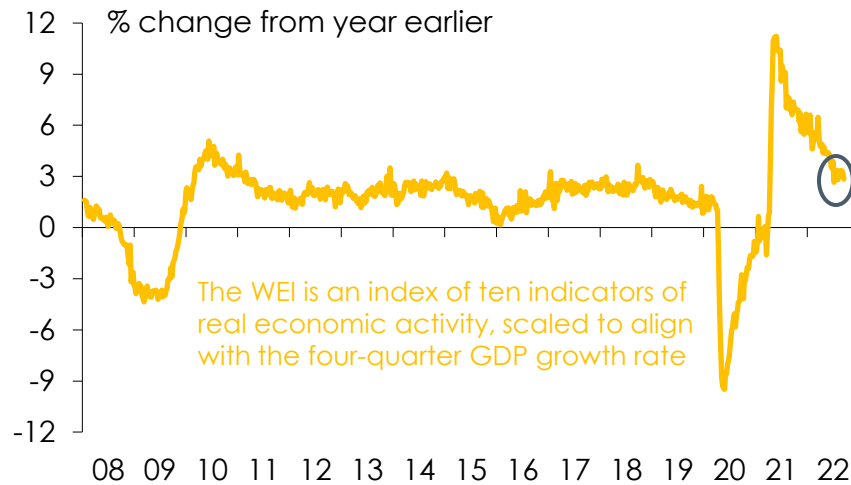
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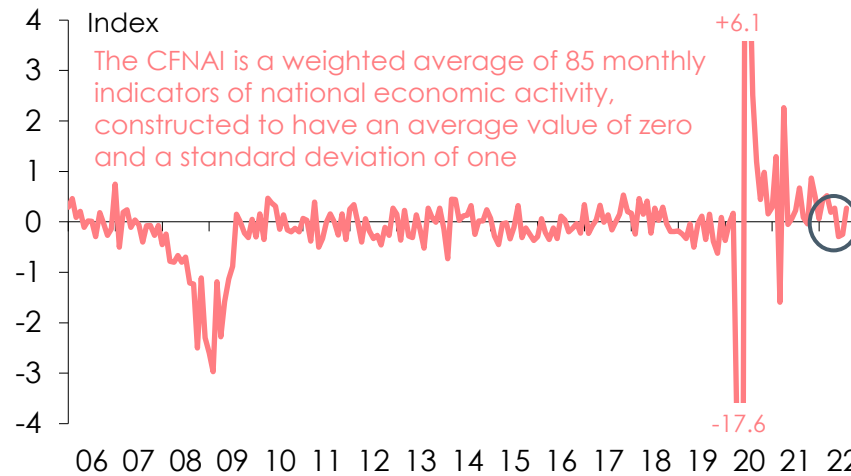
# A growing number of activity surveys and leading indicators are starting to warn of a sharp slowdown or outright contraction in US economic activity

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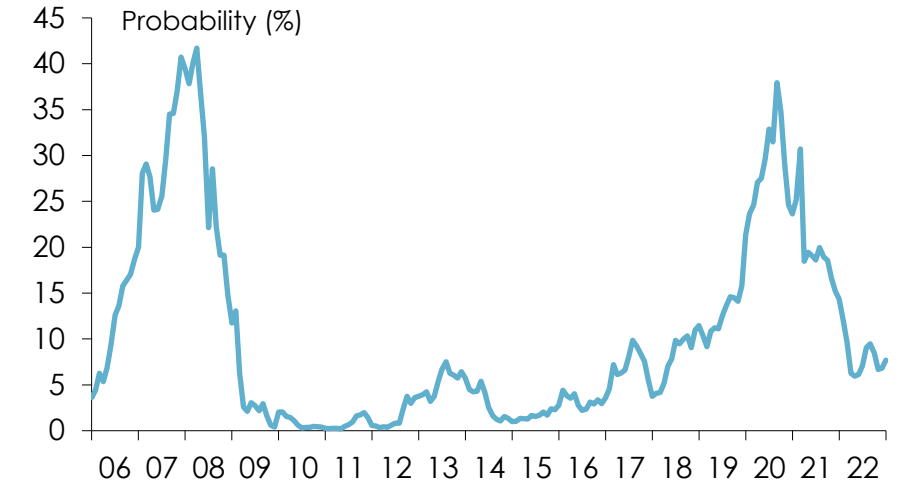
## NY Fed weekly economic index



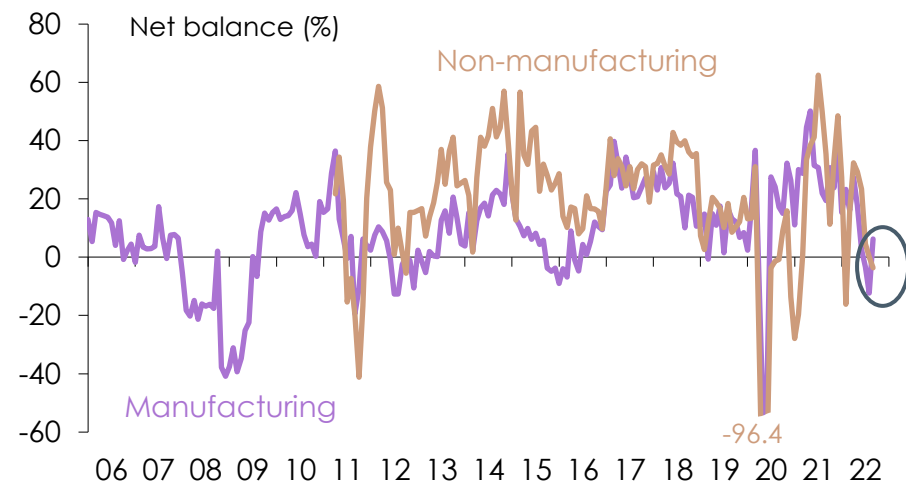
## Chicago Fed national activity index



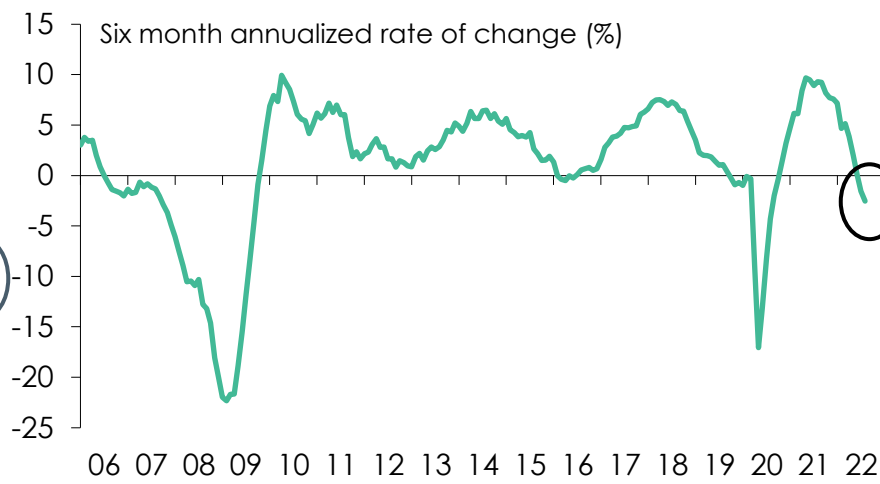
## NY Fed recession probability index



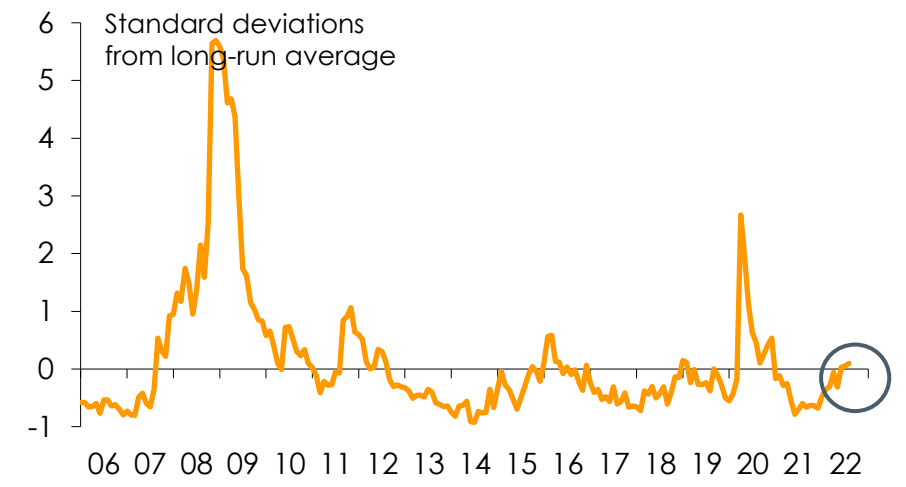
## 'Philly Fed' business outlook survey



## Conference Board leading indicators



## Kansas City Fed financial stress index

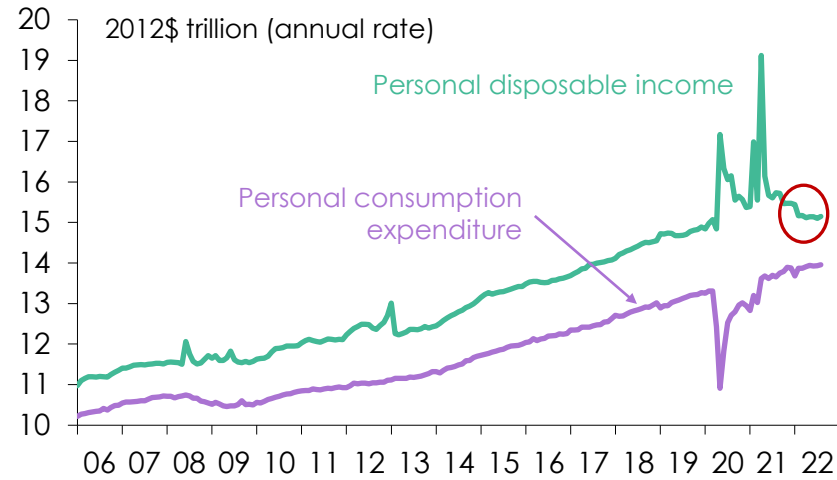


Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, [Weekly Economic Index](#) and [The Yield Curve as a Leading Indicator](#); Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, [Regional Economic Analysis](#), Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing Business Outlook Surveys; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, [Chicago Fed National Activity Index \(CFNAI\)](#); The Conference Board, [Global Business Cycle Indicators](#); Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, [Kansas City Financial Stress Index](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

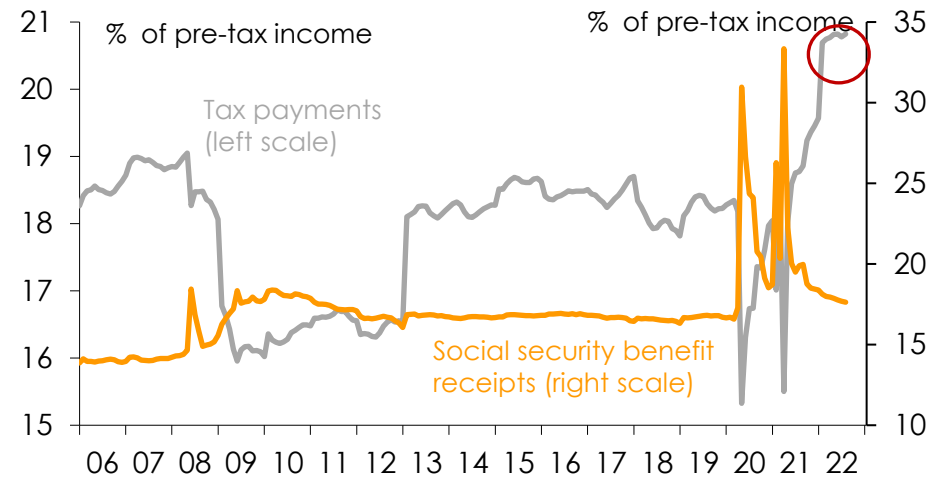
# US personal disposable income has been squeezed by rising inflation & tax payments, forcing households to cut saving in order to maintain spending

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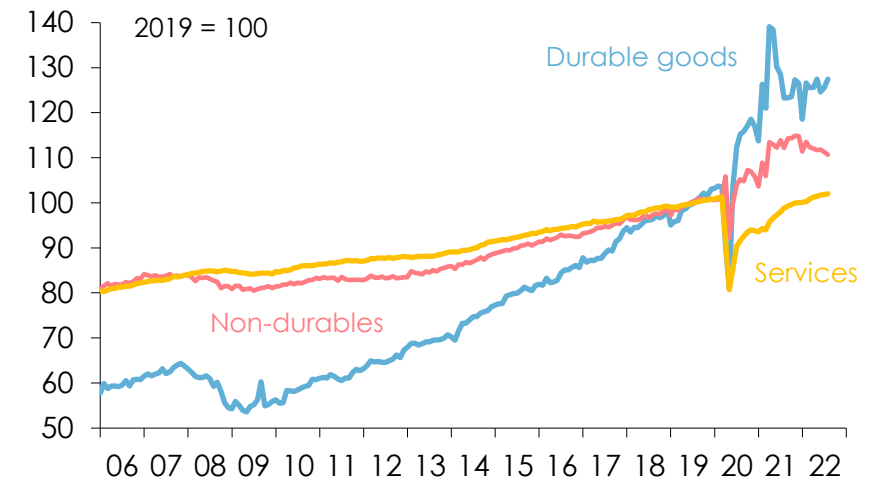
## Personal income and expenditure



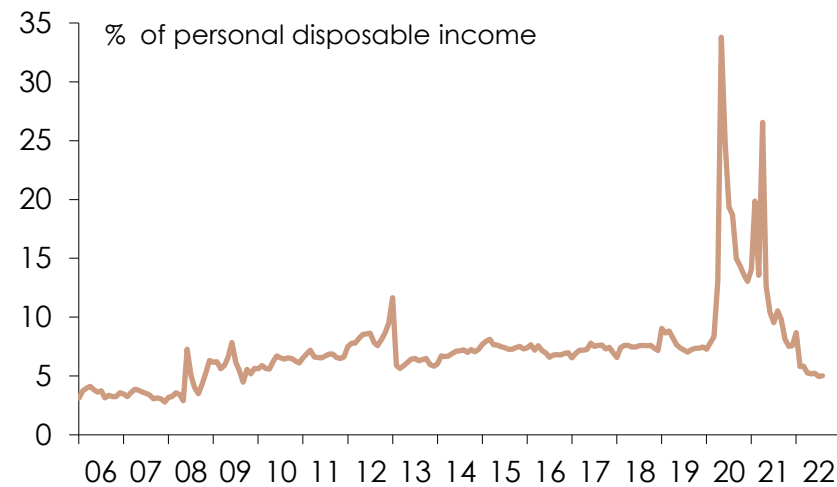
## Tax and social security



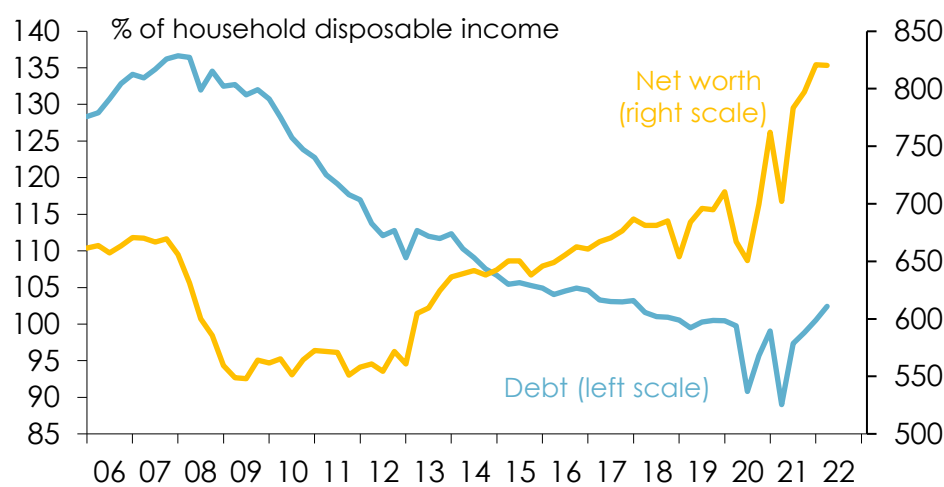
## Personal consumption expenditure



## Personal saving rate



## Household debt and net worth



## Spending on energy

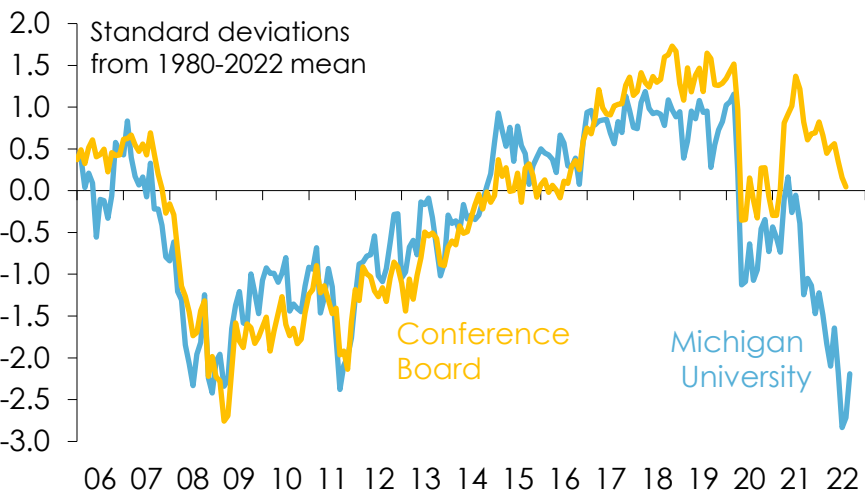


Note: data on personal income, spending and saving are monthly; data on debt and net worth are quarterly. Sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, [Gross Domestic Product](#), [Consumer Spending](#) and [Income and Saving](#); US Federal Reserve, [Financial Accounts of the United States - Z1](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

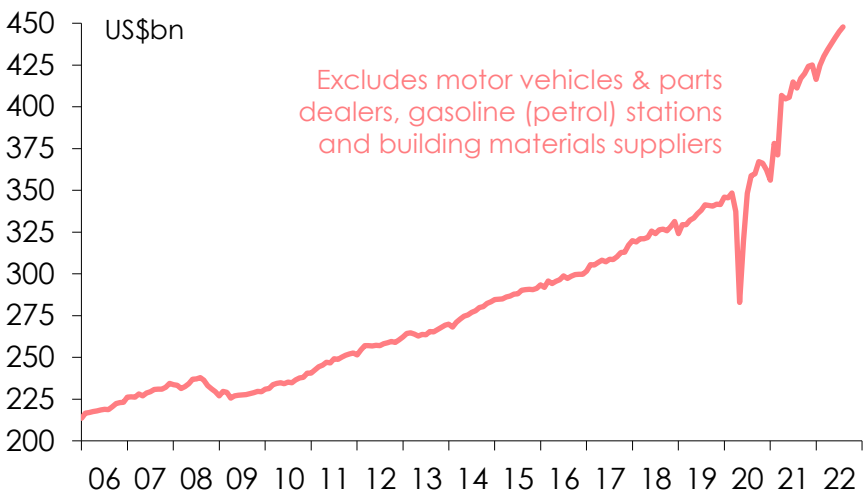
# US retail sales were flat in July, due to falls in sales at vehicle dealers and gas stations – ‘core’ retail sales rose 0.7%

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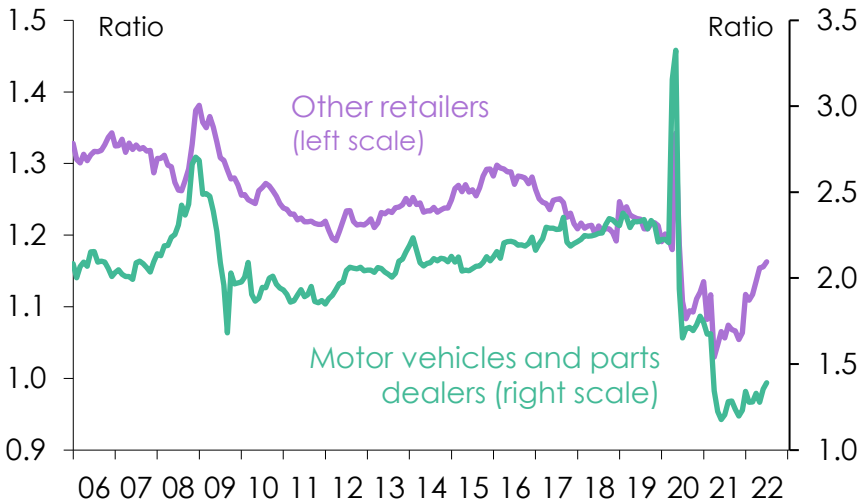
## Consumer sentiment



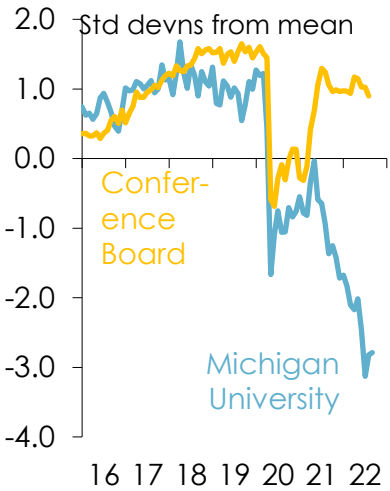
## Level of ‘core’ retail sales



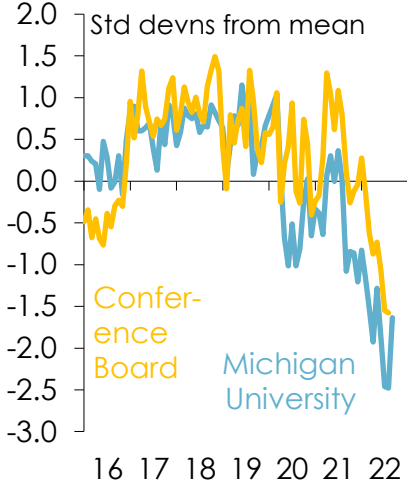
## Retail inventories-sales ratios



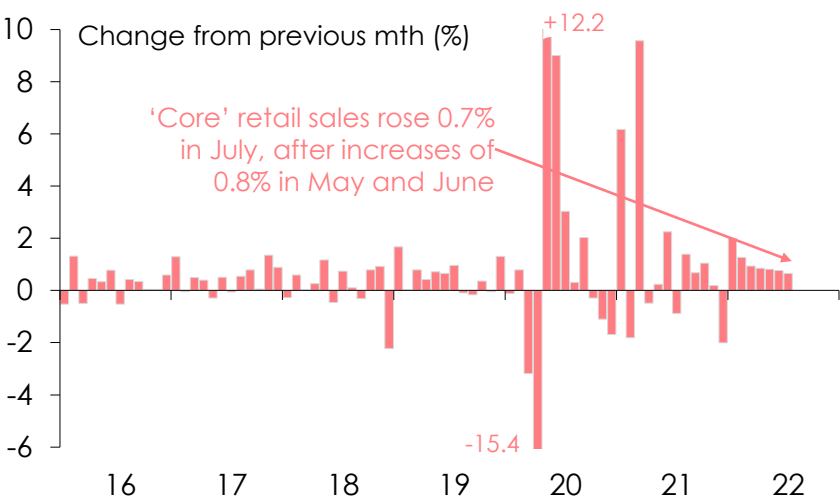
## Present situation



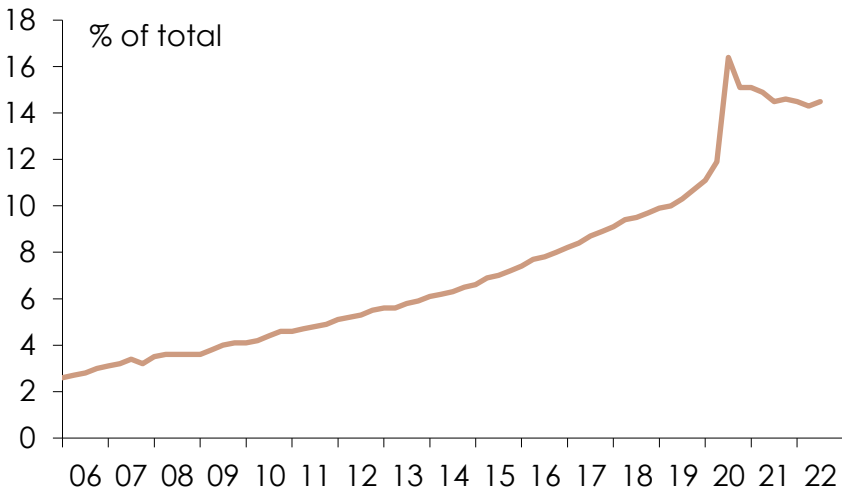
## Expectations



## Monthly changes in ‘core’ retail sales



## On-line retail sales

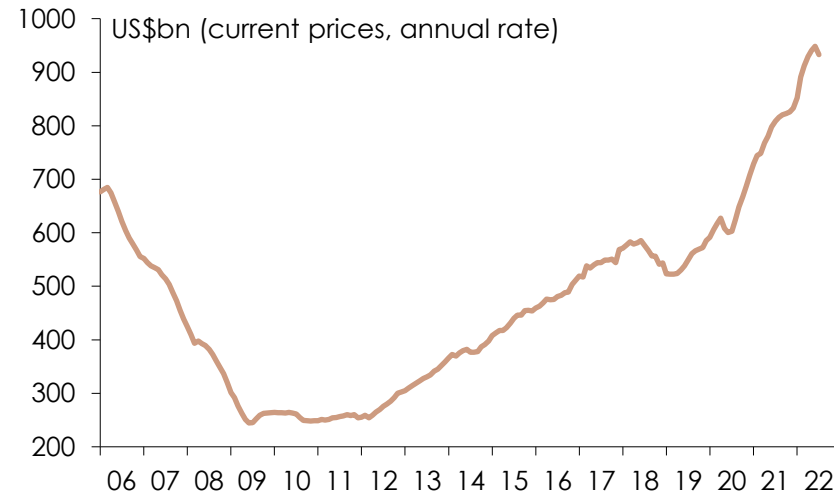


Note: The Michigan University measure of consumer sentiment gives greater weight to inflation, while the Conference Board measure gives greater weight to employment and unemployment. ‘Core’ retail sales excludes motor vehicles, petrol stations and building materials stores. Sources: Michigan University Survey Research Center, [Survey of Consumers](#); The Conference Board, [US Consumer confidence](#); US Census Bureau, [Monthly Retail Trade](#) and [Advance Economic Indicators](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

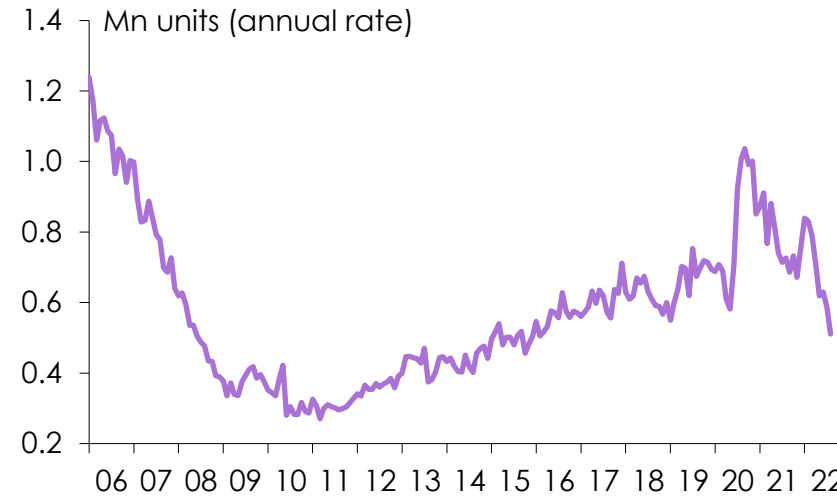
# New home sales fell 12.6% in July to their lowest level since January 2016, while inventories of unsold homes were at their highest since March 2009

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## Housing construction spending



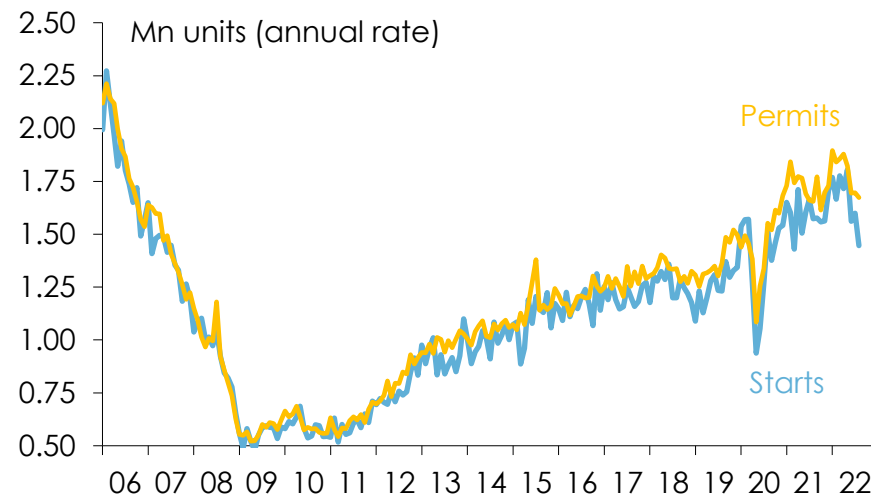
## New single-family home sales



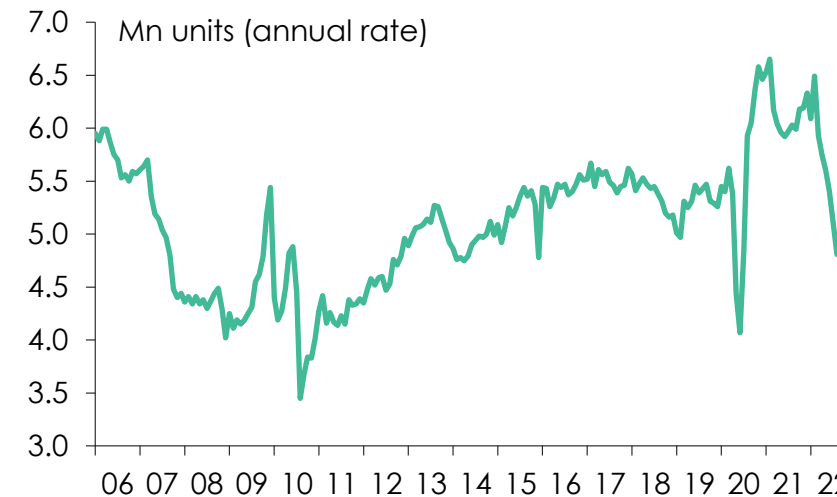
## 30-year fixed mortgage rates



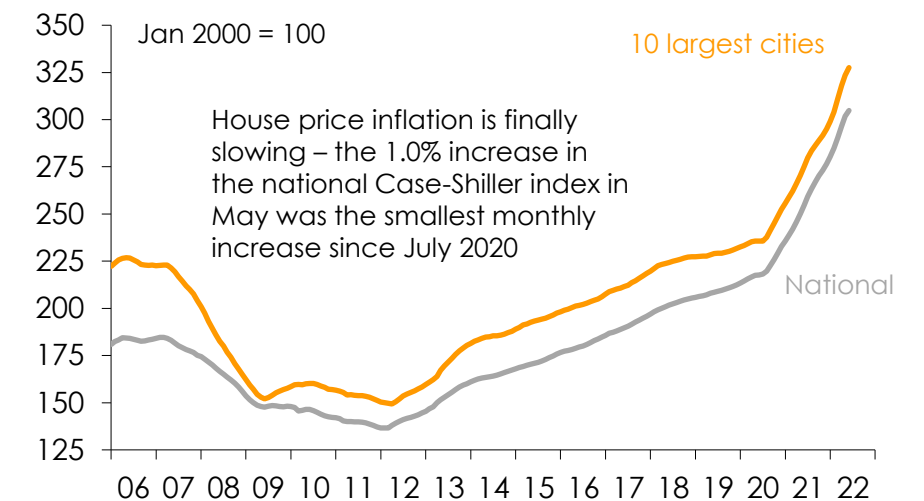
## Housing starts and permits



## Existing home sales



## House prices

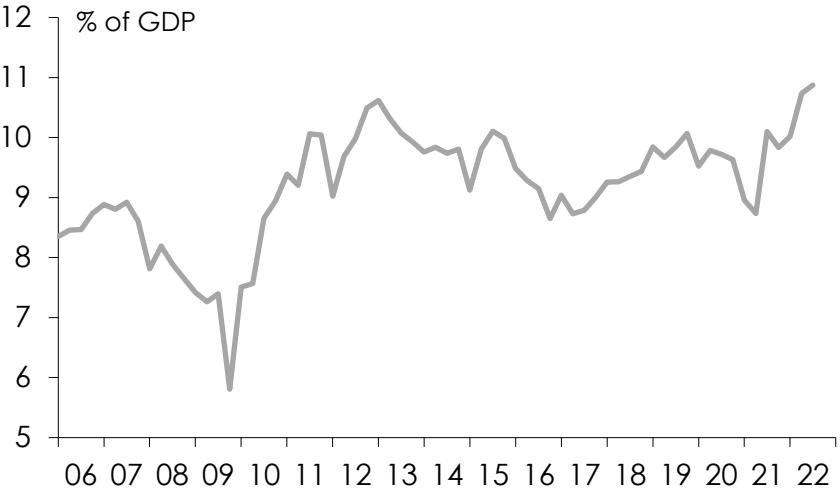


Sources: US Census Bureau, [Construction Spending](#), [New residential construction](#) and [New Residential Sales](#); US National Association of Realtors, [Existing-Home Sales](#); Mortgage Bankers' Association, [National Delinquency Survey](#); S&P Global, [S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Indices](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

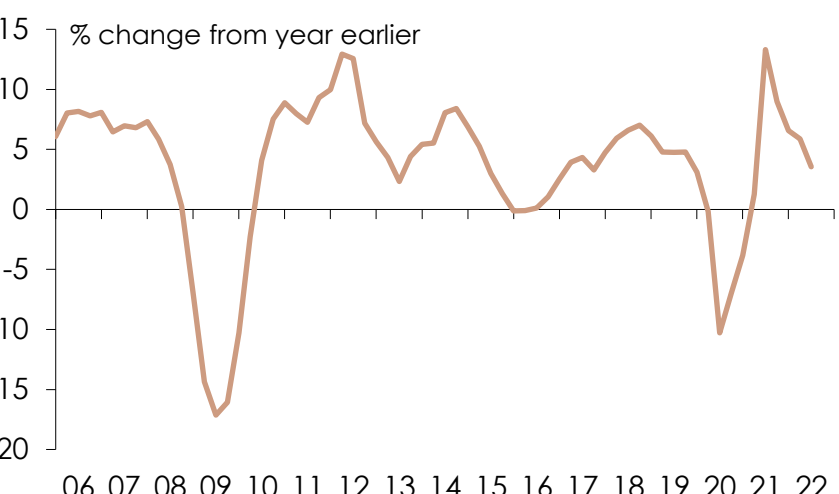
# Corporate profits reached a new record high as a share of GDP in Q2, balance sheets are strong and IP & equipment investment is holding up

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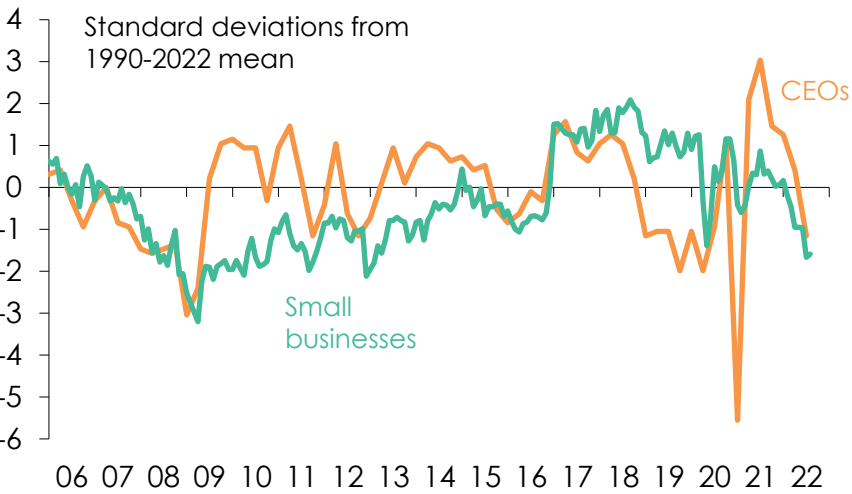
## After-tax corporate profits



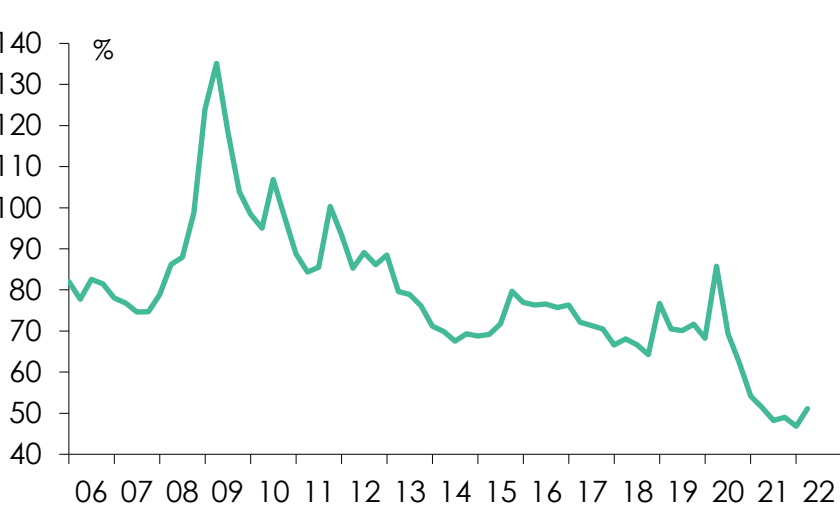
## Business investment



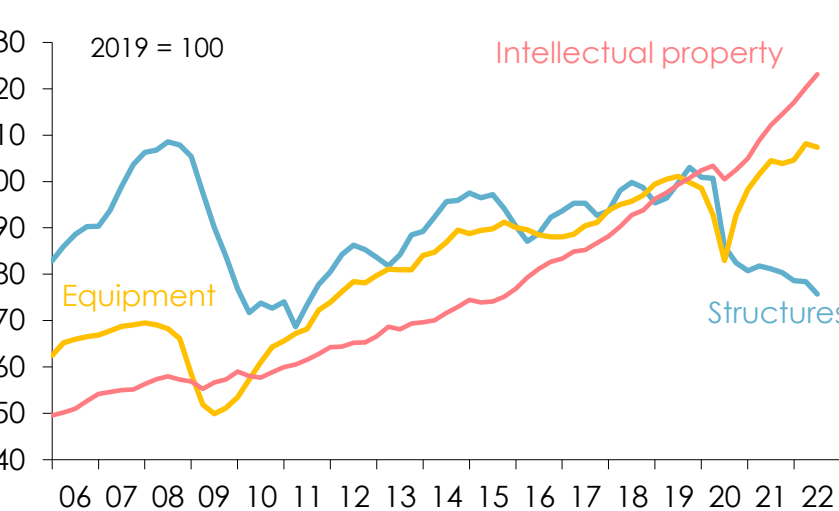
## Business confidence



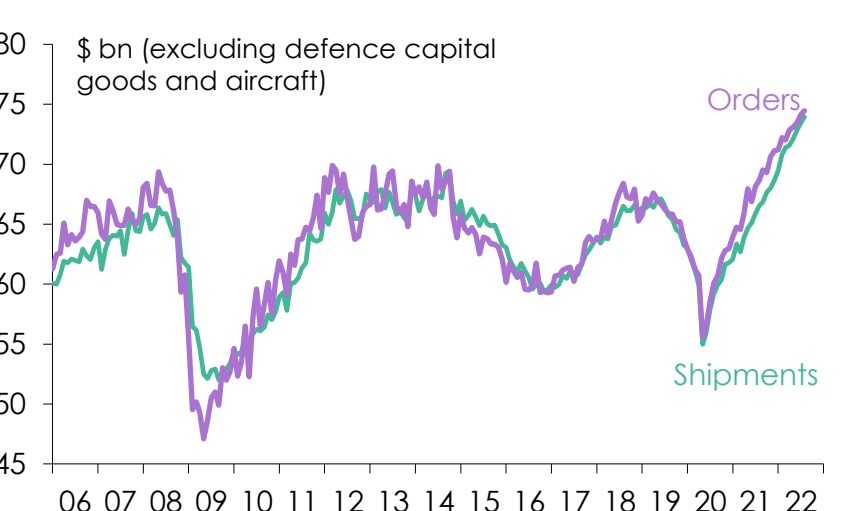
## Corporate debt-equity ratio



## Business investment by type



## Capital goods orders & shipments



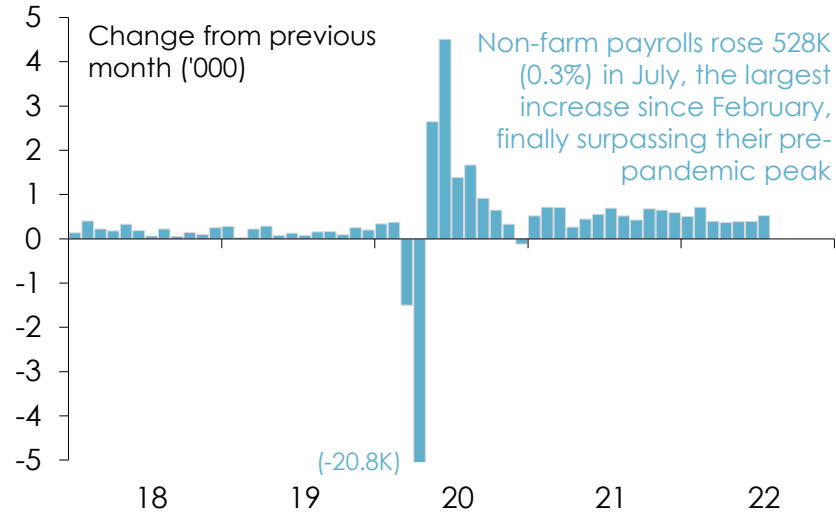
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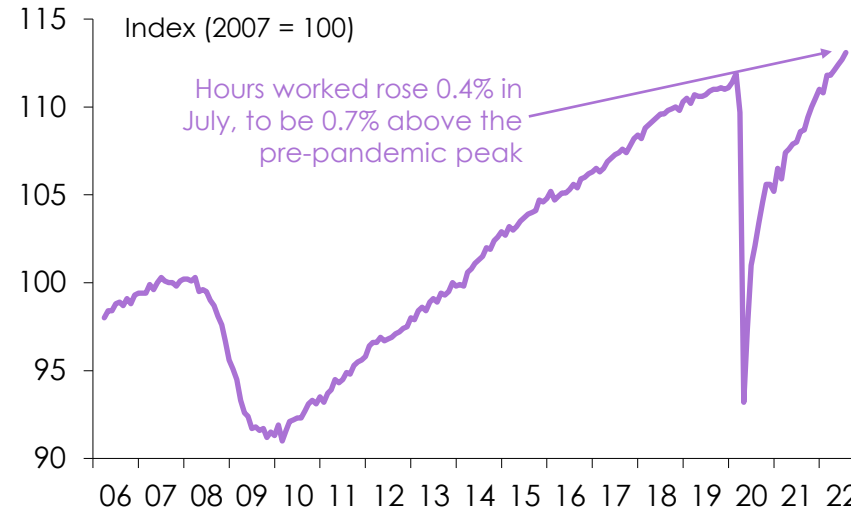
# US non-farm payroll employment rose a stronger-than-expected 528K (0.3%) in July, although the household survey presents a weaker picture

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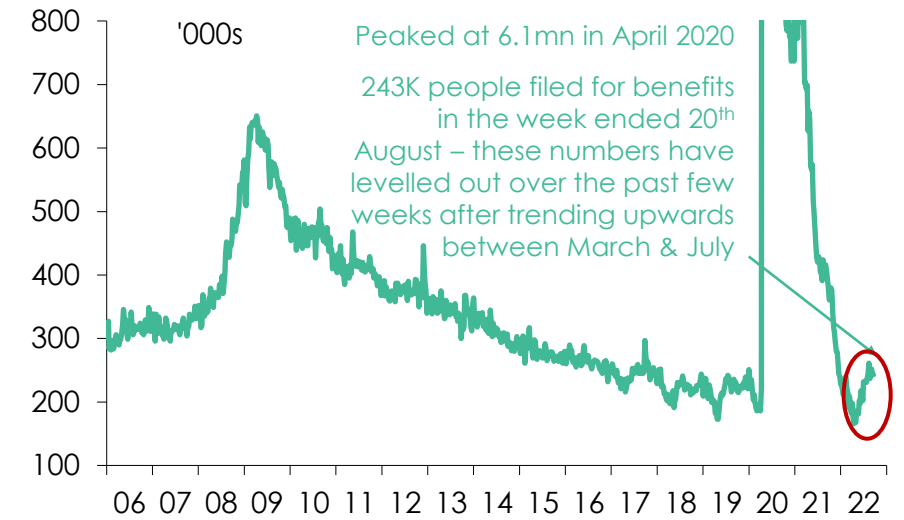
## Non-farm payroll employment



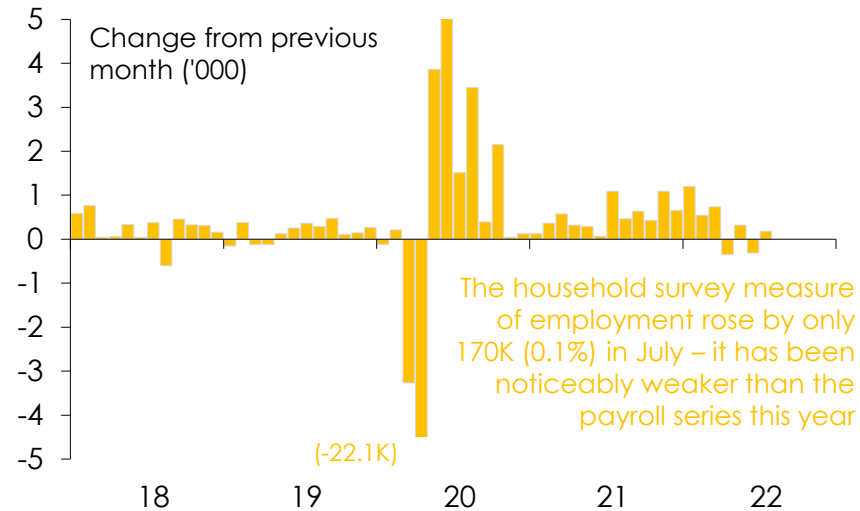
## Hours worked (private sector)



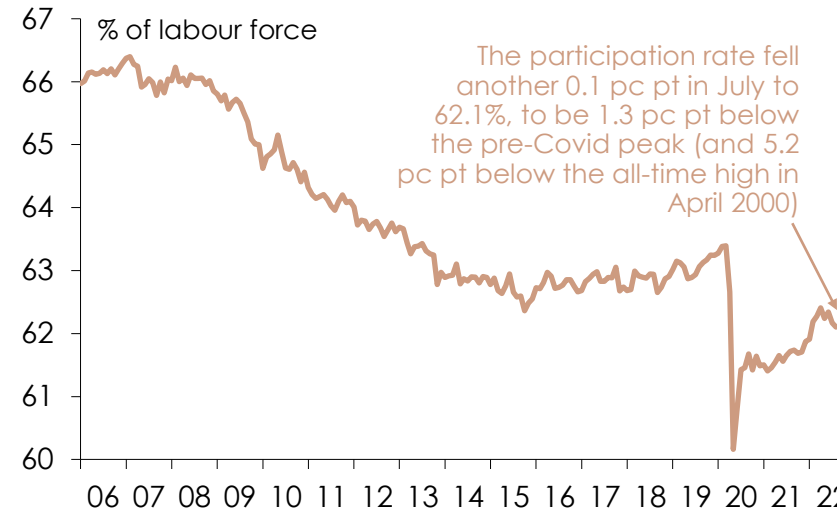
## Unemployment benefit initial claims



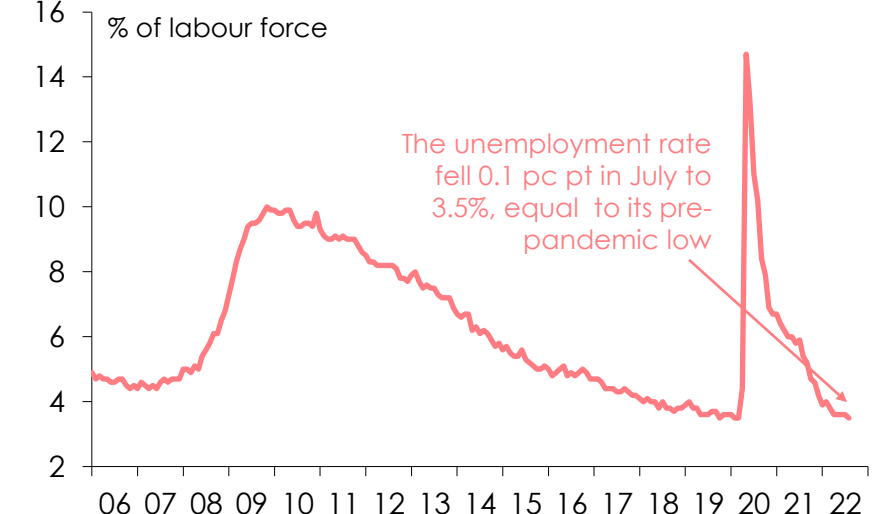
## Household survey employment



## Labour force participation rate



## Unemployment rate

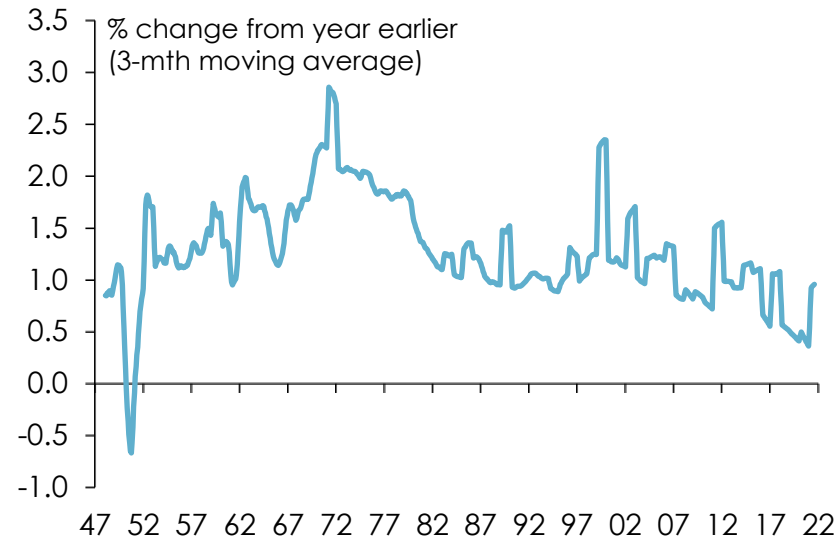


Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Employment Situation](#); US Department of Labor, [Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

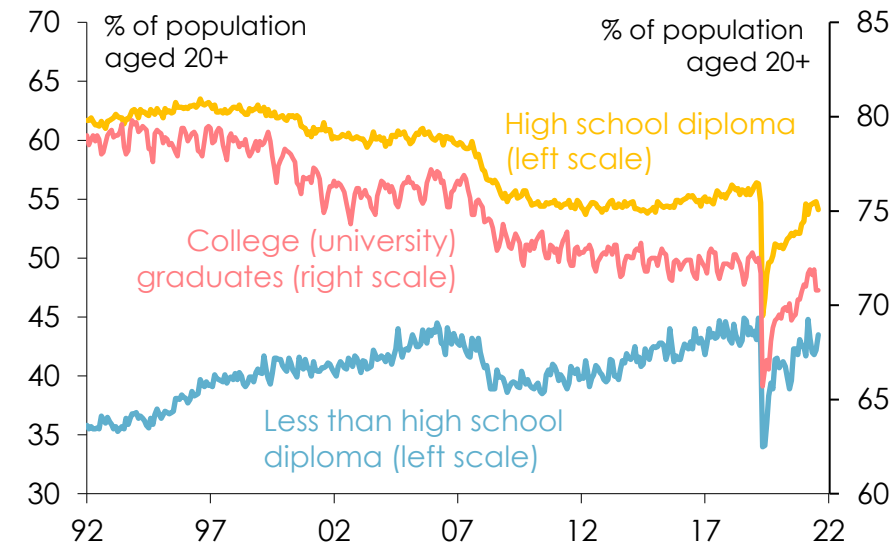
# US labour market tightness is partly due to a persistent shortfall in labour force participation, especially among people aged 55 and over

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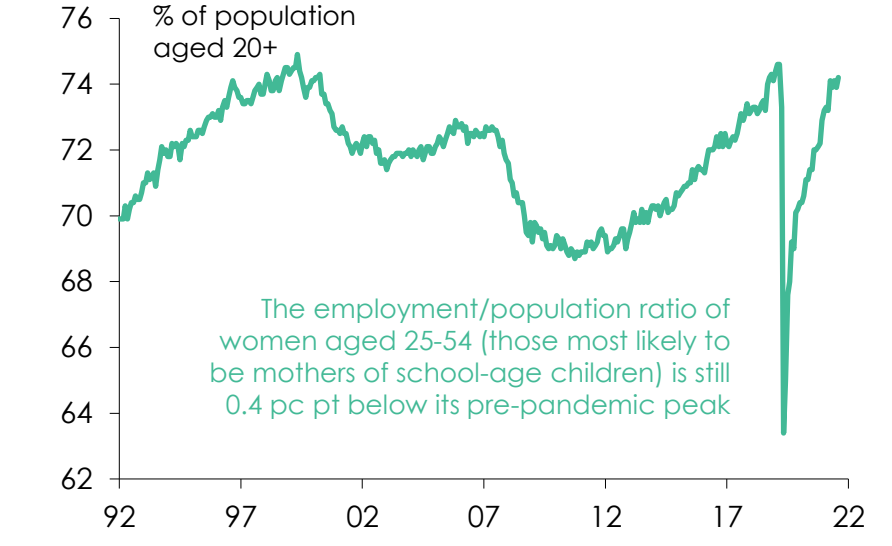
## Civilian working age population



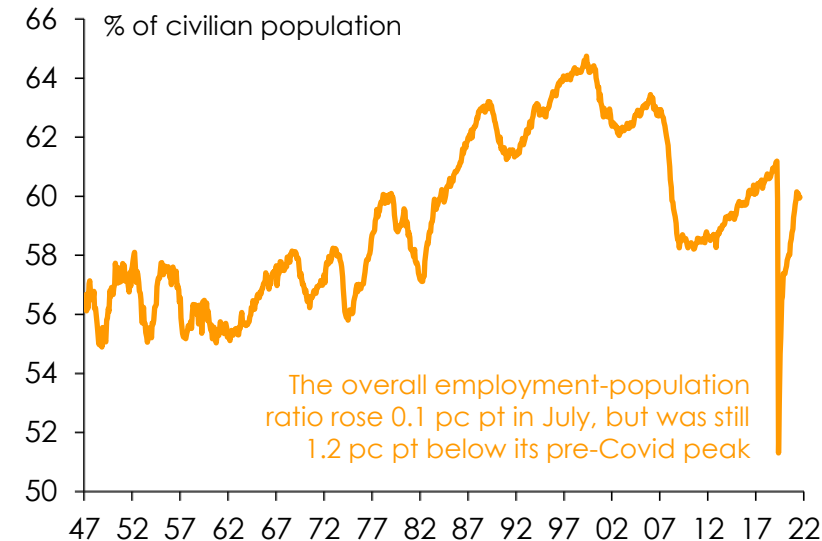
## 'E-pop' ratio – by education



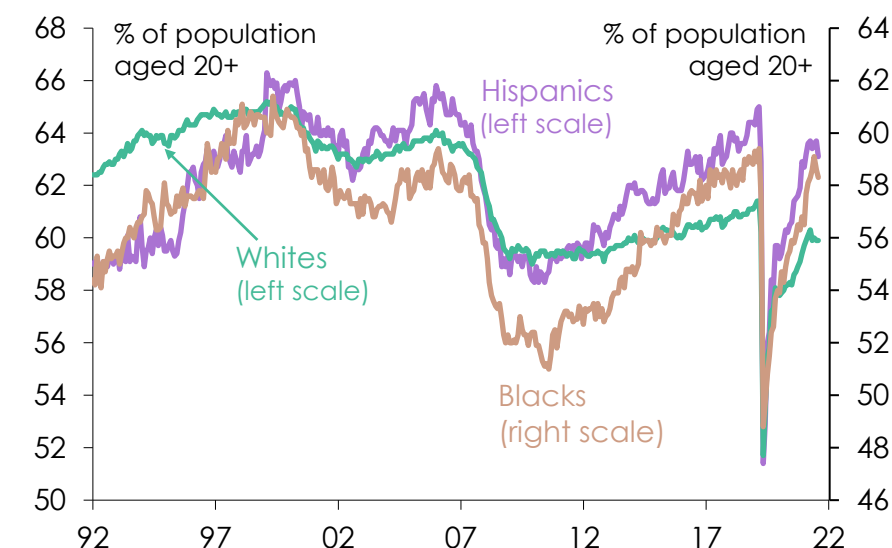
## 'E-pop' ratio – women 25-54



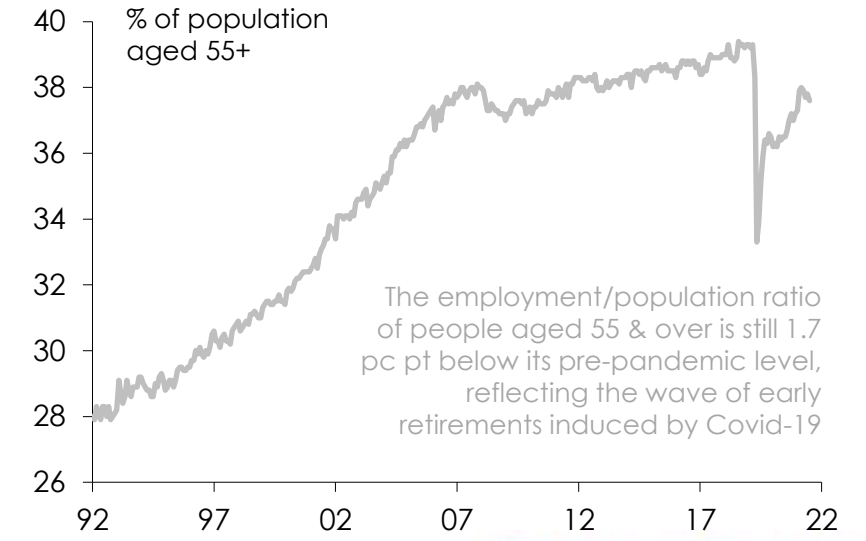
## Employment-to-population ratio



## 'E-Pop' ratio – Blacks & Hispanics



## 'E-pop' ratio – people 55 & over

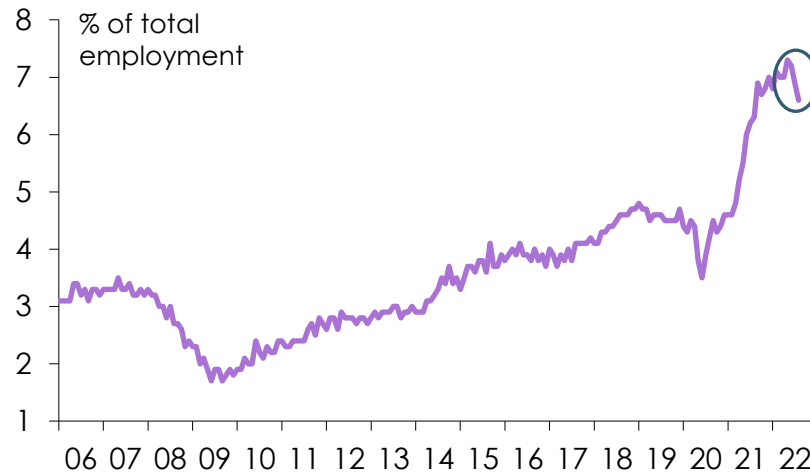




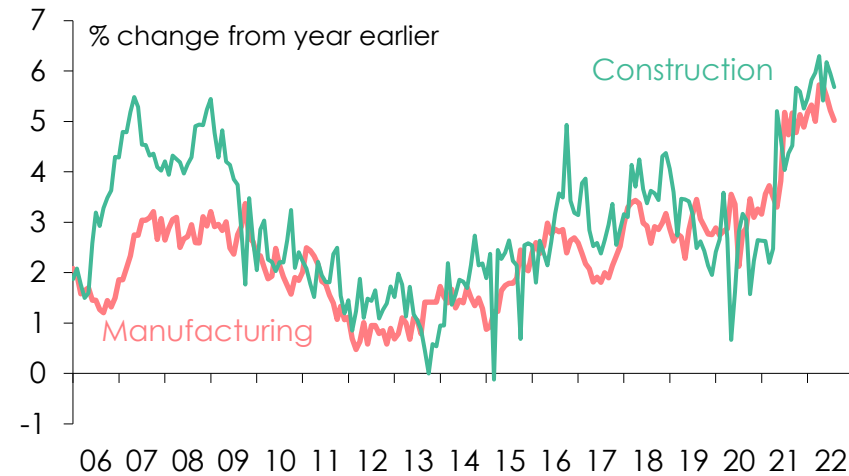
# The 'best' measure of wages growth (from the employment cost index) rose 5.7% over the year to Q2, the fastest since Q4 1982

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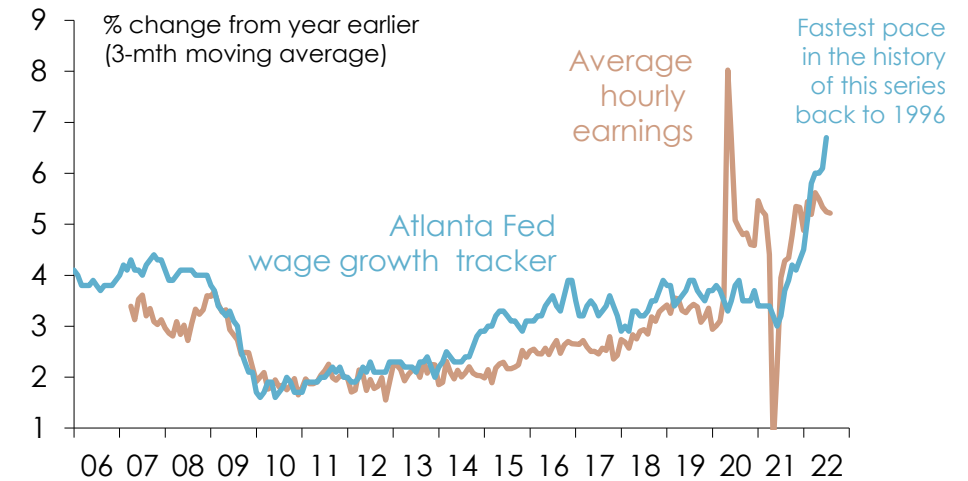
## Job openings



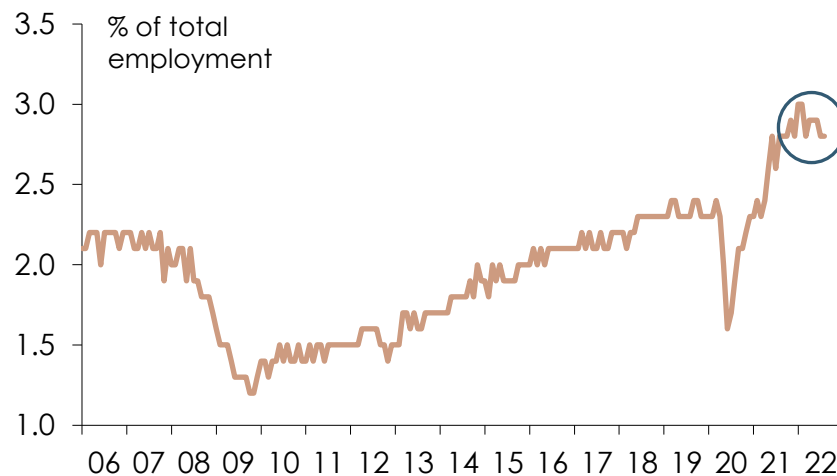
## Average hourly earnings



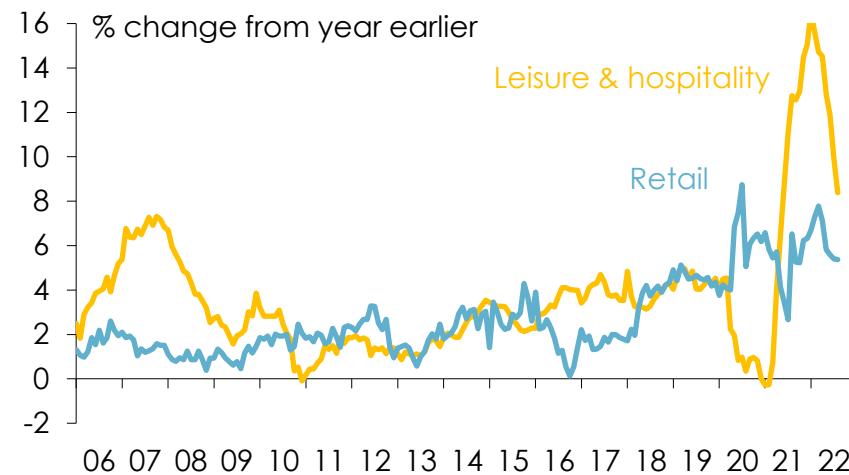
## Overall wages growth - monthly



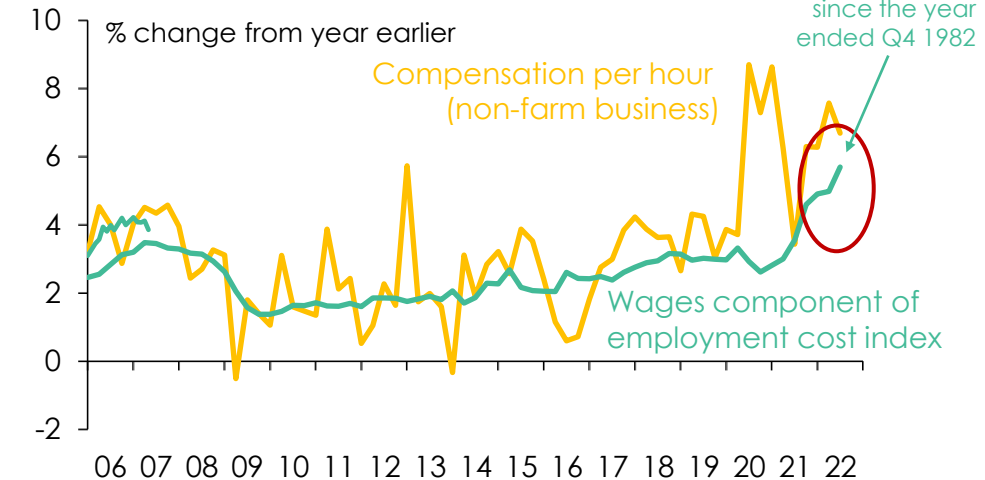
## Quit rate



## Average hourly earnings



## Wages growth - quarterly

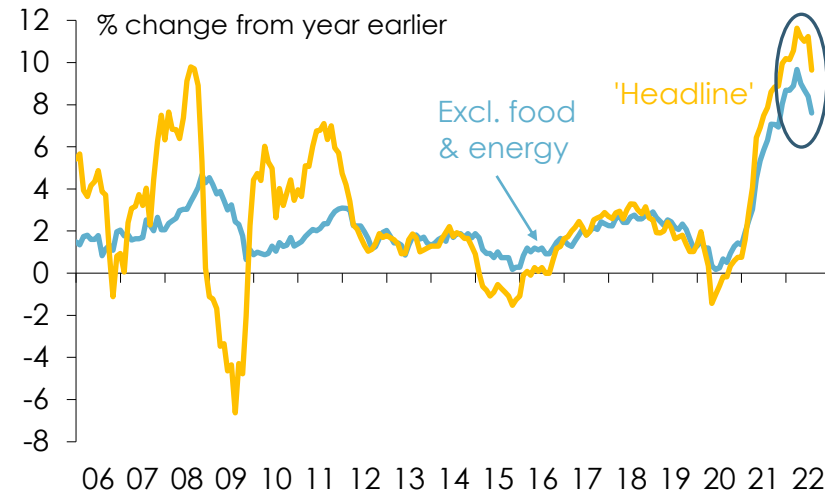


Note: Measures of average hourly earnings (especially the all-industries measures) and of average compensation per hour are affected by changes in the composition of employment (so for example they rose sharply in Q2 2020 when large numbers of low-paid workers were laid off and fell markedly when they returned to work) whereas the Atlanta Fed 'wage growth tracker' (which uses micro-data from the BLS survey to track the wage growth of individuals) and the wages component of the ECI (which is very similar to the ABS' Wage Price Index) are not. Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey](#), [Current Employment Statistics](#), [Employment Cost Trends](#) and [Labor Productivity and Costs](#); Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Center for Human Capital Studies, [Wage Growth Tracker](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

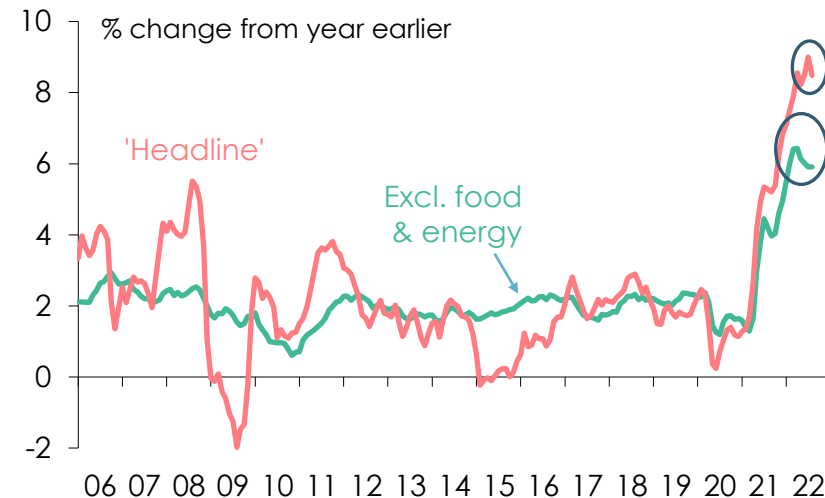
# The Fed's preferred measure of 'core' inflation rose just 0.1% in July, taking the annual rate down another notch to 4.6%, from February's peak of 5.3%

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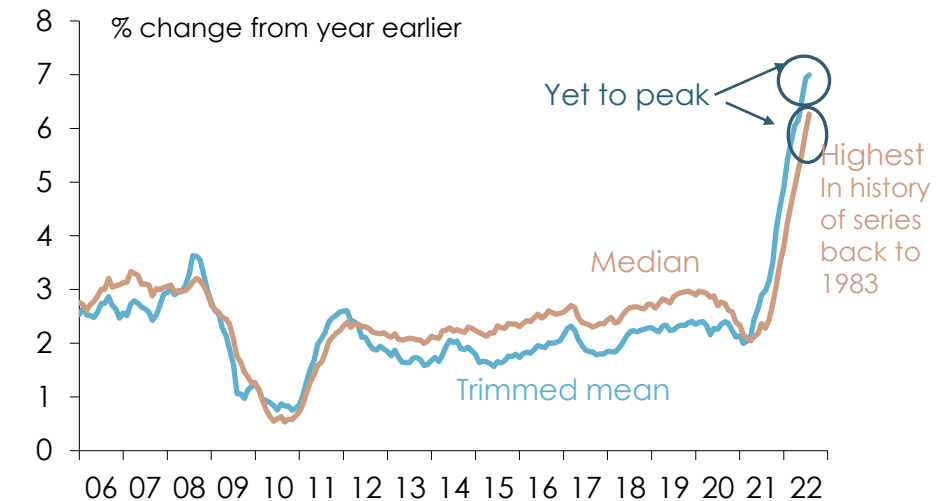
## Producer price index



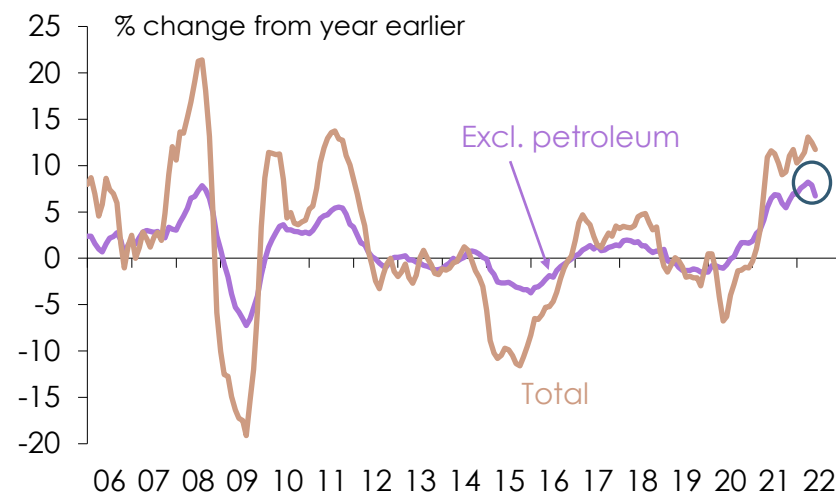
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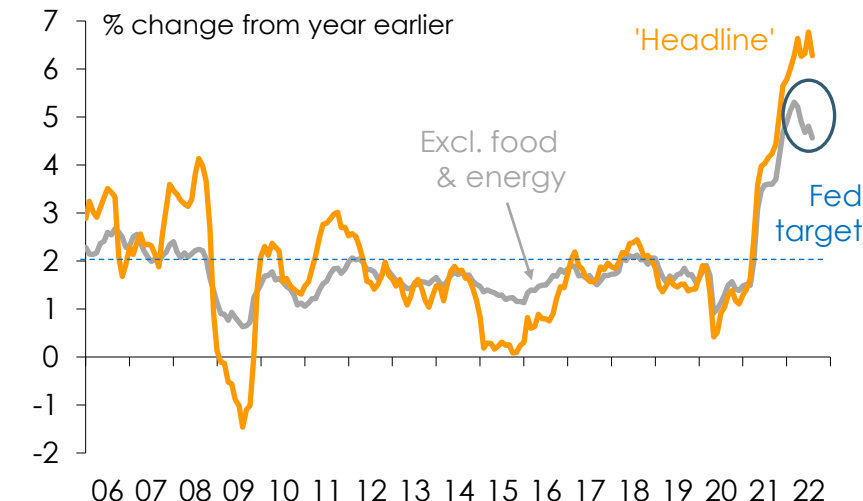
## 'Underlying' CPI inflation



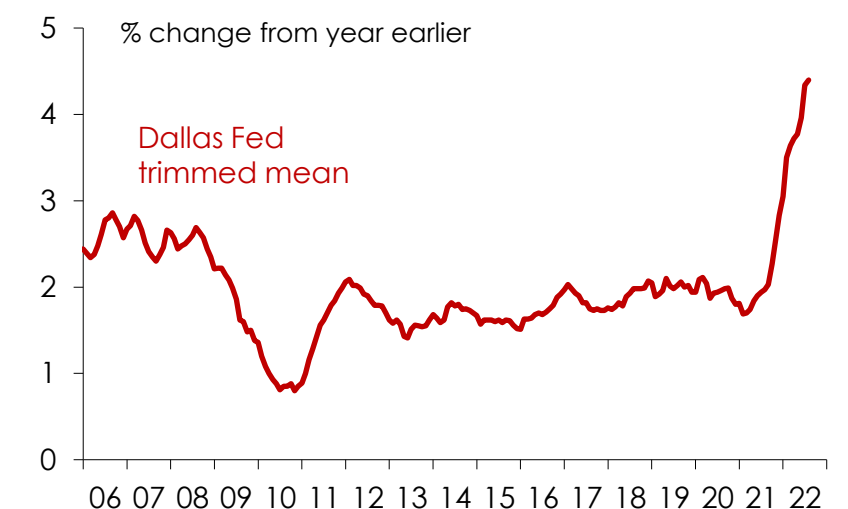
## Import price index



## Personal consumption deflator



## 'Underlying' PCE deflator inflation

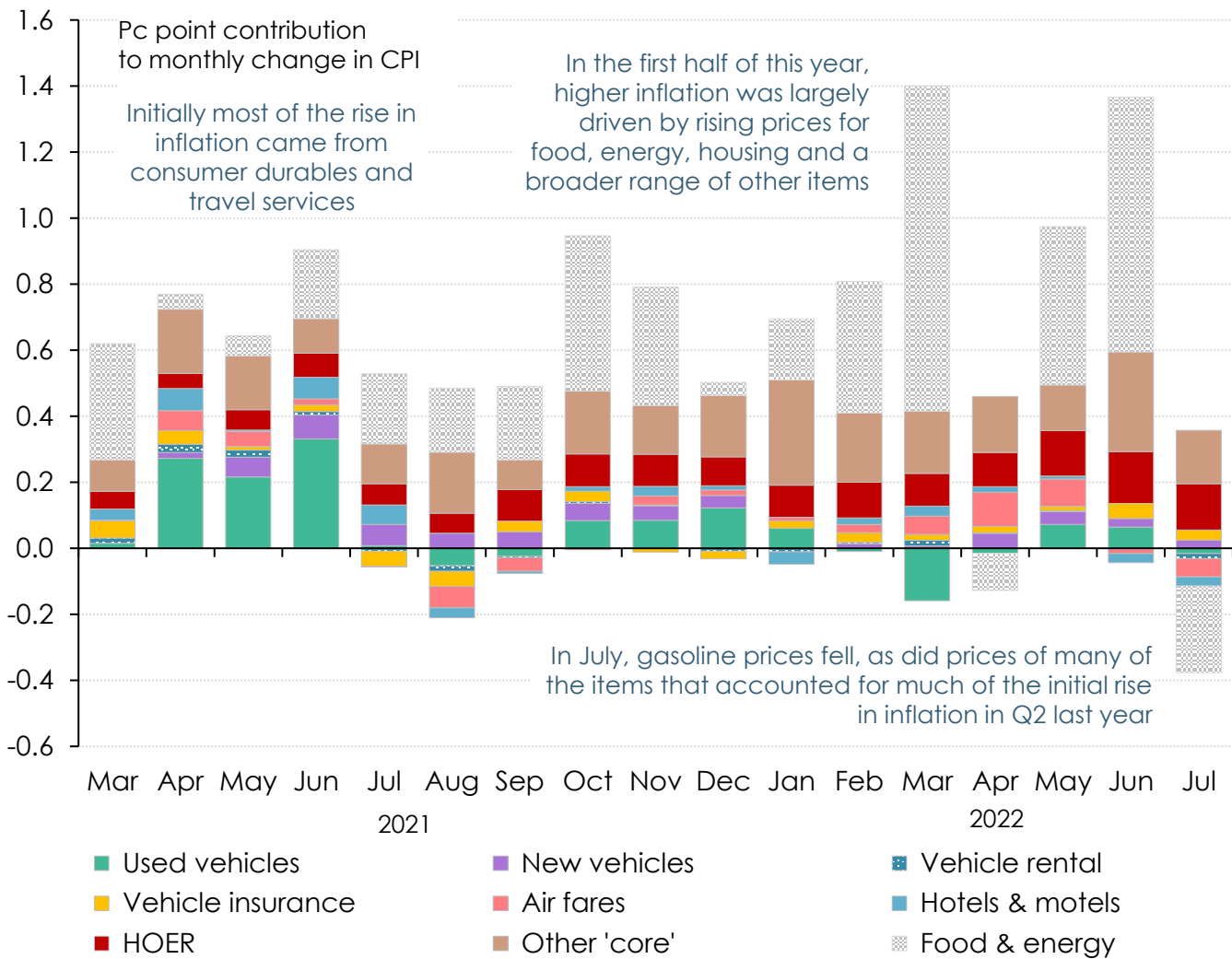


Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, [Producer Price Index](#), [Import and Export Price Indexes](#) and [Consumer Price Index](#); US Bureau of Economic Analysis, [Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index](#); Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, [Median CPI](#); Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, [Trimmed Mean PCE Inflation Rate](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

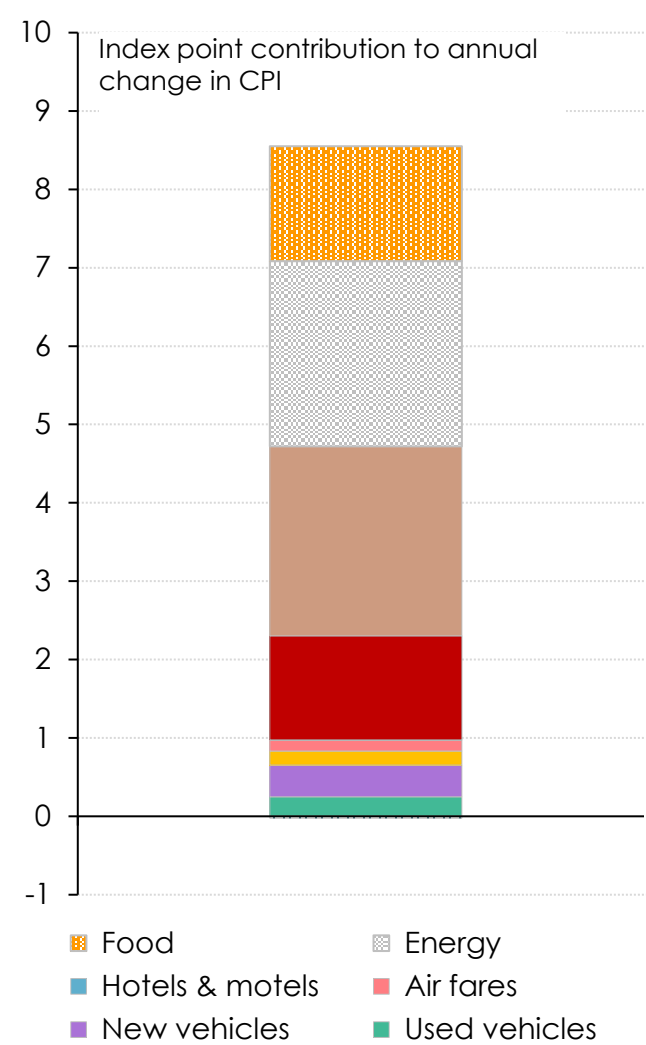
# Energy prices fell in July, as did prices of many of the items that drove the original spike in inflation last year, but other prices are continuing to rise

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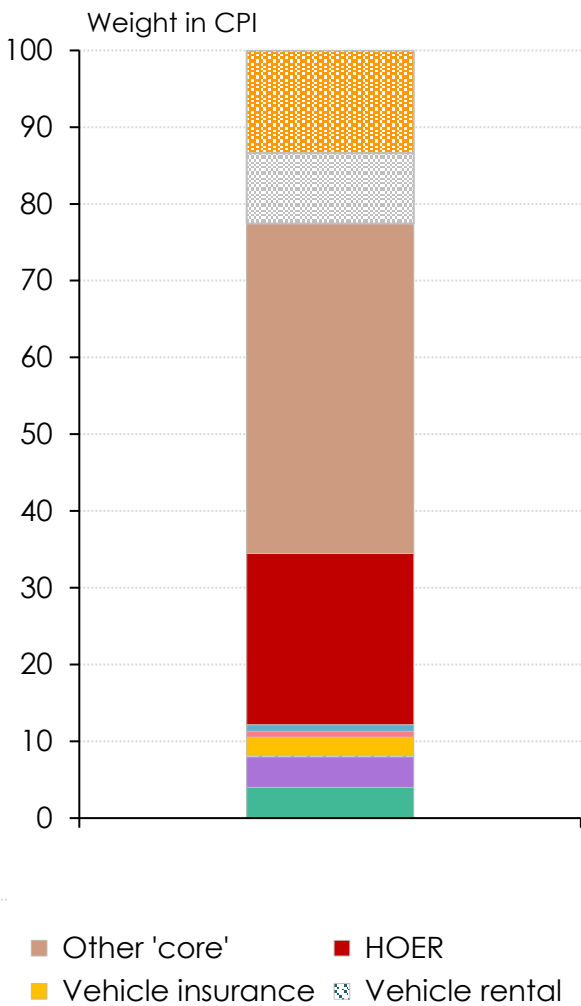
Contributions to monthly changes in the US CPI since March last year



Contributions to change in CPI over the year to July



Weights in CPI

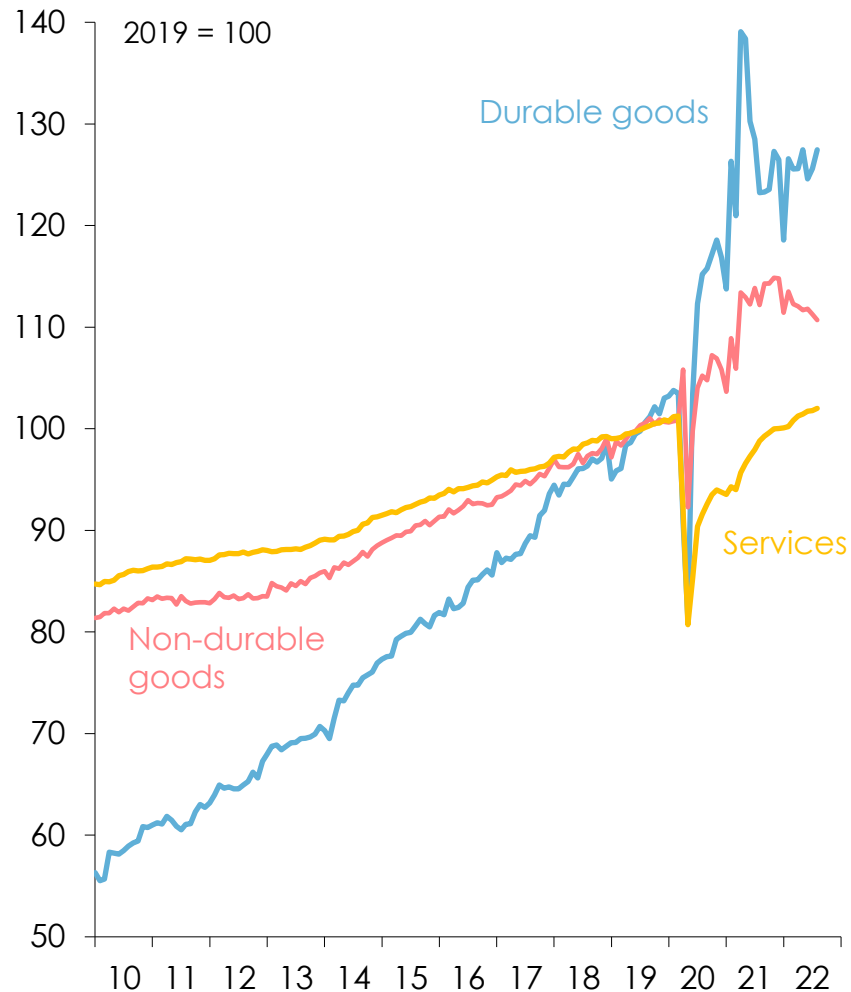


Note: 'HOER' = home-owners' equivalent rent (a measure of the 'imputed rent' notionally paid by owner-occupiers to themselves), and which accounts for (an uncommonly large, by international standards) 28½% of the CPI excluding food and energy. Source: US [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), CPI Table 6; Corinna. [Return to "What's New"](#).

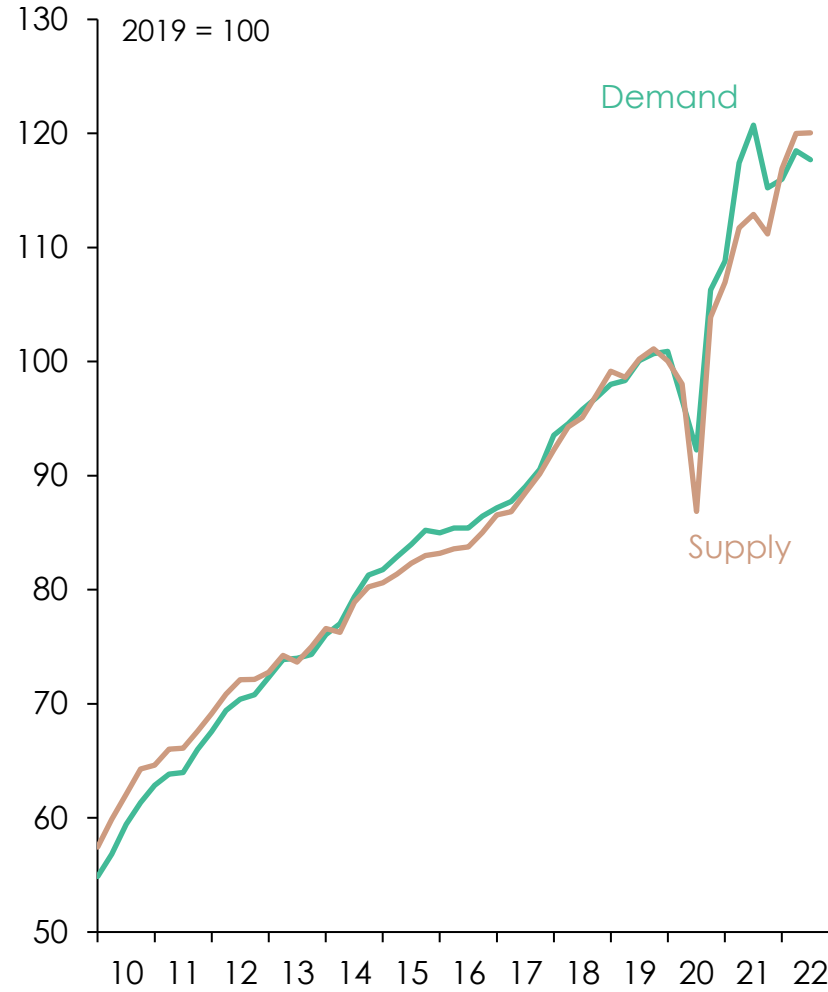
# The rise in inflation has until recently been largely attributable to large imbalances between supply of and demand for durable goods

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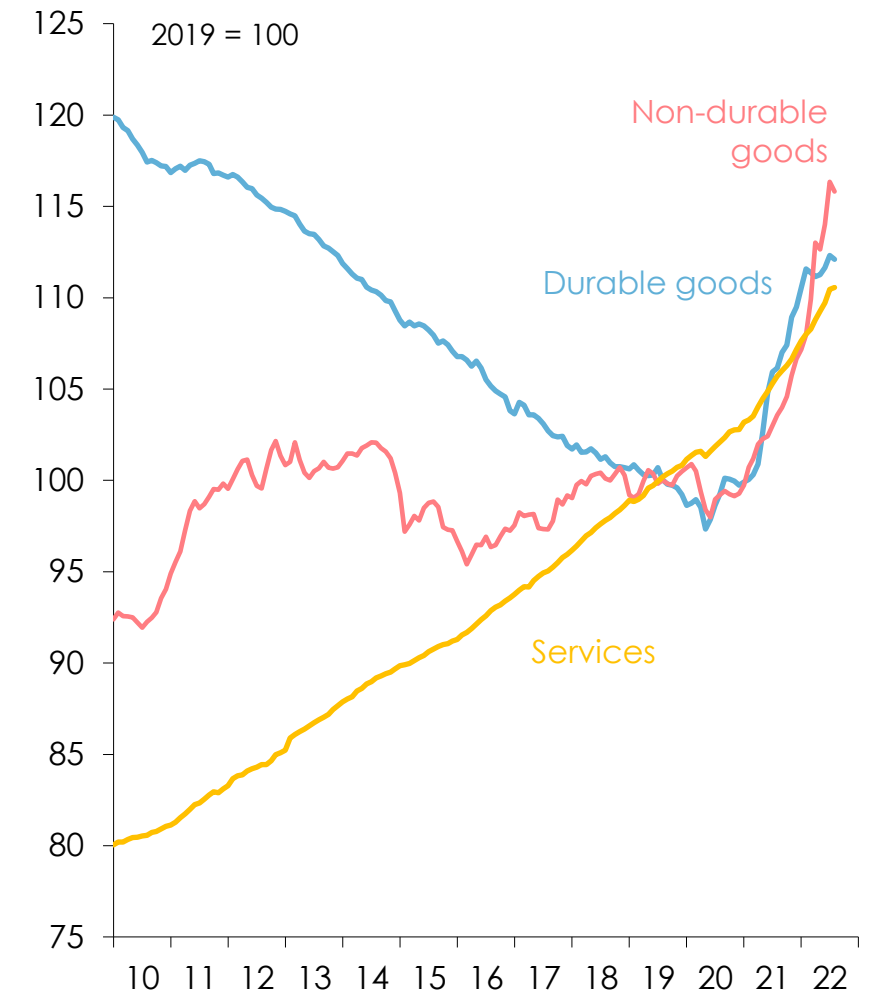
## Composition of personal consumption expenditures



## Aggregate demand for and supply of durable goods



## Implicit price deflators of personal consumption

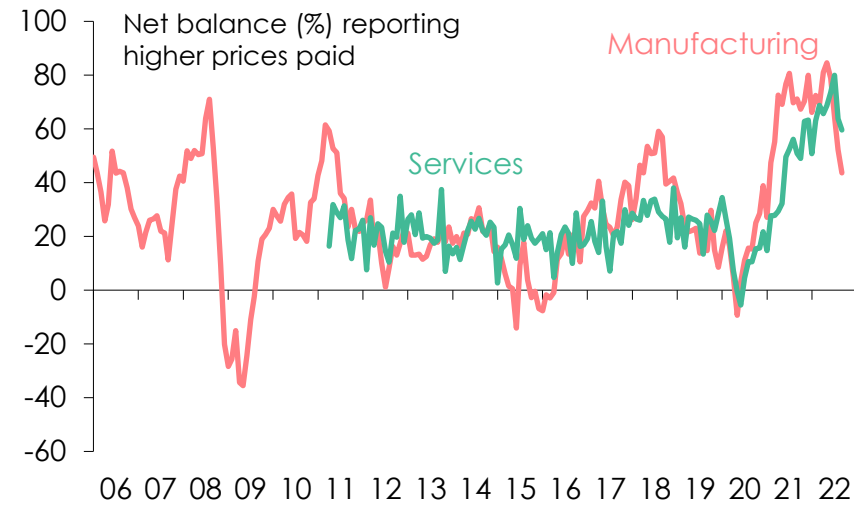


Note: 'Aggregate demand' for durable goods comprises personal consumption of durable goods plus business investment in equipment. 'Aggregate supply' of durable goods comprises gross domestic product (final sales plus change in inventories) plus net imports of durable goods. Sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, [National Income and Product Accounts](#), Tables 2.8.3-5, 1.1.6, 1.2.6 and 4.2.6. [Return to "What's New"](#).

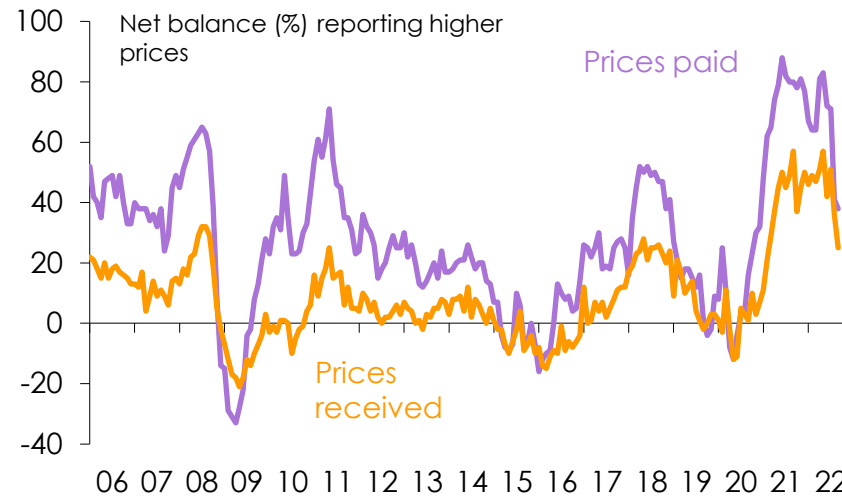
# A range of US surveys are now hinting that 'upstream' inflation may have peaked – while longer-run household inflation expectations have fallen

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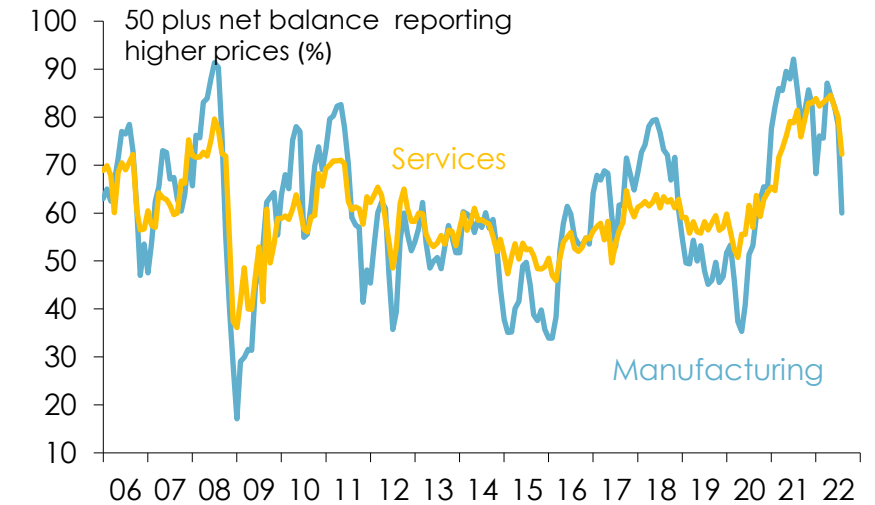
## 'Philly' Fed survey – prices paid



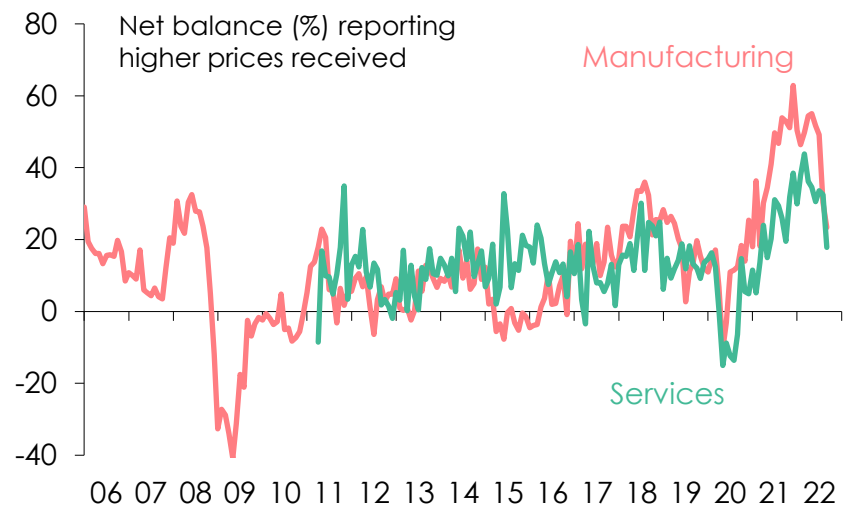
## Kansas City Fed manufacturers survey



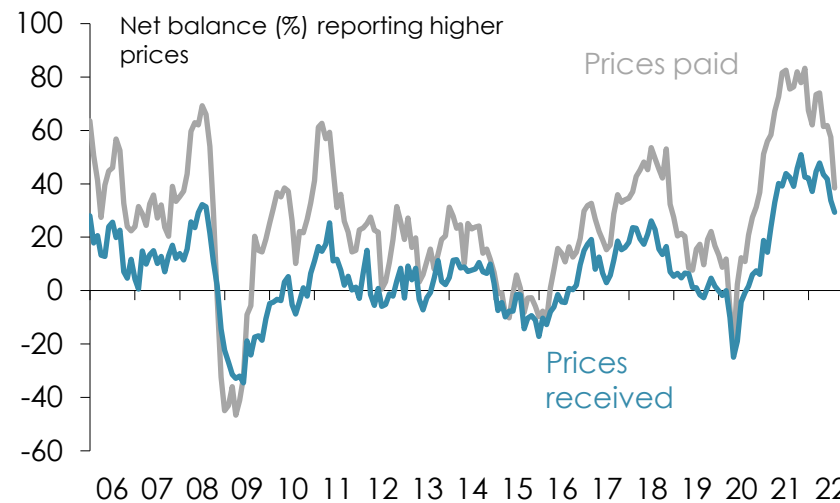
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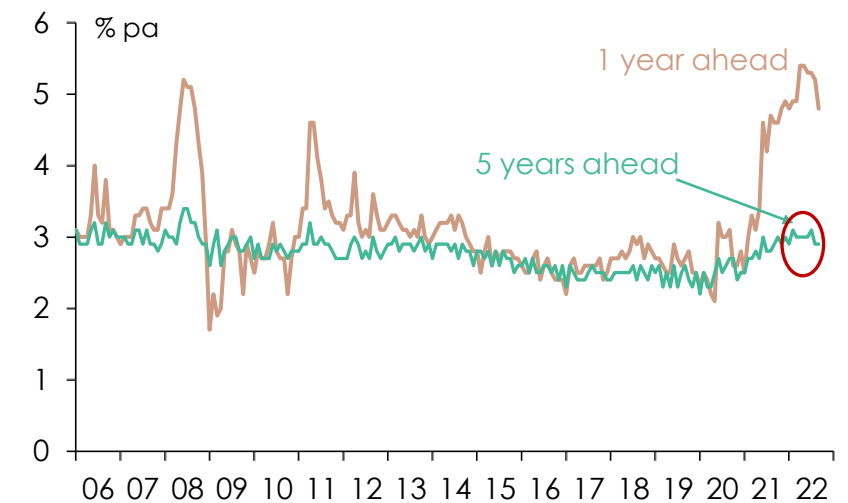
## 'Philly' Fed survey – prices received



## Dallas Fed manufacturers survey



## Household inflation expectations



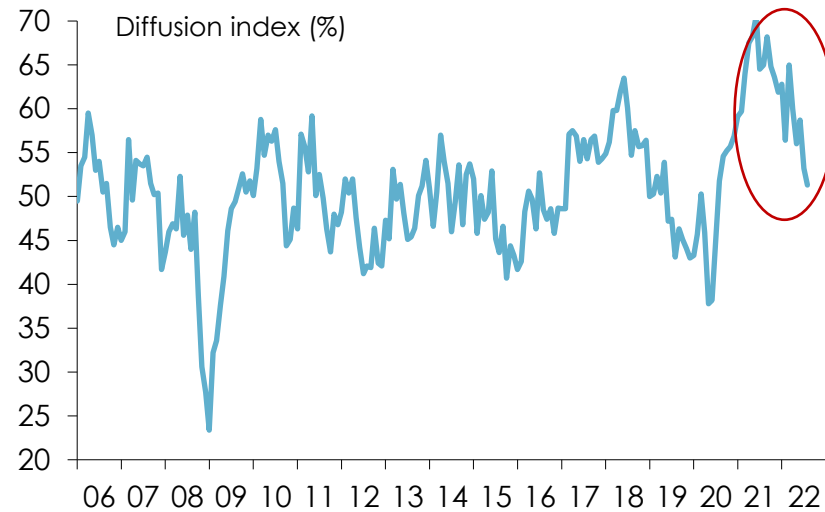
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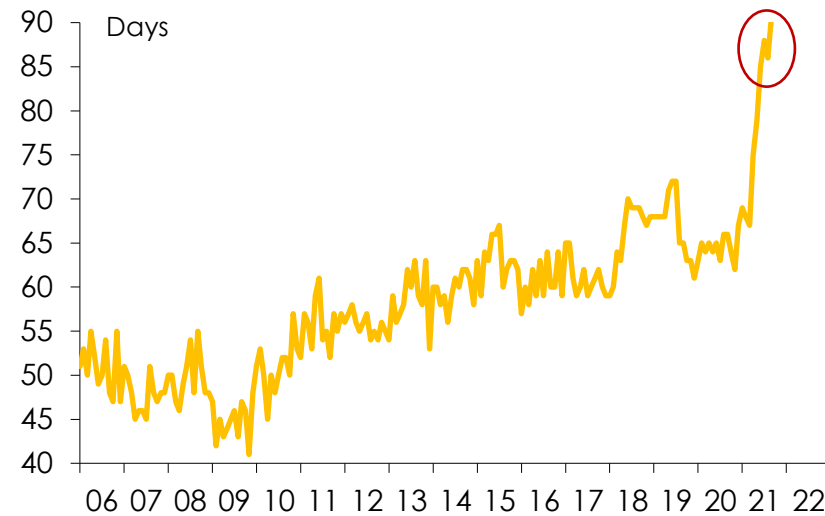
# Supply-chain disruptions appear to be easing gradually, but there's still a long way to go

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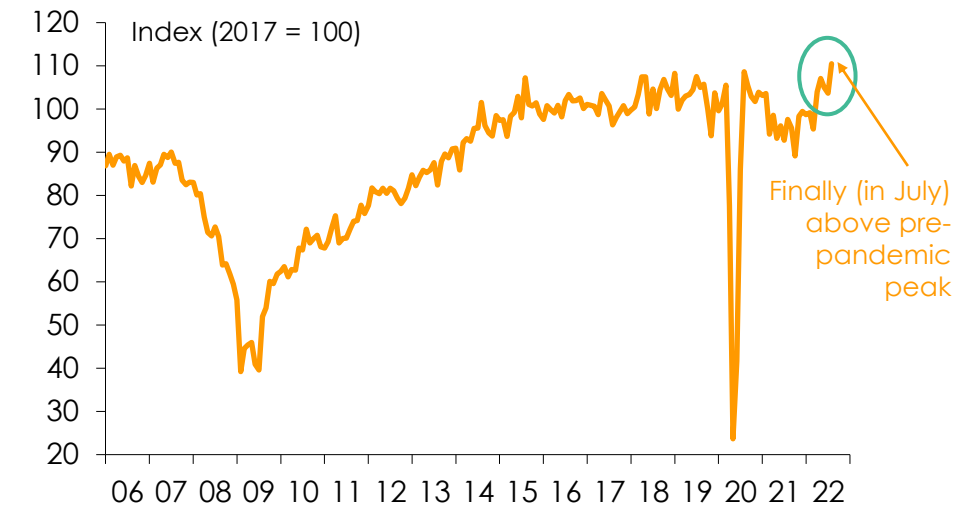
## Manufacturers' order backlogs



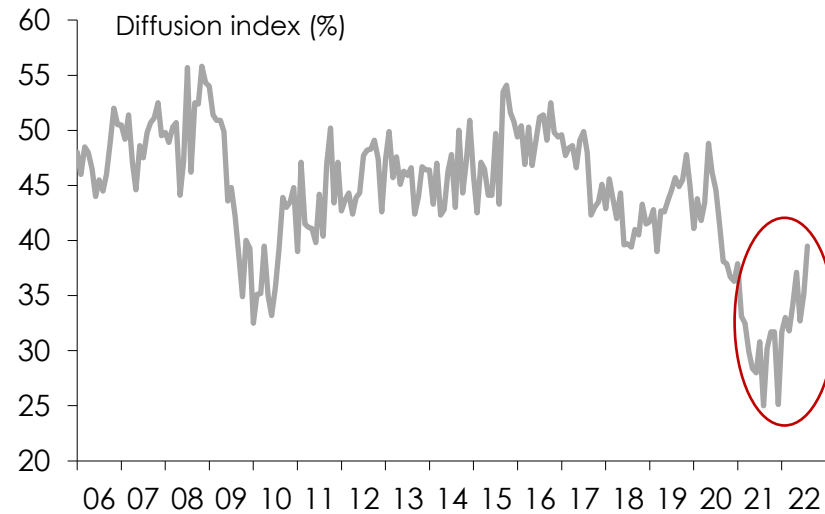
## Lead-time for production materials



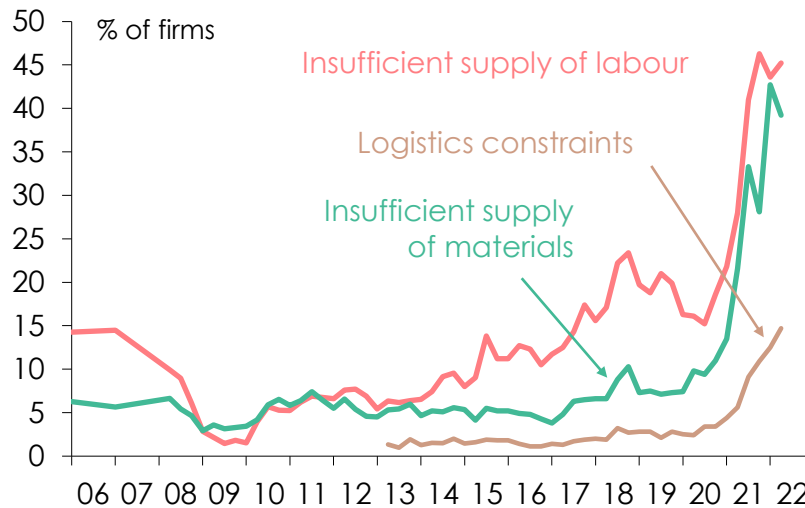
## Motor vehicles & parts production



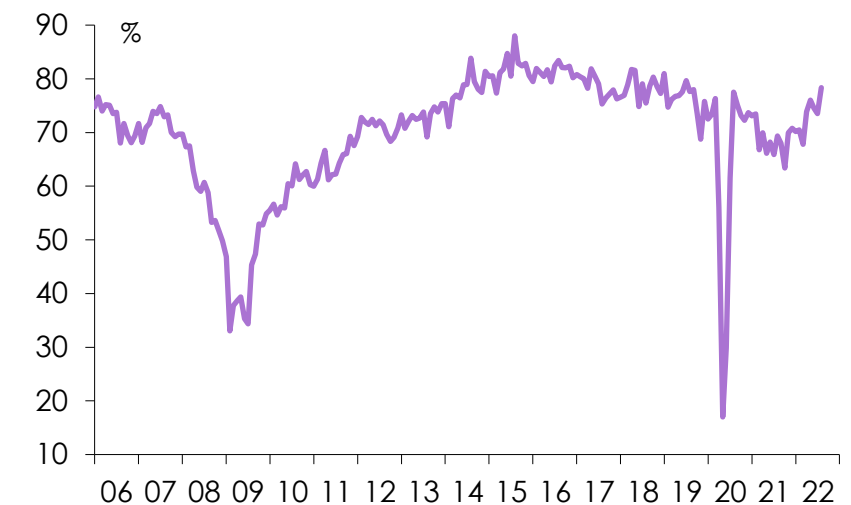
## Manufacturers' customer inventories



## Reasons for < full capacity



## Auto industry capacity utilization

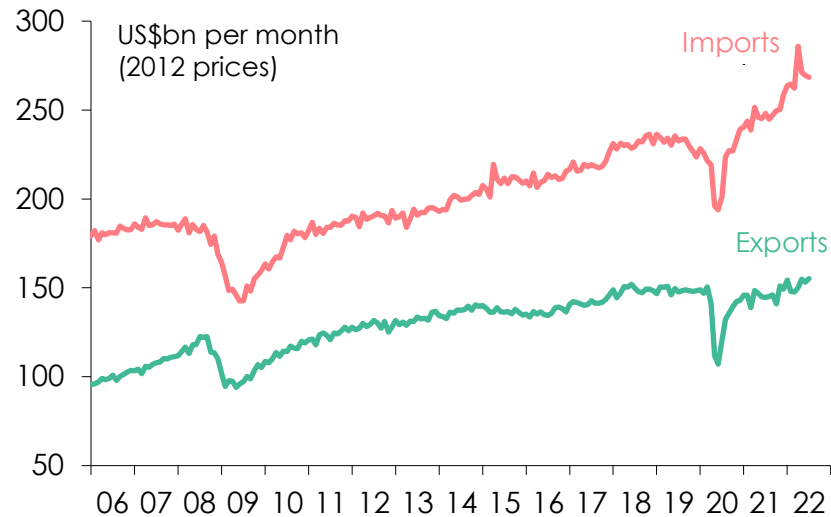


Note: The diffusion index of order backlogs is 50 plus the percentage of respondents reporting longer backlogs minus the percentage reporting shorter backlogs (and similarly for customer inventories). 'Reasons for < full capacity' means reasons for operating at less than full capacity. Sources: Institute for Supply Management, [Report on Business](#); US Census Bureau, [Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization](#); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, [Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization - G17](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

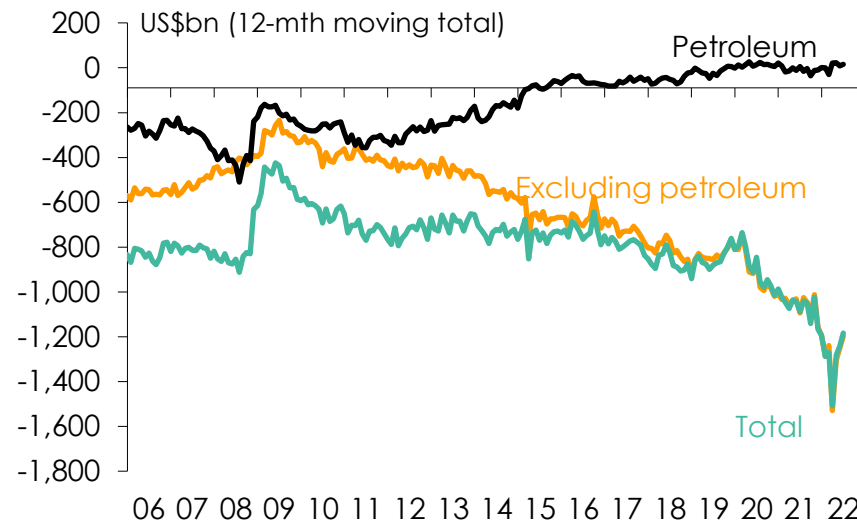
# The US goods & services trade deficit narrowed by \$5.3bn to \$79.6bn in June, the smallest this year, with exports up 1.7% and imports down 0.3%

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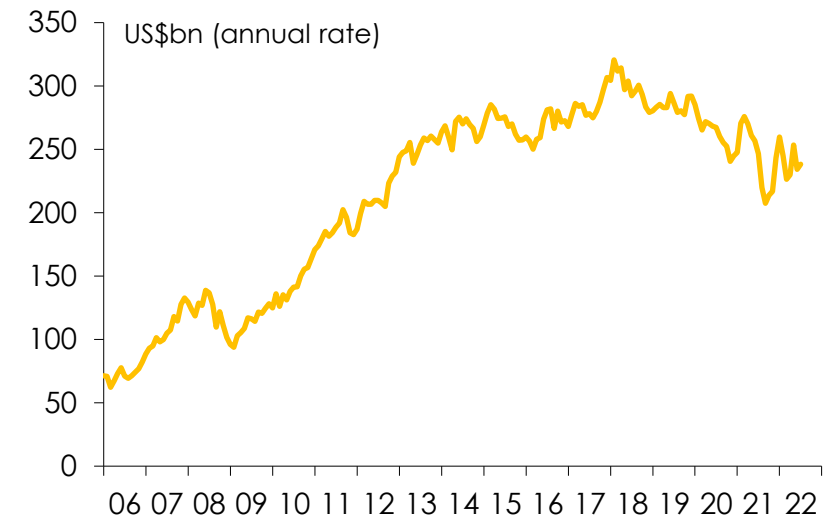
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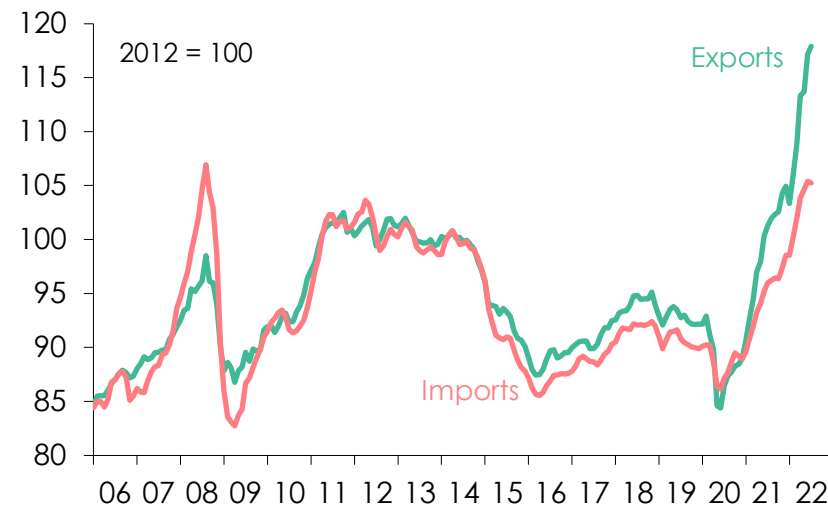
## US goods trade balance



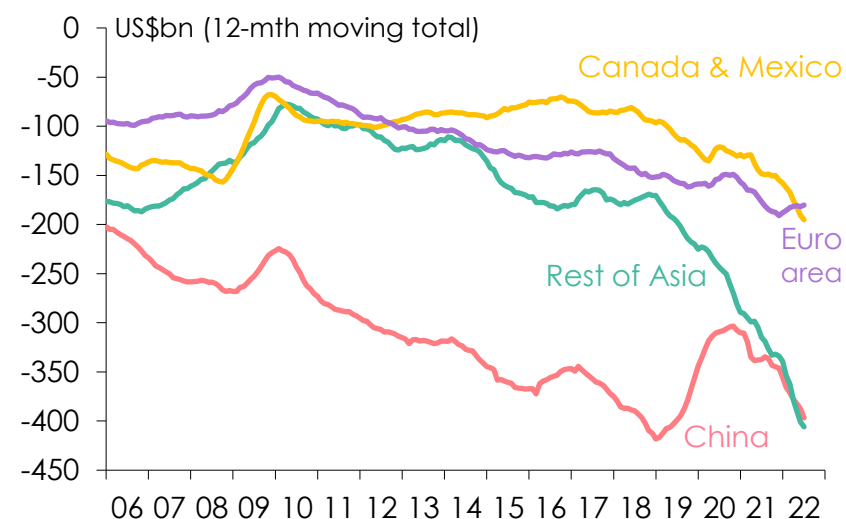
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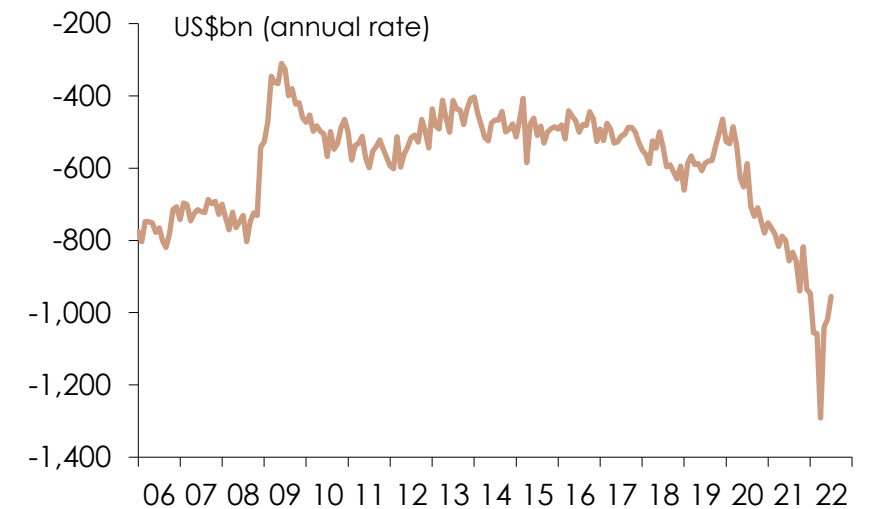
## US merchandise trade prices



## US bilateral goods trade balances



## US goods & services trade balance



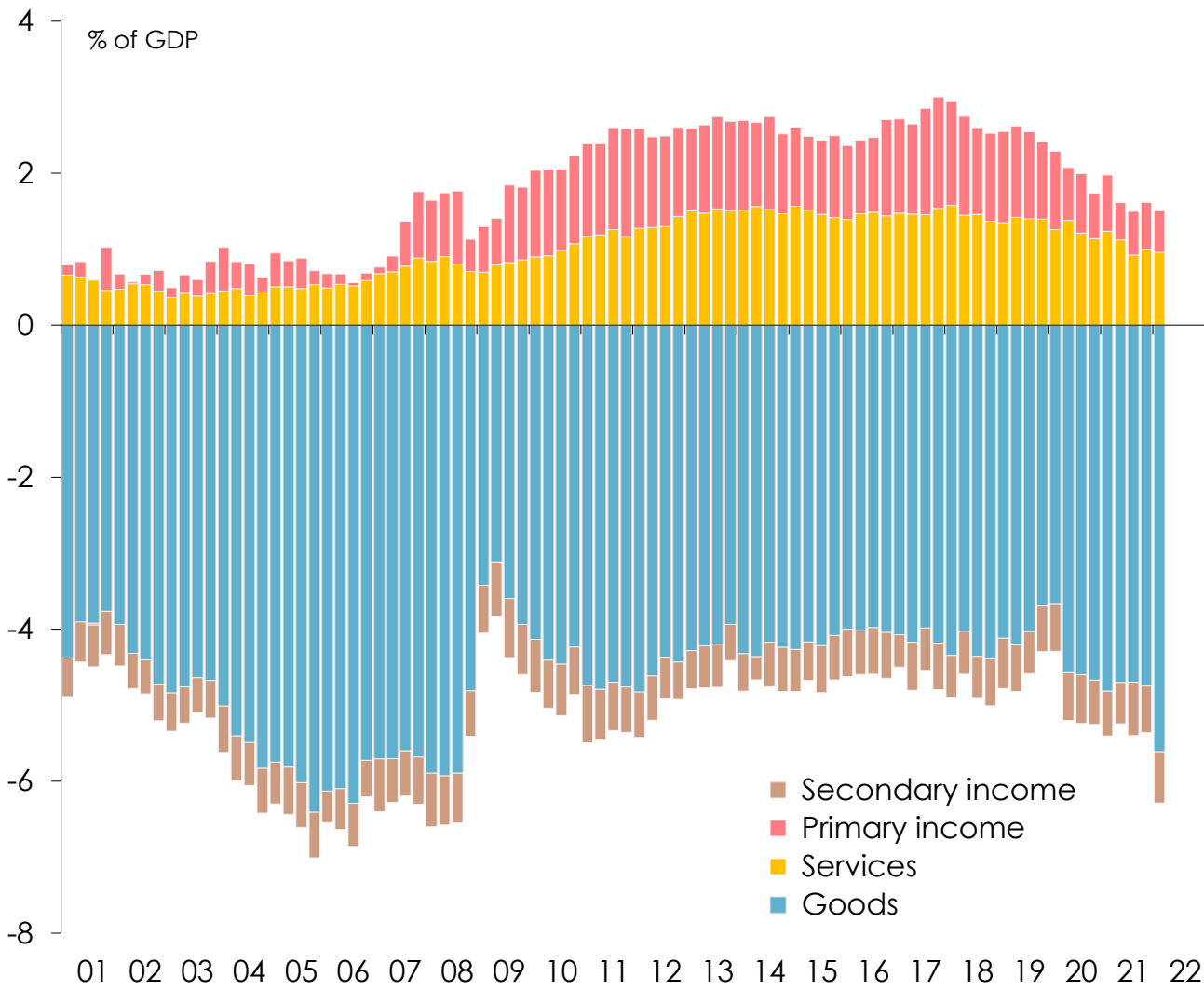
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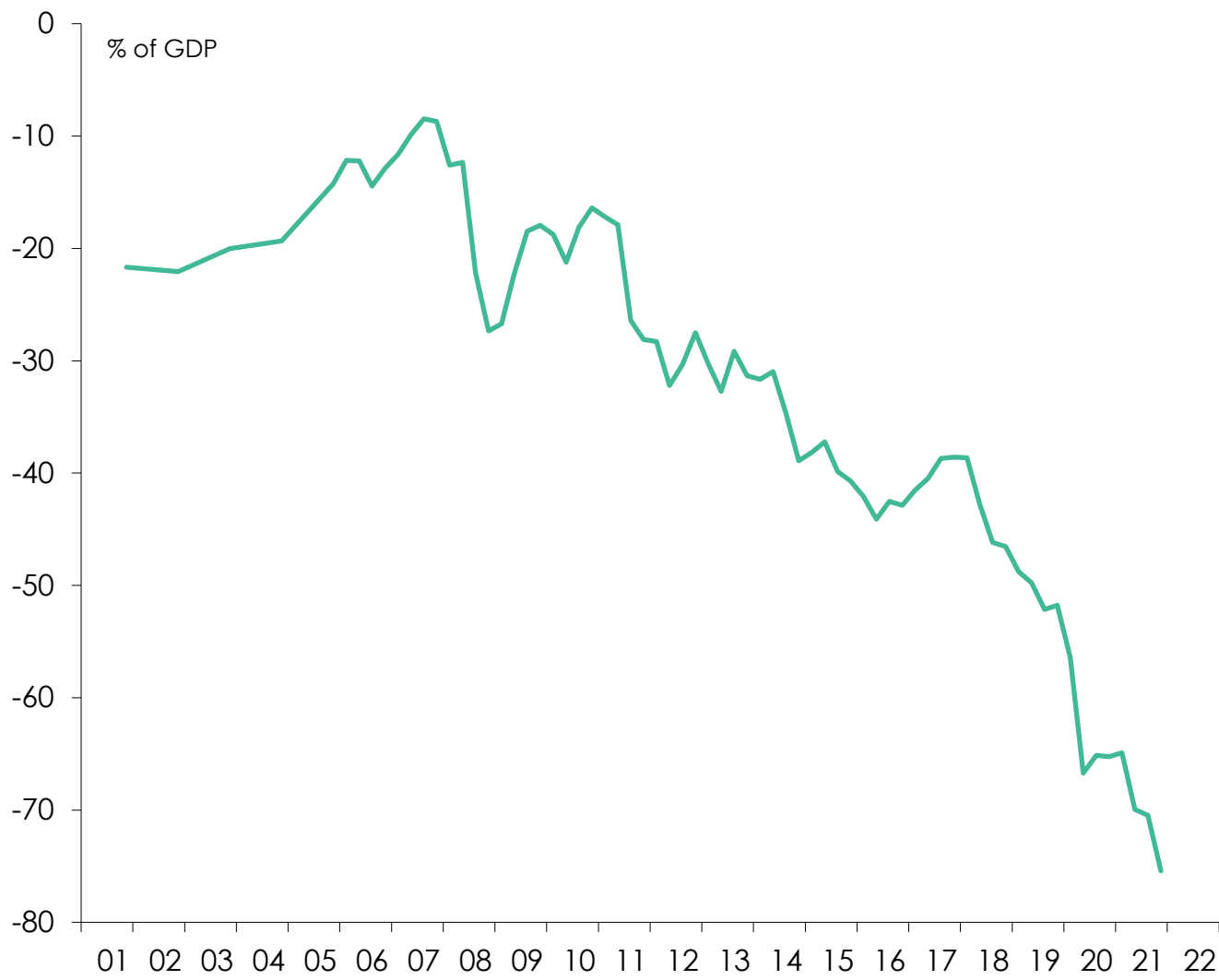
# The US current account deficit widened to US\$291bn in Q1, the largest on record in dollar terms and the highest as a pc of GDP since Q3 2008

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US current account balance



US net international investment position

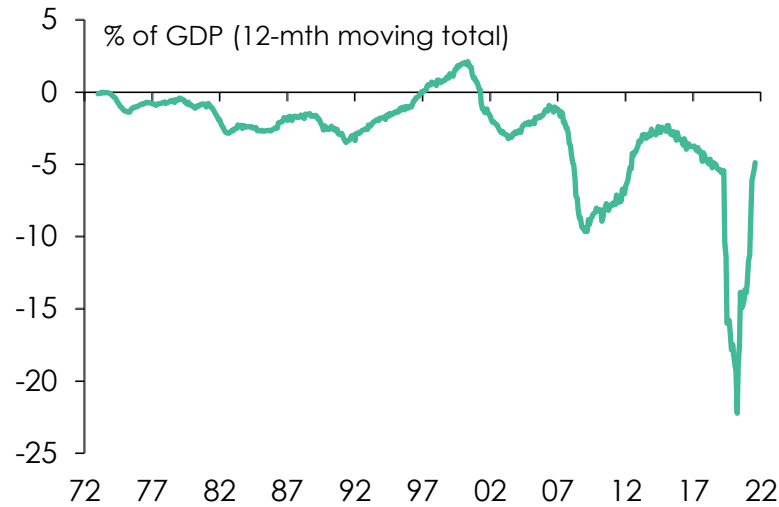


Note: 'Primary income' transactions are those involving investment income or compensation of employees. The US typically runs a surplus on investment income despite having a negative net international investment position since 1989, because US investors are able to derive much higher returns from their overseas assets than foreign investors derive from their investments in the US. 'Secondary income' transactions are current transfers between US residents and non-residents (including foreign aid, pensions, gifts, and insurance payments). Source: US [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

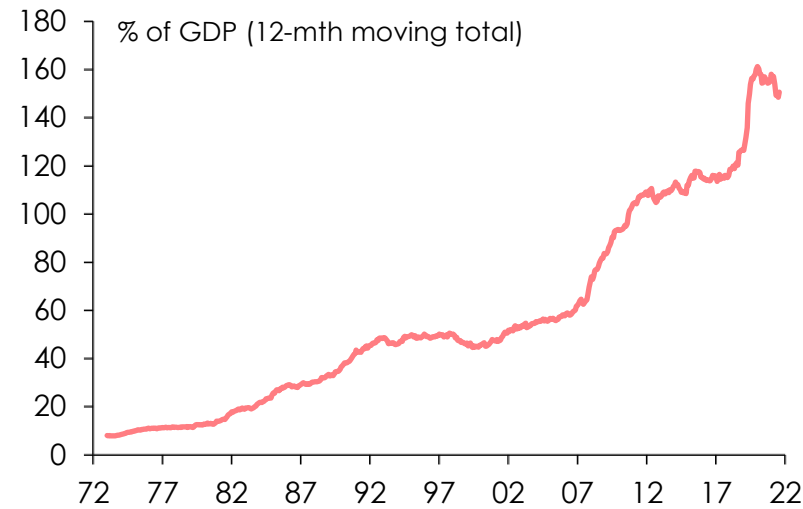
# The US Federal budget deficit is continuing to decline sharply, as a result of surging tax revenues and, to a lesser extent, falling spending

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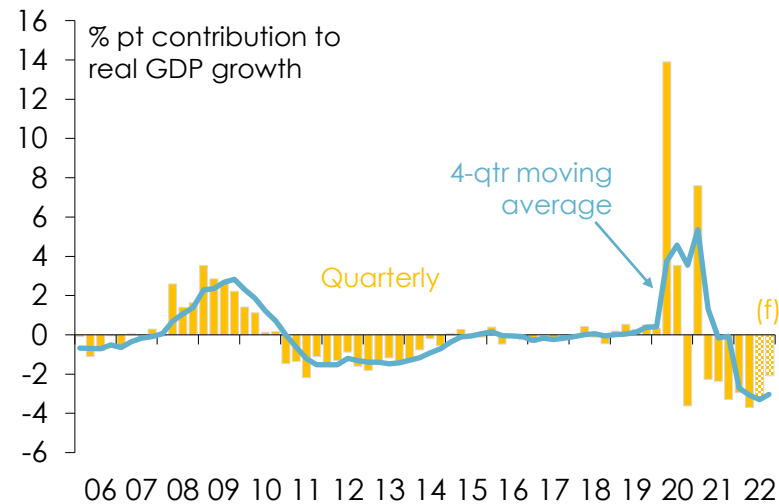
## US Federal budget deficit



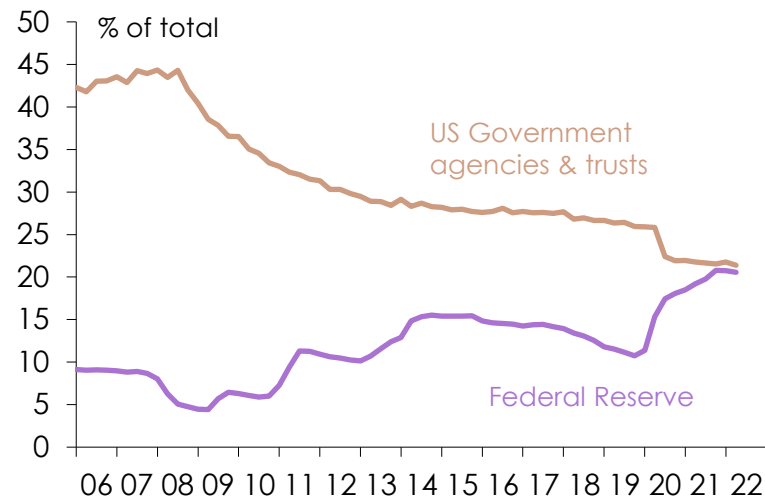
## US gross Federal debt



## Fiscal policy impact on GDP



## Holdings of US Federal debt



- ❑ The US Federal Government recorded a budget deficit of US\$211bn in July, down from \$302bn in July last year
- ❑ For the 12 months ended July the budget deficit totalled \$962bn (4.9% of GDP), the smallest 12-month total since September 2019, and down from a peak of \$4.1 trn (22.2% of GDP) in the 12 months ended March 2021 – and federal debt appears to have peaked as a pc of GDP
- ❑ The Fed holds almost 21% of the total stock of outstanding US Government debt (up from 11% in Q4 2019), while the share held by agencies and trusts (such as the Social Security Trust Fund) has fallen to just under 21.4% (from 26%) and the share held by foreign investors has fallen to 25% from a peak of 34% in 2014 and 2015
- ❑ Congress passed, and President Biden signed, the “Inflation Reduction Act” (a scaled-down version of the Administration’s “Build Back Better” proposals) focussed on controlling drug prices, clean energy measures, tax law enforcement, and extension of affordable care subsidies, together with a minimum 15% tax on large corporations and a 1% tax on stock buybacks

Note: The measure of US gross federal debt is at market value. Sources: US Treasury Department Bureau of the Fiscal Service, [Monthly Treasury Statement](#) and [Treasury Bulletin](#); Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, [Market Value of US Government Debt](#); Brookings, [Hutchins Center Fiscal Impact Measure](#); Corinna. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# Fed Chair Jerome Powell's speech to the Jackson Hole conference conveyed a notably hawkish tone

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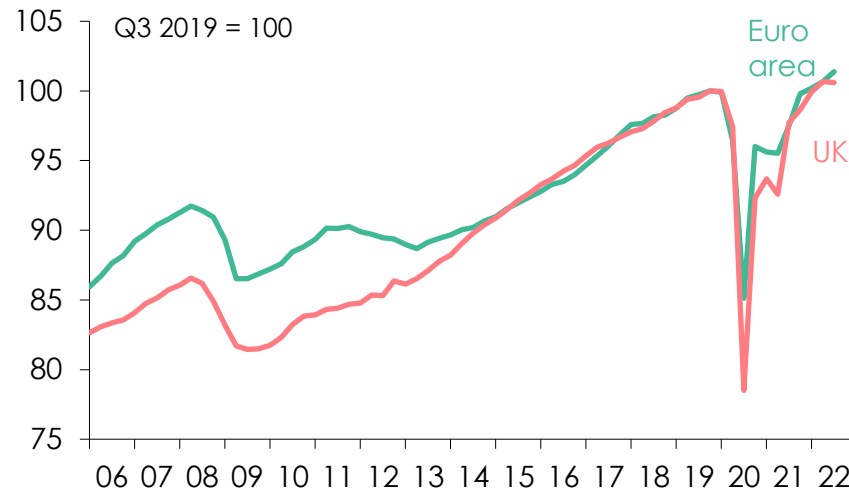
- ❑ Jerome Powell's [address](#) to the annual Kansas City Fed Jackson Hole conference represented a forceful affirmation of the Fed's determination to bring inflation back down to the Fed's target
  - he emphasized that “restoring price stability will take some time”
  - and “requires using [the Fed's] tool forcefully to bring demand and supply into better balance”,
  - which is “likely to require a sustained period of below-trend growth” and “some softening of labour market conditions”
- ❑ He explained that the Fed was “moving [its] policy stance purposefully to a level that will be sufficiently restrictive to return inflation to 2%”
  - which, he implied, meant interest rates moving above estimates of “longer-run neutral”,
  - saying that “with inflation running far above 2% and the labour market extremely tight”, neutral was “not a place to stop or pause”
  - while noting that “longer-term inflation expectations appear to remain well anchored”, that was “not grounds for complacency” and emphasizing that “the longer the current bout of inflation continues, the greater the chance that expectations of higher inflation will become entrenched
- ❑ He also sought to counter any expectations that interest rates might start coming down soon after reaching their peak
  - “restoring price stability will likely require maintaining restrictive policy stance for some time”,
  - and “the historical record cautions strongly against prematurely loosening policy”
- ❑ Financial markets interpreted Powell's remarks as indicating that a third consecutive 75 bp increase in the fed funds rate was likely at the next FOMC meeting on 20-21<sup>st</sup> September

**Europe**

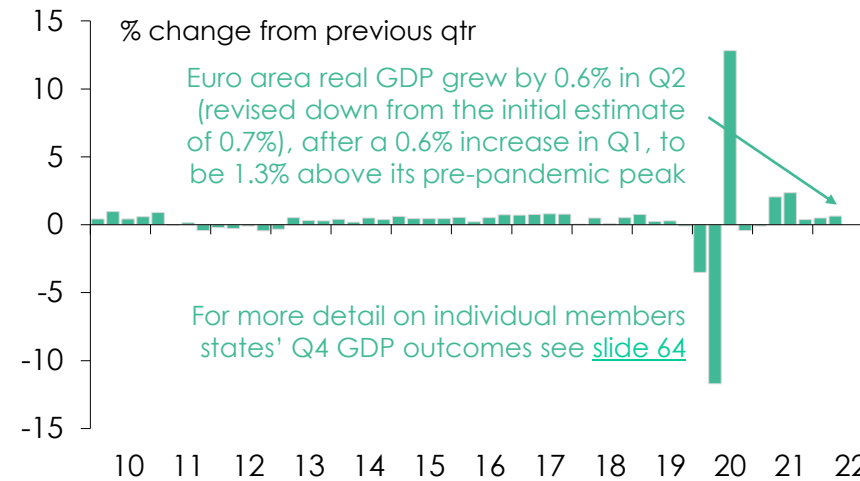
# The UK's real GDP shrank 0.1% in Q2, due to falls in private and government consumption, and in public investment

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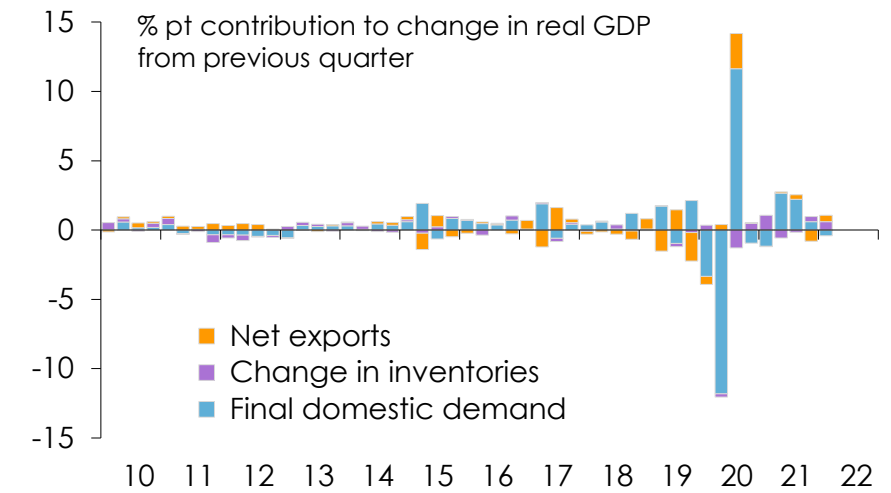
## Euro area and UK real GDP



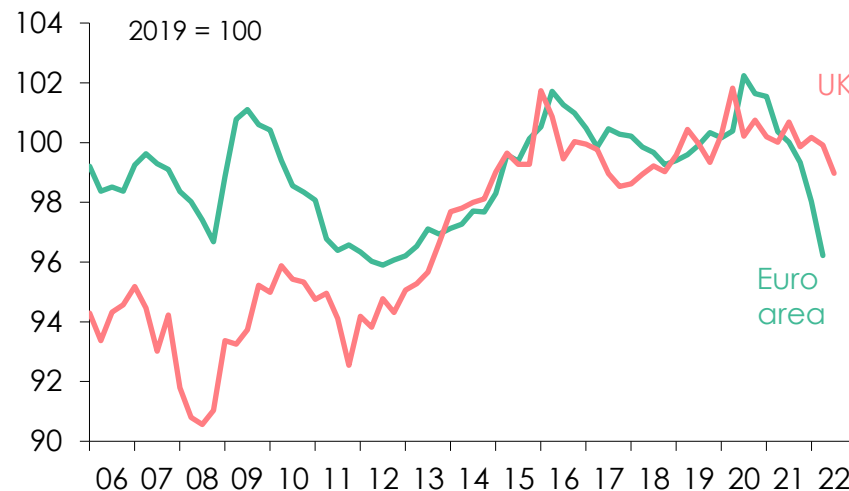
## Euro area quarterly GDP growth



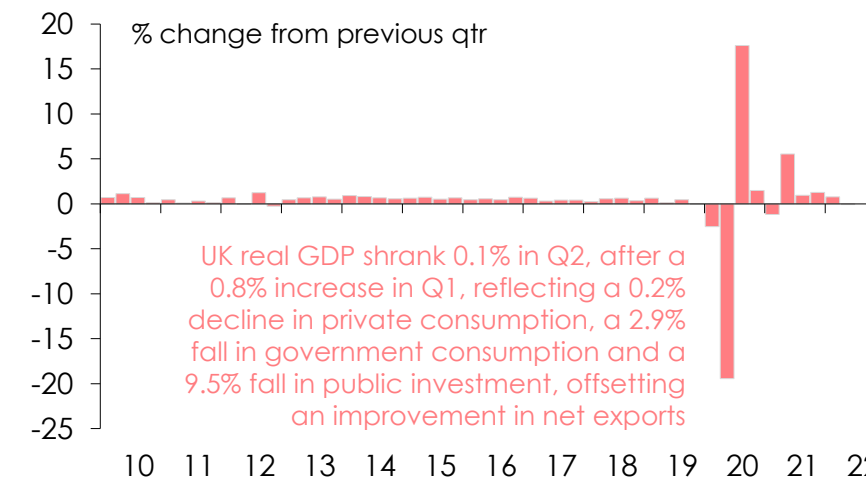
## Contributions to quarterly EA GDP



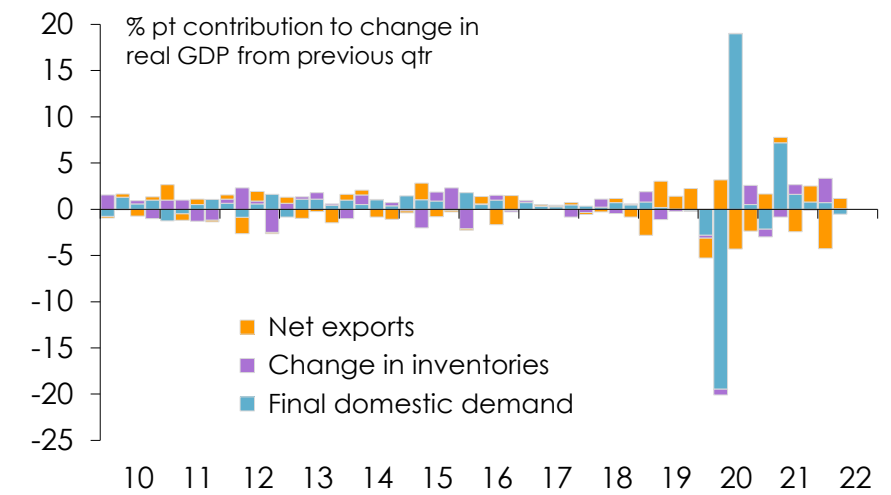
## Euro area and UK terms of trade



## UK quarterly GDP growth



## Contributions to quarterly UK GDP

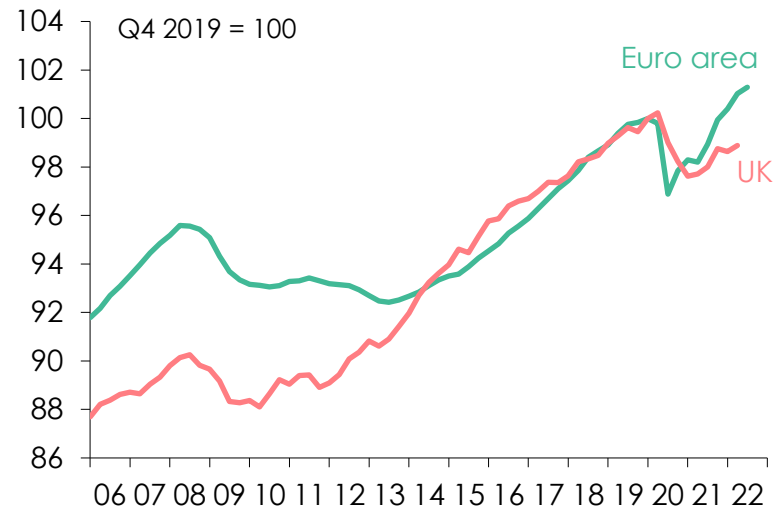


Note: the 'terms of trade' is the ratio of the implicit price deflator of exports of goods & services to that of imports of goods & services – it gives an indication of the income gains or losses arising from changes in the prices of goods and services traded with the rest of the world. Sources: Eurostat, [National accounts - Main tables](#); UK Office for National Statistics, [GDP quarterly national accounts time series](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

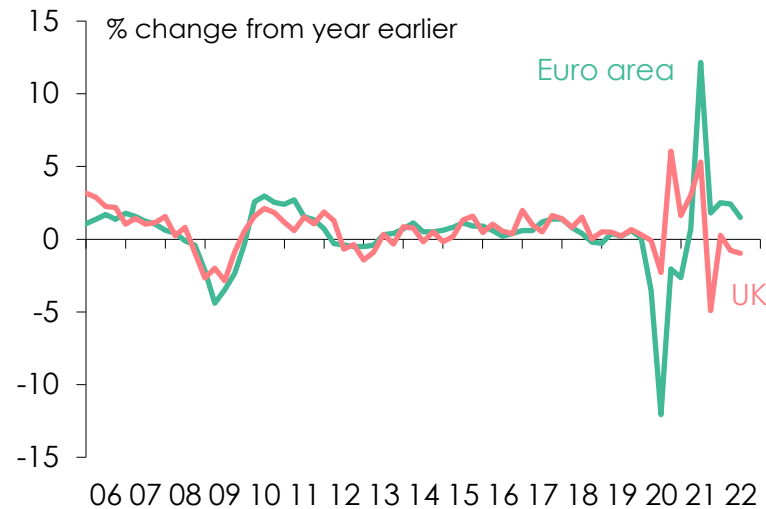
# Euro area unemployment fell to a new record (since 1998) low of 6.6% in April, May & June, while the UK's unemployment rate remained at 3.8%

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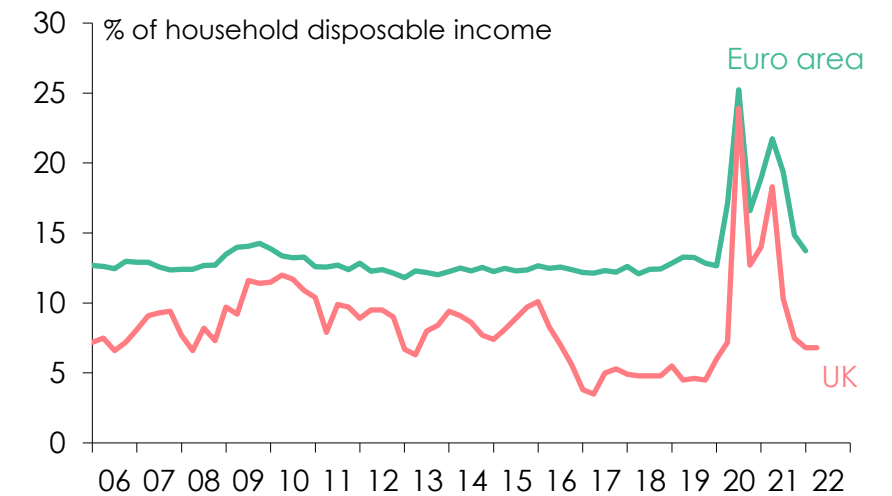
## Employment



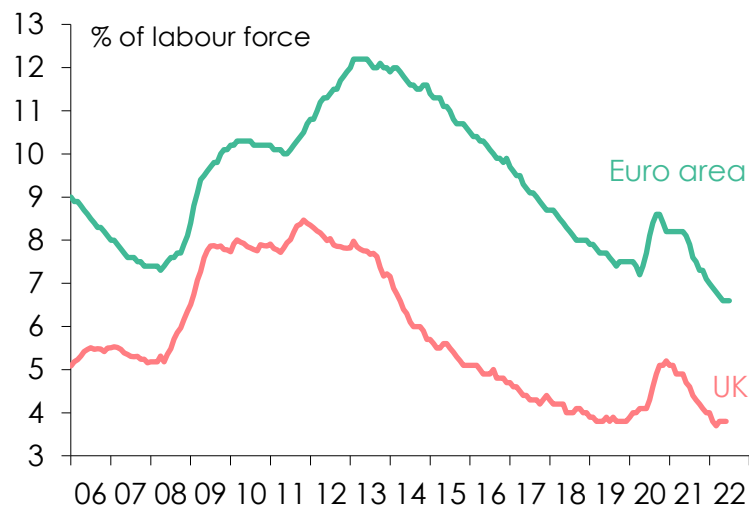
## Labour productivity



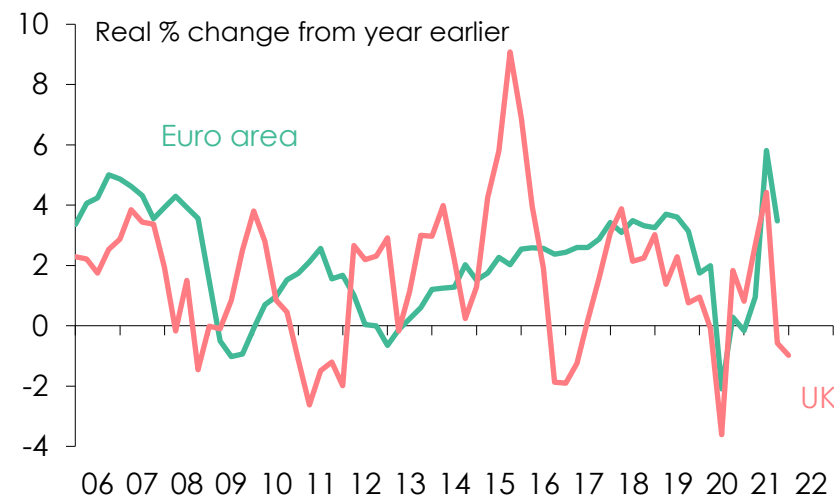
## Household saving rates



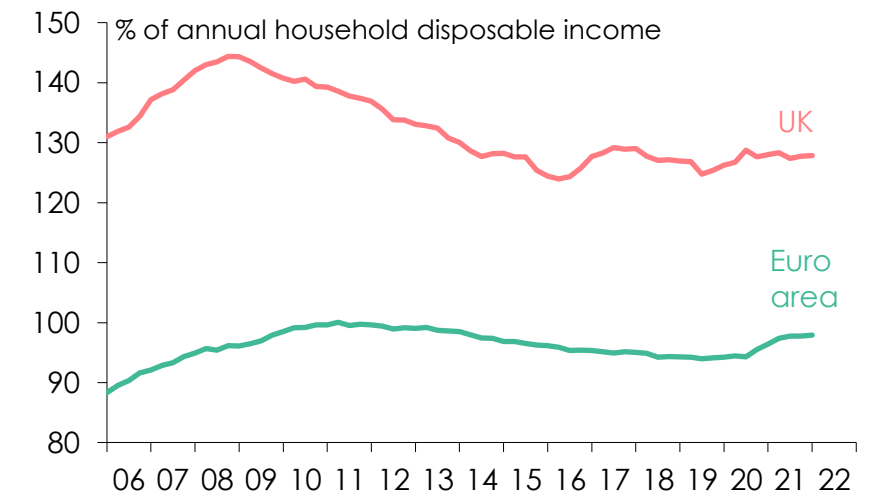
## Unemployment rates



## Household disposable income



## Household debt



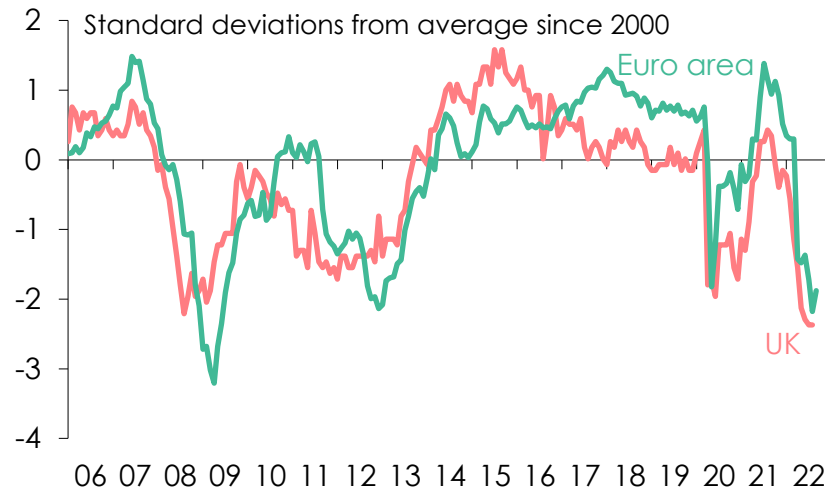
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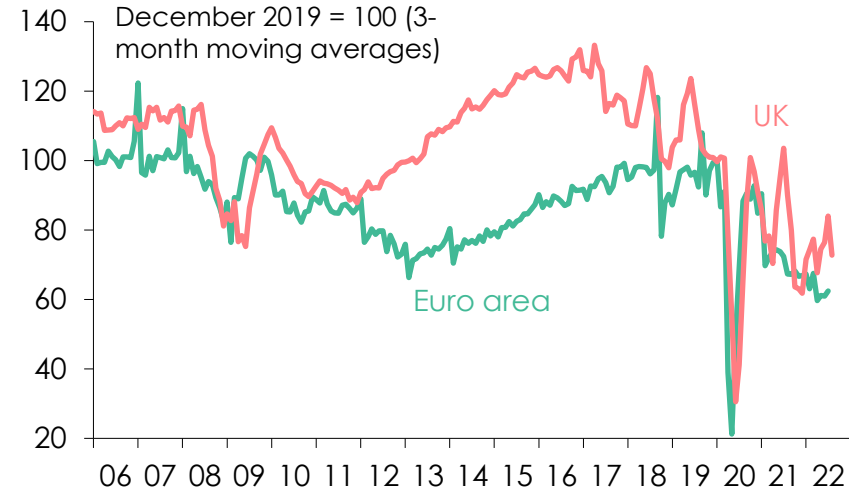
# Consumers in the euro area are now almost as pessimistic as those in the UK, although business confidence has held up better in the euro area

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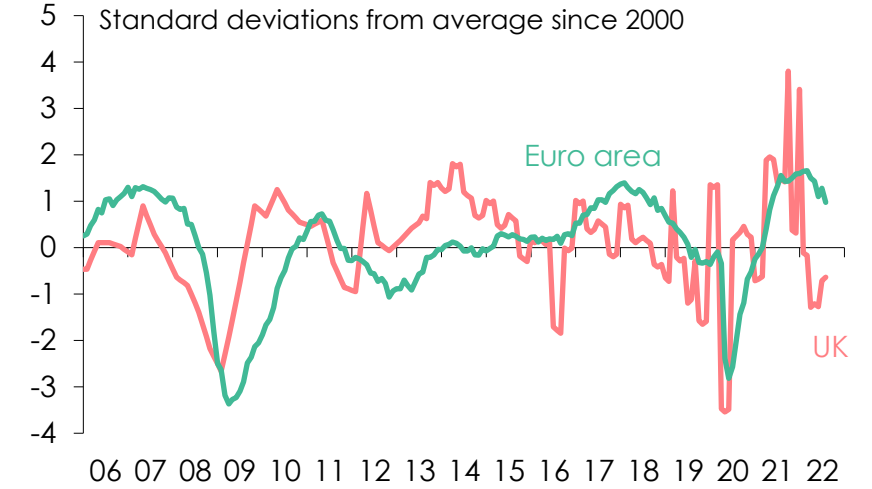
## Consumer confidence



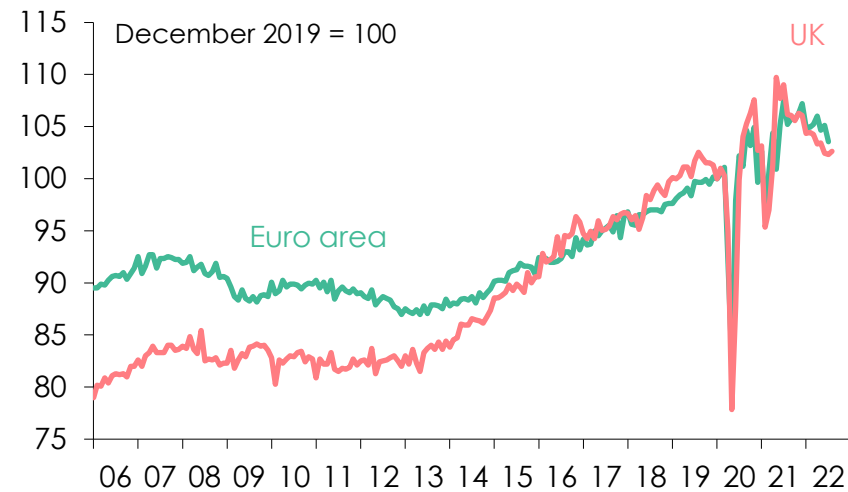
## New car registrations



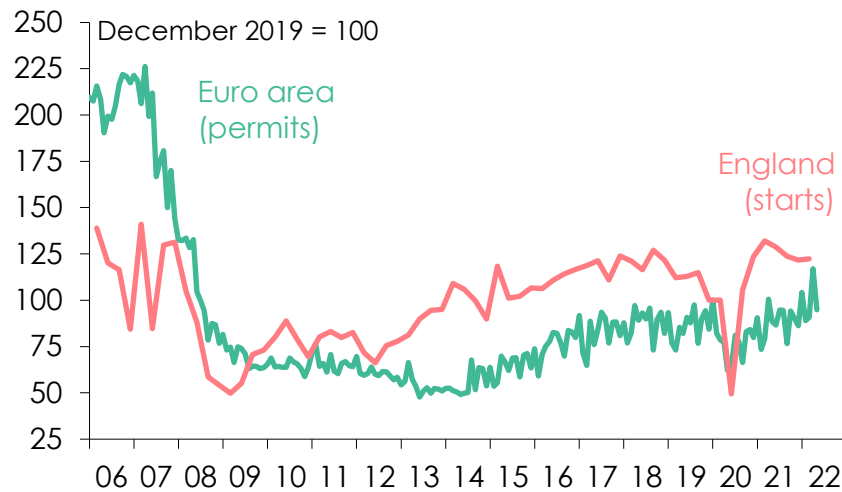
## Business confidence



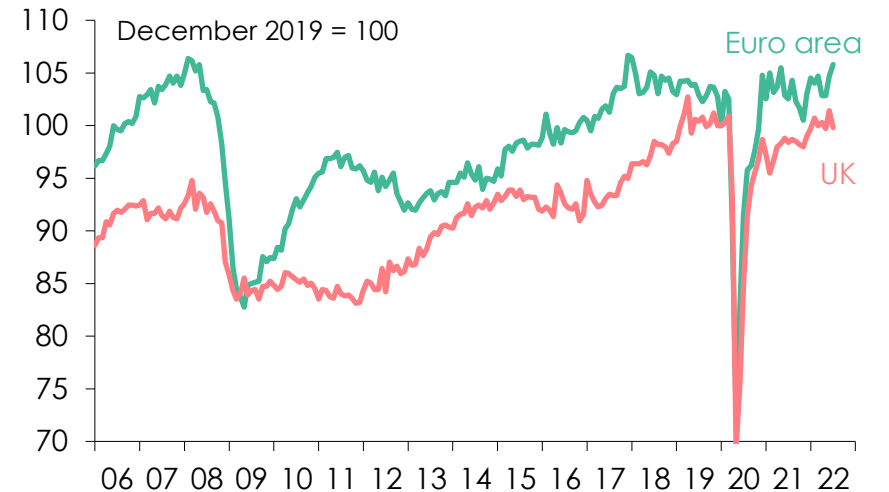
## Retail sales volume



## Housing activity



## Manufacturing production



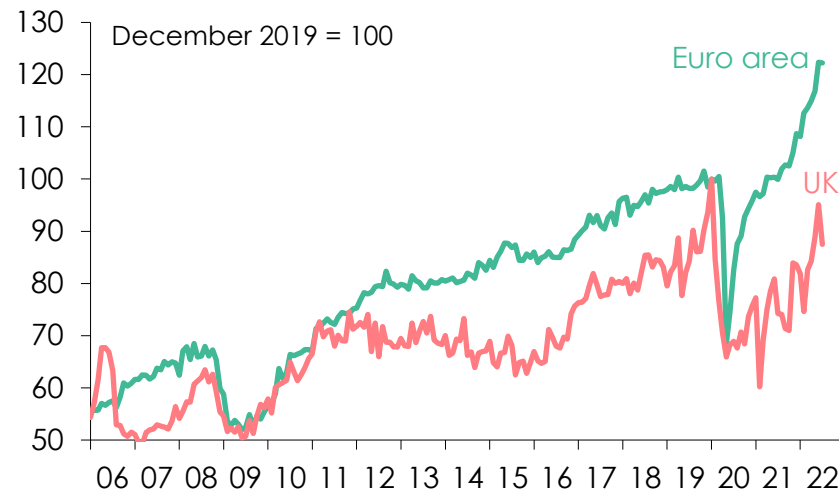
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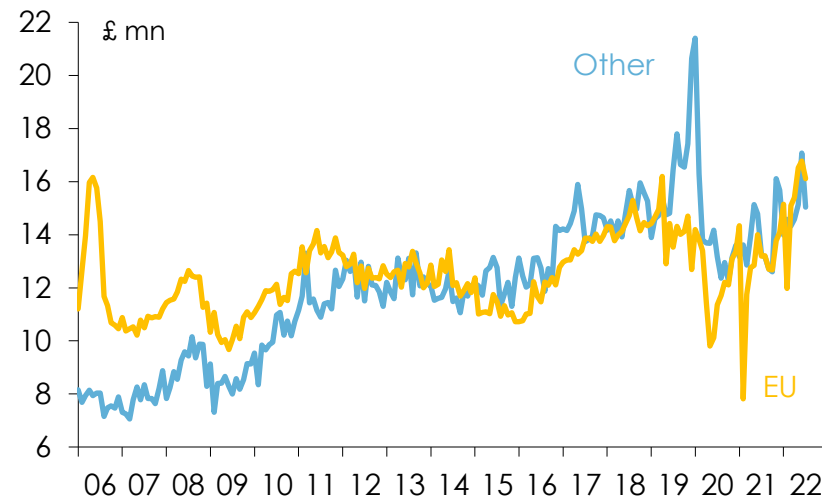
# Higher prices for energy imports have caused the euro area's external balances to slip into deficit, and also widened the UK's external deficits

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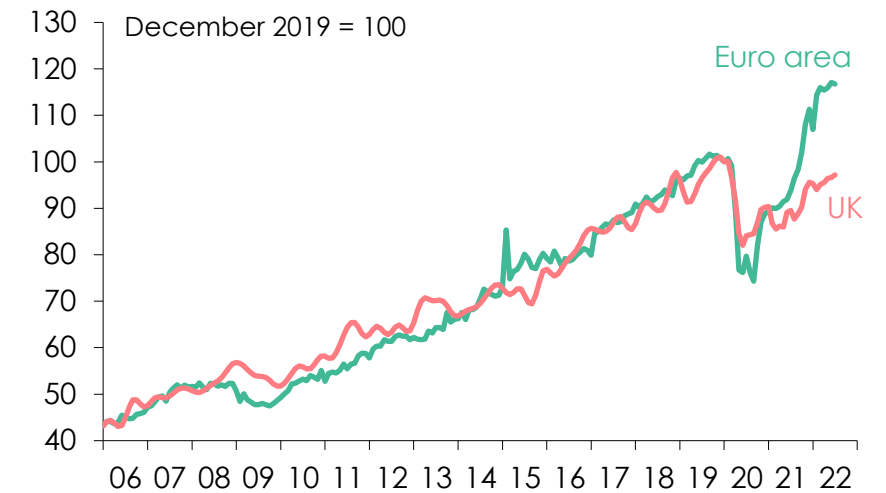
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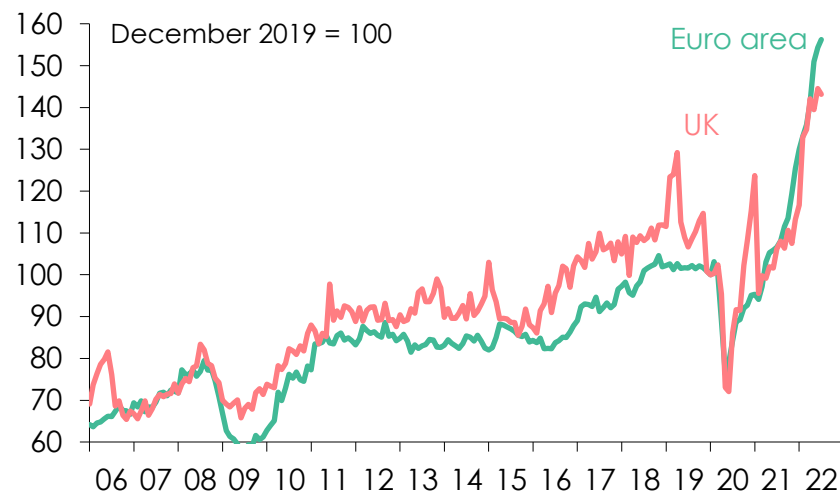
## UK exports by destination



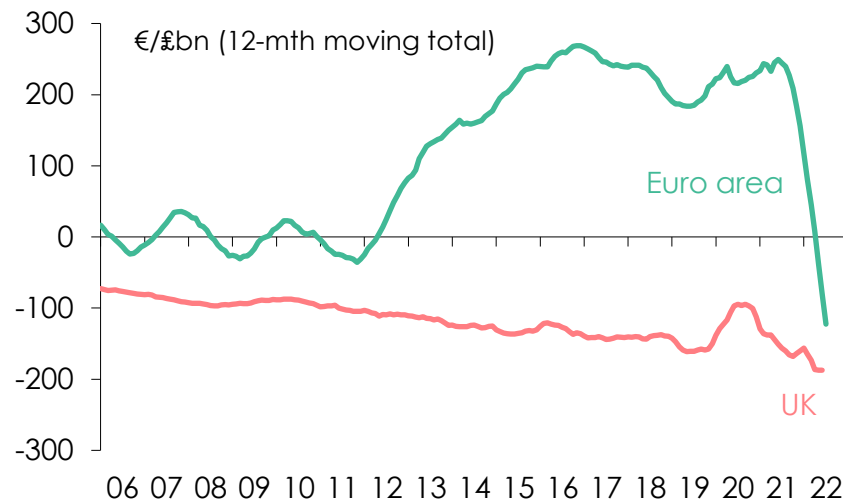
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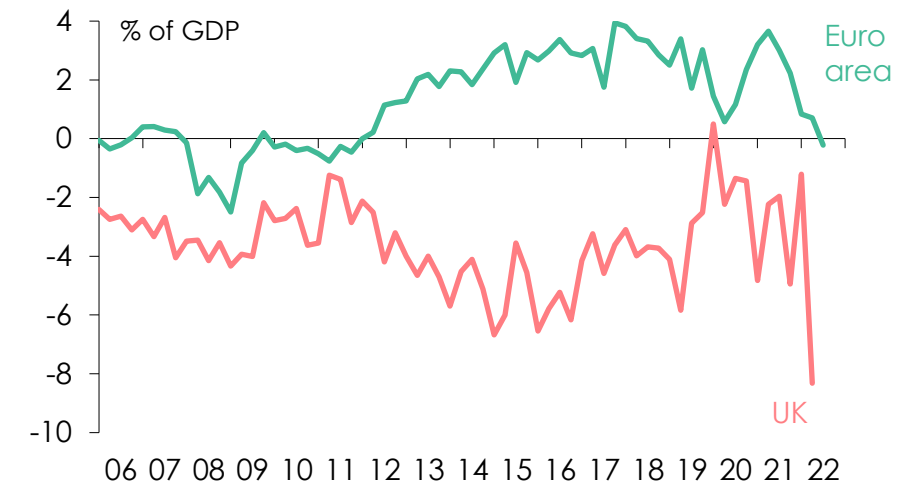
## Merchandise imports



## Merchandise trade balances



## Current account balance

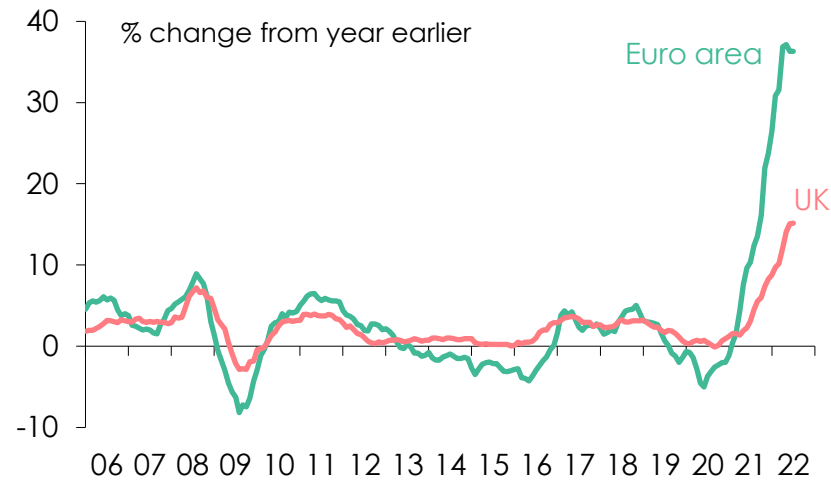


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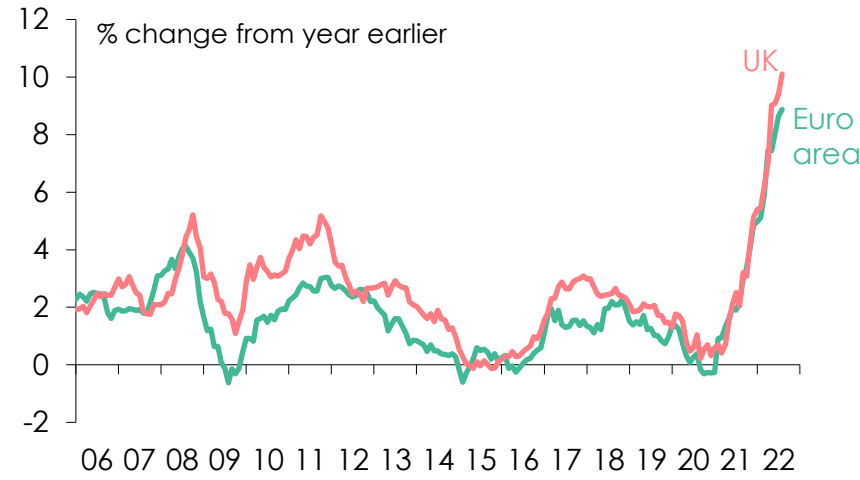
# The UK's annual 'headline' inflation rate rose to 10.1% in July while the 'core' rate which had slowed since April re-accelerated to 6.1%

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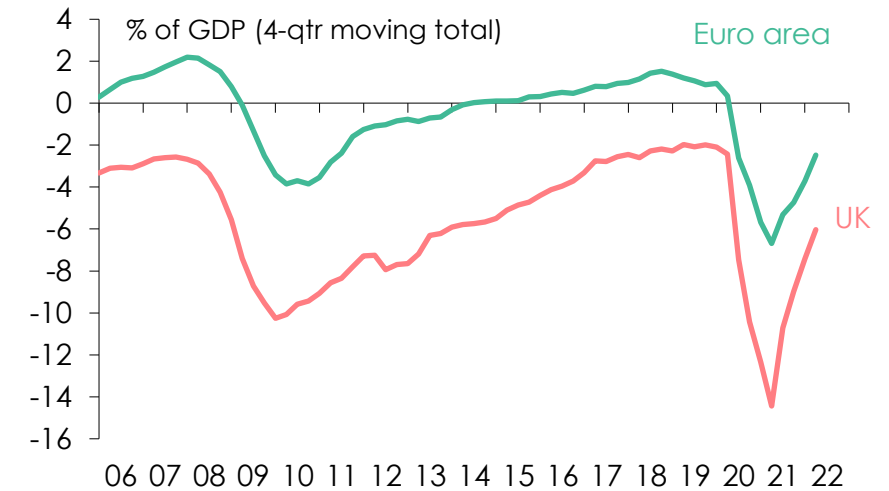
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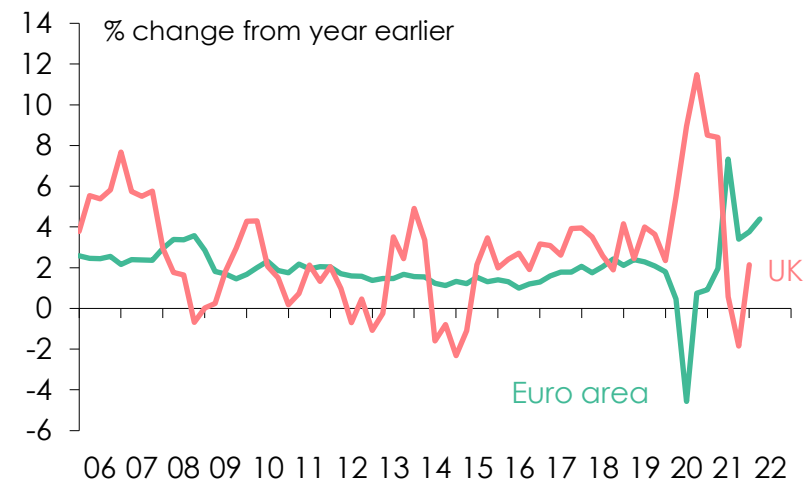
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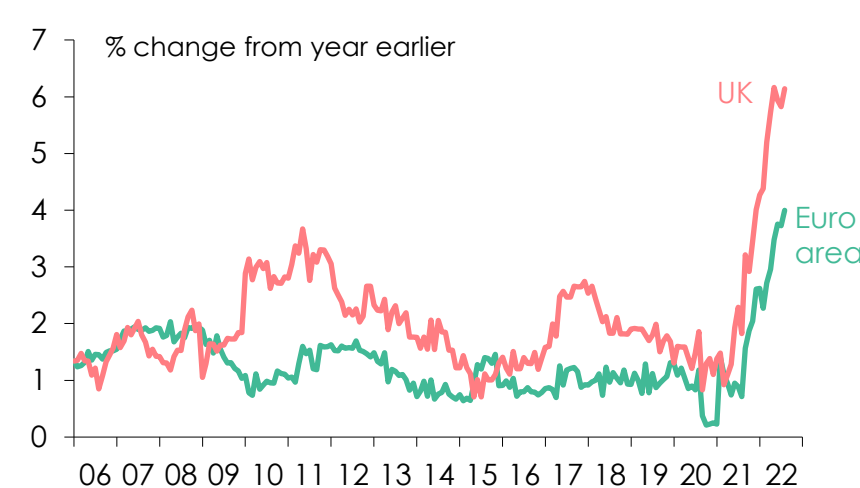
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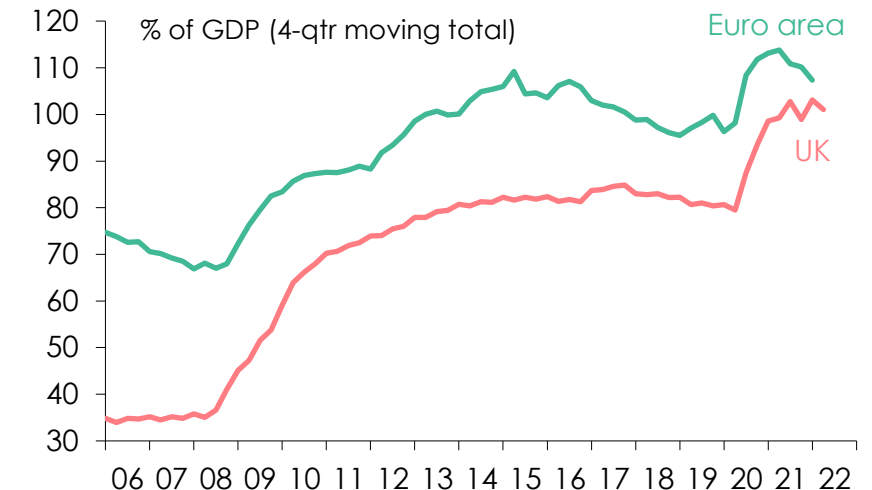
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## 'Core' consumer prices



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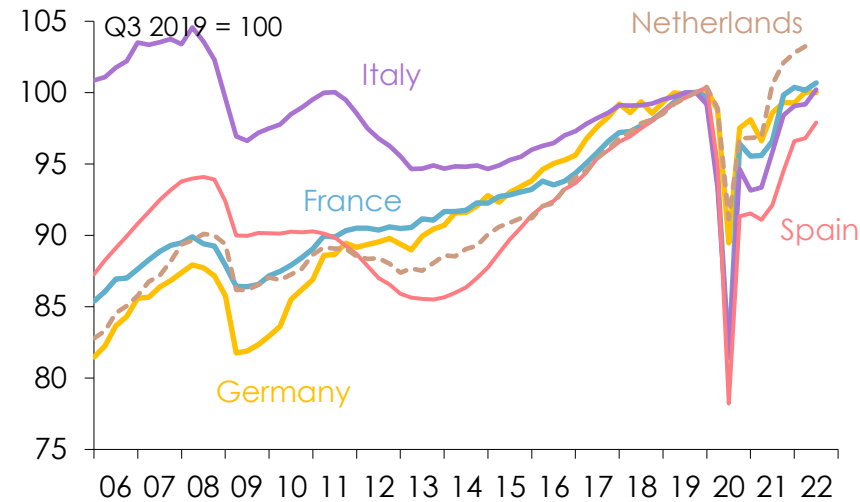


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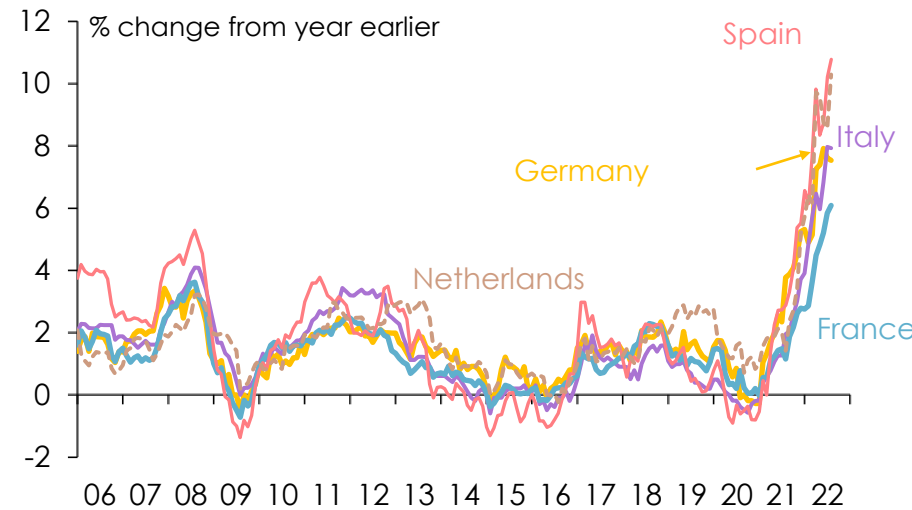
# The end of ECB asset purchases has led to a significant widening in yield spreads between Spanish & especially Italian, and German bonds

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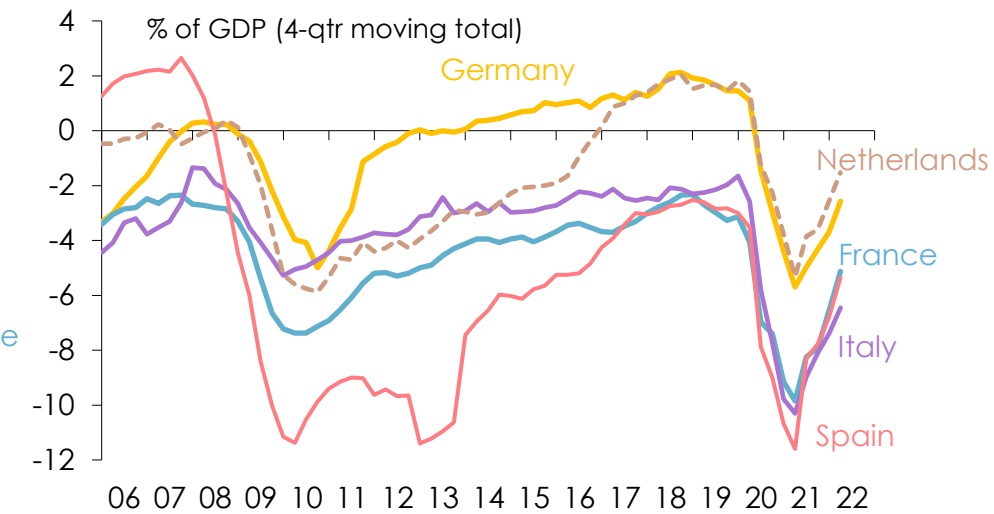
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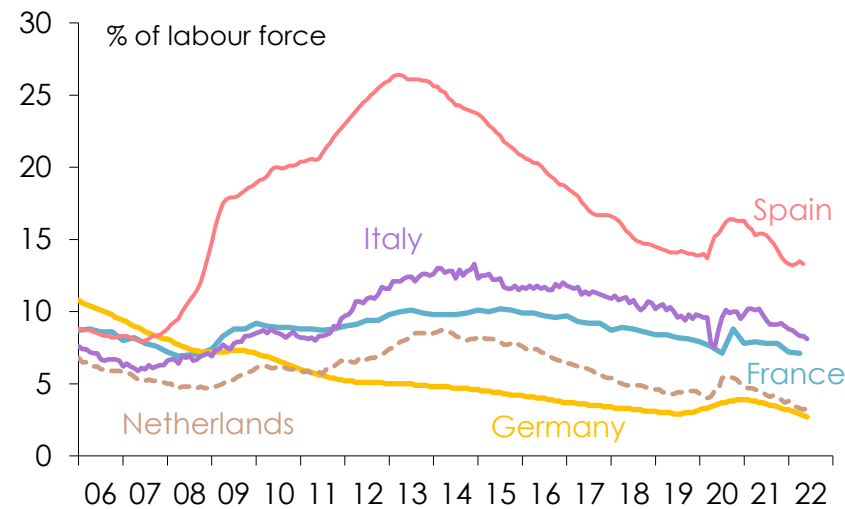
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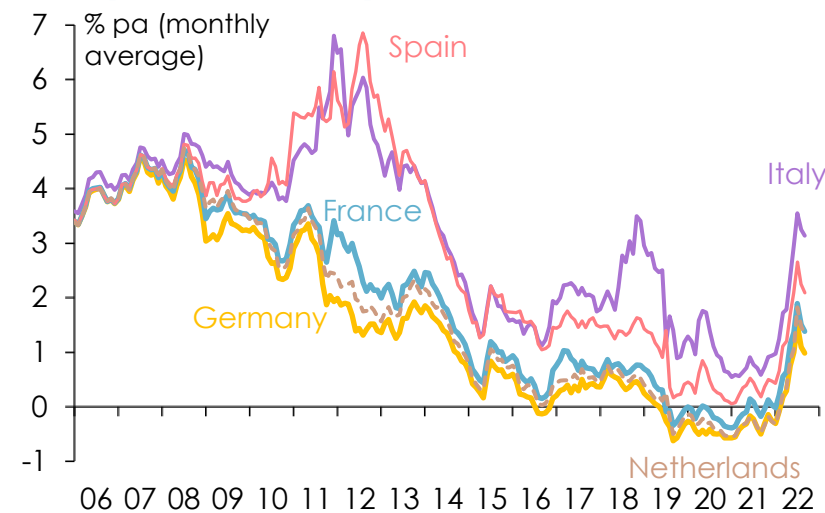
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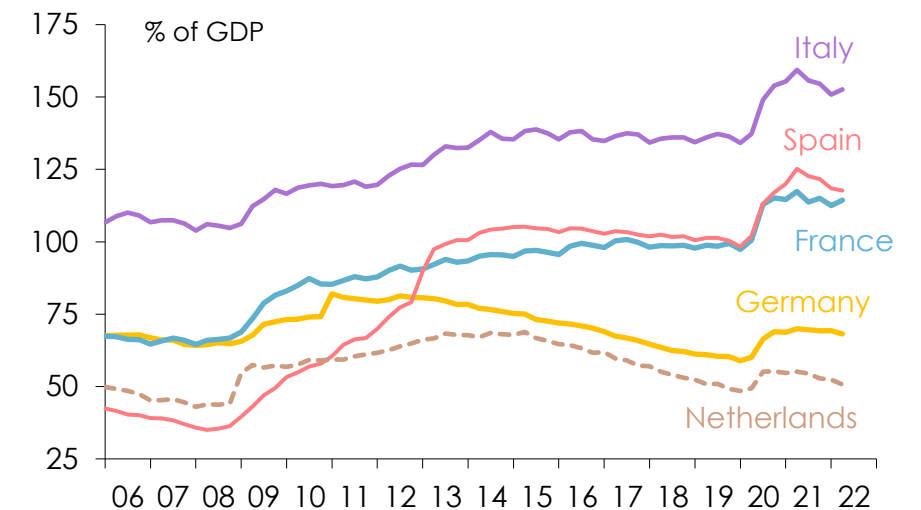
## Unemployment



## 10-year bond yields



## Government gross debt



Sources: Eurostat, [National accounts - Main tables](#), [Employment and unemployment \(Labour force survey\)](#), [HICP - all items](#), [Quarterly non-financial accounts for general government](#) and [Quarterly government debt](#); Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# A prominent ECB Executive Board member sounded pessimistic about the near-term inflation outlook, and the need for further rate increases

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- ❑ The [European Central Bank](#) raised refi rate by 50 basis points, from zero to 0.50%, and its margin lending and deposit facility rates by a similar margin to 0.75% and zero, at its Governing Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July
  - this was twice as much as had been foreshadowed at the previous GC meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, which the GC [said](#) was prompted by its “updated assessment of the inflation outlook” and, by exiting from negative rates, allowed the GC to “make a transition to a meeting-by-meeting approach to interest rate decisions”, foreshadowing that “further normalization of interest rates will be appropriate” at upcoming meetings
- ❑ The ECB also approved the establishment of a [Transmission Protection Instrument](#) (TPI) to “ensure that the monetary policy stance is transmitted smoothly across all euro area countries”
  - this instrument will allow the ECB to “make secondary market purchases of securities issued in jurisdictions experiencing a deterioration in financing conditions not warranted by country-specific fundamentals” in order to “counter unwarranted, disorderly market dynamics that pose a serious threat to the transmission of monetary policy across the euro area”
  - in other words, to prevent destabilizing ‘blow-outs’ in the spreads between euro area member states bond yields
- ❑ At her [post-meeting press conference](#), ECB President Christine Lagarde explained that the decision to raise rates by 50 bp (rather than the 25bp that had been foreshadowed) was prompted by a “clear realization of upside risk to inflation” (as evidenced by higher-than-forecast inflation outcomes since the previous GC meeting), and by the “substantial” fall in the euro in recent weeks “which obviously has a bearing on inflation going forward”
- ❑ Mme Lagarde also indicated that the ‘guidance’ provided after the GC’s June meeting that the initial rate increase in July could be followed by a larger increase at the next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September was “no longer applicable”
- ❑ ECB Executive Board Member Isabel Schnabel this month [said](#) that the inflation concerns the ECB had in July “have not been alleviated”, that she “would not exclude that, in the short term, inflation is going to increase further”, and that there was “an elevated risk of de-anchoring” household inflation expectations

# The Bank of England raised its bank rate by 50bp this month, and forecast that inflation would peak at 13% in Q4, and that real GDP would shrink 2¼%

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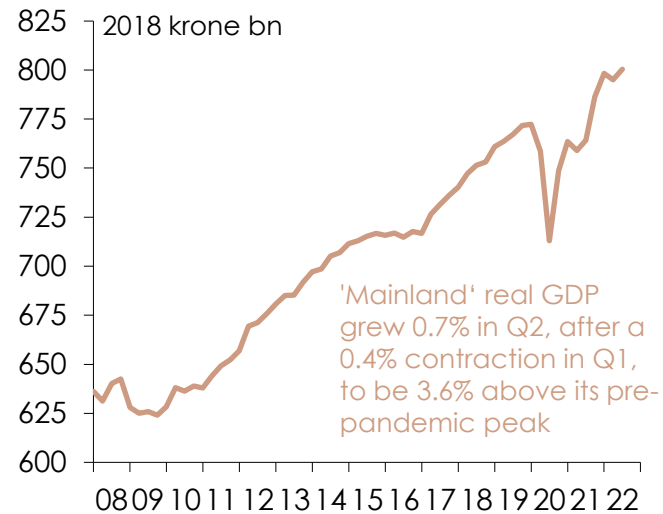
- ❑ The [Bank of England](#) raised its Bank Rate by 50bp to 1.75% at its Monetary Policy Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August
  - this was the sixth successive increase, and the largest since February 1995, bringing the cumulative increase since the first move in December last year to 165 bp
- ❑ In the [Monetary Policy Summary](#) published after the meeting, the MPC said that the latest increase was warranted by “elevated” domestic cost and price pressures, and the “tight” labour market, which created “risk that a longer period of externally generated price inflation will lead to more enduring domestic price and wage pressures”
  - the seven (out of eight) MPC members voting for a 50bp increase judged that “a faster pace of policy tightening at this meeting would help to bring inflation back to the 2% target sustainably in the medium term, and to reduce the risks of a more extended and costly tightening cycle later”
- ❑ The MPC also indicated that it was “provisionally minded” to commence selling gilts out of its Asset Purchase Facility in September, with sales likely to be of the order of £10bn per quarter (over and above redemptions)
- ❑ In the [Monetary Policy Report](#) released after the MPC meeting, Bank of England staff expect the annual CPI inflation rate to peak at 13.1% in Q4 this year (3 pc points higher than the previous forecast in May) before falling to 5.5% in Q4 next year and then to 1.4% by Q4 2024
  - the upward revisions are largely attributable to energy prices (which are expected to account for 6½ pc pts of the peak inflation rate in Q4), but also reflect faster than previously forecast growth in labour costs
- ❑ The Bank explicitly predicts that the UK economy will enter recession in Q4 this year, with real GDP contracting by 2¼% over five quarters to Q4 2023, with growth thereafter being “very weak by historical standards” -
  - the recession is largely the result of the “adverse impact of the very sharp increases in energy, non-energy commodities and tradable goods prices on UK household real incomes and spending”
  - the Bank expects the unemployment rate to remain at around its present level of 3¾% through Q1 next year, but then rise to 4¾% by Q4 next year, and to reach 6¼% by the second half of 2025



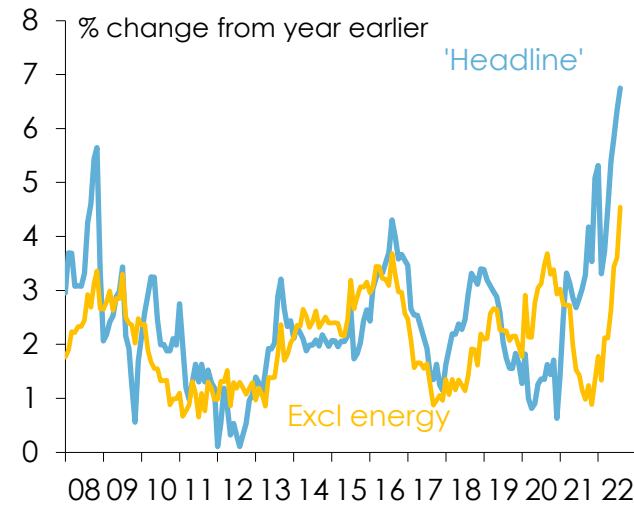
# Norges Bank raised its policy rate by 50bp (the second such increase) to 1.75% this month, and foreshadowed a further increase next month

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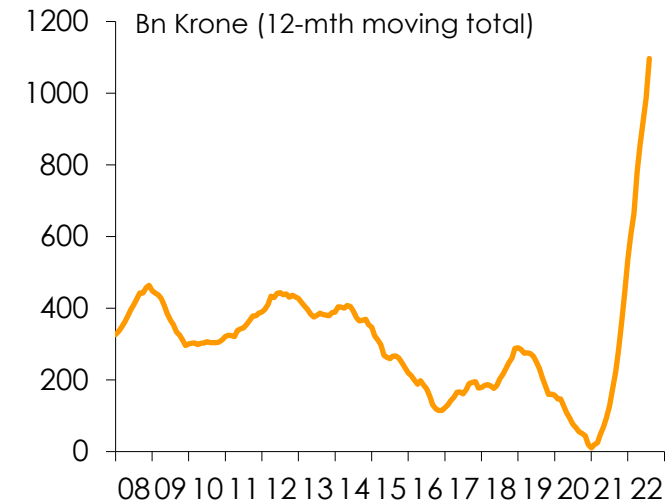
## 'Mainland' real GDP



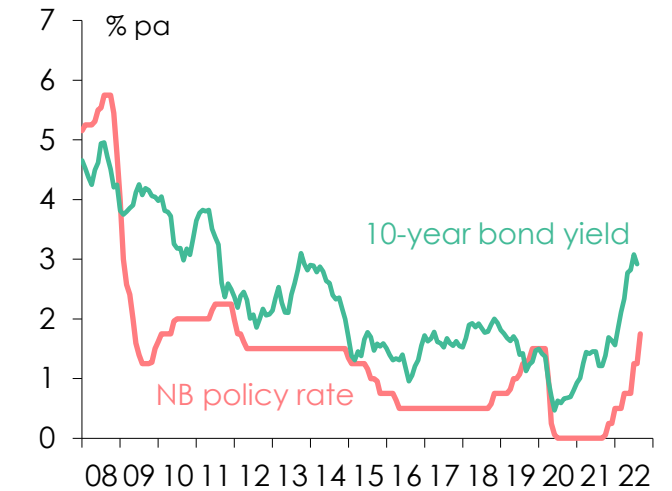
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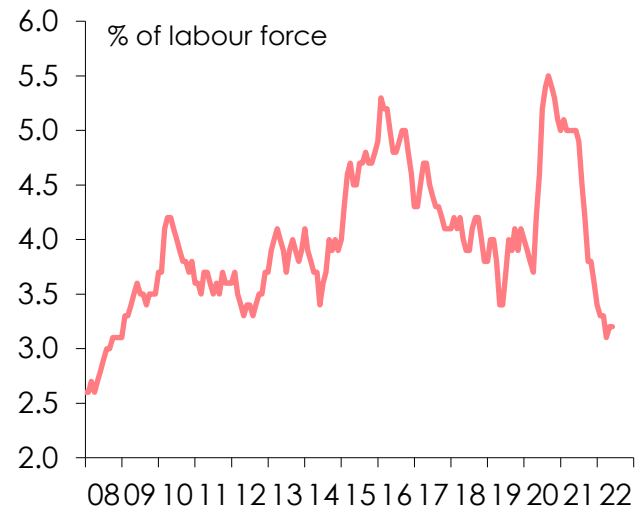
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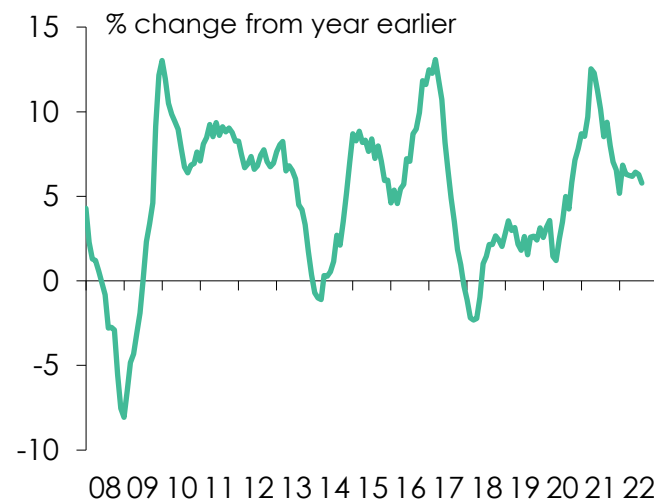
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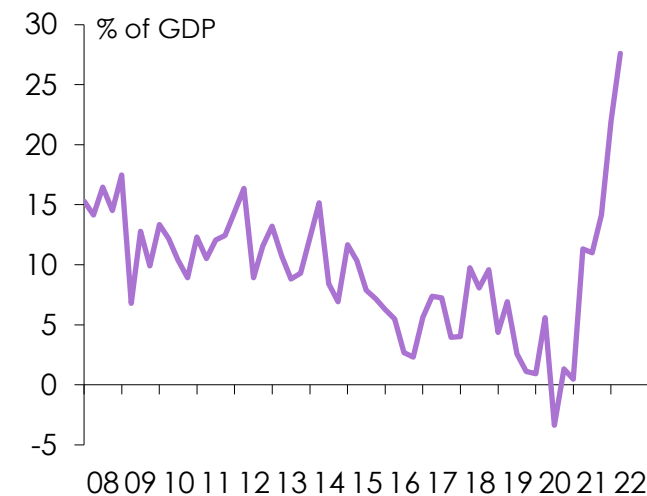
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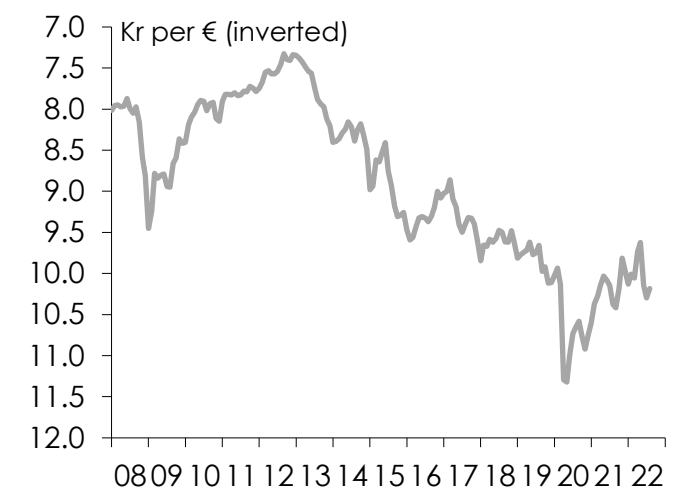
## House prices



## Current account balance



## Krone vs euro

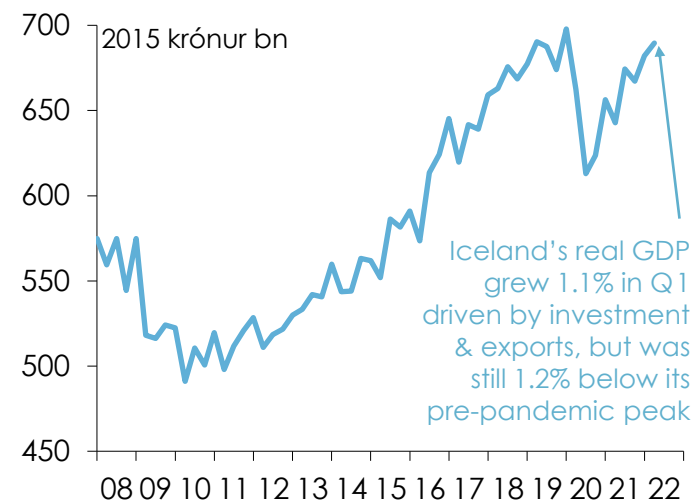


Note: 'mainland' GDP means excluding Norway's oil and gas industry which is entirely located offshore. Sources: [Statistisk sentralbyrå](#); [Norges Bank](#); Refinitiv Datastream.  
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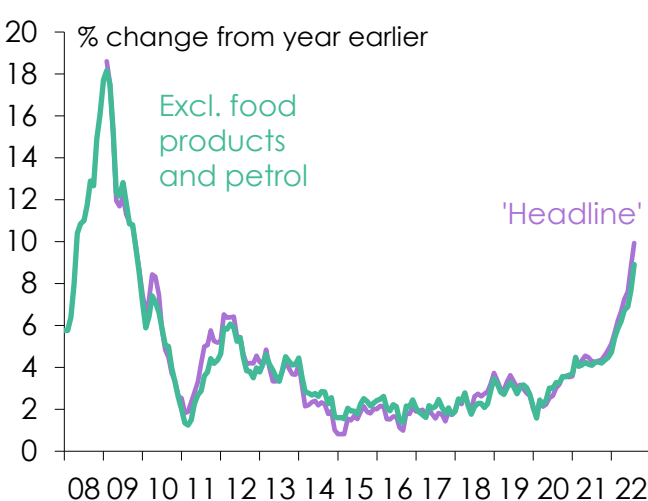
# Iceland's central bank raised its policy rates another 75bp on Wednesday, and foreshadowed further rises with inflation forecast to peak near 11%

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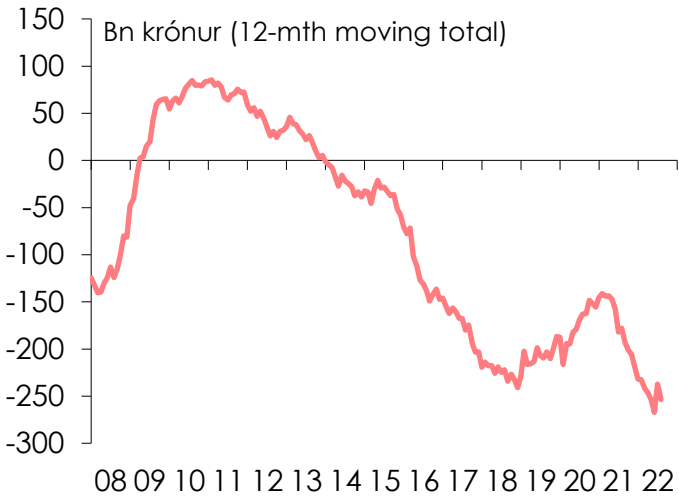
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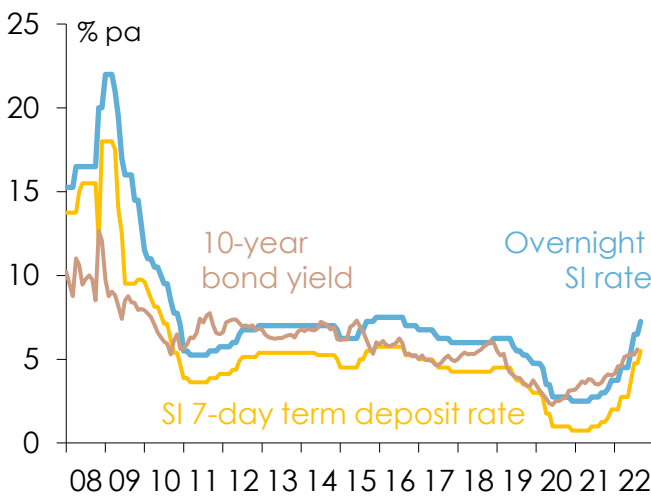
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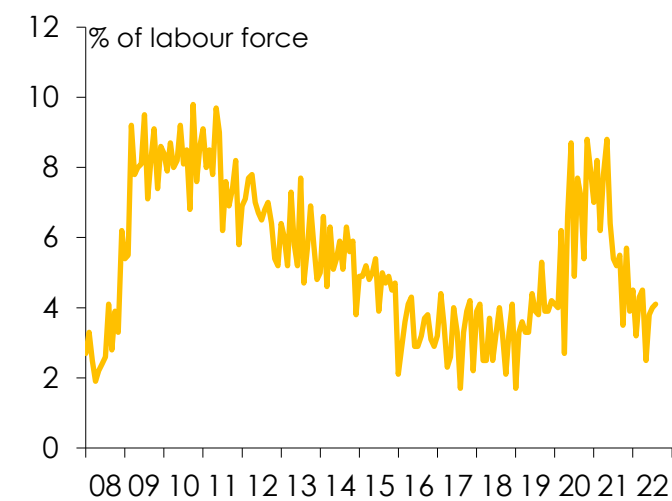
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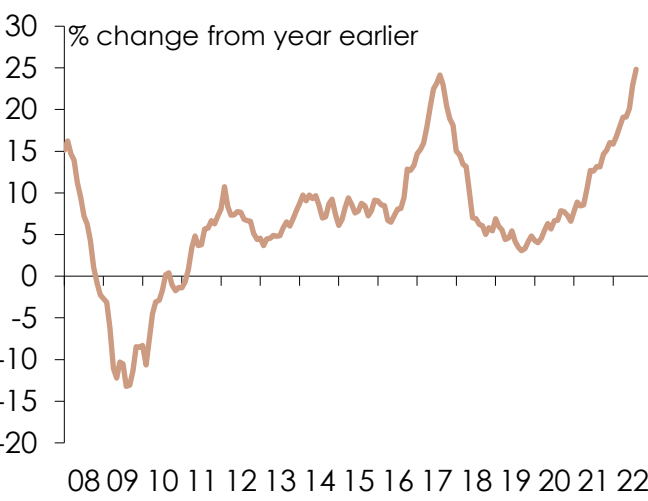
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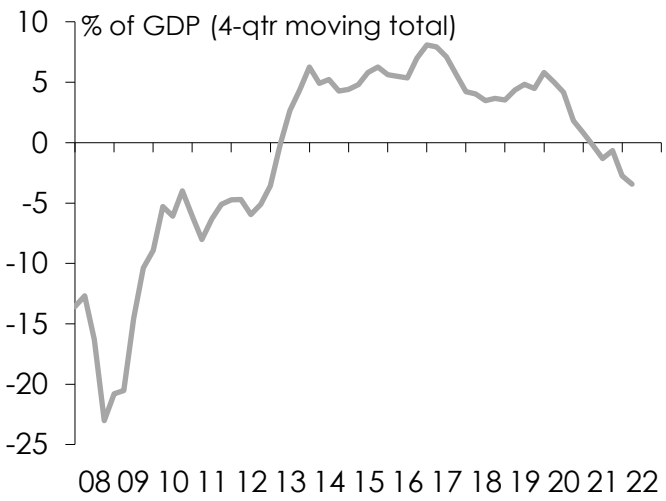
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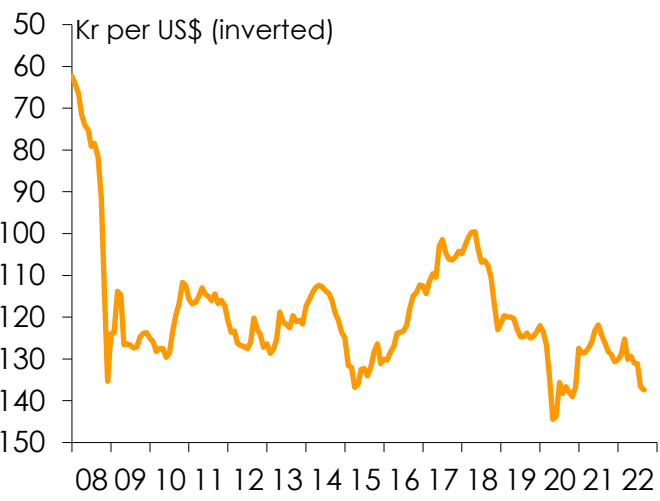
## House prices



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## Króna vs US dollar



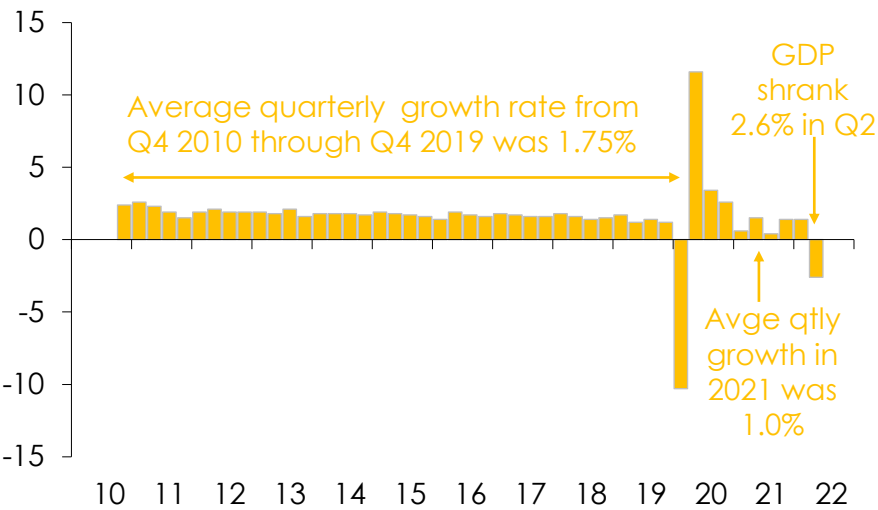


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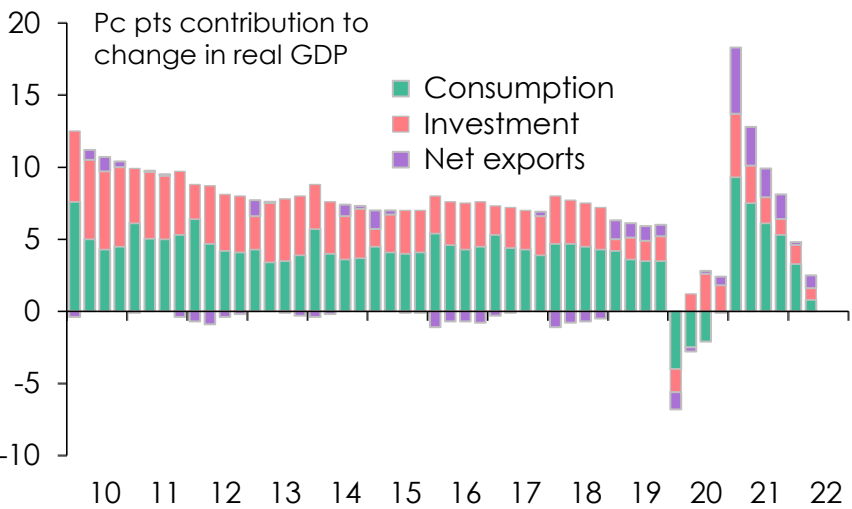
# China's real GDP shrank by 2.6% in Q2, to be only 0.4% higher than a year earlier – but the unemployment rate fell 0.4 pc pt to 5.5% in June

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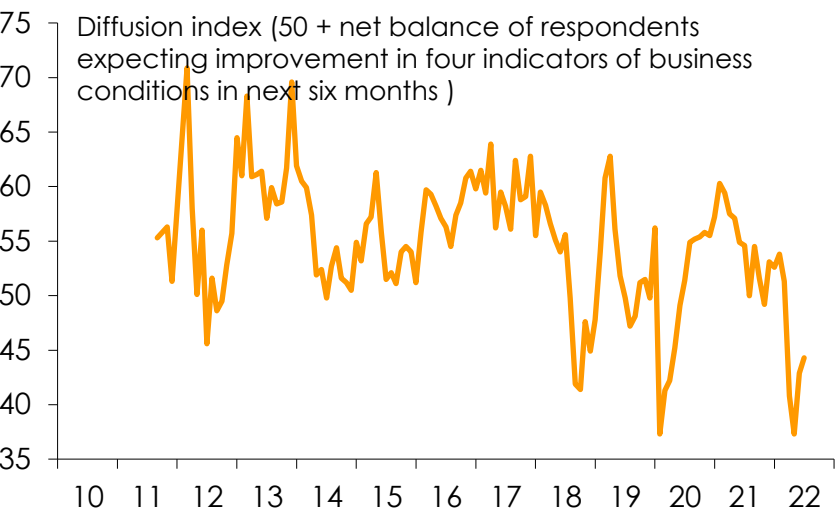
## Quarterly real GDP growth



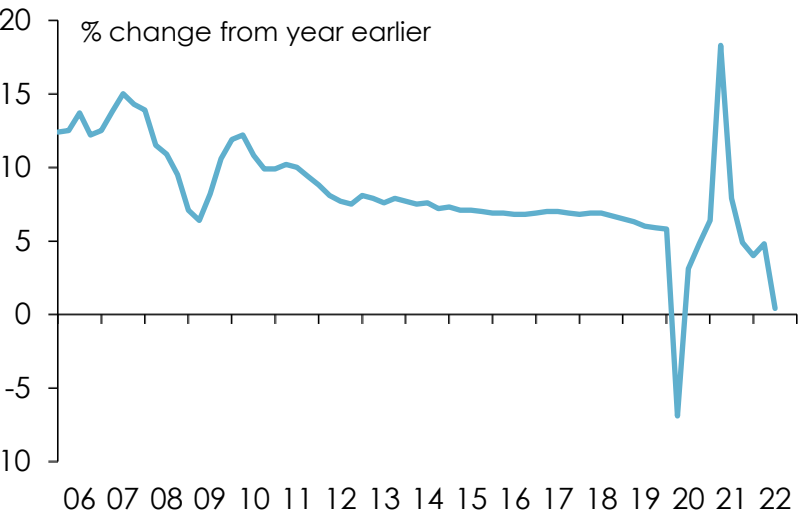
## Contributions to real GDP growth



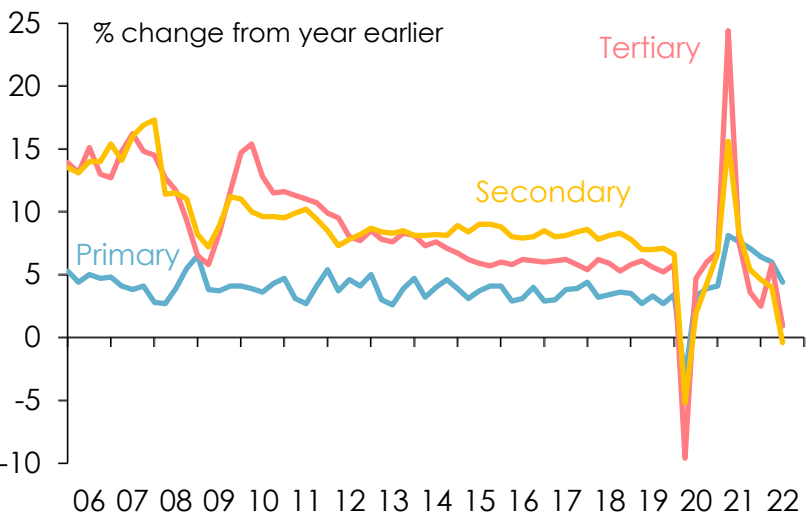
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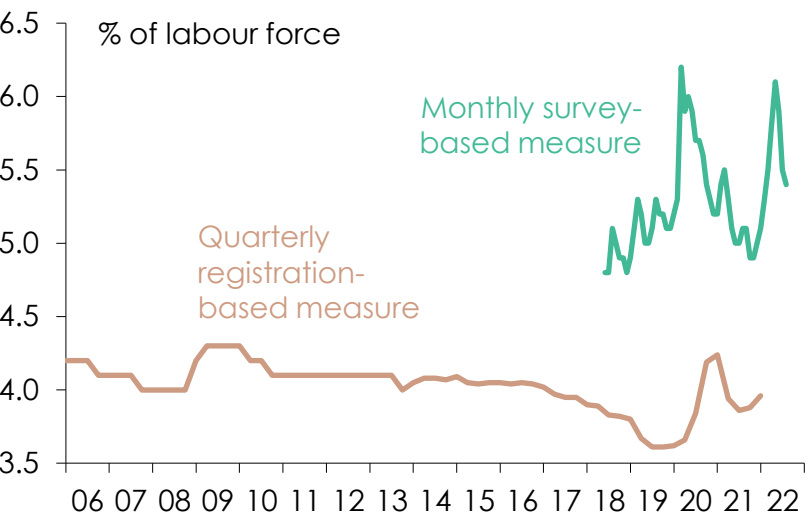
## Annual real GDP growth



## Annual GDP growth by industry



## Urban unemployment rate

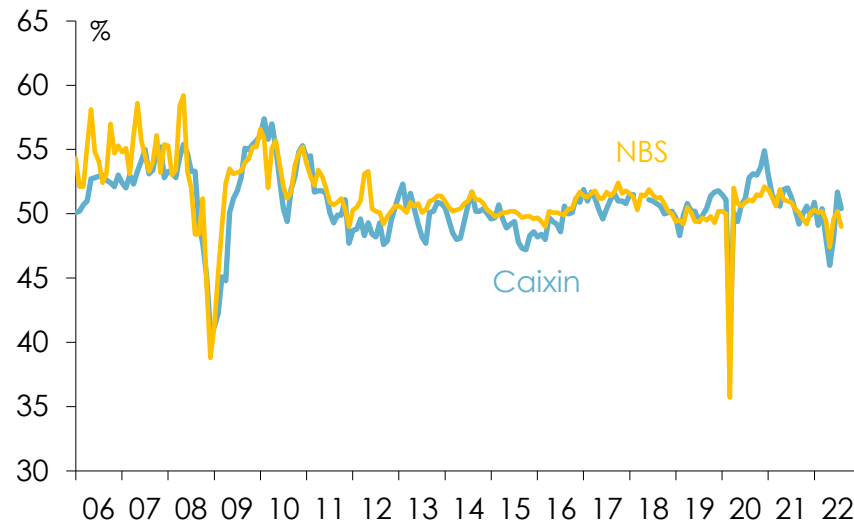


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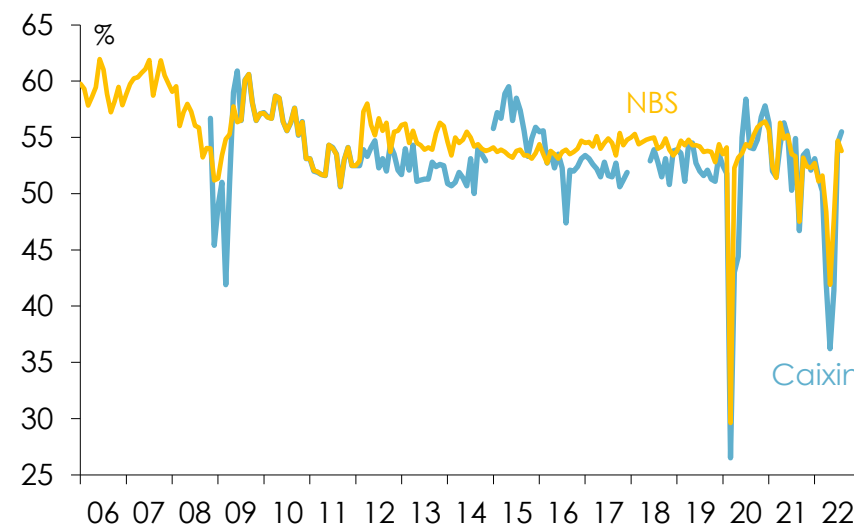
**China's industrial production grew 3.8% over the year to July, marking a continued slow recovery from the shutdowns in the first half of this year**

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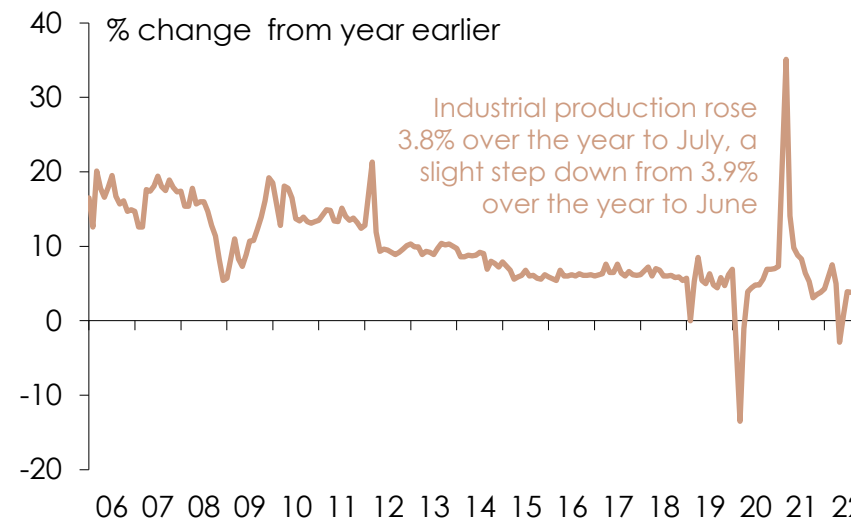
## Manufacturing PMIs



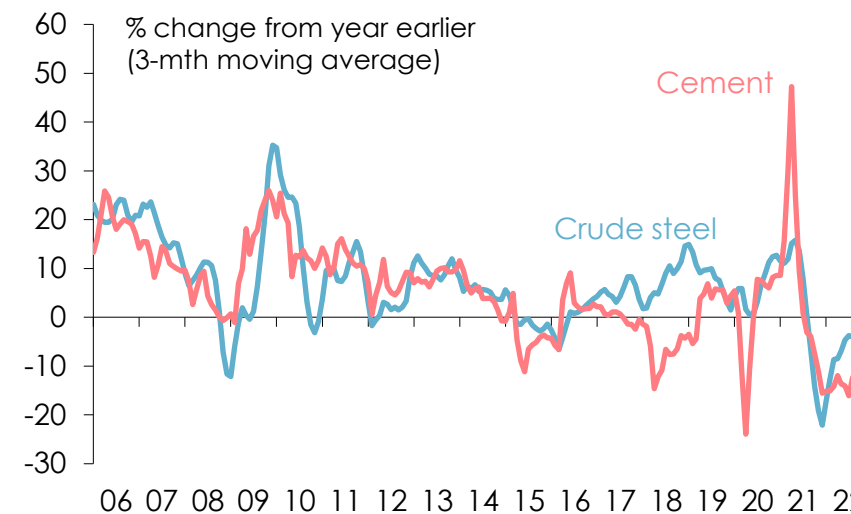
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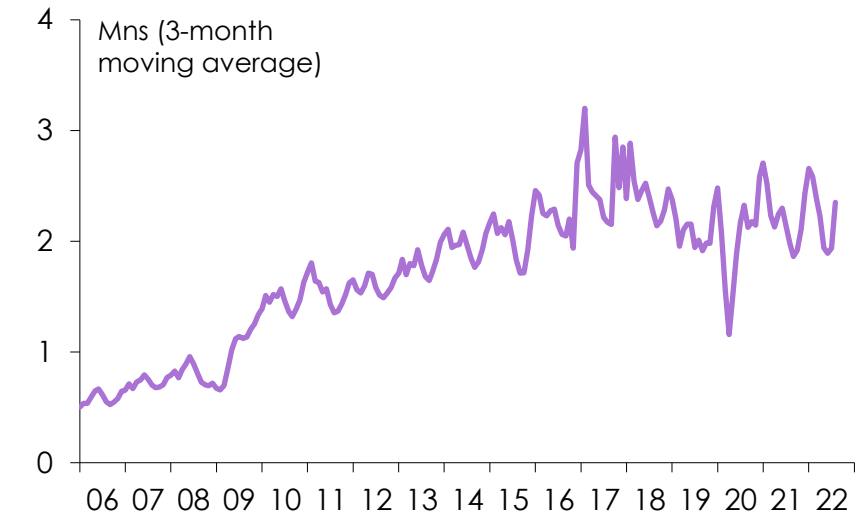
## Industrial production



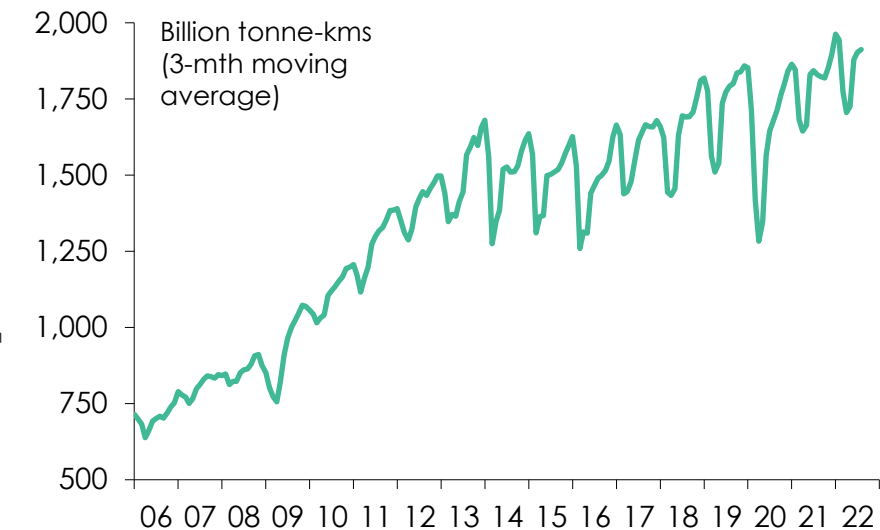
## Steel and cement production



## Motor vehicle production



## Freight traffic volumes



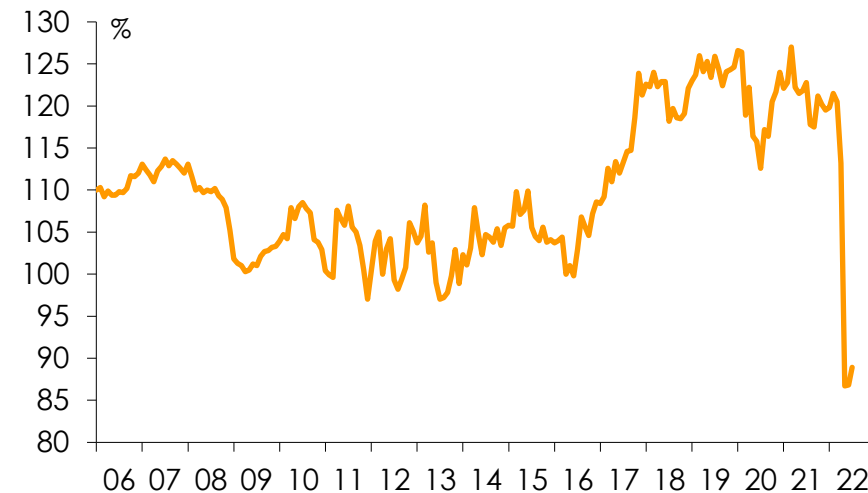
Note: The Caixin ('unofficial') PMIs are derived from a survey of around 500, mostly small private, enterprises, while the 'official' NBS PMIs are derived from a survey of about 3,000, mostly state-owned, enterprises: for more detail see [here](#). Sources: China National Bureau of Statistics, [National Data](#); Caixin Global, [Indexes](#); China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, [Production of Automobiles](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

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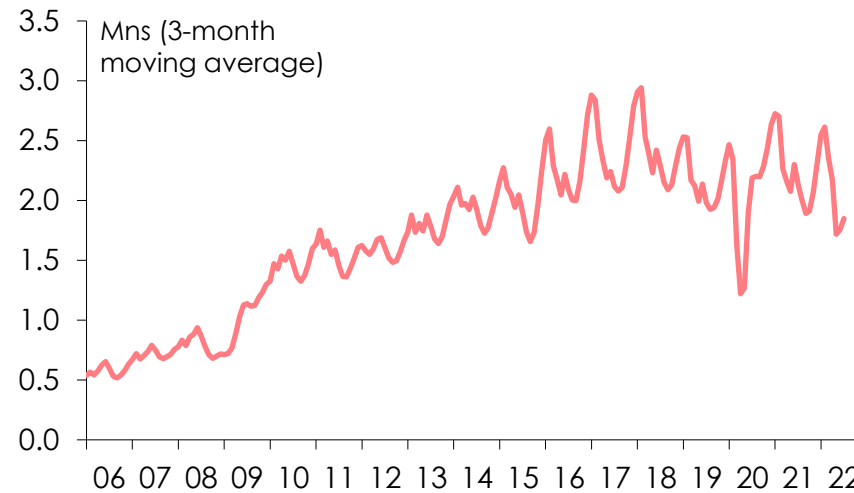
# July retail sales were only 2.7% higher than a year earlier (implying a decline in real terms), while real estate activity and prices continued to fall

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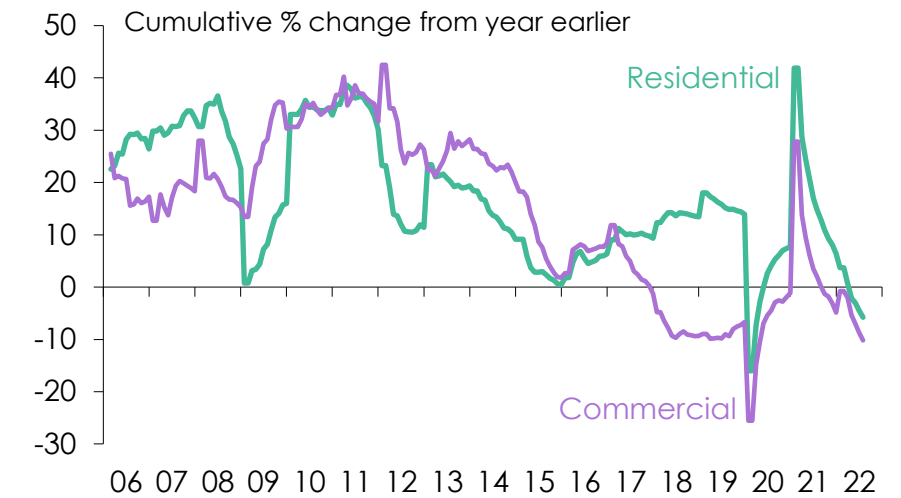
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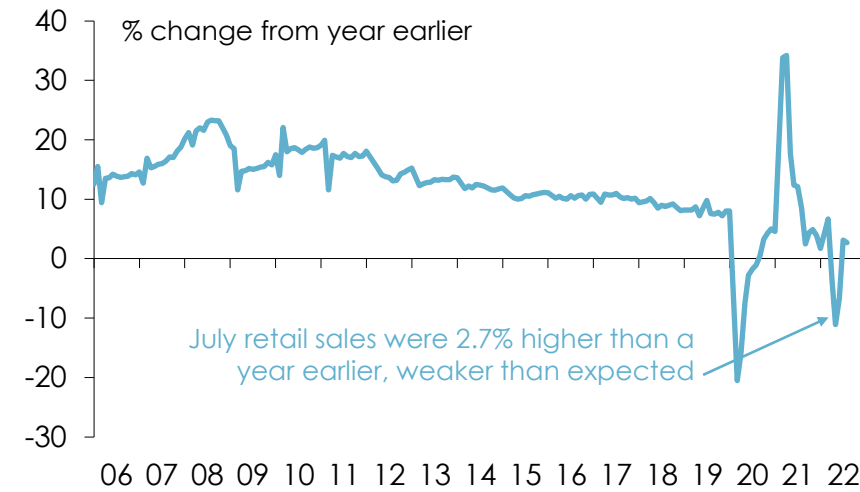
## Motor vehicle sales



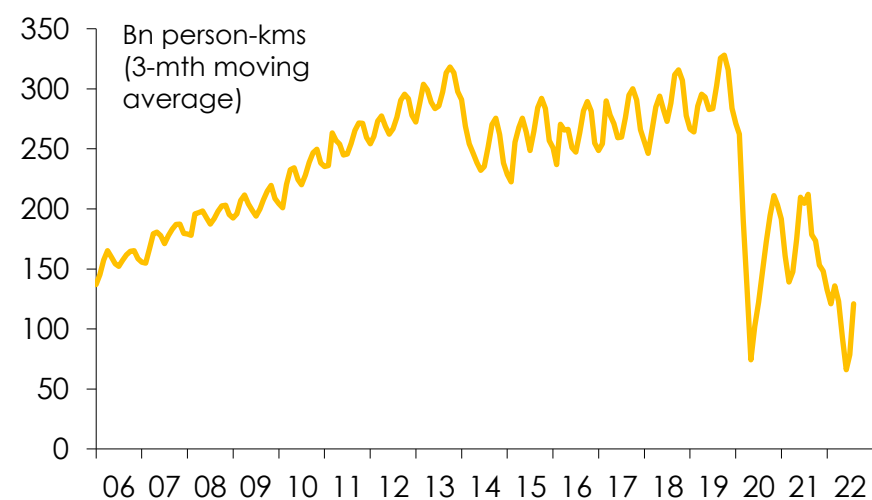
## Real estate investment



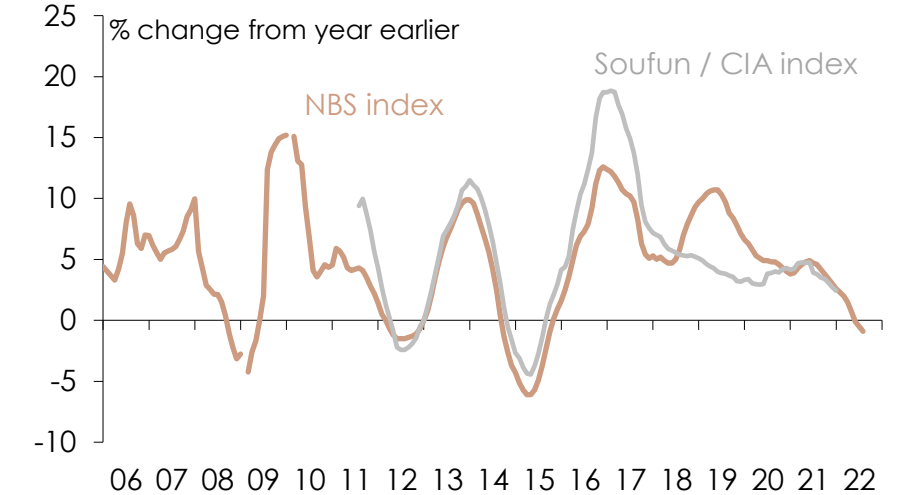
## Retail sales



## Passenger traffic volumes



## Residential real estate prices



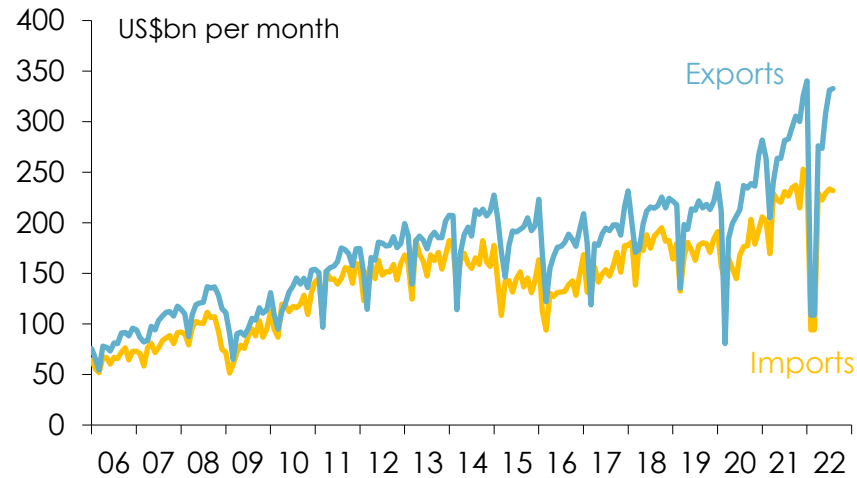
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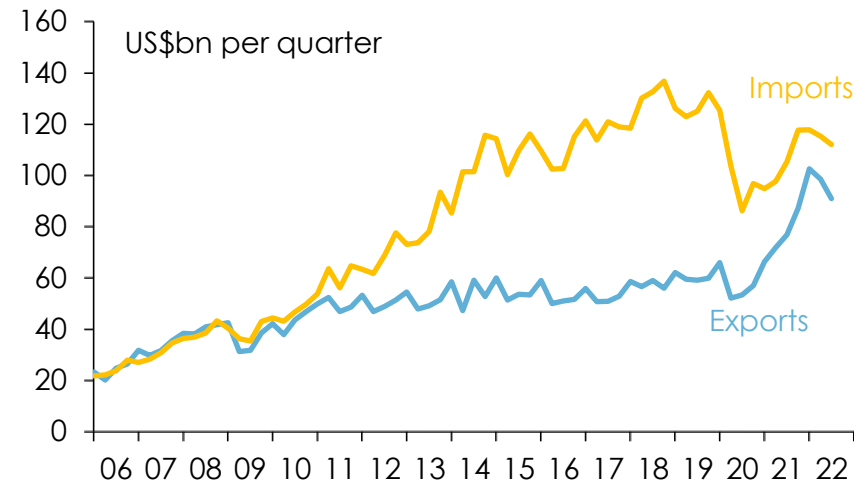
# China's trade surplus widened another US\$3.3bn in July to a new record \$101.3bn, with exports up 17.8% from a year earlier but imports up only 2.3%

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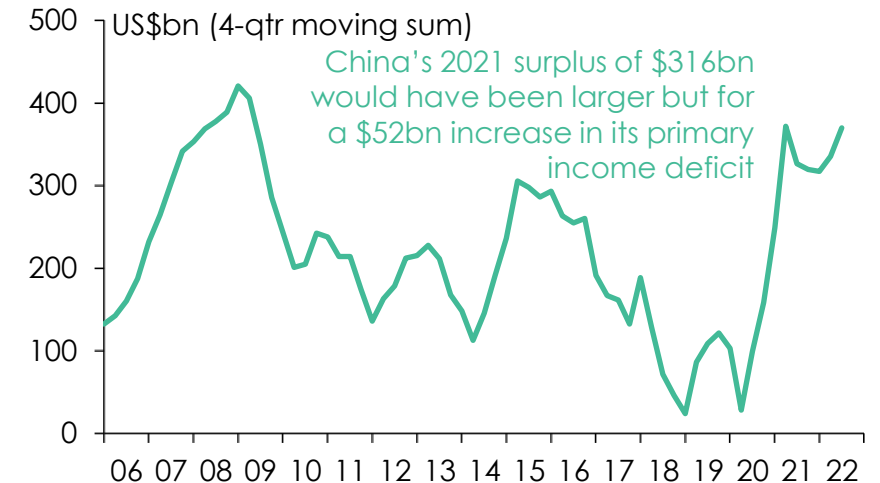
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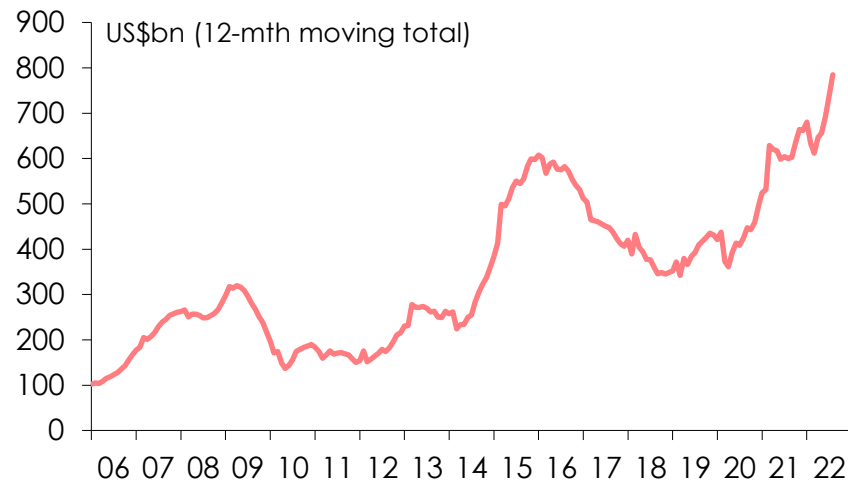
## Services exports and imports



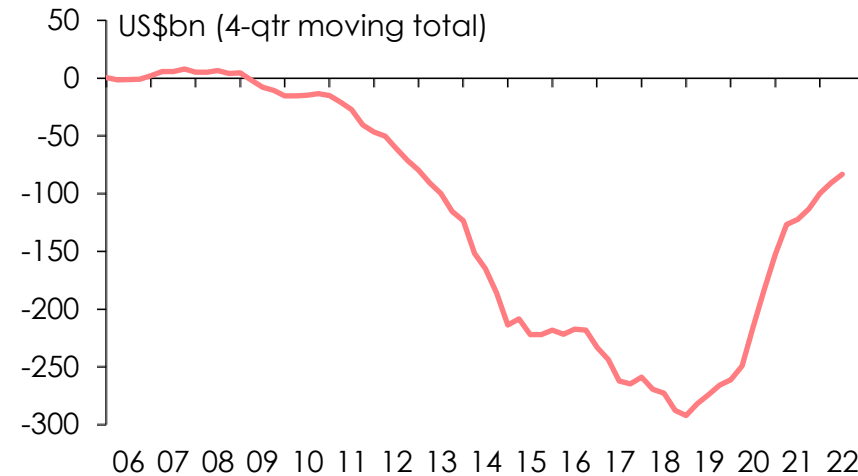
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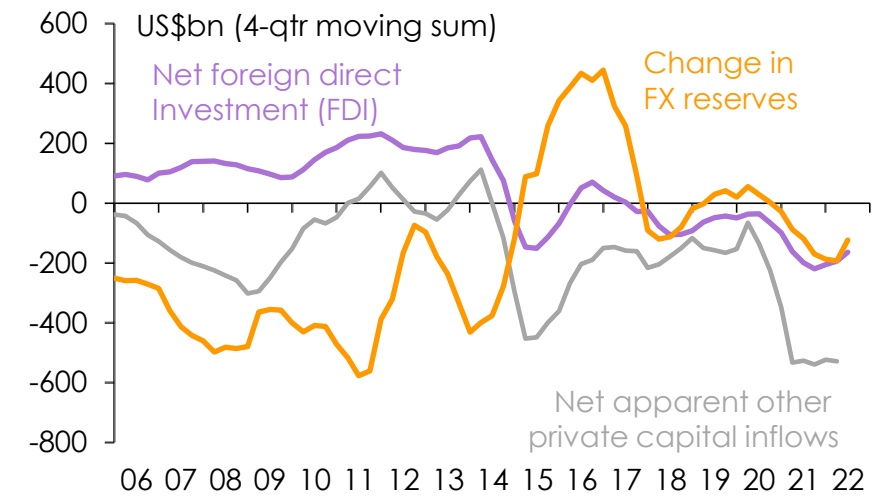
## Merchandise trade balance



## Services trade balance



## Capital flows

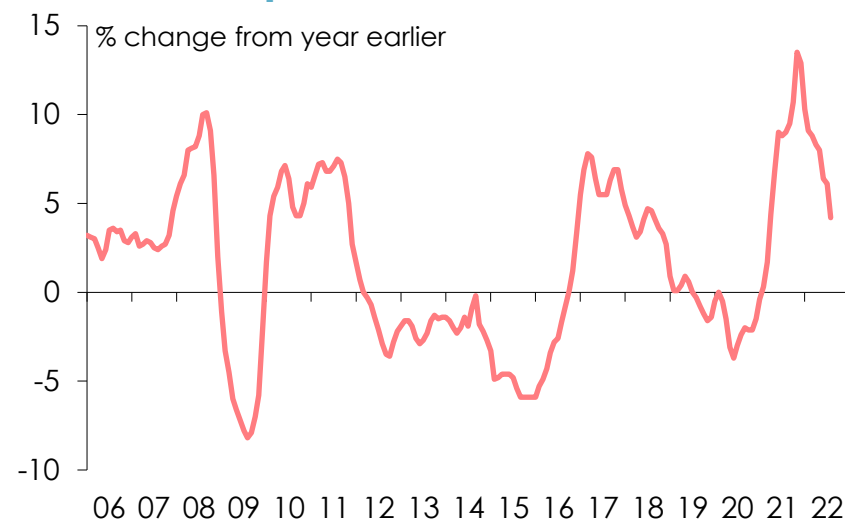


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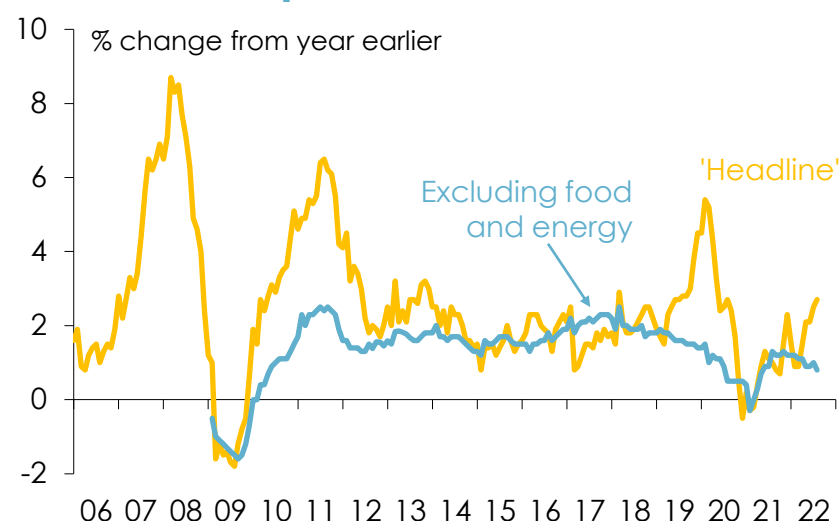
# 'Headline' CPI inflation rose further in July to 2.7%, the highest since July 2020, driven by food prices, though 'core' inflation was only 0.8%

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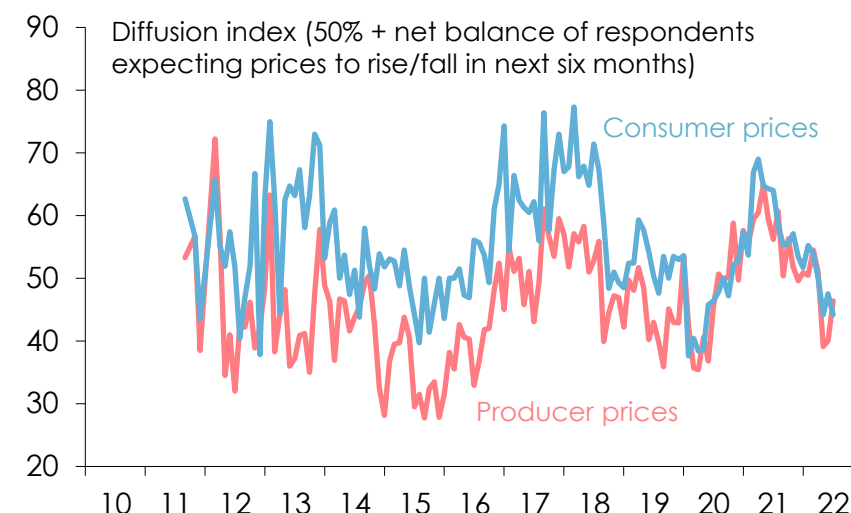
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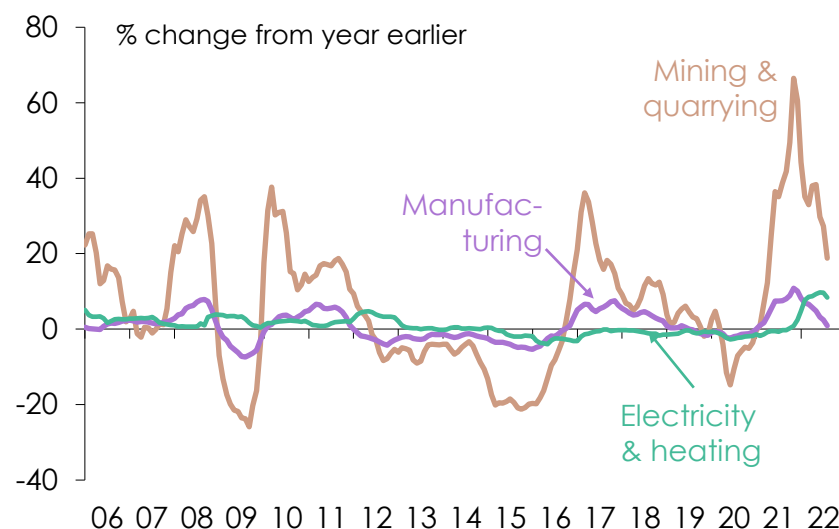
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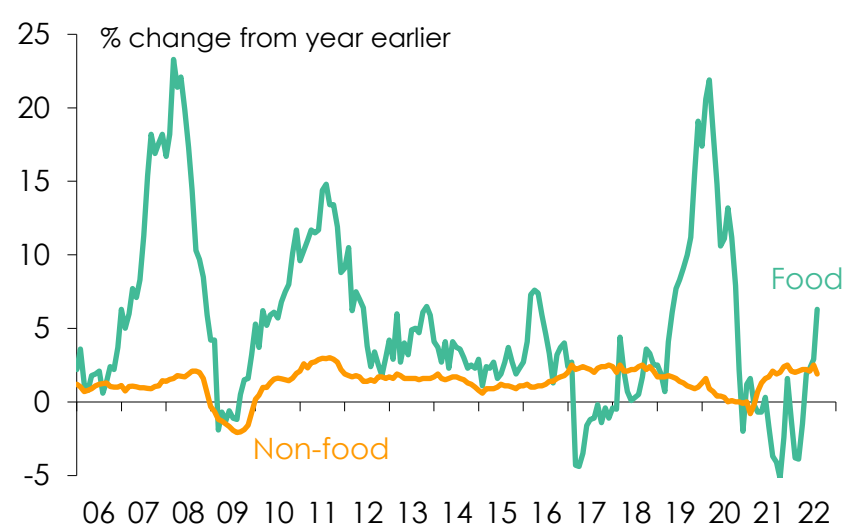
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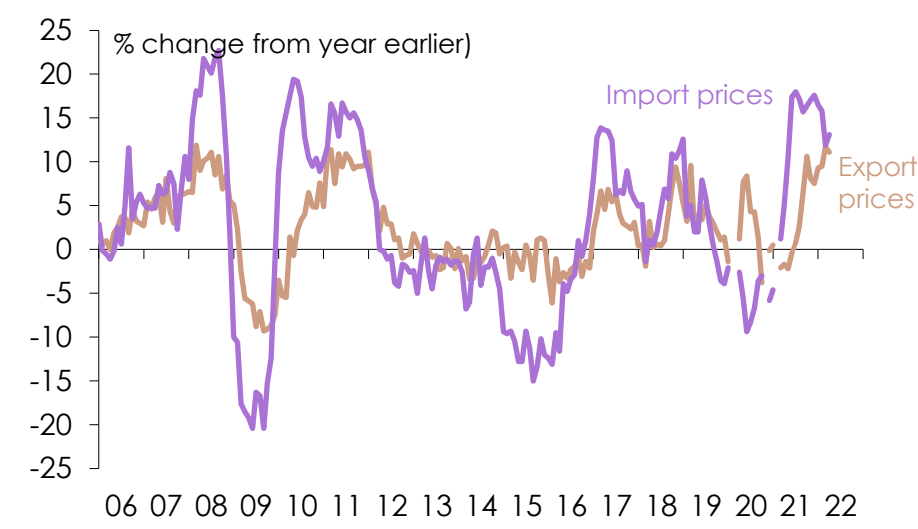
## Producer prices – major categories



## Consumer prices – food and other



## Trade prices



Note: Food accounts for about 33% of China's CPI; for more details see [here](#). The PBoC has an informal inflation target of "about 3%". Sources: China National Bureau of Statistics, [National Data](#); Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, [Business Conditions Index \(BCI\)](#); and China General Administration of Customs, [Trade Indices](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).



# The PBoC last week cut the 1- and 5-year loan prime rates by 5 and 15bp, and the State Council announced some more (modest) fiscal measures

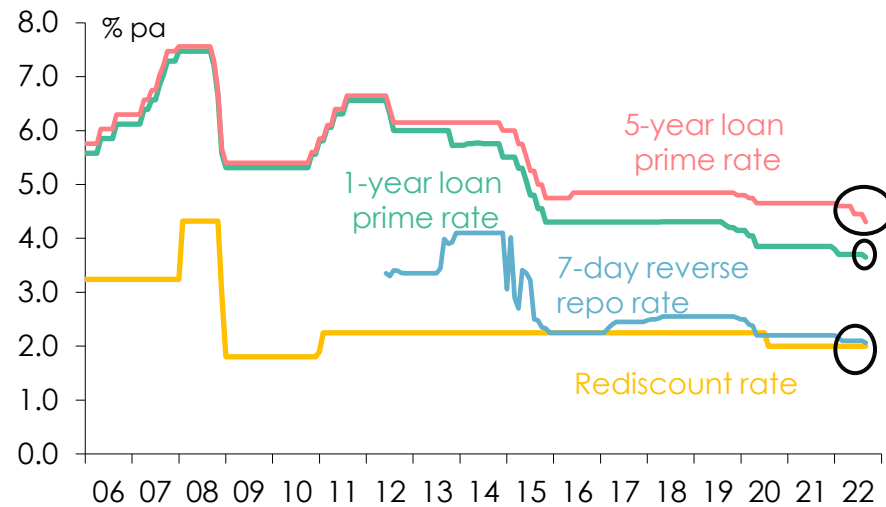
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- ❑ Last week brought both monetary and fiscal policy responses to the poor data for July released the previous week
- ❑ The PBoC last week cut its 1- and 5-year [loan prime rates](#) by 5bp, to 3.65%, and 15bp, to 4.3%, respectively, following on from the previous week's reductions in the 7-day reverse repo rate and 1-year medium-term lending facility rates
  - the 1-year LPR is a benchmark for corporate loans, while the 5-year LPR is a benchmark for mortgage interest rates
  - these rate cuts follow weaker-than-expected economic data releases for July ([slides 71-72](#))
- ❑ On Wednesday, the State Council announced 19 new policies aimed at promoting faster economic growth, including
  - an additional Yn 300bn for state banks to finance infrastructure projects (on top of the Yn 150bn provided in June)
  - local governments encouraged to issue up to Yn 500bn in 'special bonds' for infrastructure projects by end October
  - support for Yn 200bn of 'special bond' issuance by state-owned electricity generation companies
  - an additional Yn 10bn in agricultural material subsidies, and
  - a three-month delay in payments of 'administrative fees' by companies
- ❑ China's Politburo (chaired by Xi Jinping) last month tacitly abandoned the 5½% GDP growth target for 2022 which it had set earlier this year
  - as [reported by Xinhua](#), the Politburo acknowledged that “the current economic operation is facing some prominent contradictions and problems”, and it was therefore “necessary to maintain strategic determination and firmly do our own thing [sic]”
  - the aim for the second half of the year was to “focus on stabilizing employment and prices, keep the economy running in a reasonable range, and strive to achieve the best results”

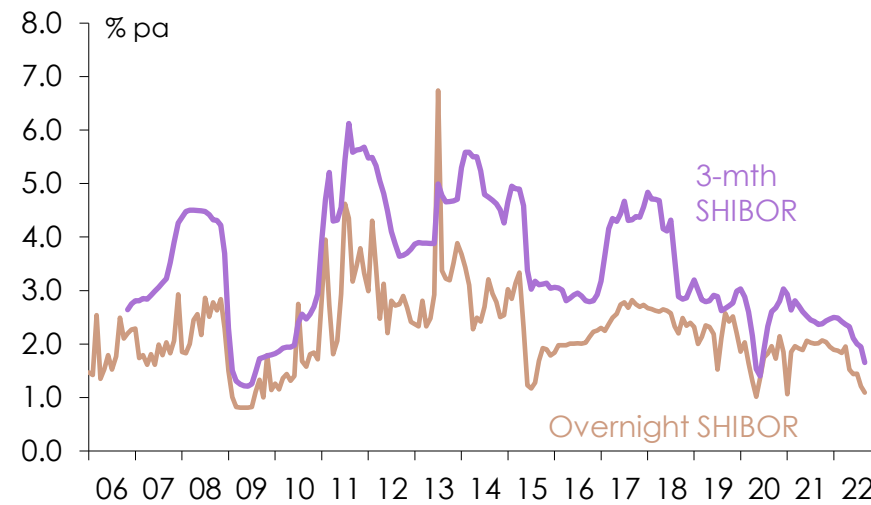
# The PBoC cut its 1- and 5-year loan prime rates by 5 and 15 basis points, respectively, last Monday

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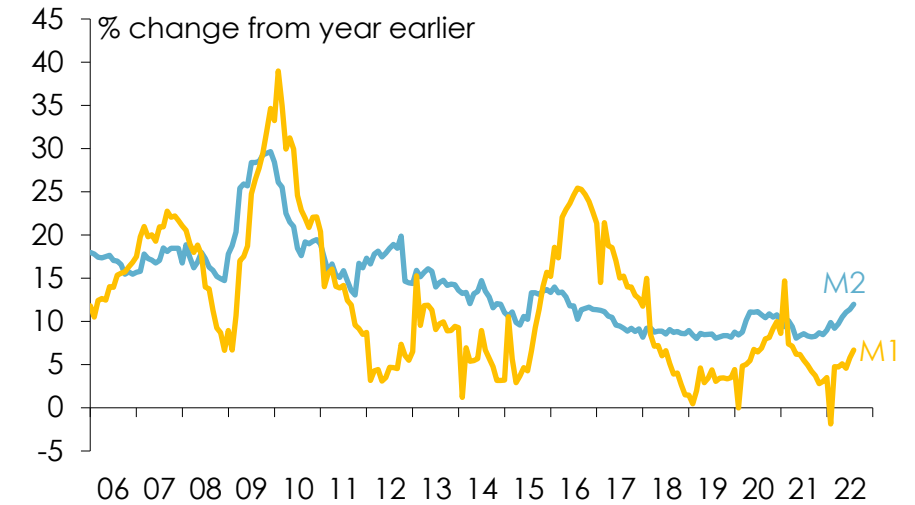
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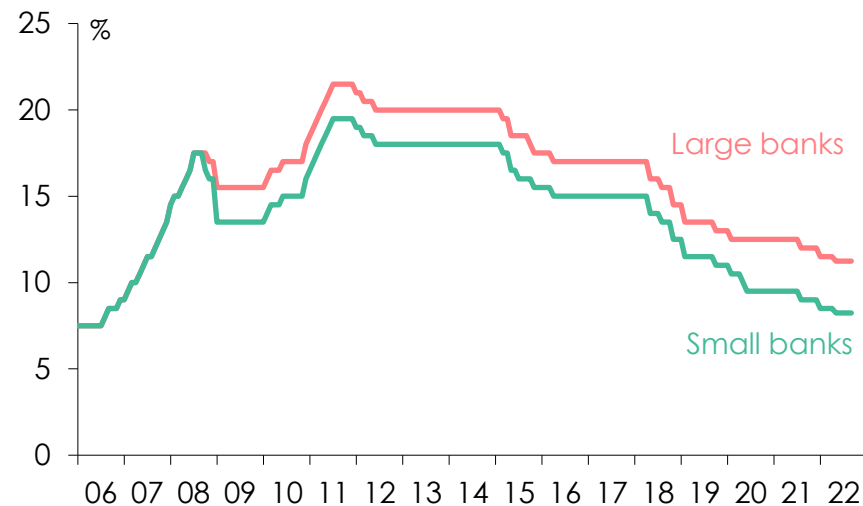
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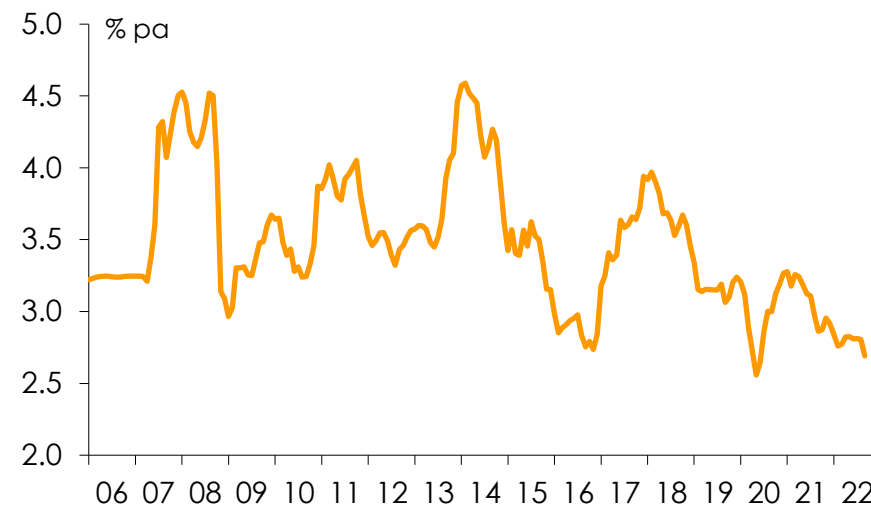
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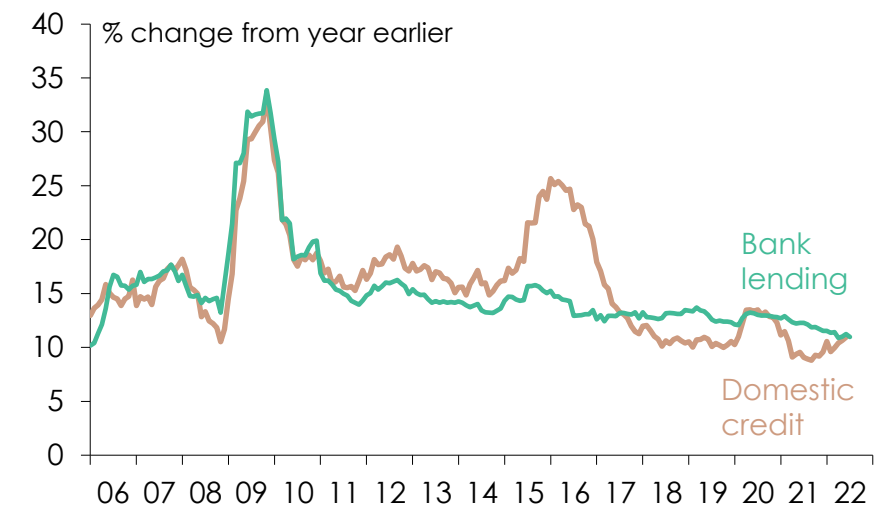
## Bank reserve requirement ratios



## 10-year government bond yield



## Credit growth

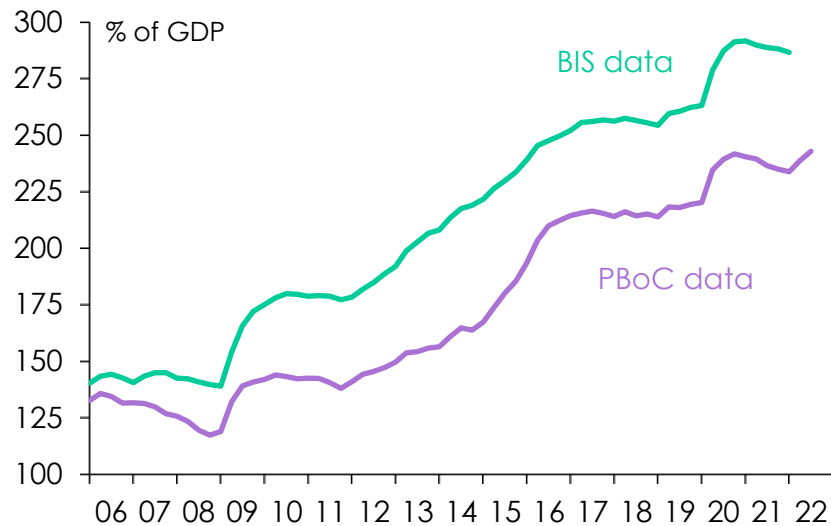


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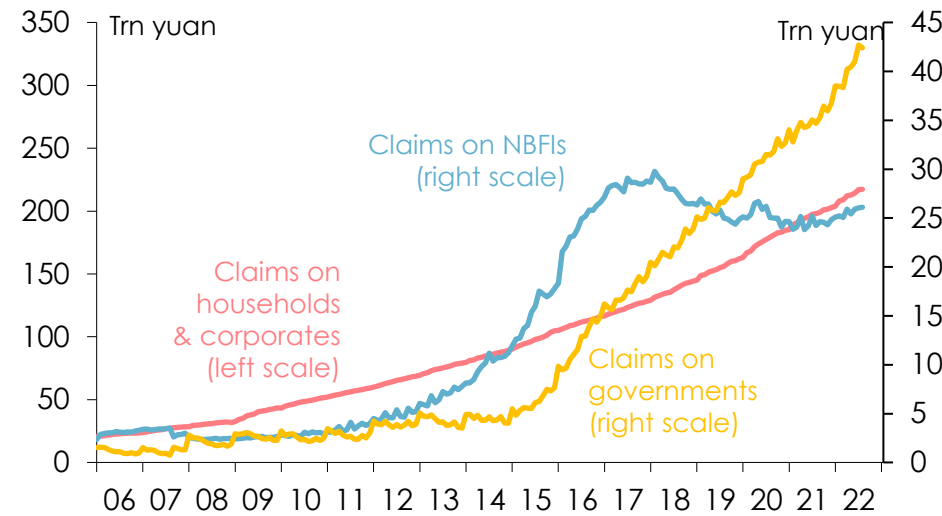
# The Chinese banking system's risk profile has increased significantly over the past decade – particularly on the liabilities side of its balance sheet

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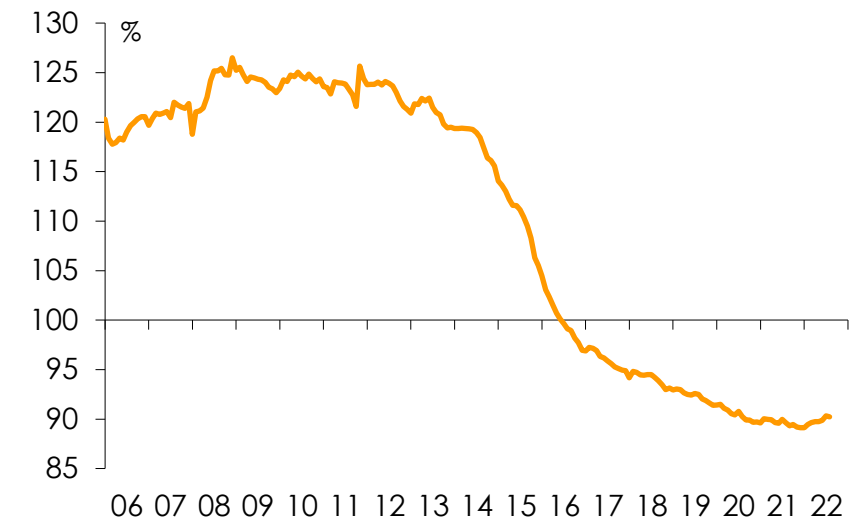
## Credit outstanding as a pc of GDP



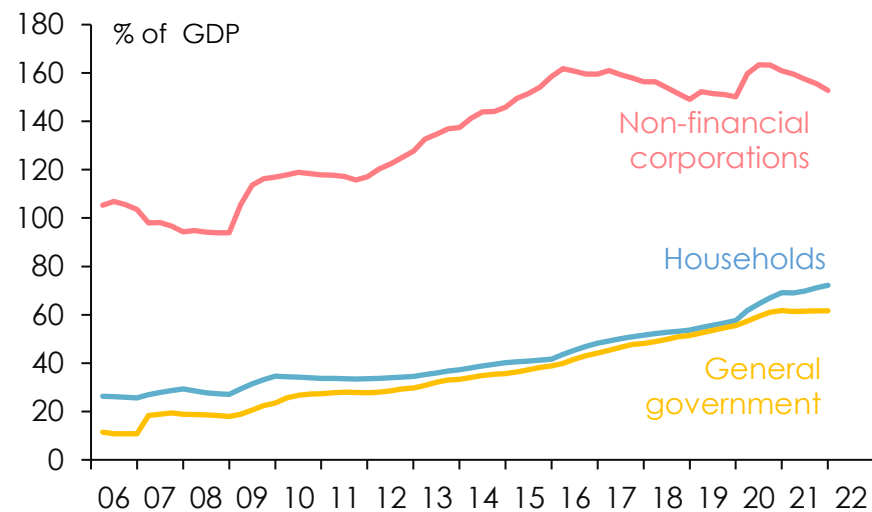
## Banks' assets



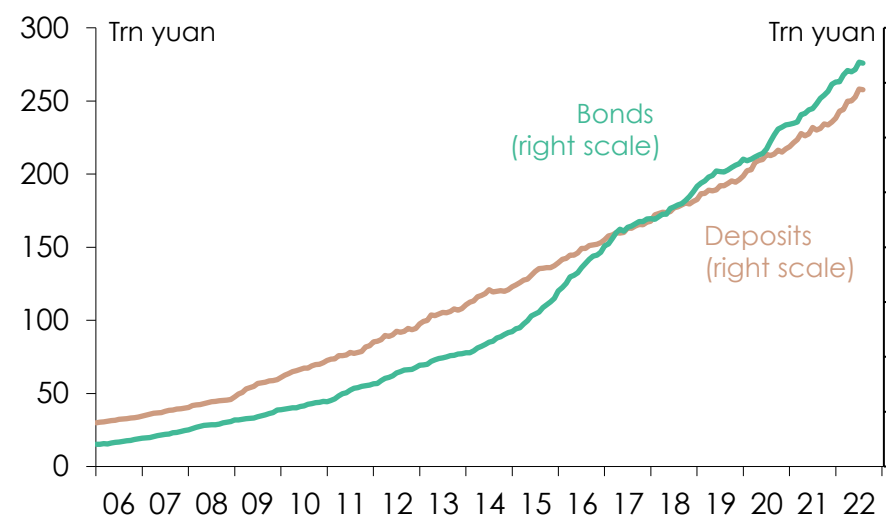
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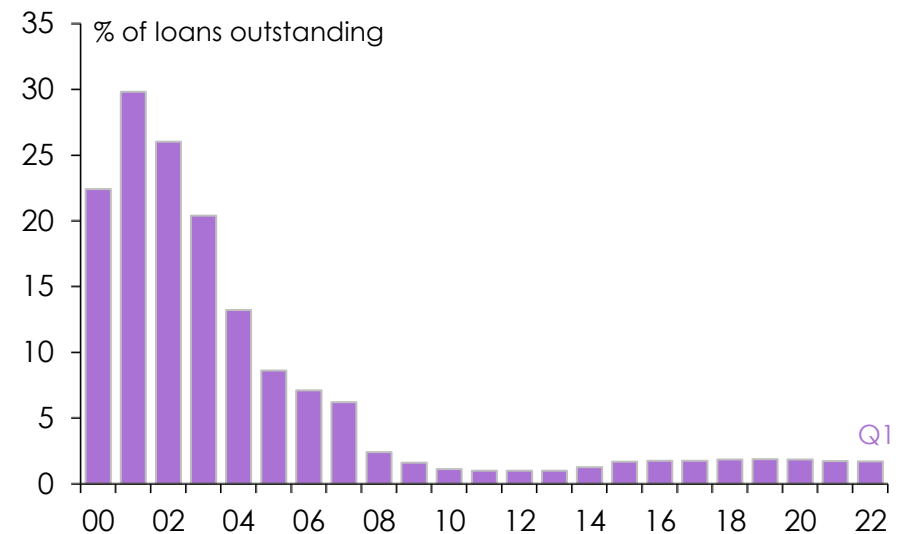
## Credit outstanding by sector



## Banks' liabilities



## Banks NPLs – official estimates

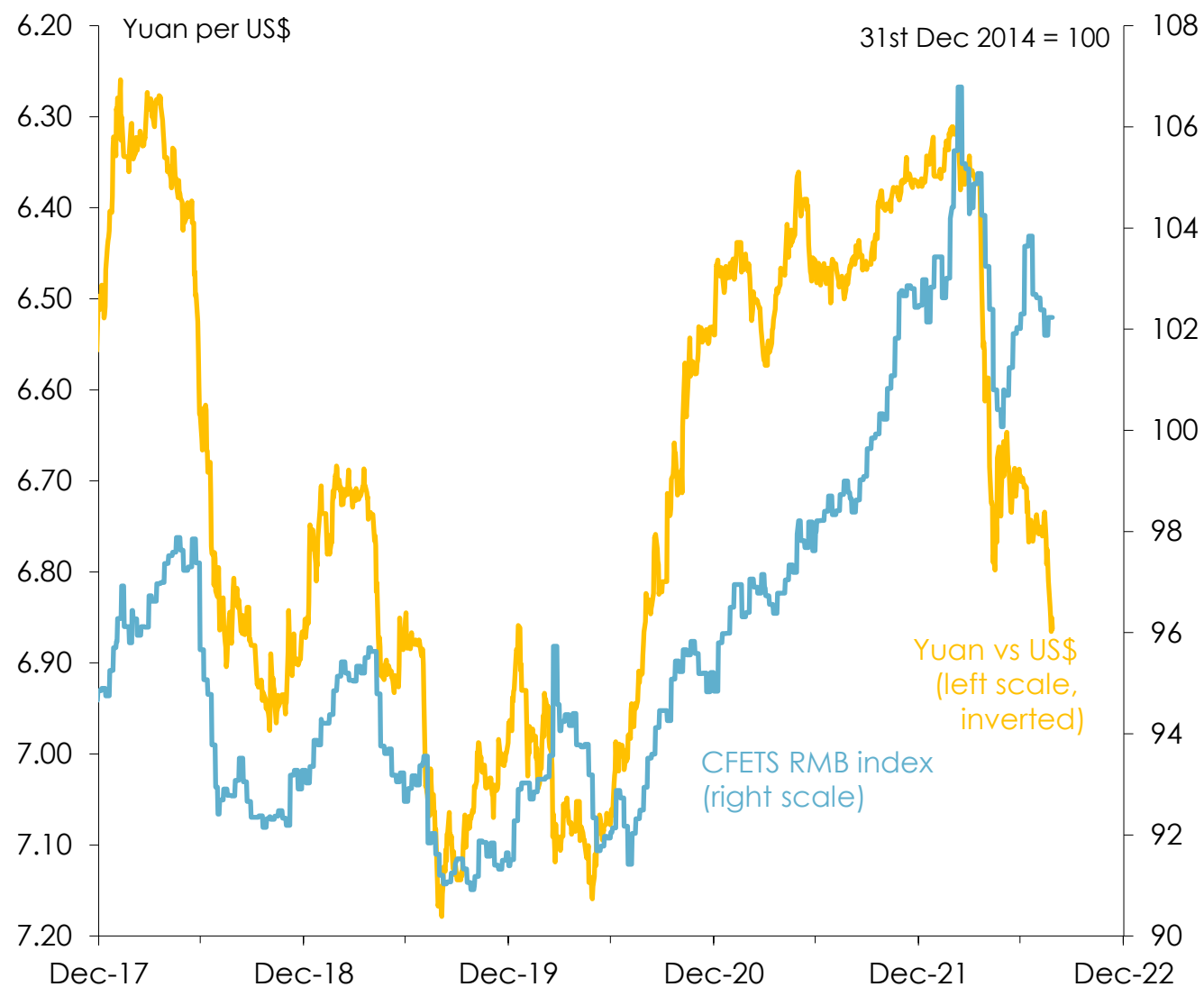


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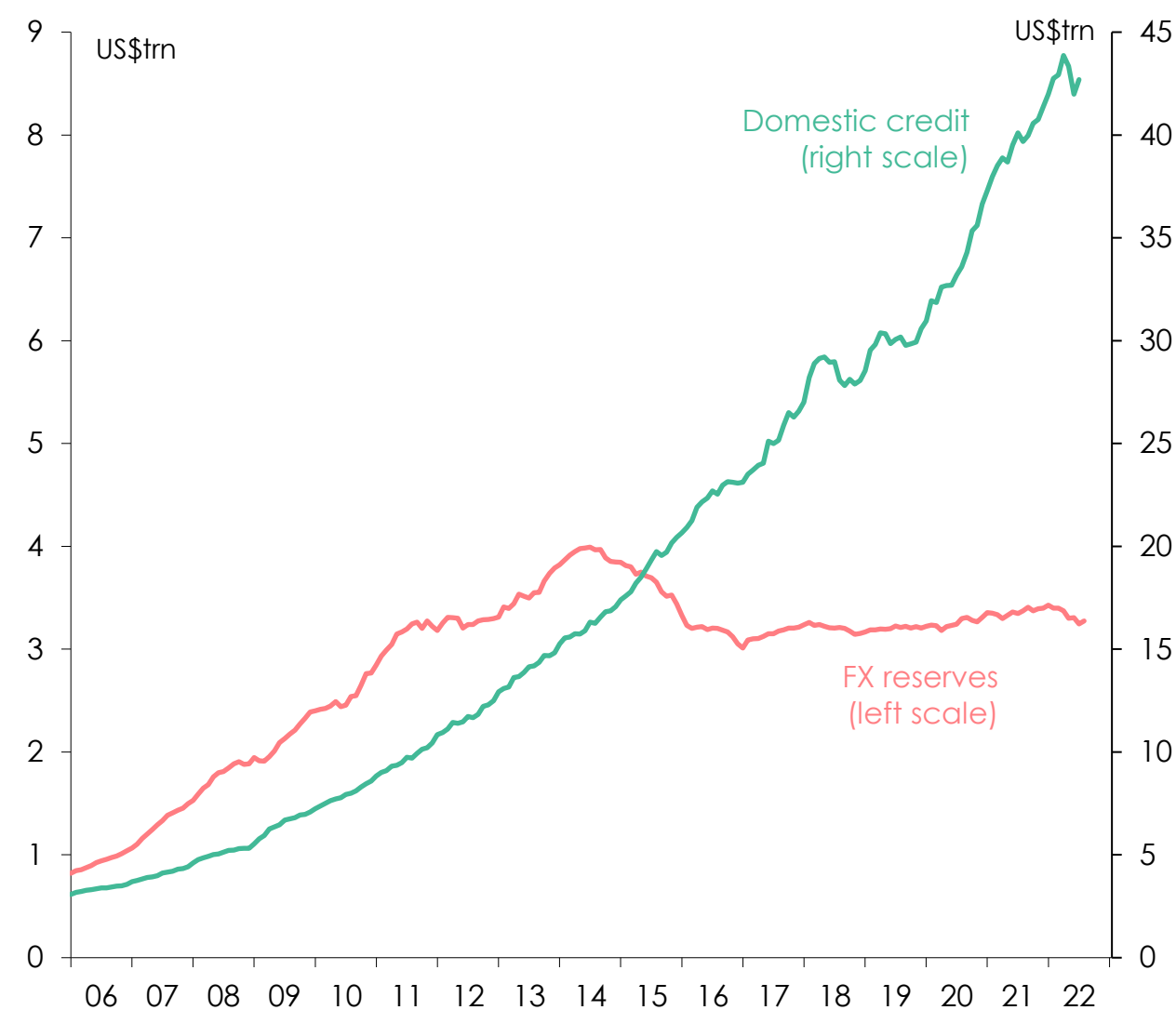
# The yuan fell another $\frac{3}{4}\%$ against the US\$ last week to be down more than $7\frac{1}{4}\%$ so far this year, although it has only fallen $\frac{3}{4}\%$ vs the PBoC index

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## Chinese renminbi vs US\$ and trade-weighted index



## FX reserves and domestic credit



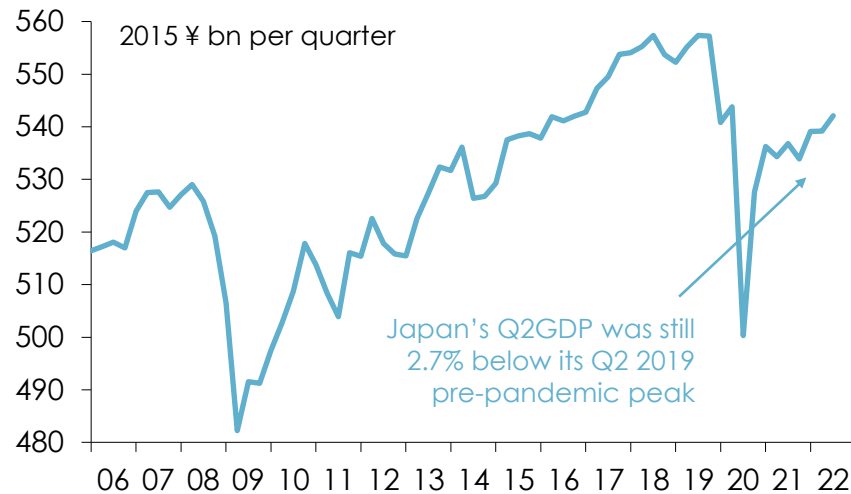
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**Japan**

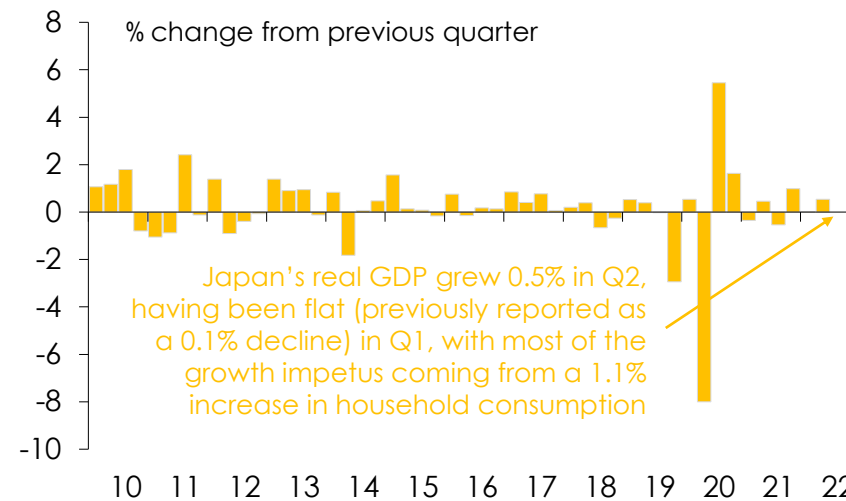
# Japan's real GDP fell rose 0.5% in Q2, after a flat Q1, but was still 2.7% short of its pre-Covid peak – with further income losses from falling terms of trade

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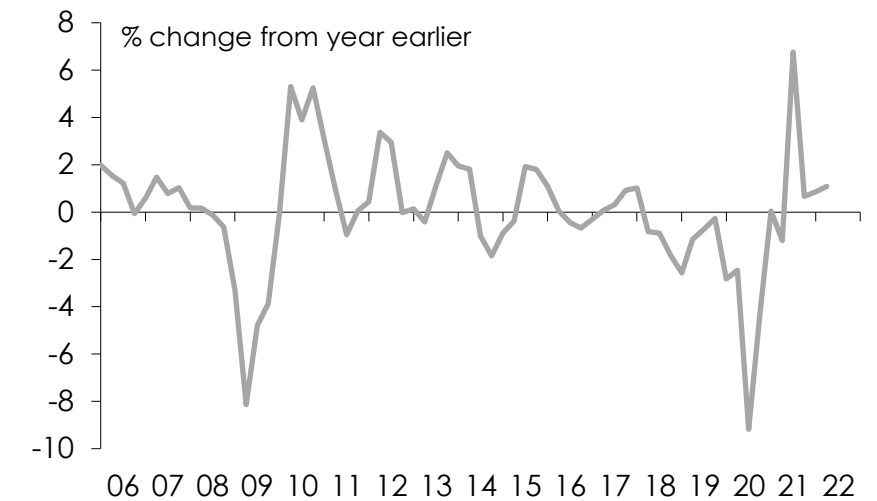
## Level of real GDP



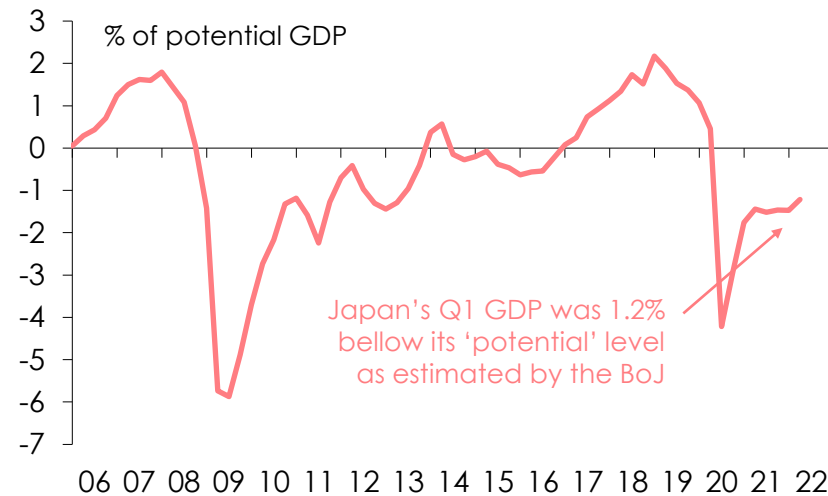
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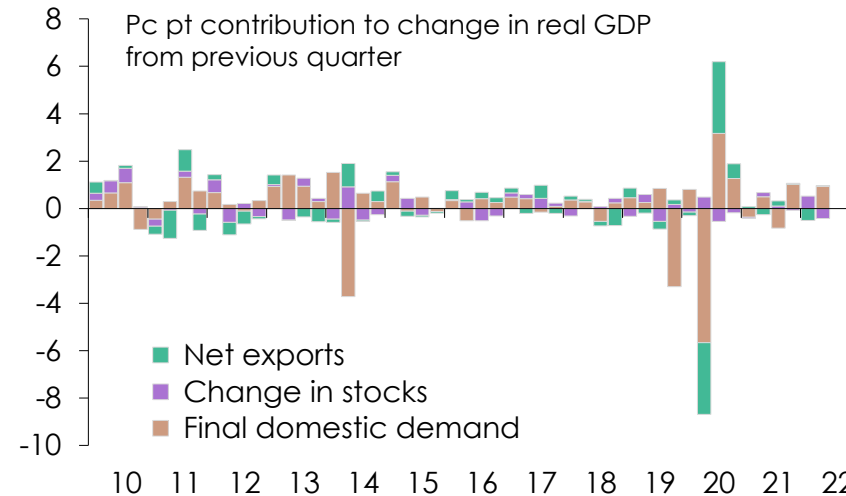
## Labour productivity growth



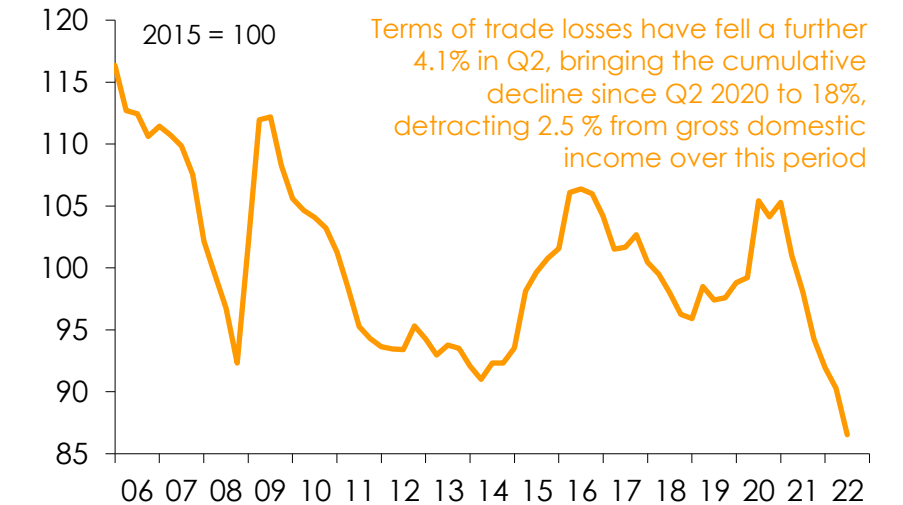
## The 'output gap'



## Contributions to change in real GDP



## Terms of trade



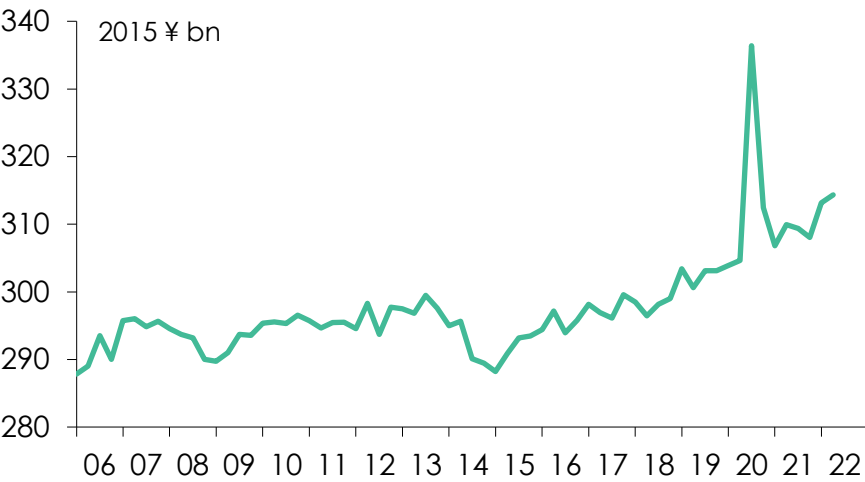
Note: the 'output gap' is the difference between actual and potential GDP (the volume of goods & services that could be produced if the economy were operating at full capacity); the 'terms of trade' is the ratio of the implicit price deflator of exports of goods & services to that of imports of goods & services – it gives an indication of the income gains or losses arising from changes in the prices of goods and services traded between the US and the rest of the world. Sources: Japan Cabinet Office, [Quarterly Estimates of GDP](#); Bank of Japan, [Output Gap and Potential Growth Rate](#); OECD, [Main Economic Indicators](#), Early Estimates of Quarterly ULC Indicators. [Return to "What's New"](#).



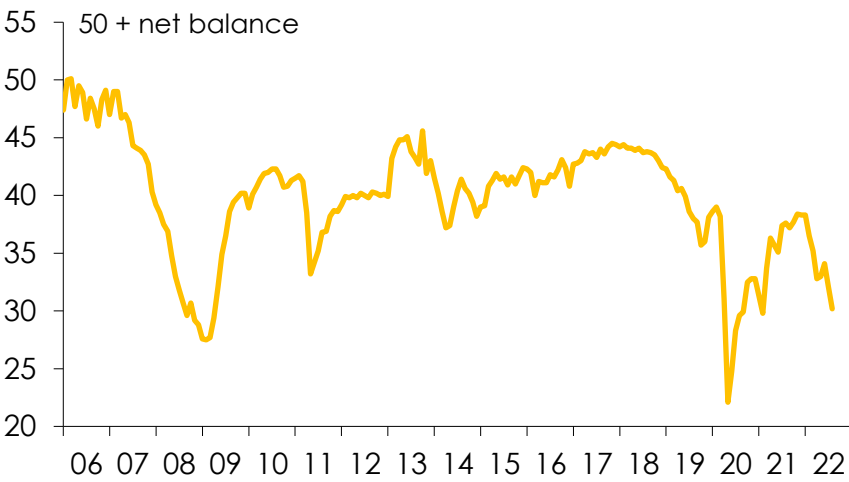
# Consumer spending picked up a little during Q2, but housing activity softened, and consumer confidence fell further in July

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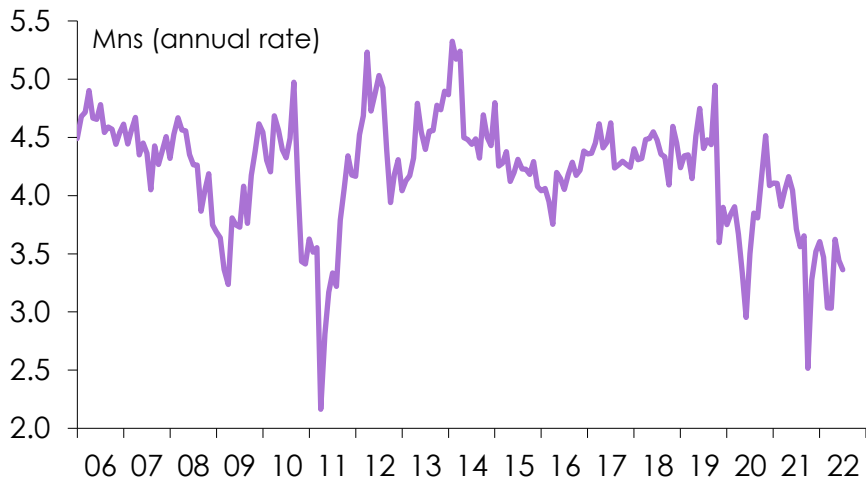
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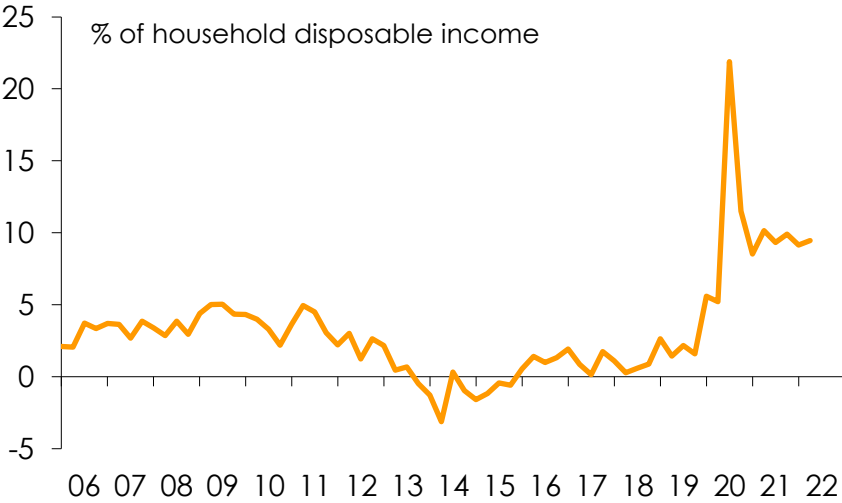
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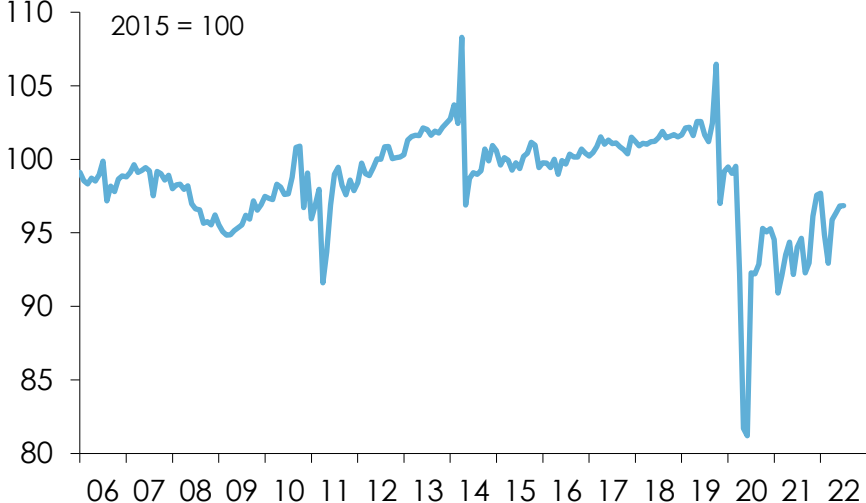
Motor vehicle sales



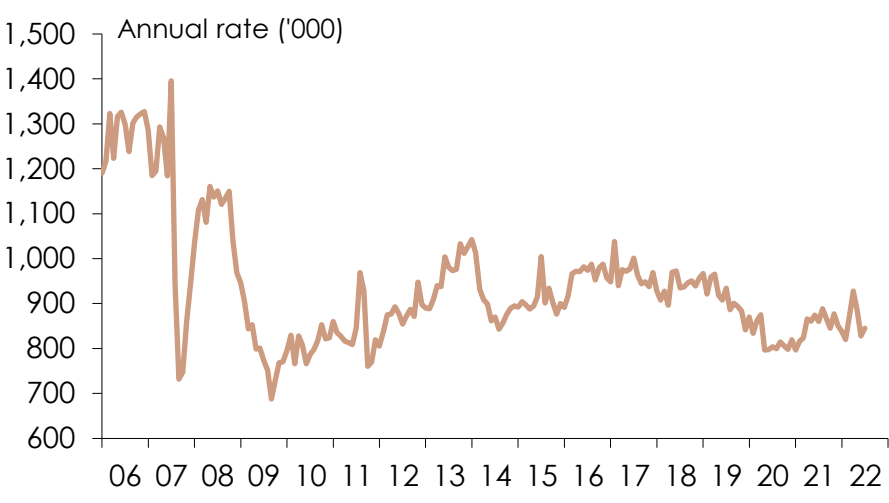
Household saving



Consumption activity index



Housing starts

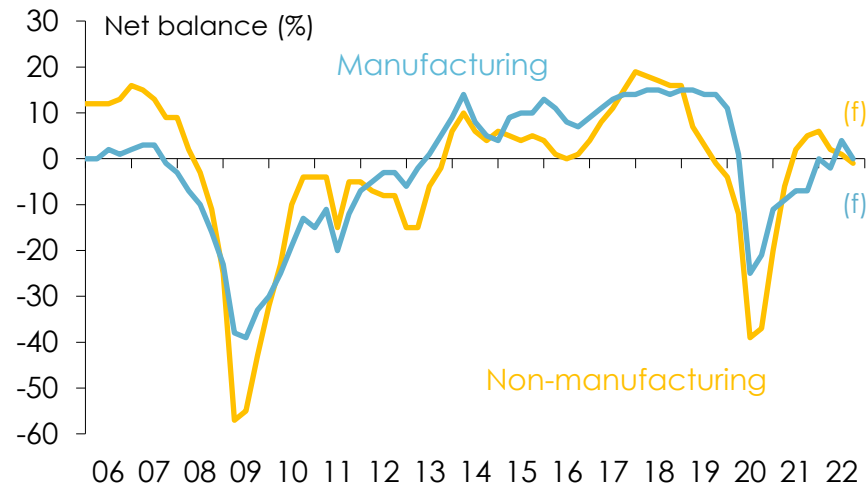


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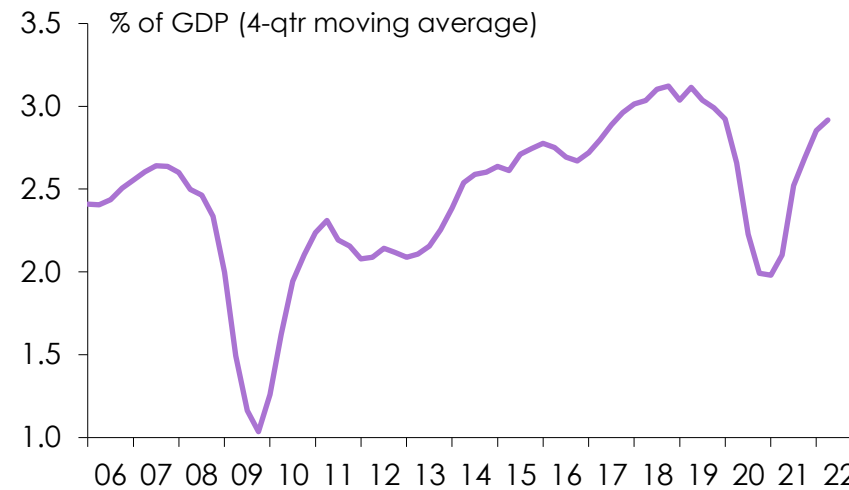
# Japanese industrial production rebounded strongly in June after an unusually large fall in May (caused by supply-chain disruptions)

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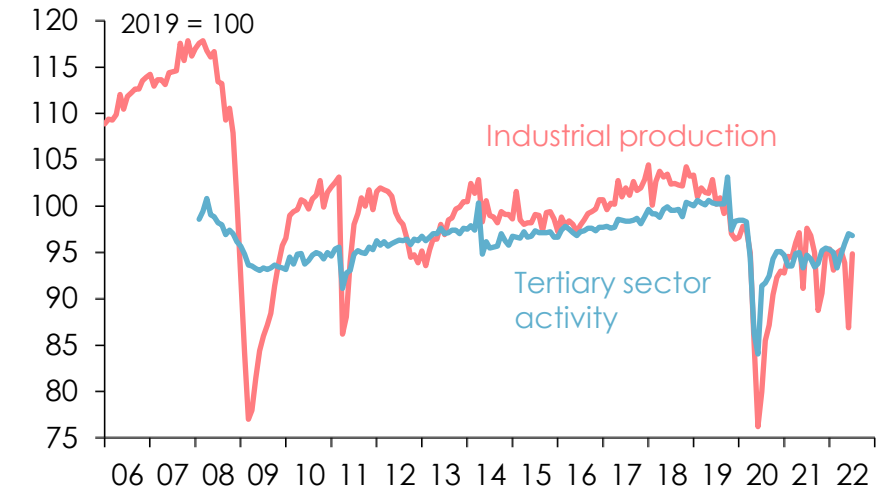
## Business conditions by industry



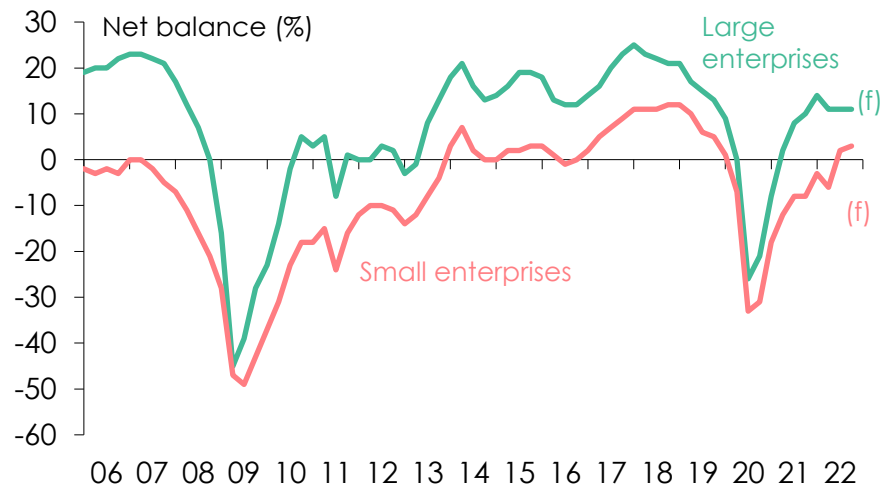
## Corporate operating profits



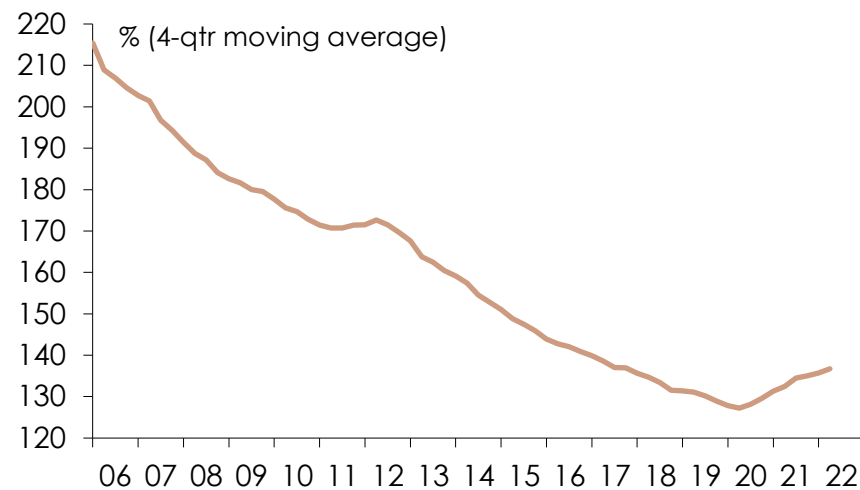
## Indexes of economic activity



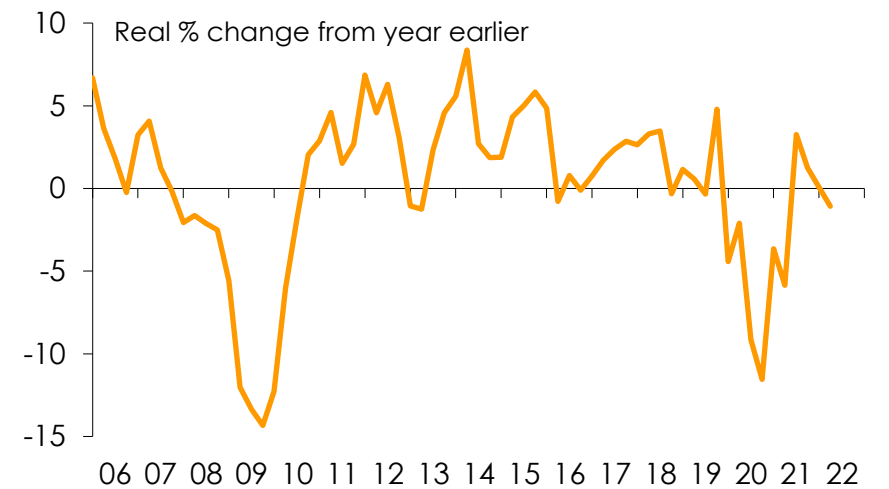
## Business conditions by firm size



## Corporate debt-equity ratio



## Business investment

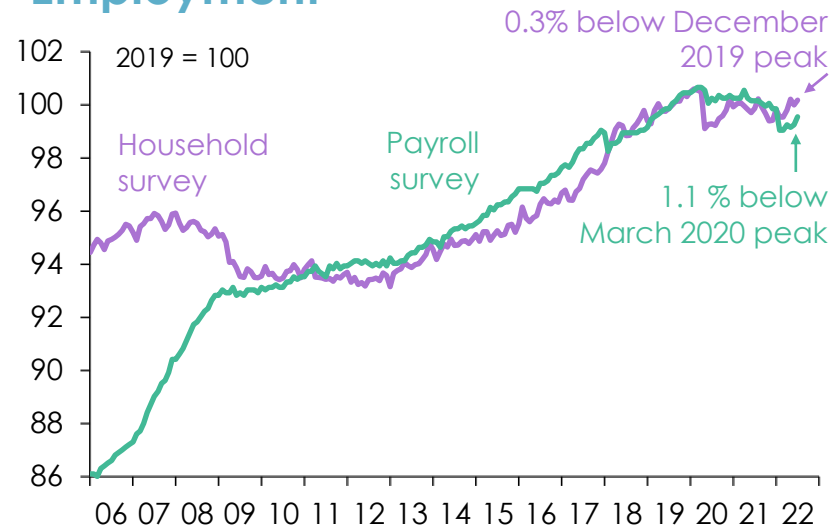


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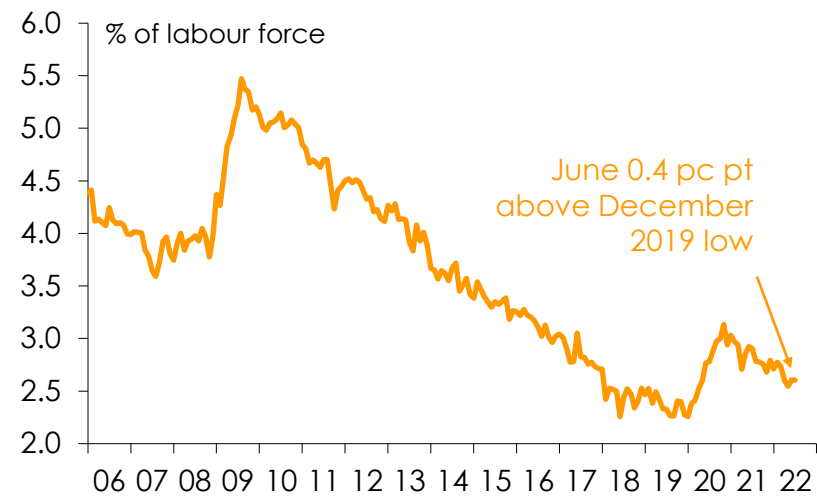
# Japan's 'headline' inflation rate rose to 2.6% over the year to July, the highest since 2014, with the ex-food-&-energy rate rising to 1.2%

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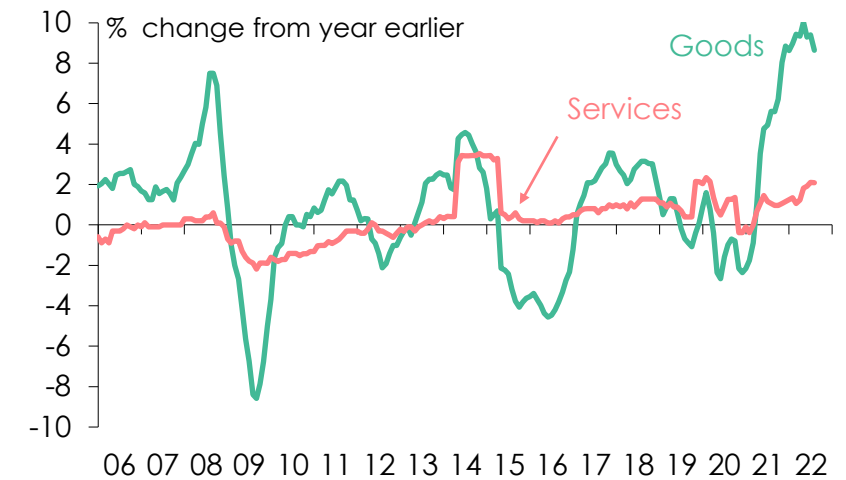
## Employment



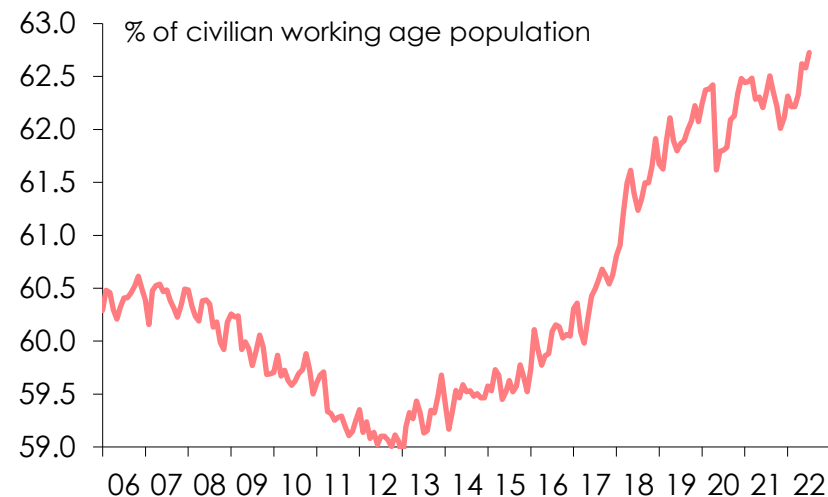
## Unemployment rate



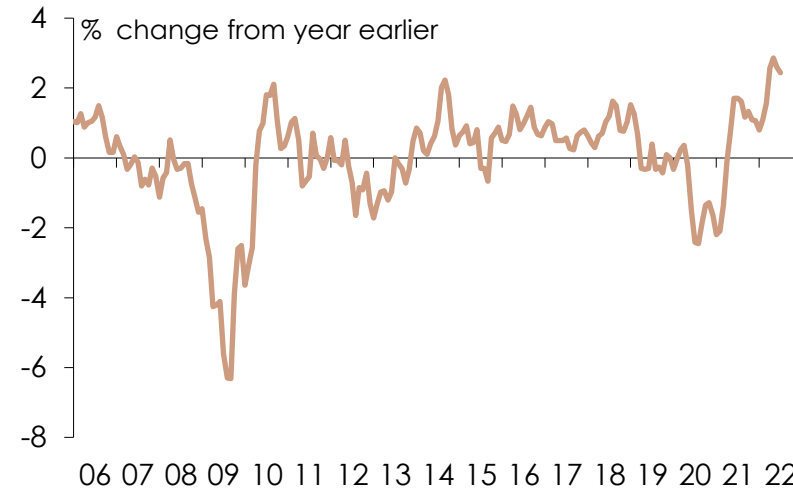
## 'Corporate' (producer) prices



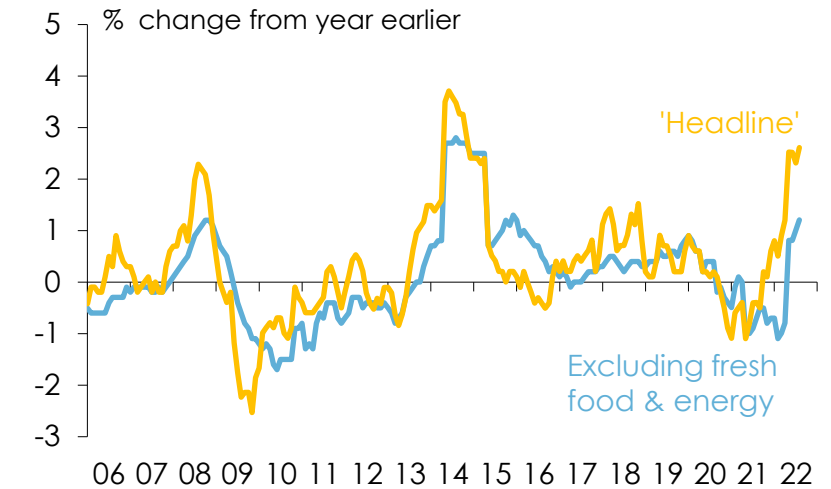
## Labour force participation rate



## Wages growth



## Consumer prices

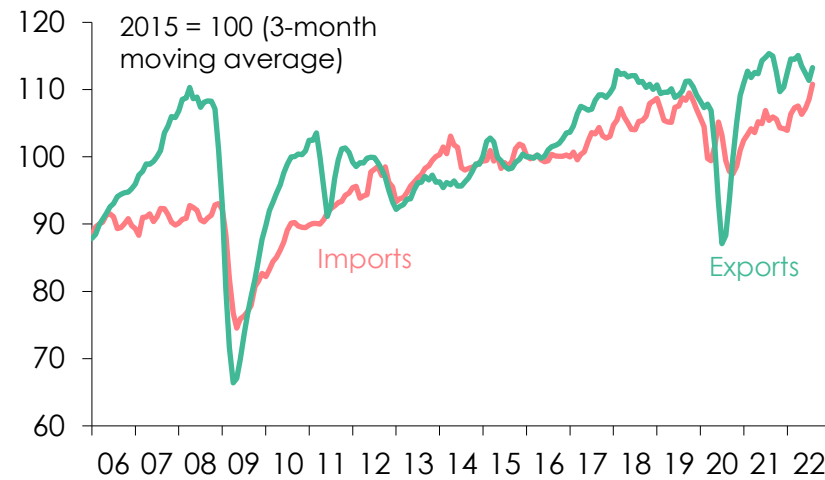


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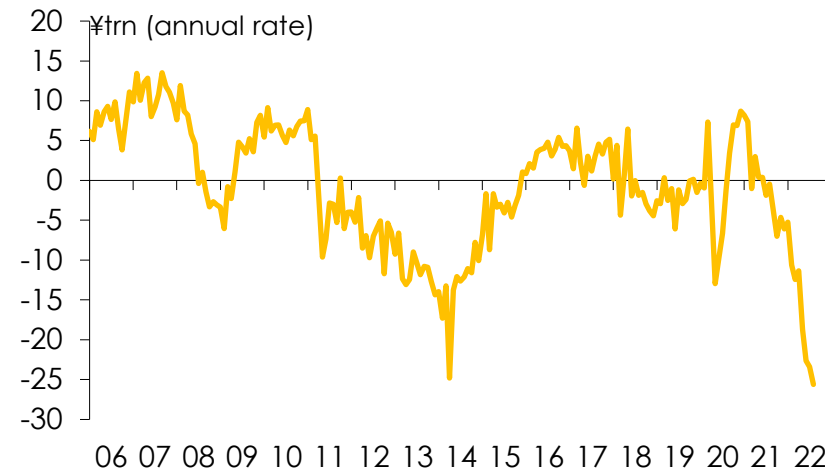
# Japan is now incurring large (by its standards) external deficits as a result largely of higher prices commodity imports and loss of tourism exports

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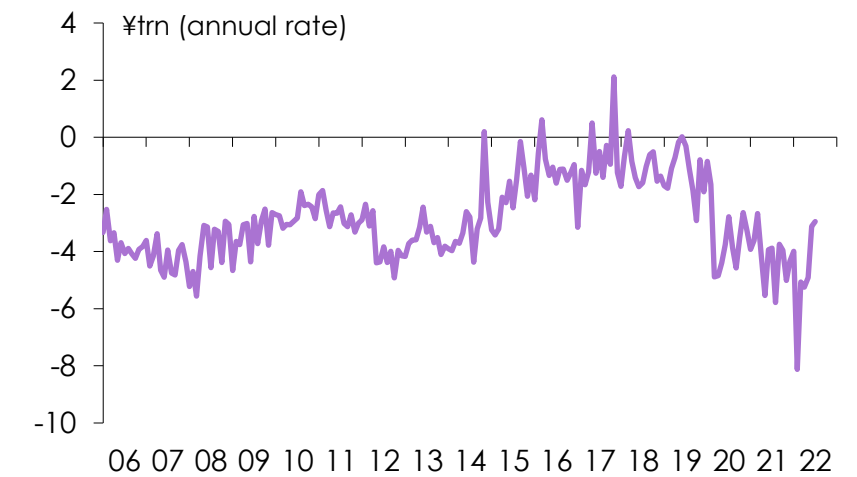
## Merchandise trade volumes



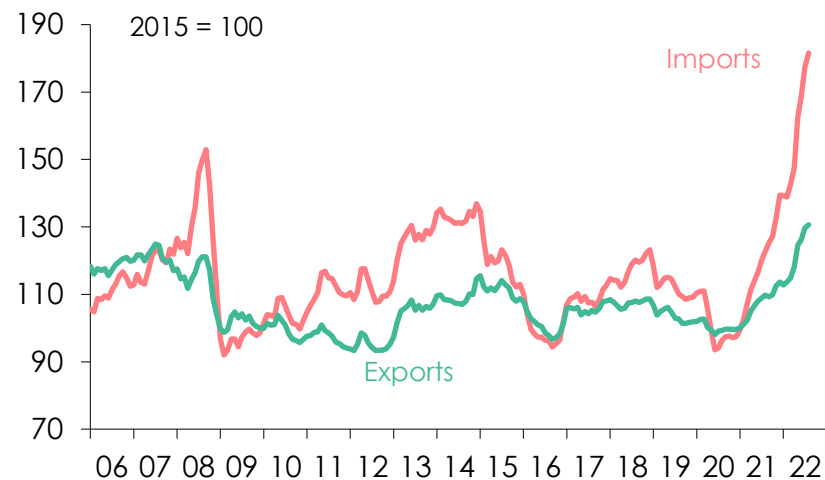
## Merchandise trade balance



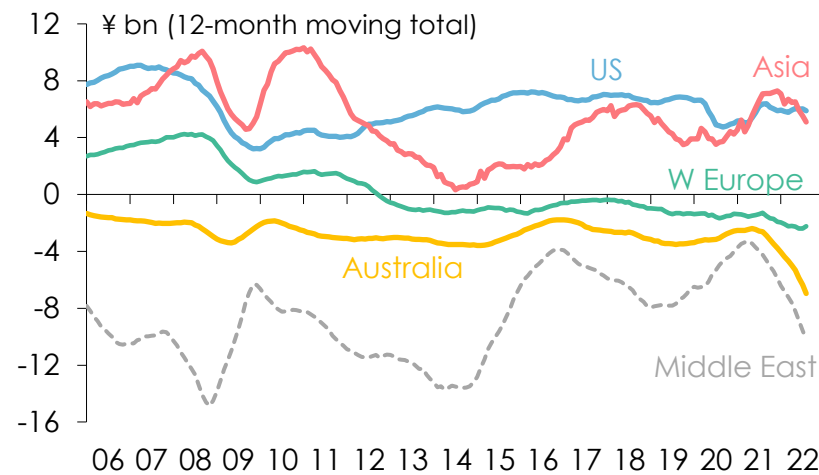
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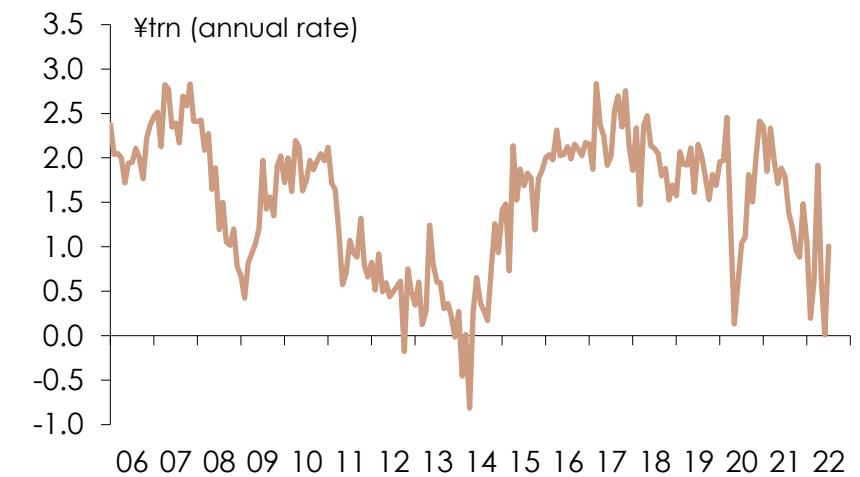
## Merchandise trade prices



## Bilateral goods trade balances



## Current account balance



Sources: Bank of Japan, [Developments in Real Exports and Real Imports](#) and [Balance of Payments Related Statistics](#); Ministry of Finance, [Trade Statistics of Japan](#), [Return to "What's New"](#).

# The Bank of Japan again left its monetary policy settings unchanged at last month's Policy Board meeting, and made almost no reference to the yen

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- ❑ As expected, the [Bank of Japan](#) left all its monetary policy settings unchanged – including the commitment to cap 10-year JGB yields at 0.25% - at last month's Monetary Policy Board meeting
- ❑ In the [Statement on Monetary Policy](#), issued after the meeting, the BoJ once again re-iterated its commitment to continue with 'Quantitative and Qualitative Easing (QQE) with Yield Curve Control' "as long as it is necessary" to "achieve the price stability target of 2% in a stable manner", and to continue expanding the monetary base "until the year-on-year rate of increase in the observed CPI (all items less fresh food) exceeds 2% and stays above the target in a stable manner"
- ❑ In the accompanying [Outlook for Economic Activity and Prices](#), the BoJ lowered its forecast for real GDP growth in FY22 to 2.4% (from 2.9%) due to "a slowdown in overseas economies and an intensification of supply-side constraints", but revised up its forecasts for FY23 and FY24 to 2.0% and 1.3% (from 1.9% and 1.1%) respectively
- ❑ It also raised its forecasts for its targeted inflation measure (CPI excluding fresh food) in FY22 to 2.3% (from 1.9%) and in FY23 to 1.4% (from 1.1%), due to higher prices for energy, food and durable goods
  - but it continues to expect this measure of inflation to decelerate after the end of 2022 "because the positive contribution of the rise in energy prices to the CPI is likely to wane"
- ❑ The BoJ sees risks to economic activity as "skewed to the downside for the time being but generally balanced thereafter" while risks to prices are "skewed to the upside for the time being but generally balanced thereafter"
  - and that it "in this situation it was necessary to pay due attention to developments in financial and foreign exchange markets and their impact on Japan's economic activity and prices"
- ❑ The BoJ again made very little mention of the increasing weakness in the yen, beyond noting "future developments in foreign exchange rates" and "the extent to which such developments will spread to import prices or domestic prices"

**Other East Asian economies**



# The ADB last month lowered its growth forecasts for most East Asian economies (except for Indonesia) and raised its forecasts for inflation

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## IMF and Asian Development Bank forecasts for East Asian economies

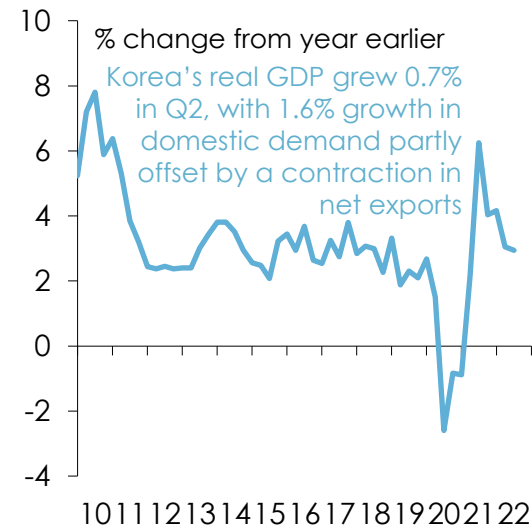
	Real GDP growth							Inflation						
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	2010-19*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022	2023	2010-19*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022	2023
Korea	3.3	-0.9	4.1	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.6	1.7	0.5	2.5	4.0	2.4	4.5	3.0
Taiwan	3.6	3.1	5.9	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.0	1.0	-0.2	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.0
Hong Kong	2.8	-6.1	6.4	0.5	4.9	1.0	3.9	3.3	0.3	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.1
Singapore	4.9	-5.4	6.0	4.0	2.9	3.9	3.2	1.6	-0.2	2.3	3.5	2.0	4.7	2.3
Indonesia	5.4	-2.1	3.7	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.7	2.0	1.6	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.3
Philippines	6.4	-9.6	5.7	6.7	5.0	6.5	6.3	3.0	2.6	3.9	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.3
Thailand	3.6	-6.1	1.5	2.8	4.0	2.9	4.2	1.6	-0.8	1.2	3.5	2.8	6.3	2.7
Malaysia	5.4	-5.6	3.1	5.1	4.7	5.8	5.1	2.1	-1.1	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.5
Vietnam	6.5	2.9	3.8	6.0	7.2	6.5	6.7	6.0	3.2	1.9	3.8	3.2	3.8	4.0
Cambodia	7.0	-3.1	2.2	5.1	5.9	4.2	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.6	1.0
Laos	7.1	-0.4	3.2	3.5	4.5	3.4	3.7	3.7	5.1	3.8	6.2	5.0	5.8	5.0
Myanmar	3.1	-8.0	-17.9	1.6	3.0	-0.3	2.6	6.1	5.7	3.6	14.1	8.2	8.0	8.5

Note: \* Pp per annum. IMF forecasts for GDP growth in Korea, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia are as of July 2022; all other GDP forecasts and all IMF inflation forecasts are from April 2022. Sources : International Monetary Fund (IMF), [World Economic Outlook Update](#), 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and [World Economic Outlook](#), 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022; Asian Development Bank, [Asian Development Outlook Supplement](#), 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# Thailand's real GDP grew 0.7% in Q2, but was still 3.0% short of its pre-Covid peak in Q3 2019

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## Korea



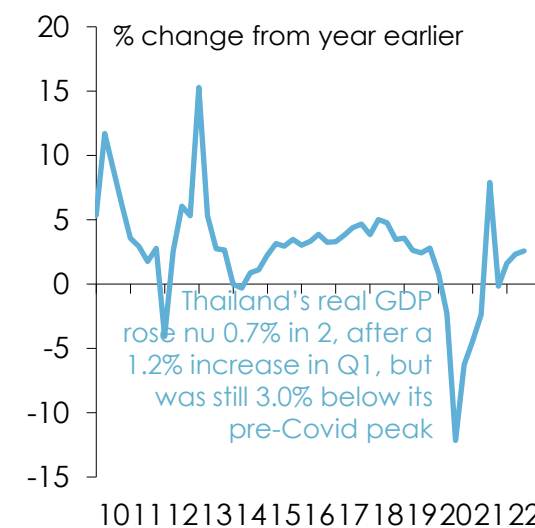
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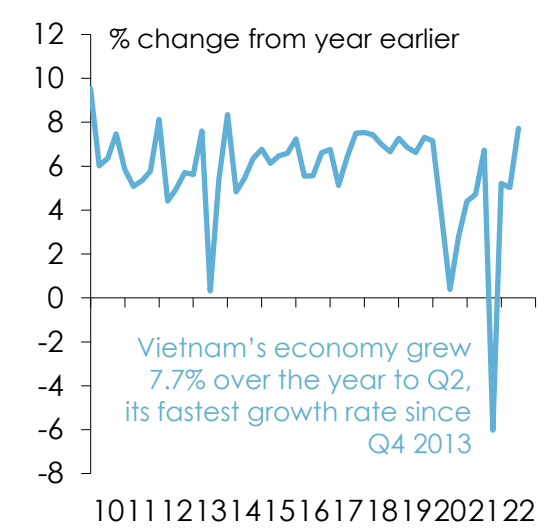
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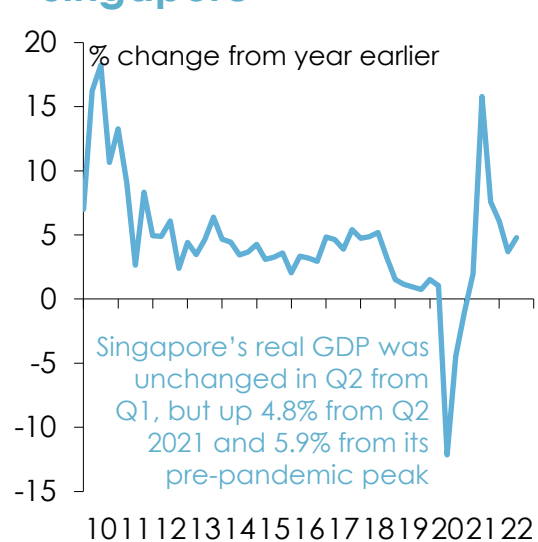
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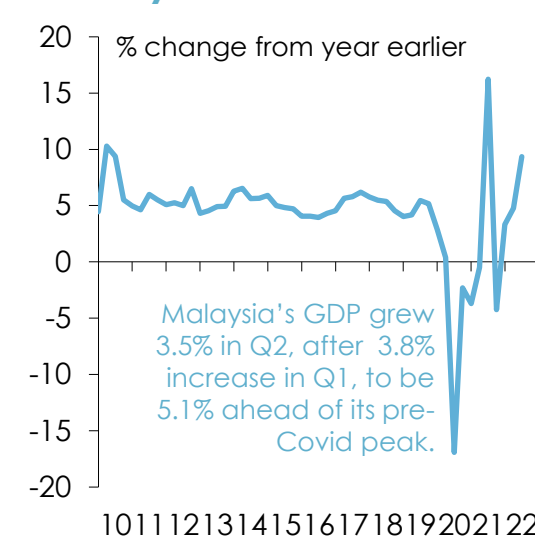
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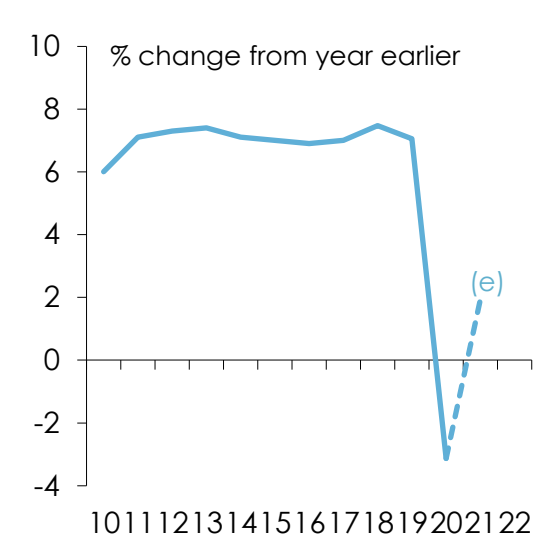
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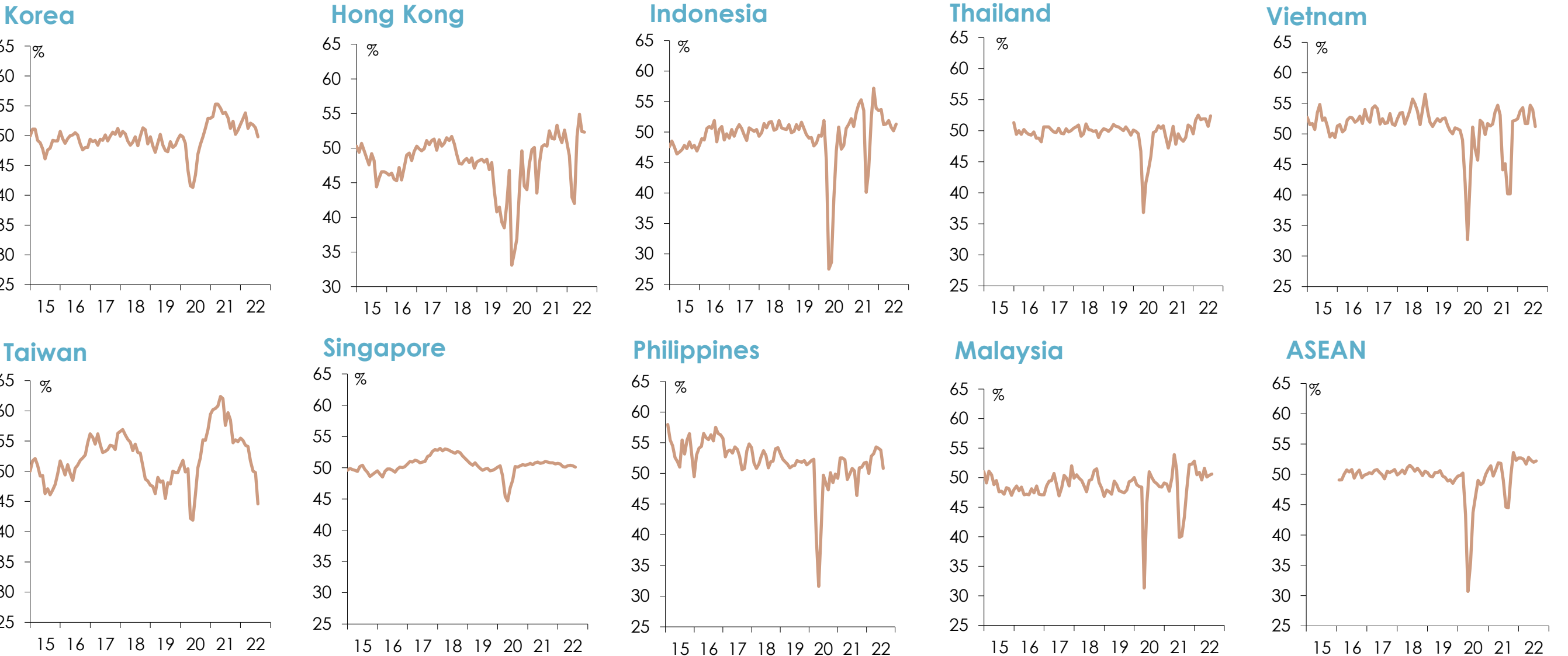
## Cambodia



Sources: Bank of Korea; Taiwan Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting & Statistics; Hong Kong Census & Statistics Department; Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry; Department of Statistics Malaysia; Office of the National Economic & Social Development Council of Thailand; Statistics Indonesia; Philippine Statistics Authority; General Statistics Office of Viet Nam; Cambodia National Institute of Statistics; OECD and IMF. [Return to "What's New"](#).

# July PMIs suggest contractions in manufacturing activity in Korea and Taiwan, slower growth in the Philippines but a pick-up in Thailand

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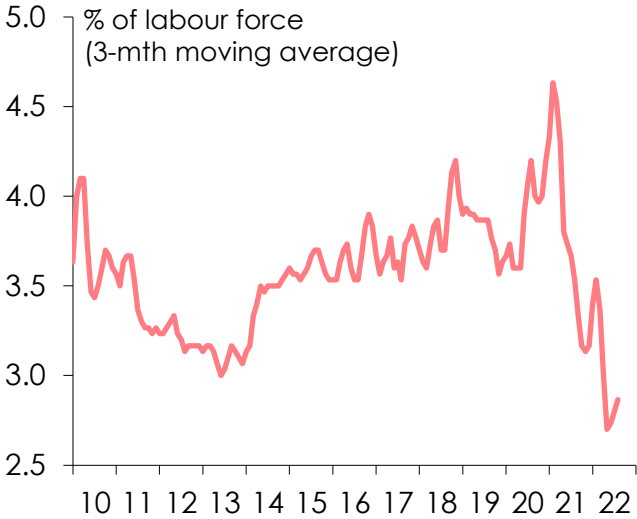


Note: Purchasing Managers' Indexes (PMIs) are derived from surveys of senior executives, who are asked to report whether various dimensions of business activity recorded an increase, decrease or no change compared with the previous month. A reading of 50 indicates an overall increase cf. the previous month, and a reading of less than 50 indicates a decrease. Surveys are for manufacturing sector only, except for Hong Kong which is 'whole economy'. Latest data are for July. Sources: [IHS Markit](#); [Singapore Institute of Purchasing and Materials Management](#); Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

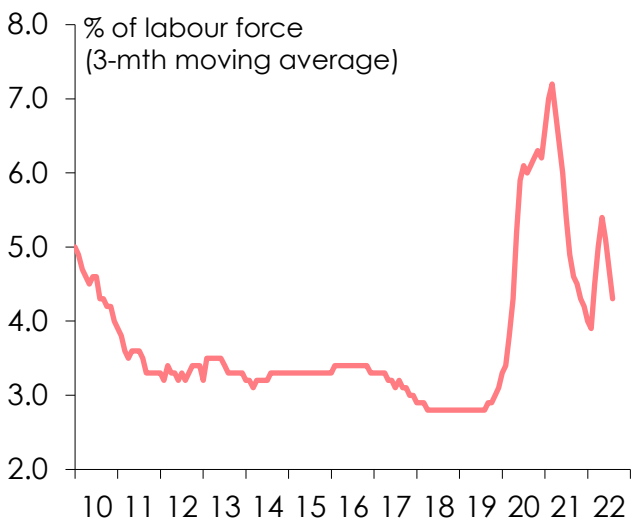
# Unemployment rose sharply in most Asian economies last year but is now falling in most of them

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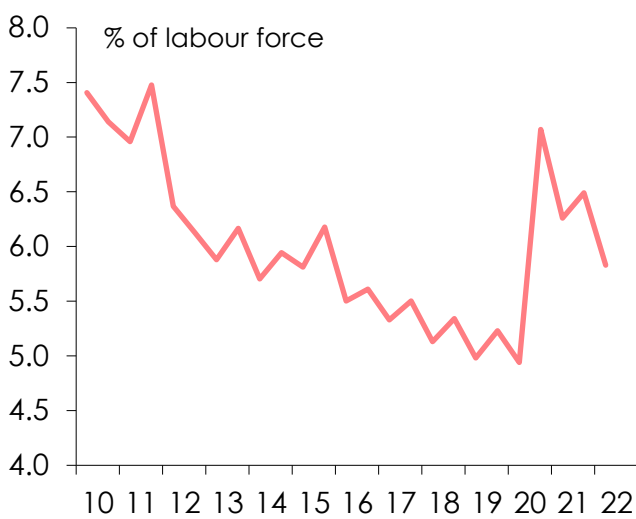
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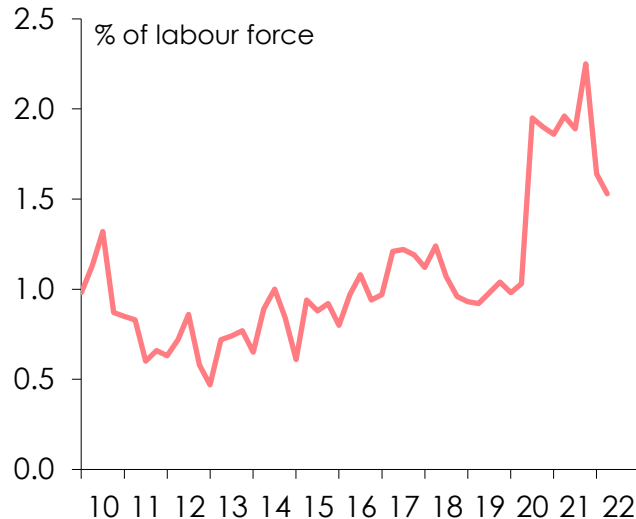
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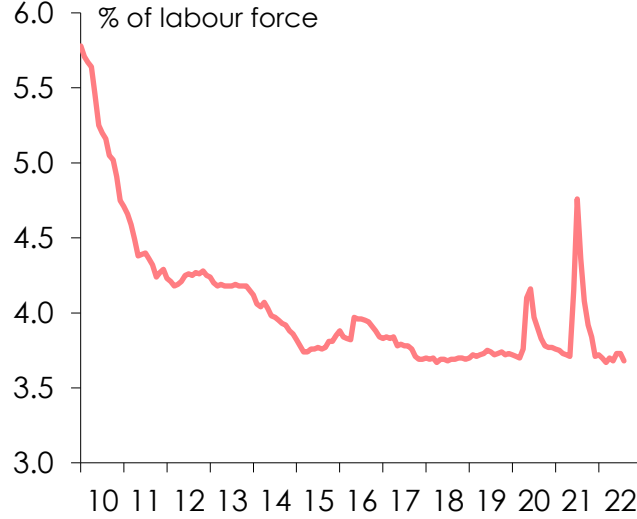
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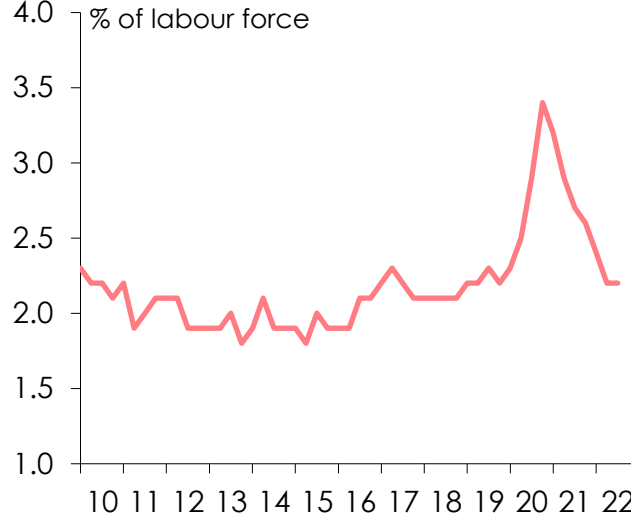
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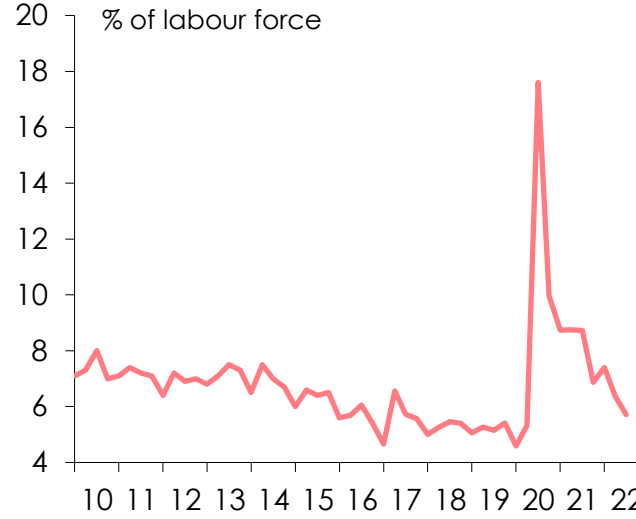
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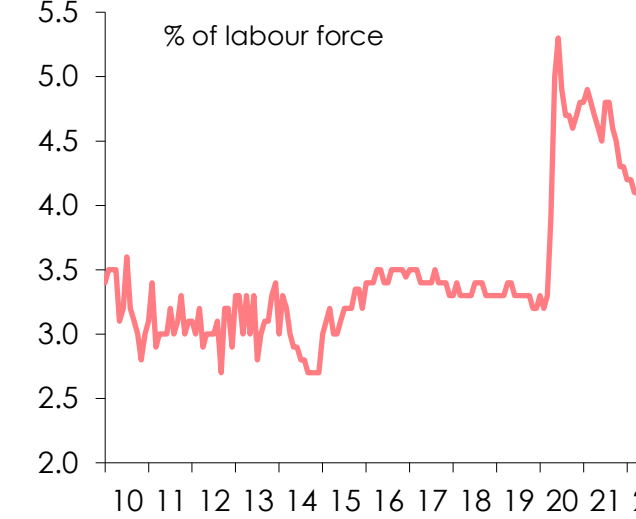
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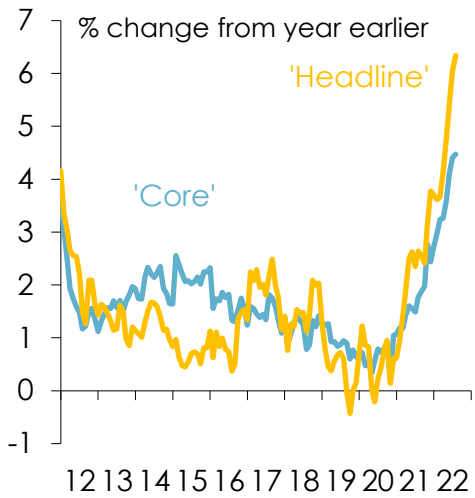


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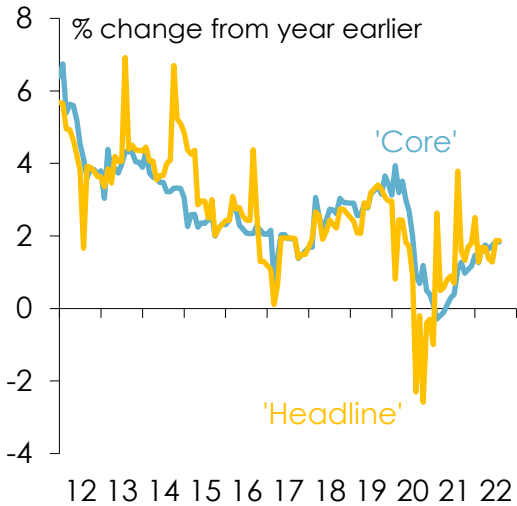
# 'Headline' and 'core' inflation are now rising in all East Asian economies and especially in Korea and Singapore

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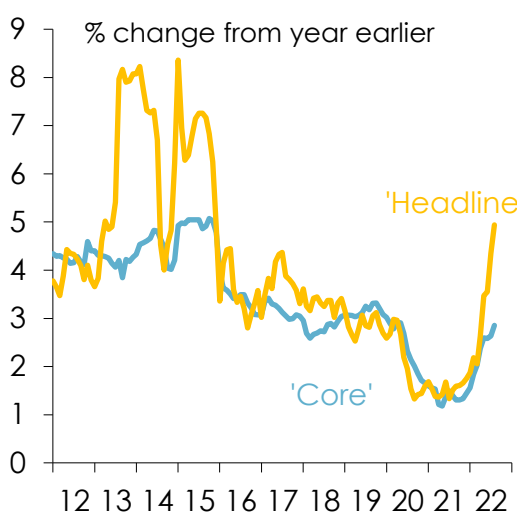
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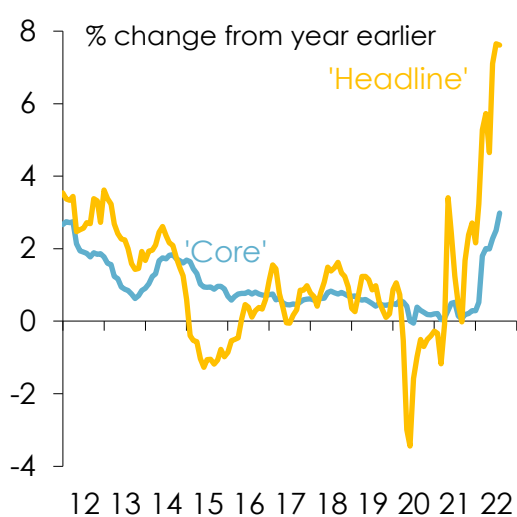
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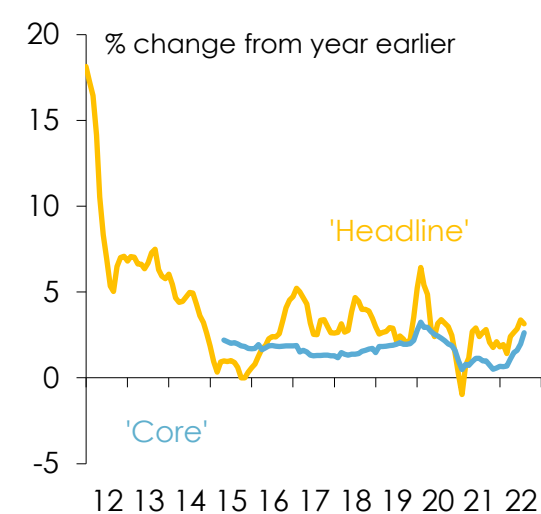
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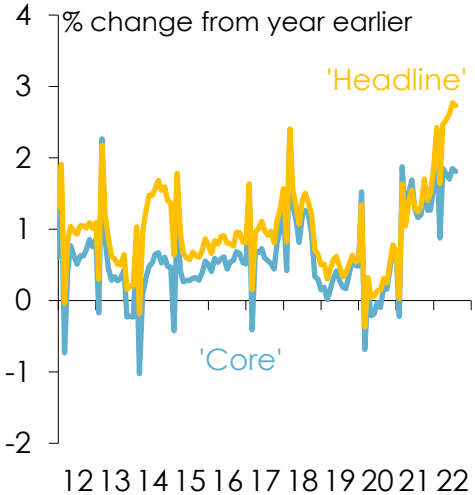
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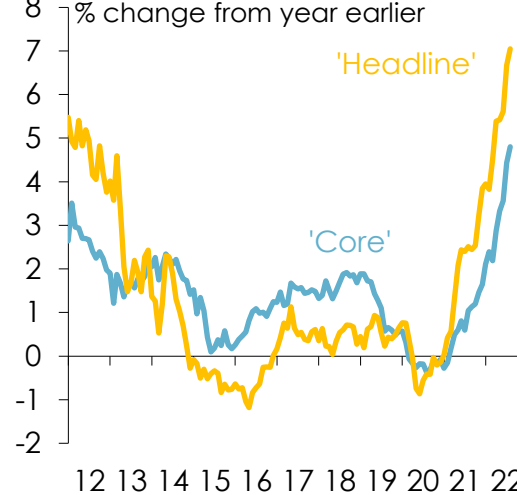
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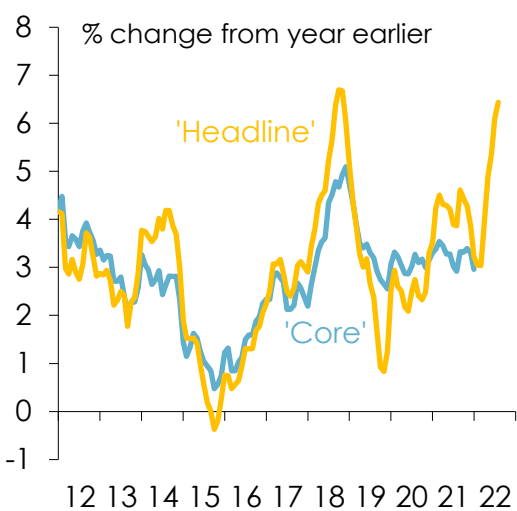
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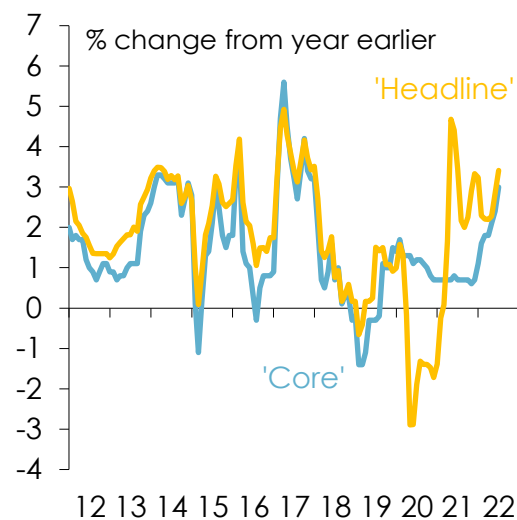
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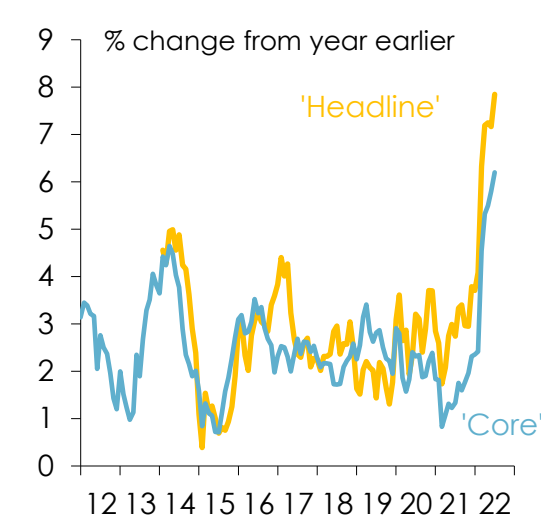
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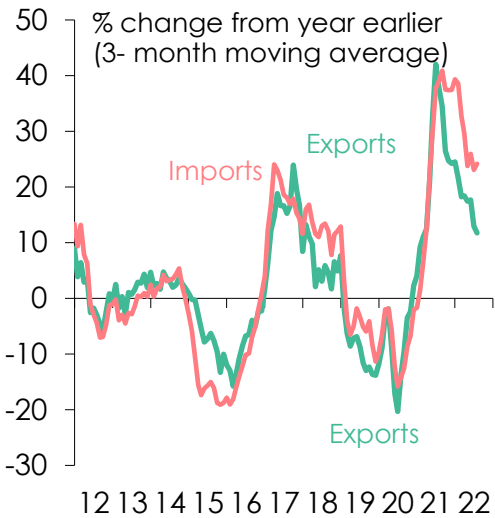
Note: 'Core' inflation in Korea excludes agricultural products & oil; in Taiwan it excludes fresh fruit, vegetables & energy; in Singapore it excludes accommodation & private transport; and in Hong Kong it excludes the effect of 'one-off government relief measures'. 'Core' inflation in Indonesia excludes 'volatile foods' & changes in 'administered prices' (such as fuel subsidies, transport fares & electricity prices); in the Philippines it excludes rice, corn, meat, fish, cultivated vegetables & fuels (and hasn't been published since December 2021); in Thailand it excludes fresh or raw food & energy; in Malaysia it excludes fresh food & 'administered' prices; in Vietnam it excludes 'volatile items'; and in Cambodia it excludes food, non-alcoholic beverages & oil products. Sources: national statistical agencies and central banks. [Return to "What's New"](#).



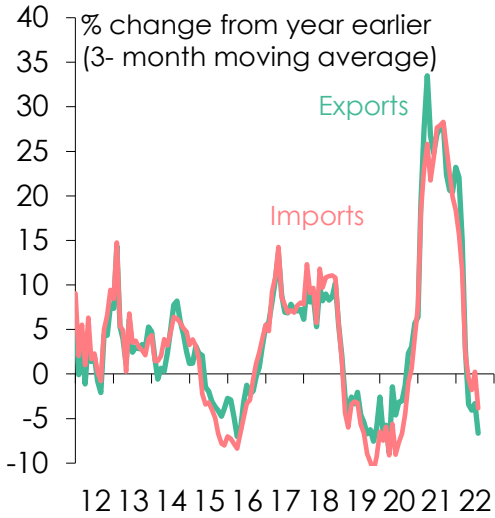
# Asian exports are returning to more ‘normal’ growth rates following the ‘bump’ in 2021 inflated by comparison with 2020

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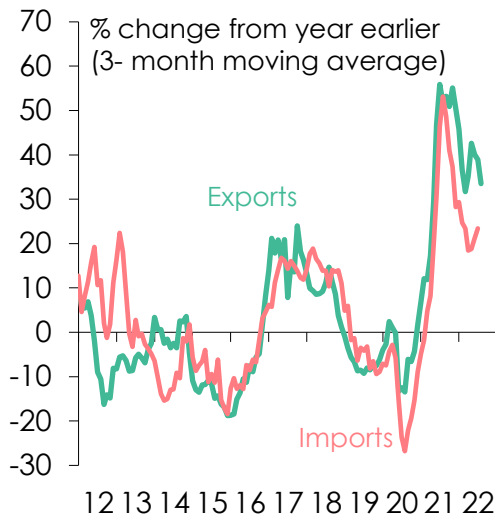
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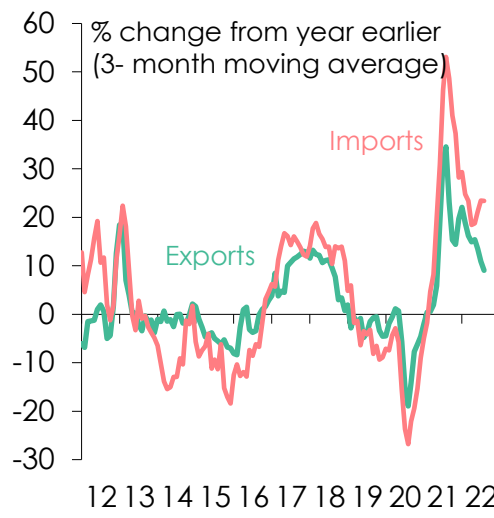
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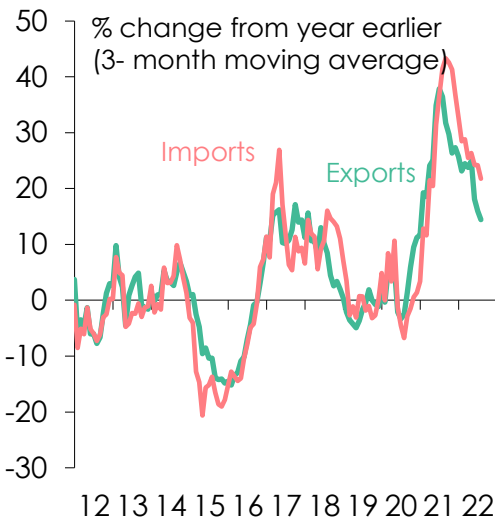
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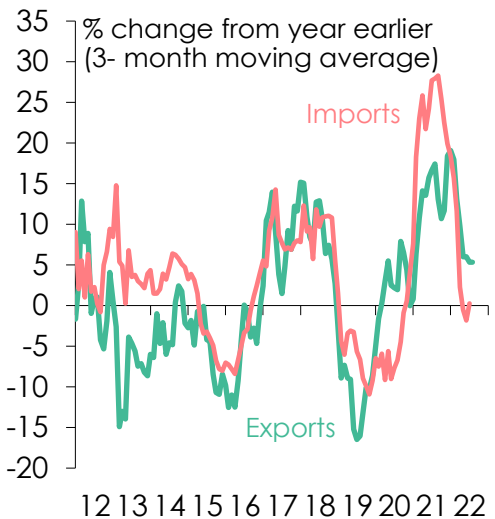
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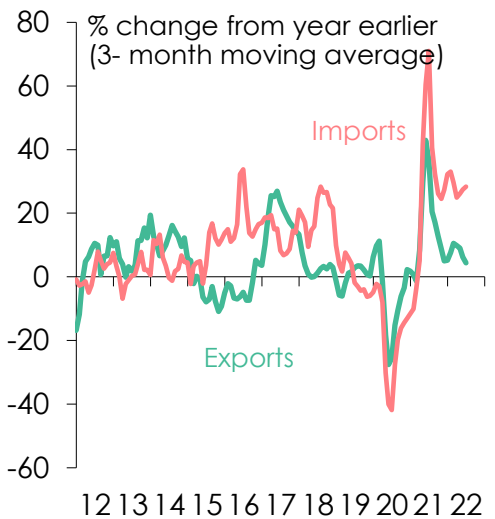
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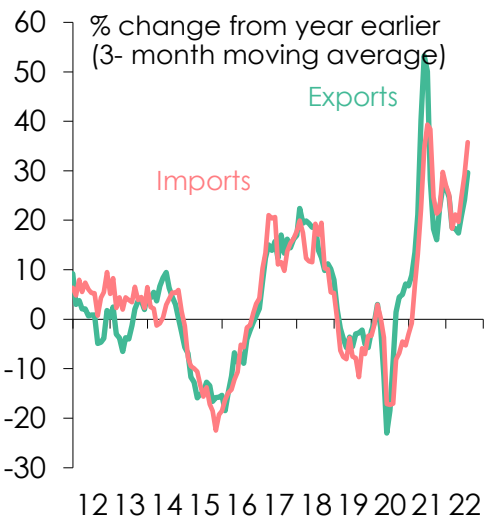
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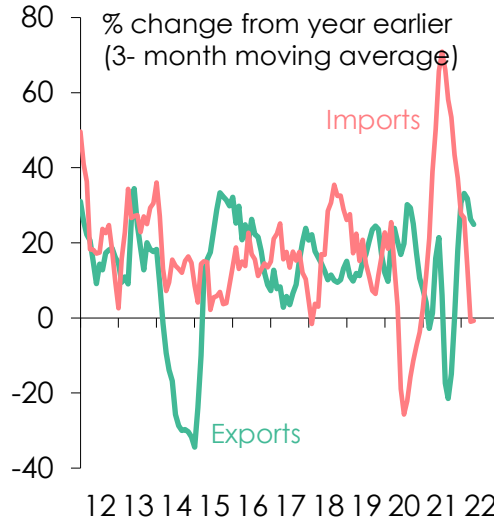
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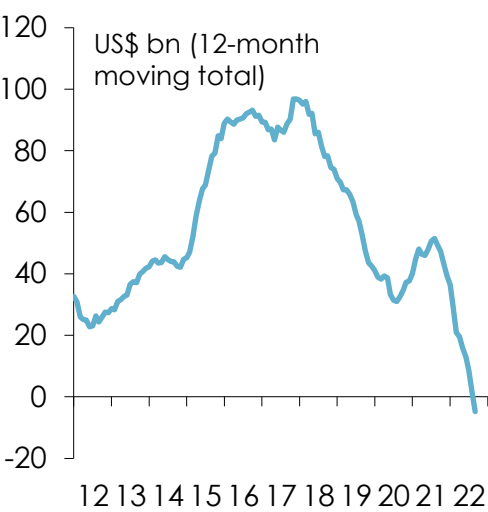
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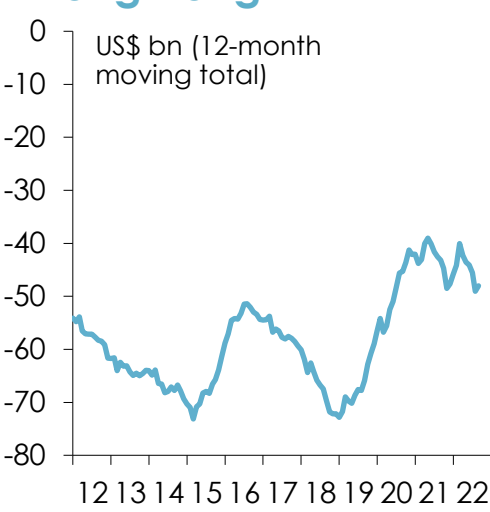
# Most Asian economies – except for energy-exporting Indonesia and Malaysia – are experiencing some deterioration in their trade balances

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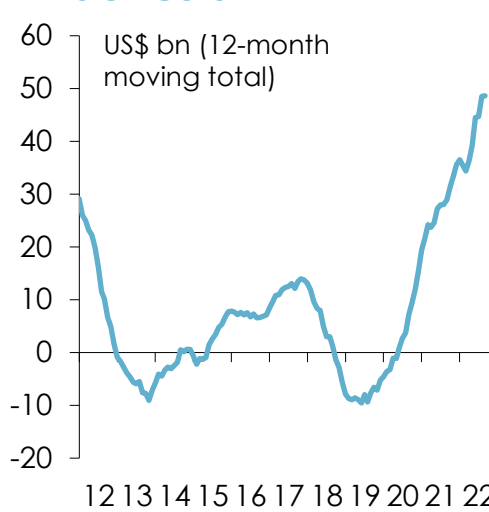
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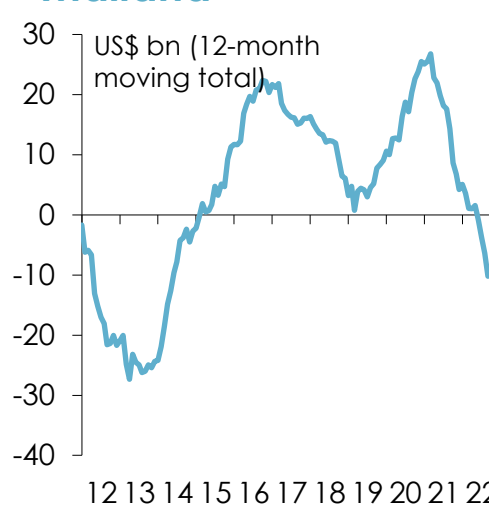
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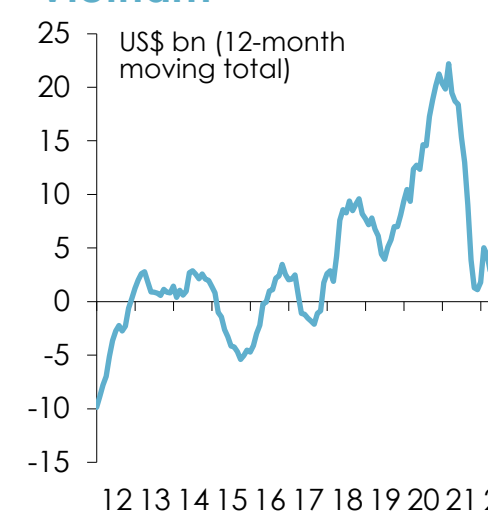
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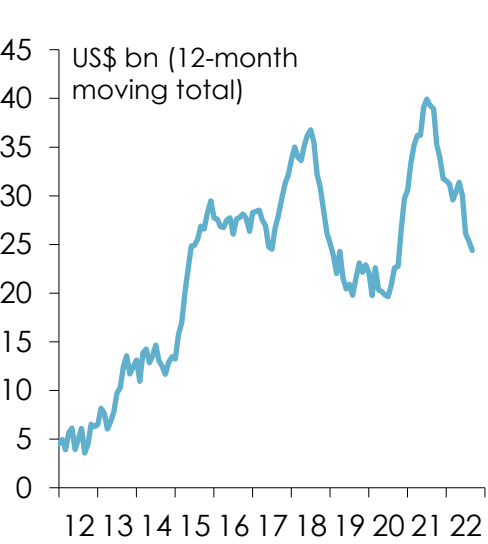
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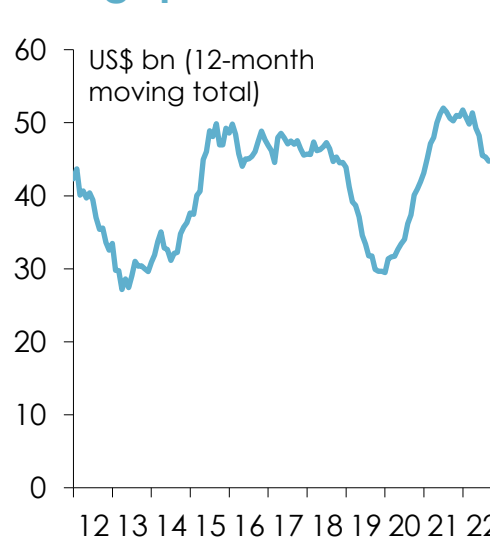
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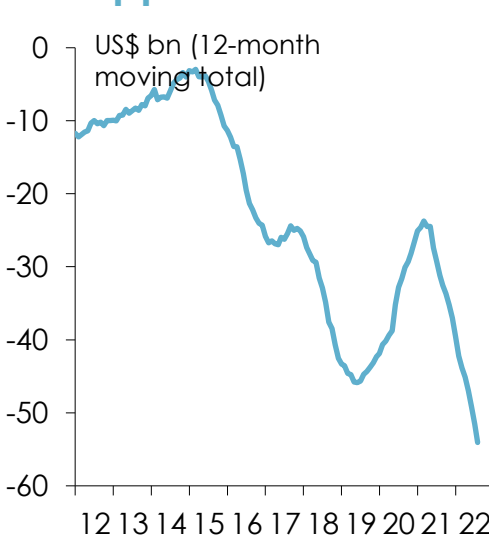
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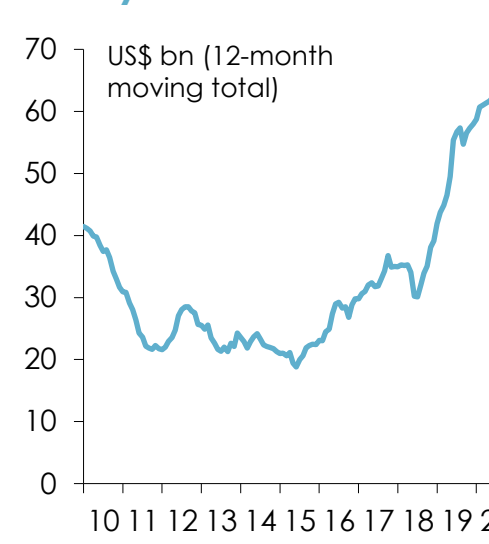
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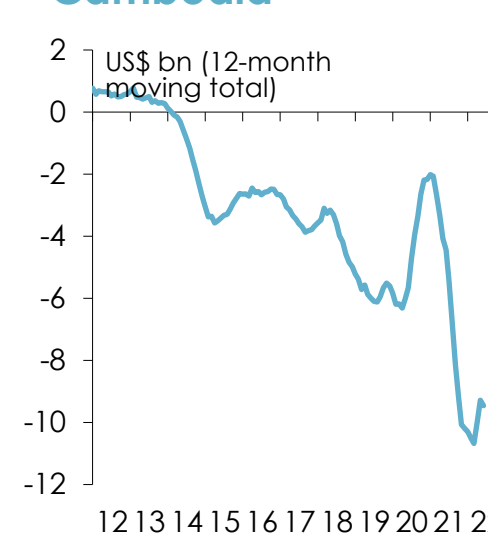
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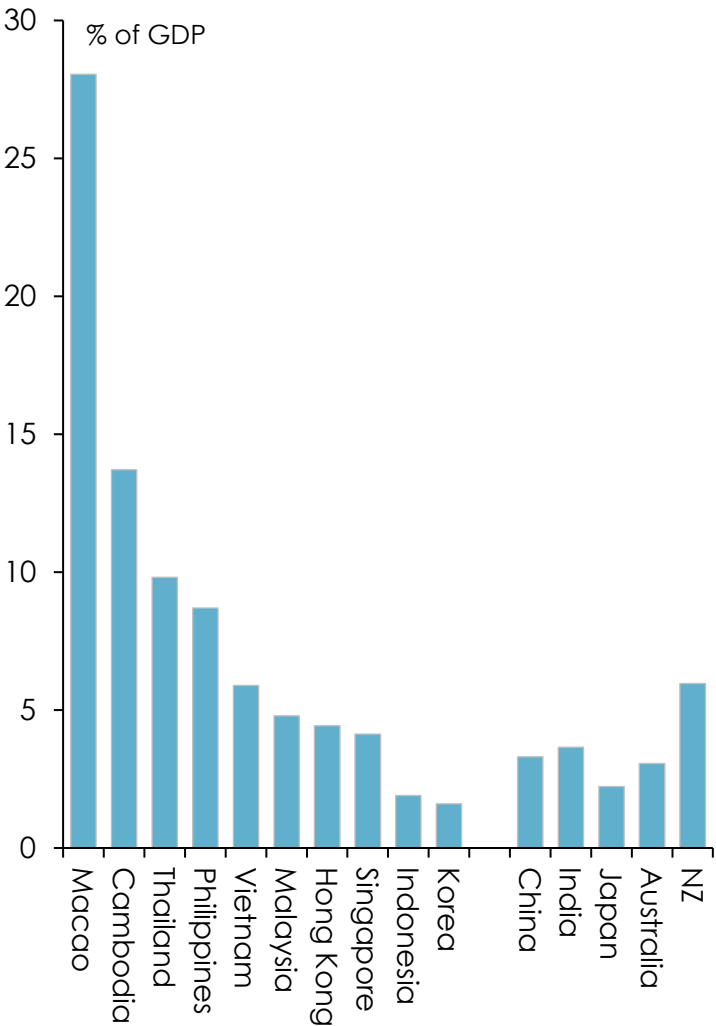


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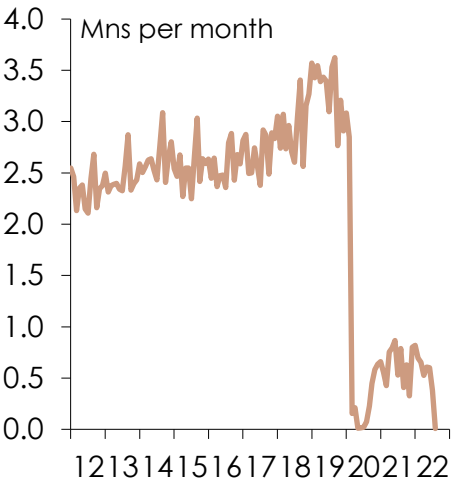
# Many Asian economies, particularly Macao, Thailand, the Philippines and Hong Kong, have been hard hit by the demise of international tourism

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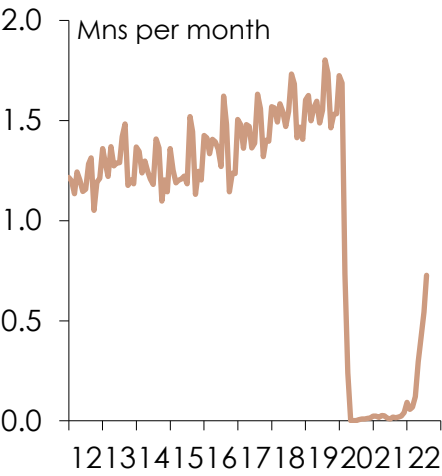
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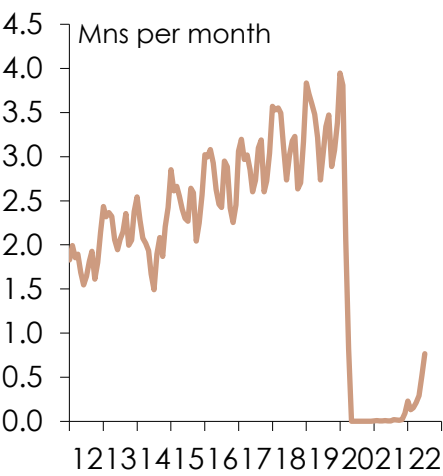
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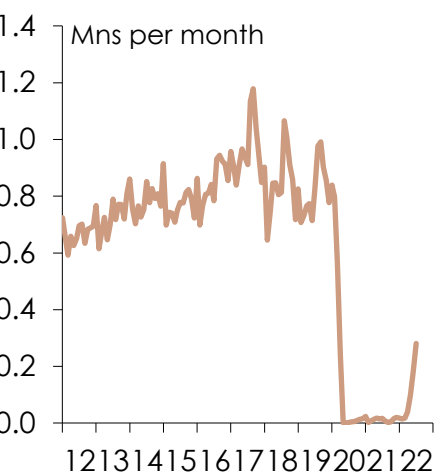
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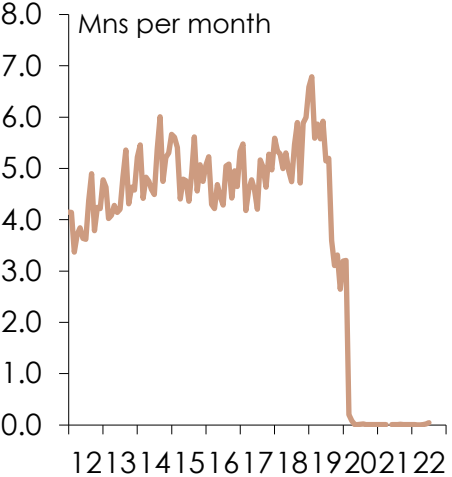
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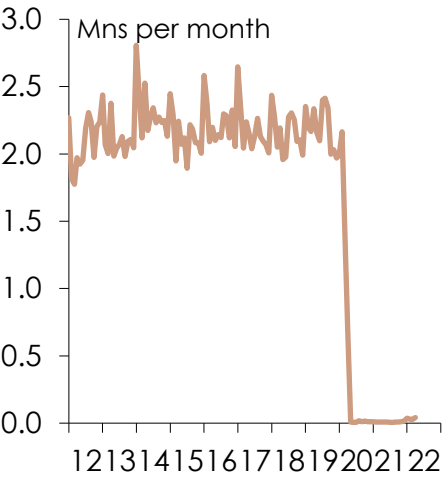
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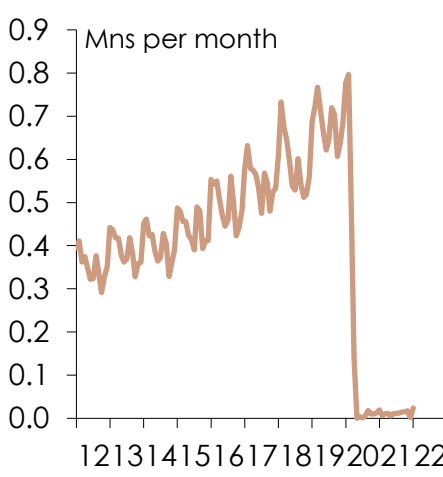
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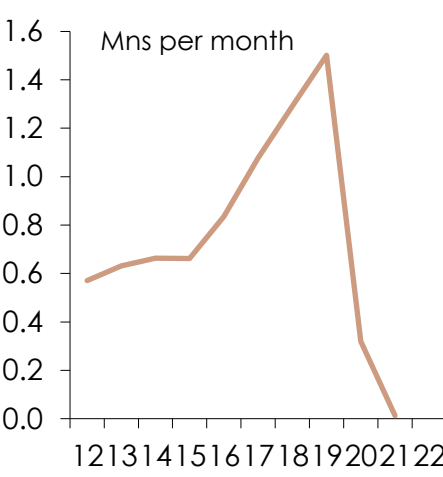
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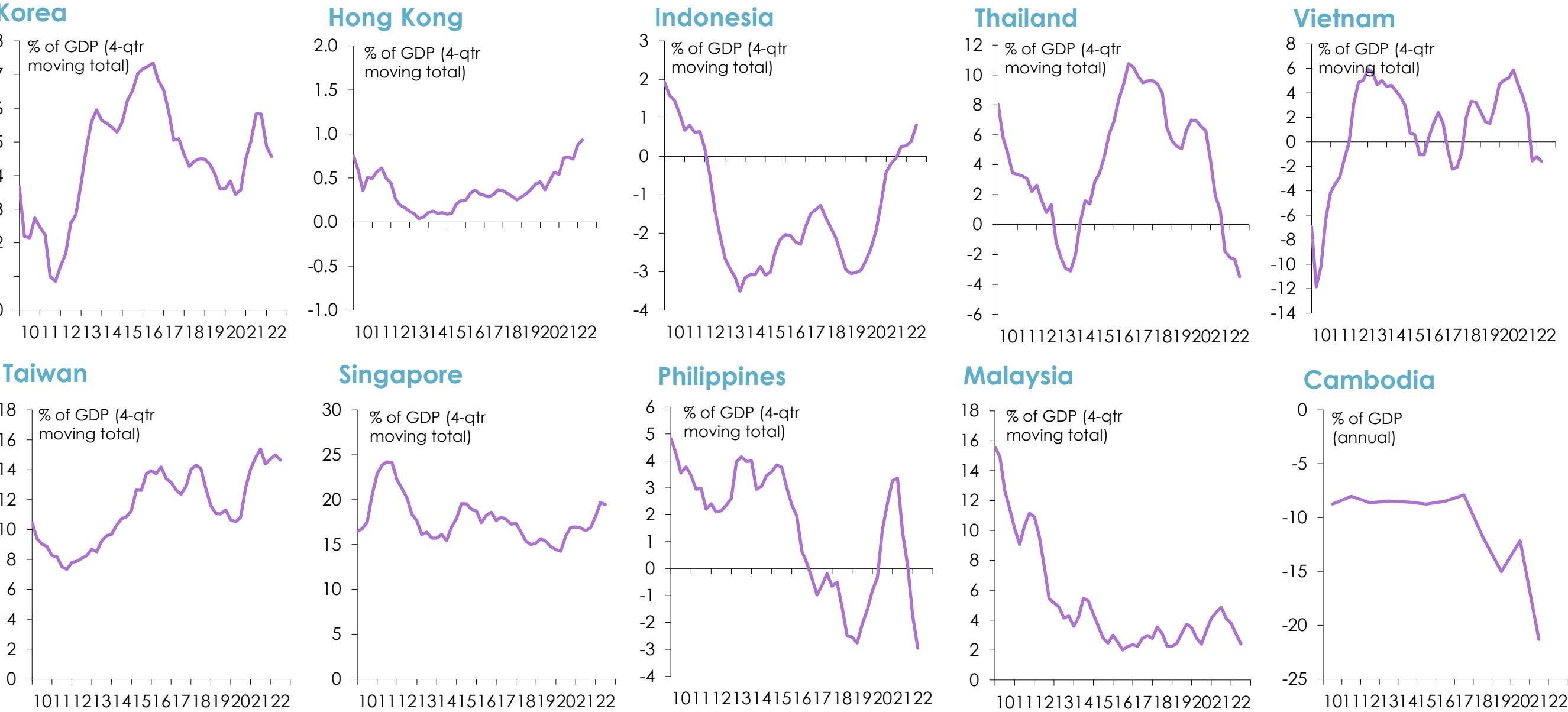
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Note: Visitor arrivals data for Vietnam is only published annually. Malaysia and the Philippines have thus far not published data for months after December 2021.  
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# The more 'advanced' Asian economies have strong current account positions, Indonesia's is much improved but others have deteriorated

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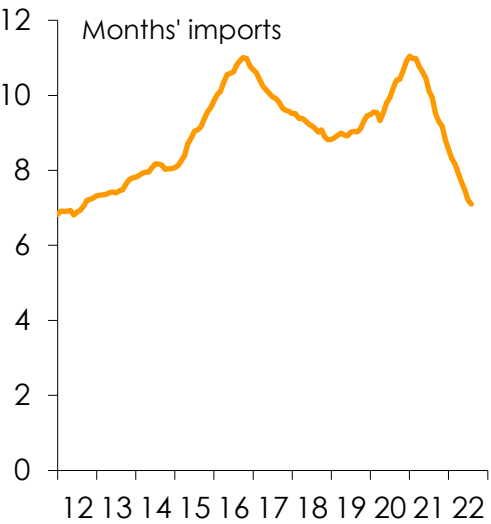


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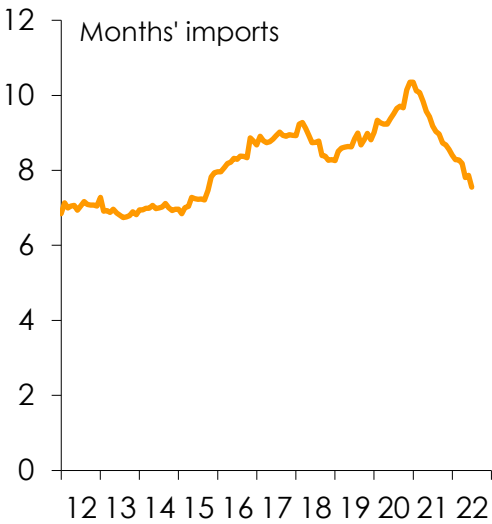
# Most Asian economies have sought to maintain high levels of FX reserves since the 1997-98 crisis – although Malaysia's have deteriorated recently

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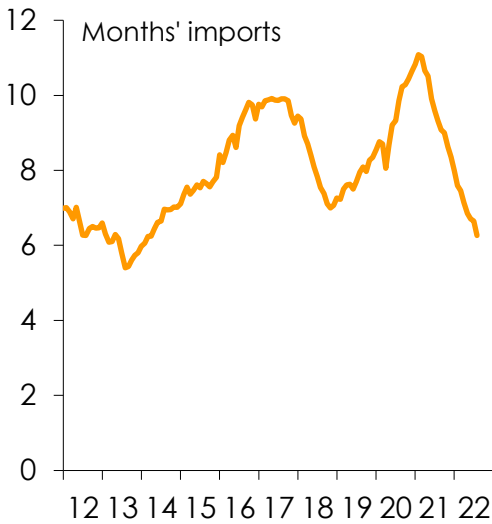
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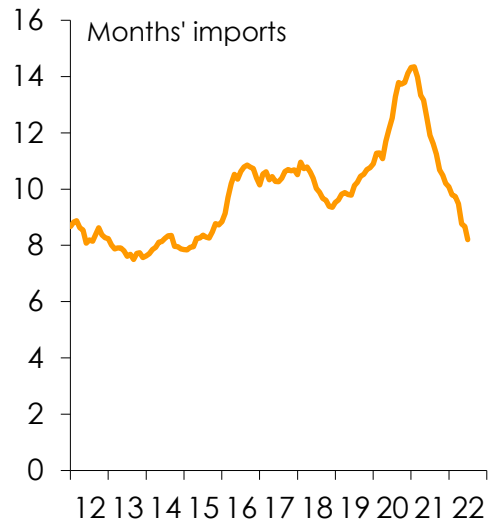
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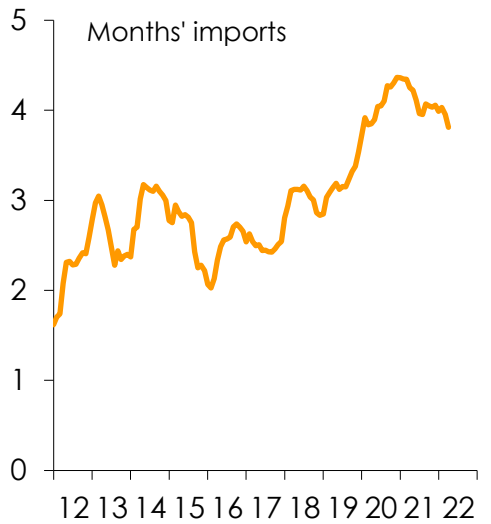
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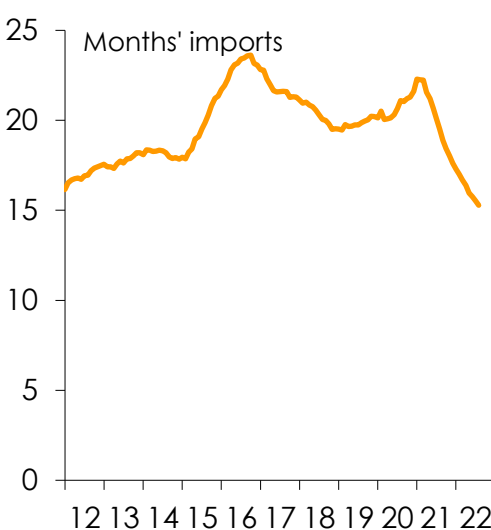
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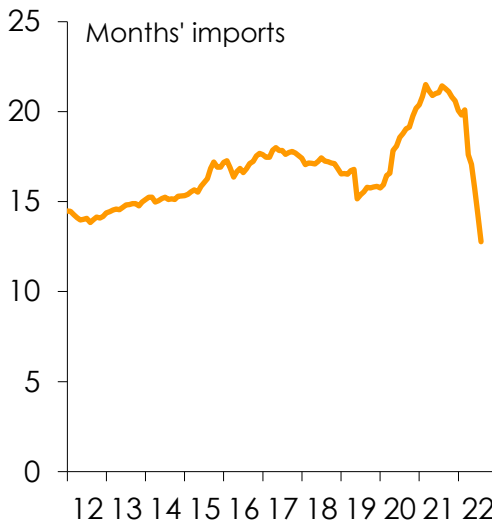
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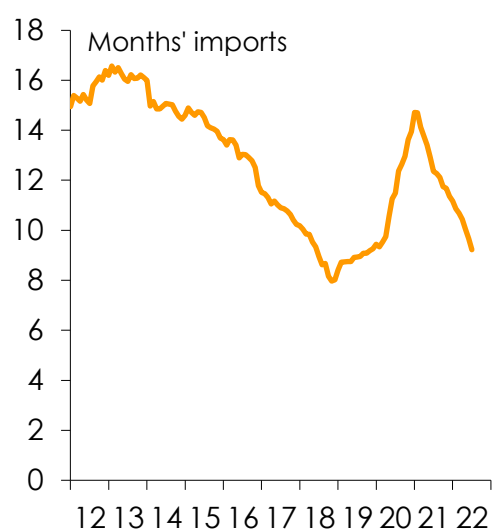
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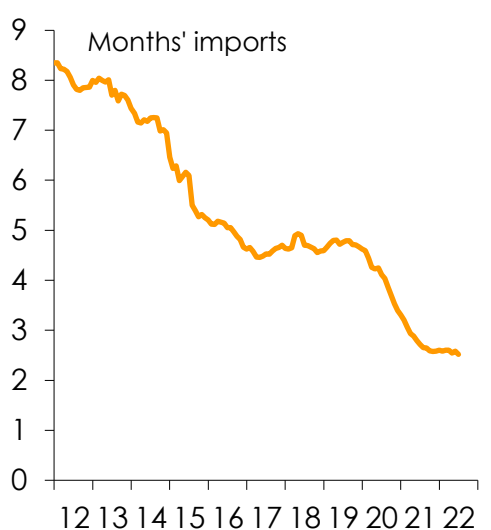
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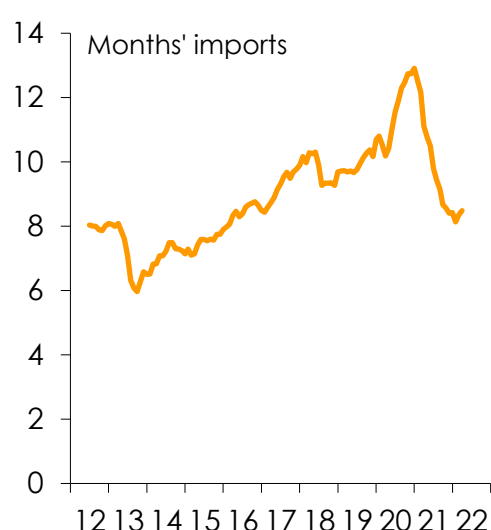
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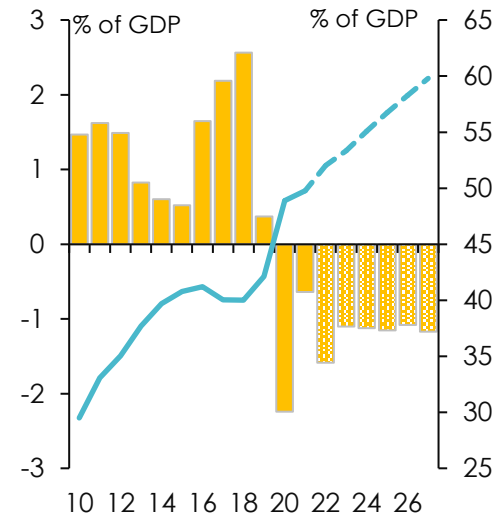


Note: Foreign exchange reserves in the above charts are shown as a multiple of average monthly imports (measured in US\$) over the preceding 12 months.  
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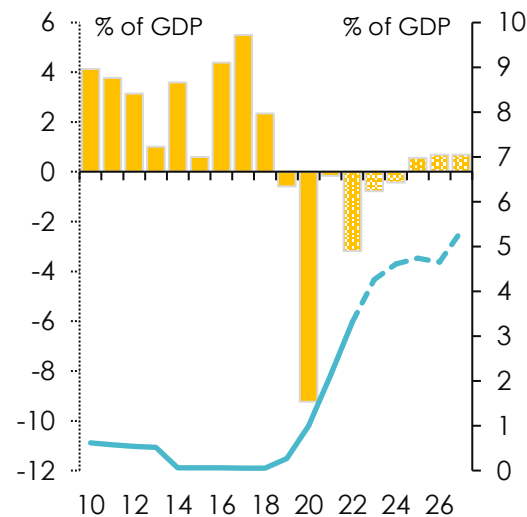
# Most Asian governments, apart from Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia and Vietnam, will be tightening fiscal policy over the next few years

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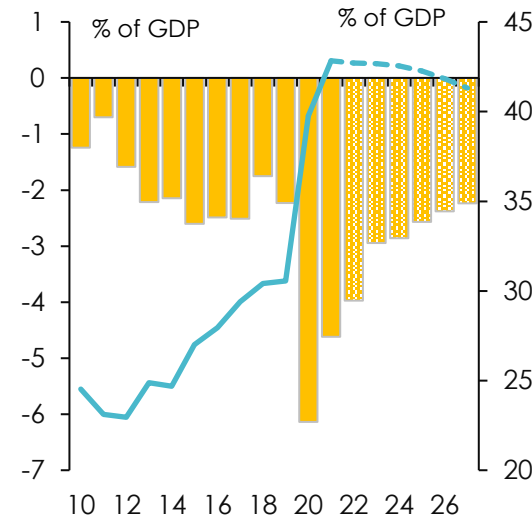
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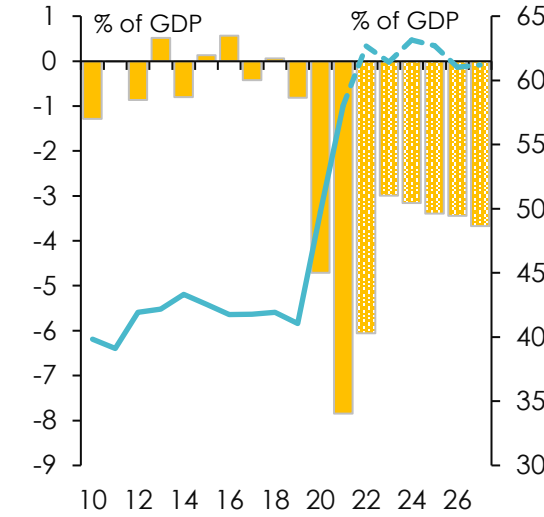
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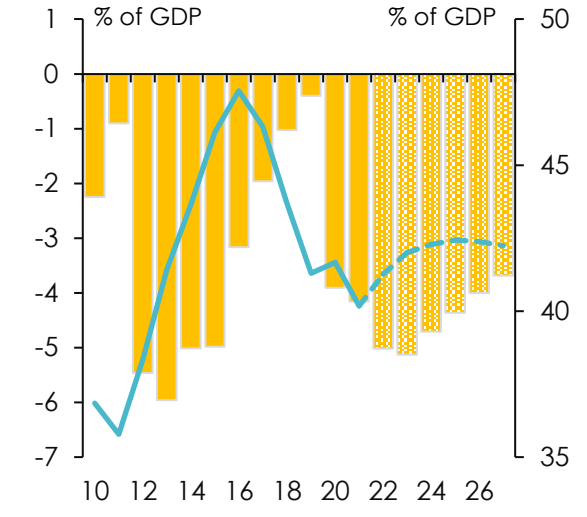
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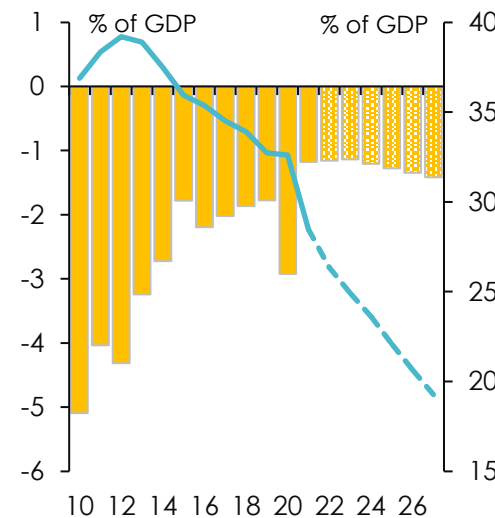
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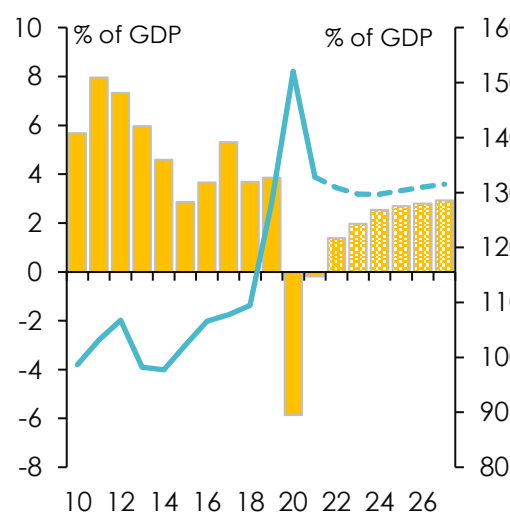
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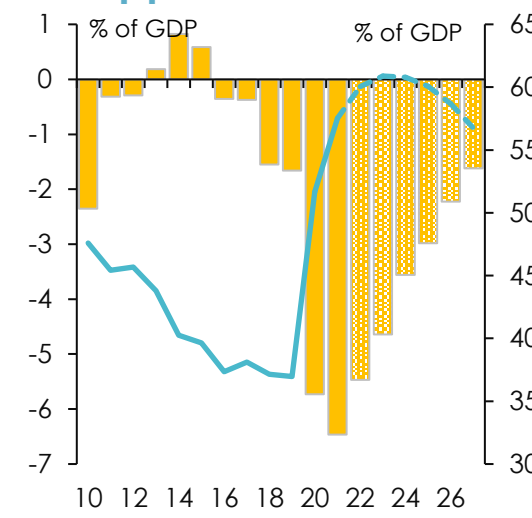
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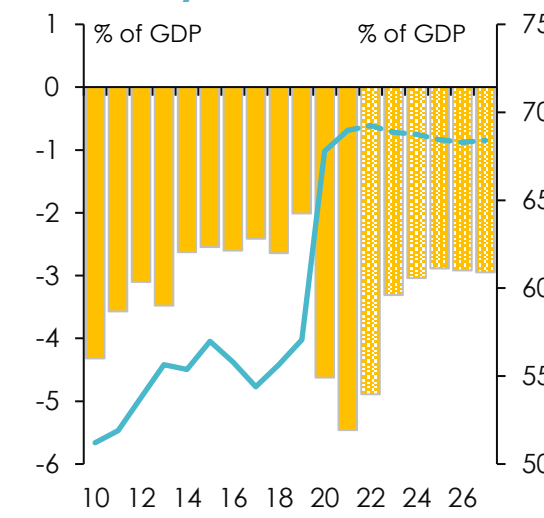
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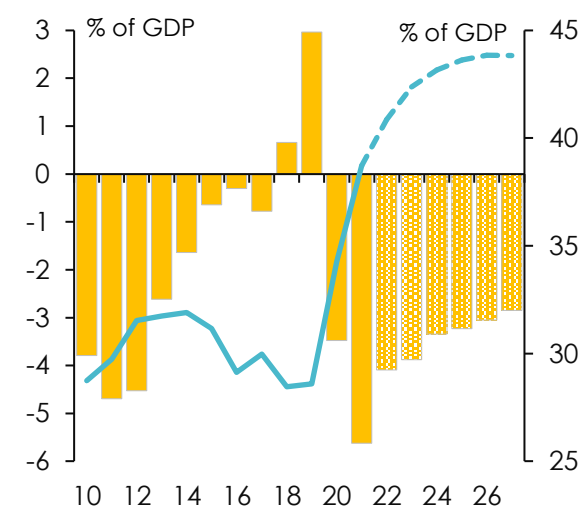
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General government overall fiscal balance (left scale)



General government gross debt (right scale)

Source: International Monetary Fund, [Fiscal Monitor](#), and [World Economic Outlook](#), April 2022. [Return to "What's New"](#)

# Bank Indonesia became the latest Asian central bank to begin lifting interest rates, while the Bank of Korea raised its base rate another 25 bp

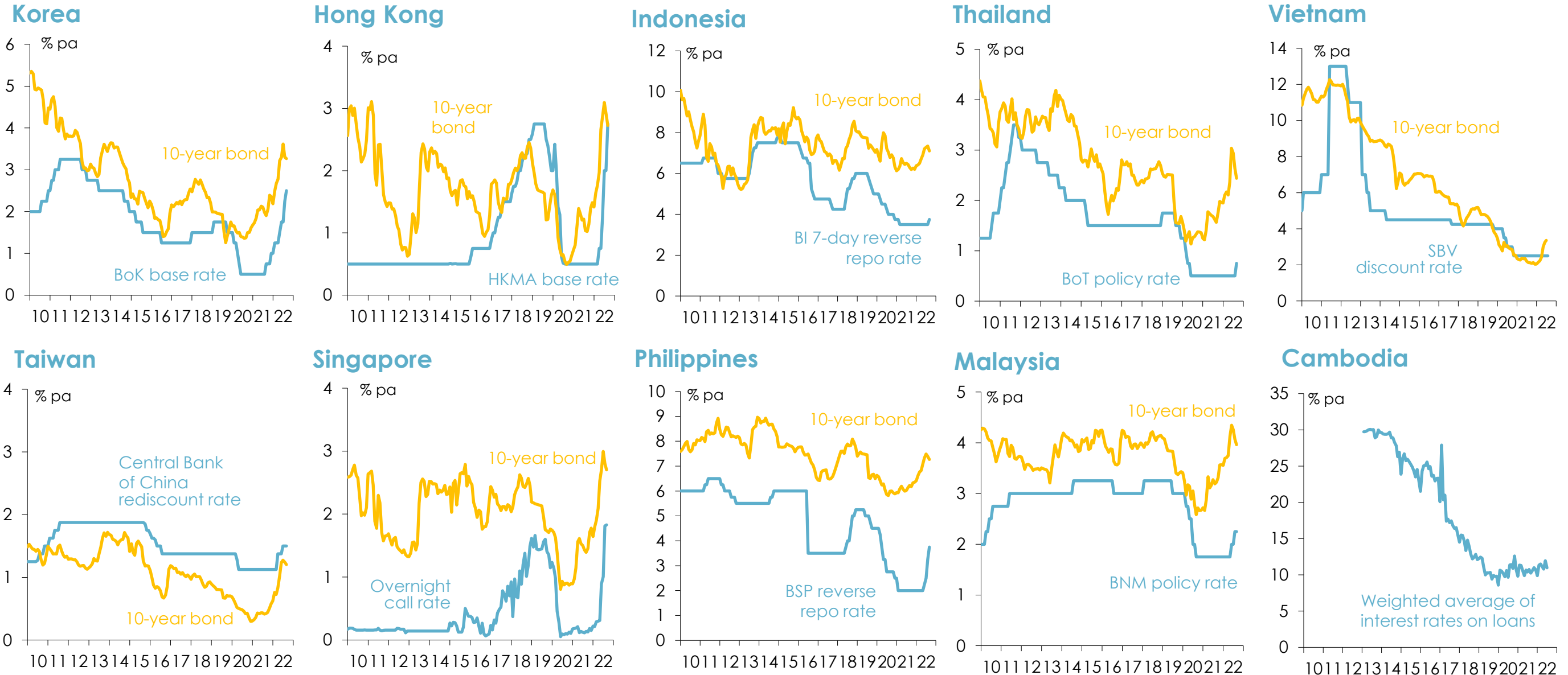
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- ❑ The **Bank of Korea** raised its base rate another 25 basis points, to 2.50%, at its Monetary Policy Board meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August – the seventh increase (for a total of 200 bp) since August last year
  - **explaining** its decision, the Board noted that BoK forecasts for inflation in 2022 and 2023 had been revised up to 5.2% (from 4.5% in May) and 3.7%% (from 2.9%), respectively, whereas forecasts for real GDP growth had been shaded to 2.6% this year and 2.1% in 2023 (from 2.7% and 2.4%, respectively, in May)
  - it “sees continued rate hikes as warranted”, given that “inflation is expected to remain high, substantially above the target level, despite the increase in economic downside risks”
- ❑ **Bank Indonesia** raised its 7-day reverse repo rate by 25 basis points, to 3.75%, at its Board of Governors meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August
  - BI is the last major South-East Asian central bank (apart from Vietnam’s) to begin tightening monetary policy
  - BI **described** the rate increase as “a pre-emptive and forward-looking step to mitigate the risk of increasing core inflation and inflation expectations”, as well as “strengthening [the] rupiah exchange rate stabilization policy”
  - it attributes the increase in inflationary pressures “primarily ... to high global food and energy commodity prices”, but while noting that “core inflation remains relatively low at 2.9% yoy”, both it and inflation expectations are “predicted to increase due to “strengthening pressures on the demand side”
  - BI undertook to “continue to strengthen its policy mix response to maintain stability and strengthen the recovery” through increases in money market interest rates and by “intervening in the FX market through spot transactions” as well as through secondary market bond transactions
- ❑ The next East Asian central bank meetings are of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Bank Indonesia and the Central Bank of China (Taiwan), all on 22<sup>nd</sup> September



# The Bank of Korea raised its policy rate for the seventh time last week, and Bank Indonesia raised its policy rates for the first time

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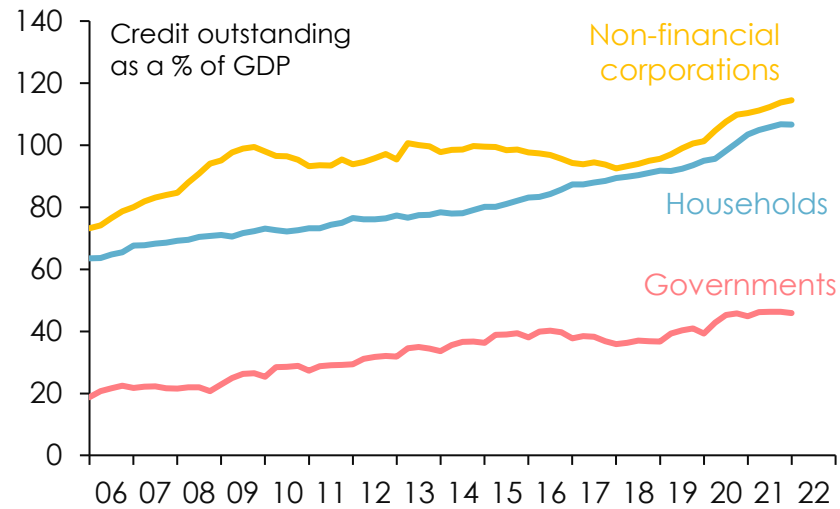


Note: Neither Hong Kong nor Singapore use a monetary policy indicator interest rate. Hong Kong has a currency board system, under which the HKMA base rate moves in line with a pre-set formula based on the US fed funds rate; the Monetary Authority of Singapore uses the (effective) exchange rate as its principal monetary policy instrument. The National Bank of Cambodia administers monetary policy primarily through changes in bank reserve requirement ratios. Data are monthly averages up to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Sources: national central banks; Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

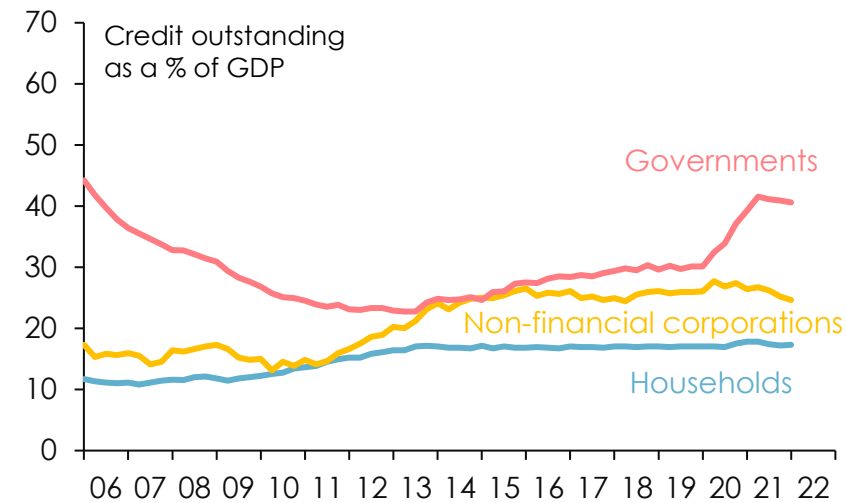
# In Asia, Hong Kong, Singaporean and Korean corporates, and Korean households, have the greatest exposure to any increases in interest rates

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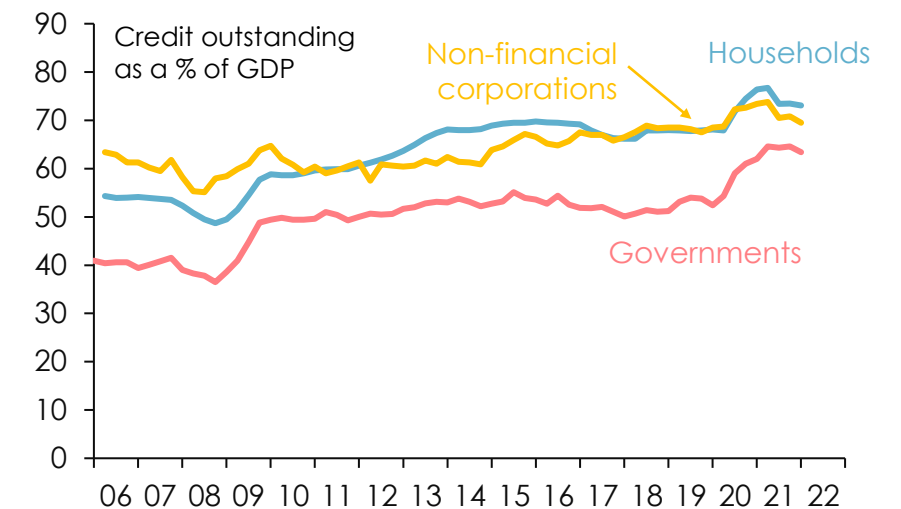
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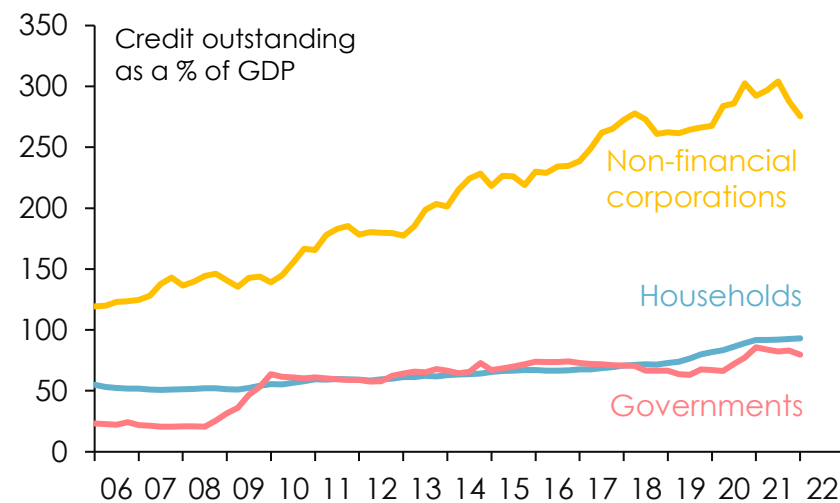
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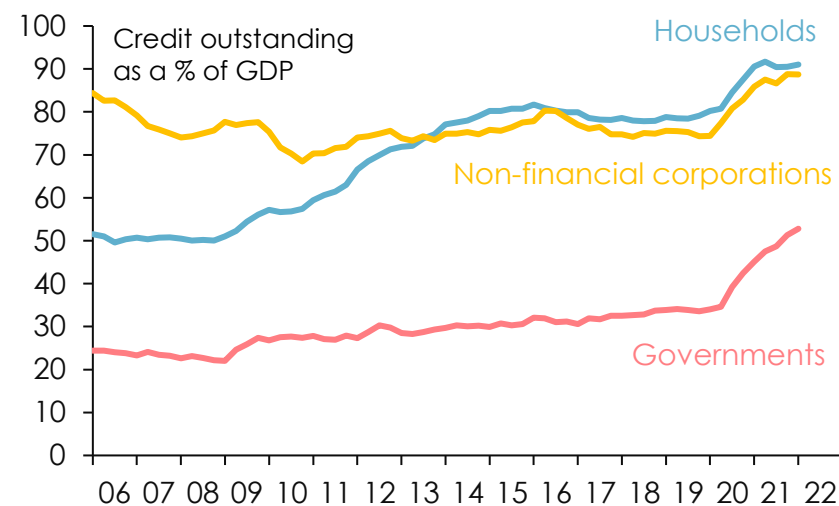
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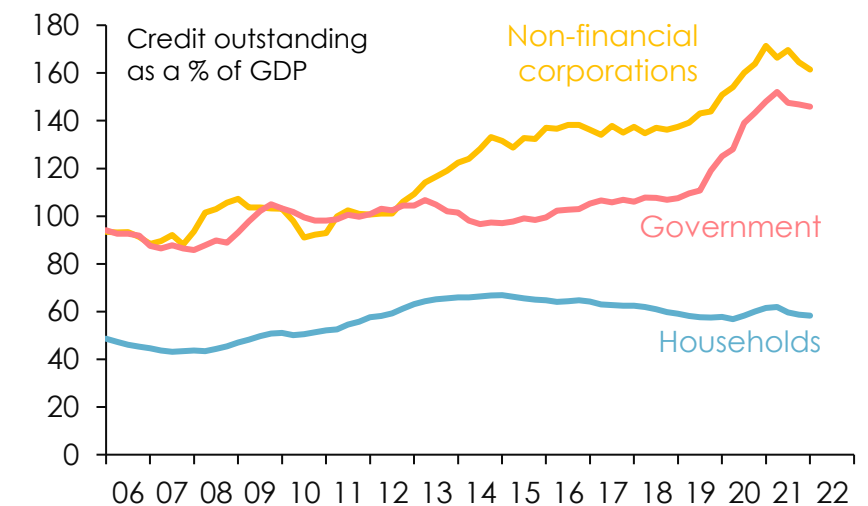
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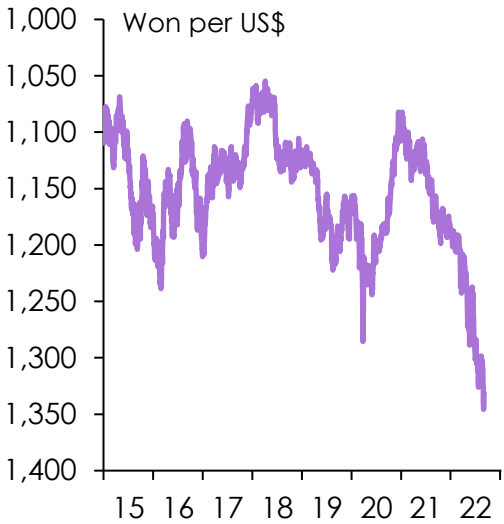


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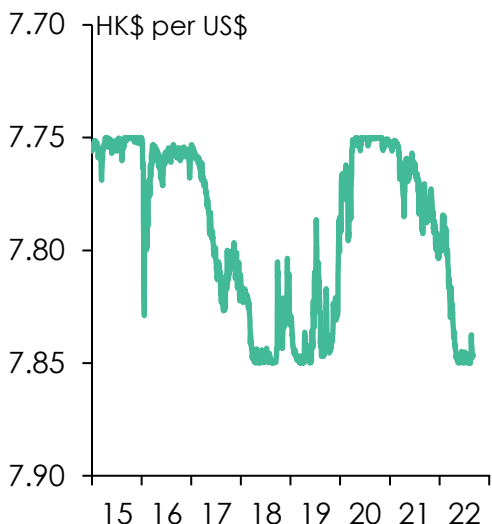
# Most Asian currencies eased further against the stronger US dollar last week although the ringgit and rupiah posted marginal gains

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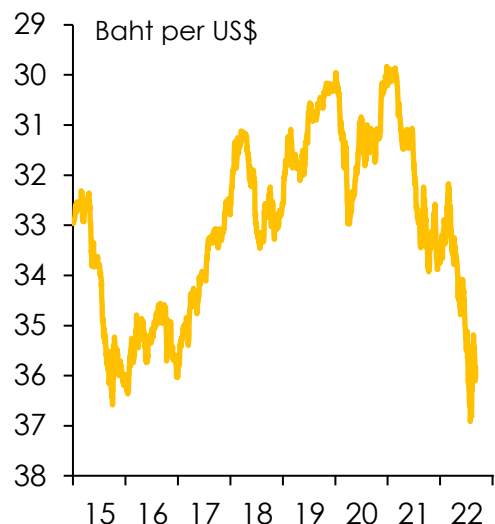
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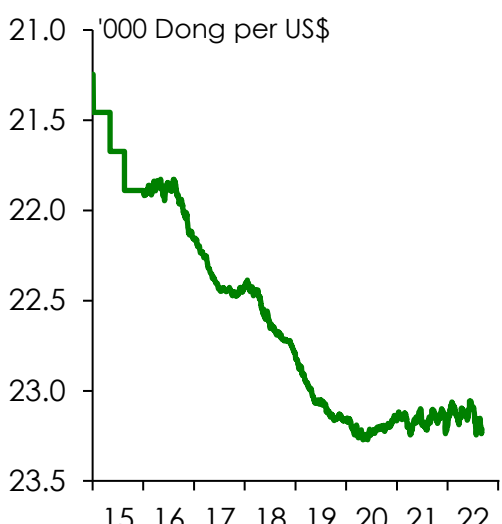
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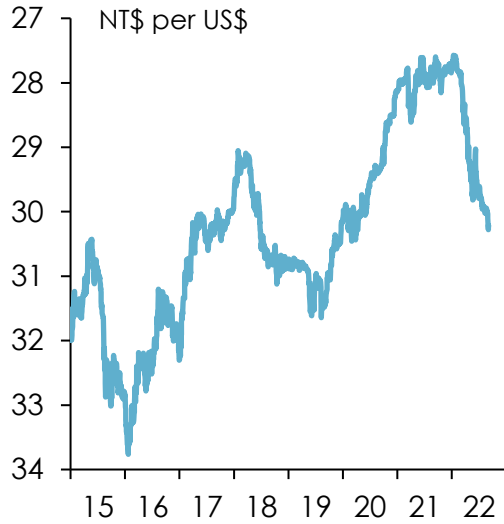
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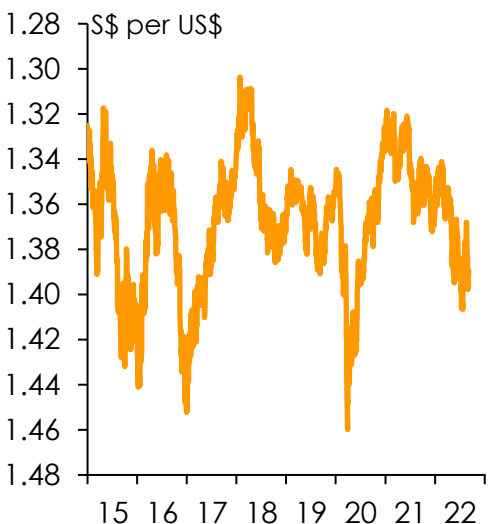
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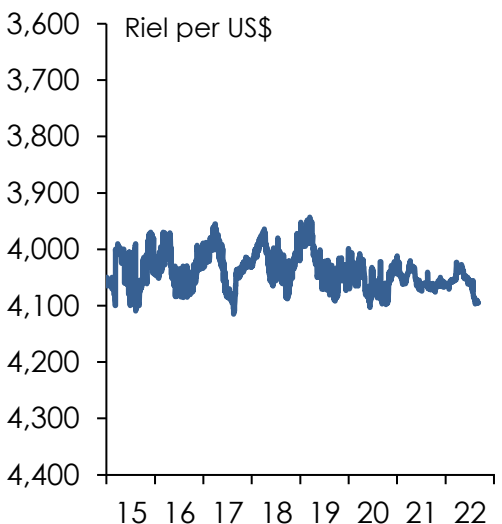
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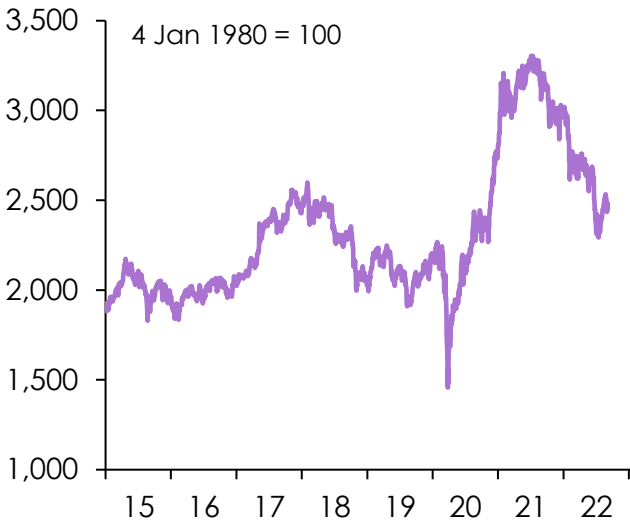
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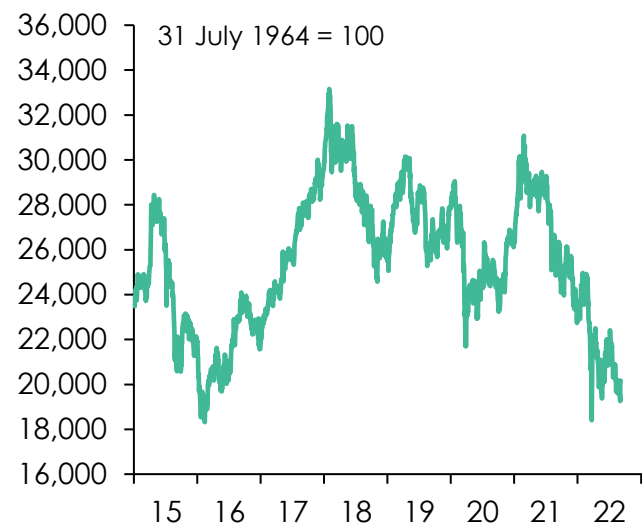
# Asian stock markets were again mixed last week, with HK up 2% and Bangkok up 1¼% but others flat or slightly down

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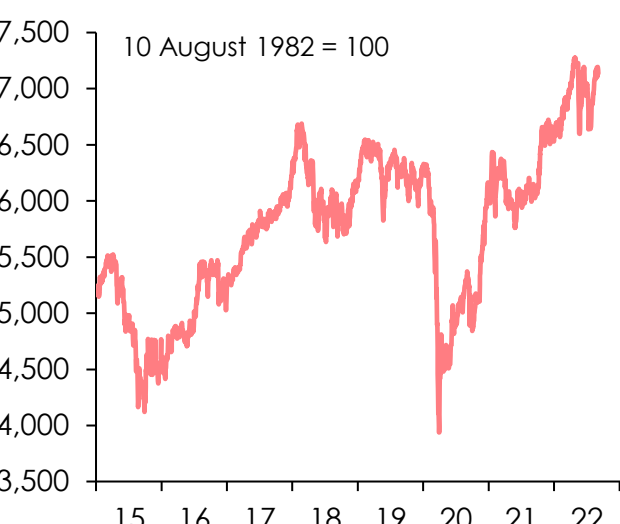
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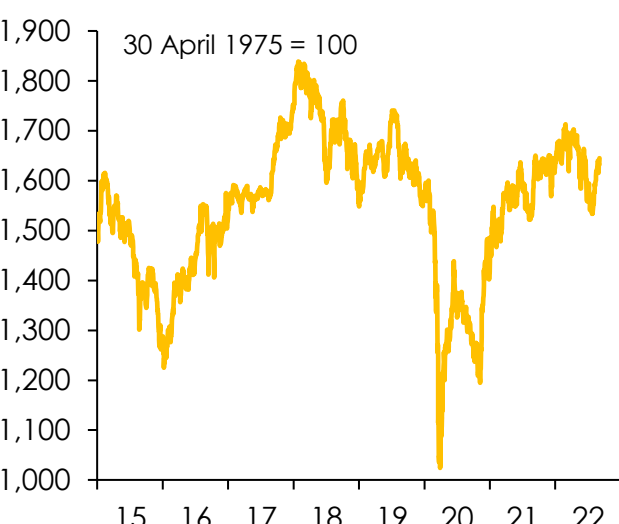
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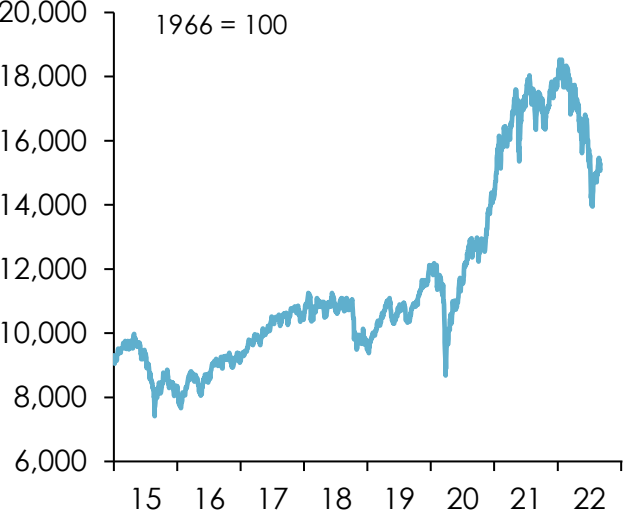
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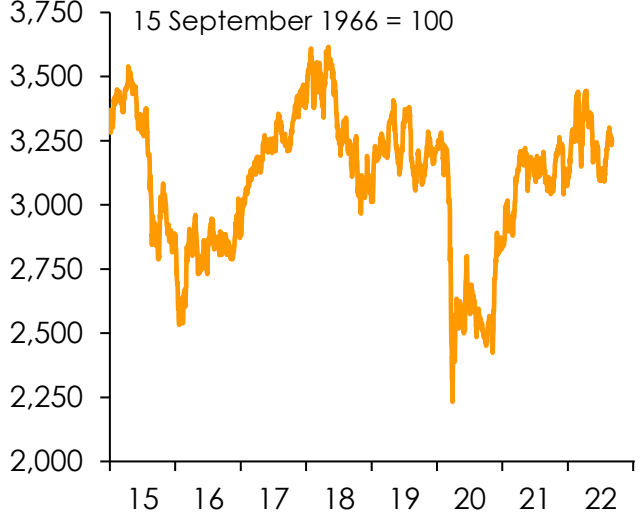
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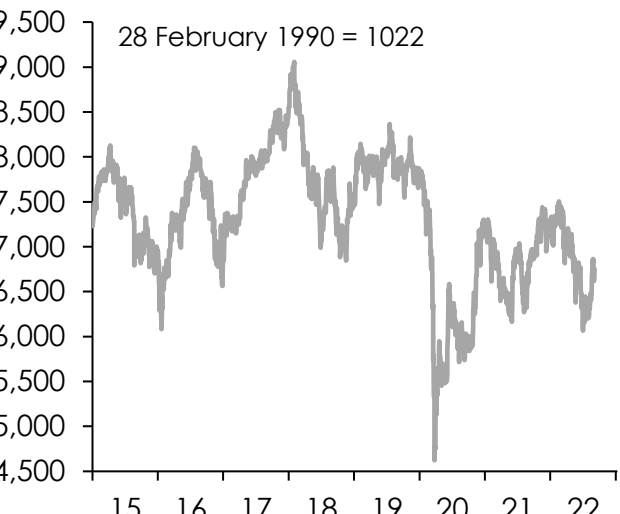
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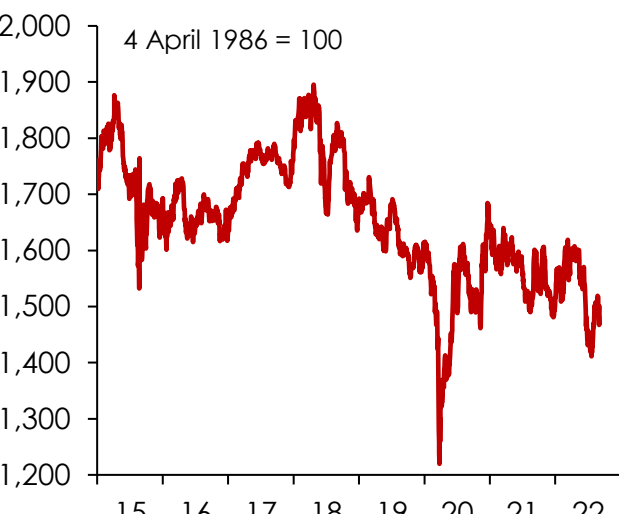
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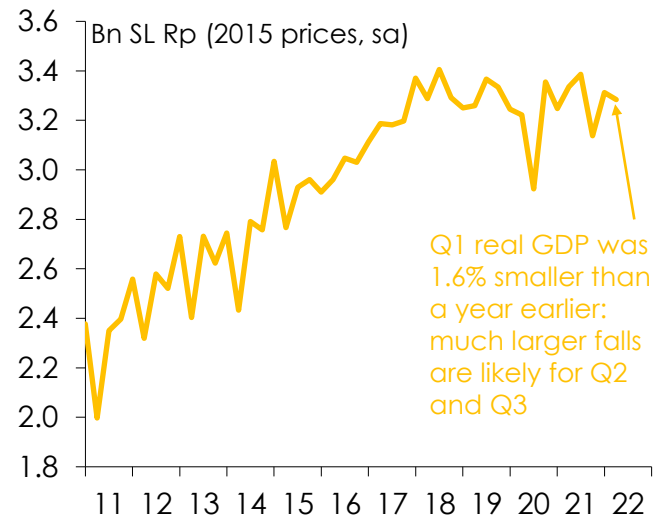
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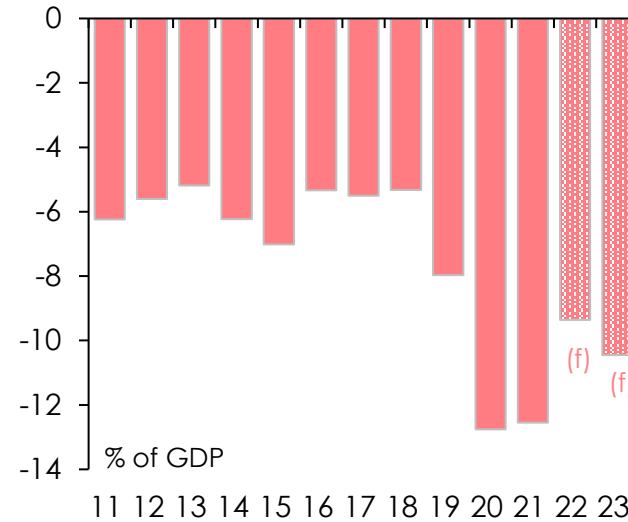
# Sri Lanka's central bank left its policy settings unchanged this month, citing forecasts of a faster-than-previously-expected decline in inflation

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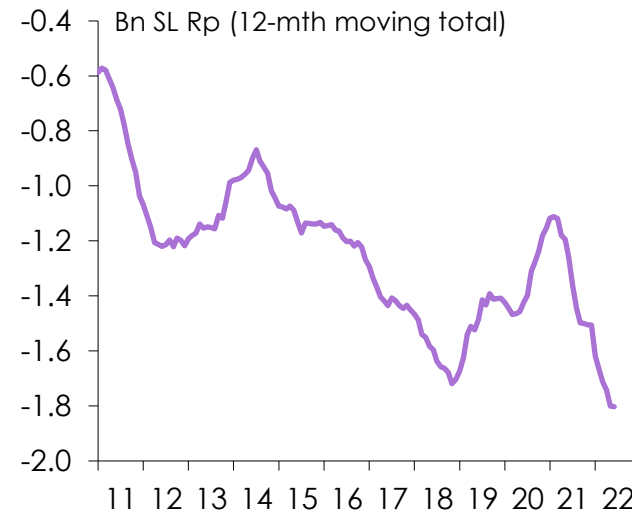
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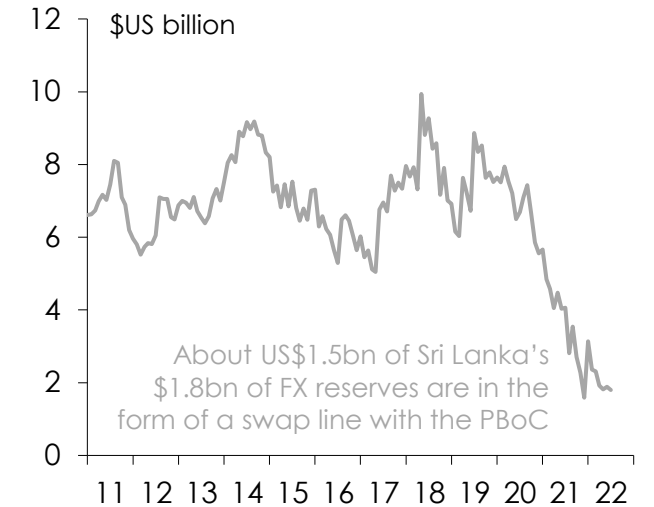
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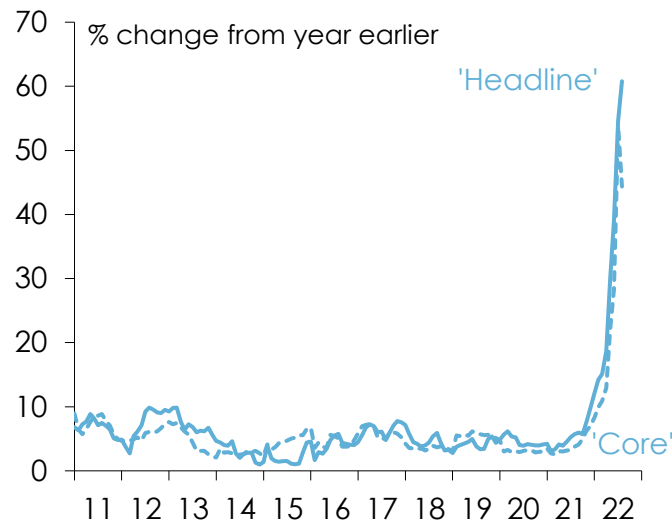
## Merchandise trade balance



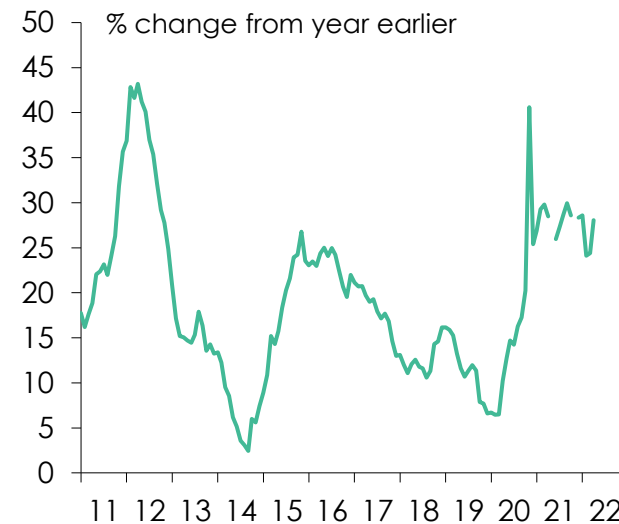
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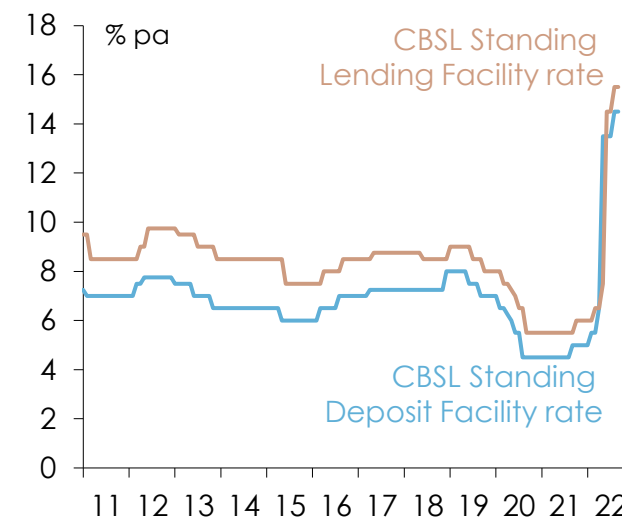
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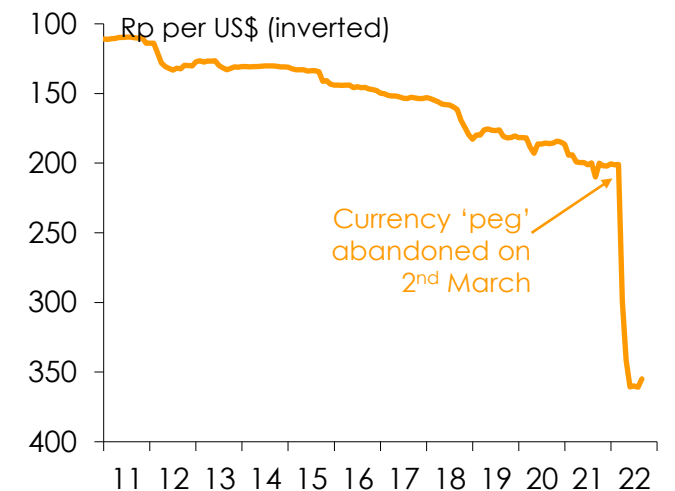
## Credit growth



## Interest rates



## SL rupee vs US\$



Note: GDP data seasonally adjusted using Refinitiv Datastream; CPI data are for Colombo. Sources: [Sri Lanka Department of Census and Statistics](#); [Central Bank of Sri Lanka](#); IMF, [Fiscal Monitor](#), April 2022; Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

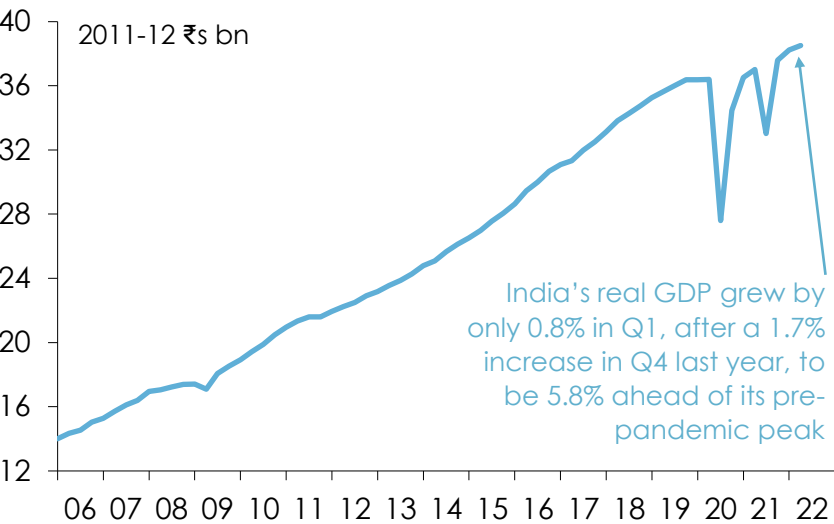
**India**



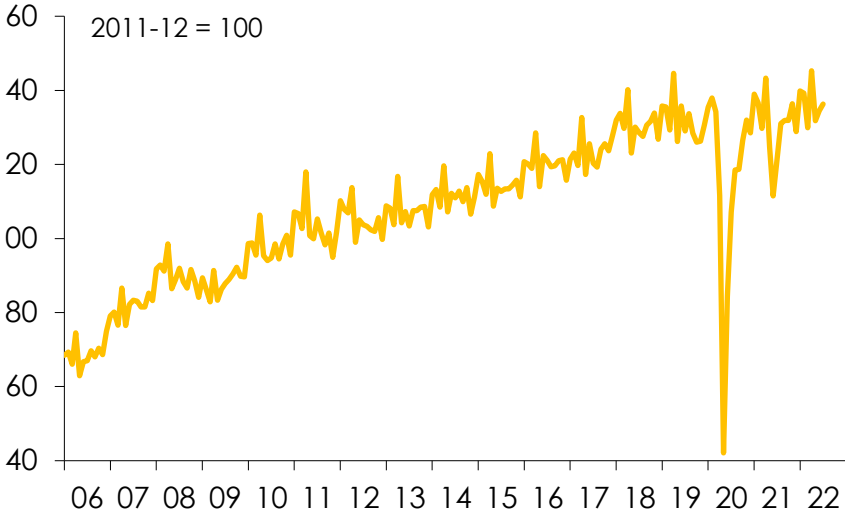
# India's GDP growth rate has slowed sharply over the past two quarters, after bouncing strongly out of its second Covid recession in mid-2022

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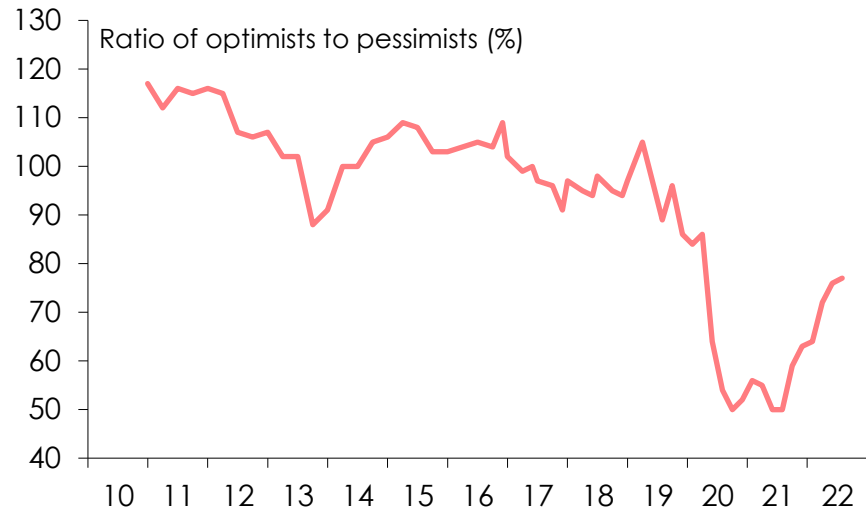
## Quarterly real GDP



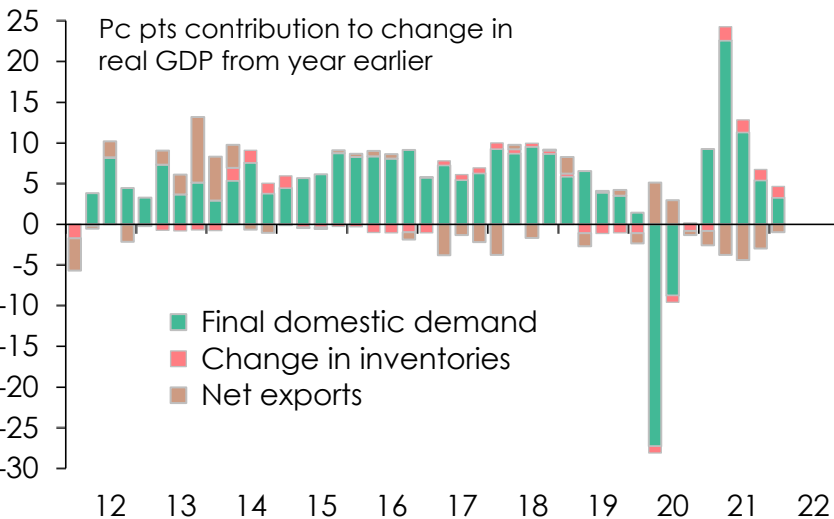
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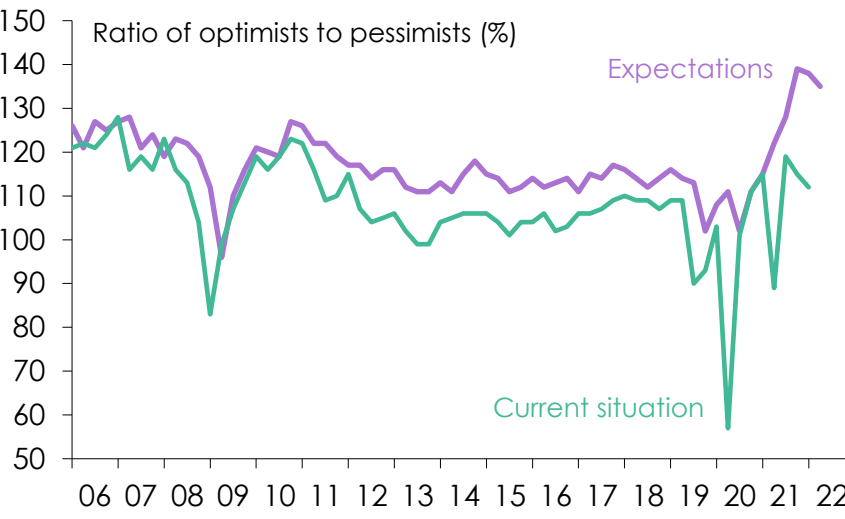
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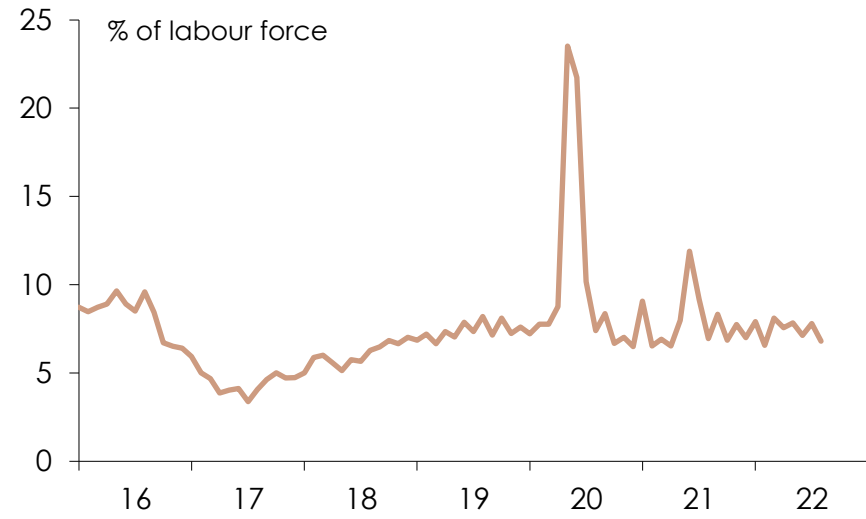
## Contributions to real GDP growth



## Industrial sector sentiment



## Unemployment rate

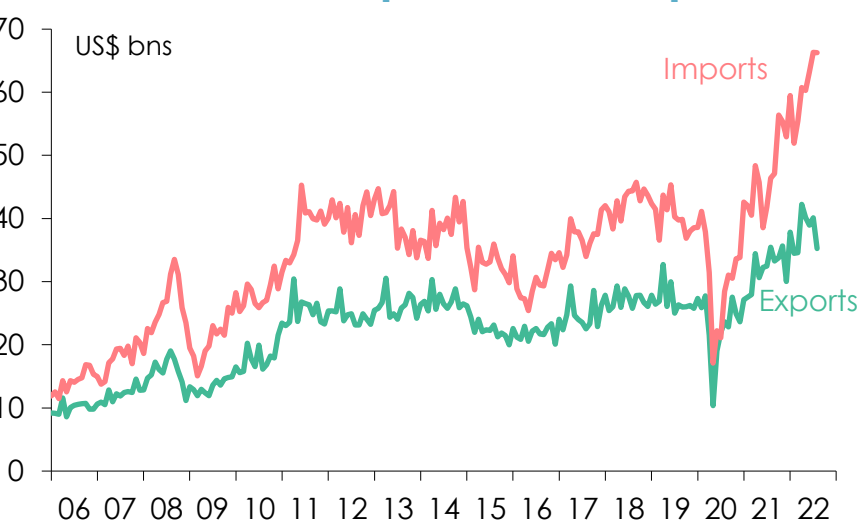


Sources: OECD, [Quarterly National Accounts dataset](#); Government of India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, [National Accounts Data](#), and [IIP Data](#); Reserve Bank of India, [Quarterly Industrial Outlook Survey](#) and [Consumer Confidence Survey Bi-Monthly](#); Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy, [Unemployment Rate in India](#).  
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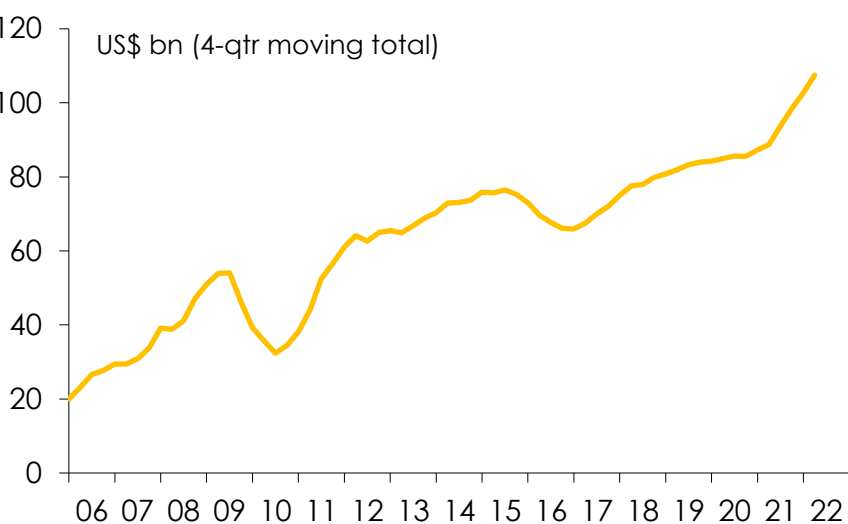
# India's merchandise trade deficit has deteriorated sharply due to higher oil prices but its overall external position remains relatively stable

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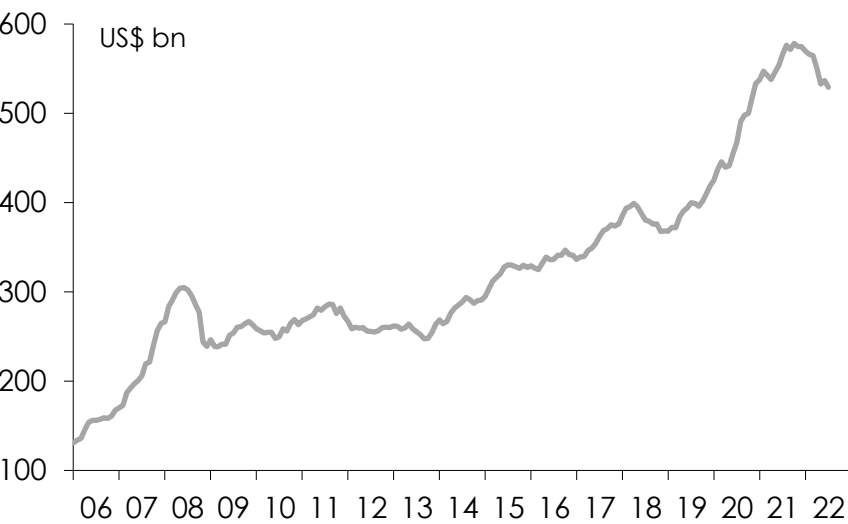
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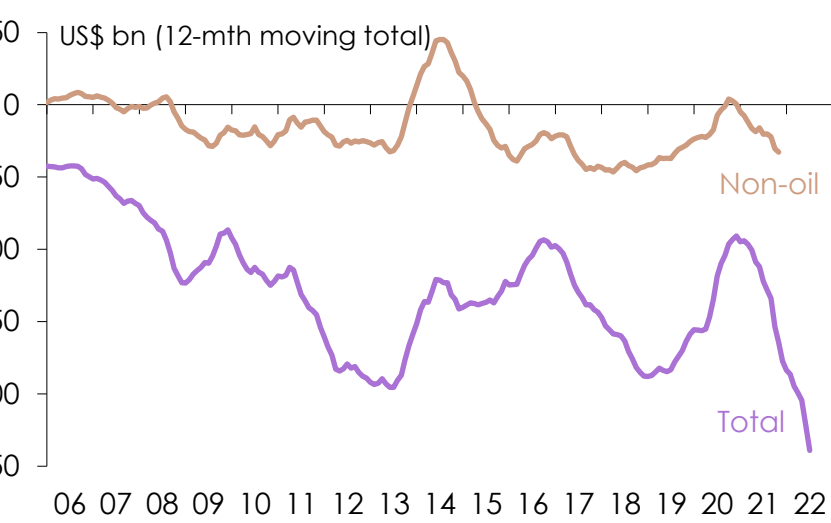
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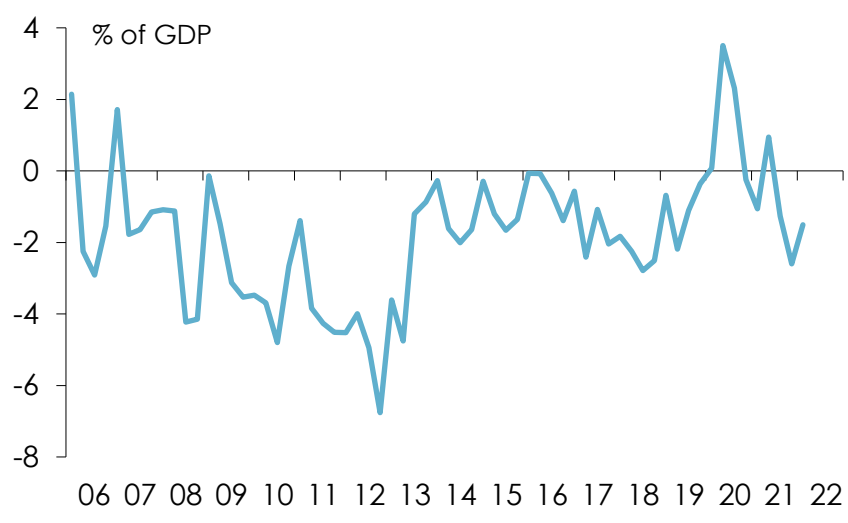
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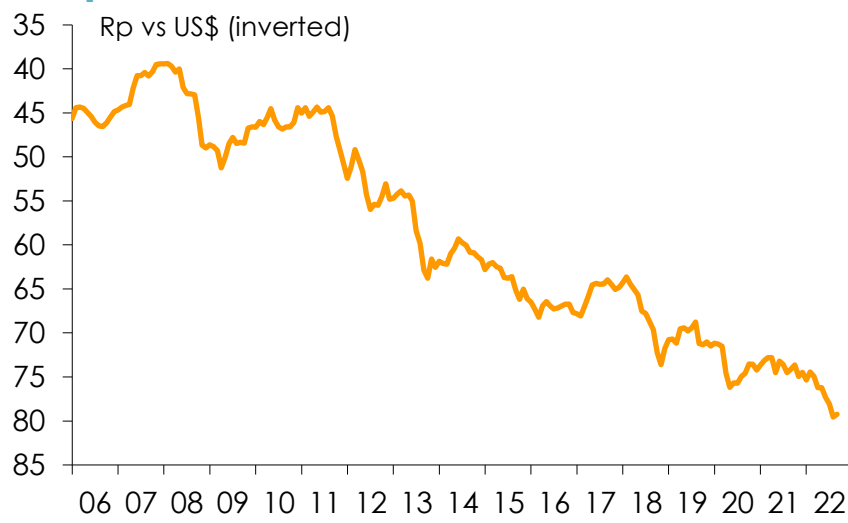
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Current account balance



Rupee vs US dollar

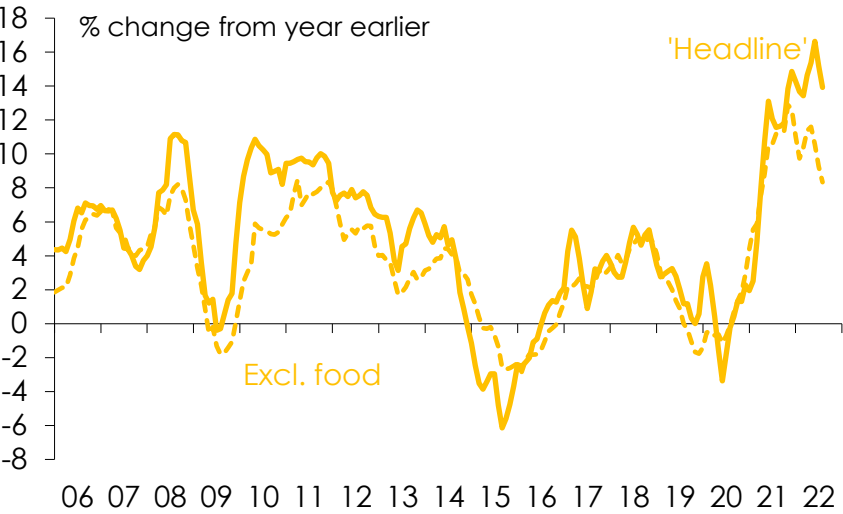


Note: data on trade in oil hasn't been published since December 2021. Sources: Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, [Trade Statistics](#); Reserve Bank of India, [Special Data Dissemination Standards - Balance of Payments](#) and [Weekly Statistical Supplement - Extract](#); Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

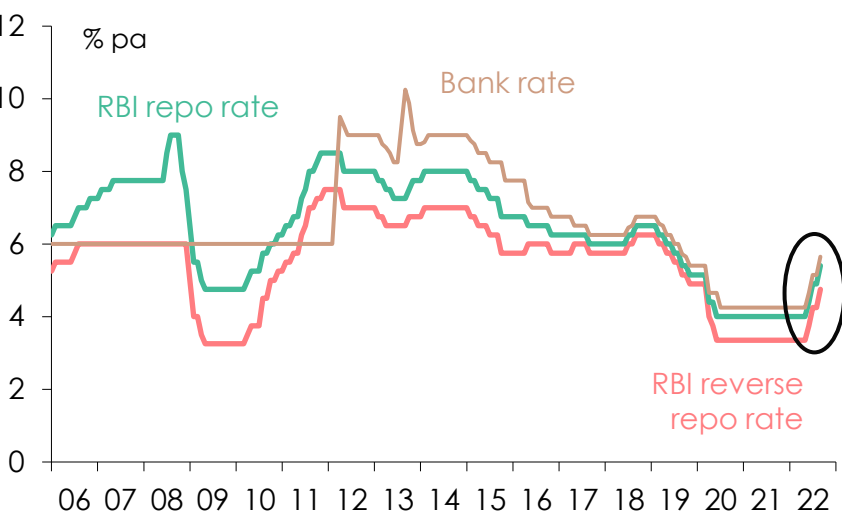
# India's consumer prices rose 6.7% over the year to July, down from 7% in May & June, and the peak of 7.8% over the year to April

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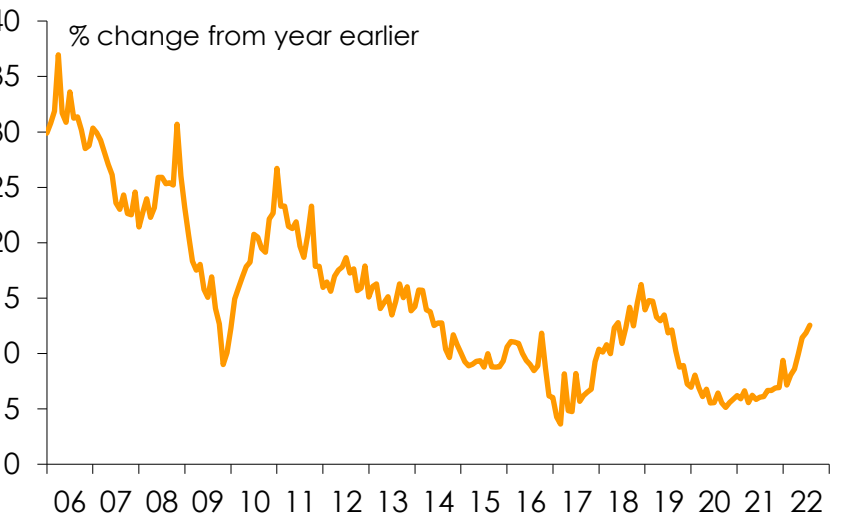
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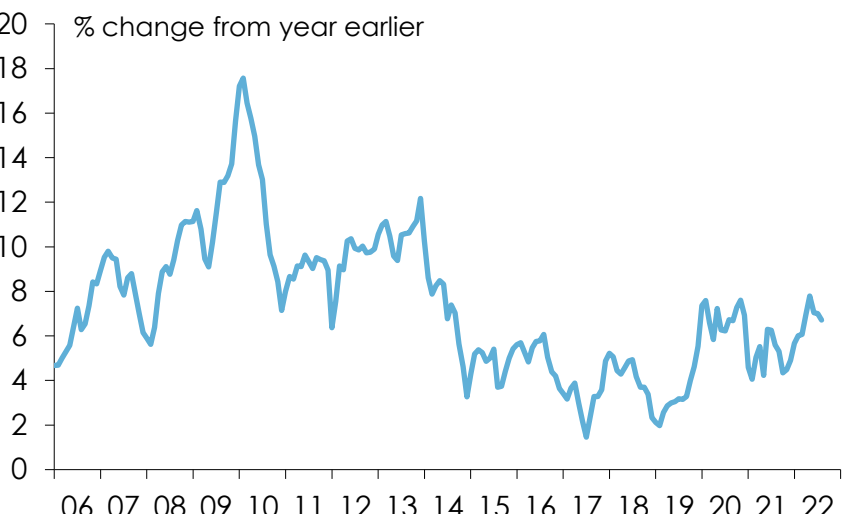
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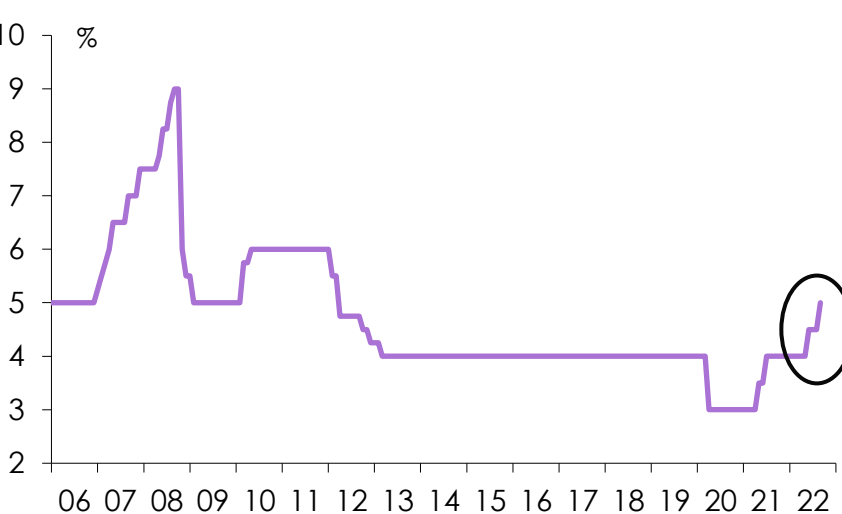
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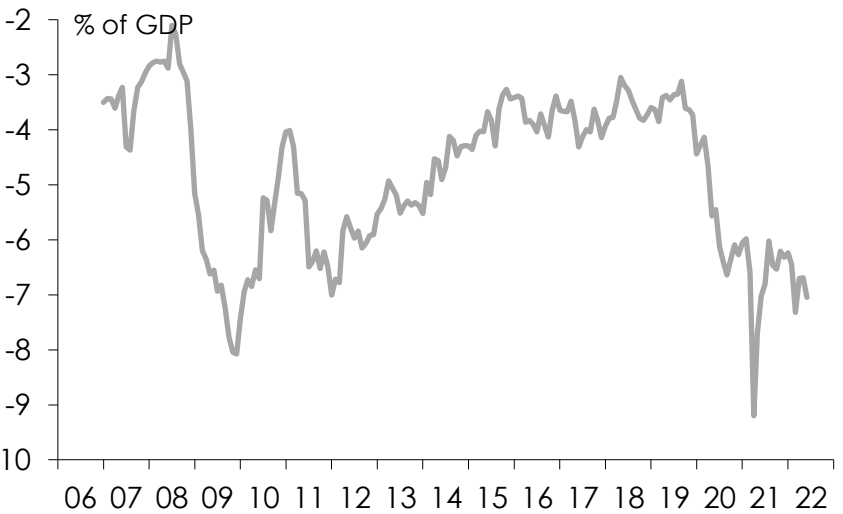
## Consumer prices



## RBI cash reserve ratio



## Central government fiscal balance



Note: The RBI's inflation target is 4%  $\pm$  2 pc points. Sources: Government of India, Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, [WPI Press Release](#); Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, [CPI](#); Reserve Bank of India, [Monetary Policy](#) and [RBI Bulletin](#); Ministry of Finance, [Controller-General of Accounts](#).  
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**Canada, Australia and New Zealand**

# As expected, the RBNZ lifted its cash rate another 50bp, to 3%, and foreshadowed a peak of around 4% in the second half of next year

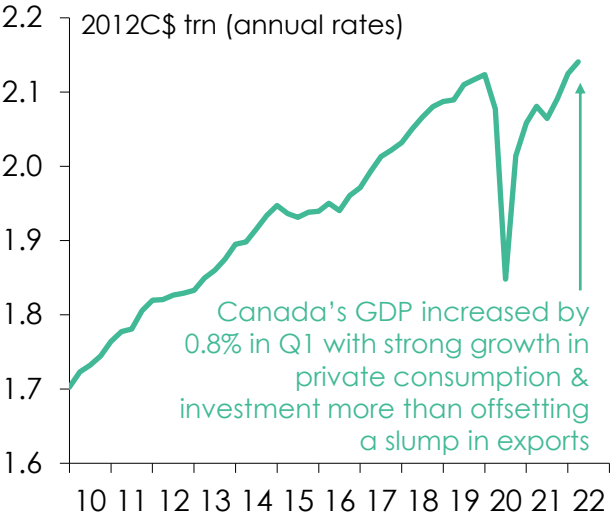
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- ❑ The [Reserve Bank of New Zealand](#) raised its official cash rate another 50bp, to 3.0%, at its Monetary Policy Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August – the eighth increase, for a total of 275bp, since October last year ([slide 112](#))
  - in the [Monetary Policy Statement](#) issued after the meeting, the RBNZ forecast a slower decline in ‘headline’ inflation next year (to 3.8% by Q4, up from 2.6% previously), and also lifted its projection for the peak in the OCR in the second half of next year to 4.10% (from 3.95%)
  - the Statement indicates that the MPC considered “more rapid increases” in the OCR “in order to improve the credibility of the inflation target” but concluded that “maintaining the recent pace of tightening remains the best means” of meeting the target
- ❑ The [Reserve Bank of Australia](#) raised its cash rate another 50 basis points, to 1.85%, at its Board meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, and [foreshadowed](#) “further steps in ... normalizing monetary conditions over the months ahead” ([slide 111](#))
  - in its quarterly [Statement on Monetary Policy](#) released the Friday before last, the RBA raised its forecast for the peak in ‘headline’ inflation to 7¾% in Q4, followed by a gradual decline to 3% by Q4 2024, and foreshadowed a slowing in real GDP growth from 3¼% this year to 1¾% through 2023 and 2024, accompanied by a small rise in the unemployment rate from a low of 3¼% in Q4 this year to 4% by Q4 2024
- ❑ The [Bank of Canada](#) raised its policy interest rate by a larger-than-expected 100 basis points (the biggest increase since August 1998) at its 13<sup>th</sup> July Governing Council meeting, to 2.75% ([slide 110](#))
  - [explaining](#) its decision, the Governing Council said that with inflation being “higher and more persistent” than previously expected, “domestic price pressures from excess demand becoming more prominent”, and “more consumers and businesses expecting inflation to be higher for longer, raising the risk that elevated inflation becomes entrenched in price- and wage-setting”, it had decided to “front-load the path to higher interest rates”
  - BoC Governor Tiff Macklem [warned](#) that “interest rates will need to rise further to cool demand and achieve the inflation target”, but expressed confidence that “interest rate increases can cool demand and inflation without choking off growth or causing a surge in unemployment”

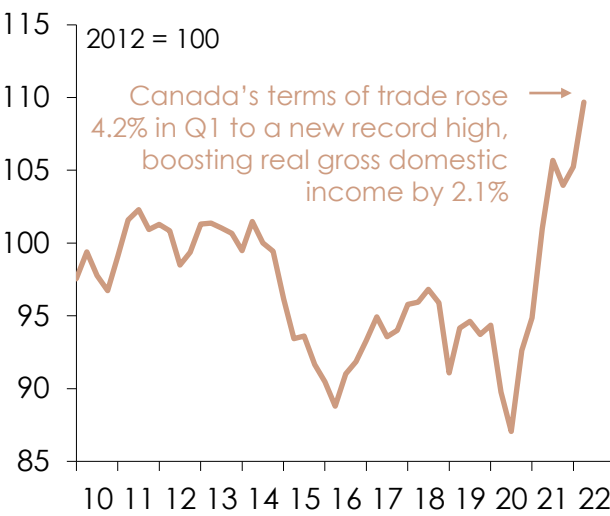
# Canada's annual 'headline' inflation rate dropped to 7.6% in July, mainly due to a fall in fuel prices, but 'core' inflation rose to 5.5%

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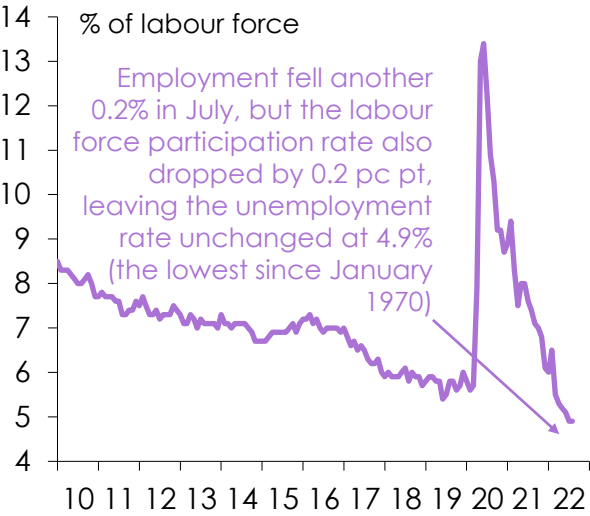
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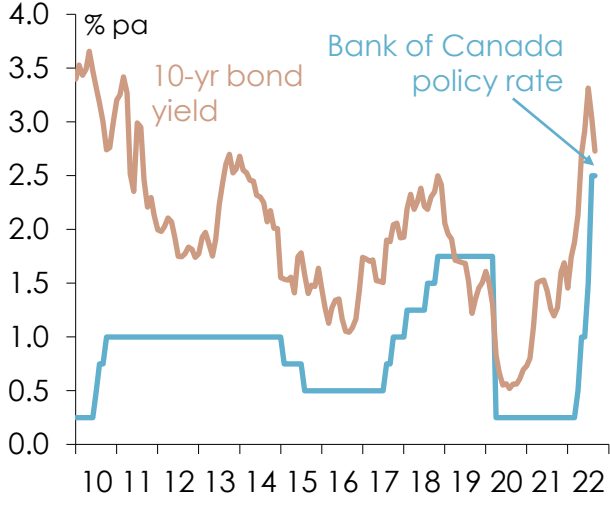
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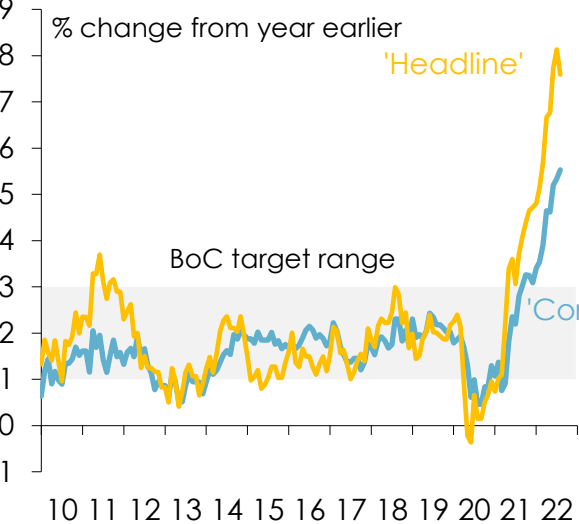
## Unemployment



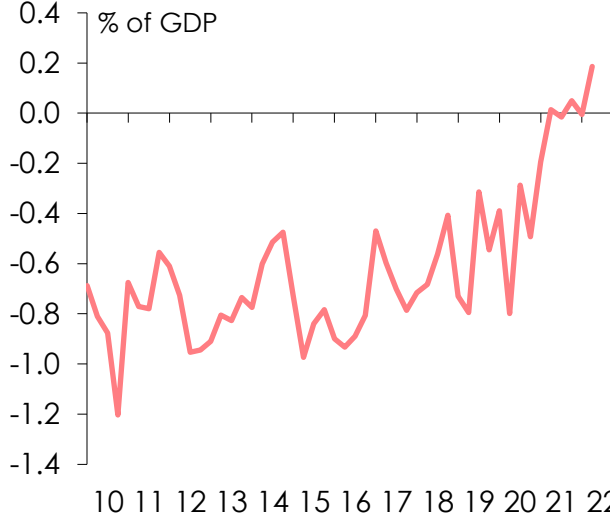
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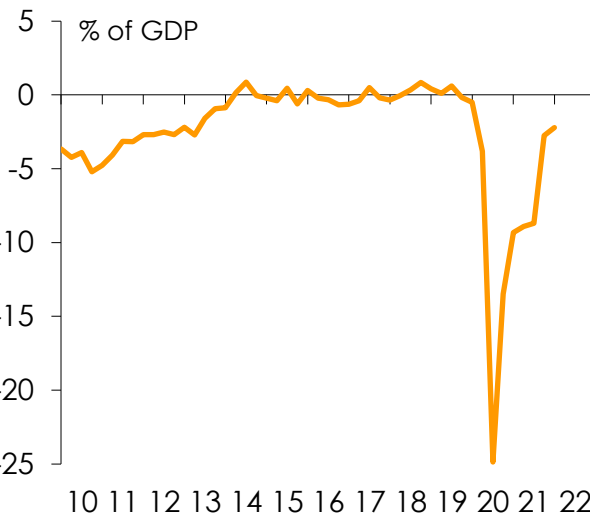
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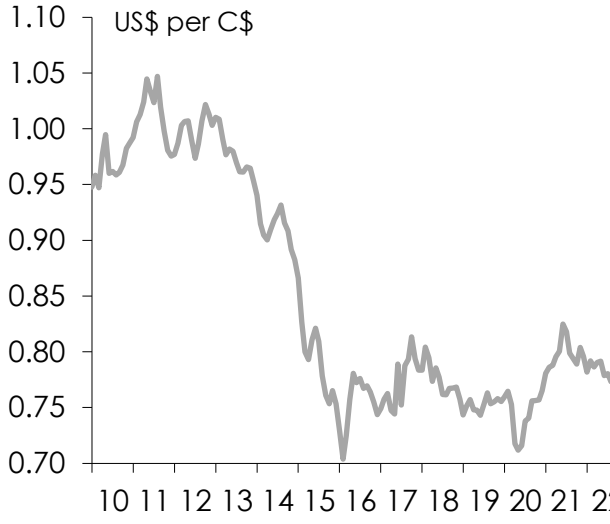
## Current account balance



## Government net lending



## C\$ vs US\$



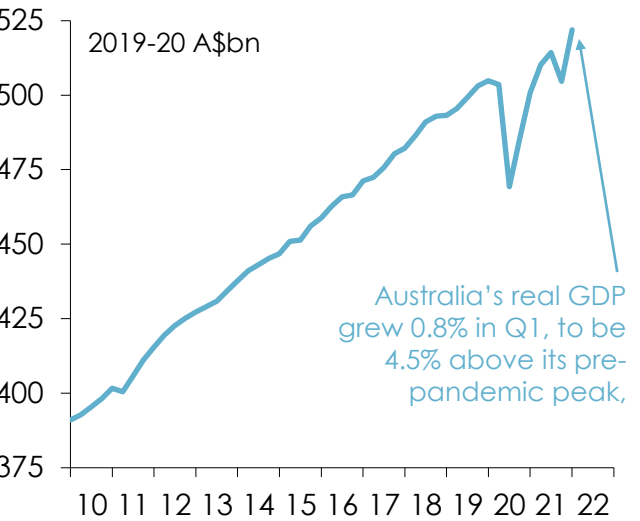
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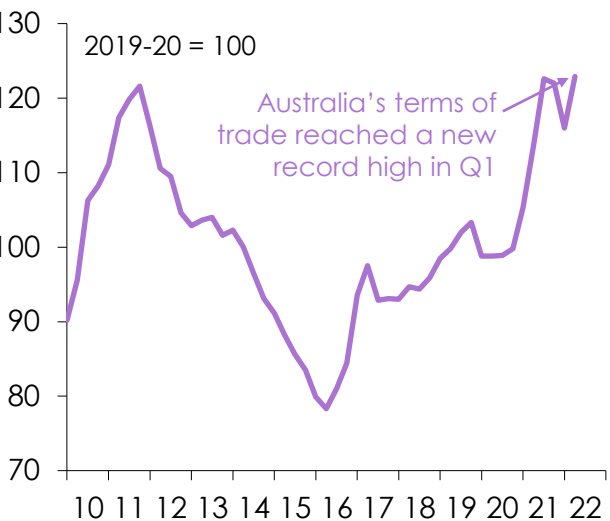
# Australia's Reserve Bank raised its cash rate another 50bp at its August meeting, to 1.85%, in what is now the most rapid tightening since 1994

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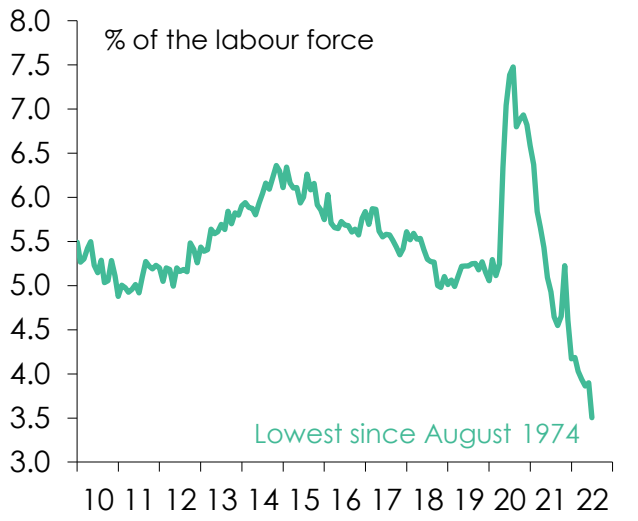
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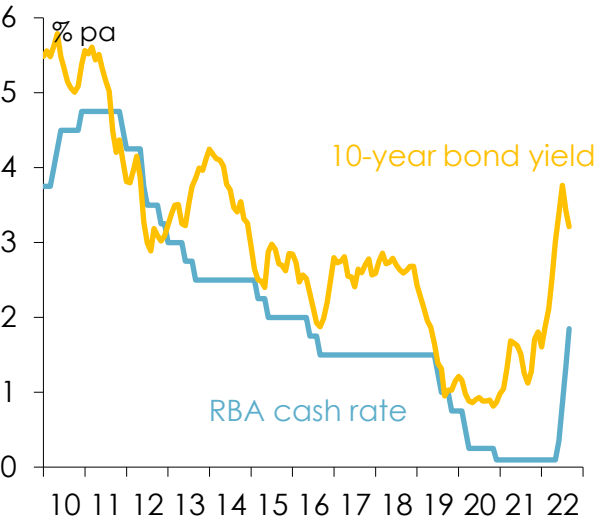
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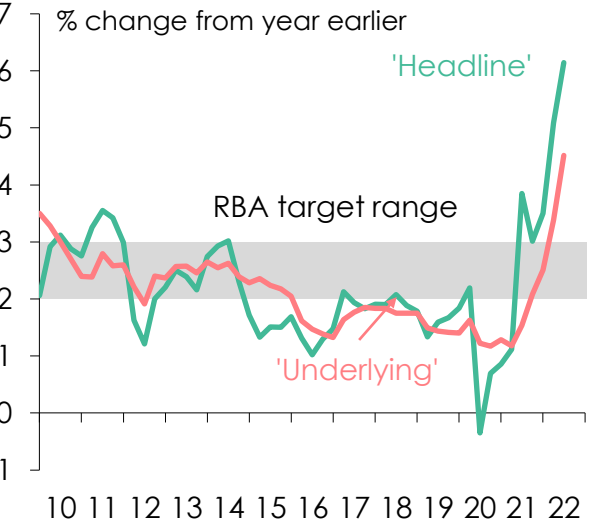
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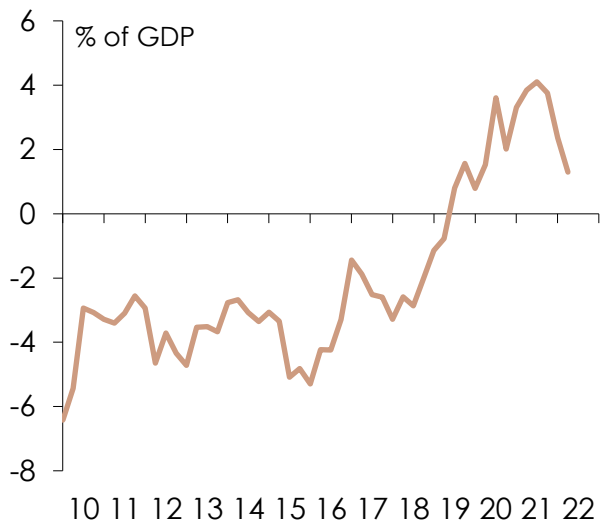
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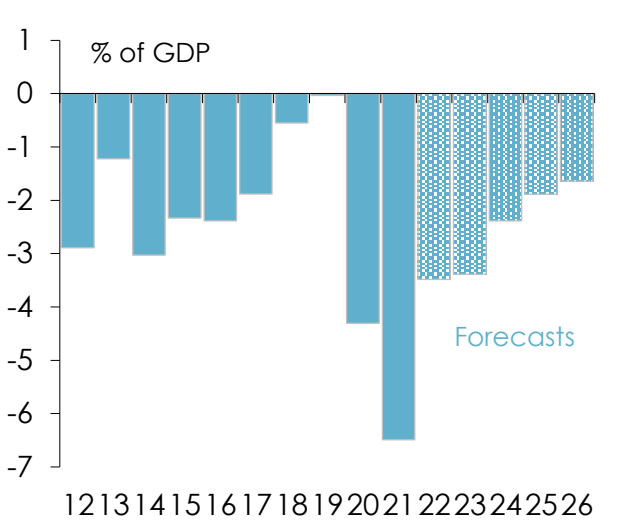
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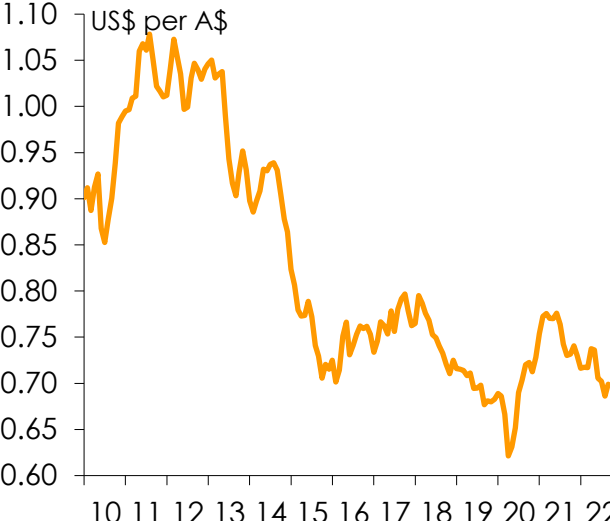
## Current account balance



## Government cash balance



## A\$ vs US\$

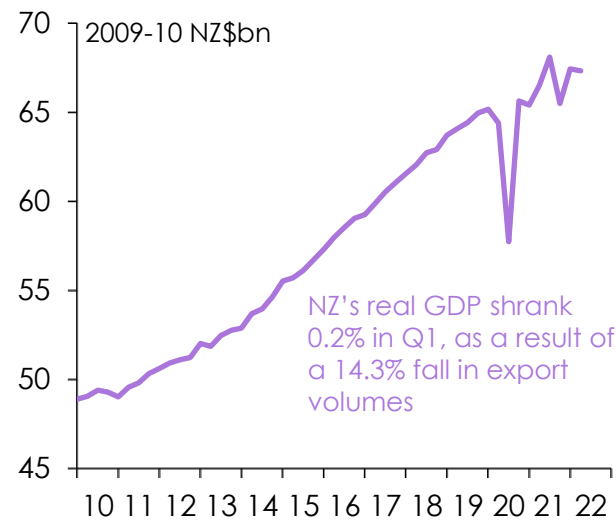


Note: The measure of 'underlying' inflation shown here is the trimmed mean. Government cash balance data are for fiscal years ended 30<sup>th</sup> June. Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, [Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product](#); [Consumer Price Index](#); [Balance of Payments and International Investment Position](#); [Labour Force](#); [Australian National Accounts: Finance and Wealth](#); Reserve Bank of Australia, [Monetary Policy Changes](#); Refinitiv Datastream. For more detailed coverage of Australia see [The Australian Economy this Week](#). [Return to "What's New"](#).

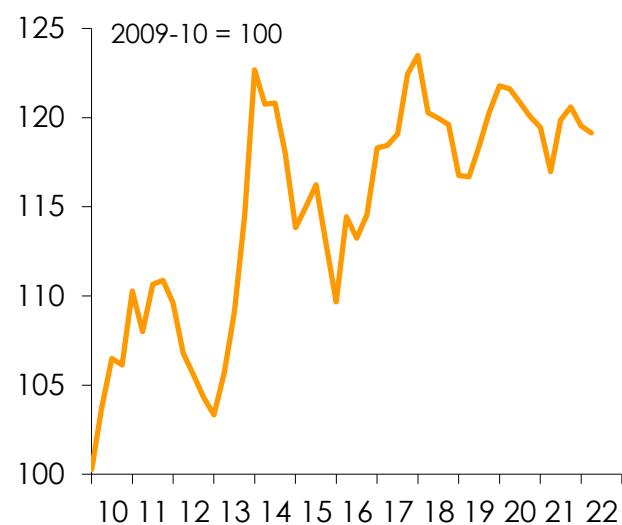
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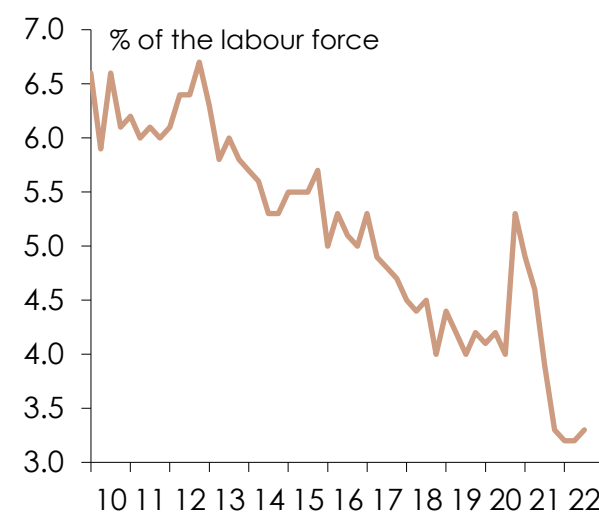
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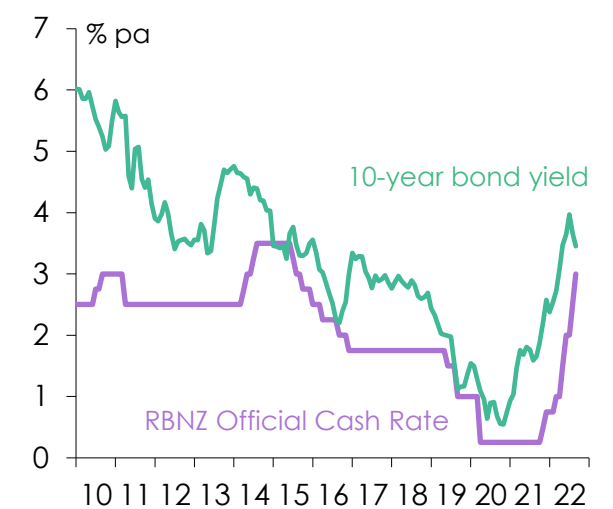
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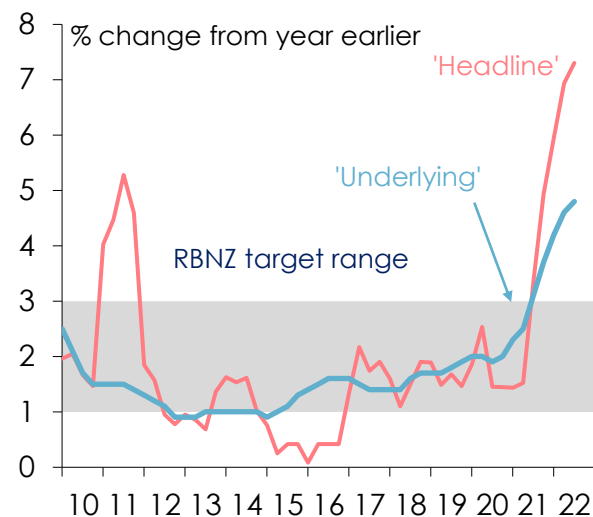
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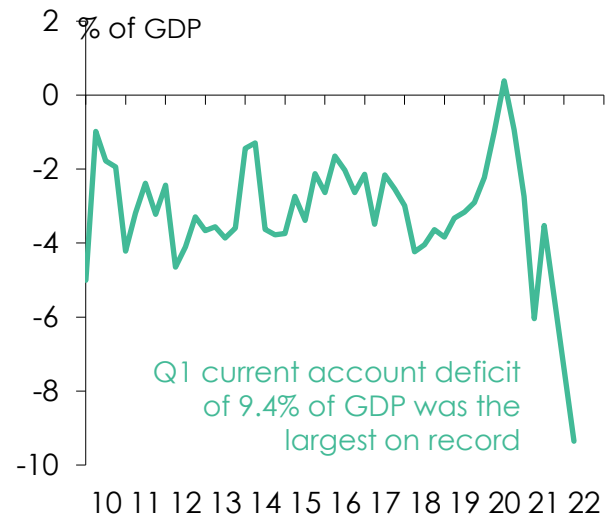
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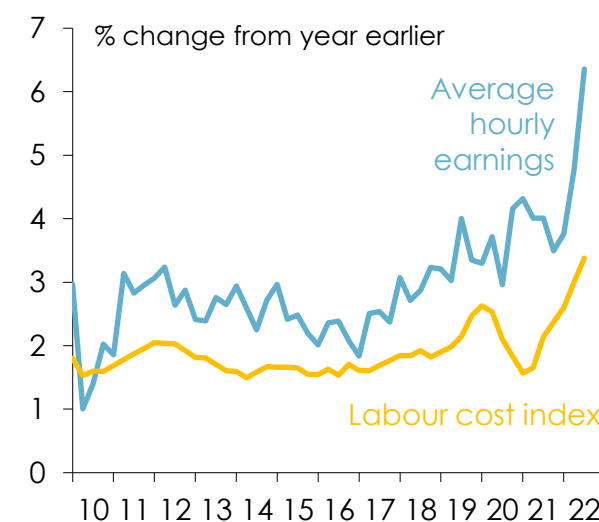
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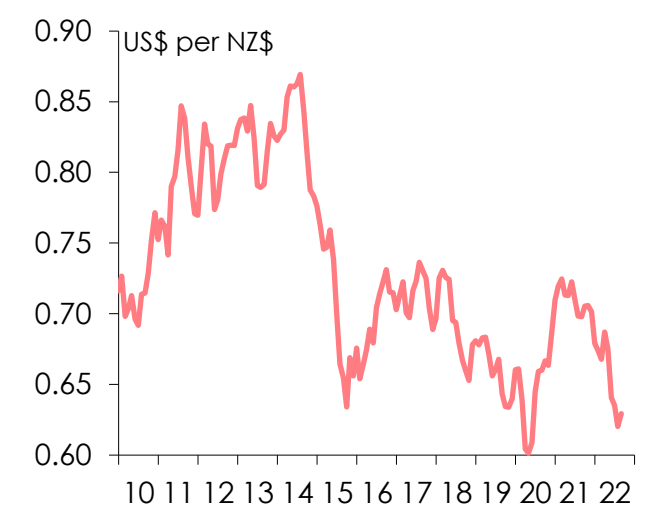
## Current account balance



## Wages and labour costs



## NZ\$ vs US\$



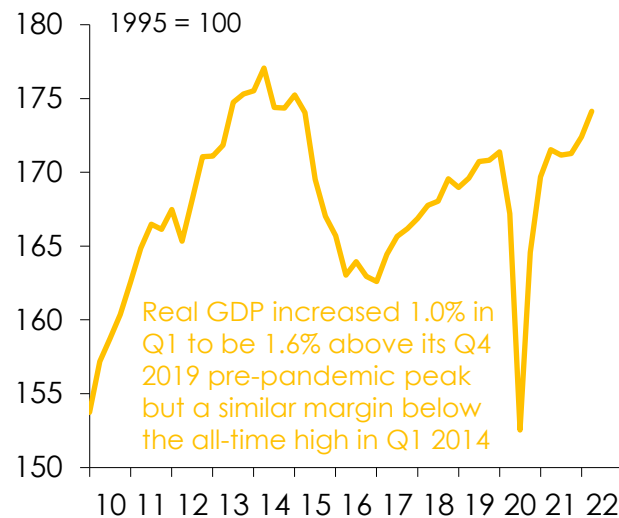
Note: The most commonly-used measure of real GDP in New Zealand is the production-based measure. The measure of 'underlying' inflation shown here is the RBNZ's [sectoral factor model](#). Sources: Statistics NZ, [Gross domestic product](#); [Consumers price index](#); [Balance of payments](#); and [Labour market](#); RBNZ, [Prices \(M1\)](#); Refinitiv Datastream. [Return to "What's New"](#).

**The rest of the world**

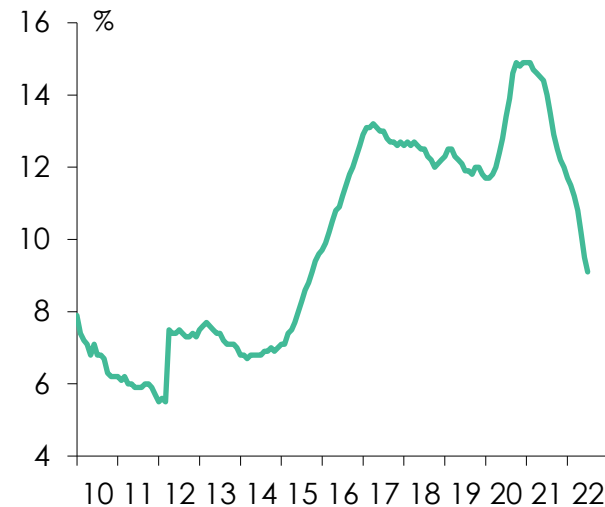
# Brazil's annual inflation rate dropped again in July to 10.1%, the lowest in a year, from a peak of 12.5% in April

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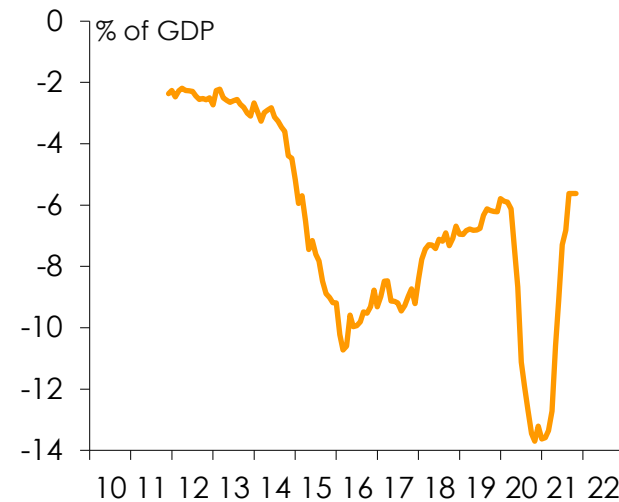
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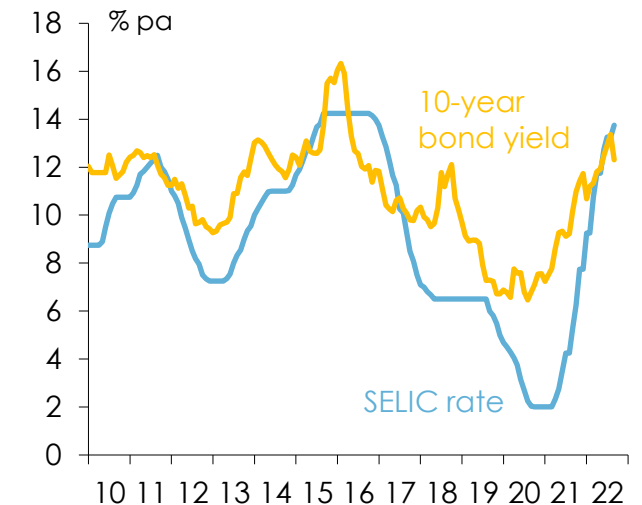
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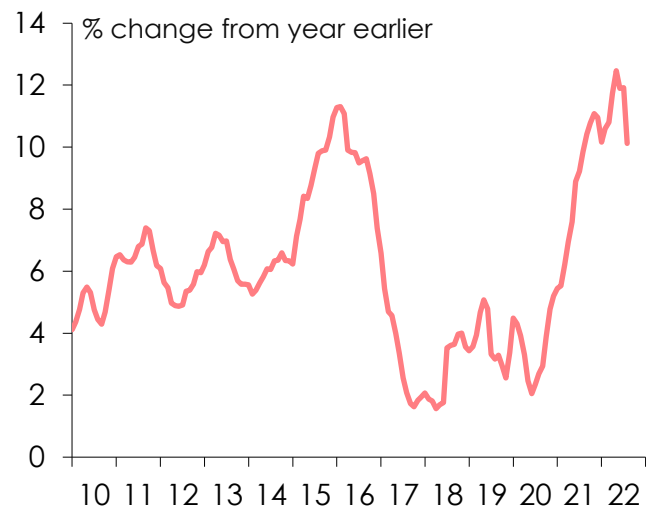
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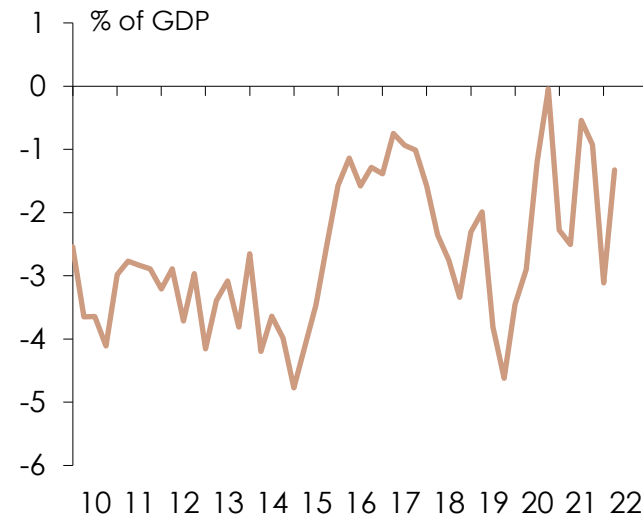
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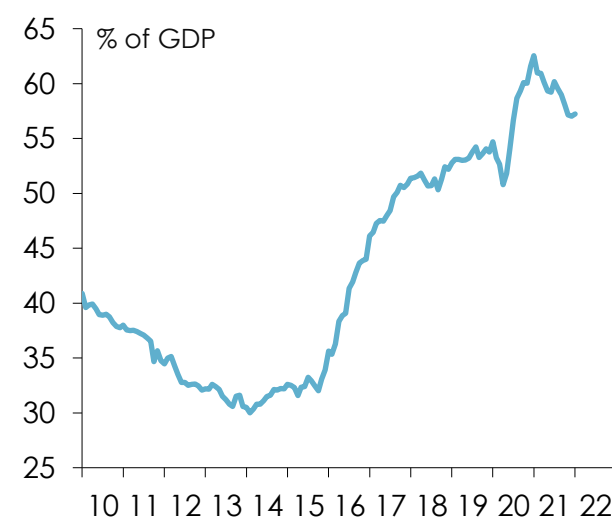
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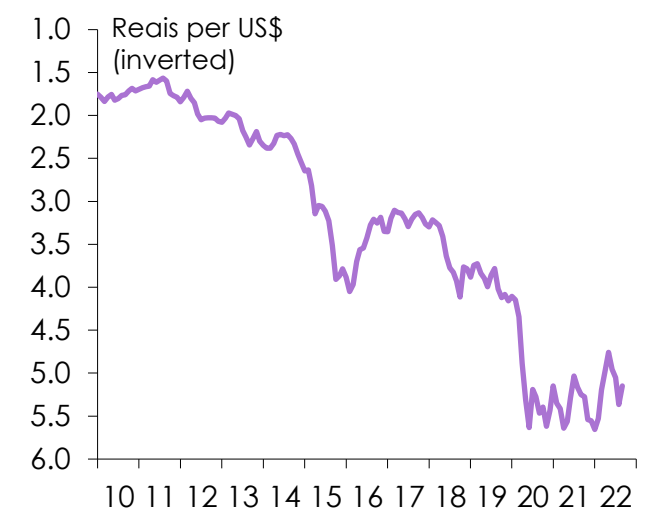
## Current account balance



## Public sector net debt



## Brazilian real vs US\$

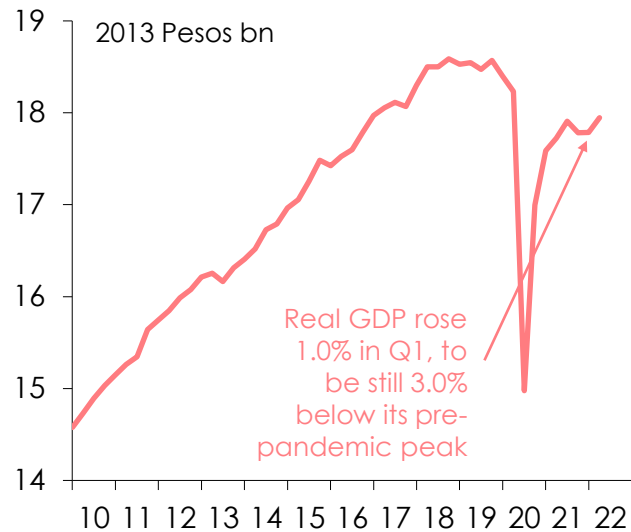


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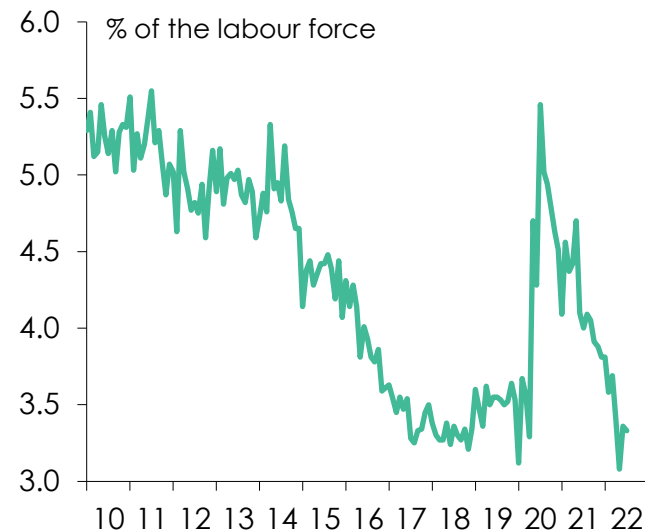
# Banco de Mexico raised its overnight rate another 75bp to 8.5%, the highest since November 2005

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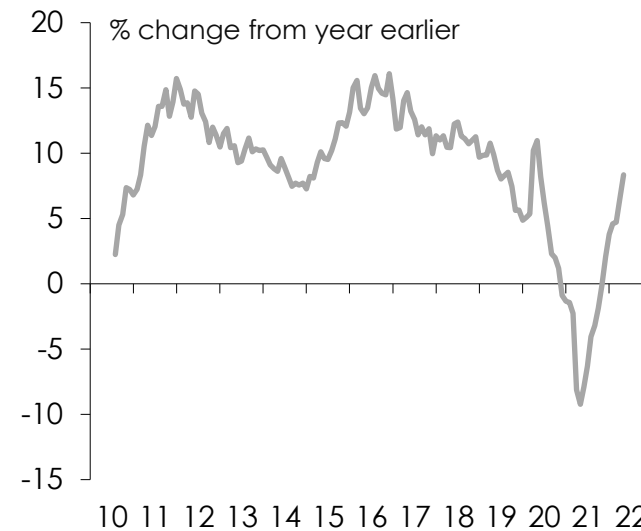
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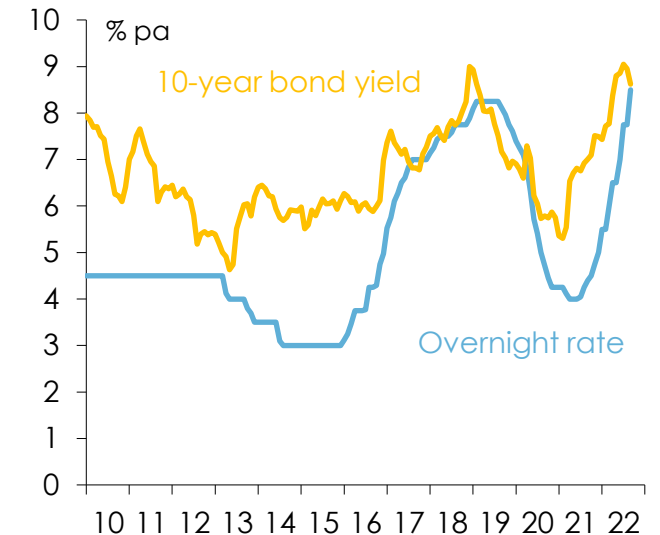
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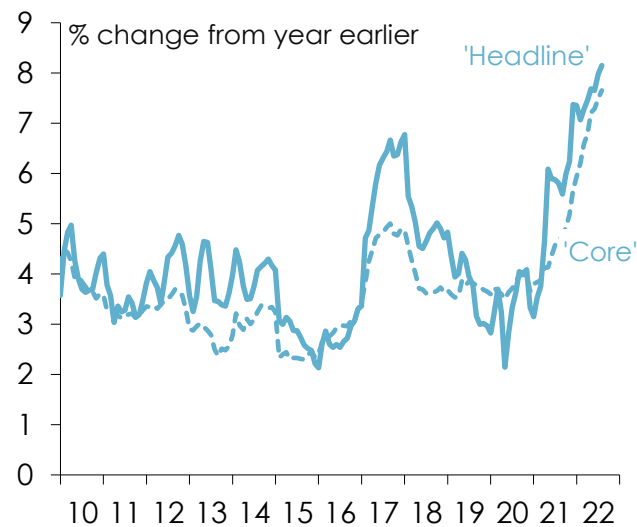
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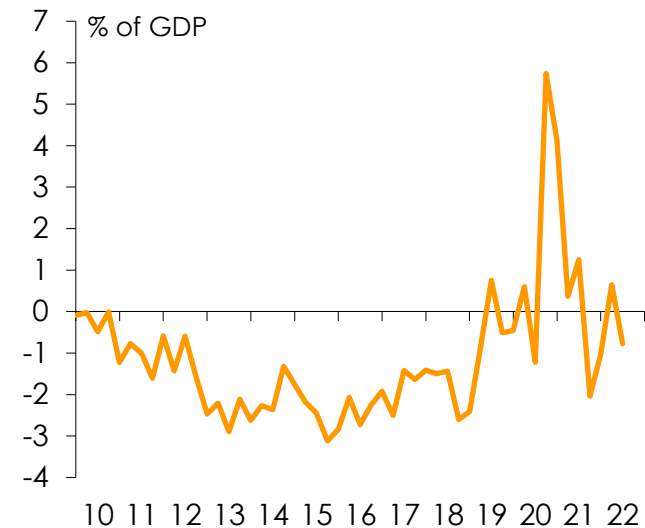
## Interest rates



## Inflation



## Current account balance



## Federal budget deficit



## Mexican peso vs US\$

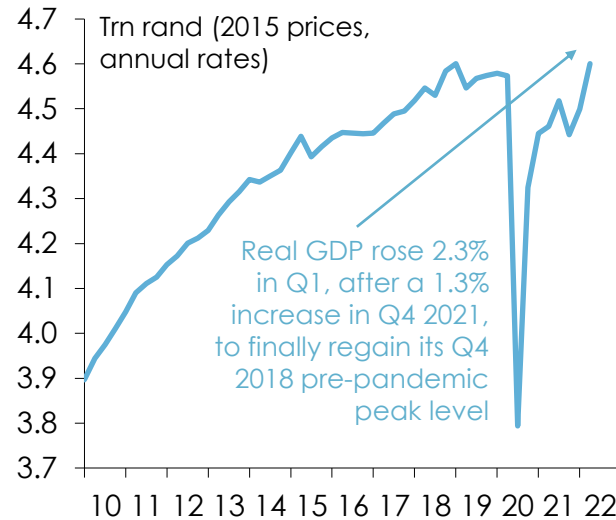


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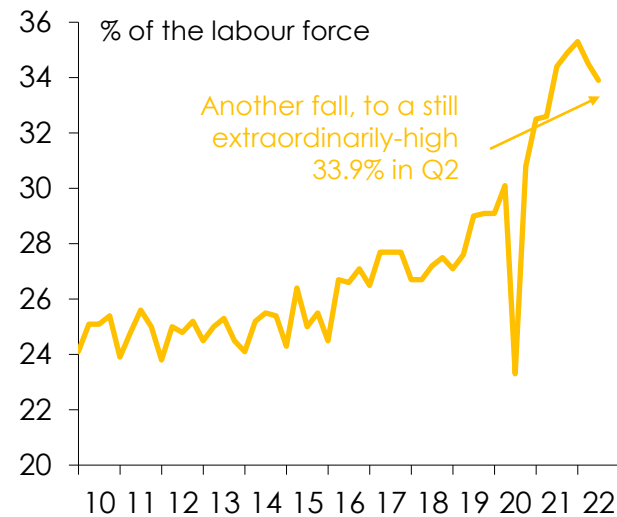
# South Africa's 'headline' inflation rate rose to 7.8% in July, and 'core' inflation to 4.6%, while unemployment in Q2 was 33.9%, down 0.6 pc pt

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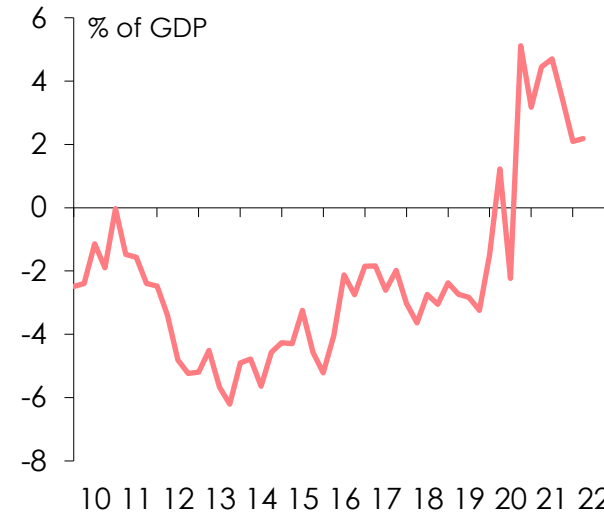
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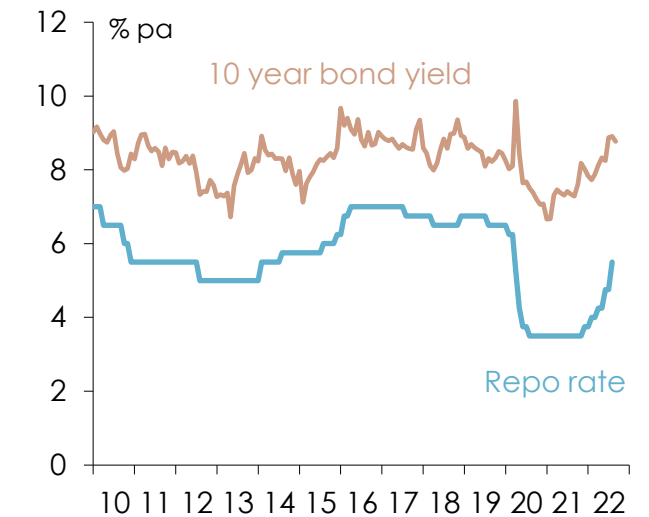
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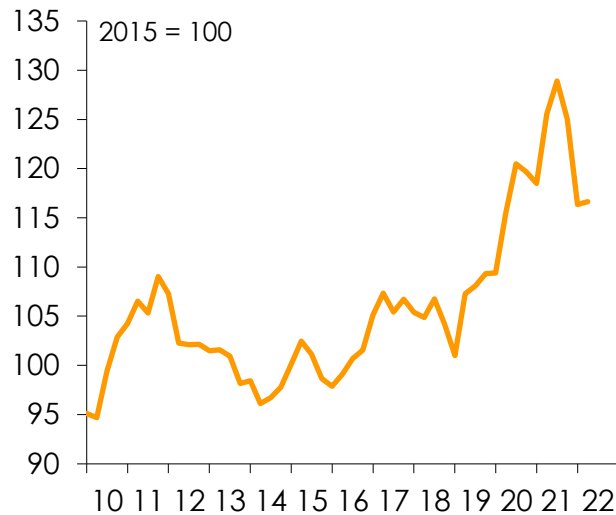
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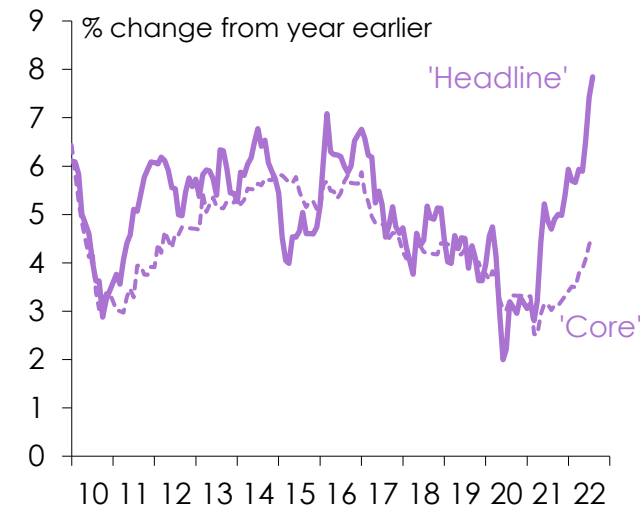
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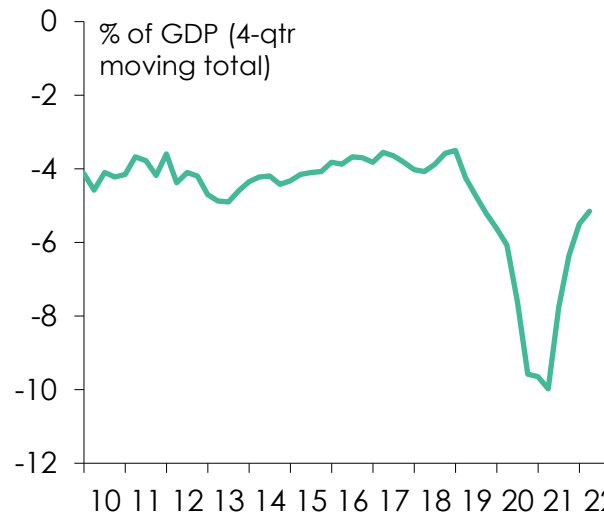
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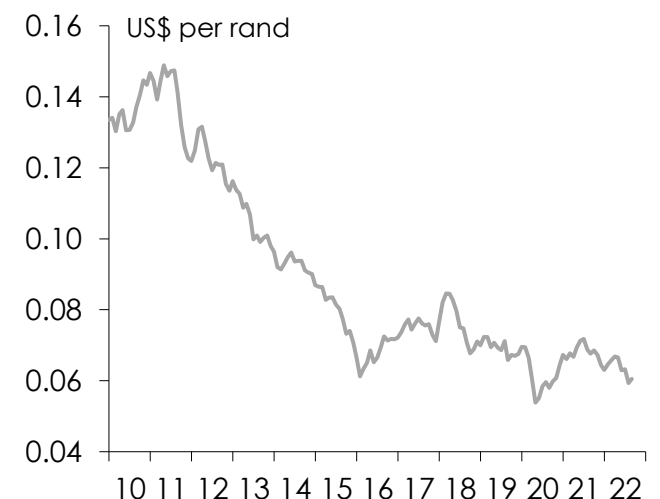
## Inflation



## Budget deficit



## Rand vs US\$

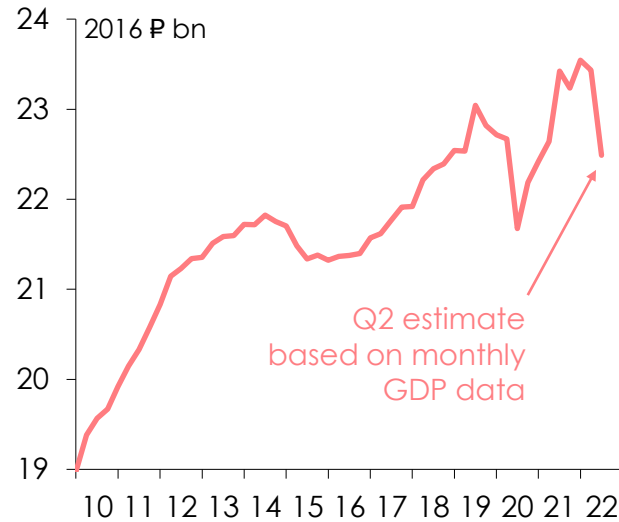




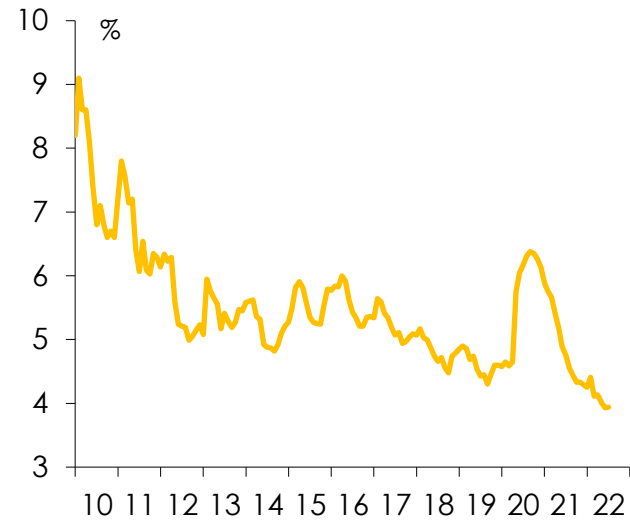
# Russia's annual inflation rate fell to 15.1% in July, down from a peak of 17.9% in April

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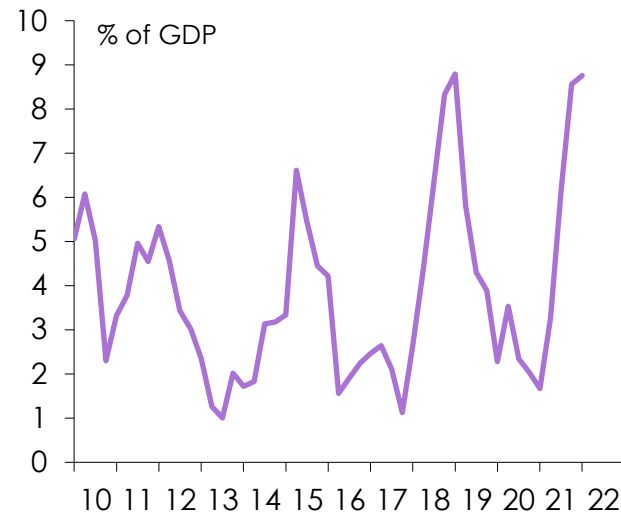
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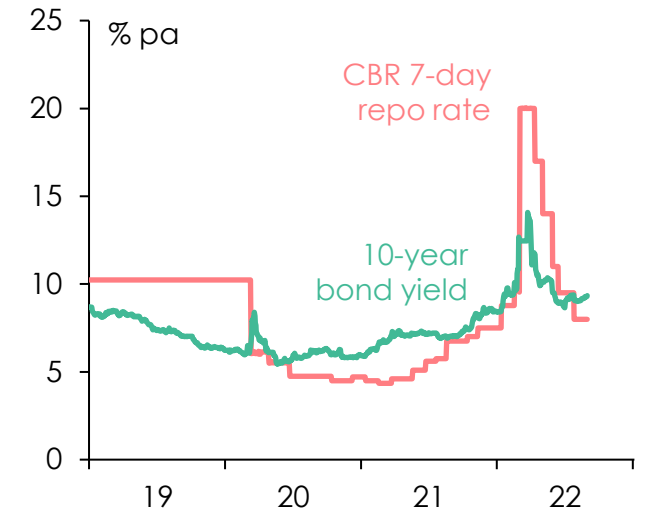
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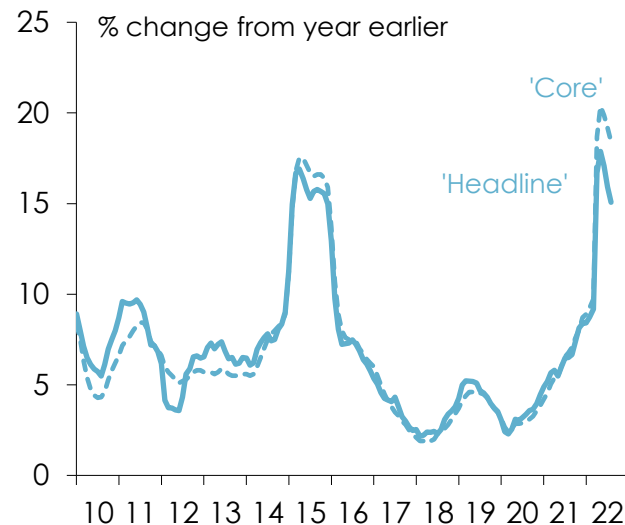
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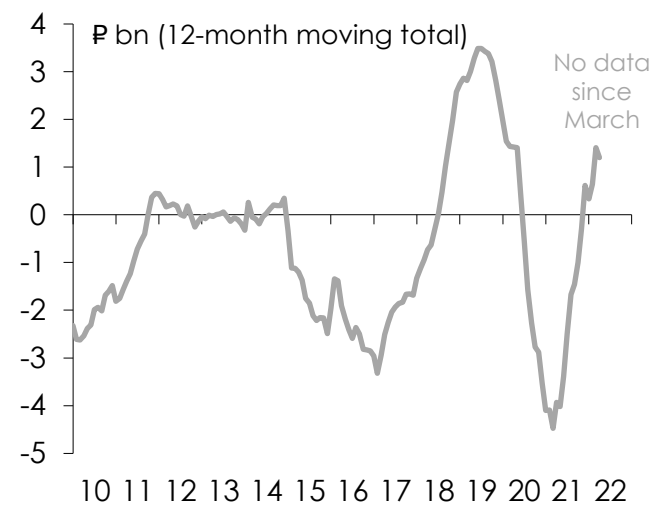
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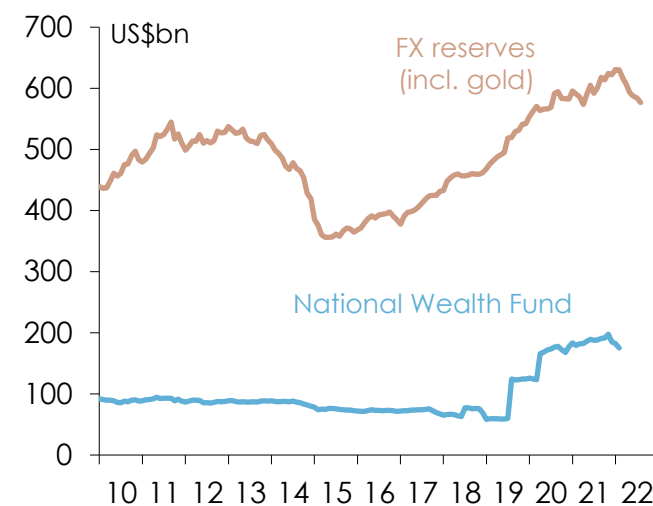
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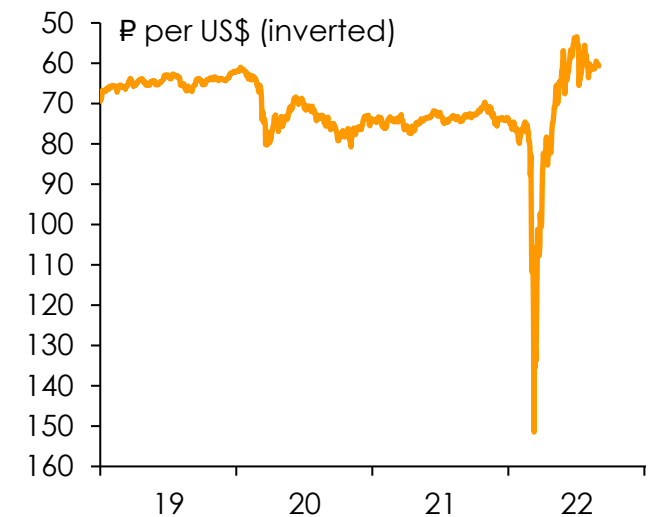
## Federal budget balance



## State financial assets



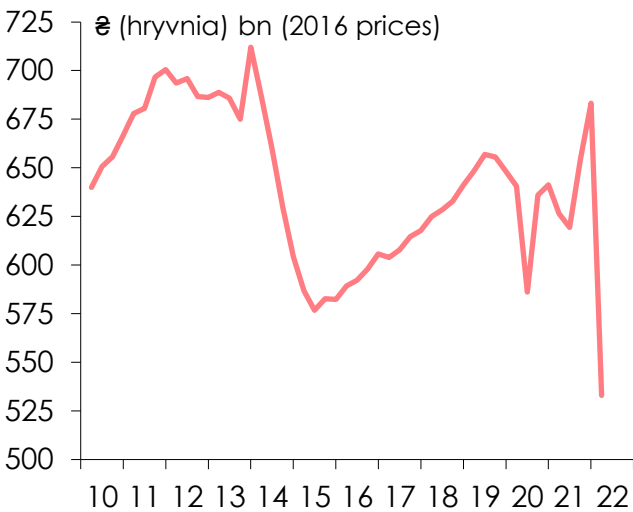
## Russian ruble vs US\$



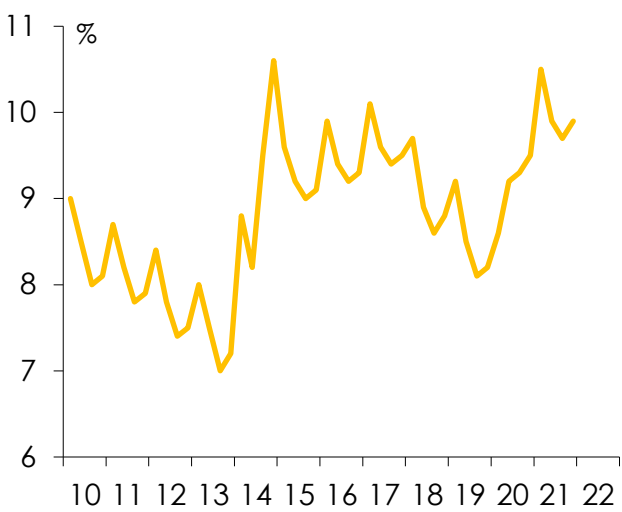
# Ukraine devalued its currency by 25% against the US\$ last month in view of the “change in the fundamental characteristics of Ukraine’s economy”

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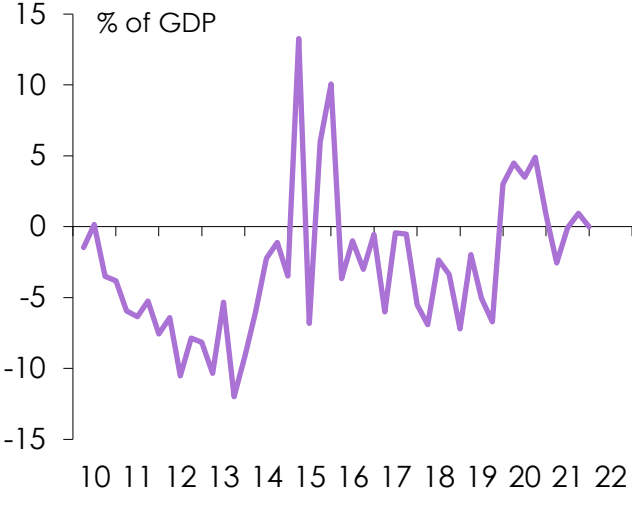
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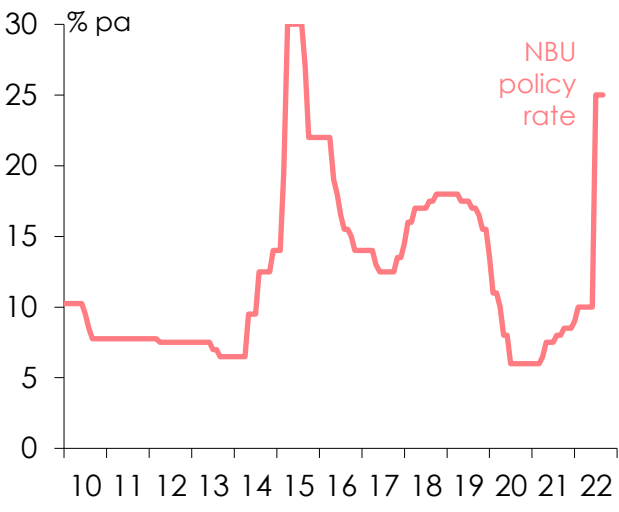
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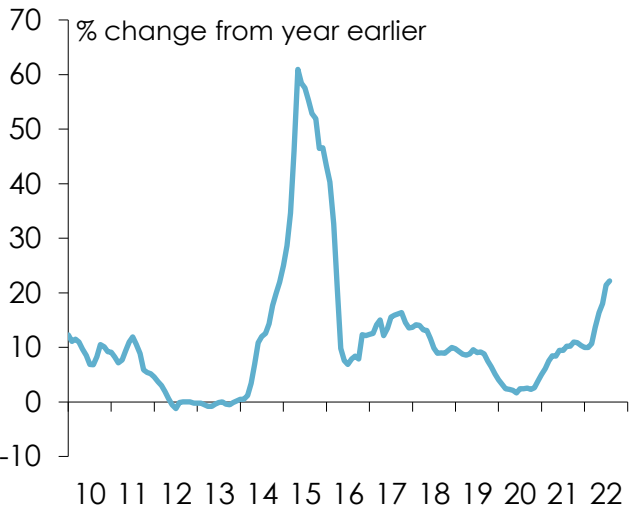
Current account balance



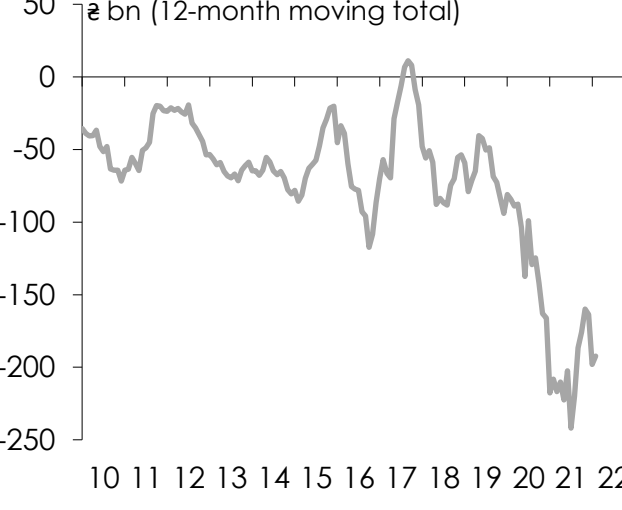
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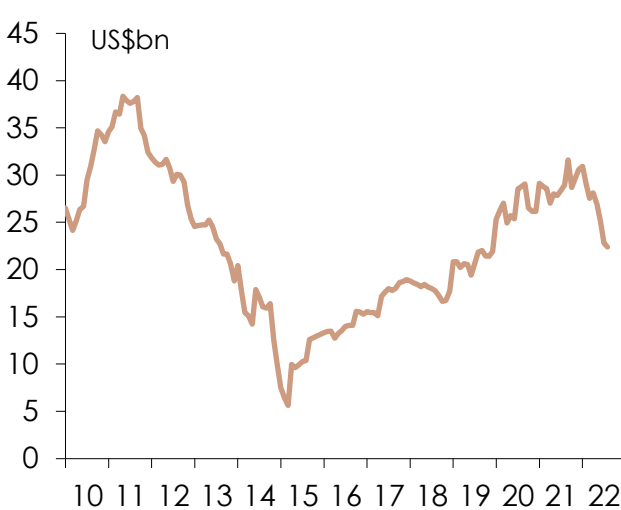
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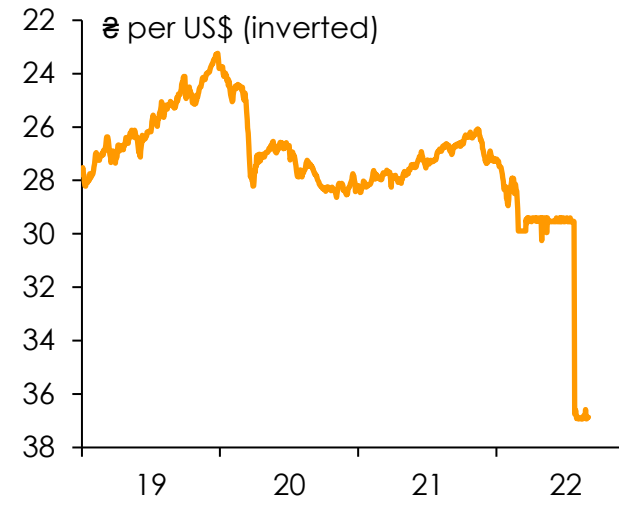
Budget deficit



FX reserves



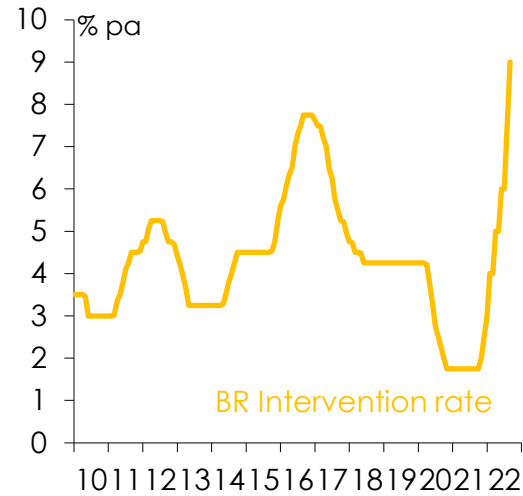
Ukrainian hryvnia vs US\$



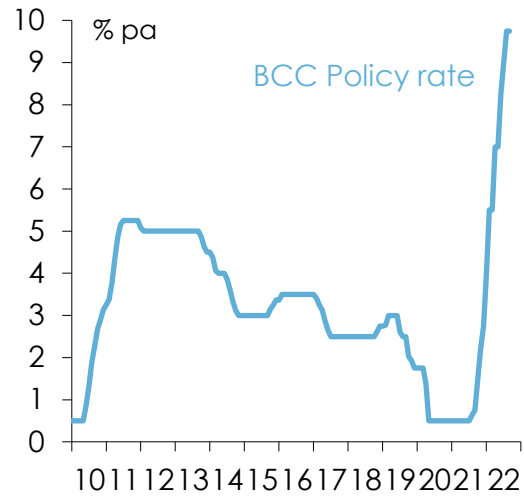
# Central banks in Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, and South Asia have been very forceful in tightening monetary policy

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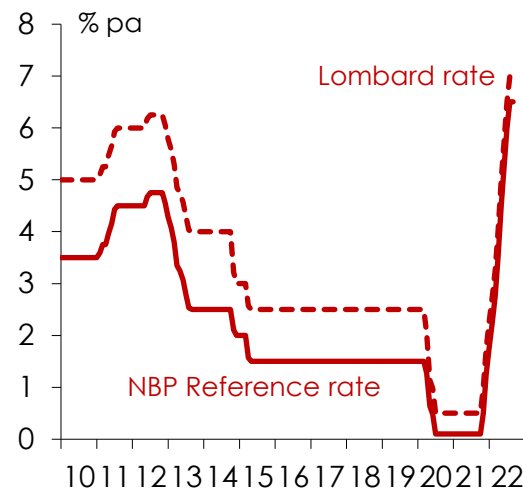
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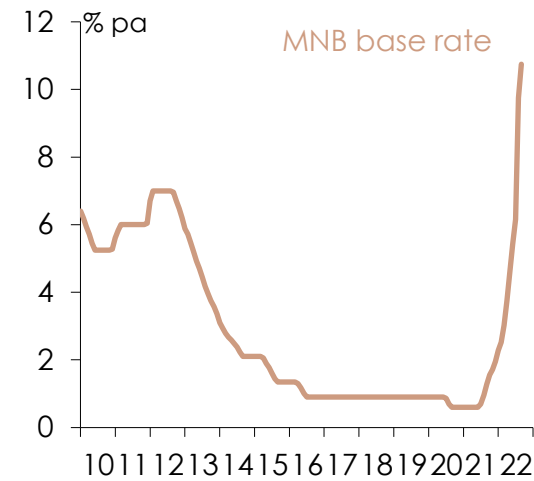
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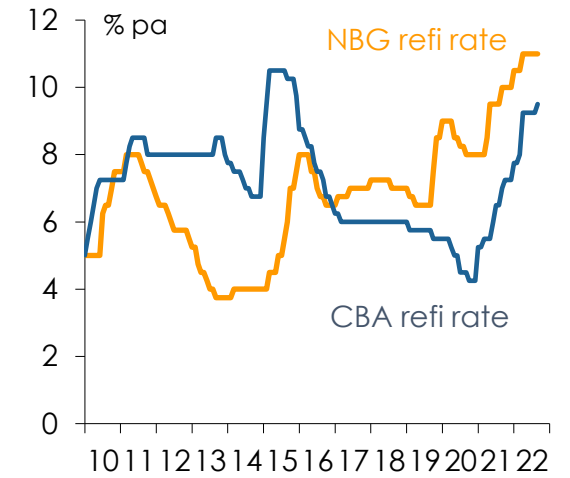
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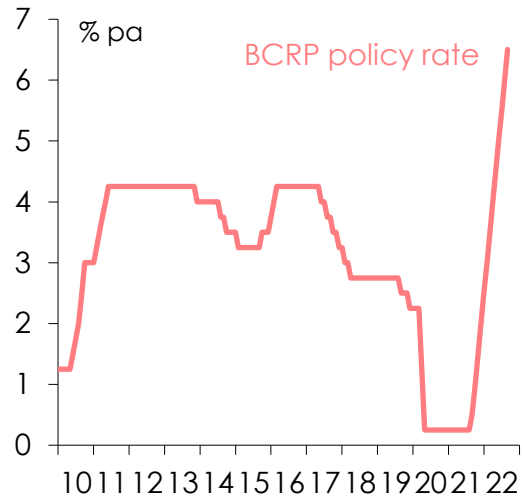
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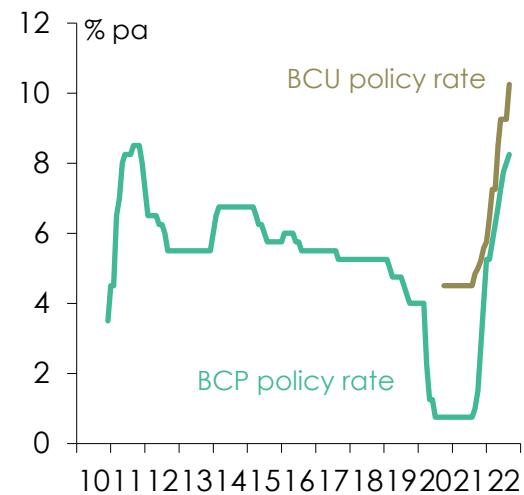
## Georgia & Armenia



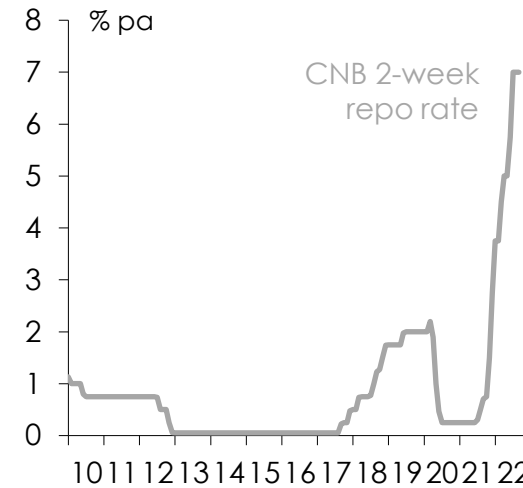
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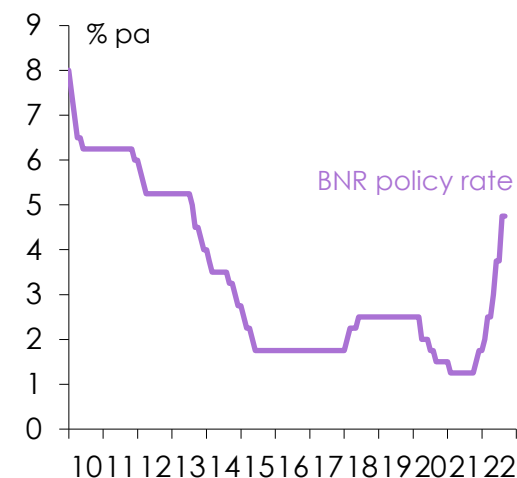
## Paraguay & Uruguay



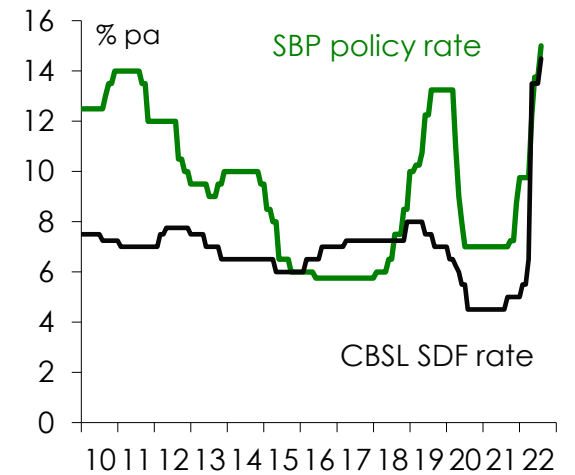
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## Romania



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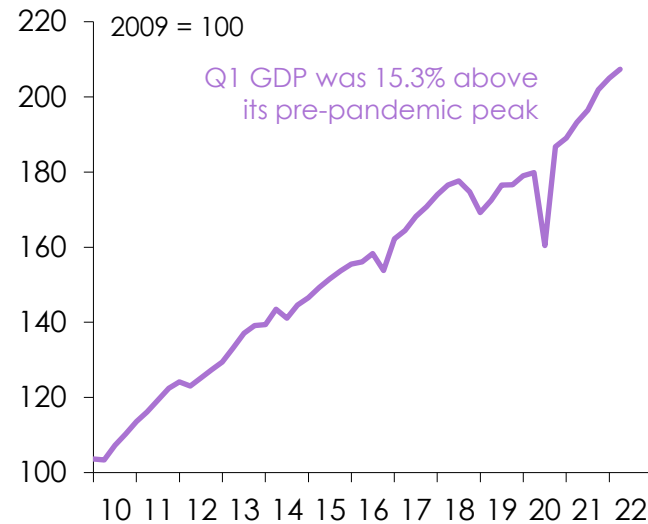


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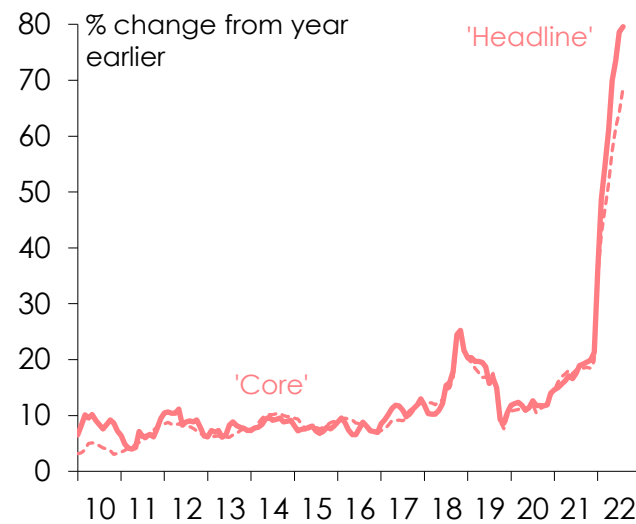
# Turkey's central bank cut its policy interest rates by 100 bp at its August meeting, despite an annual inflation rate of close to 80%

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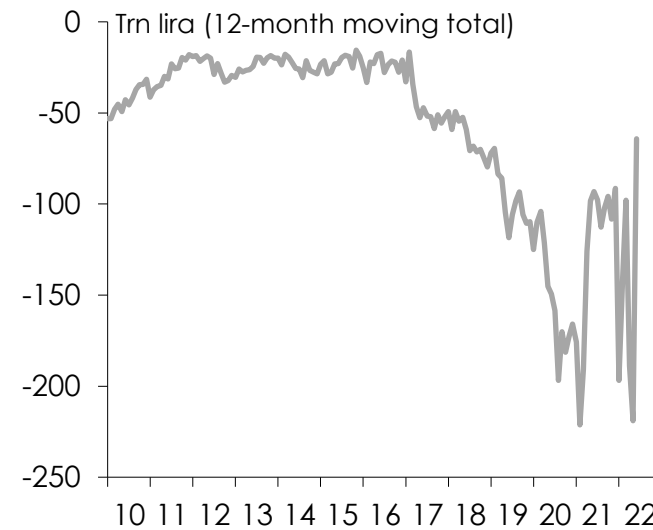
## Real GDP



## Inflation



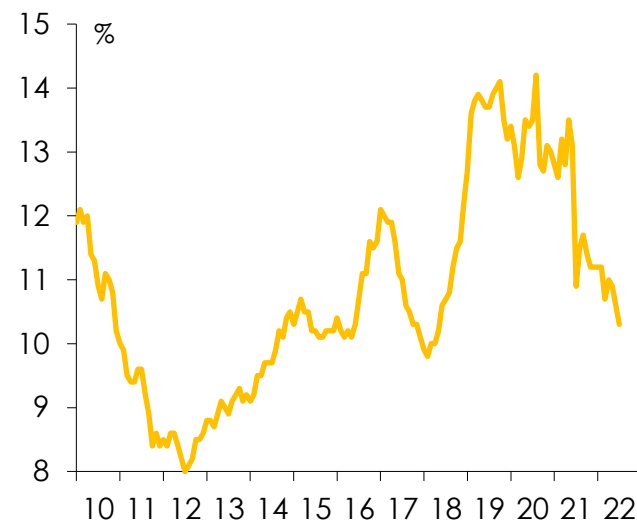
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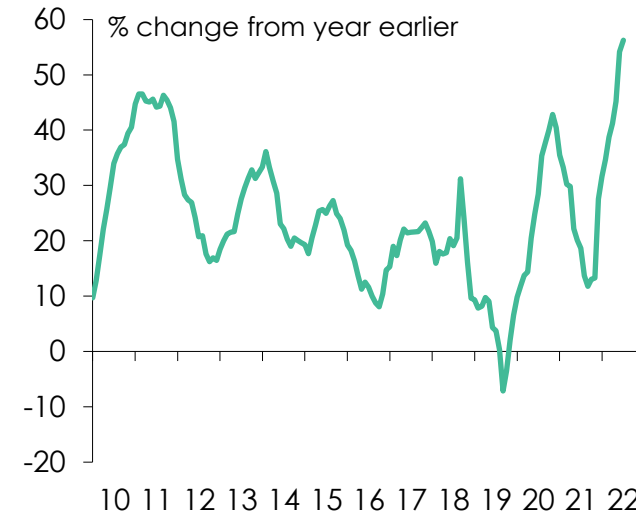
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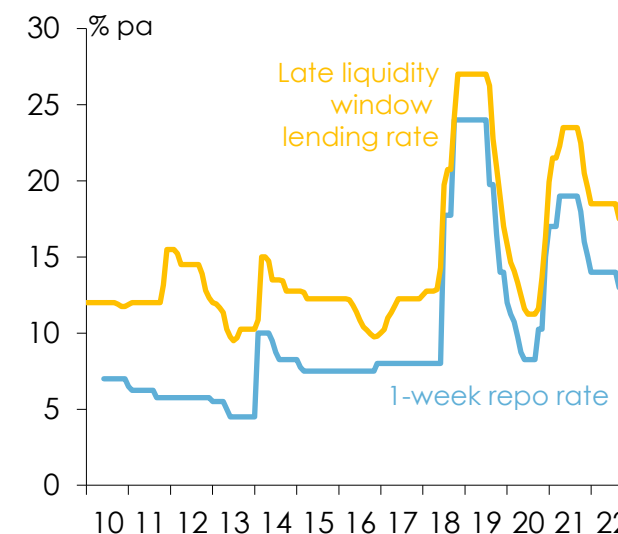
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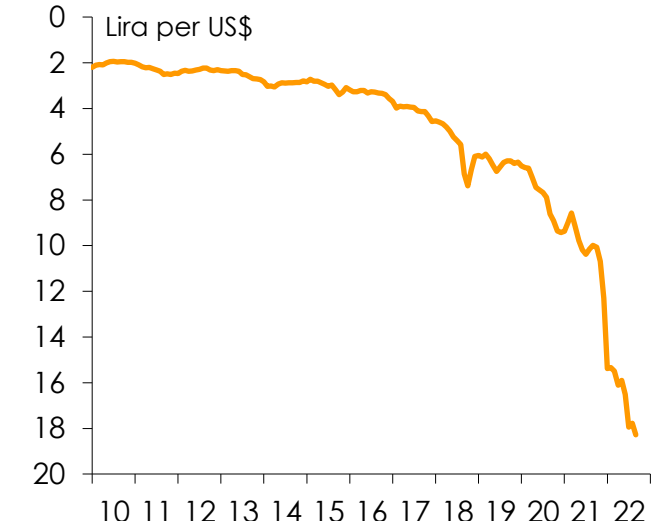
## Bank lending



## Interest rates



## Turkish lira vs US\$



# Key data and events this week

# Key data and events for week ended 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Australia</b> retail sales; <b>Taiwan</b> August consumer confidence; <b>Malaysia</b> July CPI & PPI; <b>Singapore</b> July PPI; <b>Vietnam</b> August CPI, industrial production, retail sales & trade balance; <b>Turkey</b> July trade balance; <b>US</b> August Dallas Fed manufacturing survey
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Australia</b> July building approvals; <b>Japan</b> July employment & unemployment; <b>Hungary</b> MNB meeting; <b>euro area</b> August business sentiment and household inflation expectations; <b>Iceland</b> August CPI; <b>US</b> July house price indexes and JOLTs (vacancies & quits) survey; <b>Canada</b> Q2 current account balance; <b>Mexico</b> July unemployment
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>New Zealand</b> August business confidence & July building approvals; <b>Australia</b> August property prices and July money & credit aggregates; <b>Japan</b> August consumer confidence, July retail sales & industrial production; <b>Korea</b> July retail sales & industrial production; <b>China</b> August 'official' PMIs; <b>India</b> Q2 GDP; <b>Turkey</b> Q2 GDP; <b>Russia</b> July unemployment; <b>South Africa</b> July trade balance; <b>euro area</b> August 'flash' CPI; <b>Iceland</b> Q2 CPI; <b>Canada</b> Q2 GDP; <b>Colombia</b> July unemployment
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Most economies</b> August manufacturing PMIs; <b>Australia</b> July housing finance, Q2 business capex and 2022-23 investment intentions; <b>Korea</b> Q2 GDP (final); <b>Indonesia</b> August CPI; <b>euro area</b> July unemployment; <b>US</b> August ISM manufacturing index; <b>Brazil</b> Q2 GDP & August trade balance; <b>Peru</b> August CPI
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Korea</b> August CPI; <b>India</b> August trade balance; <b>euro area</b> July PPI; <b>Iceland</b> Q2 current account balance; <b>US</b> August employment, unemployment & average earnings; <b>Brazil</b> July industrial production



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