

News Release

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Using the Composite Indexes: *The Leading Economic Index (LEI) provides an early indication of significant turning points in the business cycle and where the economy is heading in the near term. The Coincident Economic Index (CEI) provides an indication of the current state of the economy. Additional details are below.*

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Australia Held Steady in July

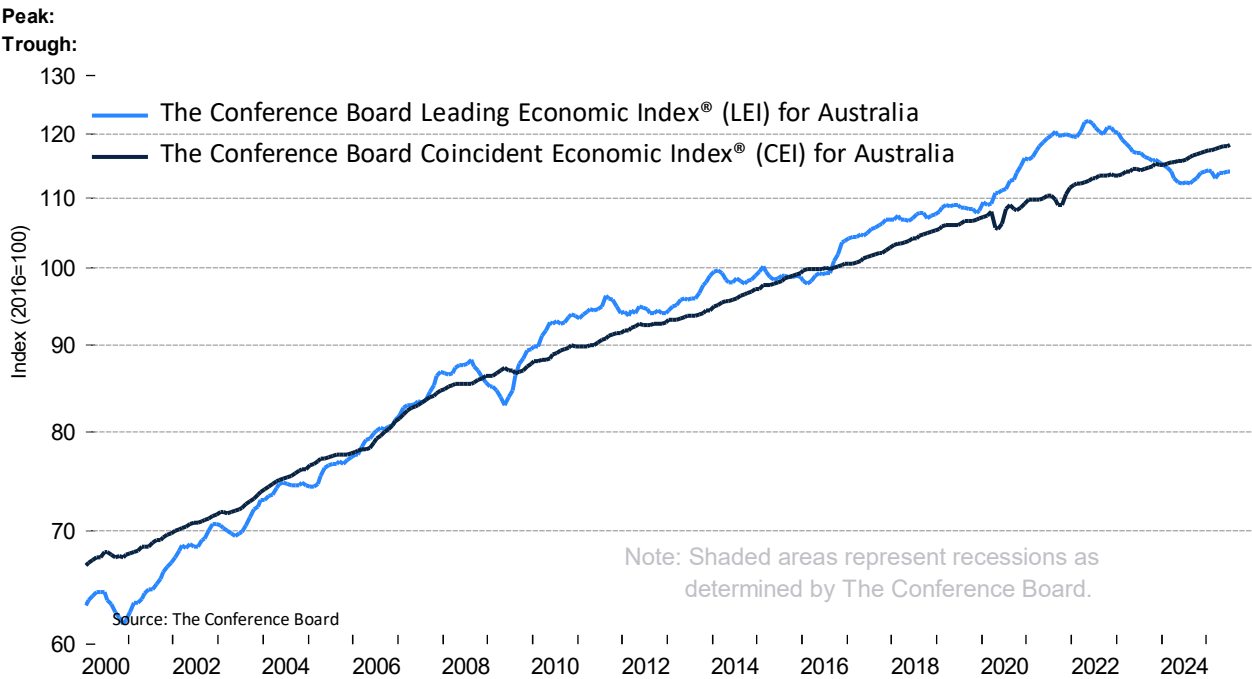
The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Australia was unchanged in July 2025 at 114.0 (2016=100), following an increase of 0.2% in June. However, overall the LEI contracted slightly by 0.2% from January through July 2025, substantially slowing from a 1.6% increase over the previous six-month period, between July 2024 and January 2025.

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for Australia rose by 0.2% in July 2025 to 118.2 (2016=100), after rising by 0.1% in June. Overall, the CEI grew by 0.7% from January to July 2025, slightly more than half the 1.3% increase over the previous six-month period.

“The LEI for Australia was unchanged in July after three consecutive months of increase,” said **Allen Li, Associate Economist at The Conference Board**. “A rise in rural goods exports as well as mild positive contributions from most other components supported the Index. However, this was offset by a drop in building approvals, driven by a fall in apartment and multi-unit projects. There was also a softening in gross operating surplus in Q2, indicating volatility in certain sectors such as mining and commodities. The annual growth rate of the Australia LEI consolidated in July after a strong recovery started in April, suggesting a mild cooling of recent positive economic momentum. However, while global trade tensions could affect external demand, the outlook for the Australian economy remains positive, with lower interest rates and moderate inflation. The Conference Board currently expects Australia’s real GDP to strengthen somewhat and overall to grow by 1.7% in 2025.”

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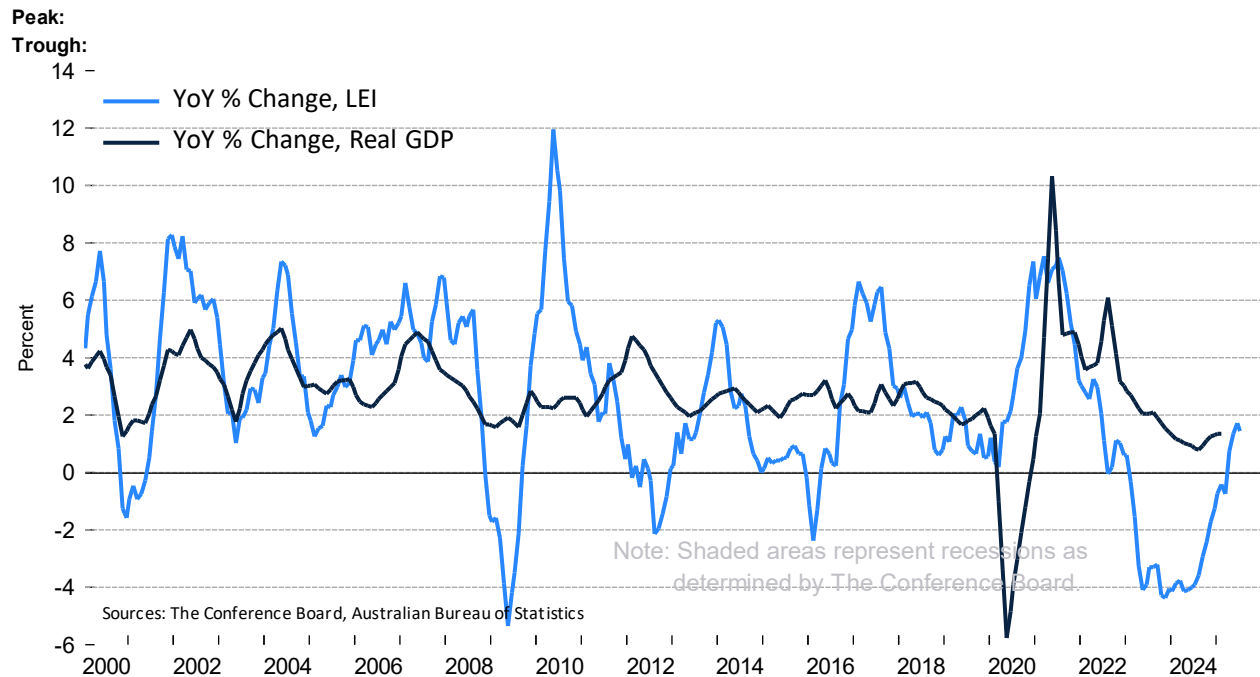
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The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® and Component Contributions (Percent)

	Jul. '25	6 mo. ending Jul. '25
Financial Components		
Yield Spread, 10Y - Policy Rate	0.06	0.28
Share Prices, All Ordinaries S&P/ASX 200	0.10	0.11
Money Supply, M3	0.08	0.64
Non-Financial Components		
Gross Operating Surplus, Private Non-Financial Corp. (Q)**	0.02	-0.40
Non-farm Sector, Sales to Inventories Ratio (Q)**	0.00	0.00
Rural Goods Exports	0.18	0.04
Building Approvals	-0.27	0.08

Source: The Conference Board * Inverted series; a negative change in this component makes a positive contribution.
** Statistical Imputation.-- Q: Quarterly series; these series are converted to a monthly series through a linear interpolation
LEI change might not equal sum of its contributions due to application of trend adjustment factor

The annual growth rate of the Australia LEI consolidated in July after a strong recent runup, suggesting a mild cooling of economic momentum



About The Conference Board *Leading Economic Index*® (LEI) and *Coincident Economic Index*® (CEI) for Australia

The composite economic indexes are key elements in an analytic system designed to signal peaks and troughs in the business cycle. Comprised of multiple independent indicators, the indexes are constructed to summarize and reveal common turning points in the economy in a clearer and more convincing manner than any individual component.

The CEI reflects current economic conditions and is highly correlated with real GDP. The LEI is a predictive tool that anticipates—or “leads”—turning points in the business cycle by around seven months.

The seven components of *Leading Economic Index*® for Australia are:

- Yield Spread, 10Y – Policy Rate
- Share Prices, All Ordinaries S&P/ASX 200
- Money Supply, M3
- Building Approvals
- Rural Goods Exports
- Non-Farm Sector, Sale to Inventories Ratio
- Gross Operating Surplus, Private Non-Financial Corp.

The four components of the *Coincident Economic Index*® for Australia are:

- Employment
- Household Income
- Industrial Production
- Retail Trade

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