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# 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.*

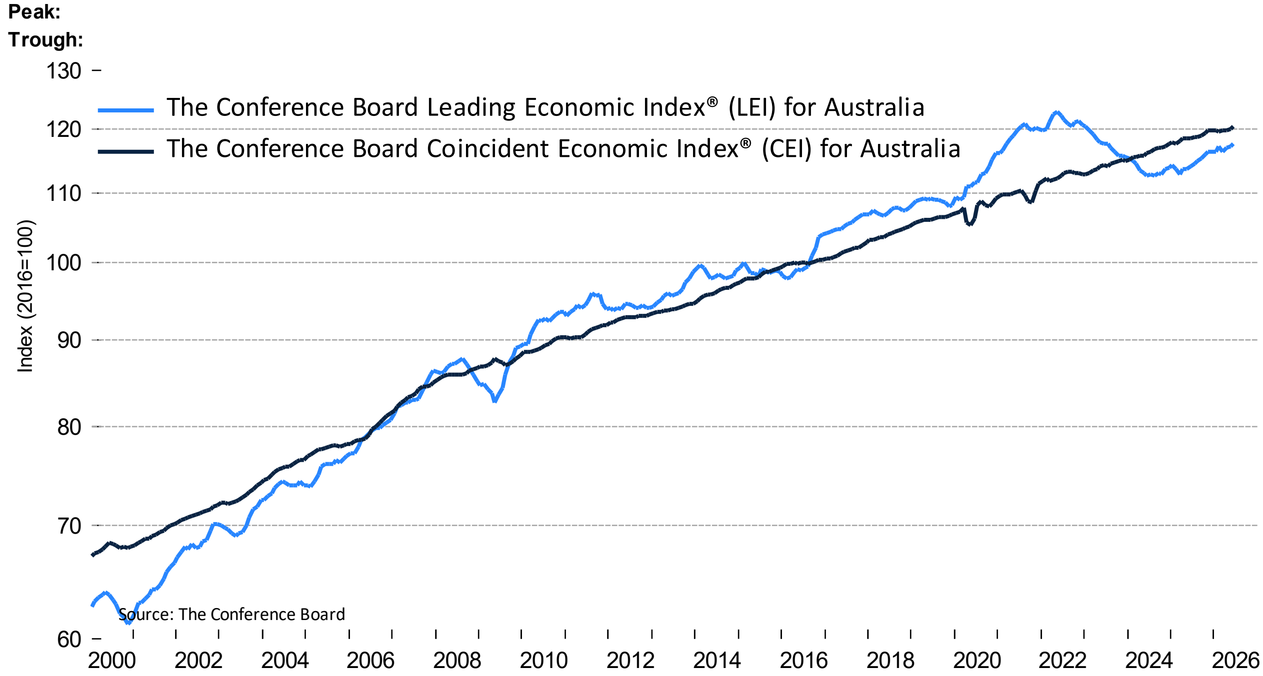
## The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Australia Increased Again in June

**The Conference Board Leading Economic Index®** (LEI) for Australia increased by 0.3% in June 2026 to 117.5 (2016=100), after a 0.3% increase in May. Over the first half of 2026, the LEI for Australia increased by 1.1%, moderating from a growth rate of 2.0% recorded during the second half of 2025.

**The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index®** (CEI) for Australia increased by 0.2% in June 2026 to 120.3 (2016=100), after rising by 0.3% in May. Over the first half of 2026, the CEI improved by 0.5%, at about half the 1.0% growth rate observed during the second half of 2025.

**The next release is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. ET.**

## The Australia LEI increased again in June

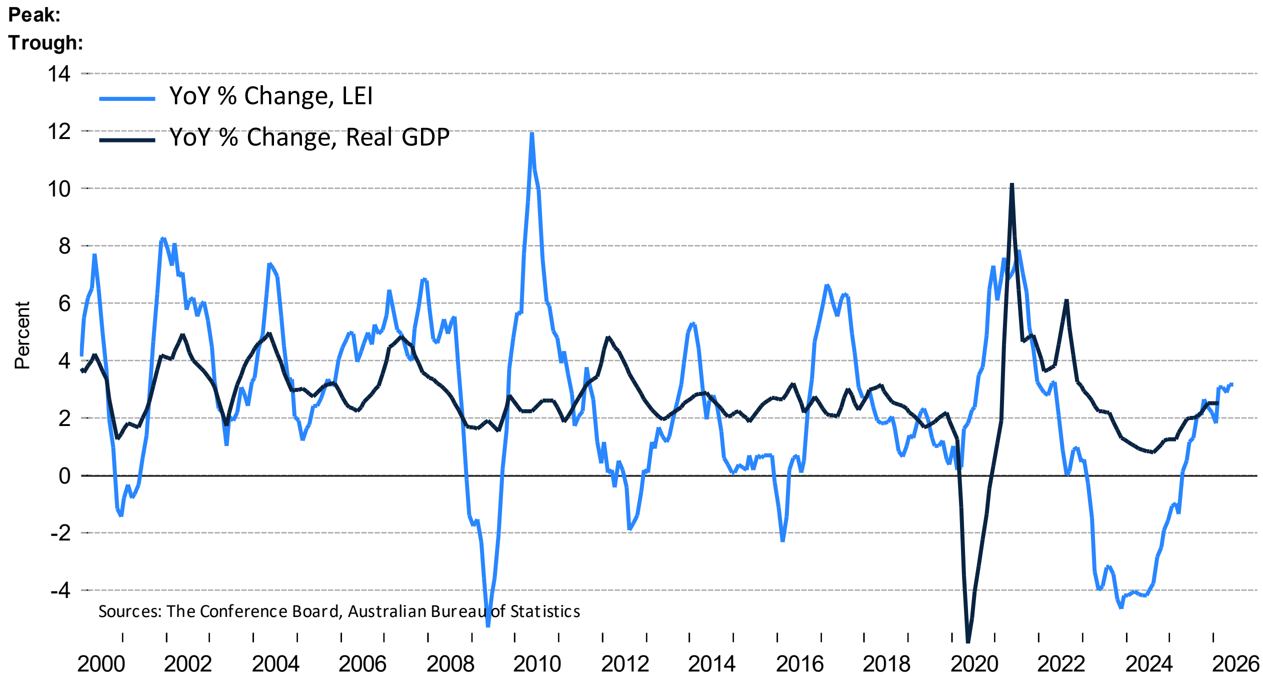



## Five of the seven components of the Australia LEI had positive contributions in June, and almost all improved in the past six months

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


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 maintained a strong positive trajectory, indicating economic expansion going into final months of 2026




**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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