# New Zealand Data Wrap

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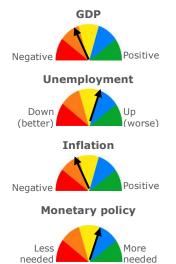
## What's the view?

- Currently in the midst of a huge economic blow.
- GDP 7-9% lower this year.
- Unemployment peak: 10%.
- Inflation set to fall.
- QE to rise to \$90bn in August.

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## Balance of risks

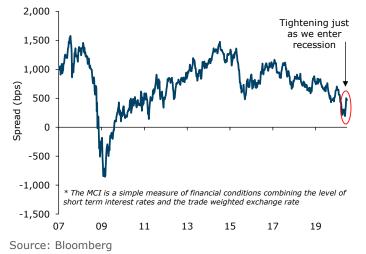
We recently revised up our central view, but still see risks as skewed to the downside.



#### How has the view changed?

- Q1 GDP out this week didn't change our view, with a 20-21% drop estimated over the first half of the year, but noise in the quarterly numbers.
- The emergence of new COVID-19 cases this week remind us that while New Zealand is extremely fortunate to have eliminated community transmission of the virus, we can't be complacent. Downside risks are very real.
- We expect that more QE will be needed from the RBNZ, but with the outlook a little brighter and more good news in the near term, we think the RBNZ will wait until August to scale up. Next week's OCR Review is likely to offer no surprises in the meantime, but a challenging outlook will be emphasised.
- Market sentiment has been weighed down by new virus outbreaks in China, a lack of progress in the US and new cases here. Soft GDP data underscores the need for lower and flatter yield curves, especially with the high TWI tightening financial conditions. See markets outlook for more details.

#### Figure 1. RBNZ Monetary Conditions Index\*



### What happened this week?

**REINZ housing market data – May.** Sales were 53% below March levels, partly on lower inventories, stemming price declines – for now.

Performance Services Index - May. Lifted to 37.2 from 25.9 in April.

Food Price Index – May. Dipped 0.8% m/m. The dust is still settling.

Net migration – April. Fell sharply on border closures. Will stay low for a while.

**ANZ NZ Monthly Inflation Gauge – May.** Lifted 0.2% m/m – a partial rebound from April's 0.8% fall. The annual measure continued to slow.

**GlobalDairyTrade auction.** Up 1.9%, defying the global slowdown.

**Current Account Balance – Q1.** Improvement in the goods balance saw the annual current account deficit narrow from 3.0% to 2.7% of GDP.

**GDP** – **Q1.** The economy contracted 1.6% q/q – the largest quarterly fall since March 1991. But that's nothing compared to what's coming. We've pencilled in a 19% q/q contraction for Q2.

**In markets:** The record \$7bn NZGB issue was the highlight. LSAP operations saw less selling interest as bonds came back into favour over equities.



## Looking ahead



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### Data calendar

Date	Data/event
Mon 22 Jun	Credit Card Spending
(3:00pm)	– May
Wed 24 Jun (2:00pm)	RBNZ OCR
Thu 25 Jun	Merchandise Trade –
(10:45am)	May
Thu 25 Jun (2:05pm)	NZGB Bond Tender
Thu 25 Jun	RBNZ New Mortgage
(3:00pm)	Lending – April
Fri 26 Jun (10:00am)	ANZ Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence – Jun
Mon 30 Jun	ANZ Business
(1:00pm)	Outlook – Jun F
Mon 30 Jun	RBNZ Sectoral
(3:00pm)	Lending – April
Tue 1 Jul	Building Consents –
(10:45am)	May
Mon 6 Jul	ANZ Commodity Price
(1:00pm)	Index – Jun
Tue 7 Jul (10:00am)	NZIER QSBO – Q2
Wed 8 Jul	GlobalDairyTrade
(early am)	auction
Thu 9 Jul	ANZ Truckometer –
(10:00am)	Jun
Thu 9 Jul	ANZ Business
(1:00pm)	Confidence – Jul P
Fri 10 Jul	Electronic Card
(10:45am)	Transactions - Jun
Mon 13 Jul (10:45am)	Food Prices – Jun
Tues 14 Jul (10:45am)	Net Migration – May
Thu 16 Jul (10:45am)	CPI - Q2

#### What are we watching?

The full impact of the economic downturn is yet to be felt by many. Some households are under pressure, but for others the brunt of the crisis is still coming. Retail spending has been supported by pent-up demand and a temporary increase in savings from when people couldn't spend. And the housing market has been similarly supported by a post-lockdown buying flurry, but more downward pressure on prices is coming. Unemployment is rising, uncertainty is rife, income prospects are unclear, and a tourism-sized hole in the economy has emerged. Reflecting this, caution is emerging about spending and is expected to set the tone beyond the current bounce (figure 2). Low interest rates and fiscal support will provide an offset, but won't be enough to offset this enormous shock.





Source: Statistics NZ, ANZ Research

## The week ahead

**RBNZ Credit Card Spending – May (Monday 22 June, 3:00pm).** In April we saw a 41.3% m/m fall; a bounce is on the cards.

**NZGB Bond tender schedule – July (Wednesday 24 June, 8.00am).** We expect weekly issuance of around \$1bn. We also expect a new 2041 bond to be announced.

**RBNZ OCR Review – June (Wednesday 24 June, 2:00pm).** The RBNZ will acknowledge good news, but point out that the outlook is very challenging. We see QE expanded in August, but there is no need to act now. See our Preview.

**Overseas Merchandise Trade – May (Thursday 25 June, 10:45am).** We've pencilled in a monthly surplus of \$1.25bn (exports: \$5.4bn; imports \$4.15bn). That'll see the annual deficit narrow another \$1bn to \$1.4bn.

**NZGB bond tender (Thursday 25 June, 2:05pm).** The schedule returns to normal, with \$1.05bn of bonds on offer, comprising \$500m of 4/23s, \$350m of 4/29s and \$200m of 4/37s.

**RBNZ New Mortgage Lending – May (Thursday 25 June, 3:00pm**). After last month's 56% fall, expect a rebound, though it won't last.

ANZ Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence- June (Friday 26 June, 10:00am).

**RBNZ LSAP schedule (Friday 26 June, 2:00pm).** The pace of LSAP purchases of NZGBs will slow from \$1.075bn this week to \$940m next week, but the pace of LGFA purchases will hold steady at \$50m.



## Markets outlook

Financial markets ended the week on a more hesitant note as positive sentiment fuelled by excess liquidity and the rebound/recovery vibe started giving way to fears surrounding fresh COVID-19 outbreaks in China and a lack of progress "flattening the curve" in the US. Global liquidity conditions remain supportive, but as the pace of QE has slowed it has become less of a driving force. The RBNZ faces a tough balancing act next week – it needs to acknowledge the earlier exit from lockdown and re-opening of economies offshore, but it also needs to stress that there is no scope for complacency given how far away we are from 2% inflation and full employment, which remain its mandate. With the NZD TWI up here keeping financial conditions tight just as the recession takes hold, it's crucial that yield curves remain low and flat.

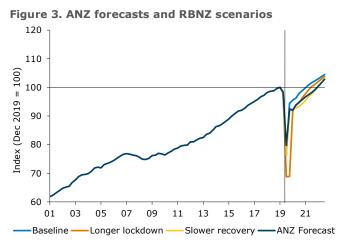


	Actual				Forecast (end month)				
FX rates	Apr-20	May-20	Today	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21
NZD/USD	0.613	0.622	0.642	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65
NZD/AUD	0.936	0.934	0.936	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93
NZD/EUR	0.563	0.559	0.572	0.57	0.56	0.57	0.57	0.59	0.60
NZD/JPY	65.30	66.66	68.59	68.8	69.6	69.6	69.6	69.6	69.6
NZD/GBP	0.489	0.505	0.517	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.53	0.52
NZ\$ TWI	69.24	70.12	71.44	71.8	71.6	72.0	72.1	72.6	72.9
Interest rates/QE	Apr-20	May-20	Today	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21
NZ OCR	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
LSAP (\$bn)	30	33	60	60	90	90	90	90	90
NZ 90 day bill	0.27	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
NZ 10-yr bond	0.88	0.82	0.88	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25

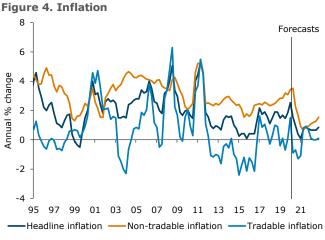
## **Economic forecasts**

	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22
GDP (% qoq)	-1.6	-19.0	16.0	-0.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8
GDP (% yoy)	-0.2	-19.3	-7.1	-8.0	-4.6	18.9	3.5	5.1	3.9
CPI (% qoq)	0.8	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.4
СРІ (% уоу)	2.5	1.6	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7
Employment (% qoq)	0.7	-6.0	-1.9	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
Employment (% yoy)	1.6	-5.1	-7.1	-5.8	-5.5	1.3	4.2	3.5	3.4
Unemployment Rate (% sa)	4.2	7.6	10.0	9.7	9.3	9.2	8.9	8.4	8.0

Figures in bold are forecasts. mom: Month-on-Month; qoq: Quarter-on-Quarter; yoy: Year-on-Year



Source: Statistics NZ, RBNZ, ANZ Research



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