

Changes to key graphs

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In October 2017 we made some changes to the suite of key graphs published on the Reserve Bank website <https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/statistics/key-graphs>

The main changes are:

- The presentation of the key graphs has been updated so they are consistent with the presentation of other graphs published on the Reserve Bank website.
- The key graphs display data from 2000 onwards but longer time series are available in the key graph data spreadsheet.
- The main [key graph data spreadsheet](#) contains official data only.¹ Any unofficial data has been [archived into a separate spreadsheet](#).

A full list of changes is outlined in table 1 below.

There has been no change to the number of key graphs published.

If you have any questions about these changes please email stats-info@rbnz.govt.nz.

Table 1: Changes to key graphs

	Key graph	Key graph data spreadsheet		Other changes
		Official	Archive	
Inflation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data in graph displayed from 2000 onwards. • Longer time series available in the data spreadsheet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headline CPI from 1916 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPI excluding interest rates from 1920 to 1999 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPI data changed from CPI excluding interest rates to Headline CPI².
90-day rate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCR from 1999 • 90-day bank bill rate from 1999. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily and monthly data from 1985 available in B2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change from weekly averages to monthly averages.
Exchange		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZD/USD exchange rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily and monthly 	

¹ Some series in the key graph data spreadsheet currently include unofficial data. For example, the Unemployment rate is Stats NZ official data from 1986 and NZIER estimates prior to 1986. The official data may be revised but unofficial data are not revised which may create a series break.

² Interest rates were removed from the CPI regimen in 1999.

rate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from 1984 Nominal TWI from 1984 Real TWI from 1970 	NZD/USD exchange rate data from 1973 available in B1	
Real GDP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ, Australia, UK, US and Japanese GDP average annual growth from 1990 		
Current account		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current account balance from 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current account balance from 1970 to 1998. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change from annual current account balance as % of GDP to quarterly current account balance as % of GDP.
Mortgage rates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floating mortgage rate from 1998 2 year fixed rate from 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floating mortgage rate from 1964 to 1998 	
House prices and values		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing value from 1979 HPI from 1990 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPI from 1980 to 1989 	
Household debt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household debt as % of disposable income from 1998 Household debt servicing as % of disposable income from 1998 Interest rate from 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household debt as % of disposable income from 1991 to 1997 Household debt servicing as % of disposable income from 1991 to 1997 Interest rate from 1991 to 1997 	
Employment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number employed from 1986 Unemployment rate from 1986 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number employed from 1970 to 1985 Unemployment rate from 1970 to 1985 	