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a comparison of independent forecasts



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FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

This edition of the comparison contains 18 new forecasts, all of which were received between August 3rd and August 13th 2020. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2020 and 2021 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2020					
	Independent⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August		
	August	July	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	-10.0	-9.2	-14.2	-6.6	-10.1
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	0.5	0.7	-0.1	1.8	0.5
- RPI	1.1	1.5	0.3	2.2	1.0
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	8.3	8.1	5.0	12.7	8.3
Current account (£bn)	-76.8	-85.5	-244.0	-22.1	-57.2
PSNB (2020-21: £bn)	322.2	293.1	239.1	382.0	324.0

Forecasts for 2021					
	Independent⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August		
	August	July	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	6.6	6.3	2.9	9.6	6.5
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	1.9	1.7	0.6	3.2	2.1
- RPI	2.7	2.8	1.1	4.6	2.9
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	6.5	6.4	5.0	8.8	6.6
Current account (£bn)	-76.2	-80.7	-143.0	-19.5	-61.0
PSNB (2021-22: £bn)	164.4	150.3	91.4	307.2	171.2

+ Independent averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months: June 1 institutions, July 7 institutions and August 18 institutions.

*Calculated from new forecasts received for the comparison this month.

Note: All the averages given are the mean and exclude non-standard entries except for house-price inflation (see notation)

Table 1 - 2020: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Quarterly GDP		Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed Investment	Inventories (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
		GDP	Q2									
City forecasters												
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jul	-11.3	-21.0	12.0	-13.2	-1.7	-17.2	-0.6	-	-	1.2	-
Barclays Capital	Aug *	-10.0	-20.4	15.7	-12.9	-9.0	-14.4	-0.6	-	-	3.0	-
Bloomberg Economics	Aug *	-9.7	-20.4	17.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	-11.1	-21.5	14.2	-17.4	4.5	-14.9	0.0	-12.9	-15.7	-21.0	1.8
Citigroup	Jul	-9.6	-19.6	14.1	-8.5	-3.6	-16.4	0.1	-11.1	-15.6	-18.7	1.1
Commerzbank	Aug *	-11.3	-20.4	11.7	-13.5	-10.6	-18.7	-0.1	-14.4	-10.1	-20.3	3.4
DeWu Capital Markets	Jan	0.8	-	-	1.1	1.7	0.4	-1.8	1.1	7.4	1.5	-0.3
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	-11.0	-20.4	14.0	-14.1	-11.7	-12.4	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	May	-10.4	-15.1	6.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	Aug *	-7.8	-16.0	11.9	-9.1	0.6	-9.6	-	-7.3	-13.4	-13.2	-
ING Financial Markets	Jan	1.2	-	-	1.4	1.3	0.3	-	0.7	2.1	0.3	0.5
JP Morgan	Aug *	-8.8	-21.7	-7.9	-13.6	-11.2	-	1.8	-13.6	-11.6	-21.0	3.1
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	-9.9	-20.4	18.0	-11.7	0.9	-18.5	0.0	-10.6	-15.0	-16.3	0.6
NatWest Markets	Aug *	-9.3	-21.2	19.6	-9.6	-6.4	-13.4	-	-10.0	-	-	0.7
Nomura	May	-10.0	-19.0	13.5	-11.4	1.4	-10.8	-0.3	-	-16.6	-17.9	0.6
Pantheon	Aug *	-9.5	-20.4	17.0	-11.0	-8.0	-14.0	-0.2	-11.7	-12.0	-19.0	2.3
Santander GBM	Dec	1.0	-	-	1.4	1.4	0.9	-0.7	0.0	2.9	-0.5	1.0
Schroders Investment Management	Jun	-8.5	-17.1	13.2	-8.2	-1.4	-6.0	-0.6	-7.0	-16.4	-11.5	-1.4
Societe Generale	Jul	-9.2	-19.3	16.0	-12.4	2.2	-12.2	0.1	-9.6	-10.2	-11.1	0.4
UBS	Jul	-9.4	-16.7	10.0	-9.5	0.5	-10.8	-0.8	-8.7	-13.5	-10.8	-0.7
Non-City forecasters												
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	1.1	-	-	1.3	3.0	0.3	-	-	1.1	1.4	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	-14.2	-20.4	6.3	-15.2	-12.9	-21.7	-0.9	-17.3	-18.9	-27.9	4.5
CBI	Mar	1.2	0.3	0.4	1.2	2.0	0.7	-0.4	0.4	1.8	-1.0	0.8
CEBR	Aug *	-10.9	-20.4	11.8	-10.8	-4.6	-4.1	-0.5	-9.0	-23.0	-16.1	-1.9
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-11.5	-20.4	11.2	-15.0	4.9	-19.6	-0.2	-12.7	-13.8	-17.5	1.3
Experian Economics	Jul	-12.0	-20.2	7.1	-11.4	3.9	-20.6	-0.6	-11.3	-17.0	-13.9	-0.8
EIU	Jul	-9.0	-20.6	18.6	-9.9	6.0	-24.0	3.0	-9.1	-20.6	-22.3	-
Heteronomics	Aug *	-8.7	-20.4	19.3	-9.2	-1.5	-14.0	-0.8	-8.5	-8.7	-10.7	0.7
IHS Markit Economics	Oct	0.5	0.1	-	0.7	1.5	-2.4	-	0.3	0.5	-1.5	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	-11.5	-20.7	11.5	-11.6	2.5	-21.2	-	-10.5	-23.9	-20.3	-1.0
Kern Consulting	Aug *	-9.5	-	-	-8.0	-	-14.0	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-6.6	-	-	-6.3	0.6	-15.3	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May	-7.2	-13.6	8.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	Aug *	-9.9	-21.7	14.6	-12.8	-5.3	-13.4	0.0	-12.0	-11.0	-17.5	2.2
PwC	Dec	1.0	-	-	1.4	2.7	-0.5	-	-	3.3	0.0	-
European Commission	Jul	-9.7	-18.2	11.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Single Hit Scenario	Jun	-11.5	-	-	-15.2	10.1	-20.3	-0.7	-11.8	-15.8	-17.0	0.6
OECD Double Hit Scenario	Jun	-14.0	-	-	-18.5	11.2	-23.6	-0.7	-14.3	-16.9	-18.1	0.6
IWF	Jun	-10.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excl. OECD scenarios)												
Independent		-10.0	-19.9	13.8	-11.5	-2.7	-15.1	-0.1	-10.9	-15.0	-17.2	1.1
New (marked *)		-10.1	-20.3	14.3	-11.9	-4.2	-15.0	-0.1	-11.6	-14.8	-18.4	1.6
City		-9.8	-19.6	14.6	-11.8	-3.9	-13.7	-0.1	-10.6	-13.3	-16.3	1.3
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months												
Highest		-6.6	-16.0	19.6	-6.3	6.0	-4.1	3.0	-7.0	-8.7	-10.7	4.5
Lowest		-14.2	-21.7	6.3	-17.4	-12.9	-24.0	-0.9	-17.3	-23.9	-27.9	-1.9
Median		-9.7	-20.4	14.0	-11.5	-1.5	-14.4	-0.2	-10.6	-14.4	-17.5	1.1
OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	-12.4	-21.1	8.8	-13.9	-1.6	-23.4	0.8	-12.4	-	-	0.1

Table 2 - 2020: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Jan 2005=100)	Official bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jul	0.6	0.6	-	-	0.0	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Aug *	0.5	0.6	-	-	0.1	41.0	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Aug *	0.4	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	0.2	0.5	-0.7	80.4	0.1	42.0	-9.4	4.0 y
Citigroup	Jul	0.2	0.9	-5.1	-	0.0	-	-	-
Commerzbank	Aug *	0.4	1.1	-0.5	77.0	0.1	41.6	-9.6	-2.1 y
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	1.4	-	3.2	-	0.5	-	-	2.2 z
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	-0.1	0.7	-	-	0.1	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	May	0.5	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-
HSBC	Aug *	0.2	0.9	-0.5	-	0.1	-	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Jan	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Aug *	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	0.4	1.8	-	-	0.1	-	-	-2.0 z
Natwest Markets	Aug *	0.3	1.0	-0.4	-	0.1	43.0	-7.2	-
Nomura	May	1.0	1.7	1.1	76.7	0.1	-	-	-
Pantheon	Aug *	0.2	0.5	-0.2	-	0.1	-	-	-
Santander GBM	Dec	1.6	2.4	3.4	-	0.8	64.0	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Jun	0.9	1.6	4.2	-	0.1	-	-7.6	6.2
Societe Generale	Jul	0.4	1.1	-1.3	-	0.1	-	-8.3	-
UBS	Jul	0.8	1.4	0.0	-	0.1	-	-8.0	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	1.6	-	2.8	-	0.8	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	0.5	1.0	1.4	75.8	0.1	43.4	-9.9	-5.0 z
CBI	Mar	2.3	3.0	3.2	77.5	1.0	56.5	-	1.6
CEBR	Aug *	1.5	2.2	2.3	80.1	0.1	-	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	1.2	2.0	1.5	77.4	0.1	43.5	-9.8	-1.0 k
Experian Economics	Jul	0.5	1.0	-2.0	79.0	0.1	38.7	-	-2.0 z
EIU	Jul	0.7	1.2	-16.2	-	0.1	40.0	-8.0	-6.0 z
Heteronomics	Aug *	0.3	1.1	-0.2	79.5	0.1	40.6	-	-2.5 z
IHS Markit Economics	Oct	2.2	-	-	-	0.8	63.8	2.9	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	0.3	1.0	-0.3	-	0.1	-	-	0.0 z
Kern Consulting	Aug *	0.9	-	1.7	-	0.1	43.0	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	1.8	-	3.0	78.6	0.3	-	-	-
NIESR	May	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	Aug *	0.0	0.3	0.2	77.1	0.1	43.4	-7.1	-2.7 k
PwC	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1 z
European Commission	Jul	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Single Hit Scenario	Jun	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Double Hit Scenario	Jun	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excl. OECD scenarios)									
Independent		0.5	1.1	-0.7	70.5	0.10	41.8	-8.5	-1.2
New (marked *)		0.5	1.0	0.6	69.5	0.11	42.4	-8.8	-1.4
City		0.4	1.0	-0.5	52.5	0.09	41.9	-8.4	1.5
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		1.8	2.2	4.2	80.4	0.25	43.5	-7.1	6.2
Lowest		-0.1	0.3	-16.2	0.0	0.00	38.7	-9.9	-6.0
Median		0.4	1.0	-0.2	78.0	0.10	42.0	-8.2	-2.0
OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	0.3	h 1.3	h 0.2	-	0.03	-	-10.1	-0.7

Table 3 - 2020: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Real household disposable income	Employment growth	LFS Unemployment rate (Q4)	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (Q4, £bn)	Productivity (Output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2020-21)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350.0
Barclays Capital	Aug *	-	-1.6	8.2	-	-	-	-22.1	-	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Aug *	-	-	8.5	-	-	-	-	845.0	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	-2.3	1.1	5.0	-	-	-11.0	-63.7	845.0	-10.1	382.0
Citigroup	Jul	-	-3.8	9.3	-	-12.4	-	-103.0	734.0	-	348.9
Commerzbank	Aug *	-1.1	-1.1	8.2	2.7	-10.4	-6.0	-31.1	-	-3.5	313.0
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	445.0	0.7	-
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	-	-	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	375.6
Goldman Sachs	May	-	-	6.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	Aug *	-	-	7.2	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Aug *	-	-	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	-	-2.6	7.9	-	-	-	-63.7	745.0	-	339.0
Natwest Markets	Aug *	-2.2	-0.7	7.0	-	-9.7	-	-66.0	785.0	-	355.0
Nomura	May	-	-	8.0	-	-	-	-	745.0	-	-
Pantheon	Aug *	-	-1.2	8.5	-	-	-	-	745.0	-	350.0
Santander GBM	Dec	-	-0.1	4.4	-	-0.4	-	-78.0	445.0	-	59.5
Schroders Investment Management	Jun	2.0	-4.9	9.5	3.2	-	-	-244.0	745.0	-	301.6
Societe Generale	Jul	-5.5	-2.3	8.6	-	-	-	-93.8	745.0	-1.3	313.5
UBS	Jul	-	-	6.5	-	-4.0	-	-82.4	745.0	-	305.0
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	4.0	-	0.3	-	-95.7	-	1.0	53.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	-5.0	-7.6	10.3	3.8	-14.5	-17.5	-26.7	745.0	-8.8	337.6
CBI	Mar	0.6	0.4	4.1	-	-	-	-73.5	-	-	53.4
CEBR	Aug *	-2.6	0.6	12.7	5.4	-15.6	-	-	-	-7.4	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-5.8	-7.0	10.2	3.7	-10.0	-20.0	-55.0	645.0	1.2	285.0
Experian Economics	Jul	-4.7	-3.0	8.5	3.3	-	-	-90.4	-	-	290.0
EIU	Jul	-	-7.5	-	-	-9.8	-22.6	-82.1	-	-4.6	-
Heteronomics	Aug *	-	-1.3	6.8	-	-	-	-65.4	800.0	-7.4	308.2
IHS Markit Economics	Oct	-	0.2	4.3	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	-2.8	-1.3	8.4	-	-10.8	-	-101.7	845.0	-	335.0
Kern Consulting	Aug *	-	-	9.5	-	-9.0	-	-85.0	-	-	270.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	-	2.4	-	-	-64.3	-	-	239.1
NIESR	May	-	-	10.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	209.4
Oxford Economics	Aug *	-3.1	-0.5	6.5	3.0	-11.3	-9.1	-42.1	745.0	1.5	322.4
PwC	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Commission	Jul *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Single Hit Scenario	Jun	-	-	9.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Double Hit Scenario	Jun	-	-	10.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	-	-	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excl. OECD scenarios)											
Independent		-3.0	-2.6	8.3	3.5	-9.8	-14.4	-76.8	765.3	-4.5	322.2
New (marked *)		-3.1	-1.9	8.3	3.5	-10.1	-14.4	-57.2	774.5	-4.9	324.0
City		-1.8	-1.9	7.9	3.0	-7.3	-14.4	-85.5	770.4	-5.0	339.4
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Highest		2.0	1.1	12.7	5.4	0.2	-6.0	-22.1	845.0	1.5	382.0
Lowest		-5.8	-7.6	5.0	2.4	-15.6	-22.6	-244.0	645.0	-10.1	239.1
Median		-2.8	-1.6	8.3	3.2	-10.2	-14.3	-65.7	745.0	-4.6	322.4
OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	-	-	11.9	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	322.0

Table 4 - 2021: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Inventories (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jul	6.8	7.6	4.3	-1.0	0.4	-	-	-	0.8	-
Barclays Capital	Aug *	6.2	5.8	4.2	7.7	0.2	-	-	-	0.4	-
Bloomberg Economics	Aug *	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	9.6	14.0	4.4	8.7	0.0	11.0	14.7	19.7	-1.4	-
Citigroup	Jul	6.2	7.3	7.7	8.7	-0.1	7.8	6.2	9.1	-0.8	-
Commerzbank	Aug *	7.0	5.0	5.6	11.9	0.6	7.1	10.5	11.1	0.1	-2.3
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	4.0	2.7	1.8	15.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	May	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	Aug *	6.2	7.6	5.0	0.5	-	6.2	4.2	4.5	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Aug *	7.5	3.6	1.0	-	3.4	3.6	4.9	3.0	0.6	-
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	6.4	7.2	6.0	1.2	0.1	6.1	6.6	6.0	0.2	-
Natwest Markets	Aug *	8.2	6.3	9.2	0.6	-	8.1	-	-	0.1	-
Nomura	May	6.1	6.6	4.2	4.7	0.4	-	6.2	6.2	0.0	-
Pantheon	Aug *	7.0	6.5	9.0	8.0	0.3	7.7	6.0	8.5	-0.7	-
Santander GBM	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Jun	6.1	5.9	4.3	12.3	1.0	7.6	1.3	6.9	-1.7	-2.5
Societe Generale	Jul	7.6	7.9	6.0	9.3	0.1	7.8	3.0	3.8	-0.3	-4.7
UBS	Jul	5.5	6.1	4.5	2.4	0.0	5.3	4.0	3.2	0.2	-
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	2.9	4.2	-1.4	-0.9	0.3	3.9	0.4	3.3	-1.0	-
CBI	Mar	1.8	1.4	2.5	2.1	-0.1	1.6	1.9	1.2	0.2	0.0
CEBR	Aug *	5.4	4.8	-2.6	3.1	0.7	3.5	2.4	-3.8	1.8	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	6.4	6.1	12.6	0.2	0.5	7.6	4.2	7.9	-1.1	-
Experian Economics	Jul	9.0	9.6	4.9	14.6	0.1	9.0	13.0	13.1	0.6	-
EIU	Jul	6.0	8.0	-4.5	22.0	4.0	7.0	9.7	13.7	-	-2.7
Heteronomics	Aug *	6.4	6.6	0.5	4.2	1.3	5.0	2.6	2.5	0.0	-0.7
IHS Markit Economics	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	6.5	6.6	3.5	13.8	-	7.0	5.9	7.7	-0.5	-
Kern Consulting	Aug *	6.0	6.5	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	6.2	6.1	0.6	8.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May	6.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	Aug *	9.1	10.6	12.8	13.8	0.2	12.1	5.3	15.5	-2.9	-3.3
PwC	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Commission	Jul	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Single Hit Scenario	Jun	9.0	12.2	1.3	7.2	0.1	8.9	-1.1	-1.0	0.0	-
OECD Double Hit Scenario	Jun	5.0	5.2	4.0	4.8	0.1	4.9	-2.9	-2.8	0.0	-
IMF	Jun	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excl. OECD scenarios)											
Independent		6.6	6.8	4.3	7.6	0.7	7.0	5.8	7.5	-0.3	-2.7
New (marked *)		6.5	6.5	4.5	6.7	0.7	6.8	5.6	7.2	-0.3	-2.1
City		6.7	6.7	5.2	6.6	0.5	7.1	6.1	7.6	-0.2	-3.2
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Highest		9.6	14.0	12.8	22.0	4.0	12.1	14.7	19.7	1.8	-0.7
Lowest		2.9	2.7	-4.5	-1.0	-0.1	3.5	0.4	-3.8	-2.9	-4.7
Median		6.4	6.5	4.4	8.3	0.3	7.1	5.1	7.3	0.0	-2.6
OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	8.7	7.7	8.4	16.0	-0.1	8.8	-	-	-0.2	-

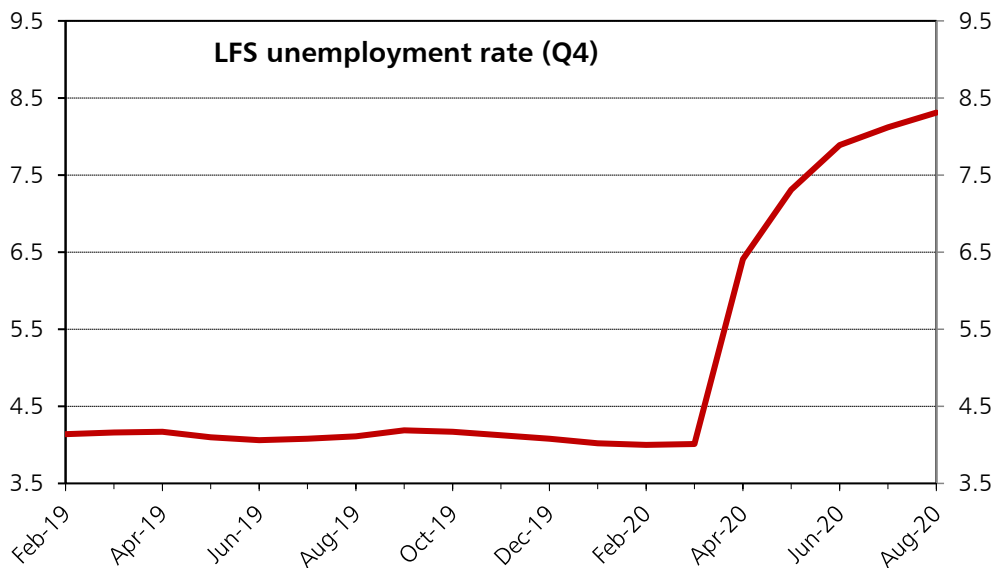
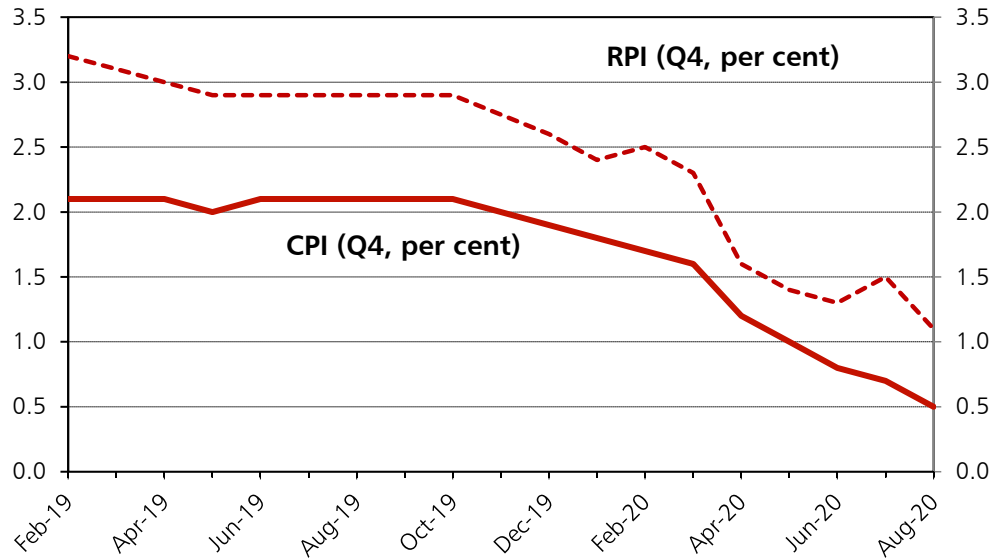
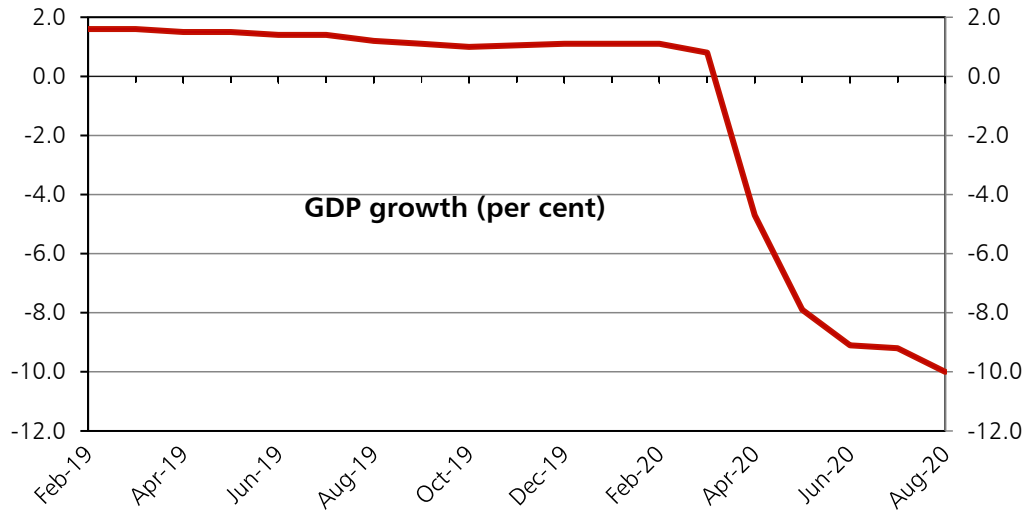
Table 5 - 2021: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings	Sterling Index (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jul	1.4	2.1	-	-	0.0	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Aug *	2.4	2.9	-	-	0.1	53.0	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Aug *	1.9	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	1.6	2.5	1.9	80.1	0.1	50.0	12.8	2.0 y
Citigroup	Jul	1.7	2.6	7.0	-	-0.1	-	-	-
Commerzbank	Aug *	1.7	2.2	1.5	80.6	0.1	44.3	9.2	-0.8 y
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	2.2	3.1	-	-	0.1	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	May	1.2	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-
HSBC	Aug *	2.2	3.1	3.8	-	0.1	-	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Aug *	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	1.2	2.2	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0 z
Natwest Markets	Aug *	1.7	2.5	0.5	-	0.1	46.0	10.0	-
Nomura	May	2.0	3.0	2.1	81.9	0.1	-	-	-
Pantheon	Aug *	2.1	2.5	1.0	-	0.1	-	-	-
Santander GBM	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Jun	2.3	3.5	2.8	-	0.1	-	8.0	7.4 x
Societe Generale	Jul	1.0	2.0	-1.4	-	0.1	-	8.3	-
UBS	Jul	1.6	2.4	0.3	-	0.1	-	6.8	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	3.1	4.6	2.2	73.6	0.5	47.0	6.8	15.8 z
CBI	Mar	2.1	4.0	2.9	78.9	1.3	-	-	2.5 z
CEBR	Aug *	2.3	3.2	3.1	81.0	1.1	-	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	3.2	3.7	4.0	80.0	0.1	45.0	8.2	2.0 k
Experian Economics	Jul	1.3	2.5	3.0	80.0	0.1	44.4	-	4.9 z
EIU	Jul	0.6	1.1	13.7	-	0.1	44.0	5.7	3.0 z
Heteronomics	Aug *	2.3	3.0	1.7	80.3	0.1	51.7	-	-0.5 z
IHS Markit Economics	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	2.0	2.7	2.4	-	0.1	-	-	2.5 z
Kern Consulting	Aug *	1.5	-	2.3	-	0.1	50.0	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	2.1	-	3.2	77.7	2.5	-	-	-
NIESR	May	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	Aug *	2.1	2.8	2.3	78.2	0.1	49.1	9.8	-3.6 k
PwC	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Commission	Jul	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Single Hit Scenario	Jun	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Double Hit Scenario	Jun	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excl. OECD scenarios)									
Independent		1.9	2.7	2.9	79.1	0.2	47.7	8.6	3.0
New (marked *)		2.1	2.9	2.3	78.9	0.3	48.4	9.5	2.2
City		1.8	2.6	1.9	80.4	0.1	48.3	9.2	2.1
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		3.2	4.6	13.7	81.0	2.5	53.0	12.8	15.8
Lowest		0.6	1.1	-1.4	73.6	-0.1	44.0	5.7	-3.6
Median		2.0	2.6	2.3	80.0	0.1	47.0	8.3	2.0
OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	1.7	1.1 h	3.7	-	0.0	-	8.9	-3.8 h

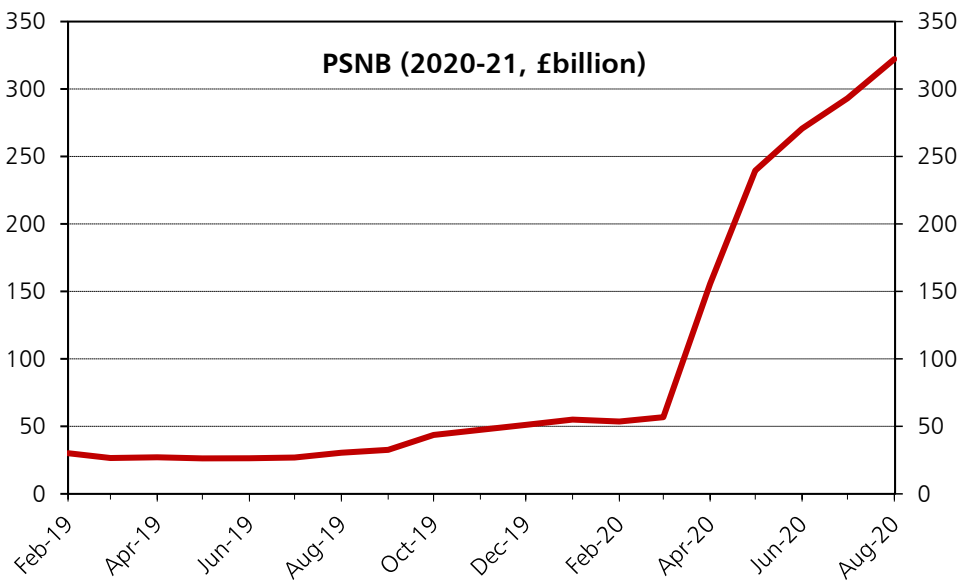
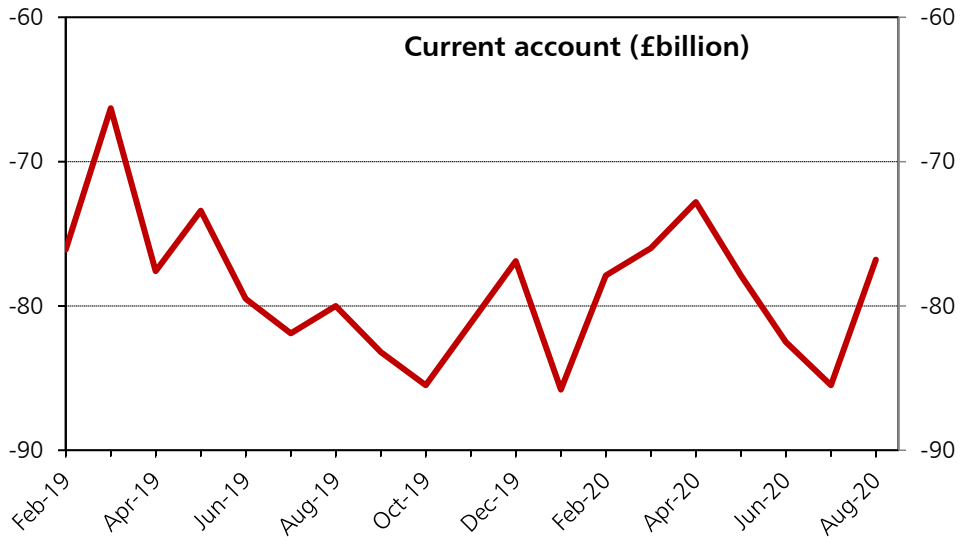
Table 6 - 2021: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Real household disposable income	Employment growth	LFS Unemployment rate (Q4)	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (Q4, £bn)	Productivity (output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2021-22)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.0
Barclays Capital	Aug *	-	-0.1	5.7	-	-	-	-19.5	-	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Aug *	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	845	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	0.5	-0.8	6.7	-	-	5.0	-90.3	995	10.4	185.0
Citigroup	Jul	-	-0.1	7.8	-	12.0	-	-116.3	854	-	189.3
Commerzbank	Aug *	2.1	-5.6	7.9	2.5	9.4	4.6	-40.9	-	4.9	173.0
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	-	-	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	165.8
Goldman Sachs	May	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	Aug *	-	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	Aug *	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	-	0.1	6.4	-	-	-	-77.4	845	-	231.0
Natwest Markets	Aug *	0.6	-1.5	7.5	-	6.9	-	-58.0	945	-	135.0
Nomura	May	-	-	6.5	-	-	-	-	745	-	-
Pantheon	Aug *	-	-0.5	6.5	-	-	-	-	795	-	130.0
Santander GBM	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Jun	5.4	1.8	6.5	2.1	-	-	-143.0	745	-	120.8
Societe Generale	Jul	-2.0	1.9	5.0	-	-	-	-101.0	745	0.8	156.5
UBS	Jul	-	-	5.0	-	6.2	-	-84.0	745	-	133.0
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	3.9	-5.8	8.8	3.3	5.5	4.6	-40.1	745	8.3	307.2
CBI	Mar	1.4	0.8	4.1	-	-	-	-64.7	-	-	55.7
CEBR	Aug *	0.7	0.3	5.2	2.1	5.4	-	-	-	6.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	3.5	3.0	8.0	2.8	5.0	10.0	-45.0	745	1.8	220.0
Experian Economics	Jul	4.0	0.0	7.2	2.4	-	-	-103.1	-	-	150.0
EIU	Jul	-	3.0	-	-	8.3	11.9	-93.1	-	4.8	-
Heteronomics	Aug *	-	0.8	5.1	-	-	-	-37.3	800	5.5	194.7
IHS Markit Economics	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	1.3	-2.3	6.0	-	7.7	-	-108.9	845	-	140.0
Kern Consulting	Aug *	-	-	7.0	-	5.5	-	-82.0	-	-	150.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	-	1.4	-	-	-54.1	-	-	101.9
NIESR	May	-	-	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	104.7
Oxford Economics	Aug *	1.8	-1.0	5.1	2.0	4.3	9.0	-78.5	745	-1.4	91.4
PwC	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Commission	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Single Hit Scenario	Jun	-	-	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD Double Hit Scenario	Jun	-	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excl. OECD scenarios)											
Independent		2.0	-0.4	6.5	2.3	6.4	7.5	-76.2	813.9	4.6	164.4
New (marked *)		1.8	-1.1	6.6	2.4	5.5	6.6	-61.0	830.5	5.1	171.2
City		1.3	-0.5	6.5	2.3	6.9	4.8	-81.2	834.9	5.4	163.6
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Highest		5.4	3.0	8.8	3.3	12.0	11.9	-19.5	995.0	10.4	307.2
Lowest		-2.0	-5.8	5.0	1.4	0.2	4.6	-143.0	745.0	-1.4	91.4
Median		1.8	-0.1	6.5	2.3	5.9	7.0	-80.3	797.5	4.9	150.0
OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	-	-	8.8	-	-	-	-	-	-2.1	153.7

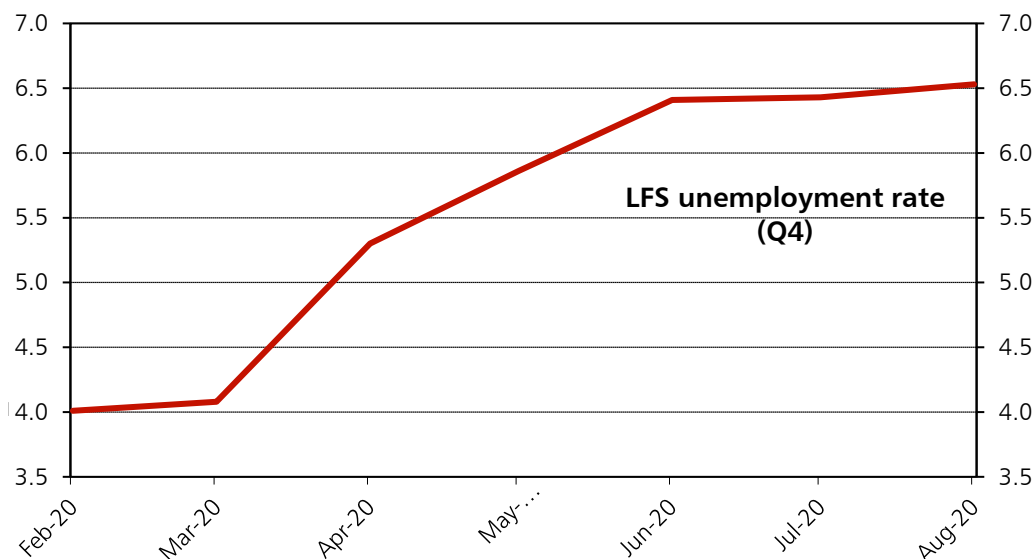
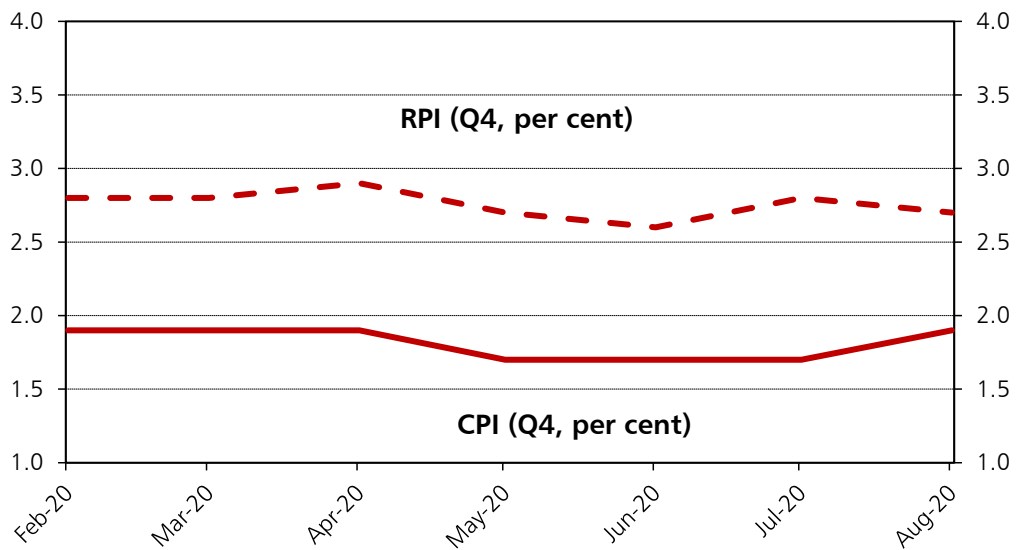
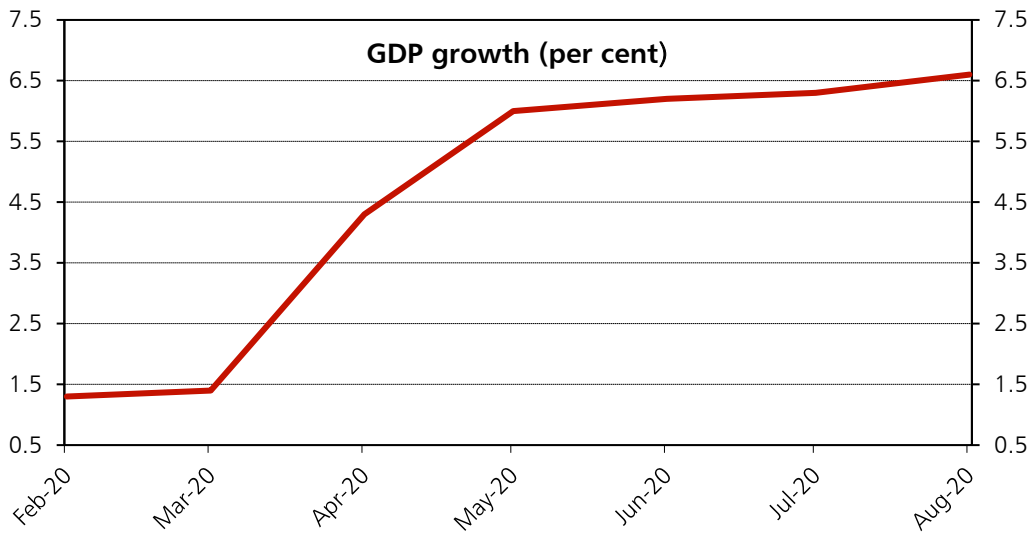
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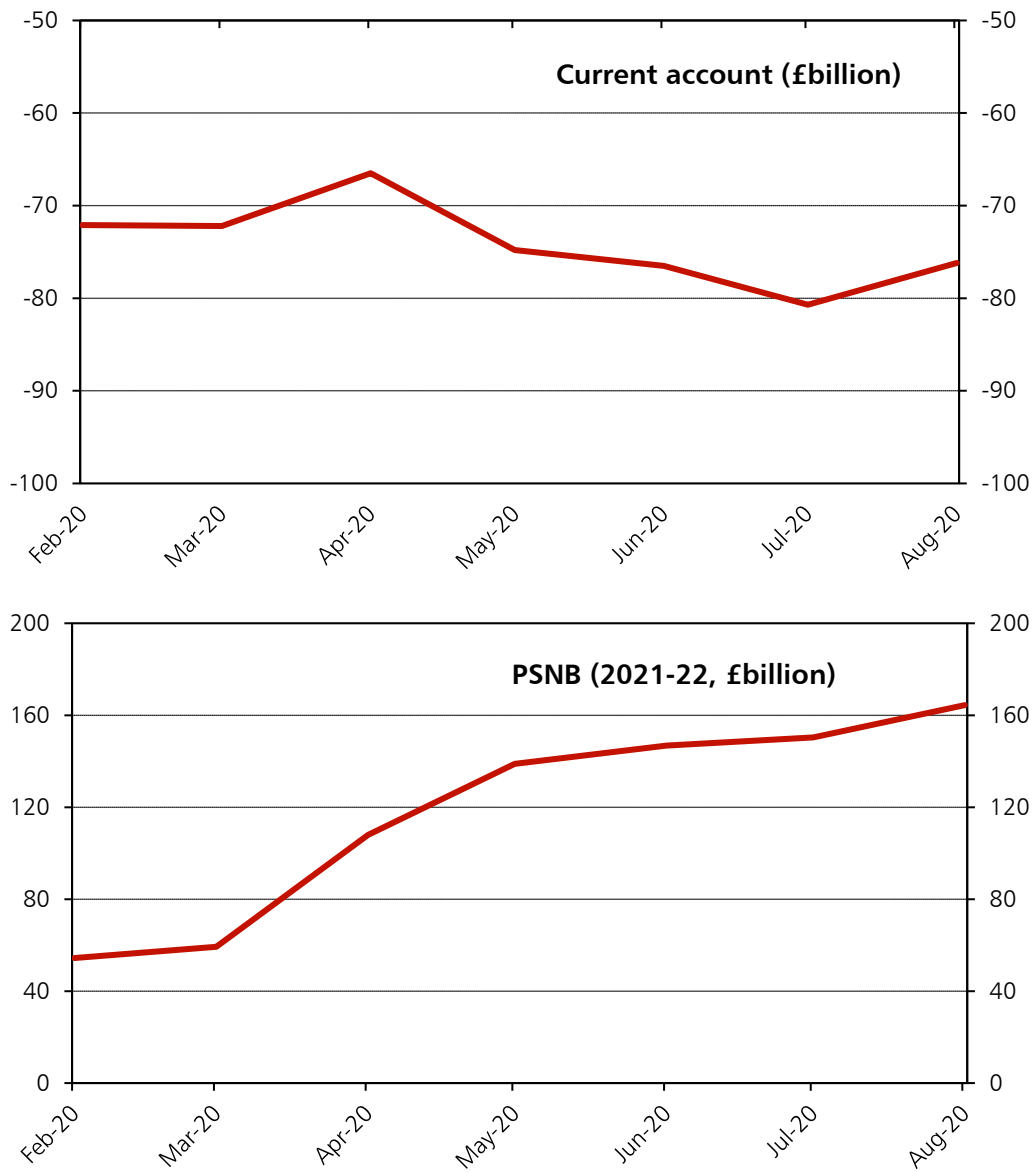
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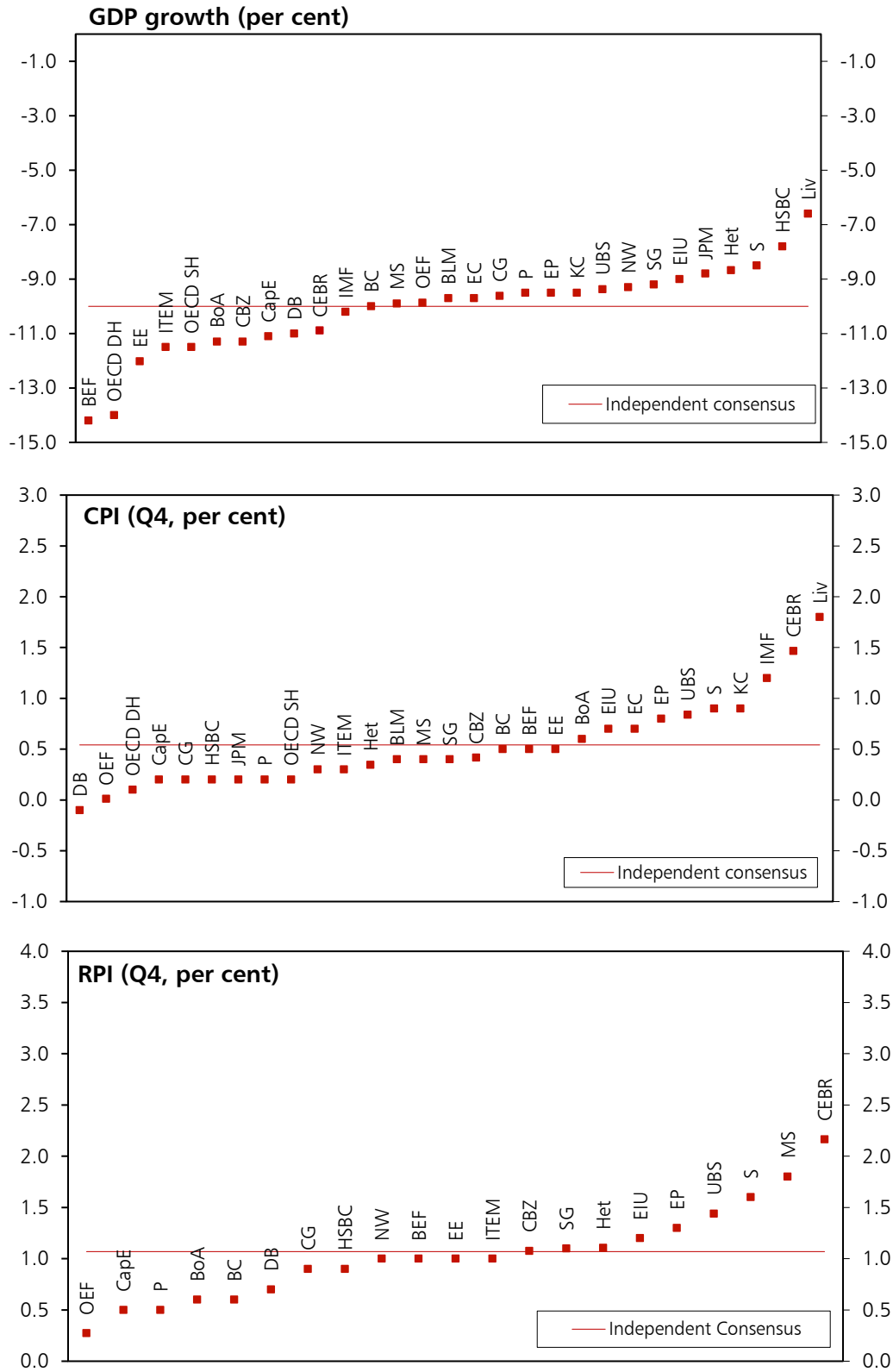
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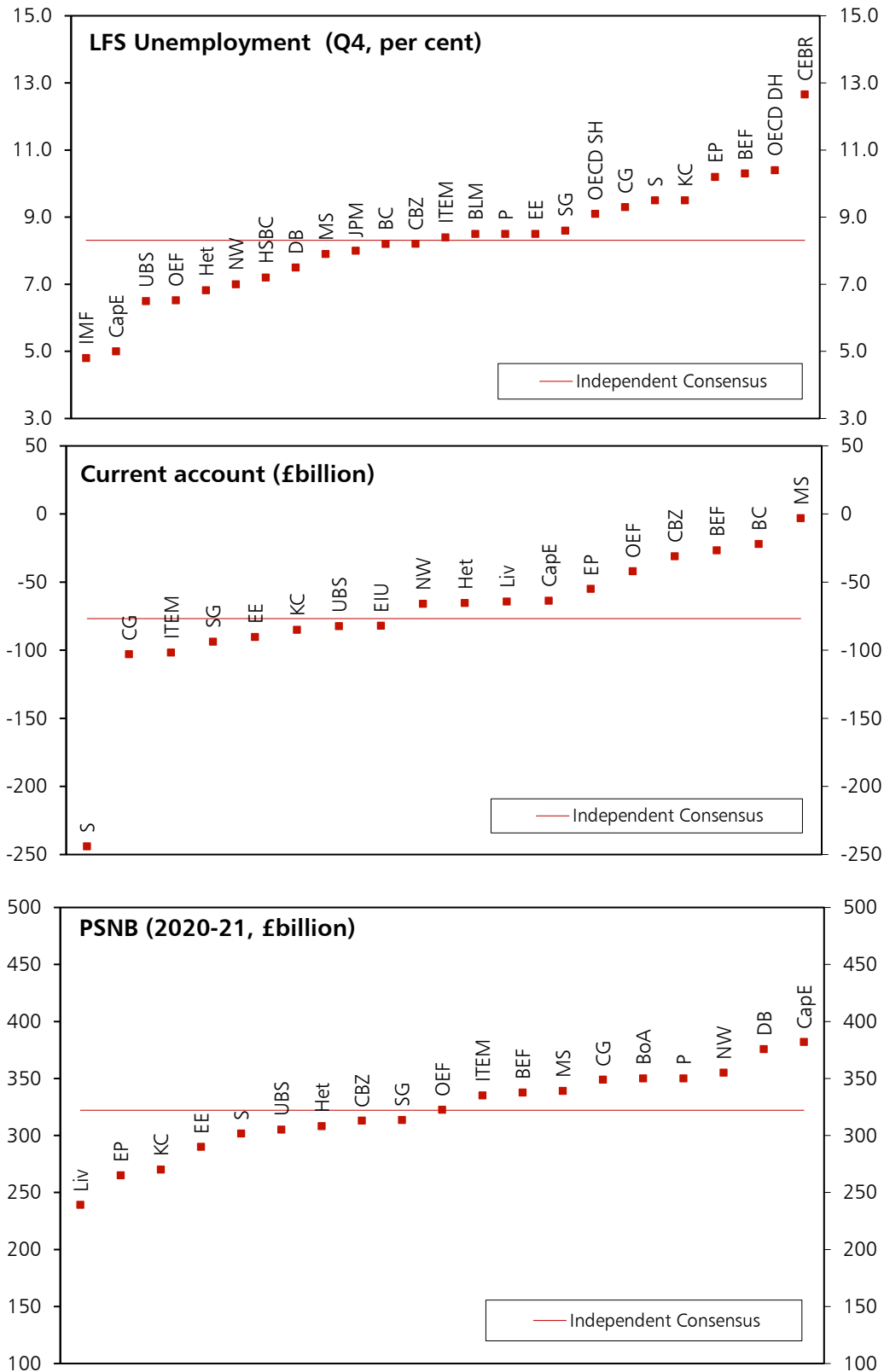
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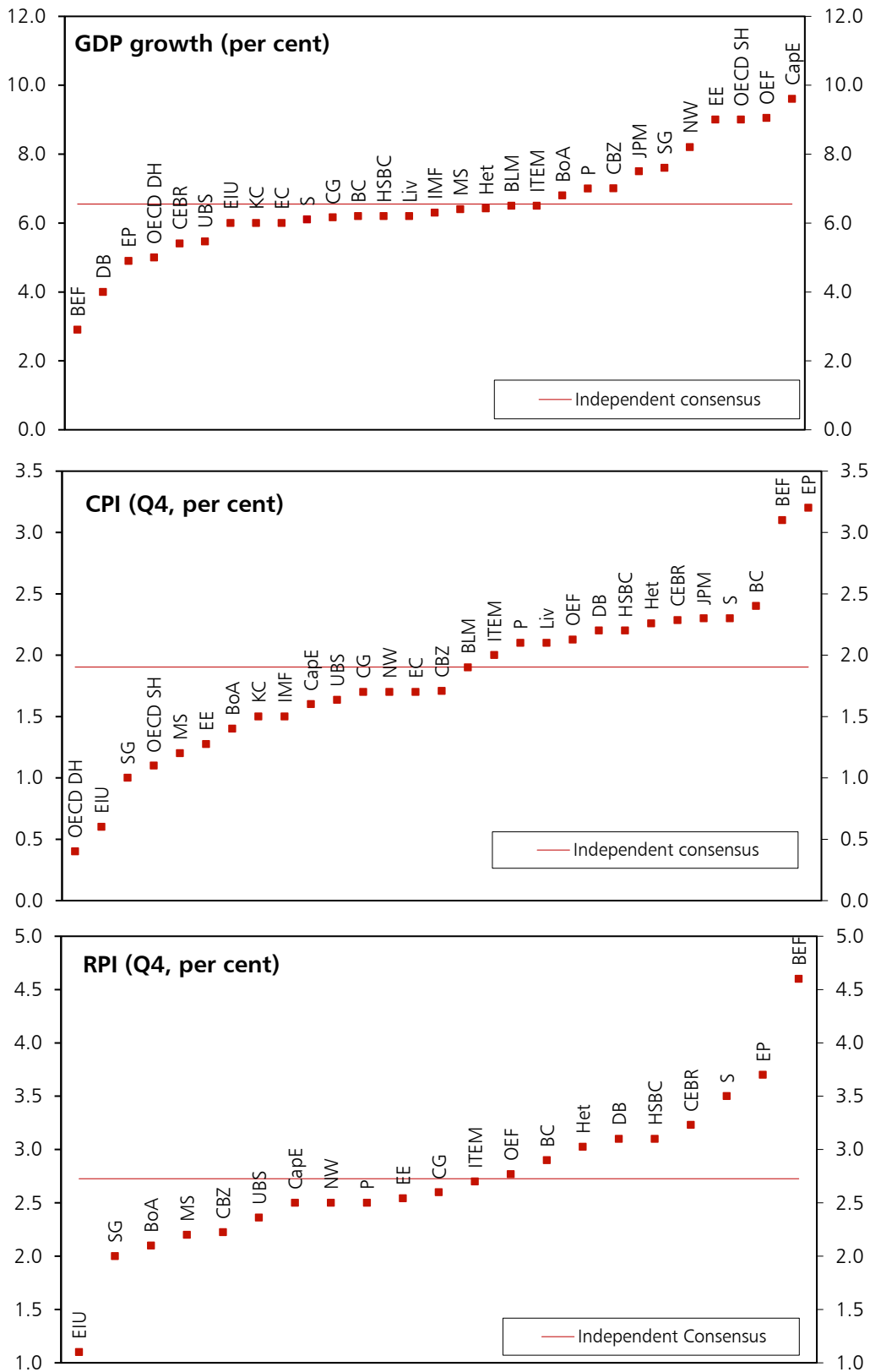
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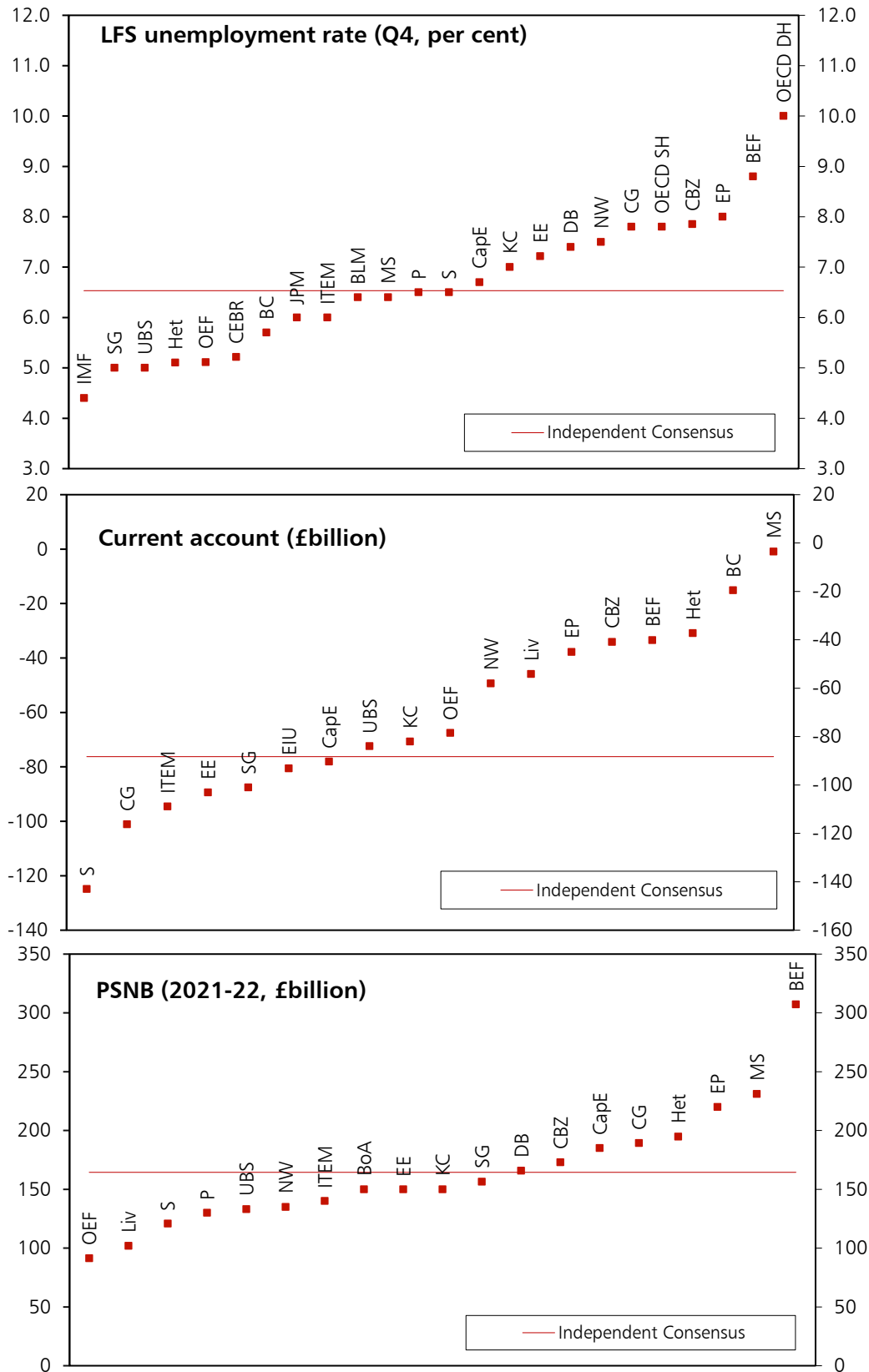
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Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2021; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in the last 3 months



Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2021; LFS unemployment, current account and PSNB (2021-22) made in last 3 months



Medium-term forecasts, August 2020

This edition of the comparison contains 7 new medium-term projections for the calendar years 2020 to 2024, and the fiscal years 2020-21 to 2024-25. The table below summarises the independent average of new forecasts.

2020 and 2021 short and medium-term forecasts may differ. This is due to different samples sizes and definitions e.g. medium-term CPI figure reflects annual, rather than Q4-on-Q4 growth

	New Forecasts				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
GDP growth (per cent)	-10.8	6.8	3.3	2.2	1.8
Inflation rate (per cent)					
- CPI	0.7	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.1
- RPI	1.3	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.2
- LFS unemployment (per cent)	5.6	7.6	6.2	5.3	4.9
Current account (£bn)	-53.5	-65.3	-68.0	-67.6	-61.9

	New Forecasts				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
PSNB (£bn)	332.6	169.3	145.2	148.2	142.0
Note: All the averages given are the mean and exclude non-standard entries (see notation).					

Table M1: Medium-term forecasts for GDP and the GDP deflator

GDP (percentage change)							GDP deflator (percentage change)				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024			2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
City forecasters											
-9.7	6.5	3.4	2.8	2.1	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-	-
-12.0	10.0	3.7	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	-	-	-	-
-	-	2.6	1.9	1.8	May	CEBR	May	-	-	-	-
-10.4	6.1	5.7	2.2	1.4	May	Citigroup	May	-	-	-	-
-11.3	7.0	3.8	1.9	1.2	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	1.2	2.3	1.6	1.7
-11.5	6.5	2.5	1.8	1.6	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	-	-	-	-
-9.3	8.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	Aug *	Natwest Markets	* Aug	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters											
-14.2	2.9	5.6	3.4	2.9	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	5.7	3.3	5.9	5.2
-8.7	6.7	1.5	1.9	1.6	May	EIU	May	-	-	-	-
-9.5	6.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-	-
-6.6	6.2	-	-	-	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-	-
-9.9	9.1	3.3	2.0	1.8	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	1.9	3.1	0.5	1.7
-10.3	6.8	3.3	2.1	1.8		Independent average		3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9
-10.8	6.8	3.3	2.2	1.8		New forecasts		3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9
-6.6	10.0	5.7	3.4	2.9		Highest		5.7	3.3	5.9	5.2
-14.2	2.9	1.5	1.4	1.2		Lowest		1.2	2.3	0.5	1.7
-12.4	8.7	4.5	2.1	1.9	Jul	OBR - central economic scenario	Jul	2.7	0.0	2.0	2.1

Table M2: Medium-term forecasts for domestic demand and net trade contribution

Domestic demand (percentage change)						Contribution of net trade to GDP growth (ppt)					
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City forecasters											
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-	-
-14.0	10.7	4.0	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	2.2	-0.6	-0.4	-
-	-	2.6	1.6	1.5	May	CEBR	May	-	-	0.0	0.3
-11.7	7.6	5.4	2.7	1.5	May	Citigroup	May	1.2	-0.7	0.1	-0.2
-14.4	7.1	4.1	3.0	2.4	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	3.4	0.1	-0.1	-1.2
-10.5	7.0	2.6	2.0	1.8	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	-10.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2
-10.0	8.1	1.6	-	-	Aug *	Natwest Markets	* Aug	0.7	0.1	0.1	-
Non-City forecasters											
-17.3	3.9	7.1	2.9	2.1	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	4.5	-1.0	-1.7	0.5
-10.1	7.0	2.4	2.5	2.6	May	EIU	May	-	-	-	-
-8.0	6.5	3.2	2.2	2.0	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-	-
-12.0	12.1	3.7	2.1	1.9	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	2.2	-2.9	-0.4	-0.1
-12.0	7.8	3.7	2.4	2.0		Independent average		0.6	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2
-12.0	7.5	3.7	2.4	2.0		New forecasts		0.2	-0.8	-0.4	-0.3
-8.0	12.1	7.1	3.0	2.6		Highest		4.5	0.1	0.1	0.5
-17.3	3.9	1.6	1.6	1.5		Lowest		-10.0	-2.9	-1.7	-1.2
-12.4	8.8	4.6	2.4	2.2		OBR - central economic scenario		0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4

Table M3: Medium-term forecasts for CPI and RPI inflation

CPI inflation (annual average, per cent)							RPI inflation (annual average, per cent)					
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
City forecasters												
0.6	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	Aug	*	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-	-
1.0	1.0	1.6	-	-	May		Capital Economics	May	1.0	1.4	2.7	-
1.8	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2	May		CEBR	May	2.6	3.6	3.3	3.2
0.7	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	May		Citigroup	May	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.5
0.7	1.2	1.8	2.0	2.2	Aug	*	Commerzbank	* Aug	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.7
1.7	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.0	Aug	*	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	1.2	2.0	3.2	3.4
0.7	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	Aug	*	Natwest Markets	* Aug	1.4	2.2	2.5	2.6
Non-City forecasters												
0.7	2.2	3.6	3.4	3.1	Aug	*	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	1.4	3.1	5.8	5.0
1.0	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	May		EIU	May	1.5	1.1	1.9	2.1
0.8	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.2	Aug	*	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-	-
1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	May		Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-	-
0.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	Aug	*	Oxford Economics	* Aug	1.2	1.8	2.7	3.0
0.9	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0			Independent average		1.4	2.1	3.0	3.1
0.7	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.1			New forecasts		1.3	2.2	3.3	3.3
1.8	2.7	3.6	3.4	3.1			Highest		2.6	3.6	5.8	5.0
0.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5			Lowest		1.0	1.1	1.9	2.1
0.7	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.0			OBR - central economic scenario		1.3	1.1	3.0	3.3

Table M4: Medium-term forecasts for the sterling index and official Bank rate

Sterling Index (annual average, Jan 2005=100)						Official Bank rate (annual average, per cent)						
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
City forecasters												
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	*	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
78.9	84.1	84.1	-	-	May		Capital Economics	May	0.10	0.10	0.10	-
78.7	80.4	81.6	82.4	83.1	May		CEBR	May	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May		Citigroup	May	0.23	0.10	0.10	0.10
77.2	79.2	79.1	77.5	78.7	Aug	*	Commerzbank	* Aug	0.21	0.10	0.10	0.10
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	*	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	0.21	0.10	0.50	1.00
76.0	73.0	72.0	-	-	Aug	*	Natwest Markets	* Aug	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Non-City forecasters												
77.0	74.2	72.2	69.2	67.2	Aug	*	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	0.20	0.30	0.90	1.90
-	-	-	-	-	May		EIU	May	0.10	0.10	0.18	0.68
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	*	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-	-
78.9	77.9	77.7	77.7	77.6	May		Liverpool Macro Research	May	0.50	2.00	4.50	5.00
77.5	78.1	78.6	79.3	80.3	Aug	*	Oxford Economics	* Aug	0.23	0.10	0.10	0.10
77.8	78.1	77.9	77.2	77.4			Independent average		0.20	0.31	0.67	1.01
76.9	76.1	75.5	75.4	75.4			New forecasts		0.17	0.13	0.30	0.55
78.9	84.1	84.1	82.4	83.1			Highest		0.50	2.00	4.50	5.00
76.0	73.0	72.0	69.2	67.2			Lowest		0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
							OBR - central economic scenario		0.19	0.00	0.04	0.11

Table M5: Medium-term forecasts LFS unemployment

LFS Unemployment rate (annual average, per cent)						LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent)						
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
City forecasters												
5.5	7.1	5.6	4.7	4.2	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	8.5	6.4	5.3	4.4	4.0
7.0	5.7	5.3	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	6.5	5.6	-	-	-
7.7	7.0	6.4	6.0	5.7	May	CEBR	May	-	-	-	-	-
8.4	9.3	7.0	5.5	4.5	May	Citigroup	May	-	-	-	-	-
5.5	8.2	7.6	6.6	6.2	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	8.2	7.9	7.0	6.4	6.2
5.5	7.3	4.8	4.2	3.9	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	8.4	6.0	4.4	4.0	3.8
5.5	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.0	Aug *	Natwest Markets	* Aug	7.0	7.5	7.3	-	-
Non-City forecasters												
6.7	9.7	7.1	5.3	4.7	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	10.3	8.8	6.0	5.0	4.7
9.2	7.0	6.1	5.3	4.8	May	EIU	May	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-	-	-
4.8	5.7	4.5	3.9	3.6	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	6.5	5.1	4.2	3.7	3.6
6.6	7.5	6.2	5.4	5.0		Independent average		7.9	6.8	5.7	4.7	4.5
5.6	7.6	6.2	5.3	4.9		New forecasts		8.2	6.9	5.7	4.7	4.5
9.2	9.7	7.6	7.2	7.0		Highest		10.3	8.8	7.3	6.4	6.2
4.8	5.7	4.5	3.9	3.6		Lowest		6.5	5.1	4.2	3.7	3.6
8.8	10.1	6.9	5.9	5.3		OBR - central economic scenario						

Table M6: Medium-term forecasts for claimant unemployment and average earnings

Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions)						Average earnings (percentage change)						
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
City forecasters												
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	-0.2	2.0	3.0	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	CEBR	May	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	Citigroup	May	0.4	0.7	1.4	1.7	1.8
2.29	2.49	2.41	2.05	1.72	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	-0.5	1.5	2.1	2.5	3.3
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	-0.3	2.4	3.1	3.5	3.5
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Natwest Markets	* Aug	-0.4	0.5	1.5	-	-
Non-City forecasters												
2.72	3.62	2.96	2.48	2.24	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	1.4	2.2	3.9	3.8	3.8
3.05	2.35	2.04	1.77	1.62	May	EIU	May	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-	-	-
2.30	1.70	1.00	0.70	0.70	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.5
2.35	2.33	1.80	1.53	1.38	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	0.2	2.3	3.0	3.3	3.3
2.54	2.50	2.04	1.71	1.53		Independent average		0.5	1.8	2.6	3.0	3.2
2.46	2.81	2.39	2.02	1.78		New forecasts		0.1	1.8	2.7	3.3	3.5
3.05	3.62	2.96	2.48	2.24		Highest		3.0	3.2	3.9	3.8	3.8
2.29	1.70	1.00	0.70	0.70		Lowest		-0.5	0.5	1.4	1.7	1.8
0.2	3.7	2.7	3.0	3.1		OBR - central economic scenario						

Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for current account

Current account (£ billion)						Current account (per cent of nominal GDP)				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-
-35.0	-55.0	-70.0	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	-1.7	-2.6	-3.0
-	-	-	-	-	May	CEBR	May	-	-	-
-102.3	-112.5	-107.7	-108.6	-98.1	May	Citigroup	May	-5.1	-5.2	-4.7
-31.1	-40.9	-53.0	-73.0	-92.2	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	-1.6	-1.9	-2.3
-101.7	-108.9	-106.5	-112.9	-119.6	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	-5.2	-5.0	-4.7
-66.0	-58.0	-51.0	-	-	Aug *	Natwest Markets	* Aug	-3.2	-2.6	-2.2
Non-City forecasters										
-26.7	-40.1	-49.8	-13.7	37.0	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	-1.2	-1.8	-2.1
-80.2	-81.1	-82.1	-82.3	-98.8	May	EIU	May	-2.1	-2.2	-2.3
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-
-42.1	-78.5	-79.9	-70.6	-72.8	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	-2.0	-3.5	-3.4
-60.6	-71.9	-75.0	-76.9	-74.1		Independent average		-2.7	-3.1	-3.1
-53.5	-65.3	-68.0	-67.6	-61.9		New forecasts		-2.6	-2.9	-2.9
-26.7	-40.1	-49.8	-13.7	37.0		Highest		-1.2	-1.8	-2.1
-102.3	-112.5	-107.7	-112.9	-119.6		Lowest		-5.2	-5.2	-4.7
OBR - central economic scenario								-3.9	-3.6	-3.4
								-3.4	-3.4	-3.4

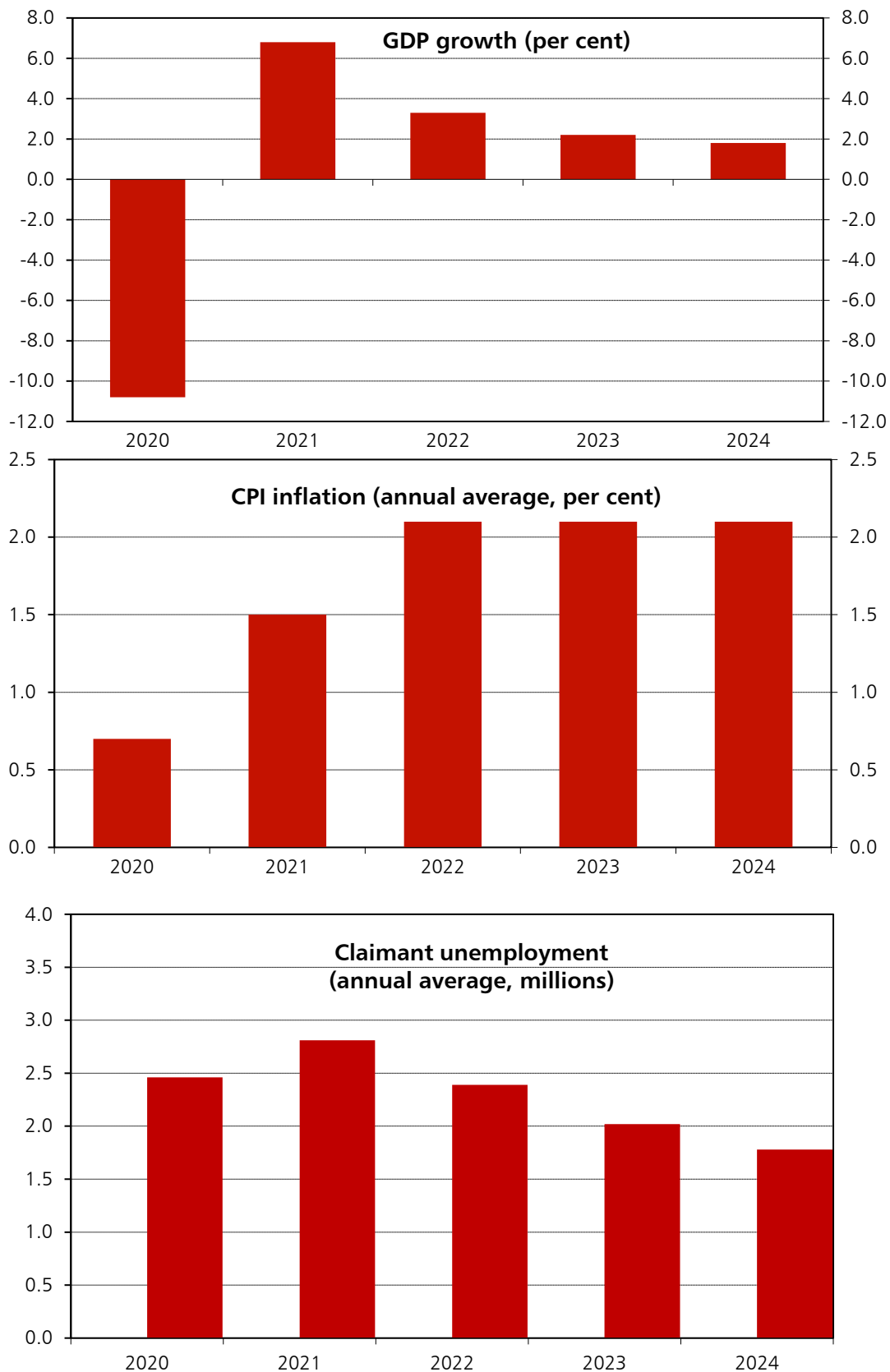
Table M8: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB

PSNB (£ billion)					PSNB (per cent of nominal GDP)					
2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-
300.0	200.0	135.0	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	15.5	9.0	6.0
-	-	-	-	-	May	CEBR	May	-	-	-
279.7	176.0	139.0	104.4	89.1	May	Citigroup	May	14.1	8.1	6.1
313.0	173.0	169.0	162.0	154.0	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	15.7	7.8	7.3
335.0	140.0	90.0	75.0	68.0	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	16.9	6.4	3.9
355.0	135.0	95.0	-	-	Aug *	Natwest Markets	* Aug	17.2	6.3	4.3
Non-City forecasters										
337.6	307.2	291.7	277.3	268.3	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	17.3	14.0	11.9
-	-	-	-	-	May	EIU	May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-
239.1	101.9	51.0	7.6	5.0	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-
322.4	91.4	80.3	78.6	77.8	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	16.0	4.0	3.3
310.2	165.6	131.4	117.5	110.4		Independent average		16.1	7.9	6.1
332.6	169.3	145.2	148.2	142.0		New forecasts		16.6	7.7	6.2
355.0	307.2	291.7	277.3	268.3		Highest		17.3	14.0	11.9
239.1	91.4	51.0	7.6	5.0		Lowest		14.1	4.0	3.3
OBR - central economic scenario								16.4	7.0	5.6
								5.1	5.1	4.6

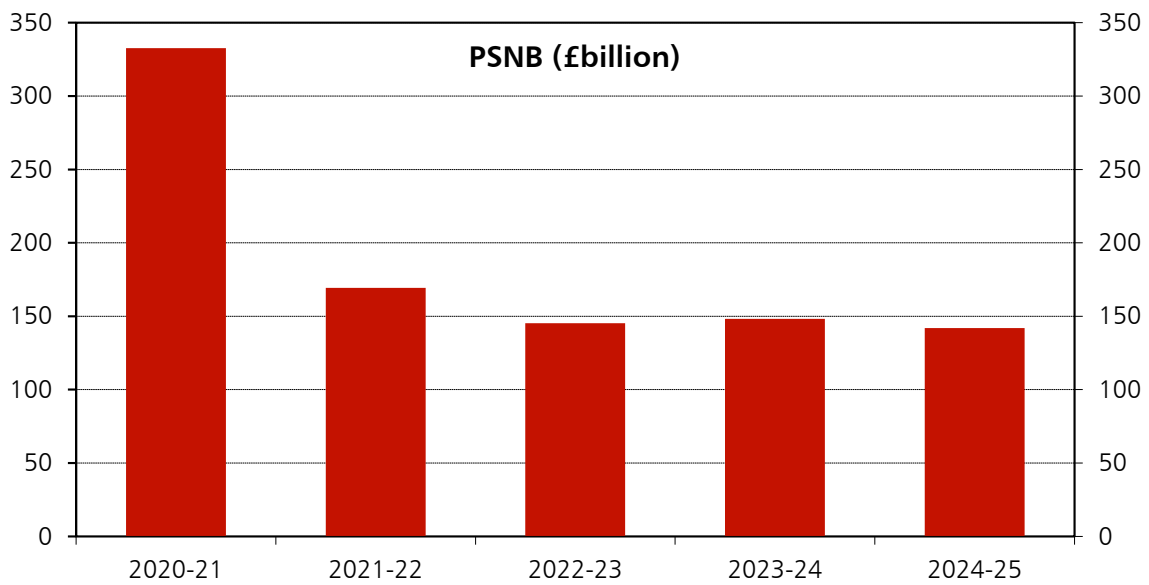
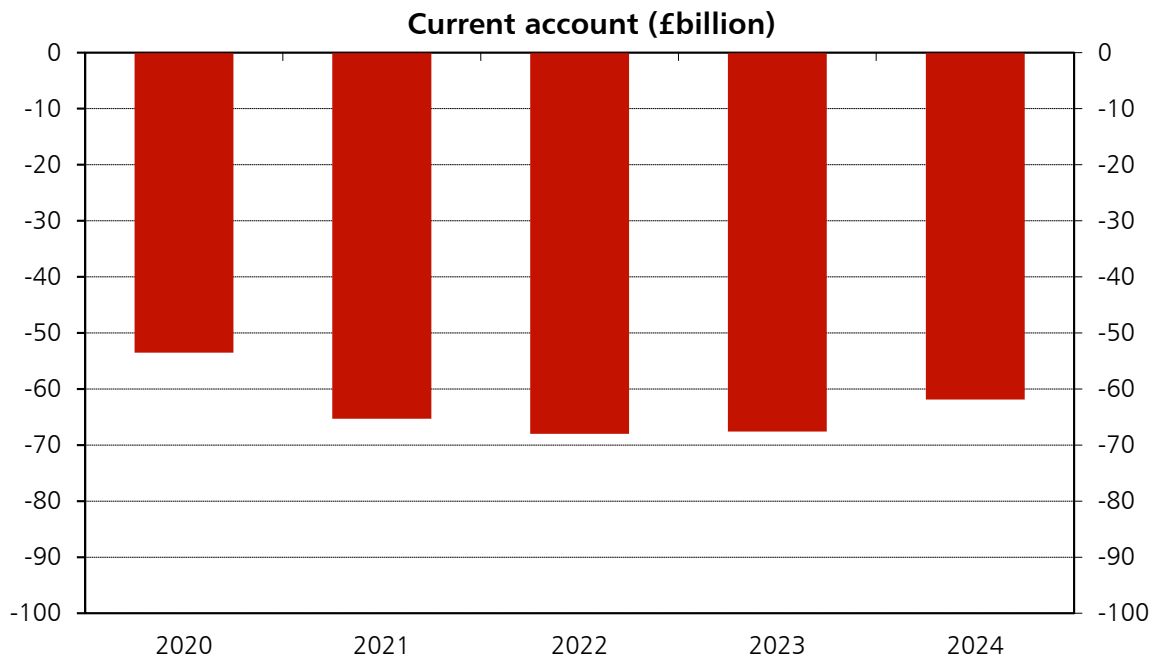
Table M9: Medium-term forecasts for house price inflation and the output gap

House price inflation (annual average, %)						Output gap (% of GDP)				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Bloomberg Economics	* Aug	-	-	-
-3.0	3.0	2.0	-	-	May	Capital Economics	May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	CEBR	May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	Citigroup	May	-	-	-
0.6	-3.2	1.6	4.3	3.4	Aug *	Commerzbank	* Aug	-4.8	-2.3	-1.2
1.0	1.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	Aug *	EY ITEM Club	* Aug	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Netwest Markets	* Aug	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-2.9	7.0	18.3	5.6	-6.2	Aug *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* Aug	-	-	-
-5.0	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	May	EIU	May	-4.4	-3.0	-2.4
-	-	-	-	-	Aug *	Kern Consulting	* Aug	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May	Liverpool Macro Research	May	-	-	-
0.3	-5.3	0.7	4.7	5.0	Aug *	Oxford Economics	* Aug	-6.1	-3.3	-1.4
-1.5	0.6	4.5	4.0	1.5		Independent average		-5.1	-2.9	-1.7
-0.2	0.0	5.9	4.5	1.4		New forecasts		-5.5	-2.8	-1.3
1.0	7.0	18.3	5.6	5.0		Highest		-4.4	-2.3	-1.2
-5.0	-5.3	0.7	2.0	-6.2		Lowest		-6.1	-3.3	-2.4
-0.7	-3.8	9.6	7.8	6.1		OBR - central economic scenario				

Average of new medium-term forecasts for GDP growth, CPI inflation and claimant unemployment



Average of new medium-term forecasts for the current account and PSNB



Annex 1: Forecasting institutions

BoA	Bank of America - Merrill Lynch
BC	Barclays Capital
BCC	British Chambers of Commerce
BEF	Beacon Economic Forecasting
BLM	Bloomberg Economics
CapE	Capital Economics
CG	Citigroup
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CEBR	Centre for Economics and Business Research
CBZ	Commerzbank
CS	Credit Suisse
DCM	Daiwa Capital Markets
DB	Deutsche Bank
EE	Experian Economics
EC	European Commission
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
FC	Fathom Consulting
IHS	IHS Markit Economics
GS	Goldman Sachs
Het	Heteronomics
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
ING	ING Financial Markets
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITEM	EY ITEM Club
JPM	JP Morgan Chase
KC	Kern Consulting
Liv	Liverpool Macro Research
MS	Morgan Stanley
N	Nomura
NIESR	National Institute of Economic and Social Research
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF	Oxford Economic Forecasting
P	Pantheon
NW	NatWest Markets
Sa	Santander GBM
S	Schroders Investment Management
SC	Scotiabank
SG	Societe Generale

Annex 2: Data definitions

GDP	National accounts, Table C2, Code ABMI
Private consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts, Table C2, Code ABRJ+HAYO
General government consumption	National accounts, Table C2, Code NMRY
Gross fixed investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPQT
Change in inventories	National accounts, Table C2, Code CAFU
Domestic demand	National accounts, Table C2, Code YBIM
Exports (goods and services)	National accounts, Table C2, Code IKBK
Imports (goods and services)	National accounts, Table C2, Code IKBL
Output Gap	The gap between actual output and trend (or potential) output, expressed as a percentage of trend (or potential)
CPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 2, Code D7G7
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 2, Code CZBH
Whole Economy Average Weekly Earnings (Total Pay)	Labour market statistics, Table 15, Code KAB9
Sterling index (Q4, Jan 2005=100)	Bank of England Monetary and Financial statistics division Code BK67
Official Bank Rate (Q4)	(Previously Bank of England repo rate (Q4)), Code BEDR
Oil price (\$ per barrel)	Brent crude, annual average
Nominal GDP growth	National accounts, Code IHYM
Productivity	Measured as output per hour worked
House price inflation	Q4 on Q4 annual percentage change in house prices
RHDI	National accounts, Table J2, Code NRJR
Employment growth	Labour market statistics, Table JOBS01, Code DYDC
LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent)	Labour market statistics, Table 1, Code MGSX
Claimant unemployment (Q4, mn)	Labour market statistics, Table CLA01, Code BCJD
Manufacturing Output	National accounts, Table B1, Code L2XX
World trade in goods and services	Annual growth of world trade in goods and services
Current account (£bn)	Balance of payments release, Table A, Code HBOP
Size of APF purchases (£bn)	http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/apf/index.htm
Public Sector Net Borrowing	Public sector finances, Table PSA 1, Code J5II

Annex 3: Notation used in tables

This edit a:	as a percentage of GDP
b:	non-durable consumption
c:	consumer expenditure less expenditure on durables and housing
d:	private sector investment, stockbuilding and durable consumption
e:	investment and stockbuilding combined
f:	contribution to GDP growth - percentage points
g:	end period
h:	calendar year
i:	financial year
j:	compensation of employees/head
k:	different definitions; refer to forecasters for details
l:	3 month interbank rate
m:	general government current and capital expenditure plus stockbuilding
n:	average of spot price of Brent crude and Dubai light crude
o:	world trade in manufacturing
p:	ILO unemployment - millions
q:	Quarter on quarter a year ago
r:	PSNCR (Formerly PSBR)
s:	PSNB including the effect of financial interventions
t:	world GDP
u:	OPEC average
v:	final domestic demand
w:	percentage change
x:	based on Halifax house price index
y:	based on Nationwide house price index
z:	based on UK house price index
aa:	claimant unemployment rate
ab:	treaty deficit
ac:	Excluding Royal Mail Pension Fund & APF transfers
ad:	M4 growth
ae:	PSNB excludes the impact of financial sector interventions, but includes flows from APF of the Bank of England. Includes impact of Royal Mail's pension fund
af:	Excludes corporate bonds

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