



Media Release

Melbourne Institute State Leading Indexes of Economic Activity: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia

The Melbourne Institute State Leading Indexes of Economic Activity report for April 2020 was released at 11am (AEDT), Thursday 30 April 2020.

- Economic activity in NSW and SA are likely to be the most affected by the COVID19 pandemic, while economic activity in VIC is likely to be the least affected.
- Disruptions caused by the pandemic are weighing down considerably on housing market activities in NSW and WA.
- Rising consumer pessimism about future economic and employment conditions posed substantial downside risk, but the negative effects may have been moderated somewhat by satisfaction with government policies to support jobs.

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The report for May 2020 will be released at 11am (AEDT), Friday 29 May 2020.

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The Melbourne Institute State Leading Indexes of Economic Activity are summary measures of the growth prospects of the mainland states. They include state-specific information from a number of markets, such as housing, retail trade and labour, and state-specific information from consumer expectations about activity, unemployment and their assessment of current family finances. These are complemented by financial factors, and commodity prices for the resource intensive states. These indexes assess the likely path of growth relative to trend in three to nine months' time.

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