

# Week Ahead Economic Preview

## Global overview

- GDP updates for the US, Germany and France
- Euro area economic sentiment and German Ifo
- US durable goods orders
- South Korea monetary policy
- Jackson Hole symposium

The coming week will see GDP estimate updates for the US, Germany and France for a more accurate view into the extent of the economic collapse during the second quarter. Markets will, however, focus their minds on business surveys and a virtual meeting of global central bankers to gauge recovery paths going forward as well as glean what monetary policymakers' latest view is regarding the global economy.

The Jackson Hole symposium, to be held virtually, will be watched for any signs of future policy changes at the Fed in particular, and broader guidance on global monetary policy.

Flash [IHS Markit US PMI](#) indicated a solid rise in private sector growth during August, with services business activity returning to expansion. Alongside robust retail sales and housing data for July, eyes now turn to durable goods orders, personal income and spending updates for more clues as to the strength of the recovery heading into the third quarter. However, there remain concerns as to the durability of momentum gained amid efforts to contain COVID-19 infection cases. The Republican National Convention meanwhile will also gather interest in the run up to November's election.

In Europe, after flash [PMI data](#) signalled a loss of momentum in eurozone growth in August, analysts will look to a slew of sentiment surveys across the eurozone's three largest economies for further guidance on the progress of any recovery. Meanwhile, a speech by the Bank of England governor will provide clues as to the central bank's latest thinking on negative interest rates as a viable policy tool.

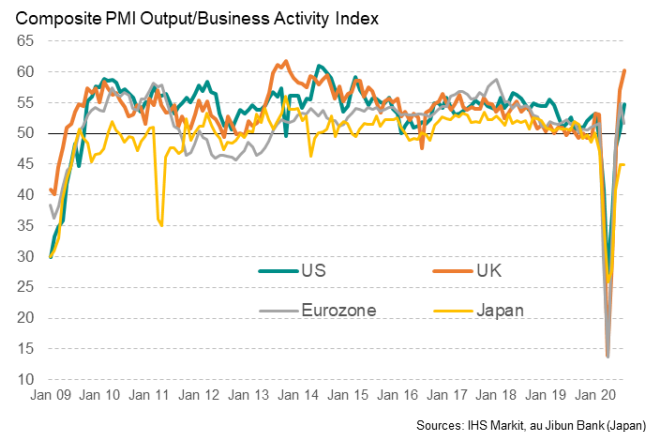
In Asia, data releases on trade, industrial production and retail sales are among the highlights, but analysts will also be monitoring sentiment surveys in South Korea, Japan and Indonesia to appraise the prospect of further economic recovery in the region. Flash PMI data for [Japan](#) and [Australia](#) indicated weakness in economic activity midway through the third quarter.

Industrial profits for July in China will also draw scrutiny for signs of improvement in the industrial sector. A decision on monetary policy will meanwhile come from the Bank of Korea.

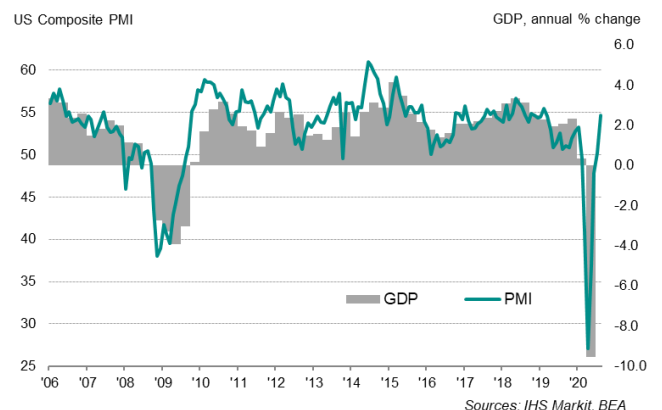
## Upcoming PMI releases

- 1<sup>st</sup> September: Final Global Manufacturing PMIs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Final Global Services PMIs
- 4<sup>th</sup> September: Sector PMIs for Global, Eurozone and Asia
- 7<sup>th</sup> September: Global Metal Users PMIs

## Flash PMI surveys showed diverging performances among the G4 economies in August, with Japan still struggling as the UK and US pull further ahead



## GDP showed the US economy contracted at an annualised rate of 33% in the second quarter. The GDP estimate will be updated on Thursday.



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## Key diary events (UTC)

### Monday 24 August

Thailand trade (Jul) and Singapore inflation (Jul)  
Taiwan industrial output, retail sales, jobless rate (Jul)  
US Chicago Fed national activity index (Jul)  
US Republican National Convention (24-27 Aug)  
South Korea consumer confidence (Aug)

### Tuesday 25 August

Germany GDP (Final, Q2), Ifo surveys (Aug)  
US Case-Shiller home price (Jun), new home sales (Jul), Richmond Fed manufacturing index (Aug)  
South Korea business confidence (Aug)

### Wednesday 26 August

Australia construction work done (Q2)  
Thailand and Singapore industrial output (Jul)  
France consumer confidence (Aug), unemployment benefit claims (Jul)  
Hong Kong trade (Jul)  
US durable goods orders (Jul)

### Thursday 27 August

Jackson Hole symposium (27-28 Aug)  
South Korea interest rate decision  
Australia private capital expenditure (Q2)  
China industrial profits (Jul)  
France business confidence (Aug)  
US GDP (2<sup>nd</sup> Est, Q2), jobless claims (22-Aug)  
US pending home sales (Jul), Kansas Fed manufacturing index (Aug)  
Russia business confidence (Aug)

### Friday 28 August

Indonesia business confidence (Q2)  
Malaysia trade (Jul)  
Germany consumer confidence (Sep)  
UK nationwide housing prices (Aug)  
France GDP (Final, Q2), inflation (Prelim, Aug)  
Italy business and consumer confidence (Aug)  
Euro area economic sentiment, consumer confidence (Aug)  
US personal income and spending, PCE price index (Jul), Chicago PMI (Aug)  
US wholesale inventories, goods trade balance (Adv, Jul), Michigan surveys (Final, Aug)  
Speech by BoE governor Bailey

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### Sat-Sun 29-30 August

29/8: Vietnam industrial output, trade balance (Aug)  
29/8: Japan consumer confidence (Aug)  
30/8: Australia building permits (Jul)  
30/8: Japan housing starts, construction orders (Jul)  
30/8: South Korea industrial output, construction orders, retail sales (Jul) 23:00 UTC  
30/8: Japan retail sales (Jul), industrial output (Prelim, Jul) 23:50 UTC