

# Forecasts for the UK economy

## A comparison of independent forecasts

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This edition of the comparison contains 27 new forecasts, all of which were received between October 1st and October 9th, 2008. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2008 and 2009 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

### Forecasts for 2008

	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		October		
	October	September	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.1	1.2	0.6	1.6	1.0
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	4.5	4.4	2.9	5.0	4.6
- RPI	4.6	4.8	3.4	5.9	4.5
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.97	0.93	0.90	1.10	0.98
Current account (£bn)	-42.2	-45.5	-67.4	-21.4	-40.8
PSNB (2008-09: £bn)	57.2	49.8	31.0	120.0	59.8

### Forecasts for 2009

	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		October		
	October	September	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	0.1	0.5	-1.9	3.0	0.0
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.1	2.2	1.0	4.4	2.1
- RPI	2.0	2.3	0.3	4.5	2.1
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.24	1.13	0.83	1.70	1.27
Current account (£bn)	-42.0	-44.2	-86.4	-14.1	-40.9
PSNB (2009-10: £bn)	68.0	56.2	30.0	90.0	72.1

+ Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (October: 27 institutions, September: 6 institutions, August: 3 institutions).

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

Note: All the averages exclude non-standard entries (see footnotes a to z).

**Table I - 2008: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Change in inventories (£bn)	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade contribution
<b>City forecasters</b>										
ABN AMRO	Oct *	1.1	1.7	2.0	-4.2	2.9	0.5	0.7	-1.3	0.6
Bank of America	Oct *	1.1	2.0	2.1	-3.0	4.4	1.2	1.6	0.9	0.1
Barclays Capital	Sep	1.3	1.5	2.1	-3.0	5.2	0.8	1.0	-0.6	0.5
BNP Paribas	Oct *	1.0	1.9	2.4	-3.6	-	0.7	1.8	0.7	-
Capital Economics	Oct *	1.0	1.9	2.1	-1.9	-	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.0
Citigroup	Oct *	1.1	1.9	2.0	-3.4	2.3	0.8	2.3	1.3	0.3
Commerzbank	Oct *	1.0	1.8	2.3	-3.8	2.7	0.7	2.5	1.6	0.2
Credit Suisse	Oct *	1.0	2.0	2.0	-3.8	2.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
Daiwa Institute of Research	Sep	1.1	1.6	2.3	-4.4	-0.2	0.6	0.7	-0.8	-
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Oct *	0.7	1.9	2.0	-4.1	-	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1
Deutsche Bank	Oct *	1.0	1.9	2.0	-3.4	-	1.1	0.1	-1.1	0.4
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortis Bank	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Oct *	1.0	2.1	2.1	-5.4	-0.2 f	0.6	2.0	0.8	0.3
Hermes	Oct *	1.0	1.7	2.0	-1.4	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.1
HSBC	Oct *	1.0	1.6	2.6	-3.7	-	0.6	1.5	0.1	-
ING Financial Markets	Oct *	1.0	1.8	2.2	-2.8	-5.8	0.9	1.7	1.3	-0.3
Ingenious Securities	May	1.7	1.0	2.0	2.2	3.5	1.2	5.4	3.5	0.4
J P Morgan	Aug	1.1	2.1	2.0	-0.1	-5.8	0.7	1.0	-0.7	0.5
Lehman Brothers	Sep	1.0	1.9	2.0	-3.5	-	0.5	0.4	-1.1	0.4
Lloyds TSB	Oct *	1.1	2.3	2.4	-4.1	-	0.8	0.8	-0.4	-
Lombard Street	Sep	1.3	1.6	2.5	-2.3	4.0	-	3.0	1.5	0.4
MacroEcon.com	Oct *	1.1	1.9	2.9	-4.9	1.4	-	2.5	0.7	-
Morgan Stanley	Oct *	1.1	1.9	3.6	-3.9	2.5	0.8	1.3	0.1	0.3
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Oct *	1.0	1.8	2.2	-4.3	3.1	0.6	2.1	0.8	0.3
Schroders Investment Management	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Oct *	0.6	0.1	2.4	-4.2	-	-0.1	0.8	-2.0	0.8
UBS	Oct *	1.0	1.7	2.3	-3.4	-0.3	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.2
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Oct *	1.3	2.3	2.3	-2.1	0.1	1.1	1.7	1.7	-0.1
Cambridge Econometrics	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBI	Sep	1.1	1.8	2.1	-3.5	1.7	0.5	0.3	-1.5	0.6
CEBR	Oct *	1.0	1.6	2.4	-3.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	-1.8	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct *	0.7	1.7	1.7	-2.6	0.0	0.4	0.4	-0.7	0.3
Experian Business Strategies	Oct *	1.0	1.7	1.9	-3.0	1.9	0.6	0.1	-1.5	0.5
EIU	Sep	1.0	1.7	2.2	-2.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	-0.8	0.4
Global Insight	Oct *	1.0	2.0	2.2	-2.9	-	0.9	1.8	1.4	0.1
ITEM Club	Aug	1.5	2.3	2.3	-1.6	0.0	1.6	2.0	1.3	0.3
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct *	1.3	2.6 b	5.4 m	-3.1 d	-	-	-	-	-
Moody's Economy	Aug	1.6	1.7	2.8	1.7	3.8	-	2.2	2.1	-
NIESR	Jul	1.5	1.9	2.2	-0.3	0.7	1.0	1.8	0.0	0.5
Oxford Economics	Oct *	1.1	1.8	2.3	-3.5	4.9	0.9	1.9	1.4	0.1
EC	Apr	1.7	1.1	2.2	2.9	-	-	5.0 w	3.3 w	0.3
OECD	Jun	1.8	1.9	2.3	0.5	0.1 a	-	1.8	0.7	-
IMF	Oct *	1.0	2.0	2.3	-4.0	-3.5	1.0	0.5	-0.2	0.2
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Independent		1.1	1.8	2.3	-3.1	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.3
New (marked *)		1.0	1.8	2.3	-3.5	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.2
City		1.0	1.8	2.3	-3.4	1.3	0.7	1.3	0.2	0.3
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Highest		1.6	2.3	3.6	1.7	5.2	1.6	3.0	2.1	0.8
Lowest		0.6	0.1	1.7	-5.4	-5.8	-0.1	0.1	-2.0	-0.3
Median		1.0	1.8	2.2	-3.4	1.7	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.3
HM Treasury	Mar	1¼ to 2¼	1¼ to 1¾	2¼	1¼ to 2¼	0	1½ to 1¾	3¼ to 3½	2 to 2¼	¼

**Table 2 - 2008: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4)	RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Q4) (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	M4
<b>City forecasters</b>									
ABN AMRO	Oct *	4.6	5.0	5.3	3.9	-	5.00	-	-
Bank of America	Oct *	4.6	4.4	4.8	3.5	-	4.25	95.0	11.1
Barclays Capital	Sep	4.7	4.5	5.0	3.5	90.4	4.83	-	-
BNP Paribas	Oct *	4.5	3.5	4.3	3.5	-	3.75	-	-
Capital Economics	Oct *	4.4	4.3	4.5	3.5	84.7	4.00	100.0	10.3
Citigroup	Oct *	4.6	5.0	5.4	3.7	89.0	5.00	111.9	-
Commerzbank	Oct *	4.6	4.4	5.1	3.7	89.3	4.33	106.4	11.5
Credit Suisse	Oct *	4.9	4.4	5.4	-	-	4.00	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Sep	4.8	5.2	5.3	3.6	91.0	4.75	108.5	-
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Oct *	4.6	-	-	-	-	4.00	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Oct *	4.7	4.5	-	3.7	94.6	4.00	-	10.9
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortis Bank	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Oct *	4.9	4.7	-	3.8	92.0 g	-	120.0	11.8 g
Hermes	Oct *	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.0	93.0	4.50	-	11.0
HSBC	Oct *	4.7	4.3	5.0	3.6	-	4.00	82.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Oct *	5.0	5.9	5.3	3.6	-	4.00	-	10.5
Ingenious Securities	May	3.0	3.3	3.7	4.1	92.4	5.00	-	9.7
J P Morgan	Aug	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lehman Brothers	Sep	4.7	4.9	5.2	4.2	-	4.75	112.0	-
Lloyds TSB	Oct *	4.5	4.2	4.7	3.8	87.1	4.50	90.0	11.2
Lombard Street	Sep	4.9	5.0	-	-	92.5	5.00	-	6.4
MacroEcon.com	Oct *	4.2	4.3	5.0	-	93.1 k	5.00	132.0	12.6
Morgan Stanley	Oct *	4.4	4.0	4.6	3.8	91.0 g	4.50	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Oct *	4.5	5.4	4.8	3.7	90.0	4.17	106.5	-
Schroders Investment Management	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Oct *	4.7	-	-	-	-	3.50	-	-
UBS	Oct *	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.6	-	4.50	-	-
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Oct *	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.0	91.2	4.50	107.2	11.1
Cambridge Econometrics	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBI	Sep	4.6	4.8	5.3	3.7	88.0	4.70	108.5	-
CEBR	Oct *	4.9	4.8	5.0	3.3	87.0	4.00	105.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct *	4.0	4.5	4.4	3.8	90.0	4.50	100.0	10.0
Experian Business Strategies	Oct *	4.6	4.8	5.1	3.6	91.0	4.50	104.4	-
EIU	Sep	4.8	5.4	-	4.1	-	4.75	110.0	8.8
Global Insight	Oct *	4.7	5.1	5.5	3.9	-	4.25	108.0	11.3
ITEM Club	Aug	4.2	5.1	5.2	4.0	96.0	5.80	138.0	9.6
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct *	-	-	3.3	3.8	91.4 k	5.40	-	-
Moody's Economy	Aug	2.9	3.8	3.6	-	-	5.00	114.0	11.0
NIESR	Jul	4.1	4.4 h	4.4 h	3.5 j	94.6 k	5.25	118.8 n	-
Oxford Economics	Oct *	4.9	5.1	5.6	3.4	88.9	4.39	105.0	10.5
EC	Apr	2.8 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD	Jun	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Oct *	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		4.5	4.6	4.8	3.7	90.2	4.49	107.8	10.5
New (marked *)		4.6	4.5	4.8	3.7	89.6	4.34	104.9	11.0
City		4.6	4.5	4.9	3.7	90.2	4.38	105.8	10.6
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		5.0	5.9	5.6	4.2	96.0	5.80	138.0	12.6
Lowest		2.9	3.4	3.3	3.3	84.7	3.50	82.0	6.4
Median		4.6	4.5	5.0	3.7	90.0	4.50	107.2	11.0
HM Treasury	Mar	2½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3 - 2008: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		House price inflation (Q4)	Real household disposable income	Employment growth	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in manufactures	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2008-09)
<b>City forecasters</b>									
ABN AMRO	Oct *	-	-0.1	0.6	1.92 p	-0.5	-	-51.1	53.5
Bank of America	Oct *	-16.0 z	-	-	-	-0.8	5.0	-21.4	53.3
Barclays Capital	Sep	-	1.0	1.0	0.90	0.9	-	-36.5	50.7
BNP Paribas	Oct *	-15.6 x	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Oct *	-15.0 x	-0.5	1.2	1.04	-1.0	4.0	-41.9	60.0
Citigroup	Oct *	-13.9 xy	-0.4	0.3	1.00	-0.2	-	-38.2	57.0
Commerzbank	Oct *	-13.4 y	0.3	1.0	0.99	-1.0	4.2	-38.2	55.0
Credit Suisse	Oct *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-55.0	60.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Sep	-	0.8	0.3	0.97	-0.7	5.8	-39.4	54.4
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Oct *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Oct *	-14.1 xy	-	-	5.60 q	-0.8	-	-34.9	65.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortis Bank	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Oct *	-	-	0.2	1.77 p	-1.0	-	-28.8	65.2
Hermes	Oct *	-15.0 y	0.0	0.5	0.95	-1.0	6.0	-40.0	-
HSBC	Oct *	-	-	-	1.90 p	0.0	-	-38.0	53.0
ING Financial Markets	Oct *	-14.2 x	-	-	1.10	-1.2	-	-45.0	65.0
Ingenious Securities	May	-	2.1	0.5	0.88	0.5	-	-69.9	46.8
J P Morgan	Aug	-	-	-	-	-0.9	-	-45.5	31.0
Lehman Brothers	Sep	-	0.6	0.5	-	-0.4	-	-4.3 a	-
Lloyds TSB	Oct *	-	0.8	0.4	0.95	-1.3	5.2	-50.0	60.0
Lombard Street	Sep	-	1.0	0.5	-	-	-	-67.4	47.0
MacroEcon.com	Oct *	-13.1 y	1.0	0.6	0.90	-	-	-46.0	44.00
Morgan Stanley	Oct *	-	0.0	0.7	-	-0.6	-	-	46.6
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Oct *	-	0.3	0.7	1.00	-1.2	4.5	-37.2	73.0
Schroders Investment Management	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Oct *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120.0
UBS	Oct *	-	-	1.0	0.91	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Oct *	-2.5 z	-	0.2	0.98	-1.4	3.2	-50.6	56.2
Cambridge Econometrics	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBI	Sep	-6.1 z	0.1	0.1	0.93	-0.6	2.0	-34.2	54.8
CEBR	Oct *	-15.0 x	-	0.9	0.96	-0.6	-	-42.0	58.0
Economic Perspectives	Oct *	-15.0 x	1.1	0.2	1.00	-0.4	6.0	-35.0	55.0
Experian Business Strategies	Oct *	-1.1 z	0.0	0.2	0.98	-0.6	3.7	-38.0	40.9
EIU	Sep	-	0.4	0.8	5.50 q	-1.6	-	-42.0	55.0
Global Insight	Oct *	-16.0 x	0.4	0.7	0.95	-0.6	-	-40.0	56.0
ITEM Club	Aug	-7.0 z	0.9	0.8	0.97	0.8	7.0	-48.0	52.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct *	-	-	-	0.92	-	-	-47.7	44.5
Moody's Economy	Aug	-	-	0.7	0.90	0.2	-	-54.4	-
NIESR	Jul	-	1.6	0.5	0.79 h	0.4	7.1 o	-36.1	44.1
Oxford Economics	Oct *	-9.5 z	0.1	0.1	0.98	-0.7	4.7	-38.4	58.3
EC	Apr	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-3.2 a	3.3 as
OECD	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4 as
IMF	Oct *	-	-	-	5.38 q	-	-	-3.6 a	3.5 ah
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		-11.9	0.4	0.6	0.97	-0.6	4.7	-42.2	57.2
New (marked *)		-12.6	0.2	0.6	0.98	-0.8	4.6	-40.8	59.8
City		-14.5	0.4	0.7	0.97	-0.7	5.0	-41.9	59.4
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		-1.1	1.1	1.2	1.10	0.9	7.0	-21.4	120.0
Lowest		-16.0	-0.5	0.1	0.90	-1.6	2.0	-67.4	31.0
Median		-14.1	0.4	0.6	0.97	-0.7	4.7	-40.0	55.0
HM Treasury	Mar	-	1½ to 2	-	-	¾ to 1¼	7 w	-72½	43

**Table 4 - 2009: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Change in inventories (£bn)	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade contribution
<b>City forecasters</b>										
ABN AMRO	Oct *	0.8	-0.6	1.6	-5.0	1.6	-1.0	4.2	-2.1	1.9
Bank of America	Oct *	0.3	0.1	1.3	-1.5	2.7	0.1	6.4	4.6	0.4
Barclays Capital	Sep	0.8	-1.4	2.4	-1.2	12.3	-0.1	4.1	0.7	0.9
BNP Paribas	Oct *	-0.6	-1.2	2.6	-7.2	-	-1.7	3.3	-0.7	-
Capital Economics	Oct *	-1.0	-1.5	2.0	-2.5	-	-1.0	1.5	1.2	0.0
Citigroup	Oct *	-0.6	-0.7	1.2	-9.1	-1.1	-2.0	5.7	0.6	1.3
Commerzbank	Oct *	-0.6	-1.3	2.3	-3.2	-0.5	-1.1	3.2	1.2	0.5
Credit Suisse	Oct *	0.5	1.0	2.3	-3.8	2.4	0.5	2.8	2.5	0.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Sep	0.4	-1.3	2.3	-3.1	0.0	-0.3	3.8	1.1	-
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Oct *	-0.6	-0.8	0.9	-1.8	-	-0.8	-1.4	-1.4	0.2
Deutsche Bank	Oct *	-0.5	-0.5	1.6	-5.1	-	-0.8	0.2	-1.4	0.5
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortis Bank	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Oct *	0.4	1.1	1.6	-8.4	-0.1 f	-0.4	2.3	-0.7	0.8
Hermes	Oct *	0.5	-0.3	1.4	-0.7	6.4	0.3	-0.9	-1.6	0.3
HSBC	Oct *	-0.2	-1.9	3.4	-4.8	-	-1.4	1.4	-3.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Oct *	-0.8	-0.9	1.7	-3.8	3.6	-0.9	2.7	2.2	0.1
Ingenious Securities	May	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.4	4.0	2.0	4.6 nn	4.8 nn	-0.2
J P Morgan	Aug	0.4	0.5	3.0	-1.4	-14.6	-0.3	3.6	0.7	0.8
Lehman Brothers	Sep	0.3	-0.1	1.4	-2.3	-	-0.2	3.1	1.0	0.5
Lloyds TSB	Oct *	0.8	0.8	2.3	-1.8	-	0.4	3.3	0.5	-
Lombard Street	Sep	0.6	0.2	2.0	-1.5	1.5	-	2.4	0.3	0.6
MacroEcon.com	Oct *	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.4	1.3	-	4.9	5.2	-
Morgan Stanley	Oct *	0.5	0.2	2.6	-2.5	2.5	0.8	0.8	-1.0	0.5
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Oct *	0.3	0.2	2.0	-3.9	2.0	-0.2	3.4	1.6	0.5
Schroders Investment Management	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Oct *	-1.9	-2.3	2.4	-6.8	-	-2.1	0.4	-2.1	0.7
UBS	Oct *	-0.3	-1.0	2.3	-4.6	-0.2	-1.1	0.7	-1.8	0.7
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Oct *	1.5	1.9	2.5	0.4	-2.0	1.6	4.1	4.6	-0.3
Cambridge Econometrics	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBI	Sep	0.3	-0.3	2.0	-4.0	1.1	-0.5	0.4	-2.5	0.8
CEBR	Oct *	0.1	-0.8	2.2	-3.0	-2.2	-0.7	0.7	-2.9	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct *	-1.9	-1.6	0.9	-4.3	-5.8	-2.1	1.1	0.2	0.3
Experian Business Strategies	Oct *	-0.8	-0.8	1.1	-2.6	-0.1	-0.8	-1.2	-1.1	0.0
EIU	Sep	-0.2	-0.7	2.1	-2.4	-1.0	-0.6	1.8	0.3	0.4
Global Insight	Oct *	-0.4	-0.4	1.8	-2.4	-	-0.5	3.1	2.5	0.1
ITEM Club	Aug	1.0	0.2	2.5	-1.9	0.0	0.3	5.5	1.5	0.4
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct *	0.8	1.7 c	2.3 u	-0.8 e	-	-	-	-	-
Moody's Economy	Aug	1.4	1.0	2.2	1.2	1.2	-	4.0	3.9	-
NIESR	Jul	1.4	-0.8	2.0	0.9	3.9	0.3	6.3	2.0	1.1
Oxford Economics	Oct *	-0.1	-0.6	2.2	-3.2	3.3	-0.5	2.2	0.7	0.4
EC	Apr	1.6	0.8	1.6	2.2	-	-	5.4 w	3.8 w	0.3
OECD	Jun	1.4	0.6	2.2	0.9	-	-	4.6	2.8	-
IMF	Oct *	-0.1	0.0	2.6	-6.1	-0.6	-0.5	-2.6	-4.1	0.5
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Independent		0.1	-0.3	2.1	-3.2	0.5	-0.5	2.3	0.3	0.5
New (marked *)		0.0	-0.3	2.0	-3.6	0.8	-0.6	2.0	0.1	0.5
City		0.1	-0.4	2.1	-3.4	1.3	-0.6	2.6	0.3	0.6
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Highest		3.0	3.1	3.4	3.4	12.3	1.6	6.4	5.2	1.9
Lowest		-1.9	-2.3	0.9	-9.1	-14.6	-2.1	-2.6	-4.1	-0.3
Median		0.3	-0.5	2.2	-3.0	1.1	-0.5	2.7	0.5	0.5
HM Treasury	Mar	2¼ to 2½	2 to 2½	2	2¼ to 3¼	0	2 to 2½	5 to 5½	3¼ to 4¼	¼

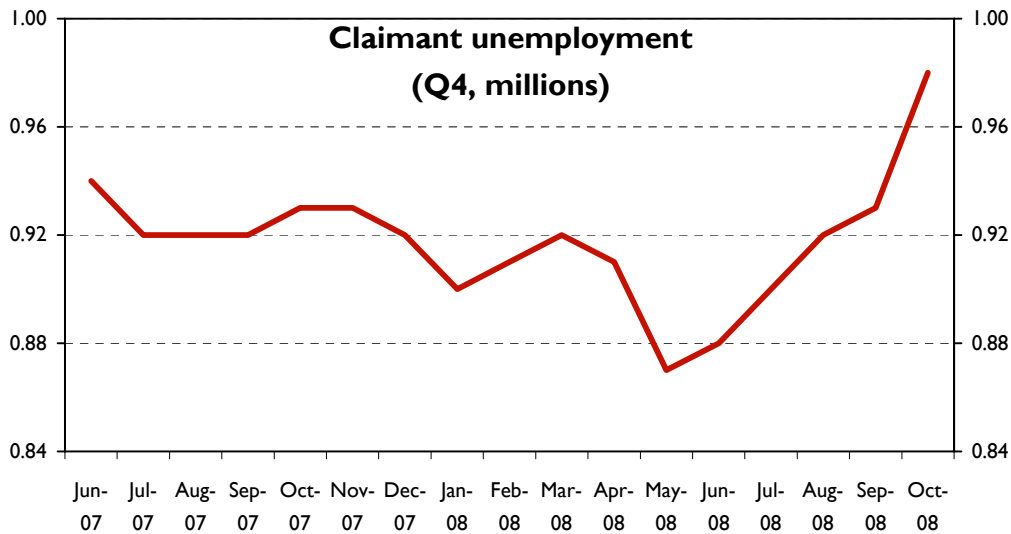
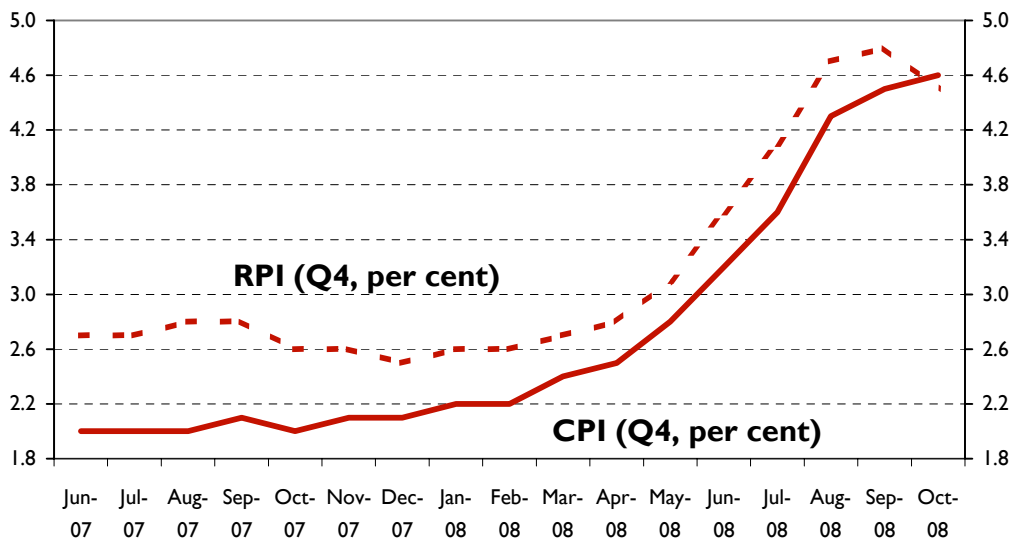
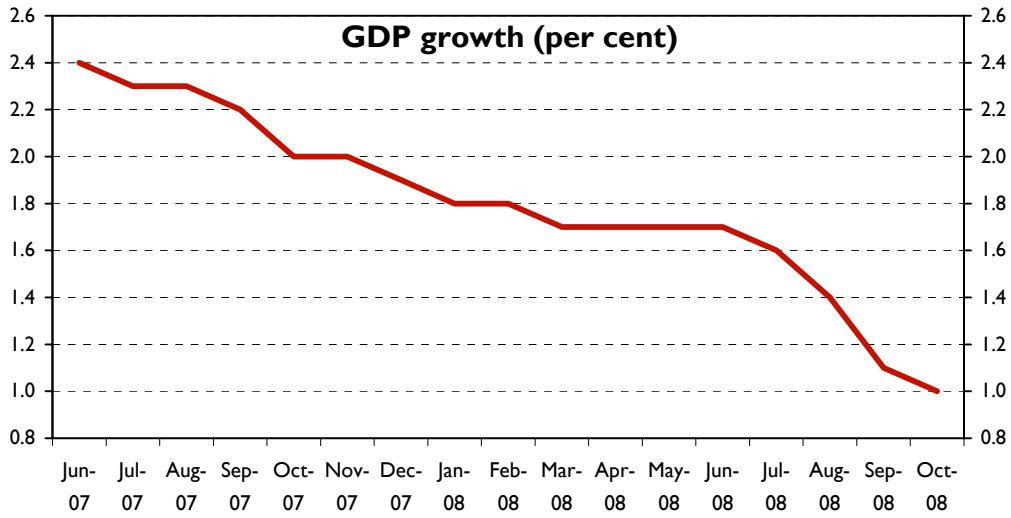
**Table 5 - 2009: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4)	RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Q4) (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	M4
<b>City forecasters</b>									
ABN AMRO	Oct *	2.1	3.1	2.7	4.1	-	4.50	-	-
Bank of America	Oct *	2.0	2.9	1.8	3.2	-	3.25	90.0	6.5
Barclays Capital	Sep	2.3	2.5	3.0	3.2	94.6	4.00	-	-
BNP Paribas	Oct *	2.6	0.3	2.1	3.5	-	2.50	-	-
Capital Economics	Oct *	1.8	1.4	2.0	3.4	85.6	2.50	75.0	6.0
Citigroup	Oct *	2.5	2.7	2.9	4.4	88.3	4.33	110.0	-
Commerzbank	Oct *	2.3	1.9	2.7	3.9	89.3	3.08	86.7	7.7
Credit Suisse	Oct *	1.7	1.7	2.4	-	-	3.00	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Sep	2.3	1.7	2.7	3.1	93.5	3.00	105.0	-
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Oct *	1.8	-	-	-	-	3.00	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Oct *	2.6	1.5	-	4.5	92.6	2.50	-	6.8
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortis Bank	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Oct *	2.0	2.2	-	4.0	95.0 g	-	120.0	11.6 g
Hermes	Oct *	2.0	0.8	2.0	3.5	98.0	3.00	-	8.0
HSBC	Oct *	1.4	1.5	1.4	3.3	-	3.50	82.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Oct *	1.0	0.4	1.0	3.5	-	3.00	-	5.1
Ingenious Securities	May	2.4	2.7	3.1	4.1	92.4	5.00	-	9.8
J P Morgan	Aug	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lehman Brothers	Sep	1.5	1.5	2.2	3.7	-	3.50	93.0	-
Lloyds TSB	Oct *	2.5	2.8	2.9	4.1	84.2	4.50	80.0	7.4
Lombard Street	Sep	1.1	1.0	-	-	91.0	3.75	-	3.8
MacroEcon.com	Oct *	4.4	4.5	5.2	-	99.2 k	5.25	96.0	13.7
Morgan Stanley	Oct *	2.2	2.1	2.0	4.0	88.8 g	4.50	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Oct *	1.3	2.1	2.1	3.9	88.7	3.50	90.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Oct *	1.4	-	-	-	-	2.50	-	-
UBS	Oct *	1.9	1.7	0.8	3.6	-	3.00	-	-
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Oct *	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.5	88.1	5.10	92.5	7.7
Cambridge Econometrics	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBI	Sep	2.3	2.6	3.1	3.8	90.5	4.00	91.9	-
CEBR	Oct *	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.0	82.0	2.75	85.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct *	2.0	2.3	2.2	3.5	85.0	3.50	85.0	8.0
Experian Business Strategies	Oct *	2.3	1.5	1.9	2.9	91.9	4.00	87.8	-
EIU	Sep	1.5	1.8	-	3.4	-	3.75	91.0	5.0
Global Insight	Oct *	2.1	1.8	2.3	3.9	-	3.00	95.0	7.4
ITEM Club	Aug	2.1	1.4	2.6	4.4	93.0	4.50	118.0	5.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct *	-	-	2.4	3.5	92.0 k	3.90	-	-
Moody's Economy	Aug	2.1	2.9	2.7	-	-	4.50	97.0	10.2
NIESR	Jul	2.7	3.9 h	3.6 h	4.1 j	93.8 k	5.00	123.4 n	-
Oxford Economics	Oct *	1.5	2.0	2.3	3.5	87.7	3.50	81.5	5.0
EC	Apr	2.2 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OECD	Jun	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Oct *	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		2.1	2.0	2.4	3.7	89.7	3.58	93.0	7.1
New (marked *)		2.1	2.1	2.4	3.7	88.5	3.49	90.4	7.4
City		2.1	1.9	2.3	3.7	90.6	3.44	93.4	7.2
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		4.4	4.5	5.2	4.5	98.0	5.25	120.0	13.7
Lowest		1.0	0.3	0.8	2.9	82.0	2.50	75.0	3.8
Median		2.0	1.9	2.4	3.5	89.3	3.50	91.0	7.1
HM Treasury	Mar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

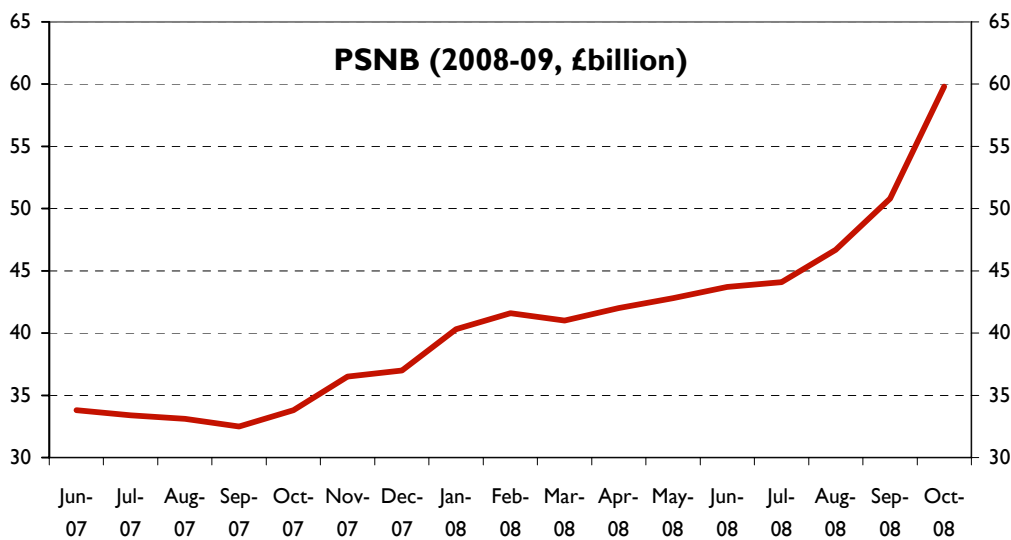
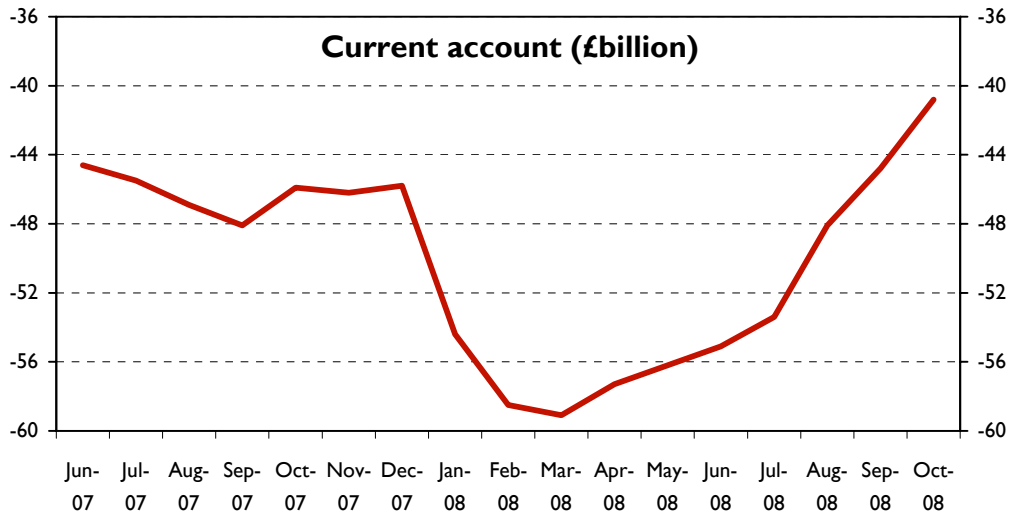
**Table 6 - 2009: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		House price inflation (Q4)	Real household disposable income	Employment growth	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in manufactures	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2009-10)
<b>City forecasters</b>									
ABN AMRO	Oct *	-	1.4	-0.5	2.07 p	0.3	-	-44.1	65.7
Bank of America	Oct *	-4.0 z	-	-	-	-1.5	4.5	-19.8	56.6
Barclays Capital	Sep	-	1.4	-0.6	1.10	2.1	-	-36.7	48.0
BNP Paribas	Oct *	-13.0 x	-	-1.4	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Oct *	-12.0 x	1.2	-1.3	1.45	-3.0	3.0	-59.6	77.0
Citigroup	Oct *	-11.5 xy	1.2	-1.1	1.59	-0.2	-	-14.1	78.6
Commerzbank	Oct *	-6.0 y	1.1	-0.9	1.32	-2.9	4.9	-37.5	70.0
Credit Suisse	Oct *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-50.0	70.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Sep	-	0.8	-0.8	1.30	-0.4	6.1	-27.6	63.8
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Oct *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Oct *	-11.0 xy	-	-	6.50 q	-1.3	-	-41.2	80.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortis Bank	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Oct *	-	-	-1.2	2.12 p	0.5	-	-17.3	87.6
Hermes	Oct *	0.0 y	0.0	-0.5	1.10	-1.0	5.0	-38.0	-
HSBC	Oct *	-	-	-	2.20 p	1.6	-	-25.0	56.0
ING Financial Markets	Oct *	-10.4 x	-	-	1.70	-2.1	-	-38.0	85.0
Ingenious Securities	May	-	1.7	0.5	0.89	0.7	-	-71.7	45.9
J P Morgan	Aug	-	-	-	-	-0.6	-	-44.8	30.0
Lehman Brothers	Sep	-	1.3	-0.7	-	-1.0	-	-4.6 a	-
Lloyds TSB	Oct *	-	1.5	-0.4	1.20	0.5	5.8	-45.0	70.0
Lombard Street	Sep	-	2.5	0.0	-	-	-	-53.5	-
MacroEcon.com	Oct *	6.2 y	2.7	0.8	0.83	-	-	-42.5	47.4
Morgan Stanley	Oct *	-	1.3	-0.4	-	-0.4	-	-	65.0
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Oct *	-	2.6	-1.5	1.17	-1.9	4.1	-36.8	83.3
Schroders Investment Management	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Oct *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	Oct *	-	-	1.4	1.45	-	-	-	-
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Oct *	0.8 z	-	-0.6	1.10	-2.9	7.8	-86.4	80.6
Cambridge Econometrics	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBI	Sep	-6.3 z	0.6	-1.4	1.24	-0.1	-1.8	-50.5	65.2
CEBR	Oct *	0.0 x	-	-1.6	1.30	0.5	-	-38.0	90.0
Economic Perspectives	Oct *	-10.0 x	0.3	-1.0	1.30	-1.2	3.0	-25.0	80.0
Experian Business Strategies	Oct *	-13.9 z	-0.6	-1.2	1.32	-3.1	-2.1	-64.0	-
EIU	Sep	-	0.4	-0.5	6.30 q	-3.0	-	-36.0	66.0
Global Insight	Oct *	-15.0 x	1.0	-1.0	1.30	-0.7	-	-45.5	65.0
ITEM Club	Aug	-10.0 z	1.5	0.4	1.20	1.4	5.0	-48.0	55.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct *	-	-	-	1.01	-	-	-51.1	45.7
Moody's Economy	Aug	-	-	0.0	0.90	0.4	-	-61.9	-
NIESR	Jul	-	1.6	0.2	0.89 h	1.4	6.0 o	-34.7	44.3
Oxford Economics	Oct *	-9.6 z	1.6	-1.2	1.22	-0.5	4.5	-39.6	87.7
EC	Apr	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-3.2 a	3.3 as
OECD	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7 as
IMF	Oct *	-	-	-	6.04 q	-	-	-3.4 a	4.4 ah
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		-7.4	1.2	-0.7	1.24	-0.8	3.8	-42.0	68.0
New (marked *)		-7.3	1.2	-0.8	1.27	-1.0	4.0	-40.9	72.1
City		-6.9	1.5	-0.6	1.29	-0.7	4.8	-37.3	66.7
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		6.2	2.7	1.4	1.70	2.1	7.8	-14.1	90.0
Lowest		-15.0	-0.6	-1.6	0.83	-3.1	-2.1	-86.4	30.0
Median		-10.0	1.2	-0.8	1.24	-0.6	4.5	-41.2	68.0
HM Treasury	Mar	-	2 to 2½	-	-	1¼ to 2¼	7¼ w	-71	38

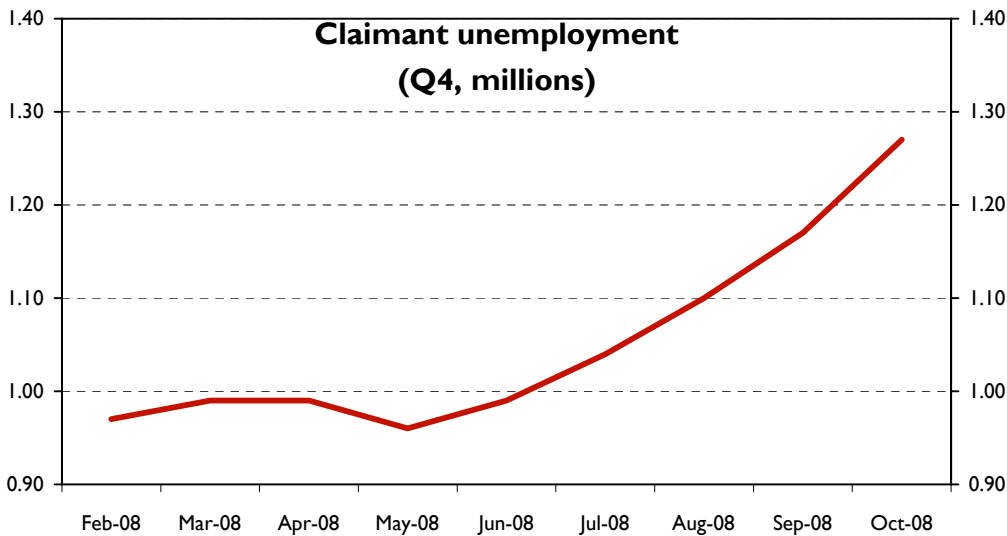
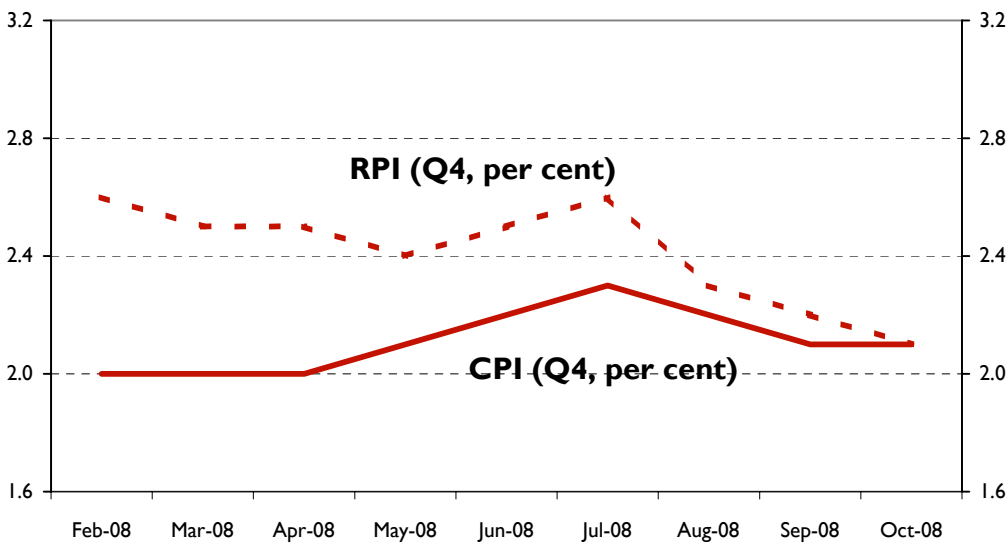
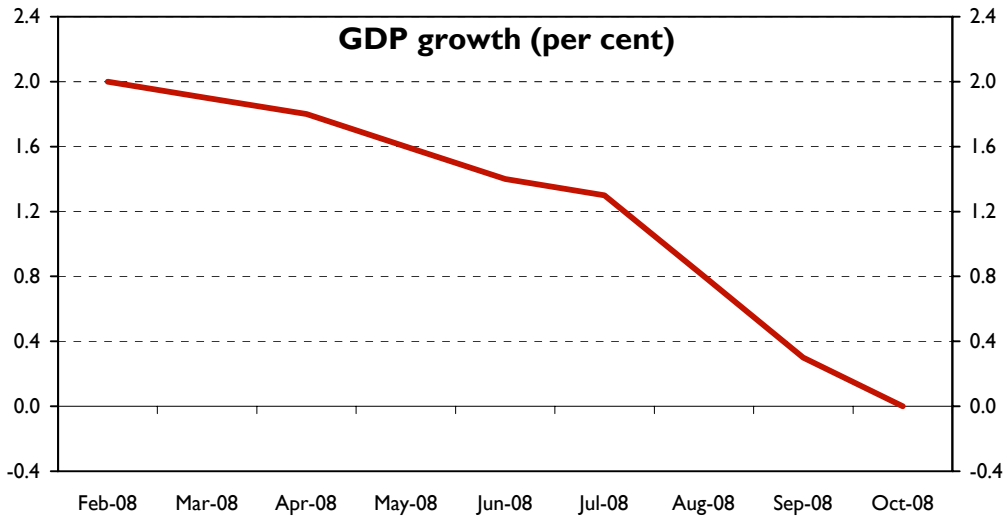
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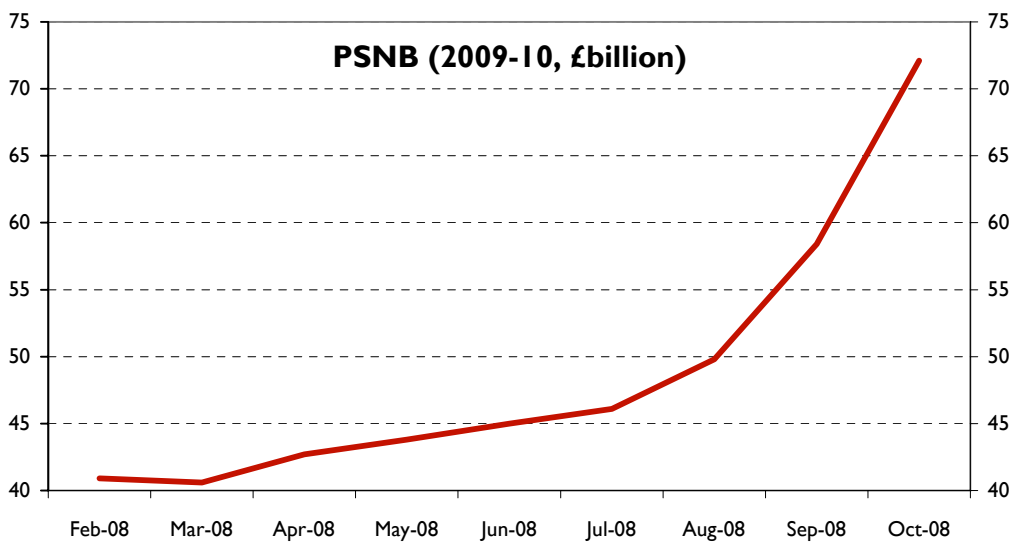
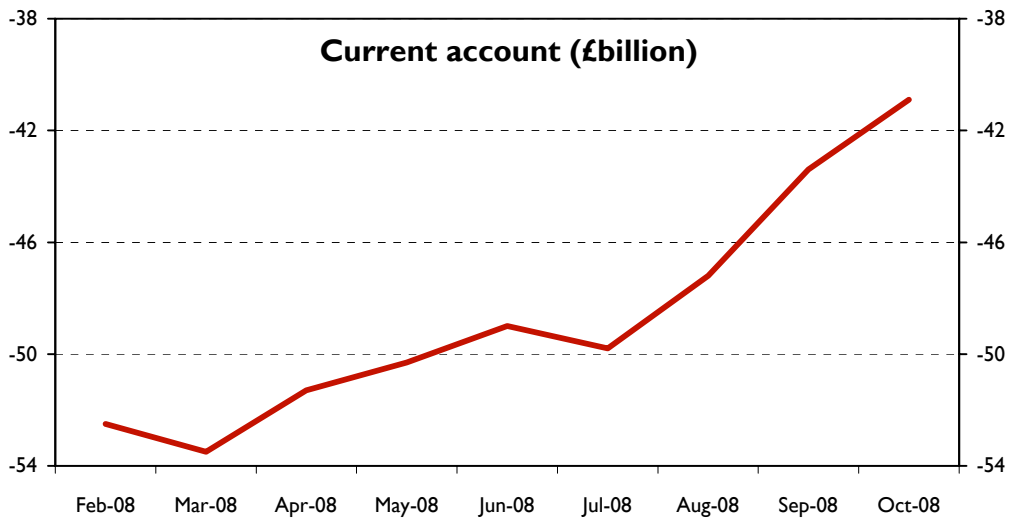
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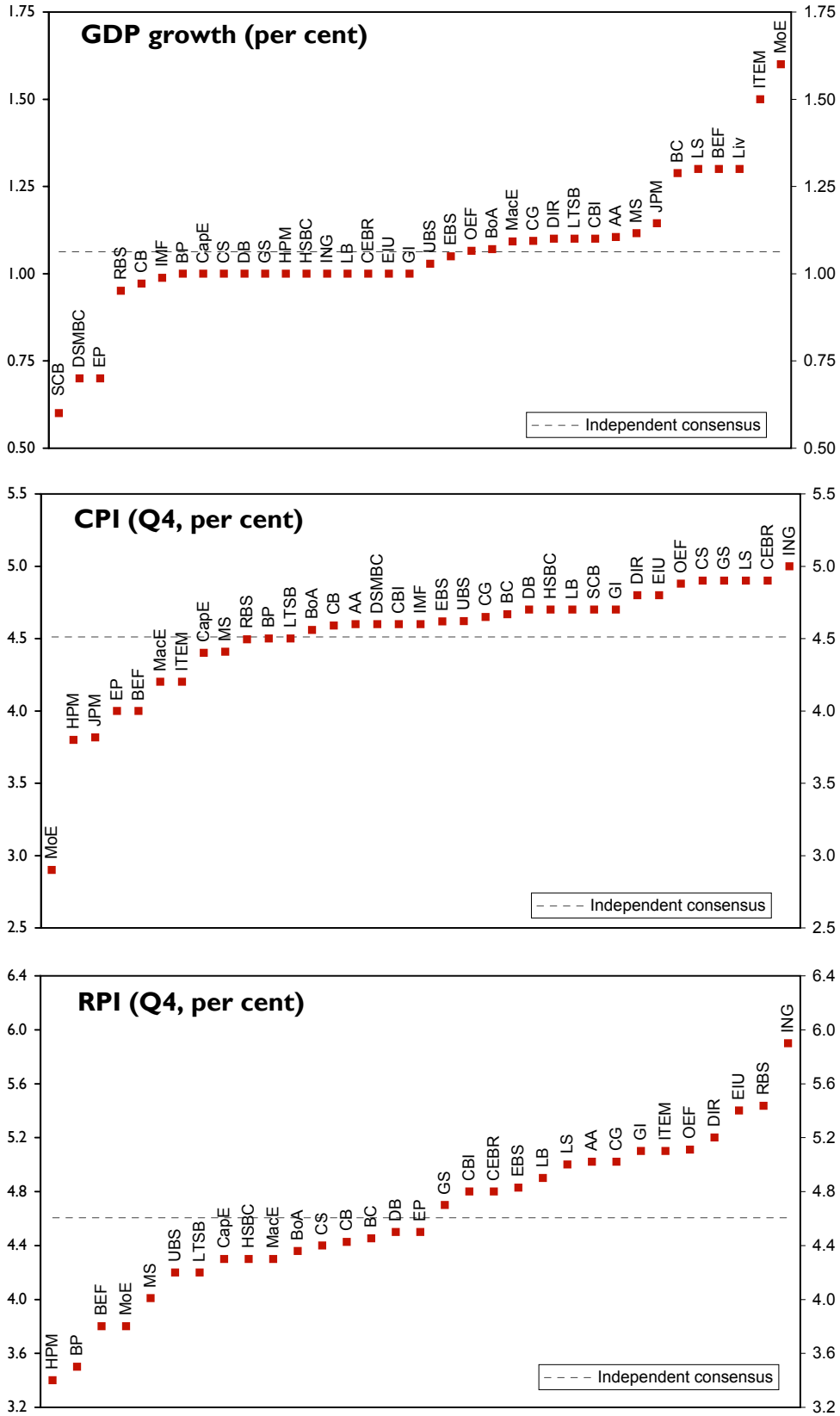
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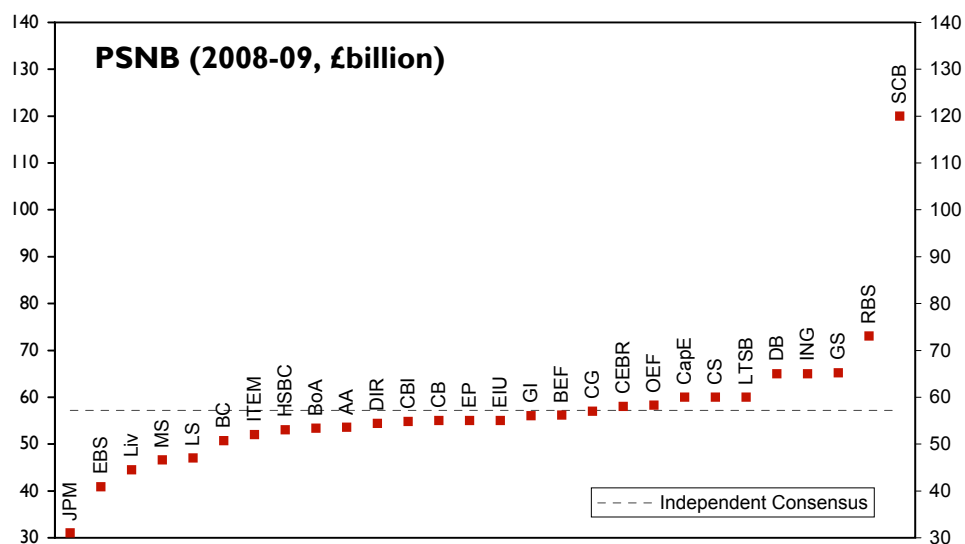
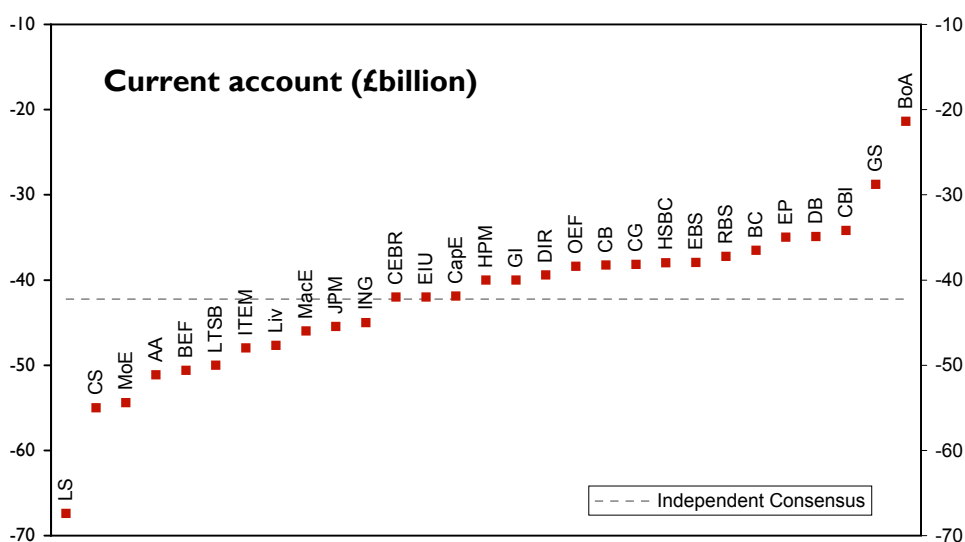
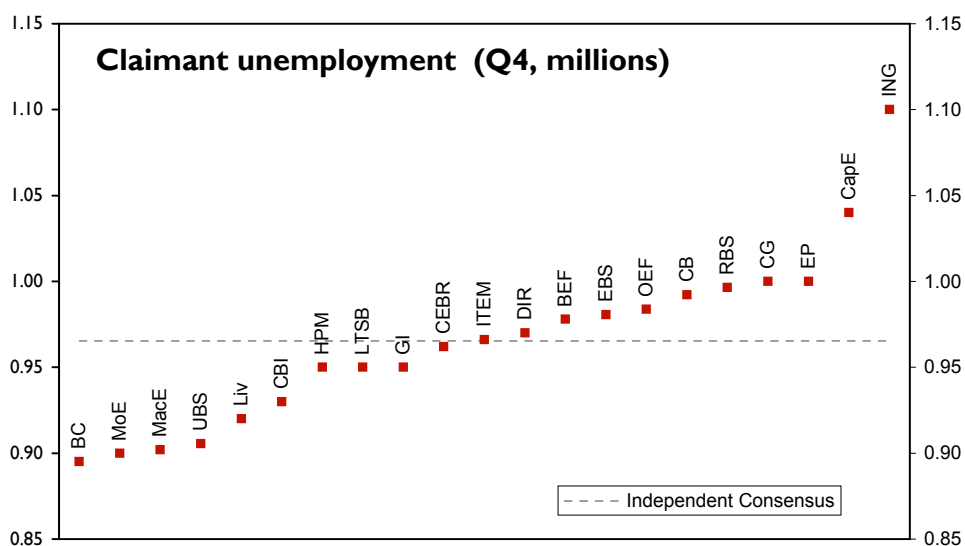
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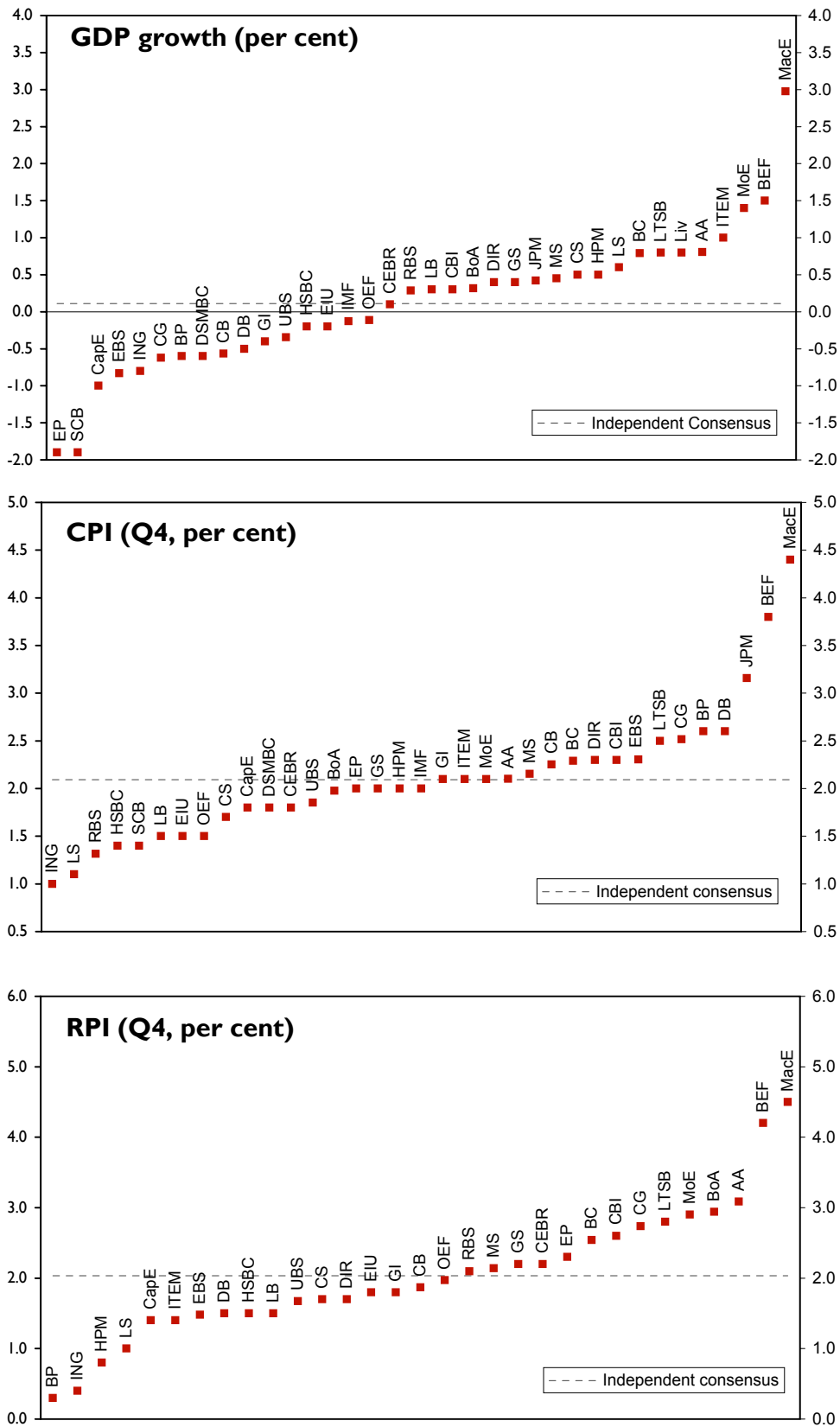
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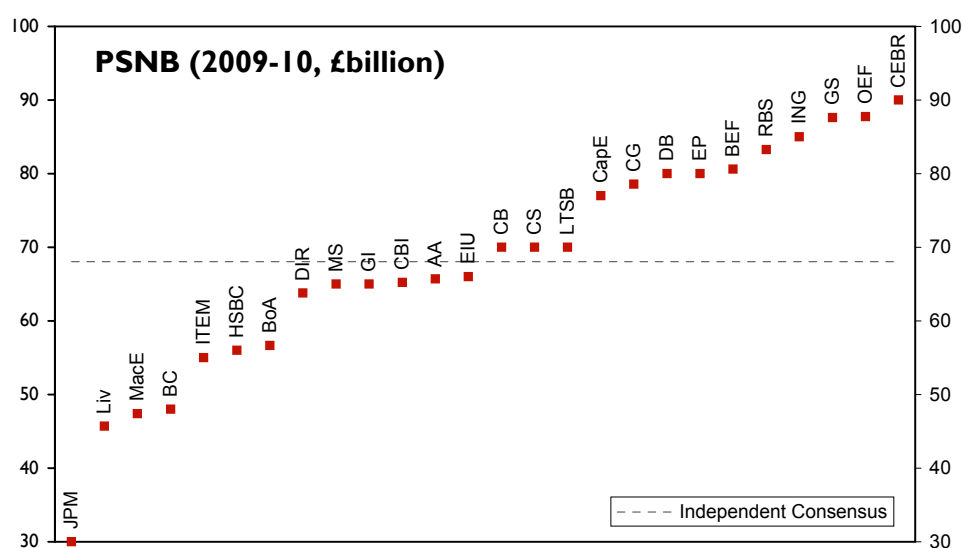
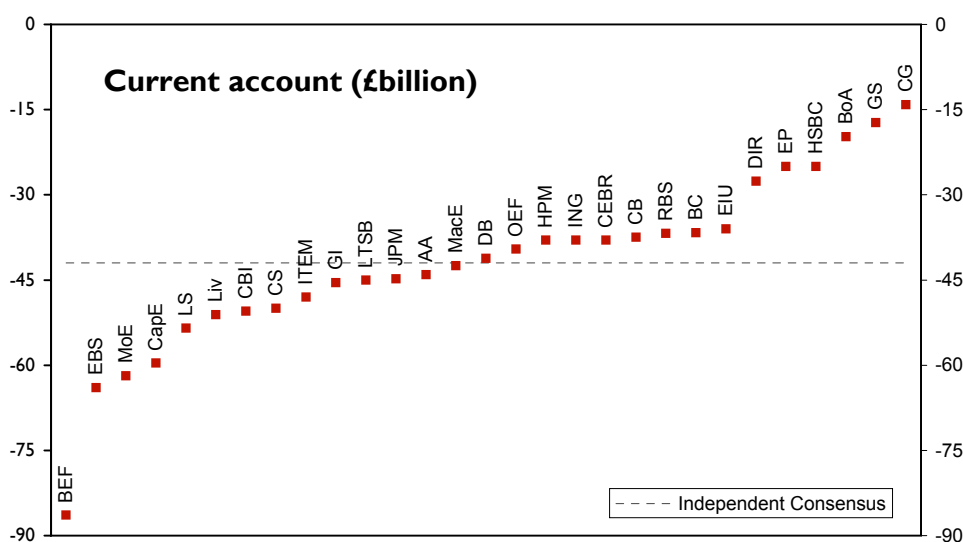
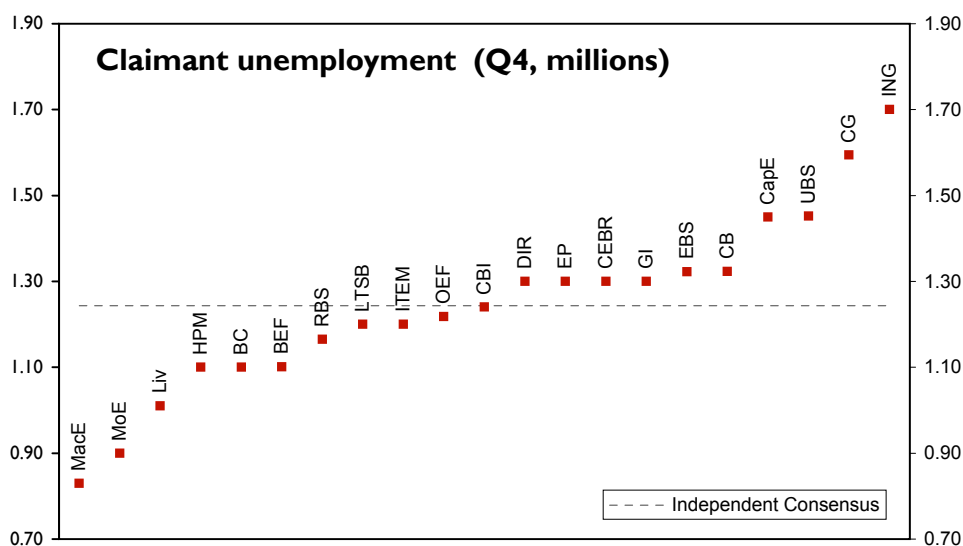
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Claimant unemployment, current account and PSNB (2008-09)  
made in last 3 months**



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2009; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in last 3 months**



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2009;  
Claimant unemployment, current account and PSNB (2009-10)  
made in last 3 months**



## Annex I: Forecasting institutions referred to in charts and tables

AA	ABN AMRO
BoA	Bank of America
BC	Barclays Capital
BEF	Beacon Economic Forecasting
BP	BNP Paribas
CamE	Cambridge Econometrics
CapE	Capital Economics
CG	Citigroup
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CEBR	Centre for Economics and Business Research
CB	Commerzbank
CS	Credit Suisse First Boston
DIR	Daiwa Institute of Research
DSMBC	Daiwa Securities SMBC
DB	Deutsche Bank
DKW	Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein
EBS	Experian Business Strategies (previously BSL)
EC	European Commission
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
FB	Fortis Bank
GI	Global Insight (previously DRI-WEFA)
GS	Goldman Sachs
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
HPM	Hermes Pension Management
ING	ING Financial Markets
INS	Ingenious Securities
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITEM	ITEM Club
JPM	JP Morgan Chase
LB	Lehman Brothers
Liv	Liverpool Macro Research
LTSB	Lloyds TSB
LS	Lombard Street Research
MacE	MacroEcon.com
MoE	Moody's Economy (previously Economy.com)
MS	Morgan Stanley
NIESR	National Institute of Economic and Social Research
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF	Oxford Economic Forecasting
RBS	Royal Bank Of Scotland Global Banking & Markets
S	Schroders Investment Management
SCB	Standard Chartered Bank
UBS	UBS

## Annex 2: Data definitions

GDP	National accounts, Table C2, Code ABMI
Private consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts, Table C2, Code ABJR+HAYO
General government consumption	National accounts, Table C2, Code NMRY
Gross fixed investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPQT
Change in inventories (2003, £bn)	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
CPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table I, Code D7G7
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table I, Code CZBH
RPIX (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table I, Code CDKQ
Headline average earnings	Labour market statistics, Table I5, Code LNNC
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
M4 growth	Bank of England Monetary and Financial statistics division Code VQJW, calendar year (previously financial year)
House price inflation	Q4 on Q4 annual percentage change in house prices
RHDI	National accounts, Table J2, Code NRJR
Employment growth	Workforce jobs, Labour market statistics, Table 4, Code DYDC
Claimant unemployment (Q4, mn)	Labour market statistics, Table I0, Code BCJD
Manufacturing Output	National accounts, Table BI, Code CKYY
World trade in manufactures	
Current account (£bn)	Balance of payments release, Table A, Code HBOP
Public Sector Net Borrowing	Public sector finances release, Table PSF I / Public sector accounts, Table PSAT I, Code ANNX

### Annex 3: Notation used in tables

- a: as a percentage of GDP
- b: non-durable consumption
- c: current and capital expenditure, including stockbuilding
- 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: growth in hourly earnings
- 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 goods and services
- p: ILO unemployment - millions
- q: ILO unemployment rate
- r: PSNCR (Formerly PSBR)
- s: general government financial balance
- t: World GDP
- u: OPEC average
- v: Final domestic demand
- w: excluding MTIC-related activity
- x: based on Halifax house price index
- y: based on Nationwide house price index
- z: based on CLG house price series

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