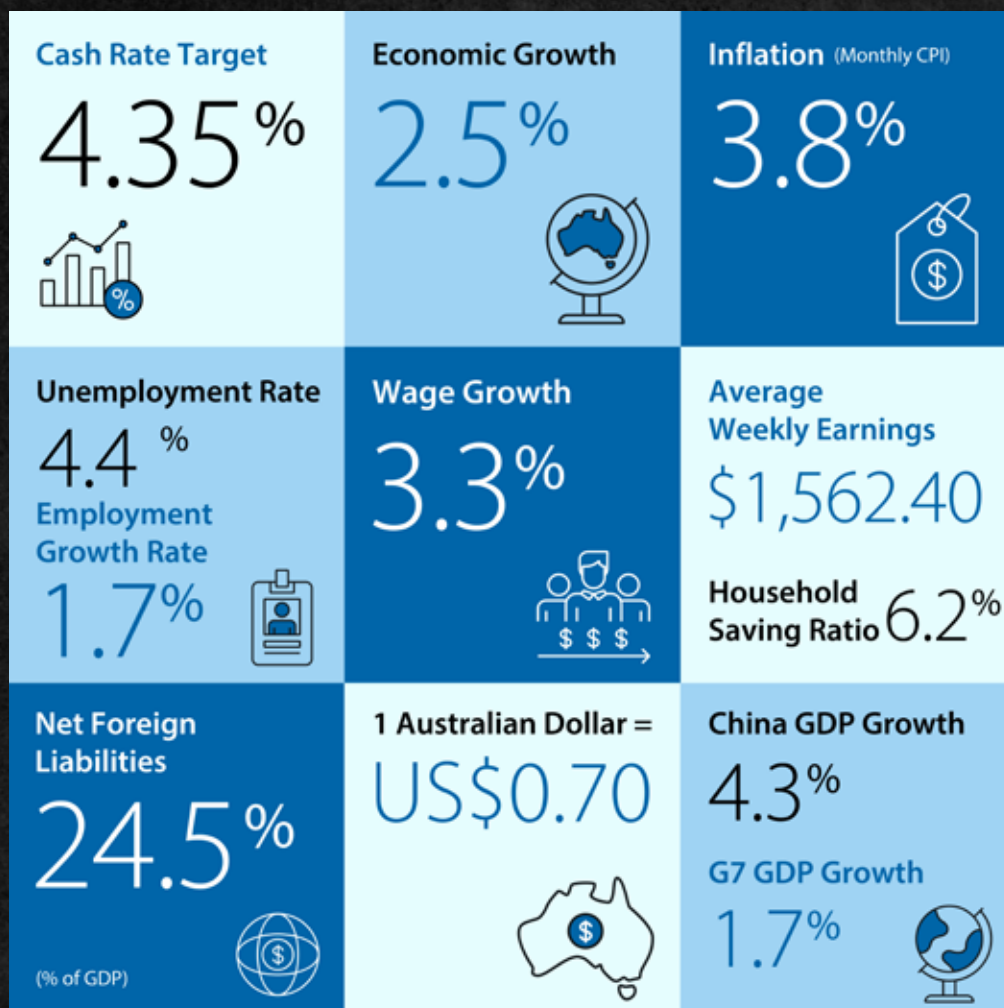


August 2026 — Australian Economic Snapshot



Data Source: Reserve Bank Of Australia – 11 August 2026

Australia's latest economic indicators point to continued, though modest, economic expansion. Economic growth stands at 2.5 per cent, supported by a resilient labour market, with unemployment at 4.4 per cent, employment growth of 1.7 per cent and wages increasing by 3.3 per cent. Inflation remains elevated at 3.8 per cent, while the Reserve Bank's cash rate target is 4.35 per cent.

The household saving ratio has risen to 6.2 per cent, while average weekly earnings have reached \$1,562.40. International conditions remain mixed, with China growing by 4.3 per cent compared with 1.7 per cent across G7 economies. Overall, the figures suggest steady but measured economic conditions, with inflation and interest rates continuing to influence business and consumer confidence.



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