

February 6, 2026

Investor Signposts: Week beginning February 8, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

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- ◆ Monthly household spending indicator (December)
- ◆ CBA wage and labour insights (January)
- ◆ Monthly consumer confidence index (February)
- ◆ NAB business survey (January)
- ◆ RBA Deputy Governor Andrew Hauser speaks
- ◆ Lending indicators (December quarter)
- ◆ RBA Governor Michele Bullock testimony
- ◆ RBA Asst. Governor (Economic) Sarah Hunter speaks
- ◆ CBA household spending insights (HSI, January)
- ◆

Tipped to fall 0.3%
A proxy for wage inflation and job growth
From Westpac and the Melbourne Institute
Business activity picked up in December
At the ACCI business leaders' lunch, Sydney
The value of home loans could jump 6.0%
At the Senate Economics Legislation Committee
At the CEDA event, Perth
A leading indicator of consumer spending

Overseas

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- ◆ US NFIB small business optimism index (January)
- ◆ US import and export price indexes (December)
- ◆ US retail sales (December)
- ◆ US employment cost index (ECI, December quarter)
- ◆ China consumer and producer prices (January)
- ◆ US nonfarm payrolls (January)
- ◆ US existing home sales (January)
- ◆ US consumer price index (CPI, January)
- ◆ China new home prices (January)

Tipped to lift to 99.8 from 99.5
Import prices edged 0.1% lower in November
Retail spending could increase 0.4%
ECI is tipped to grow 0.8%
Annual CPI rate could fall to 0.3% from 0.8%
Around 50,000 jobs could be created
Sales could fall 3.2% to 4.21 million
Annual core CPI could dip to 2.5% from 2.6%
Home prices have fallen since May 2023

Aussie household spending and US jobs data in focus as the local profit reporting season cranks up

- In Australia, household spending data is released by the Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on **Monday** and by the Commonwealth Bank (CBA) on **Friday**. The ABS gauge could fall by 0.3% in the month of December.
- CBA economists expect the value of new home loans to increase by around 6.0% in the December quarter when released on **Wednesday**.
- On **Wednesday** in the US, the economy is expected to add around 50,000 jobs in January with the unemployment rate steady at 4.4%. The all-important consumer price index (CPI) is issued for January on **Friday**. Market economists expect both the headline and core CPI to lift 0.3% taking the annual growth rates down to 2.5% each.
- The Australian corporate profit reporting season continues with results scheduled for CAR Group (**Monday**); James Hardie Industries, Region Group and Amotiv (**Tuesday**); Commonwealth Bank, Evolution Mining, Dexus Industria REIT, CSL, Computershare, Bravura Solutions, Arena REIT, AGL Energy, SGH, Northern Star Resources and Centuria Industrial REIT (**Wednesday**); AMP, ANZ, ASX, Breville, Insurance Australia Group, Origin Energy, Orora, Paladin Energy, Pro Medicus, South32, Tamboran Resources, Temple & Webster and Oneview Healthcare (**Thursday**); and BWP Property, Cochlear, GQG Partners, Nick Scali, Coast Entertainment and Westpac (**Friday**).
- On Wall Street, the fourth quarter earnings season continues: Coca-Cola, Spotify, Ford Motor and Gilead Sciences (**Tuesday**); Kraft Heinz, Cisco, McDonald's and Shopify (**Wednesday**); Airbnb, Applied Materials, Arista Networks, Palo Alto Networks, Pinterest, Rivian Automotive and Vertex Pharmaceuticals (**Thursday**); and Moderna (**Friday**).

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