

Japanese Economy Monthly Forecast

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Headlines

Review of latest official data

- The current forecast reflects data released through the end of June. About two-thirds of the basic monthly data required for an accurate Q2 GDP estimate have been released. Data on household consumption and public works is not available yet.
- It is worth noting that past statistics are revised irregularly by the institutions releasing them. This time around, the revision in past statistics was substantial, which in turn led to a major revision in the official GDP estimate released by the Cabinet Office.
- According to the revision of the second advance estimate released by the Cabinet Office, Japan's real GDP shrank an annualized -2.9% in 2024 Q1, which is a significant downward revision from the second advance estimate. As a result, the carry over effect for the growth in FY2024 has decreased.
- The industrial production index in May rose +2.8% MoM, marking the first increase in two months. As a result, the April-May average rose +3.2% over the Q1 average. METI maintained its assessment of production trends unchanged from the previous month.
- Comparing the April-May averages with the Q1 averages, planned construction expenditures and the shipments of capital goods rose +13.9% and +9.5%, respectively, while residential investment and private-sector capital investment both recovered from the previous quarter's slump. In April, the real consumption trend index fell slightly (-0.1% relative to the Q1 average), while public-sector construction increased (+10.2% relative to the Q1 average). Private consumption appears to have bottomed out.
- Comparing the April-May average with the Q1 average, real exports and imports rose by +0.4% and +2.4%, respectively. Since the latter increased more, the contribution of net exports of goods to real GDP growth was negative.

• 2024 Q2 real GDP growth forecast update

APIR's expenditure-side CQM forecast for real GDP growth in 2024 Q2 is an annualized +2.5% QoQ. The production-side forecast figure is the same (an annualized +2.5%). The average of the two is +2.5%, which is somewhat higher than the market consensus forecast of 2.19% (Figure 1).

• 2024 Q2 inflation forecast update

- ▶ In May, the nation-wide core CPI rose by +2.5% YoY, marking the 33rd month of inflation. The inflation rate accelerated for the first time in three months. On the other hand, core-core CPI inflation continued for 26th consecutive months (+2.1% YoY), but it decelerated for the ninth month in a row.
- Our CQM forecasts for the private final consumption expenditure deflator and the domestic demand deflator in 2024 Q2 are respectively +0.7% and +1.0% QoQ. Considering the deteriorating terms of trade, we forecast a headline inflation rate (GDP deflator) of +0.8% QoQ (Figure 2).

Fig 1 CQM Forecast: Real GDP Growth Rate Apr-Jun (Q2) 2024 (%, QoQ annualized growth)

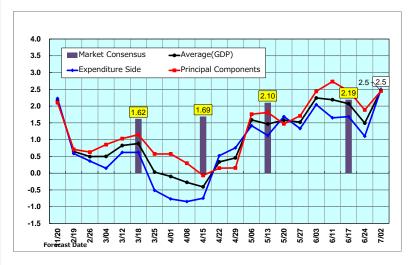
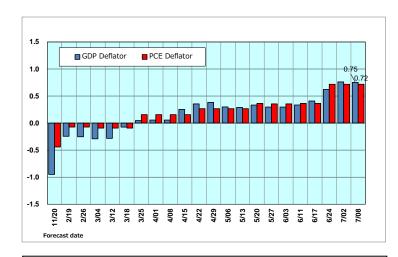


Fig 2 CQM Forecast: Inflation Apr-Jun (Q2) 2024 (%, QoQ growth)



We used the Current Quarter Model (CQM) methodology developed by Professor Emeritus L. R. Klein to create two forecasting models for the Japanese economy: a demand-side model and a production-side (principal component analysis) model. We refer to the forecasts by the former model as the main series, and those by the latter model, as well as the average of both models, as the reference series. Forecasts made using the CQM model are renewed continuously, incorporating the latest weekly data, which makes it possible to determine and trace the impacts of the latest short-term trends on macroeconomic conditions.

Table 1: Main Economic Indicators (latest)

Re-	Doto Month	Facusaria Indicata-	Value/ In-	Change		
lease Date	Data Month	Economic Indicator	dex Score	MoM	YoY	
6/28	May	Labor Force Survey				
		Total employment (millions)	67.61	+0.10		
		Total unemployment (millions)	1.82	-0.01		
		Unemployment rate (%)	2.6%	0.00		
	May	General Job Placement Situation				
		Job offers-to-applicants ratio	1.24	-0.02		
	May	Indices of Industrial Production (preliminary figures, 2020=100)				
		Production	103.6	;2.8%		
		Shipments	103.5	+3.5%		
		Inventories	103.5	+1.1%		
	May	Current Survey of Commerce (preliminary figures)				
		Retail trade (billion JPY)	13,504.0	+1.7%	+3.0%	
	May	New Housing Starts				
		New housing starts (SA, Unit)	65,882	-7.6%	-5.3%	
		Planned residential construction expenditure (billon JPY)	1,385.1	-0.2%	+3.5%	
	April	Construction Costs Deflator (2015=100)				
		Housing construction	125.4		+2.6%	
		Public works	125.4		+4.0%	
	June	Tokyo Region Consumer Price Index (2020=100)				
		Core index	107.0	+0.4%	+2.1%	
6/27	May	Producer Price Index for Intermediate and Final Demand (2015=100)				
		Capital goods	109.6		+3.3%	
		Consumer goods	114.9		+4.2%	
6/25	April	Index of Business Conditions (revised, 2020=100)				
		Leading indicators	110.9	-0.8		
		Coincident indicators	115.2	+1.0		
		Lagging indicators	105.9	-0.2		
	April	General Construction Statistics				
		Private non-residential construction (billion JPY)	893.5		-1.2%	
		Public works (billion JPY)	1,666.0		+2.8%	
	May	Corporate Services Price Index (2020=100)	,			
		Overall index	106.9		+2.5%	
6/24	April	Monthly Labor Statistics (final figures)				
•, = .	1	Gross average salary per worker (JPY)	295,709		+1.6%	
		Total working hours	141.5		-0.9%	
6/21	May	National Consumer Price Index (2020=100)			0.07	
0/21	Iviay	Core index	107.5	+0.5%	+2.5%	
6/19	May	Trade Statistics (customs clearance level)	107.0	10.070	12.07	
J/ 1 J	iviay	Trade balance (billion JPY)	-1,221.3	+6.3%	-11.6%	
		Exports (billion JPY)				
			8,276.6	+1.2%	+13.59	
6/47	Λ	Imports (billion JPY)	9,497.9	+1.5%	+9.5%	
6/17	April	Private Core Machinery Orders (billion JPY)	886.3	-2.9%		

	April	Indices of Industrial Production (final figures, 2020=100)			
	'	Production	100.8	-0.9%	
		Shipments	100.0	-0.4%	
		Inventory	102.4	-0.2%	
		Production capacity index	97.9		-0.2%
		Capacity utilization ratio	99.7	+0.3%	
	May	Public Works Advanced Securities Statistics			
	,	Contract amount (billion JPY)	1,590.1		+12.3%
		Number of contracts	17,717		+7.5%
6/12	May	Domestic Corporate Price Index (2020=100)			
	,	Corporate Price	122.2	+0.7%	+2.4%
		Export Price	143.0	+1.5%	+10.9%
		Import Price	171.2	+2.5%	+6.9%
6/10	April	Information Services Industry Sales (billion JPY)	1,274.3		+2.4%
	May	Economy Watchers Survey			
		Current Conditions Diffusion Index	45.7	-1.7	
		Future Conditions Diffusion Index	46.3	-2.2	
	April	Balance of Payments			
		Current account (billion JPY)	+2,050.5	+25.5%	+8.2%
		Exports (billion JPY)	8,428.2	-2.4%	+2.4%
		Imports (billion JPY)	9,089.7	-4.0%	+8.5%
6/07	April	Family Income and Expenditure Survey (households with 2 or more people)			
		Nominal consumption expenditure (JPY)	313,300	-0.2%	+3.4%
		Real consumption expenditure		-1.2%	+0.5%
	April	Consumption Trend Index (2020=100)	102.9	+0.1%	
	April	Consumption Activity Index (2015=100)	96.5	+0.5%	
6/05	April	Monthly Labor Statistics (preliminary figures)			
		Gross average salary per worker (JPY)	296,884		+2.1%
		Total working hours	141.9		-0.7%
	April	Index of Business Conditions (preliminary figures, 2020=100)			
		Leading indicators	111.6	-0.1	
		Coincident indicators	115.2	+1.0	
		Lagging indicators	105.8	-0.8	
6/04	May	Food Buffer Stock (billion JPY)	-4.2		+15.1
	May	Consumer Confidence Index (SA)	36.2	-2.1	
6/03	May	New Car Sales (vehicles)	261,327		-3.9%

Table 2: CQM Forecast: GDP Tracking

		Real GDP		Deflat	or		Real GDP		Defla	tor		Real GDP		Defla	ator
Forecast date	Expenditure side	Production side (PCA)	Average	GDP	PCE	Expenditure side	Production side (PCA)	Average	GDP	PCE	Expenditur side	e Production side (PCA)	Average	GDP	PCE
date			2024Q1					2024Q2					2024Q3		
		SAAR (%)		QoQ (¹	%)		SAAR (%)		QoQ	(%)		SAAR (%)		QoQ	(%)
11/20	2.2	2 2.1	2.2	-0.9	-0.4										
11/27	2.2	2 2.1	2.1	-0.9	-0.4										
12/04	2.2	2.2	2.2	-0.9	-0.4										
12/08															
12/11	1.1	2.1	1.6	-1.0	-0.4										
12/18	1.1		1.5	-0.7	-0.4										
2/19	1.6		1.3	-0.6	-0.3	0.6		0.6		-0.1					
2/26	2.4		1.9	-0.5	-0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.1					
3/04	0.2	-1.8	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.1					
3/11															
3/12	-1.3		-2.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.6	1.0	0.8	-0.3	-0.1					
3/18	-1.3		-2.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.6	1.1	0.9	-0.1	-0.1					
3/25	-2.3		-3.3	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	:				
4/01	-3.0		-3.6	0.0	0.1	-0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2					
4/08	-2.7		-2.5	0.0	0.1	-0.8	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.2					
4/15	-3.5		-3.1	0.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.2					
4/22	-3.5		-2.7	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3					
4/29	-3.1		-2.6	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3					
5/06	-2.9		-2.3	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.8	1.6	0.3	0.3					
5/13	-1.4		-1.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.8	1.5	0.3	0.3					
5/16	<u>-2.0</u>			<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.9</u>										
5/20						1.7		1.6		0.4		.2 1.7			-0.1
5/27						1.3		1.5	0.3	0.4	1	.4 1.8			-0.0
6/03						2.0	2.4	2.2	0.3	0.4	0	.7 1.4	1.1	-0.2	-0.0
6/10	-1.8	•		0.5*	0.9*										
6/11						1.7		2.2	0.3	0.4		.5 1.3			-0.1
6/17						1.7		2.1	0.4	0.4		.5 1.3			-0.1
6/24						1.1	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.7	0	.1 0.9	0.5	-0.0	0.1
7/01	-2.9	•		0.5*	0.9*										
7/02						2.5		2.5	0.8	0.7		.2 1.3			0.
7/08						2.3	2.1	2.2	0.8	0.7	1	.2 1.3	1.3	0.0	0.

Note: Underlined figures are 1st preliminary estimates.

Table 3-1: Gross Domestic Product at Chained 2015 Price: Y Billion

	Ouartarly			Forecast		CY		FY	
	Quarterly	202204	202404		202402		2024		2022
CDD/CDE	2023Q3	2023Q4	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2023	2024	2022	2023
GDP/GDE	FF0 070	FF0 704	FF 4 700	<i>EEZ 0EZ</i>	559,630	FC0 220	EE0 040	FF2 00F	FF0 000
Gross Domestic Products	558,676	558,761	554,728	557,957		560,226	558,316	553,895	559,239
Private Consumption	296,987	295,921	293,729	294,391	294,857	297,668	294,543	298,152	296,243
Residential Investment	18,626	18,351	17,827	18,043	18,612	18,569	18,257	18,336	18,398
Nonresidential Investment	91,040	92,878	92,510	94,962	95,485	92,113	94,738	91,586	91,933
Change in Private Inventory	1,000	536	1,860	2,249	1,914	2,270	1,771	3,021	1,823
Government Consumption	119,481	119,347	119,532	119,730	120,222	119,476	120,050	119,324	119,421
Public Investment	26,454	25,809	25,322	26,832	27,041	26,374	26,589	25,850	26,057
Change in Public Inventory	-37	-34	17	-208	-160	-10	-127	37	-20
Net Exports	5,074	6,277	4,006	2,034	1,734	3,686	2,571	-1,666	5,171
Exports of Goods & Services	112,219	115,330	109,416	108,870	109,045	111,834	109,309	108,927	112,176
Imports of Goods & Services	107,145	109,054	105,410	106,836	107,311	108,149	106,738	110,593	107,005
Gross National Income	580,985	581,694	576,953	582,225	582,822	580,884	581,726	569,743	581,628
Memo:									
Total Demand	665,822	667,814	660,137	664,793	666,942	668,374	665,054	664,489	666,244
	Upper Row	: % chang	e from the	previous qu	arter Low	er Row: %	change fro	m a year ea	rlier
Gross Domestic Products	-1.0	0.0	-0.7	0.6	0.3				
SAAR	-4.0	0.1	-2.9	2.3	1.2				
% Change Year Ago	1.4	1.1	-0.8	-1.1	0.2	1.8	-0.3	1.7	1.0
Private Consumption	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	0.2	0.2				
% Change Year Ago	-0.1	-0.6	-2.1	-1.2	-0.7	0.6	-1.0	2.7	-0.6
Residential Investment	-0.9	-1.5	-2.9	1.2	3.2				
% Change Year Ago	2.0	0.0	-3.6	-4.0	-0.1	1.0	-1.7	-3.3	0.3
Nonresidential Investment	-0.1	2.0	-0.4	2.7	0.6				
% Change Year Ago	-1.0	2.2	-0.7	4.2	4.9	2.2	2.9	4.1	0.4
Government Consumption	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4				
% Change Year Ago	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.1
Public Investment	-2.1	-2.4	-1.9	6.0	0.8				
% Change Year Ago	2.9	0.0	-4.0	-0.7	2.2	1.8	8.0	-6.1	0.8
Exports of Goods & Services	0.3	2.8	-5.1	-0.5	0.2				
% Change Year Ago	2.3	4.4	1.5	-2.7	-2.8	3.2	-2.3	4.9	3.0
Imports of Goods & Services	0.9	1.8	-3.3	1.4	0.4				
% Change Year Ago	-5.0	-2.4	-4.3	0.6	0.2	-1.3	-1.3	6.9	-3.2
Gross National Income	-0.8	0.1	-0.8	0.9	0.1				
SAAR	-3.3	0.5	-3.2	3.7	0.4				
% Change Year Ago	3.0	1.5	0.4	-0.6	0.3	2.4	0.1	0.6	2.1
Total Demand	-0.7	0.3	-1.1	0.7	0.3				
SAAR	-2.8	1.2	-4.5	2.9	1.3				
% Change Year Ago	0.0	14.8	-1.4	-0.9	0.2	1.3	-0.5	2.5	0.3
Contribution to GDP Grow th Ra				0.0	J		5.0	9	0.0
Domestic Demand	-0.8	-0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.4	0.8	-0.2	2.1	-0.4
Private Demand	-0.8	0.0	-0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	-0.3	2.1	-0.5
Public demand	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Net Exports	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	1.4
INCLENPOILS	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	1.4

Table 3-2: Gross Domestic Product at Current Prices: Y Billion

	O			F		CV		ΓV	
	Quarterly	000004	000404	Forecast	000400	CY	200.4	FY	2000
000/005	2023Q3	2023Q4	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2023	2024	2022	2023
GDP/GDE									
Gross Domestic Products	595,187	598,783	597,414	605,408	607,396	593,428	605,259	568,663	597,272
Private Consumption	322,690	322,879	323,346	326,405	327,342	322,359	326,372	315,921	322,789
Residential Investment	22,095	21,844	21,424	21,850	22,672	22,048	22,136	21,859	21,907
Nonresidential Investment	100,975	103,821	104,321	108,051	109,271	101,569	108,011	98,738	102,417
Change in Private Inventory	880	167	835	2,156	2,336	2,421	1,682	3,611	1,911
Government Consumption	123,430	123,781	124,152	124,764	125,273	123,460	124,992	122,092	123,582
Public Investment	30,690	30,112	29,783	32,212	32,398	30,474	31,711	29,278	30,353
Change in Public Inventory	-66	-70	-71	-205	-167	-6	-152	-64	-60
Net Exports	-5,508	-3,750	-6,376	-9,825	-11,728	-8,898	-9,493	-22,772	-5,626
Exports of Goods & Services	130,383	137,707	132,423	134,262	135,307	129,044	134,736	123,431	131,807
Imports of Goods & Services	135,892	141,456	138,799	144,087	147,035	137,942	144,230	146,203	137,432
Gross National Income	629,816	633,894	631,740	642,806	644,844	627,757	641,989	603,391	632,231
Memo:									
Total Demand	731,078	740,240	736,213	749,495	754,431	731,370	749,489	714,867	734,704
Compensation of Employee	300,331	302,051	304,378	303,522	304,084	300,498	304,039	296,382	301,866
	Upper Row	: % chang	e from the	previous qu	arter Low	er Row: %	change fro	m a year ea	rlier
Gross Domestic Products	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	1.3	0.3				
SAAR	-1.2	2.4	-0.9	5.5	1.3				
% Change Year Ago	6.5	5.1	2.5	1.4	2.1	5.6	2.0	2.5	5.0
Private Consumption	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.3				
% Change Year Ago	3.0	2.1	0.4	1.4	1.4	3.6	1.2	5.9	2.2
Residential Investment	-0.8	-1.1	-1.9	2.0	3.8				
% Change Year Ago	1.2	-0.3	-2.5	-1.9	2.6	1.0	0.4	1.7	0.2
Nonresidential Investment	0.9	2.8	0.5	3.6	1.1				
% Change Year Ago	2.2	5.3	3.0	7.9	8.2	5.5	6.3	8.5	3.7
Government Consumption	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4				
% Change Year Ago	1.3	0.5	0.2	1.6	1.5	2.1	1.2	2.8	1.2
Public Investment	-1.5	-1.9	-1.1	8.2	0.6				
% Change Year Ago	5.9	2.5	-1.1	3.4	5.6	4.9	4.1	-1.7	3.7
Exports of Goods & Services		5.6	-3.8	1.4	0.8				
% Change Year Ago	3.9	8.1	9.3	6.2	3.8	6.9	4.4	18.9	6.8
Imports of Goods & Services		4.1	-1.9	3.8	2.0				
% Change Year Ago	-11.9	-5.9	-1.6	8.2	8.2	-2.6	4.6	32.3	-6.0
Gross National Income	-0.4	0.6	-0.3	1.8	0.3	2.5	1.5	02.0	0.0
SAAR	-1.6	2.6	-1.4	7.2	1.3				
% Change Year Ago	6.0	4.0	2.7	1.6	2.4	5.3	2.3	3.3	4.8
Memo:	0.0	7.0	۲.,۱		2.7	0.0	2.0	0.0	7.0
Total Demand	0.1	1.3	-0.5	1.8	0.7				
SAAR	0.1	5.1	-0.3 -2.2	7.4	2.7				
% Change Year Ago	0.0	34.6	1.7	2.6	3.2	0.0	4.0	0.0	7.4
Compensation of Employee	-0.3	0.6	0.8	-0.3	0.2	0.0	4.0	0.0	7.4
% Change Year Ago	1.6	1.2	2.2	0.8	1.2	1.7	1.2	2.4	1.9
/o Griange i ear Ago	1.0	1.2	۷.۷	0.0	1.2	1./	1.2	∠.4	1.9

Table 3-3: Deflator: 2015=100

	Quarterly			Forecast		CY		FY	
	2023Q3	2023Q4	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2023	2024	2022	2023
GDP/GDE									
Gross Domestic Products	106.5	107.2	107.7	108.5	108.5	105.9	108.4	102.6	106.8
Private Consumption	108.7	109.1	110.1	110.9	111.0	108.3	110.8	106.0	109.0
Residential Investment	118.6	119.0	120.2	121.1	121.8	118.7	121.2	119.2	119.1
Nonresidential Investment	110.9	111.8	112.8	113.8	114.4	110.3	114.0	107.8	111.3
Government Consumption	103.3	103.7	103.9	104.2	104.2	103.3	104.1	102.3	103.5
Public Investment	116.0	116.7	117.6	120.1	119.8	115.5	119.2	113.1	116.4
Exports of Goods & Services	116.2	119.4	121.0	123.3	124.1	115.3	123.3	113.3	117.5
Imports of Goods & Services	126.8	129.7	131.7	134.9	137.0	127.5	135.1	132.1	128.4
Unit Profit	114.5	115.2	114.6	117.4	117.6	113.5	117.1	106.7	114.6
Unit Labor Cost	99.8	100.3	101.8	100.9	100.8	99.5	101.1	99.3	100.2
	Upper Row	: % change	e from the	orevious qu	arter Low	er Row: %	change froi	m a year ea	rlier
Gross Domestic Products	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.0				
	5.0	4.0	3.3	2.6	1.9	3.8	2.4	0.8	4.0
Private Consumption	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.1				
	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.2	3.0	2.3	3.2	2.8
Residential Investment	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6				
	-0.8	-0.3	1.1	2.2	2.7	0.0	2.1	5.2	-0.1
Nonresidential Investment	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6				
	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3	4.3	3.3
Government Consumption	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0				
	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.9	1.6	8.0	1.3	1.2
Public Investment	0.6	0.6	0.8	2.1	-0.2				
	2.9	2.6	3.1	4.1	3.3	3.0	3.2	4.7	2.9
Exports of Goods & Services	2.8	2.8	1.4	1.9	0.6				
	1.5	3.6	7.7	9.2	6.8	3.6	6.9	13.4	3.7
Imports of Goods & Services	1.1	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.6				
	-7.3	-3.6	2.8	7.6	8.0	-1.2	6.0	23.8	-2.8
Unit Profit	0.0	0.6	-0.5	2.4	0.2				
	0.0	14.8	3.7	3.2	2.7	8.0	3.2	0.9	7.5
Unit Labor Cost	0.0	0.6	1.5	-0.9	-0.1				
	0.0	14.4	3.0	2.0	1.1	-0.1	1.5	0.7	0.9