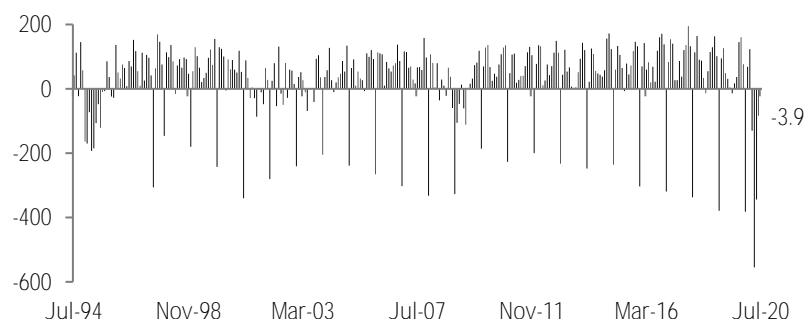


# Ahead of the Curve

## IMSS' employment data to show net creation in August

**IMSS employment report (August).** On Saturday, the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS, in Spanish) will release its report of affiliated employees for the eighth month of the year. Focus will center on job creation, considering losses accumulated in the last five months amounting to little over 1.1 million. In this context, President López-Obrador once commented on this issue, stating that the final number for the month was close to +93 thousand. Given the recent record of figures anticipated by the President, we expect the actual number to be very close to this. Within the report, we will also look to wages, which the entrance of more people to the labor market likely extending the move lower for second month in a row. In real terms, it is almost certain they will decelerate, considering the +43bps uptick in annual inflation, to 4.05%. Finally, we will watch business affiliation dynamics, which have added two consecutive months higher.

Job creation affiliated to IMSS  
Thousands



Source: IMSS, STPS

**Weekly international reserves report.** Last week, net international reserves decreased by US\$16 million, closing at US\$193.3 billion. According to Banxico's report, this was explained by: (1) US\$91 million of sales from the Federal Government to the central bank; and (2) a negative valuation effect in institutional assets of US\$107 million. In this context, the central bank's international reserves have increased by US\$12.4 billion so far in 2020 (see following table).

Banxico's foreign reserve accumulation details  
US\$, million

	2019		Sep 4, 2020	
	Balance	Sep 4, 2020	Sep 4, 2020	Year-to-date
International reserves (B)-(C)	180,877	193,251	-16	12,373
(B) Gross international reserve	183,028	198,749	152	15,721
Pemex	--	--	0	3,979
Federal government	--	--	-25	6,098
Market operations	--	--	0	0
Other	--	--	177	5,644
(C) Short-term government's liabilities	2,151	5,498	169	3,348

Source: Banco de México

### Mexico weekly calendar

DATE	HOUR (ET)	EVENT	PERIOD	UNIT	BANORTE	CONSENSUS	PREVIOUS
Sat 12-Sep		Job creation of workers affiliated to IMSS	August	thousands	--	--	-3.9
Tue 15-Sep	10:00am	International reserves	Sep-11	US\$ bn	--	--	193.3
Wed 16-Sep		Markets closed due to Independence Day holiday					

Source: Banorte; Bloomberg

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