



ECONOMIC FORECAST DETAIL – CANADA

May 2018

Real growth in the economy (Quarter-over-quarter annualized % change unless otherwise indicated)

	Actuals				Forecast								Actual				Forecast	
	2017				2018				2019				year-over-year % change					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2016	2017	2018	2019		
Household Consumption	3.5	4.6	3.7	2.1	0.5	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.4	3.5	2.0	1.8		
Durables	10.9	7.6	1.1	1.6	-0.5	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	4.5	6.4	1.4	1.6		
Semi-Durables	1.4	7.3	3.2	1.2	-1.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.2	3.4	1.4	1.8		
Non-durables	1.7	6.1	0.6	1.8	-1.3	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.6	1.1	1.7		
Services	2.8	3.0	5.7	2.5	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.2	3.2	2.5	1.8		
NPISH consumption	-3.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	1.6	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	-0.5	0.5	2.6	1.8		
Government expenditures	3.9	1.4	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.2		
Government fixed investment	-4.9	-0.9	11.6	10.3	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.1	3.8	5.2	2.8		
Residential investment	9.4	-2.9	-0.2	13.4	-6.3	-2.7	-4.8	-3.7	-2.1	-0.5	0.3	1.2	3.3	3.1	-0.8	-2.0		
Non-residential investment	12.1	9.5	5.4	8.2	0.9	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-9.4	2.6	3.9	2.1		
Non-residential structures	2.0	10.8	7.2	5.4	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-11.5	0.3	4.2	2.1		
Machinery & equipment	29.3	7.7	2.8	12.6	-2.0	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-6.0	6.0	3.5	2.0		
Intellectual property	16.8	3.2	5.8	0.2	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-6.4	1.0	2.3	2.0		
Final domestic demand	4.5	3.6	3.9	3.9	0.6	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.1	3.0	2.2	1.6		
Exports	2.7	6.3	-10.4	3.0	-0.5	6.5	5.2	2.5	3.3	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	3.0		
Imports	13.9	6.2	0.3	6.3	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	1.0	1.7	2.1	-1.0	3.6	2.9	1.9		
Inventories (change in \$b)	10.2	14.0	16.9	13.8	23.8	20.3	17.5	17.5	17.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	1.0	13.7	19.8	16.8		
Real gross domestic product	4.0	4.4	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	3.0	2.1	1.8		

Other indicators (Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated)

Business and labour																
Productivity	2.2	2.5	1.1	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.7	0.9	1.1
Pre-tax corporate profits	26.0	35.5	14.2	8.9	2.6	5.9	7.2	4.6	3.6	2.8	2.1	0.9	-1.9	20.2	5.0	2.4
Unemployment rate (%)*	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	7.0	6.3	5.9	5.9
Inflation																
Headline CPI	1.9	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.1
CPI ex. food and energy	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.2
External trade																
Current account balance (\$b)*	-54.6	-61.3	-74.4	-65.4	-64.0	-56.3	-49.9	-49.5	-48.6	-46.8	-46.3	-46.2	-65.4	-63.9	-54.9	-47.0
% of GDP*	-2.6	-2.9	-3.5	-3.0	-2.9	-2.5	-2.2	-2.2	-2.1	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-3.2	-3.0	-2.4	-2.1
Housing starts (000s)*	222	207	223	229	224	204	200	193	191	191	189	189	198	220	205	190
Motor vehicle sales (mill., saar)*	2.08	2.10	2.08	2.04	2.10	2.00	1.98	1.97	1.94	1.93	1.92	1.92	1.98	2.08	2.01	1.93

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