



Weekly Economic Indicators - U.S. and Canada

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Monday, May 22

U.S. Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
8:30	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Apr		0.08
10:00	Fed's Harker Speaks in Philadelphia			
11:30	U.S. to Sell 3-Month Bills			
11:30	U.S. to Sell 6-Month Bills			
19:30	Fed's Brainard Speaks on Role of Inclusion in Economy			
21:10	Fed's Evans Speaks in Shanghai			

Canadian Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
10:00	Bloomberg Nanos Confidence	19-May		
	Canadian Markets Closed – Victoria Day			

Tuesday, May 23

U.S. Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
9:00	Fed's Kashkari Speaks with Reporters in Minneapolis			
9:45	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	May P	53.0	52.8
9:45	Markit US Services PMI	May P	53.0	53.1
9:45	Markit US Composite PMI	May P		53.2
10:00	New Home Sales	Apr 630k	610k	621k
10:00	New Home Sales MoM	Apr	-1.8%	5.8%
10:00	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	May	15	20
11:30	U.S. to Sell Bln 52-Week Bills			
11:30	U.S. to Sell 4-Week Bills			
13:00	U.S. to Sell 2-Year Notes			
15:15	U.S. Fed's Kashkari Speaks in Minneapolis			
17:00	Fed's Harker Speaks in New York			

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
8:30	Wholesale Trade Sales MoM	Mar		-0.2%

Wednesday, May 24

U.S. Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
7:00	MBA Mortgage Applications	19-May		-4.1%
9:00	FHFA House Price Index MoM	Mar	0.5%	0.8%
9:00	House Price Purchase Index QoQ	1Q		1.5%
10:00	Existing Home Sales	Apr 5.6m	5.65m	5.71m
10:00	Existing Home Sales MoM	Apr	-1.1%	4.4%
11:30	U.S. to Sell 2-Year Floating Rate Notes Reopening			
13:00	U.S. to Sell 5-Year Notes			
14:00	FOMC Meeting Minutes	03-May		
18:00	Fed's Kaplan Speaks in Toronto			

Canadian Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
10:00	Bank of Canada Rate Decision	24-May	0.5%	0.5%

The Bank of Canada is expected to hold the overnight rate steady at 0.50% in May while providing little forward guidance on the future path of monetary policy. The Bank shifted to a “decidedly neutral” stance in April and we expect a similar tone will emerge in what is likely to be another brief statement between Monetary Policy Reports. Recent data have reinforced their view that global activity is picking up and a slowdown in the US economy in Q1 is likely to prove transitory. The Bank’s forecast for Canada’s economy to have grown at a 3.8% annualized pace in Q1 remains on track, while a more moderate gain in Q2 also appears likely, as per their projection. Labour market trends remain positive with strong job growth over the last year and a decline in the unemployment rate to a cycle low of 6.5% in April. GDP and employment data indicate excess capacity in the economy is being absorbed; however, the Bank is likely to continue citing weak wage growth and subdued underlying inflation trends – with the Bank’s preferred ‘core’ inflation measures inching lower once again in April – as evidence of lingering slack. We also expect a cautious tone on exports and business investment will be maintained. Despite recent data pointing to some improvement in those areas, concerns surrounding US trade policy will only have intensified following increasingly protectionist rhetoric from the Trump Administration and the official kick-off of the 3-month consultation process with Congress required prior to formal talks with Canada and Mexico on NAFTA renegotiation. The overall tone is likely to reinforce market expectations that a rate hike is unlikely this year, even as Canada’s economy continues a gradual march toward full capacity.

Thursday, May 25

U.S. Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
8:30	Advance Goods Trade Balance	Apr	-\$64.5b	-\$64.2b
8:30	Wholesale Inventories MoM	Apr P	0.2%	0.2%
8:30	Retail Inventories MoM	Apr		0.4%
8:30	Initial Jobless Claims	20-May 235k	240k	232k
8:30	Continuing Claims	13-May	1925k	1898k
9:45	Bloomberg Consumer Comfort	21-May		50.2
10:00	Fed's Brainard in Panel Discussion on Global Economy			
11:00	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	May		7
13:00	U.S. to Sell 7-Year Notes			
22:00	Fed's Bullard Speaks on U.S. economy in Tokyo OPEC Meeting			

Canadian Economic Data and Events

Time	Release	RBC Call	Market Call*	Prior Read
8:30	Employment, Earnings and Hours	Mar		
12:00	Canada to Sell 5-Year Bonds			
17:00	Bank of Canada Deputy Governor Sylvain Leduc Speech CFIB Business Barometer	May		64.4

Friday, May 26

U.S. Economic Data and Events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Release</u>		<u>RBC Call</u>	<u>Market Call*</u>	<u>Prior Read</u>
8:30	GDP Annualized QoQ	1Q S	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%
8:30	Personal Consumption	1Q S	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
8:30	GDP Price Index	1Q S		2.3%	2.3%
8:30	Core PCE QoQ	1Q S		2.0%	2.0%
8:30	Durable Goods Orders	Apr P	-3.0%	-1.5%	0.9%
8:30	Durables Ex Transportation	Apr P	1.0%	0.4%	0.0%
8:30	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Apr P	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
8:30	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Apr P			0.5%
10:00	U. of Mich. Sentiment	May F		97.5	97.7

Q1 economic data released/revised since the advance Q1 GDP report has been, on balance, in line with the BEA's early assumptions. We expect modestly stronger Q1 nonresidential building activity than initially reported to be offset by a larger inventory drag to leave the second estimate of Q1 GDP unchanged from the first at 0.7%.

Canadian Economic Data and Events

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	No Releases Scheduled				

*Market calls refer to Bloomberg consensus forecasts