



ECONOMIC FORECAST DETAIL – CANADA

December 6, 2011

Real growth in the economy

Quarter-over-quarter annualized percent change unless otherwise indicated

	Actual			Forecast								Actual		Forecast			
	2011			2012				2013				year-over-year % change		year-over-year % change			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Consumer spending	-0.1	2.1	1.2	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	0.4	3.3	1.9	2.1	2.3
Durables	-6.5	2.1	-1.5	6.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.8	-1.9	4.4	0.6	3.7	5.0
Semi-Durables	0.2	-1.0	4.1	1.0	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.8	2.5	1.5	1.5	-2.3	5.0	1.4	1.9	2.1
Non-durables	-0.8	0.2	1.8	1.0	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	0.8	1.8	0.8	1.7	1.9
Services	1.6	3.3	1.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.1	3.5	2.8	2.0	1.9
Government expenditures	-0.8	0.9	0.0	-2.9	-1.1	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.3	4.7	1.2	-0.6	0.5
Residential investment	6.7	1.6	10.9	3.1	-2.1	-1.7	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.8	2.3	3.3	-8.0	10.2	2.6	1.3	0.9
Business investment	12.3	14.6	-3.6	7.2	6.1	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.9	7.0	6.9	6.9	-20.8	7.3	12.0	5.8	7.1
Non-residential structures	10.3	-0.9	4.4	8.8	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.5	7.0	7.0	-22.2	2.8	9.9	7.2	7.8
Machinery & equipment	14.5	32.7	-11.0	5.5	4.0	5.8	5.5	5.3	7.7	6.4	6.7	6.7	-19.5	11.8	14.2	4.4	6.4
Final domestic demand	1.5	3.1	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	-2.1	4.5	2.8	1.8	2.3
Exports	6.2	-6.4	14.4	7.4	9.4	7.3	6.9	6.5	5.9	6.7	6.3	5.9	-13.8	6.4	4.6	7.7	6.4
Imports	8.4	13.6	-3.2	4.1	4.7	4.4	5.4	5.5	4.3	5.5	5.8	5.8	-13.4	13.1	6.6	4.2	5.2
Inventories (change in \$b)	9.9	20.8	10.3	8.3	8.0	7.5	7.7	8.1	7.9	8.0	7.4	7.0	-0.5	8.9	12.3	7.8	7.6
Real gross domestic product	3.5	-0.5	3.5	2.0	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.2	-2.8	3.2	2.3	2.5	2.6

Other indicators

Year-over-year percent change unless otherwise indicated

Business and labour

Productivity	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0
Pre-tax corporate profits	13.0	15.1	17.0	9.7	10.1	15.2	13.7	15.0	13.1	13.2	12.9	12.3	-33.1	21.2	13.6	13.5	12.9
Unemployment rate (%)*	7.8	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	8.3	8.0	7.5	7.2	7.0

Inflation

Headline CPI	2.6	3.4	3.0	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.1
Core CPI	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0

External trade

Current account balance (\$b)	-41	-65	-49	-43	-33	-30	-28	-27	-23	-22	-22	-22	-45	-51	-49	-29	-22
% of GDP	-2.4	-3.8	-2.8	-2.5	-1.9	-1.7	-1.6	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-3.0	-3.1	-2.9	-1.6	-1.2
Housing starts (000s)*	178	192	205	198	187	185	185	184	183	183	183	183	149	190	193	185	183
Motor vehicle sales (mill., saar)*	1.61	1.62	1.60	1.63	1.64	1.64	1.65	1.65	1.67	1.69	1.71	1.72	1.48	1.58	1.62	1.64	1.70

**Quarterly average

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