

RBC Economics

ECONOMIC FORECAST DETAIL — UNITED STATES

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June 2025

Real growth in the e	conom	iy (Qı	ıarter	-over-	quarte	er ann	ualize	d % cha	ange ur	iless ot	herwise	e indica	ited)			
	Forecast												Forecast			
		<u>2025</u>					<u>20</u>									
	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025F</u>	2026F	
Consumer spending	1.9	2.8	3.7	4.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.5	2.8	2.0	1.0	
Durables	-1.7	5.4	7.6	12.4	-3.8	-3.0	-2.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.5	3.3	1.6	0.0	
Non-durables	-0.8	1.7	4.6	3.1	2.2	-0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.7	0.7	
Services	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.0	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.9	2.1	1.2	
Government spending	1.8	3.0	5.1	3.1	-0.7	0.2	-2.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	3.4	1.0	0.7	
Residential investment	13.7	-2.8	-4.3	5.5	-0.6	0.0	0.0	3.1	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.2	0.3	3.0	
Non-residential investment	4.5	3.9	4.0	-3.0	10.4	0.5	0.0	1.5	2.4	3.7	5.3	5.2	3.6	2.9	2.6	
Non-residential structures	6.2	0.2	-5.0	2.9	-1.5	-1.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	4.4	4.5	3.5	-0.6	1.7	
Non-residential equipment	0.3	9.9	10.8	-8.7	24.7	-0.2	-3.0	0.5	0.8	3.0	5.7	5.5	3.4	5.4	1.5	
Intellectual property	7.5	0.7	3.1	-0.5	4.6	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.2	3.9	2.4	4.1	
Final domestic demand	2.7	2.8	3.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	0.2	1.0	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.1	3.0	1.9	1.2	
Exports	1.9	1.0	9.6	-0.2	2.4	5.0	-3.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.6	3.3	2.6	1.9	
Imports	6.1	7.6	10.7	-1.9	42.6	-16.0	-7.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	3.0	2.8	5.3	6.4	0.2	
Inventories (change in \$b)	17.7	71.7	57.9	8.9	163.0	90.0	65.0	55.0	65.0	68.0	65.0	55.0	39.1	93.3	63.3	

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Other indicators (Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated)															
Business and labour					ı										
Productivity	3.3	3.1	2.5	2.1	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	2.7	0.7	0.7
Pre-tax corporate profits	8.2	10.8	6.0	6.9	5.5	3.1	3.7	-1.2	2.3	1.5	2.2	2.4	7.9	2.7	2.1
Unemployment rate (%)*	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.5
Inflation															
Headline CPI	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.6
CPI ex. food and energy	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1
External trade															
Current account balance (\$b)*	-970.8	-1106.8	-1241.1	-1215.8	-1554.8	-1327.0	-1272.5	-1265.4	-1275.0	-1295.5	-1312.1	-1330.5	-1133.6	-1354.9	-1303.2
% of GDP*	-3.4	-3.8	-4.2	-4.1	-5.2	-4.4	-4.2	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1	-4.2	-3.9	-4.5	-4.1
Housing starts (000s)*	1415	1343	1338	1387	1396	1433	1446	1458	1459	1460	1461	1462	1371	1433	1461
Motor vehicle sales (millions, saar)*	15.5	15.6	15.6	16.5	16.4	15.9	15.6	15.6	15.7	15.8	16.0	16.2	15.7	15.9	15.9
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2.5

-0.2

3.0

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Real gross domestic product

3.1

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