

Ontario Economic Update

As of June 26, 2009



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2009				2008		2009		2007	2008
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)*	-	-	-	-	536,364	528,627	NA	534,240	536,340	534,240
Per cent change					0.0	-1.4	NA	-0.4	2.3	-0.4
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	599,438	588,963	NA	594,962	584,957	594,962
Per cent change					0.3	-1.7	NA	1.7	4.5	1.7
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,559	6,548	6,545	6,485	6,694	6,682	6,567	6,470	6,594	6,687
Net New Jobs (000's)	-35.3	-10.8	-3.0	-59.7	-1.0	-11.5	-115.3	-154.1	101.1	93.5
Per cent change	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	-1.7	-2.3	1.6	1.4
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.4	6.4	7.0	8.5	9.0	6.4	6.5
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$)*, nsa	827.68	824.15	832.25	826.97	822.29	825.25	827.97	828.63	786.24	816.41
Per cent change	2.7	2.9	2.8	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.5	3.8
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	206,120	220,320	230,000	NA	148,417	164,857	205,683	264,683	130,913	142,598
Per cent change	8.1	6.9	4.4	NA	10.1	11.1	24.8	64.7	1.4	8.9
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	12,075	12,170	12,035	NA	38,393	36,631	36,232	43,034	146,252	151,375
Per cent change	0.7	0.8	-1.1	NA	0.2	-4.6	-1.1	-5.7	3.9	3.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units)	42,455	44,489	43,795	NA	147,404	131,944	128,978	156,386	605,799	592,088
Per cent change	1.0	4.8	-1.6	NA	-3.7	-10.5	-2.2	-18.4	-2.4	-2.3
Consumer Price Index (CPI)*, nsa	113.1	113.7	113.2	114.0	115.0	113.3	113.1	113.3	110.8	113.3
Per cent change	1.5	1.8	0.6	0.4	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.1	1.8	2.3
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)*	47.1	62.6	36.3	43.8	74.8	67.7	54.4	15.6	68.1	75.1
Per cent change	-11.8	32.9	-42.0	20.7	-5.0	-9.5	-19.7	-41.9	-7.2	10.2
MLS Home Resales (units)*, nsa	9,861	14,051	18,317	21,235	50,376	27,473	30,468	70,020	213,379	181,001
Per cent change	-29.2	-9.1	-9.2	-3.7	-10.0	-34.8	-24.6	-15.3	9.5	-15.2
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	19,104	18,751	18,632	NA	72,411	66,055	55,760	72,456	291,693	278,348
Per cent change	6.7	-1.8	-0.6	NA	3.1	-8.8	-15.6	-20.7	-1.5	-4.6
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions)*, nsa	10,480	11,827	10,628	NA	40,879	39,495	31,886	42,514	177,387	163,709
Per cent change	-22.9	-17.8	-24.9	NA	-0.5	-3.4	-21.6	-22.4	0.0	-7.7
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions)*, nsa	16,315	18,259	17,617	NA	61,239	62,685	50,316	67,933	240,259	241,703
Per cent change	-12.0	-7.1	-12.6	NA	6.5	7.0	-9.9	-10.6	2.8	0.6
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	19,345	19,579	19,516	NA	66,560	63,733	58,186	74,539	261,476	259,947
Per cent change	0.4	1.2	-0.3	NA	1.6	-4.2	-8.7	-10.1	4.0	-0.6
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	501	1,049	731	NA	3,132	2,057	2,780	3,202	11,089	10,912
Per cent change	-59.3	109.2	-30.3	NA	9.6	-34.3	35.2	-6.9	23.2	-1.6
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,238	104,048
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	0.8

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* Notes: All data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified with "nsa".

Per cent change for seasonally unadjusted (nsa) data is calculated on a year-to-year basis.

Year-to-date averages are generally calculated using unadjusted monthly data. Year-to-date per cent change is calculated on a year-to-year basis.

International merchandise trade is reported on a customs basis.

GDP levels are expressed at annual rates. Monthly and quarterly housing starts are expressed at seasonally adjusted annual rates.

Year-to-date housing starts are based on actual unadjusted urban-area data.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Ontario Ministry of Finance, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Canadian Real Estate Association.