

Ontario Economic Update

As of May 14, 2010



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2010				2009		2010		2008	2009
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)*	-	-	-	-	512,186	520,126	NA	514,358	532,209	514,358
Per cent change					0.5	1.6	NA	-3.4	-0.5	-3.4
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	565,883	578,408	NA	567,199	587,827	567,199
Per cent change					1.0	2.2	NA	-3.5	0.4	-3.5
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,558	6,565	6,575	6,616	6,522	6,536	6,566	6,496	6,687	6,526
Net New Jobs (000's)	30.3	7.1	10.3	40.5	21.6	14.8	29.4	41.2	93.5	-161.2
Per cent change	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.4	-2.4
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.1	6.5	9.0
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$)*, nsa	843.35	847.01	838.97	845.03	833.13	839.27	843.11	843.59	816.41	832.64
Per cent change	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.8	3.8	2.0
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	230,210	224,120	NA	NA	264,213	261,917	NA	269,875	142,598	246,694
Per cent change	-7.2	-2.6	NA	NA	-1.5	-0.9	NA	9.0	8.9	73.0
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	12,640	12,657	NA	NA	37,345	37,719	NA	20,880	151,672	147,920
Per cent change	0.9	0.1	NA	NA	1.9	1.0	NA	4.6	3.9	-2.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units)	45,745	51,002	48,881	NA	142,038	141,481	145,628	120,952	592,088	542,609
Per cent change	-2.0	11.5	-4.2	NA	8.1	-0.4	2.9	14.8	-2.3	-8.4
Consumer Price Index (CPI)*, nsa	114.5	115.1	115.3	NA	113.7	114.2	115.0	115.0	113.3	113.7
Per cent change	1.9	1.8	1.4	NA	-1.1	0.8	1.7	1.7	2.3	0.4
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)*	57.4	73.3	63.2	64.7	48.7	60.9	64.6	15.9	75.1	50.4
Per cent change	4.6	27.7	-13.8	2.4	14.4	25.0	6.1	32.6	10.2	-32.9
MLS Home Resales (units)	18,599	19,389	20,084	NA	52,850	56,819	58,072	47,230	181,001	195,840
Per cent change	-3.4	4.2	3.6	NA	8.7	7.5	2.2	55.0	-15.2	8.2
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	20,207	20,410	20,545	NA	57,808	59,020	61,161	59,696	274,051	223,418
Per cent change	1.1	1.0	0.7	NA	10.2	2.1	3.6	14.1	-5.3	-18.5
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions)*, nsa	10,272	10,981	13,144	NA	30,532	33,261	34,397	34,397	163,836	125,608
Per cent change	7.1	4.6	10.6	NA	-25.4	-15.9	7.6	7.6	-7.6	-23.3
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions)*, nsa	16,235	17,919	20,342	NA	52,379	54,922	54,496	54,496	242,314	208,275
Per cent change	3.0	9.8	11.3	NA	-14.7	-12.6	8.2	8.2	0.7	-14.0
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	22,917	22,525	NA	NA	63,902	66,630	NA	39,577	262,174	248,951
Per cent change	1.3	-1.7	NA	NA	6.2	4.3	NA	16.1	-0.4	-5.0
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	875	897	875	NA	1,961	2,342	2,647	2,300	10,912	9,447
Per cent change	18.6	2.5	-2.5	NA	-17.2	19.4	13.0	-4.6	-1.6	-13.4
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,597	96,252
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-8.8

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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.