

Ontario Economic Update

As of March 4, 2011



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2010			2011	2010				2009	2010
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)	-	-	-	-	522,495	523,812	NA	521,975	509,421	NA
Per cent change					0.6	0.3	NA	2.8	-3.6	NA
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	608,800	614,373	NA	609,560	578,183	NA
Per cent change					0.5	0.9	NA	6.5	-1.1	NA
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,618	6,638	6,660	6,696	6,619	6,635	6,639	6,593	6,502	6,610
Net New Jobs (000's)	-3.5	19.8	21.7	36.3	70.4	15.2	4.0	158.2	-164.3	108.0
Per cent change	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.1	2.5	-2.5	1.7
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.6	8.7	8.3	8.1	9.0	8.7
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	860.64	860.67	858.28	867.47	840.00	849.95	859.86	867.47	830.86	848.00
Per cent change	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	1.4	2.2	2.7	3.0	2.0	2.1
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	216,460	210,400	206,800	NA	215,463	212,263	211,220	215,522	246,694	215,522
Per cent change	-0.5	-2.8	-1.7	NA	-2.2	-1.5	-0.5	-12.6	73.0	-12.6
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	13,101	13,277	13,278	NA	38,522	38,717	39,656	155,248	147,920	155,248
Per cent change	0.8	1.3	0.0	NA	0.3	0.5	2.4	5.0	-2.5	5.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units)	50,419	50,387	47,129	NA	145,270	148,103	147,935	586,631	542,609	586,631
Per cent change	1.1	-0.1	-6.5	NA	0.4	2.0	-0.1	8.1	-8.4	8.1
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	117.8	118.0	117.9	117.8	116.0	117.0	117.9	117.8	113.7	116.5
Per cent change	3.4	3.0	3.3	2.9	1.9	2.9	3.2	2.9	0.4	2.5
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	47.0	82.5	46.4	51.4	62.7	59.7	58.6	3.3	50.4	60.4
Per cent change	-19.4	75.5	-43.8	10.8	-1.8	-4.8	-1.7	-3.1	-32.9	20.0
MLS Home Resales (units)	15,807	16,445	16,301	16,864	48,613	42,662	48,553	9,831	195,840	195,591
Per cent change	6.2	4.0	-0.9	3.5	-12.8	-12.2	13.8	-7.7	8.2	-0.1
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	21,206	20,730	20,658	NA	61,800	62,524	62,594	247,421	222,310	247,421
Per cent change	2.3	-2.2	-0.4	NA	2.1	1.2	0.1	11.3	-18.6	11.3
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	13,136	13,157	12,938	NA	37,053	35,302	39,231	146,083	125,591	146,083
Per cent change	12.9	18.4	23.1	NA	24.2	15.7	18.0	16.3	-23.3	16.3
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	20,871	20,611	19,264	NA	59,865	60,509	60,746	235,508	208,247	235,508
Per cent change	12.8	12.1	6.7	NA	18.3	15.5	10.6	13.1	-14.0	13.1
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	23,087	23,076	23,301	NA	67,730	68,340	69,463	273,407	248,951	273,407
Per cent change	0.9	0.0	1.0	NA	0.0	0.9	1.6	9.8	-5.0	9.8
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	1,134	904	798	NA	3,668	3,510	2,835	12,608	9,447	12,608
Per cent change	-10.8	-20.3	-11.7	NA	38.1	-4.3	-19.2	33.5	-13.4	33.5
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,694	109,215
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7.5	11.8

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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.