

Ontario Economic Update

As of May 9, 2011



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2011				2010		2011		2009	2010
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)	-	-	-	-	524,437	529,383	NA	523,669	509,421	523,669
Per cent change					0.4	0.9	NA	2.8	-3.6	2.8
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	614,595	623,507	NA	612,993	578,183	612,993
Per cent change					1.0	1.5	NA	6.0	-1.1	6.0
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,696	6,685	6,691	6,746	6,635	6,639	6,691	6,618	6,502	6,610
Net New Jobs (000's)	36.3	-10.7	5.6	54.8	15.2	4.0	52.1	148.7	-164.3	108.0
Per cent change	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.8	2.3	-2.5	1.7
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	8.1	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.7	8.3	8.1	8.2	9.0	8.7
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	867.47	862.91	873.84	879.86	849.95	859.86	868.07	871.02	830.86	848.00
Per cent change	3.0	2.0	4.3	4.2	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.0	2.1
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	192,630	191,540	NA	NA	212,263	210,293	NA	225,470	246,694	215,869
Per cent change	-6.0	-0.6	NA	NA	-1.5	-0.9	NA	-16.9	73.0	-12.5
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	13,249	13,345	NA	NA	38,941	39,875	NA	21,700	147,920	155,889
Per cent change	-0.5	0.7	NA	NA	0.8	2.4	NA	3.8	-2.5	5.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units)	48,407	49,105	NA	NA	148,103	148,065	NA	68,395	542,609	586,633
Per cent change	3.2	1.4	NA	NA	2.0	0.0	NA	1.8	-8.4	8.1
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	117.8	118.0	119.4	NA	117.0	117.9	118.4	118.4	113.7	116.5
Per cent change	2.9	2.5	3.6	NA	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	0.4	2.5
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	51.1	66.2	75.5	NA	59.7	58.8	64.3	12.3	50.4	60.4
Per cent change	9.4	29.5	14.0	NA	-4.8	-1.5	9.4	12.3	-32.9	20.0
MLS Home Resales (units)	16,768	16,344	16,565	NA	42,662	48,553	49,677	42,309	195,840	195,591
Per cent change	2.9	-2.5	1.4	NA	-12.2	13.8	2.3	-10.4	8.2	-0.1
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	22,014	21,667	NA	NA	62,524	62,957	NA	40,645	222,310	247,484
Per cent change	5.6	-1.6	NA	NA	1.2	0.7	NA	10.2	-18.6	11.3
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	12,405	11,409	NA	NA	35,301	39,219	NA	23,814	125,591	146,068
Per cent change	20.5	3.8	NA	NA	15.7	17.9	NA	11.9	-23.3	16.3
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	18,691	19,143	NA	NA	60,562	60,850	NA	37,834	208,247	235,671
Per cent change	16.2	7.2	NA	NA	15.6	10.8	NA	11.5	-14.0	13.2
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	23,815	23,848	NA	NA	68,435	69,736	NA	42,010	248,529	272,895
Per cent change	1.7	0.1	NA	NA	1.1	1.9	NA	7.2	-5.2	9.8
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	788	1,113	1,524	NA	3,433	2,845	3,426	3,115	9,447	12,659
Per cent change	-2.2	41.2	36.9	NA	-7.9	-17.1	20.4	33.9	-13.4	34.0
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.