

Ontario Economic Update

As of January 4, 2013



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2012				2012				2011	2012
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)	-	-	-	-	549,610	NA	NA	548,197	605,180	NA
Per cent change					0.5	NA	NA	2.4	1.8	NA
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	656,146	NA	NA	654,588	654,561	NA
Per cent change					0.5	NA	NA	3.5	4.7	NA
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,799	6,789	6,821	6,854	6,775	6,786	6,821	6,784	6,731	6,784
Net New Jobs (000's)	31.1	-9.9	32.0	32.9	16.0	11.6	34.8	52.4	121.3	52.4
Per cent change	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	895.16	894.05	885.94	886.71	891.56	893.74	888.90	888.43	869.28	888.48
Per cent change	2.9	3.7	1.6	1.1	2.2	3.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.2
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	158,570	160,860	NA	NA	151,730	158,970	NA	163,543	175,033	NA
Per cent change	-1.3	1.4	NA	NA	-6.0	4.8	NA	-9.9	-18.9	NA
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	13,693	13,758	NA	NA	40,868	40,996	NA	134,288	161,608	NA
Per cent change	0.0	0.5	NA	NA	-1.0	0.3	NA	2.2	3.6	NA
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	52,373	49,105	NA	NA	192,079	164,039	NA	542,453	600,668	NA
per cent change	3.1	4.3	NA	NA	40.0	-14.6	NA	5.9	2.4	NA
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	122.0	122.2	121.9	NA	122.1	121.7	NA	121.8	120.1	NA
Per cent change	0.7	1.0	0.7	NA	1.5	0.8	NA	1.5	3.1	NA
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	71.6	67.1	57.9	NA	83.2	78.0	NA	67.9	67.8	NA
Per cent change	-18.6	-6.2	-13.8	NA	7.3	-6.2	NA	14.1	12.2	NA
MLS Home Resales (units)	15,710	15,861	15,306	NA	50,946	47,197	NA	188,037	200,323	NA
Per cent change	2.8	1.0	-3.5	NA	-2.0	-7.4	NA	-1.3	2.5	NA
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	22,818	22,040	NA	NA	69,244	68,755	NA	228,149	258,009	NA
Per cent change	-1.2	-3.4	NA	NA	4.1	-0.7	NA	6.8	6.0	NA
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	13,176	14,428	NA	NA	42,255	38,995	NA	136,444	155,499	NA
Per cent change	-5.2	3.6	NA	NA	11.2	1.7	NA	6.4	6.5	NA
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	20,739	22,616	NA	NA	67,814	64,030	NA	219,267	255,008	NA
Per cent change	-6.0	-0.9	NA	NA	5.1	-0.4	NA	3.7	8.4	NA
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	23,566	23,474	NA	NA	72,190	71,351	NA	237,846	278,989	NA
Per cent change	-1.7	-0.4	NA	NA	1.4	-1.2	NA	3.0	4.8	NA
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	602	1,523	NA	NA	2,745	2,942	NA	10,392	11,904	NA
Per cent change	-58.5	153.2	NA	NA	-5.9	7.2	NA	1.3	-6.0	NA
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114,495	116,267
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	1.5

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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.