

Ontario Economic Update

As of April 5, 2013



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2012	2013			2012	2013			2011	2012
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA	548,197	605,180	NA
Per cent change					NA	NA	NA	2.4	1.8	NA
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA	654,588	654,561	NA
Per cent change					NA	NA	NA	3.5	4.7	NA
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,854	6,823	6,858	6,841	6,788	6,828	6,841	6,744	6,731	6,784
Net New Jobs (000's)	22.4	-31.2	35.3	-17.4	17.9	40.0	12.7	87.5	121.3	52.4
Per cent change	0.3	-0.5	0.5	-0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.3	1.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	886.71	881.12	879.57	889.83	893.74	888.90	883.51	883.51	869.28	888.48
Per cent change	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.6	3.1	2.1	0.5	0.5	2.5	2.2
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	156,580	NA	NA	NA	159,173	158,457	NA	158,935	175,033	158,935
Per cent change	-0.8	NA	NA	NA	4.9	-0.5	NA	-9.2	-18.9	-9.2
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	13,473	13,546	NA	NA	41,008	41,003	NA	11,684	161,608	164,077
Per cent change	-2.5	0.5	NA	NA	0.3	0.0	NA	0.9	3.6	1.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	41,699	34,129	NA	NA	164,039	138,718	NA	34,129	600,668	632,066
per cent change	-1.8	-8.9	NA	NA	-14.6	-15.4	NA	-8.9	2.4	5.2
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	121.3	121.3	122.8	NA	121.7	121.8	NA	122.1	120.1	121.8
Per cent change	0.8	0.6	1.2	NA	0.8	0.9	NA	0.9	3.1	1.4
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	77.8	43.3	62.7	NA	78.1	69.1	NA	7.1	67.8	76.7
Per cent change	29.1	-44.3	44.7	NA	-6.1	-11.5	NA	-28.5	12.2	13.2
MLS Home Resales (units)	15,389	15,598	15,318	NA	47,909	46,564	NA	22,747	200,558	196,383
Per cent change	-0.1	1.4	-1.8	NA	-5.8	-2.8	NA	-10.8	2.7	-2.1
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	21,772	21,606	NA	NA	68,875	66,695	NA	20,982	258,009	271,822
Per cent change	-5.1	-0.8	NA	NA	-0.5	-3.2	NA	-2.5	6.0	5.4
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	12,310	12,779	12,659	NA	39,045	40,705	NA	25,438	155,498	162,768
Per cent change	-8.0	-1.8	-3.5	NA	1.8	-1.1	NA	-2.7	6.5	4.7
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	19,504	19,949	20,554	NA	64,121	64,917	NA	40,503	255,023	261,821
Per cent change	-8.0	-1.5	-2.2	NA	-0.3	-2.2	NA	-1.8	8.5	2.7
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	23,696	23,574	NA	NA	71,426	71,206	NA	21,575	278,989	286,030
Per cent change	-1.3	-0.5	NA	NA	-1.1	-0.3	NA	3.5	4.8	2.5
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	1,018	696	NA	NA	2,965	3,541	NA	569	11,904	12,166
Per cent change	2.3	-31.7	NA	NA	9.7	19.4	NA	-9.1	-6.0	2.2
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,967	115,803
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	4.4

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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.