

Ontario Economic Update

As of August 2, 2013



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2013				2012	2013			2011	2012
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Q4	Q1	Q2			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2002 millions)	-	-	-	-	616,333	617,863	NA	617,863	604,974	614,310
Per cent change					0.1	0.2	NA	1.1	1.8	1.5
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	678,497	684,169	NA	684,169	655,125	674,899
Per cent change					0.1	0.8	NA	2.2	4.8	3.0
Employment										
Employment (000's)	6,841	6,845	6,895	6,887	6,828	6,841	6,876	6,834	6,731	6,784
Net New Jobs (000's)	-17.4	3.8	50.6	-8.2	40.0	12.7	35.0	96.6	121.3	52.4
Per cent change	-0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.5	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.8
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	889.83	908.07	906.79	906.81	888.90	883.51	907.22	895.36	869.28	888.48
Per cent change	0.6	2.5	0.7	2.0	2.1	0.5	1.8	1.1	2.5	2.2
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	161,280	159,880	154,190	NA	162,400	160,987	NA	179,734	180,143	163,115
Per cent change	-0.1	-0.9	-3.6	NA	0.2	-0.9	NA	-3.5	-19.2	-9.5
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	13,825	13,816	14,063	NA	41,354	41,296	NA	64,997	162,530	165,177
Per cent change	0.3	-0.1	1.8	NA	0.3	-0.1	NA	0.5	3.6	1.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	59,125	63,159	69,555	NA	138,718	130,685	NA	263,399	600,668	632,066
per cent change	-1.7	5.0	4.9	NA	-15.4	-5.8	NA	-0.1	2.4	5.2
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	123.2	122.9	123.0	123.2	121.8	122.4	123.0	122.7	120.1	121.8
Per cent change	1.0	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	3.1	1.4
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	55.3	48.4	70.3	62.3	69.1	55.0	60.3	26.2	67.8	76.7
Per cent change	-14.2	-12.5	45.2	-11.4	-11.5	-20.5	9.7	-29.0	12.2	13.2
MLS Home Resales (units)	15,657	15,940	16,505	16,787	46,564	46,767	49,232	104,352	201,761	197,620
Per cent change	0.9	1.8	3.5	1.7	-2.8	0.4	5.3	-6.8	2.6	-2.1
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	22,448	22,258	22,671	NA	66,752	66,348	NA	111,365	258,416	272,221
Per cent change	-0.2	-0.8	1.9	NA	-2.7	-0.6	NA	-2.4	6.3	5.3
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	14,487	14,046	13,974	NA	40,704	40,168	NA	68,189	155,498	162,595
Per cent change	-1.0	6.6	-2.0	NA	-1.1	-1.5	NA	0.0	6.5	4.6
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	22,562	23,236	23,129	NA	64,918	63,127	NA	109,492	255,023	261,824
Per cent change	-4.5	7.7	0.2	NA	-2.2	-2.7	NA	0.0	8.5	2.7
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	23,658	23,788	24,439	NA	71,096	70,574	NA	117,082	279,927	286,934
Per cent change	1.1	0.6	2.7	NA	-0.3	-0.7	NA	-1.4	5.0	2.5
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	954	843	955	NA	3,541	2,348	NA	3,870	11,904	12,166
Per cent change	32.5	-11.6	13.2	NA	19.4	-33.7	NA	-14.1	-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.