

Ontario Economic Update

As of October 4, 2013



	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2013				2012	2013			2011	2012
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	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)	6,895	6,887	6,877	6,920	6,828	6,841	6,876	6,870	6,731	6,784
Net New Jobs (000's)	50.6	-8.2	-10.6	43.6	40.0	12.7	35.0	103.9	121.3	52.4
Per cent change	0.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.5	1.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.5	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.8
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	906.79	906.81	901.78	903.80	888.90	883.51	907.22	897.22	869.28	888.48
Per cent change	0.7	2.0	1.1	1.1	2.1	0.5	1.8	1.1	2.5	2.2
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	157,870	157,180	157,450	NA	162,400	160,987	158,703	171,851	180,143	163,115
Per cent change	-2.0	-0.4	0.2	NA	0.2	-0.9	-1.4	-3.4	-19.2	-9.5
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	14,066	13,888	14,090	NA	41,354	41,283	41,759	94,129	162,530	165,177
Per cent change	1.9	-1.3	1.5	NA	0.3	-0.2	1.2	1.0	3.6	1.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	69,555	66,888	60,084	NA	138,718	130,685	199,602	390,371	600,668	632,066
per cent change	4.9	1.9	6.3	NA	-15.4	-5.8	52.7	1.2	2.4	5.2
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	123.0	123.2	123.4	123.4	121.8	122.4	123.0	122.9	120.1	121.8
Per cent change	0.5	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.0	3.1	1.4
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	70.1	62.0	61.4	69.9	69.1	55.0	60.2	37.7	67.8	76.7
Per cent change	44.7	-11.6	-1.1	13.9	-11.5	-20.5	9.6	-26.2	12.2	13.2
MLS Home Resales (units)	16,505	16,780	16,878	17,394	46,564	46,767	49,225	141,553	201,761	197,620
Per cent change	3.5	1.7	0.6	3.1	-2.8	0.4	5.3	-3.0	2.6	-2.1
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	22,662	22,347	23,073	NA	66,752	66,338	67,260	155,235	258,416	272,221
Per cent change	1.9	-1.4	3.2	NA	-2.7	-0.6	1.4	-2.2	6.3	5.3
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	14,082	14,365	12,247	NA	40,695	40,179	42,585	95,011	155,498	162,587
Per cent change	-1.2	-2.2	2.7	NA	-1.2	-1.4	1.1	0.2	6.5	4.6
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	23,198	22,440	21,331	NA	64,916	63,123	68,874	153,328	255,023	261,827
Per cent change	0.5	-3.5	1.6	NA	-2.2	-2.7	1.4	-0.3	8.5	2.7
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	24,381	23,365	23,862	NA	71,096	70,532	71,474	164,307	279,927	286,934
Per cent change	2.7	-4.2	2.1	NA	-0.3	-0.8	1.3	-1.4	5.0	2.5
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	961	950	1,695	NA	3,541	2,348	2,754	6,680	11,904	12,166
Per cent change	14.0	-1.2	78.5	NA	19.4	-33.7	17.3	1.2	-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.