

	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2017				2016		2017		2015	2016
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2007 millions)	-	-	-	-	684,854	688,474	NA	682,957	665,034	682,957
Per cent change					0.7	0.5	NA	2.7	2.5	2.7
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	801,465	809,250	NA	798,218	763,276	798,218
Per cent change					1.1	1.0	NA	4.6	4.9	4.6
Employment										
Employment (000's)	7,080	7,069	7,067	7,087	6,985	7,038	7,075	7,019	6,923	7,000
Net New Jobs (000's)	4.6	-11.2	-1.6	19.9	-10.8	53.3	36.4	93.3	45.3	76.4
Per cent change	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.7	1.1
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	6.2	6.4	5.8	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.5
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	956.78	962.92	963.68	959.02	960.10	956.30	957.28	958.91	938.09	958.50
Per cent change	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.7	-0.2	0.0	3.4	2.2
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	135,340	135,970	NA	NA	136,793	138,690	136,757	178,507	148,438	139,848
Per cent change	-2.6	0.5	NA	NA	-1.5	1.4	-1.4	-3.5	-1.6	-5.8
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	17,619	17,783	NA	NA	50,599	51,976	53,041	45,644	188,893	202,235
Per cent change	-0.1	0.9	NA	NA	1.5	2.7	2.0	6.6	5.5	7.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	52,347	77,551	82,527	NA	218,084	188,188	176,159	258,686	778,716	821,762
per cent change	7.4	7.2	-2.7	NA	2.4	2.1	6.3	3.3	6.3	5.5
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	131.2	131.4	132.0	NA	130.1	130.3	131.1	131.4	127.4	129.7
Per cent change	2.3	1.9	1.9	NA	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.2	1.8
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	86.8	90.0	73.7	53.8	74.0	75.4	89.6	27.5	70.2	75.0
Per cent change	-14.9	3.8	-18.2	-27.0	-0.4	2.0	18.8	6.3	18.6	6.8
MLS Home Resales (units)	22,147	22,513	21,200	18,188	61,123	62,076	65,301	104,434	221,715	242,730
Per cent change	7.3	1.7	-5.8	-14.2	1.7	1.6	5.2	4.8	9.5	9.5
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	25,554	25,785	25,804	NA	74,934	75,851	77,216	100,333	289,325	300,990
Per cent change	-1.2	0.9	0.1	NA	0.9	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.7	4.0
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	15,936	18,568	16,596	NA	49,829	52,090	50,750	67,346	197,030	205,399
Per cent change	-8.5	2.4	-0.8	NA	-0.5	-1.8	-4.6	-3.7	10.7	4.2
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	26,484	31,445	29,027	NA	83,066	83,368	84,084	113,111	325,393	333,661
Per cent change	-3.4	8.3	3.7	NA	0.7	-0.3	2.2	2.6	10.1	2.5
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	30,925	31,010	NA	NA	88,140	88,671	92,596	87,014	328,001	348,870
Per cent change	0.9	0.3	NA	NA	2.2	0.6	4.4	8.3	6.6	6.4
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	855	1,112	1,113	NA	3,193	3,003	2,885	3,671	11,950	11,924
Per cent change	-7.0	30.1	0.1	NA	18.9	-5.9	-3.9	10.8	1.8	-0.2
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,473	67,952
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	-0.8

For further information, please contact us at:

Ministry of Finance
Economic and Revenue Forecasting and Analysis Branch
Current Analysis Unit
6th Floor, Frost Building North
95 Grosvenor Street
Toronto ON M7A 1Z1
416 325-0755

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.