

	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2017	2018			2017	2018			2016	2017
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2007 millions)	-	-	-	-	705,014	NA	NA	701,864	685,008	NA
Per cent change					0.3	NA	NA	2.7	2.6	NA
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	830,060	NA	NA	826,768	794,835	NA
Per cent change					0.3	NA	NA	4.5	4.3	NA
Employment										
Employment (000's)	7,224	7,173	7,189	7,199	7,149	7,207	7,187	7,082	7,000	7,128
Net New Jobs (000's)	6.1	-50.9	15.7	10.6	66.8	58.4	-20.5	110.3	76.4	128.4
Per cent change	0.1	-0.7	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.8	-0.3	1.6	1.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.5	6.0
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	986.89	989.67	992.55	1,001.41	970.17	979.93	994.54	994.54	958.50	967.44
Per cent change	3.0	3.9	3.7	4.0	1.0	2.5	3.9	3.9	2.2	0.9
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	126,850	127,430	NA	NA	133,373	129,777	NA	163,250	139,924	134,415
Per cent change	-1.6	0.5	NA	NA	0.0	-2.7	NA	-8.2	-5.7	-3.9
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	18,016	18,239	NA	NA	54,034	54,581	NA	15,281	202,235	215,120
Per cent change	-1.7	1.2	NA	NA	0.7	1.0	NA	5.4	7.1	6.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	54,276	48,483	NA	NA	228,695	190,580	NA	48,483	821,762	857,221
per cent change	2.2	4.8	NA	NA	4.9	1.3	NA	4.8	5.5	4.3
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	132.0	133.2	134.0	NA	132.0	132.3	NA	133.6	129.7	131.9
Per cent change	1.5	1.8	2.1	NA	1.5	1.6	NA	2.0	1.8	1.7
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	65.8	84.5	106.2	74.9	85.7	75.2	87.7	17.7	75.0	79.1
Per cent change	-33.1	28.4	25.7	-29.5	22.4	-12.2	16.5	4.1	6.8	5.6
MLS Home Resales (units)	19,468	15,526	14,897	15,833	49,209	55,768	46,256	37,981	245,870	222,231
Per cent change	3.4	-20.2	-4.1	6.3	-10.8	13.3	-17.1	-29.7	8.5	-9.6
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	25,767	25,172	NA	NA	73,481	75,106	NA	24,175	297,649	302,689
Per cent change	1.4	-2.3	NA	NA	-5.0	2.2	NA	0.7	4.0	1.7
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	16,115	16,085	15,192	NA	45,785	49,897	NA	31,278	205,463	199,839
Per cent change	-0.7	-1.4	-4.8	NA	-8.2	-4.2	NA	-3.1	4.3	-2.7
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	27,253	25,946	26,842	NA	84,800	85,309	NA	52,789	333,649	346,569
Per cent change	4.1	-0.7	1.4	NA	2.1	2.3	NA	0.4	2.5	3.9
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	32,527	32,576	NA	NA	96,043	97,699	NA	29,317	348,870	381,301
Per cent change	-0.8	0.2	NA	NA	1.4	1.7	NA	9.3	6.4	9.3
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	1,217	NA	NA	NA	3,790	3,854	NA	14,764	11,924	14,764
Per cent change	7.6	NA	NA	NA	-3.6	1.7	NA	23.8	-0.2	23.8
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,343	68,519
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.0	6.5

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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.