

	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)	-	-	-	-	704,974	709,555	NA	703,833	685,008	703,833
Per cent change					0.3	0.6	NA	2.7	2.6	2.7
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	829,575	841,457	NA	830,302	794,835	830,302
Per cent change					0.2	1.4	NA	4.5	4.3	4.5
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)	126,940	126,350	121,880	NA	133,373	129,807	NA	160,560	139,924	134,548
Per cent change	-1.6	-0.5	-3.5	NA	0.0	-2.7	NA	-9.2	-5.7	-3.8
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	18,103	18,211	18,333	NA	54,261	55,207	NA	29,742	200,886	216,318
Per cent change	-2.0	0.6	0.7	NA	0.6	1.7	NA	5.0	6.9	7.7
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	54,276	48,483	55,744	NA	228,637	190,572	NA	104,227	821,762	857,155
per cent change	2.2	4.8	6.5	NA	4.8	1.3	NA	5.7	5.5	4.3
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	132.0	133.2	134.0	134.6	132.0	132.3	133.9	133.9	129.7	131.9
Per cent change	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.1	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)	25,666	25,115	25,864	NA	73,481	75,030	NA	48,098	297,649	302,566
Per cent change	0.9	-2.1	3.0	NA	-5.0	2.1	NA	1.3	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)	32,456	32,661	32,316	NA	96,043	97,599	NA	57,388	348,870	381,301
Per cent change	-1.0	0.6	-1.1	NA	1.4	1.6	NA	6.8	6.4	9.3
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	1,244	1,244	1,219	NA	3,799	3,930	NA	1,817	11,924	14,764
Per cent change	8.1	0.0	-2.0	NA	-2.5	3.5	NA	35.0	-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.