

	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2018	2019			2018	2019			2017	2018
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2012 millions)	-	-	-	-	782,169	783,387	NA	778,412	761,305	778,412
Per cent change					0.6	0.2	NA	2.2	2.8	2.2
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	861,108	863,164	NA	854,272	825,805	854,272
Per cent change					1.2	0.2	NA	3.4	4.1	3.4
Employment										
Employment (000's)	7,301	7,342	7,379	7,370	7,266	7,284	7,364	7,268	7,128	7,242
Net New Jobs (000's)	16.1	41.4	36.9	-8.8	40.8	18.4	79.4	185.9	128.4	114.4
Per cent change	0.2	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.6	0.3	1.1	2.6	1.8	1.6
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.0	5.6
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	1,001.41	1,005.23	1,016.36	1,021.36	1,004.23	1,000.72	1,014.32	1,014.32	967.44	1,001.74
Per cent change	1.5	1.6	2.4	2.0	3.5	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.9	3.5
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	115,030	108,380	111,760	NA	119,320	114,680	NA	145,850	134,548	119,925
Per cent change	-0.4	-5.8	3.1	NA	-0.4	-3.9	NA	-10.5	-3.8	-10.9
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	18,776	18,545	18,815	NA	57,415	57,090	NA	30,488	216,318	225,859
Per cent change	-0.7	-1.2	1.5	NA	2.5	-0.6	NA	1.7	7.7	4.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	51,965	45,791	52,821	NA	230,230	184,390	NA	98,612	857,155	862,313
per cent change	-4.3	-5.6	-5.2	NA	0.7	-3.2	NA	-5.4	4.3	0.6
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	135.0	135.2	136.0	137.0	135.7	135.2	136.1	136.1	131.9	135.0
Per cent change	2.3	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.4
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	70.4	73.5	56.7	61.8	69.8	82.4	62.4	12.6	79.1	78.7
Per cent change	-17.9	4.3	-22.8	8.9	-8.5	18.0	-24.2	-29.0	5.6	-0.5
MLS Home Resales (units)	16,225	16,914	15,087	15,449	49,514	49,156	47,450	37,898	218,698	189,596
Per cent change	-1.5	4.2	-10.8	2.4	9.8	-0.7	-3.5	0.6	-9.9	-13.3
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	25,960	26,199	25,758	NA	79,678	78,814	NA	49,057	304,855	315,118
Per cent change	-1.0	0.9	-1.7	NA	0.7	-1.1	NA	1.5	1.9	3.4
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	15,594	16,918	15,660	NA	48,670	52,042	NA	32,578	199,260	202,202
Per cent change	-3.0	4.7	3.8	NA	6.7	4.5	NA	4.3	-2.8	1.5
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	28,211	28,040	28,106	NA	88,671	89,078	NA	56,145	346,848	354,660
Per cent change	3.5	8.0	4.5	NA	4.5	4.4	NA	6.2	4.0	2.3
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	32,127	32,398	NA	NA	96,837	97,237	NA	29,365	377,719	387,436
Per cent change	-0.5	0.8	NA	NA	0.3	0.4	NA	0.9	8.2	2.6
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	1,154	1,166	1,074	NA	3,214	3,320	NA	1,765	14,764	13,380
Per cent change	8.1	1.1	-7.9	NA	-1.9	3.3	NA	-3.8	23.8	-9.4
Private and Public Investment (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,073	72,479
Per cent change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4	4.9

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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.