

	Monthly				Quarterly			Year to Date*	Annual	
	2018				2017	2018			2016	2017
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Q4	Q1	Q2			
Economy										
Real Gross Domestic Product (\$2007 millions)	-	-	-	-	708,976	711,447	NA	711,447	685,008	703,484
Per cent change					0.6	0.3	NA	1.9	2.6	2.7
Current Dollar Gross Domestic Product (\$ millions)	-	-	-	-	841,638	847,438	NA	847,438	794,835	830,446
Per cent change					1.4	0.7	NA	3.1	4.3	4.5
Employment										
Employment (000's)	7,210	7,244	7,305	7,225	7,207	7,187	7,221	7,219	7,000	7,128
Net New Jobs (000's)	1.0	34.9	60.6	-80.1	58.4	-20.5	33.9	127.0	76.4	128.4
Per cent change	0.0	0.5	0.8	-1.1	0.8	-0.3	0.5	1.8	1.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate (per cent)	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.7	5.9	6.5	6.0
Average Weekly Wage Rate (\$), nsa	1,007.29	1,006.49	1,000.68	1,004.19	979.93	994.54	1,007.28	1,001.29	958.50	967.44
Per cent change	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.7	2.5	3.9	4.7	4.2	2.2	0.9
Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (regular)	120,820	120,070	119,940	NA	129,467	123,527	119,570	134,066	139,924	134,548
Per cent change	2.5	-0.6	-0.1	NA	-3.3	-4.6	-3.2	-10.8	-5.7	-3.8
Consumers										
Retail Sales (\$ millions)	18,735	18,863	18,888	NA	55,207	55,185	55,624	125,828	200,886	216,318
Per cent change	3.9	0.7	0.1	NA	1.7	0.0	0.8	4.2	6.9	7.7
New Motor Vehicle Sales (units), nsa	92,146	89,087	77,044	NA	190,572	185,463	262,188	524,695	821,762	857,155
Per cent change	-0.9	3.3	2.4	NA	1.3	5.3	0.2	2.2	5.5	4.3
Consumer Price Index (CPI), nsa	134.9	135.3	136.0	135.9	132.3	133.9	135.0	134.8	129.7	131.9
Per cent change	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.1	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.7
Housing										
Housing Starts (000's)	55.0	104.3	69.2	64.0	75.2	87.5	76.3	48.4	75.0	79.1
Per cent change	-21.1	89.5	-33.6	-7.6	-12.2	16.3	-12.7	-3.8	6.8	5.6
MLS Home Resales (units)	14,924	15,964	16,835	17,040	55,768	45,605	45,407	134,358	245,845	221,396
Per cent change	2.8	7.0	5.5	1.2	13.3	-18.2	-0.4	-16.7	8.3	-9.9
Business										
Manufacturing Sales (\$ millions)	26,300	26,560	27,110	NA	75,859	77,573	79,226	182,495	299,099	304,855
Per cent change	-0.2	1.0	2.1	NA	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.6	4.1	1.9
International Merchandise Exports (\$ millions), nsa	17,613	17,981	15,782	NA	49,813	49,120	52,312	117,213	205,463	199,392
Per cent change	-5.2	0.5	13.7	NA	-4.4	-3.2	-1.5	-0.5	4.3	-3.0
International Merchandise Imports (\$ millions), nsa	31,085	31,378	28,663	NA	85,377	84,715	92,220	205,598	333,649	346,962
Per cent change	-1.3	-2.1	6.8	NA	2.4	0.7	-0.4	1.0	2.5	4.0
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions)	32,066	32,348	NA	NA	96,583	96,859	96,849	192,735	349,226	377,719
Per cent change	-1.1	0.9	NA	NA	1.8	0.3	0.0	3.8	6.4	8.2
Non-residential Building Permits (\$ millions)	1,074	1,204	1,070	NA	3,930	3,567	3,292	7,883	11,924	14,764
Per cent change	5.9	12.2	-11.1	NA	3.5	-9.2	-7.7	-10.3	-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.