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		2024 Q1	Q2	Q3	04	2025 Q1	Q2	Q3	04	2026 Q1	Q2	03	04	2023	2024	2025	2026
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Real GDP (chain-weighted)	q/ q // timig / tim	2.0	2.2	1.0	1.7	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.3	2.0	1.9
Final Sales		3.6	0.6	2.2	1.8	2.7	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.7	1.5	2.0	1.9
Final Domestic Demand		2.4	2.3	2.4	1.8	3.3	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.5	2.3	1.9
Consumer Spending		3.1	0.9	3.5	1.1	3.8	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.7
Durables		-1.1	-8.7	11.8	-4.0	3.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	2.8	2.1	1.3	1.4
Nondurables		-0.9	3.3	1.1	2.0	3.5	2.0	0.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	-0.5	0.4	2.1	1.3
Services		5.2	2.2	2.9	2.0	4.3	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.6	1.9
Government Spending		3.2	4.5	4.8	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.3
Business Investment		2.3	14.1	-11.3	2.0	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	-1.9	0.7	2.0
Non-residential Construction		4.4	8.6	0.2	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.2	-1.5	2.1	2.1
Machinery and Equipment		-0.9	23.4	-27.7	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-2.7	-2.8	-1.6	1.9
Residential Construction		-5.8	-7.4	3.0	2.5	5.0	2.0	2.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	-8.5	-1.7	2.4	1.6
Exports		1.5	-5.4	-1.1	2.4	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	0.6	1.0	2.0
Imports		-1.7	-0.8	-0.4	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.5	2.0	2.0
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	15.0	24.9	17.3	16.6	17.4	18.5	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.8	18.9	19.0	25.5	18.4	18.3	18.9
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-1.6	1.5	-1.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.	-47.1	-55.8	-57.0	-57.5	-61.5	-62.5	-62.8	-63.2	-63.5	-63.8	-64.1	-64.4	-55.3	-54.3	-62.5	-63.9
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	1.1	-1.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	3,004	3,053	3,078	3,098	3,135	3,168	3,199	3,231	3,260	3,290	3,320	3,351	2,934	3,058	3,183	3,305
Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	1.0	6.7	3.4	2.6	4.9	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.9	4.2	4.1	3.8
Real GDP	y/y % chng	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8				
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.																
GDP Price Index		-1.0	4.2	2.2	1.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.9	2.0	1.9
CPI All Items		1.3	2.4	1.8	1.4	0.7	3.3	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.5	3.9	2.4	1.8	2.2
Ex. Food and Energy		1.9	2.7	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	4.0	2.6	2.1	2.2
Food Prices		1.2	2.2	4.5	0.6	-3.8	7.2	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.1	7.8	2.7	1.5	2.2
Energy Prices		1.3	2.7	-11.4	-2.9	0.6	1.2	1.7	2.4	1.4	2.4	2.6	2.4	-4.1	-0.9	-1.2	2.0
Services	1 1	2.3	6.5	4.1	1.3	1.7	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	4.6	4.1	2.5	2.2
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	2.8	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.2				
CPIX8	y/y % chng	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	1.8	1.7	2.0
Core CPIs (Trim/Median avg.)	y/y % chng : avg.	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.9	2.8	2.1	2.0
Financial	% : quarterly avg.																
Overnight Rate		5.00	4.92	4.42	3.58	3.17	2.92	2.67	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	4.77	4.48	2.81	2.50
3-Month T-Bill		4.94	4.81	4.27	3.45	3.10	2.85	2.65	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	4.74	4.35	2.75	2.45
10-Year Bond Yield		3.43	3.58	3.14	3.20	3.10	3.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.05	3.36	3.35	3.05	3.00
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	1.86	1.78	1.80	1.85	1.90	1.94	1.96	1.98	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.14	1.82	1.95	2.00
90 Day Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	-52	-65	-95	-110	-107	-110	-107	-108	-105	-85	-82	-63	-53	-81	-108	-83
10 Year Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	-73	-87	-80	-107	-122	-118	-111	-105	-102	-102	-102	-98	-60	-87	-114	-101
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.	F 0	40.0	42.0		24.4		22.0		242				40.4	42.5		24.0
Current Account Balance		-5.9	-18.8	-12.9	-16.4	-21.4	-22.7	-22.8	-23.2	-24.3	-25.5	-26.6	-27.7	-18.4	-13.5	-22.5	-26.0
Share of GDP		-0.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8
Merchandise Balance		3.0	-14.1	-14.5	-17.9	-22.9	-23.2	-22.4	-22.7	-23.9	-25.1	-26.4	-27.7	-0.6	-10.9	-22.8	-25.8
Non-Merchandise Balance	US¢/S¢ ats ava	-8.9	-4.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-17.8	-2.6	0.3	-0.2
US\$	US¢/C\$: qtr. avg.	74.2	73.1	73.3	71.5	70.0	70.4	71.0	71.7	72.3	72.8	73.3	73.9	74.1	73.0	70.8	73.1
V	C\$/US\$: qtr. avg.	1.349	1.368	1.364	1.398	1.428	1.421	1.408	1.394	1.383	1.373	1.363	1.353	1.349	1.370	1.413	1.368
Yen	¥/C\$: qtr. avg. C\$/€ : qtr. avg.	110.2	113.9	109.2	109.1 1.48	107.4 1.44	107.2 1.45	107.5 1.46	107.8	107.8 1.46	107.7	107.6 1.46	107.5 1.46	104.1	110.6 1.48	107.4	107.6
Euro		1.46	1.47	1.50					1.46		1.46			1.46		1.45	1.46
Corp. Profits Before Tax	y/y % chng	-25.2	-10.3	-24.1 -2.3	-18.9	-11.6	-7.3	9.9	11.1	12.8	12.6 12.6	11.3	11.3	-41.3	-20.0 -2.5	-0.1 2.8	12.0
Corp. Profits After Tax	y/y % chng y/y % chng	-1.7	2.5		-8.1	-4.0	-1.2	4.8	12.2	12.8		11.3	11.3 3.4	-15.3			12.0
Personal Income		7.3 3.7	7.6	7.2	6.4	6.9 4.9	4.7	3.8	4.0	3.1 0.9	3.5	3.5		7.7	7.1 4.3	4.8	3.4
Real Disposable Income	y/y % chng		4.3	4.8	4.4		3.0	1.6	1.8		1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6		2.8	1.2
Savings Rate Other Indicators	% : quarterly avg.	4.8	6.2	7.1	7.0	7.4	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.3	3.7	6.3	6.9	6.4
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Unemployment Rate	percent 000s : a.r.	5.9 245	6.3 250	6.5 238	6.7 252	7.0 250	6.9 240	6.8 230	6.8 220	6.7 225	6.7 225	6.7 225	6.6 225	5.4 242		6.9 235	6.7 225
Housing Starts	y/y % chng									2.3				-10.3	246		
Existing Home Sales MLS Home Price Index	y/y % chng y/y % chng	13.8 1.3	-4.4 -3.7	0.9 -3.6	24.0	15.9	18.9 4.3	14.8	3.9	3.9	1.8	2.1 2.2	1.9	-10.3 -5.9	8.0	13.0	2.0
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	1.93	-3.7 1.85	1.88	0.3 1.96	2.8 1.99	2.04	5.3 2.09	4.9 2.10	2.10	3.1 2.10	2.11	2.0 2.11	-5.9 1.76	-1.5 1.91	4.0 2.05	3.0 2.10
Employment Growth	q/q % chnq : a.r.	1.93	2.4	0.7	1.8	1.99	1.9	2.09	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.4	1.7	1.6	1.6
Industrial Production	q/q % ching : a.r.	-2.6	3.6	-2.9	0.2	4.1	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.6	-0.1	0.0	1.5	1.5
Federal Budget Balance	% of FY GDP	-2.0	5.0	۷.۶	0.2	4.1	1.3	1.3	1,2	1./	1.0	1.0	1.0	-0.1	-1.3	-1.2	-0.9
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Bolded values represent forecasts



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