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	Canada	British Columbia	Alberta	Saskat-chewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	P.E.I.	Nfld & Labrador
Real GDP Growth (y/y % chng)											
2024	2.0	1.1	3.0	3.0	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.7	3.1	3.8	2.7
2025	**1.7**	**2.0**	**2.6**	**2.2**	**1.7**	**1.4**	**1.0**	**1.2**	**1.6**	**2.2**	**2.1**
2026	**1.4**	**1.7**	**2.3**	**2.0**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**0.9**	**1.2**	**1.5**	**1.4**	**1.2**
2027	**2.2**	**2.4**	**2.5**	**1.6**	**2.0**	**2.3**	**1.8**	**1.5**	**1.8**	**1.5**	**1.3**
Employment Growth (y/y % chng)											
2024	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.6	1.7	0.9	2.8	3.1	3.6	2.7
2025	**1.5**	**1.3**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**1.7**	**1.1**	**1.7**	**1.2**	**0.6**	**0.8**	**-0.3**
2026	**1.1**	**1.1**	**2.0**	**1.2**	**1.1**	**1.1**	**0.6**	**0.9**	**0.6**	**0.3**	**-0.5**
2027	**1.4**	**1.6**	**2.1**	**1.0**	**1.1**	**1.5**	**0.9**	**0.5**	**0.6**	**0.5**	**0.0**
Unemployment Rate (percent)											
2024	6.4	5.6	7.1	5.5	5.5	7.0	5.4	7.1	6.5	7.9	10.1
2025	**6.8**	**6.1**	**7.4**	**5.1**	**5.9**	**7.6**	**5.6**	**7.3**	**6.5**	**8.3**	**10.3**
2026	**6.6**	**5.9**	**7.0**	**5.5**	**5.9**	**7.4**	**5.5**	**7.4**	**6.5**	**8.8**	**10.7**
2027	**6.5**	**5.7**	**6.4**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**7.2**	**5.5**	**7.3**	**6.4**	**8.6**	**10.7**
Housing Starts (thousands)											
2024	245	45.8	47.8	4.3	7.2	74.5	48.8	6.2	7.4	1.2	1.7
2025	**255**	**43.5**	**56.0**	**6.0**	**8.0**	**62.5**	**58.5**	**8.0**	**9.5**	**1.8**	**1.4**
2026	**240**	**40.0**	**53.0**	**5.0**	**8.0**	**62.0**	**55.0**	**6.0**	**8.5**	**1.2**	**1.2**
2027	**230**	**38.0**	**50.0**	**4.8**	**7.5**	**62.0**	**52.0**	**5.8**	**8.0**	**1.1**	**1.0**
Consumer Price Index (y/y % chng)											
2024	2.4	2.6	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.9
2025	**2.1**	**2.2**	**2.0**	**2.2**	**2.7**	**1.9**	**2.5**	**1.7**	**2.1**	**1.4**	**1.5**
2026	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.5**	**2.8**	**2.4**	**2.9**	**2.7**	**2.6**	**2.0**	**2.5**
2027	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.3**	**1.7**	**2.0**	**2.2**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.2**	**2.0**	**2.1**
Budget Balance ($ mlns)											
FY24/25	**-36,300**	**-7,347**	**8,320**	**-249**	**-1,149**	**-1,090**	**-5,175**	**-104**	**265**	**-164**	**-297**
% of GDP	**-1.2**	**-1.7**	**1.8**	**-0.2**	**-1.2**	**-0.1**	**-0.8**	**-0.2**	**0.4**	**-1.5**	**-0.7**
FY25/26	**-78,300**	**-11,187**	**-6,437**	**-427**	**-1,661**	**-13,500**	**-9,898**	**-835**	**-1,425**	**-184**	**-948**
% of GDP	**-2.4**	**-2.5**	**-1.3**	**-0.4**	**-1.7**	**-1.1**	**-1.5**	**-1.7**	**-2.1**	**-1.6**	**-2.2**
Net Debt[1] ($ mlns)											
FY25/26	**1,480,400**	**108,632**	**42,004**	**17,457**	**38,060**	**465,600**	**254,500**	**13,600**	**22,620**	**3,562**	**19,900**
% of GDP	**42.4**	**24.3**	**8.8**	**14.9**	**38.2**	**37.7**	**39.7**	**27.3**	**33.4**	**30.9**	**45.2**

Bolded values represent forecasts; [1] federal = accumulated deficit

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