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	Canada	British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	P.E.I.	Nfld & Labrador
Real GDP Growth (y/y % chng)											
2023	1.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	1.7	1.7	0.6	1.6	2.0	2.2	-2.6
2024	1.5	1.2	2.7	3.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.6	2.4
2025	1.0	1.3	1.9	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.6	1.5
2026	1.2	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.3
Employment Growth (y/y % chng)											
2023	3.0	2.6	3.7	1.6	2.7	3.1	2.9	3.4	2.7	6.2	1.7
2024	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.6	1.7	0.9	2.8	3.1	3.6	2.7
2025	1.0	1.1	2.2	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.8	1.6	-0.6
2026	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (percent)											
2023	5.4	5.2	5.9	4.7	4.9	5.6	4.4	6.6	6.4	7.4	9.8
2024	6.4	5.6	7.1	5.5	5.5	7.0	5.4	7.1	6.5	7.9	10.1
2025	7.3	6.4	7.0	5.5	6.5	8.3	6.3	7.6	6.7	7.9	10.6
2026	7.5	6.5	7.0	6.0	6.8	8.5	6.8	8.1	7.1	8.3	11.0
Housing Starts (thousands)											
2023	242	50.6	35.9	4.6	7.1	90.0	39.9	4.7	11.5	0.9	1.0
2024	245	45.8	47.8	4.3	7.2	74.5	48.8	6.2	14.5	1.2	1.7
2025	230	40.0	49.0	5.0	6.7	60.0	47.5	5.3	14.0	1.4	1.4
2026	225	40.5	45.0	4.2	6.7	68.5	42.0	5.5	10.0	1.0	1.2
Consumer Price Index (y/y % chng)											
2023	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.5	3.5	4.0	2.9	3.3
2024	2.4	2.6	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.9
2025	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.3
2026	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7
Budget Balance (\$ mlns)											
FY24/25 e	-48,300	-9,135	5,760	-744	-1,239	-5,996	-8,078	-399	82	-166	-252
% of GDP	-1.6	-2.1	1.2	-0.7	-1.3	-0.5	-1.3	-0.8	0.1	-1.6	-0.6
FY25/26	-42,200	-10,912	-5,211	12	-794	-14,610	-11,430	-599	-897	-184	-372
% of GDP	-1.3	-2.5	-1.1	0.0	-0.8	-1.2	-1.8	-1.2	-1.4	-1.6	-0.9
Net Debt¹ (\$ mlns)											
FY24/25	1,323,600	111,748	43,048	17,327	36,500	460,753	255,003	13,430	22,620	3,562	19,450
% of GDP	41.7	25.1	8.9	14.7	37.1	38.2	40.6	26.4	34.6	31.8	44.8

Bolded values represent forecasts; ¹ federal = accumulated deficit

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