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		2023 Q1	02	Q3	04	2024 Q1	Q2	Q3	04	2025 Q1	Q2	03	04	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Real GDP (chain-weighted)		2.5	1.4	-1.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.8	1.0	0.5	2.0
Final Sales		5.5	1.6	-0.2	0.9	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.1	2.0
Final Domestic Demand		2.9	1.2	1.3	0.6	0.5	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.8	1.0	1.1	2.0
Consumer Spending		5.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.9	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	5.1	2.0	0.4	1.8
Durables		6.0	-2.9	4.0	1.5	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.3	-1.8	2.5	1.1	1.5
Nondurables		-1.5	1.1	-1.6	-1.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.3	-0.3	-0.7	0.2	1.6
Services		6.9	-0.1	1.4	0.1	-0.4	0.9	1.5	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	9.1	3.1	0.6	2.0
Government Spending		1.6	1.1	6.5	2.4	2.1	3.3	2.4	2.4	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.2	2.9	2.6
Business Investment		4.2	13.9	-10.1	-2.4	1.0	1.5	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.1	-0.1	2.1
Non-residential Construction Machinery and Equipment		6.3 0.4	11.3 18.8	-7.7	-2.0 -3.0	1.0 1.0	1.5 1.5	2.2	2.0	2.3 2.5	2.0 2.0	2.0	2.0	6.7 -0.3	5.1 -5.6	0.2	2.1 2.1
Residential Construction		-12.6	-4.2	-14.4 8.3	2.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0 0.0	2.5	1.5	1.5	2.0 1.5	-0.5 -12.1	-9.8	-0.6 1.3	1.2
Exports		12.1	5.1	-5.1	1.3	2.4	3.6	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.2	4.6	1.7	2.3
Imports		4.0	4.4	-0.6	0.4	1.6	2.8	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.6	1.0	1.8	2.3
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	31.8	31.2	25.4	20.5	16.3	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	55.3	27.2	12.8	11.9
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-3.1	0.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	-1.2	-0.6	0.0
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.	-69.3	-68.8	-77.0	-75.5	-74.4	-73.5	-75.1	-75.6	-75.6	-76.0	-76.4	-76.8	-96.8	-72.6	-74.6	-76.2
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	2.7	0.2	-1.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	-1.5	1.2	0.0	0.0
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	2,838	2,859	2,904	2,931	2,943	2,962	2,989	3,018	3,049	3,078	3,108	3,137	2,813	2,883	2,978	3,093
Growth	q/q % chnq : a.r.	-0.2	3.1	6.4	3.8	1.6	2.7	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	11.8	2.5	3.3	3.9
Real GDP	y/y % chnq	1.8	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.7	1.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.1				
Inflation	g/g % chng : a.r.																
GDP Price Index		-2.6	1.7	7.4	3.8	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	7.7	1.4	2.8	1.9
CPI All Items		2.2	3.3	5.0	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.1	6.8	3.9	2.8	2.2
Ex. Food and Energy		3.3	3.3	3.2	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	5.0	3.9	3.2	2.3
Food Prices		8.3	5.9	3.7	2.6	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.1	8.7	7.5	2.5	2.0
Energy Prices		-16.8	-2.8	19.8	-12.8	-2.0	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.8	2.3	2.4	2.0	24.2	-4.2	-0.6	1.5
Services		3.1	5.6	5.1	4.4	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	5.0	4.6	3.1	2.2
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	5.1	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1				
CPIX8	y/y % chng	4.6	3.6	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	5.7	3.5	2.5	2.1
Core CPIs (Trim/Median avg.)	y/y % chng : avg.	4.8	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	2.5	2.1
Financial	% : quarterly avg.																
Overnight Rate		4.50	4.58	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.92	4.50	4.17	3.92	3.50	3.25	3.00	2.04	4.77	4.65	3.42
3-Month T-Bill		4.39	4.54	5.02	5.01	5.00	4.95	4.55	4.25	3.90	3.50	3.25	3.05	2.17	4.74	4.70	3.45
90-Day BAs		5.01	5.11	5.47	5.52	5.55	5.50	5.10	4.75	4.35	3.95	3.65	3.40	2.79	5.28	5.20	3.85
10-Year Bond Yield		3.04	3.10	3.64	3.67	3.20	3.10	3.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00 2.00	2.77	3.36	3.10	3.00
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread 90 Day Canada/U.S. Spread	ppts bps	2.18 -39	2.16 -72	2.12 -52	2.25 -51	2.40 -46	2.50 -53	2.30 -70	2.10 -50	2.00 -47	2.00 -58	2.00 -59	-55	2.15 9	2.18 -53	2.33 -55	2.00 -55
10 Year Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	-61	-50	-52	-77	-76	-76	-75	-75	-74	-72	-71	-69	-18	-60	-75	-55 -71
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.	-01	-30	-31	-11	-70	-70	-13	-/3	-74	-12	-/ 1	-07	- 10	-00	-/3	-/1
Current Account Balance	y viiis . a.i.	-27.1	-29.3	-12.9	-8.8	-11.9	-14.3	-16.6	-17.2	-18.4	-19.5	-20.6	-21.6	-10.3	-19.5	-15.0	-20.0
Share of GDP		-1.0	-1.0	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.6
Merchandise Balance		1.6	-24.7	3.3	8.6	6.7	5.0	4.1	4.2	3.6	2.6	1.6	0.6	19.7	-2.8	5.0	2.1
Non-Merchandise Balance		-28.7	-4.5	-16.2	-17.4	-18.6	-19.3	-20.7	-21.3	-21.9	-22.1	-22.2	-22.2	-30.0	-16.7	-20.0	-22.1
US\$	US¢/C\$: qtr. avg.	74.0	74.5	74.6	73.5	74.7	75.0	75.3	75.7	76.1	76.7	77.3	77.9	76.9	74.1	75.2	77.0
	C\$/US\$: qtr. avg.	1.352	1.343	1.341	1.361	1.338	1.333	1.327	1.322	1.313	1.303	1.293	1.283	1.302	1.349	1.330	1.298
Yen	¥/C\$: qtr. avq.	97.9	102.3	107.8	108.5	107.1	106.8	106.5	106.2	106.0	105.8	105.7	105.5	100.9	104.1	106.8	105.7
Euro	C\$/€ : qtr. avg.	1.45	1.46	1.46	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.48	1.48	1.47	1.47	1.46	1.37	1.46	1.47	1.47
Corp. Profits Before Tax	y/y % chng	-40.3	-59.6	-48.0	-37.3	-9.6	30.6	23.6	28.8	28.9	28.3	22.9	17.3	11.9	-47.0	16.7	24.0
Corp. Profits After Tax	y/y % chng	-12.6	-28.6	-15.9	-8.8	4.0	19.4	3.1	-17.4	-21.1	-25.4	-25.8	-13.6	15.8	-16.8	1.7	-21.9
Personal Income	y/y % chng	7.5	8.2	7.9	5.9	4.4	3.2	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	6.6	7.4	3.2	3.6
Real Disposable Income	y/y % chng	0.7	1.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	-0.1	1.0	0.4	1.4
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	4.4	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.4	4.9	5.2	4.8
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.																
Unemployment Rate	percent	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.3	6.0
Housing Starts	000s : a.r.	223	249	259	250	255	248	235	223	225	225	225	225	263	245	240	225
Existing Home Sales	y/y % chng	-37.3	-4.5	8.8	0.1	2.5	-9.7	-2.8	11.4	13.9	13.2	8.6	4.9	-25.1	-11.5	0.0	10.0
MLS Home Price Index	y/y % chng	-15.1	-4.9	0.9	0.5	-0.8	-6.4	-6.5	-2.6	1.4	3.8	4.7	4.2	12.1	-5.9	-4.0	3.0
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	1.67	1.74	1.70	1.77	1.80	1.86	1.94	1.98		2.01	2.00	2.00		1.72	1.90	2.00
Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	4.7	1.6	1.5	1.8	0.3	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.2	4.0	2.4	1.2	1.7
Industrial Production	q/q % chng : a.r.	3.2	1.6	-2.3	-0.8	0.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	1.5
Federal Budget Balance	% of FY GDP													-1.3	-1.4	-1.3	-1.2

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