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	2023				2024				2025				2022	2023	2024	2025	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Production	q/q % chng : a.r.																
Real GDP (chain-weighted)	2.6	0.6	-0.5	1.0	2.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	3.8	1.1	1.2	2.0	
Final Sales	5.3	0.5	-0.1	1.4	3.8	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.5	2.0	1.9	2.1	
Final Domestic Demand	2.2	0.4	0.8	-0.7	2.6	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.8	0.5	1.3	2.1	
Consumer Spending	4.1	-0.7	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.8	5.1	1.7	0.9	1.8	
Durables	3.8	-3.0	4.2	7.0	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	-1.8	2.3	2.6	1.6	
Nondurables	-1.4	2.2	-1.7	-0.7	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.6	1.6	
Services	5.3	-1.4	2.4	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.3	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.3	9.1	2.6	1.0	2.0	
Government Spending	3.5	-0.4	6.1	-1.1	4.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.1	2.8	2.8	
Business Investment	1.8	15.0	-16.3	-9.5	3.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.0	4.0	-0.7	-1.8	2.1	
Non-residential Construction	3.4	10.6	-14.3	-11.6	3.0	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.0	6.7	2.6	-2.1	2.2	
Machinery and Equipment	-0.8	23.3	-19.8	-5.7	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	-0.3	-6.2	-1.1	2.1	
Residential Construction	-14.0	-3.5	8.7	-1.7	4.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.5	-12.1	-10.2	2.2	2.1	
Exports	14.1	4.3	-1.3	5.6	3.8	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.2	5.7	3.1	2.3	
Imports	3.7	4.6	1.1	-1.7	0.4	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.6	1.0	1.3	2.3	
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	34.6	35.5	33.3	32.0	23.2	17.3	16.8	16.2	15.2	15.1	15.2	15.3	55.3	33.9	18.4	15.2
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-2.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-1.2	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	-1.0	-0.6	-0.1
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.	-65.6	-66.8	-71.4	-58.1	-52.0	-52.3	-53.8	-54.3	-54.3	-54.6	-54.8	-55.1	-96.8	-65.5	-53.1	-54.7
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	3.5	-0.1	-0.8	2.4	1.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	-1.5	1.6	0.6	0.0
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	2,837	2,860	2,906	2,952	2,978	2,995	3,022	3,052	3,085	3,116	3,148	3,178	2,813	2,889	3,012	3,132
Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	-0.3	3.3	6.5	6.6	3.5	2.3	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	11.8	2.7	4.2	4.0
Real GDP	y/y % chng	1.8	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.1				
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.																
GDP Price Index	-2.9	2.7	7.1	5.6	0.9	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	7.7	1.6	3.0	2.0	
CPI All Items	2.6	2.8	4.9	2.5	1.3	3.4	2.5	2.8	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.2	6.8	3.9	2.7	2.2	
Ex. Food and Energy	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.4	2.0	2.9	2.6	3.0	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.3	4.9	4.0	2.8	2.3	
Food Prices	8.4	5.6	3.8	3.1	1.3	1.5	2.4	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.8	2.0	8.7	7.8	2.4	2.0	
Energy Prices	-16.0	-4.4	19.1	-10.4	-0.4	11.3	2.3	1.5	-1.3	2.3	2.0	2.4	24.1	-4.1	2.2	1.7	
Services	3.1	5.6	5.1	4.1	2.3	4.2	2.9	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.3	5.0	4.6	3.7	2.4	
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	5.1	3.5	3.7	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0				
CPIX8	y/y % chng	4.6	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.3	1.7	1.8	5.7	3.6	2.1	2.1
Core CPIs (Trim/Median avg.)	y/y % chng : avg.	4.9	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.0	1.8	5.1	4.0	2.7	2.2
Financial	% : quarterly avg.																
Overnight Rate	4.50	4.58	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.92	4.67	4.42	4.17	3.92	3.75	3.50	2.04	4.77	4.75	3.83	
3-Month T-Bill	4.39	4.54	5.02	5.01	4.94	4.85	4.60	4.35	4.10	3.85	3.70	3.50	2.17	4.74	4.70	3.80	
90-Day BAs	5.01	5.11	5.47	5.52	5.38	5.20	4.95	4.70	4.45	4.20	4.00	3.85	2.79	5.28	5.05	4.10	
10-Year Bond Yield	3.04	3.10	3.64	3.67	3.43	3.65	3.45	3.25	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	2.77	3.36	3.45	3.20	
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	2.18	2.16	2.12	2.11	1.85	1.86	1.88	1.90	1.92	1.94	1.96	1.98	2.15	2.14	1.87	1.95
90 Day Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	-39	-72	-52	-51	-52	-61	-83	-79	-79	-75	-72	-73	9	-53	-69	-75
10 Year Canada/U.S. Spread	bps	-61	-50	-51	-77	-73	-84	-82	-81	-79	-78	-77	-76	-18	-60	-80	-78
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.																
Current Account Balance	-18.6	-27.0	-19.0	-6.5	-11.1	-16.5	-19.6	-20.8	-20.4	-20.2	-21.2	-22.2	-10.3	-17.8	-17.0	-21.0	
Share of GDP	-0.7	-0.9	-0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	
Merchandise Balance	4.8	-25.9	1.8	12.0	7.9	4.3	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.7	2.8	1.8	19.7	-1.8	4.7	3.0	
Non-Merchandise Balance	-23.5	-1.0	-20.7	-18.5	-19.0	-20.8	-23.0	-24.1	-24.1	-24.0	-23.9	-23.9	-30.0	-15.9	-21.7	-24.0	
US\$	US\$/C\$: qtr. avg.	74.0	74.5	74.6	73.5	74.2	73.2	73.9	74.7	75.2	75.7	76.2	76.8	76.9	74.1	74.0	76.0
	C\$/US\$: qtr. avg.	1.352	1.343	1.341	1.361	1.349	1.366	1.352	1.339	1.329	1.320	1.312	1.303	1.302	1.349	1.352	1.316
Yen	¥/C\$: qtr. avg.	97.9	102.3	107.8	108.5	110.2	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.2	112.0	111.8	111.6	100.9	104.1	111.7	111.9
Euro	C\$/€ : qtr. avg.	1.45	1.46	1.46	1.47	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.37	1.46	1.46	1.46
Corp. Profits Before Tax	y/y % chng	-39.2	-56.2	-45.0	-37.9	-15.1	13.1	5.2	12.9	14.9	16.3	16.8	16.1	11.9	-45.1	3.0	16.0
Corp. Profits After Tax	y/y % chng	-12.0	-27.0	-15.5	-10.6	-3.3	5.0	-7.4	-10.0	-7.9	-5.2	-0.5	6.8	15.8	-16.5	-4.1	-1.9
Personal Income	y/y % chng	7.5	8.1	8.4	7.1	6.0	4.8	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.8	6.6	7.8	4.4	3.7
Real Disposable Income	y/y % chng	0.6	1.8	3.0	1.8	2.2	1.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	-0.1	1.8	1.5	1.4
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	4.5	5.0	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.0	5.6
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.																
Unemployment Rate	percent	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.3	5.4	6.3	6.0
Housing Starts	000s : a.r.	221	246	256	244	244	238	237	242	240	245	247	250	263	242	240	245
Existing Home Sales	y/y % chng	-37.2	-4.5	8.7	3.0	14.9	0.8	5.1	16.4	8.9	8.7	6.4	4.3	-25.1	-10.8	9.0	7.0
MLS Home Price Index	y/y % chng	-14.9	-5.0	0.7	1.0	1.1	-4.1	-4.1	-0.5	2.3	4.4	5.4	5.3	12.0	-5.9	-2.0	4.0
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	1.67	1.77	1.72	1.88	1.98	1.92	1.93	1.96	1.98	1.99	2.00	2.00	1.57	1.76	1.95	2.00
Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	3.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.2	4.0	2.4	1.5	1.7
Industrial Production																	

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