

Provincial Economic Outlook for July 24, 2020

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|---|----------|------------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|---------------|-------------|--------|------------------|
| Real GDP Growth (y/y % chng) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 | -3.5 |
| 2019 | 1.7 | 2.8 | -0.6 | -0.8 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| 2020 | -6.0 | -5.3 | -7.0 | -6.2 | -4.8 | -6.0 | -6.3 | -3.2 | -3.8 | -3.0 | -7.5 |
| 2021 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.5 |
| Employment Growth (y/y % chng) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 0.4 |
| 2019 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 0.7 |
| 2020 | -5.3 | -6.4 | -7.2 | -4.2 | -2.6 | -4.9 | -4.7 | -2.1 | -5.7 | -1.5 | -7.2 |
| 2021 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (percent) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 13.7 |
| 2019 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 12.0 |
| 2020 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 11.7 | 8.8 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 14.3 |
| 2021 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 9.6 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 13.6 |
| Housing Starts (thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 214 | 41.0 | 26.3 | 3.6 | 7.3 | 79.1 | 46.6 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| 2019 | 209 | 45.1 | 27.3 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 69.0 | 48.1 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| 2020 | 195 | 36.5 | 21.0 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 74.0 | 48.0 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| 2021 | 215 | 40.0 | 25.0 | 2.8 | 6.7 | 78.0 | 53.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| Consumer Price Index (y/y % chng) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| 2019 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| 2020 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 2021 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Budget Balance¹ (\$ mlns) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY19/20e | -34,400 | 203 | -7,540 | -319 | -360 | -9,200 | 5,569 | 98 | 41 | -4 | -1,456 |
| % of GDP | -1.5 | 0.1 | -2.1 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -1.0 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -4.3 |
| FY20/21 | -343,000 | -12,500 | -19,510 | -2,426 | -2,800 | -25,000 | -12,373 | -343 | -500 | -173 | -2,147 |
| % of GDP | -15.9 | -4.4 | -6.3 | -2.8 | -3.6 | -2.8 | -2.8 | -0.9 | -1.1 | -2.4 | -6.2 |
| Net Debt² (\$ mlns) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY19/20 | 713,200 | 44,536 | 35,643 | 12,289 | 25,799 | 355,160 | 170,621 | 13,811 | 15,181 | 2,244 | 13,950 |
| % of GDP | 31.1 | 14.5 | 10.0 | 14.9 | 34.5 | 39.9 | 37.2 | 36.3 | 33.0 | 30.4 | 40.9 |

Shaded values represent forecasts ¹ FY20/21 federal deficit estimated by BMO; ² federal = accumulated deficit

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