

Provincial Economic Outlook for Aug. 30, 2024

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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)											
2022	3.8	3.8	5.0	6.0	3.3	3.9	2.5	1.1	2.9	2.9	-1.7
2023	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.4	0.2	1.3	1.3	2.2	-2.5
2024	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.8	2.3
2025	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.5	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.0
Employment Growth (y/y % chng)											
2022	4.0	3.1	5.2	3.5	3.2	4.6	3.1	2.7	3.6	5.3	4.3
2023	2.4	1.6	3.6	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.4	2.7	5.7	1.7
2024	1.6	2.5	2.9	1.7	2.3	1.3	0.5	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.1
2025	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.6	1.5	0.9	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (percent)											
2022	5.3	4.6	5.8	4.7	4.5	5.7	4.3	7.2	6.6	7.6	11.2
2023	5.4	5.2	5.9	4.8	4.8	5.7	4.5	6.6	6.4	7.4	9.9
2024	6.4	5.5	7.0	5.6	4.9	7.0	5.5	7.6	6.9	7.6	9.7
2025	6.9	5.7	7.2	6.0	5.2	7.5	6.2	8.2	7.9	8.0	10.0
Housing Starts (thousands)											
2022	263	46.7	36.4	4.2	8.1	96.1	58.2	4.7	8.5	1.0	1.5
2023	242	50.6	35.9	4.6	7.1	90.0	39.5	4.9	11.5	0.9	1.0
2024	250	45.8	46.5	4.0	6.5	79.5	49.4	4.9	11.8	1.1	1.3
2025	260	51.0	52.0	4.0	6.2	85.0	47.0	4.5	8.0	1.2	1.0
Consumer Price Index (y/y % chng)											
2022	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.6	7.9	6.8	6.7	7.3	7.5	8.9	6.4
2023	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.5	3.5	4.0	2.9	3.3
2024	2.6	2.6	3.0	1.7	1.4	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4
2025	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3
Budget Balance (\$ mlns)											
FY23/24 e	-40,000	-5,035	4,285	182	-1,997	-3,000	-4,221	247	144	-85	-433
% of GDP	-1.4	-1.2	1.0	0.2	-2.2	-0.3	-0.7	0.5	0.3	-0.9	-1.1
FY24/25	-39,800	-7,911	2,928	-273	-796	-9,800	-8,776	-28	-467	-85	-152
% of GDP	-1.3	-1.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.9	-0.9	-1.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4
Net Debt¹ (\$ mlns)											
FY24/25	1,255,300	92,611	39,700	16,347	35,421	439,056	237,800	12,712	20,217	3,064	17,800
% of GDP	41.9	22.0	8.7	14.0	38.5	38.9	40.3	26.7	34.6	28.8	44.0

Bolded values represent forecasts; ¹ federal = accumulated deficit

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