

# Provincial Economic Outlook for July 25, 2025

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	Canada	British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	P.E.I.	Nfld & Labrador
<b>Real GDP Growth</b> (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	1.6	1.2	2.7	3.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.6	2.4
2025	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
2026	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Employment Growth</b> (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	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>
2026	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate</b> (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	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>10.0</b>
2026	<b>7.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Housing Starts</b> (thousands)											
2023	242	50.6	35.9	4.6	7.1	90.0	39.9	4.7	7.1	0.9	1.0
2024	245	45.8	47.8	4.3	7.2	74.5	48.8	6.2	7.4	1.2	1.7
2025	<b>250</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>
2026	<b>230</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Consumer Price Index</b> (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	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>
2026	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Budget Balance</b> (\$ mlns)											
FY24/25 e	-48,300	-9,135	8,320	-661	-1,239	-5,996	-8,078	-399	82	-166	-252
% of GDP	-1.6	-2.1	1.7	-0.6	-1.3	-0.5	-1.3	-0.8	0.1	-1.6	-0.6
FY25/26	<b>-42,200</b>	<b>-10,912</b>	<b>-5,211</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-794</b>	<b>-14,610</b>	<b>-11,430</b>	<b>-599</b>	<b>-897</b>	<b>-184</b>	<b>-372</b>
% of GDP	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Net Debt<sup>1</sup></b> (\$ mlns)											
FY24/25	<b>1,323,600</b>	<b>111,748</b>	<b>43,048</b>	<b>17,327</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>460,753</b>	<b>255,003</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>22,620</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>19,450</b>
% of GDP	<b>41.7</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>44.8</b>

Bolded values represent forecasts; <sup>1</sup> federal = accumulated deficit

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