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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)											
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	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.6	2.4
2025	1.2	1.5	2.1	1.8	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.8	1.6
2026	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.2
Employment Growth (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	1.4	1.2	2.4	2.6	1.7	0.9	1.7	1.2	0.6	0.8	-0.3
2026	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (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	7.0	6.2	7.5	5.1	5.9	7.8	5.8	7.4	6.5	8.3	10.4
2026	7.0	6.1	7.4	5.5	5.9	7.8	5.8	7.7	6.5	9.1	11.0
Housing Starts (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	260	43.5	56.0	6.0	8.0	67.0	58.5	8.0	9.5	1.8	1.4
2026	240	40.0	53.0	5.0	8.0	62.0	55.0	6.0	8.5	1.2	1.2
Consumer Price Index (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	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.3
2026	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7
Budget Balance (\$ mlns)											
FY24/25 e	-48,300	-7,347	8,320	-249	-1,149	-1,090	-5,175	-104	265	-164	-297
% of GDP	-1.6	-1.7	1.7	-0.2	-1.2	-0.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.4	-1.6	-0.7
FY25/26	-68,500	-11,577	-6,477	-349	-890	-14,609	-11,430	-669	-1,425	-184	-626
% of GDP	-2.2	-2.6	-1.3	-0.3	-0.9	-1.2	-1.8	-1.3	-2.2	-1.6	-1.4
Net Debt¹ (\$ mlns)											
FY25/26	1,323,600	108,632	42,157	17,327	37,446	460,753	255,340	13,600	22,620	3,562	19,700
% of GDP	41.7	24.4	8.7	14.5	38.0	37.9	40.7	27.1	34.9	31.8	45.4

Bolded values represent forecasts; ¹ federal = accumulated deficit

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