

Canadian Manufacturing Shipments for September Leave Q3-2018 GDP Nowcast at 1.9%

This note is part of a series that will be published after important data releases, documenting mechanical updates of the nowcast for Canadian GDP coming from the Scotiabank nowcasting model. The evolution of this nowcast will inform Scotiabank Economics' official macroeconomic outlook.

The model, which uses a mix of Canadian and US variables at monthly and quarterly frequencies to predict Canadian GDP growth in the current/most recent quarter, is described in the related note [here](#).

- Canadian manufacturing shipments increased 0.2% in September, as higher sales of transportation equipment outweighed declines in machinery and wood products.
- Slightly stronger-than-expected shipments and weaker-than-expected inventories investment leave the Canadian GDP growth nowcast in the third quarter at an annualized rate of 1.9%.

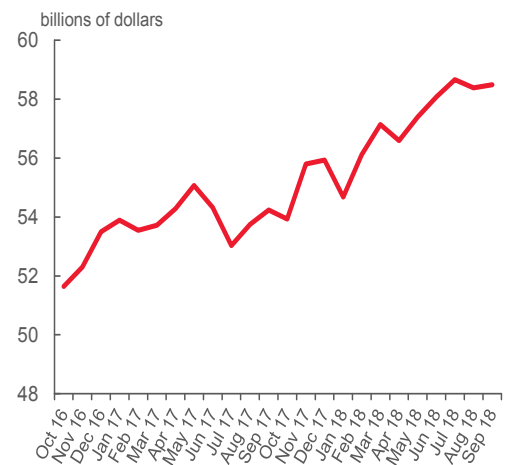
Table 1: Canadian GDP Nowcast, Q3-2018

	Nowcast Date	Q3-2018 GDP Growth, %
Previous Nowcast	15-Nov-18	1.86
<i>Data revisions</i>		0.00
<i>Manufacturing Shipments, Canada, September</i>		+0.04
<i>Manufacturing Inventories, Canada, September</i>		-0.04
Current Nowcast	16-Nov-18	1.86

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Chart 1: Manufacturing Sales, Canada



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