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Chart 1

Canada's Output Gap Revisions



Source: Scotiabank Economics.

All About Historical Revisions

- The overall macro narrative is essentially unchanged from our previous forecast round, as ongoing and expected impacts of U.S. trade and economic policies continue to constrain the outlook.
- There are minimal changes to the U.S. forecast this round, reflecting the absence of material new data since our last publication due to the government shutdown. We continue to expect the U.S. economy to weaken as emerging signs of softness in the goods sector and labour markets persist into next year.
- The Canadian forecast now incorporates the latest historical revisions, which lift the level of activity and point to an economy in slightly better shape than we had previously assumed. These revisions leave the broad growth profile intact but suggest somewhat less slack, reinforcing our existing policy rate call for the Bank of Canada.

In the United States, new data releases since our last forecast were limited and broadly consistent with our prior assessment. As a result, U.S. growth, inflation and policy rate projections are largely unchanged. Growth is expected to slow from 1.9% in 2025 to 1.6% in 2026, with consumption nearly stalling and business investment moderating. Imports will decline sharply due to tariffs and weak demand, cushioning GDP from a steeper drop. Inflation should hover around 2.5% in early 2026, reflecting tariff effects and service price pressures. The Federal Reserve is likely to continue cutting rates as it looks through these price pressures and responds to broader political pressure, lowering the federal funds rate to 3.0% by mid-2026, below the model's predicted rate of 3.5%.

In Canada, the most important new piece of information since the last forecast round has been the historical revisions. While these do not change the projected growth path over the forecast horizon, they leave the economy starting from a stronger position. We assess that the revision to the level of GDP mostly reflects higher potential output, as a large part of the change came from higher business investment. Still, these revisions imply less excess capacity, adding to the evidence that the economy is in a better cyclical position than we previously thought (chart 1). This is fully consistent with our view that the Bank of Canada is done with rate cuts and that the next move will be a hike.

Canada's outlook remains consistent with a modest, uneven expansion. We expect GDP growth to slow modestly from 1.7% in 2025 to 1.5% in 2026 but improve to 1.8% in 2027. The recovery is mainly supported by fading trade war effects on export growth and government policies aimed at supporting growth, particularly business investment. As we have noted before. Canadian governments are focused on deploying policy tools to strengthen the economic outlook and boost investment.

Although historical revisions have reduced the amount of excess capacity, the economy still operates with excess supply. We expect the recovery to help close this gap by early 2027. Weak demand will gradually bring inflation closer to the Bank of Canada's target, but this process will take time. Underlying inflation remains elevated and has been slow to adjust despite weak growth and excess supply—a sluggishness we expect to persist as the recovery unfolds.

We continue to believe that slow inflation moderation and persistent upside risks, combined with an economy operating close to capacity, are likely to prompt the Bank of Canada to raise rates in the second half of 2026, bringing the policy rate to the mid-point of the Bank of Canada's range for the neutral rate. For a more complete review of drivers and risks, please consult our previous outlook.



	2010–19	2023	2024	2025f	2026f	2027f	2010–19	2023	2024	2025f	2026f	2027
			Real (GDP					Consum	er Prices		
		(a	nnual %	change)			(a	nnual ave	rage % cl	nange, unl	ess noted)	
World (based on purchasing power parity)	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.1						
Canada	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.6	3.9	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.
United States	2.4	2.9	2.8	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.8	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.
Mexico	2.3	3.1	1.4	0.1	0.6	1.0	4.0	5.6	4.7	3.8	3.8	3.
United Kingdom	2.0	0.3	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.4	2.2	7.3	2.5	3.4	2.5	2.
Eurozone	1.4	0.6	8.0	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.4	5.4	2.4	2.1	1.8	2.
Germany	2.0	-0.7	-0.5	0.2	0.9	1.6	1.4	6.0	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.
France	1.4	1.6	1.1	8.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	5.7	2.3	1.0	1.4	1.
China	7.7	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.4	4.1	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.7	1
India	6.6	9.2	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	5.7	4.9	2.4	4.1	4
Japan	1.2	0.7	-0.2	1.1	0.8	8.0	0.5	3.3	2.8	3.0	1.8	2.
South Korea	3.5	1.6	2.0	1.0	1.8	2.0	1.7	3.6	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.
Australia	2.6	2.1	1.0	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.1	5.6	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.
Thailand	3.6	2.2	2.9	2.1	1.9	2.4	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.2	8.0	1.
Brazil	1.4	3.2	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.9	5.8	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.
Colombia	3.7	0.7	1.6	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.7	11.8	6.6	5.2	4.7	4.
Peru	4.5	-0.4	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.8	6.3	2.4	1.5	1.9	2
Chile	3.3	0.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.9	7.7	4.3	4.2	3.0	3.
Commodities												
		(;	annual a	verage)								
WTI Oil (USD/bbl)	74	78	76	65	60	57						
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	82	83	81	69	65	62						
WCS - WTI Discount (USD/bbl)	-18	-19	-15	-12	-13	-14						
Nymex Natural Gas (USD/mmbtu)	3.39	2.73	2.27	3.48	5.00	4.00						
Copper (USD/lb)	3.10	3.85	4.15	4.50	4.75	4.75						
Zinc (USD/lb)	1.02	1.20	1.26	1.31	1.40	1.40						
Nickel (USD/lb)	7.00	9.75	7.63	6.90	7.00	7.00						
ron Ore (USD/tonne)	101	120	110	100	90	90						
Gold, (USD/oz)	1,342	1,943	2,386	3,430	4,100	3,900						
Silver, (USD/oz)	21.64	23.38	28.21	40.00	50.00	48.00						

North America												
	2010–19	2023	2024	2025f	2026f	2027f	2010–19	2023	2024	2025f	2026f	202
			Canad	la					United	States		
		(annual %	change,	unless n	oted)			(annua	l % chang	ge, unless r	noted)	
Real GDP	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.8	2.4	2.9	2.8	1.9	1.6	:
Consumer spending	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.3	0.4	
Residential investment	2.4	-9.3	0.0	1.8	3.1	3.3	4.7	-7.8	3.2	-2.6	0.7	
Business investment*	16.4	3.4	-0.4	-0.6	-1.4	3.9	5.6	7.3	2.9	4.3	3.4	4
Government	1.1	2.9	4.2	2.8	3.9	2.1	0.2	3.5	3.8	1.1	1.2	
Exports	3.5	6.2	0.9	-2.8	1.2	2.7	3.9	2.8	3.6	1.0	0.9	
Imports	3.7	1.2	0.7	-0.2	2.9	3.7	4.3	-0.9	5.8	2.7	-4.0	
Inventories, contribution to annual GDP growth	0.1	-1.2	-0.2	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
Nominal GDP	4.0	3.5	4.8	4.2	3.4	3.8	4.1	6.7	5.3	4.5	4.0	
GDP deflator	1.7	1.5	2.7	2.5	1.9	2.0	1.6	3.7	2.5	2.6	2.4	
Consumer price index (CPI)	1.6	3.9	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.4	
Core inflation rate**	1.7	4.0	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.1	1.6	4.2	2.9	2.8	2.4	
Pre-tax corporate profits	6.3	-11.8	-2.3	6.0	2.7	4.3	5.9	7.6	5.1	4.0	3.9	
Employment	1.3	3.0	1.9	1.4	0.8	1.2	1.4	2.2	1.3	0.9	0.8	
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	5.4	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.0	6.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.3	
Current account balance (CAD, USD bn)	-56.9	-20.4	-15.0	-50.2	-44.1	-52.6	-407	-928	-1185	-1160	-868	-8
Merchandise trade balance (CAD, USD bn)	-13.6	-0.9	-7.2	-45.9	-46.3	-51.9	-763	-1057	-1215	-1252	-988	-10
Federal budget balance (FY, CAD, USD bn) ***	-18.7	-61.9	-36.3	-78.3	-65.4	-63.5	-829	-1,694	-1,915	-1,775	-2,042	-2,0
percent of GDP	-1.0	-2.1	-1.2	-2.4	-2.0	-1.8	-4.8	-6.1	-6.5	-5.8	-6.4	-
Housing starts (000s, mn)	201	240	245	259	252	257	0.99	1.42	1.37	1.35	1.35	1
Motor vehicle sales (000s, mn)	1,816	1,684	1,819	1,888	1,835	1,872	15.7	15.5	15.9	16.2	15.8	1
Industrial production	2.4	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.7	-0.2	-0.6	1.3	1.7	
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Real GDP	2.3	3.1	1.4	0.1	0.6	1.0						
Consumer price index	4.0	5.6	4.7	3.8	3.8	3.7						
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.8						

Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Statistics Canada, CMHC, BEA, BLS, Bloomberg. *For Canada it includes capital expenditures by businesses and non-profit institutions.

^{**} US: core PCE deflator; Canada: average of 2 core measures published by the BoC. *** In order to align with US reporting, as of the August 2020 issue of Scotiabank's Forecast Tables, Canadian Federal and Provincial Budget Balances for FY2023/24 are noted in calendar year 2023, FY2024/25 in calendar year 2024.

Quarterly Forecasts														
	2024		2025				2026			2027				
Canada	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3e	Q4f	Q1f	Q2f	Q3f	Q4f	Q1f	Q2f	Q3f	Q4f	
Real GDP (q/q ann. % change)	2.8	2.2	-1.8	2.6	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.4	2.2	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.1	
Real GDP (y/y % change)	3.1	2.9	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	
Consumer prices (y/y % change)	1.9	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Average of new core CPIs (y/y % change)*	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	
CPIXFET (y/y % change)**	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	
United States														
Real GDP (q/q ann. % change)	1.9	-0.6	3.8	2.7	0.4	1.5	1.1	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.7	
Real GDP (y/y % change)	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.5	
Consumer prices (y/y % change)	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	
Total PCE deflator (y/y % change)	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	
Core PCE deflator (y/y % change)	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	

	2024		2025				2026	5			2027	7	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4f	Q1f	Q2f	Q3f	Q4f	Q1f	Q2f	Q3f	
Americas													
ank of Canada	3.25	2.75	2.75	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3
S Federal Reserve (upper bound)	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	3.75	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
ank of Mexico	10.00	9.00	8.00	7.50	7.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	
entral Bank of Brazil	12.25	14.25	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.50	13.50	12.50	12.00	11.50	11.00	10.50	1
ank of the Republic of Colombia	9.50	9.50	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	8.75	8.50	8.00	7.50	7.00	
entral Reserve Bank of Peru	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	
entral Bank of Chile	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	
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ıropean Central Bank MRO Rate	3.15	2.65	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	
uropean Central Bank Deposit Rate	3.00	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
ank of England	4.75	4.50	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	
sia/Oceania													
eserve Bank of Australia	4.35	4.10	3.85	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	
ank of Japan	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
eople's Bank of China	1.50	1.50	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.30	1.25	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	
eserve Bank of India	6.50	6.25	5.50	5.50	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	
ank of Korea	3.00	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.25	
ank of Thailand	2.25	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
urrencies and Interest Rate	es												
mericas													
anadian dollar (USDCAD)	1.44	1.44	1.36	1.39	1.40	1.38	1.35	1.34	1.33	1.32	1.32	1.30	
anadian dollar (CADUSD)	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.72	0.71	0.72	0.74	0.75	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.77	
exican peso (USDMXN)	20.83	20.47	18.75	18.31	18.65	18.84	19.01	19.23	19.38	19.78	19.95	20.19	2
lexican peso (CADMXN)	14.48	14.23	13.78	13.15	13.32	13.65	14.08	14.35	14.57	14.98	15.11	15.53	
razilian real (USDBRL)	6.18	5.71	5.43	5.32	5.40	5.44	5.47	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	
olombian peso (USDCOP)	4,406	4,183	4,100	3,920	3,986	3,994	4,016	4,026	4,045	4,065	4,084	4,103	
eruvian sol (USDPEN)	3.74 995	3.68	3.54	3.47 963	3.45 890	3.49	3.43 870	3.47 870	3.45 870	3.50 870	3.47 870	3.52 870	
hilean peso (USDCLP)	995	951	932	903	690	880	670	670	670	670	670	670	
urope													
uro (EURUSD)	1.04	1.08	1.18	1.17	1.16	1.18	1.18	1.22	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.24	
K pound (GBPUSD)	1.25	1.29	1.37	1.34	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.36	1.37	1.38	1.38	1.39	
sia/Oceania													
apanese yen (USDJPY)	157	150	144	148	150	147	145	142	140	137	135	133	
ustralian dollar (AUDUSD)	0.62	0.62	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.68	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.72	
hinese yuan (USDCNY) Idian rupee (USDINR)	7.30 85.6	7.26 85.5	7.16 85.8	7.12 88.8	7.10 88.0	7.10 87.9	7.05 87.9	7.05 87.9	7.00 88.0	7.00 87.9	7.00 87.8	7.00 87.6	
outh Korean won (USDKRW)	1472	1473	1354	1404	1400	1370	1360	1350	1340	1330	1320	1320	
hai baht (USDTHB)	34.1	33.9	32.5	32.4	32.2	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	
anada (Yields, %)													
month T-bill	3.15	2.61	2.65	2.42	2.20	2.25	2.35	2.60	2.85	3.00	3.05	3.05	
-year Canada	2.93	2.46	2.59	2.47	2.75	2.85	2.95	3.05	3.10	3.15	3.15	3.15	
-year Canada	2.97	2.61	2.82	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.25	3.25	3.30	3.30	
)-year Canada	3.23	2.97	3.27	3.18	3.40	3.20	3.25	3.35	3.45	3.55	3.65	3.70	
)-year Canada	3.33	3.22	3.57	3.63	3.80	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.85	
nited States (Yields, %)													
month T-bill	4.14	4.19	4.29	3.85	3.50	2.95	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	
year Treasury	4.24	3.88	3.72	3.61	3.50	3.30	3.25	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	
-year Treasury	4.38	3.95	3.80	3.74	3.65	3.50	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	
)-year Treasury	4.57	4.21	4.23	4.15	4.00	3.80	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.85	3.90	3.95	
O-year Treasury	4.78	4.57	4.77	4.73	4.70	4.55	4.45	4.40	4.40	4.45	4.50	4.60	

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Real GDP	CA	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	МВ	SK	AB	В
2010–19	2.2	1.1	2.1	1.2	0.7	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.6	2
2023	2.0	-3.0	2.9	2.4	2.0	0.7	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.5	2
024	2.0	2.7	3.8	3.1	2.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	3.0	3.0	
:025f	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.2	2.2	2.4	2.9	2
026f	1.5	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.6	2.5	2.9	•
027f	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.6	2.5	
Iominal GDP											
010–19	4.0	3.7	4.2	3.0	2.8	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.7	4
023	3.5	-4.0	6.7	7.6	3.5	4.7	6.9	5.4	-3.7	-4.0	3
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024	4.8	4.6	7.5	8.0	4.0	5.9	5.1	3.3	0.0	5.1	3
025f	4.2	3.0	4.6	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.9	4.8	3.9	3.9	į
:026f	3.4	3.9	4.4	3.5	3.8	3.2	2.9	3.5	4.5	4.4	3
027f	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.8	4.0	4
mployment											
010–19	1.3	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.0	1.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.3	2
023	3.0	1.8	6.2	2.7	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.7	1.6	3.7	2
024	1.9	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.9	1.0	1.7	2.5	2.6	3.1	
025f	1.4	-0.2	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.8	1.0	1.6	2.5	2.9	
.026f	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.6	2.3	(
027f	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.6	
Inemployment Rate (%)											
010–19	6.9	13.3	10.6	8.8	9.5	7.1	7.0	5.6	5.3	6.2	6
023	5.4	10.0	7.2	6.4	6.6	4.5	7.0 5.6	4.9	4.7	5.9	,
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024	6.4	10.0	7.9	6.5	7.0	5.3	7.0	5.4	5.4	7.0	į
025f	6.8	10.2	8.0	6.5	7.2	5.6	7.7	5.9	5.1	7.2	
026f	6.4	9.8	8.4	6.3	6.6	5.4	7.3	6.0	4.1	6.3	į
027f	6.0	9.3	8.5	5.9	6.1	4.9	6.8	5.8	3.9	6.5	į
otal CPI, annual average											
010-19	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	
023	3.9	3.3	2.9	4.0	3.5	4.5	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.3	4
024	2.4	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	1.0	1.4	2.9	2
025f	2.1	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.1	2
026f	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2
027f	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2
lousing Starts (units, 000s)											
010–19	201	2.2	0.8	4.2	2.7	44	70	6.6	6.0	31	
023	240	1.0	1.1	7.2	4.5	39	89	7.1	4.6	36	
024	245	1.7	1.7	7.4	6.2	49	75	7.1	4.3	48	
025f	259		1.8	9.8	7.2	5	63	7.2		57	
		1.5				60 57	:	7.7 7.6	6.5	57 51	•
026f 027f	252 257	1.6 1.8	1.6 1.6	8.6 7.7	6.3 5.4	57 59	68 73	7.6 7.9	6.3 6.5	49	
	237	1.0	1.0	7.7	3.4	29	/3	7.9	0.5	49	
Motor Vehicle Sales (units, 000s)	4040	22	_				700			222	
010 – 19	1,816 1,694	33 27	7	52 42	42	441	738 710	56 40	54 45	239	1
023	1,684	27	8	42	38	411	718 76.4	49	45	209	2
024	1,819	33	9	49	44	473	764	58	51	223	2
025f	1,888	36	9	54	46	464	786	61	53	231	2
026f	1,835	32	8	48	42	440	737	56	49	216	2
027f	1,872	31	8	47	41	449	757	55	49	219	2
udget Balances, (CAD mn)											
022	-35,322	321	14	123	1,002	-3,126	-5,863	373	1,581	11,641	9
023	-61,876	-459	-15	142	500	-5,994	-693	-1,971	182	4,285	-5,0
024	-36,300	-297	-164	82	-104	-5,175	-1,090	-1,149	-249	8,320	-7,3
025f	-78,300	-626	-184	-1,225	-835	-9,898	-13,500	-890	-427	-6,437	-11,1

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