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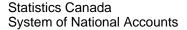
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About this publication

This publication presents an overview of the economic developments reported in Canada's national accounts for the most recent quarter. The overview covers several broad areas:1) Gross domestic product (GDP) by income and by expenditure, 2) GDP by industry, 3) Balance of international payments, 4) Financial flow accounts 5) Labour productivity and other related variables, 6) International investment position and 7) National balance sheet.

The publication examines quarterly trends in the major aggregates that comprise GDP, both income- and expenditure-based, as well as prices and the financing of economic activity by institutional sector. GDP is also examined by industry, both for the last month of the quarter and the quarter as a whole. Canada's transactions with non-residents related to international trade, investment income flows, transfers and international investing and financing activities are summarized. The quarterly productivity estimates are meant to assist in the analysis of the short-run relationship between the fluctuations of output, employment, compensation and hours worked. Complete national balance sheets provide estimates of Canada's wealth. Canada's financial position with the rest of the world is also articulated. The overview is accompanied by graphics and several detailed statistical tables. Some issues also contain more technical articles, explaining national accounts methodology or analysing a particular aspect of the economy.

This publication carries the detailed analyses, charts and statistical tables that, prior to its first issue, were released in *The Daily* (11-001-XIE) under the headings National Economic and Financial Accounts, Canada's Balance of International Payments and Gross Domestic Product by industry.

Revision policy

GDP by income and by expenditure, Balance of international payments, Financial flow accounts, Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, International investment position, National balance sheet:

Preceding quarters of the year are revised when the current quarter is published. Each year revisions extending back four years are made with the publication of first quarter data. They are not normally revised again except when historical revisions are carried out.

GDP by industry:

Revisions arise from updates to benchmark data, projectors and seasonal adjustment. January to June: Back to the beginning of the previous year; July: Back to January of fifth previous year; August to December: Back to January of current year. Occasionally, there are historical revisions due to conceptual, methodological and classification changes—the most recent with the July 2002 GDP release.

Revisions in this issue

GDP by income and by expenditure, Balance of international payments, Financial flow accounts, International investment position, National balance sheet:

With this release revisions have been made back to the first quarter of 2005.

GDP by industry:

Since the first quarter release of the Canadian economic accounts quarterly review, revisions were made back to January 2004.

Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost:

With this release revisions have been made back to the first quarter of 2005 at the aggregate level and to the first quarter of 2004 at the industry level.

Overview

Second guarter 2005 and June 2005

Real gross domestic product (GDP) advanced 0.8% in the second quarter, as continued strength in personal expenditures drove up output in the services sector. In June, economic output edged up 0.2%, after increasing 0.3% in May and 0.4% in April.

Real Gross Domestic Product, chained (1997) dollars¹

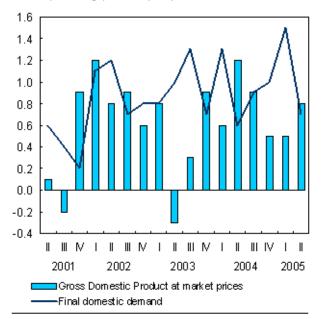
	Change	Annualized change	Year-over- year change
		%	
First quarter 2004	0.6	2.6	1.6
Second quarter 2004	1.2	5.0	3.1
Third quarter 2004	0.9	3.5	3.7
Fourth quarter 2004	0.5	2.1	3.3
First quarter 2005	0.5	2.1	3.2
Second quarter 2005	0.8	3.2	2.7

¹ The change is the growth rate from one period to the next. The annualized change is the growth compounded annually. The year-over-year change is the growth of a given quarter compared with the same quarter in a previous year.

The Canadian economy grew at an annualized rate of 3.2% in the second quarter of the year, compared to 2.1% last quarter.

GDP accelerates in the second quarter

Quarterly % change, chained (1997) dollars

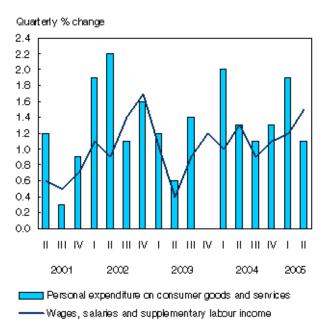


Growth in final domestic demand slowed to 0.7% in the second quarter, down from a very strong 1.5% jump in the first quarter. While the growth in final domestic demand was much stronger in the first quarter, much of it was satisfied through a surge in imports rather than domestic production, moderating the overall growth in GDP. The opposite was the case in the second quarter; even though final domestic demand slowed, a much greater share of this demand was satisfied through domestic production, resulting in an acceleration in GDP.

Consumer spending continues to drive growth

Personal expenditures grew 0.6% following a stellar performance in the first quarter. Strong demand for durable and semi-durable goods continued to drive up output in the retail trade (+1.1%) and wholesale (+2.3%) trade sectors.

Growth in labour income outpaces consumption in second quarter



Some of the recent growth in personal expenditures has been spurred on by the growth in labour income. Labour income grew 1.5%, outpacing the growth of consumption for the first time since the fourth quarter of 2003.

Real Gross Domestic Product at basic prices, by industry

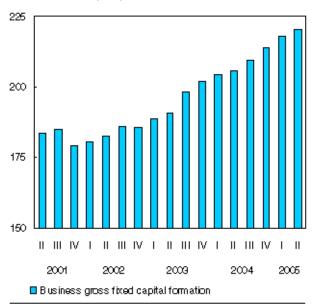
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0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
0.2	-0.3	-0.6	0.3	0.6	-0.1
0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4
0.3	-0.6	-0.7	0.4	0.8	-0.3
-0.2	-1.2	-1.0	1.9	1.8	-2.0
-0.2	1.3	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.9
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Housing rebounds after a first quarter pause

Strength in business investment moved the economy forward as investment in housing pushed ahead (+1.9%) following a slight decline in the previous guarter. As a result, both the finance and insurance and the real estate sectors advanced 0.9%. The output of real estate agents and brokers jumped 4.4% due to the strength of the home resale market. Investment in plant and equipment grew another 0.9% after jumping 3.2% in the first guarter. Overall, business investment grew 1.3%—its tenth consecutive quarterly increase.

Investment continues its steady climb

Billions of chained (1997) dollars



Exports of goods slow, driving down manufacturing output

Exports edged up a moderate 0.2% in the second quarter after rising 1.3% in the first guarter. Much of the slowdown resulted from a substantial drop in the exports of automotive products (-3.1%) and energy products (-1.8%). The slowdown in exports was felt among Canadian manufacturers who saw overall output decrease by 0.4%, led by declines in the production of motor vehicles (-5.0%) and parts (-2.1%). There were widespread declines in petroleum-related manufacturing industries such as chemical and plastic products. One bright spot remains the manufacturing of information and communication technology products which grew 5.8%.

Industrial production (the output of factories, mines and utilities) edged up 0.1%. The growth in mining, oil and gas extraction (+1.4%) and in utilities (+0.9%) was nearly offset by lower output of manufacturers (-0.4%). In the United States, the index of industrial production increased by 0.3% with gains in all three sectors: manufacturing, utilities and mining.

Economy wide prices, as measured by the chain price index for GDP, rose 0.5%. Excluding energy, the index was up 0.1%.

^p Preliminary figure

GDP by industry: highlights for June 2005

The Canadian economy edged up 0.2% in June. Growth was mostly confined to services-producing industries. Economic activity was restrained by widespread decreases in manufacturing output and by unfavourable weather in the Prairies that sharply curtailed oil and gas exploration after a surge in May. Services-producing industries rose 0.4% while goods-producing industries edged down 0.1%.

Industrial production (the output of mines, utilities and factories) decreased 0.3% as the drop in the mining, oil and gas extraction sector and the contraction in manufacturing industries more than offset the 2.8% jump in the output of utilities due to the start of a heat wave in Central Canada. In the United States, the index of industrial production rose 0.8%.

Manufacturing output declined 0.2% in June, with 15 of the 21 major groups, accounting for 73% of this sector's output, recording decreases. The largest gainers were manufacturers of machinery, and of information and communication technology products. Those gains were cancelled however by widespread decreases in other manufacturing sectors, notably chemical products and transportation equipment.

Wholesale trade activity increased 0.9% in June helped by the demand for computers and other electronic equipment. New motor vehicle dealers enjoyed a month of brisk sales, kindled by special incentive programs, pushing the output of the retail trade sector to a 1.0% gain. Retailing activity excluding new motor vehicle dealers edged up 0.2%.

Construction activity moved ahead 0.5% in June. Much of the strength was in residential construction (+1.0%) which reached a new height after easing back in the first three months of the year. The financial sector benefited from the increased demand for housing and the higher volumes of transactions on the Canadian stock exchanges.

Canadian economic accounts key indicators[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seasonally	adjusted at	annual rates,	millions of do	llars at curre	nt prices		
GDP by income and by expenditure								
Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income	633,052	641,204	647,288	654,312	661,864	671,856	617,753	643,964
Corporation profits before taxes	1.0	<i>1.3</i>	0.9	1.1	1.2	<i>1.5</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>4.2</i>
	163,128	177,176	178,804	181,484	184,580	188,828	147,592	175,148
Interest and miscellaneous investment income	8. <i>4</i>	8.6	0.9	1.5	1. <i>7</i>	2.3	8. <i>7</i>	18.7
	51,828	55,380	57,112	57,312	57,572	57,972	50,223	55,408
Net income of unincorporated business	3.3	6.9	3. <i>1</i>	0.4	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.7</i>	6.5	10.3
	81,496	83,712	85,068	85,296	85,324	85,480	78,438	83,893
Taxes less subsidies	1.8	2.7	1.6	0.3	0.0	<i>0.2</i>	<i>4.4</i>	7.0
	144,672	148,568	150,276	151,212	152,476	155,376	141,424	148,682
Personal disposable income	-0.1	2.7	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.9	2.1	5.1
	733,644	747,232	751,336	757,772	761,980	770,072	719,553	747,496
·	1.1	1.9	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	3.7	3.9
Personal saving rate[2]	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.0	-0.4 	-0.5 	2.4	1.4
	Seasonall	y adjusted at	annual rates,	millions of cl	nained (1997)) dollars		
Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services	633,820 1.5	637,204 0.5	642,702 0.9	648,794 0.9	659,323	663,207	619,401	640,630 3.4
Government current expenditure on goods and	208,019	209,664	210,713	211,801	1.6 213,700	0.6 215,332	3. <i>1</i> 204,593	210,049
services Gross fixed capital formation	0.6	<i>0.8</i>	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.8	2.9	2.7
	236,204	237,551	241,206	245,637	250,127	252,735	225,199	240,150
Investment in inventories	1. <i>4</i>	0.6	<i>1.5</i>	1.8	1.8	1.0	5.9	6.6
	3,944	2,367	17,458	22,370	15,292	11,444	11,065	11,535
Exports of goods and services	449,268	469,204	465,940	462,289	468,491	469,458	439,784	461,675
Imports of goods and services	0.1	<i>4.4</i>	-0.7	-0.8	1.3	<i>0.2</i>	-2.1	<i>5.0</i>
	422,115	433,860	446,727	455,772	467,840	463,738	406,664	439,619
Gross domestic product at market prices	0.3	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.6	-0.9	4.1	8. <i>1</i>
	1,107,771	1,121,455	1,131,229	1,137,256	1,143,279	1,152,277	1,092,388	1,124,428
	0.6	<i>1.2</i>	0.9	0.5	<i>0.5</i>	0.8	2.0	2.9
GDP at basic prices, by industry								
Goods producing industries	322,736	327,377	331,595	332,153	332,506	333,289	317,208	328,465
Services producing industries	<i>0.6</i>	1. <i>4</i>	<i>1.3</i>	0.2	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	1. <i>7</i>	3.5
	709,228	715,757	721,138	725,709	731,911	738,518	697,886	717,958
Industrial production	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	2.5	2.9
	241,580	245,842	248,988	248,848	248,497	248,763	238,435	246,314
Non-durable manufacturing	0.3	1.8	1.3	-0.1	-0.1	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>	3.3
	73,212	74,183	74,933	74,458	73,906	73,344	72,913	74,196
Durable manufacturing	0.4	1.3	1.0	-0.6	- <i>0.7</i>	-0.8	-0.0	1.8
	103,661	106,761	109,321	109,589	110,741	110,548	101,679	107,333
Information and communication technologies sector	0.3	3. <i>0</i>	2.4	0.2	1.1	-0.2	0.2	5.6
	60,472	61,276	62,150	62,785	63,991	65,113	57,076	61,671
(ICT)	2.8	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.9	1.8	3.8	8.0
Manufacturing	177,071	181,108	184,391	184,164	184,723	183,956	174,820	181,684
	<i>0.</i> 3	2.3	<i>1.8</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	3.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	23,444	23,595	24,180	24,249	24,340	24,438	22,842	23,867
	1.9	<i>0.6</i>	2.5	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	7.6	<i>4.5</i>
Construction	58,168	58,319	58,815	59,503	60,180	60,637	56,273	58,701
	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.1	<i>0.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>4.</i> 3
Wholesale trade	63,792	65,349	66,649	67,585	68,915	70,518	61,941	65,844
Retail trade	-0.5	2.4	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.3	5.6	6.3
	58,581	58,897	59,796	60,323	61,627	62,281	57,126	59,399
	2.0	0.5	1.5	<i>0.9</i>	2.2	1.1	2.8	<i>4.0</i>

¹ The first line is the series itself expressed in millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. The second line, italicized, is the period to period percentage change at quarterly rates

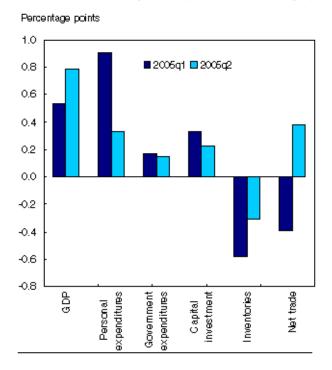
rates. 2 Actual rate.

GDP by income and by expenditure

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Widespread growth in demand for goods and services led to a 0.8% increase in real GDP in the second quarter following a 0.5% increase in the first. Continued strength in personal expenditures and a rebound in housing contributed to the strong second quarter performance.

Contributions to GDP growth by expenditure category



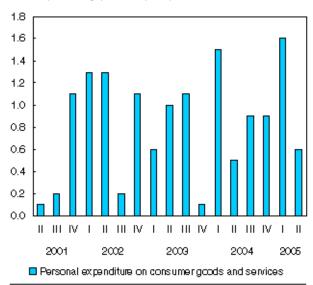
Consumer spending continues to climb after stellar first quarter performance

Consumer spending on goods and services grew 0.6% following a stellar first quarter performance which saw them jump 1.6%. Purchases of durable goods such as motor vehicles, recreational, sporting and camping equipment and household appliances were particularly strong. Expenditures on non-durable goods fell slightly, driven down by a decline in the purchase of motor vehicle fuels and lubricants as consumers reduced usage in reaction to facing a 4.9% price increase.

While the growth in personal expenditures slowed, it follows five quarters of solid performance and continues to account for much of the growth in overall GDP.

Consumer spending increases on top of stellar first quarter

Quarterly % change, chained (1997) dollars



Much of the recent growth in personal expenditures has been financed through borrowing. Over the last four years, there has been a steady quarterly rise in the household sector's net borrowing (the difference between financial transactions in financial assets and liabilities). A large share of this is due to sustained quarterly increases in consumer credit and mortgages as consumers take advantage of low interest rates. While the household sector's net borrowing and indebtedness has been steadily increasing, this has been more than matched by an increase in the market value of their assets, notably residential real estate. The end result is that even with the increase in borrowing activity that has gone on in recent years, net worth in the household sector continues to climb.

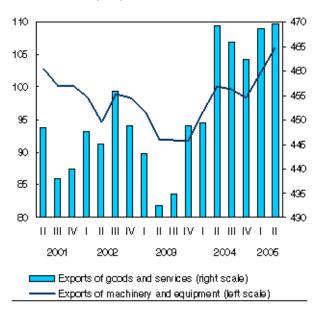
Exports of machinery and equipment push up total exports

Exports edged up 0.2% in the second quarter of 2005 and have now returned to the peak level posted in the second quarter of 2004. Growth was mixed as exports of industrial goods, machinery and equipment, agricultural and fishing products, and other consumer goods and services all registered gains while exports of automotive products, energy products and forestry products fell.

Exports of machinery and equipment surged ahead, jumping another 3.7% on the heels of a 3.9% increase in the first quarter, matching the growth that was achieved in the first half of 2004. Exports of telecommunication equipment, agricultural machinery and aircraft, engines and parts accounted for much of this increase. Exports of telecommunication equipment have increased over 10% in the last year and production has jumped over 5% in both the first and second quarters, a positive sign for the struggling telecommunication industry.

Exports of machinery and equipment push up total exports

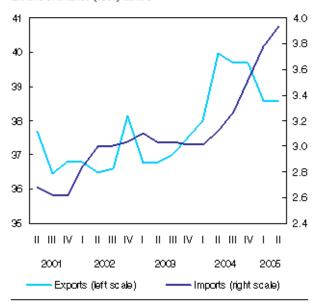
Billions of chained (1997) dollars



Following solid gains in the first half of 2004, exports of forestry products have now declined for a fourth consecutive quarter. Growth in imports, however, has remained strong. Although only one-tenth the size of exports, imports of forestry products registered a fifth consecutive quarterly increase of more than 3%. The growth in construction has had an impact on imports of forestry products as Canadian companies complement domestic materials with those from abroad. A rise in imports of wood fabricated materials, such as wood siding, flooring and doors, is accounting for much of the increase.

Imports of forestry products climbs while exports falter

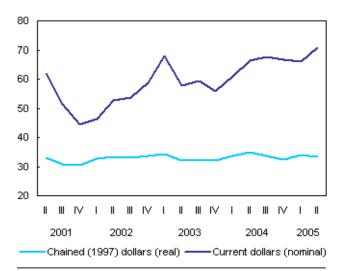
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While the increase in energy prices had a large impact on the value of energy exports, the volume of energy exports fell 1.8%, following a 5.3% increase in the first quarter. Since the beginning of 2000 the value of Canada's energy exports has almost doubled and has been subject to large quarterly swings. The quantity of energy exports, on the other hand, has been remarkably stable, increasing 7% since the start of 2000, growing an average of 0.4% per quarter. In comparison, the value of energy exports has increased 84% with an average quarterly movement of 4% over the same period.

Value of energy exports fluctuates while volumes remain stable

Billions of dollars



Total imports were down 0.9% after four quarters of solid growth. Imports of automotive products, energy products, industrial goods and materials, and other consumer goods all declined while machinery and equipment posted moderate growth, its ninth consecutive quarter of growth.

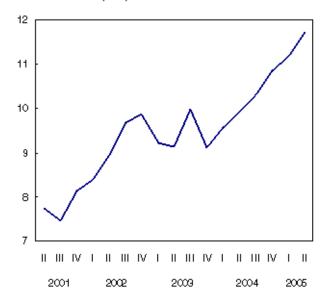
Housing boom continues after a first quarter pause

Business residential construction rebounded this quarter (+1.9%), after posting a decline last quarter (-0.4%), its first decline since the first quarter of 2000. The housing boom continues to push up demand for mortgages by the household sector, which jumped 5.3% in the second quarter. Sales of completed single dwellings far outpaced multiple dwellings, reversing the trend set last quarter. Renovation activity also picked up this quarter (+2.0%), and has now posted increases of 2% or more in 6 of the last 10 quarters. Ownership transfer costs, reflecting the strong housing resale market, skyrocketed (+7.6%), returning to record mid-2004 levels.

While investment in residential structures rebounded from its decline in the first quarter, investment in non-residential structures and machinery and equipment both slowed following a very strong first quarter. Investment in machinery and equipment, the main contributor to growth in overall business investment over the last two years, slowed in the second quarter as investment in industrial machinery, telecommunication equipment and other machinery all declined. Investment in trucks continued to surge ahead as demand for commercial heavy-duty transport trucks has been rising non-stop since 2003. Orders are rising as companies replace their aging truck fleets and boost capacity. Industry reports indicate that operating rates for trucking firms are now more than 95 per cent, the highest level in more than a decade.

Investment in trucks keeps on trucking

Billions of chained (1997) dollars



Inventory accumulation slows

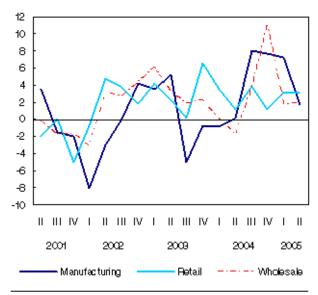
Business inventories (excluding farm inventories) increased \$8.7 billion in the quarter, \$3.8 billion less than in the previous quarter. After a massive build-up in inventories in the last two quarters of 2004, inventory accumulation has slowed considerably, especially manufacturing inventories.

Much of the slowdown in manufacturing inventories in the second quarter is a result of a draw down in inventories of aircraft. Investment in wholesale inventories increased slightly after a significant drop in accumulation in the first quarter. Increases in building materials, motor vehicles and other durables were offset by the drawdown in machinery and equipment.

The economy-wide inventory-to-sales ratio edged up slightly, leaving sufficient inventories to satisfy 62 days of sales at current prices.

Investment in manufacturing inventories slows

Billions of chained (1997) dollars

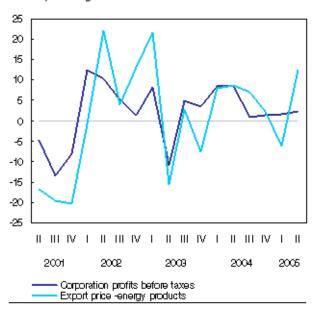


Commodity prices push up corporate profits

Corporate profits climbed 2.3%, up from the 1.7% increase in the first quarter but far off last year's pace. Growth in profits was concentrated in non-financial industries, where mining and mineral fuel industries posted healthy profits stimulated by higher commodity prices. Most of the recent swings in corporate profits have been fueled by fluctuating resource prices.

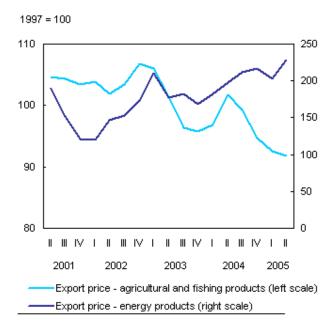
Energy prices fuel corporate profits

Quarterly % change



While prices in the energy sector have been contributing to the growth in income, the same cannot be said for the agricultural sector. Prices of agricultural goods (grains and oilseeds) have been driven down by lower quality grains harvested in the Prairies in 2004, the strong Canadian dollar and low world prices due to large world stocks.

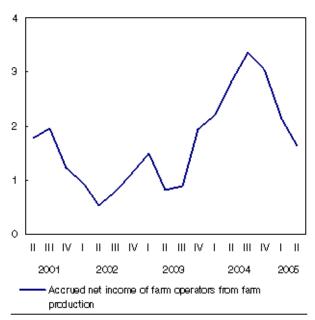
Not all resource prices moving in the same direction



The end result has been a substantial decline in the income of farm operators from farm production, which fell for a third consecutive quarter.

Lower agricultural prices drive down farm income

Billions of dollars



National saving climbs following two quarters of decline

Government saving grew to \$29.6 billion, up \$4.5 billion from the first quarter. Revenues grew 1.7%, almost double the pace of the previous quarter, mostly as a result of increases in income tax revenue from corporations and government business enterprises (+2.6%), and persons (+3.4%). Outlays slowed to 1.0%, as a result of a slowdown in government current expenditures on goods and services (+1.3%) and declining government transfers to businesses (-6.1%) and non-residents (-27.5%).

Household saving remained relatively unchanged as both income and outlays grew 1.5%. Growth in personal income accelerated over the last quarter, aided by growth in labour income and increased social security transfer payments. The household sector's saving rate sits at -0.5%.

Corporate saving eased slightly in the second quarter but remains near the record high set last quarter. National saving—the saving of Canadian households, businesses and governments—was up 2.3% in the quarter.

Gross domestic product, income-based, current prices and quarterly percentage change[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seas	onally adjust	ed data at an	nual rates, m	illions of dolla	ars		
Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income	633,052	641,204	647,288	654,312	661,864	671,856	617,753	643,964
	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.5	<i>4.</i> 2	<i>4.2</i>
Corporation profits before taxes	163,128	177,176	178,804	181,484	184,580	188,828	147,592	175,148
	<i>8.4</i>	8.6	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>	1.7	2.3	8.7	<i>18.7</i>
Government business enterprise profits before taxes	11,836	11,324	12,084	12,124	12,692	12,344	11,630	11,842
	2.5	<i>-4.3</i>	6.7	<i>0.3</i>	<i>4.7</i>	-2.7	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.8</i>
Interest and miscellaneous investment income	51,828	55,380	57,112	57,312	57,572	57,972	50,223	55,408
	3.3	6.9	3.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	6.5	10.3
Accrued net income of farm operators from farm production	2,220	2,828	3,364	3,052	2,140	1,632	1,280	2,866
	14.9	27.4	19.0	-9.3	-29.9	-23.7	<i>4</i> 9.7	123.9
Net income of non-farm unincorporated business, including rent	79,276	80,884	81,704	82,244	83,184	83,848	77,158	81,027
	1.5	2.0	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.8	3.9	5.0
Inventory valuation adjustment	-4,444	-5,856	796	2,828	84	-2,224	5,075	-1,669
Taxes less subsidies, on factors of production	57,576	58,508	58,672	59,160	59,340	60,240	56,376	58,479
	0.8	1.6	0.3	<i>0.8</i>	0.3	1.5	4.4	3.7
Net domestic product at basic prices	994,472	1,021,448	1,039,824	1,052,516	1,061,456	1,074,496	967,087	1,027,065
	1.8	2.7	1.8	1.2	<i>0.8</i>	1.2	5.9	6.2
Taxes less subsidies, on products	87,096	90,060	91,604	92,052	93,136	95,136	85,048	90,203
	-0.6	3.4	1.7	<i>0.5</i>	1.2	2.1	<i>0.6</i>	6.1
Capital consumption allowances	168,948	171,540	173,552	175,408	177,644	180,020	163,602	172,362
	1.6	<i>1.5</i>	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	<i>4.9</i>	5.4
Statistical discrepancy	1,864	1,220	504 	-1,368 	-1,832 	-2,044 	454 	555
Gross domestic product at market prices	1,252,380	1,284,268	1,305,484	1,318,608	1,330,404	1,347,608	1,216,191	1,290,185
	1.6	2.5	1.7	1.0	<i>0.9</i>	1.3	<i>5.4</i>	6.1

¹ The first line is the series itself expressed in millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. The second line, italicized, is the period to period percentage change at quarterly rates.

Gross domestic product, expenditure-based, current prices and quarterly percentage change[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seas	onally adjust	ed data at an	nual rates, m	illions of dolla	ırs		
Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services	708,200	717,384 1.3	724,980 1.1	734,376 1.3	748,520 1.9	756,532 1.1	687,791 <i>4.8</i>	721,235 <i>4.9</i>
Durable goods	93,688	94,412	95,236	96,964	99,772	100,528	93,600	95,075
	2.6	0.8	0.9	1.8	2.9	<i>0.8</i>	1.3	1.6
Semi-durable goods	60,616	61,188	62,116	62,140	63,964	64,644	58,642	61,515
	2.8	0.9	1.5	0.0	2.9	1.1	2.7	4.9
Non-durable goods	173,088	176,340	178,728	182,132	185,200	187,676	168,502	177,572
	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.3	6.4	5.4
Services	380,808	385,444	388,900	393,140	399,584	403,684	367,047	387,073
	1.6	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.0	5.3	5.5
Government current expenditure on goods and services	244,564	248,040	249,356	252,176	257,156	261,260	236,631	248,534
	1.2	1.4	0.5	1.1	2.0	1.6	5.7	5.0
Government gross fixed capital formation	32,596	33,116	33,272	33,380	33,912	34,236	30,953	33,091
Government investment in inventories	3. <i>7</i>	1.6	<i>0.5</i>	0.3	1.6	1.0	<i>4.1</i>	6.9
	-76	260	156	-256	20	112	15	21
Business gross fixed capital formation	218,556	224,716	228,744	231,452	237,424	242,600	207,120	225,867
Residential structures	2.1	2.8	1.8	1.2	2.6	2.2	5.8	9.1
	79,820	83,016	84,876	86,516	87,156	89,484	72,971	83,557
Non-residential structures	3.4	4.0	2.2	1.9	0.7	2.7	11.0	14.5
	55,576	56,652	57,828	58,500	60,684	62,160	53,883	57,139
Machinery and equipment	0.1 83,160	1.9 85,048	2.1 86,040	1.2 86,436	3.7 89,584	2.4 90,956	7.8 80,266 <i>0.1</i>	6.0 85,171
Business investment in inventories	2.1 -764	2.3 -1,276	1.2 13,636	<i>0.5</i> 19,436	3.6 12,196	1.5 7,216	7,239	6.1 7,758
Non-farm	-1,968	-2,708	12,088	17,636	10,960	6,004	6,018	6,262
Farm	1,204	1,432	1,548	1,800	1,236	1,212	1,221	1,496
Exports of goods and services	466,872 2.2	507,364	505,948 -0.3	490,136 -3.1	495,680 1.1	507,376 2.4	461,266 -3.5	492,580 6.8
Goods	404,808	8.7 443,740	442,276	425,736	430,088	441,000	400,176	429,140
Services	2.6	9.6	-0.3	-3. <i>7</i>	1.0	2.5	-3. <i>4</i>	7.2
	62,064	63,624	63,672	64,400	65,592	66,376	61,090	63,440
Deduct: Imports of goods and services	- <i>0.4</i>	2.5	<i>0.1</i>	1.1	1.9	1.2	<i>-4.6</i>	3. <i>8</i>
	415,708	444,116	450,100	443,460	456,336	463,768	414,370	438,346
Goods	1.3	6.8	1.3	-1.5	2.9	1.6	-3. <i>1</i>	5.8
	340,772	367,712	375,832	368,000	378,680	384,480	342,611	363,079
Services	1. <i>4</i>	7.9	2.2	-2.1	2.9	1.5	<i>-4.0</i>	6.0
	74,936	76,404	74,268	75,460	77,656	79,288	71,759	75,267
Statistical discrepancy	1.2	2.0	<i>-2.8</i>	<i>1.6</i>	2.9	2.1	1.2	4.9
	-1,860	-1,220	-508	1,368	1,832	2,044	-454	-555
Gross domestic product at market prices	1,252,380	1,284,268	1,305,484	1,318,608	1,330,404	1,347,608	1,216,191	1,290,185
Final domestic demand	1.6	2.5	1.7	1.0	0.9	1.3	5.4	6.1
	1,203,916	1,223,256	1,236,352	1,251,384	1,277,012	1,294,628	1,162,495	1,228,727
	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.2	2.0	1.4	5.1	5.7

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Real Gross domestic product, expenditure-based, quarterly percentage change[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seasonally	adjusted at a	ınnual rates, r	millions of cha	ained (1997)	dollars[2]		
Personal expenditure on consumer goods and	633,820	637,204	642,702	648,794	659,323	663,207	619,401	640,630
services	1.5	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.6	3.1	3.4
Durable goods	96,473 3.1	97,320 <i>0.9</i>	98,552 1.3	100,130 <i>1.6</i>	102,841 2.7	104,293 <i>1.4</i>	95,189 2.1	98,119 <i>3.1</i>
Semi-durable goods	58.512	59.140	60.337	60.344	61.932	62,698	56.474	59.583
com darazio goddo	3.3	1.1	2.0	0.0	2.6	1.2	3.4	5.5
Non-durable goods	142,733	142,697	143,747	145,154	147,201	147,032	140,349	143,583
	1.2	-0.0	0.7	1.0	1.4	-0.1	2.3	2.3
Services	336,948	339,036	341,202	344,352	348,810	350,935	328,208	340,385
0	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.6	3.7	3.7
Government current expenditure on goods and	208,019 <i>0.6</i>	209,664 <i>0.8</i>	210,713 <i>0.5</i>	211,801 <i>0.5</i>	213,700 <i>0.9</i>	215,332 <i>0.8</i>	204,593 2.9	210,049 2.7
services Government gross fixed capital formation	31.743	31,635	31,614	31,894	32,394	32,254	30,237	31.722
Sovernment gross fixed capital formation	2.9	-0.3	-0.1	0.9	1.6	-0.4	4.5	4.9
Government investment in inventories	-68	224	136	-216	16	92	14	19
Business gross fixed capital formation	204,552	205,996	209,654	213,796	217,784	220,514	195,047	208,500
	1.1	0.7	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.3	6.2	6.9
Residential structures	65,048	66,017	67,165	68,019	67,765	69,058	61,436	66,562
No. of the state o	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.3	-0.4	1.9	6.2	8.3
Non-residential structures	47,785	47,815	48,018	48,124	49,631	50,132	47,534	47,936
Machinery and equipment	-1.5 91,328	<i>0.1</i> 91,675	<i>0.4</i> 94,175	<i>0.2</i> 97,838	3.1 101,025	<i>1.0</i> 101,815	<i>5.7</i> 85.415	0.8 93.754
Machinery and equipment	2.0	0.4	2.7	3.9	3.3	0.8	6.4	9.8
Business investment in inventories	4,021	2,118	17,308	22,619	15,271	11,334	11,052	11,517
Non-farm	834	-610	14,331	19,281	12,462	8,681	7,327	8,459
Farm	2,881	2,369	2,285	2,555	2,115	2,030	3,438	2,523
Exports of goods and services	449,268	469,204	465,940	462,289	 468,491	469,458	439,784	 461,675
· -	0.1	4.4	-0.7	-0.8	1.3	0.2	-2.1	5.0
Goods	392,184	411,461	408,164	404,037	409,216	409,557	383,414	403,962
	0.3	4.9	-0.8	-1.0	1.3	0.1	-1.8	5.4
Services	57,240	57,967	57,991	58,439	59,454	60,061	56,495	57,909
Deduct: Imports of goods and services	-1.1 422,115	1.3 433,860	0.0 446,727	0.8 455,772	1.7 467,840	1.0 463,738	<i>-4.0</i> 406,664	2.5 439,619
Deduct. Imports of goods and services	0.3	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.6	-0.9	400,004	8.1
Goods	355.794	367,858	381,683	387,869	398,506	393,799	344.797	373,301
30000	0.3	3.4	3.8	1.6	2.7	-1.2	3.6	8.3
Services	65,934	65,924	65,358	68,008	69,496	69,925	61,787	66,306
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Statistical discrepancy	-1,645 	-1,065 	-44 0	1,160	1,574 	1,746	-405 	-493
Gross domestic product at market prices	1,107,771	1,121,455	1,131,229	1,137,256	1,143,279	1,152,277	1,092,388	1,124,428
Final domestic demand	0.6	1.2 1,083,788	0.9 1,093,886	0.5	0.5 1,122,149	0.8	2.0 1,048,895	2.9 1,090,105
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2 Chained dollar series are calculated as the product of the chain-type quantity index and the current-dollar value of the corresponding series, divided by 100. Because the formula for the chain-type quantity indexes uses weights of more than one period, the corresponding chained-dollar estimates are usually not additive.

Real Gross domestic product, expenditure-based, annualized percentage change[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004			
	Quarter to quarter % change at annual rates, chained (1997) dollars										
Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services	6.1	2.2	3.5	3.8	6.7	2.4	3.1	3.4			
Durable goods	12.9	3.6	5.2	6.6	11.3	5.8	2.1	3.1			
Semi-durable goods	13.9	4.4	8.3	0.0	10.9	5.0	3.4	5.5			
Non-durable goods	5.0	-0.1	3.0	4.0	5.8	-0.5	2.3	2.3			
Services	3.9	2.5	2.6	3.7	5.3	2.5	3.7	3.7			
Government current expenditure on goods and services	2.6	3.2	2.0	2.1	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.7			
Government gross fixed capital formation	12.2	-1.4	-0.3	3.6	6.4	-1.7	4.5	4.9			
Government investment in inventories[2]	-100	292	-88	-352	232	76	54	5			
Business gross fixed capital formation	4.6	2.9	7.3	8.1	7.7	5.1	6.2	6.9			
Residential structures	8.8	6.1	7.1	5.2	-1.5	7.9	6.2	8.3			
Non-residential structures	-5.8	0.3	1.7	0.9	13.1	4.1	5.7	0.8			
Machinery and equipment	8.0	1.5	11.4	16.5	13.7	3.2	6.4	9.8			
Business investment in inventories[2]	-5,777	-1,903	15,190	5,311	-7,348	-3,937	9,252	464			
Non-farm[2]	-4,939	-1,444	14,941	4,950	-6,819	-3,781	4,936	1,132			
Farm[2]	-864	-512	-84	270	-440	-85	4,193	-916			
Exports of goods and services	0.3	19.0	-2.8	-3.1	5.5	8.0	-2.1	5.0			
Goods	1.1	21.2	-3.2	-4.0	5.2	0.3	-1.8	5.4			
Services	-4.3	5.2	0.2	3.1	7.1	4.1	-4.0	2.5			
Deduct: Imports of goods and services	1.1	11.6	12.4	8.3	11.0	-3.5	4.1	8.1			
Goods	1.0	14.3	15.9	6.6	11.4	-4.6	3.6	8.3			
Services	1.2	-0.1	-3.4	17.2	9.0	2.5	6.4	7.3			
Statistical discrepancy[2]	-488	580	625	1,620	394	174	222	-88			
Gross domestic product at market prices	2.6	5.0	3.5	2.1	2.1	3.2	2.0	2.9			
Final domestic demand	5.3	2.4	3.8	4.3	6.2	2.9	3.6	3.9			

Contributions to percentage change in real Gross domestic product, expenditure-based[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004			
	Using seasonally adjusted data, percentage points										
Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services	0.844	0.301	0.481	0.526	0.904	0.331	1.769	1.933			
Durable goods	0.227	0.065	0.093	0.117	0.199	0.105	0.164	0.232			
Semi-durable goods	0.157	0.052	0.096	0.001	0.124	0.059	0.164	0.262			
Non-durable goods	0.169	-0.003	0.101	0.134	0.195	-0.016	0.314	0.320			
Services	0.291	0.188	0.191	0.275	0.386	0.183	1.126	1.118			
Government current expenditure on goods and services	0.124	0.154	0.096	0.099	0.172	0.148	0.564	0.521			
Government gross fixed capital formation	0.074	-0.009	-0.002	0.022	0.040	-0.011	0.118	0.126			
Government investment in inventories	-0.009	0.027	-0.008	-0.031	0.021	0.007	0.005	0.000			
Business gross fixed capital formation	0.195	0.124	0.310	0.344	0.328	0.224	1.033	1.174			
Residential structures	0.133	0.096	0.112	0.083	-0.025	0.125	0.356	0.509			
Non-residential structures	-0.067	0.003	0.019	0.010	0.139	0.046	0.247	0.039			
Machinery and equipment	0.128	0.025	0.179	0.252	0.214	0.053	0.430	0.627			
Business investment in inventories	-0.476	-0.155	1.228	0.414	-0.577	-0.309	0.815	-0.009			
Non-farm	-0.416	-0.120	1.234	0.397	-0.550	-0.303	0.452	0.065			
Farm	-0.060	-0.035	-0.006	0.017	-0.027	-0.006	0.363	-0.073			
Exports of goods and services	0.030	1.677	-0.274	-0.299	0.497	0.077	-0.848	1.901			
Goods	0.085	1.614	-0.276	-0.337	0.413	0.027	-0.633	1.774			
Services	-0.056	0.063	0.002	0.038	0.085	0.050	-0.214	0.127			
Deduct: Imports of goods and services	0.090	0.936	1.014	0.685	0.890	-0.304	1.460	2.707			
Goods	0.071	0.937	1.065	0.457	0.765	-0.340	1.084	2.284			
Services	0.019	-0.001	-0.050	0.227	0.125	0.036	0.376	0.423			
Statistical discrepancy	-0.044	0.052	0.056	0.143	0.035	0.015	0.020	-0.007			
Gross domestic product at market prices Final domestic demand	0.647 1.237	1.235 0.570	0.872 0.885	0.533 0.991	0.530 1.443	0.787 0.692	2.017 3.484	2.933 3.753			

¹ The chained (1997) dollars data shown in the table "Real Gross domestic product, expenditure-based, quarterly percentage change" are not additive. The contributions to percentage change shown in the above table are additive and provide a measure of the composition of GDP growth.

¹ Quarter to quarter percentage change, annualized. 2 Actual change in millions of dollars, at annual rates.

Gross domestic product, implicit chain price indexes[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004		
	Using seasonally adjusted data, (1997 = 100)									
Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services	111.7	112.6	112.8	113.2	113.5	114.1	111.0	112.6		
	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.6	1.4		
Government current expenditure on goods and services	117.6	118.3	118.3	119.1	120.3	121.3	115.7	118.3		
	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	1.0	0.8	2.7	2.3		
Government gross fixed capital formation	102.7	104.7	105.2	104.7	104.7	106.1	102.4	104.3		
	0.8	1.9	<i>0.5</i>	-0.5	0.0	1.3	-0.4	1.9		
Business gross fixed capital formation	106.8	109.1	109.1	108.3	109.0	110.0	106.2	108.3		
	<i>0.8</i>	2.2	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0</i> .9	-0.4	2.0		
Exports of goods and services	103.9	108.1	108.6	106.0	105.8	108.1	104.9	106.7		
	2.1	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-2.4</i>	-0.2	2.2	<i>-1.4</i>	1.7		
Imports of goods and services	98.5	102.4	100.8	97.3	97.5	100.0	102.0	99.8		
	1.0	<i>4.0</i>	<i>-1.6</i>	-3.5	<i>0.2</i>	2.6	-6.9	-2.2		
Gross domestic product at market prices	113.1	114.5	115.4	115.9	116.4	117.0	111.4	114.7		
	1.0	1.2	0.8	<i>0.4</i>	0.4	<i>0.5</i>	3.3	3.0		
Final domestic demand	111.7	112.9	113.0	113.2	113.8	114.5	110.8	112.7		
	0.5	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.4	1.7		

¹ The first line is the series itself. The second line, italicized, is the period to period percentage change at quarterly rates.

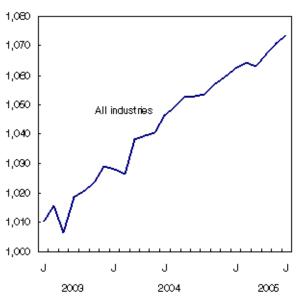
GDP by industry

June 2005

The Canadian economy edged up 0.2% in June after increasing 0.3% in May and 0.4% in April. The growth in June was mostly confined to services producing industries, as economic activity was restrained by a sharp decrease in oil and gas exploration caused by unfavourable weather in the Prairies. Services producing industries rose 0.4% while goods producing industries edged down 0.1%.

Economic activity edges up

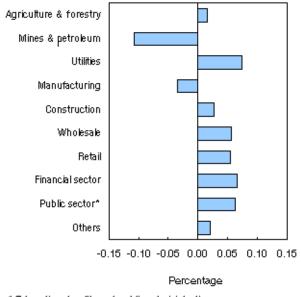
GDP billions of chained \$ (1997)



Industrial production (the output of mines, utilities and factories) decreased 0.3% as the drop in the mining, oil and gas extraction sector and the contraction in manufacturing industries overshadowed the 2.8% jump in the output of utilities. Electricity generation advanced 3.7% boosted by

the start of a heat wave in Central Canada that lasted for much of the summer. In the United States, the index of industrial production increased 0.8% with all three sectors (mining, utilities, and manufacturing) showing growth.

Main industrial sectors' contribution to total growth: June 2005



* Education, health and public administration.

Note to readers

The monthly gross domestic product (GDP) by industry data are expressed in chained dollars with 1997 as reference year. This means that the estimates for each industry and aggregate are obtained from a chained volume index multiplied by the industry's value added in 1997. For the period 1997 to 2001, the monthly estimates are benchmarked to annually chained Fisher volume indexes of real GDP obtained from the input-output tables. For the period starting with January 2002, the estimates are derived by chaining a Laspeyres volume index at 2001 prices to the prior period. This makes the monthly GDP by industry estimates more comparable with the expenditure-based GDP data, chained quarterly. For more information, see the *Chain Fisher Volume Index* page on our Web site.

Conversion to NAICS 2002

With the September 2005 release (July reference month), the monthly GDP by industry program will convert to the 2002 North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) from NAICS 1997. We are also planning to change the industry detail published. The goal is to reduce the number of industries whose contribution to total economic activity is less relevant, and to increase the detail provided for those that have become more important, such as some of the service industries. With these changes, the monthly GDP program will better reflect the current structure of the Canadian economy. More detailed information on these planned changes will appear soon.

Rain curtails oil and gas exploration

Output of the mining, oil and gas extraction sector dropped 2.0% as a rainy June in the Prairies sharply curtailed oil and gas exploration (-12%) from its surge in May (+15%). March and April also saw reduced activity due to unfavourable weather. Despite this latest setback, the level of oil and gas exploration remains near those recorded in the first half of 2004 and early indications point toward a return to the high levels seen in the later part of 2004.

Oil and gas extraction decreased further in June (-0.4%) as a complete recovery from the production difficulties experienced earlier in the year in the tar sands area is not expected until this Fall according to industry sources. Mining excluding oil and gas extraction retreated by 3.0% as a drop in output of non-metallic minerals (which include diamonds and potash) erased a 4.5% gain in metal ore mines.

Wholesale and retail trade continue to advance

Wholesale trade activity increased 0.9% in June pushed by the demand for computers and other electronic equipment and for personal and household products. Wholesalers of motor vehicles and wholesalers of other products (such as chemicals, fertilizers) however recorded the largest decreases in activity.

New motor vehicle dealers enjoyed a month of brisk sales kindled by special incentive programs, pushing the output of the retail trade sector to a 1.0% gain. These special incentive programs continued into the summer and preliminary figures indicate that unit sales of new motor vehicles increased by approximately 7% in July, a rate similar to that in June. Retailing activity excluding new motor vehicle dealers edged up 0.2% with the largest gain recorded in home electronics and appliances stores.

Construction activity reaches new heights

Construction activity pushed ahead 0.5% in June. Much of the strength was in residential construction (+1.0%) which reached a new height after easing back in the first three months of the year. Housing starts rebounded after declining in May with much of the growth attributable to an increase in multi-units residential buildings in urban areas. Housing starts in urban areas increased in Quebec and Ontario but decreased in other regions.

Non-residential building construction advanced 0.5% with increasing activity on commercial and industrial buildings, but institutional building construction edged down.

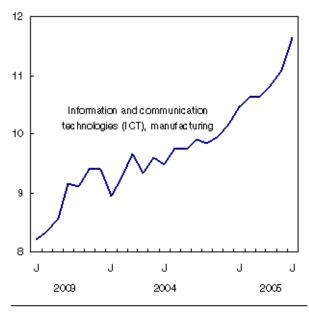
Renewed vigour in the manufacturing of ICT products

Manufacturing output declined 0.2% in June, with 15 of the 21 major groups, accounting for 73% of this sector's output, recording decreases. The largest gainers were manufacturers of machinery (+3.2%) and of computers and

electronic equipment (+5.7%). Manufacturers of information and communication technology (ICT) products have found a new vigour as their output increased by 3.7% since the beginning of the year.

Renewed vigour in ICT manufacturing

GDP billions of chained \$ (1997)



Those gains were cancelled however by widespread decreases in the manufacturing of chemical products (-3.5%), transportation equipment (-0.5%), particularly cars and light motor vehicles, food products (-0.8%), and non-metallic mineral products (-2.3%).

Other sectors

The financial sector benefited from the increased demand for housing and the higher volumes of transactions on the Canadian stock exchanges. Credit intermediation, such as banking, advanced 0.6%, while activity of security and commodity brokers increased 1.4%. Real estate agents and brokers gained 1.3% due to the continuing vigour in sales of existing homes.

Industry profile, second quarter 2005

Economic activity pushed ahead 0.7% in the second quarter of 2005 on the strength of services producing industries (+0.9%), particularly wholesale and retail trade, finance and insurance, real estate, and the public sector (health, education and public administration). Goods producing industries advanced 0.2% despite reduced manufacturing output. The quarter ended on a weak note, the Canadian economy edging up 0.2% in June pulled down by the mining, oil and gas exploration and manufacturing sectors after increasing 0.3% in May and 0.4% in April.

Wholesale trade increased 2.3% pushed by rising sales of machinery and electronic equipment, motor vehicles, personal and household products, and other products such as chemicals and potash. Retailing activity rose 1.1% in the second quarter, half the pace of the first quarter. Much of this growth was due to rising sales of new and used motor vehicles. Excluding new and used motor vehicles, retail trade increased by 0.7%. Home centres and hardware stores as well as home electronics and appliance stores also contributed to the second quarter gain.

Output of the finance and insurance, and of the real estate sectors both advanced 0.9%. Credit intermediation, such as banking, and related activities climbed 1.1%. Real estate agents and brokers gained 4.4% due to the strength of the home resale market. Security and commodity brokers (+1.2%) benefited from an increase in transactions on the Canadian stock exchanges.

The public sector (education services, health and social assistance, and public administration) gained 0.8% in the second quarter of 2005.

Industrial production (the output of factories, mines and utilities) edged up 0.1%. The growth in mining, oil and gas extraction (+1.4%) and in utilities (+0.9%) was offset by lower output of manufacturers (-0.4%). In the United States, the index of industrial production increased by 0.3% with gains in all three sectors: manufacturing, mining and utilities.

Manufacturing output eased back 0.4% led by decreases in the production of motor vehicles (-5.0%) and parts (-2.1%). There were widespread declines in petroleum-related industries, such as chemical products (-2.4%), plastic products (-1.7%) and petroleum and coal products (-3.0%). Crude petroleum prices on international markets increased 8.1% in the second quarter.

Only 10 of the 21 major manufacturing groups advanced, accounting for 46% of the sector's value added. The largest gain was recorded by manufacturers of information and communication technology products (+5.8%), almost the same pace set in the first quarter. Primary production of aluminium increased 10% with the resumption of output following strike activities that affected this industry in the second half of 2004.

Mining, oil and gas extraction grew by 1.4% after three consecutive quarterly declines. Oil and gas extraction rose 0.8% due to a partial recovery over various production difficulties that hampered this sector earlier in the year. Strike activities reduced the output of iron mines by 29% in the second quarter. This drop was more than offset by increased output in non-metallic mineral mines (+12%) (which include diamonds and potash).

Construction activity increased 0.8% in the second quarter. Residential construction bounced back 0.9% led by increases in new apartment units, while the erection of single detached dwellings edged down. Non-residential building construction activity increased by 1.3%, a pace similar to that in the first quarter. There was strength in the construction of industrial and commercial structures, while institutional structures receded.

Real Gross domestic product by industry, at basic prices, monthly[1]

	January 2005	February 2005	March 2005	April 2005	May 2005	June 2005	June 2004 to June 2005
	Seasona	lly adjusted a	t annual rates	s, millions cha	ained (1997)	dollars	%
All industries	1,062,316 0.3	1,064,181 0.2	1,062,979 -0.1	1,067,231 0.4	1,070,767 0.3	1,073,306 <i>0.2</i>	2.6
Goods producing industries	333,819 <i>0.2</i>	332,778 -0.3	330,920 -0.6	332,038 0.3	334,043 0.6	333,787 -0.1	1.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	23,924	24,533	24,562	24,467	24,334	24,512	2.2
Mining and oil and gas extraction	-0.9 37,393	2.5 36,943	0.1 36,573	-0. <i>4</i> 37,282	-0.5 37,942	<i>0.7</i> 37,199	3.3
Utilities	- <i>0.2</i> 26,639	-1.2 26,423	-1.0 26,796	1.9 26,355	<i>1.8</i> 26,721	-2.0 27,469	-2.8
Construction	-0.8 60,156	-0.8 60,210	1.4 60,175	-1.6 60,398	1.4 60,606	2.8 60,906	8.1
Manufacturing	0.4 185,867 0.6	0.1 185,051 -0.4	-0.1 183,252 -1.0	0.4 183,665 0.2	0.3 184,286 0.3	0.5 183,917 -0.2	5.0
Services producing industries	729,644 0.3	732,663 <i>0.4</i>	733,426 0.1	736,580 0.4	738,050 0.2	740,925 0.4	0.3 3.2
Wholesale trade	68,178	69,078	69,490	70,056	70,415	71,082	
Retail trade	-0.2 61,193	1.3 61,938	0.6 61,750	0.8 62,536	0.5 61,850	0.9 62,456	8.0
	2.4	1.2	-0.3	1.3	-1.1	1.0	5.7
Transportation and warehousing	51,301 <i>0.9</i>	51,162 -0.3	51,095 <i>-0.1</i>	51,133 <i>0.1</i>	51,389 <i>0.5</i>	51,467 <i>0.</i> 2	1.8
Information and cultural industries	43,903 0.1	44,017 <i>0.</i> 3	44,137 <i>0.3</i>	44,271 0.3	44,509 <i>0.5</i>	44,586 <i>0.2</i>	3.7
Finance, insurance and real estate	213,866	214,559	215,068	215,599	216,391	217,134	
Professional, scientific and technical services	0.2 46,563	<i>0.3</i> 46,667	<i>0.2</i> 46,769	<i>0.2</i> 46,802	<i>0.4</i> 47,031	<i>0.</i> 3 46,987	3.5
Administrative and waste management services	0.1 22,210	<i>0.2</i> 22,311	0.2 22,413	0.1 22,537	<i>0.5</i> 22,606	-0.1 22,677	1.3
Educational services	-0.1 46,112	<i>0.5</i> 46,167	<i>0.5</i> 45,641	0.6 46,389	0.3 46,525	0.3 46,756	3.1
	0.2	0.1	-1.1	1.6	0.3	0.5	2.8
Health care and social assistance	62,767 -0.2	62,888 <i>0.2</i>	63,054 <i>0.3</i>	63,130 <i>0.1</i>	63,179 <i>0.1</i>	63,474 <i>0.5</i>	1.1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	9,313 <i>-1.8</i>	9,455 <i>1.5</i>	9,403 <i>-0.5</i>	9,321 <i>-0.9</i>	9,289 <i>-0.3</i>	9,256 <i>-0.4</i>	-1.8
Accommodation and food services	23,619	23,725	23,687	23,717	23,752	23,828	
Other services (except public administration)	-0.0 24,706	<i>0.4</i> 24,807	- <i>0.2</i> 24,859	0.1 24,895	0.1 24,870	<i>0.3</i> 24,886	1.9
Public administration	-0.2 57,687 0.1	0.4 57,742 0.1	0.2 57,962 0.4	0.1 58,121 0.3	-0.1 58,205 0.1	0.1 58,341 0.2	1.2
Other aggregations							
Industrial production	250,176	248,562	246,753	247,729	249,620	248,939	
Non-durable manufacturing industries	0.3 74,184	-0.6 73,831	-0.7 73,703	0.4 73,376	0.8 73,738	-0.3 72,919	0.4
ŭ	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.5	-1.1	-3.2
Durable manufacturing industries	111,616 <i>1.4</i>	111,154 <i>-0.4</i>	109,454 -1.5	110,220 <i>0.7</i>	110,470 <i>0.2</i>	110,955 <i>0.4</i>	2.9
Business sector industries	903,973 <i>0.3</i>	905,600 <i>0.2</i>	904,617 <i>-0.1</i>	907,921 <i>0.4</i>	911,207 <i>0.4</i>	913,260 <i>0.2</i>	2.7
Non-business sector industries	158,581	158,818	158,601	159,544	159,799	160,285	
ICT sector, total	0.0 63,742	<i>0.1</i> 63,888	-0.1 64,343	<i>0.6</i> 64,589	<i>0.2</i> 65,196	<i>0.</i> 3 65,553	1.8
	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.5	6.7

¹ The first line is the series itself expressed in millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. The second line, italicized, is the period to period percentage change at monthly rates.

Real Gross domestic product by industry, at basic prices, quarterly and annually[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seasonal	ly adjusted at	annual rates	, millions cha	ined (1997) d	ollars		
Goods producing industries	322,736	327,377	331,595	332,153	332,506	333,289	317,208	328,465
	0.6	1.4	<i>1.3</i>	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.7	3.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	23,444	23,595 0.6	24,180	24,249 0.3	24,340	24,438 0.4	22,842 7.6	23,867 <i>4.5</i>
Mining and oil and gas extraction	1.9 37,680	38,163	2.5 37,968	37,640	<i>0.4</i> 36,970	37,474	36,797	37,863
Utilities	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.3</i>	-0.5	-0.9	-1.8	<i>1.4</i>	3.9	2.9
	25,619	25,501	25,949	26,500	26,619	26,848	25,818	25,892
Construction	0.8	- <i>0.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>	2.1	0.5	0.9	-2.3	0.3
	58,168	58,319	58,815	59,503	60,180	60,637	56,273	58,701
	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.8	4.4	4.3
Manufacturing	177,071	181,108	184,391	184,164	184,723	183,956	174,820	181,684
	<i>0</i> .3	2.3	<i>1.8</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.</i> 3	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	3.9
Services producing industries	709,228	715,757	721,138	725,709	731,911	738,518	697,886	717,958
	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.</i> 9	0.8	0.6	<i>0</i> .9	0.9	2.5	2.9
Wholesale trade	63,792	65,349	66,649	67,585	68,915	70,518	61,941	65,844
Retail trade	<i>-0.5</i>	2.4	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.3	<i>5.6</i>	<i>6.3</i>
	58,581	58,897	59,796	60,323	61,627	62,281	57,126	59,399
Transportation and warehousing	2.0	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.9</i>	2.2	1.1	2.8	<i>4.0</i>
	49,072	50,274	50,383	50,785	51,186	51,330	47,954	50,129
	0.8	2.4	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	4.5
Information and cultural industries	42,284	42,916	43,154	43,610	44,019	44,455	42,354	42,991
	0.8	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>	1.1	<i>0.9</i>	1.0	2.3	<i>1.5</i>
Finance, insurance and real estate	207,470	209,751	210,914	212,717	214,498	216,375	203,060	210,213
	1.1	1.1	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.</i> 9	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.9</i>	2.2	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	45,945	46,359	46,373	46,528	46,666	46,940	45,391	46,301
Administrative and waste management services	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	0.0	0.3	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>	3. <i>1</i>	2.0
	21,807	21,988	22,025	22,157	22,311	22,607	21,531	21,994
Educational services	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.2</i>	0.6	<i>0.7</i>	1.3	3.9	2.2
	44,689	45,081	45,179	45,707	45,973	46,557	44,854	45,164
	-0.3	0.9	0.2	1.2	0.6	1.3	0.6	0.7
Health care and social assistance	62,489	62,130	63,042	62,885	62,903	63,261	61,755	62,636
	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	1.5	-0.2	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.6</i>	3.9	<i>1.4</i>
Arts, entertainment and recreation	9,618	9,558	9,667	9,377	9,390	9,289	9,508	9,555
	<i>0.7</i>	-0.6	1.1	-3.0	0.1	<i>-1.1</i>	3.8	<i>0.5</i>
Accommodation and food services	23,266	23,257	23,408	23,581	23,677	23,766	22,909	23,378
Other services (except public administration)	-0.2	-0.0	<i>0.6</i>	0.7	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	-1.7	2.0
	24,413	24,529	24,559	24,725	24,791	24,884	24,184	24,556
Public administration	0.2	<i>0.5</i>	0.1	<i>0.7</i>	0.3	<i>0.4</i>	1.8	1.5
	57,042	57,131	57,523	57,403	57,797	58,222	56,438	57,275
	0.3	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.7	0.7	2.9	1.5
Other aggregations								
Industrial production	241,580	245,842	248,988	248,848	248,497	248,763	238,435	246,314
Non-durable manufacturing industries	0.3	1.8	1.3	-0.1	- <i>0.1</i>	0.1	<i>0.7</i>	3.3
	73,212	74,183	74,933	74,458	73,906	73,344	72,913	74,196
Durable manufacturing industries	0.4	1.3	1.0	- <i>0.6</i>	- <i>0.7</i>	-0.8	-0.0	1.8
	103,661	106,761	109,321	109,589	110,741	110,548	101,679	107,333
Business sector industries	<i>0.3</i>	3.0	2. <i>4</i>	<i>0.2</i>	1.1	- <i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	5.6
	874,441	885,791	894,163	898,920	904,730	910,796	858,512	888,329
Non-business sector industries	<i>0.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	0.9	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.7</i>	2.2	3. <i>5</i>
	156,519	156,439	157,743	158,040	158,667	159,876	155,550	157,185
ICT sector, total	0.1	- <i>0.1</i>	0.8	0.2	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>	2.2	1.1
	60,472	61,276	62,150	62,785	63,991	65,113	57,076	61,671
	2.8	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.9	1.8	3.8	8.0

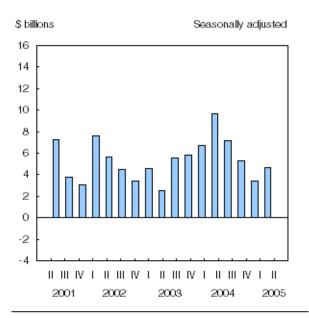
¹ The first line is the series itself expressed in millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates. The second line, italicized, is the period to period percentage change at quarterly

Balance of international payments

Second quarter 2005

Canada's current account surplus with the rest of the world, on seasonally adjusted basis. а second increased \$1.3 billion in the quarter increase followed three of 2005 to \$4.7 billion. This consecutive declines in the current account surplus. Higher exports of goods were the main contributor to this increase.

Current account rebounds after three declines



In the capital and financial account (not seasonally adjusted), Canada's assets abroad again grew more than its international liabilities. Growth in foreign assets came predominantly from portfolio investment in foreign debt securities and stocks. Canadian liabilities to the rest of the world continued to grow despite a halt to the strong foreign portfolio investment observed over the past six quarters.

Current account

Goods surplus rebounds

The surplus on trade in goods rose \$1.3 billion to \$14.1 billion in the second quarter as the value of exports increased more than imports. The surplus on goods had declined in each of the previous three quarters.

The largest gain in exports occurred in energy products which reached the highest value since the first quarter of 2001. Higher prices for most of these products were again the dominant factor. An increase in demand for coal products also contributed to the higher exports values for energy products.

Note to readers

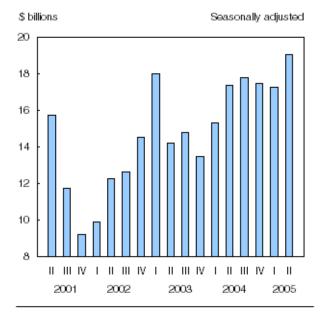
The balance of payments covers all economic transactions between Canadian residents and non-residents. It includes the current account and the capital and financial account.

The **current account** covers transactions on goods, services, investment income and current transfers. Transactions in exports and interest income are examples of receipts, while imports and interest expense are payments. The balance from these transactions determines if Canada's current account is in **surplus** or **deficit**.

The **capital and financial account** is mainly comprised of transactions in financial instruments. Financial assets and liabilities with non-residents are presented under three functional classes: direct investment, portfolio investment and other investment. These investments belong either to Canadian residents (Canadian assets) or to foreign residents (Canadian liabilities). Transactions resulting in a capital inflow are presented as positive values while capital outflows from Canada are shown as negative values.

A current account surplus or deficit should correspond to an equivalent outflow or inflow in the capital and financial account. In other words, the two accounts should add to zero. In fact, as data are compiled from multiple sources, the two balance of payments accounts rarely equate. As a result, the **statistical discrepancy** is the net unobserved inflow or outflow needed to balance the accounts.

Value of energy exports at a four-year high



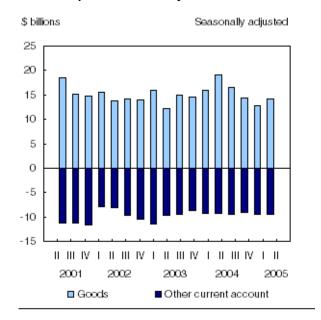
For a second consecutive quarter, exports of machinery and equipment increased substantially. Television, telecommunication and related equipment reached its highest level in 4 years but remains at only half of the peak level at the end of 2000.

On the other hand, export values of automotive products continued to decline, notably for the passenger autos and chassis which were at the lowest level since the second quarter of 1998.

Most of the large increase for machinery and equipment imports came from aircraft, engines and parts, which were at the highest level since 2002, and from other communication and related equipment.

Prices were also responsible for most of the eighth consecutive increase in the value of imports for energy products. As with exports, higher demand for coal and other related products also contributed to the higher energy import values.

Goods surplus leads the way



Services deficit increased slightly again

As in the previous two quarters, the deficit on services increased slightly, up \$0.2 billion, this time led by higher deficits for travel and commercial services. For these two services categories, payments rose faster than receipts.

Canadians continued to increase their travel spending in countries other than United States. The number of Canadians visiting such countries has risen by 12% in the last year. More tourists from countries other than the US visited Canada in the quarter, resulting in higher receipts while there were virtually no changes in cross-border travel between Canada and United States.

Deficit on investment income up slightly

The deficit on investment income increased \$0.2 billion to \$6.0 billion. The deficit has remained around this level over the last two years. Both receipts and payments increased in the second quarter.

Dividends paid to foreign investors on their direct investment in Canada rebounded partially after the large reduction of the first quarter. Most of the gain was in the chemical products sector. However, foreign direct investors saw the reinvested earnings of their Canadian holdings fall during the quarter.

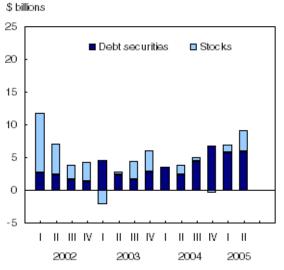
For the third consecutive quarter, payments on portfolio interest on Canadian bonds remained unchanged at \$5.9 billion.

Financial account

Strong Canadian demand continues for foreign securities

Over the second quarter, Canadians purchased \$9.1 billion in foreign securities, the highest quarterly amount in over three years. Thus far in 2005, Canadian investors have bought \$16.0 billion worth of foreign securities, compared to less than half that over the same period last year. It should be noted that foreign content limits for tax-deferred Canadian investment vehicles were eliminated late in the quarter.

Three-year high for Canadian portfolio assets abroad



1. Reverse of Balance of Payments signs.

About two-thirds of the investment went to foreign debt securities with the remainder going to foreign stocks. The investment of \$3.3 billion into foreign equities was the largest since the second quarter of 2002. The current quarter's investment was centred on US shares as Canadian investors sold some of their holdings of overseas shares.

Turning to foreign debt securities, strong Canadian demand for foreign bonds continued for a third straight quarter. A further acquisition of \$4.8 billion worth brought the total investment over the three quarters to \$16.9 billion. The second quarter saw almost 90% go to US bonds, with US government treasuries the security of choice. After two quarters of lower investments, demand for foreign money market instruments jumped to \$1.1 billion. This investment saw a move to overseas paper as Canadian investors sold some of their holdings of US paper.

Direct investment abroad again moderate

Canadian direct investment abroad was again moderate at \$7.7 billion. The investment for the quarter came largely from increases in working capital as acquisitions were negative. That is, Canadian investors sold some of their holdings abroad. Investment in the financial sector once again led the quarter. While most of the investment went to the United States, the negative acquisitions led to a significant divestment from continental Europe.

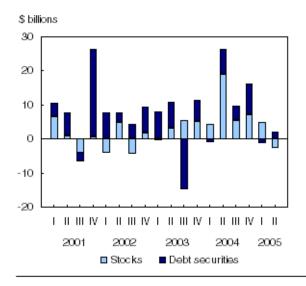
Foreign direct investment in Canada subdued after big first quarter

Foreign direct investment came in at \$4.8 billion during the second quarter, about half that of the first. Again this quarter net acquisitions accounted for about half of the investment following two years which saw foreign investors sell some of their holdings back to Canadian residents causing net acquisitions to be negative. For the quarter, about four-fifths of the investment came from Europe and the United States while industrially it was well spread, led by investment in energy and metallic minerals.

Foreign holdings of Canadian securities unchanged

Foreign investors bought \$2.2 billion worth of Canadian debt securities but sold slightly more in Canadian equities leaving their overall holdings little changed for the quarter. This followed a series of robust investments in Canadian securities beginning in the fourth quarter of 2003 that totalled \$70 billion.

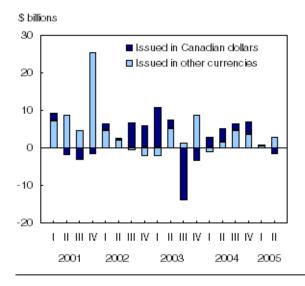
Strong portfolio investment in Canadian securities ends



During the quarter, foreign investors reduced their holdings of Canadian equities by \$2.5 billion – the first quarterly divestment since the opening quarter of 2003. The entire divestment occurred in trading of outstanding issues with reduced foreign holdings in equities across a broad range of industrial sectors.

Foreign investors acquired just \$1.2 billion in Canadian bonds in the second quarter, a lower amount for a second straight quarter. Viewed from a currency perspective, non-residents bought Canadian bonds denominated in foreign currencies (\$2.9 billion) but sold bonds denominated in Canadian dollars (\$1.7 billion). This was a switch from the previous five quarters where they acquired almost \$12 billion of bonds in Canadian dollars.

Foreign investment in Canadian bonds mixed



Over the year thus far, foreign investors have acquired only \$1.9 billion in Canadian bonds, compared to \$16.1 billion and \$6.7 billion purchased over the same period in 2003 and 2004 respectively. The composition of these holdings continues to shift away from federal government bonds which have declined by \$4.7 billion since the beginning of the year. Meanwhile foreign investors continue to purchase bonds issued by other sectors of the Canadian economy. Over the same period of time, long-term interest rates in Canada have dipped below those in the United States for the first time in over four years while the Canadian dollar fell by 1.59 US cents.

Foreign investors increased their overall holdings of Canadian money market paper over the second quarter of 2005 with a \$1.0 billion purchase, partially offsetting first quarter sales of \$1.9 billion. Investment over the second quarter was largely in federal enterprise paper with the bulk of it by European investors.

Loans lead inflow on other investment

A net inflow of \$4 billion was recorded in the other investment account, led by loan transactions. Non-residents repaid some of their loans held in Canada, while Canadian residents took on additional liabilities in non-resident loans. Transactions in deposits were large but mostly offsetting as the deposit assets of Canadians grew slightly faster than Canadian deposit liabilities to non-residents.

The Canadian dollar continued its slide against the US dollar over the second quarter, losing more then a cent to close at 81.61 US cents. However, for the second straight quarter, the Canadian dollar did well against other major currencies, particularly the Swiss franc, the Euro and the Pound.

Balance of payments

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004	
	Not seasonally adjusted, millions of dollars								
Current account									
Receipts									
Goods and services Goods	115,395 101,679	129,792 114,377	125,875 107,439	119,889 105,639	119,982 105,619	130,463 114,438	459,697 400,175	490,950 429,134	
Services	13,716	15,415	18,436	14,250	14,363	16,024	59,522	61,816	
Investment income	8,469	10,004	9,841	10,072	9,483	9,895	29,999	38,385	
Direct investment Portfolio investment	4,549 2,232	5,716 2,388	5,429 2,426	5,629 2,655	4,912 2,695	5,145 2,774	13,733 9,414	21,324 9,701	
Other investment	1,688	1,900	1,985	1,788	1,877	1,976	6,853	7,361	
Current transfers Current account receipts	1,998 125,862	1,683 141,479	1,644 137,360	1,946 131,907	2,010 131,476	1,706 142,063	6,614 496,310	7,272 536,607	
Payments									
Goods and services	103,804	114,596	110,101	109,065	111,547	120,552	413,523	437,566	
Goods	84,764	95,853	91,319	91,140	91,906	101,042	342,608	363,076	
Services Investment income	19,040 15,083	18,743 16,274	18,782 16,136	17,925 15,827	19,641 15,807	19,510 15,823	70,915 57,991	74,490 63,321	
Direct investment	6,220	7,697	7,484	7,155	6,851	7,210	22,387	28,556	
Portfolio investment	6,938	7,017	6,999	6,795	6,822	6,855	28,980	27,749	
Other investment Current transfers	1,925 2,179	1,560 1,442	1,653 1,538	1,877 1,786	2,134 2,970	1,758 1,517	6,625 6,398	7,016 6,944	
Current account payments	121,066	132,312	127,774	126,679	130,323	137,891	477,913	507,830	
Balances									
Goods and services Goods	11,591 16,915	15,196 18,524	15,774 16,120	10,823 14,499	8,436 13,714	9,911 13,397	46,174 57,567	53,384 66,058	
Services	-5,324	-3,328	-346	-3,676	-5,278	-3,486	-11,393	-12,674	
Investment income	-6,614	-6,271	-6,295	-5,756	-6,323	-5,928	-27,992	-24,935	
Direct investment	-1,671	-1,981	-2,055	-1,526	-1,939	-2,065	-8,654	-7,232	
Portfolio investment Other investment	-4,705 -237	-4,629 340	-4,572 332	-4,141 -89	-4,127 -257	-4,081 218	-19,566 228	-18,048 345	
Current transfers	-23 <i>1</i> -181	242	107	160	-237 -960	189	215	328	
Current account balance	4,797	9,167	9,585	5,228	1,153	4,172	18,397	28,777	
Capital and financial account[1]									
Capital account	933	1,209	1,118	1,148	1,333	1,318	3,977	4,407	
Financial account	-6,756	-7,560	-5,024	-7,571	-10,443	-8,283	-20,108	-26,912	
Canadian assets, net flows									
Canadian direct investment abroad Portfolio investment	-7,173 -3,348	-28,228 -3,780	-14,216 -5,046	-12,120 -6,349	-9,932 -6,881	-7,658 -9,137	-30,058 -15,720	-61,737 -18,523	
Foreign bonds	-3,346 -2,612	-3,760 -3,057	-3,046	-6,563	-5,565	-9,137 -4,769	-15,720 -7,974	-15,262	
Foreign stocks	163	-1,498	-644	387	-1,112	-3,291	-4,438	-1,592	
Foreign money market	-899	776	-1,372	-174	-204	-1,077	-3,308	-1,669	
Other investment Loans	2,729 -611	-14,073 -1,886	5,082 911	2,744 4,935	-15,252 -694	-4,269 3,488	-20,395 7,586	-3,518 3,349	
Deposits	725	-7,432	7,147	-7,938	-8,747	-5,926	-22,646	-7,497	
Official international reserves	-236	243	-517	3,937	-3,437	585	4,693	3,427	
Other assets Total Canadian assets, net flows	2,850 -7,792	-4,998 -46,080	-2,459 -14,179	1,810 -15,726	-2,374 -32,065	-2,416 -21,064	-10,028 -66,173	-2,797 -83,778	
Canadian liabilities, net flows									
Foreign direct investment in Canada	7,221	-5,649	8,408	-1,793	9,381	4,841	8,896	8,187	
Portfolio investment Canadian bonds	3,374 1,635	26,348 5,054	9,726 6,373	16,023 7,001	3,560	-300 1.186	20,322 8,293	55,471 20,063	
Canadian bonds Canadian stocks	4,351	5,054 18,914	6,373 5,450	7,123	720 4,778	1,186 -2,463	8,293 13,491	20,063 35,838	
Canadian money market	-2,612	2,380	-2,097	1,900	-1,939	978	-1,461	-430	
Other investment	-9,559	17,821	-8,979	-6,076	8,682	8,240	16,846	-6,792	
Loans Deposits	1,198 -10,519	4,024 14,714	-6,876 -1,095	-1,414 -3,654	7,528 -1,236	2,925 5,187	1,422 18,318	-3,067 -554	
Other liabilities	-10,519	-917	-1,095	-1,008	2,390	128	-2,894	-3,171	
	1,036	38,520	9,155	8,154	21,622	12,781	46,064	56,865	
Total Canadian liabilities, net flows									
Total capital and financial account, net flows	-5,824	-6,351	-3,906	-6,424	-9,109	-6,966	-16,132	-22,505	

¹ A minus sign (-) denotes an outflow of capital resulting from an increase in claims on non-residents or from a decrease in liabilities to non-residents. Transactions are recorded on a net basis.

Current account

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004	
	Seasonally adjusted at quarterly rates, millions of dollars								
Receipts	-								
Goods and services	116,334	126,433	126,065	122,118	123,485	126,377	459,697	490,950	
Goods Services	101,208	110,929	110,564	106,434	107,523	110,249	400,175	429,134	
Travel	15,127 3,999	15,504 4,172	15,501 4,210	15,684 4,329	15,962 4,218	16,127 4,234	59,522 14,776	61,816 16,709	
Transportation	2,614	2,806	2,923	2,711	2,864	2,924	9,836	11,053	
Commercial services	8,153	8,139	7,977	8,271	8,428	8,542	33,475	32,540	
Government services	361	387	392	373	452	426	1,434	1,513	
Investment income	8,771	9,874	9,786	9,954	9,681	9,766	29,999	38,385	
Direct investment	4,815	5,639	5,456	5,414	5,076	5,089	13,733	21,324	
Interest	118	153	160 5 205	149	121	162	339	581	
Profits Portfolio investment	4,697 2,234	5,486 2,337	5,295 2,403	5,265 2,727	4,955 2,689	4,926 2,721	13,394 9,414	20,743 9,701	
Interest	499	585	603	673	858	910	2,108	2,359	
Dividends	1,735	1,752	1,801	2,053	1,830	1,811	7,306	7,342	
Other investment	1,722	1,899	1,927	1,813	1,916	1,956	6,853	7,361	
Current transfers	1,787	1,842	1,847	1,796	1,805	1,874	6,614	7,272	
Private	687	634	675	634	615	627	2,473	2,629	
Official	1,100	1,209	1,172	1,161	1,190	1,248	4,141	4,642	
Total receipts	126,892	138,150	137,698	133,868	134,971	138,017	496,310	536,607	
Payments	102 720	110 925	110 224	110 677	113.876	115 600	442 522	427 EGG	
Goods and services Goods	103,730 85,195	110,825 91,924	112,334 93,955	110,677 92,001	94,671	115,699 96,114	413,523 342,608	437,566 363,076	
Services	18,535	18,901	18,380	18,675	19,206	19,585	70,915	74,490	
Travel	5,183	5,356	5,085	5,216	5,624	5,713	18,805	20,839	
Transportation	3,764	3,979	4,050	4,051	4,177	4,251	14,333	15,844	
Commercial services	9,354	9,326	9,006	9,170	9,166	9,382	36,826	36,857	
Government services	233	239	239	238	238	239	950	950	
Investment income	14,864	15,897	16,527	16,034	15,537	15,799	57,991	63,321	
Direct investment Interest	6,268 559	7,155 565	7,711 569	7,422 565	6,869 566	7,004 570	22,387 1,898	28,556 2,259	
Profits	5,708	6,590	7,141	6,858	6,303	6,434	20,489	26,297	
Portfolio investment	6,935	7,013	7,002	6,799	6,807	6,860	28,980	27,749	
Interest	6,161	6,232	6,209	6,014	5,972	6,070	25,850	24,616	
Dividends	774	781	793	785	835	790	3,129	3,134	
Other investment	1,661	1,729	1,814	1,812	1,861	1,935	6,625	7,016	
Current transfers	1,615	1,775	1,669	1,884	2,191	1,853	6,398	6,944	
Private Official	918 698	977 798	957 713	1,004 880	1,022 1,169	1,064 789	3,474 2,925	3,855 3,089	
Total payments	120,209	128,497	130,530	128,594	131,604	133,351	477,913	507,830	
Balances									
Goods and services	12,604	15,608	13,731	11,441	9,609	10,678	46,174	53,384	
Goods	16,012	19,005	16,609	14,432	12,853	14,135	57,567	66,058	
Services Travel	-3,408 -1,184	-3,397 -1,184	-2,879 -875	-2,991 -887	-3,243 -1,407	-3,457 -1,478	-11,393 -4,029	-12,674 -4,130	
Transportation	-1,151	-1,104	-1,127	-1,340	-1,407	-1,476	-4,497	-4,791	
Commercial services	-1,201	-1,188	-1,029	-899	-738	-840	-3,352	-4,317	
Government services	128	148	153	135	214	187	484	563	
Investment income	-6,093	-6,022	-6,741	-6,080	-5,856	-6,033	-27,992	-24,935	
Direct investment	-1,453	-1,516	-2,255	-2,008	-1,793	-1,915	-8,654	-7,232	
Interest	-441	-412	-409	-416	-444	-408	-1,559	-1,678	
Profits Portfolio investment	-1,012 4 701	-1,104 4,676	-1,846 4,500	-1,593 4,073	-1,348 -4,118	-1,507 4 130	-7,095	-5,554	
Portfolio investment Interest	-4,701 -5,663	-4,676 -5,647	-4,599 -5,607	-4,073 -5,340	-4,118 -5,114	-4,139 -5,160	-19,566 -23,743	-18,048 -22,256	
Dividends	-5,663 962	-5,647 971	1,008	1,268	995	1,021	-23,743 4,177	4,208	
Other investment	61	170	113	1	55	21	228	345	
Current transfers	172	67	177	-88	-386	22	215	328	
Private	-231	-343	-282	-370	-407	-437	-1,001	-1,226	
Official	402	411	459	281	21	459	1,216	1,554	
Current account	6,683	9,653	7,168	5,274	3,367	4,666	18,397	28,777	

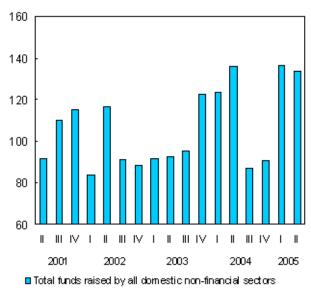
Financial flows

Second quarter 2005

Overall demand for credit eased in the second quarter of 2005, with total funds raised by domestic non-financial sectors on credit markets amounting to \$133.7 billion (seasonally-adjusted at annual rates) down from \$136.3 billion in the previous quarter. This decline was in line with a significant drop in demand for funds by the public sector, which reflected a reduction in federal government liabilities.

Total borrowing edged down

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates



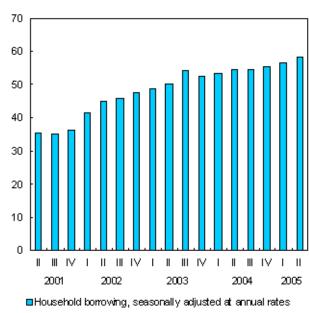
The second quarter in the financial markets was marked by an easing of monetary conditions, as well as lower mortgage rates. Although slightly abating since the end of the first quarter, the Canadian dollar still closed above the 80 cents mark. A stronger stock market performance resulting from higher metal and energy prices was also among the highlights of the quarter.

Household demand for credit still on the rise

Growth in household mortgage demand was driven by a pick-up in residential construction and increased activity in the resale market, while encouraged by low interest rates. Consumer credit demand by households remained firm in line with personal expenditure in durable goods.

Household borrowing continues to grow

Billions of dollars



The growth in mortgage and consumer credit debt continued to outpace the growth in personal disposable income rising to 107.8 percent, up from 107.1 percent in the first quarter. This rise was partly moderated by lower debt servicing charges resulting from lower mortgage rates. With households dis-saving (negative personal saving) for the second consecutive quarter and housing investment up, the personal sector deficit expanded further in the quarter.

Note to readers

The Financial Flow Accounts (FFA) measure net lending or borrowing by examining financial transactions in the economy by sector. The FFA arrive at a measure of net financial investment which is the difference between change in financial assets and liabilities. (e.g., net purchases of securities less net issuance of securities).

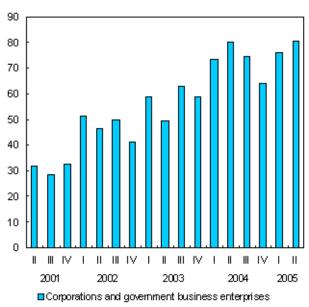
Newly incorporated tables present data on sector financial transactions, illustrating the flow of funds by financial instruments. These tables also provide the link between financial and non-financial activity in the economy which ties estimates of saving and non-financial asset formation (e.g., investment in new housing) with the underlying financial transactions.

Corporations continue to build surpluses

The corporate surplus rose again in the second quarter. Corporations continued to supply significant amounts of funds to the rest of the economy, extending a five year-trend. However, the demand for funds by non-financial private corporations was up in the quarter, reflecting both borrowing and equity issues.

Corporate surplus still on the rise



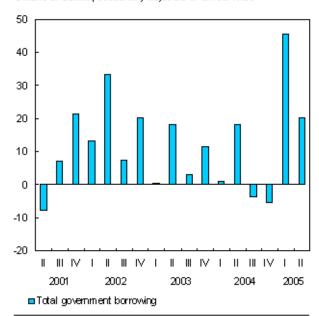


Government demand for funds declines

Borrowing requirements for the government sector as a whole fell sharply. During the first quarter, the federal government borrowed on a short term basis to make higher payments under the Canadian Health and Social Transfer. This debt was paid down in the second quarter from surplus funds. However, borrowing of other levels of government was up in the quarter.

Total government borrowing declined

Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates



Financial market summary table

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seaso	onally adjuste	d data at ann	ual rates, mil	lions of dollar	rs .		
Funds raised:								
Persons and unincorporated business	56,864	56,720	56,160	57,708	62,180	61,448	55,170	56,863
Consumer credit	20,020	20,528	20,416	21,068	21,492	21,220	19,528	20,508
Bank loans	900	1,648	952	912	3,052	1,100	1,177	1,103
Other loans	2,472	600	804	1,412	2,456	2,080	2,685	1,322
Mortgages	33,472	33,944	33,988	34,316	35,180	37,048	31,780	33,930
Non-financial private corporations	69,196	60,580	34,088	40,644	35,348	48,748	40,424	51,127
Bank loans	10,644	7,964	6,868	6,336	488	8,464	-894	7,953
Other loans	-980	-3,076	-7,320	-3,308	1,516	3,748	-2,854	-3,671
Other short-term paper	760	3,036	-3,768	9,968	4,616	84	-10,084	2,499
Mortgages	5,576	6,368	6,772	7,052	7,036	6,792	5,272	6,442
Bonds	20,960	19,964	19,852	3,484	14,464	13,836	18,513	16,065
Shares	32,236	26,324	11,684	17,112	7,228	15,824	30,471	21,839
Non-financial government enterprises	-3,672	556	8	-2,520	-6,956	3,292	-3,366	-1,407
Bank loans	-828	256	-132	1,384	-864	-320	384	170
Other loans	-1,700	1,212	1,224	356	-400	1,820	1,486	273
Other short-term paper	-2,684	1,092	-824	-2,220	-2,896	-220	-1,347	-1,159
Mortgages	-8	0	-4	-4	2,030	12	-6	-4
Bonds	1,544	-2,008	-252	-2,032	-2.796	2,000	-3,883	-687
Shares	4	4	-4	-2,032 -4	0	0	0	0
Federal government	-10,464	-13,516	-21,920	-28,688	31,920	-5,288	-1,567	-18,647
Bank loans	192	120	120	128	192	108	106	140
Other loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada short-term paper	-5,724	3,380	-716	2,840	33,264	-3,800	12,231	-55
Canada Savings Bonds	4	-1.128	-1,428	-3,220	-3,180	-1,392	-1,290	-1.443
Other bonds	-4,936	-15,888	-19,896	-28,436	1,644	-204	-12,614	-17,289
Other levels of government	11,492	31,668	18,236	23,420	13,760	25,544	9,785	21,204
Other levels of government Bank loans	-1,488	-40	-704	23,420	408	-444	9,765 265	-502
Other loans	1,508	-4 0 504	1,268	1,068	1,224	-444 440	630	1,087
Other short-term paper	-20,092	26,168	-5,828	-8,500	-12,476	-6,348	-690	-2,063
Mortgages	-20,092 16	-24	-3,828	-0,300	32	-0,348 -16	-13	-2,003 -7
Provincial bonds	29,296	2,684	22,180	28,988	23,280	29,704	8,757	20,787
Municipal bonds	2,224	2,356	1,316	1,616	1,260	2,192	813	1,878
Other bonds	28	2,330	24	24	32	16	23	24
Total friends reised by demostic new financial	123,416	426.000	86,572	90,564	426.252	133,744	100,446	109,140
Total funds raised by domestic non-financial sectors	123,416	136,008	00,372	90,304	136,252	133,744	100,446	109,140
Consumer credit	20,020	20,528	20,416	21,068	21,492	21,220	19,528	20,508
Bank loans	9,420	9,948	7,104	8,984	3,276	8,908	1,038	8,864
Other loans	1,300	-760	-4,024	-472	4,796	8,088	1,947	-989
Canada short-term paper	-5,724	3,380	-716	2,840	33,264	-3,800	12,231	-55
Other short-term paper	-22,016	30,296	-10,420	-752	-10,756	-6,484	-12,121	-723
Mortgages	39,056	40,288	40,736	41,364	42,248	43,836	37,033	40,361
Bonds	49,120	6,000	21,796	424	34,704	46,152	10,319	19,335
Shares	32,240	26,328	11,680	17,108	7,228	15,824	30,471	21,839

Sector Accounts - Persons and Unincorporated Businesses

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004		
	Seasonally adjusted data at annual rates, millions of dollars									
Income	952,876	966,364	975,424	986,128	994,776	1,009,304	930,093	970,198		
Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income	1.2 633,052	1.4 641,204	0.9 647,288	1.1 654,312	0.9 661,864	1.5 671,856	3.4 617,753	4.3 643,964		
Unincorporated business net income[1]	<i>1.0</i> 81,496	1.3 83,712	<i>0.9</i> 85,068	1.1 85,296	1.2 85,324	1.5 85,480	<i>4.2</i> 78,438	<i>4.2</i> 83,893		
Interest, dividends and miscellaneous investment	<i>1.8</i> 106,216	<i>2.7</i> 108,576	<i>1.6</i> 108,452	<i>0.3</i> 109,756	0.0 111,124	<i>0.2</i> 112,052	<i>4.4</i> 105,051	7.0 108,250		
income Current transfers from government	1.1 128,044	2.2 129,028	<i>-0.1</i> 130,616	<i>1.2</i> 132,944	<i>1.2</i> 132,600	<i>0.8</i> 136,012	-0.9 125,153	3.0 130,158		
Current transfers from corporations	1.3 1,320	0.8 1,312	1.2 1,304	1.8 1,284	-0.3 1,404	2.6 1,396	2.9 1,225	4.0 1,305		
Current transfers from non-residents	0.0 2,748	-0.6 2,532	-0.6 2,696	-1.5 2,536	9.3 2,460	-0.6 2,508	-5.8 2,473	6.5 2,628		
	19.9	-7.9	6.5	-5.9	-3.0	2.0	-1.3	6.3		
Outlay	942,636 1.9	952,076 1.0	964,600 1.3	978,712 1.5	997,904	1,012,776 <i>1.5</i>	913,031 <i>4.3</i>	959,506 <i>5.1</i>		
Personal expenditure on goods and services	708,200 2.0	717,384 <i>1.</i> 3	724,980 1.1	734,376 1.3	748,520 1.9	756,532 1.1	687,791 <i>4.8</i>	721,235 <i>4.</i> 9		
Current transfers to government	219,232 <i>1.6</i>	219,132 -0.0	224,088 2.3	228,356 1.9	232,796 1.9	239,232 2.8	210,540 <i>2.4</i>	222,702 5.8		
Current transfers to corporations	12,488 <i>1.2</i>	12,776 2.3	12,696 <i>-0.6</i>	13,008 2.5	13,536 <i>4.1</i>	13,824 <i>2.1</i>	12,074 <i>10.9</i>	12,742 5.5		
Current transfers to non-residents	2,716 1.8	2,784 2.5	2,836 1.9	2,972 4.8	3,052 2.7	3,188 <i>4.5</i>	2,626 6.5	2,827 7.7		
Saving	10,240	14,288	10,824	7,416	-3,128	-3,472	17,062	10,692		
Disposable income[2]	-39.1 733,644	39.5 747,232	-24.2 751,336	-31.5 757,772	761,980	770,072	-28.8 719,553	-37.3 747,496		
Saving rate	1.1 1.4 	1.9 1.9 	0.5 1.4 	0.9 1.0	0.6 -0.4	1.1 -0.5 	3.7 2.4 	3.9 1.4		
Gross saving and capital transfers	49,340	54,728	51,736	48,572	39,716	39,504	54,609	51,094		
Saving	-9.9 10,240	10.9 14,288	-5.5 10,824	-6.1 7,416	-18.2 -3,128	-0.5 -3,472	-8.3 17,062	-6.4 10,692		
Capital consumption allowances	-39. <i>1</i> 37,080	39.5 37,664	<i>-24.2</i> 38,160	-31.5 38,684	39,204	39,752	-28.8 35,790	-37.3 37,897		
Net capital transfers	2.0 2,020	1.6 2,776	1.3 2,752	1. <i>4</i> 2,472	1.3 3,640	1. <i>4</i> 3,224	5. <i>0</i> 1,757	5.9 2,505		
Deduct: Non-financial capital acquisition	27.5 98,544	37. <i>4</i> 101,552	- <i>0.9</i> 103,488	-10.2 105,612	<i>47.2</i> 109,164	<i>-11.4</i> 112,752	19.7 89,882	42.6 102,299		
Net lending	4.3 -49,204	3.1 -46,824	1.9 -51,752	2.1 -57,040	3.4 - 69,448	3.3 -73,248	14.4 -35,273	13.8 -51,205		
Net lending	-43,204	-40,024	-51,752	-51,040	-03,440	-73,240	-33,213	-31,203		
Transactions in financial assets	13,832	11,292	10,224	-800	-5,596	-7,980	17,324	8,637		
Currency and deposits	30,516	37,884	21,124	22,228	 15,172	21,620	20,734	27,938		
Canadian debt securities	-16,884	-10,400	-19,952	 -21,112	-16,648	8,244	-5,276	 -17,087		
Corporate shares and mutual funds	3,944	-3,664	1,828	-484	6,328	-1,444	-1,539	406		
Life insurance and pensions	43,480	34,708	34,320	 19,144	32,384	29,884	23,561	32,913		
Other financial assets	 -47,224	 -47,236	-27,096	 -20,576	 -42,832	-66,284	-20,156	-35,533		
Transactions in liabilities	59,312	56,188	60,816	55,880	64,336	63,192	53,864	58,049		
Consumer credit	20,020	20,528	 20,416	21,068	 21,492	 21,220	 19,528	20,508		
Bank and other loans	3,372	2,248	 1,756	2,324	5,508	3,180	3,862	 2,425		
Mortgages	33,472	33,944	33,988	34,316	35,180	37,048	31,780	33,930		
Trade payables	 2,448	 -532	4,656	 -1,828	 2,156	 1,744	-1,306	 1,186		
Net financial investment	-45,480 	-44,896 	-50,592 	-56,680 	-69,932 	-71,172 	-36,540 	-49,412 		
Sector discrepancy	-3,724 	-1,928 	-1,160 	-360 	484 	-2,076 	1,267 	-1,793		

¹ Sum of accrued net income of farm operators from farm production and net income of non-farm unincorporated business, including rent. 2 Total income minus current transfers to government.

Sector Accounts - Corporations and Government Business Enterprises: Total

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seaso	onally adjuste	d data at ann	nual rates, mil	lions of dollar	rs		
Income	298,784 2.8	318,156	326,440 2.6	331,640 1.6	333,040 0.4	335,608 0.8	290,514	318,755 9.7
Corporation profits before taxes	163,128	6.5 177,176	178,804	181,484	184,580	188,828	7.9 147,592	175,148
Government business enterprise profits before taxes	8. <i>4</i> 11,836	8.6 11,324	0.9 12,084	1.5 12,124	1.7 12,692	2.3 12,344	8.7 11,630	18.7 11,842
Inventory valuation adjustment	2.5 -4,444	<i>-4.3</i> -5,856	6.7 796	0.3 2,828	<i>4.7</i> 84	-2.7 -2,224	<i>0.9</i> 5,075	1.8 -1,669
Interest, dividends and miscellaneous receipts[1]	61,464	69,168	68,904	69,172	69,132	69,664	60,132	67,177
Interest on consumer debt	0.8 12,488	12.5 12,776	- <i>0.4</i> 12,696	0.4 13,008	-0.1 13,536	0.8 13,824	1.8 12,074	11.7 12,742
Interest on public debt[2]	1.2 54,312	2.3 53,568	-0.6 53,156	2.5 53,024	4.1 53,016	2.1 53,172	10.9 54,011	5.5 53,515
Outlay	0.1 217,640	-1.4 229,480	-0.8 230,156	-0.2 237,428	-0.0 232,276	0.3 236,124	-2.1 215,322	-0.9 228,676
Interest, dividends and miscellaneous payments	1.1 172,960	5.4 181,148	0.3 181,228	3.2 187,492	-2.2 181,596	1.7 184,152	3.1 172,948	6.2 180,707
Direct taxes	0.2 43,188	4.7 46,684	0.0 47,416	3.5 48,408	-3.1 49,056	1.4 50,336	1.0 40,963	4.5 46,424
Other current transfers	5.0 1,492	8.1 1,648	1.6 1,512	2.1 1,528	1.3 1,624	2.6 1,636	13.8 1,411	13.3 1,545
Saving	-3. <i>1</i> 81,144 7.6	10.5 88,676 9.3	-8.3 96,284 8.6	1.1 94,212 -2.2	6.3 100,764 <i>7.0</i>	0.7 99,484 -1.3	-11.1 75,192 24.7	9.5 90,079 1 9.8
Gross saving and capital transfers	192,544	202,052	213,072	209,268	216,292	217,716	182,011	204,234
Saving	4.4 81,144	4.9 88,676	5.5 96,284	- 1.8 94,212	3.4 100,764	0.7 99,484	11.6 75,192	90,079
Capital consumption allowances	7.6 108,896	9.3 110,632	8.6 111,892	-2.2 112,892	7.0 114,280	-1.3 115,768	24.7 105,345	19.8 111,078
Net capital transfers	1.5 2,504	1.6 2,744	1.1 4,896	0.9 2,164	1.2 1,248	1.3 2,464	5.1 1,474	5.4 3,077
Deduct: Non-financial capital acquisition	<i>41.0</i> 119,248	9.6 121,888	78.4 138,892	-55.8 145,276	- <i>4</i> 2.3 140,456	97.4 137,064	-43.8 124,477	108.8 131,326
Net lending	-4.9 73,296 	80,164 	14.0 74,180	4.6 63,992 	-3.3 75,836	-2.4 80,652 	7.3 57,534 	72,908
Transactions in financial assets	341,236	420,308	308,204	291,348	414,800	439,036	235,098	340,274
Of which: Consumer credit	20,020	 20 E29	20.416	21.069		21 220	 19,528	20 509
Bank and other loans	20,020 25,172	20,528 32,680	20,416 21,096	21,068 23,880	21,492 9,352	21,220	19,526 -586	20,508 25,707
Mortgages	42,848	47,436	42,860	45,096	45,432	13,320 46,724	39,689	44,560
Short-term paper	-18,964	15,308	-4,408	-7,724	27,268	-24,248	-2,166	-3,947
Bonds	117,708	27,568	38,032	32,720	70,232	86,116	45,481	54,007
Shares	13,376	31,188	32,380	10,876	16,540	28,644	7,792	21,955
Foreign investments	-1,796	36,988	18,704	9,952	46,132	42,204	23,352	15,962
Transactions in liabilities	276,452	347,344	237,808	227,252	332,160	351,208	178,747	272,214
Of which:								
Currency and deposits	52,764	122,960	88,036	83,252	78,804	118,400	49,963	86,753
Bank and other loans	14,976	16,672	4,068	15,844	9,224	15,036	-6,576	12,890
Short-term paper	-8,492 	-408 	-3,600 	8,708 	9,596	-5,876 	-15,700 	-948
Bonds	80,824	63,852	59,800	42,764	51,248	62,816	56,191	61,810
Shares	45,492	51,604	22,324	11,404	55,648	28,816	33,279	32,706
Life insurance and pensions	41,096 	29,580 	30,076 	18,152 	29,608 	24,376 	22,000	29,726
Net financial investment	64,784	72,964	70,396	64,096	82,640	87,828	56,351	68,060
Sector discrepancy	8,512 	7,200 	3,784 	-104 	-6,804 	-7,176 	1,183 	4,848

¹ Includes interest and dividends received from non-residents.
2 Interest on the public debt is routed to other sectors of the economy through the corporate sector due to incomplete information on transactions of government debt instruments.

Sector Accounts - Government

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seas	onally adjuste	d data at anr	ual rates, mil	lions of dollar	rs		
Income	508,448	517,184	526,428	534,948	540,500	549,940	493,786	521,752
Taxes on incomes	1.5 195,232	1.7 199,100	1.8 204,132	1.6 208,712	1.0 213,284	1.7 220,252	4.7 185,920	5.7 201,794
Contributions to social insurance plans	<i>2.6</i> 61,780	2.0 61,820	2.5 62,280	2.2 62,916	2.2 63,540	3.3 64,456	3.3 60,094	8.5 62,199
Taxes on production and imports	<i>1.0</i> 161,720	<i>0.1</i> 164,268	<i>0.7</i> 166,252	<i>1.0</i> 168,024	<i>1.0</i> 169,580	<i>1.4</i> 171,444	<i>5.7</i> 158,354	<i>3.5</i> 165,066
Other current transfers from persons	<i>0.6</i> 9,808	1.6 9,732	<i>1.2</i> 9,780	1.1 9,784	<i>0.9</i> 9,788	1.1 9,852	<i>4.5</i> 9,626	<i>4.2</i> 9,776
Investment income	1.1 39,872	-0.8 41,736	0.5 43,228	0.0 44,980	0.0 42,872	0.7 42,676	4.3 40,902	1.6 42,454
Sales of goods and services[1]	0.9 40,036	4.7 40,528	3.6 40,756	4.1 40,532	<i>-4.7</i> 41,436	-0.5 41,260	9.9 38,890	3.8 40,463
-	1.8	1.2	0.6	-0.5	2.2	-0.4	5.2	4.0
Outlay	497,104 1.3	500,188 <i>0.6</i>	502,596 <i>0.5</i>	508,588 1.2	515,420 1.3	520,368 1.0	485,971 <i>4.4</i>	502,119 3.3
Gross current expenditure on goods and services[1]	284,600 1.3	288,568 1.4	290,112 <i>0.5</i>	292,708 0.9	298,592 2.0	302,520 1.3	275,521 5.6	288,997 <i>4.9</i>
Current transfers	148,668	148,708 <i>0.0</i>	150,224	154,080	155,196 <i>0.7</i>	156,064	145,669 5.7	150,420
Interest on the public debt	1.9 63,836	62,912	1.0 62,260	<i>2.6</i> 61,800	61,632	<i>0.6</i> 61,784	64,781	3.3 62,702
Saving	-0.3 11,344	-1. <i>4</i> 16,996	-1.0 23,832	-0.7 26,360	-0.3 25,080	0.2 29,572	-3.2 7,815	-3.2 19,633
-	13.7	49.8	40.2	10.6	-4.9	17.9	29.8	151.2
Gross saving and capital transfers	33,524	39,556	44,156	50,148	49,684	53,656	31,028	41,846
Saving	1.4 11,344	18.0 16,996	11.6 23,832	13.6 26,360	-0.9 25,080	8.0 29,572	8.6 7,815	34.9 19,633
Capital consumption allowances	13.7 22,972	<i>4</i> 9.8 23,244	<i>40.2</i> 23,500	10.6 23,832	<i>-4.9</i> 24,160	17.9 24,500	29.8 22,467	151.2 23,387
Net capital transfers	1.0 - 7 92	1.2 -684	1.1 -3,176	1.4 -44	1.4 444	1.4 -416	3.5 746	<i>4.1</i> -1,174
·							-11.8	
Deduct: Non-financial capital acquisition	32,520 3.4	33,376 2.6	33,428 <i>0.</i> 2	33,124 -0.9	33,932 <i>2.4</i>	34,348 1.2	30,968 <i>4.3</i>	33,112 6.9
Net lending	1,004 	6,180 	10,728 	17,024 	15,752 	19,308 	60 	8,734
Transactions in financial assets	20,860	35,484	1,676	12,124	97,236	56,252	25,916	17,536
Currency and deposits	-7,244	 2,764	5,680	-7,380	5,740	<i></i> 952	 56	 -1,545
Loans	2,136	7,196	 7,404	 5,892	 8,848	2,648	4,263	 5,657
Canadian securities	 -4,016	35,092	 -3,120	 18,452	 32,196	 11,480	8,062	 11,602
Other financial assets	29,984	 -9,568	 -8,288	 -4,840	 50,452	 41,172	13,535	 1,822
Transactions in liabilities	 19,420	25,724	-5,280	3,772	77,476	35,992	24,763	 10,909
Bank and other loans	 212	 584	 684	 1,420	 1,824	 104	1,001	 725
Short-term paper	-25,816	 29,548	 -6,544	-5,660	20,788	-10,148	 11,541	 -2,118
Bonds	 24,772	 -11,700	 1,692	 -1,576	 21,476	29,920	 -5,913	 3,297
Other liabilities	20,252	7,292	 -1,112	9,588	33,388	 16,116	 18,134	9,005
Net financial investment	1,440 	9,760 	6,956 	8,352 	19,760 	20,260	1,153 	6,627
Sector discrepancy	-436 	-3,580 	3,772 	8,672 	-4,008 	-952 	-1,093 	2,107

¹ In GDP, government current expenditure is recorded on a net basis, that is , after deduction of sales of goods and services. In the government sector accounts, sales of goods and services to other sectors are shown separately as part of revenue, and current expenditure is recorded on a gross basis, which leaves saving unchanged.

Sector Accounts - Non-residents

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Seaso	onally adjuste	d data at ann	ual rates. mil	lions of dollar	'S		
Income	469,464	503,000	506,844	505,008	514,080	522,560	470,199	496,079
Sales of goods (imports)	0.9 340,772	7.1 367,712	0.8 375,832	-0.4 368,000	1.8 378,680	1.6 384,480	-3.2 342,611	5.5 363,079
Sales of services (imports)	1.4 74,936	7.9 76,404	2.2 74,268	-2.1 75,460	2.9 77,656	1.5 79,288	<i>-4.0</i> 71,759	6.0 75,267
Interest, dividends and miscellaneous receipts	1.2 47,292	2.0 51,784	-2.8 50,068	1.6 54,008	2.9 48,980	2.1 51,380	1.2 49,431	<i>4.9</i> 50,788
•	-3.0	9.5	-3.3	7.9	-9.3	4.9	-5.4	2.7
Current transfers	6,464 1.6	7,100 9.8	6,676 -6.0	7,540 12.9	8,764 16.2	7,412 -15.4	6,398 <i>7.4</i>	6,945 <i>8.5</i>
Outlay	494,552 1.9	540,124 9.2	536,540 <i>-0.7</i>	521,656 <i>-2.8</i>	527,224 1.1	539,912 <i>2.4</i>	489,451 -3.9	523,218 6.9
Purchases of goods (exports)	404,808 2.6	443,740 9.6	442,276 -0.3	425,736 -3.7	430,088 1.0	441,000 2.5	400,176 <i>-3.4</i>	429,140 7.2
Purchases of services (exports)	62,064	63,624	63,672	64,400	65,592	66,376	61,090	63,440
Interest, dividends and miscellaneous payments	-0.4 20,532	2.5 25,392	0.1 23,208	1.1 24,336	1.9 24,324	1.2 25,036	- <i>4.6</i> 21,575	3.8 23,367
Current transfers	-5. <i>4</i> 7,148	23.7 7,368	-8.6 7,384	<i>4.9</i> 7,184	-0.0 7,220	2.9 7,500	<i>-11.4</i> 6,610	8.3 7,271
Saving	10.3 -25,088	3.1 -37,124	0.2 -29,696	-2.7 -16,648	0.5 -13,144	3.9 -17,352	-4.0 -19,252	10.0 -27,139
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Gross saving and capital transfers	-28,820	-41,960	-34,168	-21,240	-18,476	-22,624	-23,229	-31,547
Saving	-25,088	-37,124	-29,696	-16,648	-13,144	-17,352	-19,252	-27,139
Net capital transfers	-3,732	-4,836	-4,472	-4,592	 -5,332	 -5,272	-3,977	-4,408
Net lending[1]	-28,820	-41,960	-34,168	-21,240 	-18,476	-22,624	-23,229 	-31,547
Transactions in financial assets	 9,188	 80,268	51,552	 41,728	61,540	25,900	 36,204	45,684
Currency and deposits	-25,880	34,752	-3,968	3,832	-6,324	-5,520	6,028	2,184
Loans	 -1,444	 -7,724	 -8,504	 -5,772	 4,524	 804	 -2,716	 -5,861
Short-term paper	 -7,032	7,332	 -1,344	 440	 -648	-3,040	 -2,172	 -151
Bonds	-3,384	 20,480	 34,980	 26,124	 -1,204	 4,352	 7,895	 19,550
Shares	32,484	48,712	25,712	36,448	26,312	 -14,876	13,492	35,839
Other financial assets	14,444	-23,284	4,676	-19,344	38,880	44,180	13,677	-5,877
Transactions in liabilities	29,932	118,096	78,312	57,496	94,008	62,816	57,168	70,959
Official reserves	-1,440	-1,072	2,456	-13,648	11,388	-1,832	-4,694	-3,426
Currency and deposits	10,104	5,180	-888	 17,724	9,304	11,568	6,874	8,030
Bank and other loans	7,304	12,648	13,488	4,412	6,168	-1,548	2,674	9,463
Foreign investments	-5,432	28,904	22,716	15,656	46,160	36,024	25,019	15,461
Other liabilities	19,396		40,540	33,352	20,988	18,604	27,295	41,431
Outer napilities	19,396	72,436 	40,040	33,352	20,988		21,290 	41, 4 31
Net financial investment	-20,744	-37,828	-26,760	-15,768	-32,468	-36,916	-20,964	-25,275
Sector discrepancy	-8,076	-4,132	-7,408	-5,472	13,992	14,292	-2,265	-6,272

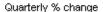
¹ This account presents the saving as well as the net lending or borrowing position of non-residents with respect to their transactions with Canadian residents. The sign of these aggregates is, therefore, the reverse of what appears in the Canadian Balance of International Payments.

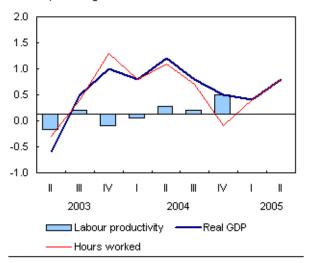
Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost

Second quarter 2005

Labour productivity in Canada's business sector was stagnant for the second consecutive quarter, extending a lethargic pace that began in 2003.

Productivity is flat for the second consecutive quarter

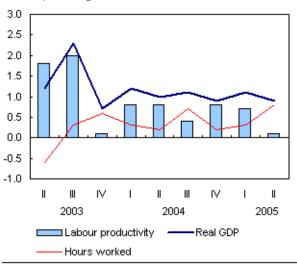




South of the border, second-quarter productivity growth in the American business sector registered a weak 0.1%, the first time this has occurred since the fourth quarter 2003. This was a sharp slowdown compared to the growth of 0.7% during the first three months of the year.

U.S. productivity growth slows

Quarterly % change



Productivity, as measured by real gross domestic product (GDP) for every hour worked, improves when GDP increases more rapidly than the number of hours worked. Productivity gains contribute to improve the standard of living in the long run.

Note to readers

This chapter presents an analysis on labour productivity for the aggregate business sector and its constituent industries (15 two-digit) and sub-sectors (goods and services). The statistical series for total economy, business sector and non-commercial sector start with the first quarter of 1981, while those at industry level are available only back to the first quarter of 1997.

The term "productivity" refers to labour productivity. Calculations of the productivity growth rate and its related variables are based on index numbers rounded to one decimal place.

For more information about the productivity program, see *Overview and description of publications*. You can also order a copy of a technical note about the quarterly estimates of productivity by sending an email to productivity.measures@statcan.ca.

Revisions

With this release, Canadian revisions have been made back to the first quarter of 2005 at the aggregate level and to the first quarter of 2004 at the industry level.

In the United States, the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently made revisions to its labour productivity estimates for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, incorporating recent revisions of the US National Accounts by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Labour productivity is the ratio of output to labour input (hours worked). Quarterly estimates of productivity are derived from a Fisher chained index of GDP, or of value added, in the business sector. Economic performance as measured by labour productivity must be interpreted carefully, since these estimates reflect changes in other inputs in addition to the growth in productive efficiency.

Labour compensation includes all payments in cash or in kind made by domestic producers to persons as remuneration for work. This includes salaries and supplementary labour income of paid workers, plus the imputed labour income of self-employed workers.

Unit labour cost is the labour cost per unit of output. It is calculated as the ratio of labour compensation to real value added. It is also the equivalent of the ratio of labour compensation per hour worked to labour productivity. The unit labour cost will increase when hourly compensation rises faster than labour productivity.

Unit labour cost in US dollars is the equivalent of the ratio of Canadian unit labour cost to the exchange rate. This latter corresponds to the U.S. dollar value expressed in Canadian dollars.

In Canada, the pace of growth in GDP doubled during the second quarter, reflecting to a large extent the increase in the number of hours worked. As a result, productivity was a flat 0.0%.

Putting it another way, because productivity was flat, Canada's growth in economic output during the first half of 2005 was attributable entirely to the increase in the number of hours worked. Growth in employment was all concentrated in full-time jobs during the second quarter.

However, with the rise of the Canadian dollar easing off during the first two quarters of 2005, Canadian businesses were able to increase their exports during this period by stabilizing their unit labour costs in relation to their American counterparts.

Virtually no change in productivity in the services and goods sectors

On a quarterly basis, productivity in the services sector experienced zero growth in the second quarter, while it slowed slightly in the goods sector.

Output and hours worked in the services sector grew at a similar rate in the second quarter, so that productivity in this sector remained unchanged. The same situation occurred in the previous quarter.

In the goods sector, productivity slowed by 0.1% in the second quarter after four quarters of growth. In the second quarter, economic activity in the goods sector grew slightly by 0.2%, while hours worked increased by 0.3% after two quarters that reported a decrease and zero growth.

Almost all industries in the goods sector experienced a drop in productivity in the second quarter, with the exception of the manufacturing industries where a slight acceleration in productivity occurred. This sector saw its productivity grow by 0.9% in the second quarter on the heels of a gain of 0.6% in the first quarter.

Manufacturers continue to reduce their workforces in response to lower output. The second quarter saw their output drop 0.4%, largely due to the effects of lower output of vehicles and automobile parts.

On the services side, the lack of productivity in this sector reflects the fact that improved productivity in wholesale trade, the accommodation and food services industries, and the information and culture industries were completely eliminated by the drop in productivity in all of the other industries that make up the services sector.

After growing by 2.0% in the first quarter, wholesale trade activities accelerated by 2.3% in the second quarter mainly due to increased sales of machinery and electronic equipment, automobiles, personal and household products and miscellaneous products, such as chemicals and potash.

Unit labour costs rising among businesses

With a quarterly increase of 0.7% in hourly compensation and no productivity gains, unit labour costs for businesses rose 0.7% in the second quarter of 2005. This is a slight acceleration over the 0.5% increase posted in the first quarter.

Unit labour costs measure inflationary pressures on wages by showing relative changes between hourly compensation and productivity.

After increasing by only 0.1% in the first quarter, unit labour costs in the services sector jumped 0.9% in the second quarter. On the goods side, unit labour costs rose 0.6% in the second quarter, a slight slowdown from the 0.8% increase recorded in the first quarter.

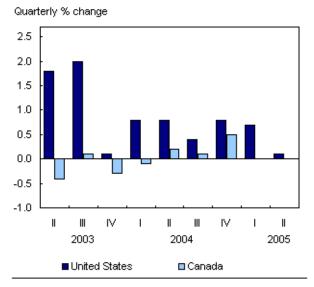
The industries experiencing the greatest decreases in unit labour costs between April and June were those in wholesale trade, and professional, scientific and technical services. In contrast, the greatest increases occurred in the accommodation and food services sector, retail trade, the administrative services, support, waste management and remediation services sector, and in transportation and storage.

In the second quarter of 2005, the manufacturing sector posted an increase of 0.5% in its unit labour costs compared to a drop of 0.2% of the previous quarter.

Productivity flat for the past two years

On average, labour productivity in the Canadian business sector has been virtually unchanged for the past two years. Zero growth in 2004 was the smallest since 1996, while the increase in 2003 was only 0.2%.

No productivity gain for either country



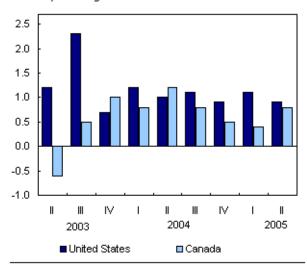
In contrast, however, before pausing in the second quarter, productivity in the American business sector grew at an average quarterly rate of 0.7% during the previous five quarters.

GDP growth in the Canadian business sector accelerated to 0.8% during the second quarter, compared with only 0.4% in the first three months of the year.

Continued robust consumer spending and the recovery in the housing sector were largely responsible for this improvement. A slowdown in imports in the second quarter, following four quarters of robust growth, also contributed to Canada's improved economic output.

Similar GDP growth in both countries

Quarterly % change



For the American business sector, growth in GDP slowed slightly, slowing from 1.1% in the first quarter to 0.9% in the second. Over the last six quarters, growth in GDP in the United States has remained fairly stable, fluctuating between 0.9% and 1.2%.

GDP growth has been more rapid in the United States than in Canada for a fourth quarter in a row. Over this period, the economic activity strength south of the border has resulted essentially from consumer expenditures and business investments.

Hours worked accelerates in both Canada and the U.S.

Quarterly % change 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5-1.0II Ш IV Ш IV Τ 2003 2004 2005 ■ United States ■ Canada

Over the past two quarters, the number of hours worked increased at the same pace in both countries. The growth of hours worked doubled in the second quarter, reaching 0.8% in each economy

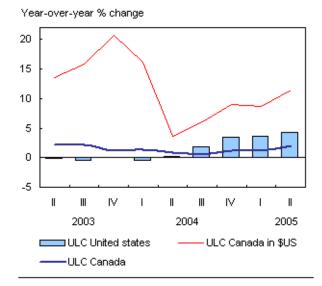
Rise in Canadian unit labour costs in US dollars

Excluding the exchange rate, the labour cost of producing one unit of GDP in the Canadian business sector rose on an annual basis by 2.0% in the second quarter. This is slightly more than the 1.1% increase recorded in each of the previous two quarters.

In the United States, businesses saw their unit labour costs edge up for a fourth straight quarter. Year over year, their unit labour costs posted an increase of 4.3% in the second quarter of 2005. The rise in the labour cost of producing one unit of GDP in the American business sector has accelerated gradually over the past four quarters.

However, Canada lost all of its advantage when unit labour costs are adjusted by the exchange rate.

Canadian unit labour costs in US\$ continues to climb



The 8.6% appreciation of the Canadian dollar in relation to the US dollar in the second quarter compared to the same quarter in 2004 resulted in a sharp gain of 11.5% in the unit labour cost measured in US dollars. This was more than twice the gain of 4.3% in the United States.

Given this deterioration in competitiveness of costs, Canadian exports slowed on an annual basis to a marginal 0.1% in the second quarter, after rebounding 4.3% in the first quarter of 2005.

Comparison of annual labour productivity growth in the business sector before and after revision

	Canada	United Stat	es
		Before revision	After revision
		annual % change	
1981-2004	1.4	2.2	2.2
1981-2000	1.5	1.9	1.9
2000-2004	0.9	3.8	3.5
2000	3.4	2.8	2.8
2001	1.5	2.5	2.5
2002	2.1	4.3	4.0
2003	0.2	4.4	3.9
2004	0.0	3.9	3.4

Source: U.S. data are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Productivity and Costs - Second quarter 2005, published in NEWS, September 7.

Downward revision in US productivity growth

Data released today include revisions to GDP in the United States for the period 2002 to 2004. Revisions for 2001 to 2004 for Canada's GDP were released in The Daily of June 9.

Overall, revisions of American data resulted in a decrease in the growth rate of labour productivity in the United States for each of the last three years. The downward revisions range from 0.3% for 2002 to 0.5% for 2003 and 2004.

Even though the revisions for the last two years are significant, they do not alter the results on Canada-US labour productivity gap reported for those years.

The revisions resulted in a mid-term change since average annual growth in US productivity for the 2000-2004 period fell from 3.8% to 3.5%. Despite this revision, the U.S. labour productivity growth remains almost four times higher than its Canadian counterpart (+0.9%) during the same period.

Business sector: Labour productivity and related variables for Canada and the United States[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	
			Seasonally a	djusted			
		% cha	ange from pre	evious quarte	r		
Canada Labour productivity	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	
Real GDP	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.8	
Hours worked	0.8	1.1	0.7	-0.1	0.4	0.8	
Hourly compensation	0.4	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.5	0.7	
Unit labour cost Exchange rate[2]	0.5 0.2	-0.1 3.2	0.0 -3.9	0.8 -6.6	0.5 0.5	0.7 1.4	
Unit labour cost in US\$	0.2	-3.2	-3.9 4.1	-6.6 7.9	0.0	-0.7	
United States Labour productivity	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.1	
Real GDP	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.9	
Hours worked	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.8	
Hourly compensation	1.0	0.8	1.6	2.7	1.2	0.8	
Unit labour cost	0.3	-0.1	1.3	1.9	0.4	0.7	
		% change from	om same qua	rter of previo	us year		
Canada			<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
Labour productivity	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.8	0.6	
Real GDP	1.6	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.5	
Hours worked	2.2	3.7	4.0	2.6	2.2	1.8	
Hourly compensation	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.9	2.0	2.7	
Unit labour cost	1.4	0.8	0.5	1.1	1.1	2.0	
Exchange rate[2]	-12.7	-2.8	-5.3	-7.2	-6.9	-8.6	
Unit labour cost in US\$	16.2	3.5	6.0	9.0	8.7	11.5	
United States							
Labour productivity	4.9	3.8	2.1	2.8	2.7	2.0	
Real GDP	5.5	5.3	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	
Hours worked Hourly compensation	0.6 4.5	1.4 3.6	1.8 4.1	1.4 6.3	1.3 6.4	2.0 6.4	
Unit labour cost	-0.4	-0.2	1.9	3.4	3.6	4.3	
	% (change from p	orevious quar	ter at annual	ized rate[3]		
Canada							
Labour productivity	-0.4	0.7	0.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	
Real GDP	3.2	5.1	3.4	1.8	1.5	3.1	
Hours worked Hourly compensation	3.2 1.7	4.6 0.0	2.8 0.7	-0.3 5.4	1.7 2.0	3.1 2.6	
Unit labour cost	1.7	-0.4	0.7	3.4	1.9	3.0	
Unit labour cost in US\$	1.1	-12.3	17.3	35.5	0.0	-2.6	
United States							
Labour productivity	3.4	3.4	1.4	3.1	2.9	0.7	
Real GDP	4.9	4.0	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.0	
Hours worked	1.5	0.6	3.0	0.5	1.4	3.2	
Hourly compensation	4.2	3.3	6.5	11.3	4.7	3.3	
Unit labour cost	0.8	-0.1	5.0	7.9	1.7	2.6	

¹ Source: U.S. data are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Productivity and costs, published in NEWS.
2 The exchange rate corresponds to the U.S. dollar value expressed in Canadian dollars.
3 The change at annualized rates corresponds to the annual growth rate that would have been observed if the growth over the quarter had been the same for the whole year.

Business sector: Some related variables for labour markets[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	
			Seasonally a	djusted			
		% cha	inge from pre	vious quarter			
Canada	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.0	
ll jobs lours worked	0.2 0.8	0.7 1.1	0.5 0.7	0.3 -0.1	0.6 0.4	0.8 0.8	
verage hours	0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	
abour share[2]	-0.7	-1.6	-1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	
nited States							
ll jobs	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	
ours worked	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.8	
verage hours	0.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	
abour share[2]	-0.7	-0.9	1.0	1.3	-0.2	0.0	
		% change from	om same qua	rter of previo	us year		
anada							
ljobs	1.2	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.3	
ours worked	2.2 1.0	3.7 1.3	4.0 1.6	2.6 0.9	2.2 0.0	1.8 -0.4	
erage hours bour share[2]	0.0	-3.1	-3.5	-2.9	-2.0	-0.4	
nited States							
II jobs	0.4	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.0	
ours worked	0.6	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.3	2.0	
verage hours	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	
abour share[2]	-2.2	-2.8	-0.5	0.7	1.2	2.2	
	% c	hange from p	revious quart	ter at annualiz	zed rates[3]		
anada		0.5	0.4		0.1	0.4	
ll jobs	0.7 3.2	2.8	2.1 2.8	1.4	2.4 1.7	3.4	
ours worked	3.2 2.9	4.6 1.6	2.8 0.8	-0.3 -1.6	1.7 -0.8	3.1 0.0	
verage hours abour share[2]	-2.9 -2.9	-6.2	-3.8	-1.6 1.3	-0.8 0.9	0.0	
nited States							
l jobs	1.0	2.4	2.1	1.0	2.7	2.0	
ours worked	1.5	0.6	3.0	0.5	1.4	3.2	
verage hours	0.4	-1.6	0.8	-0.8	-1.2	1.2	
abour share[2]	-2.8	-3.6	4.2	5.4	-0.8	0.0	

¹ Source: U.S. data are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Productivity and costs, published in NEWS.
2 This is the ratio of labour compensation to GDP at market prices in current dollars.
3 The change at annualized rates corresponds to the annual growth rate that would have been observed if the growth over the quarter had been the same for the whole year.

Labour productivity by industry

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
			Seasonally a	djusted				
Business sector - goods	113.0	113.4	114.3	114.8	114.9	114.8	114.0	113.9
	-0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	132.3	134.0	140.8	139.2	136.9	132.4	130.7	136.6
	0.8	1.3	5.1	-1.1	-1.7	-3.3	5.8	4.5
Construction	106.4	104.1	102.7	102.3	103.6	103.3	108.6	103.9
	-1.5	-2.2	-1.3	-0.4	1.3	-0.3	-0.9	-4.4
Manufacturing	120.8	122.4	124.7	126.5	127.3	128.5	120.4	123.6
•	-0.2	1.3	1.9	1.4	0.6	0.9	1.5	2.7
Business sector - services	114.0	114.0	113.7	114.6	114.9	114.9	114.0	114.1
	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1
Wholesale trade	130.0	132.1	132.2	132.7	135.5	140.9	126.7	131.8
	0.0	1.6	0.1	0.4	2.1	4.0	2.3	4.0
Retail trade	120.9	120.8	121.1	122.5	122.8	121.9	121.8	121.3
	1.2	-0.1	0.2	1.2	0.2	-0.7	1.8	-0.4
Transportation and warehousing	111.7	113.1	113.5	116.3	117.7	117.0	110.1	113.7
	0.2	1.3	0.4	2.5	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	3.3
Information and cultural industries	110.3	113.8	107.9	108.4	107.4	108.2	114.4	110.1
	0.4	3.2	-5.2	0.5	-0.9	0.7	-2.6	-3.8
Finance, real estate and company management	108.4	109.5	106.9	106.2	105.7	105.0	107.6	107.8
	1.2	1.0	-2.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	-3.1	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	121.8	121.9	120.6	120.9	120.3	118.5	123.3	121.3
	0.2	0.1	-1.1	0.2	-0.5	-1.5	3.7	-1.6
Administrative and support, waste management and	91.7	90.4	88.3	89.0	89.2	88.4	93.9	89.9
remediation services	-1.1	-1.4	-2.3	0.8	0.2	-0.9	-1.3	-4.3
Accomodation and food services	104.0	103.4	103.9	104.4	104.1	106.5	101.9	103.9
	-0.3	-0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.3	2.3	-3.3	2.0
Other commercial services	110.1	106.5	109.6	110.4	109.4	107.3	111.0	109.2
	0.3	-3.3	2.9	0.7	-0.9	-1.9	0.7	-1.6

Unit labour cost by industry

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
			Seasonally a	djusted				
Business sector - goods	108.0	107.6	106.8	108.1	109.0	109.6	107.1	107.6
	0.7	-0.4	-0.7	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.7	0.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	109.9	104.9	100.6	101.7	103.3	102.6	112.2	104.3
	-0.7	-4.5	-4.1	1.1	1.6	-0.7	-14.1	-7.0
Construction	109.8	112.8	113.7	115.1	116.4	117.0	107.2	112.9
	0.9	2.7	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.5	2.9	5.3
Manufacturing	99.1	97.4	96.0	96.6	96.4	97.0	100.1	97.3
G	0.1	-1.7	-1.4	0.6	-0.2	0.6	2.1	-2.8
Business sector - services	104.7	104.8	105.2	105.7	105.8	106.7	104.0	105.1
	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.9	2.0	1.1
Wholesale trade	89.3	87.2	86.0	87.3	86.0	82.1	91.6	87.5
	-0.1	-2.4	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	<i>-4.5</i>	-1.0	-4.5
Retail trade	102.6	105.0	104.3	103.3	102.1	105.9	101.6	103.8
	-0.2	2.3	-0.7	-1.0	-1.2	3.7	3.5	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	105.5	104.7	106.1	105.6	105.3	107.4	107.5	105.5
	-0.4	-0.8	1.3	-0.5	-0.3	2.0	2.1	-1.9
Information and cultural industries	102.9	102.9	102.3	102.9	102.8	104.7	101.2	102.8
	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.6	-0.1	1.8	0.4	1.6
Finance, real estate and company management	105.0	104.6	105.6	105.9	107.3	109.2	104.1	105.3
, , , ,	-0.2	-0.4	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.8	2.7	1.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	106.2	104.4	104.4	106.7	108.2	107.0	104.0	105.4
,	1.1	-1.7	0.0	2.2	1.4	-1.1	-2.9	1.3
Administrative and support, waste management and	125.3	127.1	128.4	129.9	131.2	135.4	119.4	127.7
remediation services	2.2	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.0	3.2	1.4	6.9
Accomodation and food services	112.1	116.1	118.9	115.9	116.1	121.7	117.5	115.8
	-3.9	3.6	2.4	-2.5	0.2	4.8	6.6	-1.4
Other commercial services	107.1	108.3	109.6	111.1	113.0	111.1	102.8	109.0
	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	-1.7	3.8	6.1

International investment position

Second quarter 2005

Canadians' net liabilities to non-residents fell to its lowest level in more than two decades during the second quarter, as the nation's assets abroad surpassed the \$1-trillion mark for the first time.

Canada's net external liabilities – the difference between its external assets and foreign liabilities – hit \$153.8 billion, down \$7.1 billion from the level at the end of the first quarter. These net external liabilities have tumbled by more than 15% from \$181.1 billion at the end of 2004.

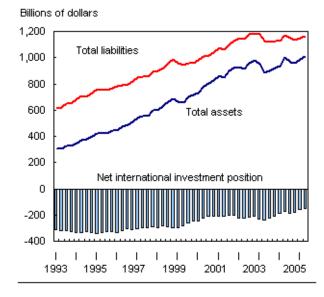
The decline in net external liabilities was largely attributable to a 2.1% increase in the value of international assets, which hit \$1,009.1 billion. This was the first time Canada's assets abroad exceeded one trillion dollars.

On the liability side, increases in foreign direct investment in Canada and in bank deposits led to a 1.2% rise in Canada's international liabilities to \$1.162.9 billion.

As a result, net external liabilities at the end of June represented 11.4% of Canada's gross domestic product, down from 12.1% at the end of March. This ratio has steadily decreased since the 20.1% observed only two years ago.

During the second quarter, the Canadian dollar lost ground against the US dollar but made gains against the other major currencies.

Canada's international investment position



Assets: Big jumps in Canadian direct investment abroad and in holdings of foreign bonds

Canadian direct investment abroad reached \$462.0 billion at the end of June, up \$9.4 billion from the end of March. This increase came mostly from long term capital injections and reinvested earnings in existing subsidiaries abroad.

Canadian direct investment in the United States rose to \$213.3 billion, representing more than 46% of total Canadian direct investment abroad.

Note to readers

New series on foreign money market instruments

The portfolio investment in foreign securities (Canada's assets) has been expanded to include foreign money market instruments. The new series begins in the first quarter of 2002. These instruments were previously included with assets under *Other investment* and where they remain for periods prior to the first quarter of 2002.

Additional estimates at market value

As of the first quarter 2005, total portfolio investment in Canadian and foreign securities (equities, bonds and money market instruments) are available at market value. These additional series are part of a multi-year initiative to improve the balance sheet information for all sectors of the economy. The following analysis focuses on the book value series though, and this practice will continue until a full set of market value estimates becomes available.

Market value estimates of foreign direct investment series will be available in June of 2006. Methods to best measure market value for foreign direct investment are under review at the international level. Recommendations from direct investment experts, which will be available later in 2005, will serve as a guide to define Canada's methodology.

Currency valuation

The value of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are converted to Canadian dollars at the end of each period for which a balance sheet is calculated. Most of Canada's foreign assets are denominated in foreign currencies while less than half of our international liabilities are in foreign currencies.

When the Canadian dollar is appreciating in value, the restatement of the value of these assets and liabilities in Canadian dollars lowers the recorded value. The opposite is true when the dollar is depreciating.

Canadian holdings of foreign bonds surged almost 8% to \$67.8 billion, the highest value on record. Canadians bought \$4.8 billion worth of foreign bonds during the second quarter, an active quarter for this type of instrument. Almost all the increase was directed to US bonds.

Canadian holdings of foreign bonds have more than doubled since the beginning of the century, an indication that Canadian investors are taking more and more interest in foreign bonds, mostly American.

Canadian holdings of foreign stocks remained largely unchanged at \$185.6 billion at the end of June as net acquisitions of foreign stocks in the second quarter were offset by exchange rate related valuation declines.

Canadian holdings of US stocks rose \$3.7 billion to \$99.6 billion at the end of June. During that time, the S&P 500 gained about 1%.

Canada's international reserves fell to \$41.8 billion, a \$1.3-billion decline from the previous quarter. At the same time, the deposit assets of Canadians increased \$6.5 billion to a record \$128.9 billion.

Liabilities: Record high foreign direct investment in Canada

Foreign direct investment in Canada, which represents about one-third of total liabilities, went up \$5.2 billion to a record \$376.7 billion. Foreign direct investors increased their investment position in Canada mainly through acquisitions and reinvested earnings in existing subsidiaries.

Foreign direct investment from the United States rose to \$244.3 billion, which accounted for nearly two-thirds of total foreign direct investment in Canada.

For a third consecutive quarter, foreign holdings of Canadian securities—bonds, shares and money market instruments—increased slightly during the second quarter. They totalled \$535.8 billion, up \$1.5 billion.

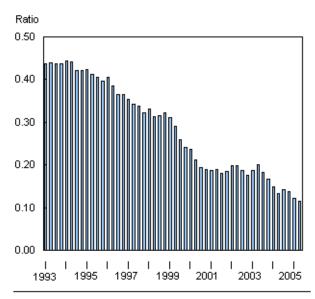
There was little variation in each type of security individually. Foreign holdings of Canadian bonds reached \$406.6 billion, up \$1.4 billion from the end of March. Foreign holdings of Canadian money market paper increased \$1.1 billion to \$19.7 billion.

Foreign investors sold Canadian shares during the second quarter. At the end of June, they held \$109.5 billion worth of shares, down \$1.0 billion.

While the position of Canadian shares held abroad declined, the S&P/TSX composite index, which represents the performance of the Canadian stock market, gained over 3% during that time.

Finally, Canadian deposit liabilities to non-residents increased \$6.0 billion to \$181.2 billion.

Canada's net international liabilities to GDP



International investment position at period-end

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
			Millions of	dollars				
Assets								
Canadian direct investment abroad	415,555	450,253	443,568	445,063	452,589	462,038	403,444	445,063
Portfolio investment abroad								
Foreign bonds	48,220	51,882	52,377	57,471	62,949	67,770	45,137	57,471
Foreign bonds at market value	52,844	55,081	56,859	61,941	67,528	74,647	48,293	61,941
Foreign stocks	197,214	199,868	190,024	186,678	185,744	185,640	194,889	186,678
Foreign stocks at market value	364,914	373,539	349,024	368,926	367,333	375,657	352,318	368,926
Foreign money market	12,268	11,359	11,398	11,079	11,017	12,169	10,953	11,079
Foreign money market at market value	12,286	11,373	11,413	11,108	11,040	12,194	10,977	11,108
Other investment								
Loans	65,298	69,721	62,403	56,047	59,348	57,762	58,426	56,047
Allowances	-11,079	-11,187	-11,006	-10,879	-10,805	-10,905	-11,612	-10,879
Deposits	110,136	119,976	108,076	112,460	122,401	128,892	109,877	112,460
Official international reserves	46,116	46,349	44,652	40,315	43,072	41,769	45,690	40,315
Other assets	55,506	59,990	60,452	57,202	61,521	63,926	61,436	57,202
Total assets								
at book value	939,236	998,211	961,943	955,436	987,836	1,009,062	918,241	955,436
with portfolio investment at market value	1,111,576	1,175,095	1,125,441	1,142,183	1,174,027	1,205,980	1,078,849	1,142,183
Liabilities								
Foreign direct investment in Canada	359,704	356,167	365,789	365,675	371,470	376,711	354,466	365,675
Portfolio investment								
Canadian bonds	410,856	419,910	408,158	405,091	405,240	406,619	405,742	405,091
Canadian bonds at market value	451,654	442,302	440,963	437,692	437,185	447,826	436,244	437,692
Canadian stocks	85,225	103,239	105,598	108,554	110,504	109,511	83,316	108,554
Canadian stocks at market value	193,996	211,998	220,492	242,326	256,689	261,980	181,582	242,326
Canadian money market	18,843	20,852	18,111	19,621	18,628	19,710	21,388	19,621
Canadian money market at market value	18,946	20,939	18, 191	19,707	18,695	19,832	21,523	19,707
Other investment								
Loans	52,463	54,074	42,876	39,743	45,455	46,953	54,504	39,743
Deposits	174,599	191,379	185,607	175,970	175,243	181,225	183,139	175,970
Other liabilities	22,550	22,434	22,063	21,910	22,228	22,175	21,858	21,910
Total liabilities								
at book value	1,124,240	1,168,055	1,148,202	1,136,563	1,148,768	1,162,904	1,124,412	1,136,563
with portfolio investment at market value	1,273,912	1,299,293	1,295,981	1,303,023	1,326,965	1,356,702	1,253,316	1,303,023
Net international investment position								
at book value	-185,005	-169,844	-186,258	-181,127	-160,932	-153,842	-206,171	-181,127

National balance sheet accounts

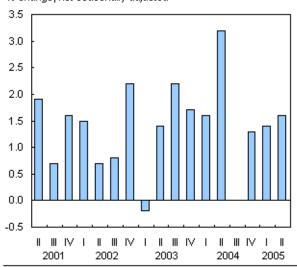
Second quarter 2005

Growth in national net worth accelerated

National net worth reached \$4.4 trillion by the end of the second quarter, or \$135,000 per capita. The gain in net worth resulted from an increase in national wealth (economy-wide non-financial assets) as well as a further reduction in net foreign debt. Growth in national net worth accelerated to 1.6% in the second quarter, largely reflecting stronger growth in national wealth while net foreign debt declined more modestly than during the first quarter. Growth has averaged 1.4% over the past ten quarters.

Growth in national net worth accelerated

% change, not seasonally adjusted



Canadians' net indebtedness to non-residents (the amounts owing to non-residents less the assets held by Canadians abroad) fell in the second quarter, but at a slower pace than in the previous period, resulting in the third consecutive decline. Canadian assets abroad, which are generally denominated in foreign currencies, grew, helped by the depreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar during the quarter, while Canadian liabilities to non-residents grew more modestly.

The stronger performance of the economy in the second quarter was reflected in the acceleration in the growth of national wealth (+1.5%). Overall, the increase in the value of residential real estate accounted for more than half of the increase in national wealth in the quarter. Strength in the resale market and renovation activity as well as more modest growth in new home construction contributed to growth in residential real estate. Increases in business machinery and equipment as well as in non-residential structures were also notable contributors to the gain in national wealth.

Household net worth gains continue to be driven by real estate and equities

The personal saving rate was below zero in the quarter. Even though saving was negative, household net worth continued to advance (+1.8%) at a stronger pace than in the previous quarter.

Gains in the market value of residential real estate and of equities contributed almost equally to the change in household net worth. Stock market advances boosted the value of personal sector share holdings and the sustained housing boom added to the value of household residential real estate. Increases in household assets, however, were partially offset by expanded liabilities.

Households' appetite for debt grew with demand for consumer credit and mortgage funds up from the previous quarter. Supported by sustained low interest rates, the growth in total household debt continued to outpace that of personal disposable income. This resulted in a debt to income ratio of 107.8 percent in the second quarter, up from 107.1 percent in the first quarter. Canadian households carry about \$1.08 in debt for every dollar of their disposable income. Also, the ratio of household debt to net worth edged up to 18.1% in the quarter.

Note to readers

The national balance sheet accounts are statements of the balance sheets of all of the various sectors of the economy. They consist of the non-financial assets owned in the various sectors of the economy and of financial claims outstanding. **National wealth** is the sum of non-financial assets—produced assets, land surrounding structures and agricultural land—in all sectors of the economy. **National net worth** is wealth less net foreign liabilities (i.e., what is owed to non-residents less what non-residents owe to Canadians). Alternatively, it is the sum of the net worth of persons, corporations and governments. Quarterly series run from the first quarter of 1990.

Market value estimates have been available since June 2004. For more information, consult *Balance sheet estimates at market value* (www.stacan.ca/english/freepub/13-605-XIE/2003001/conceptual/2004marketvalue.htm).

Household leverage edged up

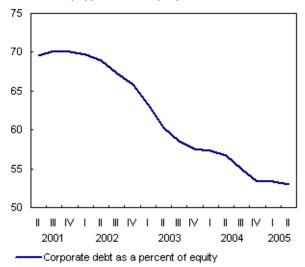
Corporate debt-to-equity edged down

Since 2000, corporations have generated more funds from internal operations than they required to finance their non-financial capital acquisition. As a result of this profit-driven string of surpluses, the corporate sector has been a net lender to the rest of the economy and has also used these funds to restructure their balance sheets, largely through paying down debt.

For non-financial private corporations, the ratio of debt-toequity (at book value) edged down in the quarter extending its long term trend.

Corporate leverage continued to ease

As a % of equity, not seasonally adjusted



Government debt-to-GDP at twenty year low

Government net debt (total liabilities less total financial assets) edged down as the government sector registered another surplus in the second quarter. Net government debt as a percentage of GDP declined further, reaching twenty year lows where net debt corresponds to roughly half of GDP.

National balance sheet accounts[1]

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Mar	ket value, not	seasonally a	idjusted, billio	ons of dollars			
National net worth								
National wealth	4,203 1.2	4,293 2.1	4,341 1.1	4,386 1.0	4,439 1.2	4,504 1.5	4,153 4.6	4,386 5.6
Net foreign debt	-162	-124	-170	-161	-153	-151	-174	-161
National net worth	4,041 1.6	4,169 3.2	4,170 <i>0.0</i>	4,225 1.3	4,286 1.4	4,353 1.6	3,979 5.2	4,225 6.2
National net worth per capita (dollars)	126,900 1.4	130,500 2.8	130,200 -0.2	131,700 <i>1.2</i>	133,300 <i>1.2</i>	135,000 <i>1.3</i>	125,200 <i>4.2</i>	131,700 <i>5.2</i>

¹ The first line is the series itself expressed in billions of dollars. The second line, italicized, is the period to period percentage change.

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	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
		Mill	ions of dollars	s at quarter e	nd			
Total assets	13,113,587	13,387,385	13,499,765	13,758,425	14,024,049	14,304,645	12,810,692	13,758,425
Non-financial assets	4,203,410	4,292,782	4,340,565	4,386,039	4,439,351	4,503,742	4,153,483	4,386,039
Residential structures	1,138,582	1,172,206	1,191,166	1,204,005	1,220,185	1,243,164	1,113,011	1,204,005
Non-residential structures	1,016,884	1,024,940	1,035,690	1,045,854	1,058,184	1,067,032	1,010,436	1,045,854
Machinery and equipment	408,405	412,034	412,924	414,394	416,068	421,782	407,558	414,394
Consumer durables	344,388	351,105	351,961	360,073	360,604	366,352	345,833	360,073
Inventories Land	192,871 1,102,280	190,634 1,141,863	198,459 1,150,365	198,332 1,163,381	205,068 1,179,242	205,022 1,200,390	190,613 1,086,032	198,332 1,163,381
Net financial assets	-162,232	-124,112	-170,462	-160,751	-152,871	-150,598	-174,329	-160,751
Financial assets	8,910,177	9,094,603	9,159,200	9,372,386	9,584,698	9,800,903	8,657,209	9,372,386
Official reserves	46,116	46,349	44,653	40,314	43,072	41,769	45,689	40,314
Gold & foreign currency	40,282	40,768	39,530	35,204	38,137	37,631	39,615	35,204
IMF reserve position	4,723	4,448	4,035	3,999	3,827	3,044	4,988	3,999
Special drawing rights	1,111	1,133	1,088	1,111	1,108	1,094	1,086	1,111
Currency and bank deposits	710,717	736,946	748,316	768,021	791,872	825,971	698,232	768,021
Other deposits	180,098	184,597	187,244	190,916	194,721	198,021	179,943	190,916
Foreign currency deposits	95,539	95,874	91,630	91,809	84,873	90,754	89,082	91,809
Consumer credit	225,488	232,727	238,581	243,883	246,098	254,312	223,549	243,883
Trade receivables Bank loans	229,741	232,281	230,810	231,056	233,929	237,176	226,154	231,056
Other loans	183,392 192,929	189,259 197,256	191,083 199,459	191,363 205,421	197,123 204,378	198,701 211,630	175,890 191,253	191,363 205,421
Canada short-term paper	108,160	108.085	108,852	110,759	122,886	116,345	108,420	110,759
Other short-term paper	155,755	155,938	152.173	150,174	149,770	151,646	161,896	150,174
Mortgages	639,525	653,697	665,394	674,495	682,800	697,282	633,179	674,495
Canada bonds	292,893	284,998	275,955	271,203	278,347	280,227	291,115	271,203
(of which CSB's)	21,330	21,208	21,063	19,462	19,086	18,866	20,468	19,462
Provincial bonds	290,987	285,090	297,475	306,557	309,638	319,510	272,350	306,557
Municipal bonds	37,168	36,687	37,315	37,965	37,947	39,491	35,052	37,965
Other bonds	296,955	305,071	316,678	325,646	341,251	361,343	296,391	325,646
Life insurance & pensions	1,093,274	1,094,412	1,103,720	1,129,545	1,138,462	1,157,806	1,050,370	1,129,545
Corporate claims	1,064,367	1,132,311	1,131,120	1,136,285	1,156,244	1,168,327	1,045,040	1,136,285
Government claims Shares	189,856 1,699,269	192,022 1,729,117	189,661 1,755,748	184,782 1,845,372	187,469 1,910,362	184,321 1,966,208	182,661 1,616,135	184,782 1,845,372
Foreign investments	437,330	450,514	427,714	448,799	456,208	474,823	425,170	448,799
Other financial assets	740,618	751,372	765,619	788,021	817,248	825,240	709,638	788,021
Liabilities and net worth	13,113,587	13,387,385	13,499,765	13,758,425	14,024,049	14,304,645	12,810,692	13,758,425
Liabilities	9,072,409	9,218,715	9,329,662	9,533,137	9,737,569	9,951,501	8,831,538	9,533,137
Currency and bank deposits	725,328	752,438	764,613	784,249	806,908	838,944	712,462	784,249
Other deposits	180,098	184,597	187,244	190,916	194,721	198,021	179,943	190,916
Foreign currency deposits	97,377	100,211	100,780	97,679	85,944	90,272	100,917	97,679
Consumer credit	225,488	232,727	238,581	243,883	246,098	254,312	223,549	243,883
Trade payables	230,227	232,289	233,741	234,408	237,382	238,781	227,727	234,408
Bank loans	160,408	164,101	165,237	165,623	170,387	172,666	154,913	165,623
Other loans	196,660	198,484	196,849	201,619	201,762 131,062	208,461	196,580	201,619
Canada short-term paper Other short-term paper	116,764 164,613	116,791 167,296	115,921 162,479	118,787 161,072	151,062	124,756 161,744	118,941 171,625	118,787 161,072
Mortgages	639,872	654,060	665,745	674,846	683,151	697,634	633,535	674,846
Canada bonds	357,001	349,555	339,964	330,880	336,450	336,264	355,312	330,880
(of which CSB's)	21,330	21,208	21,063	19,462	19,086	18,866	20,468	19,462
Provincial bonds	426,539	411,602	422,032	432,694	437,575	451,940	404,443	432,694
Municipal bonds	40,418	40,168	40,938	41,691	41,498	43,252	38,317	41,691
Other bonds	536,687	544,139	556,624	565,719	580,081	608,437	524,780	565,719
Life insurance & pensions	1,093,274	1,094,412	1,103,720	1,129,545	1,138,462	1,157,806	1,050,370	1,129,545
Corporate claims	449,114	456,082	451,622	442,718	448,689	451,722	443,682	442,718
Government claims	189,856	192,022	189,661	184,782	187,469	184,321	182,661	184,782
Shares Other liabilities	2,504,552 738,133	2,576,808 750,933	2,630,545 763,366	2,743,952 788,074	2,830,653 819,494	2,902,525 829,643	2,395,199 716,582	2,743,952 788,074
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Net worth	4,041,178	4,168,670	4,170,103	4,225,288	4,286,480	4,353,144	3,979,154	4,225,288

Credit market summary table

	First quarter 2004	Second quarter 2004	Third quarter 2004	Fourth quarter 2004	First quarter 2005	Second quarter 2005	2003	2004
	Millions of dollars at quarter end							
Debt outstanding of:								
Persons and unicorporated business Consumer credit Bank loans Other loans Mortgages	861,812 225,488 34,743 72,474 529,107	880,433 232,727 34,908 72,489 540,309	896,315 238,581 34,666 72,522 550,546	909,453 243,883 34,896 73,002 557,672	919,962 246,098 36,404 73,841 563,619	940,357 254,312 35,822 74,139 576,084	852,741 223,549 33,306 71,415 524,471	909,453 243,883 34,896 73,002 557,672
Non-financial private corporations	555,800	565,310		559,098			545,185	559,098
Bank loans Other loans Other short-term paper Mortgages Bonds	108,762 75,927 39,467 102,886 228,758	110,638 75,082 39,575 104,432 235,583	561,850 112,598 72,933 39,595 105,901 230,823	359,098 113,301 72,612 38,351 107,475 227,359	569,321 113,001 72,151 43,477 109,526 231,166	578,578 115,644 73,471 42,674 111,295 235,494	106,069 77,407 36,092 101,254 224,363	359,096 113,301 72,612 38,351 107,475 227,359
Non-financial government enterprises Bank loans Other loans Other short-term paper Mortgages Canada bonds Provincial bonds Municipal bonds Other bonds	65,073 2,886 5,806 6,225 99 0 48,274 121 1,662	65,181 2,949 5,718 7,169 97 0 47,079 121 2,048	64,702 2,702 6,168 6,785 97 0 46,802 121 2,027	64,506 2,936 6,213 5,843 97 0 47,001 121 2,295	63,193 3,095 6,354 5,214 96 0 46,051 121 2,262	64,110 2,962 6,542 5,134 98 0 46,926 121 2,327	65,599 2,748 5,945 7,002 99 0 48,028 121 1,656	64,506 2,936 6,213 5,843 97 0 47,001 121 2,295
Federal government Bank loans	431,473	427,432 100	419,903 100	410,612 100	426,405 100	417,600 100	430,411 103	410,612 100
Other loans Canada short-term paper Canada bonds Canada savings bonds Other bonds	116,764 314,609 21,330 293,279	0 116,791 310,541 21,208 289,333	0 115,921 303,882 21,063 282,819	0 118,787 291,725 19,462 272,263	0 131,062 295,243 19,086 276,157	0 124,756 292,744 18,866 273,878	0 118,941 311,367 20,468 290,899	0 118,787 291,725 19,462 272,263
Other levels of government Bank loans Other loans Other short-term paper Mortgages Provincial bonds	381,206 3,899 12,058 13,932 2,045 310,140	391,093 3,863 12,079 22,797 2,045 310,122	395,662 3,856 12,610 19,682 2,045 316,903	401,499 3,873 12,840 18,398 2,045 323,519	401,882 3,871 13,167 12,348 2,045 329,598	409,481 3,697 13,276 13,724 2,045 335,234	378,671 4,339 11,398 21,066 2,054 300,892	401,499 3,873 12,840 18,398 2,045 323,519
Municipal bonds Other bonds	37,285 1,847	38,334 1,853	38,707 1,859	38,959 1,865	38,982 1,871	39,628 1,877	37,081 1,841	38,959 1,865
Total funds raised by domestic non-financial sectors Consumer credit Bank loans Other loans Canada short-term paper Other short-term paper Mortgages Bonds	2,295,364 225,488 150,390 166,265 116,764 59,624 634,137 942,696	2,329,449 232,727 152,458 165,368 116,791 69,541 646,883 945,681	2,338,432 238,581 153,922 164,233 115,921 66,062 658,589 941,124	2,345,168 243,883 155,106 164,667 118,787 62,592 667,289 932,844	2,380,763 246,098 156,471 165,513 131,062 61,039 675,286 945,294	2,410,126 254,312 158,225 167,428 124,756 61,532 689,522 954,351	2,272,607 223,549 146,565 166,165 118,941 64,160 627,878 925,349	2,345,168 243,883 155,106 164,667 118,787 62,592 667,289 932,844
Non-residents Bank loans Other loans Mortgages	56,817 22,984 33,833 0	60,036 25,158 34,878 0	59,425 25,846 33,579 0	58,363 25,740 32,623	59,077 26,736 32,341 0	59,128 26,035 33,093 0	54,595 20,977 33,618 	58,363 25,740 32,623
Total borrowing excluding domestic financial institutions	2,352,181	2,389,485	2,397,857	2,403,531	2,439,840	2,469,254	2,327,202	2,403,531
Domestic financial institutions Bank loans Other loans Other short-term paper Mortgages Bonds	424,331 10,018 30,395 104,989 5,735 273,194	437,732 11,643 33,116 97,755 7,177 288,041	443,677 11,315 32,616 96,417 7,156 296,173	460,217 10,517 36,952 98,480 7,557 306,711	474,678 13,916 36,249 98,744 7,865 317,904	495,942 14,441 41,033 100,212 8,112 332,144	412,703 8,348 30,415 107,465 5,657 260,818	460,217 10,517 36,952 98,480 7,557 306,711
Total funds raised = total funds supplied	2,776,512	2,827,217	2,841,534	2,863,748	2,914,518	2,965,196	2,739,905	2,863,748
Assets of:	,,	, , - · ·	, ,	,	, , , , , , , , , ,	, ,	,. 23,000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Persons and unicorporated business Non-financial corporations Governments Non-residents Domestic financial institutions	129,698 75,275 193,063 457,217 1,946,478	119,073 74,709 198,371 467,758 1,992,397	120,875 75,085 204,038 448,023 2,018,429	114,003 74,502 203,392 445,112 2,051,317	115,604 73,712 212,572 444,741 2,092,450	114,992 75,903 219,022 446,901 2,132,727	138,672 73,298 189,900 456,994 1,906,279	114,003 74,502 203,392 445,112 2,051,317