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Foreword by the Minister of Finance and National Revenue

I am pleased to table before Parliament the *Debt Management Report* for the fiscal year 2023-24.

Canada's economy has shown remarkable resilience in the face of global uncertainty and economic turmoil. With strong long-term fundamentals, we are well positioned to navigate today's challenges and a complex geopolitical landscape. Canada enters this period from a position of fiscal strength, one that allows us to invest in growth, competitiveness, and the services Canadians rely on.

Our new government is committed to fiscal discipline: spending less so Canadians can invest more, and making the strategic investments that will drive prosperity for the long term. Delivering on these priorities is undergirded by stable, low-cost funding that the Government of Canada can raise through prudent fiscal management that focuses federal spending on core government priorities, and reduces operational spending.

Every year, the federal government provides a report to Parliament and Canadians that details the government's domestic debt program. This report reflects the main activities of the government's borrowing program, as set out in the *2023-24 Debt Management Strategy*, and is guided by the key principles of transparency, regularity, prudence, and liquidity. As in the past, the government has consulted dealers and investors as part of the process for developing the debt management strategy.

Highlights of this period include purchases under the \$30 billion Canada Mortgage Bond program to raise revenues for affordable housing initiatives, and the issuance of Canada's second green bond.

This report confirms that Canada's debt management operations continue to support the effective execution of the debt management program, contributing to the objectives of raising stable and low-cost funding, while maintaining a liquid, well-functioning market for Government of Canada securities. This allows us to pursue strategic investments aimed at supporting productivity and raising living standards for all Canadians.

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance and National Revenue
Ottawa, 2025

Purpose of This Publication

This edition of the *Debt Management Report* provides a detailed account of the Government of Canada's borrowing and debt management activities for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

As required under Part IV (Public Debt) of the *Financial Administration Act* (the "FAA"), this publication provides transparency and accountability regarding these activities. It reports on actual borrowing and uses of funds compared to those forecast in the *Debt Management Strategy for 2023-24*, tabled on March 28, 2023, in Budget 2023 (<https://www.budget.canada.ca/2023/home-accueil-en.html>). It also discusses the environment in which the debt was managed, the composition of the debt, changes in the debt during the year, strategic policy initiatives and performance outcomes.

Other Information

The *Public Accounts of Canada* is tabled annually in Parliament and is available on the Public Services and Procurement Canada website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/payments-accounting/public-accounts.html>). The *Debt Management Strategy* and the *Report on the Management of Canada's Official International Reserves*, which are also tabled annually in Parliament, are available on the Department of Finance Canada website (www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/services/publications.html). Additionally, monthly updates on cash balances and foreign exchange assets are available through the Monthly OIR updates (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/services/publications/monthly-official-international-reserves.html>), and *the Fiscal Monitor*, which is also available on the Department of Finance Canada website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/services/publications/fiscal-monitor.html>). Under the *Borrowing Authority Act* (the "BAA"), the Minister of Finance (the "Minister") is required to table a report to Parliament every three years on amounts borrowed by the Minister on behalf of His Majesty in right of Canada, by way of issue and sale of Canada Mortgage Bonds guaranteed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation except if they are purchased by the Minister and are not resold other than for the purpose of providing a source of temporary liquidity, and by agent Crown corporations. The most recent report was tabled in Parliament on May 2, 2024, and is available on the Department of Finance Canada website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/services/publications/borrowing-authority-act/2024.html>).

Executive Summary

Introduction

This publication reports on two major activities: (i) the management of federal market debt (the portion of the debt that is borrowed in financial markets); and (ii) the investment of cash balances in liquid assets for operational purposes and contingency planning.

The government's market debt, including marketable bonds, treasury bills, retail debt and foreign currency debt, stood at \$1,371.9 billion at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 (see Chart 1). In addition to market and other types of unmatured debt, other liabilities brought the total liabilities of the Government of Canada to \$2,057.8 billion at that time. When financial and non-financial assets¹ are subtracted from total liabilities, the federal debt or accumulated deficit of the Government of Canada was \$1,236.2 billion as at March 31, 2024 (see Chart 1).

Domestic funding is conducted through the issuance of marketable securities, which consist of nominal bonds, green bonds and treasury bills, including cash management bills. These securities are generally sold through competitive auctions (occasionally through a syndication process at the government's discretion, such as for green bonds) to government securities distributors, a group of banks and investment dealers in the Canadian market. These government securities distributors then resell these securities to their wholesale and retail clients in the secondary market. Government of Canada securities auctions continue to be well subscribed, leading to a low cost of funding for the government.

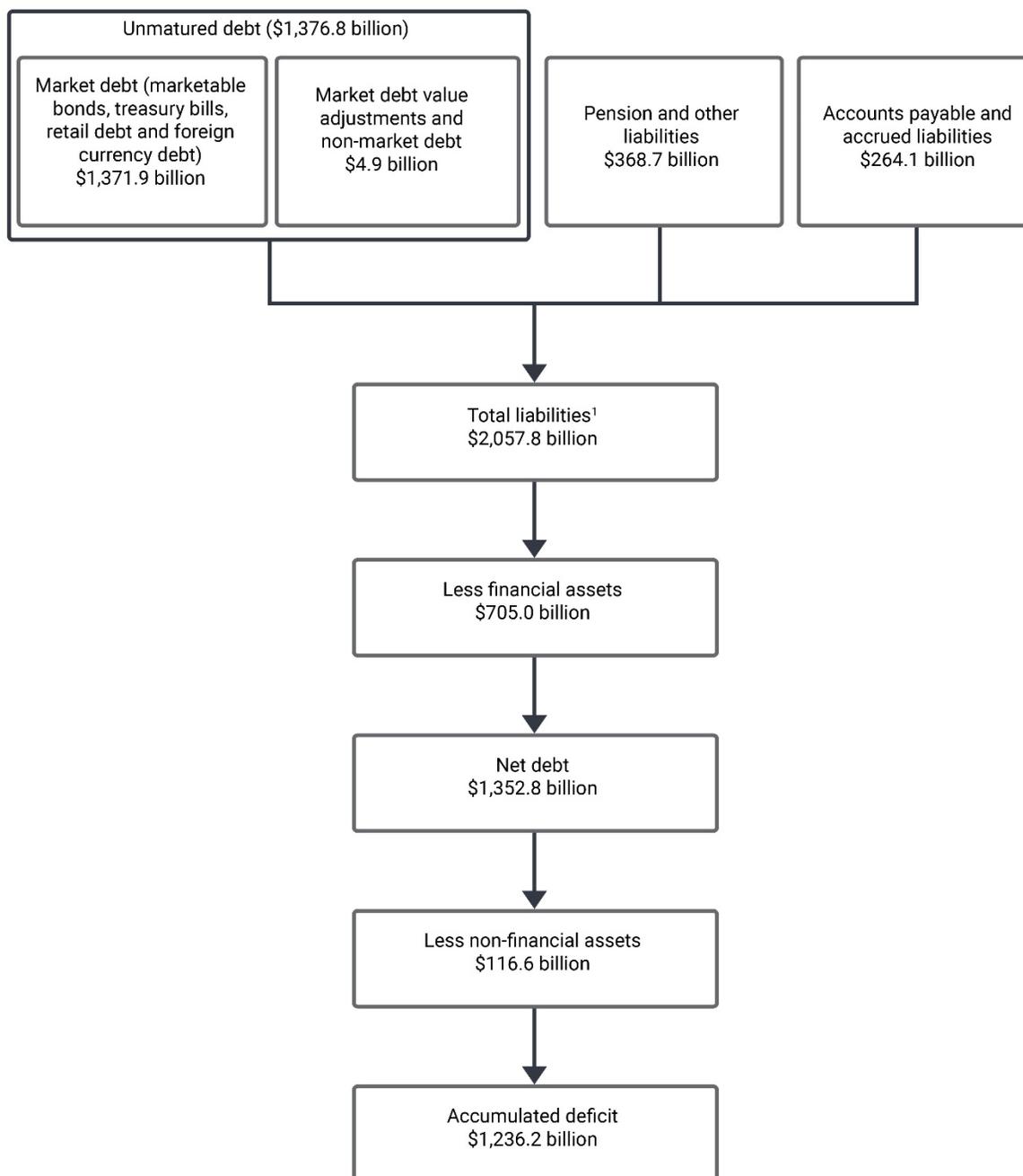
Government of Canada marketable securities are widely held and can be found in institutional investment portfolios, insurance companies and pension funds, central banks (including the Bank of Canada), as well as a variety of other investment vehicles. Overall, about 72 per cent of Government of Canada market debt was held by Canadian investors, including the Bank of Canada, as well as insurance companies and pension funds, and financial institutions and provincial and municipal governments. Participation of international investors in Government of Canada securities markets has grown over the last number of years and benefits Canadians, as they serve to increase competition, increase the diversity of the government's investor base, and ultimately reduce borrowing costs for Canadian taxpayers. Beyond maintaining low debt service ratios for the government, low and stable government borrowing costs translate into stable mortgage rates and certainty for businesses as they borrow to invest in job-creating expansion. Furthermore, provinces, pension funds and corporates use Government of Canada securities as a pricing reference for debt issuances. Low and stable costs for the Government of Canada translate into favourable borrowing conditions for all Canadians.

Cross-currency swaps and issuance of foreign currency debt are used exclusively to fund foreign reserve assets held in the Exchange Fund Account (see the section entitled "Foreign Currency Debt").

¹ Financial assets include securities, cash, receivables, advances etc. Non-financial assets include tangible capital assets, inventories and prepaid expenses.

Chart 1

Federal Balance Sheet, as at March 31, 2024



Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

¹ Total liabilities include foreign exchange accounts liabilities (\$44.1 billion) and derivatives (\$4.1 billion).

Source: Public Accounts of Canada.

Highlights for 2023-24

The *Debt Management Report* consists of three parts covering the main aspects of the Government of Canada's debt program. "Part I – 2023-24 Debt Management Context" focuses on the state of the accumulated deficit (i.e., federal debt), the year's financial requirements and the sources of borrowings used to raise funds, the federal government's credit ratings, and the authorities required to borrow. "Part II – Report on Objectives, Strategic Direction and Principles" reports on debt management objectives to implement the government's strategic direction to raise stable and low-cost funding to meet the financial needs of the Government of Canada, and to maintain a well-functioning market for Government of Canada securities. "Part III – Report on the 2023-24 Debt Program" reports on the operational aspects of the market debt program.

The 2023-24 debt management operations continue to support the effective execution of the debt management program. The main highlights are as follows:

Bond Program

In 2023-24, changes were made to the bond program in line with the debt management strategy, and in response to the evolving fiscal outlook. In Budget 2023, the government announced that it would cease issuance in the 3-year sector to support liquidity in the debt market and consolidate issuance within the core issuance sectors. The last 3-year auction took place in the first quarter of 2023-24.

In the *Fall Economic Statement 2023*, reflecting increased borrowing requirements and feedback received during the *Debt Management Strategy* consultations in the fall of 2023, the government adjusted bond issuances across all sectors and allocated a proportionally larger share in the 30-year sector to reflect strong market demand for longer-dated bonds and to help address a supply/demand mismatch in this sector. As a result, the number of 5-year quarterly bond auctions increased from two to three, and the size of 2-year and 10-year bond auctions were also made larger.

Canada Mortgage Bonds

Following consultations with market participants, the government announced in the *Fall Economic Statement 2023* that it would purchase up to \$30 billion of Canada Mortgage Bonds (CMBs) annually to raise revenues for affordable housing initiatives. The government began these purchases in February 2024.

To ensure transparency regarding its purchases and holdings of Canada Mortgage Bonds, the government publishes relevant information on these transactions on the Bank of Canada website (<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/markets/canada-mortgage-bonds-government-purchases-and-holdings/>).

Federal Green Bond Program

With the publication of its updated Green Bond Framework in November 2023, Canada became the first sovereign green bond issuer to add eligibility for certain nuclear energy expenditures, demonstrating its commitment to being a global nuclear leader. Specifically, new eligible nuclear spending categories include:

- investments in new reactors;
- refurbishment of existing facilities;
- research and development; and,
- some investments in Canada's nuclear supply chain

This update aligns Canada's Green Bond Framework with actions outlined in Canada's *2030 Emissions Reduction Plan*, updated international green taxonomies and best practices, and evolving investor preferences. Canada also obtained a new second party opinion on the updated framework from Sustainalytics, which states that it is credible and impactful while aligning with the four core components of the International Capital Market Association *Green Bond Principles 2021*.

On February 27, 2024, the Government of Canada successfully launched a 10-year, \$4 billion green bond — Canada's second green bond and the first under the updated Framework. This offering saw robust demand from environmentally and socially responsible investors who represented a majority of buyers (66 per cent), as well as from international investors, who made up over 33 per cent of the investor base. The final order book stood at over \$7.4 billion.

Canada's green bond program is supporting the growth of the sustainable finance market both domestically and globally, while advancing Canada's investments in clean growth, renewable energy, climate action, and environmental protection. The government remains committed to regular green bond issuances.

Stock of Domestic Market Debt

The stock of domestic market debt increased by \$112.0 billion in 2023-24, bringing the total debt stock to \$1,371.9 billion. The change in the stock was comprised of a \$64.1 billion increase in treasury and cash management bills, a \$42.7 billion increase in marketable bonds payable in Canadian dollars, and a \$5.2 billion increase in marketable debt payable in foreign currencies. Canada's general government net debt-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio was the lowest in the Group of Seven (G7) nations in 2023-24, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In 2023-24, as interest rates rose, the weighted average rate of interest on market debt increased to 2.90 per cent compared to 2.28 per cent in 2022-23. The increase was due to a combination of higher interest rates and a larger proportion of treasury bills in an inverted yield curve environment.

Strong Demand for Government of Canada Debt Securities

In 2023-24, the relative strength of the Canadian economy and its capital markets continued to support demand for Government of Canada securities in primary and secondary markets. Accordingly, treasury bill and bond auctions remained well-covered and competitively bid, providing an efficient manner for the government to raise funding. The publication of the *Quarterly Bond Schedule* before each quarter and the Call for Tenders before each auction helped maintain transparency. This promoted well-functioning markets for the government's securities to the benefit of a wide array of domestic market participants, contributing to the objective of raising stable and low-cost funding.

Part I

2023-24 Debt Management Context

Composition of Federal Debt

In 2023-24, total market debt increased by \$112 billion to \$1,371.9 billion (see Table 1). For additional information on the financial position of the government, see the 2022-23 *Annual Financial Report of the Government of Canada* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/services/publications/annual-financial-report.html>).

Table 1
Change in the Composition of Federal Debt, as at March 31
 \$ billions

	2024	2023	Change
Payable in Canadian currency¹			
Marketable bonds	1,087.7	1,045.0	42.7
Treasury and cash management bills	263.0	198.9	64.1
Total payable in Canadian currency	1,350.7	1,243.9	106.8
Payable in foreign currencies	21.2	16.0	5.2
Total market debt	1,371.9	1,259.9	112.0
Market debt value adjustment, capital lease obligations and other unmatured debt	4.9	5.1	-0.2
Total unmatured debt	1,376.8	1,265.0	111.8
Pension and other accounts	368.7	351.7	17.0
Total interest-bearing debt	1,745.5	1,616.8	128.7
Accounts payable, accruals and allowances	264.1	259.4	4.7
Total liabilities	2,057.8	1,925.0	132.8
Total financial assets	705.0	642.3	62.7
Total non-financial assets	116.6	109.7	6.9
Federal debt (accumulated deficit)	1,236.2	1,173.0	63.2

Note:

¹ The Bills and Bonds figures may differ slightly from those shown in other parts of this report, as they reflect adjustments for amortized cost and consolidation in the table.

Numbers may not add due to rounding. Marketable bonds and treasury and cash management bills (payable in Canadian currency) and amounts payable in foreign currencies include accounting adjustments such as, adjustments to amortized cost and consolidation adjustment.

Source: Public Accounts of Canada.

Sources of Borrowings and Uses of Borrowings

The key reference point for debt management is the financial requirement or financial source, which represents the net cash outflow or inflow for the fiscal year. This measure differs from the budgetary balance (i.e., the deficit or surplus on an accrual basis) by the amount of non-budgetary transactions and the timing of payments on a cash basis, which can be significant. Non-budgetary transactions include changes in federal employee pension liabilities; changes in non-financial assets; investing activities through loans, investments and advances; and changes in other financial assets and liabilities, including foreign exchange activities. Details on financial requirements can typically be found in Annex 1 ('Economic and Fiscal Projections') of Budget publications. Refinancing maturing debt, in combination with financial requirements, form most of the government's financing needs. Anticipated borrowing and planned uses of borrowings are set out in the *Debt Management Strategy*, while actual borrowing and uses of borrowings compared to those forecasted are reported in this publication (see Table 2).

There was a financial requirement of \$85.7 billion in 2023-24, reflecting \$61.9 billion in cash outflows due to a budgetary deficit and a cash outflow of \$23.9 billion due to non-budgetary transactions, including \$7.6 billion funding for purchases of Canada Mortgage Bonds. For comparison, the financial requirement in 2022-23 was \$66.2 billion².

A number of Crown corporations receive debt funding under the Crown Borrowing Program. The Government of Canada borrows funds from the market and subsequently lends the fundings to these Crown corporations at the cost of GoC funding. In 2023-24, loans to the Business Development Bank of Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and Farm Credit Canada under the Crown Borrowing Program were \$94.1 billion, \$7.9 billion higher than in 2022-23.

² The numbers are based on actual financial requirements from the Fall Economic Statement (FES) 2023, rather than projected figures from the Budgets.

Table 2

Sources of Borrowings and Uses of Borrowings, Fiscal Year 2023-24: Planned/Actual

\$ billions

	Planned ¹	Actual	Difference
Sources of borrowings			
Payable in Canadian currency			
Treasury bills	242	267	25
Bonds	172	202	30
Total payable in Canadian currency	414	469	55
Payable in foreign currencies	7	7	0
Total cash raised through borrowing activities	421	476	55
Uses of borrowings²			
Refinancing needs			
Payable in Canadian currency			
Treasury bills	202	202	0
Bonds	153	159	6
Of which:			
Bonds that mature	153	159	6
Switch bond buybacks	0	0	0
Cash management bond buybacks	0	0	0
Total payable in Canadian currency	355	361	6
Payable in foreign currencies	3	3	0
Total refinancing needs	358	364	6
Financial source/requirement			
Budgetary balance	40	62	22
Non-budgetary transactions			
Pension and other accounts	-9	-10	-1
Non-financial assets	2	7	5
Loans, investments and advances	-11	-3	8
Of which:			
Loans to enterprise Crown Corporations ³	10	15	5
Other	-21	-18	3
Other transactions ⁴	41	30	-11
Total non-budgetary transactions	23	24	1
Total financial source/ requirement	63	86	23
Total uses of borrowings	421	450	29
Change in other unmatured debt transactions ⁵	0	4	4
Net increase or decrease (-) in cash	0	26	26

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

¹Planned numbers are from the Debt Management Strategy for 2023–24 outlined in Budget 2023.²A negative sign denotes a financial source.³Loans to enterprise Crown corporations represent corporations under the Crown Borrowing Program.⁴Primarily includes the conversion of accrual adjustments into cash, such as tax and other account receivables; provincial and territorial tax collection agreements; and tax payables and other liabilities⁵Includes cross-currency swap revaluation, unamortized discounts on debt issues, obligations related to capital leases, and obligations under public-private partnerships

Source: Department of Finance Calculations

Borrowing Authorities

In order to undertake market borrowing activities, the Minister needs authority from Parliament as well as the Governor in Council (the "GIC").

Under the Parliamentary borrowing authority framework enacted on November 23, 2017, Parliamentary authority is granted through the *Borrowing Authority Act* (BAA) and Part IV of the *Financial Administration Act* (FAA), which together allow the Minister to borrow money up to a maximum overall amount as approved by Parliament. The FAA also authorizes the Minister to borrow in excess of the approved maximum amount under limited circumstances for the specific purposes of refinancing outstanding debt, extinguishing or reducing liabilities, and making payments in extraordinary circumstances, such as natural disasters.

Subject to the noted limited exceptions, the maximum stock of borrowings approved by Parliament in effect from May 6, 2021 was \$1,831 billion, which also includes amounts borrowed by agent Crown corporations, and Canada Mortgage Bonds guaranteed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. As at March 31, 2024, the outstanding borrowings subject to the maximum amount was \$1,688.4 billion (\$1,573.8 billion as at March 31, 2023).

Part IV of the FAA also requires the Minister to receive annual approval from the GIC to carry out borrowing for the Government of Canada for each fiscal year, including issuing securities in financial markets and undertaking related activities subject to a maximum aggregate amount. On the recommendation of the Minister, the GIC approved \$517 billion to be the maximum aggregate principal amount of money that may be borrowed by the Minister in 2023-24.³ The maximum aggregate principal amount is the sum of the following sub-components: (i) the maximum stock of treasury bills anticipated to be outstanding during the year; (ii) the total value of refinanced and anticipated new issuances of marketable bonds; and (iii) amounts to facilitate intra-year management of the debt and foreign exchange accounts.

During 2023-24, \$476 billion of the GIC-approved borrowing authority was used, \$41 billion below the authorized borrowing authority limit (see Table 2).

Government of Canada Credit Rating Profile

Throughout 2023-24, the Government of Canada continued to benefit from high credit ratings from rating agencies, with a stable outlook, on Canadian-dollar and foreign-currency-denominated short- and long-term debt (see Table 3).

Rating agencies have indicated that Canada's sound macroeconomic policy framework and financial system, as well as Canada's economic resilience and diversity and the strength of monetary and fiscal flexibility, are all reflected in Canada's strong current credit ratings: Moody's (Aaa), S&P (AAA), Fitch (AA+), DBRS (AAA).

³ The approved annual borrowing limit was increased from \$444 billion to \$517 billion on February 15, 2024 to accommodate an intra-year increase to financial requirements. Approved Orders in Council (OIC) are available on the Privy Council Office website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/privy-council/services/orders-in-council.html?lang=en>). The reference number for the first order in council 2023-24 OIC is 2023-0273. The reference number for the second order in council 2023-24 OIC is 2024-0132.

Table 3

Government of Canada Credit Ratings as at March 31, 2024

Rating agency	Term	Domestic currency	Foreign currency	Outlook	Previous rating action
Moody's Investors Service	Long-term	Aaa	Aaa	Stable	Nov 2003
	Short-term	-	-		
Standard & Poor's	Long-term	AAA	AAA	Stable	July 2002
	Short-term	A-1+	A-1+		
Fitch Ratings	Long-term	AA+	AA+	Stable	June 2020
	Short-term	F1+	F1+		
Dominion Bond Rating Service	Long-term	AAA	AAA	Stable	n/a
	Short-term	R-1 (High)	R-1 (High)		

Source: Rating Agency Reports

Part II

Report on Objectives, Strategic Direction and Principles

Objectives, Strategic Direction and Principles

Objectives

The debt management objectives in 2023-24 were to raise stable and low-cost funding to meet the financial needs of the Government of Canada and to maintain a well-functioning market for Government of Canada securities.

Strategic Direction

The Government of Canada continued to be a stable, strategic issuer in 2023-24, with marginal adjustments to the overall strategy relative to 2022-23. In Budget 2023, the Government of Canada announced its decision to cancel the issuance of the 3-year bond, effective in the second fiscal quarter, to consolidate issuances in the core sectors (2-year, 5-year, 10-year and 30-year), thereby supporting market liquidity in these markets.

Principles

In support of the objectives and strategic direction, the design and implementation of the domestic debt program are guided by the key principles of transparency, regularity, prudence, and liquidity. Towards this end, the government publishes strategies and plans and consults regularly with market participants to ensure the integrity and attractiveness of the market for dealers and investors. The structure of the market debt is managed conservatively in a cost-risk framework, preserving access to diversified sources of funding and supporting a broad investor base.

Raising Stable and Low-Cost Funding

In general, achieving stable and low-cost funding involves striking a balance between debt costs and various risks in the debt structure. This selected balance between cost and risk is mostly achieved through the deliberate allocation of issuance among various debt instruments and terms.

Market Debt Issuance in 2023-24

In 2023-24, total bond issuance was \$204.0 billion, up from \$185.2 billion in 2022-23, reflecting higher financial requirements and to a lesser extent, funding for Canada Mortgage Bonds. A large portion of the increase was allocated to the short-term sectors (2 and 5-year sectors). As a result, issuance in the short-term sectors was higher than projected in Budget 2023. Issuance of short-term debt instruments (2, 3, 5-year sectors)⁴ increased to \$139.0 billion in 2023-24 from \$118.0 billion in 2022-23. On a percentage basis, the share of bond issuance made up by short term bonds increased to 68 per cent in 2023-24, up from 64 per cent in 2022-23 (see Table 4.2).

Overall, the allocation of long bond issuance (i.e., 10-year maturities and longer) was 30 per cent in 2023-24, 6 percentage points lower than the previous fiscal year, when it was 36 per cent (see Table 4.2) and at the same level projected in the plan set out in the *Debt Management Strategy for 2023-24* tabled as part of Budget 2023 (see Table 4.3).

⁴ The last issuance of 3-year bonds was during the first quarter of 2023-24, issuance of the 3-year bond has since been suspended.

Table 4.1

Gross Issuance of Bonds and Bills for 2023-24

\$ billions, end of fiscal year

	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Planned	2023-24 Actual	Difference between Actual and Planned	2023-24 Actual vs 2022-23 % change
Treasury Bills	202	242	267	25	32%
2-year	67	76	86	10	28%
3-year	20	6	6	0	-70%
5-year	31	40	47	7	52%
10-year	52	40	47	7	-10%
30-year	14	10	14	4	0%
Green Bonds	-	0	4	4	100%
Total Bonds	185	172	204	32	10%
Total Gross Issuance	387	414	471	57	22%

¹ Issuance is estimated from Bank of Canada data, using issuance date to determine the amount issued in each sector and fiscal year, consistent with Bank of Canada methodology. The use of issuance date instead of auction date results in slight differences in some sectors.

Source: Bank of Canada, Department of Finance Calculations

Table 4.2

Allocation of Gross Bond Issuance, 2022-23 vs. 2023-24

	2022-23 Previous Year		2023-24 Actual	
	Issuance (\$ billions)	Share of Bond Issuance	Issuance (\$ billions)	Share of Bond Issuance
Short (2, 3, 5-year sectors)	118	64%	139	68%
Long (10-year+)	66	36%	61	30%
Green bonds	-	-	4	2%
Gross bond issuance	185	100%	204	100%

Source: Bank of Canada. Department of Finance calculations

Table 4.3

Allocation of Gross Bond Issuance, 2023-24 Planned vs. Actual

	2023-24 Planned		2023-24 Actual	
	Issuance (\$ billions)	Share of Bond Issuance	Issuance (\$ billions)	Share of Bond Issuance
Short (2, 3, 5-year sectors)	122	71%	139	68%
Long (10-year+)	50	29%	61	30%
Green bonds	0	0%	4	2%
Gross bond issuance	172	100%	204	100%

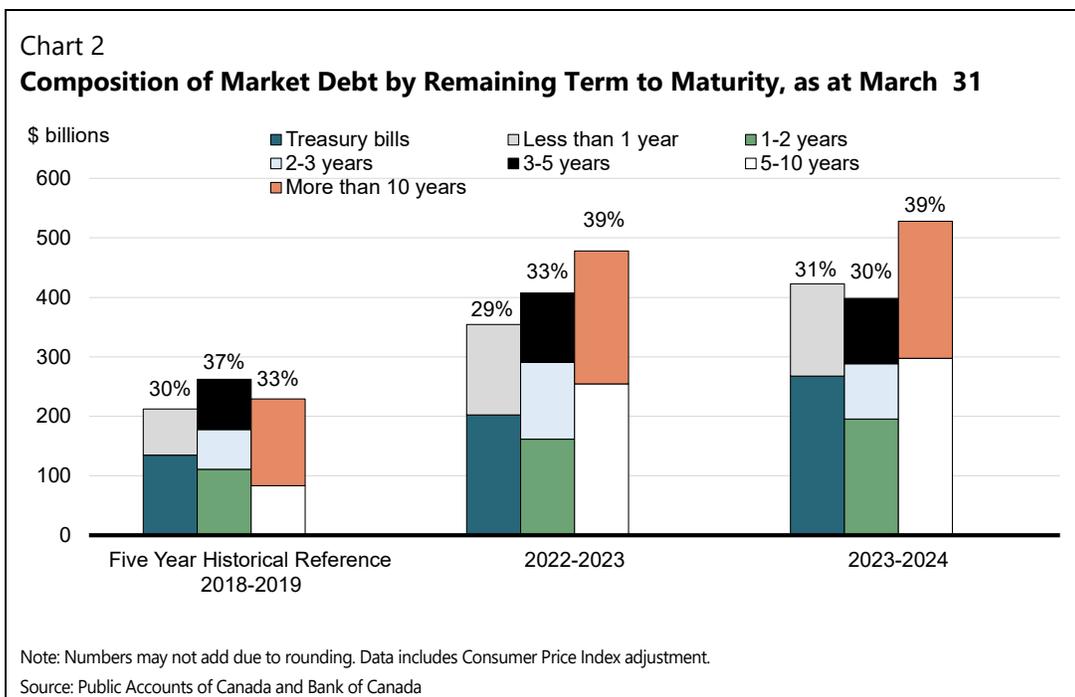
Source: Bank of Canada. Department of Finance calculations

Market Debt Composition

The composition of the stock of market debt reflects past debt issuance choices (e.g., over the last 30 years for the 30-year sector). The effect of changes in issuance patterns of short-term debt instruments become visible relatively quickly, while the full effect of issuance changes in longer-term debt instruments takes the entire maturity period to be fully appreciated. A well-distributed maturity profile helps maintain a prudent risk exposure to changes in interest rates over time at an affordable cost, while promoting well-functioning markets by providing liquidity across different maturity sectors.

Composition of Market Debt by Remaining Term to Maturity

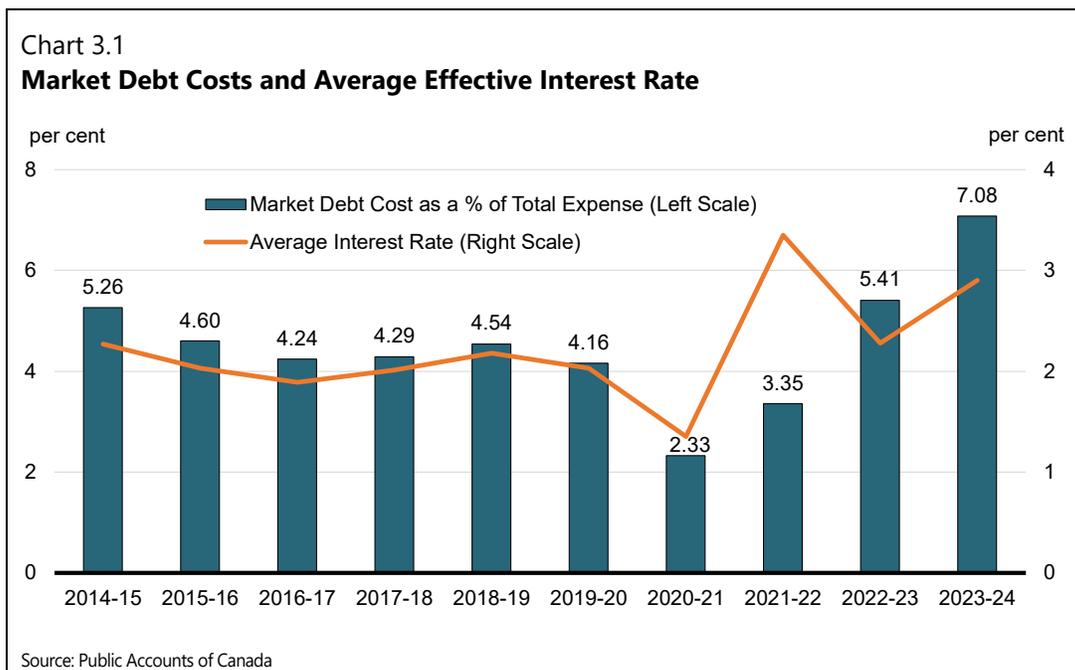
In 2023-24, the proportion of longer-term debt decreased to 30 per cent from 36 per cent in 2022-23 as the government adjusted issuance to shift away from the long-term emphasis adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic. This decline was absorbed by the 10-year sector as the government increased issuance in the 30-year to address liquidity pressure as expressed by market participants during the Fall 2023 Debt Management consultations.



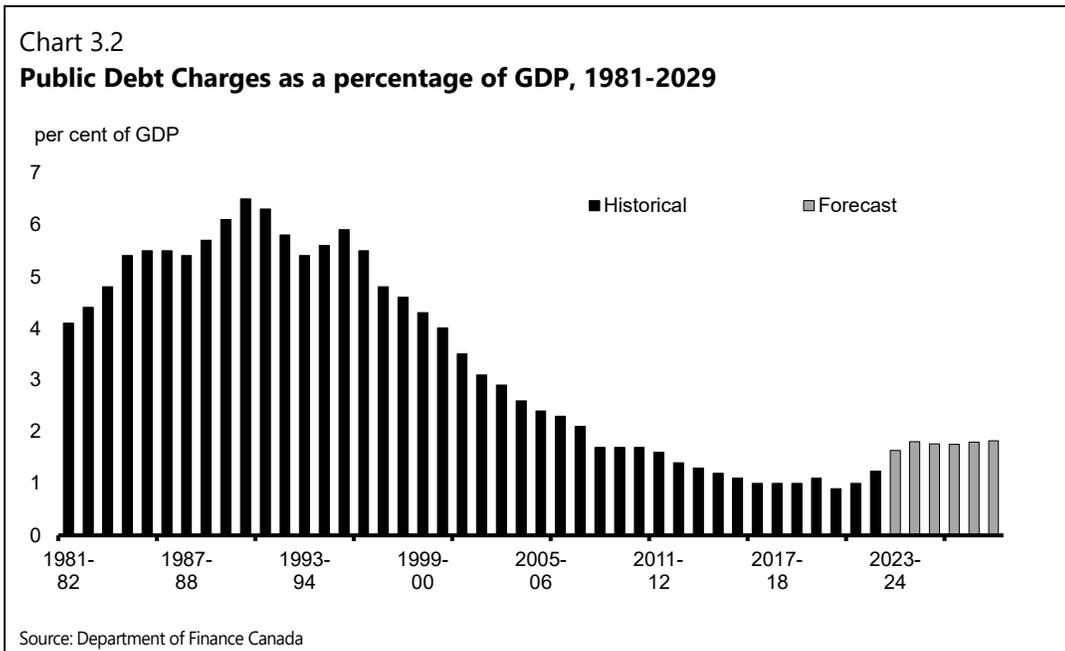
Cost of Market Debt

Annual interest rate costs on market debt are the largest component of public debt charges (which also include interest expenses on non-market liabilities).⁵ The weighted average rate of interest on the stock of market debt was 2.90 per cent in 2023-24, up from 2.28 per cent in 2022-23. Interest on market debt as a share of total government expenses increased from 5.41 per cent in 2022-23 to 7.08 per cent in 2023-24 (see Chart 3.1). This increase was primarily due to a combination of a higher interest rate environment and a larger proportion of treasury bills, as previously discussed.

While debt service costs are large on an absolute basis at over \$47 billion, context is important. In 2023-24, the Government of Canada's total program expenses were \$466 billion, supporting health expenditures, equalization payments, employment insurance and more. Debt service costs should be considered relative to GDP, as the government's capacity to service debt increases with growth in GDP. Canada's debt costs are low on a historical basis when considering debt service costs as a percentage of GDP (illustrated in Chart 3.2).



⁵ Non-market liabilities include pensions, other employee and veteran future benefits, and other liabilities.

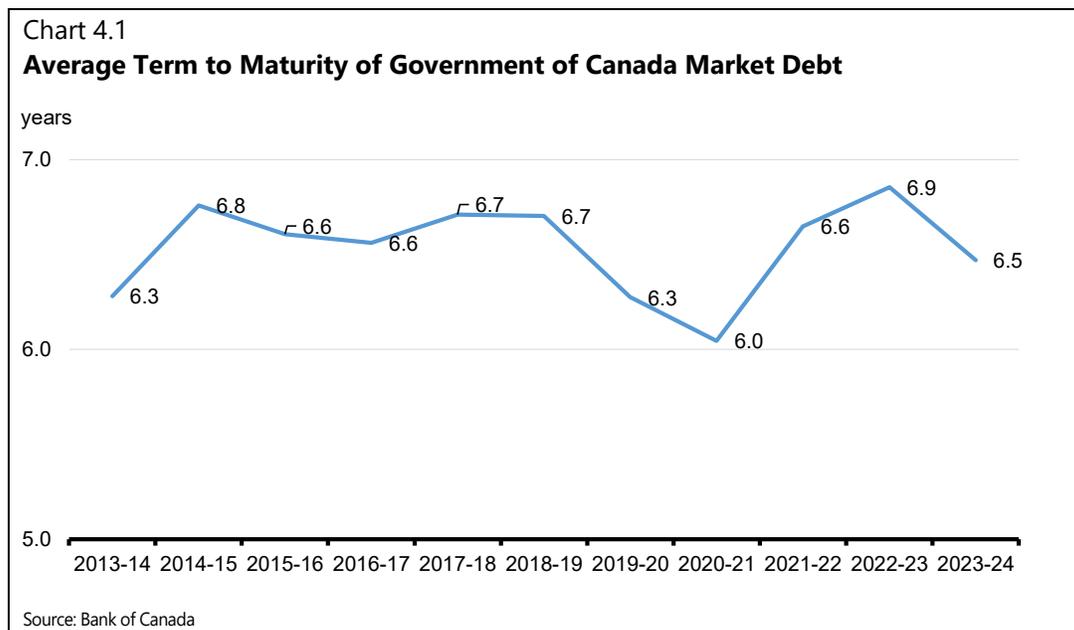


Market Debt: Average Term to Maturity and Debt Rollover

Prudent management of debt refinancing needs, which promotes investor confidence, involves Government of Canada actions that strive to minimize the impact of market volatility or disruptions to the funding program. According to a number of common measures of market debt refinancing risks, including average term to maturity (ATM) and debt rollover, the Government of Canada’s market debt remained prudent through 2023-24 when compared to historical averages.

Average Term to Maturity

The ATM of market debt tends to rise and fall mostly with the composition of the stock of debt. In 2023-24, the ATM decreased slightly to 6.5 years, down from 6.9 years in 2022-23, reflecting the Government of Canada's decision to reduce issuance in the longer maturities (10 years and more) in 2023-24 (see Chart 4.1).

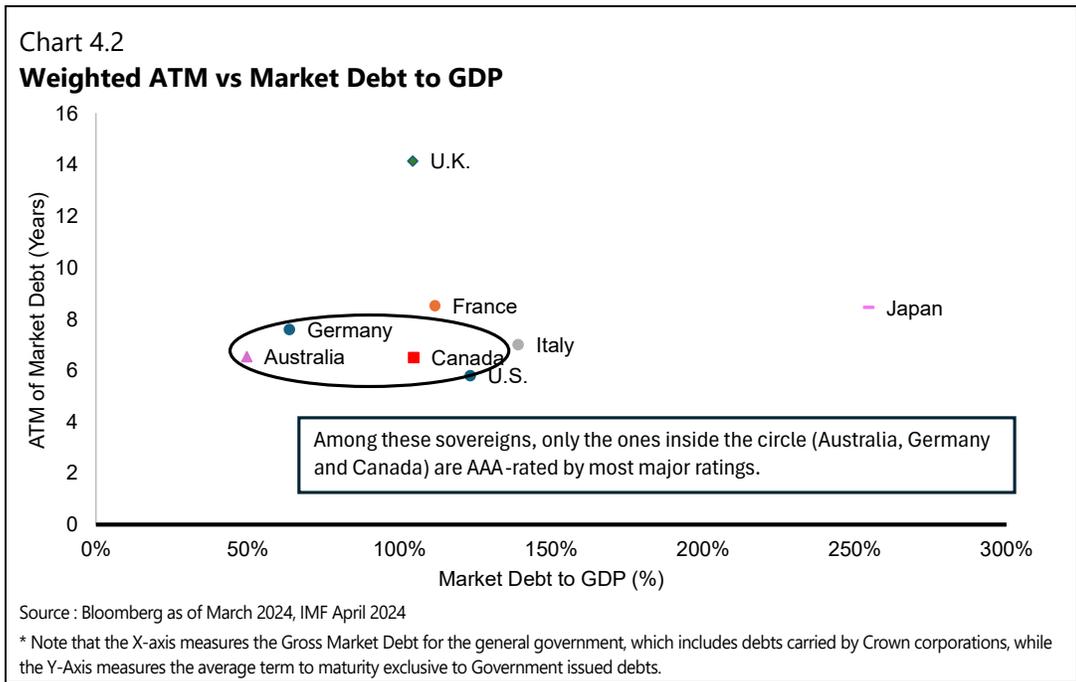


The weighted ATM is measured by weighting the remaining term to maturity of issued debt by its proportion to the overall debt stock.⁶

Canada has successfully built a prudent debt structure relative to GDP over the last 30 years. In general, low debt-to-GDP countries can choose a higher risk level (i.e., lower ATM) in exchange for lower interest rate costs. Overall, Canada is in line with other AAA-rated countries (see Chart 4.2).⁷

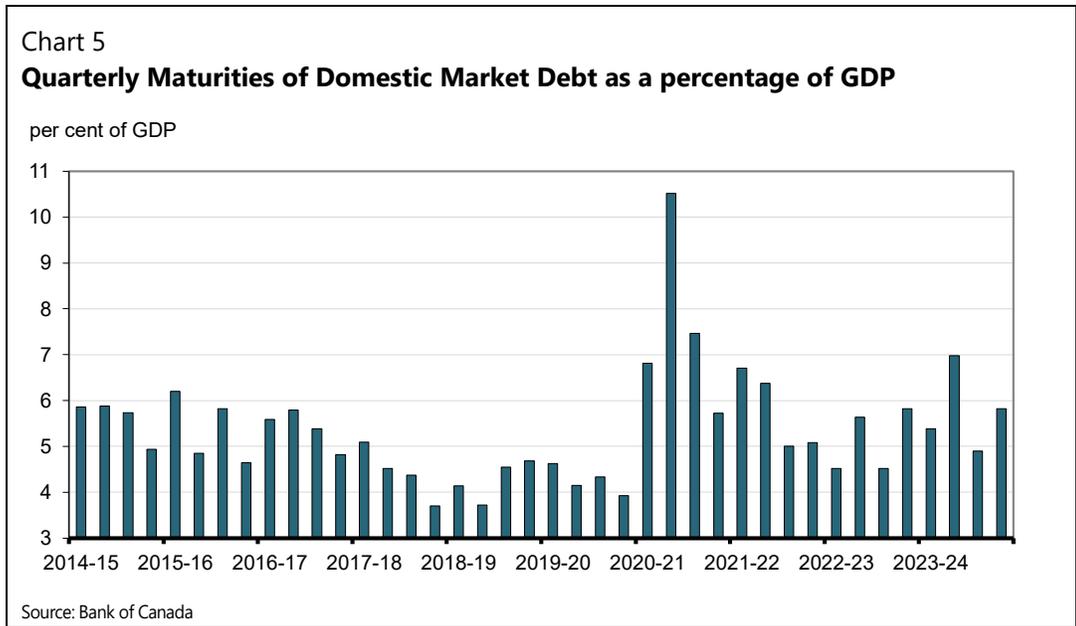
⁶ The remaining term to maturity of inflation-linked bonds are weighted similarly to a six-month remaining term to maturity because the interest rate paid by the government on these bonds resets every six months.

⁷ Data as at March 31, 2024 is not available for Chart 4.2. 2025 data has been used for consistency across time.



Debt Rollover: Quarterly Maturities to GDP

Debt rollover, measured as the amount of debt maturing per quarter as a percentage of GDP, increased to an average of 5.8 per cent in 2023-24 from an average of 5.1 per cent in 2022-23 (see Chart 5). This increase reflects an increase in the amount of debt maturing. The average annual debt rollover in 2023-24 is in line with the average over the previous decade of 5.4 per cent.



Debt Rollover: Single-Day Maturities

The government reduced the number of maturity dates in 2023-24 from 10 dates to 9 dates. Given that the 3-year sector was being phased out, there was only one maturity date of April 1 for this sector versus two in 2022-23. Following the significant increase in debt which began in 2020-21, single-day maturities remain high relative to historical averages. The government monitors the level of single-day maturities and may implement programs to effectively manage Government of Canada cash flows ahead of large debt maturities.

The benchmark maturity date profile is as follows:

- 2-year bonds: February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1
- 3-year bonds: April 1
- 5-year bonds: March 1, September 1
- 10-year bonds: June 1, December 1
- 30-year bonds: December 1 – although Real Return Bonds and nominal 30-year bonds mature on December 1, they do not mature in the same year.

Maintaining a Well-Functioning Government Securities Market

A well-functioning market in Government of Canada securities benefits the government as a borrower as it directly supports the fundamental objective of raising stable, low-cost funding, while also benefiting a wide range of market participants.

A well-functioning market helps the government have more certain access to funding markets over time, contributes to lower and less volatile interest rate costs for the government, and provides flexibility to meet changing financial requirements. For market participants, a liquid and transparent secondary market in government debt instruments provides risk-free assets for investment portfolios, stability to other domestic fixed-income markets for which the Government of Canada securities serve as benchmarks (e.g., provinces, municipalities and corporations), and a useful tool for hedging interest rate risk.

Providing Regular and Transparent Issuance

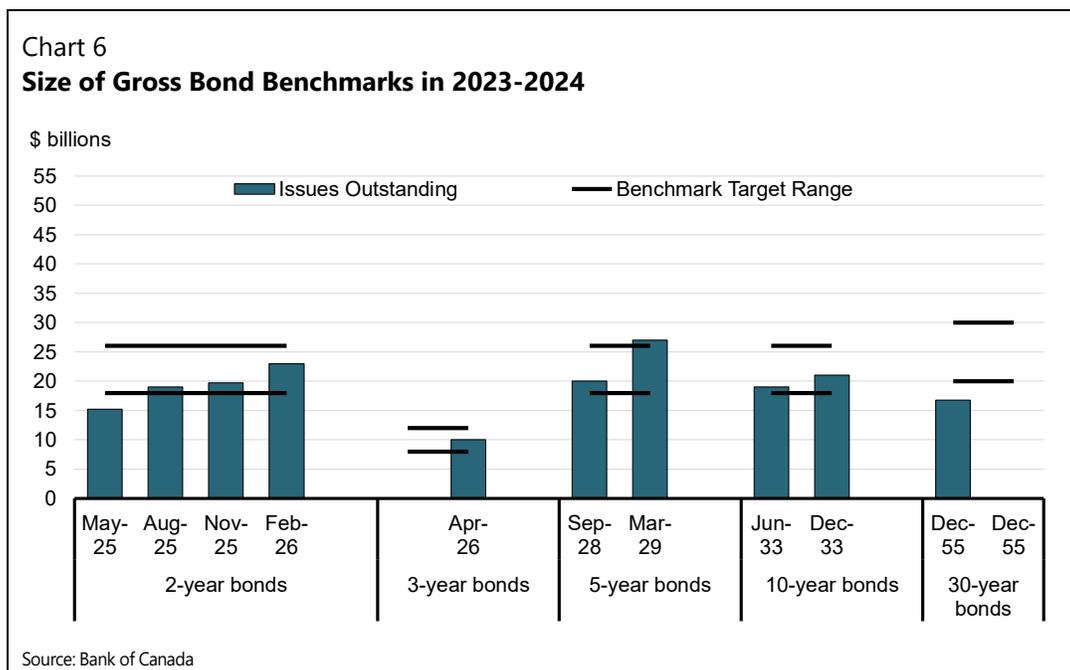
During 2023-24, the Government of Canada continued announcing bond auction schedules prior to the start of each quarter, and, provided details for each operation in a Call for Tender in the week leading up to an auction.⁸ In 2023-24, there were regular auctions for 2-, 3-, 5-, 10- and 30-year bonds. To promote transparency in the market for Government of Canada securities, the Bank of Canada published bond issuance schedules as well as benchmark details ahead of each fiscal quarter within its *Quarterly Bond Schedule* publications available on the Bank website.

⁸ See the Bank of Canada website (www.bankofcanada.ca/stats/cars/f/bd_auction_schedule.html).

Concentrating on Key Benchmarks

All benchmark bonds in 2023-24 continued to reach or exceed minimum benchmark size targets (see Chart 6).⁹ Compared to 2022-23, the benchmark target sizes for all bond sectors were bigger.

- 2-year bonds: \$18 billion to \$26 billion
- 5-year bonds: \$18 billion to \$26 billion
- 10-year bonds: \$18 billion to \$26 billion
- 30-year nominal bonds: \$20 billion to \$30 billion



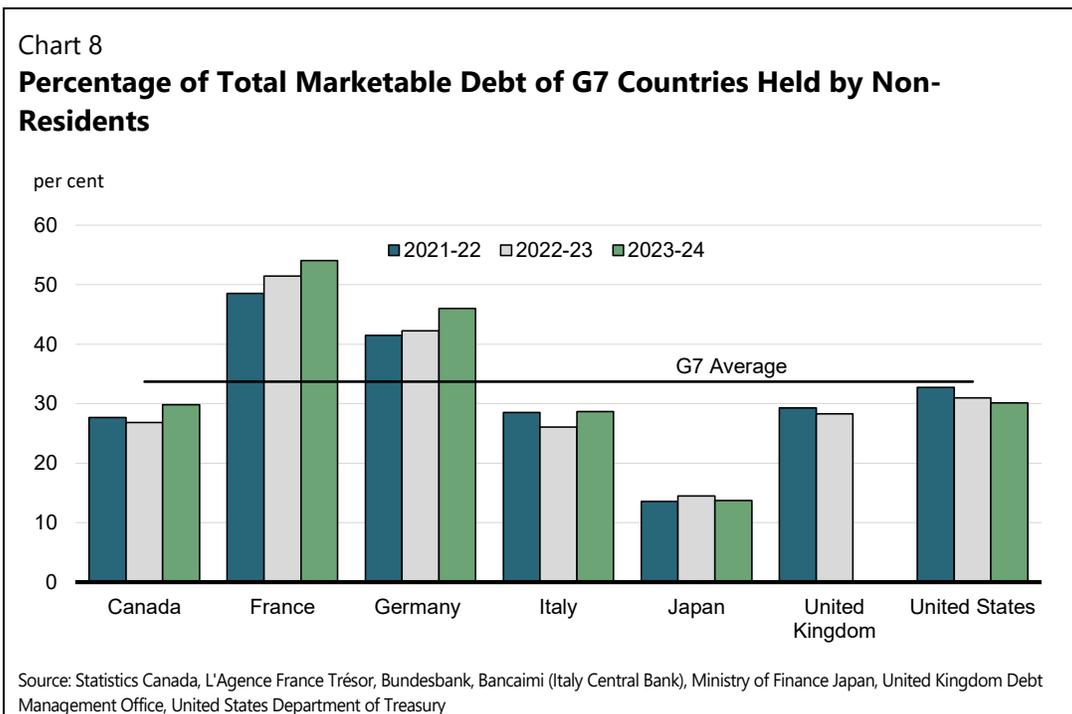
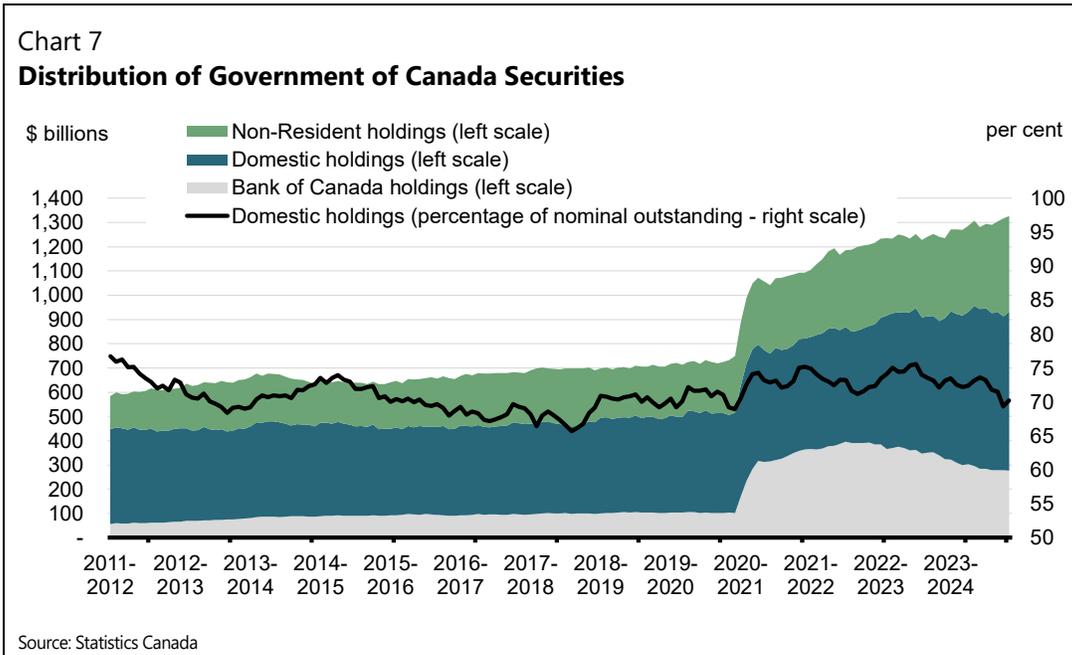
Ensuring a Broad Investor Base in Government of Canada Securities

A diversified investor base supports an active secondary market for Government of Canada securities, thereby helping to keep funding costs low and stable. Diversification of the investor base is pursued by maintaining a domestic debt program that issues securities in a wide range of maturity sectors, which meet the needs of different investor types.

During 2023-24, domestic investors (including the Bank of Canada) held about 72 per cent of Government of Canada securities (see Chart 7). Among domestic investors, the Bank of Canada held the largest share of Government of Canada securities (18 per cent), followed by insurance companies and pension funds (18 per cent). Taken together, these top two categories accounted for just 36 per cent of outstanding Government of Canada securities.

⁹ Non-fungible securities do not share the same maturity dates with outstanding bond issues. The benchmark size for bonds that are fungible with existing bonds is deemed attained once the total amount of outstanding bonds for that maturity exceeds the minimum benchmark size.

In 2023-24, non-resident investors held 28 per cent of Government of Canada securities¹⁰, similar to previous years. This share of non-resident holdings of government securities is somewhat lower than the average share for G7 countries (see Chart 8).



¹⁰ Data on foreign holdings of both Canadian-dollar-denominated and foreign currency instruments issued by the Government of Canada is collected by Statistics Canada from the Bank of Canada on new issues and through monthly and quarterly questionnaires of market participants on cross-border transactions.

Consulting With Market Participants

Formal consultations with market participants are held at least once a year to obtain their views on the design of the borrowing program and on the liquidity and efficiency of the Government of Canada's securities markets. These consultations helped to inform the *Debt Strategy Management Strategy for 2024-25*.

During the consultations held in September of 2023, the Department of Finance and the Bank of Canada attended bilateral in-person meetings with and received written comments from dealers, investors and other relevant market participants. These consultations sought the views of market participants on issues related to the design and operation of the Government of Canada's domestic debt program for 2024-25.

During the fall 2023 consultations, participants continued to view the Government of Canada securities market as functioning well despite higher supply and periods of heightened volatility in the global market. There was generally an appropriate supply-demand balance across different sectors, apart from the 30-year sector where market participants noted some supply/demand imbalances.

In the treasury bill sector, market participants noted strong demand reflecting higher economic uncertainty. Market participants overwhelmingly expressed a desire for the government to introduce a 1-month treasury bill, at least temporarily, to support the transition from Bankers' Acceptance in the Canadian money market, which were to be discontinued following the cessation of the Canadian Dollar Offered Rate (CDOR) in June 2024.

Market participants also noted that the discontinuation of the 3-year sector was well-received. More details on these discussions are available in the *Fall 2023 Debt Management Strategy Consultations Summary*, published on the Bank of Canada website on December 21, 2023.¹¹

Securities Distribution System

As the government's fiscal agent, the Bank of Canada distributes Government of Canada marketable bills and bonds by auction to government securities distributors (GSDs) and customers. GSDs that maintain a certain threshold of activity in the primary and secondary markets for Government of Canada securities may become primary dealers (PDs), which form a select core group of distributors for Government of Canada securities. To maintain a well-functioning securities distribution system, government securities auctions are monitored to ensure that GSDs abide by the terms and conditions.¹²

Quick turnaround times enhance the efficiency of auctions and reduce market risk for participants. In 2023-24, the turnaround time for treasury bill and bond auctions averaged 51 seconds, while there were no buyback operations conducted. The average turnaround time in 2022-23 was 48 seconds.¹³

Monitoring Secondary Market Trading in Government of Canada Securities

Two important measures of liquidity and efficiency in the secondary market for Government of Canada securities are trading volume and turnover ratio.

Trading volume represents the amount of securities traded during a specific period (e.g., daily). Large trading volumes typically indicate that participants can buy or sell in the marketplace without a substantial impact on the price of the securities and generally imply lower bid-offer spreads.

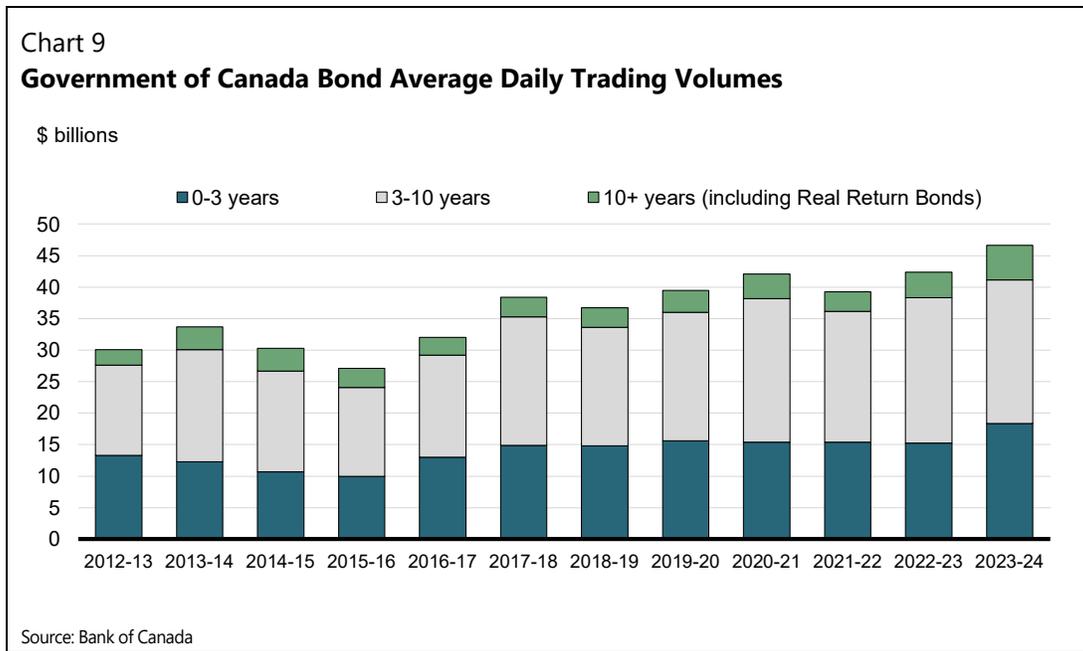
¹¹ See the Bank of Canada website (<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2023/12/summary-comments-fall-2023-debt-management-strategy-consultations/>).

¹² See the Bank of Canada website (www.bankofcanada.ca/markets/government-securities-auctions/).

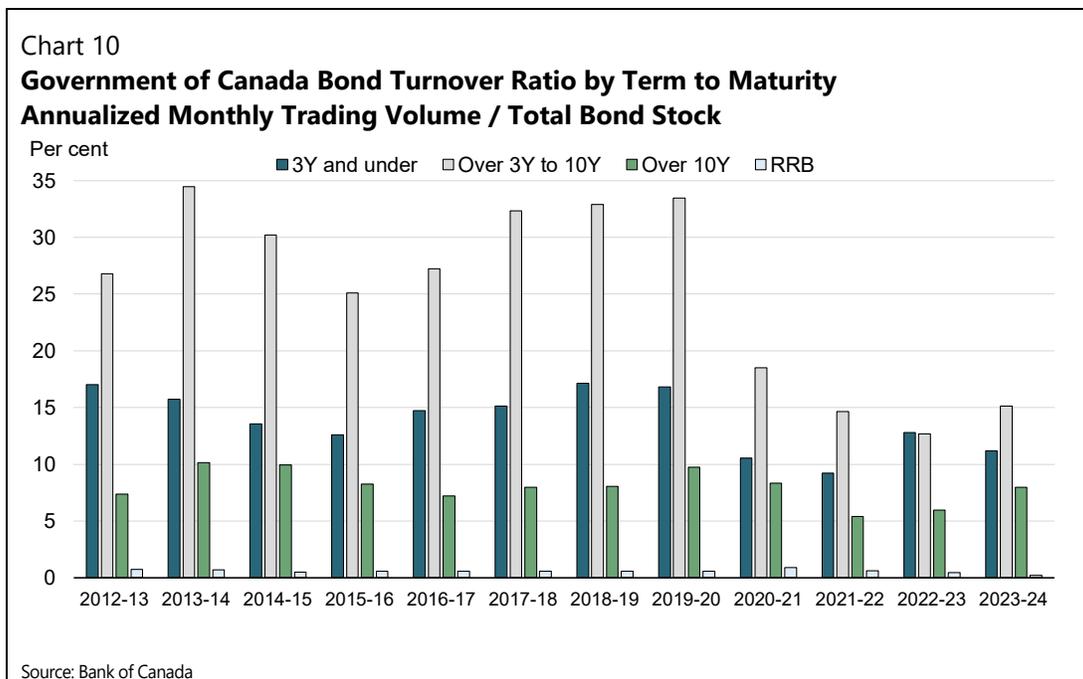
¹³ The turnaround time is the time taken between the submission of a bid and the return of the complete output to the auction participant. The Bank of Canada targets an average turnaround time of less than 3 minutes for auctions and less than 5 minutes for buyback operations. Maximum turnaround times are 5 minutes for auctions and 10 minutes for buyback operations.

The average daily trading volume in the secondary market for Government of Canada's bonds during 2023-24 was \$46.6 billion, up \$4.2 billion from 2022-23 (see Chart 9).

Turnover ratio, which is the ratio of securities traded relative to the number of securities outstanding, measures market depth. High turnover implies that a large proportion of securities change hands for a given amount available in the market, which is an indication of a liquid market.



In 2023-24, the annual debt stock turnover ratio in the Government of Canada secondary bond market, calculated as trading volume divided by average debt stock, increased slightly to 11.4x from 10.7x in 2022-23. The sectors with the highest monthly turnover during the fiscal year were medium-term bonds with maturities between 3 and 10 years at 15.1x, while Real Return Bonds had the lowest turnover at 0.2x (see Chart 10).



Supporting Secondary Market Liquidity

The Bank of Canada operates securities repo operations (SROs) whereby it makes a portion of its holdings of Government of Canada securities available through daily repurchase operations.¹⁴ This provides a temporary source of Government of Canada nominal bonds and treasury bills to primary dealers to support liquidity in the securities financing market. The Bank of Canada conducted 247 SROs in 2023-24, compared to 249 SROs in 2022-23.

Regular bond buyback program

Bond buyback operations on a cash basis and on a switch basis involve the purchase of bonds with a remaining term to maturity of 12 months to 25 years. Bond buyback operations on a cash basis involve the exchange of a bond for cash. Bond buyback operations on a switch basis, on the other hand, involve the exchange of one bond for another (e.g., an off-the-run bond for the building-the-benchmark bond), on a duration-neutral basis.

There were no regular bond buybacks on a cash or switch basis in 2023-24.

Part III

Report on the 2023-24 Debt Program

Treasury bill and bond auctions performed well and demand for Government of Canada securities remained strong throughout the fiscal year as a result of persistent demand for high-quality sovereign debt securities, and Canada's strong fiscal and economic position.

Domestic Marketable Bonds

Bond Program

In 2023-24, gross bond issuance was \$203.8 billion, \$18.6 billion higher than the \$185.2 billion issued in 2022-23. Gross issuance consisted only of issuance in nominal bonds since the Real Return Bonds were cancelled in 2022-23 (see Table 5).

Table 5

Annual Bond Program Operations

\$ billions

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Nominal (auction)	96.7	122.4	368.5	247.0	184.5	203.8
Nominal (switch)	0.8	2.8	0	0	0	0
Real Return Bonds	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.4	0.7	0
Total gross issuance	99.7	127	369.9	248.4	185.2	203.8
Cash buyback	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switch buyback	-0.8	-2.8	0	0	0	0
Total buyback	-0.8	-2.8	0	0	0	0
Net issuance	98.9	124.2	369.9	248.4	185.2	203.8

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: Bank of Canada.

¹⁴ See the Bank of Canada website (<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/markets/market-operations-liquidity-provision/market-operations-programs-and-facilities/securities-repo-operations/#program-details>).

Auction Result Indicators for Domestic Bonds

A total of 49 nominal bond auctions were conducted in 2023-24, compared to 59 auctions in 2022-23. This decrease in nominal bond auctions was largely due to the cancellation of the 3-year bond sector.

The auction tail represents the number of basis points between the highest yield accepted and the average yield of an auction. A small auction tail is preferable as it is generally indicative of better transparency in the pricing of securities. Average auction tails were higher than the 5-year average across all maturities except the 10-year sector.¹⁵

Auction coverage is defined as the total amount of bids received, including bids from the Bank of Canada, divided by the amount auctioned. All else being equal, a higher auction coverage level typically reflects strong demand and therefore should result in a lower average auction yield. Bond auction coverage was lower than the 5-year average for all maturities except in the 10-year and 30-year sectors (see Table 6).

Table 6

Performance at Domestic Bond Auctions

		Nominal Bonds					Real Return Bonds
		2-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	30-year	30-year
Tail (basis points)	2023-24	0.44	0.51	0.60	0.58	0.54	n/a
	5-year average	0.26	0.32	0.44	0.60	0.52	n/a
Coverage	2023-24	2.36	2.40	2.26	2.31	2.45	2.19
	5-year average	2.45	2.45	2.41	2.26	2.39	2.44

Notes: Tail represents the number of basis points between the highest yield accepted and the average yield of an auction. Coverage is defined as the total amount of bids received, including bids from the Bank of Canada, divided by the amount auctioned.

Source: Bank of Canada.

Participation at Domestic Bond Auctions

In 2023-24, primary dealers' allotments for nominal bonds decreased to 60 per cent from 63 per cent in 2022-23, with customer allocations increasing from 36 per cent to 40 per cent (see Table 7),¹⁶ excluding the Bank of Canada's allotment.¹⁷ In aggregate, the 10 most active participants were in total allotted 76 per cent of nominal bonds auctioned in 2023-24.

¹⁵ Tails are not calculated for Real Return Bond auctions since successful bidders are allotted bonds at the single-price equivalent of the highest real yield (single-price auction type) of accepted competitive bids. See Section 5 of the *Standard Terms for Auctions of Government of Canada Securities* (www.bankofcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/standard-terms-securities180816.pdf).

¹⁶ Numbers do not add up due to rounding.

¹⁷ The Bank of Canada purchased 13 per cent of the amount issued at each nominal bond auction in 2020-21. A customer is a bidder on whose behalf a government securities distributor (GSD) has been directed to submit a competitive or non-competitive bid for a specified amount of securities at a specific price.

Table 7

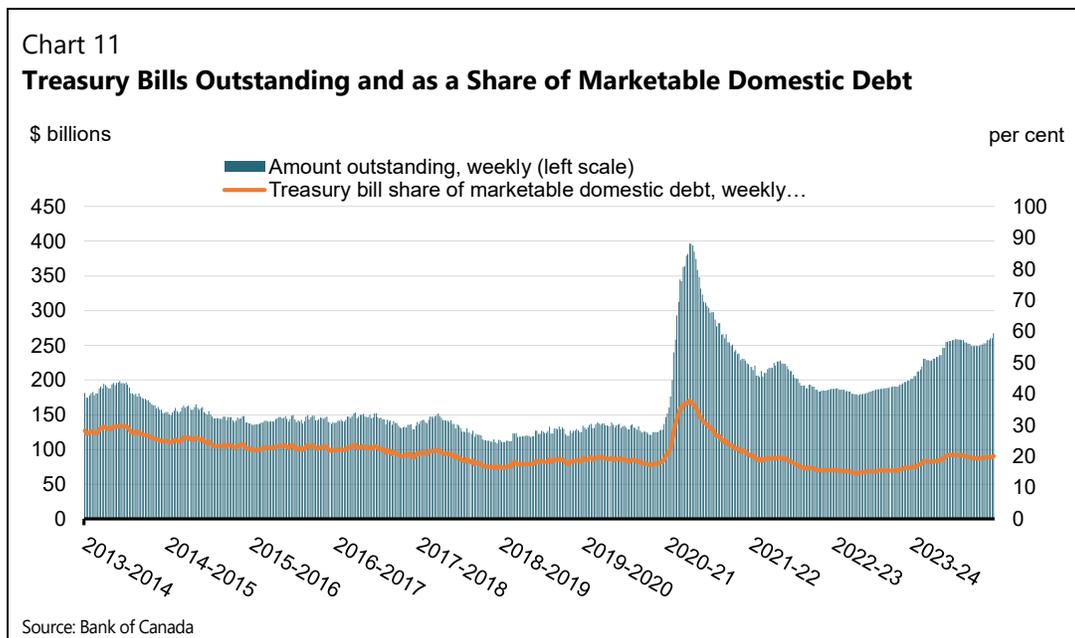
Historical Share of Bonds Allotted by Participant Category¹ Nominal Bonds

Participant type	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	(\$ billions)	(%)								
PDs	75	61	237	64	140	63	117	63	120	60
Non-PD GSDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Customers	47	39	135	36	84	38	67	36	80	40
Top 5 participants	68	55	207	56	112	50	96	52	102	51
Top 10 participants	98	80	299	80	168	75	144	78	153	76
Total nominal bonds issued	122		373		223		185		200	

Source: Bank of Canada

Treasury Bills and Cash Management Bills

During 2023-24, \$569.0 billion in 3-, 6- and 12-month treasury bills were issued, an increase of \$153 billion from the previous year. There were five cash management bill operations compared to zero operations in 2022-23. As at March 31, 2024, the combined treasury bill and cash management bill stock totaled \$267.4 billion, an increase of \$65.6 billion from the end of 2022-23 (see Chart 11).



In 2023-24, all treasury bill and cash management bill auctions were fully covered with an average coverage ratio of 2.05x. For all treasury bill maturity sectors, auction tails were larger than the 5-year average but were lower for cash management bills. Coverage ratios for treasury bill auctions in 2023-24 were lower than the 5-year average for all treasury bill maturity sectors and for cash management bills (see Table 8).

Table 8

Performance at Treasury Bill and Cash Management Bill Auctions

		3-month	6-month	12-month	Cash management bills
Tail	2023-24	0.88	0.82	1.00	2.10
	5-year average	0.80	0.81	0.88	3.26
Coverage	2023-24	1.87	2.05	2.22	2.09
	5-year average	1.98	2.20	2.24	2.25

Notes: Tail represents the number of basis points between the highest yield accepted and the average yield of an auction. Coverage is defined as the total amount of bids received, including bids from the Bank of Canada, divided by the amount auctioned. Tail and coverage ratio were calculated as the weighted averages, where the weight assigned to each auction equals the percentage total allotment in the auction's issuance sector.

Source: Bank of Canada.

Participation at Treasury Bill Auctions

In 2023-24, the share of treasury bills allotted to primary dealers declined by 3 percentage points to 59 per cent compared to 2022-23, and the share allotted to customers increased to 41 per cent from 38 per cent (see Table 9). The 10 most active participants were in total allotted 85 per cent of these securities.

Table 9

Historical Share of Amount Allotted to Participants by Type of Auction¹

Treasury bills

Participant Type	2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24	
	(\$ billions)	(%)								
PDs	246	84	543	84	318	74	258	62	347	59
Non-PD GSDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Customers	45	16	103	16	114	26	157	38	240	41
Top 5 participants	190	65	431	67	260	60	249	60	355	60
Top 10 participants	246	85	577	89	379	88	350	84	501	85
Total Treasury Bills Issued	291		646		432		416		588	

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

¹ Net of Bank of Canada allotment.

Source: Bank of Canada.

Foreign Currency Debt

Foreign currency debt is used exclusively to fund the Exchange Fund Account (EFA), which represents the largest component of the official international reserves. The primary objectives of the international reserves are to aid in the control and protection of the external value of the Canadian dollar and provide a source of liquidity to the Government of Canada, if required.

The EFA is primarily made up of liquid foreign currency securities and special drawing rights (SDRs). Liquid foreign currency securities are composed primarily of debt securities of highly rated sovereigns, their agencies that borrow in public markets and are supported by a comprehensive government guarantee, and highly rated supranational organizations. SDRs are international reserve assets created by the IMF, the value of which is based on a basket of international currencies. The official international reserves also include Canada's reserves position at the IMF. This position, which represents Canada's investment in the activities of the IMF, fluctuates according to drawdowns and repayments from the IMF. The *Report on the Management of Canada's Official International Reserves* (www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/services/publications/official-international-reserves.html) provides information on the objectives, composition and performance of the reserves portfolio.

The market value of Canada's official international reserves as at March 31, 2024 increased to US\$118.0 billion from US\$110.0 billion as at March 31, 2023. EFA assets, which totaled US\$113.3 billion as at March 31, 2024, up from US\$105.2 billion as at March 31, 2023, were held at a level that is consistent with the government's commitment to maintain holdings of liquid foreign currency securities at or above 3 per cent of nominal GDP.

The EFA is funded by liabilities of the Government of Canada denominated in, or converted to, foreign currencies. Funding requirements are primarily met through an ongoing program of cross-currency swaps funded by domestic issuances. As at March 31, 2024, Government of Canada cross-currency swaps outstanding stood at US\$78.5 billion (par value).

In addition to cross-currency swaps funded by domestic issuances, the EFA is funded through a short-term US-dollar paper program (Canada bills), a global bond program, and a medium-term note (MTN) program (Canada notes and euro medium-term notes) which had a value of zero at year end. The funding method of choice depends on funding needs, costs, market conditions and funding diversification objectives (see Table 10).

Table 10

Outstanding Foreign Currency Issues

par value in millions of US dollars

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023	Change
Swapped domestic issues	78,532	74,233	4,299
Global bonds	14,000	10,000	4,000
Canada bills	1,604	1,830	-226
Medium-term notes			
Euro medium-term notes	0	0	0
Canada notes	0	0	0
Total	94,136	86,063	8,073

Note: Liabilities are stated at the exchange rates prevailing on March 31, 2024.

Source: Department of Finance Canada.

As at March 31, 2024, the Government of Canada had four global bonds outstanding (see Table 11). The government had no medium-term notes outstanding as at March 31, 2024.

Table 11

Government of Canada Global Bonds Outstanding, as at March 31, 2023

Year of issuance	Market	Amount in original currency	Yield (%)	Term to maturity (years)	Coupon (%)	Benchmark interest rate—government bonds	Spread from benchmark at issuance (basis points)	Spread over swap curve in relevant currency on issuance date (basis points)
2020	Global	US\$3 billion	1.690	5	1.625	US	6.0	LIBOR - 6.5
2021	Global	US\$3.5 billion	0.854	5	0.750	US	6.0	LIBOR - 2
2022	Global	US\$3.5 billion	2.877	3	2.875	US	9.0	SOFR + 18 ¹
2023	Global	US\$4.0 billion	3.848	5	3.750	US	11.0	SOFR + 34

Note:

¹ LIBOR = London Interbank Offered Rate. The LIBOR rate was discontinued in 2021 so all Government of Canada Global Bonds are priced using the SOFR swap curve from 2022 onwards.

Source: Department of Finance Canada.

The MTN program provides the government with additional flexibility to raise foreign currency. The program allows for issuance in a number of currencies, including the US dollar, euro and British pound sterling, using either a US MTN or EMTN prospectus. During 2023-24, no medium-term notes were issued.

Cash Management

The Bank of Canada, as the government's fiscal agent, manages the Receiver General (RG) Consolidated Revenue Fund, from which the balances required for the government's day-to-day operations are drawn. The core objective of cash management is to ensure that the government has sufficient cash available, at all times, to meet its operating requirements.

Cash consists of money on deposit to the credit of the RG for Canada with the Bank of Canada. Cash with the Bank of Canada includes RG operating balances, and a \$20 billion callable demand deposit held for the prudential liquidity plan (PLP).

In 2023-24, the year-end daily liquidity position increased by \$24.8 billion to \$63.0 billion (see Chart 12 and Table 12), reflecting higher liquidity needs.

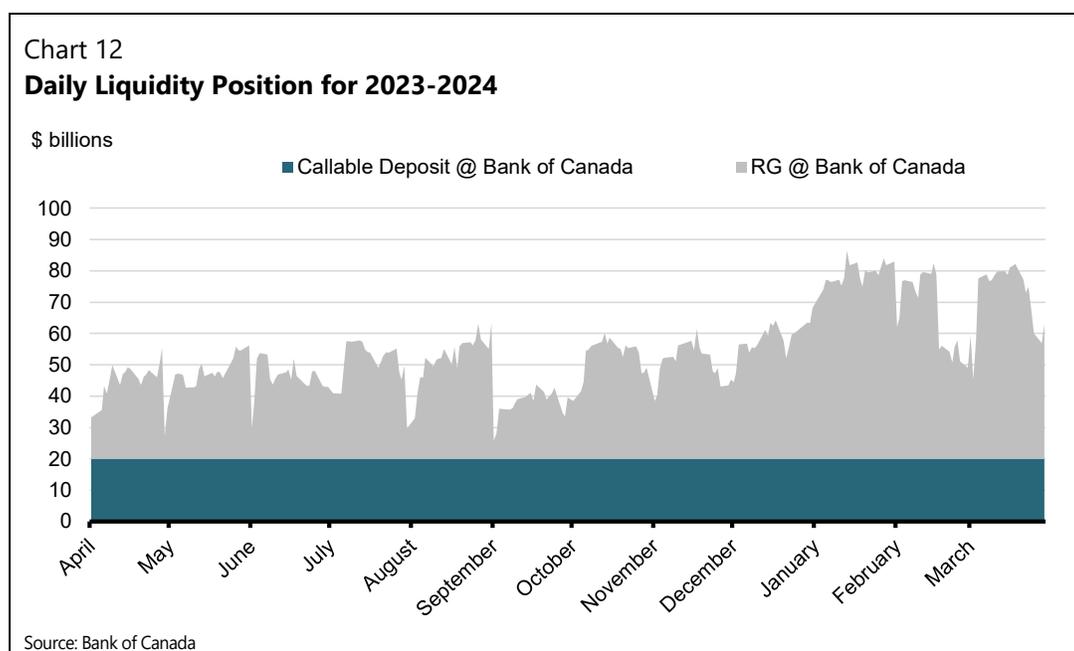


Table 12
Year-End Daily Liquidity Position
\$ billions

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	Annual average	Net change
Callable deposits with the Bank of Canada	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
RG balances with the Bank of Canada	18.2	35.0	34.5	16.8
Balances with financial Institutions	0.0	8.0	0.3	8.0
Total	38.2	63.0	54.8	24.8

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.
Source: Bank of Canada.

Prudential Liquidity Management

The government holds liquid financial assets in the form of domestic cash deposits and foreign exchange reserves¹⁸ to safeguard its ability to meet payment obligations in situations where normal access to funding markets may be disrupted or delayed. This promotes investor confidence. The government's overall liquidity levels are managed to normally cover at least one month (i.e., 23 business days) of net projected cash flows, including coupon payments and debt refinancing needs. The 23-day PLP requirement is a forward-looking measure that changes daily due to daily actual cash balances and new projected cash requirements.

¹⁸ The legislative purposes of Canada's foreign exchange reserves are to aid in the control and protection of the external value of the Canadian dollar and to provide a source of liquidity for the government, if required.

Investment of Receiver General Cash Balances

In April 2022, the Bank indefinitely moved to a floor system of conducting monetary policy, which it implemented on March 23, 2020. Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, the Bank implemented monetary policy through a corridor system.

Under a corridor system, the Bank targets only a small amount of excess settlement balances. This creates an occasional need to inject liquidity into the payment system by auctioning off government funds that are in excess of the government's day-to-day operating needs and prudential liquidity plan. The Bank's auction of Receiver General cash balances to payment system participants thus allows participants to settle their payments without needing overnight advances from the Bank.

Conversely, under a floor system, the Bank does not target a specific level of settlement balances but instead provides a supply that is sufficiently large. Payment system participants can use these excess settlement balances to fund payments during the day.

Morning auctions of Receiver General cash balances were reintroduced on February 21, 2024. These operations had been suspended in August 2020 due to lack of participation.

There were 27 RG auctions conducted in 2023-24, compared to zero in 2022-23.

Annex 1

Completed Treasury Evaluation Reports

In order to inform future decision making and to support transparency and accountability, different aspects of the Government of Canada's treasury activities are reviewed periodically under the Treasury Evaluation Program. The program's purpose is to obtain periodic external assessments of the frameworks and processes used in the management of wholesale and retail market debt, cash and reserves as well as the treasury activities of other entities under the authority of the Minister.

Reports on the findings of these evaluations and the government's response to each evaluation are tabled with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts by the Minister. Copies are also sent to the Auditor General of Canada. The reports are posted on the Department of Finance Canada website.

Area	Year
Debt Management Objectives	1992
Debt Structure—Fixed/Floating Mix	1992
Internal Review Process	1992
External Review Process	1992
Benchmarks and Performance Measures	1994
Foreign Currency Borrowing—Canada Bills Program	1994
Developing Well-Functioning Bond and Bill Markets	1994
Liability Portfolio Performance Measurement	1994
Retail Debt Program	1994
Guidelines for Dealing With Auction Difficulties	1995
Foreign Currency Borrowing—Standby Line of Credit and FRN	1995
Treasury bill Program Design	1995
Real Return Bond Program	1998
Foreign Currency Borrowing Programs	1998
Initiatives to Support a Well-Functioning Wholesale Market	2001
Debt Structure Target/Modelling	2001
Reserves Management Framework ¹	2002
Bond Buybacks ¹	2003
Funds Management Governance Framework ¹	2004
Retail Debt Program ¹	2004
Borrowing Framework of Major Federal Government-Backed Entities ¹	2005
Receiver General Cash Management Program ¹	2006
Exchange Fund Account Evaluation ¹	2006
Risk Management Report ¹	2007
Evaluation of the Debt Auction Process ¹	2010
Evaluation of the Asset Allocation Framework of the Exchange Fund Account ¹	2012
Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Interest-Bearing Debt ²	2012
Crown Borrowing Program Evaluation ¹	2013
Retail Debt Evaluation ¹	2015

¹ Available on the Department of Finance Canada website (www.canada.ca/en/department-finance.html).

² This audit was conducted outside of the Treasury Evaluation Program.

Annex 2

Debt Management Policy Measures Taken Since 1997

The fundamental objectives of debt management are to raise stable and low-cost funding to meet the financial needs of the Government of Canada and to maintain a well-functioning market for Government of Canada securities. For the government as a debt issuer, a well-functioning market attracts investors and contributes to keeping funding costs low and stable over time. For market participants, a liquid and transparent secondary market in government debt provides risk-free assets for investment portfolios, a pricing benchmark for other debt issues and derivatives, and a primary tool for hedging interest rate risk. The following table lists significant policy measures that have been taken to achieve stable, low-cost funding and ensure a well-functioning Government of Canada securities market.

Measure	Year
Discontinued the 3-year bond benchmark	1997
Moved from weekly to bi-weekly treasury bill auctions	1998
Introduced a cash-based bond buyback program	1999
Introduced standardized benchmarks (fixed maturities and increased size)	1999
Started regular cross-currency swap-based funding of foreign assets	1999
Introduced a switch-based bond buyback program	2001
Allowed the reconstitution of bonds beyond the size of the original amount issued	2001
Introduced the cash management bond buyback program	2001
Reduced targeted turnaround times for auctions and buyback operations	2001
Advanced the timing of treasury bill auctions from 12:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m.	2004
Advanced the timing of bond auctions from 12:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.	2005
Reduced the timing between bond auctions and cash buybacks to 20 minutes	2005
Dropped one quarterly 2-year auction	2006
Announced the maintenance of benchmark targets through fungibility (common dates)	2006
Consolidated the borrowings of three Crown corporations	2007
Changed the maturity of the 5-year benchmark and dropped one quarterly 5-year auction	2007
Reintroduced the 3-year bond benchmark	2009
Increased the frequency of cash management bond buyback operations from bi-weekly to weekly	2010
Announced a new framework for the medium-term debt management strategy	2011
Announced plans to increase the level of prudential liquidity by \$35 billion over 3 years	2011
Added four new maturity dates—February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1	2011
Increased benchmark target range sizes in the 2-, 3- and 5-year sectors	2011
Announced a temporary increase in longer-term debt issuance	2012
Announced changes to the Terms and Conditions Governing the Morning Auction of Receiver General Cash Balances	2013
Introduced ultra-long bond issuance	2014
Discontinued 3-year issuance	2015
Increased benchmark target range sizes in the 2- and 5-year sectors	2015
Increased benchmark target range sizes in the 2-, 5- and 10-year sectors	2016
Reintroduced the 3-year bond benchmark	2016
Introduced a pilot program to increase flexibility in the maximum repurchase amount at CMBB operations	2017
Discontinued the sales of new Canada Savings Bonds	2017
Pilot program to increase flexibility of CMBB operations made permanent	2018
Ceased all buyback operations and RG auctions	2020
Added a second 10-year benchmark bond per year—December 1	2020
Increased the frequency of treasury bills auctions from bi-weekly to weekly (i.e., first half of the fiscal year)	2020

Measure	Year
Reduced the frequency of treasury bills auctions from weekly to bi-weekly (i.e., second half of the fiscal year)	2020
Introduced federal green bond program	2022
Discontinued the Real Return bond program	2022
Discontinued 3-year issuance	2023
Updated the green bond framework to include certain nuclear expenditures	2023

Annex 3

Glossary

asset-liability management: An investment decision-making framework that is used to concurrently manage a portfolio of assets and liabilities.

average term to maturity: The weighted average amount of time until the securities in the debt portfolio mature.

benchmark bond: A bond that is considered by the market to be the standard against which all other bonds in that term area are evaluated against. It is typically a bond issued by a sovereign, since sovereign debt is usually the most creditworthy within a domestic market. Usually it is the most liquid bond within each range of maturities and is therefore priced accurately.

budgetary deficit: The shortfall between government annual revenues and annual budgetary expenses.

buyback on a cash basis: The repurchase of bonds for cash. Buybacks on a cash basis are used to maintain the size of bond auctions and new issuances.

buyback on a switch basis: The exchange of outstanding bonds for new bonds in the current building benchmark bond.

Canada bill: A promissory note denominated in US dollars, issued for terms of up to 270 days. Canada bills are issued for foreign exchange reserves funding purposes only.

Canada Investment Bond: A non-marketable fixed-term security instrument issued by the Government of Canada.

Canada note: A promissory note usually denominated in US dollars, and available in book-entry form. Canada notes can be issued for terms of nine months or longer and can be issued at a fixed or a floating rate. Canada notes are issued for foreign exchange reserves funding purposes only.

Canada Premium Bond: A non-marketable security instrument issued by the Government of Canada, which is redeemable once a year on the anniversary date or during the 30 days thereafter without penalty.

Canada Savings Bond: A non-marketable security instrument issued by the Government of Canada, which is redeemable on demand by the registered owner(s), and which, after the first three months, pays interest up to the end of the month prior to cashing.

cross-currency swap: An agreement that exchanges one type of debt obligation for another involving different currencies and the exchange of the principal amounts and interest payments.

duration: Measures the sensitivity of the price of a bond or portfolio to fluctuations in interest rates. It is a measure of volatility and is expressed in years. The higher the duration number, the greater the interest rate risk for bond or portfolio prices.

electronic trading system: An electronic system that provides real-time information about securities and enables the user to execute financial trades.

Exchange Fund Account (EFA): An account that aids in the control and protection of the external value of the Canadian dollar and which provides a source of liquidity for the Government of Canada. Assets held in the EFA are managed to provide liquidity to the government and to promote orderly conditions for the Canadian dollar in the foreign exchange markets, if required.

financial source/requirement: The difference between the cash inflows and outflows of the government's Receiver General account. In the case of a financial requirement, it is the amount of new borrowing required from outside lenders to meet financing needs in any given year.

fixed-rate share of market debt: The proportion of market debt that does not mature or need to be repriced within one year (i.e. the inverse of the refixing share of market debt).

foreign exchange reserves: The foreign currency assets (e.g. interest-earning bonds) held to support the value of the domestic currency. Canada's foreign exchange reserves are held in the Exchange Fund Account.

Government of Canada securities auction: A process used for selling Government of Canada debt securities (mostly marketable bonds and treasury bills) in which issues are sold by public tender to government securities distributors and approved clients.

government securities distributor (GSD): An investment dealer or bank that is authorized to bid at Government of Canada auctions and through which the government distributes Government of Canada treasury bills and marketable bonds.

interest-bearing debt: Debt consisting of unmatured debt, or debt issued on the credit markets, liabilities for pensions and other future benefits, and other liabilities.

Large Value Transfer System: An electronic funds transfer system introduced in February 1999 and operated by the Canadian Payments Association. It facilitates the electronic transfer of Canadian-dollar payments across the country virtually instantaneously.

marketable bond: An interest-bearing certificate of indebtedness issued by the Government of Canada, having the following characteristics: bought and sold on the open market; payable in Canadian or foreign currency; having a fixed date of maturity; interest payable either in coupon or registered form; face value guaranteed at maturity.

marketable debt: Market debt that is issued by the Government of Canada and sold via public tender or syndication. These issues can be traded between investors while outstanding.

money market: The market in which short-term capital is raised, invested and traded using financial instruments such as treasury bills, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, and bonds maturing in one year or less.

non-market debt: The government's internal debt, which is, for the most part, federal public sector pension liabilities and the government's current liabilities (such as accounts payable, accrued liabilities, interest payments and payments of matured debt).

overnight rate; overnight financing rate; overnight money market rate; overnight lending rate: An interest rate at which participants with a temporary surplus or shortage of funds are able to lend or borrow until the next business day. It is the shortest term to maturity in the money market.

primary dealer (PD): A member of the core group of government securities distributors that maintain a certain threshold of activity in the market for Government of Canada securities. The primary dealer classification can be attained in either treasury bills or marketable bonds, or both.

primary market: The market in which issues of securities are first offered to the public.

Real Return Bond (RRB): A bond whose interest payments are based on real interest rates. Unlike standard fixed-coupon marketable bonds, the semi-annual interest payments on Government of Canada Real Return Bonds are determined by adjusting the principal by the change in the Consumer Price Index.

refixing share of market debt: The proportion of market debt that matures or needs to be repriced within one year (i.e., the inverse of the fixed-rate share of market debt).

refixing share of market debt to gross domestic product (GDP): The amount of market debt that matures or needs to be repriced within one year relative to nominal GDP for that year.

secondary market: The market where existing securities trade after they have been sold to the public in the primary market.

sovereign market: The market for debt issued by a government.

treasury bill: A short-term obligation sold by public tender. Treasury bills, with terms to maturity of 3, 6 or 12 months, are currently auctioned on a bi-weekly basis.

ultra-long bond: A bond with a maturity of 40 years or longer.

yield curve: The conceptual or graphic representation of the term structure of interest rates. A “normal” yield curve is upward sloping, with short-term rates lower than long-term rates. An “inverted” yield curve is downward sloping, with short-term rates higher than long-term rates. A “flat” yield curve occurs when short-term rates are the same as long-term rates.

Annex 4

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Reference Table I

Total Liabilities, Outstanding Market Debt and Debt Charges, as at March 31

\$ billions

Year	Liabilities				Total liabilities
	Market debt	Market debt value adjustments	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Pension and other liabilities	
1986	201.2	-0.4	39.4	79.1	319.4
1987	228.6	-0.4	42.1	84.7	355.0
1988	250.8	-0.9	47.2	90.9	388.0
1989	276.3	-2.2	50.2	97.1	421.4
1990	294.6	-2.9	53.2	104.5	449.3
1991	323.9	-3.2	54.9	112.1	487.7
1992	351.9	-2.2	56.1	118.5	524.2
1993	382.7	-3.0	58.4	125.1	563.2
1994	414.0	-1.8	63.7	131.4	607.3
1995	441.0	-3.4	71.3	139.8	648.7
1996	469.5	-1.7	74.9	148.5	691.3
1997	476.9	0.3	75.9	156.3	709.4
1998	466.8	1.4	81.7	160.9	710.8
1999	457.7	2.6	83.7	168.2	712.2
2000	454.2	-0.2	83.9	175.8	713.6
2001	444.9	1.3	88.5	179.0	713.6
2002	440.9	0.9	83.2	177.9	703.0
2003	438.6	-1.1	83.2	178.3	699.0
2004	436.5	-2.5	85.2	180.9	700.1
2005	431.8	-4.3	97.7	179.8	705.0
2006	427.3	-6.1	101.4	179.9	702.5
2007	418.8	-4.7	106.5	185.1	705.8
2008	394.1	-3.4	110.5	191.2	692.3
2009	510.9	3.1	114.0	200.4	828.4
2010	564.4	-5.3	120.5	208.7	888.3
2011	596.8	-5.7	119.1	217.2	927.5
2012	631.0	-4.7	125.0	226.1	977.5
2013	668.0	4.4	118.7	236.2	1,027.4
2014	648.7	10.3	111.4	245.2	1,015.8
2015	649.5	15.7	123.6	251.4	1,040.2
2016	669.7	18.5	127.9	262.0	1,078.0
2017	695.1	18.5	132.5	270.7	1,116.9
2018	704.3	16.9	154.8	281.4	1,157.4
2019	721.1	15.8	159.7	282.6	1,185.2
2020	765.2	18.6	163.8	301.0	1,248.6
2021	1,109.8	15.4	207.4	319.7	1,652.2
2022	1,244.6	5.4	262.5	335.1	1,892.3
2023	1,259.9	5.1	259.4	351.7	1,925.0
2024	1,371.9	4.9	264.1	368.7	2,057.8

Reference Table I

Total Liabilities, Outstanding Market Debt and Debt Charges, as at March 31

\$ billions

Year	Accumulated deficit and debt charges					Gross public debt charges
	Total liabilities	Financial assets	Net debt	Non-financial assets	Accumulated deficit	
1986	319.4	70.1	249.2	21.4	227.8	27.7
1987	355.0	73.2	281.8	24.2	257.7	28.7
1988	388.0	75.0	313.0	26.3	286.7	31.2
1989	421.4	77.9	343.6	29.0	314.6	35.5
1990	449.3	74.5	374.8	31.0	343.8	41.2
1991	487.7	76.6	411.1	33.4	377.7	45.0
1992	524.2	78.5	445.7	35.8	410.0	43.9
1993	563.2	76.0	487.2	38.2	449.0	41.3
1994	607.3	79.3	527.9	40.4	487.5	40.1
1995	648.7	81.2	567.5	43.3	524.2	44.2
1996	691.3	92.7	598.6	44.4	554.2	49.4
1997	709.4	100.4	609.0	46.1	562.9	47.3
1998	710.8	103.6	607.2	47.2	559.9	43.1
1999	712.2	109.3	602.9	48.7	554.1	43.3
2000	713.6	123.5	590.1	50.2	539.9	43.4
2001	713.6	141.9	571.7	51.7	520.0	43.9
2002	703.0	137.7	565.3	53.4	511.9	39.7
2003	699.0	139.5	559.6	54.2	505.3	37.3
2004	700.1	149.1	551.0	54.8	496.2	35.8
2005	705.0	155.4	549.6	54.9	494.7	34.1
2006	702.5	165.6	536.9	55.4	481.5	33.8
2007	705.8	181.9	523.9	56.6	467.3	33.9
2008	692.3	176.0	516.3	58.6	457.6	33.3
2009	828.4	298.9	529.4	61.5	467.9	28.3
2010	888.3	300.8	587.5	63.4	524.1	26.6
2011	927.5	304.0	623.5	66.6	556.9	28.6
2012	977.5	317.6	659.9	68.0	591.9	29.0
2013	1,027.4	337.8	689.5	68.9	620.6	25.5
2014	1,015.8	318.5	696.4	70.4	626.0	24.7
2015	1,040.2	336.7	703.5	74.6	628.9	24.2
2016	1,078.0	365.8	712.2	77.8	634.4	21.8
2017	1,116.9	382.8	734.1	82.6	651.5	21.2
2018	1,157.4	397.5	752.9	81.6	671.3	21.9
2019	1,185.2	413.0	772.1	86.7	685.5	23.3
2020	1,248.6	435.7	812.9	91.5	721.4	24.5
2021	1,652.2	502.4	1,149.8	101.1	1,048.8	20.4
2022	1,892.3	647.5	1,244.7	104.8	1,140.0	24.5
2023	1,925.0	642.3	1,282.7	109.7	1,173.0	35.0
2024	2,057.8	705.0	1,352.8	116.6	1,236.2	43.9

Reference Table II

Government of Canada Outstanding Market Debt, as at March 31

\$ billions

Year	Payable in Canadian dollars				Total
	Treasury bills	Marketable bonds ¹	Retail debt	Canada Pension Plan bonds	
1987	77.0	94.4	44.3	1.8	217.5
1988	81.1	103.9	53.3	2.5	240.8
1989	102.7	115.7	47.8	3.0	269.2
1990	118.6	127.7	40.9	3.1	290.2
1991	139.2	143.6	34.4	3.5	320.7
1992	152.3	158.1	35.6	3.5	349.5
1993	162.1	178.5	34.4	3.5	378.4
1994	166.0	203.4	31.3	3.5	404.3
1995	164.5	225.7	31.4	3.5	425.1
1996	166.1	252.8	31.4	3.5	453.8
1997	135.4	282.6	33.5	3.5	454.9
1998	112.3	294.6	30.5	3.5	440.8
1999	97.0	295.8	28.2	4.1	425.0
2000	99.9	294.4	26.9	3.6	424.7
2001	88.7	295.5	26.4	3.5	414.1
2002	94.2	294.9	24.0	3.4	416.5
2003	104.6	289.2	22.6	3.4	419.8
2004	113.4	279.0	21.3	3.4	417.1
2005	127.2	266.7	19.1	3.4	416.3
2006	131.6	261.9	17.3	3.1	413.9
2007	134.1	257.9	15.2	1.7	408.9
2008	117.0	253.8	13.1	1.0	384.9
2009	192.5	295.3	12.5	0.5	500.8
2010	175.9	367.9	11.8	0.5	556.1
2011	163.0	416.1	10.1	0.0	589.2
2012	163.2	448.1	8.9	0.0	620.3
2013	180.7	469.0	7.5	0.0	657.2
2014	153.0	473.3	6.3	0.0	632.6
2015	135.7	487.9	5.7	0.0	629.2
2016	138.1	504.1	5.1	0.0	647.2
2017	136.7	536.3	4.5	0.0	677.5
2018	110.7	575.0	2.6	0.0	688.2
2019	134.3	569.5	1.2	0.0	705.1
2020	151.9	596.9	0.5	0.0	749.2
2021	218.8	875.3	0.3	0.0	1,109.8
2022	186.9	1,043.2	0.0	0.0	1,230.1
2023	198.9	1,045.0	0.0	0.0	1,243.9
2024	263.0	1,087.7	0.0	0.0	1,350.7

¹ Inflation adjusted.

Reference Table II

Government of Canada Outstanding Market Debt, as at March 31

\$ billions

Year	Payable in foreign currencies						Total
	Canada bills	Marketable bonds	Canada notes ¹	Euro medium-term notes ¹	Standby drawings	Term loans	
1987	1.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	12.0
1988	1.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	11.3
1989	1.1	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	8.3
1990	1.4	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7
1991	1.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5
1992	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4
1993	2.6	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4
1994	5.6	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.7
1995	9.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.9
1996	7.0	9.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.8
1997	8.4	12.5	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.0
1998	9.4	14.6	1.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	27.2
1999	10.2	19.7	1.3	4.9	0.0	0.0	36.0
2000	6.0	21.4	1.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	32.6
2001	7.2	21.2	1.6	3.7	0.0	0.0	33.7
2002	3.4	19.8	1.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	27.5
2003	2.6	14.5	1.2	3.3	0.0	0.0	21.6
2004	3.4	13.2	1.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	20.8
2005	3.9	9.9	1.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	16.5
2006	4.7	7.6	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	14.3
2007	1.8	6.7	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	10.6
2008	1.5	6.1	0.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	9.7
2009	8.7	0.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	10.6
2010	2.5	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2
2011	2.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7
2012	2.1	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.7
2013	2.1	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8
2014	2.3	13.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	16.0
2015	3.8	14.8	1.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	20.3
2016 ¹	4.7	15.3	1.6	0.9	0.0	0.0	22.5
2017	3.5	11.5	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	17.6
2018	2.6	10.9	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	16.0
2019	2.7	11.0	1.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	16.0
2020	2.2	12.7	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	15.9
2021	4.1	11.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4
2022	2.6	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5
2023	2.5	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0
2024	2.2	19.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.2

¹Amounts for 2016 and 2017 have been restated following historical revisions.

Reference Table II

Government of Canada Outstanding Market Debt, as at March 31

\$ billions

Year	Total market debt					Average interest rate (%)
	Total payable in Canadian dollars	Total payable in foreign currencies	Less: Government's holdings and consolidation adjustment ¹	Total market debt		
1987	217.5	12.0	-0.9	228.6	9.3	
1988	240.8	11.3	-1.2	250.8	9.6	
1989	269.2	8.3	-1.2	276.3	10.8	
1990	290.2	5.7	-1.3	294.6	11.2	
1991	320.7	4.5	-1.3	323.9	10.7	
1992	349.5	3.4	-1.0	351.8	8.9	
1993	378.4	5.4	-1.1	382.7	7.9	
1994	404.3	10.7	-1.0	414.0	6.8	
1995	425.1	16.9	-1.0	441.0	8.0	
1996	453.8	16.8	-1.0	469.5	7.3	
1997	454.9	23.0	-1.1	476.8	6.7	
1998	440.8	27.2	-1.2	466.8	6.6	
1999	425.0	36.0	-3.3	457.7	6.7	
2000	424.7	32.6	-3.1	454.2	6.2	
2001	414.1	33.7	-2.9	444.9	6.1	
2002	416.5	27.5	-3.1	440.9	5.6	
2003	419.8	21.6	-2.7	438.6	5.3	
2004	417.1	20.8	-1.5	436.4	4.9	
2005	416.3	16.5	-1.1	431.7	4.6	
2006	413.9	14.3	-1.0	427.2	4.7	
2007	408.9	10.6	-0.7	418.9	4.9	
2008	384.9	9.7	-0.5	394.1	4.6	
2009	500.8	10.6	-0.6	510.8	3.2	
2010	556.1	8.2	-0.1	564.2	2.7	
2011	589.2	7.7	-0.1	596.8	2.8	
2012	620.3	10.7	-0.1	631.0	2.7	
2013	657.2	10.8	-0.0	668.0	2.5	
2014	632.6	16.0	-0.3	648.7	2.4	
2015	629.2	20.3	-0.4	649.5	2.3	
2016	647.2	22.5	0.1	669.7	2.0	
2017	677.5	17.6	-0.4	695.1	1.9	
2018	688.3	16.0	0.9	704.3	2.0	
2019	705.1	16.0	-0.4	721.1	2.2	
2020	749.2	15.9	-0.3	765.2	2.0	
2021	1,094.4	15.4	-0.3	1,109.8	1.4	
2022	1,230.1	14.5	-0.2	1,244.6	1.4	
2023	1,243.9	16.0	-0.2	1,259.9	2.3	
2024	1,350.7	21.2	-0.0	1,371.9	2.9	

¹ Because certain comparative figures have been restated to reflect the presentation method used in recent years, the numbers presented in this reference table can differ from numbers presented in other sections of the *Debt Management Report*. In the reference table, "Government's holdings and consolidation adjustment" is presented separately but in the rest of the report the amount is incorporated into the figures. For more information, please consult table 6.2 and table 6.3 of the *Public Accounts of Canada 2022*.

Reference Table III

Issuance of Government of Canada Domestic Bonds

\$ billions

Fiscal year	Gross issuance													Net issuance
	Nominal ¹							Real Return Bonds		Buybacks				
	2-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	30-year	50-year	Green	Total	30-year	Total	Cash	Switch	Total	
1995-96	11.1	5.1	17.0	10.5	5.0			49.7	1.0	49.7			0.0	49.7
1996-97	12.0	11.1	13.3	11.8	5.8			54.0	1.7	55.5			0.0	55.7
1997-98	14.0		9.9	9.3	5.0			38.2	1.7	39.9			0.0	39.9
1998-99	14.0		9.8	9.2	3.3			36.3	1.6	37.9			0.0	37.9
1999-00	14.2		14.0	12.9	3.7			44.8	1.3	46.0	-2.7	0.0	-2.7	43.3
2000-01	14.1		10.5	10.1	3.8			38.5	1.4	39.9	-2.8	0.0	-2.8	37.1
2001-02	14.0		10.0	9.9	6.3			40.2	1.4	41.6	-5.3	-0.4	-5.6	35.9
2002-03	13.9		11.0	12.6	4.8			42.3	1.4	43.7	-7.1	-5.0	-12.1	31.6
2003-04	13.0		10.7	11.5	4.2			39.4	1.4	40.8	-5.2	-5.0	-10.2	30.7
2004-05	12.0		9.6	10.6	3.3			35.5	1.4	36.9	-6.8	-4.7	-11.4	25.5
2005-06	10.0		9.2	10.0	3.2			32.4	1.5	33.9	-5.3	-3.3	-8.6	25.3
2006-07	10.3		7.8	10.4	3.3			31.8	1.6	33.4	-5.1	-4.7	-9.8	23.5
2007-08	11.7		6.3	10.7	3.4			32.0	2.3	34.3	-4.3	-2.4	-6.7	27.6
2008-09	23.2		29.0	15.7	5.1			72.9	2.1	75.0	-3.2	-2.7	-6.0	69.0
2009-10	31.5	20.1	24.0	17.4	7.0			100.0	2.2	102.2	0.0	-2.1	-2.1	100.1
2010-11	36.3	18.8	21.2	12.0	5.0			93.3	2.2	95.5	0.0	-4.4	-4.4	91.2
2011-12	44.0	18.0	21.0	10.0	4.7			97.7	2.2	99.9	-3.0	-3.0	-5.9	94.0
2012-13	35.9	13.9	20.4	16.5	6.7			93.4	2.2	95.6	-0.4	-1.1	-1.5	94.1
2013-14	29.7	16.2	20.4	14.0	5.0			85.3	2.2	87.5	0.0	-1.0	-1.0	86.5
2014-15	38.4	16.2	20.4	13.3	4.6	3.5		92.9	2.2	95.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	94.6
2015-16	50.2		26.8	10.0	3.2			90.2	2.2	92.4	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	91.7
2016-17	62.4	19.5	30.0	15.0	4.3			131.2	2.2	133.4	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	132.6
2017-18	59.1	24.7	30.6	15.0	4.3	1.3		135.0	2.2	137.2	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	136.4
2018-19	48.0	8.2	24.0	13.5	3.8			97.5	2.2	99.7	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	98.9
2019-20	53.0	19.7	33.5	13.5	5.5			125.2	1.8	127.0	0.0	-2.8	-2.8	124.2
2020-21	129.0	56.5	77.5	73.5	32.0			368.5	1.4	369.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	369.9
2021-22	67.0	29.0	44.0	79.0	28.0	4.0	5.0	256.0	1.4	257.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	257.4
2022-23	67.0	20.0	31.0	52.0	14.5			184.5	0.7	185.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	185.2
2023-24	86.0	6.0	47.0	47.0	14.0		4.0	204.0	0.0	204	0.0	0.0	0.0	204

¹ Including nominal issuance through switch buyback operations.

Reference Table IV

Outstanding Government of Canada Domestic Bonds, as at March 31, 2024

Fixed coupon bonds

Maturity date	Amount (\$ millions)	Coupon rate (%)
01-Apr-2024	36,980	0.3
01-May-2024	14,120	1.5
01-Jun-2024	13,700	2.5
01-Aug-2024	14,075	2.8
01-Sep-2024	16,065	1.5
01-Oct-2024	14,000	0.8
01-Nov-2024	14,400	3.0
01-Feb-2025	14,750	3.8
01-Mar-2025	17,300	1.3
01-Apr-2025	11,875	1.5
01-May-2025	15,250	3.8
01-Jun-2025	13,100	2.3
01-Jun-2025	2,134	9.0
01-Aug-2025	19,000	3.5
01-Sep-2025	47,500	0.5
01-Oct-2025	10,000	3.0
01-Nov-2025	19,750	4.5
01-Feb-2026	23,000	4.5
01-Mar-2026	34,000	0.3
01-Apr-2026	10,000	3.0
01-May-2026	19,500	4.0
01-Jun-2026	13,472	1.5
01-Sep-2026	23,000	1.0
01-Dec-2026	9,463	4.3
01-Mar-2027	17,000	1.3
01-Jun-2027	14,740	1.0
01-Jun-2027	3,621	8.0
24-Aug-2027	500	3.2
01-Sep-2027	16,000	2.8
01-Mar-2028	15,000	3.5
01-Jun-2028	13,500	2.0
01-Sep-2028	20,000	3.3
01-Mar-2029	27,000	4.0
01-Jun-2029	12,300	2.3
01-Jun-2029	10,599	5.8
01-Dec-2029	5,000	2.3
01-Jun-2030	44,200	1.3
01-Dec-2030	40,000	0.5
01-Jun-2031	42,000	1.5
01-Dec-2031	32,000	1.5
01-Dec-2031	10,047	4.0
01-Jun-2032	24,000	2.0
01-Dec-2032	21,000	2.5
01-Jun-2033	19,000	2.8
01-Jun-2033	11,989	5.8
01-Dec-2033	21,000	3.3
01-Mar-2034	4,000	3.5
01-Jun-2034	14,000	3.0
01-Dec-2036	8,992	3.0
01-Jun-2037	11,731	5.0
01-Jun-2041	13,838	4.0
01-Dec-2041	9,323	2.0
01-Dec-2044	10,544	1.5
01-Dec-2045	16,300	3.5
01-Dec-2047	9,886	1.3
01-Dec-2048	14,900	2.8
01-Dec-2050	9,257	0.5
01-Dec-2051	51,817	2.0
01-Dec-2053	32,000	1.8
01-Dec-2054	2,380	0.3
01-Dec-2055	16,750	2.8
01-Dec-2064	8,750	2.8

Maturity date	Amount (\$ millions)	Coupon rate (%)
Fixed-Coupon Bonds Total	1,081,398	

Note:

¹The outstanding amount excludes any security that has been auctioned but has not yet settled.

²The outstanding amount includes any bond that has been repurchased by the Minister of Finance but has yet been cancelled.

³The outstanding amount is not adjusted for securities that have been stripped or reconstituted. It is the amount after adjusting for inflation.

Source: Bank of Canada.

Real Return Bonds

Maturity Date	Amount (\$ millions)	Coupon rate (%)	Inflation adjustment (\$ millions)	Outstanding amount (\$ millions)
1-Dec-2026	5,250	4.25	3,948	9,198
1-Dec-2031	5,800	4.00	3,966	9,766
1-Dec-2036	5,850	3.00	2,890	8,740
1-Dec-2041	6,550	2.00	2,512	9,062
1-Dec-2044	7,700	1.50	2,549	10,249
1-Dec-2047	7,700	1.25	1,910	9,610
1-Dec-2050	7,600	0.50	1,398	8,998
1-Dec-2054	2,100	0.25	214	2,314
Real Return Bonds -Total	48,550		19,388	67,938

Note: Outstanding bond amounts reported in this table are in accordance with Bank of Canada reports, which may vary slightly with Government of Canada amounts due to differences in classification methods.

Source: Bank of Canada.

Reference Table V

Government of Canada Cross-Currency Swaps Outstanding, as at March 31, 2024

CAD\$ millions

Maturity date	Swaps of domestic obligations				Total
	USD	EUR	JPY	GBP	
2024	3,377	1,892	805	222	6,296
2025	3,453	278	1,216	4,092	9,039
2026	7,421	621	984	795	9,821
2027	2,878	2,045	0	2,410	7,333
2028	11,653	1,315	0	0	12,968
2029	5,349	2,662	805	0	8,816
2030	4,063	4,025	1,252	0	9,340
2031	10,055	657	0	256	10,969
2032	17,523	1,877	895	1,752	22,047
2033	8,866	1,899	358	2,478	13,601
2034	3,704	2,045	0	171	5,920
Total	78,342	19,315	6,315	12,176	116,148

Note: Foreign currency swaps converted to Canadian dollars using Bank of Canada closing exchange rates as at March 31, 2024. Table does not include \$5,106 million in foreign exchange forwards and \$351 million in foreign exchange swaps that were outstanding as at March 31, 2024. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Reference Table VI

Crown Corporation Borrowings, as at March 31

\$ millions

Borrowings from the market	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Export Development Canada	36,393	41,985	46,687	49,226	55,470	55,217	63,249	47,532	44,319	54,172	58,451
BDC	507	305	253	163	139	137	142	128	0	0	0
Farm Credit Canada	615	669	762	815	833	818	833	852	673	947	927
Canada Housing Trust ¹	1,465	1,429	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CMHC	205,113	207,544	217,392	225,306	233,981	237,516	244,643	265,191	258,831	261,664	258,781
Canada Post Corporation	1,051	1,051	997	997	997	997	997	997	998	998	998
Other	128	137	109	52	48	49	45	27	50	53	55
Total	245,272	253,120	266,482	276,559	291,469	294,734	309,909	314,727	304,871	317,834	319,212

¹ Canada Housing Trust has been included in the government reporting entity effective April 1, 2005 as a result of the application of a new accounting standard.

Government's Loans and Advances to Enterprise Crown Corporations

\$ millions

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BDC	14,320	15,676	16,942	18,811	20,470	22,235	23,405	18,226	20,072	26,864	29,490
CMHC ¹	21,173	10,708	10,531	9,811	8,687	8,095	14,377	15,284	17,307	19,818	22,128
Farm Credit Canada	22,029	22,691	23,438	25,684	28,009	29,862	32,654	34,342	37,456	40,268	43,097
Other	149	333	340	455	468	5,244 ²	6,687 ²	10,419 ²	16,556 ²	16,427 ²	17,193 ²
Total	57,670	49,408	51,251	54,761	57,633	65,436	77,122	78,271	91,391	103,377	111,908

¹ Includes outstanding lending related to the Insured Mortgage Purchase Program for 2009 to 2014.

² Includes lending to Canada Development Investment Corporation for the purchase of entities that own and operate the Trans Mountain pipeline.

Source: Public Accounts of Canada.