



Economic Commentary

December 23 2025

Industry GDP contracts in October as both goods and services output declines

The Canadian economy pulled back in October, with real gross domestic product (GDP) decreasing 0.3 per cent. This completely offset the 0.2 per cent increase seen in September. Monthly industry GDP figures have been on a cycle over the past several months and advanced estimated for November suggest the same with an increase of 0.1 per cent.

The decline in industry GDP was led by a 0.7 per cent m/m decrease in goods producing industries. Manufacturing fell -1.5 per cent in October after rising 1.8 per cent in September. Mining and oil extraction was also down 0.6 per cent in October after rising 0.3 per cent in September. Oil sands extraction (-2.7 per cent) was a big driver as many operators were performing maintenance. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing also fell 0.1 per cent. Construction was also down 0.4 per cent. This was the first monthly decline since April 2025. Utilities industry though was flat in October, although it had declined the previous two months.

Service producing industries also saw a GDP decline of 0.2 per cent. It was the first monthly decline since June 2025. Industries were split though with seven out of the fifteen contracted. Wholesale trade contracted 0.9 per cent in October, completely wiping out any gains seen in September. Output in October was only slightly higher than the lowest month of the year, which

was in April 2025. Retail trade also shrunk 0.6 per cent. Output for the month was the lowest monthly output this year. Food and beverage sector contracted 2.3 per cent. A major contributing factor was the BC General Employees Union strike, which resulted in lower activity in the beer, wine, and liquor retailers. Transportation and warehousing also contracted 1.1 per cent as the postal strike disrupted delivery activities. Educational services contracted 1.8 per cent as it was hit by labour action from the Alberta Teachers Association. Finance and insurance sector though expanded 0.4 per cent. This was the fifth month in a row this sector expanded, and it is at a record level of output.

The latest GDP figures suggest growth suggested output is seesawing. Expectations are that fourth quarter GDP showing a contraction, although overall annual growth for 2025 will be at 1.6 per cent, with is above previous estimates of 1.1 per cent. Impacts of potential future trade uncertainty still weigh heavy and industries will continue to fluctuate output as they learn to adjust.

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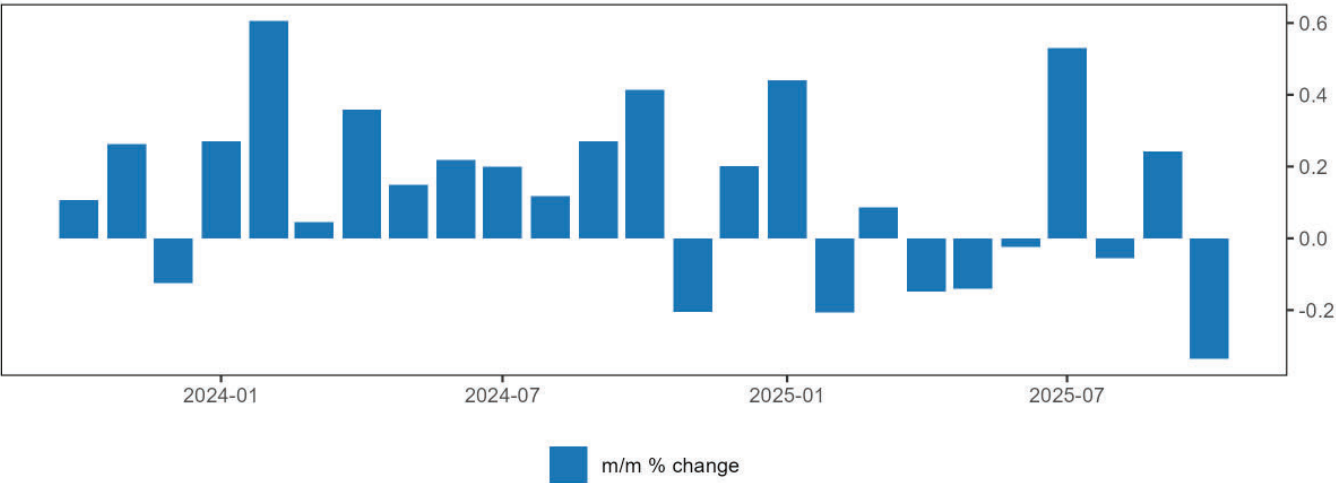
GDP by Industry, \$2017									
Oct/2025	\$mil	m/m %ch	y/y %ch	ann. m/m %ch	ann. 3m %ch	YTD %ch	Month-to-month per cent change		
							Aug/2025	Sep/2025	Oct/2025
All industries	2,325,868	-0.3	0.4	-4.0	-0.6	1.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.3
Goods-producing industries	589,785	-0.7	0.2	-8.5	-0.9	1.3	-0.1	0.6	-0.7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	47,709	-0.5	8.0	-6.1	13.4	5.8	2.8	1.0	-0.5
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	119,804	-0.6	2.1	-6.5	-1.9	3.8	-0.2	0.3	-0.6
Utilities	45,114	0.0	-5.3	0.5	-10.1	0.1	-1.9	-0.7	0.0
Construction	169,743	-0.4	1.3	-4.3	-1.0	1.9	0.1	0.0	-0.4
Manufacturing	199,728	-1.5	-3.1	-16.2	-0.7	-2.3	-0.4	1.8	-1.5
Wholesale trade	124,673	-0.9	-0.9	-10.3	-7.1	1.4	-1.1	0.2	-0.9
Retail trade	122,904	-0.6	0.4	-7.4	-1.8	2.8	0.9	-0.8	-0.6
Transportation and warehousing	101,628	-1.1	-1.8	-12.7	-4.8	0.4	-1.0	1.0	-1.1
Finance and insurance	178,332	0.4	2.1	5.0	3.9	3.8	0.3	0.2	0.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	309,197	0.2	1.4	2.1	1.5	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	168,092	-0.1	-0.8	-1.3	-1.0	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Management of companies and enterprises	661	-2.4	-22.4	-24.9	-21.8	-25.8	-1.8	-1.9	-2.4
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	60,391	-0.5	-1.0	-5.5	-2.8	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.5
Educational services	123,844	-1.8	-1.8	-20.0	-8.0	1.2	-0.1	-0.2	-1.8
Health care and social assistance	190,305	0.2	2.0	2.8	2.8	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Arts, entertainment and recreation	19,242	1.1	1.7	14.2	1.0	1.6	0.3	-1.1	1.1
Other services (except public administration)	44,424	0.2	-0.9	2.5	0.5	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Public administration	167,741	0.1	0.6	1.6	0.2	1.4	-0.2	0.2	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Central 1

Canada Industry GDP, \$2017 dollars

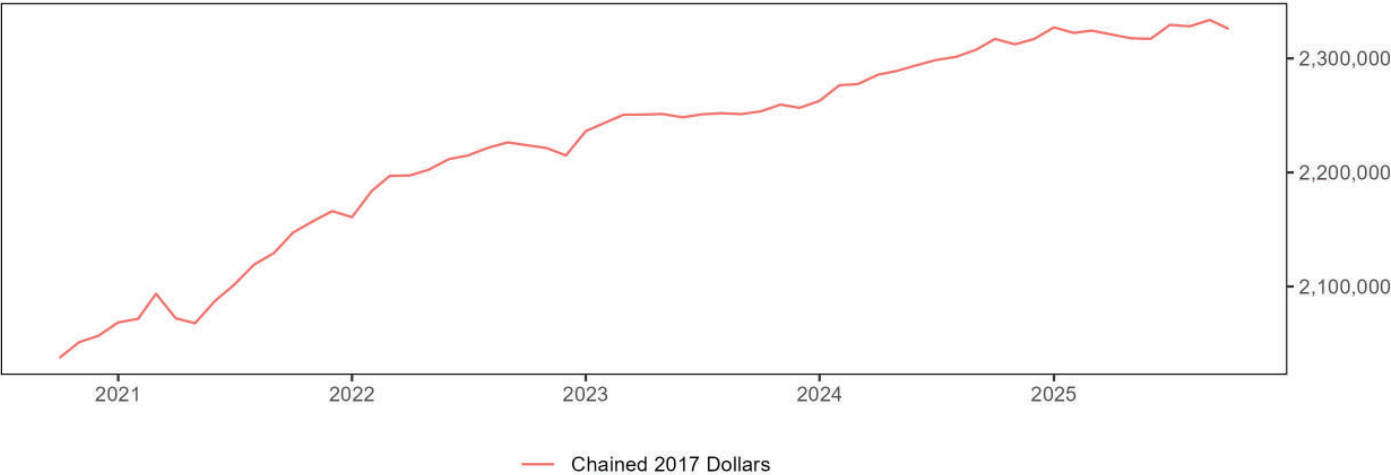
Industry GDP: Monthly Per Cent Change

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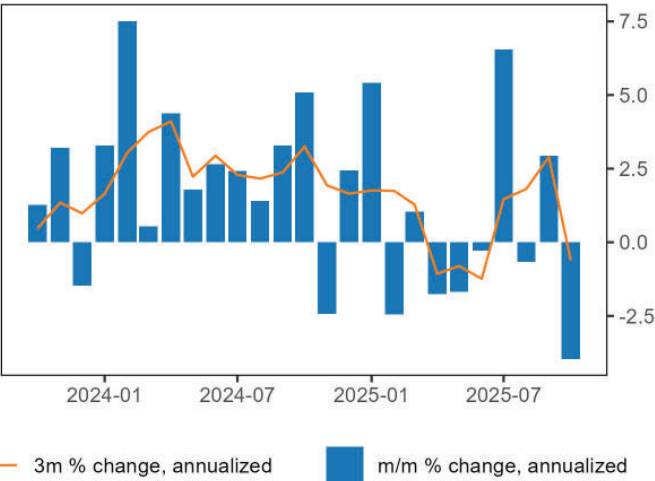
Industry GDP: \$ millions

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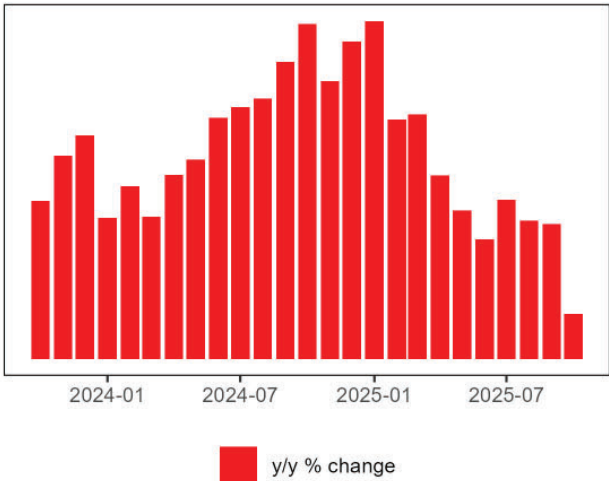
Industry GDP: Annualized Per Cent Change

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Industry GDP: 12- Month Per Cent Change

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Canada Industry GDP by Industry

