

# Toronto Economic Bulletin

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The Toronto Economic Bulletin provides a monthly snapshot of the city/regional economy. It contains data on labour market information, GDP estimates, real estate activity, retail sales, transportation and city rankings. For more information on the city and regional economies, as well as more detailed data, please see the [City of Toronto's Economic Data Centre](#), which also provides links to other data sources about the city. For historical time series of Economic Bulletin data, please see: [Open Data](#).

## Snapshot

	Geography	Most Recent Period	Previous Period	Same Period Last Year	Status
Unemployment Rate March 2017 (3 Month Average SA)	Toronto	7.5%	7.3%	8.3%	●
	Canada	6.7%	6.7%	7.2%	●
Participation Rate March 2017 (3 Month Average SA)	Toronto	65.5%	65.4%	64.1%	●
	Canada	65.8%	65.8%	65.8%	●
Total Employment (000s) March 2017 (3 Month Average SA)	Toronto	1,494	1,493	1,425	●
	Canada	18,290	18,262	18,010	●
Building Permits Issued (millions \$) February 2017 (3 Month Average)	Toronto	\$521	\$561	\$513	●
	Canada	\$5,491	\$6,183	\$5,089	●
Tall Buildings Under Construction March 2017 (skyscraperpage.com)	Toronto	128	128	137	●
Office Vacancy Rate Q4 2016	Toronto	5.7%	5.7%	6.0%	●
Average House Price February 2017	Toronto	\$859,186	\$727,928	\$719,843	■
	Canada	\$504,900	\$487,100	\$491,626	■
Business Bankruptcies January 2017	Toronto	5	15	10	●
	Canada	177	243	217	●
Employment Insurance Recipients February 2017 (3 Month Average)	Toronto	22,107	19,657	24,100	■
	Canada	590,170	527,323	582,877	●
Consumer Price Index March 2017 (Annual Change)	Toronto CMA	2.1%	2.4%	1.9%	●
	Canada	1.6%	2.0%	1.3%	●
Retail Sales (billions \$) January 2017 (3 Month Average SA)	Toronto CMA	\$6.79	\$6.80	\$6.53	●
	Canada	\$45.35	\$45.05	\$43.66	●



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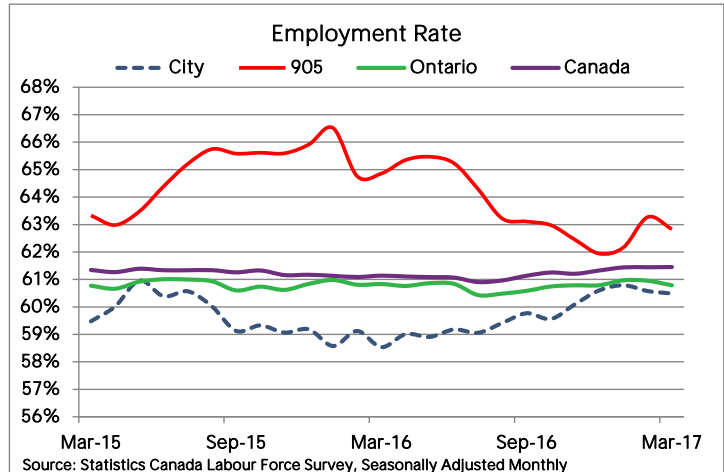
Note: Top symbol compares how Toronto's position has changed; bottom symbol compares Toronto's performance to Canada

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## Employment Rate

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	60.5%	60.6%	58.5%	▲	●
905	62.8%	63.3%	64.9%	▼	▼
Ontario	60.8%	61.0%	60.8%	▼	▲
Canada	61.5%	61.4%	61.1%	●	●

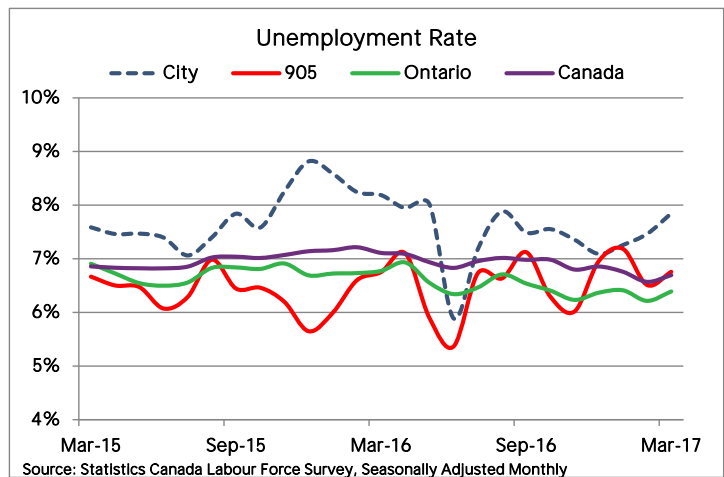
The seasonally adjusted monthly employment rate (total employed divided by population age 15+) for city of Toronto residents decreased slightly in March 2017. At the same time, the employment rate for 905 residents fell by half a percentage point.



## Unemployment Rate

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	7.8%	7.5%	8.2%	▼	●
905	6.8%	6.5%	6.8%	▼	▲
Ontario	6.4%	6.2%	6.8%	▼	●
Canada	6.7%	6.6%	7.1%	▲	●

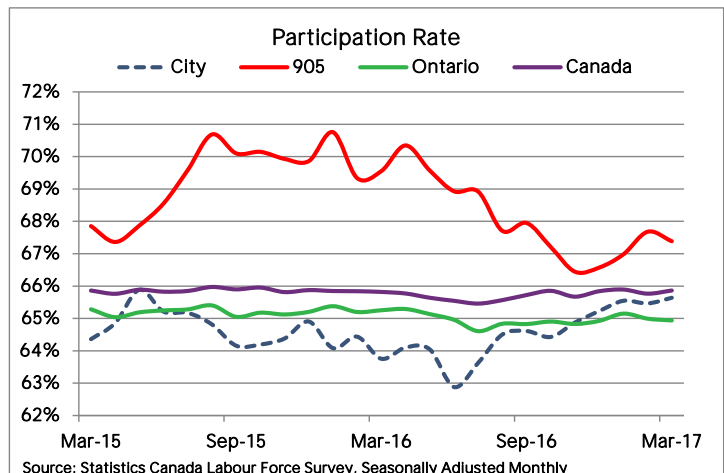
The seasonally adjusted monthly unemployment rate for city residents increased from 7.5% to 7.8% in March. It is now slightly higher than where it was in 2008 (7.6%), but it is below the long-run (30 year) average (8.4%).



## Participation Rate

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	65.6%	65.5%	63.8%	●	●
905	67.4%	67.7%	69.6%	▼	▼
Ontario	64.9%	65.0%	65.3%	▲	▼
Canada	65.9%	65.8%	65.8%	●	●

The seasonally adjusted monthly labour force participation rate for city residents increased slightly to 65.6% in March 2017. The participation rate for city residents, remains 0.2% lower than the long-run (30 year) average and 0.5% lower than it was in 2008.



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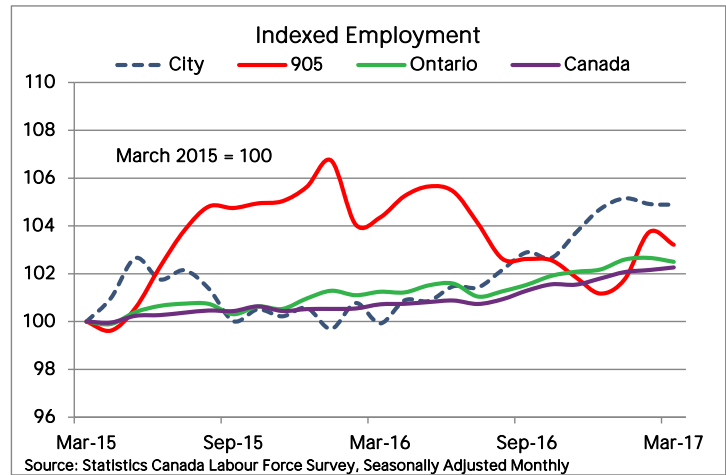
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## Employment (000s)

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	1,492.4	1,492.8	1,421.7	▲	●
905	1,756.9	1,766.0	1,776.4	▼	▼
Ontario	7,068.6	7,079.8	6,982.3	▲	●
Canada	18,308.0	18,288.6	18,031.6	●	●

The number of employed city of Toronto residents decreased by 400 in March 2017 on a seasonally adjusted basis.

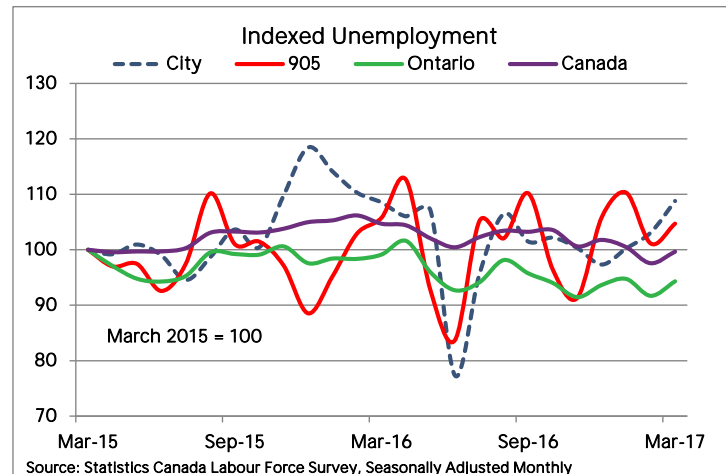
The total number of employed city residents now stands 71,000 higher than it was a year ago and 148,000 higher than it was in 2008.



## Unemployment (000s)

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	127.1	120.4	126.8	▼	▲
905	127.3	123.0	128.6	▼	●
Ontario	482.6	469.2	507.3	▼	●
Canada	1,313.7	1,286.1	1,380.0	▼	●

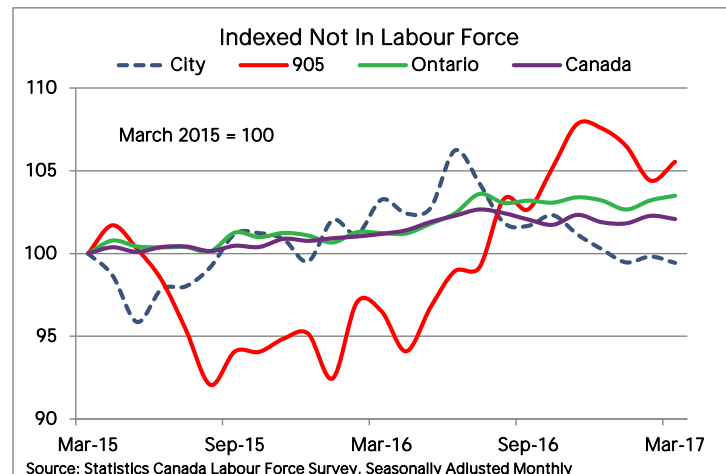
The number of unemployed city of Toronto residents increased by 6,700 in March 2017. This increase was mostly because more city residents were attracted to the labour force in March.



## Not In Labour Force (000s)

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	847.8	851.0	880.4	●	●
905	912.0	902.1	833.9	▼	▼
Ontario	4,077.2	4,066.2	3,988.2	▲	▼
Canada	10,170.2	10,189.6	10,080.9	●	▼

In March 2017 on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the total number of city of Toronto residents age 15+ that are neither employed nor looking for work decreased by 3,300.

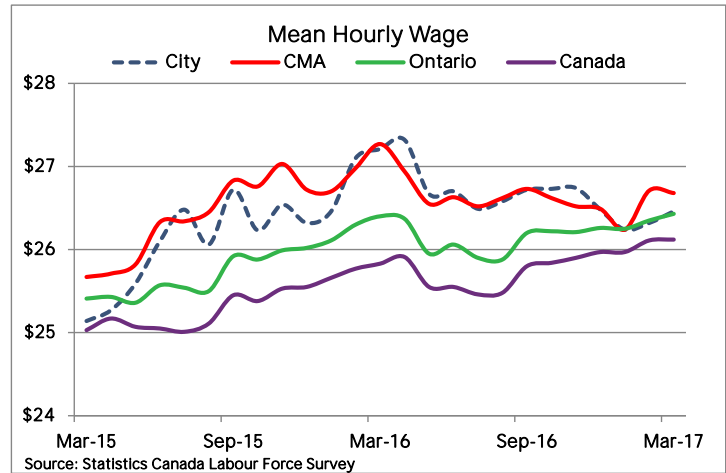


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## Mean Hourly Wage

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	\$26.46	\$26.32	\$27.21	●	◆
CMA	\$26.68	\$26.71	\$27.27	■	◆
Ontario	\$26.43	\$26.35	\$26.40	●	●
Canada	\$26.12	\$26.11	\$25.83	●	●

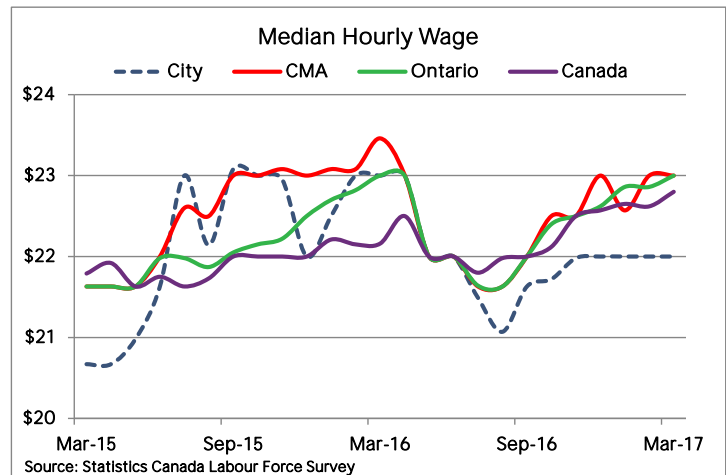
On a month-over-month basis, the mean (average) wage rate for city residents increased slightly in March 2017.



## Median Hourly Wage

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$23.00	●	◆
CMA	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.46	●	◆
Ontario	\$23.00	\$22.86	\$23.00	●	●
Canada	\$22.80	\$22.62	\$22.16	●	●

The median hourly wage for city residents remained unchanged in March 2017; it is slightly higher than the 2015 annual average (\$21.77).

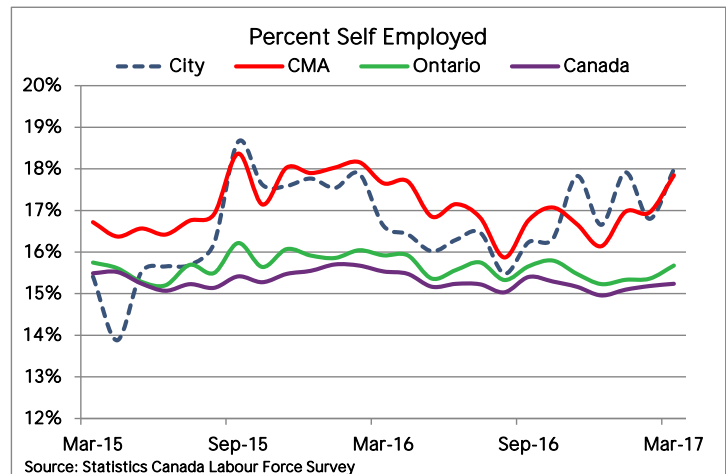


## Percent Self Employed

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
City	18.0%	16.8%	16.6%		
CMA	17.8%	17.0%	17.7%		
Ontario	15.7%	15.4%	15.9%		
Canada	15.2%	15.2%	15.5%		

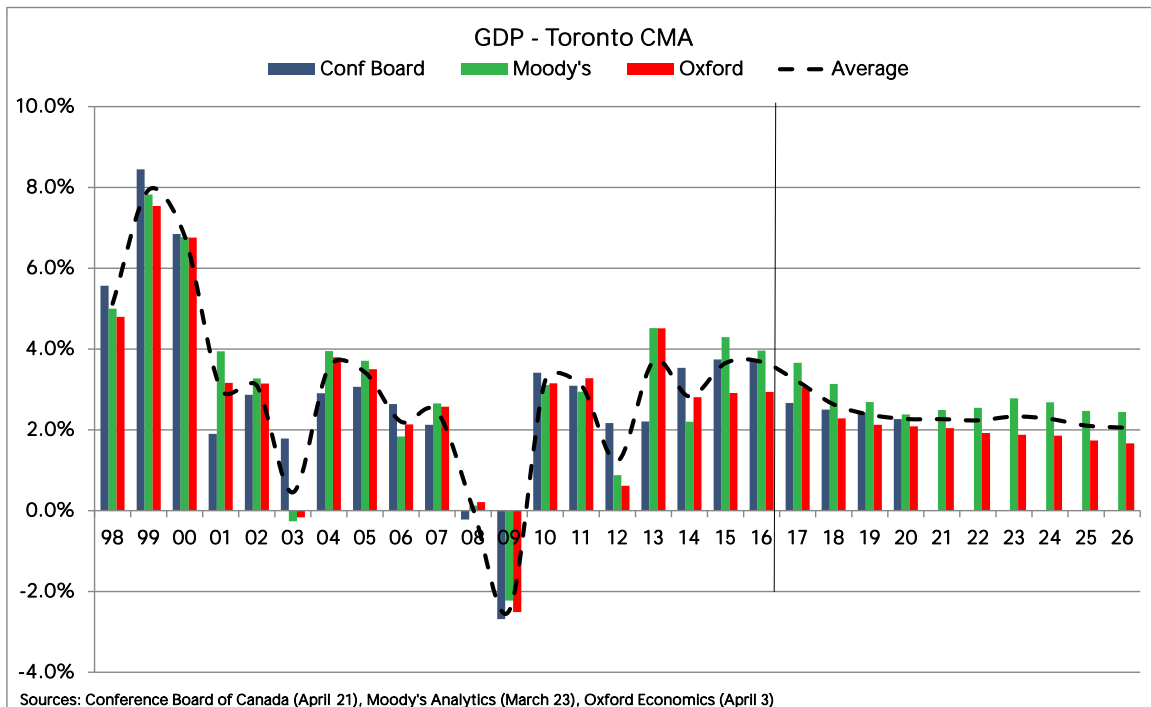
The percentage of employed city residents that are self-employed increased in March 2017 to 18.0%, which brings it back to the level it was 2 months ago.

No directional flags for this series, because there is no consensus for desired direction.



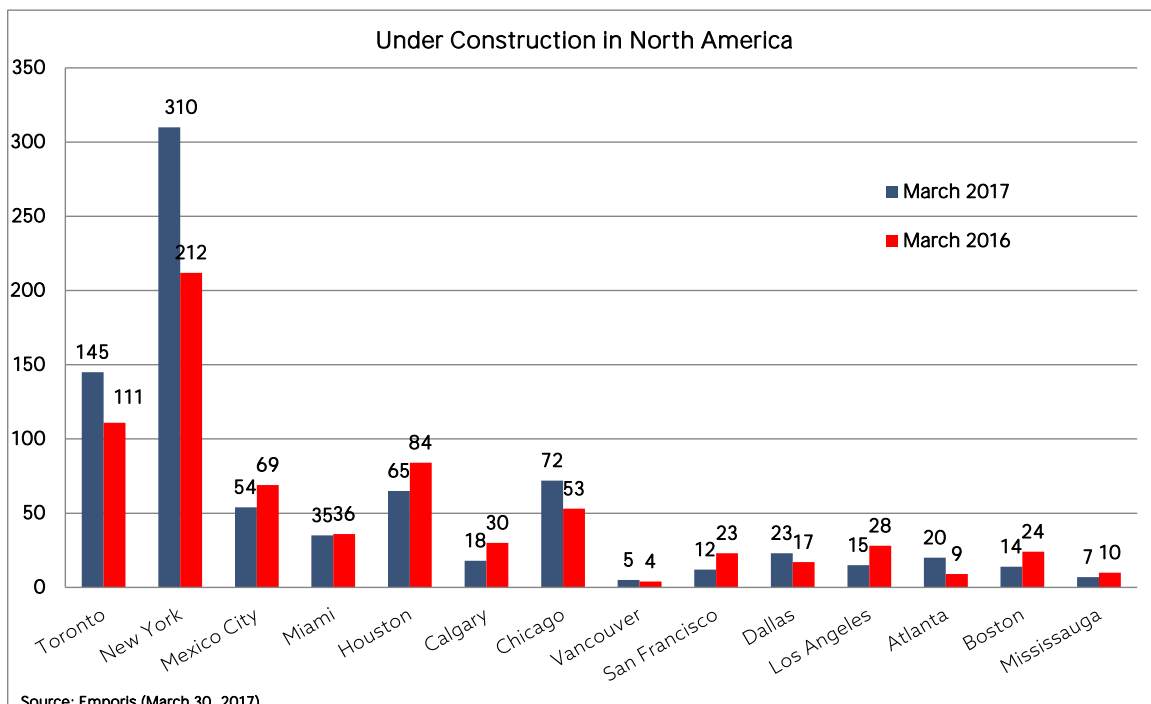
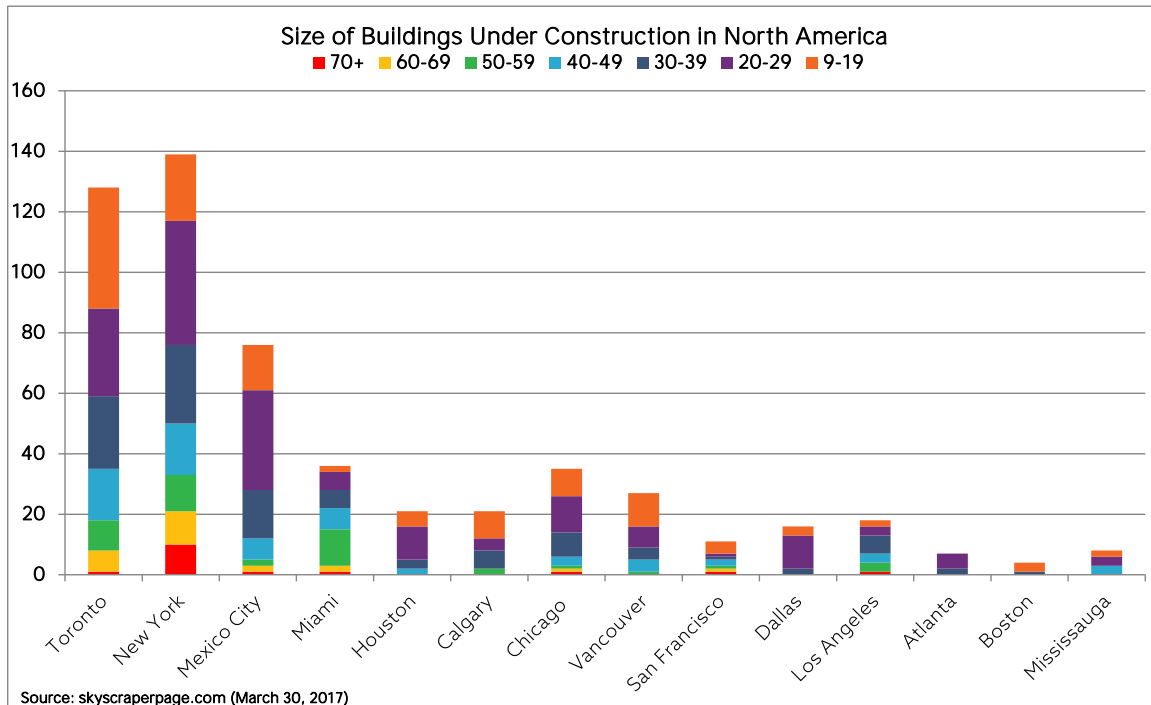
As the Toronto CMA recovered from the 2008/2009 recession, the regional economy has been expanding at rates that are above its long-run sustainable rate of growth. The average annual growth rate has been 3.5%, for the last four years, substantially higher than population growth of about 1.6% per year. As the economy moves closer to full employment, economic growth rates are expected to moderate.

Since they published their last forecasts, Moody's and Oxford Economics have increased their medium-term expectations for Toronto's regional growth rate. Oxford Economics posted the largest revisions, increasing annual growth rates by an average of 0.40% annually for the next 3 years. Moody's revised annual growth rates by +0.34% per year and the Conference Board of Canada slightly reduced their three year growth expectation (- 0.03%).



	GDP - Toronto CMA						
	Quarterly		Annual				
	Conference Board	Moody's	Conference Board	Moody's	Oxford Economics	Average	
16q1	1.31%	1.06%					
16q2	0.45%	0.25%					
16q3	0.94%	1.13%					
16q4	0.62%	1.10%	3.69%	3.96%	2.94%	3.53%	
17q1	0.63%	0.99%					
17q2	0.65%	0.78%					
17q3	0.63%	0.77%					
17q4	0.63%	0.81%	2.66%	3.66%	3.05%	3.13%	
18q1	0.61%	0.79%					
18q2	0.62%	0.76%					
18q3	0.61%	0.75%					
18q4	0.60%	0.73%	2.50%	3.13%	2.29%	2.64%	
19q1	0.62%	0.65%					
19q2	0.60%	0.62%					
19q3	0.58%	0.60%					
19q4	0.57%	0.57%	2.43%	2.69%	2.12%	2.41%	

According to Skyscraperpage.com, there were 128 high-rise and mid-rise buildings under construction in the city of Toronto in March 2017, which is nine less than a year ago (137). According to this source, Toronto has slipped to second place in North American cities for high and mid-rise building construction. Emporis, another data source, confirms that Toronto is in second place in North America, after New York City, by the number of major buildings under construction. Toronto has one building under construction greater than 70 stories and eight greater than 60 stories, according to Skyscraper.

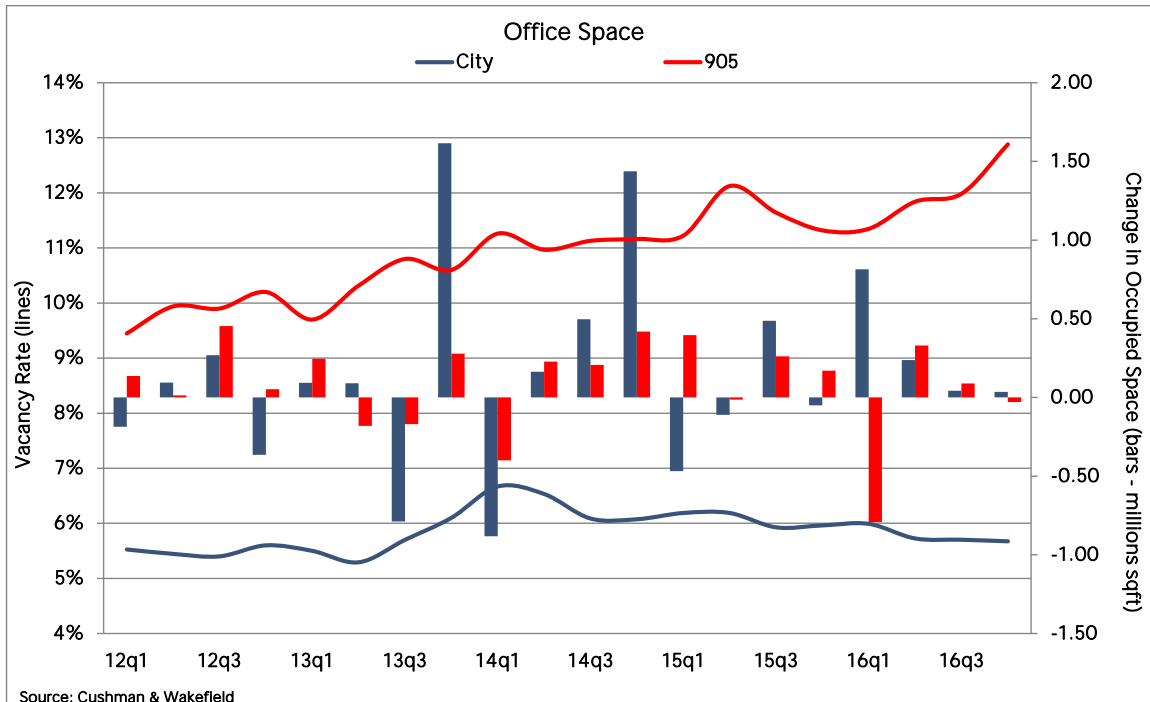




	Building	Address	Metres	Feet	Floors	Year
1	Number One Bloor	1 Bloor St E	257	844	75	2016
2	Harbour Plaza Residences East	90 Harbour St	233	764	66	2017
3	Eau de Soleil Sky Tower	2183 Lakeshore Blvd. W	228	749	66	2018
4	Ten York	10 York St	224	735	65	2019
5	Harbour Plaza Residences West	1 York St	224	735	62	2017
6	Massey Tower	197 Yonge St	208	683	60	2018
7	The Residences of 488 University Avenue	488 University Ave	207	679	55	2018
8	88 Scott	88 Scott St	204	669	58	2017
9	YC Condos	460 Yonge St	199	651	60	2019
10	Bay-Adelaide Centre East Tower	333 Bay St	196	643	44	2016
11	E Condos South	8 Eglinton E	196	642	58	2017
12	Wellesley on the Park	11 Wellesley St W	194	637	60	2017
13	22 21 Yonge	2221 Yonge St	193	632	58	2019
14	EY Tower	100 Adelaide St W	188	617	40	2017
15	CASA II	42 Charles St E	185	605	57	2016
16	One Yorkville	1 Yorkville Ave	183	601	58	2019
17	Lighthouse Tower Condominium	132 Queens Quay E	182	598	48	2019
18	Eau de Soleil Water Tower	2183 Lakeshore Blvd. W	181	593	49	2018
19	CASA III	50 Charles St E	180	589	55	2017
20	INDX Condominiums	66 Temperance St	179	587	54	2016
21	Teahouse Condominiums South	501 Yonge St	174	571	52	2019
22	One York Street	1 York St	174	569	35	2016
23	The Selby Condos	592 Sherbourne St	171	560	49	2019
24	Lagos at the Waterfront	2151 Lake Shore Blvd W	168	550	49	2016
25	Karma	9 Grenville St	166	544	50	2016
26	South Core	16 York St	158	518	32	2020
27	King Blue by Greenland North Tower	355 King St W	156	511	48	2018
28	87 Peter	87 Peter St	154	505	49	2017
29	Monde	12 Bonnycastle St	150	492	44	2017
30	Bisha Hotel & Residences	56 Blue Jay Way	147	482	41	2016
31	Westlake Encore	10 Park Lawn Rd	147	481	45	2018
32	King Blue by Greenland South Tower	355 King St W	140	461	44	2018
33	The Britt	955 Bay St	139	456	41	2017
34	43 Gerrard West	43 Gerrard St West	139	455	43	2017
35	Studio2 on Richmond	199 Richmond St W	131	430	41	2016
36	Alto	2205 Sheppard Ave E	130	427	43	2016
37	561 Sherbourne	561 Sherbourne Ave	128	420	43	2017
38	Cumberland at Yorkville Plaza	Cumberland St & Avenue Rd	125	409	39	2017
39	E Condos North	8 Eglinton Ave E	123	403	38	2017
40	The Bond	290 Adelaide St W	122	402	41	2016
41	21 Dundas	21 Dundas Square	122	400	39	2016
42	The Madison West	79 Dunfield Ave	121	397	36	2015
43	155 Redpath	155 Redpath Ave	120	393	34	2017
44	Avani 1 at Metrogate	2055 Kennedy Rd	117	384	35	2016
45	Jade Waterfront Condos	2175 Lake Shore Blvd W	112	366	34	2016
46	Minto 30 Roe	30 Roehampton Ave	111	365	33	2016
47	The Madison East	79 Dunfield Ave	111	364	33	2015
48	Omega on the Park	Esther Shiner Blvd and Provost Dr	-	-	35	2017

Source: Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (April 3, 2017)

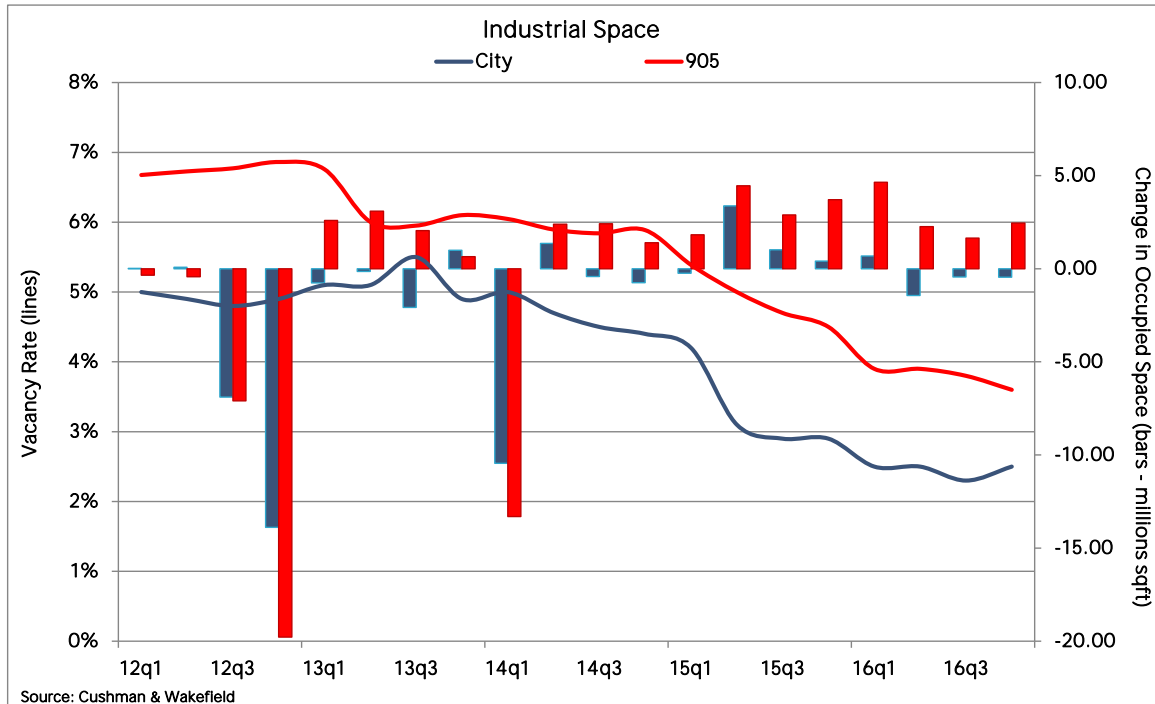
The Toronto office market has been exhibiting a lot of strength recently. Vacancy rates in the city of Toronto remained at 5.7% for the third consecutive quarter in 2016. In contrast, in "905" municipalities vacancy rates increased from 12.0% (2016q3) to 12.9% (2016q4). Regional demand for office space has shifted to the downtown (vacancy rate 4.0% in 2016q4); however, office vacancy rates in the rest of the city are also lower than the "905" average. Strong demand downtown recently led Cadillac Fairview to announce that it was proceeding with 16 York St "on spec" (ie without signing a lead tenant). 16 York St will add 879,000 sq ft to office space under construction, bringing the total under construction downtown to 2.4 million sq ft.



	Office Space			
	City	905	City	905
	Vacancy Rates		Occupied Change (millions sqft)	
12q1	5.5%	9.4%	-0.19	0.14
12q2	5.4%	9.9%	0.10	0.01
12q3	5.4%	9.9%	0.27	0.45
12q4	5.6%	10.2%	-0.36	0.05
13q1	5.5%	9.7%	0.09	0.25
13q2	5.3%	10.3%	0.09	-0.18
13q3	5.7%	10.8%	-0.79	-0.17
13q4	6.1%	10.6%	1.62	0.28
14q1	6.7%	11.3%	-0.88	-0.40
14q2	6.5%	11.0%	0.16	0.23
14q3	6.1%	11.1%	0.50	0.21
14q4	6.1%	11.2%	1.44	0.42
15q1	6.2%	11.2%	-0.47	0.40
15q2	6.2%	12.1%	-0.11	-0.01
15q3	5.9%	11.6%	0.49	0.26
15q4	6.0%	11.3%	-0.05	0.17
16q1	6.0%	11.3%	0.81	-0.79
16q2	5.7%	11.8%	0.24	0.33
16q3	5.7%	12.0%	0.04	0.09
16q4	5.7%	12.9%	0.04	-0.03



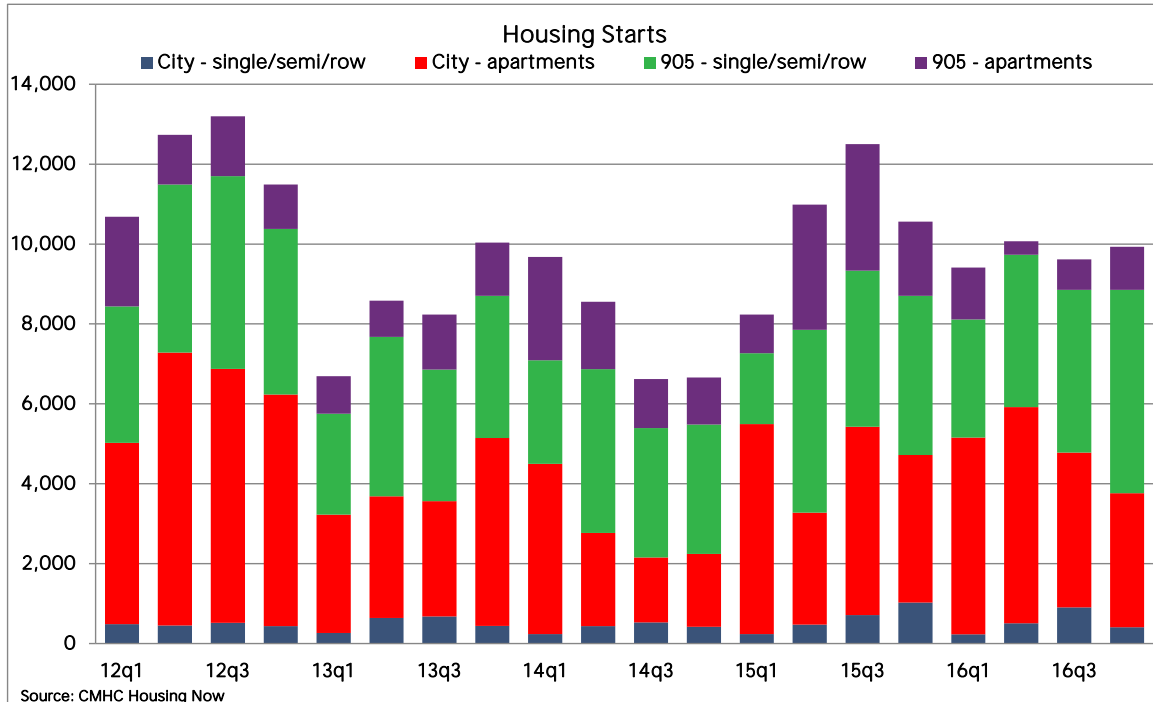
The city of Toronto contains over 250 million square feet of industrial space, which is more than any other GTA municipality and is a third of the regional total. Between 2015q4 and 2016q4, the industrial vacancy rate in the city of Toronto declined from 2.9% to 2.5%, which is near the historical low of 2.3% that Cushman & Wakefield recorded in 2016q3 for the city of Toronto. At the same time, however, industrial inventory in the city of Toronto decreased by 2,721,888 sq. ft.



	Industrial Space			
	City	905	City	905
	Vacancy Rates		Occupied Change (millions sqft)	
12q1	5.0%	6.7%	0.02	-0.35
12q2	4.9%	6.7%	0.08	-0.43
12q3	4.8%	6.8%	-6.89	-7.09
12q4	4.9%	6.9%	-13.89	-19.78
13q1	5.1%	6.8%	-0.76	2.60
13q2	5.1%	6.0%	-0.14	3.10
13q3	5.5%	6.0%	-2.08	2.05
13q4	4.9%	6.1%	0.99	0.65
14q1	5.0%	6.0%	-10.45	-13.31
14q2	4.7%	5.9%	1.36	2.39
14q3	4.5%	5.8%	-0.42	2.42
14q4	4.4%	5.9%	-0.75	1.40
15q1	4.2%	5.4%	-0.24	1.83
15q2	3.1%	5.0%	3.38	4.46
15q3	2.9%	4.7%	1.01	2.89
15q4	2.9%	4.5%	0.42	3.71
16q1	2.5%	3.9%	0.69	4.65
16q2	2.5%	3.9%	-1.44	2.26
16q3	2.3%	3.8%	-0.44	1.64
16q4	2.5%	3.6%	-0.45	2.45

On a year-over-year basis, housing starts in the city of Toronto grew by 3.7% in 2016 and accounted for 50% of total starts in the Toronto CMA (39,027). The last time city of Toronto housing starts accounted for over 50% of annual total starts in the CMA was in 2012, when housing starts in Toronto reached an all-time high (25,416).

High-rises remain the backbone of new residential construction in Toronto, accounting for 90% of total starts and up 6.7% from 2015. In contrast, high-rise housing starts in the "905" hit a six year low in 2016, falling 62% from 2015. Single detached housing starts in the "905" were at a 9 year high in 2016 (10,547) and increased by 18.3% over 2015, helping offset the drop in "905" high-rise starts.



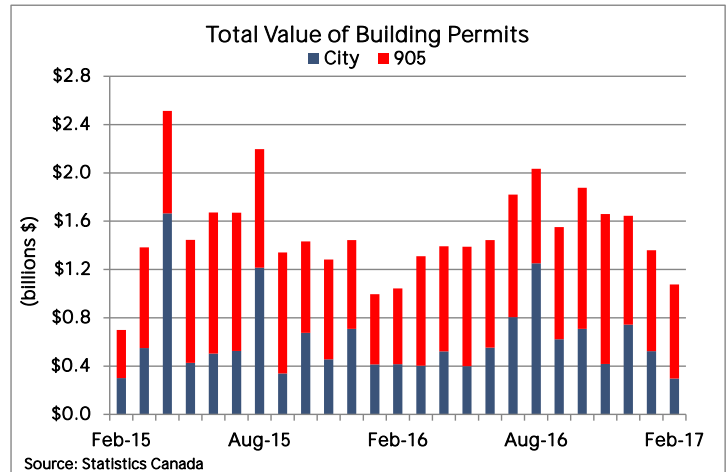
	City		905	
	single/semi/row	apartments	single/semi/row	apartments
12q1	485	4,536	3,420	2,241
12q2	452	6,833	4,206	1,245
12q3	519	6,358	4,825	1,497
12q4	436	5,797	4,145	1,110
13q1	265	2,960	2,528	942
13q2	638	3,048	3,992	904
13q3	677	2,887	3,294	1,376
13q4	444	4,699	3,560	1,333
14q1	235	4,266	2,589	2,589
14q2	437	2,331	4,104	1,686
14q3	531	1,626	3,237	1,227
14q4	422	1,823	3,236	1,179
15q1	237	5,257	1,773	969
15q2	474	2,801	4,581	3,131
15q3	711	4,716	3,907	3,166
15q4	1,026	3,691	3,988	1,859
16q1	229	4,927	2,959	1,297
16q2	509	5,409	3,816	335
16q3	906	3,872	4,077	759
16q4	408	3,357	5,086	1,081

## Total Value of Building Permits (billions \$)

	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
City	\$0.30	\$0.52	\$0.42	◆	◆
905	\$0.78	\$0.84	\$0.63	■	●

The total value of building permits issued by the City of Toronto in February 2017 decreased by 43% from the previous month, and by 29%, compared to February last year.

"905" permit values decreased by 7% on a monthly basis in February 2017, but are up 24% over February 2016.

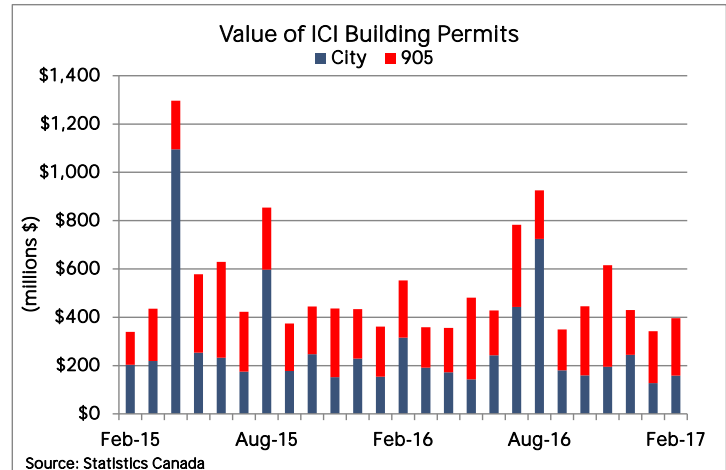


## Value of ICI Building Permits (millions \$)

	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
City	\$159	\$128	\$316	●	◆
905	\$238	\$214	\$236	●	●

In February 2017, the city of Toronto accounted for 39% of the value of all non-residential permits in the Toronto CMA.

In the twelve months ending February 2017, the city of Toronto accounted for 51% of the value of all non-residential permits in the Toronto CMA.



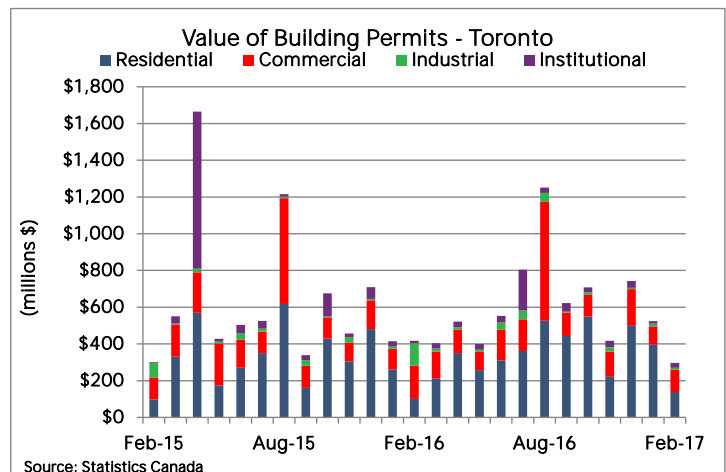
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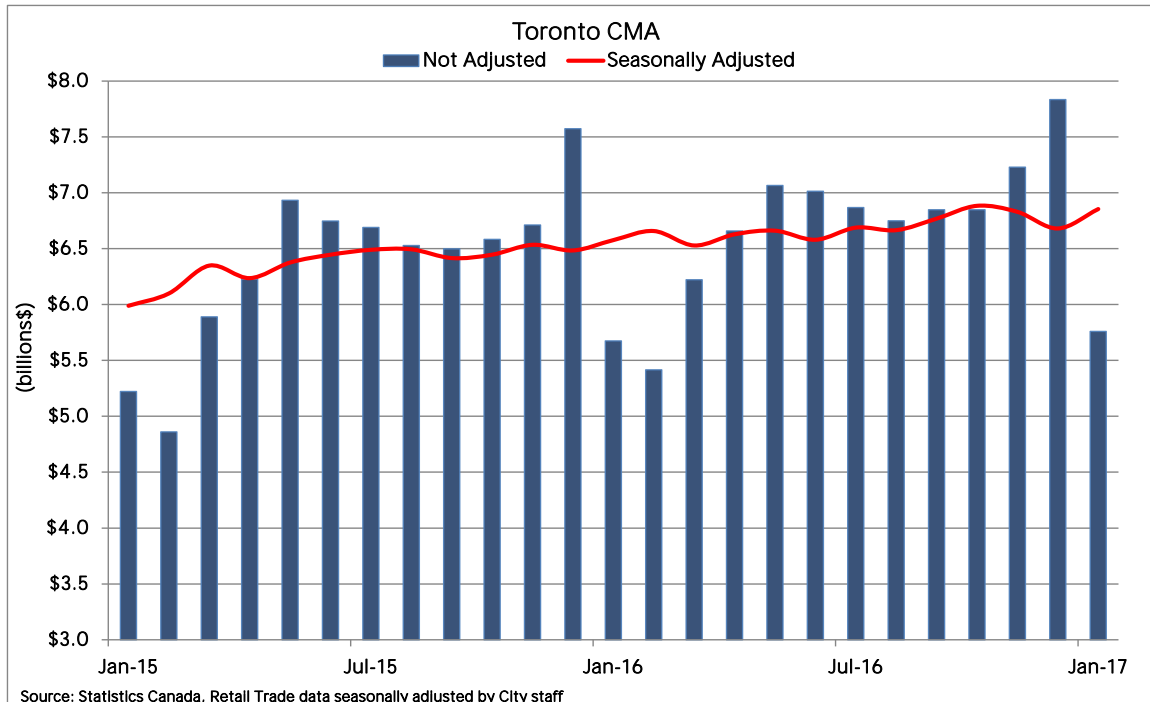
	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
Resid	\$138.4	\$396.2	\$100.6	◆	●
Comm	\$122.1	\$98.9	\$181.9	●	◆
Indust	\$10.3	\$15.2	\$121.5	◆	◆
Instit	\$26.1	\$13.4	\$12.6	●	●

Comparing February 2017 with the same month last year, the total value of permits issued by the City of Toronto decreased by \$120 million, mostly because of non-residential construction.

On an annual basis, 2016 declined by \$553 million over 2015. All (and then some) of the decline was the result of one very large institutional permit (\$765 million for the Humber River Hospital in April 2015), which inflated institutional permits in 2015.

Residential permits increased by \$43 million and industrial permits are up by \$110 million in 2016. The total value of commercial permits remained unchanged in 2016 at \$2.2 billion.



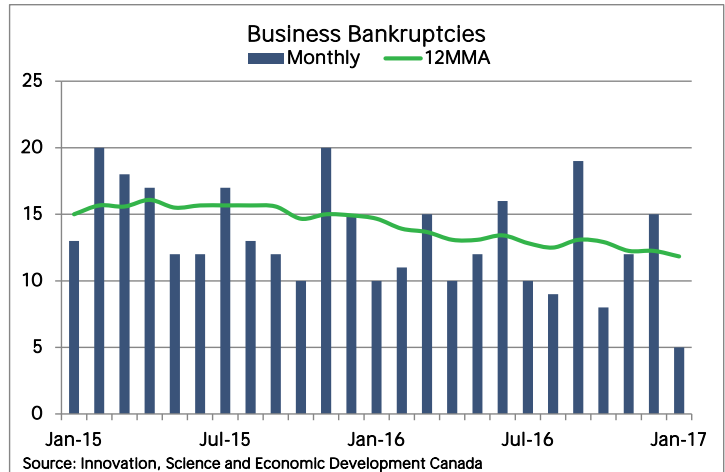


Retail Trade Components (Unadjusted)	% Change					Total (Billions \$) Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	M-M	Y-Y	Monthly	3MMA	
Retail trade (Total - 000s)	5,760,601	7,835,160	5,673,975	-26.5	1.5	Jan-15	\$5.99	\$6.15
441 Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,279,873	1,378,756	1,229,169	-7.2	4.1	Feb-15	\$6.10	\$6.10
4411 Automobile dealers	1,236,743	1,318,350	1,189,736	-6.2	4.0	Mar-15	\$6.35	\$6.15
44111 New car dealers	1,135,815	1,239,204	1,086,753	-8.3	4.5	Apr-15	\$6.24	\$6.23
44112 Used car dealers	100,928	79,146	102,983	27.5	-2.0	May-15	\$6.38	\$6.32
4412 Other motor vehicle dealers			8,083			Jun-15	\$6.45	\$6.35
4413 Automotive parts, accessories and tire	32,952	51,314	31,350	-35.8	5.1	Jul-15	\$6.49	\$6.44
442 Furniture and home furnishings stores	242,520	306,385	202,255	-20.8	19.9	Aug-15	\$6.49	\$6.48
4421 Furniture stores	184,619	210,367	141,222	-12.2	30.7	Sep-15	\$6.42	\$6.47
4422 Home furnishings stores	57,901	96,017	61,033	-39.7	-5.1	Oct-15	\$6.45	\$6.45
443 Electronics and appliance stores	242,909	497,905	219,472	-51.2	10.7	Nov-15	\$6.53	\$6.47
444 Building material and garden equipment	318,784	393,072	306,492	-18.9	4.0	Dec-15	\$6.48	\$6.49
445 Food and beverage stores	1,300,719	1,701,389	1,353,739	-23.5	-3.9	Jan-16	\$6.58	\$6.53
4451 Grocery stores	1,030,533	1,158,761	1,076,392	-11.1	-4.3	Feb-16	\$6.66	\$6.57
44511 Supermarkets and other grocery	968,785	1,090,014	1,016,234	-11.1	-4.7	Mar-16	\$6.53	\$6.59
44512 Convenience stores	61,749	68,747	60,158	-10.2	2.6	Apr-16	\$6.63	\$6.61
4452 Specialty food stores	70,724	133,746	74,013	-47.1	-4.4	May-16	\$6.66	\$6.61
4453 Beer, wine and liquor stores	199,462	408,881	203,334	-51.2	-1.9	Jun-16	\$6.58	\$6.62
446 Health and personal care stores	518,632	580,943	485,700	-10.7	6.8	Jul-16	\$6.69	\$6.64
447 Gasoline stations	619,328	657,113	543,714	-5.8	13.9	Aug-16	\$6.67	\$6.64
448 Clothing and clothing accessories stores	385,541	930,787	416,338	-58.6	-7.4	Sep-16	\$6.77	\$6.71
4481 Clothing stores	295,658	707,845	322,166	-58.2	-8.2	Oct-16	\$6.88	\$6.77
4482 Shoe stores	56,581	96,695	47,075	-41.5	20.2	Nov-16	\$6.83	\$6.83
4483 Jewellery, luggage and leather goods	37,591	122,905	35,259	-69.4	6.6	Dec-16	\$6.68	\$6.80
451 Sporting goods, hobby, book and music	138,539	262,629	125,284	-47.2	10.6	Jan-17	\$6.85	\$6.79
452 General merchandise stores	600,964	959,267	650,609	-37.4	-7.6			

## Business Bankruptcies

	Jan-17	Dec-16	Dec-15	MoM	YoY
City	5	15	15	●	●
CMA	13	30	37	●	●
Ontario	40	57	69	●	●
Canada	177	243	272	●	●

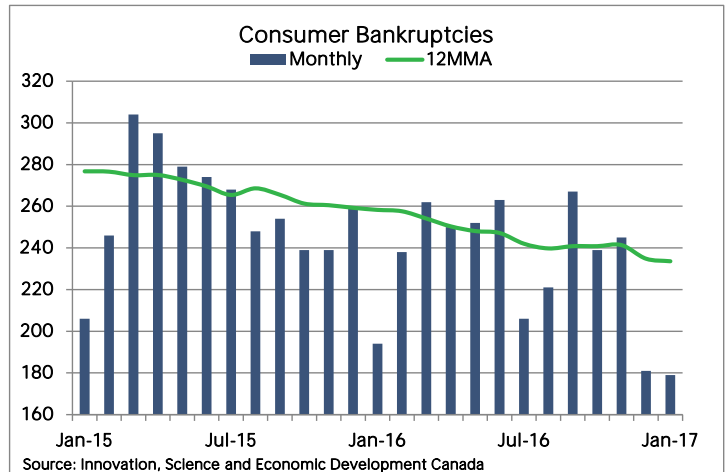
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## Consumer Bankruptcies

	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	MoM	YoY
City	179	181	194	●	●
CMA	349	349	368	●	●
Ontario	1,065	1,153	1,087	●	●
Canada	4,211	4,442	4,305	●	●

Consumer bankruptcy data for the city are very volatile on a monthly basis. However, like the rest of Ontario and Canada, there is a strong downward trend evident in the last two years.



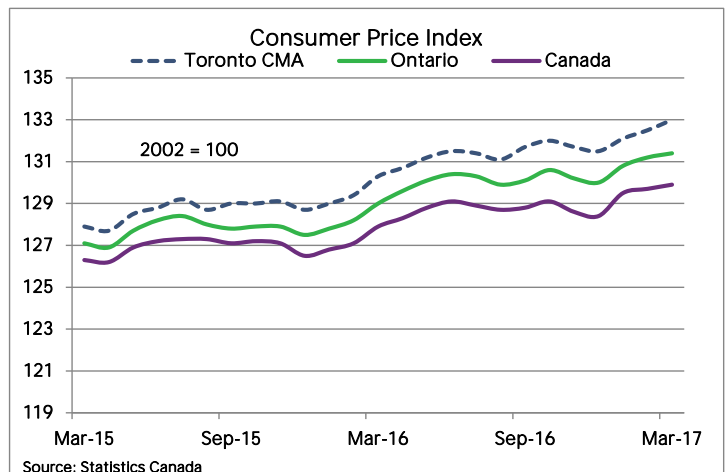
## Consumer Price Index

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
CMA	133.0	132.5	130.3		
Ontario	131.4	131.2	129.0		
Canada	129.9	129.7	127.9		

### Annual Change

	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	MoM	YoY
CMA	2.1%	2.4%	1.9%		
Ontario	1.9%	2.3%	1.5%		
Canada	1.6%	2.0%	1.3%		

Bank of Canada target inflation rate is between 2-4%.



## TTC

### Average Weekday Ridership (000s)

	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
City	1,710.4	1,653.5	1,674.9	●	●

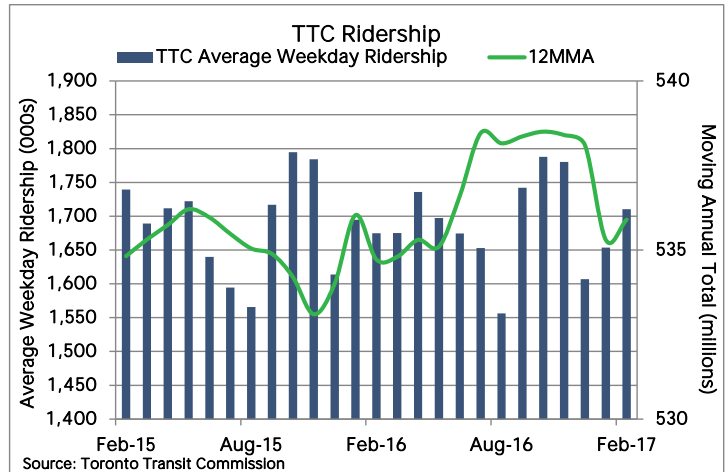
### Moving Annual Total (millions)

	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
City	535.9	535.3	534.7	●	●

TTC ridership exhibits strong seasonality, so one cannot merely look at the month-month changes.

The moving annual total is up on a monthly basis and remains in line with the 24 month average (535.9 million).

On a monthly basis, average weekday ridership in February 2017 is higher than January 2017.



## GO Transit (Trains & Buses)

### Average Weekday Ridership

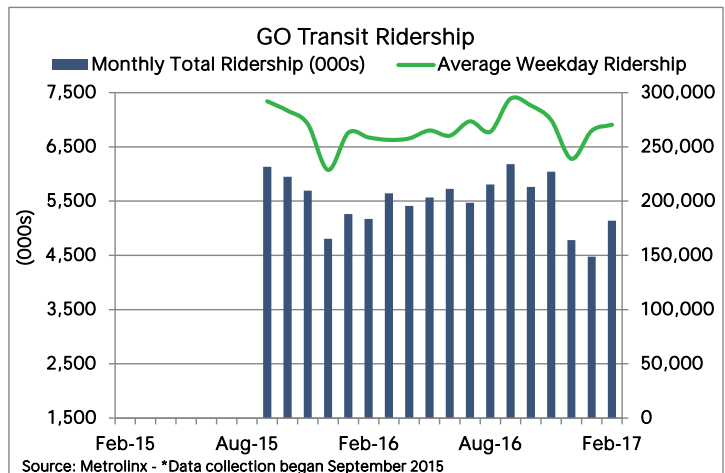
	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
City	270,457	264,865	258,695	●	●

### Monthly Total Ridership (000s)

	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	MoM	YoY
City	5,138.7	4,477.4	5,173.9	●	■

Average weekday GO Transit ridership increased by 2.1% from January 2017 to February 2017.

Total GO Transit passengers increased in February 2017; however, the total passenger figure is affected not only by seasonal factors, but also by the number of working days in each month, which varies from year to year.

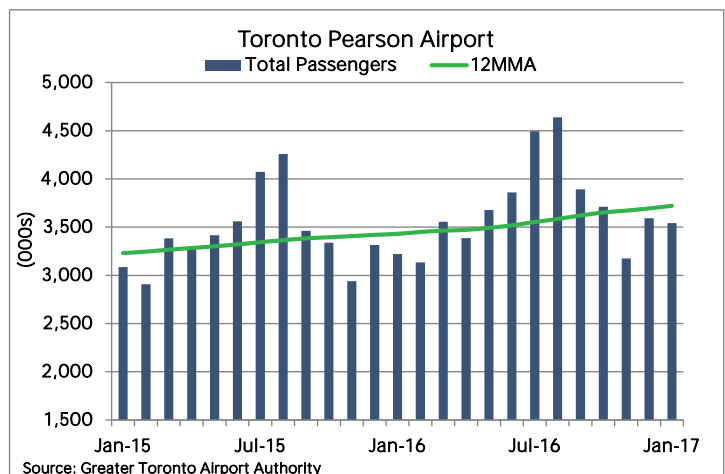


## Pearson Airport - Total Passengers (000s)

	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	MoM	YoY
City	3,541.2	3,591.5	3,220.8	■	●

Total passengers going through Toronto Pearson Airport decreased by 1.4% in January on a monthly basis.

Compared to a year ago, total passengers increased by 10% in January 2017.





Toronto is one of the most livable and competitive cities in the world as demonstrated by various international rankings and reports. In addition to securing its position on the world stage, Toronto's rankings confirm that it continues to offer a high quality of life for 2.9 million residents who choose to live and work here.

Rank	Year	Source	Base
1	2015	<a href="#">The Economist – Best Place to Live</a>	Global - 50 cities
1	2015	<a href="#">Metropolis – The World’s Most Livable Cities</a>	Global - 10 cities
1	2014	<a href="#">Grosvenor – Index of World’s Most Resilient Cities</a>	Global - 50 cities
1	2015	<a href="#">PWC - Building Better Cities</a>	Global - 28 cities
1	2016	<a href="#">KPMG’s Comparative Alternatives Study – Focus on Tax</a>	Global - 111 cities
2	2016	<a href="#">Christie’s – Global Luxury Real Estate White Paper</a>	Global - 80 cities
3	2016	<a href="#">PricewaterhouseCoopers - Cities of Opportunity 7</a>	Global - 30 cities
3	2016	<a href="#">Expert Market: World's Best Tech Hubs - To Work &amp; Live</a>	Global - 10 cities
3	2013	<a href="#">Aon Hewitt – People Risk Index</a>	Global - 138 metros
4	2016	<a href="#">National Taiwan University - Scientific Papers for Uni.</a>	Global - 500 cities
4	2016	<a href="#">KPMG’s Comparative Alternatives Study – Business Costs</a>	Global - 29 cities
4	2016	<a href="#">The Economist Intelligence Unit – Liveability Ranking</a>	Global - 140 cities
4	2016	<a href="#">Transit Score - Public Transit Coverage</a>	NA - 130 cities
5	2015	<a href="#">Toronto Region Board of Trade – Scorecard on Prosperity</a>	Global - 24 metros
6	2015	<a href="#">fDI Magazine – American Cities of the Future</a>	NA - 10 cities
6	2016	<a href="#">Youthful Cities – The World’s Most Youthful Cities</a>	Global - 55 cities
8	2015	<a href="#">The Economist – The Safe Cities Index</a>	Global - 50 cities
8	2014	<a href="#">Boston Consulting Group – Destinations for Job-Seekers</a>	Global - 25 cities
9	2015	<a href="#">QS Best Student Cities – University Ranking</a>	Global - 9 cities
10	2014	<a href="#">Forbes Magazine – World’s Most Influential Cities – 2014</a>	Global - 58 cities
10	2013	<a href="#">Economist &amp; CitiGroup – City Competitiveness Index</a>	Global - 120 cities
10	2016	<a href="#">Z/Yen Group – Global Financial Centres Index</a>	Global - 86 cities
12	2015	<a href="#">Arcadis – Sustainable Cities Index – 2015</a>	Global - 50 cities
15	2016	<a href="#">Mercer Consulting– Quality of Living Ranking Survey</a>	Global - 230 cities
22	2016	<a href="#">Times Higher Education – World University Rankings</a>	Global - 800 uni.
27	2016	<a href="#">Shanghai Jiao Tong University – University Rankings</a>	Global - 1000 uni.
30	2016	<a href="#">Centre for World University Rankings - University Rankings</a>	Global - 1000 uni.