# Ontario's Outlook

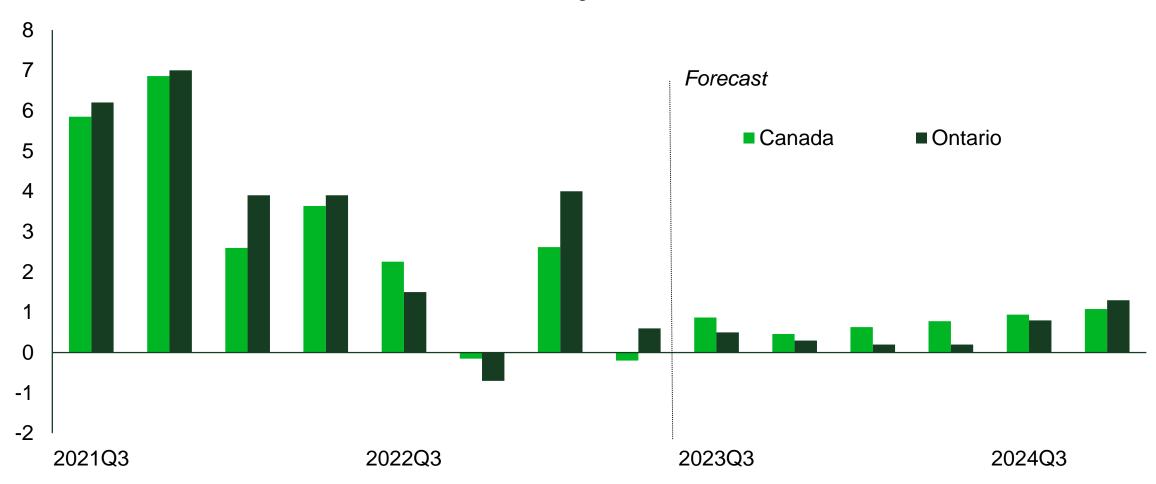
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#### **Economic Growth Set to Fade**



Real GDP Growth, Quarter/Quarter Annualized % Change

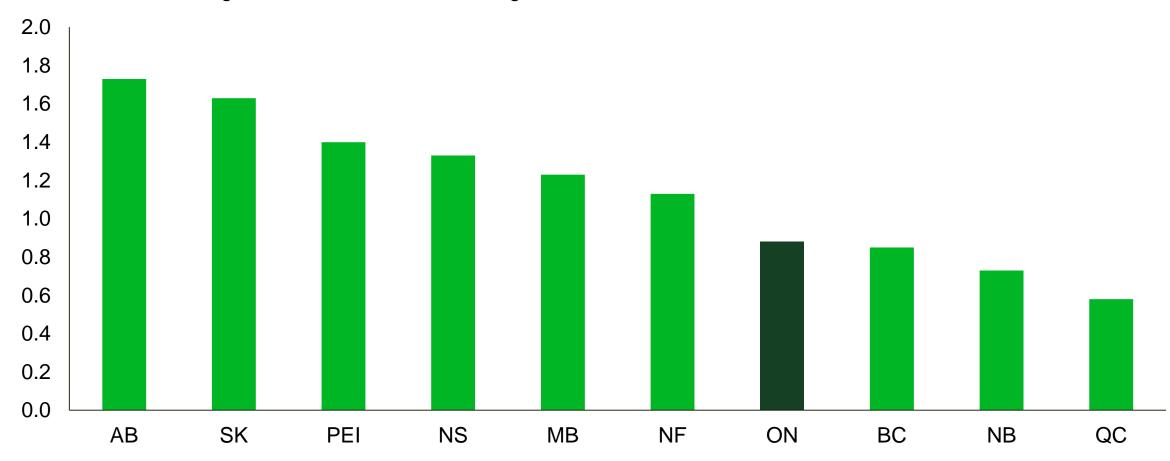


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# Prairies to Lead, Ontario to Lag



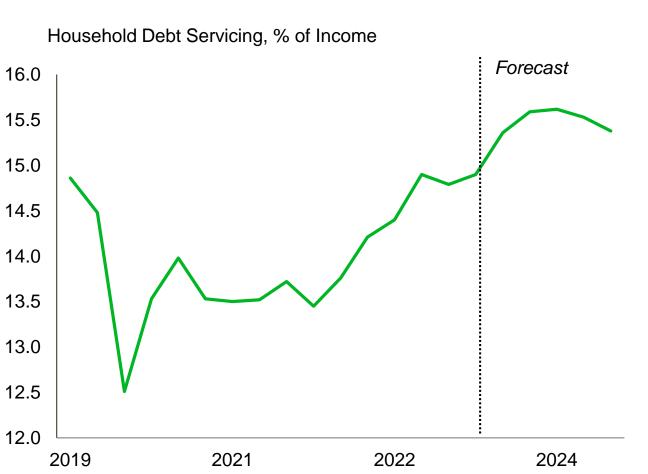
2023/2024 Average Real GDP Growth, % Change



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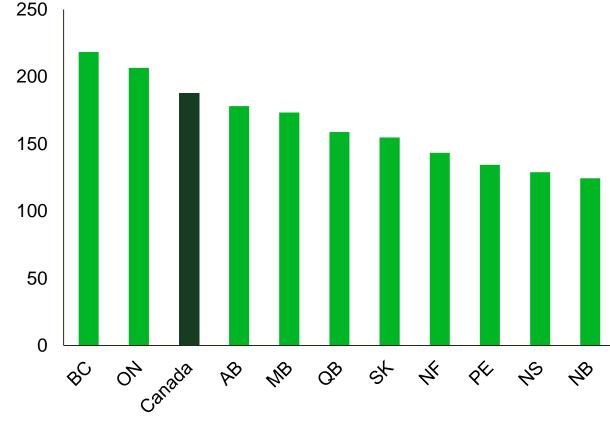
#### Debt Servicing Costs Will Continue To Sap Spending Power





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Household Debt-to-Disposable Income Ratio, %

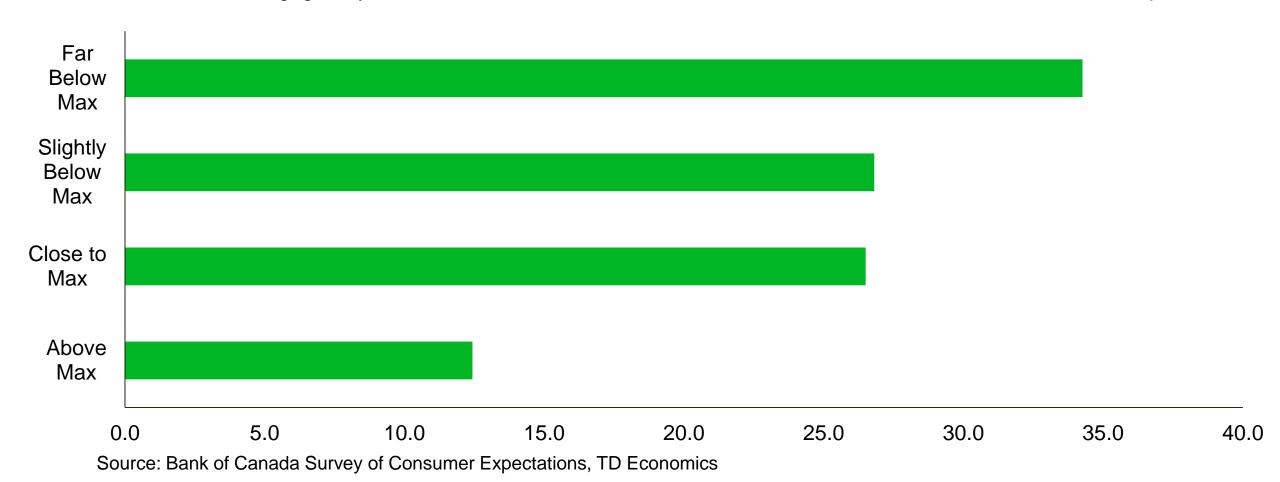


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#### Mortgage Renewals Already Hurting Consumers

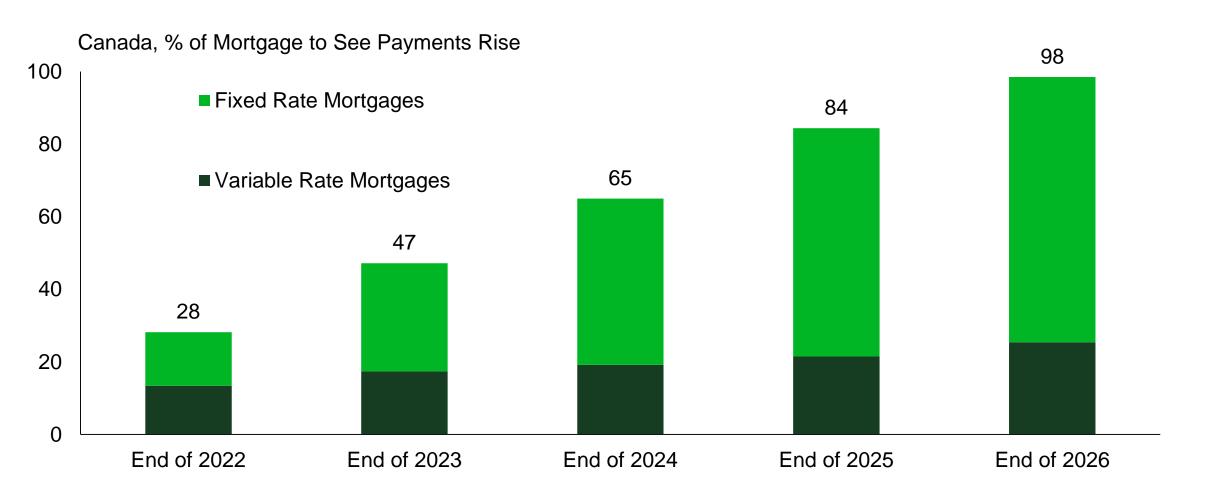


Where is Your Mortgage Payment Relative to What You Consider Maxim Affordable One to Be, % Share of Responses



#### Mortgage Renewal Stress a Slow-Moving Train

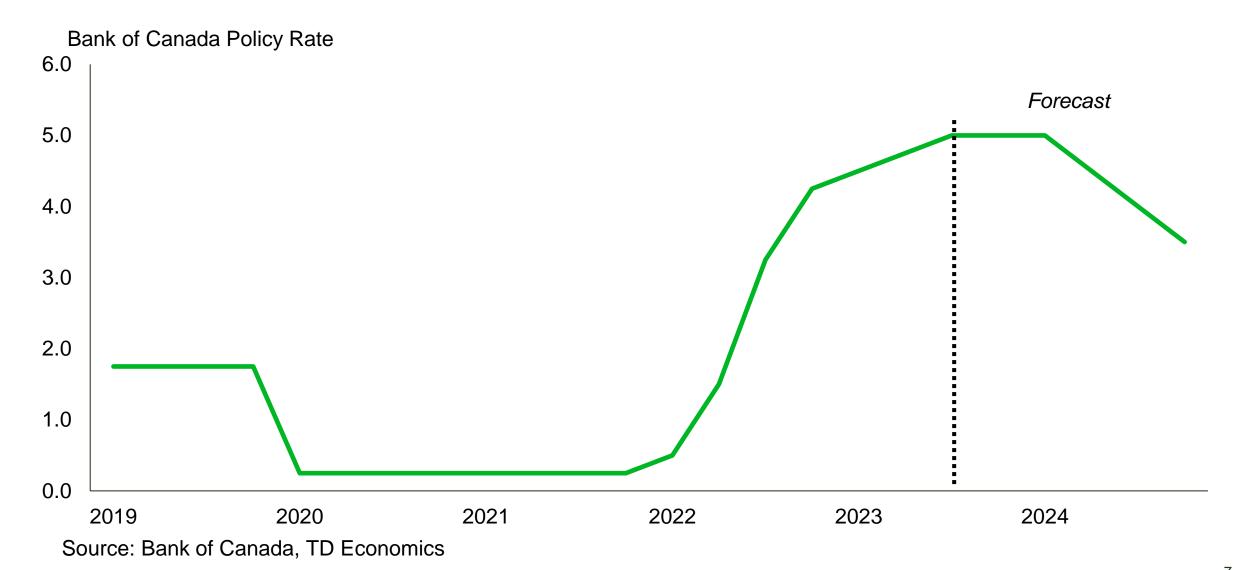




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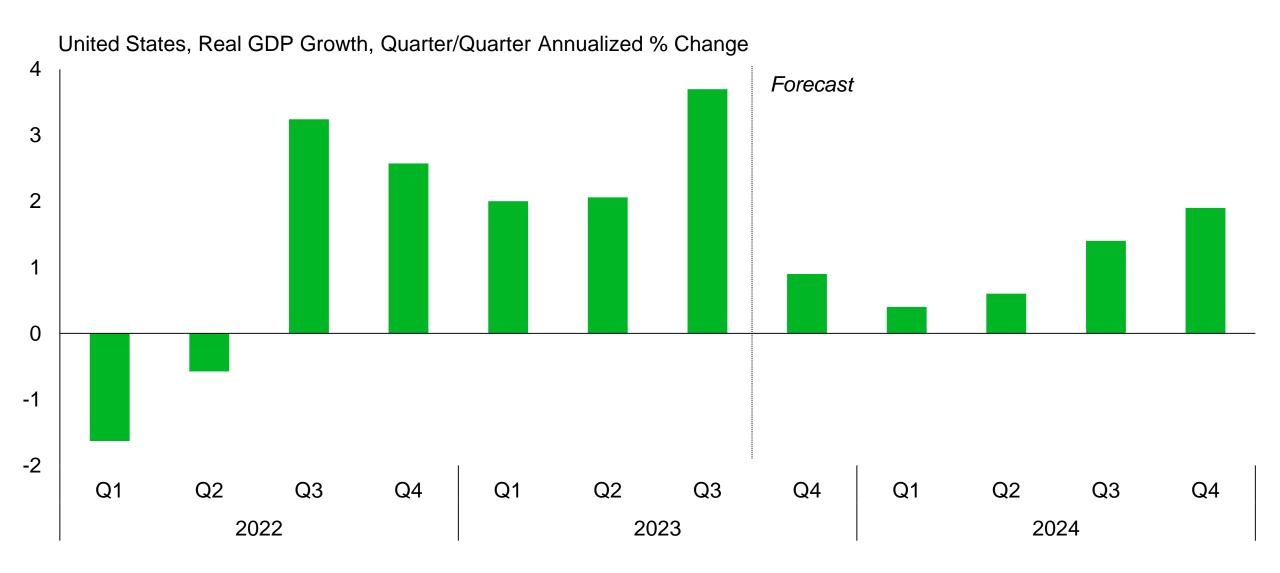
#### **BoC** to Remain on Hold





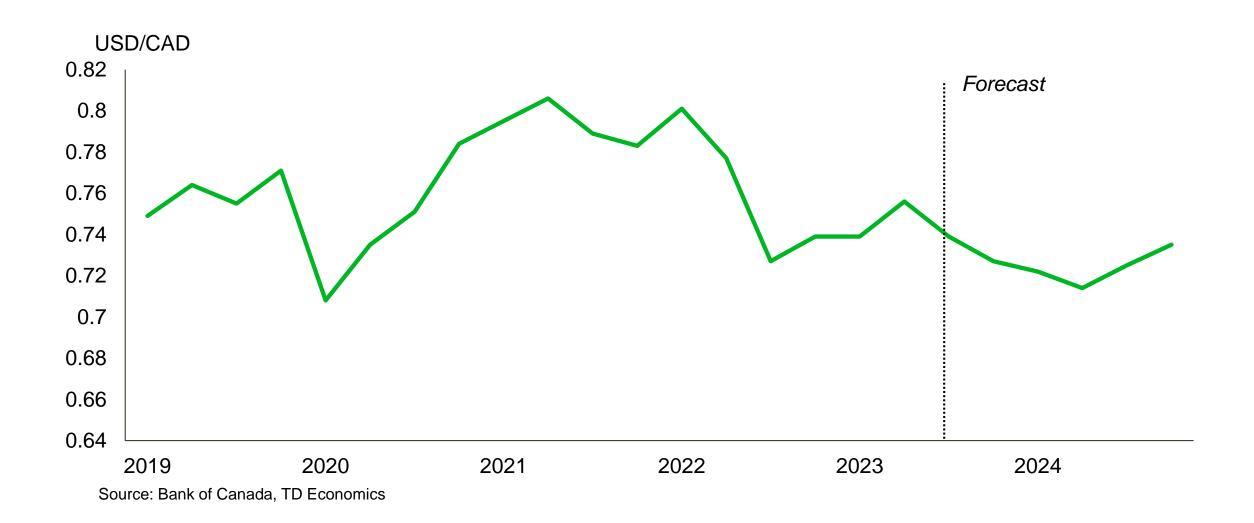
# U.S. Economy Won't be Spared from Higher Rates





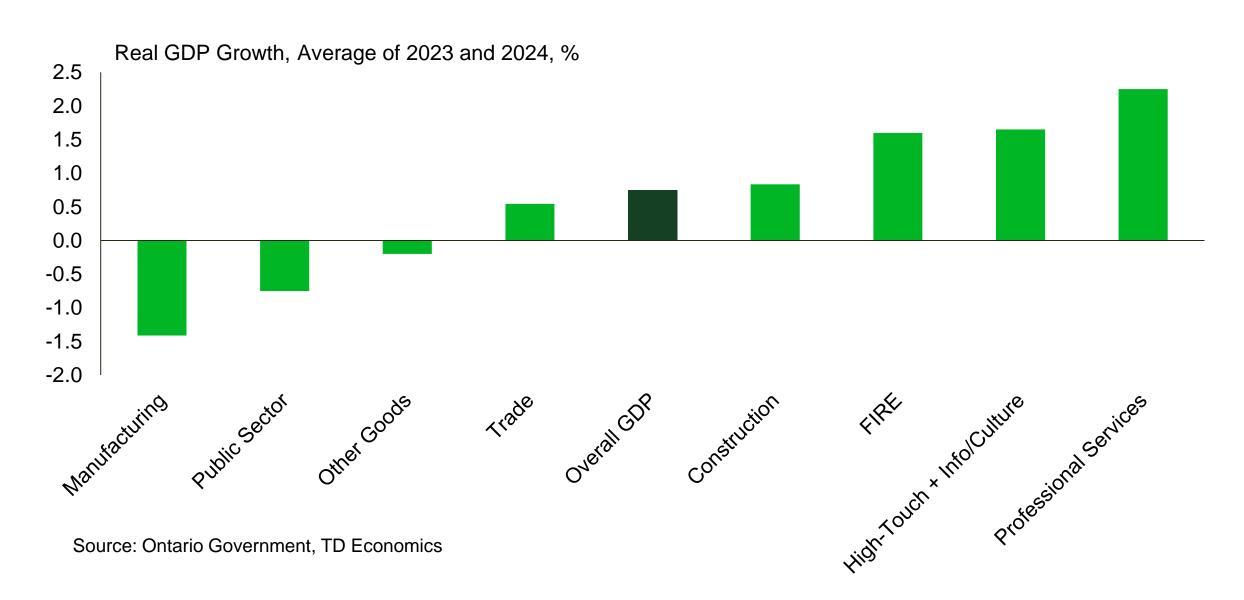
#### Competitive Dollar to Support Manufacturers





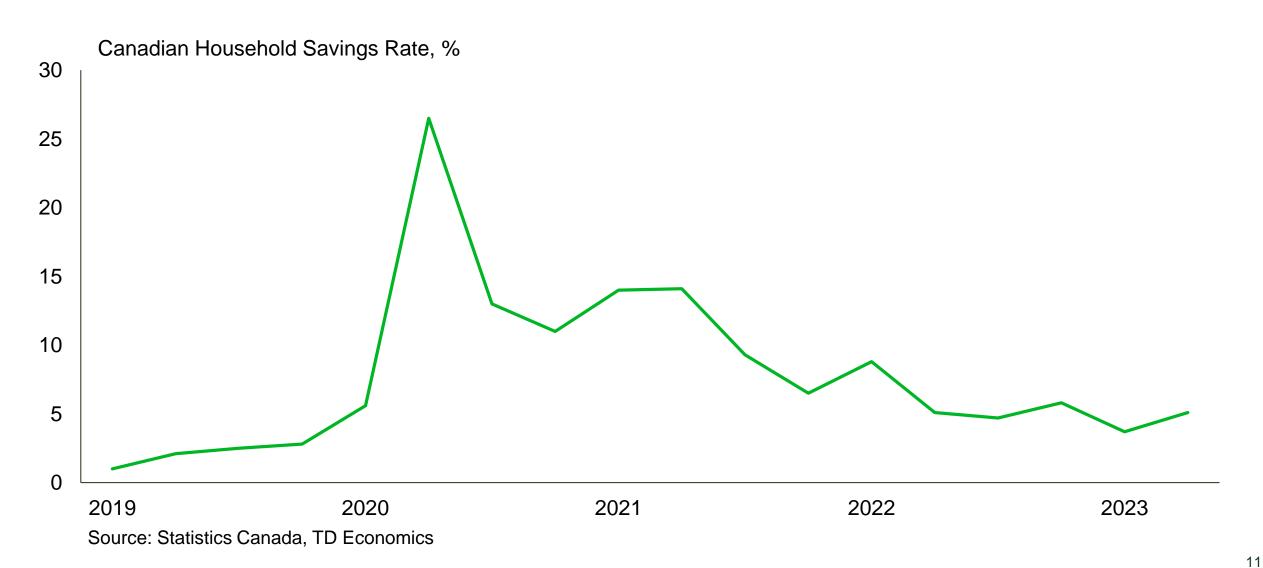
### Manufacturing to Weigh, Services to Boost





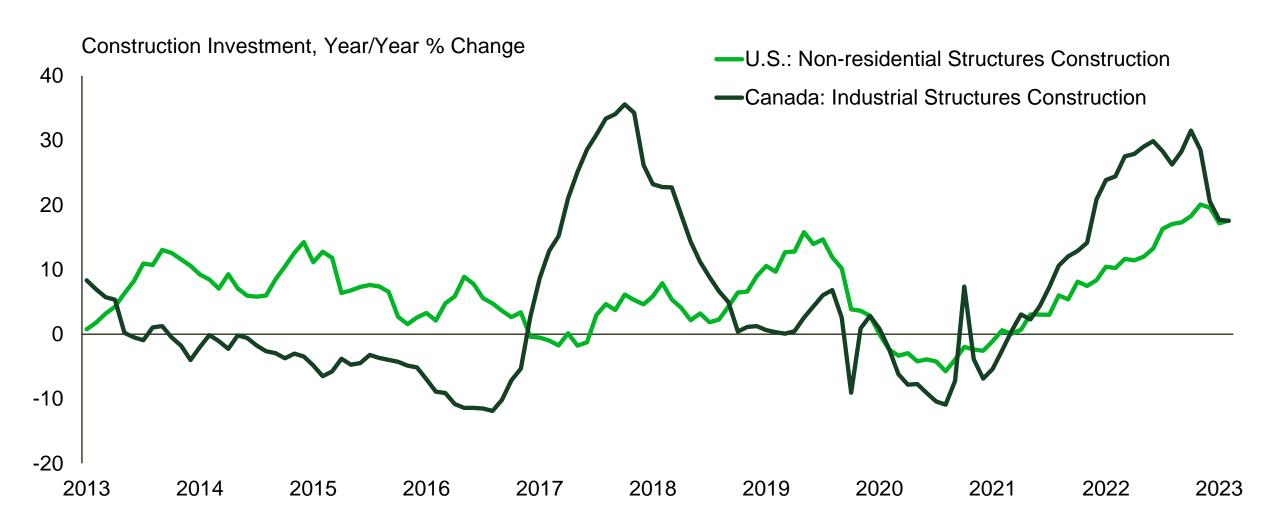
#### Why No Recession: Households Have Accumulated Savings





#### Why No Recession: Canada Making Headway In New Structures

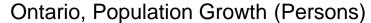


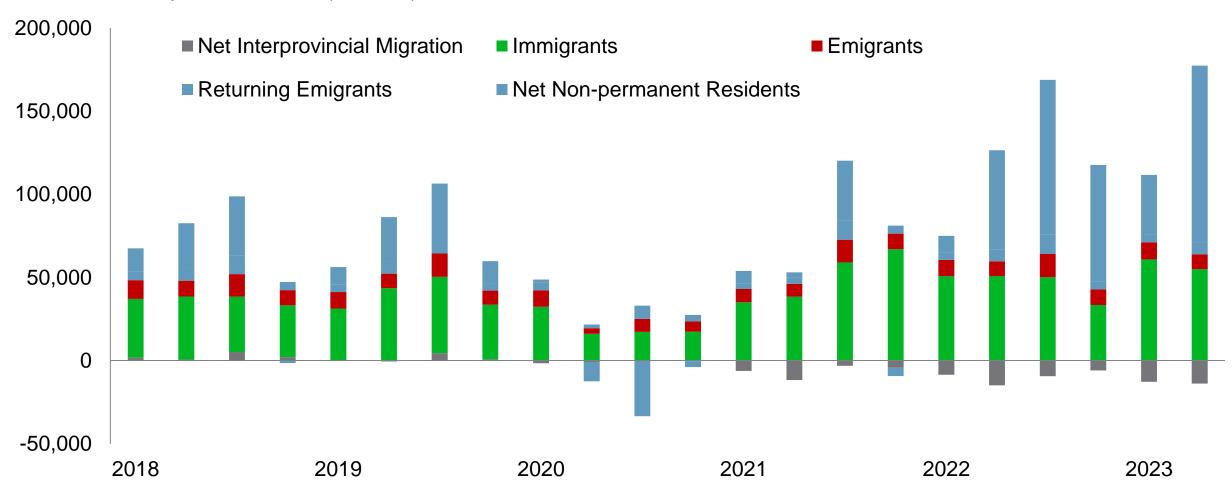


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### Why No Recession: Surging Population

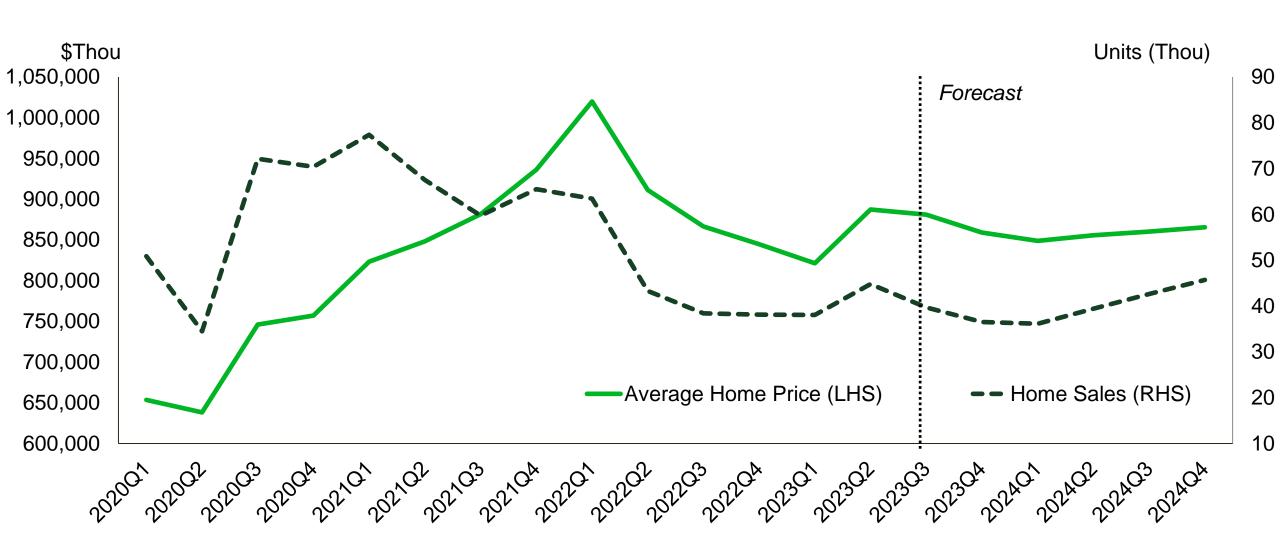






#### Bumpy Ride for Ontario's Housing Market



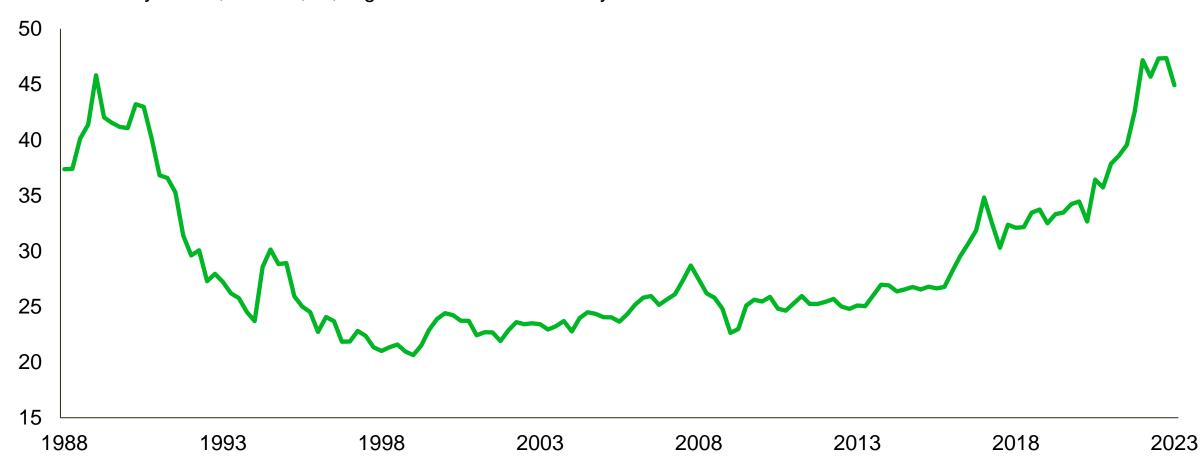


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### Amid The Worst Housing Affordability in (at least) 37 Years



Affordability Metric, Ontario, %, Higher = Worse Affordability

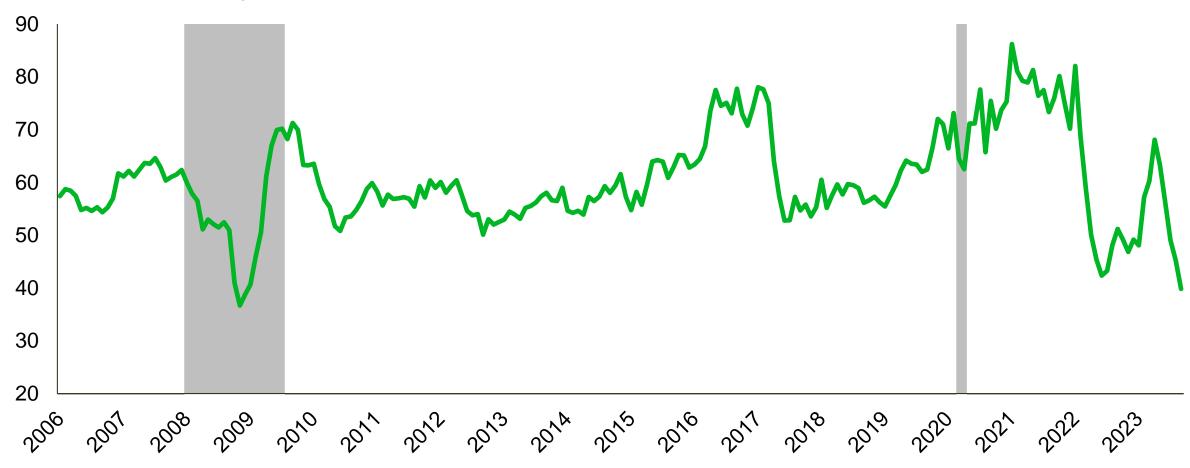


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#### Surging Resale Supply A Risk to Prices



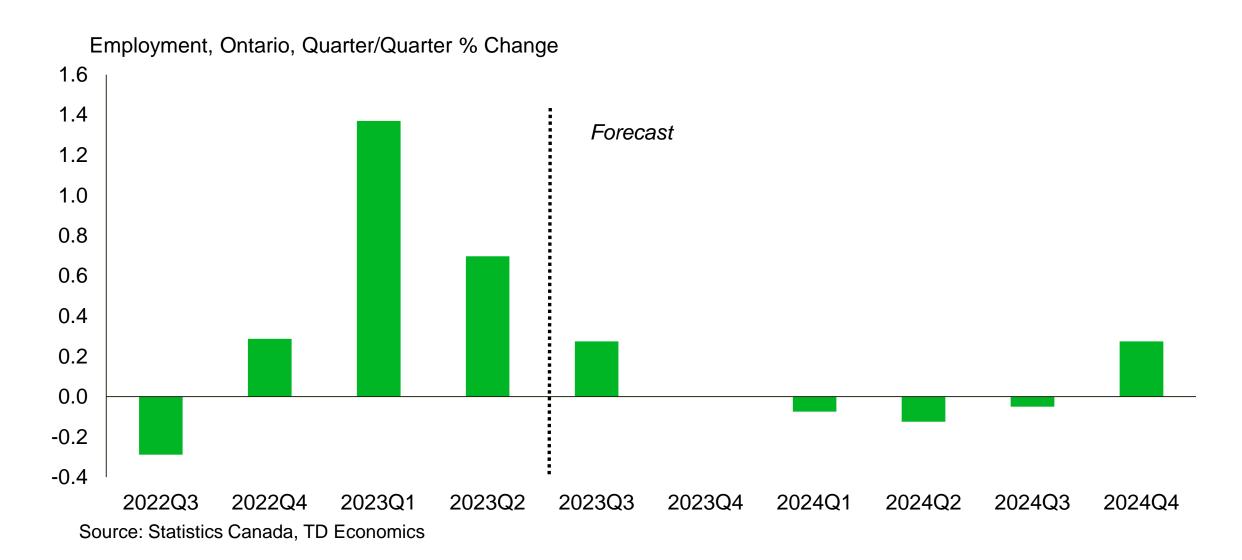




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#### Weak Economy to Spill Over into Hiring





# Workers Want A Piece Of The Pie – Strike Headlines Everywhere





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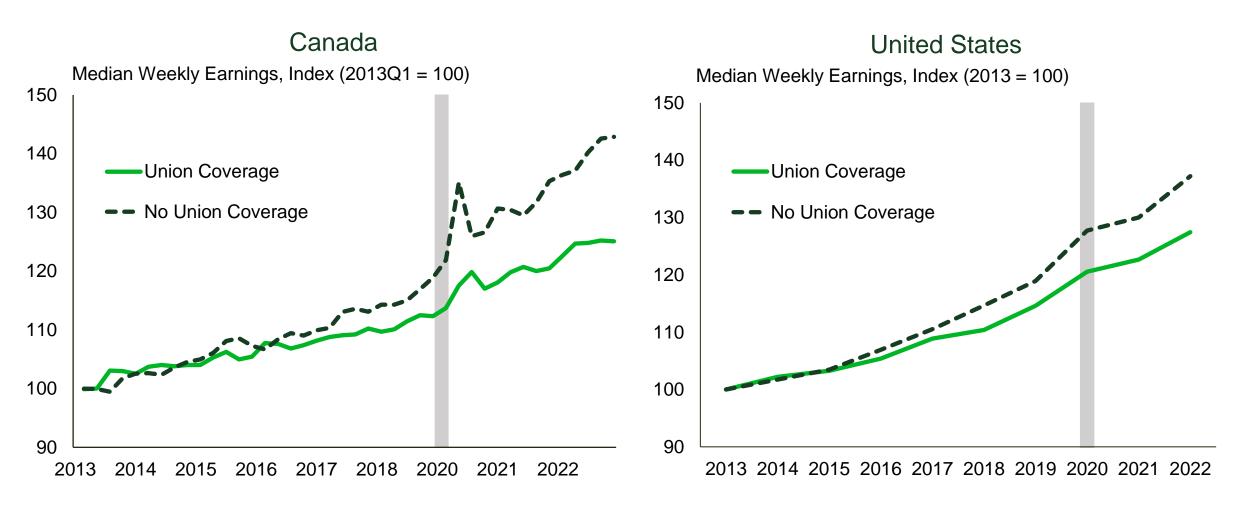
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## Union Wages In Catch-up Mode with Non-Union Wage Gains



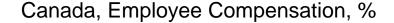


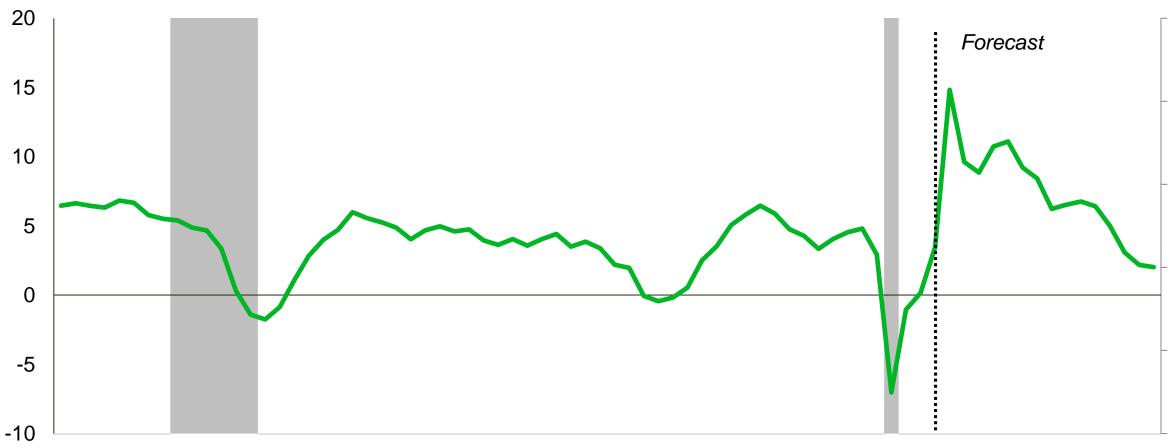
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# But Wage Growth is Still Poised to Slow





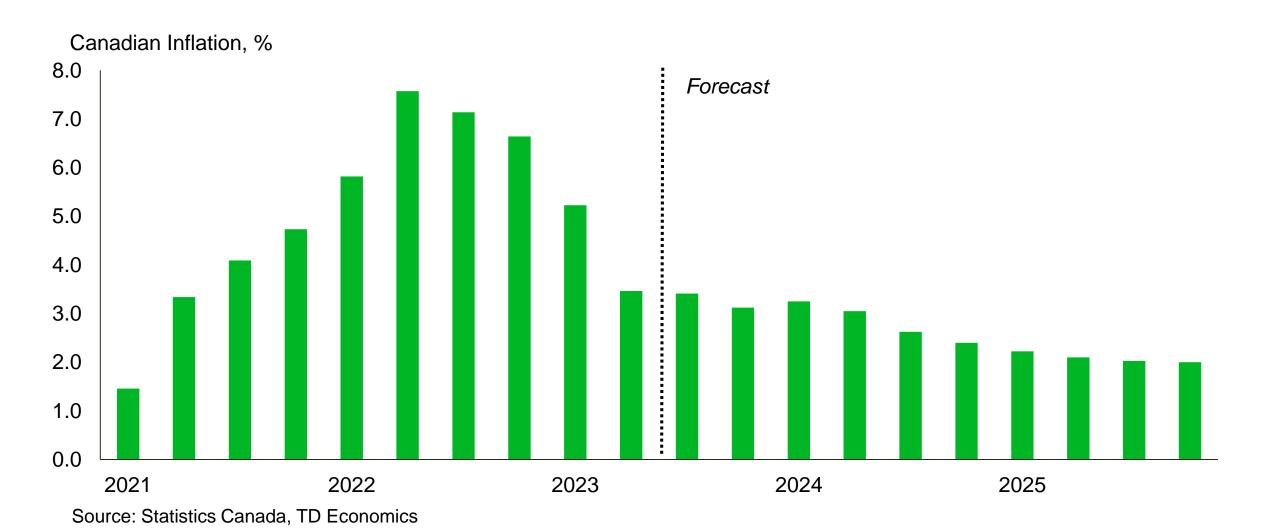


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### Inflation Embers to Be Doused by Weak Growth

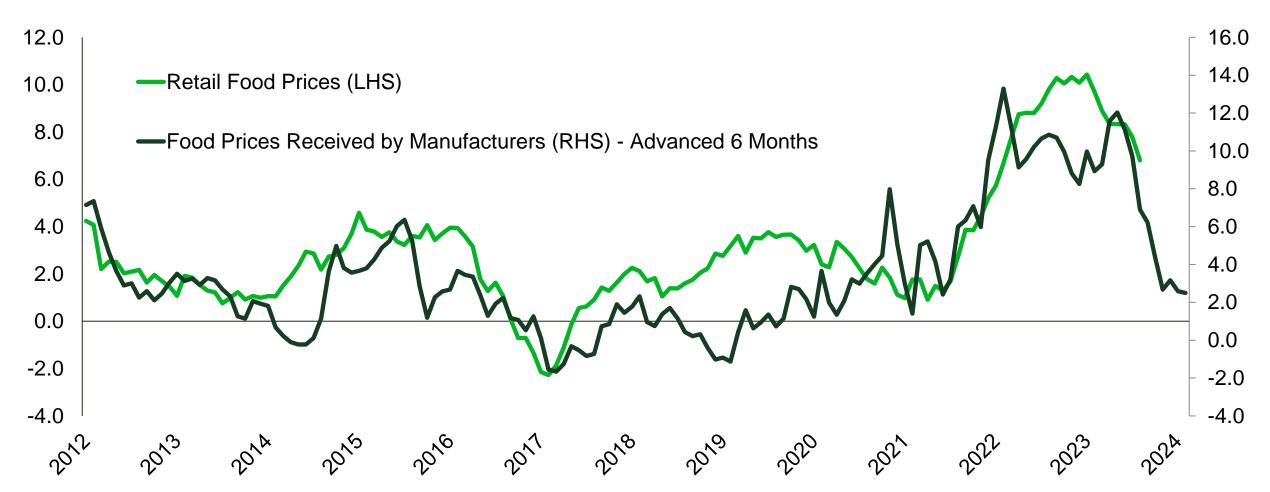




#### Some Good News on Food Prices?



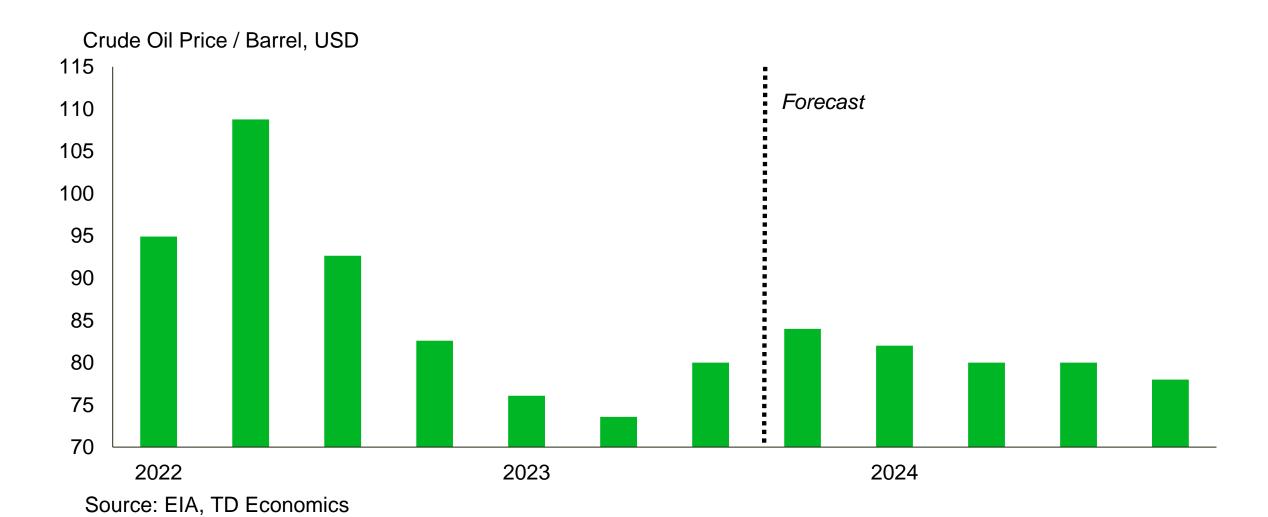
#### Canadian Food Prices, Year/Year % Change



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#### Oil to Come Off the Boil





#### Risks



#### Geopolitical Tensions

Weaker-than-expected Chinese Growth

Stubborn Core Inflation Leads to More Tightening

Even with No Further Tightening, Higher Rates Weigh on the Economy by More than Expected

Disorderly Correction in the Housing Market

**CEBA Loan Extension** 



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