

H. International Perspectives

The quarterly data in this table are shown in the middle month of the quarter.

Table H.1. International Perspectives

	2000	2001	2001									2002				
			Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Exchange rates per U.S. dollar (not seasonally adjusted) ¹																
Canada (Can.\$/US\$).....	1.4855	1.5490	1.5578	1.5411	1.5245	1.5308	1.5399	1.5679	1.5717	1.5922	1.5788	1.5997	1.5964	1.5877	1.5815	1.5502
Euro area (US\$/Euro) ²	0.9234	0.8955	0.8925	0.8753	0.8530	0.8615	0.9014	0.9114	0.9050	0.8883	0.8912	0.8832	0.8707	0.8766	0.8860	0.9170
Japan (¥/US\$).....	1.0782	1.2152	1.2377	1.2177	1.2235	1.2450	1.2137	1.1861	1.2145	1.2241	1.2759	1.3268	1.3364	1.3106	1.3077	1.2638
Mexico (Peso/US\$).....	9.4590	9.3408	9.3280	9.1480	9.0880	9.1680	9.1330	9.4250	9.3390	9.2250	9.1570	9.1640	9.1050	9.0640	9.1650	9.5100
United Kingdom (US\$/£).....	1.5159	1.4401	1.4348	1.4265	1.4020	1.4148	1.4372	1.4638	1.4501	1.4356	1.4413	1.4322	1.4227	1.4230	1.4429	1.4598
Addendum: Exchange value of the U.S. dollar ³	119.67	126.09	126.61	126.35	127.12	127.65	125.62	125.97	126.86	127.33	127.52	129.26	130.03	129.27	128.95	127.35
Unemployment rates (percent, monthly data seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	6.8	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.6	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.7
France	9.5	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9
Germany	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7
Italy				9.5						9.3			9.1			9.1
Japan	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.4
Mexico			2.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7
United Kingdom	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2
Addendum: United States	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.8
Consumer prices (monthly data seasonally adjusted, 1995=100)																
Canada	109.0	111.7	111.7	112.7	112.8	112.4	112.4	112.7	112.1	111.1	111.2	111.5	112.2	113.0	113.6	113.8
France	106.3	108.1	107.9	108.6	108.6	108.4	108.4	108.6	108.7	108.4	108.5	109.0	109.1	109.6	110.1	110.2
Germany	107.0	109.6	109.5	110.0	110.2	110.2	110.0	110.0	109.7	109.5	109.6	110.6	110.9	111.1	111.2	111.2
Italy	112.8	115.9	115.6	115.9	116.2	116.3	116.3	116.3	116.5	116.7	116.8	117.3	117.7	118.0	118.3	118.6
Japan	101.5	100.8	101.0	101.1	100.8	100.5	100.9	100.7	100.7	100.2	100.1	99.9	99.4	99.6	99.9	100.2
Mexico	239.9	255.2	253.4	254.0	254.6	253.9	255.4	257.8	259.0	260.0	260.3	262.7	262.6	263.9	265.3	265.9
United Kingdom	114.2	116.3	116.1	116.9	117.0	116.3	116.7	117.1	116.9	116.5	116.3	116.3	116.6	117.1	117.9	118.2
Addendum: United States	113.0	116.2	115.9	116.4	116.7	116.4	116.4	116.9	116.6	116.5	116.4	116.6	116.8	117.2	117.8	117.8
Real gross domestic product (percent change from preceding quarter, quarterly data seasonally adjusted at annual rates)																
Canada	4.5	1.5		0.3				-0.5			2.9			6.0		
France	3.8	1.8		-0.3				1.8			-1.8			1.8		
Germany	3.2	0.7		0.2				-0.7			-1.0			0.7		
Italy	2.9	1.8		0.4				0.1			-0.9			0.8		
Japan	2.4	-0.6		-4.9				-2.2			-4.9			5.7		
United Kingdom	3.1	1.9		2.3				1.4			0.4			0.6		
Addendum: United States	3.8	0.3		-1.6				-0.3			2.7			5.0		1.1
Short-term, 3-month, interest rates (percent, not seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	5.78	3.98	4.61	4.42	4.41	4.31	4.06	3.49	2.84	2.24	2.10	2.01	2.11	2.22	2.39	2.59
Euro area.....	4.39	4.26	4.69	4.64	4.45	4.47	4.35	3.98	3.60	3.39	3.34	3.34	3.36	3.39	3.41	3.47
Mexico	16.15	12.24	15.40	12.61	10.27	10.25	8.54	10.88	9.68	8.69	7.53	7.35	8.17	7.31	6.16	6.69
United Kingdom	6.10	4.97	5.33	5.17	5.19	5.19	4.93	4.65	4.36	3.93	3.99	3.98	3.98	4.06	4.11	4.08
Addendum: United States	5.84	3.45	3.91	3.66	3.48	3.54	3.39	2.87	2.22	1.93	1.72	1.66	1.73	1.81	1.72	1.74
Long-term interest rates, government bond yields (percent, not seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	5.92	5.79	5.85	6.03	5.97	6.05	5.85	5.80	5.66	5.55	5.72	5.69	5.69	5.93	5.93	5.87
Euro area.....	5.44	5.03	5.10	5.26	5.21	5.25	5.06	5.04	4.82	4.67	4.96	5.02	5.07	5.32	5.30	5.30
France	5.89	5.38	5.47	5.60	5.57	5.46	5.29	5.26	5.04	5.07	5.35	5.39	5.42	5.57	5.56	5.59
Germany	5.26	4.80	4.83	5.05	5.00	5.02	4.82	4.81	4.60	4.45	4.74	4.86	4.92	5.16	5.15	5.17
Italy	5.58	5.19	5.28	5.45	5.39	5.40	5.22	5.20	4.96	4.80	5.05	5.14	5.20	5.41	5.40	5.41
Japan	1.74	1.32	1.32	1.25	1.15	1.31	1.34	1.35	1.36	1.33	1.33	1.42	1.50	1.42	1.39	1.37
United Kingdom	5.31	4.93	4.96	5.13	5.20	5.19	4.97	4.98	4.83	4.63	4.90	4.94	4.97	5.25	5.26	5.29
Addendum: United States	6.03	5.02	5.14	5.39	5.28	5.24	4.97	4.73	4.57	4.65	5.09	5.04	4.91	5.28	5.21	5.16
Share price indices (not seasonally adjusted, 1995=100)																
Canada	216.7	174.4	179.2	184.1	174.5	173.4	166.9	154.2	155.3	167.5	173.4	172.5	172.3	177.1	172.8	172.7
France	321.7	260.1	276.0	288.0	273.8	259.4	255.0	214.1	220.4	234.5	236.5	237.3	229.7	243.9	241.6	234.5
Germany	260.3	196.4	207.3	213.5	208.9	201.3	190.1	157.3	163.8	175.5	178.9	182.8	176.2	187.5	184.1	176.0
Italy	319.0	258.8	281.6	282.8	268.0	259.3	256.0	210.0	216.6	225.7	228.7	229.5	223.0	238.3	239.7	229.4
Japan	97.7	69.3	80.6	76.7	75.0	68.6	61.9	56.5	59.9	61.8	60.9	57.8	61.2	63.7	66.4	68.0
Mexico	293.6	275.7	269.8	297.2	300.4	291.7	284.4	243.5	249.5	262.8	287.1	312.2	303.4	340.7	337.1	316.8
United Kingdom	178.5	147.9	153.9	157.5	153.7	145.5	143.2	130.0	132.8	137.8	136.9	136.6	135.1	139.5	137.6	135.2
Addendum: United States	221.4	207.8	208.5	221.3	216.7	210.7	207.6	187.0	191.0	197.6	200.2	199.8	195.6	206.3	201.8	197.8

1. All exchange rates are from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

2. Rates for selected euro-area currencies can be derived by using the following conversion rates: 1 euro = 6.55957 French francs, 1.95583 German marks, and 1936.27 Italian lire.

3. The rate shown for the United States is an index of the weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against the currencies of a broad group of major U.S. trading partners, January 1997=100. For more information on the exchange rate indexes, see "New Summary Measures of the Foreign Exchange Value of

the Dollar," *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, vol. 84 (October 1998), pp. 811-18.

Note: U.S. interest rates, unemployment rates, and GDP growth rates are from the Federal Reserve, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and BEA, respectively. GDP growth rates for other countries are calculated from levels published by those countries. Most other data (including U.S. consumer prices and U.S. share prices, both of which have been rebased to 1995 to facilitate comparison) are © OECD and are reproduced with permission.