

H. International Perspectives

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

Table H.1.—International Perspectives

	1999	2000	2000												2001	
			Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Exchange rates per U.S. dollar (not seasonally adjusted) ¹																
Canada (Can.\$/US\$)	1.4858	1.4855	1.4486	1.4512	1.4608	1.4689	1.4957	1.4770	1.4778	1.4828	1.4864	1.5125	1.5426	1.5219	1.5032	1.5216
Euro zone (US\$/Euro) ²	1.0653	.9234	11.0131	.9834	.9643	.9449	.9059	.9505	.9386	.9045	.8695	.8525	.8552	.8983	.9376	.9205
Japan (¥/US\$)	1.1373	1.0782	1.0530	1.0939	1.0631	1.0563	1.0832	1.0613	1.0821	1.0808	1.0684	1.0844	1.0901	1.1221	1.1667	1.1623
Mexico (Peso/US\$)	9.5530	9.4590	9.4940	9.4270	9.2890	9.3940	9.5060	9.8340	9.4190	9.2720	9.3610	9.5370	9.5080	9.4670	9.7690	9.7110
United Kingdom (US\$/£)	1.6172	1.5159	1.6404	1.6000	1.5799	1.5823	1.5090	1.5092	1.5076	1.4889	1.4336	1.4506	1.4258	1.4629	1.4775	1.4525
Addendum: Exchange value of the U.S. dollar ³ ...	116.87	119.93	115.95	117.44	117.24	117.63	120.20	118.94	119.34	120.12	121.53	123.27	124.21	123.28	123.14	123.77
Unemployment rates (percent, monthly data seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	7.6	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9
France	11.2	9.7	10.5	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.8
Germany	10.5	9.6	10.1	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.3
Italy	11.4	10.6	.....	11.2	.....	.....	10.7	.....	.....	10.5	.....	.....	10.0	.....	.....	.....
Japan	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7
Mexico	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.8
United Kingdom	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3
Addendum: United States	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2
Consumer prices (monthly data seasonally adjusted, 1995=100)																
Canada	106.1	109.0	106.9	107.5	108.2	107.9	108.4	109.1	109.5	109.3	109.8	110.0	110.4	110.5	110.1	110.5
France	104.6	106.3	105.4	105.5	106.0	106.0	106.2	106.4	106.2	106.4	107.0	106.8	107.1	107.0	106.6	106.9
Germany	104.9	106.9	105.8	106.2	106.4	106.4	106.3	106.9	107.4	107.2	107.7	107.5	107.7	107.8	108.3	109.0
Italy	110.0	112.8	111.3	111.7	112.0	112.1	112.5	112.8	113.0	113.1	113.3	113.7	114.0	114.1	114.6	115.0
Japan	102.2	101.5	101.4	101.3	101.5	101.7	101.8	101.5	101.3	101.3	101.6	101.7	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.2
Mexico	219.1	239.9	231.9	234.0	235.3	236.6	237.5	238.9	239.8	241.1	242.9	244.6	246.7	249.3	250.7	250.5
United Kingdom	111.0	114.2	111.8	112.4	113.0	114.1	114.5	114.8	114.4	114.4	115.2	115.1	115.5	115.5	114.8	115.4
Addendum: United States	109.3	113.0	111.0	111.6	112.3	112.3	112.5	113.1	113.4	113.3	113.9	114.1	114.4	114.6	115.3	115.6
Real gross domestic product (percent change from preceding quarter, quarterly data seasonally adjusted at annual rates)																
Canada	4.5	4.7	.....	4.8	.....	.....	4.3	.....	.....	4.5	.....	.....	2.6	.....	.....	.....
France	3.0	3.3	.....	2.5	.....	.....	3.0	.....	.....	2.6	.....	.....	4.0	.....	.....	.....
Germany	1.4	3.1	.....	3.9	.....	.....	4.8	.....	.....	1.1	.....	.....	.8	.....	.....	.....
Italy	1.6	2.9	.....	4.4	.....	.....	.8	.....	.....	2.3	.....	.....	3.4	.....	.....	.....
Japan .....	.8	1.7	.....	10.0	.....	.....	.9	.....	.....	-2.4	.....	.....	3.0	.....	.....	.....
Mexico	3.8	6.9	.....	7.7	.....	.....	7.6	.....	.....	7.3	.....	.....	5.1	.....	.....	.....
United Kingdom	2.3	3.0	.....	1.6	.....	.....	3.6	.....	.....	3.4	.....	.....	1.6	.....	.....	1.2
Addendum: United States	4.2	5.0	.....	4.8	.....	.....	5.6	.....	.....	2.2	.....	.....	1.0	.....	.....	2.0

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table H.1.—International Perspectives—Continued

	1999	2000	2000												2001	
			Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Short-term, 3-month, interest rates (percent, not seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	4.83	5.61	5.04	5.07	5.35	5.39	5.84	5.83	5.79	5.81	5.79	5.83	5.86	5.74	5.44	5.16
Euro zone	2.97	4.39	3.34	3.54	3.75	3.93	4.35	4.50	4.58	4.78	4.85	5.04	5.09	4.94	4.77	4.76
Japan .....	.25	.....	.12	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mexico	22.38	16.15	17.43	16.44	14.46	14.37	15.58	16.61	14.62	15.71	16.15	17.06	18.01	17.41	18.50	18.07
United Kingdom	5.45	6.10	6.05	6.15	6.15	6.20	6.23	6.13	6.11	6.13	6.12	6.08	6.00	5.88	5.75	5.69
Addendum:																
United States	4.66	5.84	5.34	5.57	5.72	5.67	5.92	5.74	5.93	6.11	5.99	6.10	6.18	5.83	5.27	4.93
Long-term interest rates, government bond yields (percent, not seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	5.68	5.92	6.48	6.19	5.93	5.90	6.10	5.89	5.84	5.77	5.81	5.79	5.78	5.58	5.71	5.69
Euro zone	4.66	5.44	5.70	5.66	5.49	5.41	5.52	5.35	5.45	5.40	5.47	5.42	5.34	5.07	5.01	5.02
France	4.94	5.89	6.11	5.96	5.73	5.84	5.92	5.94	6.00	6.04	5.93	5.92	5.78	5.55	5.48	5.60
Germany	4.5	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.8
Italy	4.73	5.58	5.75	5.73	5.58	5.47	5.67	5.51	5.59	5.56	5.63	5.58	5.55	5.30	5.18	5.18
Japan	1.75	1.75	1.69	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4
United Kingdom	5.08	5.31	5.82	5.62	5.36	5.30	5.40	5.20	5.20	5.29	5.34	5.19	5.07	4.90	4.86	4.84
Addendum:																
United States	5.65	6.03	6.66	6.52	6.26	5.99	6.44	6.10	6.05	5.83	5.80	5.74	5.72	5.24	5.16	5.10
Share price indices (not seasonally adjusted, 1995=100)																
Canada	159.2	216.7	191.3	205.9	213.4	210.8	208.7	229.9	234.7	253.7	234.1	217.4	198.9	201.5	210.2	182.2
France	234.6	321.7	295.1	316.7	329.7	318.2	324.2	333.4	332.6	336.5	336.5	316.5	317.0	303.6	299.7	292.8
Germany	204.9	260.3	253.6	279.6	293.8	272.9	265.8	266.0	262.9	261.8	256.6	242.6	240.7	227.0	227.4	225.1
Italy	246	319	283	320	337	309	316	321	328	325	327	317	332	312	307	297
Japan	100	.....	120	124	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mexico	240.3	293.6	296.7	332.0	336.7	299.2	268.6	313.1	293.5	300.3	285.4	288.1	254.7	254.7	292.7	271.8
United Kingdom	168.4	178.5	183.7	178.2	189.8	178.7	175.2	182.1	182.3	180.7	179.2	172.5	172.2	167.4	165.0	163.5
Addendum:																
United States	213	221	218	208	214	222	220	223	224	229	233	222	222	222	223	223

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.