

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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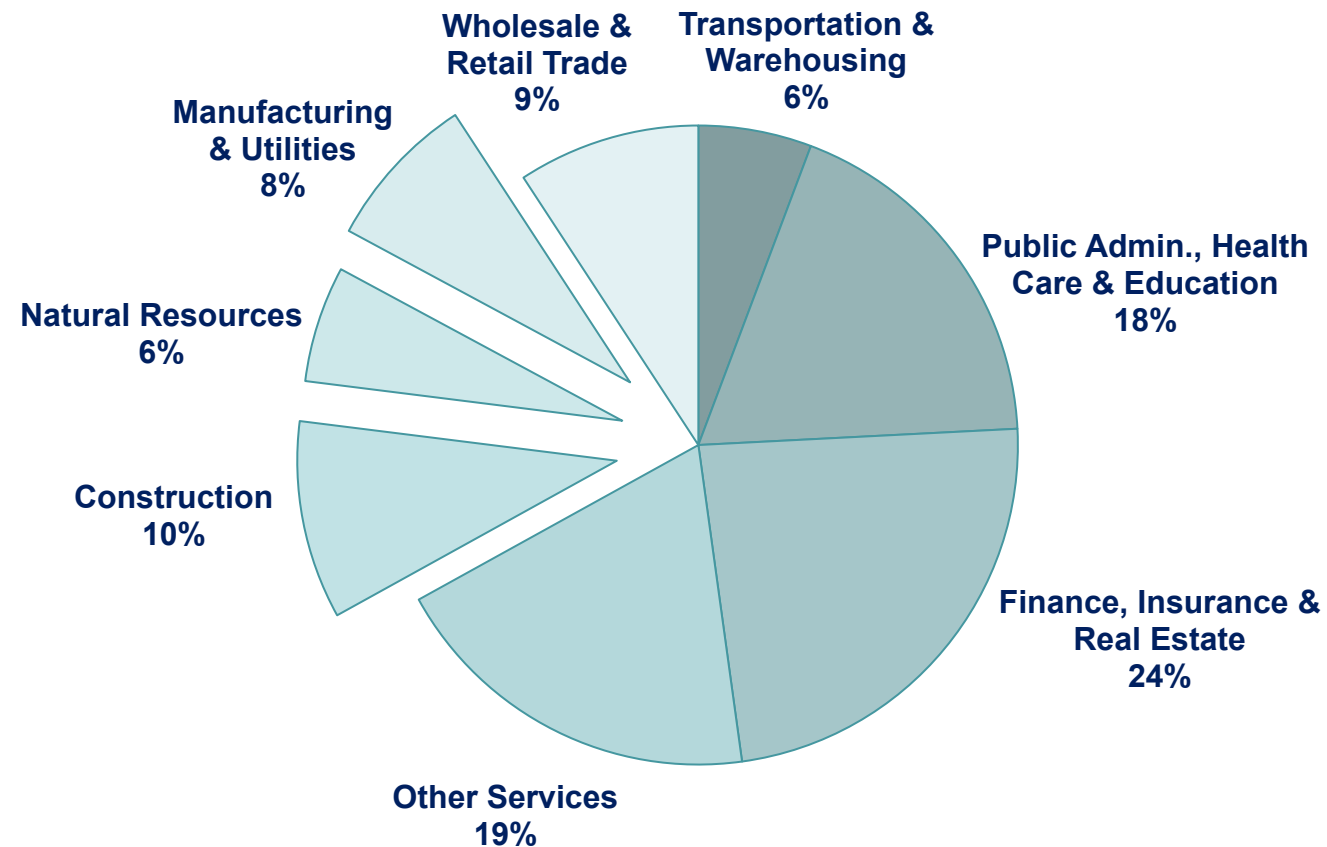
Quick Facts on British Columbia

- Population of 5.6 million (January 1, 2024)
- Western-most province in Canada; 944,735 square km;
- Largest city is Vancouver
- 2023 gross domestic product: C\$408 billion (nominal estimate)
(14% of Canadian economy)



BC's Industrial Composition

BC's GDP by Major Industry



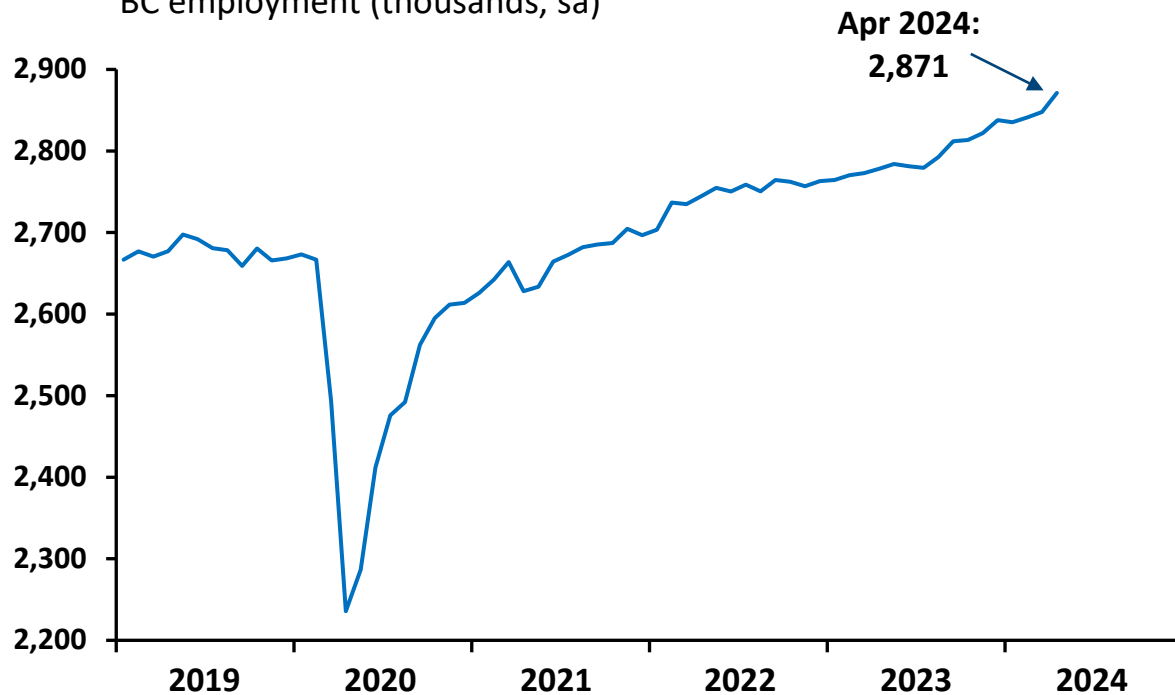
Source: 2023 shares of BC GDP at basic prices by major industry; Statistics Canada (may not add to 100 per cent due to rounding)

Summary of Current Economic Situation

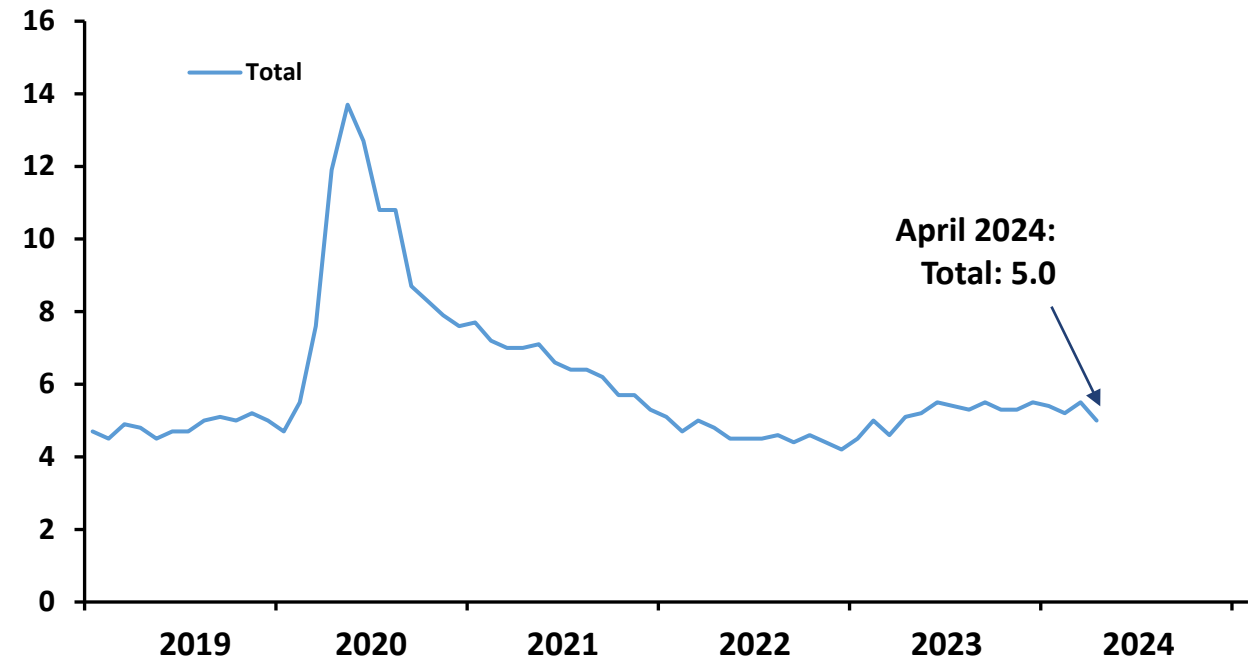
Indicator	Performance
Labour Market	Employment is up by 2.8% in 2024; unemployment rate at 5.0% in Apr 2024
Population	International migration reached a record-high in 2023, while interprovincial migration posted a small decline
Consumer Spending	Retail sales declined marginally (-0.1%) in 2023
Inflation & Interest Rates	Inflation was 2.9% in April 2024; housing costs remain high; interest rate cuts expected later in 2024
Housing Market	Housing starts reached a record high of 50,490 units in 2023; home sales slowed in the second half of last year and were down 9.2% in 2023
Exports	The value of goods exports was down 13.5% in 2023 due to weaker demand and lower prices for key commodities

Labour Market Activity

Employment experiencing gains
BC employment (thousands, sa)



Unemployment rate remaining in the range of 5.0-5.5%
BC unemployment rate (% , sa)

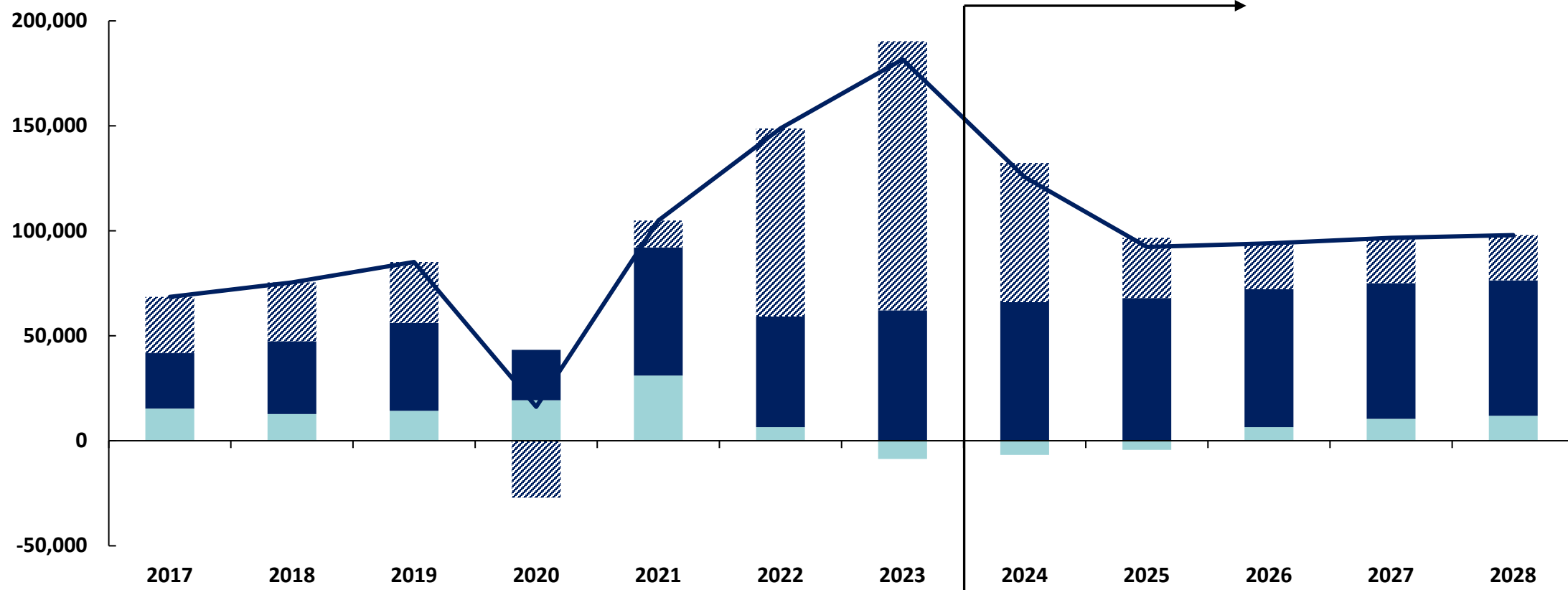


Sources: Statistics Canada (Labour Force Survey); Haver Analytics

Total Net Migration

BC total net migration trend

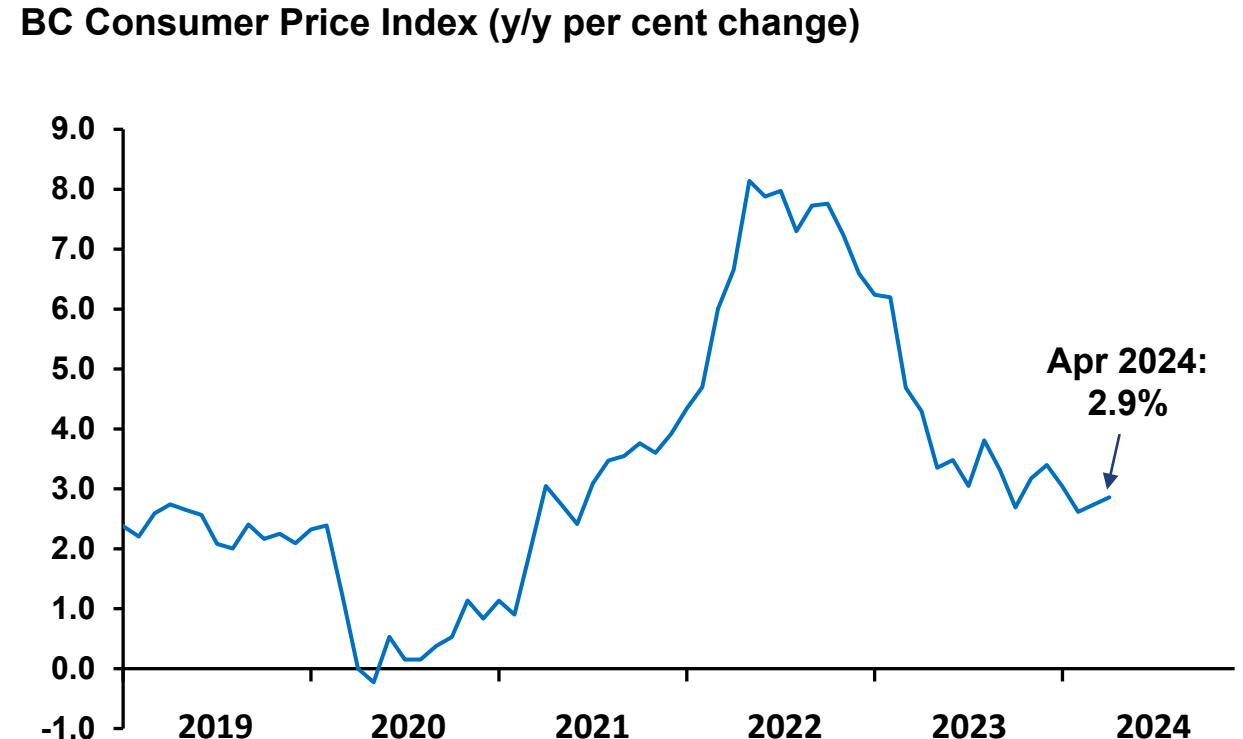
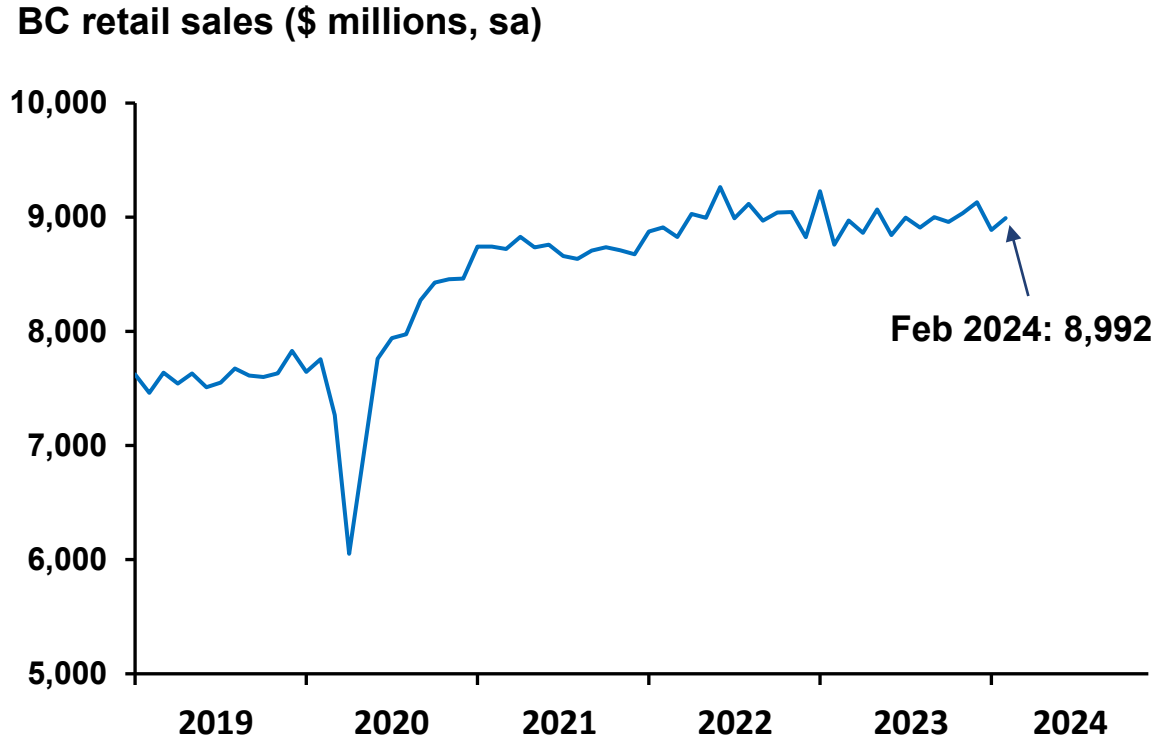
(persons)



Legend:
Net Interprovincial Migration (light blue)
Net International Migration (Excluding Non-Permanent Residents) (dark blue)
Net Non-Permanent Residents (hatched)
Total Net Migration (dark blue line)

Sources: Statistics Canada; Haver Analytics; BC Stats

Retail Sales and CPI



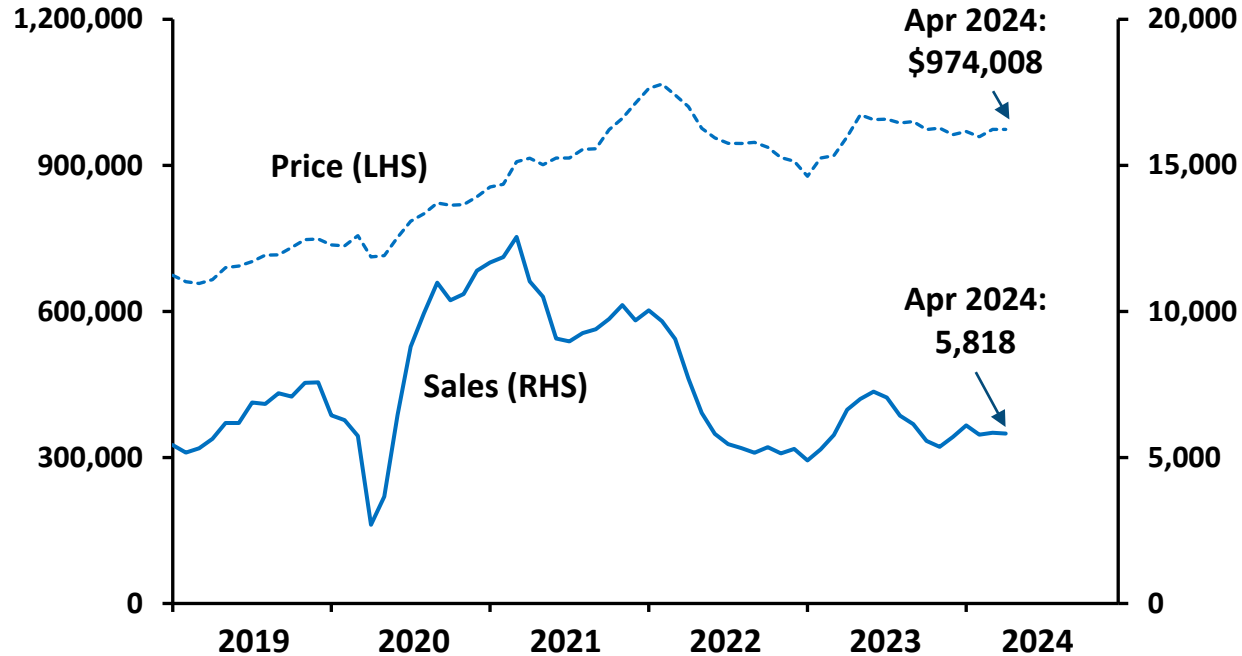
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Housing Market Activity

Home sales and prices have slowed

BC MLS average home sale price
(dollars, sa)

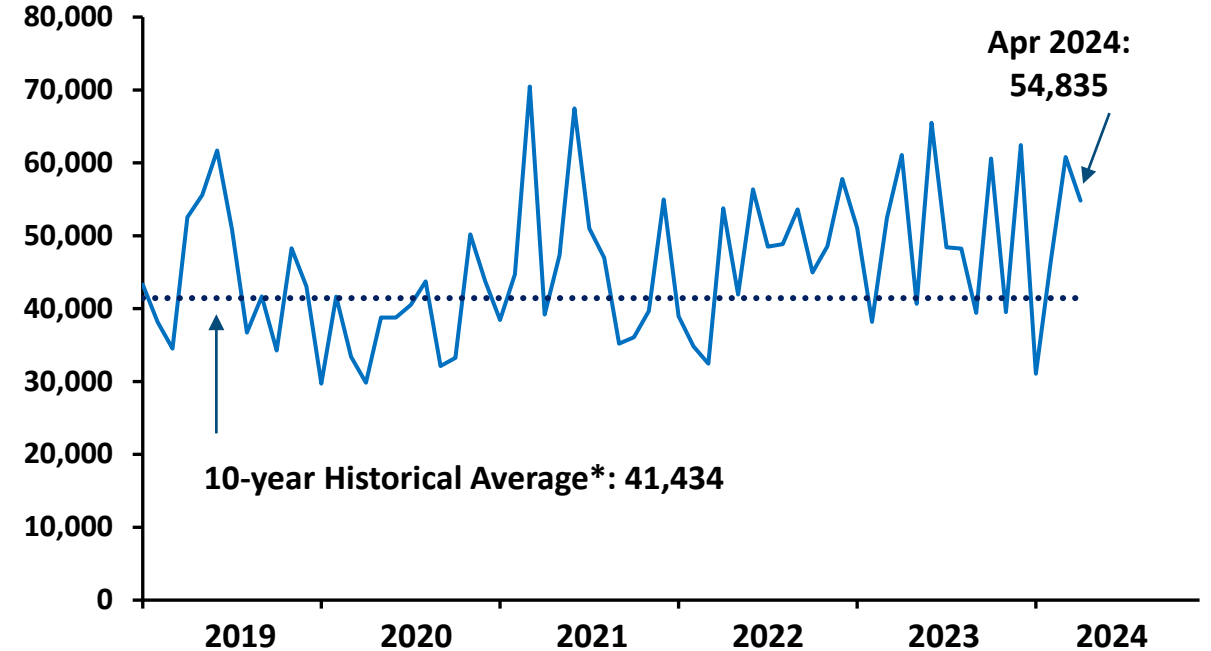
BC MLS home sales
(units, sa)



Sources: Canadian Real Estate Association; Haver Analytics

Housing starts remained robust

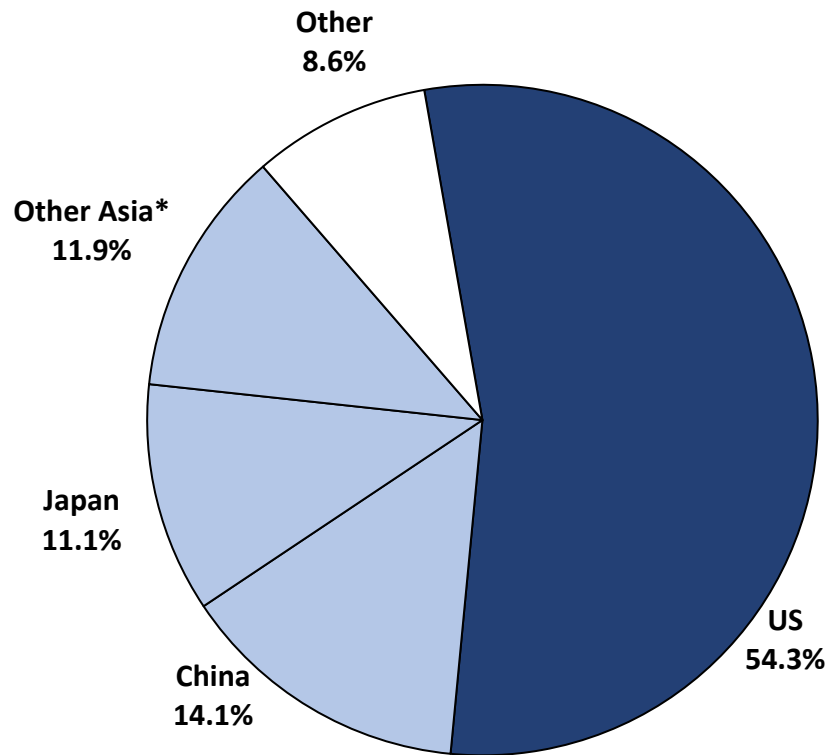
BC housing starts
(annualized units, sa)



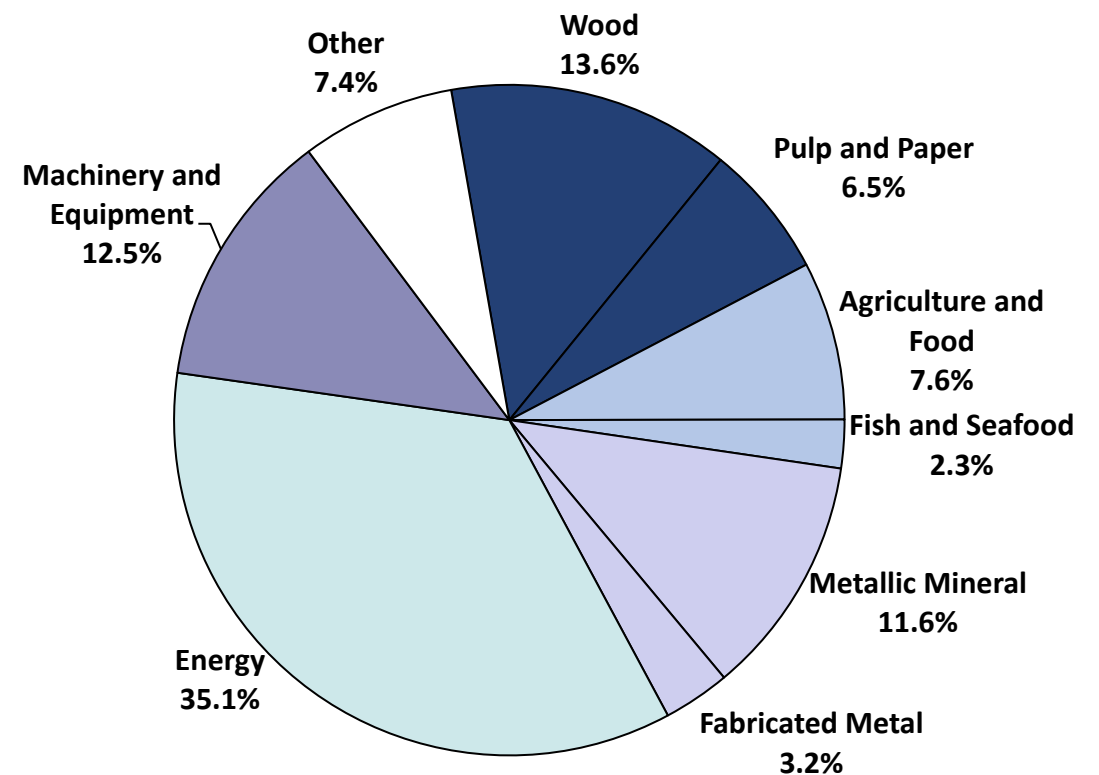
Sources: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Haver Analytics
*Historical average from Jan 2014 to Dec 2023

International Trade

BC's annual share of international goods exports by country, 2023



BC's annual share of international goods exports by commodity, 2023

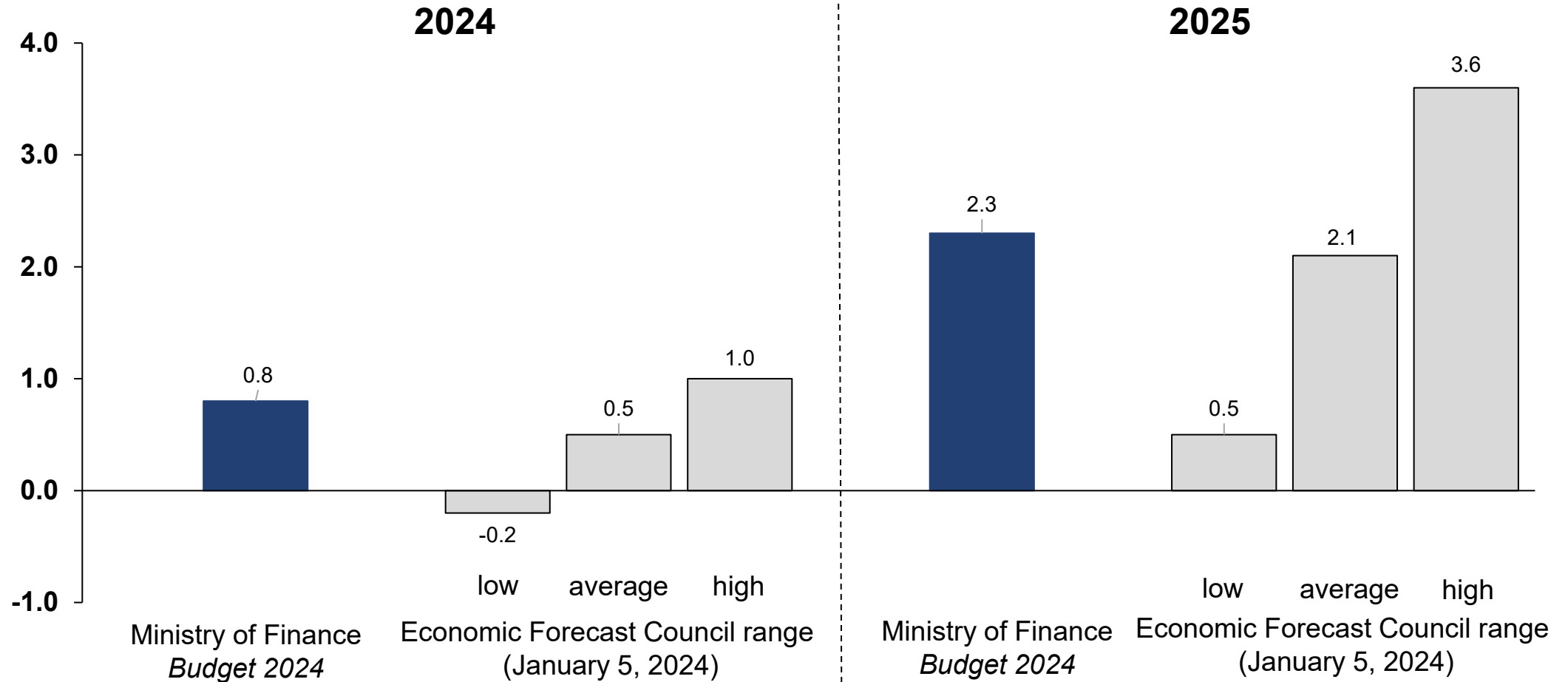


*Other Asia includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, India and ASEAN member countries
Source: BC Stats (may not add to 100 per cent due to rounding)

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Budget 2024 Real GDP Outlook

BC real GDP (annual per cent change)



Sources: BC Ministry of Finance; Economic Forecast Council range (low/average/high of Economic Forecast Council).

Budget 2024 BC Economic Outlook

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Real GDP (% change)	Budget 2024	1.0	0.8	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3
	EFC Jan 2024	0.9	0.5	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.2
Nominal GDP (% change)	Budget 2024	3.2	3.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6
	EFC Jan 2024	2.3	2.9	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.6
Household Income (% change)	Budget 2024	6.9	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.2
	EFC Jan 2024	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5
Retail Sales (% change)	Budget 2024	0.8	2.3	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.6
	EFC Jan 2024	0.7	1.4	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.4
Employment (% change)	Budget 2024	1.6	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	EFC Jan 2024	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Housing Starts (Units)	Budget 2024	50,490	46,107	47,331	49,565	50,552	51,406
	EFC Jan 2024	48,754	44,646	45,779	46,358	46,006	45,303

Sources: BC Ministry of Finance; Economic Forecast Council (EFC).



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