

Canada's Economic Pulse: Inflation, BoC Rates, and Market Shifts in the Last

Canadian Finance · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What was the approximate year-over-year inflation rate in Canada as of April 2026?

- A) 2.0%
- B) 2.4%
- C) 2.8%**
- D) 3.2%

2. According to the latest available data, what has been the general trend of the Canadian Dollar (CAD) against the US Dollar (USD) over the past month?

- A) Strengthened significantly
- B) Remained stable
- C) Weakened moderately**
- D) Experienced high volatility without a clear trend

3. What was the Bank of Canada's policy interest rate as of the April 29, 2026 announcement?

- A) 2.00%
- B) 2.25%**
- C) 2.50%
- D) 2.75%

4. How did the S&P/TSX Composite Index perform over the past month leading up to early June 2026?

- A) It experienced a significant decline
- B) It remained largely flat
- C) It saw a moderate increase**
- D) It recorded a sharp increase exceeding 5%

5. Which sector has been identified as a key driver of recent inflation acceleration in Canada?

- A) Technology
- B) Real Estate
- C) Energy**
- D) Agriculture

6. What was the general sentiment regarding Canada's GDP growth in the first quarter of 2026, based on recent reports?

- A) Strong positive growth
- B) Moderate expansion
- C) Stagnation or slight contraction**
- D) Significant unexpected surge

7. Which of the following describes the trend in foreign direct investment (FDI) into Canada as reported in April 2026, referring to recent periods?

- A) Consistent outflows, indicating decreased investor confidence
- B) A significant increase, signaling renewed global confidence**
- C) Minimal activity with no discernible trend
- D) A shift towards portfolio investment over direct investment

8. What was the primary reason cited for the Canadian Dollar weakening past 1.382 per USD in late May 2026?

- A) Stronger-than-expected Canadian GDP data
- B) Rising commodity prices
- C) Soft domestic inflation and risks to growth**
- D) Anticipation of a Bank of Canada interest rate hike

9. What is the Bank of Canada's target range for inflation?

- A) 1.5% to 2.5%
- B) 2% to 3%**
- C) 1% to 2%
- D) 2.5% to 3.5%

10. What was the approximate year-over-year change in the New Housing Price Index in Canada as of April 2026?

- A) Increased by 0.4%
- B) Decreased by 0.4%**
- C) Remained unchanged
- D) Increased by 2.3%