

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				
			Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Exchange rates per U.S. dollar (not seasonally adjusted) ¹																
Canada (Can./US\$)	1.4858	1.4855	1.4689	1.4957	1.4770	1.4778	1.4828	1.4864	1.5125	1.5426	1.5219	1.5032	1.5216	1.5587	1.5578	1.5411
Euro zone (US\$/Euro) ²	1.0653	0.9234	0.9449	0.9059	0.9505	0.9386	0.9045	0.8695	0.8525	0.8552	0.8983	0.9376	0.9205	0.9083	0.8925	0.8753
Japan (¥/US\$)	1.1373	1.0782	1.0563	1.0832	1.0613	1.0821	1.0808	1.0684	1.0844	1.0901	1.1221	1.1667	1.1623	1.2151	1.2377	1.2177
Mexico (Peso/US\$)	9.5530	9.4590	9.3940	9.5060	9.8340	9.4190	9.2720	9.3610	9.5370	9.5080	9.4670	9.7690	9.7110	9.5990	9.3280	9.1480
United Kingdom (US\$/£)	1.6172	1.5159	1.5823	1.5090	1.5092	1.5076	1.4889	1.4336	1.4506	1.4258	1.4629	1.4775	1.4525	1.4445	1.4348	1.4265
Addendum: Exchange value of the U.S. dollar ³	116.87	119.93	117.63	120.20	118.94	119.34	120.12	121.53	123.27	124.21	123.28	123.14	123.77	125.91	126.97	126.77
Unemployment rates (percent, monthly data seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	7.6	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
France	11.0	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
Germany	10.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Italy	11.4	10.6	.....	10.7	.....	.....	10.4	.....	10.0	.....	.....	9.8	.....	.....	.....	9.6
Japan	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9
Mexico	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.8	2.3	2.3	.....
United Kingdom	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
Addendum: United States	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4
Consumer prices (monthly data seasonally adjusted, 1995=100)																
Canada	106.1	109.0	107.9	108.4	109.1	109.5	109.3	109.8	110.0	110.4	110.5	110.1	110.6	110.9	111.7	112.7
France	104.6	106.3	106.0	106.2	106.4	106.2	106.4	107.0	106.8	107.1	107.0	106.6	106.9	107.4	107.9	108.6
Germany	104.9	107.0	106.4	106.3	106.9	107.4	107.2	107.7	107.5	107.7	107.8	108.3	109.0	109.1	109.5	110.0
Italy	110.0	112.8	112.1	112.5	112.8	113.0	113.1	113.3	113.7	114.0	114.1	114.6	115.0	115.1	115.6	115.9
Japan	102.2	101.5	101.7	101.8	101.5	101.3	101.3	101.6	101.7	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.2	101.1	101.3	101.3
Mexico	219.1	239.9	236.6	237.5	238.9	239.8	241.1	242.9	244.6	246.7	249.3	250.7	250.6	252.1	253.4	254.0
United Kingdom	111.0	114.2	114.1	114.5	114.8	114.4	114.4	115.2	115.1	115.5	115.5	114.8	115.4	115.5	116.1	116.9
Addendum: United States	109.3	113.1	112.3	112.4	113.0	113.3	113.4	113.9	114.1	114.4	114.6	115.3	115.6	115.7	116.0	116.5
Real gross domestic product (percent change from preceding quarter, quarterly data seasonally adjusted at annual rates)																
Canada	5.1	4.4	.....	1.9	.....	.....	4.5	.....	.....	1.6	.....	.....	2.5	.....	.....	.....
France	3.0	3.4	.....	2.9	.....	.....	3.6	.....	.....	3.0	.....	.....	1.9	.....	.....	.....
Germany	1.4	3.1	.....	4.8	.....	.....	1.1	.....	.....	0.8	.....	.....	1.4	.....	.....	.....
Italy	1.6	2.9	.....	1.4	.....	.....	1.7	.....	.....	3.3	.....	.....	3.4	.....	.....	.....
Japan	0.8	1.5	.....	0.5	.....	.....	-2.7	.....	.....	2.6	.....	.....	-0.8	.....	.....	.....
Mexico	3.8	6.9	.....	7.6	.....	.....	7.3	.....	.....	5.1	.....	.....	1.9	.....	.....	.....
United Kingdom	2.3	3.1	.....	3.7	.....	.....	3.4	.....	.....	1.8	.....	.....	1.8	.....	.....	1.0
Addendum: United States	4.1	4.1	.....	5.7	.....	.....	1.3	.....	.....	1.9	.....	.....	1.3	.....	.....	0.7
Short-term, 3-month, interest rates (percent, not seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	4.89	5.78	5.94	6.33	6.08	5.98	5.87	5.84	5.83	5.86	5.74	5.44	5.16	4.69	4.61	4.42
Euro zone	2.97	4.39	3.93	4.35	4.50	4.58	4.78	4.85	5.04	5.09	4.94	4.77	4.76	4.71	4.68	4.64
Mexico	22.38	16.15	14.37	15.58	16.61	14.62	15.71	16.15	17.06	18.01	17.41	18.50	18.07	16.47	15.40	12.61
United Kingdom	5.44	6.10	6.21	6.22	6.14	6.11	6.13	6.11	6.08	6.00	5.88	5.76	5.68	5.47	5.33	5.17
Addendum: United States	4.66	5.84	5.67	5.92	5.74	5.93	6.11	5.99	6.10	6.18	5.83	5.27	4.93	4.50	3.91	3.66
Long-term interest rates, government bond yields (percent, not seasonally adjusted)																
Canada	5.68	5.92	5.90	6.10	5.89	5.84	5.77	5.81	5.79	5.78	5.58	5.71	5.69	5.60	5.85	6.03
Euro zone	4.66	5.44	5.41	5.52	5.35	5.45	5.40	5.47	5.42	5.34	5.07	5.01	5.02	4.94	5.10	5.26
France	4.94	5.89	5.84	5.92	5.94	6.00	6.04	5.93	5.92	5.78	5.55	5.48	5.60	5.36	5.47	5.60
Germany	4.5	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.1
Italy	4.73	5.58	5.47	5.67	5.51	5.59	5.56	5.63	5.58	5.55	5.30	5.18	5.18	5.13	5.28	5.45
Japan	1.75	1.74	1.74	1.71	1.66	1.69	1.75	1.88	1.82	1.76	1.62	1.51	1.42	1.17	1.32	1.25
United Kingdom	5.07	5.30	5.30	5.39	5.19	5.21	5.29	5.35	5.18	5.07	4.89	4.85	4.85	4.72	4.96	5.13
Addendum: United States	5.65	6.03	5.99	6.44	6.10	6.05	5.83	5.80	5.74	5.72	5.24	5.16	5.10	4.89	5.14	5.39
Share price indices (not seasonally adjusted, 1995=100)																
Canada	159.2	216.7	210.8	208.7	229.9	234.7	253.7	234.1	217.4	198.9	201.5	210.2	182.2	171.6	179.2	184.1
France	234.6	321.7	318.2	324.2	333.4	332.6	336.5	336.5	316.5	317.0	303.6	299.7	292.8	271.0	276.0	288.0
Germany	204.9	260.3	272.9	265.8	266.0	262.9	261.8	256.6	242.6	240.7	227.0	227.4	225.1	207.7	207.3	213.5
Italy	245.5	319.0	309.5	316.0	321.5	327.7	325.4	327.1	316.6	331.8	312.1	306.8	297.4	272.7	281.6	282.8
Japan	98.0	97.7	103.9	94.4	100.7	90.9	97.5	91.0	84.1	84.7	79.7	80.0	74.5	75.2	80.6	76.7
Mexico	240.3	293.6	299.2	268.6	313.1	293.5	300.3	285.4	288.1	254.7	254.7	292.7	271.8	258.1	269.8	297.2
United Kingdom	168.5	178.5	178.7	175.2	182.1	182.3	180.7	179.2	172.5	172.2	167.4	165.0	163.5	154.4	153.9	157.5
Addendum: United States	212.7	221.4	222.2	219.8	223.1	224.4	228.8	232.5	222.1	222.1	221.7	223.4	222.6	207.3	208.5	221.3

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

2. As of January 1, 1999, the euro is reported in place of the individual euro-area currencies. These currency rates can be derived from the euro rate by using the following conversion rates: 1 euro = 6.55957 French francs, 1.93626 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 and reflects

revised trade weights. 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. All 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.