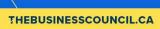


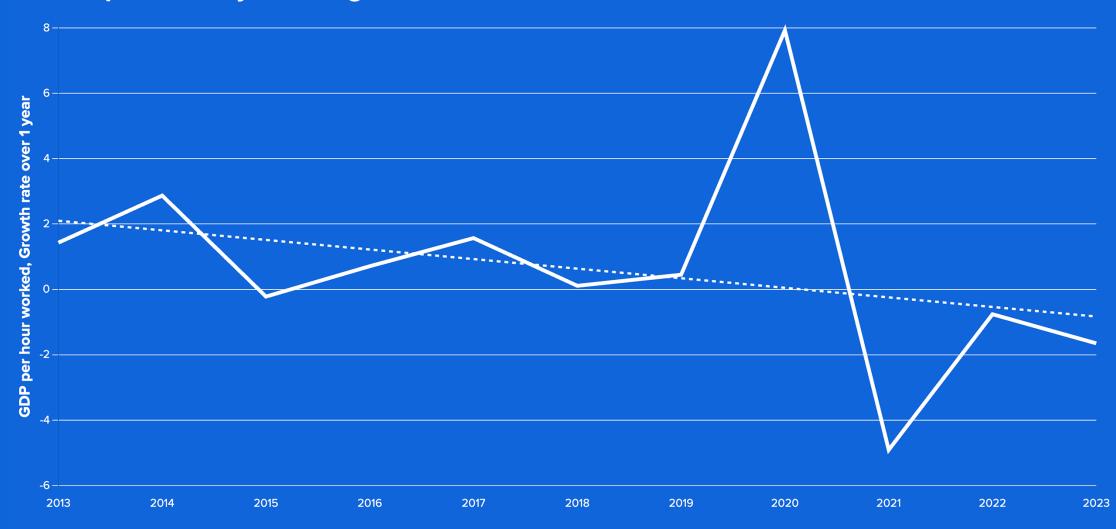


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# THE CANADIAN CHALLENGE - IT STARTS WITH PRODUCTIVITY

### Labour productivity annual growth rate, Canada, 2013-2023



### AND HAS BROAD IMPLICATIONS

#### **Canadian real GDP per capita**



#### Canada's output per hour worked as a % of the U.S. and G7 average

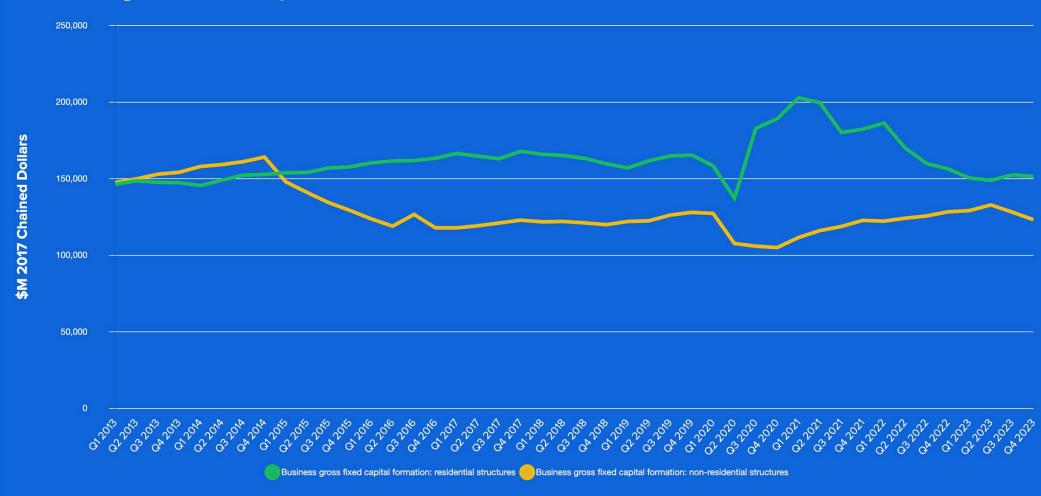


# PRODUCTIVITY IS LINKED TO EARNINGS

- From 1945 to 1975, the real average weekly wage in Canada doubled.
- At the current rate, it would take about four centuries to achieve this feat.
- Average weekly earnings have increased only 1.6% between January 2015 and January 2024.
- This is less than 0.2 % per year, a considerable change from a growth rate of 1.5% per year that Canadian workers enjoyed over the previous two decades.

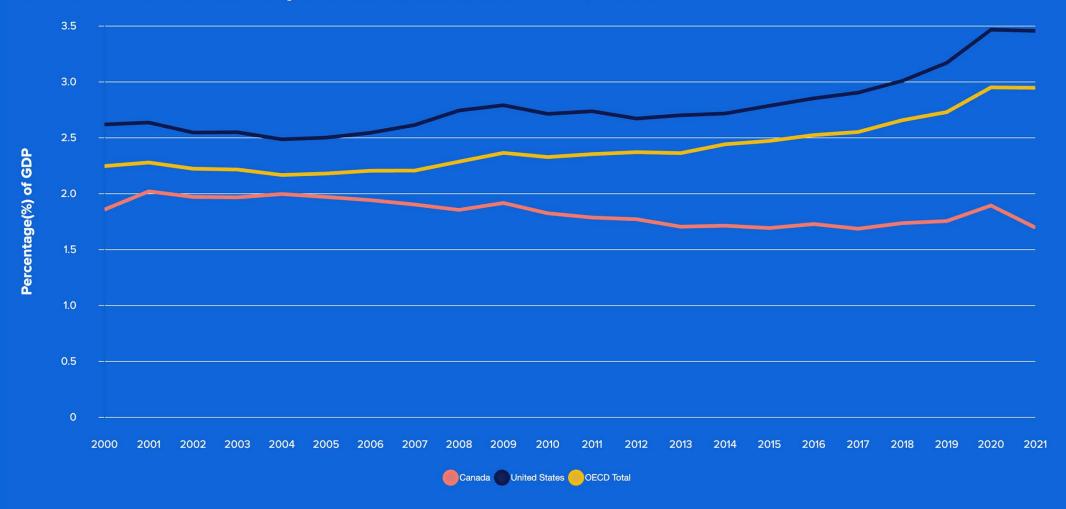
# THE INDUSTRIAL COMPOSITION CHALLENGE

#### **Business gross fixed capital formation**



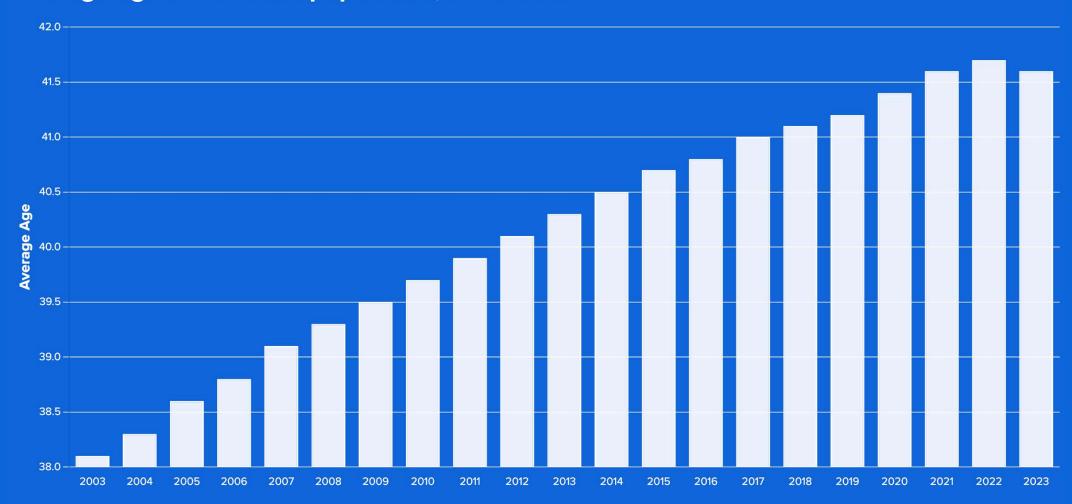
# THE R&D CHALLENGE

### Gross domestic R&D expenditure, total, % of GDP, 2000-2021



# THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE

### Average age of Canada's population, 2003-2023



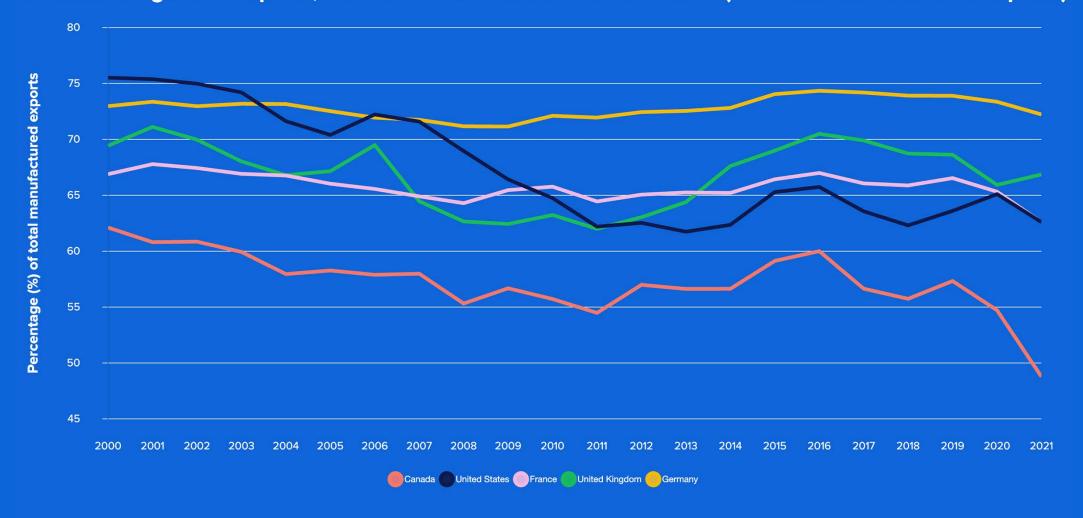
# THE DYNAMISM CHALLENGE

### **Annual business entry and exit rates in Canada**



## THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIES CHALLENGE

Medium & high-tech exports, Canada vs other advanced economies (% of total manufactured exports)



# WE NEED A NEW MODEL OF GROWTH

CURRENT MODEL OF GROWTH	A BETTER MODEL OF GROWTH
Real estate/housing	<ul><li>Innovation as an engine of growth (maximizing intellectual capital)</li><li>S&amp;T innovation ecosystem and technology development</li></ul>
Consumption-driven economy	Advanced strategic industries (high level of R&D and highly qualified workers)
Low-value manufacturing     (assembling things)	High value manufacturing (designing high-tech products and services that are driving innovation)
Low-wage immigration	High wage economic immigration
Celebrating staying small	Scaling SME's
Rent-seeking industrial policy	Improving dynamic capabilities of firms and strategic sectors
Inefficient regulatory framework & unpredictability	Leader in energy security and electrification
Inefficient tax code	Tax system that rewards investments