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The Department of Finance Canada announced today that Canada's official international reserves decreased by an amount equivalent to US\$988 million in December to US\$121,622 million. This was driven by a net loss on investments (US\$1,540 million)¹ which was slightly offset by positive reserves management funding operations (US\$552 million)².

Details on the level and composition of Canada's reserves as of December 31, 2024, as well as the major factors underlying the change in reserves, are provided below. All figures are in millions of US dollars unless otherwise noted.

Table 1

Foreign currency reserves

Millions of US dollars

	Amount
Securities	81,141
Deposits (more details in Table 2)	12,738
Total securities and deposits (liquid reserves):	93,879
Gold	0
Special drawing rights (SDRs)	22,224
Reserve position in the International Monetary Fund (IMF)	3,676
Other reserve assets ³	1,843
Total:	
December 31, 2024	121,622
November 29, 2024	122,610
Net change (more details in Table 3):	-988

Table 2

Details on deposits

Millions of US dollars

	Amount
Other central banks/Bank for International Settlements	12,738
Banks headquartered in Canada	0
Of which: located abroad	0
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Of which: located in Canada	0
Total:	12,738

Table 3

Details of net change

Millions of US dollars

	Amount
Reserves management operations	552
Gains and losses on gold sales	0
Net investment gains and losses	-1,540
<i>of which:</i>	
Return on investments ⁴	-511
Foreign currency debt charges	-158
Revaluation effects ⁵	-871
Net government operations ⁶	0
Official intervention	0
Other transactions	0
Net change:	-988

Table 4

Currency composition of deposits and securities

Millions of US dollars

	Amount
US dollar	67,700
Euro	12,398
Pound sterling	9,080
Yen	4,701
Total:	93,879

Table 5

Predetermined short-term drains on foreign currency reserves (nominal value)

Millions of US dollars

	0 to 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	Total
Foreign currency securities: ⁷				
Principal	-5,423	-931	-9,471	-15,825
Interest	-168	-415	-1,733	-2,316
Aggregate short forward positions in foreign currencies vis-à-vis Canadian dollar	0	0	0	0
Aggregate long forward positions in foreign currencies vis-à-vis Canadian dollar	0	0	0	0
Total net drains:	-5,592	-1,346	-11,203	-18,141

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Table 6

Additional information (nominal value)

Millions of US dollars

	Amount
Undrawn, unconditional credit lines with banks headquartered outside Canada	0
Pledged assets ⁸	0
Securities lent under repurchase agreements ⁹	0
Securities held under repurchase agreements ¹⁰	7,369
Financial derivatives assets (net, marked to market):	
Forwards	155
Swaps	-1,866

Notes:

1. Net investment gains and losses include return on investments, foreign currency debt charges and revaluation effects.
2. Net change in securities and deposits resulting from foreign currency funding activities of the government. Foreign reserves are managed under an asset-liability matching framework. Therefore, when a foreign currency liability matures, assets are used to repay the principal, leading to a decrease in reserves. In December 2024, Canada bills increased by US\$534 million to a level of outstanding bills of US\$2,717 million. An equivalent of US\$777 million in cross-currency swaps was raised while US\$759 million in cross-currency swaps matured during the month.
3. "Other reserve assets" include the distribution of SDRs allocated to Canada by the IMF as part of the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Trust borrowing agreement.
4. "Return on investments" comprises US\$242 million of interest earned on investments and a US\$753 million decrease in the market value of securities.
5. "Revaluation effects" reflect changes in the market value of reserve assets resulting from movements in exchange rates. In December 2024, the revaluation effect was mainly due to the depreciation of the euro, the Japanese yen and the pound sterling.
6. "Net government operations" are the net purchases of foreign currency for government foreign exchange requirements and for additions to reserves.
7. "Foreign currency securities" include maturities of foreign currency debt, cross-currency swap payments and an estimate of interest payments on foreign currency liabilities.
8. "Pledged assets" are securities posted as collateral to cover unsettled transactions and are included in total reserves.
9. "Securities lent under repurchase agreements" are included in total reserves. Collateral provided in securities lending transactions is not included in total reserves.
10. Cash invested under repurchase agreements is included in total reserves. Collateral provided in securities lending transactions is not included in total reserves.

Table 7

Official international reserves (10-year synopsis)

Millions of US dollars

Date	US dollars	Other currencies	Gold	SDRs	IMF position	Other reserve		Total
						assets		
December 31, 2024	67,700	26,179	0	22,224	3,676	1,843		121,622
November 29, 2024	67,155	27,350	0	22,828	3,603	1,674		122,610
October 31, 2024	67,309	27,354	0	23,072	3,652	1,697		123,084
September 27, 2024	70,156	28,932	0	23,476	3,783	1,727		128,074
August 30, 2024	68,490	28,663	0	23,073	3,840	1,716		125,782
July 31, 2024	67,960	27,969	0	22,695	3,888	1,693		124,205
June 28, 2024	67,664	27,299	0	22,457	3,849	1,631		122,900
May 31, 2024	67,857	27,314	0	22,352	3,594	1,641		122,758
April 30, 2024	67,139	26,488	0	22,192	3,579	1,634		121,032
March 28, 2024	63,160	26,715	0	23,468	3,892	715		117,950
February 29, 2024	62,532	25,756	0	23,209	4,037	717		116,251
January 31, 2024	62,728	25,577	0	23,182	4,091	718		116,296
December 29, 2023	63,640	26,274	0	23,422	4,215	725		118,276
December 31, 2024	67,700	26,179	0	22,224	3,676	1,843		121,622
December 29, 2023	63,640	26,274	0	23,422	4,215	725		118,276
December 30, 2022	56,652	23,077	0	22,875	4,348	303		107,255
December 31, 2021	55,378	22,771	0	23,997	4,469	0		106,615
December 31, 2020	49,236	27,584	0	8,886	4,722	0		90,428
December 31, 2019	48,646	24,967	0	8,527	3,157	0		85,297
December 31, 2018	49,090	24,189	0	7,941	2,706	0		83,926
December 29, 2017	51,343	25,308	0	7,975	1,999	0		86,625
December 30, 2016	52,496	20,453	0	7,578	2,191	0		82,718
December 31, 2015	48,229	20,848	58	7,899	2,719	0		79,753
December 31, 2014	43,756	19,000	116	8,164	3,664	0		74,700
December 31, 2013	39,514	18,916	115	8,675	4,717	0		71,937

Future release dates

The next release is February 5, 2025 (covering the period of January 2025).

For further information on the Exchange Fund Account, please consult the *Report on the Management of Canada's Official International Reserves—April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024*.

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