

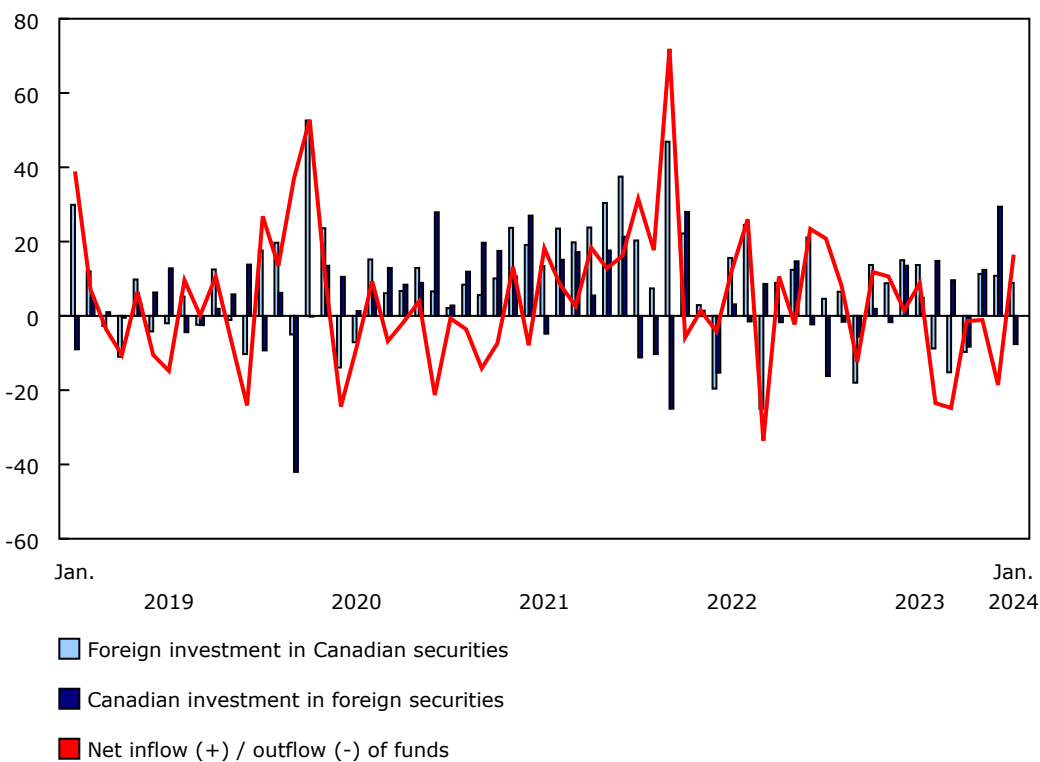
Canada's international transactions in securities, January 2024

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Foreign investment in Canadian securities amounted to \$8.9 billion in January, led by acquisitions of government debt securities. Meanwhile, Canadian investors reduced their holdings of foreign securities by \$7.6 billion, led by sales of equity securities. As a result, international transactions in securities generated a net inflow of funds of \$16.5 billion in the Canadian economy.

Chart 1
Canada's international transactions in securities

billions of dollars



Source(s): Table 36-10-0028-01.

Strong foreign investment focuses on government debt securities

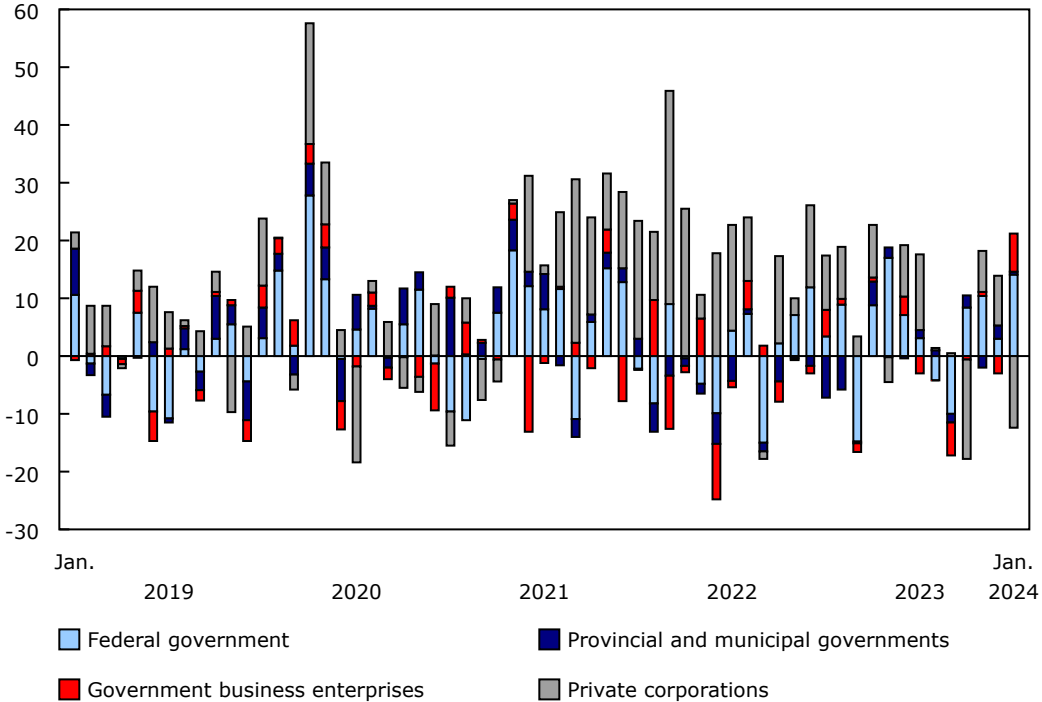
Foreign investors acquired \$8.9 billion of Canadian securities in January, a third consecutive monthly investment. The activity in January focused on debt securities of governments and their business enterprises, both short- and long-term instruments, and was moderated by a divestment in private corporate money market instruments.

Foreign acquisitions of public sector debt securities totalled \$21.3 billion in January, the largest investment since November 2021. The activity in January 2024 was led by a \$14.1 billion investment in federal government debt instruments and a \$6.6 billion investment in debt securities of government business enterprises. On the other hand, non-resident investors reduced their holdings of private corporate paper by a record \$15.5 billion, largely attributable to retirements of instruments from the banking sector.



Chart 2
Foreign investment in Canadian debt securities, by sector of issuer

billions of dollars



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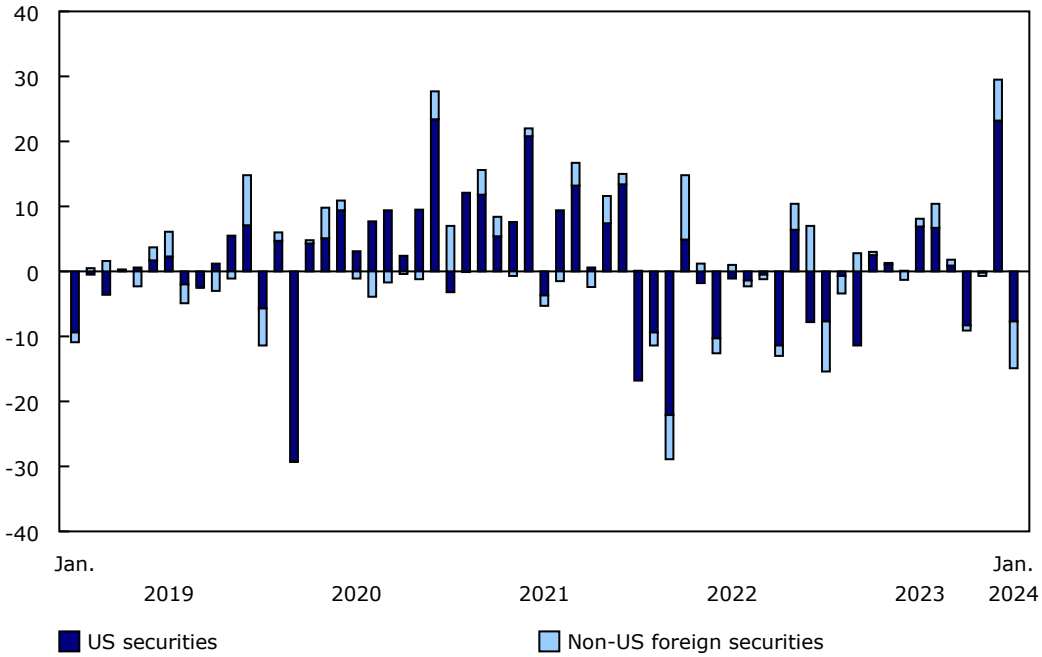
Foreign investment in Canadian shares was marginal in January as acquisitions on the secondary market (+\$1.6 billion) were offset by retirements. Canadian share prices, as measured by the Standard and Poor's (S&P)/Toronto Stock Exchange composite index, edged up 0.3% in January.

Substantial Canadian divestment in foreign shares

Canadian investors reduced their exposure to foreign securities by \$7.6 billion in January, after a record investment of \$29.4 billion in the previous month. A significant divestment in foreign shares was moderated by investments in foreign bonds.

Chart 3
Canadian investment in foreign equity and investment fund shares

billions of dollars

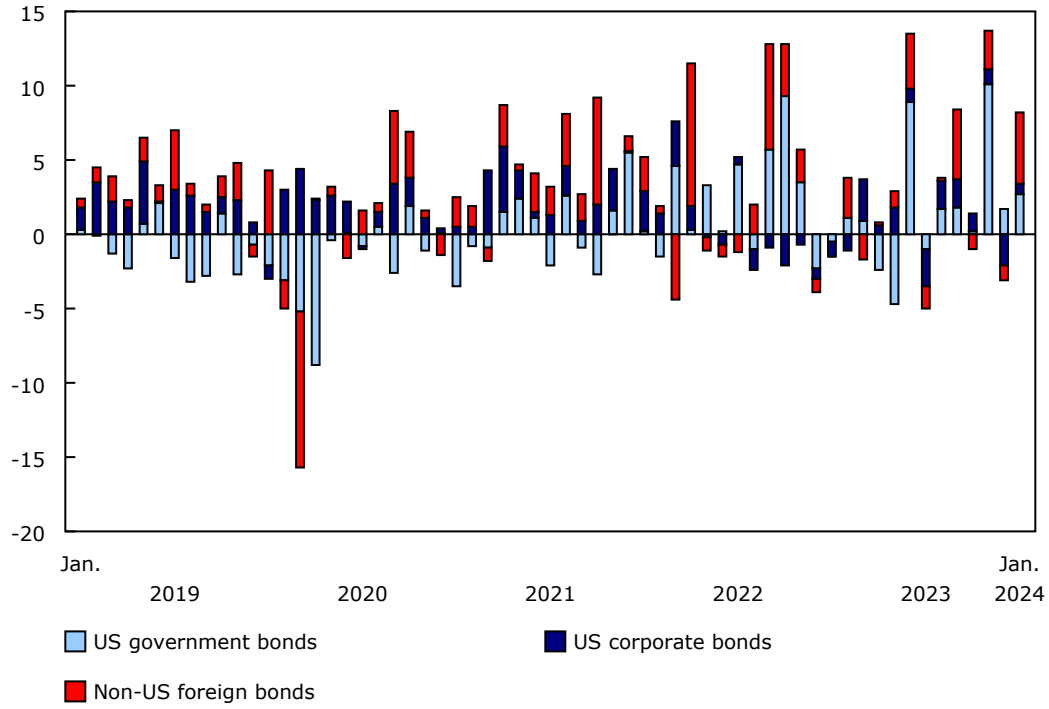


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The divestment in foreign equity securities totalled \$14.8 billion, nearly equally split between US and non-US foreign shares. January's divestment activity was the highest in one year and followed a record \$29.5 billion investment in December 2023. US share prices, as measured by the S&P 500 index, were up by 1.7% in January 2024. At the same time, Canadian investors added \$8.1 billion of foreign bonds to their portfolios, mainly bonds of the US government and international organizations.

Chart 4
Canadian investment in foreign bonds

billions of dollars



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	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	2022	2023
millions of dollars					
Foreign investment in Canadian securities	11,286	10,799	8,877	137,613	32,774
Debt securities	16,307	10,967	8,857	149,634	81,088
Money market instruments	2,149	6,132	-7,741	368	1,433
Governments	2,022	2,353	5,169	-42,695	29,432
Federal government	2,293	-1,363	6,186	-32,075	28,071
Other governments	-272	3,716	-1,017	-10,619	1,362
Corporations	127	3,779	-12,910	43,059	-27,998
Government business enterprises	-1,414	365	2,635	5,570	-1,686
Private corporations	1,540	3,415	-15,545	37,491	-26,311
Bonds	14,158	4,835	16,598	149,268	79,656
Governments	6,424	2,950	9,516	19,018	7,255
Federal government	8,119	4,329	7,950	33,362	13,075
Other governments	-1,696	-1,379	1,566	-14,341	-5,821
Corporations	7,734	1,885	7,082	130,248	72,398
Government business enterprises	2,154	-3,322	3,945	-8,937	-1,926
Private corporations	5,580	5,208	3,137	139,187	74,327
Equity and investment fund shares	-5,021	-169	19	-12,023	-48,313
Shares	-4,458	191	203	-8,443	-43,654
Investment fund shares	-563	-360	-184	-3,579	-4,660
Canadian investment in foreign securities	12,381	29,399	-7,594	-11,486	53,038
Debt securities	13,070	-74	7,253	50,866	37,342
Money market instruments	-611	1,391	-846	2,388	3,973
Bonds	13,681	-1,465	8,099	48,478	33,368
Equity and investment fund shares	-690	29,474	-14,847	-62,350	15,696

Note(s): In this table, a positive value denotes an increase in investment, and a negative value denotes a decrease in investment. Transactions are recorded on a net basis. Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Source(s): Tables [36-10-0028-01](#) and [36-10-0583-01](#).

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Equity and investment fund shares include common and preferred equities, as well as units or shares of investment funds. For the sake of brevity, the terms "shares" and "equity and investment fund shares" have the same meaning.

Debt securities include bonds and money market instruments.

Bonds have an original term to maturity of more than one year.

Money market instruments have an original term to maturity of one year or less.

Government of Canada paper includes Treasury bills and US-dollar Canada bills.

All values in this release are net transactions unless otherwise stated.

Next release

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