

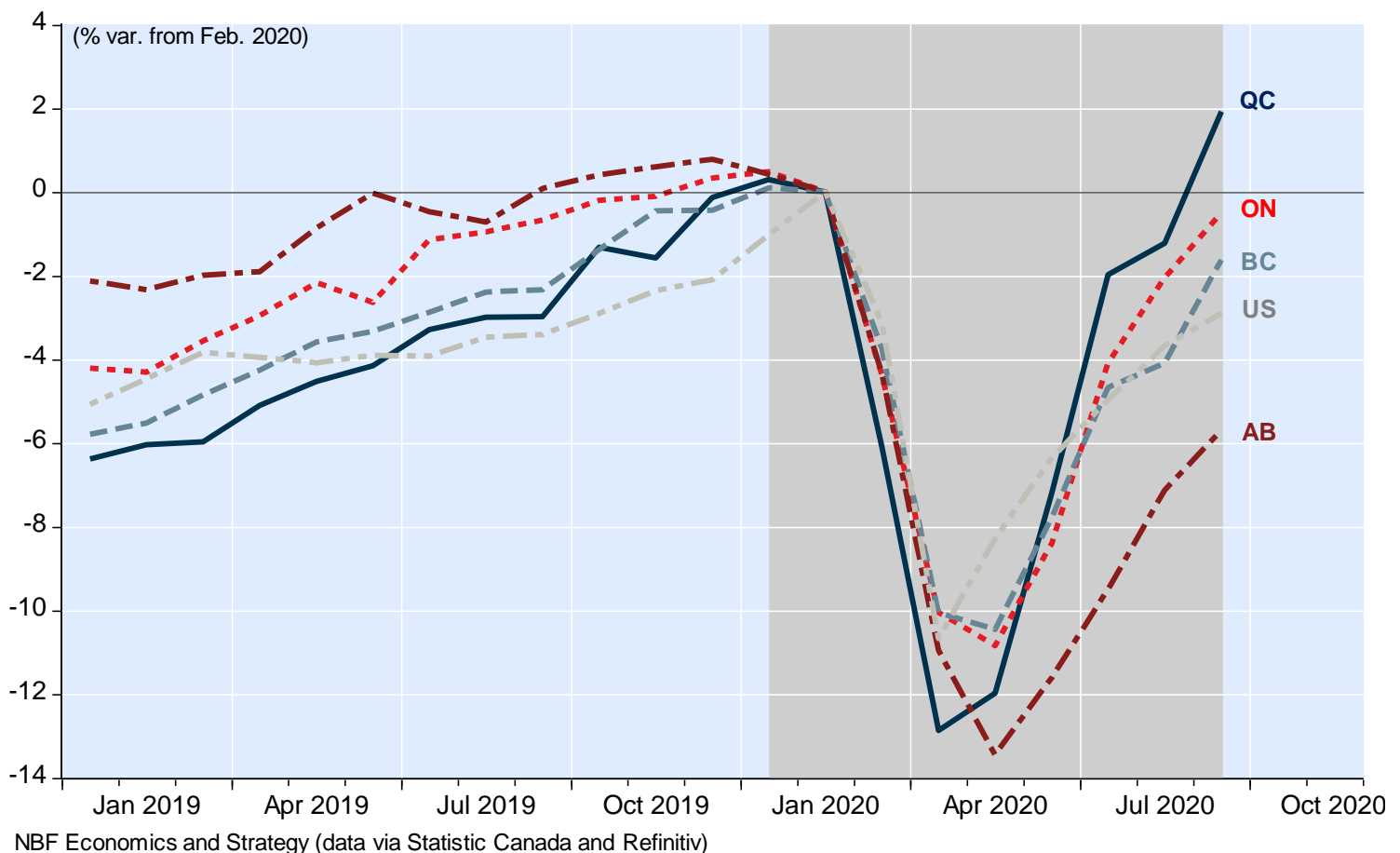
## Canada Watch

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National accounts data released earlier this week show Canada still leading the U.S. during this economic recovery when it comes to a key indicator: wages & salaries. Importantly, Canada's outperformance is widespread at the regional level. As today's Hot Chart shows, the growth in wages & salaries paid in three of the four largest Canadian provinces was outpacing the U.S. at the end of Q3 (with Quebec showing a new record high). This development is key to economic resilience and helps improve the taxation base for all levels of government. On a more technical note, the Q3 Canadian national accounts data on labour income should also ease concerns among those that have recently questioned the veracity of the LFS employment data showing a much more robust jobs recovery north of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel than south of the border.

### Canada: A widespread regional recovery for wages & salaries

Wages & salaries paid in the four largest provinces and the U.S. (as of September 2020)



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