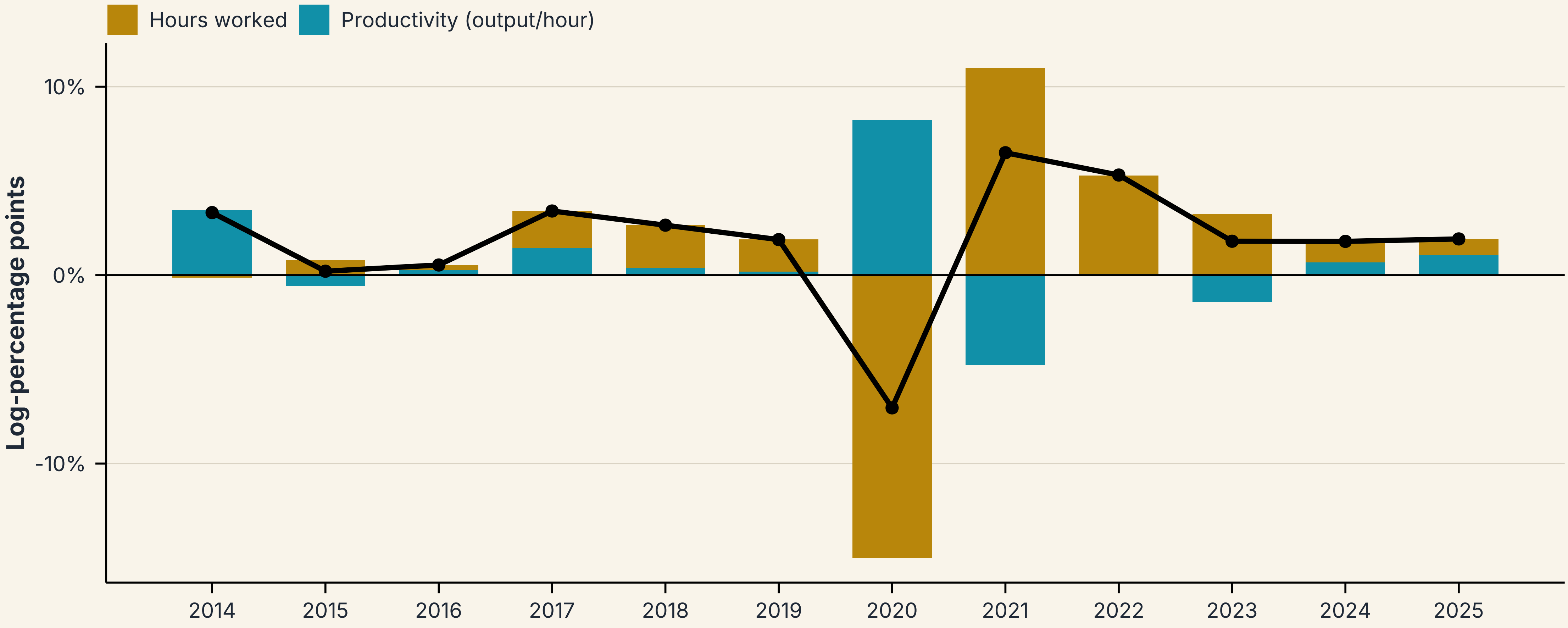
Where Growth Comes From: Working More vs Producing More

Business-sector real GDP growth (black line) split into hours worked vs output per hour



Notes: Annual averages of quarterly business-sector indexes; complete years only. The two bars add to the line exactly, because productivity is defined as GDP divided by hours. The 2020 and 2021 bars are compositional as much as economic: when hours collapse in the lowest-output industries, measured output per hour rises without anything becoming more productive.
Source: Statistics Canada, Table 36-10-0206. Released 03 Jun 2026. Retrieved 16 Aug 2026.
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