

Canada Watch

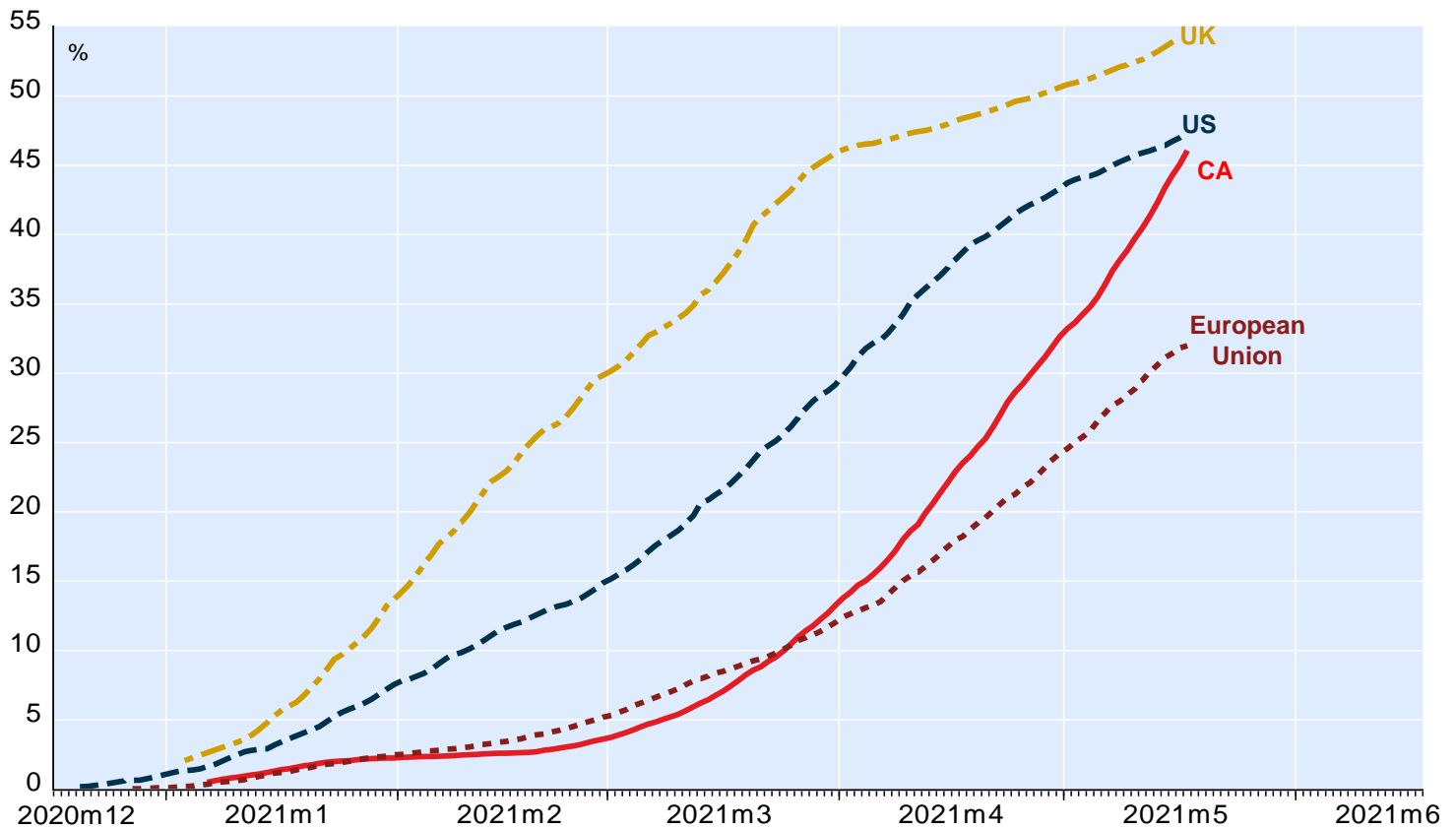
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Though Canadians remain under public-health restrictions and the economy will probably finish the second quarter barely up, there are grounds for optimism about subsequent months. Vaccination rollout, after a slow start, has picked up speed. At the beginning of April, the percentage of Canadians injected was 15 points behind the percentage of Americans. But as today's Hot Chart shows, this gap has now vanished, and we expect Canada to surpass the U.S. going forward – the latest Léger & Léger poll shows substantially more desire among Canadians to get vaccinated (82% vs. 67%). Therefore, an impressive growth rebound can be expected in H2 2021 North of the 49th parallel as physical-proximity services reopen in a context of extremely stimulative fiscal and monetary policy. This month we have revised our forecast of 2021 growth up to account for a successful vaccination campaign and the widespread rise in commodity prices. Our forecast for nominal growth is now 10.4%, not seen in 40 years (see our latest [Economic Monitor](#) for more details).

Note: You can follow our daily COVID monitor on the evolution of the pandemic in selected countries using this [link](#).

Canada: “Mind the gap” no more

% of population that has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (last observation : May 17)



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