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Calgary Economic Region

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City of Calgary Monthly Economic Indicators	2006	2007	2008	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General Indicators									<u> </u>				, ,				
Inflation (12 month moving average)																	
Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)	4.6%	5.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.6%	2.2%	1.7%	1.3%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%
Canada	2.0%	2.1%	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Unemployment Rate																	
Calgary Economic Region (C.E.R.)	3.4%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	3.8%	4.1%	5.1%	5.8%	6.4%	6.6%	6.4%	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%
Canada	6.3%	6.0%	6.1%	5.8%	6.0%	6.8%	7.5%	8.3%	8.6%	8.7%	8.4%	8.6%	8.7%	8.5%	8.1%	7.7%	7.8%
C.E.R. Employment (Person - 000s)	700	735	756	770	767	762	753	744	740	744	754	760	761	757	752	747	745
Employment insurance Alberta - # of recipients (seasonally adjusted)	18,834	16,838	17,422	20,110	22,530	25,680	34,180	44,010	50,940	56,630	62,860	62,310	58,030	71,710	74,140	75,300	
Year-over-year % change	-15.4%	-10.4%	4.0%	28.8%	44.1%	60.8%	116.1%	174.0%	208.4%	234.1%	274.2%	232.0%	229.9%	320.7%	306.5%	274.4%	
Employment insurance Calgary - # of recipients (un-adjusted)	5,293	4,469	4,903	4,630	6,310	9,340	12,310	16,260	17,930	18,420	19,280	21,470	22,130	18,950	18,350	18,680	
Year-over-year % change	-24.50%	-15.60%	9.70%	28.61%	47.09%	68.90%	125.46%	202.79%	283.12%	346.00%	386.87%	323.47%	289.61%	378.54%	351.97%	303.46%	
City of Calgary Population Estimate (000s) <sup>‡</sup>	992#	1020#	1043#	1,056	1,058	1,060	1,062	1,064	1,065	1,068	1,071	1,074	1,077	1,080	1,082	1,085	1,086
West Texas Intermediate (\$US/barrel)	66.07	72.28	99.64	57.44	41.91	41.87	39.26	48.06	49.89	59.21	69.70	64.29	71.15	69.47	75.82	77.98	74.66
Alberta Natural Gas (Cdn\$/GJ)	6.18	6.12	7.73	6.51	6.27	5.55	4.54	3.97	3.36	3.49	3.00	2.89	2.59	2.98	4.08	3.69	5.22
Canadian real GDP y-o-y % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar)	2.8%	2.6%	0.6%	-1.1%	-1.6%	-2.7%	-2.6%	-3.0%	-3.6%	-4.0%	-3.9%	-4.3%	-3.8%	-3.2%	-2.8%	-1.7%	
Canadian real GDP m-o-m % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar)	NA	NA	NA	-0.8%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.2%		
Prime lending rate - Bank of Canada (%)	5.81%	6.10%	4.73%	4.00%	3.50%	3.00%	3.00%	2.50%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
Consumer Indicators																	
Hourly earnings - Alberta (\$) Year-over-year % change	6.9%	6.0%	5.7%	5.0%	4.1%	6.2%	4.5%	3.6%	4.3%	5.0%	6.1%	4.6%	5.9%	3.7%	3.9%	2.5%	1.3%
Hourly earnings - Calgary (\$) Year-over-year % change	7.7%	5.2%	5.9%	3.2%	2.7%	3.2%	3.7%	3.9%	2.4%	2.2%	3.4%	4.9%	5.7%	5.3%	4.7%	3.1%	1.8%
Retail sales - Alberta (\$ billions)	55.9	61.2	61.1	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	
Consumer confidence - Canada	102.4	103.5	77.7	57.5	52.0	56.2	54.2	56.1	62.0	69.8	72.1	72.7	81.5	85.4	84.7	79.0	82.8
Housing starts - Calgary CMA	17,046	13,505	11,438	575	403	243	206	297	321	480	434	755	548	813	732	832	657
# of personal bankruptcies - Alberta	4,823	4,768	6,066	595	606	696	706	951	838	847	1,021	872	882	1,163	690	686	
Calgary Housing (# of units sold) MLS	32,912	32,286	23,137	1,141	777	928	1,392	1,797	2,217	2,624	3,057	2,745	2,324	2,255	2,265	1,902	1,374
Household sales/listing ratio - Calgary	77.76	61.21	41.77	40.01	48.44	24.63	38.01	47.39	58.87	63.61	75.20	70.80	66.48	64.82	67.75	72.32	83.78
Current month average house price - Calgary Metro (\$000)	348.0	422.4	412.9	388.7	373.8	374.0	379.1	379.4	376.7	394.4	402.6	395.0	397.9	412.3	409.8	415.0	402.1
Year-over-year % change of Calgary City MLS average prices	38.6%	21.7%	-2.0%	-7.2%	-9.5%	-12.3%	-10.9%	-11.6%	-11.7%	-9.0%	-5.7%	-4.5%	-1.6%	3.0%	1.0%	6.8%	7.6%
Business Indicators																r	
Wholesale sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions)	59.0	61.9	68.7	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	
Manufacturing sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions)	65.1	65.8	70.4	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	
# of new businesses <sup>++</sup>	**	**	**	942	676	NA	196	179	136	99	250	170	246	280	364	768	387
# of business closures - Calgary**	**	**	**	236	280	NA	532	302	260	184	273	141	156	187	195	189	204
# of business bankruptcies - Alberta Tracking of these indicators commenced in late 2008. Some comparative historica	NA	449	447	45 ary figures are Y	30	39	44 * Taken from A	31	24	34	33 prior April 200	35 9. Revised	33	35	33	32	

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