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City of Calgary	2007	2008	2009	2009									2010					
Monthly Economic Indicators				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
General Indicators																		
Inflation (12 month moving average)				1	1	T			1	1	1			1		ı		
Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)	5.0%	3.2%	-0.1%	2.6%	2.2%	1.7%	1.3%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	
Canada	2.1%	2.4%	0.3%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	
Unemployment Rate		,				T			1	1	r		1	r	T	r		
Calgary Economic Region (C.E.R.)	3.2%	3.3%	6.3%	6.4%	6.6%	6.4%	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.0%	7.3%	7.6%	7.7%	
Canada	6.0%	6.1%	8.1%	8.6%	8.7%	8.4%	8.6%	8.7%	8.5%	8.1%	7.7%	7.8%	8.2%	8.4%	8.7%	8.6%	8.5%	
C.E.R. Employment (Person - 000s)	735	756	752	740	744	754	760	761	757	752	747	745	740	738	735	733	737	
Employment insurance Alberta - # of recipients (seasonally adjusted)	16,838	17,702	56,903	50,940	56,630	62,860	62,310	58,030	71,770	73,120	72,090	67,050	59,060	55,610	52,360	49,900		
Year-over-year % change	-10.4%	5.7%	218.9%	208.4%	234.1%	274.2%	232.0%	229.9%	320.7%	300.9%	258.5%	197.6%	130.0%	62.7%	19.0%	-2.0%		
Employment insurance Calgary - # of recipients (un-adjusted)	4,469	4,903	17,740	17,930	18,420	19,280	21,470	22,130	18,950	18,470	18,720	19,680	20,790	20,060	19,250	17,560		
Year-over-year % change	-15.6%	9.7%	261.8%	283.1%	346.0%	386.9%	323.5%	289.6%	378.5%	354.9%	304.3%	211.9%	122.6%	63.0%	18.4%	-2.1%		
City of Calgary Population Estimate (000s)‡	1020#	1043#	1065#	1,065	1,068	1,071	1,074	1,077	1,080	1,082	1,085	1,086	1,089	1,091	1,093	1,094	1,097	
West Texas Intermediate (\$US/barrel)	72.28	99.64	61.78	49.89	59.21	69.70	64.29	71.15	69.47	75.82	77.98	74.66	78.40	76.45	81.31	84.58	74.12	
Alberta Natural Gas (Cdn\$/GJ)	6.12	7.73	3.78	3.36	3.49	3.00	2.89	2.59	2.98	4.08	3.69	5.22	5.30	4.95	3.84	3.57	3.65	
Canadian real GDP y-o-y % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar)	2.6%	0.6%	-2.9%	-3.6%	-3.9%	-3.7%	-4.1%	-3.6%	-3.0%	-2.6%	-1.2%	0.2%	1.5%	1.8%	3.0%	3.3%		
Canadian real GDP m-o-m % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar)	NA	NA	NA	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.0%		
Prime lending rate - Bank of Canada (%)	6.10%	4.73%	2.40%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	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	6.0%	5.7%	4.3%	4.3%	5.0%	6.1%	4.6%	5.9%	3.7%	3.9%	2.5%	1.3%	1.1%	1.6%	2.3%	1.7%	1.7%	
Hourly earnings - Calgary (\$) Year-over-year % change	5.2%	5.9%	3.7%	2.4%	2.2%	3.4%	4.9%	5.7%	5.3%	4.7%	3.1%	1.8%	0.8%	0.5%	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%	
Retail sales - Alberta (\$ billions)	61.2	61.1	55.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9		
Consumer confidence - Canada	103.5	77.7	71.4	62.0	69.8	72.1	72.7	81.5	85.4	84.7	79.0	82.8	96.6	88.2	92.5	84.8	89.3	
Housing starts - Calgary CMA	13,505	11,438	6,318	321	480	434	755	548	813	732	832	657	514	743	904	909	862	
# of personal bankruptcies - Alberta	4,768	6,066	9,986	838	847	1,021	872	882	1,163	690	686	634	684	637	776	744		
Calgary Housing (# of units sold) MLS	32,286	23,137	24,880	2,217	2,624	3,057	2,745	2,324	2,255	2,265	1,902	1,374	1,398	1,913	2,446	2,382	2,133	
Household sales/listing ratio - Calgary	61.21	41.77	61.14	58.87	63.61	75.20	70.80	66.48	64.82	67.75	72.32	83.78	40.09	47.22	45.01	43.98	41.42	
Current month average house price - Calgary Metro (\$000)	422.4	412.9	394.8	376.7	394.4	402.6	395.0	397.9	412.3	409.8	415.0	402.1	395.4	399.7	420.7	405.9	433.0	
Year-over-year % change of Calgary City MLS average prices	21.7%	-2.0%	-4.1%	-11.7%	-9.0%	-5.7%	-4.5%	-1.6%	3.0%	1.0%	6.8%	7.6%	5.7%	5.4%	10.9%	7.8%	9.8%	
Business Indicators					,					,			•					
Wholesale sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions)	61.9	68.7	59.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9		
Manufacturing sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions)	65.8	70.4	55.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	
# of new businesses**	**	**	**	136	99	250	170	246	280	364	768	387	NA	64	72	166	218	
# of business closures - Calgary**	**	**	**	260	184	273	141	156	187	195	189	204	290	275	305	185	136	
# of business bankruptcies - Alberta	449	447	405	24	34	33	35	33	35	33	32	32	27	30	48	37		
** Tracking of these indicators commenced in late 2008. Some comparative histo	rical data has r	not haan ohtain	od 44 Fah	ruary figures ar	re YTD to 2009	Fohruary 28	# Takon from	April Civic Ce	neue † Roy	ised monthly d	ata prior April 3	009. Revi	sed Data					

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