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| City of Calgary | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | | | | 2009 | | | | 2010 | | | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Economic Indicators | 2007 | 2000 | 2003 | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | | | |
| General Indicators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inflation (12 month moving average) | | | | | | | | Т | | | · | | 1 | | , | | 1 | | | |
| Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) | 5.0% | 3.2% | -0.1% | 1.7% | 1.3% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.1% | -0.1% | -0.1% | -0.2% | -0.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.4% | | | |
| Canada | 2.1% | 2.4% | 0.3% | 1.7% | 1.3% | 0.9% | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.6% | 0.7% | 1.0% | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calgary Economic Region (C.E.R.) | 3.2% | 3.3% | 6.3% | 6.4% | 6.8% | 7.0% | 6.9% | 6.8% | 6.9% | 7.1% | 7.3% | 7.0% | 7.3% | 7.6% | 7.7% | 7.3% | 6.8% | | | |
| Canada | 6.0% | 6.1% | 8.1% | 8.4% | 8.6% | 8.7% | 8.5% | 8.1% | 7.7% | 7.8% | 8.2% | 8.4% | 8.7% | 8.6% | 8.5% | 8.0% | 8.0% | | | |
| C.E.R. Employment (Person - 000s) | 735 | 756 | 752 | 754 | 760 | 761 | 757 | 752 | 747 | 745 | 740 | 738 | 735 | 733 | 737 | 746 | 761 | | | |
| Employment insurance Alberta - # of recipients (seasonally adjusted) | 16,838 | 17,702 | 56,903 | 62,860 | 62,310 | 58,030 | 71,770 | 73,120 | 72,090 | 67,050 | 59,060 | 55,610 | 52,630 | 50,540 | 49,470 | 49,780 | | | | |
| Year-over-year % change | -10.4% | 5.7% | 218.9% | 274.2% | 232.0% | 229.9% | 320.7% | 300.9% | 258.5% | 197.6% | 130.0% | 62.7% | 19.6% | -0.8% | -12.6% | -20.8% | | | | |
| Employment insurance Calgary - # of recipients (un-adjusted) | 4,469 | 4,903 | 17,740 | 19,280 | 21,470 | 22,130 | 18,950 | 18,470 | 18,720 | 19,680 | 20,790 | 20,060 | 19,240 | 17,570 | 15,900 | 14,630 | | | | |
| Year-over-year % change | -15.6% | 9.7% | 261.8% | 386.9% | 323.5% | 289.6% | 378.5% | 354.9% | 304.3% | 211.9% | 122.6% | 63.0% | 18.3% | -2.0% | -13.7% | -24.1% | | | | |
| City of Calgary Population Estimate (000s)‡ | 1020# | 1043# | 1065# | 1,066 | 1,067 | 1,067 | 1,068 | 1,068 | 1,069 | 1,069 | 1,070 | 1,071 | 1,071 | 1,072 | 1,074 | 1,076 | 1,078 | | | |
| West Texas Intermediate (\$US/barrel) | 72.28 | 99.64 | 61.78 | 69.70 | 64.29 | 71.15 | 69.47 | 75.82 | 77.98 | 74.66 | 78.40 | 76.45 | 81.31 | 84.58 | 74.12 | 75.40 | 76.38 | | | |
| Alberta Natural Gas (Cdn\$/GJ) | 6.12 | 7.73 | 3.78 | 3.00 | 2.89 | 2.59 | 2.98 | 4.08 | 3.69 | 5.22 | 5.30 | 4.95 | 3.84 | 3.57 | 3.65 | 3.89 | 3.49 | | | |
| Canadian real GDP y-o-y % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar) | 2.6% | 0.6% | -2.9% | -3.7% | -4.1% | -3.6% | -3.0% | -2.6% | -1.2% | 0.2% | 1.5% | 1.9% | 3.0% | 3.3% | 3.8% | 3.9% | | | | |
| Canadian real GDP m-o-m % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar) | NA | NA | NA | 0.2% | 0.1% | -0.1% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.6% | 0.3% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.2% | | | | |
| 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% | 2.50% | 2.75% | | | |
| Consumer Indicators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hourly earnings - Alberta (\$) Year-over-year % change | 6.0% | 5.7% | 4.3% | 6.1% | 4.6% | 5.9% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 2.5% | 1.3% | 1.1% | 1.6% | 2.3% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 0.2% | 2.8% | | | |
| Hourly earnings - Calgary (\$) Year-over-year % change | 5.2% | 5.9% | 3.7% | 3.4% | 4.9% | 5.7% | 5.3% | 4.7% | 3.1% | 1.8% | 0.8% | 0.5% | 1.5% | 1.7% | 2.1% | 0.7% | 0.9% | | | |
| Retail sales - Alberta (\$ billions) | 61.2 | 61.1 | 55.9 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | | | | |
| Consumer confidence - Canada | 103.5 | 77.7 | 71.4 | 72.1 | 72.7 | 81.5 | 85.4 | 84.7 | 79.0 | 82.8 | 96.6 | 88.2 | 92.5 | 84.8 | 89.3 | 83.6 | 80.0 | | | |
| Housing starts - Calgary CMA | 13,505 | 11,438 | 6,318 | 434 | 755 | 548 | 813 | 732 | 832 | 657 | 514 | 743 | 904 | 909 | 862 | 685 | 1,166 | | | |
| # of personal bankruptcies - Alberta | 4,768 | 6,066 | 9,986 | 1,021 | 872 | 882 | 1,163 | 690 | 686 | 634 | 684 | 637 | 776 | 744 | 672 | 778 | 626 | | | |
| Calgary Housing (# of units sold) MLS | 32,286 | 23,137 | 24,880 | 3,057 | 2,745 | 2,324 | 2,255 | 2,265 | 1,902 | 1,374 | 1,398 | 1,913 | 2,446 | 2,382 | 2,133 | 1,824 | 1,612 | | | |
| Household sales/listing ratio - Calgary | 61.21 | 41.77 | 61.14 | 75.20 | 70.80 | 66.48 | 64.82 | 67.75 | 72.32 | 83.78 | 40.09 | 47.22 | 45.01 | 43.98 | 41.42 | 38.14 | 44.83 | | | |
| Current month average house price - Calgary Metro (\$000) | 422.4 | 412.9 | 394.8 | 402.6 | 395.0 | 397.9 | 412.3 | 409.8 | 415.0 | 402.1 | 395.4 | 399.7 | 420.7 | 405.9 | 433.0 | 433.2 | 416.1 | | | |
| Year-over-year % change of Calgary City MLS average prices | 21.7% | -2.0% | -4.1% | -5.7% | -4.5% | -1.6% | 3.0% | 1.0% | 6.8% | 7.6% | 5.7% | 5.4% | 10.9% | 7.8% | 9.8% | 7.6% | 5.3% | | | |
| Business Indicators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions) | 61.9 | 68.7 | 59.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.1 | | | |
| Manufacturing sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions) | 65.8 | 70.4 | 55.2 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | | | |
| # of new businesses ⁺⁺ | ** | ** | ** | 250 | 170 | 246 | 280 | 364 | 768 | 387 | NA | 64 | 72 | 166 | 218 | 365 | 236 | | | |
| # of business closures - Calgary** | ** | ** | ** | 273 | 141 | 156 | 187 | 195 | 189 | 204 | 290 | 275 | 305 | 185 | 136 | 229 | 162 | | | |
| | 449 | 447 | 405 | 33 | 35 | 33 | 35 | 33 | 32 | 32 | 27 | 30 | 48 | 37 | 35 | 23 | 27 | | | |

** Tracking of these indicators commenced in late 2008. Some comparative historical data has not been obtained. ++ February figures are YTD to 2009 February 28. # Taken from April Civic Census. ‡ Revised monthly data based on April 2010 Civic Census. Revised Data

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