Current Economic Analysis

Calgary Economic Region

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City of Calgary Monthly Economic Indicators General Indicators Inflation (12 month moving average) Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) 5.0° Canada 2.1° Unemployment Rate Calgary Economic Region (C.E.R.) 3.2° Canada 6.0° C.E.R. Employment (Person - 000s) 73° Employment insurance Alberta - # of recipients (seasonally adjusted) 16,8° Year-over-year % change - 10.4° Employment insurance Calgary - # of recipients (un-adjusted) 4,46°	% 3.2% % 2.4% % 3.3% 6.1% 5 756 138 17,702 4% 5.7%	-0.1% 0.3% 6.3% 8.1% 752 56,903	1.3% 1.3% 6.8% 8.6% 760	0.8% 0.9% 7.0% 8.7% 761	0.4% 0.6% 6.9% 8.5%	0.2% 0.4%	0.1% 0.3%	-0.1% 0.3%	-0.1% 0.4%	-0.2% 0.4%	-0.2% 0.4%	0.1% 0.5%	0.0% 0.6%	Jun 0.2% 0.7%	Jul 0.4% 1.0%	0.6% 1.2%
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, 3			62,310	58,030	71,770	73,120	72,090	67,050	59,060	55,610	52,630	50,540	49,470	48,700	47,010	
Employment insurance Calgary - # of recipients (un-adjusted) 4.46		218.9%	232.0%	229.9%	320.7%	300.9%	258.5%	197.6%	130.0%	62.7%	19.6%	-0.8%	-12.6%	-22.5%	-24.6%	
Employment indutation dargary # of recipionts (all dujusted) 4,40	69 4,903	17,740	21,470	22,130	18,950	18,470	18,720	19,680	20,790	20,060	19,240	17,570	15,900	14,630	15,180	
Year-over-year % change -15.6	6% 9.7%	261.8%	323.5%	289.6%	378.5%	354.9%	304.3%	211.9%	122.6%	63.0%	18.3%	-2.0%	-13.7%	-24.1%	-29.3%	
City of Calgary Population Estimate (000s) [‡] 102	1043#	1065#	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	1,081
West Texas Intermediate (\$US/barrel) 72.2	28 99.64	61.78	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	76.68
Alberta Natural Gas (Cdn\$/GJ) 6.1	2 7.73	3.78	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	3.22
Canadian real GDP y-o-y % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar) 2.6	% 0.6%	-2.9%	-4.1%	-3.6%	-3.0%	-2.6%	-1.2%	0.2%	1.5%	1.9%	3.0%	3.3%	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	
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Prime lending rate - Bank of Canada (%) 6.10	1% 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%	2.50%	2.75%	2.75%
Consumer Indicators																
Hourly earnings - Alberta (\$) Year-over-year % change 6.0	% 5.7%	4.3%	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%	0.7%
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Retail sales - Alberta (\$ billions) 61.	.2 61.1	55.9	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	
Consumer confidence - Canada 103	3.5 77.7	71.4	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	79.4
Housing starts - Calgary CMA 13,5	11,438	6,318	755	548	813	732	832	657	514	743	904	909	862	685	1,166	858
# of personal bankruptcies - Alberta 4,76	68 6,066	9,986	872	882	1,163	690	686	634	684	637	776	744	672	778	626	615
Calgary Housing (# of units sold) MLS 32,2	286 23,137	24,880	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	1,562
Household sales/listing ratio - Calgary 61.2	21 41.77	61.14	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	45.70
Current month average house price - Calgary Metro (\$000) 422	2.4 412.9	394.8	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	395.9
Year-over-year % change of Calgary City MLS average prices 21.7	7% -2.0%	-4.1%	-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%	-0.5%
Business Indicators		,		,				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
Wholesale sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions) 61.	.9 68.7	59.0	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	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.9
# of new businesses ⁺⁺ **	**	**	170	246	280	364	768	387	NA	64	72	166	218	365	236	269
# of business closures - Calgary**	**	**	141	156	187	195	189	204	290	275	305	185	136	229	162	211
# of business bankruptcies - Alberta 44	9 447	405	35	33	35	33	32	32	27	30	48	37	35	23	27	30

** 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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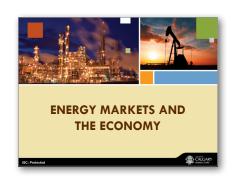
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