## **Current Economic Analysis**

**Calgary Economic Region** 

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City of Calgary Monthly Economic Indicators	2007	2008	2009	Aug	Sep	2009 Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2010 May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Son	
General Indicators		I	I	Auy	Seh	UCI	INUV	Dec	Jan	ren	IVIAI	Ahı	Iviay	Juli	Jui	Aug	Sep	
Inflation (12 month moving average)																		
Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)	5.0%	3.2%	-0.1%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	
Canada Canada	2.1%	2.4%	0.3%	0.8 %	0.4 %	0.2 %	0.1 %	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.1 %	0.6%	0.2 %	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%	
Unemployment Rate	Z.170	Z.4 70	0.5%	0.976	0.0%	0.4%	0.5 %	0.5%	0.4%	0.4 %	0.470	0.5%	0.0%	0.7 70	1.0 70	1.270	1.4 70	
1 /	3.2%	3.3%	6.3%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.0%	7.3%	7.6%	7.7%	7.3%	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%	
Calgary Economic Region (C.E.R.)	6.0%	6.1%	8.1%	8.7%	8.5%	8.1%	7.7%	7.1%	8.2%	8.4%	8.7%	8.6%	8.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.2%	8.2%	
Canada C.E.R. Employment (Person - 000s)	735	756	752	761	757	752	7.7%	7.8%	740	738	735	733	737	746	761	764	759	
	/35	/50	752	701	/5/	752	747	745	740	/38		/33	/3/	/40	701	704	759	
Employment insurance Alberta - # of recipients (seasonally adjusted)	16,838	17,702	56,903	58,030	71,770	73,120	72,090	67,050	59,060	55,610	52,630	50,540	49,470	48,700	46,760	46,340	48,530	
Year-over-year % change	-10.4%	5.7%	218.9%	229.9%	320.7%	300.9%	258.5%	197.6%	130.0%	62.7%	19.6%	-0.8%	-12.6%	-22.5%	-25.0%	-20.1%	-32.4%	
Employment insurance Calgary - # of recipients (un-adjusted)	4,469	4,903	17,740	22,130	18,950	18,470	18,720	19,680	20,790	20,060	19,240	17,570	15,900	14,630	15,180	15,700	12,280	
Year-over-year % change	-15.6%	9.7%	261.8%	289.6%	378.5%	354.9%	304.3%	211.9%	122.6%	63.0%	18.3%	-2.0%	-13.7%	-24.1%	-29.3%	-29.1%	-35.2%	
City of Calgary Population Estimate (000s)‡	1020#	1043#	1065#	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	1,083	
West Texas Intermediate (\$US/barrel)	72.28	99.64	61.78	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	75.55	
Alberta Natural Gas (Cdn\$/GJ)	6.12	7.73	3.78	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	3.37	
Canadian real GDP y-o-y % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar)	2.6%	0.6%	-2.9%	-3.6%	-3.0%	-2.6%	-1.2%	0.2%	1.5%	1.9%	3.0%	3.3%	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	4.1%		
Canadian real GDP m-o-m % Change - (Chained 2002 dollar)	NA	NA	NA	-0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.3%		
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%	2.50%	2.75%	2.75%	3.00%	
Consumer Indicators																		
Hourly earnings - Alberta (\$) Year-over-year % change	6.0%	5.7%	4.3%	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%	0.7%	
Hourly earnings - Calgary (\$) Year-over-year % change	5.2%	5.9%	3.7%	5.7%	5.3%	4.7%	3.1%	1.8%	0.8%	0.5%	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%	0.7%	0.9%	0.2%	0.7%	
Retail sales - Alberta (\$ billions)	61.2	61.1	55.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	
Consumer confidence - Canada	103.5	77.7	71.4	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	78.1	
Housing starts - Calgary CMA	13,505	11,438	6,318	548	813	732	832	657	514	743	904	909	862	685	1,166	858	796	
# of personal bankruptcies - Alberta	4,768	6,066	9,986	882	1,163	690	686	634	684	637	776	744	672	778	626	615		
Calgary Housing (# of units sold) MLS	32,286	23,137	24,880	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	1,606	
Household sales/listing ratio - Calgary	61.21	41.77	61.14	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	41.47	
Current month average house price - Calgary Metro (\$000)	422.4	412.9	394.8	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	410.7	
Year-over-year % change of Calgary City MLS average prices	21.7%	-2.0%	-4.1%	-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%	-0.4%	
Business Indicators																		
Wholesale sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions)	61.9	68.7	59.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.5	
Manufacturing sales - Alberta - seasonally adjusted (\$billions)	65.8	70.4	55.2	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.2	
# of new businesses <sup>++</sup>	**	**	**	246	280	364	768	387	NA	64	72	166	218	365	236	269	374	
# of business closures - Calgary**	**	**	**	156	187	195	189	204	290	275	305	185	136	229	162	211	174	
# of business bankruptcies - Alberta	449	447	405	33	35	33	32	32	27	30	48	37	35	23	27	30		
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\*\* 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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