

Early recoveries in Calgary's job market

Labour market across Canada, continued to create jobs in June, albeit with regional disparities. Most of the jobs were created in the private sector, which is a sign of the recovery shifting from a government supported to being self-sustained. Seasonally adjusted data show that from May to June 2010:

- Total employment increased by 1,400 in the Calgary Economic Region (CER), 5,700 in Alberta, and 93,200 in Canada.
- In Canada, most of the jobs were created in the employee class of worker (+67,600) and in the private sector (+51,900).
- New jobs in Alberta were also concentrated in the private sector, including industries such as Trade (+11,700), Business, Building and Other Support Services (+7,200), and Forestry, Fishing, mining, Oil and Gas (+2,000) industries.

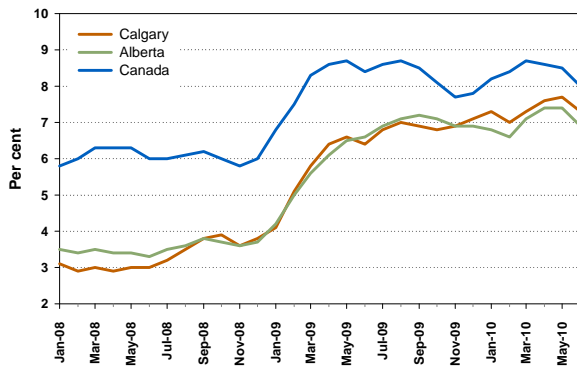
Job creation in Calgary recently lagged some other regions in Canada, typical of the early stages of business cycles. Calgary's labour market is losing the attraction to interprovincial migrants given a shrinking advantage in unemployment rates between the region and the rest of the nation (Chart 1). More local people were discouraged in finding a

job in the current market, which was represented by declining labour market participate rate and employment rate (Chart 2). However, the market is expected to tighten soon, supported by stabilizing crude oil prices (US\$70-80 per bbl in 2010) and better perspectives in oil sands investments because of the BP spill. According to the unadjusted 3-month-moving-average data, the following year-over-year changes were recorded in the CER in June 2010:

- Total employment dropped by 8,400 positions in the CER, mostly due to losses in the goods-producing sector (-5,900) and in the part-time positions (-7,200). New jobs were created in Trade (+15,600), Health Care (+8,200) and Manufacturing (+2,800) industries.
- The unemployment rate stayed high at 7.3 per cent, compared to 6.4 per cent last year. Average wage inflation in the CMA was 0.7 per cent, compared to 3.4 per cent a year ago.
- There were fewer Calgarians (17,560) receiving regular employment insurance benefits in April 2010, compared to 17,930 a year ago.

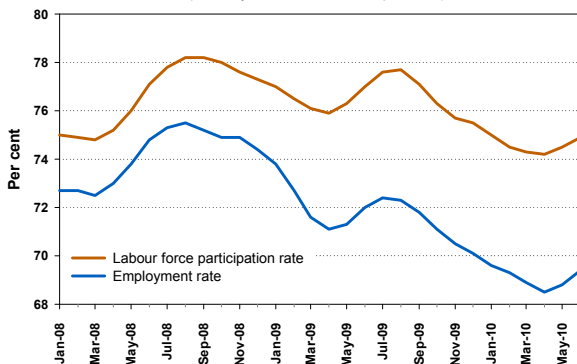
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Chart 1. Calgary (CER), Alberta and Canada: Unemployment rates (January 2008 - June 2010, per cent)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, July 2010

Chart 2. Calgary (CER): Participation rate vs employment rate (January 2008 - June 2010, per cent)



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Labour Force Statistics

Economic Regions (Unadjusted 3-Month-Moving-Average)

Region	Description	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09	Annual Change
Calgary	Working Age Population ('000)	1,073.7	1,071.4	1,046.5	27.2
	Labour Force ('000)	804.7	798.5	805.9	(1.2)
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	74.9	74.5	77.0	(2.1)
	Employment ('000)	745.6	736.8	754.0	(8.4)
	Employment Rate (%)	69.4	68.8	72.0	(2.6)
	Unemployment ('000)	59.0	61.7	51.9	7.1
	Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	7.7	6.4	0.9
Edmonton	Working Age Population ('000)	957.7	955.9	936.9	20.8
	Labour Force ('000)	692.8	684.1	689.4	3.4
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	72.3	71.6	73.6	(1.3)
	Employment ('000)	642.8	632.1	642.1	0.7
	Employment Rate (%)	67.1	66.1	68.5	(1.4)
	Unemployment ('000)	49.9	52.0	47.3	2.6
	Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.6	6.9	0.3
Alberta	Working Age Population ('000)	2,918.2	2,912.8	2,855.7	62.5
	Labour Force ('000)	2,148.8	2,128.7	2,137.6	11.2
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	73.6	73.1	74.9	(1.3)
	Employment ('000)	2,000.3	1,970.9	1,997.2	3.1
	Employment Rate (%)	68.5	67.7	69.9	(1.4)
	Unemployment ('000)	148.5	157.8	140.4	8.1
	Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	7.4	6.6	0.3

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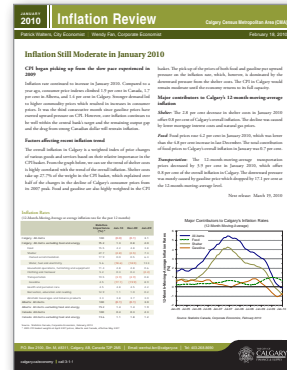
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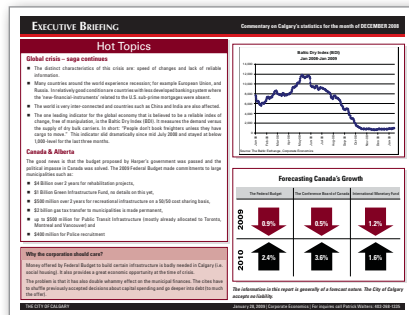
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