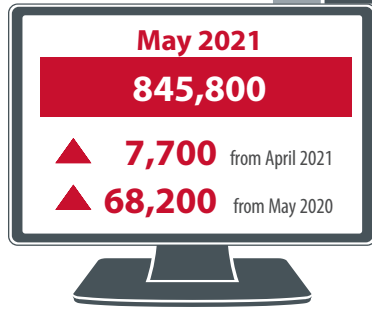


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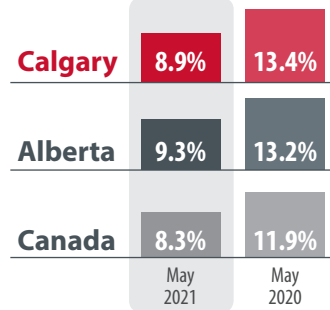
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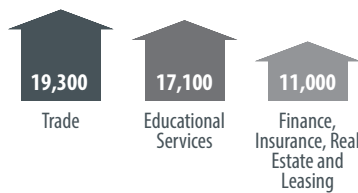


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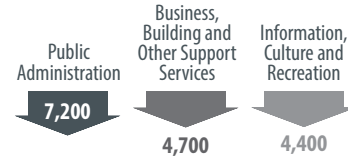
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### Most Job Gains by Industry from May 2020



### Most Job Losses by Industry from May 2020



### Average Wage Rate

Calgary Census Metropolitan Area from May 2020



### Employment Insurance

Calgary Census Metropolitan Area



Total employment in the Calgary Economic Region (CER) increased in May 2021, up by 7,700 persons from a month ago, and up 68,200 persons from a year ago. Total unemployed persons in the CER was 83,100, down from 90,300 a month ago, and down from 120,400 a year ago. The three-month-moving-average unemployment rate in May fell to 8.9 per cent in the CER, compared to 9.3 per cent in Alberta and 8.3 per cent in Canada.

The May labour force survey was conducted on the week of May 9 to 15, during Alberta's state of public health emergency with enhanced public health measures. These measures included retail capacity restrictions, the shutdown of personal and wellness services, and eliminating all dine-in services at commercial food establishments.

Month-over-month, the largest employment gains in the Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) were in Construction (+2,800), Health Care and Social Assistance (+2,600), and Real Estate Rental and Leasing (+2,400). The largest month-over-month job losses were in Accommodation and Food Services (-4,300), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (-1,900), and Finance and Insurance (-1,400).

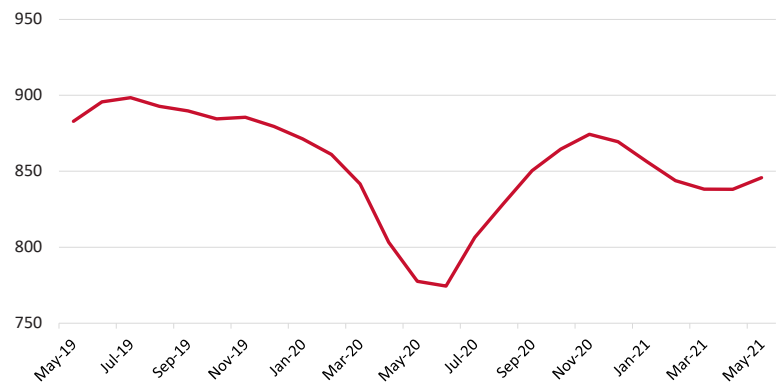
In May, the average employee wage rate in the Calgary CMA was \$1,240 per week, down from \$1,243 per week last month. From April to May, the total wage bill for employees in the Calgary CMA (total employment excluding self-employed persons) increased by \$8.2 million, following last month's increase of \$0.8 million.

Chart 1 plots total employment in the CER over the past two years, illustrating employment levels before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Total CER employment peaked at 898,500 in July 2019, and it hit its all-time low during the pandemic in June 2020, with only 774,500 employed.

Chart 2 examines the five largest monthly percentage gains and losses in CER employment going back to 1987 (the earliest data available). As can be seen, four of the five largest percentage losses have occurred since March 2020. Conversely, only three of the five most significant percentage gains have occurred and consecutively, beginning in July within the past year, caused by relatively looser health restrictions between the first and second "waves" of the ongoing pandemic. Over the onset of the pandemic, the employment growth has been sluggish, reflecting how the local economy remains challenged under the threat of health-related restrictions.

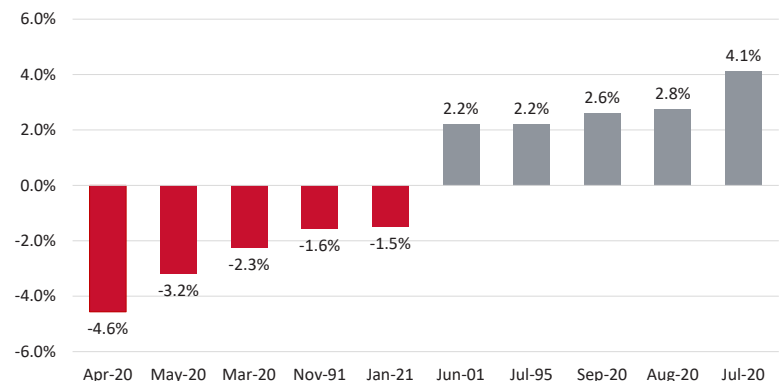
The Alberta government's Stage 1 reopening began on June 1, allowing expanded capacities for retail, the return of outdoor patio dining, and the reopening of personal and wellness services by appointment. Further relaxations of health-related restrictions are expected to occur on June 10 under stage 2 and complete relaxation under stage 3 occurring in late June or early July. The expected lessening of health-related restrictions in the coming weeks is expected to support the local labour market.

Chart 1. CER: Total Employment (May 2019 - May 2021, thousands of persons)



Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics.

Chart 2. CER: Change of Total Employment (month-over-month percentage change, per cent)



Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics.

**Table 1 Labour Force Statistics**  
(Seasonally unadjusted 3-month-moving-average)

| CALGARY ECONOMIC REGION             | Description                   | May-21  | Apr-21  | May-20  | Annual Change                       | ALBERTA | Description                   | May-21  | Apr-21  | May-20  | Annual Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
|                                     | Working Age Population ('000) | 1,350.9 | 1,349.9 | 1,333.2 | 17.7                                |         | Working Age Population ('000) | 3,535.0 | 3,533.4 | 3,499.0 | 36.0          |
| Labour Force ('000)                 | 928.9                         | 928.3   | 898.1   | 30.8    | Labour Force ('000)                 | 2,443.0 | 2,434.6                       | 2,314.2 | 128.8   |         |               |
| Labour Force Participation Rate (%) | 68.8                          | 68.8    | 67.4    | 1.4     | Labour Force Participation Rate (%) | 69.1    | 68.9                          | 66.1    | 3.0     |         |               |
| Employment ('000)                   | 845.8                         | 838.1   | 777.6   | 68.2    | Employment ('000)                   | 2,216.1 | 2,193.7                       | 2,009.6 | 206.5   |         |               |
| Employment Rate (%)                 | 62.6                          | 62.1    | 58.3    | 4.3     | Employment Rate (%)                 | 62.7    | 62.1                          | 57.4    | 5.3     |         |               |
| Unemployment ('000)                 | 83.1                          | 90.3    | 120.4   | (37.3)  | Unemployment ('000)                 | 226.9   | 240.8                         | 304.6   | (77.7)  |         |               |
| Unemployment Rate (%)               | 8.9                           | 9.7     | 13.4    | (4.5)   | Unemployment Rate (%)               | 9.3     | 9.9                           | 13.2    | (3.9)   |         |               |

Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, June 4, 2021

**Table 2 Calgary CMA Wage by Industry**

| Industry                                       | Total employees*** ('000 persons) |              |              | Average weekly earning (\$) |                 |                | Total weekly wage bill (\$million) |              |              | Total hours worked (hours) |             |              |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|  | May-21                            | May-20       | Change (y/y) | May-21                      | May-20          | Change (y/y)   | May-21                             | May-20       | Change (y/y) | May-21                     | May-20      | Change (y/y) |
| Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction  | 48.5                              | 45.8         | 2.7          | 2,165.70                    | 1,883.32        | 282.38         | 105.0                              | 86.3         | 18.8         | 41.6                       | 39.8        | 1.8          |
| Utilities                                      | 10.2                              | 10.7         | (0.5)        | 1,936.20                    | 1,886.40        | 49.80          | 19.7                               | 20.2         | (0.4)        | 39.9                       | 38.9        | 1.0          |
| Construction                                   | 51.9                              | 48.6         | 3.3          | 1,351.80                    | 1,413.98        | (62.18)        | 70.2                               | 68.7         | 1.4          | 39.8                       | 40.0        | (0.2)        |
| Manufacturing                                  | 38.0                              | 35.4         | 2.6          | 1,355.80                    | 1,407.87        | (52.07)        | 51.5                               | 49.8         | 1.7          | 40.8                       | 39.8        | 1.0          |
| Wholesale Trade                                | 21.2                              | 25.5         | (4.3)        | 1,389.00                    | 1,390.76        | (1.76)         | 29.4                               | 35.5         | (6.0)        | 39.8                       | 39.2        | 0.6          |
| Retail Trade                                   | 79.9                              | 62.2         | 17.7         | 792.20                      | 749.82          | 42.38          | 63.3                               | 46.6         | 16.7         | 34.7                       | 34.0        | 0.8          |
| Transportation and Warehousing                 | 39.8                              | 34.7         | 5.1          | 1,359.20                    | 1,418.30        | (59.10)        | 54.1                               | 49.2         | 4.9          | 39.2                       | 39.5        | (0.4)        |
| Information and Cultural Industries            | 12.6                              | 11.6         | 1.0          | 1,577.40                    | 1,194.70        | 382.70         | 19.9                               | 13.9         | 6.0          | 39.4                       | 36.9        | 2.6          |
| Finance and Insurance                          | 24.8                              | 16.9         | 7.9          | 1,370.40                    | 1,435.83        | (65.43)        | 34.0                               | 24.3         | 9.7          | 39.0                       | 38.8        | 0.3          |
| Real Estate Rental and Leasing                 | 15.6                              | 8.8          | 6.8          | 1,008.50                    | 1,079.32        | (70.82)        | 15.7                               | 9.5          | 6.2          | 35.3                       | 36.7        | (1.5)        |
| Professional Scientific and Technical Services | 64.9                              | 54.6         | 10.3         | 1,434.80                    | 1,572.59        | (137.79)       | 93.1                               | 85.9         | 7.3          | 38.4                       | 38.8        | (0.5)        |
| Administrative and Support                     | 19.4                              | 21.3         | (1.9)        | 950.30                      | 1,086.66        | (136.36)       | 18.4                               | 23.1         | (4.7)        | 38.6                       | 38.9        | (0.3)        |
| Educational Services                           | 69.1                              | 52.6         | 16.5         | 1,198.80                    | 1,253.74        | (54.94)        | 82.8                               | 65.9         | 16.9         | 34.2                       | 35.1        | (0.9)        |
| Health Care and Social Assistance              | 99.6                              | 76.4         | 23.2         | 1,062.00                    | 1,247.23        | (185.23)       | 105.8                              | 95.3         | 10.5         | 33.6                       | 35.2        | (1.6)        |
| Arts Entertainment and Recreation              | 4.7                               | 10.4         | (5.7)        | 1,005.30                    | 1,018.99        | (13.69)        | 4.7                                | 10.6         | (5.9)        | 34.1                       | 35.9        | (1.8)        |
| Accommodation and Food Services                | 33.9                              | 30.7         | 3.2          | 466.60                      | 568.87          | (102.27)       | 15.8                               | 17.5         | (1.6)        | 25.8                       | 31.9        | (6.1)        |
| Other Services (except Public Admin)           | 28.8                              | 22.9         | 5.9          | 1,003.60                    | 981.14          | 22.46          | 28.9                               | 22.5         | 6.4          | 37.9                       | 35.7        | 2.2          |
| Public Administration                          | 18.7                              | 26.6         | (7.9)        | 1,764.30                    | 1,681.75        | 82.55          | 33.0                               | 44.7         | (11.7)       | 38.0                       | 37.4        | 0.7          |
| <b>All Industries</b>                          | <b>684.0</b>                      | <b>596.9</b> | <b>87.1</b>  | <b>1,240.00</b>             | <b>1,291.02</b> | <b>(51.02)</b> | <b>848.2</b>                       | <b>770.6</b> | <b>77.6</b>  | <b>37.3</b>                | <b>37.5</b> | <b>(0.2)</b> |

\*\*\* Excluding self-employed Note: lack of data for Agriculture  
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