

Alberta economy

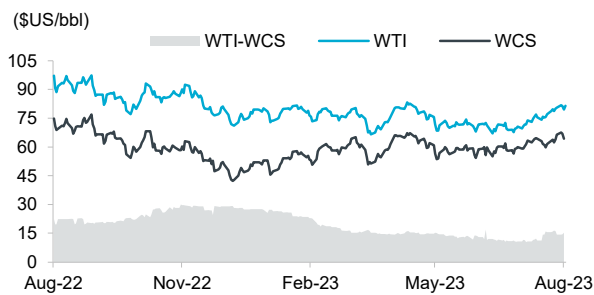
Indicators at a glance

New: Oil Prices

WTI increased \$1.46 over the week and closed at US\$81.55 on Thursday. The WTI-WCS differential closed at US\$15.35 per barrel, narrower than a week ago.

OIL PRICES

Daily prices



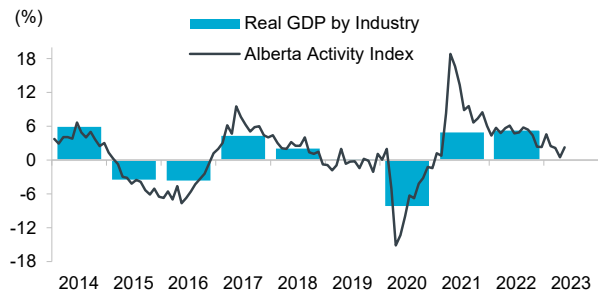
Sources: US Energy Information Administration, CME Group, Kent Group Limited, Haver Analytics

New: Economic Activity

The Alberta Activity Index increased in May (2.2% month-over-month), and was up 2.2% from a year ago. Alberta's real GDP by industry increased by 5.1% in 2022, following 4.9% growth in 2021.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Year-over-year % change



Sources: Statistics Canada, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Haver Analytics

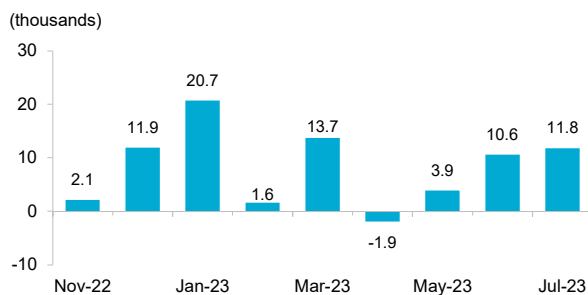
New: Labour Market

Employment increased by 11,800 in July. Compared to a year ago, it was up by 82,800. The next release is on September 08, 2023.

Alberta's unemployment rate was 6.1% in July, up from 5.7% in June, and was up 1.1 percentage points from a year ago.

LABOUR MARKET

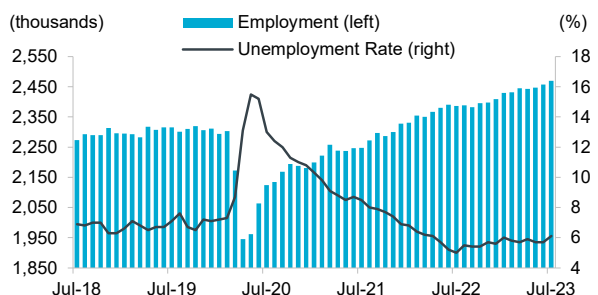
Monthly change in employment



Sources: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics

LABOUR MARKET

Employment and unemployment rate



Sources: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics

	WTI - West Texas Intermediate (US\$/bbl)	WTI-WCS Differential (US\$/bbl)	Henry Hub (US\$/MMBtu)	AECO-C (C\$/GJ)	Exchange Rate (US\$/C\$)
August 03, 2023	81.55	15.35	2.57	2.43	74.90
Fiscal Year-To-Date	74.40	14.26	2.41	2.37	74.78

Business Output

Manufacturing shipments increased 3.9% m/m to \$9.4 billion in May. However, they were down 0.4% from a year ago.

Alberta goods exports increased 7.9% m/m in May to \$14.7 billion. However, they were down 21% from a year ago.

MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS AND GOODS EXPORTS

Year-over-year % change



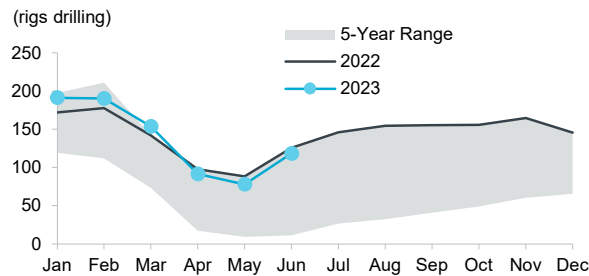
Sources: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics; SA - Seasonally Adjusted

Rigs Drilling

The number of rigs drilling in Alberta averaged 118 in June, down 6% from a year ago.

RIGS DRILLING

Number of rigs drilling and five-year seasonal range



Source: Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC)

Average Weekly Earnings

Average weekly earnings in Alberta increased 0.1% m/m in May to \$1,289. They were up 3.0% from a year ago.

Population Growth

Alberta's population was 4,703,772 as of April 1, 2023, an increase of 4.5% from the year prior. During the last 12 months, Alberta welcomed 123,935 net international migrants and saw a net inflow of 56,462 interprovincial migrants.

Inflation

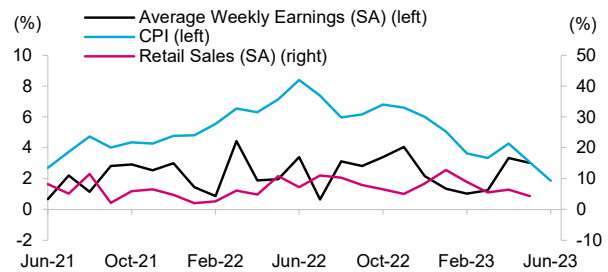
The consumer price index in Alberta increased 1.9% y/y in June, down from 3.1% y/y in May.

Retail Sales

Alberta retail sales increased 2.0% m/m to \$8.7 billion in May. Compared to a year ago, sales were up 4.3%.

RETAIL SALES, CONSUMER PRICES, AND EARNINGS

Year-over-year % change



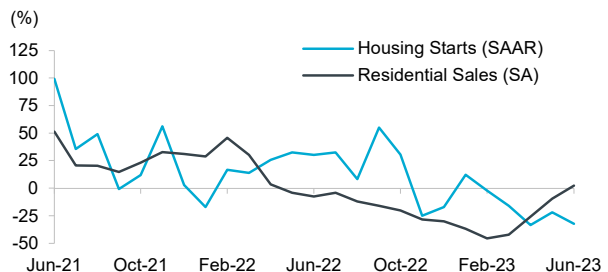
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Housing Market

Alberta housing starts decreased 28% m/m in June to 26,299 units (SAAR). They were down 32% from a year ago. The number of home sales in the resale market was up 4.7% m/m to 6,652 units in June, and was up 2.3% y/y.

HOUSING STARTS AND HOME RESALES

Year-over-year % change

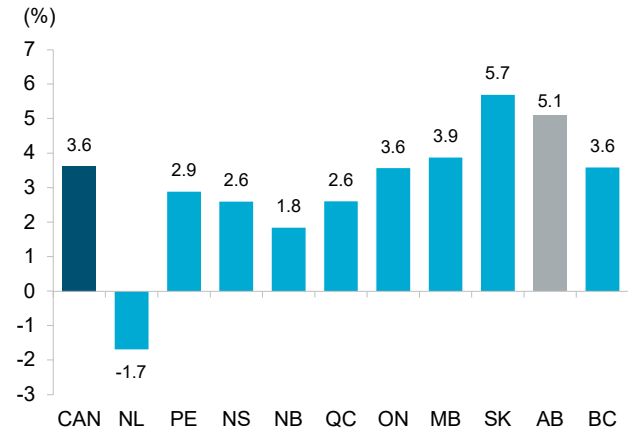


Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics; SAAR - Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate

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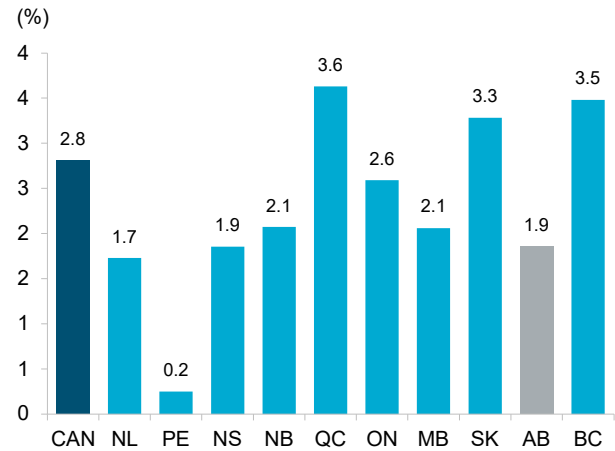
REAL GDP BY INDUSTRY

(2022, year-over-year growth)



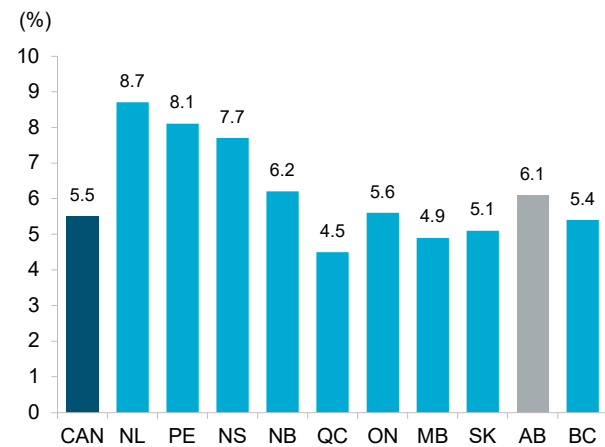
CPI INFLATION

(June 2023, year-over-year growth)



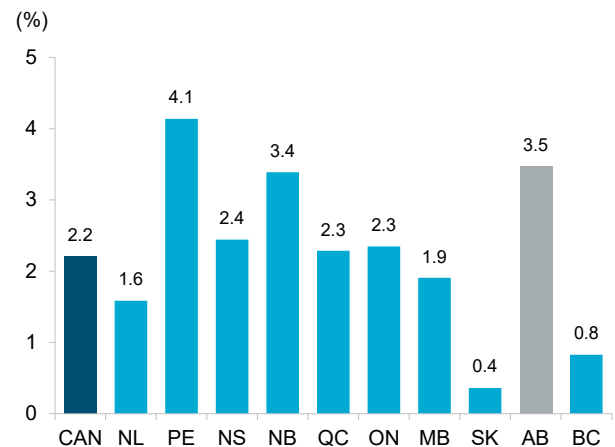
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(July 2023)



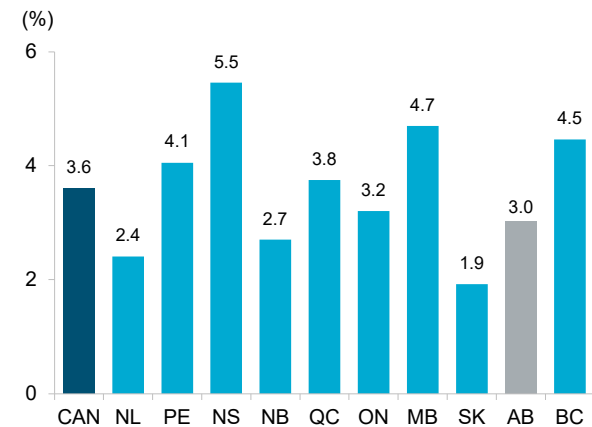
EMPLOYMENT

(July 2023, year-over-year growth)



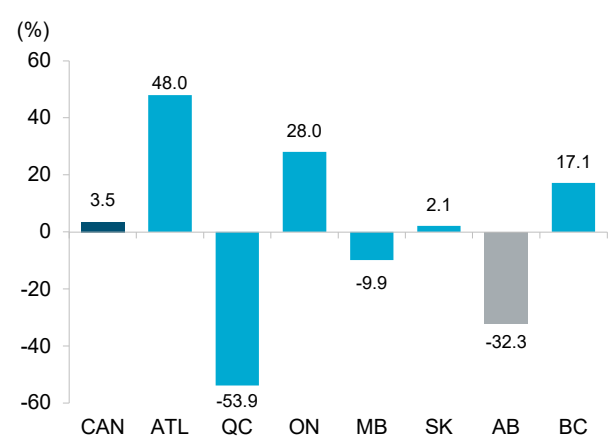
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

(May 2023, year-over-year growth)



HOUSING STARTS

(June 2023, SAAR, year-over-year growth)



ALBERTA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2021	2022	2023YTD	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
New: Alberta Activity Index (y/y % change)	8.6	4.7	2.4	2.5	2.1	0.5	2.2		
Population¹									
Population (thousands)	4,444	4,543	4,704			4,704			
y/y % change	0.6	2.2	4.5			4.5			
Net Interprovincial Migration	-9,458	21,660	46,605			15,786			
Net International Migration	17,668	59,998	98,909			35,932			
Labour Market									
New: Employment (thousands, SA)	2,260	2,376	2,446	2,431	2,445	2,443	2,447	2,458	2,469
m/m change (thousands)				1.6	13.7	-1.9	3.9	10.6	11.8
y/y % change	5.4	5.2	3.4	3.3	4.0	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.5
New: Unemployment Rate (% , SA)	8.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	6.1
New: Participation Rate (% , SA)	69.7	69.8	69.9	70.0	70.0	69.8	69.5	69.5	69.9
Average Weekly Earnings (\$, SA)	1,226	1,257	1,274	1,256	1,270	1,289	1,289		
y/y % change	2.1	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.2	3.3	3.0		
Household Sector									
Retail Sales (\$ millions, SA)	91,534	97,807	42,719	8,488	8,407	8,496	8,664		
y/y % change	11.7	6.9	7.5	8.9	5.5	6.3	4.3		
New Vehicle Sales (units, thousands)	197	182	82	13	17	18	20		
y/y % change	6.9	-7.7	10.0	0.6	2.6	9.8	30.6		
Consumer Price Index (y/y % change)	3.2	6.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	4.3	3.1	1.9	
Excluding Food & Energy	1.3	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.3	3.3	2.9	
Housing Starts (SAAR, thousands)	31.9	36.5	29.2	30.8	27.0	27.1	36.4	26.3	
y/y % change	32.9	14.4	-18.3	-2.1	-15.9	-33.4	-22.0	-32.3	
New Housing Price Index (y/y % change)	6.8	12.0	2.0	4.2	1.4	0.3	-0.8	-0.8	
Resale Home Sales (units, SA)	85,632	84,028	35,154	5,415	5,431	5,878	6,356	6,652	
y/y % change	53.6	-1.9	-28.8	-45.4	-42.2	-25.8	-9.6	2.3	
Sales to New Listing Ratio (SA)	0.70	0.68	0.72	0.64	0.71	0.78	0.78	0.78	
MLS Average Resale Prices (\$ thousands, SA)	425	447	442	427	434	450	453	456	
y/y % change	9.2	5.3	-2.5	-10.6	-4.7	-0.4	2.5	3.8	
New: Consumer Bankruptcies (level)	2,731	2,374	1,322	202	244	211	256	200	
y/y % change	-24.2	-13.1	7.7	9.8	9.9	-10.2	18.0	6.4	
Business Sector									
Goods Exports (customs based, \$ millions)	138,044	204,902	73,467	13,907	15,132	13,608	14,676		
y/y % change	50.0	48.4	-9.0	1.9	-12.3	-18.5	-21.4		
Energy Products (\$ millions)	99,491	159,258	53,470	10,107	10,702	9,579	10,981		
y/y % change	65.3	60.1	-14.6	-3.6	-19.8	-25.3	-25.1		
Agricultural Products (\$ millions)	8,888	10,608	5,791	1,088	1,406	1,108	954		
y/y % change	-1.3	19.3	61.4	67.1	80.0	57.2	22.1		
Rigs Drilling	98	144	137	190	154	92	78	118	
y/y % change	63.7	46.9	2.5	7.0	8.1	-6.2	-11.3	-6.0	
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ millions, SA)	86,791	108,544	45,921	8,742	9,091	9,005	9,356		
y/y % change	34.5	25.1	2.9	1.3	0.1	-4.4	-0.4		
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions, SA) ³	88,130	106,065	143,559	10,094	39,770	46,055	37,608		
y/y % change	14.7	20.4	233.4	20.2	363.0	426.2	325.4		
Building Permits (\$ millions, SA)	14,473	15,406	5,988	1,217	1,240	1,070	1,277		
y/y % change	35.0	6.4	-8.0	-2.7	0.7	-17.0	-13.8		
Residential Permits (\$ millions, SA)	9,512	10,440	3,824	770	751	727	761		
y/y % change	39.4	9.8	-12.4	-7.0	-9.3	-13.1	-30.1		
Non-Residential Permits (\$ millions, SA)	4,961	4,966	2,164	447	489	343	516		
y/y % change	27.2	0.1	0.9	5.7	21.3	-24.2	31.1		
New: Non-Res. Building Cons. Price Index ² (y/y % change)	5.7	10.7	5.8		7.0			4.6	

¹ Population data presented on a census year basis (July 1– June 30).

² Quarterly, average of Calgary and Edmonton.

³ Wholesale trade (excluding petroleum, petroleum products, and other hydrocarbons and excluding oilseed and grain)

“SA” denotes seasonally adjusted. “SAAR” denotes seasonally adjusted at annual rate.

All annual data are unadjusted.

Sources: All data are from Statistics Canada except the Alberta Activity Index (Alberta Treasury Board and Finance), Housing Starts (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), MLS Average Resale Prices (Canadian Real Estate Association or CREA), Rigs Drilling (Canadian Association of Energy Contractors) and Bankruptcies (Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada). All historical data are subject to revision.