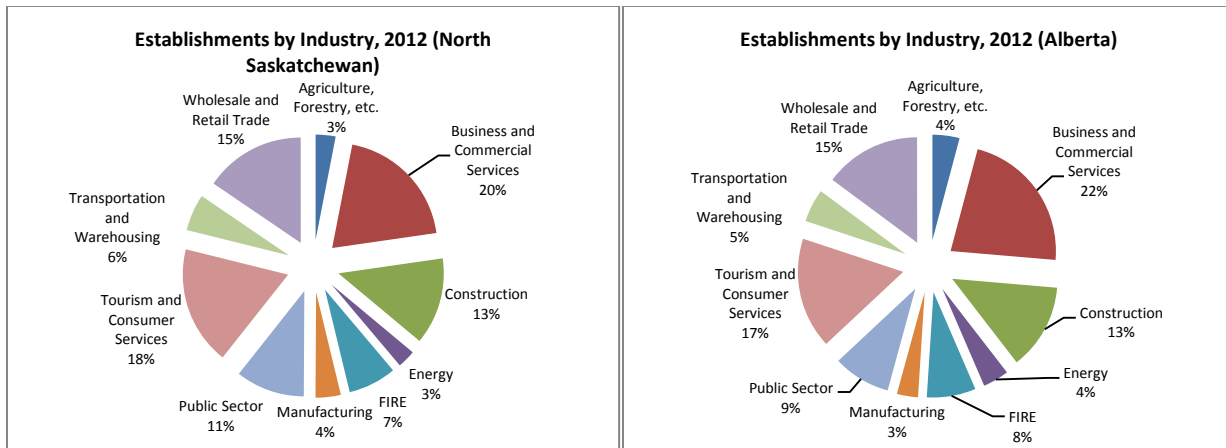


Establishments with Employees: North Saskatchewan Region

In 2012, 56,109 establishments with employees were registered in the North Saskatchewan region. The largest single industry in the region, as measured by number of establishments, was Business and Commercial Services¹, which accounted for 20% of all establishments, or 11,025 establishments. Business and Commercial Services was also Alberta’s largest industry on an establishment basis. The second-largest industry in the region was Tourism and Consumer Services², which accounts for 18% of all establishments, or 10,220 establishments. The third-largest industry in the region was Wholesale and Retail Trade, which accounts for 15% of all establishments, or 8,688 establishments.

Compared to the province as a whole, the North Saskatchewan region has a greater proportion of establishments in the Public Sector (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Establishments by Industry^{3,4}



Between 2007 and 2012, there was an increase of 5.6% (or 2,958) in establishments in the North Saskatchewan region, and an increase of 5.4% (or 2,713) in small establishments (with less than 50 employees). The increase province-wide in both categories was approximately 3.8%. The number of establishments with employees in the region increased from 53,151 to 56,109 during that 5-year period.

There were proportionally fewer micro-establishments (which have one to four employees), and more non-micro establishments, than found in the province as a whole (Figure 2).

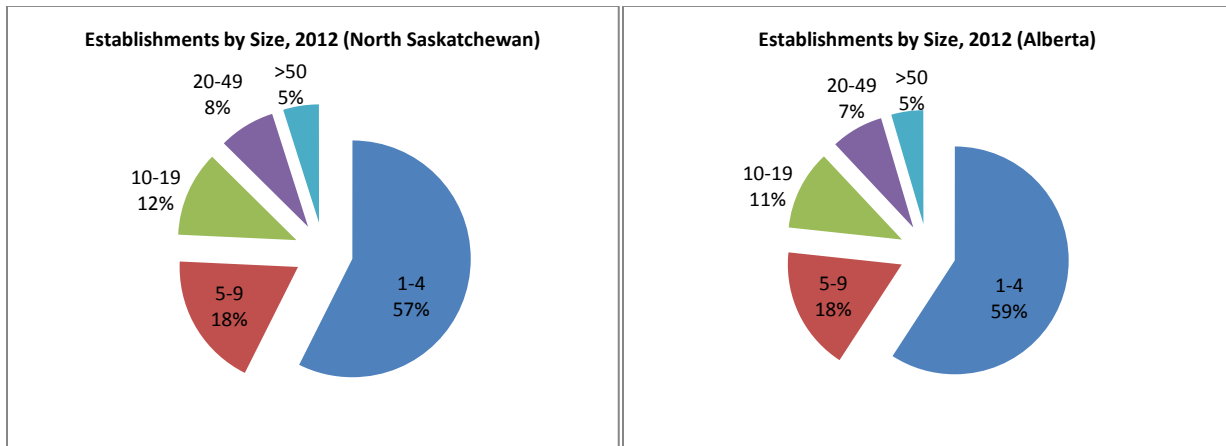
¹ The sector “Business and Commercial Services” contains the following industries: Information (NAICS code 51); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (NAICS code 54); Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS code 55); Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services (NAICS code 56).

² The sector “Tourism and Consumer Services” contains NAICS codes for the following industries: Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS code 71); Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS code 72); Other Services (except Public Administration) (NAICS code 81).

³ The sector “Energy” contains the following industries: Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS code 21); Utilities (NAICS code 22).

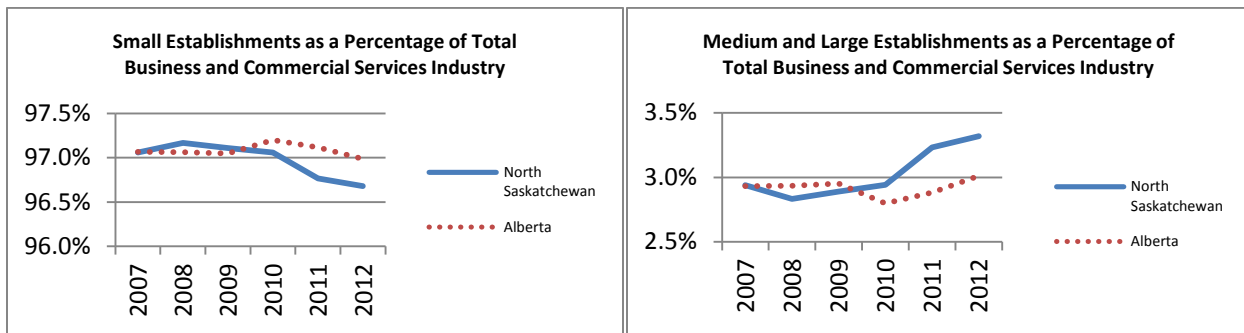
⁴ The sector “Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate” (FIRE) contains the following industries: Finance and Insurance (NAICS code 52); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS code 53).

Figure 2: Establishments by Size



As mentioned above, the sector with the largest number of establishments was Business and Commercial Services. At the beginning of the 2007 to 2012 period, the proportions of small establishments (which have less than 50 employees) and medium and large establishments (which have 50 employees or more) in the sector were approximately equal to the provincial averages. Recently, however, they have diverged, and as of 2012 the region had proportionally fewer small establishments, and more medium and large establishments, than the province as a whole (Figure 3). Within this sector, the largest sub-sector was computer systems design and related services.

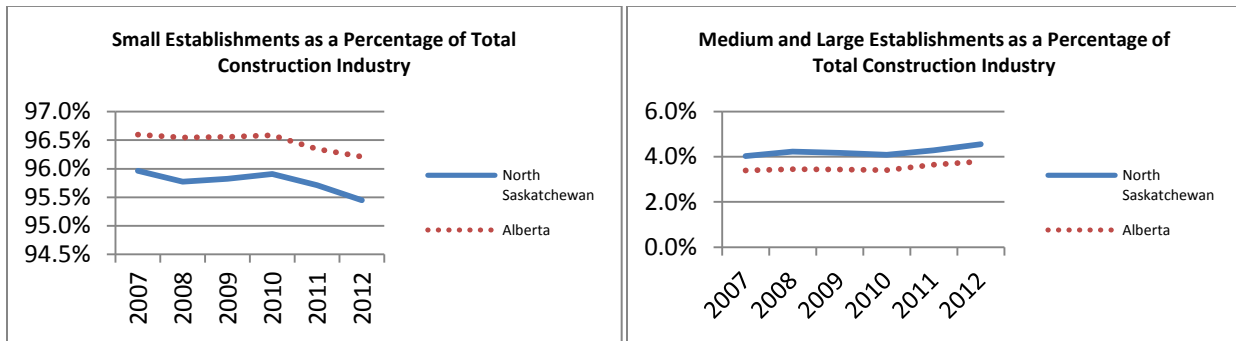
Figure 3: Establishments in the Business and Commercial Services Industry



The industry that saw the greatest increase in the number of establishments was Construction, where the number of establishments increased by 701 (or 10.3%) from 2007 to 2012. Within this industry, the largest, and fastest-growing, sub-sector was residential building construction.

There were proportionally fewer small establishments and more medium and large establishments in this sector in the region than in the province as a whole (Figure 4). This sector's trends in small and large business shares mirror the provincial averages.

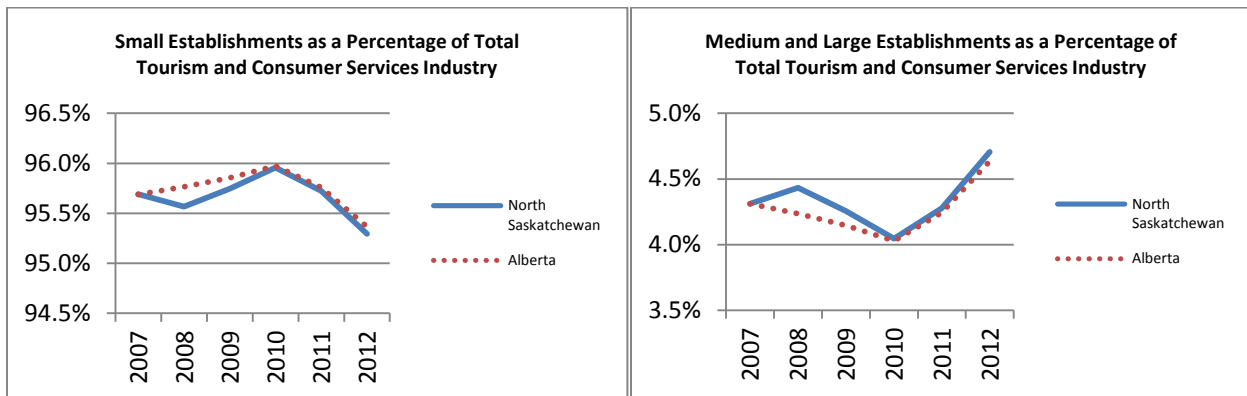
Figure 4: Establishments in the Construction Industry



The sector with the largest per cent change between 2007 and 2012 was Finance, Insurance and Real Estate with a 19.8% increase.

The industry that saw the greatest decrease in the number of establishments was Tourism and Consumer Services, which lost 151 establishments in the same period, or 1.5%. Within this sector, the largest sub-sector was limited-services eating places. The proportion of small establishments and medium and large establishments in the region were very close to the proportions at the provincial level (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Establishments in the Tourism and Consumer Services Industry



Number of Establishments by Industry and Size

	All Establishments (1+ Employees)				Small Establishments (<50 Employees)			
	2007	2011	2012	5-Year Change	2007	2011	2012	5-Year Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,407	1,552	1,722	22.4%	1,398	1,539	1,713	22.5%
Business and Commercial Services	10,548	10,734	11,025	4.5%	10,238	10,387	10,659	4.1%
Construction	6,789	7,178	7,490	10.3%	6,515	6,870	7,149	9.7%
Energy	1,551	1,480	1,557	0.4%	1,446	1,379	1,443	-0.2%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	3,461	3,694	4,148	19.8%	3,350	3,567	4,003	19.5%
Manufacturing	2,254	2,129	2,157	-4.3%	1,949	1,856	1,852	-5.0%
Public Sector	5,208	5,866	5,937	14.0%	4,853	5,506	5,558	14.5%
Tourism and Consumer Services	10,371	10,383	10,220	-1.5%	9,924	9,939	9,739	-1.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	3,006	2,937	3,165	5.3%	2,909	2,844	3,060	5.2%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	8,556	8,466	8,688	1.5%	8,065	7,954	8,184	1.5%
Total, All Industries	53,151	54,419	56,109	5.6%	50,647	51,841	53,360	5.4%

Source: Canadian Business Patterns, Statistics Canada