

# Alberta Tourism Market Monitor

Monthly  
Update



April 2014

For the first two months of 2014, the occupancy rate for Alberta (excluding resorts) was 62.2%, up +0.8 points compared to 2013 (61.4%). The average daily room rate for Alberta (excluding resorts) for the first two months of 2014 was \$138.80, up +3.5% compared to 2013 (\$134.05).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Y-T-D Total 2014
<b>Edmonton Occupancy Rate</b>	58.3%	68.2%											63.0%
Point Change from 2013	3.5	-2.1											0.9
Average Daily Room Rate	\$129.90	\$133.50											\$131.76
Variance from 2013	6.1%	6.4%											6.2%
<b>Calgary Occupancy Rate</b>	57.9%	63.3											60.5%
Point Change from 2013	-1.8	-3.3											-2.5
Average Daily Room Rate	\$157.27	\$161.74											\$159.49
Variance from 2013	1.2%	2.7%											1.9%
<b>Alberta Resorts Occupancy Rate</b>	38.0%	45.6%											41.6%
Point Change from 2013	1.0	1.1											1.0
Average Daily Room Rate	\$165.86	\$175.65											\$170.97
Variance from 2013	3.0%	4.7%											3.9%
<b>Other Alberta* Occupancy Rate</b>	59.9%	66.4%											63.0%
Point Change from 2013	3.6	2.7											3.2
Average Daily Room Rate	\$128.41	\$129.89											\$129.15
Variance from 2013	3.3%	3.7%											3.5%
<b>Total Alberta (excluding Resorts) Occupancy Rate</b>	58.8%	65.9%											62.2%
Point Change from 2013	2.0	-0.6											0.8
Average Daily Room Rate	\$137.42	\$140.16											\$138.80
Variance from 2013	3.1%	4.0%											3.5%

Includes Lethbridge, Red Deer and other Alberta communities.

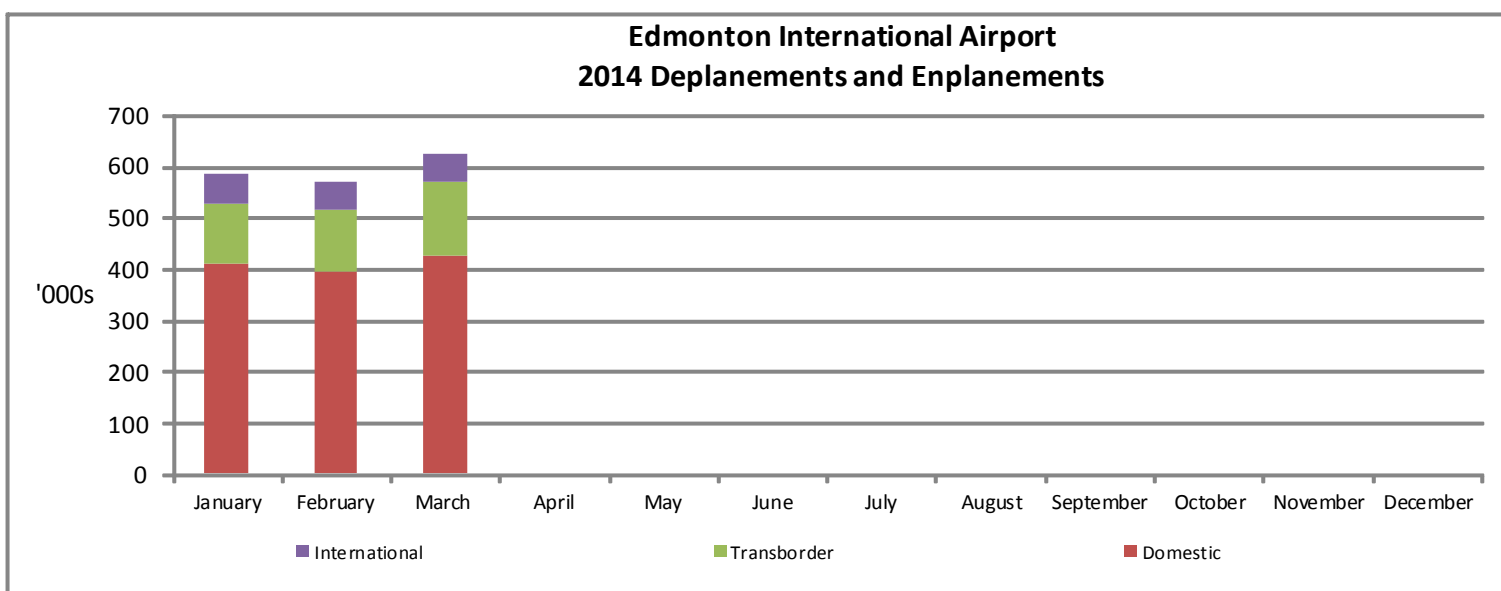
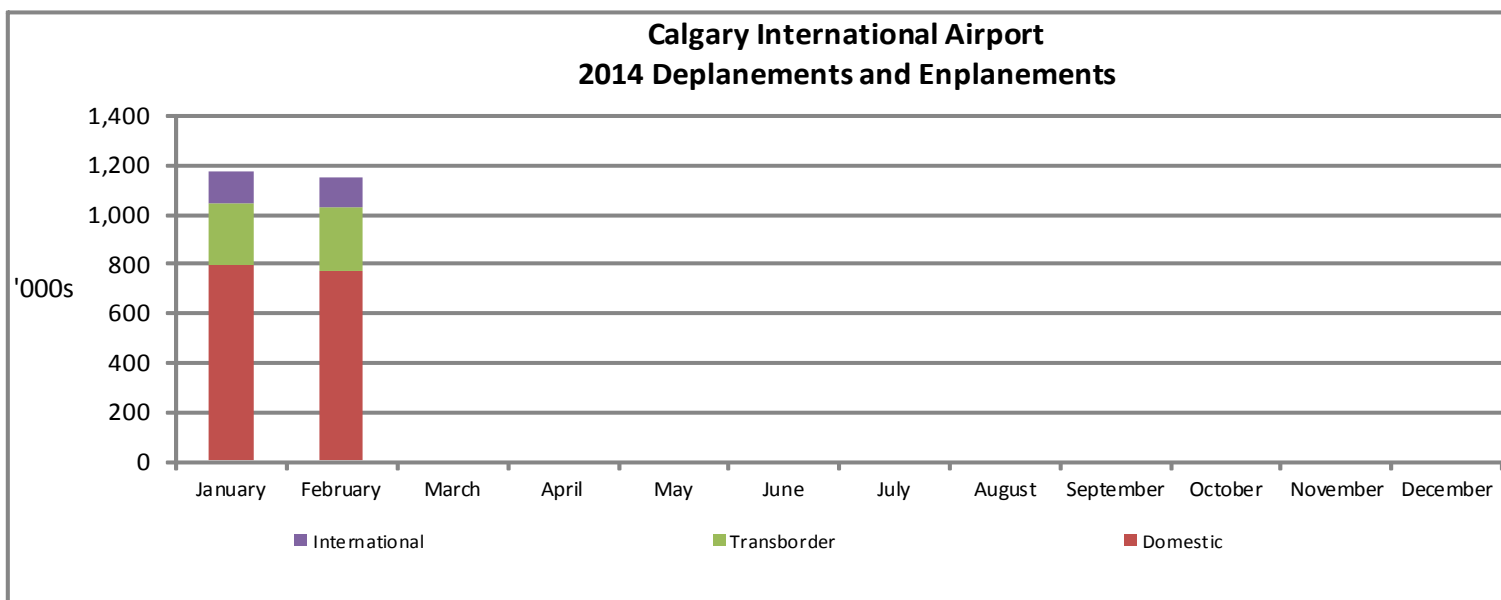
Source: PKF Consulting Inc.

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## Air Passengers 2014 (enplanements and deplanements)

Calgary International Airport reported that in February 2014, 1,147,643 passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +8.9% increase compared to February 2013 (1,054,204). For year-to-date 2014, 2.32 million passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +8.1% increase. For year-to-date 2014, domestic passengers are up +7.4%, transborder passengers are up +9.2%, and international (overseas) passengers are up +10.3%.

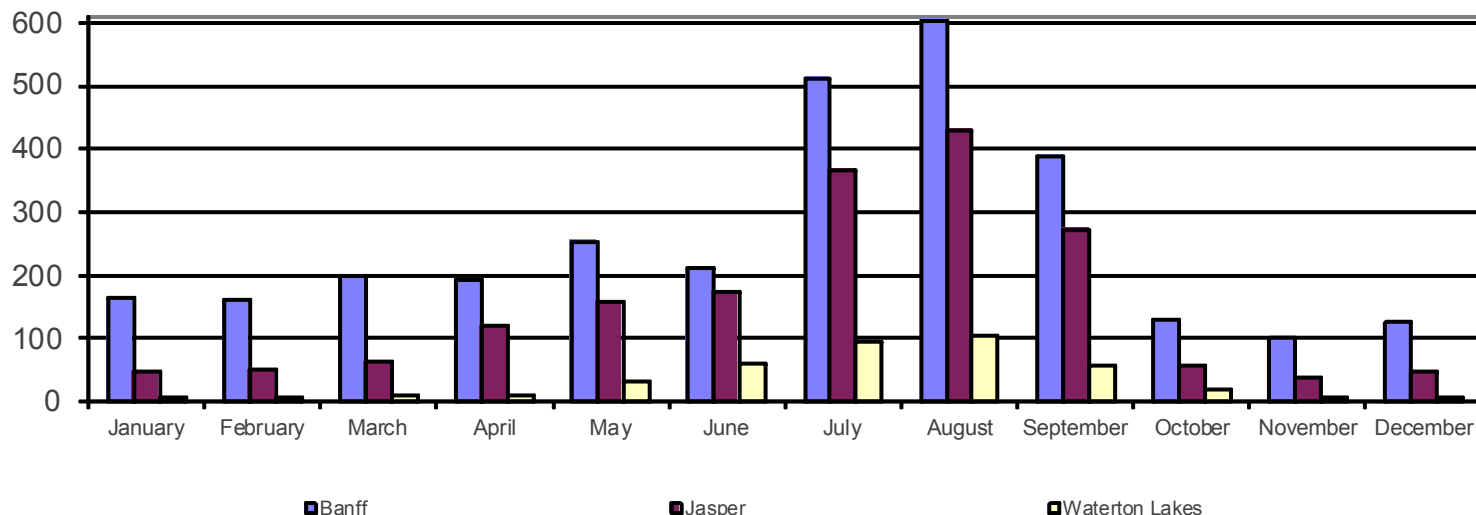
Edmonton International Airport reported that in March 2014, 624,799 passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +5.0% increase compared to March 2013 (594,879). For year-to-date 2014, 1.78 million passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +5.2% increase. For year-to-date 2014, domestic passengers are up +4.1%, transborder passengers are up +8.4%, and international (overseas) passengers are up +6.6%.



Source: Edmonton International Airport and Calgary Airport Authority

## National Park Attendance 2013 ('000s of person-visits) Group Tours not included

Independent Visits to National Parks ('000s) - 2013



Source: Parks Canada. No new data in April 2014.

## Historic Sites and Museums 2014 ('000s of person-visits)

2014	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Y-T-D Total
Visitor Attendance	23.5	39.8											63.3
% Change from 2013	10.9%	-6.8%											-0.9%

Source: Alberta Culture, Heritage Division. No new data for April 2014.

## Employment 2014 ('000s of persons)

Employment in the Accommodation, Food and Beverage sector in Alberta increased +24.1% in March 2014, compared to March 2013. Year-to-date 2014, average employment in the Accommodation, Food and Beverage sector in Alberta increased +18.0%.

Preliminary-Seasonally Adjusted	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average Y-T-D Total
Accommodation, Food and Beverage	149.2	148.9	<b>148.5</b>										<b>148.9</b>
% Change from 2013	15.5%	14.9%	<b>24.1%</b>										<b>18.0%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

## Food Services and Drinking Places 2014 (\$millions)

According to results from Statistics Canada's Food Services and Drinking Places survey, Alberta's unadjusted total receipts for January 2014 were up +9.3% to \$662.6 million, compared to January 2013 (\$606.1 million).

<i>Preliminary</i>	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average Y-T-D Total
Total Receipts for Alberta	\$662.6												\$662.6
% Change from 2013	9.3%												9.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, Food Services and Drinking Places (Unadjusted)

## Highway Traffic Count ('000s of Vehicles) 2014

<i>Preliminary</i>	Hwy 1—Sask border w-bound	% Change from 2013	Hwy 1—Banff Pk Gate (2 way)	% Change from 2013	Hwy 16—Jasper Pk Gate (2 way)	% Change from 2013	Hwy 16—Jct #897 w-bound	% Change from 2013
January	55.9	1.1%	473.0	3.4%	91.8	2.1%	169.6	2.8%
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Year-To-Date	55.9	1.1%	473.0	3.4%	91.8	2.1%	169.6	2.8%

Source: Alberta Transportation. No new data for April 2014.

## Definitions of Indicators

**Air Passengers**—Data are preliminary estimates of the number of air passengers enplaning and deplaning. Source: Calgary Airport Authority and Edmonton International Airport (websites).

**Highway Traffic**—These data are monthly totals. The monthly average daily traffic (average number of vehicles per day) is calculated by dividing the monthly total by the number of days in the month passing the counter locations and in the direction indicated for a particular month. Automatic Traffic Recorders count all vehicles by direction. Year-to-date is a cumulative total for all vehicles. Source: Alberta Transportation's Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATR).

**Accommodation Indices**—Occupancy rates and average daily room rates are based on a sample of hotels for each respective location. Source: PKF Consulting Inc., Trends in the Canadian Hotel Industry.

**Historic Sites and Museums**—Visitor attendance figures are monthly totals based on fifteen historic sites, the Royal Alberta Museum, the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, and the Tyrrell Field Station. Source: Alberta Culture, Heritage Division.

**National Park Attendance**—Attendance is reported as the number of independent visits to National Parks in Alberta. Data are preliminary unless otherwise noted. Beginning in 2004, the monthly figures for Banff National Park and Jasper National Park reflected independent travellers only, and do not include people travelling as part of a tour group. The tour group data, however, are included in the annual total. Source: Parks Canada.

**Employment in the Food and Accommodation Sector**—The employment figure represents all persons 15 years or older who worked for pay or profit or unpaid work in the food services and accommodation sectors, including businesses or other ventures owned or operated by a related family member(s) during the reference period of the survey. The year-to-date figure is an average for the year. Employment figures are seasonally adjusted. Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

**Food Services and Drinking Places**—The monthly survey provides estimates of the value of sales and the number of locations of restaurants, caterers, and drinking places by province and by industry at the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) four-digit level. Includes total receipts from restaurants, caterers and taverns for chain and independent establishments. The target population includes full-service restaurants, limited service eating places, special food places and drinking places. Data are unadjusted. The year-to-date figure is an average for the year. Source: Statistics Canada, Food Services and Drinking Places, CANSIM table: 355-0006.

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