

Alberta Tourism Market Monitor

Monthly
Update



May 2012

For the first three months of 2012, the occupancy rate for Alberta (excluding resorts) was 62.0%, up +4.1 points compared to the first three months of 2011 (57.9%). The average daily room rate for Alberta (excluding resorts) for the first three months of 2012 was \$128.67, up +3.5% compared to the same time period in 2011 (\$124.37).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Y-T-D Total
Edmonton Occupancy Rate	51.8%	67.2%	71.1%										63.3%
Point Change from 2011	3.6	4.4	5.2										4.5
Average Daily Room Rate	\$119.87	\$123.04	\$123.36										\$121.82
Variance from 2011	2.1%	2.9%	1.6%										1.8%
Calgary Occupancy Rate	58.2%	63.8%	68.1%										63.3%
Point Change from 2011	7.6	0.7	0.6										3.0
Average Daily Room Rate	\$142.55	\$149.72	\$148.57										\$147.39
Variance from 2011	4.0%	5.8%	-0.5%										2.9%
Alberta Resorts Occupancy Rate	35.8%	44.6%	49.1%										43.1%
Point Change from 2011	2.5	1.4	6.0										3.4
Average Daily Room Rate	\$150.00	\$165.43	\$164.20										\$160.56
Variance from 2011	2.7%	5.9%	10.6%										6.8%
Other Alberta* Occupancy Rate	54.8%	61.5%	63.7%										60.0%
Point Change from 2011	4.3	5.2	4.1										4.5
Average Daily Room Rate	\$118.64	\$120.49	\$119.96										\$119.73
Variance from 2011	5.8%	7.0%	6.0%										6.2%
Total Alberta (excluding Resorts) Occupancy Rate	54.9%	63.9%	67.2%										62.0%
Point Change from 2011	5.1	3.6	3.3										4.1
Average Daily Room Rate	\$126.48	\$130.04	\$129.50										\$128.67
Variance from 2011	4.3%	5.0%	1.8%										3.5%

* Includes Lethbridge, Red Deer and other Alberta communities.

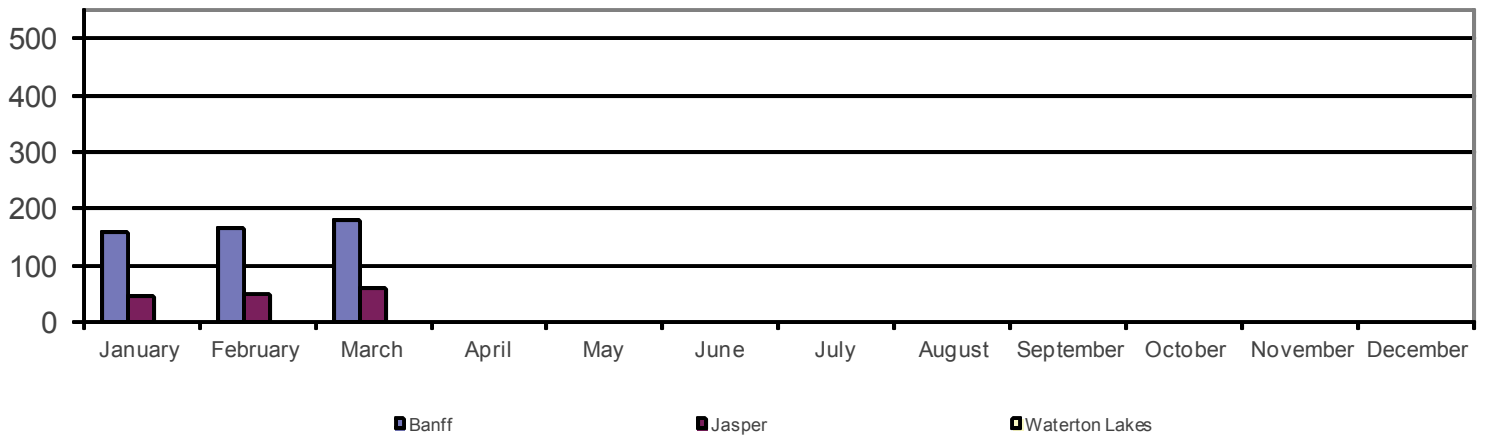
Source: PKF Consulting Inc.

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

For March 2012, independent visits to Banff National Park were 181,125, an increase of +8.4% compared to March 2011 (167,140). Year-to-date, independent visits to Banff National Park were 504,100, an increase of +10.5%. For March 2012, independent visits to Jasper National Park were 60,971, an increase of +12.5% compared to March 2011 (54,173). Year-to-date, independent visits to Jasper National Park were 159,900, an increase of +12.4%.

Independent Visits to National Parks ('000s) - 2012

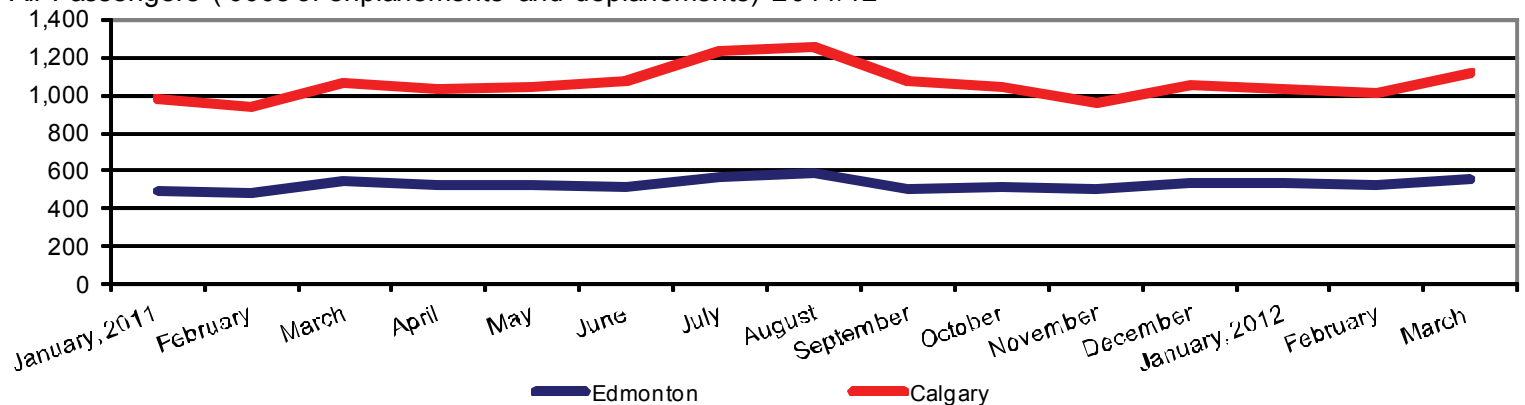


Source: Parks Canada **No data for Waterton Lakes National Park available in May.**

Air Passengers (enplanements and deplanements)

Calgary International Airport reported that in March 2012, 1,115,392 passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +4.0% increase compared to March 2011 (1,072,974). For year-to-date 2012, 3.16 million passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +5.6% increase compared to the same time period in 2011. Edmonton International Airport report that in March 2012, 573,246 passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +5.7% increase compared to March 2011 (542,296). For year-to-date 2012, 1.63 million passengers either boarded or deplaned at the airport, a +8.1% increase compared to the same time period in 2011.

Air Passengers ('000s of enplanements and deplanements) 2011/12



Source: Edmonton International Airport and Calgary Airport Authority.

Historic Sites and Museums 2012 ('000s of person-visits)

2012	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Y-T-D Total
Visitor Attendance	20.0	40.5	40.1	45.2									145.8
% Change from 2011	8.1%	15.0%	10.8%	7.8									10.6%

Source: Alberta Culture, Historic Resources Division.

Employment 2012 ('000s of persons)

Employment in the Accommodation, Food and Beverage sector in Alberta decreased -4.4% in April 2012, compared to April 2011. Average year-to-date employment in the Accommodation, Food and Beverage sector in Alberta for 2012 is up +0.9% compared to 2011.

<i>Preliminary-Seasonally Adjusted</i>	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average Y-T-D Total
Accommodation, Food and Beverage	128.3	138.7	128.9	131.9									131.9
% Change from 2011	4.2%	8.4%	-3.6%	-4.4%									0.9%

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

Highway Traffic Count ('000s of Vehicles) 2012

<i>Preliminary</i>	Hwy 1—Sask border w-bound	% Change from 2010	Hwy 1—Banff Pk Gate (2 way)	% Change from 2010	Hwy 16—Jasper Pk Gate (2 way)	% Change from 2010	Hwy 16—Jct #897 w-bound	% Change from 2010
January	56.5	8.9%	430.9	13.6%	90.8	9.1%	162.6	8.3%
February	59.3	14.7%	437.6	12.1%	90.4	16.0%	164.6	14.1%
March	62.3	3.7%	470.4	10.4%	108.3	14.4%	175.4	7.0%
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Year-To-Date	178.1	8.8%	1,338.9	12.8%	289.5	13.2%	502.5	9.6%

Source: Alberta Transportation.

Food Services and Drinking Places 2012 (\$millions)

According to results from Statistics Canada's Food Services and Drinking Places survey, Alberta's total receipts for February 2012 were up +8.2% to \$626.9 million, compared to February 2011 (\$579.2 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	\$628.2	\$626.9											\$627.6
% Change from 2011	-2.0%	8.2%											2.9%

Source: Statistics Canada, Food Services and Drinking Places

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, Historic Resources Division.

National Park Attendance— Attendance is reported as the number of independent visits to National Parks in Alberta. Data are preliminary unless otherwise noted. Tour group data are included in the annual total only. 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. 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. Source: Statistics Canada, Food Services and Drinking Places, CANSIM table: 355-0006.

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