



Monthly Economic Review

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Current Economic Indicators October 2012 Highlights

Labour Force: In September 2012, Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4%. This rate remains unchanged from what was recorded in August as the size of the labour force and employment grew by just over 2,000. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 7.4% in September. Over the last 12 months, the number of employed people in Alberta has risen by 37,400 or 1.8%. The largest employment gains were noted for mining and oil and gas extraction (up 24,700) and construction (up 21,100), while declines were noted for information, culture and recreation (down 11,800) and professional, scientific and technical services (down 11,200). In July 2012, there were 25,610 employment insurance recipients in Alberta, down 20.7% from July 2011.

Consumer Spending: In July 2012, Alberta retail sales rose by 9.2% from July 2011 to \$5.7 billion. On a year-to-date basis, Alberta retail trade sales increased by 9.0% from the same period last year. The number of residential home re-sales via the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) rose by 7.7% in September, compared to September 2011. In August 2012, the number of new motor vehicle sales in Alberta increased by 9.0% from a year ago. Year-to-date automobile sales rose 12.4% from 2011. In the same month, Albertans paid 1.4% more for the goods and services that comprise the Consumer Price Index than they did in August 2011.

Construction: In September, urban housing starts in Alberta rose 33.0% from 12 months ago to 2,726, mostly as a result of a 92.5% fall in multiple starts. Housing starts in Edmonton rose by 59.0% and Calgary starts rose by 24.9%. Over the January to September period, housing starts rose 37.7% from the same period in 2011. In August, the value of Alberta building permits rose by 7.4% from August 2011. Year-to-date, the value of Alberta building permits rose 13.4% from the same period of 2011 to \$9.5 billion.

Manufacturing: In August, manufacturing shipments in Alberta rose by 4.2% from August 2011 to \$6.2 billion. All sectors except petroleum

and coal and chemical and chemical products sectors registered significant increases in shipment values. Year-to-date, manufacturing shipments rose 9.2% from 2011. The largest increases were in shipments of computer and electronics (up 52.9%), machinery (up 27.8%), and non-metallic mineral products (up 23.6%). Nationally, manufacturing shipment values increased by 5.1%.

Energy: In September 2012, there were 229 active drilling rigs in Alberta, down 33.8% from a year ago. For the first nine months of 2011, the average number of active drilling rigs fell by 8.5% from a year ago to 246. In July 2012, crude oil production rose 11.8%, from 12 months earlier while natural gas production fell by 7.4% over the same period.

Exports: Between August 2011 and August 2012, Alberta merchandise exports decreased by 7.4% as a result of decreases in mining and energy (down 10.1%) and manufacturing (down 5.0%). Primary agriculture exports increased by 25.6% over the same period. Year-to-date exports rose by 5.6% from the same period last year to \$64.5 billion.

Bankruptcies and Incorporations: In July 2012, the number of consumer bankruptcies decreased by 8.4%, while business bankruptcies increased 6.7%. Year-to-date, consumer bankruptcies fell 16.3% to 3,629 and business bankruptcies rose 1.4% to 150. From January to September of 2012, the number of business incorporations rose 0.8% to 31,549 as compared to the same period in 2011.

Population: On July 1, 2012, Alberta's population reached 3,873,745, up 2.5% from July 1, 2011. This was the highest provincial population growth and the highest growth rate since 2007. The national growth rate was 1.1% over the same period. In the second quarter of 2012, net interprovincial migration into Alberta was 8,544. Net international migration was 14,546 (the highest on record) over the same period.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

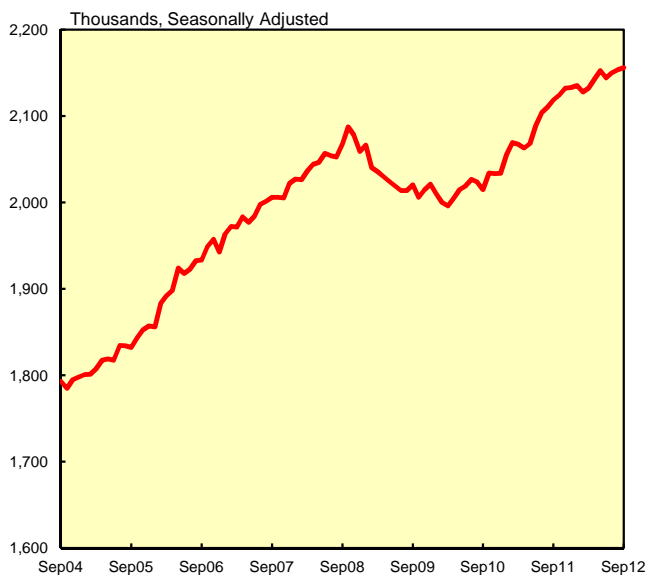
LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Yearly Change	2011	2012	Yearly Change	2011	2012	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	2,206.5	2,250.6	44.0	2,235.4	2,253.2	17.8	2,238.1	2,255.6	17.5
Calgary	765.1	783.4	18.3	789.4	782.4	-7.0	785.0	781.8	-3.2
Edmonton	704.3	719.5	15.2	719.7	732.2	12.5	721.5	738.2	16.7
Employed (000's)	2,082.9	2,143.9	61.0	2,110.6	2,153.9	43.3	2,118.6	2,156.0	37.4
Calgary	719.3	745.5	26.3	739.5	746.4	6.9	736.2	744.7	8.5
Edmonton	664.6	684.7	20.1	679.1	699.2	20.1	680.1	705.2	25.1
Employment Rate (%)	69.4	70.1	0.7	70.0	69.9	-0.1	70.2	69.8	-0.4
Calgary	69.9	70.9	1.0	71.5	70.5	-1.0	71.0	70.1	-0.9
Edmonton	69.1	69.6	0.5	70.3	70.5	0.2	70.3	70.9	0.6
Unemployment (000's)	123.7	106.6	-17.0	124.8	99.3	-25.5	119.5	99.6	-19.9
Calgary	45.9	37.9	-8.0	49.9	36.0	-13.9	48.8	37.1	-11.7
Edmonton	39.8	34.8	-4.9	40.5	33.0	-7.5	41.4	33.0	-8.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.7	-0.9	5.6	4.4	-1.2	5.3	4.4	-0.9
Calgary	6.0	4.8	-1.1	6.3	4.6	-1.7	6.2	4.7	-1.5
Edmonton	5.6	4.8	-0.8	5.6	4.5	-1.1	5.7	4.5	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	73.6	73.6	0.0	74.2	73.2	-1.0	74.2	73.1	-1.1
Calgary	74.3	74.5	0.2	76.3	73.9	-2.4	75.7	73.6	-2.1
Edmonton	73.3	73.2	-0.1	74.5	73.9	-0.6	74.6	74.3	-0.3

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

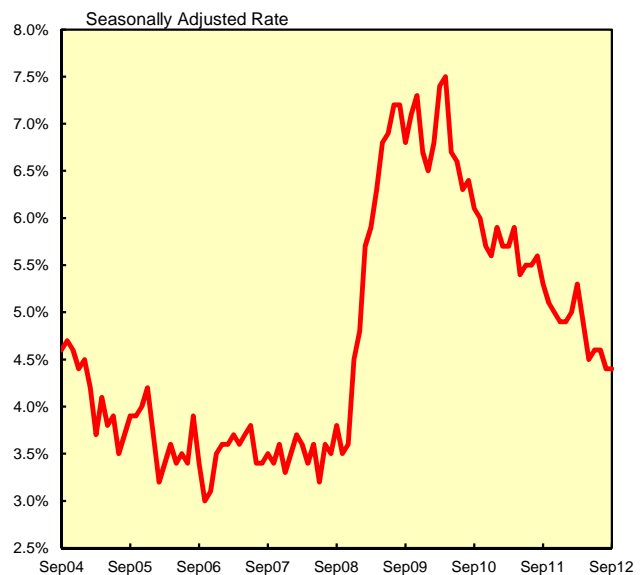
ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Yearly Change	2011	2012	Yearly Change	2011	2012	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	4.7	-1.2	5.6	4.0	-1.6	4.5	3.5	-1.0
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.9	-0.5	7.3	6.4	-0.9	5.2	5.2	0.0
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	9.1	-2.0	10.7	8.9	-1.8	9.4	10.4	1.0
Working Age Population (000's)	3,000.3	3,058.7	58.4	3,014.6	3,079.6	65.0	3,022.1	3,087.4	65.3
Calgary	1,029.3	1,051.4	22.2	1,034.9	1,059.1	24.2	1,038.3	1,061.7	23.4
Edmonton	961.1	983.0	21.9	965.8	991.2	25.4	969.0	994.1	25.1
Employed (000's)	2,083.7	2,145.5	61.9	2,127.7	2,173.6	45.9	2,122.3	2,158.9	36.6
Full-time	1,727.5	1,797.5	70.1	1,806.8	1,868.3	61.5	1,760.8	1,823.0	62.2
Part-time	356.2	348.0	-8.2	320.9	305.3	-15.6	361.5	335.9	-25.6

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

EMPLOYMENT



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Yearly Change	2011	2012	Yearly Change	2011	2012	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.2	3.4	-1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	50.4	56.3	5.9	55.0	62.1	7.1	56.8	63.4	6.6
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.1	0.0	2.2	2.4	0.2	1.7	1.9	0.2
Employed (000's)	148.2	176.1	27.9	142.1	181.4	39.3	148.1	172.8	24.7
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	4.9	-1.9	4.0	4.8	0.8	3.4	3.9	0.5
Employed (000's)	208.5	227.3	18.8	224.9	243.9	19.0	218.7	239.8	21.1
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	2.5	-1.4	3.7	2.5	-1.2	4.4	1.5	-2.9
Employed (000's)	143.1	135.6	-7.5	148.1	138.7	-9.4	147.8	141.9	-5.9
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	3.2	n/a	n/a	2.2	n/a	n/a	3.5	n/a
Employed (000's)	93.3	81.6	-11.7	87.1	87.0	-0.1	91.2	83.8	-7.4
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	3.7	-1.5	5.6	2.8	-2.8	4.6	2.7	-1.9
Employed (000's)	226.3	240.1	13.8	241.7	231.5	-10.2	230.3	225.8	-4.5
Transportation and Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	n/a	n/a	3.8	2.8	-1.0	3.1	1.6	-1.5
Employed (000's)	105.7	115.1	9.4	110.1	115.4	5.3	117.9	126.2	8.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	2.0	0.2	n/a	1.6	n/a
Employed (000's)	99.8	101.8	2.0	107.7	110.6	2.9	100.8	108.4	7.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.0	2.5	-0.4	2.6	1.0	-1.6	3.7	2.6	-1.1
Employed (000's)	164.8	156.1	-8.7	166.1	158.4	-7.7	165.2	154.0	-11.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	5.5	-1.6	8.8	3.3	-5.5	7.4	5.5	-1.9
Employed (000's)	73.0	72.9	-0.1	79.2	84.7	5.5	73.8	70.4	-3.4
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	12.5	12.5	0.0	2.2	2.5	0.3
Employed (000's)	126.5	126.8	0.2	105.4	108.7	3.3	122.4	132.2	9.8
Health Care and Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.6	n/a	n/a	4.3	1.8	-2.5	2.3	1.9	-0.4
Employed (000's)	222.3	228.0	5.7	222.1	225.2	3.1	225.0	216.0	-9.0
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.0	-1.0	5.9	7.0	1.1	5.4	6.5	1.1
Employed (000's)	79.1	71.7	-7.4	90.0	67.6	-22.4	81.1	69.3	-11.8
Accommodation and Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.6	-0.6	5.0	4.4	-0.6	4.4	6.5	2.1
Employed (000's)	133.2	135.2	2.0	136.2	135.0	-1.2	128.0	128.7	0.7
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	n/a	n/a	2.7	3.4	0.7	3.2	2.8	-0.4
Employed (000's)	103.8	106.5	2.6	100.8	109.6	8.8	107.2	108.6	1.4
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	n/a	n/a	3.8	1.7	-2.1
Employed (000's)	85.9	90.1	4.3	92.5	87.6	-4.9	88.8	90.1	1.3

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

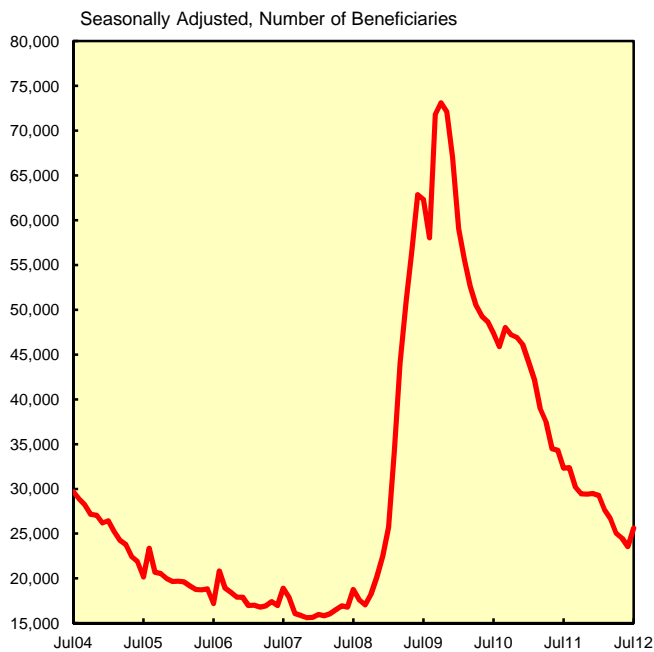
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	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE									
<u>Alberta</u>									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	37,691	26,044	-30.9	34,310	23,560	-31.3	32,300	25,610	-20.7

	JANUARY - JUNE			MAY			JUNE		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
WAGES AND SALARIES (\$000,000)									
<u>Alberta</u>									
Total, seasonally adjusted	61,869	66,669	7.8	10,420	11,199	7.5	10,409	11,330	8.9

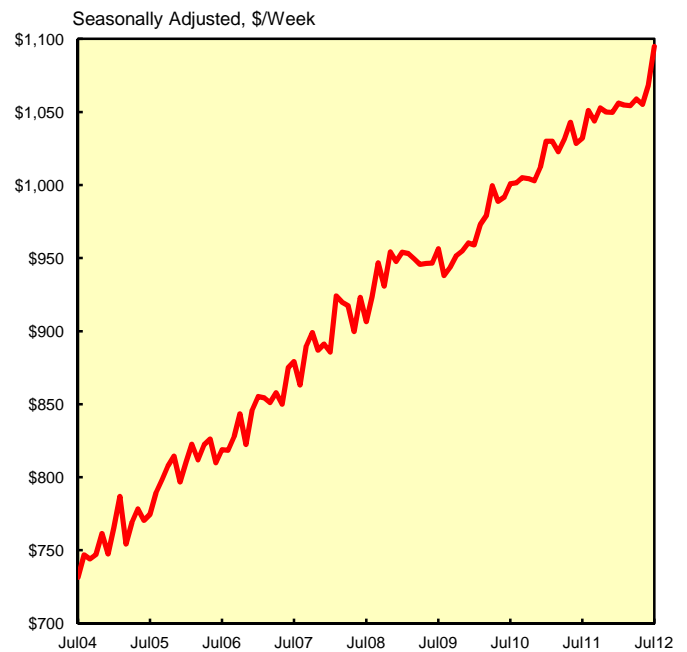
	JANUARY - JULY AVERAGE			JUNE			JULY		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES									
<u>Alberta</u>									
\$/week, seasonally adjusted	1,031	1,063	3.1	1,028	1,068	3.9	1,032	1,095	6.1

	JANUARY - JUNE			JANUARY - MARCH			APRIL - JUNE		
	2010	2011	Per cent Change	2010	2011	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
MIGRATION									
<u>Alberta</u>									
International									
Immigration	14,305	17,878	25.0	5,916	7,520	27.1	8,389	10,358	23.5
Emigration	2,751	2,763	0.4	1,289	1,295	0.5	1,462	1,468	0.4
Returning Canadians	1,855	1,855	0.0	672	672	0.0	1,183	1,183	0.0
Temporarily abroad	1,507	1,499	-0.5	732	728	-0.5	775	771	-0.5
Net Non-Permanent Residents	922	7,684	n/a	(419)	2,440	n/a	1,341	5,244	n/a
Net international migration	12,824	23,155	80.6	4,148	8,609	n/a	8,676	14,546	67.7
Interprovincial									
In-migration	34,781	50,310	44.6	15,768	24,177	53.3	19,013	26,133	37.4
Out-migration	27,667	30,040	8.6	12,608	12,451	-1.2	15,059	17,589	16.8
Net Interprovincial migration	7,114	20,270	184.9	3,160	11,726	271.1	3,954	8,544	116.1

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS



	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
RETAIL TRADE (\$000,000)									
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	36,425	39,695	9.0	5,278	5,655	7.1	5,250	5,732	9.2
Motor and Recreational Vehicles	9,290	10,925	17.6	1,608	1,749	8.8	1,415	1,700	20.2
Gasoline Service Stations	4,782	5,166	8.0	716	768	7.2	734	794	8.2
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	2,488	2,581	3.7	370	379	2.6	373	376	0.9
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	1,915	2,075	8.3	378	387	2.4	347	372	7.2
Food and Beverage	7,369	7,616	3.3	1,112	1,194	7.5	1,157	1,107	-4.3
Pharmacies and Personal Care	1,608	1,694	5.4	229	251	9.6	222	238	7.3
Clothing and Accessories	1,848	2,057	11.3	284	332	16.6	292	303	3.7
General Merchandise	4,378	4,732	8.1	689	741	7.5	684	727	6.3
Miscellaneous Retailers	798	846	6.0	129	136	5.9	118	126	6.7

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

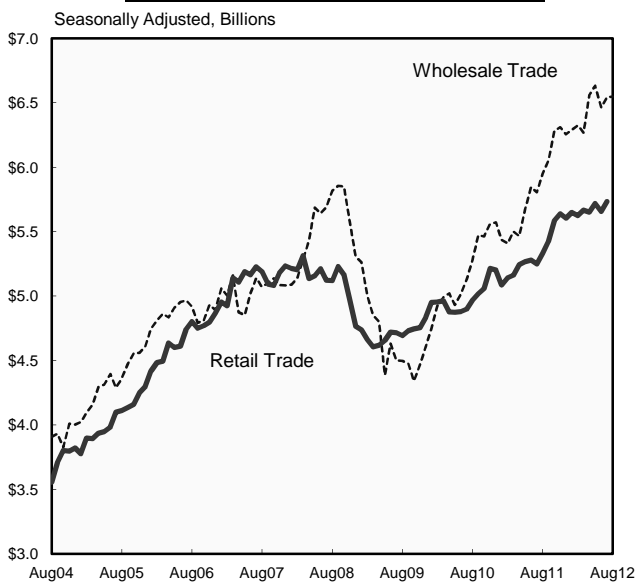
	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
FOOD SERVICES AND DRINKING PLACES RECEIPTS (\$000,000)									
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	4,136	4,463	7.9	604	639	5.7	606	653	7.7

	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES									
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	148,719	167,172	12.4	19,387	21,476	10.8	20,191	22,013	9.0
Passenger Vehicles	37,206	41,272	10.9	4,765	5,106	7.2	4,949	5,130	3.7
Trucks	111,513	125,900	12.9	14,622	16,370	12.0	15,242	16,883	10.8

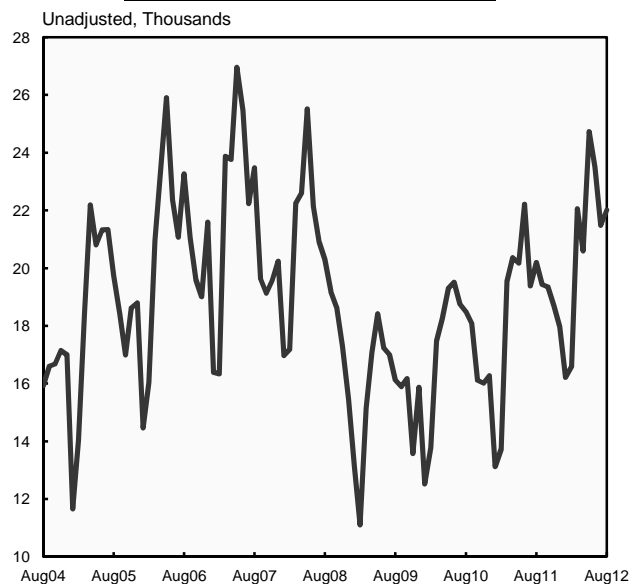
Note: Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses regardless of their intended use. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
WHOLESALE TRADE (\$000,000)									
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adjusted	45,077	51,627	14.5	5,805	6,544	12.7	5,949	6,548	10.1

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE



NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES



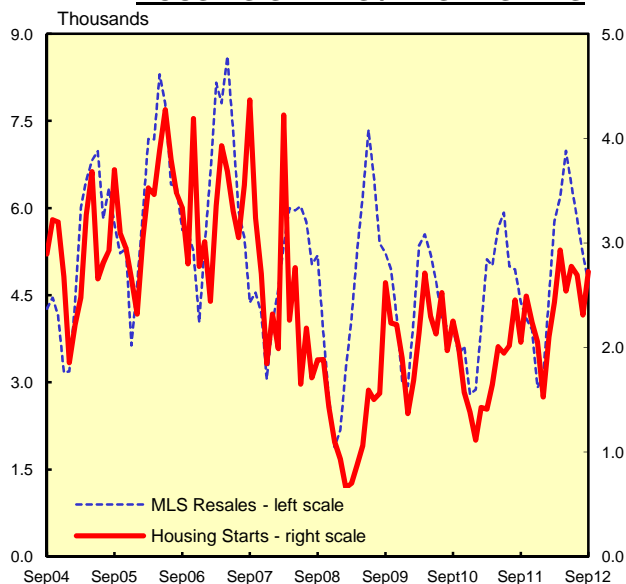
MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - AUGUST			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (number)	42,839	48,665	13.6	4,938	5,198	5.3	4,379	4,714	7.7
Calgary	17,896	21,356	19.3	1,907	2,198	15.3	1,789	2,054	14.8
Edmonton	13,640	14,358	5.3	1,642	1,535	-6.5	1,345	1,372	2.0
Total Value (\$000,000)	15,179	17,663	16.4	1,701	1,853	9.0	1,551	1,674	7.9
Calgary	7,236	8,779	21.3	752	880	17.0	727	827	13.8
Edmonton	4,464	4,816	7.9	534	513	-3.9	448	444	-0.7

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	16,534	22,767	37.7	2,599	2,310	-11.1	2,049	2,726	33.0
Single Detached	10,244	11,381	11.1	1,410	1,319	-6.5	1,355	1,390	2.6
All Others*	6,290	11,386	81.0	1,189	991	-16.7	694	1,336	92.5
Calgary	6,235	10,005	60.5	1,237	1,039	-16.0	810	1,012	24.9
Edmonton	6,710	9,125	36.0	805	918	14.0	820	1,304	59.0

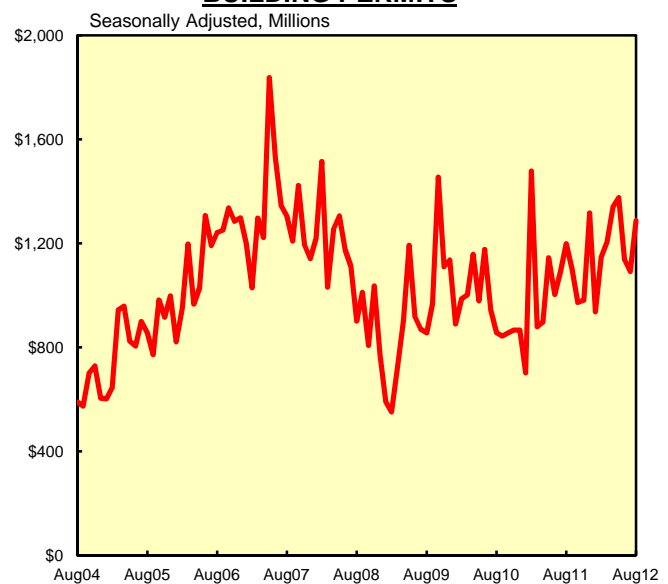
* Includes: two-family, row, and apartment dwellings

BUILDING PERMITS (\$000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	8,395.3	9,517.4	13.4	1,091.7	1,092.3	0.1	1,198.8	1,287.5	7.4
Total Value, unadjusted	8,484.2	9,623.2	13.4	1,171.9	1,199.2	2.3	1,288.6	1,332.4	3.4
Calgary	3,433.9	3,755.7	9.4	376.6	413.2	9.7	492.5	534.1	8.4
Edmonton	2,708.2	3,168.2	17.0	369.3	395.5	7.1	322.6	525.7	63.0
Residential	4,598.7	5,531.8	20.3	679.3	714.0	5.1	701.0	847.5	20.9
Calgary	1,743.2	2,245.0	28.8	236.9	267.1	12.7	309.8	372.1	20.1
Edmonton	1,746.4	2,036.9	16.6	244.6	275.7	12.7	238.4	322.5	35.3
Industrial	1,121.8	910.2	-18.9	68.2	143.8	110.7	129.3	101.5	-21.6
Calgary	705.7	205.0	-70.9	8.4	41.6	394.3	18.5	35.9	94.3
Edmonton	80.8	187.1	131.7	6.9	25.5	271.3	8.0	40.0	398.7
Commercial	2,376.1	2,591.4	9.1	381.5	310.1	-18.7	364.4	314.7	-13.6
Calgary	827.2	1,101.3	33.1	102.2	92.4	-9.6	131.7	94.1	-28.5
Edmonton	765.6	755.2	-1.4	112.9	91.1	-19.3	71.6	147.5	105.9
Institutional/Government	387.7	589.8	52.1	42.8	31.2	-27.1	94.0	68.8	-26.8
Calgary	157.7	204.4	29.6	29.1	12.1	-58.3	32.5	32.0	-1.7
Edmonton	115.4	188.9	63.7	5.0	3.3	-34.4	4.6	15.8	243.8

HOUSING STARTS / MLS RESALES



BUILDING PERMITS



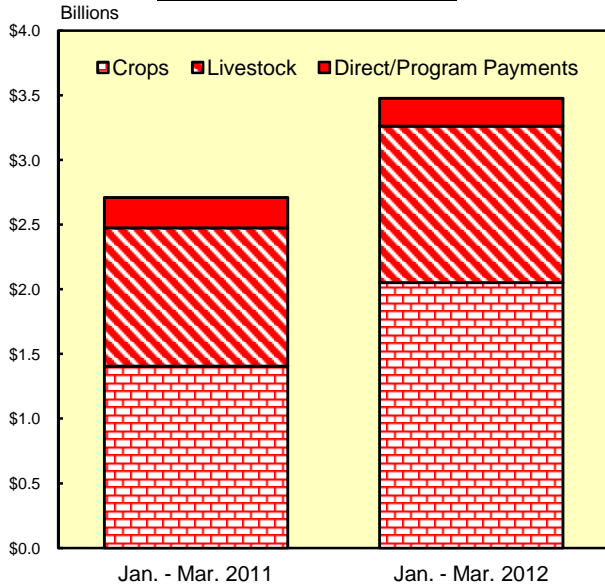
MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture \$000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
	Alberta								
Total, seasonally adjusted	45,602.8	49,791.8	9.2	5,855.7	6,178.6	5.5	5,957.1	6,208.4	4.2
Total, unadjusted	45,392.8	49,546.6	9.2	5,879.8	6,158.2	4.7	6,254.1	6,379.0	2.0
Food Products	7,365.6	8,008.7	8.7	984.6	1,035.0	5.1	962.9	1,042.2	8.2
Plastics & Rubber Products	973.2	740.8	-23.9	127.1	n/a	n/a	147.2	n/a	n/a
Metal Fabricating	3,409.8	4,152.1	21.8	451.0	467.8	3.7	471.9	502.6	6.5
Printing & Publishing	545.9	551.5	1.0	58.3	62.2	6.7	69.7	71.1	2.0
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,238.8	1,531.0	23.6	197.9	247.0	24.8	230.2	282.5	22.7
Petroleum & Coal Products	12,099.3	12,350.1	2.1	1,610.7	1,457.4	-9.5	1,691.1	1,564.4	-7.5
Chemicals & Chemical Products	8,368.4	8,339.9	-0.3	1,073.6	989.5	-7.8	1,124.2	1,032.2	-8.2
Wood Products	1,450.3	1,743.3	20.2	178.4	254.0	42.4	201.9	251.4	24.5
Furniture & Fixtures	525.9	550.3	4.6	67.2	69.9	4.0	71.1	73.0	2.7
Paper & Allied	1,220.5	n/a	n/a	143.7	n/a	n/a	160.2	n/a	n/a
Computers & Electronics	289.2	442.2	52.9	32.5	48.5	49.2	36.6	55.2	50.9
Machinery	4,900.7	6,264.3	27.8	570.9	795.6	39.3	680.9	761.6	11.8
Other Manufacturing*	3,005.2	n/a	n/a	383.9	n/a	n/a	406.1	n/a	n/a

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing (includes Primary Metal, Beverage and Transportation Equipment sectors)

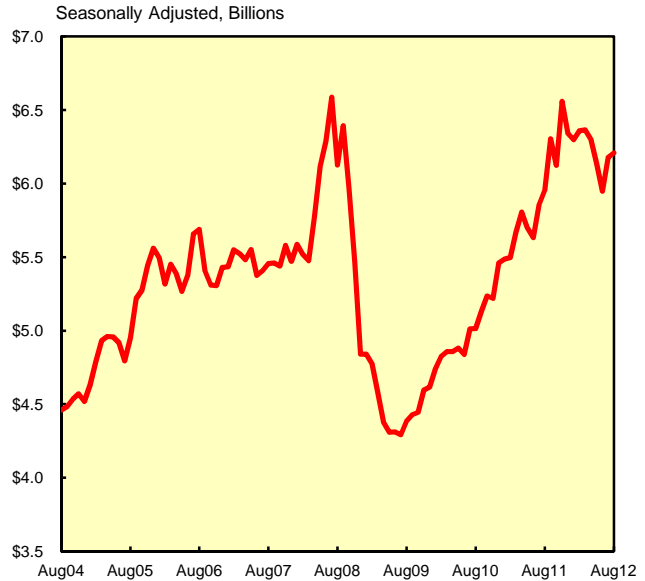
AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts (\$000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			OCTOBER - DECEMBER			JANUARY - MARCH		
	2010	2011	Per cent Change	2010	2011	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
	Alberta								
Total From Operations	9,003.8	10,467.4	16.3	2,361.6	2,811.4	19.0	2,711.7	3,477.9	28.3
Crops	3,794.7	5,182.7	36.6	1,120.7	1,431.3	27.7	1,406.8	2,051.8	45.8
Wheat, other than Durum	1,009.2	1,463.3	45.0	311.8	408.8	31.1	331.3	428.6	29.4
Durum Wheat	123.7	132.4	7.1	30.1	47.8	58.5	38.7	48.4	25.2
Barley	154.0	236.1	53.3	64.6	89.1	37.9	57.1	71.2	24.6
Canola	1,711.0	2,609.2	52.5	628.4	837.0	33.2	548.4	916.8	67.2
Livestock	4,392.2	4,603.4	4.8	1,043.4	1,197.6	14.8	1,069.1	1,212.0	13.4
Cattle and Calves	3,082.6	3,167.2	2.7	724.2	823.4	13.7	738.3	844.2	14.4
Hogs	368.5	416.5	13.0	80.0	109.3	36.6	98.6	110.3	11.8
Dairy Products	478.4	504.1	5.4	121.1	129.7	7.1	121.0	134.1	10.8
Poultry	259.1	296.2	14.3	65.6	76.5	16.7	67.5	75.3	11.6
Direct/Program Payments	816.9	681.3	-16.6	197.5	182.5	-7.6	235.8	214.1	-9.2

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments.

FARM CASH RECEIPTS



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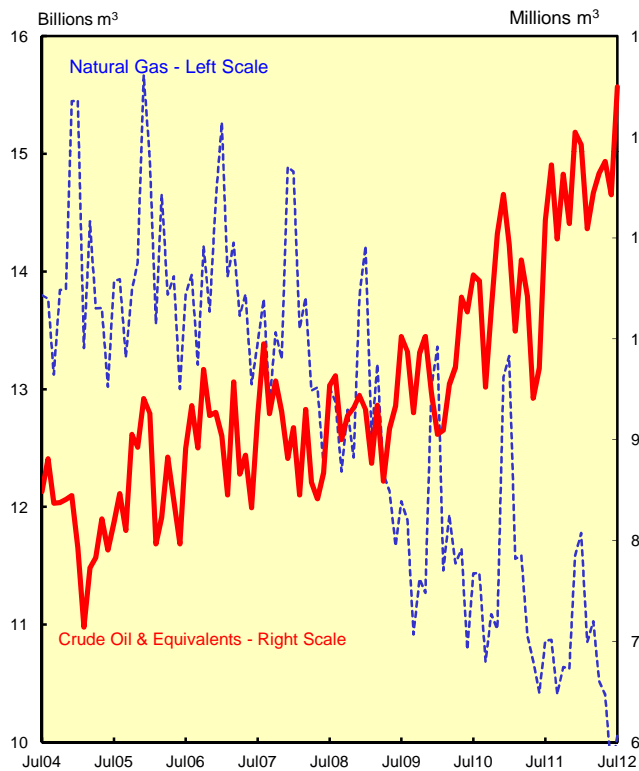
	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2010	2011	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
ENERGY PRODUCTION									
Alberta									
Natural Gas (million m ³)	79,306	74,391	-6.2	10,419	9,752	-6.4	10,862	10,055	-7.4
Crude Oil and Equivalents*('000 m ³)	72,506	81,777	12.8	9,709	11,426	17.7	11,176	12,496	11.8

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium/Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

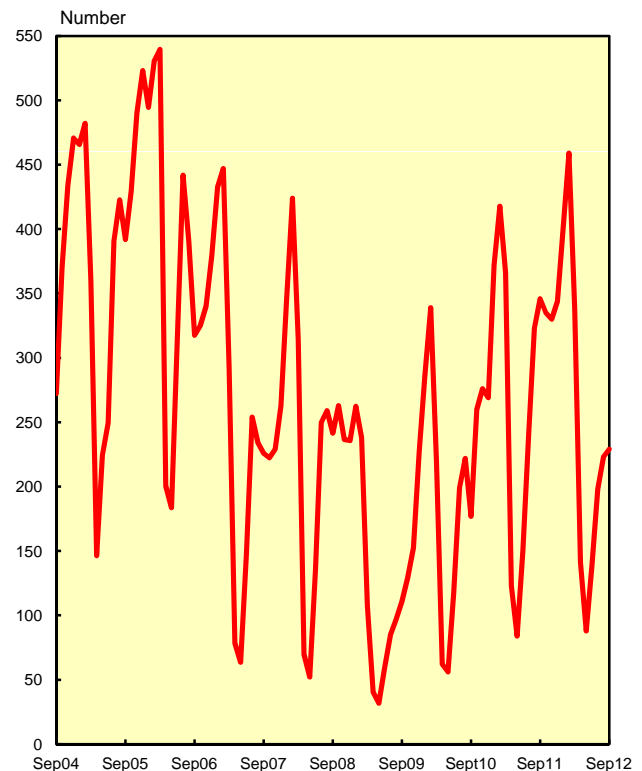
	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
RIG ACTIVITY									
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	269	246	-8.5	323	223	-31.0	346	229	-33.8
Available	562	599	6.7	552	599	8.5	560	597	6.6

	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2011			2012			Annual % Change
	2010	2011	JUL	AUG	SEPT	JUN	JUL	SEPT	
ENERGY PRICES									
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel)	79.53	95.12	96.29	97.34	86.34	82.41	87.93	94.16	9.1
Natural Gas Reference Price (C\$/GJ)	3.57	3.28	3.51	3.42	3.32	1.75	1.92	n/a	-43.9

ENERGY PRODUCTION



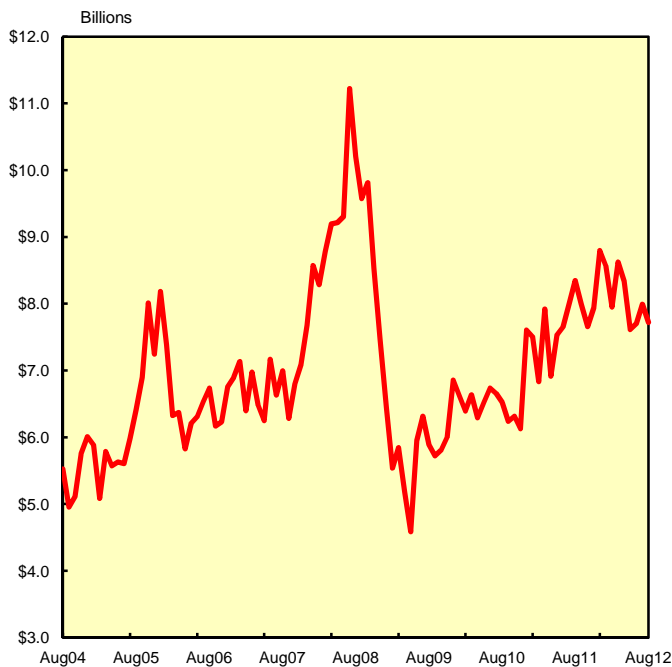
RIGS DRILLING



EXPORTS By Industry (\$000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all industries	61,068.1	64,499.6	5.6	7,995.4	7,991.0	-0.1	8,347.6	7,721.0	-7.5
Primary Agriculture	2,817.0	3,258.0	15.7	354.0	291.5	-17.7	314.5	395.1	25.6
Mining & Energy	43,456.5	45,879.5	5.6	5,688.7	5,744.1	1.0	6,036.9	5,425.3	-10.1
Crude oil	33,787.7	39,948.8	18.2	4,447.0	4,876.1	9.7	4,961.9	4,748.8	-4.3
Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids	8,662.3	5,216.8	-39.8	1,083.9	773.9	-28.6	950.0	579.4	-39.0
Other Mining and Energy	1,006.4	714.0	-29.1	157.8	94.1	-40.4	125.0	97.0	-22.4
Manufacturing	14,346.4	14,844.3	3.5	1,876.5	1,890.7	0.8	1,937.2	1,839.7	-5.0
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	5,975.7	6,013.1	0.6	800.5	827.6	3.4	815.7	738.2	-9.5
Paper & Wood Products	1,391.8	1,449.2	4.1	163.7	167.7	2.5	190.6	204.6	7.3
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	1,472.7	1,401.7	-4.8	239.6	193.3	-19.3	158.5	164.3	3.7
Machinery & Transportation Equipment	2,477.3	2,634.9	6.4	286.9	292.6	2.0	389.2	322.4	-17.2
Food, Feed & Beverage	2,178.9	2,369.0	8.7	277.3	289.7	4.5	266.9	299.0	12.0
Other Manufacturing	850.0	976.4	14.9	108.5	119.9	10.5	116.1	111.1	-4.3
Other Exports	448.2	517.8	15.5	76.1	64.7	-15.0	59.1	61.0	3.3

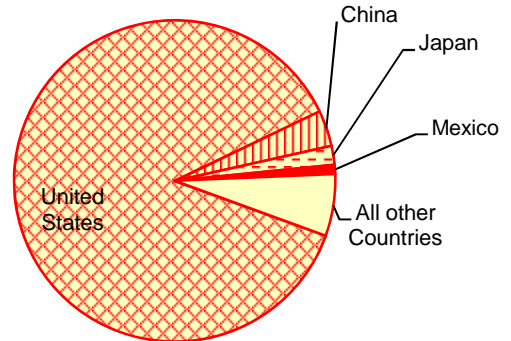
EXPORTS By Country (\$000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	61,068.1	64,499.6	5.6	7,995.4	7,991.0	-0.1	8,347.6	7,721.0	-7.5
United States	53,109.9	56,314.8	6.0	6,989.0	6,989.3	0.0	7,354.5	6,738.0	-8.4
China	1,844.7	2,327.7	26.2	184.1	307.7	67.1	244.2	270.7	10.9
Japan	1,215.9	1,240.6	2.0	158.1	186.4	17.9	162.6	165.3	1.6
Mexico	567.5	606.3	6.8	77.3	70.8	-8.4	69.6	64.5	-7.3
Korea, South	511.0	394.7	-22.8	79.5	39.3	-50.6	24.6	44.5	80.8
Netherlands	350.3	293.6	-16.2	41.8	35.3	-15.5	28.5	41.4	45.3
United Arab Emirates	189.6	187.3	-1.2	41.0	19.5	-52.4	10.3	11.6	12.2
Australia	212.1	169.3	-20.2	19.9	25.5	28.1	25.0	30.5	22.2
Russia	160.7	156.7	n/a	17.5	12.4	n/a	20.7	6.3	n/a
Indonesia	159.7	153.5	-3.9	14.4	17.2	18.9	28.8	24.8	-13.9
All other Countries	2,746.5	2,655.0	-3.3	372.8	287.7	-22.8	378.8	323.5	-14.6

EXPORTS



ALBERTA EXPORTS BY COUNTRY

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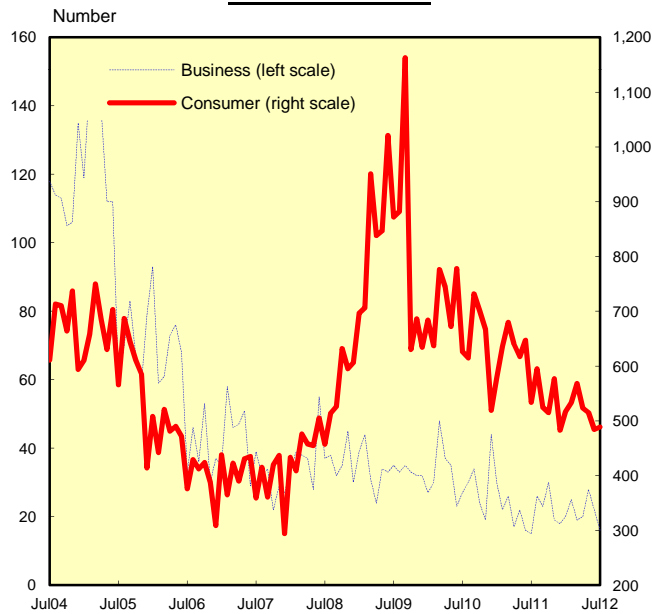
	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
BANKRUPTCIES									
Alberta									
Business (number)	148	150	1.4	16	22	37.5	15	16	6.7
Consumer (number)	4,334	3,629	-16.3	649	484	-25.4	534	489	-8.4

	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS									
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	31,297	31,549	0.8	3,119	3,360	7.7	3,399	3,288	-3.3
Alberta Corporations	29,086	29,018	-0.2	2,878	3,096	7.6	3,163	3,037	-4.0
Non-Alberta Corporations	2,211	2,531	14.5	241	264	9.5	236	251	6.4

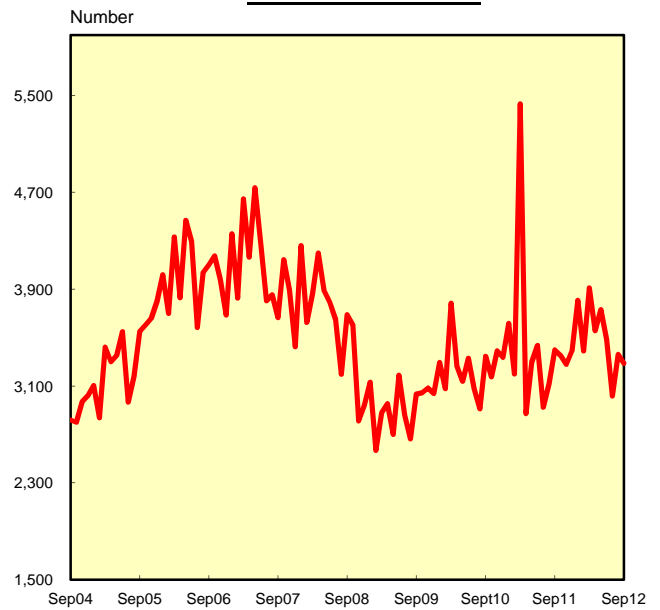
	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA									
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	632,085	662,409	4.8	149,384	155,911	4.4	119,121	128,331	7.7
Total (excludes same-day)	592,496	622,692	5.1	138,569	144,401	4.2	109,499	118,192	7.9
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	391,600	422,652	7.9	94,213	101,409	7.6	73,610	80,525	9.4
United Kingdom	69,102	62,577	-9.4	12,079	10,889	-9.9	11,189	10,523	-6.0
Germany	25,120	23,458	-6.6	5,264	4,811	-8.6	5,345	5,853	9.5
Netherlands	12,362	11,881	-3.9	4,244	3,593	-15.3	2,121	2,032	-4.2
Japan	9,204	11,193	21.6	2,178	2,619	20.2	2,209	3,086	39.7
Australia	9,016	9,866	9.4	1,748	2,323	32.9	1,331	1,596	19.9
Switzerland	7,055	7,085	0.4	2,595	2,395	-7.7	1,299	1,516	16.7
Mexico	4,520	5,782	27.9	1,349	1,656	22.8	820	1,007	22.8

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

BANKRUPTCIES



INCORPORATIONS

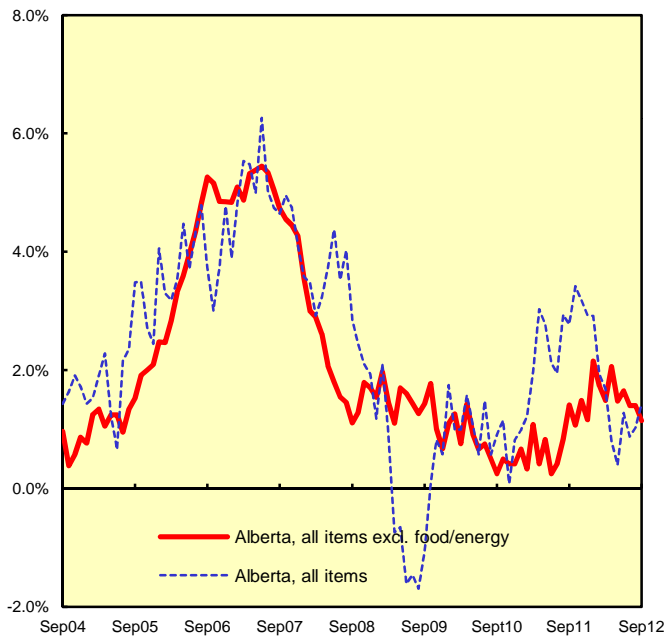


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2011	2012				% Change
	2009	2010	2011	SEPT	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	SEPT '11 - SEPT '12
Alberta									
All Items	121.5	122.7	125.7	126.0	126.9	126.8	127.6	127.8	1.4
Food	120.5	121.8	125.6	126.6	128.0	129.3	129.4	128.3	1.3
Shelter	147.4	147.6	152.1	150.2	150.8	151.4	153.8	152.6	1.6
Energy	138.5	143.0	166.5	163.1	161.2	160.8	169.7	169.3	3.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	107.8	107.7	109.2	110.3	110.8	111.0	110.8	111.5	1.1
Transportation	105.3	118.8	124.7	125.1	127.3	125.4	126.3	127.7	2.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	105.3	106.0	105.7	106.8	107.0	107.9	108.1	107.9	1.0
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	119.8	120.7	121.7	122.3	123.3	123.0	123.2	123.7	1.1
Edmonton	121.6	122.9	126.0	126.4	127.2	127.1	127.9	128.1	1.3
Calgary	121.7	122.7	125.4	125.7	126.5	126.4	127.2	127.5	1.4

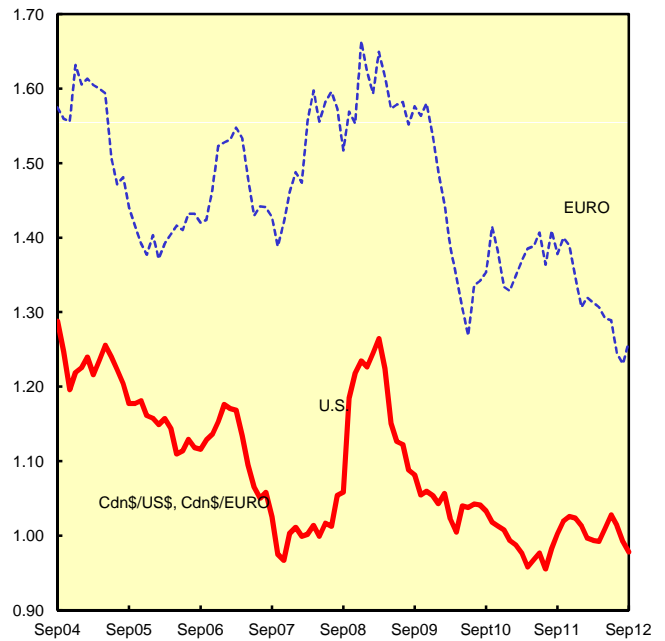
EXCHANGE RATES (in \$Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2011	2012				% Change
	2009	2010	2011	SEPT	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	SEPT '11 - SEPT '12
United States	1.1415	1.0301	0.9893	0.9828	1.0281	1.0139	0.9921	0.9783	0.5
Japan	0.0122	0.0118	0.0124	0.0128	0.0130	0.0128	0.0127	0.0125	2.0
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.5853	1.3671	1.3761	1.4092	1.2892	1.5804	1.2307	1.2604	11.8
United Kingdom	1.7208	1.5928	1.5859	1.6078	1.5991	1.5804	1.5601	1.5775	1.9

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2011	2012				% Change
	2009	2010	2011	SEPT	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	SEPT '11 - SEPT '12
Canada	2.42	2.60	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.0
United States	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	0.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA
Year-over-Year Change



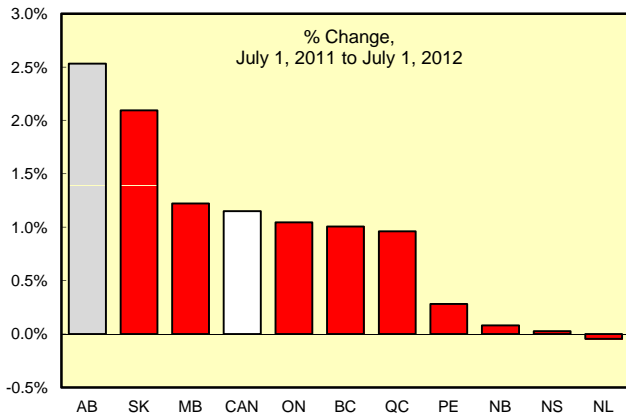
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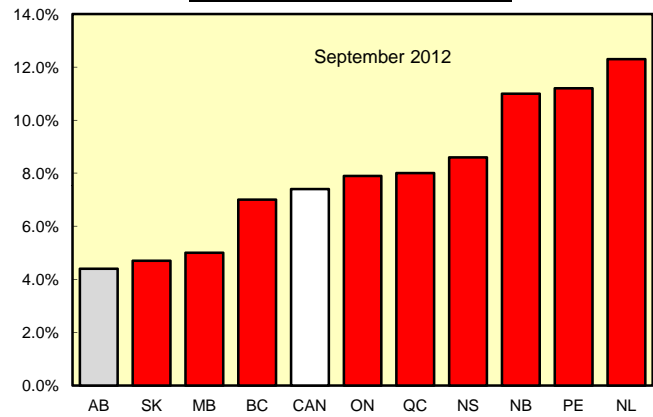
INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
JULY 1, 2011	513	146	948	755	7,978	13,366	1,252	1,058	3,778	4,577	34,484
JULY 1, 2012	513	146	949	756	8,055	13,506	1,267	1,080	3,874	4,623	34,880
Percent Change	-0.05	0.3	0.02	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.1	2.5	1.0	1.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
SEPTEMBER 2011	13.6	11.4	8.4	9.0	7.4	7.7	5.6	4.6	5.3	6.8	7.2
SEPTEMBER 2012	12.3	11.2	8.6	11.0	8.0	7.9	5.0	4.7	4.4	7.0	7.4
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
SEPTEMBER 2011	220	73	454	353	3,967	6,754	625	528	2,119	2,299	17,391
SEPTEMBER 2012	229	72	459	350	4,000	6,799	635	538	2,156	2,328	17,566
Percent Change	3.8	-1.8	1.1	-0.9	0.8	0.7	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.0
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Average Number of Beneficiaries)											
JULY 2011	36,780	8,670	31,630	33,880	156,040	162,570	11,720	9,960	32,300	61,230	542,910
JULY 2012	33,070	8,090	29,990	32,670	146,260	154,260	12,900	9,360	25,610	54,860	507,970
Percent Change	-10.1	-6.7	-5.2	-3.6	-6.3	-5.1	10.1	-6.0	-20.7	-10.4	-6.4

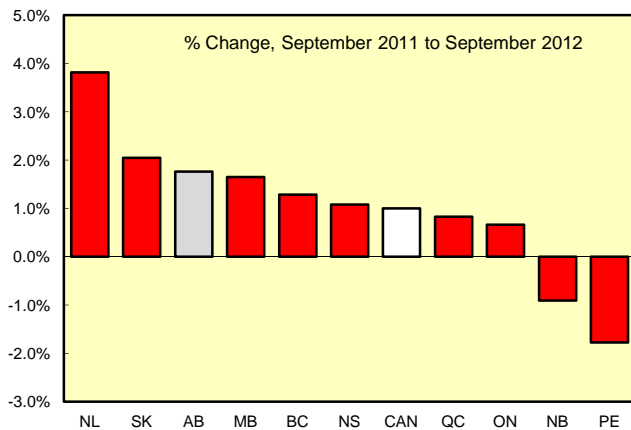
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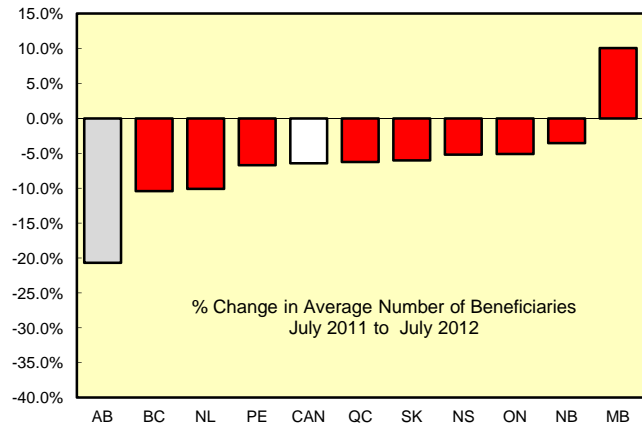
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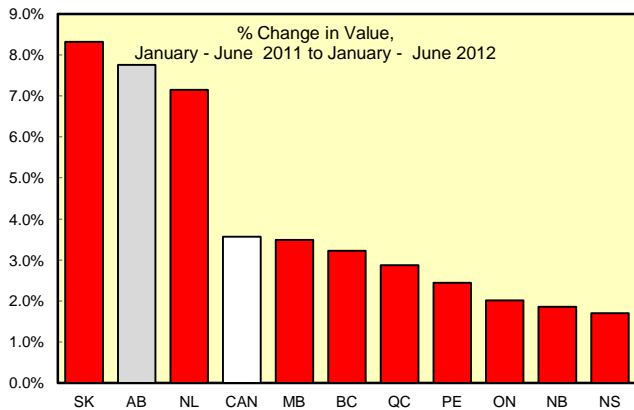
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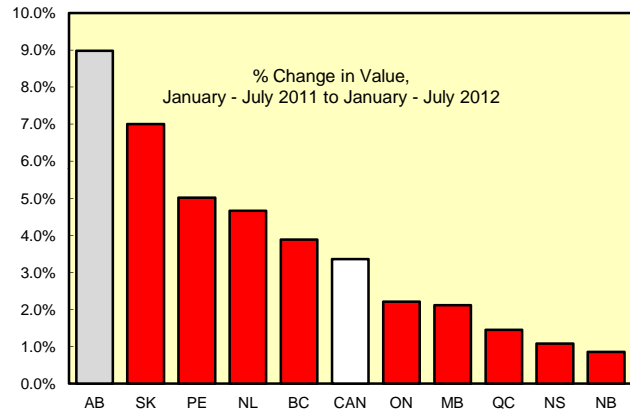
	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
WAGES AND SALARIES* (\$000,000)											
JANUARY - JUNE 2011	4,820	1,206	8,752	7,099	76,239	150,636	12,283	11,454	61,869	47,294	383,848
JANUARY - JUNE 2012	5,165	1,235	8,901	7,231	78,428	153,668	12,711	12,407	66,669	48,818	397,530
Percent Change	7.2	2.4	1.7	1.9	2.9	2.0	3.5	8.3	7.8	3.2	3.6
RETAIL TRADE* (\$000,000)											
JANUARY - JULY 2011	4,519	1,075	7,587	6,427	59,219	93,685	9,498	9,288	36,425	34,591	263,326
JANUARY - JULY 2012	4,730	1,129	7,669	6,482	60,080	95,759	9,699	9,938	39,695	35,934	272,165
Percent Change	4.7	5.0	1.1	0.9	1.5	2.2	2.1	7.0	9.0	3.9	3.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES (Number)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2011	21,442	4,000	32,180	27,877	287,878	414,259	32,735	33,834	148,719	108,615	1,111,539
JANUARY - AUGUST 2012	23,937	4,644	34,465	28,417	296,769	440,975	35,438	37,904	167,172	121,190	1,190,911
Percent Change	11.6	16.1	7.1	1.9	3.1	6.4	8.3	12.0	12.4	11.6	7.1
WHOLESALE TRADE* (\$000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2011	2,613	373	5,138	3,981	71,326	185,277	9,859	13,827	45,077	34,184	372,194
JANUARY - AUGUST 2012	2,724	374	5,670	4,013	75,324	191,407	10,648	14,980	51,627	36,144	393,565
Percent Change	4.2	0.2	10.4	0.8	5.6	3.3	8.0	8.3	14.5	5.7	5.7

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

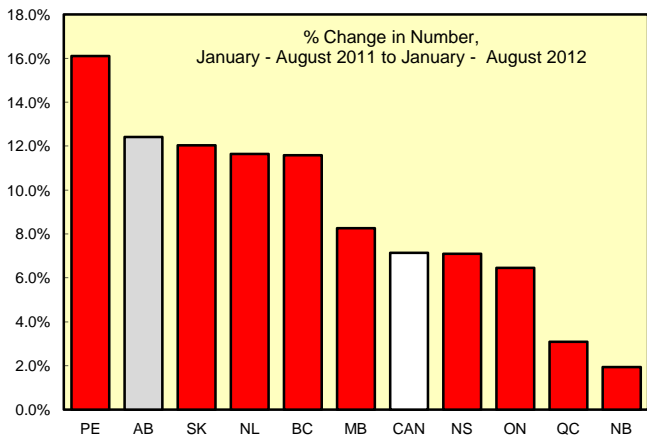
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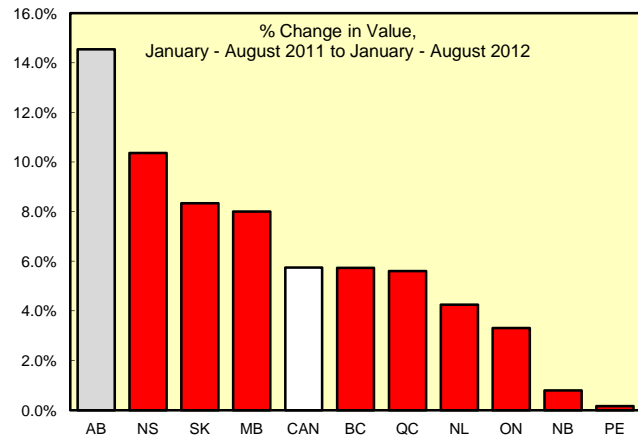
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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES*



WHOLESALE TRADE*

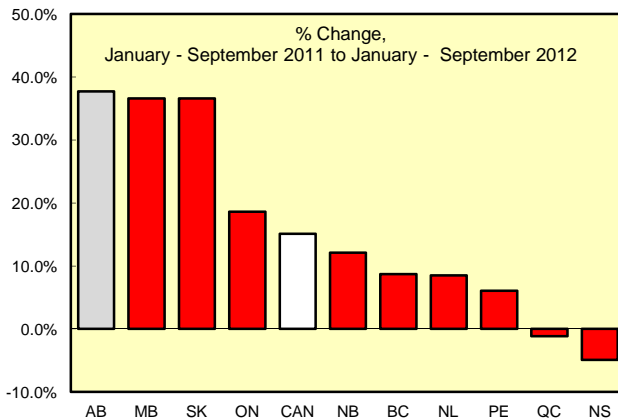


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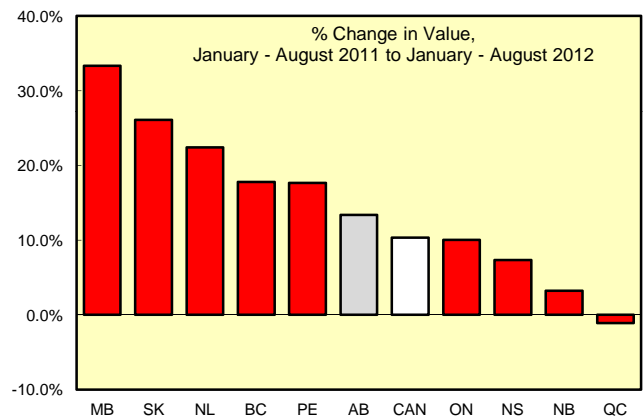
INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2011	1,759	480	2,858	1,851	30,420	48,125	2,853	4,107	16,534	18,249	127,236
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2012	1,909	509	2,718	2,075	30,067	57,091	3,897	5,609	22,767	19,837	146,479
Percent Change	8.5	6.0	-4.9	12.1	-1.2	18.6	36.6	36.6	37.7	8.7	15.1
BUILDING PERMITS* (\$000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2011	709	160	984	647	10,665	18,345	1,164	1,683	8,395	6,322	49,075
JANUARY - AUGUST 2012	867	189	1,056	668	10,549	20,183	1,553	2,122	9,517	7,446	54,150
Percent Change	22.4	17.7	7.3	3.2	-1.1	10.0	33.4	26.1	13.4	17.8	10.3
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, \$000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2011	3,231	784	7,257	12,898	91,977	168,579	10,151	8,115	45,603	25,191	373,822
JANUARY - AUGUST 2012	5,014	862	6,818	12,812	91,797	180,572	10,339	9,179	49,792	25,487	392,716
Percent Change	55.2	10.0	-6.1	-0.7	-0.2	7.1	1.9	13.1	9.2	1.2	5.1
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations \$000,000)											
JANUARY - MARCH 2011	39	139	179	128	1,750	2,259	1,430	3,195	2,712	519	12,349
JANUARY - MARCH 2012	41	135	186	129	1,750	2,506	1,641	4,005	3,478	568	14,440
Percent Change	5.9	-2.5	3.7	0.8	0.0	11.0	14.8	25.4	28.3	9.4	16.9

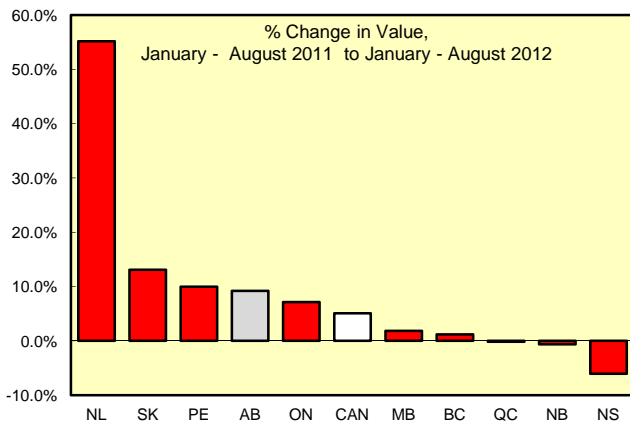
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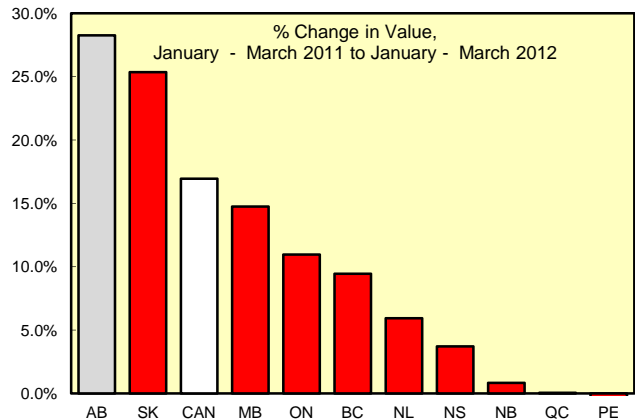
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MANUFACTURING*



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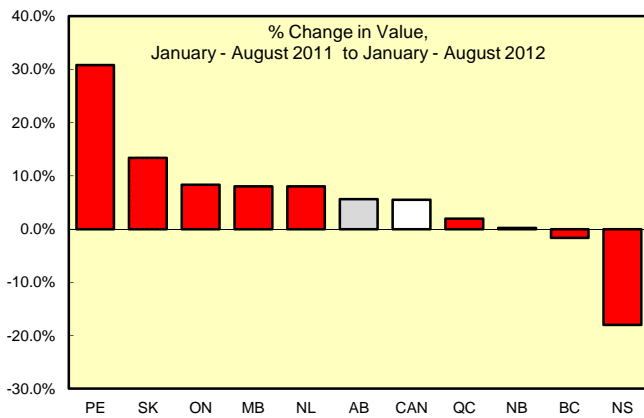


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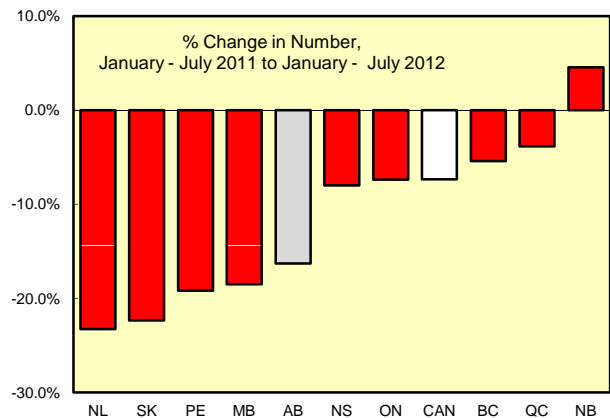
INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS (\$000,000)											
JANUARY - AUGUST 2011	7,479	444	3,028	10,082	39,882	100,424	7,479	18,476	61,068	21,325	271,288
JANUARY - AUGUST 2012	8,080	580	2,483	10,100	40,651	108,787	8,080	20,953	64,500	20,970	286,182
Percent Change	8.0	30.8	-18.0	0.2	1.9	8.3	8.0	13.4	5.6	-1.7	5.5
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - JULY 2011	1,268	334	2,183	1,684	15,053	14,913	909	793	4,334	4,896	46,351
JANUARY - JULY 2012	973	270	2,009	1,761	14,478	13,812	741	616	3,629	4,631	42,947
Percent Change	-23.3	-19.2	-8.0	4.6	-3.8	-7.4	-18.5	-22.3	-16.3	-5.4	-7.3
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - JULY 2011	18	6	67	25	924	758	26	61	148	112	2,258
JANUARY - JULY 2012	9	10	50	33	879	624	20	54	150	122	2,052
Percent Change	-50.0	66.7	-25.4	32.0	-4.9	-17.7	-23.1	-11.5	1.4	8.9	-9.1
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
SEPTEMBER 2011	122.3	123.7	123.8	120.9	118.7	121.1	119.1	123.0	126.0	117.3	120.6
SEPTEMBER 2012	124.5	126.2	125.7	122.7	120.9	122.0	121.0	124.5	127.8	118.1	122.0
Percent Change	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.9	0.7	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.7	1.2

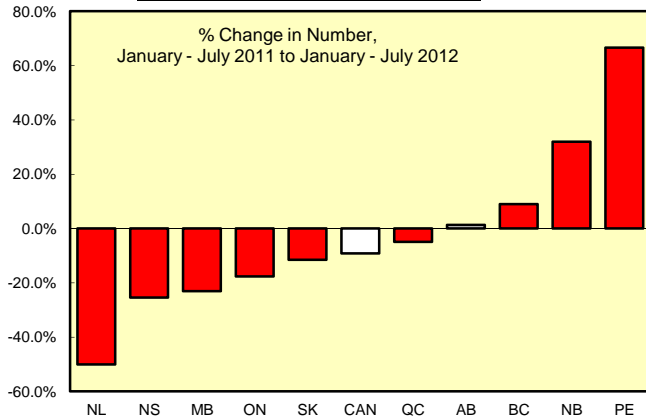
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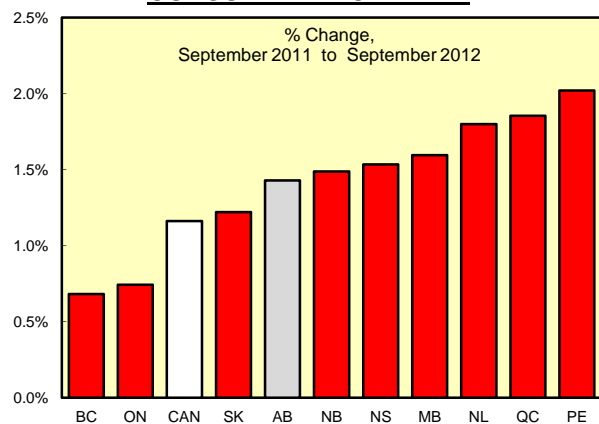
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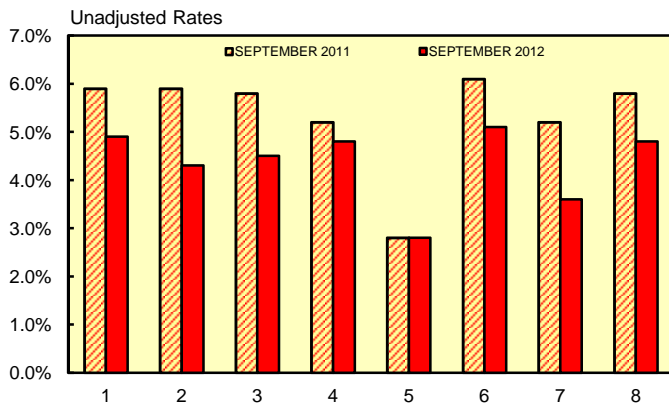
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month moving average)	SEPTEMBER 2011	SEPTEMBER 2012
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	84.2	85.1
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	145.2	142.6
3) Edmonton Region	745.8	769.0
4) Red Deer Region	116.1	111.4
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	53.3	54.1
6) Calgary Region	844.3	852.5
7) Camrose - Drumheller	113.4	111.6
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	152.9	150.8
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	79.2	81.0
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	136.7	136.4
3) Edmonton Region	702.5	734.4
4) Red Deer Region	110.1	106.0
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	51.7	52.6
6) Calgary Region	793.2	809.4
7) Camrose - Drumheller	107.5	107.6
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	144.0	143.5
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	5.9%	4.9%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	5.9%	4.3%
3) Edmonton Region	5.8%	4.5%
4) Red Deer Region	5.2%	4.8%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	2.8%	2.8%
6) Calgary Region	6.1%	5.1%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	5.2%	3.6%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	5.8%	4.8%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	81.4%	80.3%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	76.1%	74.2%
3) Edmonton Region	74.3%	74.7%
4) Red Deer Region	75.1%	70.6%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	74.1%	74.7%
6) Calgary Region	75.8%	74.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	72.6%	70.9%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	69.6%	67.7%

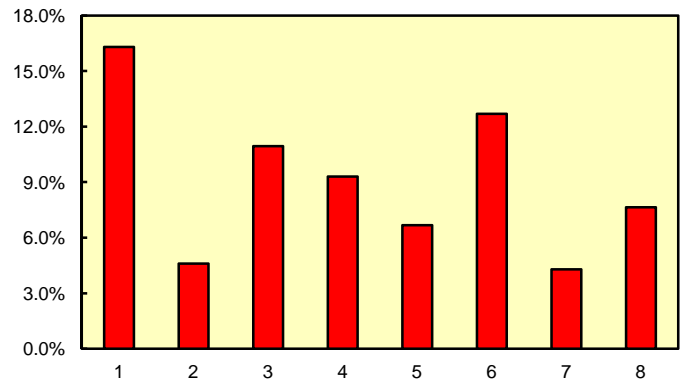


Population (July 1, 2011)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	141,450
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	260,334
3) Edmonton Region	1,238,763
4) Red Deer Region	198,999
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	91,206
6) Calgary Region	1,362,370
7) Camrose - Drumheller	202,564
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	283,667
5-year Population Growth (2006-2011)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	16.3%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	4.6%
3) Edmonton Region	10.9%
4) Red Deer Region	9.3%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	6.7%
6) Calgary Region	12.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	4.3%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	7.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS

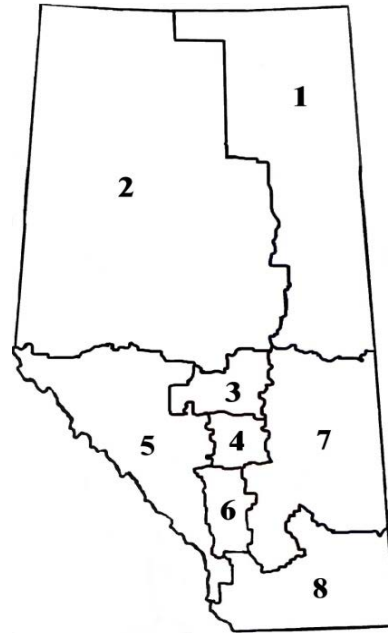


5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The *Inventory of Major Alberta Projects* tracks projects valued at \$5 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed.

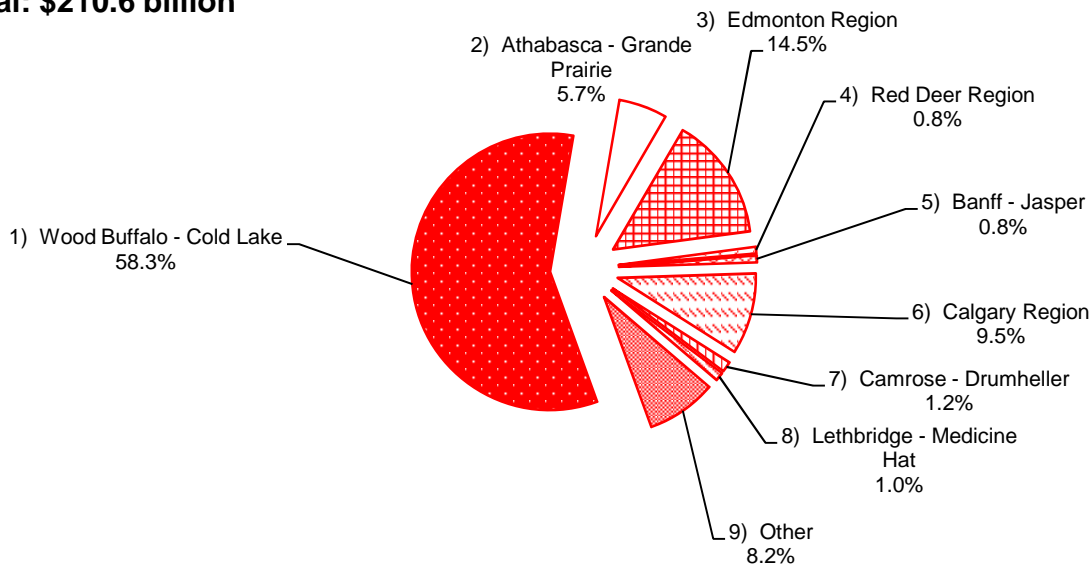


MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	SEPTEMBER	
	2011	2012
Investment (\$ 000,000)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	112,198.6	122,724.7
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	9,745.4	11,969.7
3) Edmonton Region	20,646.4	30,506.8
4) Red Deer Region	1,389.7	1,675.8
5) Banff - Jasper	1,451.7	1,733.0
6) Calgary Region	24,049.8	20,033.5
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2,989.3	2,579.3
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	3,238.5	2,121.8
9) Other	19,726.9	17,298.5
Total	195,436.3	210,643.1

BUILDING PERMITS (\$000,000)	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change	2011	2012	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	881.5	960.8	9.0	157.0	147.1	-6.3	224.8	68.7	-69.5
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	435.4	517.3	18.8	100.6	75.4	-25.1	84.4	56.0	-33.6
3) Edmonton Region	2,748.2	3,215.9	17.0	372.8	401.1	7.6	324.7	533.7	64.4
4) Red Deer Region	227.7	310.2	36.3	49.8	42.7	-14.3	38.7	27.2	-29.7
5) Banff - Jasper	106.7	71.0	-33.5	15.8	11.3	-28.0	11.3	9.1	-19.3
6) Calgary Region	3,622.5	3,958.1	9.3	413.9	441.8	6.7	527.4	559.0	6.0
7) Camrose - Drumheller	239.6	294.8	23.0	26.7	37.8	41.4	58.1	28.1	-51.6
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	222.6	295.1	32.6	35.2	41.9	19.0	19.3	50.6	162.3
Total	8,484.2	9,623.2	13.4	1,171.9	1,199.2	2.3	1,288.6	1,332.4	3.4

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (SEPTEMBER 2012)

Total: \$210.6 billion



Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* (\$000,000)	Average Weekly Earnings* (\$)	Retail Trade* (\$000,000)	Food/Drinking Places Receipts (\$000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales (#)	Wholesale Trade* (\$000,000)
2002	5.3	1,677	32,489	63,400	693	37,663	4,610	204,806	36,987
2003	5.1	1,733	33,931	66,266	717	39,318	4,727	194,451	39,967
2004	4.7	1,777	28,869	72,707	741	43,349	5,030	196,153	44,941
2005	4.0	1,826	22,378	82,878	784	48,486	5,450	222,361	52,124
2006	3.4	1,917	18,834	95,678	823	55,942	6,051	248,731	58,427
2007	3.6	1,991	16,838	106,654	871	61,487	6,410	257,050	60,587
2008	3.6	2,054	17,702	115,487	923	61,614	6,618	238,413	66,361

Jan09	4.8	2,066	25,680	9,458	948	4,738	556	13,151	5,259
Feb09	5.7	2,041	34,180	9,374	965	4,664	549	11,102	5,006
Mar09	5.9	2,036	44,010	9,275	964	4,606	541	15,152	4,774
Apr09	6.3	2,030	50,940	9,213	936	4,618	542	17,076	4,897
May09	6.8	2,025	56,630	9,193	944	4,656	542	18,423	4,504
Jun09	6.9	2,019	62,860	9,142	954	4,721	540	17,229	4,621
Jul09	7.2	2,014	62,310	9,099	942	4,716	560	17,005	4,516
Aug09	7.2	2,014	58,030	9,016	934	4,693	547	16,124	4,515
Sep09	6.8	2,021	71,770	9,094	953	4,731	545	15,893	4,474
Oct09	7.1	2,006	73,120	9,097	950	4,744	536	16,167	4,368
Nov09	7.3	2,015	72,090	9,163	963	4,755	542	13,572	4,505
Dec09	6.7	2,021	67,050	9,225	949	4,836	526	15,874	4,616
Avg./Sum	6.6	2,025	56,556	110,348	950	56,478	6,527	186,768	56,057

Jan10	6.6	2,010	59,060	9,310	959	4,951	546	12,525	4,686
Feb10	6.8	1,999	55,610	9,405	973	4,952	542	13,770	4,809
Mar10	7.4	1,996	52,630	9,511	979	4,963	551	17,476	4,884
Apr10	7.6	2,002	50,540	9,645	999	4,876	545	18,254	5,005
May10	6.7	2,012	49,260	9,643	989	4,873	557	19,293	4,881
Jun10	6.6	2,019	48,680	9,651	992	4,880	563	19,503	4,942
Jul10	6.3	2,026	47,370	9,702	1,001	4,899	554	18,748	5,027
Aug10	6.5	2,024	45,900	9,764	1,002	4,970	557	18,491	5,193
Sep10	6.2	2,021	48,020	9,833	1,005	5,018	558	18,079	5,326
Oct10	5.9	2,038	47,210	9,910	1,004	5,058	566	16,117	5,300
Nov10	5.6	2,033	46,930	9,928	1,003	5,214	558	16,009	5,388
Dec10	5.5	2,032	46,130	9,970	1,012	5,202	570	16,272	5,407
Avg./Sum	6.6	2,017	49,778	116,271	993	59,856	6,665	204,537	60,848

Jan11	5.9	2,054	44,120	10,091	1,030	5,084	567	13,124	5,435
Feb11	5.7	2,068	42,180	10,216	1,030	5,141	579	13,728	5,409
Mar11	5.7	2,064	38,960	10,308	1,023	5,162	589	19,544	5,499
Apr11	5.9	2,060	37,480	10,406	1,031	5,243	593	20,364	5,464
May11	5.4	2,069	34,490	10,422	1,043	5,266	596	20,169	5,671
Jun11	5.5	2,091	34,310	10,408	1,028	5,278	604	22,212	5,845
Jul11	5.5	2,103	32,300	10,463	1,032	5,250	606	19,387	5,805
Aug11	5.6	2,110	32,360	10,624	1,051	5,331	592	20,191	5,949
Sep11	5.3	2,118	30,190	10,677	1,044	5,422	604	19,426	6,049
Oct11	5.1	2,126	29,460	10,765	1,053	5,587	610	19,351	6,283
Nov11	5.0	2,130	29,410	10,816	1,050	5,638	609	18,686	6,309
Dec11	4.9	2,133	29,490	10,915	1,050	5,603	623	17,965	6,255
Avg./Sum	5.5	2,094	34,563	126,113	1,039	64,006	7,173	224,147	69,973

Jan12	4.9	2,135	29,260	10,876	1,056	5,649	630	16,217	6,289
Feb12	5.0	2,128	27,650	10,981	1,055	5,623	633	16,586	6,324
Mar12	5.3	2,132	26,700	11,135	1,054	5,667	634	22,061	6,268
Apr12	4.9	2,143	25,060		1,059	5,651	633	20,591	6,559
May12	4.5	2,153	24,470		1,055	5,718	642	24,726	6,633
Jun12	4.6	2,144	23,560		1,068	5,655	639	23,502	6,463
Jul12	4.6	2,150	25,610		1,095	5,732	653	21,476	6,544
Aug12	4.4	2,154						22,013	6,548
Sep12	4.4	2,156							
Oct12									
Nov12									
Dec12									
Avg./Sum									

Historic and Current Economic Indicators

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	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Housing Starts (#, urban)	Building Permits (\$000,000)			Manufacturing Shipments* (\$000,000)	Energy Production		Rigs Drilling (#)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton		Gas (Mlns m ³)	Oil/Equiv. (Tds m ³)	
2002	51,042	32,729	6,847	2,714	1,797	38,418	170,828	89,885	231
2003	51,334	32,066	6,667	2,819	1,767	40,002	166,623	95,311	314
2004	57,460	32,188	7,327	2,857	2,028	44,771	167,676	101,007	331
2005	65,866	34,301	10,202	3,921	2,904	51,014	168,327	98,879	381
2006	74,350	40,882	13,876	5,480	3,541	65,091	167,385	106,018	371
2007	71,430	38,477	15,730	6,495	3,925	65,731	165,594	109,681	241
2008	56,399	25,395	13,141	4,719	3,657	70,146	157,664	108,685	236
Jan09									
Feb09	2,195	930	494	161	210	4,840	14,216	9,298	263
Mar09	3,231	658	467	177	154	4,774	12,586	8,765	238
Apr09	4,115	702	715	241	295	4,579	13,213	9,339	108
May09	5,251	873	920	328	241	4,376	12,278	8,588	41
Jun09	6,235	1,063	1,226	634	248	4,309	12,134	9,110	32
Jul09	7,368	1,591	998	450	252	4,312	11,668	9,335	59
Aug09	6,552	1,624	901	281	308	4,291	12,049	10,021	85
Sep09	5,407	1,694	883	265	381	4,386	11,891	9,874	97
Oct09	5,258	2,062	1,000	327	383	4,428	10,916	9,267	111
Nov09	4,978	2,329	1,524	602	605	4,444	11,391	9,857	129
Dec09	4,154	2,319	1,088	314	524	4,596	11,269	10,021	152
Dec09	3,042	1,899	1,060	505	260	4,615	13,023	9,462	227
Avg./Sum	57,786	17,744	11,277	4,285	3,861	53,951	146,632	112,935	128
Jan10									
Feb10	2,934	1,369	646	224	237	4,739	13,361	9,052	287
Mar10	4,077	1,687	784	225	323	4,824	11,459	9,094	339
Apr10	5,351	2,141	1,015	415	266	4,858	11,933	9,546	219
May10	5,544	2,711	1,199	331	561	4,857	11,520	9,719	62
Jun10	5,207	2,299	1,079	325	360	4,881	11,643	10,413	56
Jul10	4,746	2,130	1,324	401	489	4,838	10,789	10,265	118
Aug10	4,086	2,523	992	292	366	5,013	11,435	10,632	199
Sep10	3,941	1,971	920	277	355	5,014	11,440	10,572	222
Oct10	3,934	2,252	893	280	285	5,131	10,686	9,520	177
Nov10	3,483	1,903	925	249	305	5,236	11,087	10,287	260
Dec10	3,625	1,572	894	242	303	5,220	10,963	11,040	276
Dec10	2,795	1,384	755	279	229	5,461	13,103	11,431	269
Avg./Sum	49,723	23,942	11,425	3,541	4,080	60,074	139,420	121,569	207
Jan11									
Feb11	2,874	1,114	513	143	194	5,487	13,288	10,934	372
Mar11	3,943	1,349	1,332	910	249	5,498	11,562	10,075	418
Apr11	5,118	1,411	881	350	295	5,671	11,586	10,781	366
May11	5,012	1,552	938	384	348	5,806	10,906	10,420	123
Jun11	5,659	2,007	1,202	306	557	5,697	10,690	9,410	84
Jul11	5,920	1,947	1,116	472	336	5,631	10,419	9,709	150
Aug11	4,919	2,017	1,165	377	369	5,856	10,856	11,176	240
Sep11	4,819	2,455	1,288	492	323	5,920	10,870	11,720	323
Oct11	4,316	2,049	1,138	435	348	6,287	10,396	10,959	346
Nov11	3,992	2,490	1,025	366	324	6,024	10,640	11,629	335
Dec11	3,761	2,241	983	339	377	6,559	10,626	11,142	330
Dec11	2,910	2,053	1,139	613	302	6,342	11,583	12,047	344
Avg./Sum	53,243	22,685	12,718	5,187	4,021	70,777	133,422	130,003	286
Jan12									
Feb12	3,109	1,527	746	263	281	6,298	11,777	11,922	401
Mar12	4,476	2,103	976	406	361	6,359	10,850	11,091	459
Apr12	5,774	2,433	1,210	460	380	6,365	11,029	11,446	338
May12	6,191	2,932	1,373	699	299	6,301	10,521	11,640	141
Jun12	6,984	2,540	1,537	561	525	6,134	10,407	11,756	88
Jul12	6,400	2,776	1,250	419	401	5,948	9,752	11,426	139
Aug12	5,819	2,693	1,199	413	396	6,179	10,055	12,496	198
Sep12	5,198	2,310	1,332	534	526	6,208		12,507	223
Oct12	4,714	2,726							229
Nov12									
Dec12									
Avg./Sum									

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	Energy Prices		International Exports (\$000,000)	Bankruptcies		Incorporations		International Travellers (#, direct entries)**
	WTI Crude (US\$/barrel)	Gas (C\$/GJ)		Business (#)	Consumer (#)	Alberta (#)	Non-Alberta (#)	
2002	26.09	3.68	48,931	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001	826,384
2003	31.04	5.81	57,044	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891	806,307
2004	41.40	5.98	63,688	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041	913,320
2005	56.56	7.87	76,280	1,194	7,542	38,038	2,284	906,714
2006	66.22	6.22	77,744	666	5,248	45,527	2,680	881,623
2007	72.32	5.88	81,873	449	4,768	45,920	2,871	953,937
2008	99.66	7.47	110,173	447	6,066	40,708	2,807	953,149
2009								
Jan09	41.92	5.77	6,431	39	696	2,926	205	47,573
Feb09	39.21	4.66	5,523	44	706	2,354	213	48,459
Mar09	48.06	4.01	5,829	31	951	2,680	199	53,224
Apr09	49.95	3.41	5,170	24	838	2,760	194	52,360
May09	59.21	3.13	4,571	34	847	2,509	191	72,054
Jun09	69.70	2.97	5,935	33	1,021	2,978	212	113,758
Jul09	64.29	2.94	6,304	35	872	2,682	178	148,990
Aug09	71.14	2.72	5,878	33	882	2,494	169	112,877
Sep09	69.47	2.48	5,711	35	1,163	2,827	206	84,836
Oct09	76.08	3.40	5,794	33	690	2,817	228	49,782
Nov09	78.15	3.77	5,928	32	686	2,892	191	38,576
Dec09	74.60	4.51	6,856	32	634	2,833	205	59,034
Avg./Sur	61.82	3.65	69,929	405	9,986	32,752	2,391	881,523
2010								
Jan10	78.40	4.88	6,621	27	684	3,082	212	42,212
Feb10	76.45	4.68	6,391	30	637	2,833	244	46,578
Mar10	81.29	4.05	6,633	48	776	3,524	261	55,020
Apr10	84.57	3.26	6,286	37	744	3,019	249	46,838
May10	74.12	3.37	6,525	35	672	2,928	210	68,056
Jun10	75.40	3.49	6,730	23	778	3,120	209	113,817
Jul10	76.38	3.42	6,646	27	626	2,892	184	146,075
Aug10	76.67	3.25	6,512	30	615	2,647	264	114,313
Sep10	75.55	3.14	6,234	34	732	3,109	235	86,475
Oct10	81.97	2.92	6,305	24	700	2,946	230	54,754
Nov10	84.31	3.04	6,120	19	667	3,176	214	39,384
Dec10	89.23	3.34	7,589	44	519	3,121	217	53,867
Avg./Sur	79.53	3.57	78,594	378	8,150	36,397	2,729	867,389
2011								
Jan11	89.58	3.49	7,454	30	578	3,357	261	38,456
Feb11	89.74	3.40	6,776	22	636	2,960	240	40,411
Mar11	102.98	3.19	7,863	26	680	5,180	251	46,012
Apr11	110.04	3.30	6,858	17	640	2,646	225	45,698
May11	101.36	3.39	7,477	22	617	3,024	274	67,706
Jun11	96.29	3.51	7,590	16	649	3,172	264	106,140
Jul11	97.34	3.42	7,735	15	534	2,706	219	138,569
Aug11	86.34	3.32	8,110	26	595	2,878	241	109,496
Sep11	85.61	3.24	7,929	23	525	3,163	236	84,522
Oct11	86.43	3.17	7,657	30	515	3,110	242	54,274
Nov11	97.16	2.99	7,933	19	577	3,034	246	40,693
Dec11	98.58	2.92	8,795	18	483	3,151	243	55,522
Avg./Sur	95.12	3.28	92,176	264	7,029	38,381	2,942	827,499
2012								
Jan12	100.32	2.56	8,561	20	517	3,512	297	38,967
Feb12	102.26	2.13	7,948	25	533	3,126	265	41,755
Mar12	106.21	1.83	8,625	19	568	3,610	302	50,314
Apr12	103.35	1.63	8,338	20	523	3,249	307	47,803
May12	94.72	1.58	7,614	28	515	3,431	301	68,481
Jun12	82.41	1.75	7,701	22	484	3,200	283	112,779
Jul12	87.93	1.92	7,991	16	489	2,757	261	144,401
Aug12	94.16	2.05	7,721			3,096	264	118,192
Sep12	94.56					3,037	251	
Oct12								
Nov12								
Dec12								
Avg./Sum								

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	Consumer Price Index (2002 = 100)					Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Shelter	Energy	Edmonton	Calgary	(Cdn\$/US\$)	(Cdn\$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
2002	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
2003	104.4	108.1	119.2	105.3	103.5	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
2004	105.9	109.8	123.8	106.4	105.3	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
2005	108.1	113.5	136.2	108.6	107.4	1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
2006	112.3	124.8	142.7	112.0	112.3	1.1343	1.4244	5.81	7.98
2007	117.9	140.0	153.0	117.4	117.9	1.0740	1.4690	6.10	8.00
2008	121.6	151.1	172.3	121.4	121.8	1.0671	1.5603	4.73	4.94

Jan09	120.2	150.3	135.7	120.2	120.7	1.2263	1.6230	3.00	3.25
Feb09	121.5	151.8	146.5	121.5	121.9	1.2451	1.5929	3.00	3.25
Mar09	120.9	148.6	137.4	120.9	121.3	1.2645	1.7910	2.50	3.25
Apr09	120.4	146.3	131.2	120.5	120.8	1.2240	1.8010	2.25	3.25
May09	121.4	145.8	133.5	121.6	121.5	1.1509	1.7767	2.25	3.25
Jun09	122.0	146.2	141.4	122.2	122.1	1.1265	1.5785	2.25	3.25
Jul09	121.5	146.1	137.4	121.8	121.6	1.1223	1.5820	2.25	3.25
Aug09	122.0	147.4	143.9	122.1	122.1	1.0882	1.5517	2.25	3.25
Sep09	121.5	145.2	136.2	121.7	121.6	1.0818	1.5764	2.25	3.25
Oct09	121.6	145.4	133.1	121.8	121.9	1.0549	1.5632	2.25	3.25
Nov09	122.6	147.9	144.5	122.7	122.7	1.0596	1.5799	2.25	3.25
Dec09	121.9	147.4	141.0	122.0	122.1	1.0544	1.5380	2.25	3.25
Avg./Sum	121.5	147.4	138.5	121.6	121.7	1.1415	1.6295	2.40	3.25

Jan10	122.3	148.5	148.3	122.4	122.4	1.0429	1.4882	2.25	3.25
Feb10	122.7	148.2	144.5	122.9	122.8	1.0568	1.4453	2.25	3.25
Mar10	122.1	146.7	141.5	122.3	122.3	1.0230	1.3882	2.25	3.25
Apr10	122.3	145.3	137.1	122.6	122.4	1.0051	1.3480	2.25	3.25
May10	122.7	145.6	138.9	122.8	122.8	1.0399	1.3054	2.25	3.25
Jun10	122.7	147.5	140.8	122.7	122.9	1.0379	1.2685	2.50	3.25
Jul10	123.3	149.7	149.2	123.5	123.3	1.0427	1.3358	2.75	3.25
Aug10	122.7	147.9	145.1	122.9	122.7	1.0414	1.3420	2.75	3.25
Sep10	122.6	147.9	144.2	122.8	122.6	1.0331	1.3535	3.00	3.25
Oct10	123.0	147.7	140.6	123.3	122.9	1.0180	1.4150	3.00	3.25
Nov10	122.7	147.1	137.8	123.0	122.7	1.0128	1.3813	3.00	3.25
Dec10	122.9	149.1	147.5	123.1	122.8	1.0077	1.3335	3.00	3.25
Avg./Sum	122.7	147.6	143.0	122.9	122.7	1.0301	1.3671	2.60	3.25

Jan11	123.5	149.2	151.8	123.9	123.3	0.9938	1.3285	3.00	3.25
Feb11	124.2	151.1	158.1	124.3	124.2	0.9876	1.3486	3.00	3.25
Mar11	124.5	148.5	156.4	124.8	124.3	0.9766	1.3691	3.00	3.25
Apr11	126.0	153.6	176.7	126.2	125.6	0.9582	1.3850	3.00	3.25
May11	126.1	149.3	169.1	126.5	125.8	0.9680	1.3885	3.00	3.25
Jun11	125.3	150.4	164.9	125.6	124.9	0.9768	1.4067	3.00	3.25
Jul11	125.7	152.8	170.3	125.9	125.5	0.9553	1.3636	3.00	3.25
Aug11	126.3	154.8	176.0	126.6	125.9	0.9828	1.4092	3.00	3.25
Sep11	126.0	150.2	163.1	126.4	125.7	1.0026	1.3778	3.00	3.25
Oct11	127.2	155.7	176.5	127.6	126.9	1.0198	1.4000	3.00	3.25
Nov11	126.6	153.0	163.5	126.9	126.3	1.0258	1.3895	3.00	3.25
Dec11	126.5	156.6	171.0	126.7	126.2	1.0238	1.3470	3.00	3.25
Avg./Sum	125.7	152.1	166.5	126.0	125.4	0.9893	1.3761	3.00	3.25

Jan12	127.1	157.5	173.8	127.3	126.7	1.0133	1.3068	3.00	3.25
Feb12	126.6	155.1	169.3	126.9	126.3	0.9965	1.3194	3.00	3.25
Mar12	126.6	150.5	161.5	127.0	126.3	0.9939	1.3126	3.00	3.25
Apr12	127.0	149.9	161.1	127.4	126.7	0.9926	1.3066	3.00	3.25
May12	126.6	147.9	152.3	127.0	126.2	1.0098	1.2918	3.00	3.25
Jun12	126.9	150.8	161.2	127.2	126.5	1.0281	1.2892	3.00	3.25
Jul12	126.8	151.4	160.8	127.1	126.4	1.0139	1.5804	3.00	3.25
Aug12	127.6	153.8	169.7	127.9	127.2	0.9921	1.2307	3.00	3.25
Sep12	127.8	152.6	169.3	128.1	127.5	0.9783	1.2604	3.00	3.25
Oct12									
Nov12									
Dec12									
Avg./Sum									

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