

Alberta economy

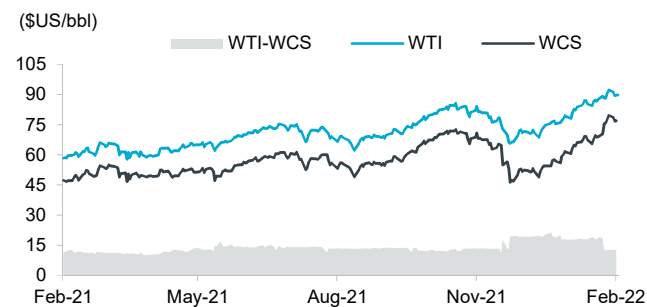
Indicators at a glance

New: Oil Prices

WTI decreased \$0.39 over the week and closed at US\$89.88 on Thursday. The WTI-WCS differential closed at US\$13.45 per barrel, narrower than US\$13.65 per barrel a week ago.

OIL PRICES

Daily prices



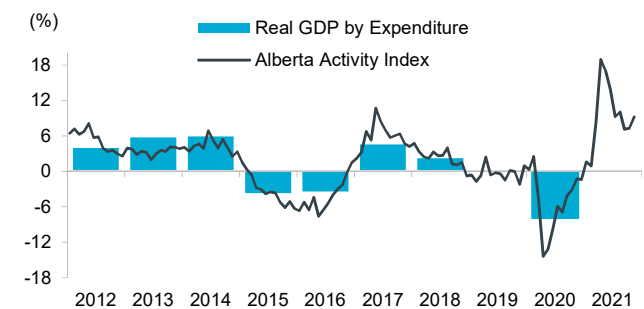
Sources: US Energy Information Administration, CME Group, Kent Group Limited, Haver Analytics

Economic Activity

The Alberta Activity Index increased 2.5% month-over-month (m/m) in November, and was up 9.2% from the weak level a year ago. Alberta's real GDP by expenditure decreased by 7.9% in 2020, following a marginal decline in 2019.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Year-over-year % change



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

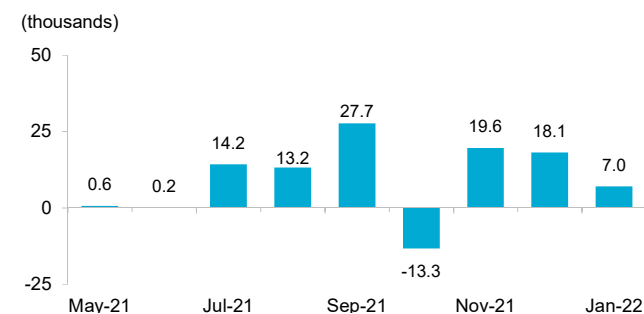
Labour Market

Employment rose by 7,000 in January. Compared to a year ago, when employment was recovering from the pandemic, it was up by 117,300. The next release is on March 11, 2022.

Alberta's unemployment rate was 7.2% in January, down 0.3 percentage points from December and 3.6 percentage points below a year ago.

LABOUR MARKET

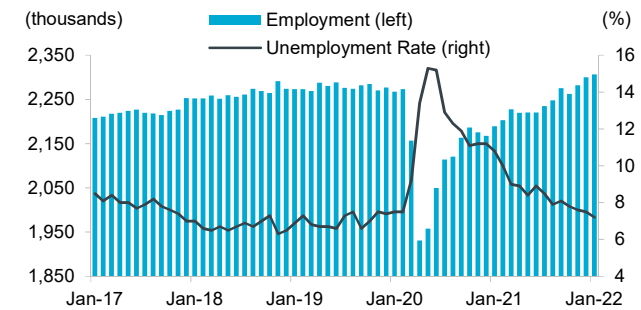
Monthly change in employment



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\$)
February 10, 2022	89.88	13.45	3.96	3.61	78.85
Fiscal Year-To-Date	73.04	13.65	4.08	3.65	79.94

New: Business Output

Manufacturing shipments increased 4.2% m/m to \$7.6 billion in November. Compared to a year ago, when manufacturing shipments were recovering from depressed levels due to COVID-19, they were up 36%.

Alberta goods exports increased 3.1% m/m in December to \$14.2 billion. Year-over-year (y/y), they were up 61%.

MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS AND GOODS EXPORTS

Year-over-year % change



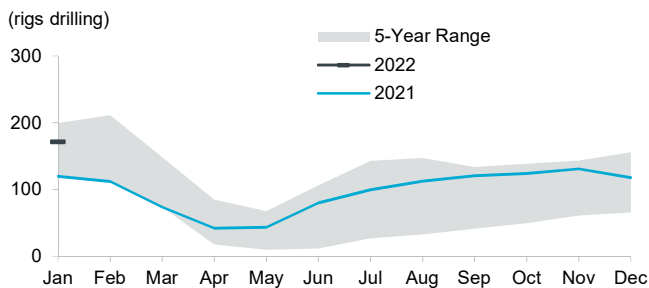
Sources: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics; SA - Seasonally Adjusted

New: Rigs Drilling

The number of rigs drilling in Alberta averaged 171 in January, up 43% from the weak levels 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 0.7% m/m in November to \$1,232, and increased 3.0% from a year ago.

Population Growth

Alberta's population was 4,464,170 as of October 1, 2021, an increase of 0.9% from the year prior. During the last 12 months, Alberta welcomed 28,752 net international migrants and saw a net outflow of 6,480 interprovincial migrants.

Inflation

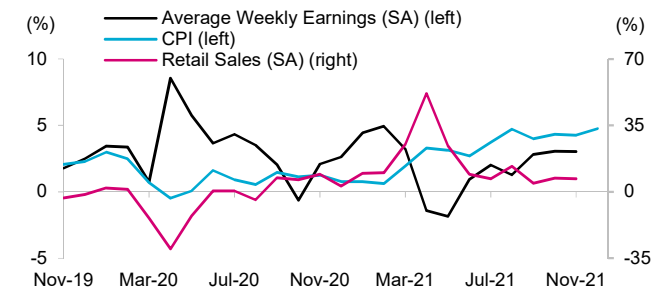
The consumer price index in Alberta increased 4.8% y/y in December, up from 4.3% y/y in November.

Retail Sales

Alberta retail sales increased 0.1% m/m to \$7.7 billion in November. Compared to a year ago, sales were up 6.9%.

RETAIL SALES, CONSUMER PRICES, AND EARNINGS

Year-over-year % change



Sources: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics

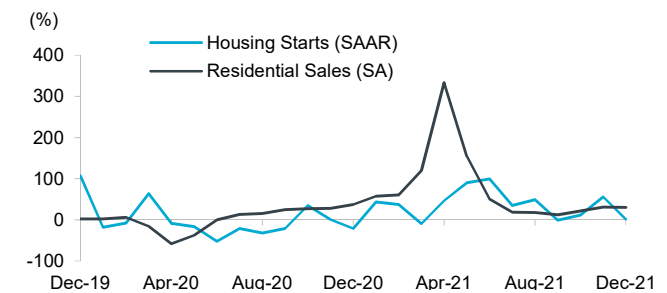
Housing Market

Alberta housing starts decreased 25% m/m in December to 31,070 units (SAAR), up 1.8% from a year ago.

The number of home sales in the resale market increased 5.0% m/m to 7,832 units in December, up 30% y/y.

HOUSING STARTS AND HOME RESALES

Year-over-year % change

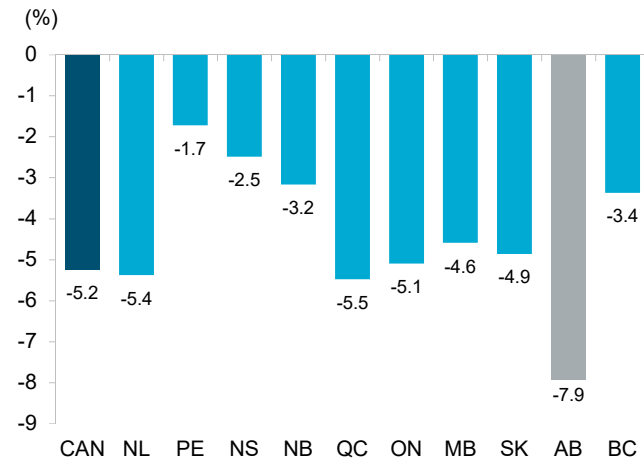


Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics; SAAR - Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate

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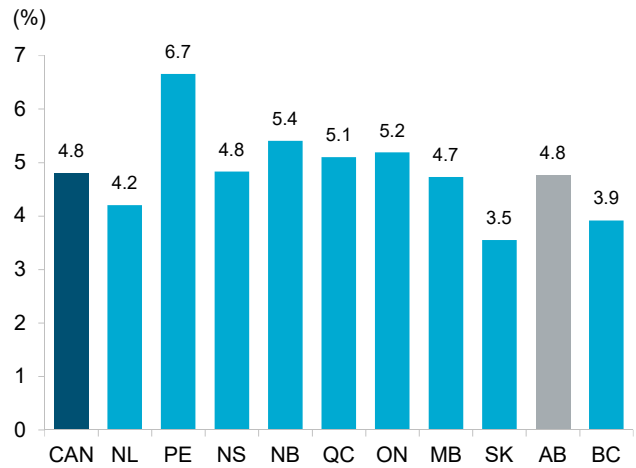
REAL GDP BY EXPENDITURE

(2020, year-over-year growth)



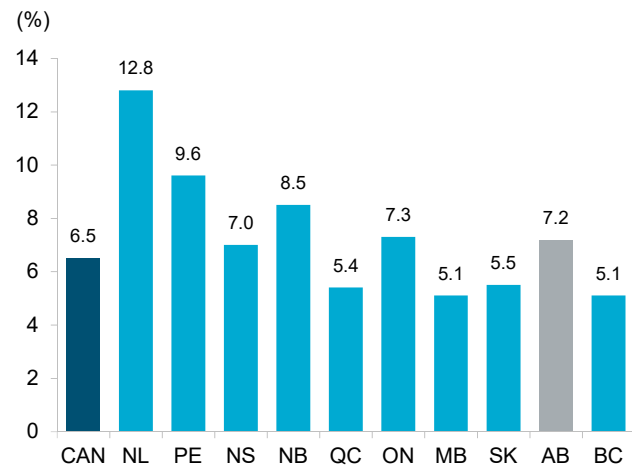
CPI INFLATION

(December 2021, year-over-year growth)



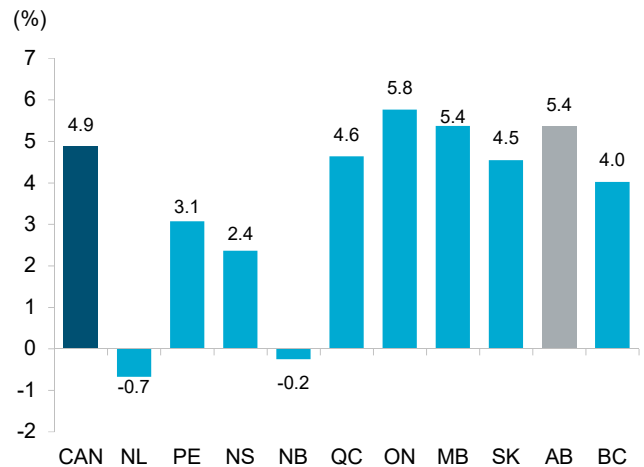
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(January 2022)



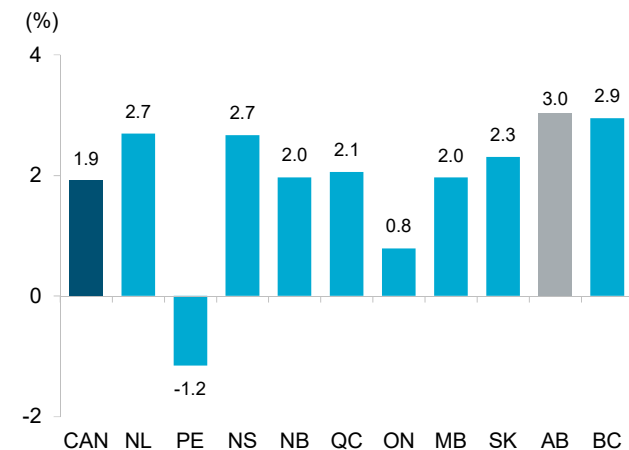
EMPLOYMENT

(January 2022, year-over-year growth)



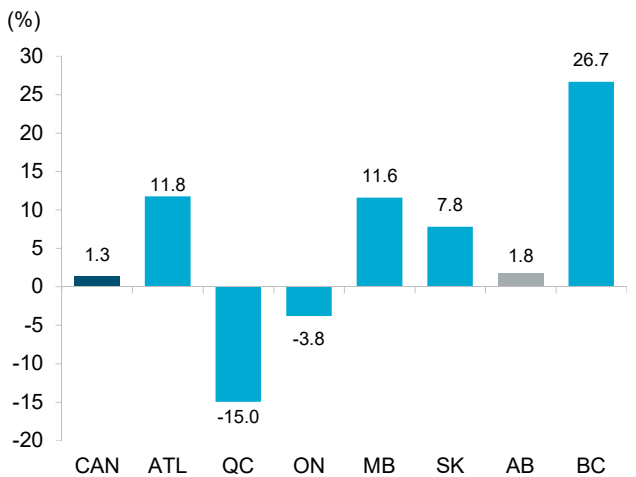
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

(November 2021, year-over-year growth)



HOUSING STARTS

(December 2021, SAAR, year-over-year growth)



ALBERTA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2020	2021	2022YTD	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
Alberta Activity Index (y/y % change)	-5.2	9.2		10.0	7.1	7.3	9.2		
Population¹									
Population (thousands)	4,420	4,443	4,464			4,464			
y/y % change	1.3	0.5	0.9			0.9			
Net Interprovincial Migration	-2,377	-11,831	4,489			4,489			
Net International Migration	36,264	16,199	12,201			12,201			
Labour Market									
Employment (thousands, SA)	2,130	2,239	2,307	2,248	2,275	2,262	2,282	2,300	2,307
m/m change (thousands)				13.2	27.7	-13.3	19.6	18.1	7.0
y/y % change	-6.6	5.1	5.4	6.0	5.2	3.5	4.9	6.1	5.4
Unemployment Rate (% , SA)	11.4	8.7	7.2	7.9	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.2
Participation Rate (% , SA)	68.6	69.2	69.6	68.9	69.7	69.0	69.3	69.7	69.6
Average Weekly Earnings (\$, SA)	1,201	1,226		1,220	1,231	1,224	1,232		
y/y % change	3.2	2.0		1.3	2.8	3.1	3.0		
Household Sector									
Retail Sales (\$ millions, SA)	78,894	82,026		7,373	7,469	7,725	7,733		
y/y % change	-2.7	14.0		13.4	4.5	7.2	6.9		
New Vehicle Sales (units, thousands)	184	183		16	16	16	14		
y/y % change	-17.4	7.4		-14.3	-19.6	-11.9	-4.7		
Consumer Price Index (y/y % change)	1.1	3.2		4.7	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.8	
Excluding Food & Energy	1.2	1.3		2.5	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.3	
Housing Starts (SAAR, thousands)	24.0	31.9		31.0	26.3	36.4	41.6	31.1	
y/y % change	-12.2	33.1		48.6	-0.9	11.7	56.3	1.8	
New Housing Price Index (y/y % change)	-0.9	6.8		10.1	9.6	9.2	8.8	9.3	
Resale Home Sales (units, SA)	55,086	84,568		6,314	6,386	7,019	7,457	7,832	
y/y % change	3.8	53.5		17.9	12.3	21.8	30.9	30.3	
Sales to New Listing Ratio (SA)	0.56	0.70		0.67	0.68	0.72	0.78	0.82	
MLS Average Resale Prices (\$ thousands, SA)	392	428		418	418	424	431	429	
y/y % change	1.4	9.1		4.1	3.6	3.5	6.2	7.5	
New: Consumer Bankruptcies (level)	3,602	2,731		169	198	199	242	191	
y/y % change	-35.6	-24.2		-29.3	-26.1	-37.6	-8.7	-30.8	
Business Sector									
New: Goods Exports (customs based, \$ millions)	91,998	138,090		12,346	12,145	12,151	13,773	14,194	
y/y % change	-21.5	50.1		64.8	60.1	53.2	77.7	61.3	
New: Energy Products (\$ millions)	60,191	99,573		9,165	8,989	8,801	10,563	11,190	
y/y % change	-28.8	65.4		83.2	84.3	76.9	109.5	87.8	
New: Agricultural Products (\$ millions)	9,005	8,868		570	644	792	712	671	
y/y % change	16.9	-1.5		-15.3	-18.0	-9.7	-6.1	-16.0	
New: Rigs Drilling	60	98		112	121	124	131	118	171
y/y % change	-35.3	63.7		250.6	195.7	153.1	116.2	79.4	43.4
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ millions, SA)	64,738	77,090		7,186	7,003	7,306	7,614		
y/y % change	-14.9	30.9		40.4	31.0	35.2	35.9		
Wholesale Trade (\$ millions, SA)	76,819	80,287		7,269	7,297	7,369	8,260		
y/y % change	-5.1	14.3		14.0	14.2	13.9	24.5		
Building Permits (\$ millions, SA)	10,723	14,442		1,124	1,327	1,104	1,314	1,188	
y/y % change	-7.9	34.7		21.0	54.5	14.4	26.0	30.0	
Residential Permits (\$ millions, SA)	6,824	9,507		714	747	812	759	849	
y/y % change	-2.5	39.3		26.9	27.4	30.2	8.9	32.2	
Non-Residential Permits (\$ millions, SA)	3,899	4,935		410	579	292	555	339	
y/y % change	-16.1	26.6		12.1	112.9	-14.5	60.7	24.8	
Non-Res. Building Cons. Price Index ² (y/y % change)	0.4	5.6			7.1			10.0	

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

² Quarterly, average of Calgary and Edmonton.

YTD (year-to-date).

“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), Rigs Drilling (Canadian Association of Energy Contractors) and Bankruptcies (Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada). All historical data are subject to revision.