

Alberta Economy

Indicators at a Glance

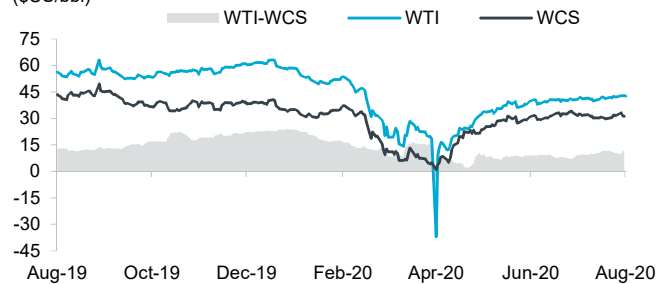
New: Oil Prices

WTI increased US\$0.34 per barrel on the week and closed at US\$42.58 on Thursday. The WTI-WCS differential closed at US\$11.75 per barrel, wider than US\$9.85 a week ago.

OIL PRICES

Daily prices

(\$US/bbl)



Source: US Energy Information Administration, CME Group, Kent Group Limited

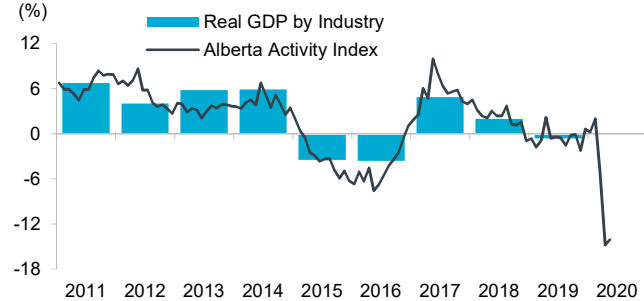
Economic Activity

The Alberta Activity Index rose 0.4% month-over-month (m/m) in May, but remained down 14% from a year ago. Alberta's real GDP by industry eased by 0.6% in 2019 following 1.9% growth in 2018.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Year-over-year % change

(%)



Source: Statistics Canada, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance

Labour Market

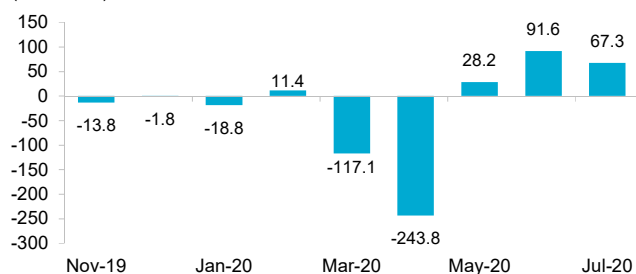
Employment rose by 67,300 in July. Compared to a year ago, employment was down by 185,900. The next release is September 4, 2020.

Alberta's unemployment rate decreased by 2.7 percentage points to 12.8% in July. It was up 5.7 percentage points from a year ago.

LABOUR MARKET

Monthly change in employment

(thousands)

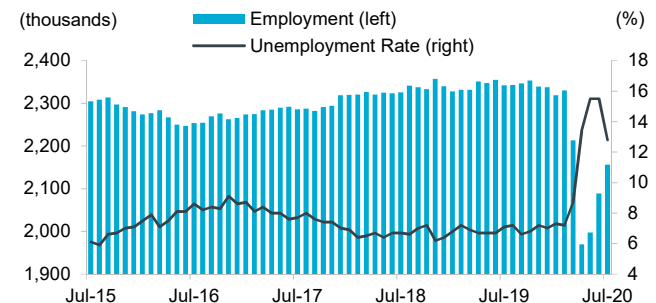


Source: Statistics Canada

LABOUR MARKET

Employment and unemployment rate

(thousands)



Source: Statistics Canada

	WTI - West Texas Intermediate (US\$/bbl)	WTI-WCS Differential (US\$/bbl)	Henry Hub (US\$/MMBtu)	AECO-C (C\$/GJ)	Exchange Rate (US¢/C\$)
August 20, 2020	42.58	11.75	2.35	2.51	75.79
Fiscal Year-To-Date	32.84	10.28	1.83	1.96	73.06

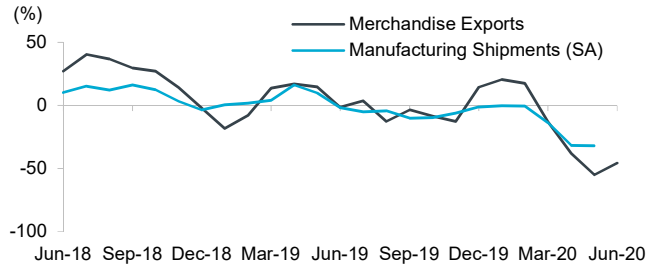
Business Output

Manufacturing shipments increased 5.1% m/m to \$5.0 billion in June. Compared to a year ago, they were down 22%.

Alberta goods exports rose 4.4% m/m in June, to total \$5.5 billion. On a year-over-year (y/y) basis, they were 46% lower.

MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS AND GOODS EXPORTS

Year-over-year % change



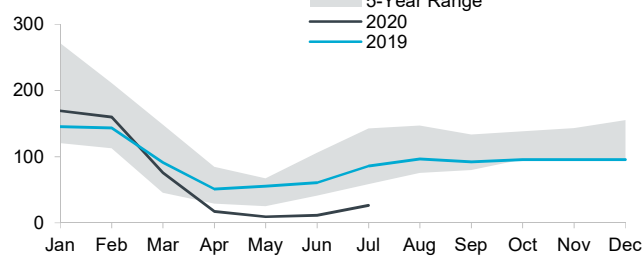
Source: Statistics Canada, SA - Seasonally Adjusted

Rigs Drilling

The number of rigs drilling in Alberta averaged 27 in July, 69% lower than a year ago.

RIGS DRILLING

Number of rigs drilling and five-year seasonal range (rigs drilling)



Source: Canadian Association of Oil Well Drilling Contractors (CAODC)

Average Weekly Earnings

Average weekly earnings in Alberta increased 1.0% m/m in May to \$1,256, up 6.1% from a year ago.

Population Growth

Alberta's population was 4,428,247 as of April 1, 2020, an increase of 1.8% from the year prior. During the last 12 months, Alberta welcomed 42,685 net international migrants and 8,077 net interprovincial migrants.

New: Inflation

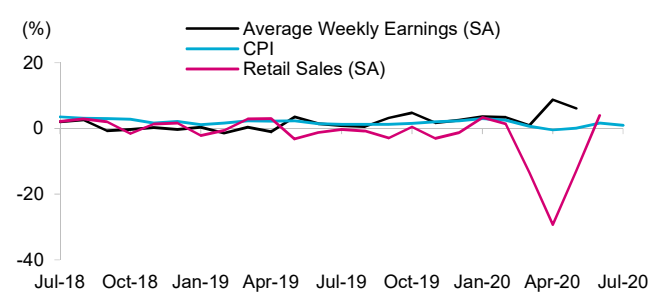
The consumer price index in Alberta increased 0.9% y/y in July, down from 1.6% y/y in the previous month.

New: Retail Sales

Alberta retail sales jumped 19% m/m to \$7.0 billion in June. Compared to a year ago, sales were up 4.0%.

RETAIL SALES, CONSUMER PRICES, AND EARNINGS

Year-over-year % change



Source: Statistics Canada

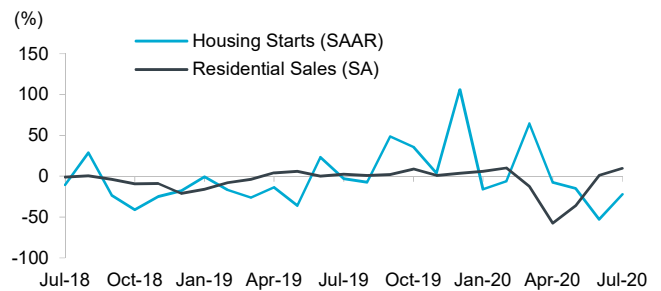
New: Housing Market

Alberta housing starts jumped 52% m/m in July to 22,655 units (SAAR). They were down 22% y/y.

The number of home sales in the resale market rose 11% m/m to 4,995 units in July, and they were up 9.4% y/y.

HOUSING STARTS AND HOME RESALES

Year-over-year % change



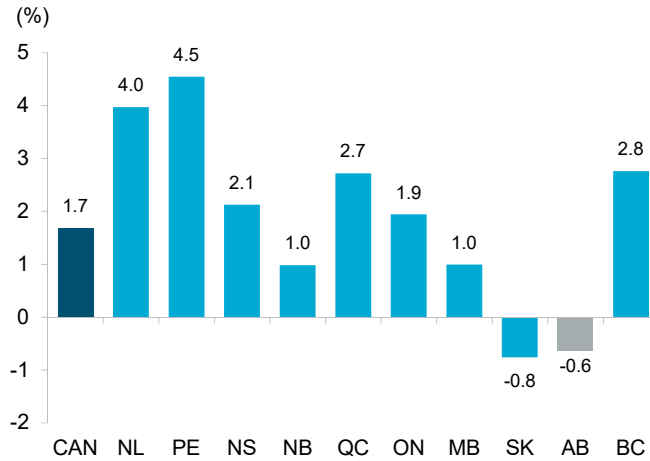
Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Real Estate Association, SAAR -Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate

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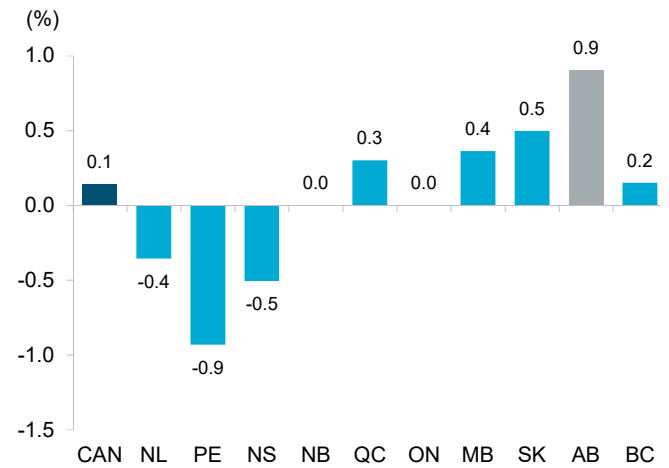
REAL GDP BY INDUSTRY

(2019, year-over-year growth)



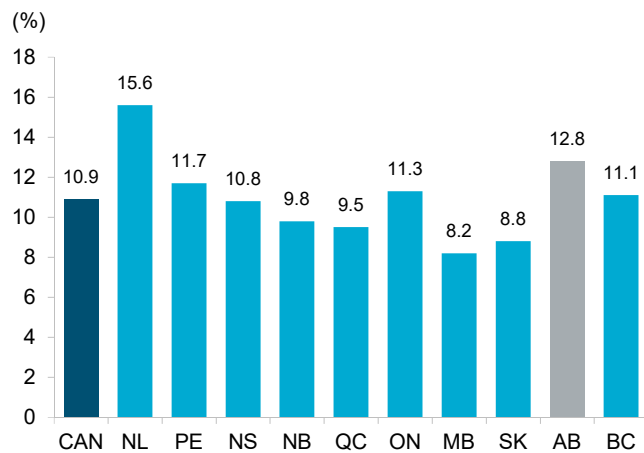
CPI INFLATION

(July 2020, year-over-year growth)



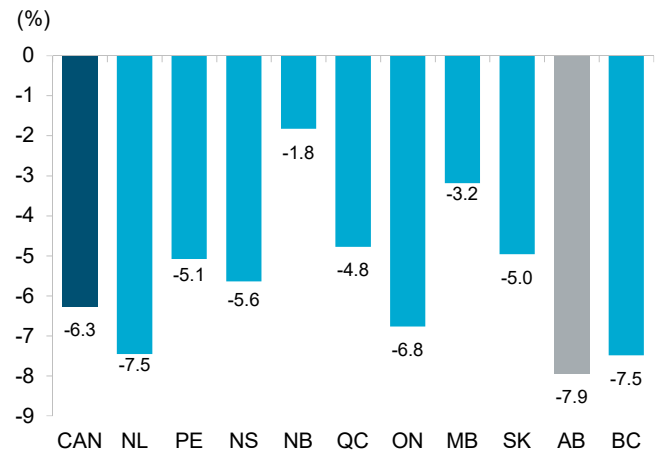
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(July 2020)



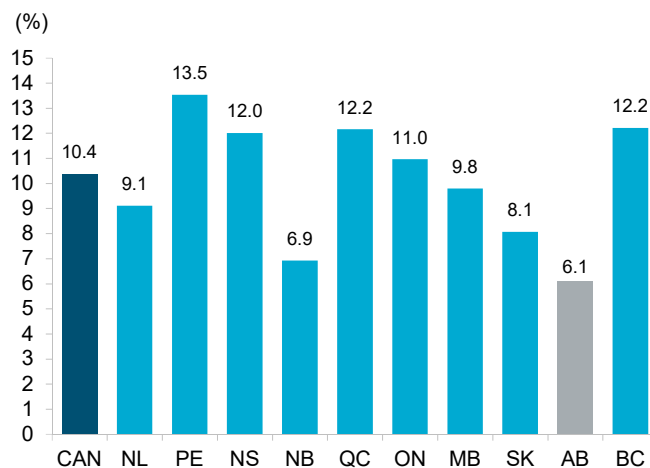
EMPLOYMENT

(July 2020, year-over-year growth)



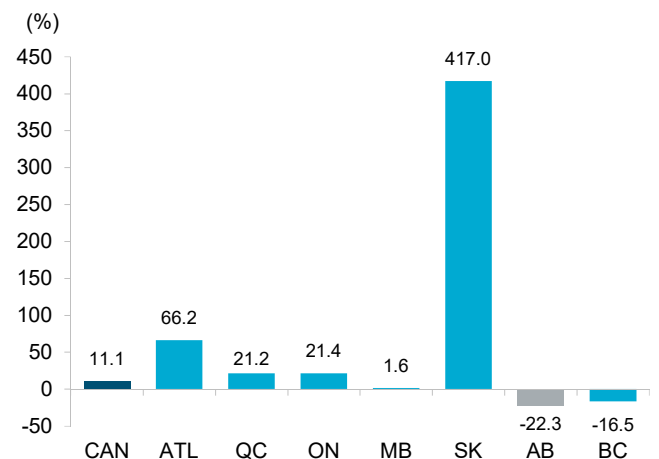
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

(May 2020, year-over-year growth)



HOUSING STARTS

(July 2020, SAAR, year-over-year growth)



ALBERTA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2018	2019	2020YTD	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Alberta Activity Index (y/y % change)	2.2	-0.5	-6.5	2.0	-5.2	-14.8	-14.1		
Population¹									
Population (thousands)	4,301	4,371	4,428			4,428			
y/y % change	1.3	1.6	1.8			1.8			
Net Interprovincial Migration	-3,247	5,542	7,660			3,123			
Net International Migration	32,606	37,918	30,203			6,203			
Labour Market									
Employment (thousands, SA)	2,331	2,343	2,153	2,330	2,213	1,969	1,997	2,089	2,156
m/m change (thousands)				11.4	-117.1	-243.8	28.2	91.6	67.3
y/y % change	1.9	0.5	-8.0	-0.1	-5.1	-16.2	-14.9	-11.3	-7.9
Unemployment Rate (% , SA)	6.6	6.9	11.5	7.2	8.7	13.4	15.5	15.5	12.8
Participation Rate (% , SA)	71.9	71.4	68.1	70.5	67.9	63.7	66.1	69.1	69.1
Average Weekly Earnings (\$, SA)	1,149	1,165	1,207	1,180	1,169	1,244	1,256		
y/y % change	1.7	1.4	4.6	3.4	1.0	8.7	6.1		
Household Sector									
New: Retail Sales (\$ millions, SA)	81,737	81,091	37,363	6,815	5,968	4,915	5,870	6,997	
y/y % change	1.8	-0.8	-8.0	1.4	-13.5	-29.3	-13.0	4.0	
New: New Vehicle Sales (units, thousands)	237	222	77	15	11	8	12	15	
y/y % change	-4.8	-6.1	-33.4	8.0	-46.1	-61.4	-49.2	-29.4	
New: Consumer Price Index (y/y % change)	2.4	1.8	1.2	2.5	0.7	-0.5	0.1	1.6	0.9
Excluding Food & Energy	1.6	1.8	1.5	2.3	1.9	1.3	0.9	1.4	0.9
Housing Starts (SAAR, thousands)	26.1	27.3	21.9	18.9	32.9	23.8	19.2	14.9	22.7
y/y % change	-11.4	4.8	-12.1	-6.1	64.2	-7.8	-15.3	-52.9	-22.3
New: New Housing Price Index (y/y % change)	-0.4	-1.5	-1.5	-1.8	-1.7	-1.6	-1.4	-0.9	-0.9
New: Resale Home Sales (units, SA)	52,145	52,196	27,093	4,638	3,686	1,884	2,917	4,509	4,995
y/y % change	-7.4	0.1	-11.7	10.1	-12.5	-57.6	-35.9	0.6	9.4
New: Sales to New Listing Ratio (SA)	0.45	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.48	0.55	0.49	0.51	0.54
New: MLS Average Resale Prices (\$ thousands, SA)	400	389	376	376	369	354	362	380	400
y/y % change	-2.2	-2.8	-0.1	0.3	-2.2	-6.0	-4.1	1.1	6.4
Consumer Bankruptcies (level)	4,925	5,589	1,947	385	397	260	231	250	
y/y % change	-1.7	13.5	-31.1	-16.7	-16.1	-49.7	-52.1	-43.2	
Business Sector									
Goods Exports (customs based, \$ millions)	117,685	117,159	45,197	8,861	9,172	6,572	5,259	5,491	
y/y % change	17.1	-0.4	-22.9	17.6	-12.8	-38.0	-55.0	-45.7	
Energy Products (\$ millions)	83,454	84,486	29,787	6,451	6,231	3,988	2,686	3,032	
y/y% change	19.9	1.2	-28.4	26.0	-16.3	-48.0	-69.2	-58.5	
Agricultural Products (\$ millions)	8,304	7,693	4,168	546	759	800	803	664	
y/y % change	-0.8	-7.4	2.9	-10.6	10.0	7.7	11.2	-0.8	
Rigs Drilling	133	92	67	160	76	17	9	11	27
y/y% change	1.6	-30.6	-25.9	11.5	-16.9	-66.2	-83.3	-81.6	-69.2
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ millions, SA)	76,833	76,189	32,587	6,279	5,648	4,586	4,776	5,020	
y/y% change	7.2	-0.8	-17.1	-0.5	-13.6	-32.1	-31.4	-22.0	
New: Wholesale Trade (\$ millions, SA)	82,141	80,916	38,502	6,588	6,538	6,494	6,021	6,453	
y/y% change	5.1	-1.5	-6.2	3.2	-3.2	-13.2	-11.9	-5.9	
Building Permits (\$ millions, SA)	13,459	11,647	5,059	1,046	870	770	704	641	
y/y% change	-5.5	-13.5	-10.8	20.5	-5.2	-22.2	-33.0	-29.0	
Residential Permits (\$ millions, SA)	7,776	6,999	3,181	666	563	456	451	431	
y/y % change	-7.4	-10.0	-5.7	24.0	-2.3	-18.3	-24.3	-20.6	
Non-Residential Permits (\$ millions, SA)	5,683	4,648	1,878	381	307	314	253	210	
y/y% change	-2.8	-18.2	-18.2	14.8	-10.0	-27.2	-44.4	-41.7	
Non-Res. Building Cons. Price Index ² (y/y % change)	2.3	2.3	0.8		1.0			0.5	

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 Oilwell Drilling Contractors) and Bankruptcies (Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada). All historical data are subject to revision.