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# LABOUR MARKET REVIEW

Calgary Economic Region



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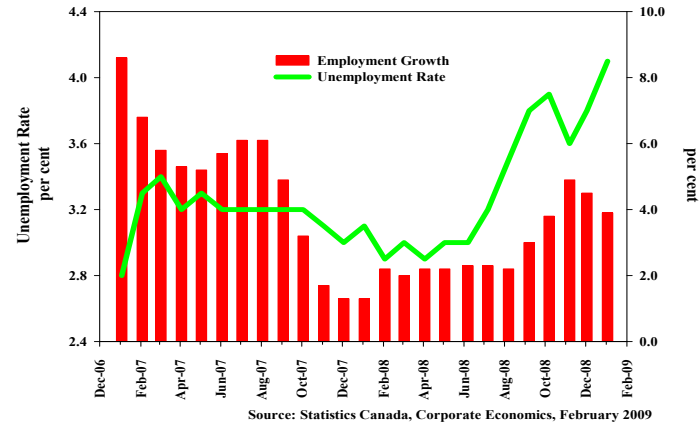
- On a year-over-year basis employment in the Calgary Economic Region grew by 28,800, but compared to December 2008 the Region lost 4,600 jobs.

- Full-time employment grew by 6,100, while 22,800 part-time positions were created in the Region.

- The unemployment rate in Calgary increased to 4.1 per cent in January 2009, from 3.1 per cent a year earlier, as labour force growth (5.1 per cent) exceeded the growth in employment (3.9 per cent).

- Significant job losses occurred in health care & social assistance (6,700), business, building & other services (6,000) and other services (5,900).

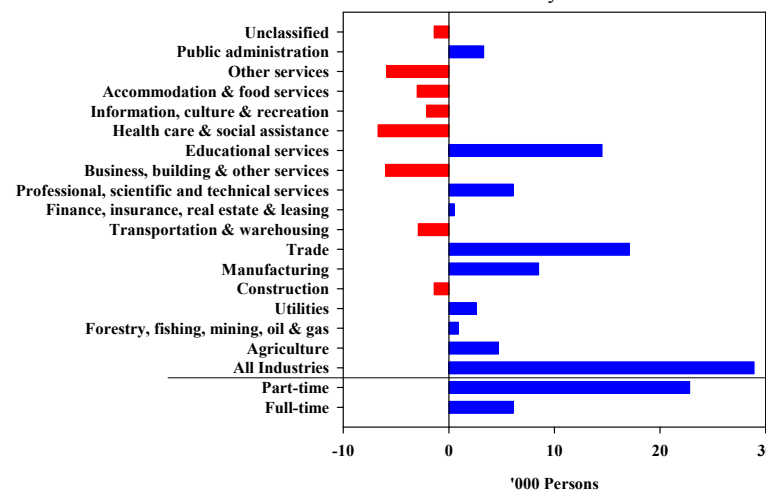
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- Calgary's labour force participation rate was estimated at 77 per cent compared to 75 per cent the same time last year.

- Alberta's hourly wages increased by 6.2 per cent in January 2009, down from 7.8 per cent a year earlier.

**Job Creation by Industry (Year-Over-Year)**  
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Economic Regions (Unadjusted 3-Month-Moving-Average)

Region	Description	Jan-09	Dec-08	Monthly Change	Jan-08	Annual Change
Calgary	Working Age Population ('000)	1,032.7	1,030.9	1.8	1,008.8	23.9
	Labour Force ('000)	795.2	796.9	(1.7)	756.6	38.6
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	77.0	77.3	(0.3)	75.0	2.0
	Employment ('000)	762.3	766.9	(4.6)	733.5	28.8
	Employment Rate (%)	73.8	74.4	(0.6)	72.7	1.1
	Unemployment ('000)	32.9	30.0	2.9	23.1	9.8
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.8	0.4	3.1	1.1
Edmonton	Working Age Population ('000)	926.3	925.0	1.2	908.9	17.3
	Labour Force ('000)	669.7	672.5	(2.8)	660.8	8.9
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	72.3	72.7	(0.4)	72.7	(0.4)
	Employment ('000)	641.6	647.7	(6.1)	637.2	4.4
	Employment Rate (%)	69.2	70.0	(0.9)	70.1	(0.9)
	Unemployment ('000)	28.0	24.8	3.2	23.6	4.4
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	3.7	0.6	3.6	0.7
Alberta	Working Age Population ('000)	2,823.3	2,817.8	5.5	2,771.2	52.0
	Labour Force ('000)	2,097.7	2,102.1	(4.4)	2,042.4	55.3
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	74.3	74.6	(0.3)	73.7	0.6
	Employment ('000)	2,010.1	2,023.9	(13.8)	1,971.9	38.2
	Employment Rate (%)	71.2	71.8	(0.6)	71.2	0.0
	Unemployment ('000)	87.6	78.2	9.4	70.5	17.1
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.7	0.5	3.5	0.7

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Source: Corporate Economics, Statistics Canada, February 2009

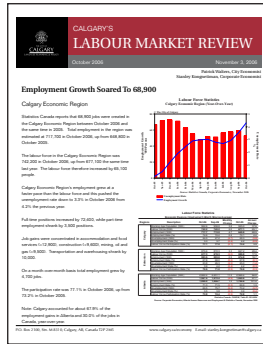
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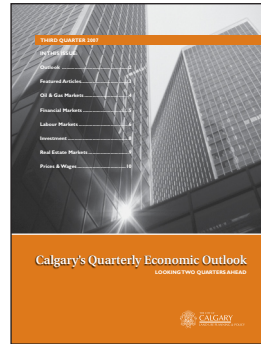
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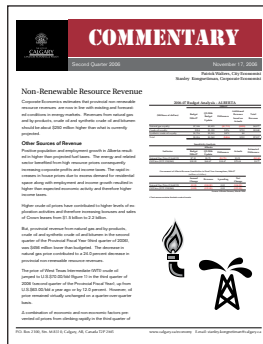
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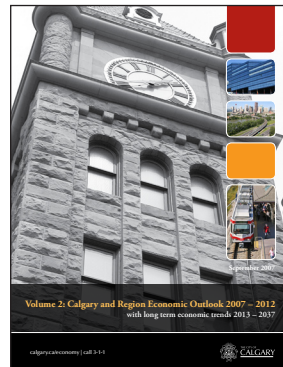
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