

## Employers Are Cautious in Hiring

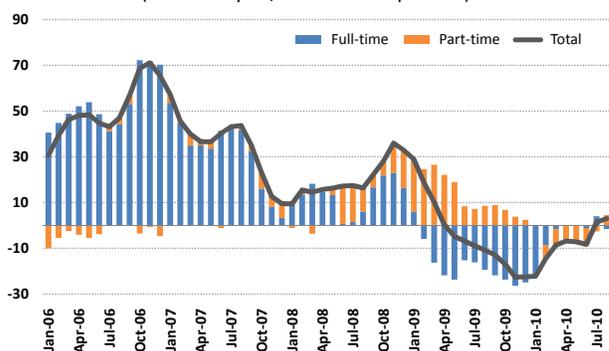
The Canadian job market decelerated after months of strong gains. Employers are cautious in new hiring given the cooling domestic demand in Canada and the uncertainty about the US economy. Seasonally adjusted data show that from July 2010 to August 2010:

- Total employment was unchanged in the Calgary Economic Region (CER) (+1,300) and Alberta (-4,700), and increased by 35,800 in Canada.
- In Canada, new jobs were created in full-time (+79,900) and in the public sector (+57,500). Job losses were in part-time (-44,100) and private sector (-39,900). Unemployment rate edged up slightly to 8.1 per cent, as more people entered the labour force.
- In Alberta, job losses in part-time (-15,600) were partially offset by gains in full-time (+10,900). Most new jobs were gained in the Educational services industry (+7,300), and the largest job losses were in the Manufacturing industry (-5,200).

Calgary's job market stabilized in recent months (see Chart 1) as most industries shifted from laying off people to hiring again (see Chart 2). Employers are more optimistic and hiring prospects are strong, especially in the Service-producing sector. According to the unadjusted 3-month-moving-average data, the following year-over-year changes were recorded in the CER in August 2010:

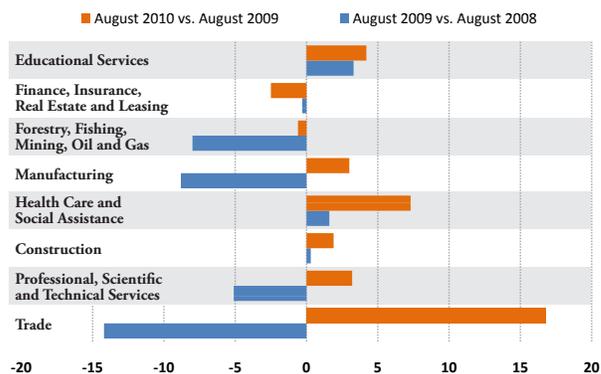
- Total employment increased by 3,000 positions in the CER, thanks to the gains in part-time positions (+4,500). Most new jobs were added in Trade (+16,800), Health care and social assistance (+7,300), Educational services (+4,200) and Professional, scientific and technical services (+3,200).
- Unemployment rate was unchanged from 7.0 per cent last August. Average wage inflation in August (0.2 per cent) weakened in the CMA compared to a year ago (5.7 per cent).
- There were 14,630 Calgarians receiving regular employment insurance benefits in June 2010, down by 24.1 per cent year-over-year.

**Chart 1. CER employment changes by types of jobs**  
(Year-over-year, thousands of persons)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, September 2010

**Chart 2. Employment changes by major industries**  
(year-over-year, thousands of persons)



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### Labour Force Statistics

Economic Regions (Unadjusted 3-Month-Moving-Average)

Region	Description	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09	Annual Change
Calgary	Working Age Population ('000)	1,078.6	1,076.0	1,052.5	26.1
	Labour Force ('000)	820.7	816.9	817.7	3.0
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	76.1	75.9	77.7	(1.6)
	Employment ('000)	763.6	761.0	760.6	3.0
	Employment Rate (%)	70.8	70.7	72.3	(1.5)
	Unemployment ('000)	57.1	55.9	57.1	0.0
Edmonton	Working Age Population ('000)	961.4	959.4	941.6	19.8
	Labour Force ('000)	693.2	693.0	699.3	(6.1)
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	72.1	72.2	74.3	(2.2)
	Employment ('000)	643.8	644.0	646.2	(2.4)
	Employment Rate (%)	67.0	67.1	68.6	(1.6)
	Unemployment ('000)	49.4	49.0	53.0	(3.6)
Alberta	Working Age Population ('000)	2,929.8	2,923.7	2,870.0	59.8
	Labour Force ('000)	2,172.6	2,166.0	2,164.3	8.3
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	74.2	74.1	75.4	(1.2)
	Employment ('000)	2,029.5	2,024.1	2,010.6	18.9
	Employment Rate (%)	69.3	69.2	70.1	(0.8)
	Unemployment ('000)	143.2	141.9	153.8	(10.6)
	Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.6	7.1	(0.5)

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## Calgary's Monthly Market Review: August 2010

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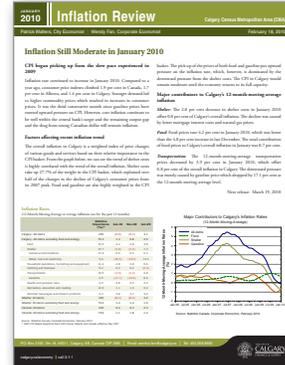
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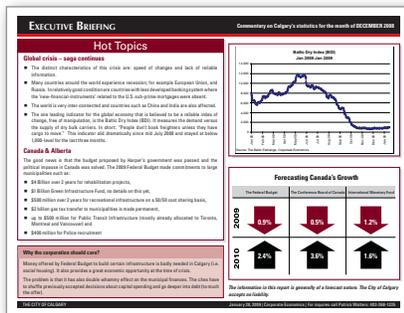
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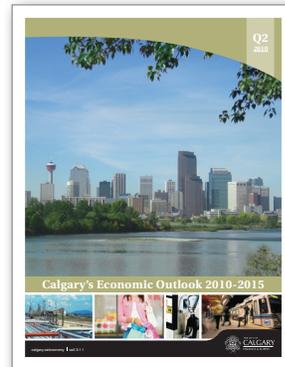
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