

**CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS, BY PROVINCE**

For the Week Ending December 1, 2006

	<i>Canada</i>	<i>Nfld.</i>	<i>P.E.I.</i>	<i>N.S.</i>	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>Que.</i>	<i>Ont.</i>	<i>Man.</i>	<i>Sask.</i>	<i>Alta.</i>	<i>B.C.</i>
<b>Employment</b>											
Level Change (000s) <sup>a</sup>	<b>309.6</b>	0.7	0.4	-2.0	5.9	48.6	93.9	7.1	6.1	<b>82.5</b>	65.9
Percent Change <sup>a</sup>	<b>1.9%</b>	0.3%	0.6%	-0.4%	1.7%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.3%	<b>4.6%</b>	3.1%
Unemployment Rate, 2006 avg	<b>6.3</b>	15.0	10.9	8.0	8.8	8.1	6.3	4.3	4.8	<b>3.4</b>	4.7
Participation Rate, 2006 avg	<b>67.2</b>	59.1	68.7	62.9	63.9	65.5	67.7	68.8	68.9	<b>73.3</b>	65.6
<b>Retail Sales</b>											
Percent Change <sup>b</sup> , SA	<b>6.5%</b>	2.3%	3.7%	6.9%	5.9%	4.6%	4.1%	5.7%	5.8%	<b>16.9%</b>	6.8%
Avg. Monthly % Change, SA	<b>0.7%</b>	-0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	1.1%	0.7%	0.6%	1.3%	0.8%	<b>1.1%</b>	0.6%
<b>Housing Starts (000s)</b>											
SAAR October 2006	<b>223.2</b>	1.8	0.6	4.1	3.8	52.8	70.9	8.2	3.9	<b>40.4</b>	36.6
<b>Manufacturing Shipments</b>											
Percent Change <sup>b</sup> , SA	<b>0.0%</b>	-10.0%	-2.3%	-5.3%	2.0%	2.9%	-4.0%	3.2%	9.0%	<b>10.6%</b>	3.2%
<b>Population (As of July 1, 2006)</b>											
Population	<b>32,623,490</b>	509,677	138,519	934,405	749,168	7,651,531	12,686,952	1,177,765	985,386	<b>3,375,763</b>	4,310,452
Annual Growth Rate <sup>c</sup>	<b>1.00%</b>	-0.83%	0.25%	-0.18%	-0.31%	0.71%	1.02%	0.31%	-0.46%	<b>3.00%</b>	1.24%
<b>Net Interprovincial Migration</b>											
April-June 2006		-872	11	-645	-1,127	-3,883	-4,024	-1,957	-1,100	<b>11,363</b>	2,320
<b>CPI Inflation</b>											
October Annual	<b>0.9%</b>	0.7%	-0.8%	0.2%	-0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	1.4%	1.5%	<b>3.0%</b>	1.1%
<b>Rigs Drilling<sup>a</sup></b>											
										<b>4.9%</b>	
<b>Average Weekly Earnings</b>											
Jan-Sept 2006 Average, SA	<b>\$747.21</b>	\$692.08	\$586.52	\$649.60	\$682.02	\$703.57	\$784.82	\$671.22	\$692.31	<b>\$799.66</b>	\$740.93
% Increase <sup>b</sup> , SA	<b>3.1%</b>	4.5%	3.2%	2.5%	3.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.0%	4.0%	<b>4.7%</b>	4.1%
Wage Settlements (Jan-Aug 2006)										<b>3.7%</b>	
										<b>(3.8% public, 3.4% private)</b>	
<b>Conference Board Forecast (Autumn 2006)</b>											
Real GDP Growth											
2006	<b>2.8%</b>	2.9%	1.5%	2.2%	2.1%	1.6%	1.7%	3.3%	1.6%	<b>7.0%</b>	3.9%
2007	<b>2.9%</b>	5.7%	1.5%	1.9%	2.4%	2.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.4%	<b>5.0%</b>	3.2%

a. Jan 2006 to November 2006, yoy

b. Jan 2006 to September 2006, yoy

c. Over past 12 months

SA-Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Statistics Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Canadian Association of Oilwell Contractors and Conference Board of Canada