

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS, BY PROVINCE
For the Week Ending February 1, 2008

| | <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> |
|--|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Employment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Level Change (000s) ^a YTD | 380.0 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 84.3 | 101.3 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 88.4 | 70.7 |
| Percent Change ^a YTD | 2.3% | 0.7% | 1.3% | 1.3% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 1.6% | 1.6% | 2.1% | 4.7% | 3.2% |
| Unemployment Rate, 2007 avg | 6.0 | 13.6 | 10.2 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 4.2 |
| Participation Rate, 2007 avg | 67.6 | 59.2 | 68.3 | 63.7 | 64.0 | 65.7 | 68.0 | 69.4 | 69.7 | 74.1 | 66.3 |
| Retail Sales | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent Change ^b | 5.7% | 9.5% | 8.4% | 4.2% | 6.5% | 4.4% | 3.7% | 8.9% | 12.1% | 9.2% | 7.1% |
| Avg. Monthly % Change | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.7% | 1.5% | 0.7% | 0.6% |
| Housing Starts (000s) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAAR December 2007 | 187.5 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 41.4 | 53.4 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 38.2 | 32.2 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent Change ^c | 1.0% | 20.6% | -2.1% | 1.6% | 3.8% | 2.5% | -0.2% | 8.8% | 1.0% | 1.6% | -2.4% |
| Population (As of October 1, 2007) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 32,976,026 | 506,275 | 138,627 | 934,147 | 749,782 | 7,700,807 | 12,803,861 | 1,186,679 | 996,869 | 3,473,984 | 4,380,256 |
| Annual Growth Rate ^d | 1.03% | -0.33% | 0.70% | 0.01% | 0.32% | 0.67% | 0.87% | 0.97% | 1.54% | 2.30% | 1.50% |
| Net Interprovincial Migration | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July 1 to September 30 2007 | | 1,084 | -122 | -187 | 317 | -3,546 | -3,133 | -65 | 4,324 | -3,316 | 5,089 |
| CPI Inflation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December Annual | 2.4% | 2.3% | 2.8% | 3.1% | 2.6% | 2.2% | 2.1% | 2.0% | 3.7% | 4.1% | 1.2% |
| Excluding Shelter | 1.8% | 1.7% | 1.5% | 2.2% | 1.9% | 1.9% | 2.1% | 1.3% | 1.1% | 2.3% | 0.7% |
| Rigs Drilling^a | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | -35.0% | |
| Average Weekly Earnings (SA) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Nov 2007 Average | \$769.79 | \$715.66 | \$631.09 | \$673.83 | \$708.32 | \$722.58 | \$802.60 | \$703.66 | \$722.82 | \$835.27 | \$758.95 |
| % Increase ^b | 3.2% | 3.8% | 4.2% | 2.4% | 3.8% | 2.8% | 2.8% | 4.2% | 4.4% | 4.7% | 2.8% |
| Wage Settlements (Jan-Oct 2007) | | | | | | | | | | 5.0% | |
| | | | | | | | | | | (3.7% public, 5.7% private) | |
| Conference Board Forecast (Autumn 2007) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real GDP Growth | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 2.6% | 6.8% | 2.4% | 2.0% | 2.3% | 2.0% | 2.4% | 3.7% | 4.3% | 3.4% | 2.9% |
| 2008 | 2.8% | 1.5% | 2.0% | 2.2% | 2.2% | 2.6% | 2.6% | 3.5% | 2.8% | 3.6% | 3.0% |

a. January 2007 to December 2007

b. January 2007 to November 2007

c. January 2007 to November 2007

d. 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