

CANADIAN CITY TRENDS

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City scorecard

Rankings are in descending order (1 = the highest y/y growth rate) except for the unemployment rate where 1 = the lowest rate

	CPI	Adult population	Jobs	Jobless Rate	Housing starts	Residential building permits	Non-res. building permits	Non-res. construction	Average MLS prices	MLS unit sales
Latest month	Mar-12	Apr-12	Apr-12	Apr-12	Mar-12	Mar-12	Mar-12	Q1-12	Mar-12	Mar-12
Toronto	4	4	25	22	10	10	18	8	3	13
Montréal	9	16	26	25	22	26	14	5	-	-
Vancouver	10	8	13	12	11	16	16	15	20	20
Ottawa/Gatineau	6	7	10	10	14	22	10	14	16	7
Calgary	12	3	9	4	5	4	22	12	15	5
Edmonton	11	2	17	6	9	7	11	19	12	11
Quebec	3	15	2	2	23	6	17	11	-	-
Hamilton	-	14	12	13	2	3	12	23	6	14
Winnipeg	15	9	15	7	7	19	8	3	10	16
London	-	18	23	22	24	13	23	4	11	15
Kitchener	-	12	21	14	1	18	25	24	13	8
St. Catharines/Niagara	-	23	22	18	20	23	21	18	18	9
Halifax	2	10	20	10	21	25	6	13	14	10
Windsor	-	27	18	27	8	1	1	27	2	4
Victoria	14	21	8	2	16	9	19	21	9	17
Oshawa	-	5	1	20	3	15	27	16	-	-
Saskatoon	13	1	11	8	15	12	5	7	5	1
Regina	8	6	7	1	4	8	20	17	4	3
St. John's	1	19	19	18	12	2	2	10	7	18
Sherbrooke	-	11	16	15	13	21	7	20	-	-
Greater Sudbury	-	26	24	17	19	27	26	22	17	2
Abbotsford	-	17	4	26	-	14	13	1	-	-
Kingston	-	12	5	16	-	24	3	9	8	6
Saguenay	-	25	14	9	18	11	15	25	-	-
Trois-Rivières	-	20	6	21	6	20	4	6	-	-
Saint John	5	22	27	24	17	17	9	26	19	19
Thunder Bay	7	24	3	5	25	5	24	2	1	12

Source: Statistics Canada, RBC Economics Research

Current city economic indicators

Year-over-year % change unless otherwise specified. Jobs, Jobless rate, Housing starts and Building permits for the cities are based on a three month moving average. Cities are ranked in descending order by population size.

	CPI	Adult population	Jobs	Jobless rate (%)	Housing starts	Residential building permits	Non-res. building permits	Non-res. construction	Average MLS prices	MLS unit sales
Latest month	Mar-12	Apr-12	Apr-12	Apr-12	Mar-12	Mar-12	Mar-12	Q1-12	Mar-12	Mar-12
Toronto	2.2	2.0	-0.2	8.4	27.5	24.0	-10.6	4.2	9.6	6.8
Montréal	1.9	1.1	-1.0	9.2	-22.3	-18.1	12.0	15.1	-	-
Vancouver	1.8	1.6	3.2	6.2	21.6	8.9	5.2	-9.7	-6.5	-22.4
Ottawa/Gatineau	2.1	1.8	3.6	6.1	3.5	-7.5	57.3	-3.1	1.8	16.3
Calgary	1.6	2.0	4.0	5.1	106.7	42.6	-52.9	-0.5	2.2	19.2
Edmonton	1.8	2.1	2.0	5.3	40.9	34.0	43.6	-11.0	3.0	9.1
Quebec	2.2	1.1	6.6	5.0	-27.7	36.1	-8.0	0.4	-	-
Hamilton	-	1.1	3.2	6.3	152.4	48.0	42.5	-18.3	7.9	2.5
Winnipeg	1.4	1.5	2.3	5.7	53.3	4.6	95.5	25.4	3.7	-2.0
London	-	1.0	0.4	8.4	-33.9	21.6	-58.8	15.5	3.0	2.3
Kitchener	-	1.2	1.6	6.6	163.8	5.9	-64.5	-21.7	2.9	12.7
St. Catharines/Niagara	-	0.3	1.0	7.7	-14.6	-10.3	-47.0	-10.1	-0.2	12.6
Halifax	2.2	1.3	1.6	6.1	-16.6	-17.8	133.4	-1.0	2.6	9.7
Windsor	-	-0.1	1.9	10.1	46.8	86.0	331.6	-34.0	11.8	19.3
Victoria	1.5	0.6	4.4	5.0	-10.3	30.1	-14.7	-16.5	3.9	-4.5
Oshawa	-	1.9	7.5	7.9	132.9	9.0	-71.3	-9.8	-	-
Saskatoon	1.6	2.6	3.3	5.8	-3.1	22.9	137.5	6.3	8.3	47.2
Regina	2.0	1.8	4.9	3.8	124.2	33.5	-42.8	-9.9	9.5	22.0
St. John's	2.5	1.0	1.6	7.7	19.1	61.5	307.2	2.0	6.4	-5.9
Sherbrooke	-	1.2	2.0	6.9	5.4	-4.1	101.8	-15.7	-	-
Greater Sudbury	-	0.1	0.2	7.2	-13.3	-56.0	-69.3	-16.5	1.5	25.4
Abbotsford	-	1.0	6.3	9.5	-	15.5	22.8	89.6	-	-
Kingston	-	1.2	5.2	7.1	-	-16.9	239.9	4.1	5.3	17.6
Saguenay	-	0.2	3.2	6.0	-12.4	23.0	8.1	-30.3	-	-
Trois-Rivières	-	0.8	5.0	8.1	62.7	3.3	138.0	12.6	-	-
Saint John	2.2	0.6	-4.3	8.5	-10.5	7.2	76.3	-32.6	-3.7	-13.1
Thunder Bay	2.1	0.2	6.3	5.2	-50.0	36.9	-60.9	42.6	12.3	8.2
Canada	1.9	1.2	1.2	7.3	16.8	13.2	-0.5	-3.5	-0.5	6.5

Source: Statistics Canada, the Canadian Real Estate Association, RBC Economics Research

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