

Table 13: Selected Economic Indicators, Canada and Alberta, 1976-2008

	All Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100) (1)		Canada Interest Rates		Canada - United States Exchange Rate	
	Canada	Alberta	Bank Rate (2)	Prime Rate (3)	Canada\$ per US\$	US\$ per Canada\$
1976.....	31.1	-	9.29	10.04	0.9860	1.0142
1977.....	33.6	-	7.71	8.50	1.0634	0.9403
1978.....	36.6	-	8.98	9.69	1.1407	0.8767
1979.....	40.0	40.0	12.10	12.90	1.1714	0.8537
1980.....	44.0	44.1	12.89	14.25	1.1692	0.8553
1981.....	49.5	49.8	17.93	19.29	1.1989	0.8341
1982.....	54.9	55.4	13.96	15.81	1.2337	0.8105
1983.....	58.1	58.3	9.55	11.17	1.2324	0.8114
1984.....	60.6	59.8	11.31	12.06	1.2951	0.7722
1985.....	63.0	61.6	9.65	10.58	1.3655	0.7323
1986.....	65.6	63.7	9.21	10.52	1.3895	0.7197
1987.....	68.5	66.3	8.40	9.52	1.3260	0.7542
1988.....	71.2	68.1	9.69	10.83	1.2307	0.8125
1989.....	74.8	70.9	12.29	13.33	1.1840	0.8446
1990.....	78.4	75.0	13.05	14.06	1.1668	0.8571
1991.....	82.8	79.4	9.03	9.94	1.1457	0.8728
1992.....	84.0	80.6	6.78	7.48	1.2087	0.8273
1993.....	85.6	81.4	5.09	5.94	1.2901	0.7751
1994.....	85.7	82.6	5.77	6.88	1.3657	0.7322
1995.....	87.6	84.5	7.31	8.65	1.3724	0.7286
1996.....	88.9	86.4	4.53	6.06	1.3635	0.7334
1997.....	90.4	88.1	3.52	4.96	1.3846	0.7222
1998.....	91.3	89.2	5.10	6.60	1.4835	0.6741
1999.....	92.9	91.4	4.92	6.44	1.4857	0.6731
2000.....	95.4	94.5	5.77	7.27	1.4854	0.6732
2001.....	97.8	96.7	4.31	5.81	1.5488	0.6456
2002.....	100.0	100.0	2.71	4.21	1.5703	0.6368
2003.....	102.8	104.4	3.19	4.69	1.4010	0.7138
2004.....	104.7	105.9	2.50	4.00	1.3013	0.7685
2005.....	107.0	108.1	2.92	4.42	1.2114	0.8255
2006.....	109.1	112.3	4.31	5.81	1.1343	0.8816
2007.....	111.5	117.9	4.60	6.10	1.0740	0.9311
2008.....	114.1	121.6	3.21	4.73	1.0671	0.9371

(1) The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the percentage change through time in the cost of purchasing a constant "basket" of goods and services representing the purchases by a particular population group in a specified time period. The All Items Index includes these components: food; shelter; household operations and furnishings; clothing and footwear; transportation; health and personal care; recreation; education and reading; and alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

(2) The Bank Rate is the minimum rate at which the Bank of Canada makes short-term advances to the chartered banks.

(3) The Canada Prime Rate or the Chartered Bank Rate on Prime Business Loans is the rate charged to the most credit-worthy borrowers.

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