

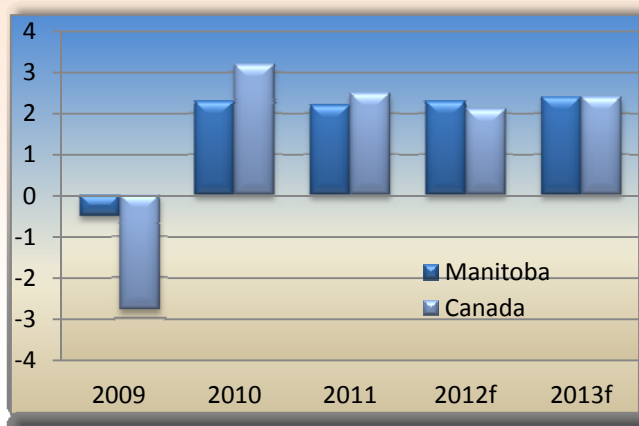
Manitoba Economic Highlights

Economic Overview

Real Gross Domestic Product

- Preliminary estimates from the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics show Manitoba's real GDP expanded 2.2% in 2011.
- The Survey of Major Economic Forecasters projects that the Manitoba will grow 2.3% in 2012 and 2.4% in 2013.
- Statistics Canada estimated that Manitoba's real GDP increased by 1.1% in 2011 following a 2.2% increase in 2010.
- Manitoba has the second best average annual growth over the last five-years (2006-2011) at 1.9% and ahead of Canada 1.2%.

Real GDP (% Change)



Consumer Price Index

- In the first three months of 2012 the Manitoba CPI increased 1.7%, below the 2.3% Canadian increase.
- Tobacco & alcohol and food costs are boosting overall consumer prices while clothing & footwear and recreation are easing pressure on prices.

- Manitoba CPI increased 3.0% in 2011, the fifth lowest among provinces and similar to the 2.9% Canadian increase.

- Stable economic growth projected for the next two years.
- In 2011, aerospace parts exceed \$1 billion in value, now the fifth largest component of shipments in 2011.
- Population has increased by 15,696 over the last year (January 1, 2012), the second largest annual increase in 40 years.
- Manitoba's unemployment rate averaged 5.4% in the first four months of 2012.
- Manitoba housing starts increased 3.3% in 2011 to 6,083 units, the highest level since 1987. Single starts were down 3.6% while multiples were up 17.8%.

Labour Market

Employment

- In the first four months of 2012, employment increased 0.5% or 3,200 jobs while the labour force expanded 0.7% or 4,400 new entrants.
- In 2011, Manitoba's employment increased 0.8% and Manitoba's labour force expanded 0.8%. In 2011, Manitoba's employment growth ranked seventh highest among provinces.
- In the first four months of 2012, full-time employment increased by 0.5% and part-time employment increased 0.5%.

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Employment (% Change)

	2011	2012 (ytd)
Manitoba		
Total Employment	0.8	0.5
Full-Time	1.0	0.5
Part-Time	-0.2	0.5
Canada		
Total Employment	1.6	1.0

Unemployment Rate

- In the first four months of 2012, Manitoba's unemployment rate was 5.4%, third lowest among provinces and below the 7.4% national average.
- In 2011, Manitoba's unemployment rate was 5.4%, second lowest behind Saskatchewan and Alberta. The youth unemployment rate was 11.6%, the third lowest in Canada.
- Over the past 13 years, Manitoba's unemployment rate has averaged 2.2 percentage points below Canada.

Average Weekly Earnings

- In the first two months of 2012, average weekly earnings in Manitoba were up 1.8%, eighth highest among provinces and above the 1.6% national increase.
- In 2011, average weekly earnings in Manitoba were up 2.8%, sixth best among provinces and above Canada's increase of 2.5%.

Population

- As of January 1, 2012, Manitoba's population stood at 1,258,260, a one-year

increase of 15,696 persons. This is the second largest annual increase in 40 years.

- The most significant factor driving Manitoba's population growth is the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP). Since it began immigration to Manitoba under PNP has steadily increased. In the last twelve months (January to January), immigration increased to 15,954 persons, the best increase since 1946.

Net Migration

- For the year ending January 1, 2012, 9,948 more people moved to Manitoba than left.
- During the same period, net international immigration totalled 13,665 and net inter-provincial out-migration totalled 2,284. Natural increase totalled 5,748.

Economic Activity

Manufacturing Sales

- In the first two months of 2012, Manitoba manufacturing sales increased 4.7% compared to a 8.4 national increase and ranked sixth among provinces.
- The increase in sales is broad based with chemicals, wood, aerospace, and fabricated metals leading growth while printing, transportation, and food products sales lagging growth.
- In 2011, Manitoba manufacturing sales increased 6.2% to \$15.3 billion, reversing a two-year decline in sales. Canadian sales increased 7.8%.
- In 2011, the value of aerospace parts exceed the value of transportation equipment by \$85 million, with now over \$1 billion in value is the fifth largest component of shipments in 2011.

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Leading Industries with Strongest Growth Manufacturing sales (% Change)

	2011	2012 (ytd)
Chemicals	33.9	18.1
Machinery	24.2	15.7
Primary Metals	12.8	7.4

Farm Cash Receipts

- In 2011, Manitoba farm cash receipts are up 0.8%. Crop receipts decreased 8.8% due to declines in oilseeds receipts. Livestock receipts were up 6.7% with strength in hog receipts partially offset by weakness in cattle receipts. Direct payments increased 45.8%.

Farm Cash Receipts (% Change)

	2010	2011
Canola	5.0	(8.8)
Wheat	(8.4)	6.8
Hogs	13.6	12.8
Cattle	1.3	(5.2)
Total farm Cash	0.1	0.8

- In 2011, Manitoba cash receipts increased to \$4.9 billion. Manitoba's 0.8% increase was the lowest among provinces.
- Agricultural diversification has altered the structure of the sector. In 1990, wheat accounted for 29% of farm cash receipts but by 2011 only 16%. In 2011, the largest

receipts source was canola (21%) followed by hogs (19%), wheat (16%) and cattle (9%).

Retail Sales

- In the first two months of 2012, Manitoba retail sales increased 4.0%, below the Canadian increase of 5.9% and ninth best among provinces.
- 2012 sales are increasing on the strength of clothing (8.0%), department store sales (8.0%), and motor vehicles (7.9%) – gasoline sales are down 2.6%.
- In the three two months of 2012 new motor vehicle unit sales are up 7.9%, seventh best among provinces and below the national increase of 9.1%.
- In 2011, Manitoba retail sales increased 4.3%, ranked sixth highest among provinces and higher than the 4.1% increase in Canada. Manitoba sales rose on the strength of gasoline (16.3%), electronics and appliances (7.7%), personal care (6.0%), and motor vehicles (4.1%).

Investment

- Statistics Canada's Private and Public Investment Survey released February 2012 projected Manitoba's capital investment to increase 4.7%, below the Canadian increase of 6.2%.
- Manitoba's private investment is projected to increase 8.3% and public investment to decrease 3.1%.
- A number of major investment projects are currently underway, including, IKEA at the Seasons of Tuxedo shopping complex, and the stadium at University of Manitoba.

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- Manitoba's capital investment for 2011 was revised up to a 1.5% increase, from the 1.1% increase forecast last February.
- Manitoba's total capital investments increased to a record \$11.4 billion in 2011. Private investment increased 1.9% while public capital investment increased 0.5%.
- Each year since 2006 to 2010, Manitoba has surpassed the national annual growth in capital investment. Manitoba investments increased 10.6% annually, compare to a national average of 5.3% annually.

Housing Starts

- In the first three months of 2012, Manitoba housing starts increased 57.9%, almost three times the rate of the 18.9% national increase and the best growth among provinces. Single starts were up 19.3% while multiples increased 139.6% - with apartments increasing 206.1%
- In the first four months of 2012, Manitoba urban area housing starts increased 21.2%, sixth best among provinces and similar to the 22.6% national increase. Single starts were up 4.7% and multiples starts are up 48.3%. Urban housing starts represent about 70% of all starts in the province.
- Manitoba all area housing starts increased 3.3% in 2011 to 6,083 units, the highest level since 1987 and higher than the 2.1% national increase. Single starts were down 3.6% (3,831 units) while multiples were up 17.8% (2,252 units).
- In 2011, total and multiple starts were at their highest level since 1987.
- Manitoba's growth in housing starts in 2011 was fifth highest among provinces and above the national average.

Housing Starts (All Areas) (% Change)

	Manitoba	Canada
2009	(24.6)	(29.4)
2010	41.1	27.4
2011	3.3	2.1
2012 (YTD)	57.9	18.9

- Manitoba urban area housing starts increased 4.9% in 2011 to 4,159 units, the highest level since 1988. Manitoba urban housing starts growth was tied with the national increase. Single starts were up 3.4% (2,400 units) while multiples were up 6.9% (1,759 units) the highest level since 1987.

Building Permits

- In the first three months of 2012, the value of Manitoba building permits increased 40.9%, second highest among provinces and above the national increase of 7.9%.
- Manitoba residential permits increased (20.6%) and non-residential permits increased (76.4%). Non-residential building permits were buoyed by: industrial and commercial permits, and dampened by institutional permits (-40.1%).
- Total permits in Winnipeg increased 42.5% while outside of Winnipeg they increased 35.7%.
- In 2011, the value of building permits increased 4.8% in Manitoba, up 3.8% in Winnipeg and growing 6.5% outside of Winnipeg. Permits in Canada were up 2.1%.

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Bankruptcies

- In 2011, business bankruptcies were down 11.8% in Manitoba, the sixth largest decline among provinces. Business bankruptcies are down 10.5% in Canada.
- In 2011, consumer bankruptcies were down 24.1% in Manitoba, the largest decline among provinces. Consumer bankruptcies are down 15.9% in Canada.
- In 2010, business bankruptcies increased 4.6% to 68 in Manitoba, and declined 24.9% in Canada.
- In 2010, consumer bankruptcies decreased 18.4% in Manitoba and 20.4% Canada.

Foreign Merchandise Exports

- In the first three months of 2012, Manitoba exports increased 12.6%, while Canadian exports were up 8.1%.
- In 2012, Manitoba's U.S. exports have increased 11.8% while non-U.S. exports were up 14.0%.
- In 2011, Manitoba exports increased 15.5%, while Canadian exports were up 12.0%. Manitoba non-U.S. exports were up 24.0% and Manitoba's U.S. exports increased 10.7%.

Foreign Merchandise Exports (% Change)

	2011	2012 (ytd)
All Countries	15.5	12.6
U.S.	10.7	11.8
Non-U.S.	24.0	14.0

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