

BC Business Indicators

Data as of month

Wholesale Sales (\$ Million)	4,079.6	↑	11/2009
Retail Sales (\$ Million)	4,678.7	↑	11/2009
Building Permits (\$ Thousand)			
Residential	536,027	↑	11/2009
Industrial	15,114	↓	11/2009
Commercial	183,746	↑	11/2009
Housing Starts (Thousands)	22.2	↓	12/2009
Manufacturing (\$ Thousand)			
Durable	1,345,577	↑	11/2009
Non-Durable	1,439,196	↓	11/2009
CPI	111.9	↑	12/2009
Exports (\$ Million)	1978.1	↓	11/2009



BC Demographic Indicators

Data as of month

Unemployment Rate	7.4%	↓	12/2009
Population (Thousands)	4,479.9	↓	10/2009
Employment (Thousands)			
Trade	374.1	↑	12/2009
Transportation/Warehousing	112.8	↓	12/2009
FIRE Industries	148.9	↓	12/2009
Scientific/Technical	171.2	↑	12/2009
Culture/Recreation	116.3	↓	12/2009

National Financial Indicators

Data as of month

Dow Jones	10,428.0	↑	12/2009
S&P/TSX Composite	11,746.1	↑	12/2009
Bank of Canada Rate	0.50	↔	12/2009
CAD/USD	0.9523	↓	12/2009

Legend

- ↑ Denotes upward movement from last month
- ↓ Denotes downward movement from last month
- ↔ Denotes no change in movement from last month

Data Sources

- BC Stats (January, 2010). Business Indicators. Province of British Columbia Issue 10-1.
- BC Stats (2009). Quarterly Regional Statistics: Mainland/Southwest Development Region. Q3 2009.

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Definitions

CPI - Consumer Price Index - measures the estimated average price of consumer goods and services purchased by households

Unemployment Rate - Percentage of the labour force (aged 15 and over) that is actively seeking work but unable to find employment.

FIRE Industries - Denotes Finance, Insurance and Real Estate occupation groups.

Dow Jones - Denotes the price-weighted average of 30 stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq.

S&P/TSX Composite - Index of the stock (equity) prices of the largest companies on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX).

CAD/USD - Denotes the value of the Canadian dollar in US dollars.

Building Permits - Denotes the monthly value of all building permits registered to a municipal corporation in British Columbia.