

### BC Business Indicators

Data as of month

Wholesale Sales (\$ Million)	3,873.3	↓	4/2010
Retail Sales (\$ Million)	4,841.4	↓	4/2010
Building Permits (\$ Thousand)			
Residential	481,815	↓	4/2010
Industrial	17,652	↑	4/2010
Commercial	135,635	↓	4/2010
Housing Starts (Thousands)	24.9	↓	5/2010
Manufacturing (\$ Thousand)			
Durable	1,429,016	↓	4/2010
Non-Durable	1,498,714	↓	4/2010
CPI	113.60	↑	5/2010
Exports (\$ Million)	2,379.3	↑	4/2010



### BC Demographic Indicators

Data as of month

Unemployment Rate	7.5%	↑	5/2010
Population (Thousands)	4,494.2	↔	1/2010
Employment (Thousands)			
Trade	373.8	↓	5/2010
Transportation/Warehousing	121.1	↑	5/2010
FIRE Industries	141.2	↓	5/2010
Scientific/Technical	175.6	↑	5/2010
Culture/Recreation	111.8	↓	5/2010

### National Financial Indicators

Data as of month

Dow Jones	11,008.6	↔	5/2010
S&P/TSX Composite	11,763.0	↓	5/2010
Bank of Canada Rate	0.50	↔	6/2010
CAD/USD	0.9499	↓	6/2010
Prime Rate	2.50	↑	6/2010

#### 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 (June, 2010). Business Indicators. Province of British Columbia Issue 10-06.
- BC Stats (2010). BC Quarterly Population 1951-2009: Q1 2010.
- Bank of Canada (June, 2010) Rates and Statistics: Daily Digest.

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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.

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