

Fact Sheet Manitoba

MANITOBA'S PLACE IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

The Prairie Provinces of Canada include Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Manitoba is rich in farmland and extensive minerals (primarily nickel), hydroelectric energy, and forest resources. Industries with strongest growth are wood, other durables, food, fabricated metals, clothing and machinery. Strongest sectors in the province are agriculture, manufacturing, services and hydro-electricity. Manitoba's growth in recent years somewhat slowed in 2008, as real GDP fell from 3.3% in 2007 to 2.6% in 2008 but remains better than the national average of 0.9%. New construction in 2009 is sharply down, with a full 44% reduction in housing starts and 23% reduction in new building permits from 2008, seasonally adjusted. Therefore, Manitoba is expected to grow only 0.5% in 2009 before fully rebounding to 2.8% in 2010, compared to national forecasts of -1.4% and 2.6% respectively.



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

GDP	US\$44,609M
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GDP Per Capita	US\$36,928
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Manitoba's Top 5 Imports

Nuclear Reactors and Machinery	US\$3,728M
Motor Vehicles	US\$2,059M
Electronic Machinery and Equipment	US\$1,177M
Iron and Steel Products	US\$675M
Plastics	US\$560M
Total Imports	US\$14,346M
Total U.S. Imports 2008	US\$11,687M

MANITOBA FACTS

- Manitoba's capital city is Winnipeg.
- 1,213,815 people live in Manitoba.
- Winnipeg's population is 712,700, or nearly 60% of all Manitobans.
- Manitoba's unemployment rate is 4.6%, while its labor force participation rate is 68.9%
- Manitoba's farmlands total 19.1 million acres, with a yearly production of \$2.4 billion (US) in value.
- Over 1500 establishments and 61,700 people in Manitoba are engaged in manufacturing.
- Manitoba's mineral production is 82% metal, 7% industrial mineral, and 11% petroleum.
- Despite being a "prairie province", Manitoba's fisheries serve 165,000 anglers.
- Churchill is Manitoba's northern seaport and the only saltwater seaport in the prairies.
- Manitoba borders the states of Minnesota and North Dakota.

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Vale Inco spent over \$200 million in capital improvements to its Manitoba operations in 2008.
- BHP Billiton is investing \$15 million to explore Manitoba's untapped potash deposits in the Russell-Binscarth area of southwestern Manitoba.
- Oil production in 2008 set a new annual production record of almost 1.37 million cubic meters (8.6 million barrels of oil) worth an estimated \$830 million.
- The 2008 value of production for Manitoba's mineral industry totaled \$2.5 billion,