

Answering the question

## 'how is the economy doing?'

can be complex.

To help, we've analyzed the Saskatoon Region's key sectors to give you a snapshot of how our local economy is doing.

We've rated each sector as trending **up ▲**, **down ▼** or **staying relatively even ▬**.

AGRICULTURE	MINING	MANUFACTURING	RETAIL SALES
▬	▬	▲	▲
CONSTRUCTION & HOUSING	TOURISM & HOSPITALITY	SCIENCE & INNOVATION	TECH
▲	▼	▲	▲

### And here are a few reasons why:

#### ▬ AGRICULTURE

- Ongoing drought affecting producers, with \$219M provincial and federal support announced
- >\$1B capital investment in canola crushing expected in next few years (Cargill, Viterra and Ceres Global Ag)
- Agri-food exports remain strong YTD - on track for record year

#### MINING ▬

- Cameco production resumed, but Q2 revenues lower with \$37M net loss
  - BHP decision on final Jansen mine investment expected in Q3
  - Cheetah Resources planning rare earth extraction plant in Saskatoon

#### ▲ MANUFACTURING

- Shipments on track for record year, reaching \$7.6B sales in May
- VIDO-InterVac manufacturing facility to produce vaccines by early 2022
- Northern Nutrients planning \$25M fertilizer facility near Saskatoon

#### RETAIL SALES ▲

- Sales on track for record year
  - May YTD retail sales valued at approximately \$8.8B
  - Sales value 9% higher than 2017 record and up 18% from 2020

#### ▲ CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING

- Housing starts up 177% from 2019 (June YTD)
- Saskatoon Region housing sales 58.5% higher than 2019 (June YTD)
- Residential investment up, commercial sector seeing some recovery

#### TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY ▼

- YXE airport passenger traffic beginning to recover: up 69% in June but still below pre-pandemic levels
  - Full air and tourism rebound by 2024-2025
- Hotel occupancy around 30%

#### ▲ SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

- New Prairies Economic Development Canada agency with core funding of \$149M to foster innovation in key sectors for AB, SK and MB
- \$59.2M funding announced for VIDO-InterVac to develop vaccine and expand facility

#### TECH ▲

- Record >\$150M VC investment in SK tech sector over first half of 2021 (Vendasta, 7Shifts, Curbie)
- New agreement between U of S and Co.Labs with \$60k/year funding for Co.Labs over next three years

Looking for more detail on the state of our local economy?

Check out our latest economic tool:

[\*\*Saskatoon Economic Recovery Tracker\*\*](#)



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