

Alberta growth to lead country

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Recovery - **Alberta's economy will lead the nation in growth next year**, according to a report released Thursday by TD Economics.

The bank's Canadian Economic Outlook report said the province's real gross domestic product growth will be 3.5 per cent in 2011 after a 2.8 per cent hike in 2010.

In 2009, during the recession, Alberta's economy contracted by an estimated 4.9 per cent from the previous year.

TD Economics is forecasting real GDP growth of 3.6 per cent this year and 2.5 per cent in 2011 for the entire Canadian economy.

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On Tuesday, a report by Scotiabank said Alberta would lead the country in economic growth this year at 4.1 per cent followed by 3.4 per cent GDP growth in 2011.

Scotiabank forecast Canadian economic growth at 3.6 per cent this year and 2.7 per cent next year.