

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba
MB Check Up: Edition 2004

A Check-Up on the province's health

This is the third annual edition of the *MB Check-Up*, developed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba to evaluate social and economic trends in Manitoba.

MB Check-Up takes a unique approach to evaluating our province's "health" by focusing on three themes: Manitoba as a place to *work*, to *live* and to *invest*. For each of these themes we evaluate five key indicators that embody information about the current and past living, working or investing conditions in Manitoba. By looking at both the social and economic indicators for the past year and five-year periods, *MB Check-Up* is able to offer a balanced perspective for assessing change.

MB Check-Up also takes a relative approach in assessing Manitoba's social and economic progress. The one and five-year changes in each indicator are compared against those of the three other western provinces, plus Ontario and the Canadian "average". There are some big variances among them. So, while the *Check-Up* tracks progress (or lack thereof) over time, the relative starting points should be kept in mind when comparing progress between jurisdictions.

A more in-depth background report is available on the Chartered Accountants of Manitoba website at www.icam.mb.ca.

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