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To be alive at all involves some risk.

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Harold MacMillan



Money

“Saying that financial literacy means diversification is just another example of the fox teaching the chickens.” – *Robert Kiyosaki*

Merchandise trade surplus \$2.7 billion in April as oil prices help boost exports

The country's merchandise trade surplus grew to \$2.7 billion in April as higher oil prices helped boost exports to a record high, Statistics Canada said last week.

The agency said the result was the largest surplus since January 2025 and compared with a surplus of \$1.8 billion in March.

Total exports rose 1.6 per cent in April to reach a record \$75.2 billion as exports of energy products rose 9.7 per cent, offset by a 17.5 per cent drop in metal and non-metallic mineral products.

Statistics Canada said that excluding energy products and the metal and non-metallic mineral group, exports rose 5.1 per cent.

Total imports gained 0.3 per cent in April to reach a record of \$72.4 billion as imports of basic and industrial chemical, plastic and rubber products rose 16.9 per cent.

In volume terms, exports rose three per cent, while imports edged up 0.4 per cent.

CIBC senior economist Andrew Grantham said recent trade data suggest Canadian exports have largely recovered back to pre-2025 levels, albeit still with some weakness in sectors hit hardest by U.S. tariffs.

“However, with tariff uncertainty remaining as CUSMA renegotiations drag on, further upward momentum will likely be limited in the near-term,” Grantham wrote in a note to clients.

“While net trade will likely be a solid contributor to Q2 GDP, that may not continue into the second half of the year if trade uncertainty persists.”

Canada-U.S. Trade Minister Dominic LeBlanc was in Washington last week ahead of a review of the continental trade pact and met with U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

LeBlanc, who is pushing for a 16-year renewal of the trade agreement, said he presented specific proposals and talked about issues the U.S. has raised.

Canada's merchandise trade surplus with the U.S. in April was \$9.5 billion, up from \$7.8 billion in March, as exports to the U.S. rose 4.8 per cent and imports from the U.S. gained 1.6 per cent.



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The result came as the country's trade deficit with countries other than the U.S. was \$6.8 billion in April, compared with \$6 billion in March.

In a separate report, Statistics Canada said the country's monthly international trade in services surplus was \$100 million in April compared with \$500 million in March as exports of services fell 0.9 per cent to \$20.6 billion and imports of services rose 1.1 per cent to \$20.5 billion.

When international trade in goods and services are combined, Canada's total trade surplus with the world was \$2.8 billion in April compared with \$2.3 billion in March.

Alberta pitches cheap natural gas for data centre boom, at odds with Canada's clean power aims

Alberta is touting its abundant supply of cheap fossil fuels to entice tech companies to build data centres for the AI boom, a move that would undermine Canada's plan to link new data centre development with clean energy expansion.

Canada is the world's fifth-largest producer of natural gas, around 60 per cent of which comes from Alberta. As well as huge fossil fuel reserves, the province boasts a cooler climate that can offset the cooling costs of data centre infrastructure and plenty of available land. All that can make operating data centres more cost-efficient than in the United States, where they are facing pushback from communities and lawmakers.

Tech companies could also create a new market for long-suffering natural gas producers in Western Canada, where drillers face a multi-year supply glut and at times have had to pay customers to take their gas when prices have turned negative.

But a rapid expansion of data centres in Alberta would disrupt Canada's plans to power the AI boom using clean hydro, renewables and nuclear. While natural gas is a cleaner power source than coal or oil, as a fossil fuel it still contributes to emissions.

Prime Minister Mark Carney has said Canadian data centres will run on "some of the cleanest power in the world." His government's June 4 AI strategy — which aims to speed up Canada's adoption of artificial intelligence — highlighted how more than 83 per cent of the country's electricity grid comes from renewables and low-emission power sources.

Canada currently has only five functioning data centres at the so-called hyperscale level, demanding at least 50 megawatts of electricity capacity, equivalent to the power needs of a small city.

But nearly 100 more are in the works and 90 per cent of those are planned for Alberta, where the emissions intensity of the province's electricity grid is almost five times the national average, research from York University shows.

"We're essentially looking at these data centres as digital pipelines and digital refineries for us to help get the value from our natural gas to global markets, but in a creative modern way," Alberta's Technology Minister Nate Glubish said in an interview.



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The province aims to attract \$100 billion in data centre investment. Glubish said he has made multiple trips to Silicon Valley since 2024 to court energy-hungry tech giants with Alberta's natural gas pitch.

The 20 existing small- to mid-scale data centres in Alberta already pull from the province's energy grid, which is 60 per cent powered by natural gas. The provincial government is giving new proponents the option to build their own power sources to avoid limits on power capacity.

Julia Sawatzky, a doctor and member of the advocacy group Canadian Physicians for the Environment, said there was a growing discrepancy between Canada's stated environmental goals and the reality on the ground.

"There seems to be an idea or a vision that Canada could be a green economy or a place that's meeting its climate goals," Sawatzky said. "But the way this AI data strategy might actually roll out, I think, is cause for all of us to really pay attention."

A spokeswoman for Canada's federal department of innovation did not comment on how Alberta's proposed buildout of natural gas-fired data centres fitted with the country's clean-power AI strategy. She said Canada will align new data centre development with clean energy expansion, strong environmental standards, and benefits for local communities.

An Alberta government spokesperson did not respond to requests for comment.

Many tech giants have climate and emissions targets, which in theory would put Alberta's natural gas-based electricity grid at a disadvantage to other Canadian jurisdictions such as Quebec, with its low-carbon hydroelectric grid.

But Glubish said the companies he is in talks with are more concerned with power availability, and the ability to connect to the grid quickly. He declined to name the companies.

Combining natural gas with carbon capture and storage — a technology which aims to trap emissions from industrial processes and store them underground — could in future help tech companies maintain their climate goals, Glubish said.

Tech companies Amazon, Alphabet and Microsoft already operate data centres in central Canada, but on a smaller scale than in the U.S., which offers hyperscalers better tax incentives and proximity to customers.

Major hyperscalers Meta and Microsoft declined to comment on whether they plan to expand in Alberta, while Alphabet did not respond to a request for comment. An Amazon spokesperson said the company has invested in two solar projects and one wind project in Alberta, which help power its existing data centres.

Alberta-based Pembina Pipeline and partner Kineticor are expected to make a final investment decision by the end of June on a proposed 900 MW natural gas-fired generating facility they are developing for a customer with plans to build a large-scale data centre in the province.



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Pembina declined to name the customer, but on a recent conference call, CEO Scott Burrows said the data centre project will create incremental demand for natural gas.

"The whole industry is falling all over ourselves to find a way to draw investment here to increase demand for our energy and to avoid the commodity otherwise being wasted at rock-bottom prices," said Mike Belenkie, CEO of natural gas producer Advantage Energy

'Fortress North America': What is Ontario Premier Doug Ford doing in Washington?

Ontario Premier Doug Ford went to Washington, D.C. to talk trade. The Premier posted a photo of himself with Canada's ambassador to the U.S., Mark Wiseman, on the rooftop of the Canadian embassy with the U.S. Capitol building in the background, along with Ontario Trade Minister Vic Fedeli.

The post said he "kicked off" the D.C. trip speaking to Wiseman about "how we can work together to make the case for a tariff-free trade in North America."

Ahead of Ford's trip, his office shared a statement about its focus, geared around fighting for Ontario, pressing a case against tariffs, and championing what Ford has termed "Fortress North America."

A spokesperson described that as a "bold vision for how Canada, the U.S. and Mexico can work together to lower costs, create a jobs boom, and protect our shared security."

Ontario's representative in Washington, David Paterson, says the phrase has grown some roots south of the border over time.

"Now it's fascinating to hear members of the (U.S.) president's cabinet saying, 'let's do Fortress North America,'" Paterson told CTV News last week, speaking about trip preparations.

Paterson said Ford's meetings in Washington are with auto sector leads, the farm community and agricultural representatives, a range of businesses and "several very high-ranking members of U.S. Congress," describing the itinerary as "packed."

He called the premier "an enormous asset," due to his business experience working in the United States and his conservative stripes.

"He's a conservative politician that doesn't like taxes and believes that growth comes from helping our businesses grow, and that's very common to what the Republican Party is interested in here too." Paterson says among "people that talk to the President every day, we have a lot of commonality."

However, Ford's history in the U.S.-Canada trade war has been fraught. U.S. President Donald Trump called off trade talks after Ford ran a now infamous ad featuring Ronald Reagan. Just last week, he referenced Trump as being "back on his high horse" talking about Canada as the 51st state.

Recently, the premier posted photos of a roundtable discussion with the industry group Autos Drive America. He also had a meeting with the American Farm Bureau Federation and sat down with the American Automotive Policy Council. Ford's office declined to provide further details about who attended, or other events of the day.



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An industry source tells CTV News it's largely being attended by American businesses with an interest in Canada, and discussions with Ford are more broadly about Canadian bilateral issues, rather than Ontario-specific.

STAMPEDE FUN

"Make it the greatest thing of its kind in the world." – *Guy Weadick*

Why the Calgary Stampede still defines the city after more than 110 years—

Kendall Collins

Under 5 min read



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Every July, the Calgary Stampede transforms the city, extending far beyond the rodeo, midway, and cowboy hats, but why has it remained so central to Calgary's identity for so long?

As Calgary has evolved into a major city with nearly two million people in the region, the Stampede remains deeply tied to the city's history, something experts say is difficult to find anywhere else.

"The history of the Stampede is tied up with the history of the city itself, so it's hard to find many urban events in other cities that have such an entwined history with the city as a whole," said Matt Patterson, associate professor of sociology at the University of Calgary.

Patterson says the city and the Stampede have essentially grown alongside each other, creating identities that have become closely tied together over time.

But the event's influence extends well beyond its grounds and signature attractions like the rodeo and Grandstand Show. Unlike many large festivals, Patterson says part of its distinct character comes from how decentralized it is.

Between the parade, midway, concerts, music festivals, community events, and countless pancake breakfasts held across Calgary, the Stampede has become something that reaches nearly every corner of the city.



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“People can organize their own pancake breakfast, so you have different community associations doing it, different businesses, different employers, all getting involved in the Stampede, which is something that is pretty unique in North America.”

While Western culture is rooted in Calgary's history, it's not something all Calgarians engage with in their everyday lives. Patterson says the Stampede helps bring that identity back into focus each summer.

“The Western culture, the cowboys, the rodeo, the country music element is not a kind of identity that a lot of people in the city identify with,” Patterson explained.

“I think the appeal of the event for a lot of people is that it's the one day where they do put on a cowboy hat, and it's fun to dress up and kind of take part in this kind of Western culture for that one week.”

Coming up on its 114th birthday in 2026, the Calgary Stampede continues to serve as a summer tradition that brings Calgarians together across neighbourhoods, workplaces, and generations, something that makes it all the more special.

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All the things you can do with just your ticket to the 2026 Calgary Stampede – *By Kendall Collins*

Under 4 min read

It's almost time for the Calgary Stampede, and while it can definitely get a bit pricey, there is so much you can do with just an admission ticket.

From concerts to amazing showcases, here are eight things that you can check out at the 2026 Calgary Stampede with just an admission ticket.

Nashville North, Big Four, and Coca-Cola Stage Concerts

There are tons of concerts across the city, but there are some awesome options that you can check out for no additional cost. Nashville North and the Big Four Roadhouse give you some great choices with lots of beverages, while the Coca-Cola Stage is located right by the midway.

Elbow River Camp

Experience the cultures of the Kainai, Piikani, Siksika, Stoney Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina First Nations of Treaty 7 in Elbow River Camp. You can find 26 tipis featuring local artisans selling jewelry and art, bannock and Saskatoonberry jam, as well as traditional dancing.

Monster Energy Compound

There are tons of chances to get a massive hit of adrenaline with the extreme sports portion of the Stampede at the Monster Energy Compound. You'll find world-class riders doing insane tricks, flips, and mid-air stunts all on the Stampede grounds.



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The Dog Bowl

One of the cutest parts of the Calgary Stampede is also one of the most budget-friendly options. Check out these incredibly talented “SuperDogs” and their impressive talents.

Stampede Powwow

The Calgary Stampede Powwow brings two days of competition on July 6 and 7. You'll see the best dancers and drummers from across Canada and the U.S., highlighting the diversity of First Nations dancing, singing, and drumming.

Western Oasis

This is another cost-effective way to beat the heat at the Stampede. See original artwork and photographs while enjoying music and other entertainment at the Window on the West Stage. There is also a relaxing Wine Garden to let you escape the hustle of the Calgary Stampede for a bit.

Agriculture Showcases

See some adorable animals and learn about the farming world in Alberta with plenty of hands-on demonstrations and fun events to check out throughout the Stampede. From pork and sheep showcases to a blacksmith showcase, there are some pretty interesting things to check out this year.

Stage of Wonders

A ticket to the Calgary Stampede will get you into the BMO Centre for the Stage of Wonders presented by Le Cirque De La Nuit. Watch as A TV Guide character invites audiences on a journey through a television multiverse, where iconic worlds spill off the screen.

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Your guide to free pancake breakfasts for the Calgary Stampede 2026 – By

Charlie Hart

Under 2 min read

It's time to dust off your cowboy boots, as the Calgary Stampede is just weeks away, and we're already daydreaming about all the pancake breakfasts we'll be consuming.

As usual, dozens of locations around the city will be hosting free pancake breakfasts throughout the 10-day event, so you can load up ahead of a busy day of Stampeding.

Here is a running list of tons of free Calgary Stampede pancake breakfasts that have been announced so far.



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First Flip

When: Thursday, July 2
Time: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Address: Stephen Avenue, between 1st Street SE and Centre Street, Calgary

Calgary Dream Centre

When: Thursday, July 2
Address: 4510 Macleod Trl. S., Calgary

Richmond's Pub

When: Saturday, July 4
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Address: 3919 Richmond Rd. SW, Calgary

Grace Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, July 4
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Address: 1009 15th Ave. SW, Calgary

Cranston Residents Association

When: Saturday, July 4
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Address: 11 Cranarch Rd. SE, Calgary

MaKami College

When: Saturday, July 4
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Address: Marlborough Mall Campus, 3800 Memorial Dr., Calgary

Canela

When: Saturday, July 4
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Address: 319 9th Ave. SE, Calgary

Offside Pub

When: Saturday, July 4
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Address: 2820 Centre St. N., Calgary

Our House

When: Sunday, July 5
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Address: 2411 4th St. NW, Calgary

Commons Church

When: Sunday, July 5
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Address: 2404 Kensington Rd. NW, Calgary

Brookfield Residential YMCA

When: Sunday, July 5
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Address: 4995 Market St., Calgary

Tim Hortons Family Day

When: Monday, July 6
Time: 8 to 10 a.m.
Address: Calgary Stampede grounds – 1410 Stampede Trl. SE, Calgary

Remington YMCA

When: Tuesday, July 7
Time: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Address: 108 Quarry Pk Rd. SE, Calgary

BMO Kids Day

When: Thursday, July 9
Time: 8 to 10 a.m.
Address: Calgary Stampede grounds – 1410 Stampede Trl. SE, Calgary

Shawnessy YMCA

When: Thursday, July 9
Time: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Address: 333 Shawville Blvd. SE #400, Calgary

Saddletowne YMCA

When: Friday, July 10
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Address: 7555 Falconridge Blvd. NE #180, Calgary

Shane Homes YMCA

When: Friday, July 10
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Address: 11300 Rocky Ridge Rd. NW, Calgary



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Know of any Stampede breakfasts taking place near you? Let us know at dished@dailyhive.com.

Check the link below to see added breakfasts as we get closer to Stampede.

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All the 2026 Calgary Stampede concerts that you can see this year— By

Kendall Collins

Under 3 min read

The Calgary Stampede brings tons of concerts to the city every year. From country superstars to fan-favourite chart-toppers, there is no shortage of artists and genres to check out right in the city.

While we are still many months away from its kick-off, there are already numerous big acts to be excited about.

Here is your list of all the Calgary Stampede concerts announced that you'll have to try and see from July 2 to 12, 2026.

Waylon Wyatt

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Tickets: \$35; tickets can be found online

Mariya Stokes

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Down With Webster

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: Wildhorse Saloon – 500 6th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$35; tickets can be found online

Ashe and The Takes

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park Admission

Josh Ross

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Tucker Wetmore, Charles Wesley Godwin, and Avery Anna

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$50; tickets can be found online

Mau P

When: Thursday, July 2, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$78; tickets can be found online

Logan Ryan Band

When: Friday, July 3, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Jason Aldean and Dustin Lynch

When: Friday, July 3, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$99; tickets can be found online

Cole Bradley

When: Friday, July 3, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$25; tickets can be found online

Disco Lines

When: Friday, July 3, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW



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Tickets: Starting at \$115; tickets can be found online

Alessia Cara and Scott Helman

When: Friday, July 3, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Ashley McBryde

When: Friday, July 3, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Griz

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$103; tickets can be found online

Colin James

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

All Time Low and Dax

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Lolo

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$25; tickets can be found online

Sean Paul, Steve Aoki, and Flo Rida

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$80; tickets can be found online

A\$AP Rocky

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: Scotiabank Saddledome – 555 Saddledome Rise SE

Tickets: Ticket prices vary on seat; tickets can be found online

Redferrin

When: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

5 Seconds of Summer and Jason Derulo

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$100; tickets can be found online

Sons of Legion

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Big Wreck

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Cost: Tickets go on sale soon; tickets can be found online

Our Lady Peace and Boy Golden

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Dom Dolla

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$152; tickets can be found online

Modest Mouse

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: Wildhorse Saloon — 500 6th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$35; tickets can be found online

Russell Dickerson

When: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Temper Trap

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Tickets: \$30; tickets can be found online



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Terri Clark

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Sam Barber and Dominic Fike

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$80; tickets can be found online

Yung Gravy

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$30; tickets can be found online

Jonah Kagen and Sofia Camara

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Knock2

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$103; tickets can be found online

Hudson Westbrook

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Matthew Good

When: Monday, July 6, 2026

Where: Wildhorse Saloon — 500 6th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$30; tickets can be found online

John Summit

When: July 7 and 8, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$140; tickets can be found online

The Marshall Tucker Band

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Chad Brownlee

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$30; tickets can be found online

Ernest

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Deadmau5

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Evan Honer

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Where: Wildhorse Saloon — 500 6th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$35; tickets can be found online

Levity and Alleycat

When: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$54; tickets can be found online

Above and Beyond

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$91; tickets can be found online

Johnny Reid

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Billy Idol, David Lee Roth, Sloan, and Toque

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Where: Prince's Island Park – 698 Eau Claire Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$99

Chingy and Partyof2

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission



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Hank Azaria and the EZ Street Band

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Where: Wildhorse Saloon – 500 6th Ave. SW
Cost: Starting at \$30; tickets can be found online

Bailey Zimmerman

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE
Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

The Dead South

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Wildhorse Saloon — 500 6th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$35; tickets can be found online

Slander and Crankdat

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW
Cost: Starting at \$70; tickets can be found online

Everlast

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE
Cost: Free with park admission

Mother Mother and Geordie Kieffer

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE
Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Foster The People, Grouplove, The New Pornographers, and The Royal Foundry

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Prince's Island Park – 698 Eau Claire Ave. SW
Cost: Starting at \$99

Macklemore and The Chainsmokers

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$50 tickets can be found online

Chris Young

When: Thursday, July 9, 2026
Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE
Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Ella Langley and BigXthaPlug

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$140; tickets can be found online

William Prince

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE
Cost: Free with park admission

LSR/CITY X

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW
Cost: Starting at \$60; tickets can be found online

Fridayy and Dylan Sinclair

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE
Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Grandson

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: National Saloon — 330 11th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$30; tickets can be found online

Matty Mays

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: Wildhorse Saloon — 500 6th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$35; tickets can be found online

James Barker Band

When: Friday, July 10, 2026
Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE
Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

RuPaul

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026
Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$40; tickets can be found online

Jon Pardi and Max McNown

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026
Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW
Tickets: Starting at \$100; tickets can be found online



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Loud Luxury

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$69.50; tickets can be found online

Tanya Tucker

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Ayra Starr and Lu Kala

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Chris Jansen

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

The Rural Alberta Advantage

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Where: Wildhorse Saloon — 500 6th Ave. SW

Cost: Starting at \$35; tickets can be found online

Alanis Morissette

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Where: Scotiabank Saddledome

Tickets: Ticket prices vary on seat; tickets can be found online

The Beaches and Renforshort

When: Sunday, July 12, 2026

Where: Coca-Cola Stage – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

Glass Tiger

When: Sunday, July 12, 2026

Where: Big Four Roadhouse – 1801 Big Four Trl. SE

Cost: Free with park admission

Yungblud

When: Sunday, July 12, 2026

Where: Cowboys Park — 1220 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Tickets go on sale soon; tickets can be found online

Chris Lake

When: Sunday, July 12, 2026

Where: Badlands Tent — 725 9th Ave. SW

Tickets: Starting at \$89; tickets can be found online

Parmalee

When: Sunday, July 12, 2026

Where: Nashville North – 1410 Olympic Way SE

Cost: Free with Stampede Park admission

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"Life's a rodeo. All you have to do is stay in the saddle." ~ Carl Jung



Calgary Stampede Friday, July 3, 2026 - Sunday, July 12, 2026



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“Successful investing starts with knowledge.” ~ *U n k n o w n*

Ready to Launch: Investing in the Space Economy – *By The Inspired Investor Team* *Under 5 min read*

Private rocket launches, established lunar bases and interplanetary travel once seemed like science fiction. Today, they're edging closer to reality. With Artemis II capturing the world's attention as the spacecraft circled the moon, public interest in space exploration appears to be higher than it's been in years.

As more entrepreneurs set their sights on the skies, investors across the globe are finding more space-related opportunities to explore. Here's a look at the current state of the space economy, some of the key players leading the charge and risks associated with investing in the expanding sector.

The growing space economy

Humans have been exploring the cosmos for decades, but the global space economy seems to be taking off like never before. The World Economic Forum estimates it'll be worth an eye-popping US\$1.8 trillion by 2035, nearly triple the US\$630 billion it was worth in 2023.¹ Several factors are at play, including cheaper launch costs (which have fallen dramatically over the last two decades), more demand for AI-powered insights into space data and the need for greater satellite-driven connectivity. Private-sector investment in the space economy has also been surging, reaching €7 billion (C\$11.3 billion) globally in 2024 – a 20-per-cent increase from the previous year, according to the European Space Agency.²

So, what makes up the space economy, exactly? You might be thinking of satellites, launchers and GPS, and while that's part of it – these are considered “backbone” applications – the economy is broader than that. It also includes industries benefiting from these space technologies, such as digital communications (think the chips inside your smartphone) and consumer goods, where satellite networks are helping to improve logistics and transportation, enabling companies to generate more revenue.

Who's leading the space race?

As the space economy heats up, countries are stepping up their efforts to capture a bigger share of the market, and this could have ripple effects for investors. The U.S., China, Japan and Germany are leading players pouring billions of dollars into their space programs. Much of that funding goes directly to both public and private companies in the form of purchase agreements, defence contracts and grants. Meanwhile countries like the U.K., Norway, South Korea, the UAE, New Zealand



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and Australia are ramping up their investments in the sector for things like technological innovation and satellite launches.

Canada, whose space sector generated 25 per cent less revenue in 2024 than it did in 2014, is starting to increase its space investments, too. Canada's total space-related spending reached \$549 million in 2024. The country's space budget is set to grow by 56 per cent over the next decade. The federal government has committed about \$180 million to increasing launch capabilities, with two sites already under development in Atlantic Canada.⁴

The space industry used to be largely driven by government policies and was therefore fairly cyclical, but that's quickly changing. While government still plays a big role, the increasing commercialization of the sector is marking a shift toward more consistent growth, which may be good news for investors.

Ways to gain exposure

While more space companies have gone public in recent years (you can track many of them on the S&P Kensho Space Index, which is up 123 per cent over the past 12 months, as of April 16), many of the major players remain privately held. This limits direct access for investors. Still, there are ways you could potentially gain exposure to the sector, both directly and indirectly.

One possible area to invest in is aerospace and defense (A&D), where many companies already have established space divisions. These businesses typically have diversified revenue streams, which can help reduce volatility that may come with investing in a company that's only focused on space. Defence companies made up 53 per cent of all investment into space launches in 2024, according to one estimate.⁵

Smaller public companies focused on niches like small satellite launches or geospatial data services could also be an area to consider. Because of their singular focus, these firms might be more volatile but they might offer high growth potential if they take off.

Space-themed exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are also emerging as a way for investors to gain exposure to several companies at once. These funds often include a mix of satellite operators, launch providers, data analytics companies and aerospace and defence firms.⁶

Risks to consider

Despite the excitement surrounding the new space era, the industry is still developing. This makes it potentially risky for investors. While technological advancements and financial competitiveness are expected to drive growth, the sector could also face risks from geopolitical tensions, government red tape and shifting demand.



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Another practical challenge is the cost of developing space technologies. While launches have gotten less expensive over time, building rockets, satellites and supporting infrastructure requires significant upfront capital, often with long development timelines and uncertain returns.⁷ Many projects (like Blue Origin's New Shepard) take years to generate revenue, and some never reach commercial viability (like Orbital Sciences' Taurus rocket, which had a string of high-profile launch failures).^{8,9} In addition, launch failures can result in costly setbacks.¹⁰

While space may no longer be out of reach, investing in it still requires patience, discipline and an understanding that volatility may be a trade-off for potential long-term gains. Investors should remain focused on their goals, risk tolerance and time horizon when looking to the stars.

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