



## WORTH SHARING!

### Alberta's Fiscal Cliff

According to some politicians, news and social media articles, Alberta has an unmanageable and unheard of debt burden and we are about to go over a fiscal cliff. Really??

Alberta's net debt is measured by the value of debt owed by the province minus the financial assets it owns. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) measures the value of stuff being produced in Alberta in a given year.

Measuring debt as a percentage of GDP (Net Debt/GDP) indicates how much the province owes in relation to the province's output.

Alberta's debt to GDP ratio in 2018 was 5.6 per cent and will be about 7.7 per cent for 2019.

Net debt	Fiscal Reference Tables <a href="https://www.fin.gc.ca/frt-trf/2019/frt-trf-19-eng.xlsx">https://www.fin.gc.ca/frt-trf/2019/frt-trf-19-eng.xlsx</a>
Population:	CANSIM table # 17-10-0060-01
Nominal GDP:	CANSIM table # 36-10-0221-01
GDP Growth Rates for 2019:	RBC Economics, Scotia Bank, TD Economics, CIBC Economics, Conference Board of Canada

The average of the other nine provinces was 31.7 per cent in 2018 and will be about 31.4 per cent in 2019.