

# Labour Force Statistics

## December 2017

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9% in December 2017, down 0.4 percentage points from the previous month and down 1.6 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the fifth highest in Canada, behind New Brunswick's 7.8%; Nova Scotia's 8.0%; Prince Edward Island's 9.8%; and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.7%. The national rate was 5.7%, the lowest since January 1976.
- The unemployment rate decreased because employment increased by 26,300 and the labour force increased by 19,600 people from the previous month. Full-time employment decreased by 15,500 and part-time employment increased by 10,800 over the same period.
- Between December 2016 and December 2017, full time employment increased by 45,800, and overall employment increased by 55,000.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in December 2017 from the previous month: Accommodation and Food Services, 8,900; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 5,000; and Other Services, 4,800. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 6,300; and Health Care and Social Assistance, 1,600, over the same period.
- Calgary's unemployment rate of 7.5% in December 2017 was the third highest and Edmonton's rate of 7.5% was the fourth highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for December 2017 can be found at: [2017 Monthly Labour Force Statistics](#)

