

Labour Force Statistics

August 2017

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1% in August 2017, up 0.3 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, behind Prince Edward Island's 8.8%; Nova Scotia's 8.9%; and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.7%. The national rate was 6.2%.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 11,700 and employment increased by 2,200 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 7,600 and part-time employment decreased by 5,400 over the same period.
- Between August 2016 and August 2017, full-time employment increased by 31,600, and overall employment increased by 33,500.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in August 2017 from the previous month: Transportation and Warehousing, 7,300; Construction, 6,600; and Accommodation and Food Services, 3,500. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Health Care and Social Assistance, 9,500; Agriculture, 4,300; and Trade, 3,500, over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.7% in August 2017 was the highest and Calgary's rate of 8.5% was the second highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.
- Year-over-year, employment increased by 8,500 among full-time students 15 to 24 years old.

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

