

Labour Force Statistics

September 2017

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.9% in September 2017, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, behind Nova Scotia's 9.0%; Prince Edward Island's 9.5%; and Newfoundland and Labrador's 15.1%. The national rate was 6.2%.
- The unemployment rate decreased because the labour force decreased by 15,800 and employment decreased by 7,800 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 2,300 and part-time employment decreased by 9,900 over the same period.
- Between September 2016 and September 2017, full-time employment increased by 31,500, and overall employment increased by 13,300.
- The following industries had the most employment decreases in September 2017 from the previous month: Accommodation and Food Services, 7,800; Information, Culture and Recreation, 3,400; and Manufacturing, 3,300. The industries with the most employment increases were: Health Care and Social Assistance, 3,800; Construction, 3,000; and Agriculture, 2,200, over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.5% in September 2017 was the second highest and Calgary's rate of 8.5% was the third highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

