

# Labour Force Statistics

## October 2017

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.8% in October 2017, down 0.1 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, at par with New Brunswick's 7.8% and behind Nova Scotia's 8.7%; Prince Edward Island's 10.3%; and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.5%. The national rate was 6.3%.
- The unemployment rate decreased because employment increased by 11,900 and the labour force increased by 10,100 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 18,900 and part-time employment decreased by 7,100 over the same period.
- Between October 2016 and October 2017, full-time employment increased by 51,200, and overall employment increased by 16,500.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in October 2017 from the previous month: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 9,500; Educational Services, 3,600; and Construction, 2,400. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Accommodation and Food Services, 5,300; Health Care and Social Assistance, 3,200; and Wholesale and Retail Trade, 1,800, over the same period.
- Calgary's unemployment rate of 8.3% in October 2017 was the second highest and Edmonton's rate of 8.2% was the third highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

