

# Labour Force Statistics

## March 2017

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.3% in March 2017. This rate was up 0.1 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, behind Nova Scotia's 8.5%; Prince Edward Island's 10.0%, and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.9 %. The national rate was 6.6%.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 14,600 people from the previous month and employment increased by 12,800. Full-time employment increased by 16,300 and part-time employment decreased by 3,400 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in March 2017 from the previous month: Manufacturing, 4,900; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing, 4,400; and Wholesale and Retail Trade, 2,300. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 3,300; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 2,100; and Transportation and Warehousing, 1,500 over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.5 % in March 2017 was the third highest and Calgary's rate of 9.2 % was the highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

