

Labour Force Statistics

July 2017

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.8% in July 2017. This rate was up 0.4 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the sixth highest in Canada, behind Nova Scotia's 7.9%; Prince Edward Island's 10.0%; and Newfoundland and Labrador's 15.7 %. The national rate was 6.3%.
- The unemployment rate increased because employment decreased by 14,400 and the labour force decreased by 5,400 people from the previous month. Full-time employment decreased by 12,200 and part-time employment decreased by 2,200 over the same period.
- Between July 2016 and July 2017, full-time employment increased by 42,900, and overall employment increased by 34,500.
- The following industries had the most employment decreases in July 2017 from the previous month: Educational Services, 18,400; Health Care and Social Assistance, 6,300; and Information, Culture and Recreation, 2,800. The industries with the most employment increases were: Business, Building and Other Support Services, 6,800; Accommodation and Food Services, 3,900; and Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 3,600 over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.5 % in July 2017 was the third highest and Calgary's rate of 8.5 % was the second highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

