

Labour Force Statistics

February 2017

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.3% in February 2017. This rate was down 0.5 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, behind New Brunswick's 8.9%, Prince Edward Island's 10.0%, and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.2%. The national rate was 6.6%.
- The unemployment rate decreased because the labour force decreased by 14,100 people from the previous month and employment increased by 1,300. Full-time employment increased by 19,300 and part-time employment decreased by 18,000 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in February 2017 from the previous month: Information, Culture and Recreation, 4,900; Manufacturing, 2,900; and Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing, 2,700. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Business, Building and Other Support Services, 3,500; Health Care and Social Assistance, 3,300; and Other Services, 2,900 over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.3 % in February 2017 was the third highest and Calgary's rate of 9.4 % was the highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

