

Labour Force Statistics

May 2017

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.8% in May 2017. This rate was down 0.1 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fifth highest in Canada, behind Nova Scotia's 7.9%; New Brunswick's 8.4%; Prince Edward Island's 10.0%; and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.8 %. The national rate was 6.6%.
- The unemployment rate decreased because employment increased by 2,100 and the labour force decreased by 1,700 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 18,900 and part-time employment decreased by 16,700 over the same period.
- Between May 2016 and May 2017, the labour force increased by 39,300 and employment increased by 40,700.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in May 2017 from the previous month: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 4,500; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 4,400; and Business, Building and Other Support Services, 3,100. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Construction, 5,700; Educational Services, 5,200; and Wholesale and Retail Trade, 3,000 over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 7.9 % in May 2017 was the fourth highest and Calgary's rate of 9.3 % was the highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

