

# Labour Force Statistics

## January 2017

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.8% in January 2017. This rate was up 0.3 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, behind New Brunswick's 8.9%, Prince Edward Island's 9.8%, and Newfoundland and Labrador's 13.8%. The national rate was 6.8%.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 8,600 people from the previous month and employment increased by 200. Full-time employment decreased by 24,300 and part-time employment increased by 24,500 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment decreases in January 2017 from the previous month: Construction, 5,400; Manufacturing, 3,900; and Accommodation and Food Services, 3,200. The industries with the most employment increases were: Wholesale and retail Trade, 6,000; Transportation and Warehousing, 4,400; and Educational Services, 2,900 over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.1 % in January 2017 was the fourth highest and Calgary's rate of 9.8 % was the highest among 33 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.

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

