

Labour Force Statistics

April 2017

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.9% in April 2017. This rate was down 0.5 percentage points from the previous month. This rate was the fifth highest in Canada, behind Nova Scotia's 8.3%; New Brunswick's 8.7%; Prince Edward Island's 10.3%, and Newfoundland and Labrador's 14.0 %. The national rate was 6.5%.
- The unemployment rate decreased because the labour force decreased by 12,700 people from the previous month and employment decreased by 300. Full-time employment increased by 2,900 and part-time employment decreased by 3,200 over the same period.
- Between April 2016 and April 2017, the labour force increased by 33,400 and employment increased by 17,400.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in April 2017 from the previous month: Manufacturing, 7,900; Health Care and Social Assistance, 1,600; and Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 1,600. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 7,800; Other Services, 2,900; Business, Building and Other Support Services, 1,400; and Information, Culture, and Recreation, 1,400 over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 8.1 % in April 2017 was the third 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 April 2017 can be found at: [2017 Monthly Labour Force Statistics](#)

