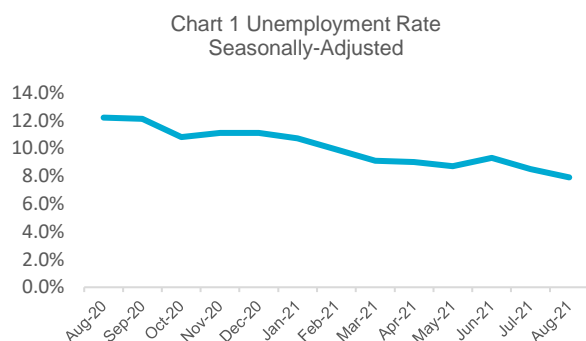


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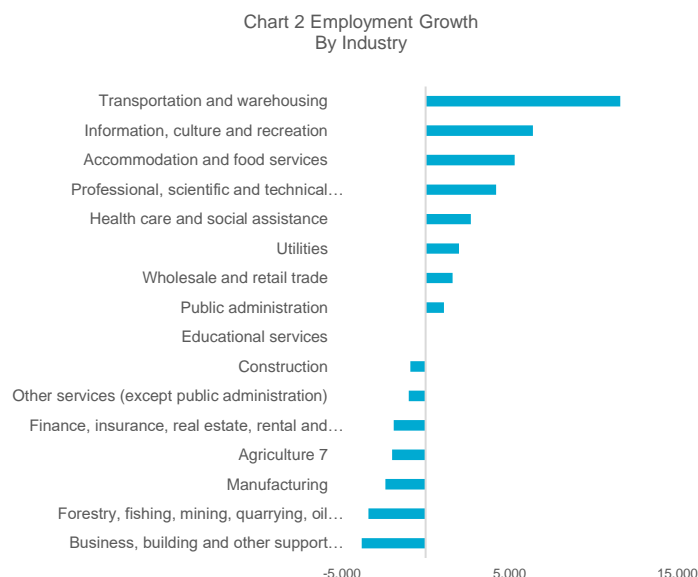
- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.9% in August 2021, a 0.6 percentage point decrease from the previous month and a 4.3 percentage point decrease from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fourth highest in Canada after Newfoundland and Labrador's 12.1%, Prince Edward Island's 10.6% and New Brunswick's 9.3%. The national rate was 7.1%, down 0.4 percentage points from the previous month.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate decreased because the labour force increased by 4,500 and employment increased by 19,500 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 16,300 while part-time employment increased by 3,100 over the same period.
- Between August 2020 and August 2021, employment increased by 128,100. The number of unemployed Albertans decreased by 103,100 over the same period.

- Year-over-year, the private sector led employment gains at 114,700. Public sector employment increased by 26,000 while self-employment decreased by 12,800 over the same period.
- In August 2021, the industries that had the most employment decreases from the previous month were business, building and other support services, 3,800; forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas, 3,400; and manufacturing, 2,400 (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment gains over the same period were transportation and warehousing, 11,600; information, culture and recreation, 6,400; and accommodation and food services, 5,300.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for August 2021 can be found at: [Monthly Labour Force Statistics](#).