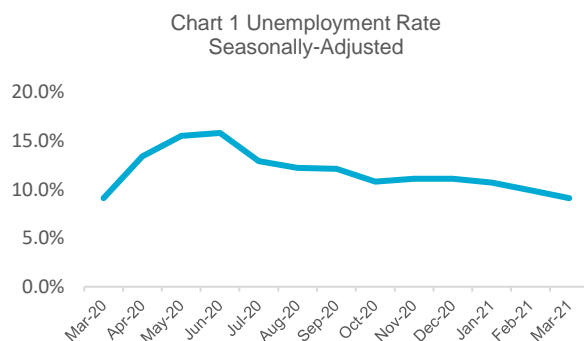


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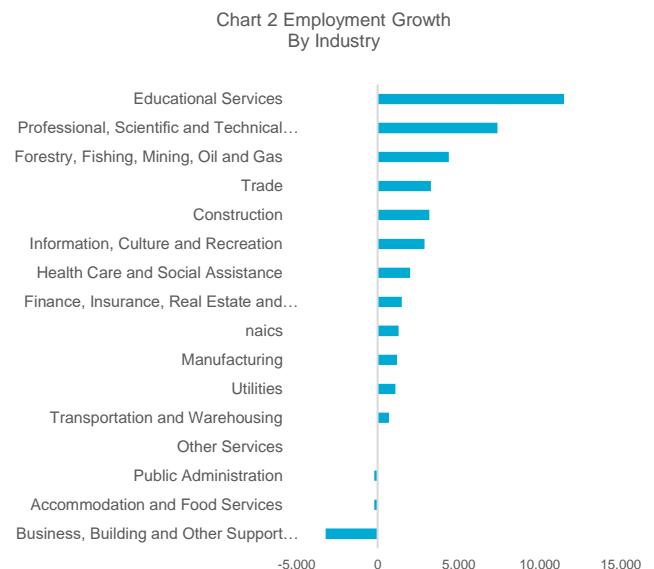
- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1% in March 2021, a 0.8 percentage point decrease from the previous month and unchanged from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the third highest in Canada, behind New Brunswick's 9.2% and Newfoundland and Labrador's 12.4%. The national rate was 7.5%, down 0.7 percentage points from the previous month.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate decreased because employment increased by 37,100 and the labour force increased by 18,400 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 11,900 while part-time employment increased by 25,100 over the same period.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021, employment increased by 71,600. The number of unemployed Albertans increased by 5,700 over the same period.

- Year-over-year, employment gains were led by the private sector at 45,800. Public sector employment increased by 29,400 while self-employment increased by 3,700 over the same period.
- In March 2021, the industries that had the most employment increases from the previous month were Educational Services, 11,500; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 7,400; and Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 4,400 (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment decreases were Business, Building and Other Support Services, 3,200; Accommodation and Food Services, 200; and Public Administration, 200, over the same period.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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