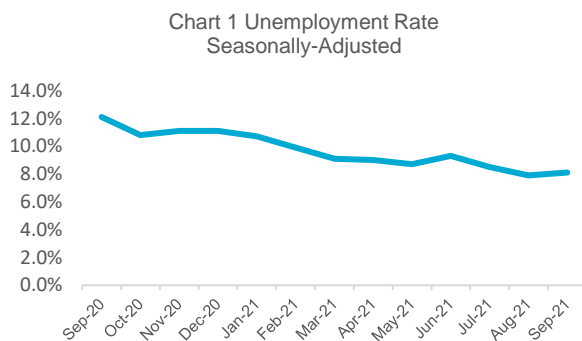


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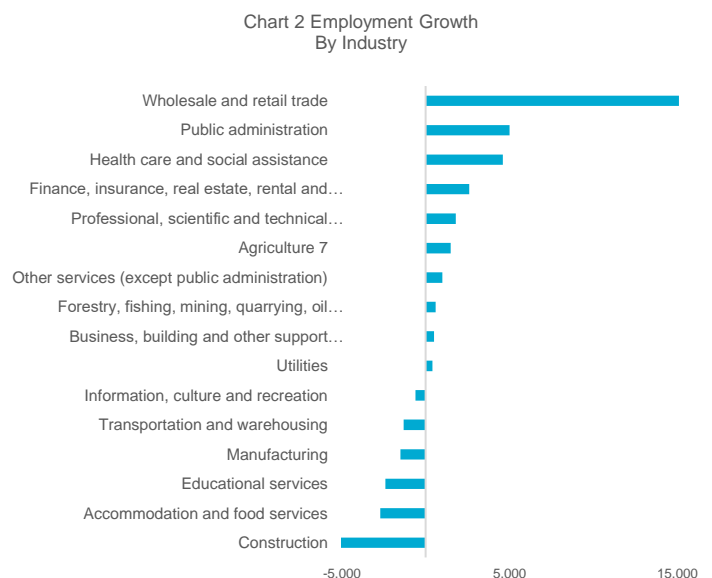
- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1% in September 2021, a 0.2 percentage point increase from the previous month and a 4.0 percentage points decrease from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fourth highest in Canada after Newfoundland and Labrador's 13.1%, Prince Edward Island's 11.3% and New Brunswick's 9.3%. The national rate was 6.9%, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 27,300 and employment increased by 19,600 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 25,800 while part-time employment decreased by 6,100 over the same period.
- Between September 2020 and September 2021, employment increased by 110,200. The number of unemployed Albertans decreased by 95,800 over the same period.

- Year-over-year, employment gains were led by the private sector at 107,900. Public sector employment increased by 2,900 while self-employment decreased by 600 over the same period.
- In September 2021, the industries that had the most employment decreases from the previous month were Construction 5,100; Accommodation and Food Services, 2,700; and Educational Services, 2,400 (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment gains over the same period were Wholesale and Retail Trade, 15,100; Public Administration, 5,000; and Healthcare and Social Services, 4,600.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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