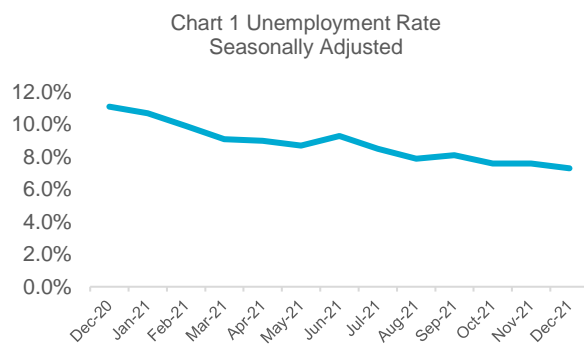


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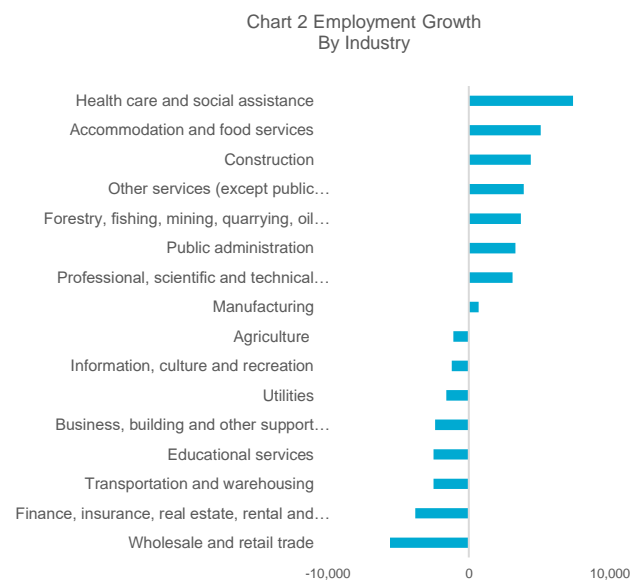
- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.3% in December 2021, a decline of 0.3 percentage points from the previous month and a decrease of 3.8 percentage points from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fifth highest in Canada after Newfoundland and Labrador's 11.6%, Nova Scotia's 7.9%, New Brunswick's 7.9%, and Prince Edward Island's 7.8%. The national rate was 5.9%, down 0.1 percentage points from the previous month.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate declined because the labour force increased by 6,300 and employment increased by 11,100 from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 16,100 while part-time employment decreased by 5,100 over the same period.
- Between December 2020 and December 2021, employment increased by 129,800. The number of unemployed Albertans decreased by 88,100 over the same period.

- Year-over-year, employment gains were led by the private sector at 120,000. Public sector employment increased by 7,100 while self-employment increased by 2,700 over the same period.
- In December 2021, the industries that had the most employment decreases from the previous month were Wholesale and retail trade, 5,600; Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing, 3,800; and Transportation and warehousing, 2,500. (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment gains over the same period were Health care and social assistance, 7,400; Accommodation and food services, 5,100; and construction, 4,400.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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