

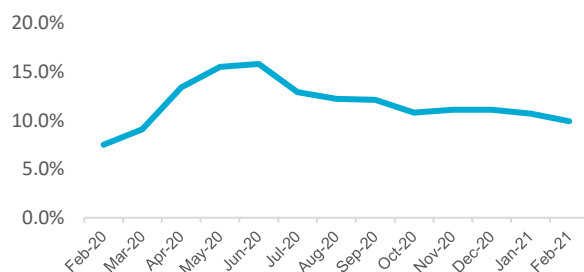
Labour Force Statistics

February 2021

Alberta Highlights

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.9% in February 2021, a 0.8 percentage point decrease from the previous month and up 2.4 percentage points from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the second highest in Canada, behind Newfoundland and Labrador's 15.3%. The national rate was 8.2%, down 1.2 percentage points from the previous month.
- Year-over-year, employment losses were led by the private sector at 70,500. Public sector employment increased by 5,600 while self-employment decreased by 6,100 over the same period.
- In February 2021, the industries that had the most employment increases from the previous month were Accommodation and Food Services, 19,200; Trade, 4,700; and Business, Building and Other Support Services, 3,600 (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment decreases were Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 3,900; Public Administration, 3,600; and Manufacturing, 3,300, over the same period.

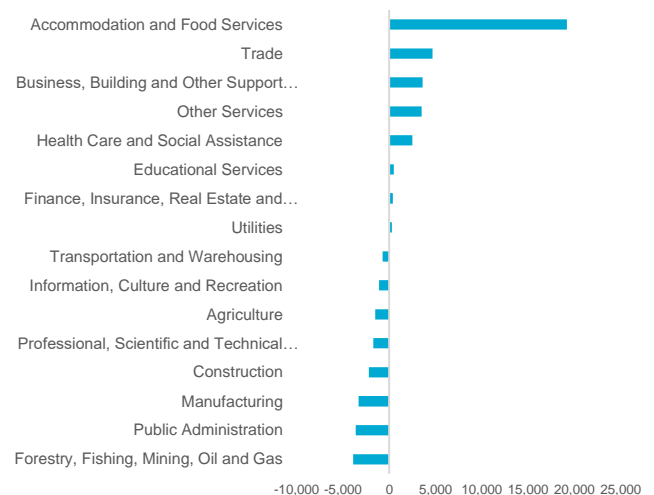
Chart 1 Unemployment Rate
Seasonally-Adjusted



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate decreased because employment increased by 16,800 and the labour force decreased by 3,800 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 14,300 while part-time employment increased by 2,600 over the same period.
- Between February 2020 and February 2021, employment decreased by 71,000. The number of unemployed Albertans increased by 59,400 over the same period.

Chart 2 Employment Growth
By Industry



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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