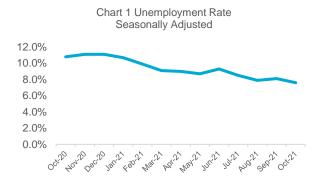
Labour Force Statistics October 2021

Alberta Highlights

• Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.6% in October 2021, a 0.5 percentage point decrease from the previous month and a decrease of 3.2 percentage points from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fifth highest in Canada after Newfoundland and Labrador's 13.9%, Prince Edward Island's 9.1%, New Brunswick's 9.1% and Nova Scotia's 8.3%. The national rate was 6.7%, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate decreased because the labour force decreased by 24,200 and employment decreased by 9,000 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 9,400 while part-time employment decreased by 18,500 over the same period.
- Between October 2020 and October 2021, employment increased by 76,200. The number of unemployed Albertans decreased by 79,600 over the same period.

- Year-over-year, employment gains were led by the private sector at 96,100. Public sector employment increased by 4,300 while selfemployment decreased by 24,100 over the same period.
- In October 2021, the industries that had the most employment decreases from the previous month were accommodation and food services, 10,000; other services, 5,800; and forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas, 4,200 (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment gains over the same period were wholesale and retail trade, 10,100; public administration, 2,900; and business, building and other support services, 2,600.

Chart 2 Employment Growth By Industry Wholesale and retail trade Public administration Business, building and other support... Professional, scientific and technical... Educational services Health care and social assistance Transportation and warehousing Manufacturing Construction Information, culture and recreation Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and. Agriculture 7 Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil. Other services (except public administration) Accommodation and food services 5.000

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey
Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force
Statistics for October 2021 can be found at: Monthly
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