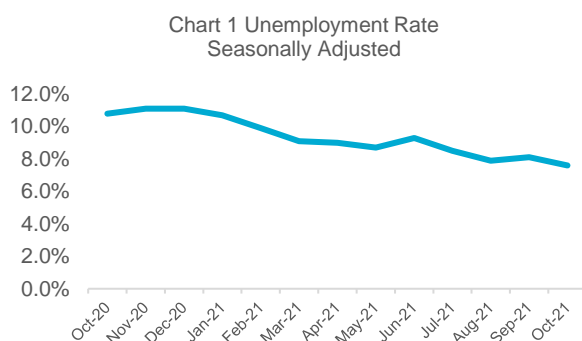


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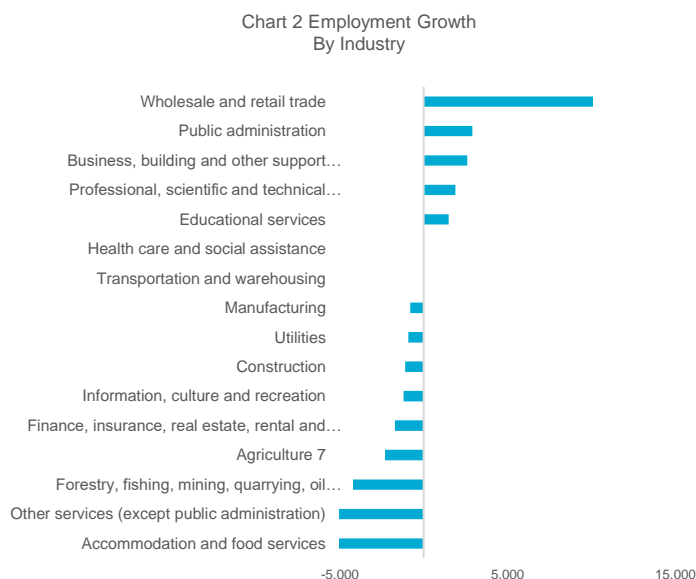
- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.6% in October 2021, a 0.5 percentage point decrease from the previous month and a decrease of 3.2 percentage points from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fifth highest in Canada after Newfoundland and Labrador's 13.9%, Prince 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 self-employment 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.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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