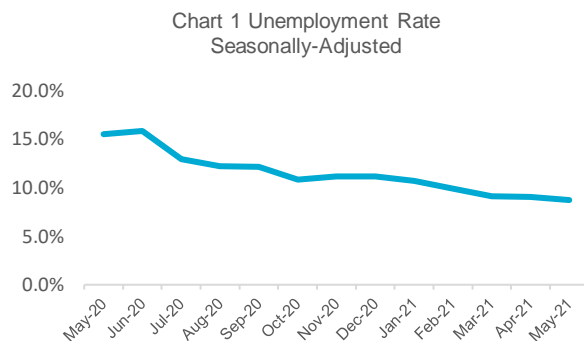


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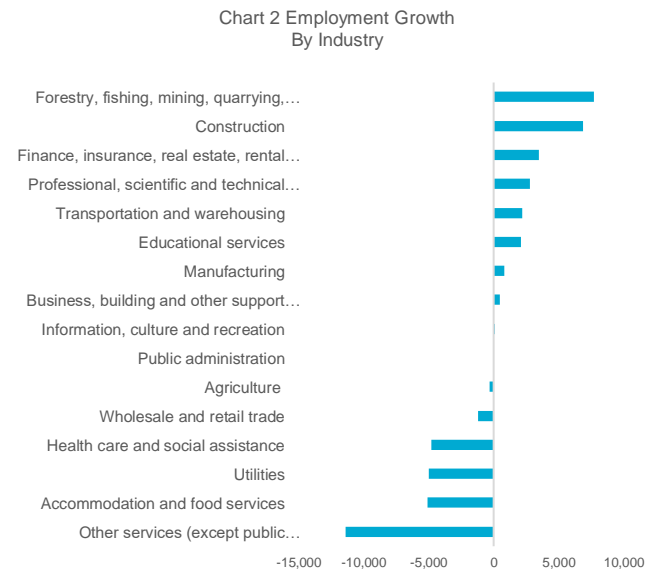
- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.7% in May 2021, a 0.3 percentage points decrease from the previous month and a 6.8 percentage points decrease from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fifth lowest in Canada, after Saskatchewan's 6.3%; Quebec's 6.6%; British Columbia's 7.0%; and Manitoba's 7.2%. The national rate was 8.2%, up 0.1 percentage points from the previous month.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate decreased because the labour force decreased by 8,000 and employment decreased by around 1,000 people from the previous month. Full-time employment decreased by 700 while part-time employment decreased by 400 over the same period.
- Between May 2020 and May 2021, employment increased by 262,600. The number of unemployed Albertans decreased by 146,400 over the same period.

- Year-over-year, employment gains were led by the private sector at 238,500. Public sector employment increased by 49,400 while self-employment decreased by 25,300 over the same period.
- In May 2021, the industries that had the most employment decreases from the previous month were Other services (except public administration), 11,400; Accommodation and food services, 5,100; and Utilities, 5,000 (Chart 2). Industries that had the most employment gains were Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas, 7,700; Construction, 6,900; and Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing, 3,500, over the same period.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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