

## Labour Force Statistics October 2012

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta has the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in October 2012, unchanged from September 2012 and down 0.7 percentage points from the same month last year. The national rate was 7.4%, up 0.1 percentage points from the month before.
- The unemployment rate rose because the labour force increased by 7,900 people and employment increased by 6,200 from September to October 2012.
- Between October 2011 and October 2012, employment grew by 37,500 in Alberta and the number of unemployed people decreased by 13,200, over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 4.3% and Calgary's rate of 4.6% were ranked second and third, respectively, among Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas, behind Regina's 3.9%.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in October from the previous month: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 14,200; Manufacturing, 7,400; and Trade, 5,500.

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for October 2012 may be found at [www.eae.alberta.ca/lmi](http://www.eae.alberta.ca/lmi)

