

Labour Force Statistics February 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in February 2012, down 0.1 percentage points from January 2012 and down 0.7 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate, tied with Saskatchewan's rate, was the lowest among all provinces. The national rate was 7.4%, down 0.1 percentage points from the month before.
- The labour force decreased by 9,800 and employment by 7,600 from January to February 2012.
- Between February 2011 and February 2012, employment grew by 2.7% or 56,100 in Alberta, the highest in the country. This employment increase accounted for 46.7% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- Edmonton's rate of 5.1% and Calgary's unemployment rate of 5.1% were tied for third, among Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas, behind Regina's 4.4% and Quebec City's 5.0%.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in February from the previous month: Accommodation and Food Services, 9,600; Construction, 8,400; and Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil and Gas, 3,400.

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for February 2012 may be found at www.eae.alberta.ca/lmi

