

Labour Force Statistics August 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in August 2012, down 0.2 percentage points from July 2012 and down 1.2 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 7.3%, unchanged from the month before.
- The labour force decreased by 600 people and employment increased by 3,100 from July to August 2012.
- Between August 2011 and August 2012, employment grew by 2.1% or 44,100 in Alberta. This employment increase accounted for 24.8% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- The unemployment rate of students aged 15 to 24 was 10.1% in August 2012 compared to 14.0% a year ago.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in August from the previous month: Business, Building and Other Support Services, 5,500; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 4,100; and Health Care and Social Assistance, 3,800.

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

