

Labour Force Statistics July 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in July 2012, unchanged from June 2012 and down 0.9 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the lowest among all provinces. The national rate was 7.3%, up 0.1 percentage points from the month before.
- The labour force increased by 6,600 and employment increased by 6,400 from June to July 2012.
- Between July 2011 and July 2012, employment grew by 2.2% or 45,800 in Alberta. This employment increase accounted for 31.5% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 4.4% was ranked second behind Regina's 4.1% and Calgary's unemployment rate of 4.7% was tied with Guelph as the third lowest rate, among Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in July from the previous month: Construction, 12,500; Business, Building and Other Support Services, 6,700; and Manufacturing, 4,100.

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

