

## Labour Force Statistics May 2012

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in May 2012, the lowest in the country. This rate was down 0.4 percentage points from April 2012 and down 0.9 percentage points from the same month last year. The national rate was 7.3%, unchanged from the month before.
- The labour force increased by 2,200 and employment increased by 9,900 from April to May 2012.
- Between May 2011 and May 2012, employment grew by 4.2% or 86,300 in Alberta, the highest in the country. This employment increase accounted for 41.1% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- Edmonton's unemployment rate of 4.8% and Calgary's rate of 4.9% were ranked second and third lowest, respectively, among Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas, behind Regina's 3.9%.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in May from the previous month: Accommodation and Food Services, 11,000; Business, Building and Other Support Services, 5,100; and Educational Services, 3,100.

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

