

Labour Force Statistics December 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta has the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in December 2012, up 0.3 percentage points from November 2012 and down 0.3 percentage points from the same month last year. The national rate was 7.1%, down 0.1 percentage points from the month before.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 2,300 people and employment decreased by 4,300 from November to December 2012.
- Employment rose 55,500 in Alberta in 2012 or by 2.7% from 2011, the highest in the country.
- Alberta leads the country in having the highest employment rate, 69.6%. The national employment rate was 62.1%.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in December from the previous month: Agriculture, 8,200; Transportation and Warehousing, 6,600; and Construction, 3,300.

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

