

Labour Force Statistics March 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in March 2012, up 0.3 percentage points from February 2012 and down 0.4 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the second lowest among all provinces, behind Saskatchewan's 4.8%. The national rate was 7.2%, down 0.2 percentage points from the month before.
- The labour force increased by 13,300 and employment increased by 4,800 from February to March 2012.
- Between March 2011 and March 2012, employment grew by 3.0% or 62,700 in Alberta. This employment increase accounted for 31.3% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- Employment among people aged 15 to 24 increased by 6,300 in March from the month before.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in March from the previous month: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 8,000; Business, Building and Other Support Services, 3,500; and Utilities, 3,400.

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

