

Labour Force Statistics April 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in April 2012, down 0.3 percentage points from March 2012 and down 0.9 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%, up 0.1 percentage points from the month before.
- The labour force increased by 3,200 and employment increased by 11,500 from March to April 2012.
- Between April 2011 and April 2012, employment grew by 3.9% or 79,600 in Alberta, the highest in the country. This employment increase accounted for 36.1% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- Calgary's unemployment rate of 5.0% was tied with Quebec City and Victoria as the second lowest rate behind Regina's 3.8%. Edmonton's rate of 5.1% was ranked fifth among Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in April from the previous month: Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil and Gas, 8,500; Manufacturing, 6,200; and Educational Services, 4,700.

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

