

Labour Force Statistics January 2012

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in January 2012, up 0.2 percentage points from December 2011 and down 1.0 percentage point from the same month last year. This rate was the second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 4.9%. The national rate was 7.5%, unchanged from the month before.
- The labour force increased by 4,200 and employment by 1,000 from December 2011 to January 2012. Full-time employment increased by 23,700 and part-time employment decreased by 22,600.
- Between January 2011 and January 2012, employment grew by 3.9% or 79,600 in Alberta, the highest growth rate in the country. This employment increase accounted for 63.3% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- Employment increased by 4,400 among women aged 25 and over and decreased by 3,900 among similarly-aged men.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in January from the previous month: Health Care and Social Assistance, 10,600; Public Administration, 4,000; and Utilities, 4,000.

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

