

Labour Force Statistics Alberta Highlights December 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in December 2013, up 0.1 percentage points from November and up 0.3 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 3.9%. The national rate was 7.2%, up 0.3 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force decreased by 9,200 people and employment decreased by 9,700 from November to December 2013.
- Alberta leads the country in having the highest employment rate, 69.4%. The national employment rate was 61.6%.
- Between December 2012 and December 2013, employment increased by 67,900 people or 3.1%, the fastest growth rate among the provinces in the country. This employment increase accounted for 68.6% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in December from the previous month: Health Care and Social Assistance, 9,600; Transportation and Warehousing, 2,400; and Accommodation and Food Services, 1,400.

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for December 2013 may be found at www.eae.alberta.ca/lmj.

