

Labour Force Statistics

Alberta Highlights

March 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in March 2013, up 0.3 percentage points from February and down 0.4 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 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force decreased by 4,500 people and employment decreased by 11,300 from February to March 2013.
- Full-time employment decreased by 3,600 and part-time employment by 7,600.
- Employment among people aged 15 to 24 increased by 5,700 in March 2013 from the month before. However, employment among people aged 25 and older decreased by 17,000 from the previous month.
- The following industries had the most employment decreases in March from the previous month: Accommodation and Food Services, 11,600; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing, 6,200; and Utilities and Construction, each 4,600.

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

