

Labour Force Statistics Alberta Highlights October 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in October 2013, up 0.1 percentage points from September and unchanged from the same month last year. This rate was the second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 3.7%. The national rate was 7.0%, up 0.1 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate was increased because the labour force increased by 3,600 people and employment increased by 1,000 from September to October 2013.
- Between October 2012 and October 2013, employment increased by 75,400 people or 3.5%, the highest growth rate in the country. This employment increase accounted for 35% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in October from the previous month: Construction, 12,700; Educational Services, 7,400; and Public Administration, 5,100.
- Between October 2012 and October 2013, the largest yearly increases in employment occurred in the following occupations: Sales and service occupations, 48,800; Social science, education, government service and religion, 13,900; and Health occupations, 13,600.

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

