

Labour Force Statistics Alberta Highlights August 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in August 2013, up 0.3 percentage points from July and up 0.4 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 4.2%. The national rate was 7.1%, down 0.1 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 22,300 people and employment increased by 15,200 from July to August 2013.
- Full-time employment increased by 7,200 people and part-time employment increased by 8,000 in August compared to July.
- Between August 2012 and August 2013, employment increased by 77,400 people or 3.6%, the highest growth rate in the country. This employment increase accounted for 31.5% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in August from the previous month: Health Care and Social Assistance, 10,300; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 6,600; and Information, Culture and Recreation, 5,500.

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

