

Labour Force Statistics Alberta Highlights September 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in September 2013, down 0.5 percentage points from August and down 0.1 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate, tied with Saskatchewan, was the lowest in Canada. The national rate was 6.9%, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate fell because the labour force decreased by 5,600 people and employment increased by 4,800 from August to September 2013.
- Full-time employment increased by 4,700 people and part-time employment decreased by 100 in September compared to August.
- Calgary's unemployment rate of 4.6% and Edmonton's rate of 5.2% were ranked third and fifth, respectively, among Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas, behind Regina's 3.1% and Saskatoon's, 4.4%.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in September from the previous month: Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction, 7,400; Other Services, 6,900; and Accommodation and Food Services, 6,000.

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

