

Labour Force Statistics Alberta Highlights

May 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in May 2013, up 0.4 percentage points from April and up 0.3 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 4.5%. 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 31,400 people and employment increased by 18,600 from April to May 2013.
- Full-time employment decreased by 7,400 people and part-time employment increased by 26,000 in May compared to April.
- Employment among people aged 15 to 24 increased by 10,800 in May 2013 from the month before.
- Between May 2012 and May 2013, employment increased by 48,800 people or 2.3%. This employment increase accounted for 19.5% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in May from the previous month: Trade, 11,800; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 7,200; and Business, Building and Other Support Services, 5,900.

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

