

Labour Force Statistics Alberta Highlights February 2013

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in February 2013, unchanged from January and down 0.4 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 3.8%. The national rate was 7.0%, unchanged from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate was unchanged because the labour force increased by 5,700 people and employment increased by 4,200 from January to February 2013.
- Full-time employment increased by 11,700 and part-time employment decreased by 7,500 in February compared to January.
- Between February 2012 and February 2013, employment increased by 52,900. This employment increase accounted for 15.7% of Canada's employment growth over the same period.
- The largest yearly increases in employment occurred in the following occupations: Natural and Applied Sciences and Related Occupations, 22,100; Business, Finance and Administrative Occupations, 16,700; and Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related Occupations, 13,900.

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

