

# Labour Force Statistics

## December 2015

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.0% in December 2015, the highest since April 2010. Unemployment rate was unchanged from November 2015 and up by 2.3 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate is the fifth lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 5.5%, Manitoba's 5.9%, British Columbia's 6.7%, and Ontario's 6.7%. The national rate was 7.1%, unchanged from the previous month.
- The labour force decreased from the previous month by 4,000 people and employment decreased by 3,900. Full-time employment decreased by 23,200 and part-time employment increased by 19,400 over the same period.
- Between December 2014 and December 2015, the labour force increased by 43,600 and employment decreased by 14,600.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in December 2015 from the previous month: Information, Culture and Recreation, 9,500; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 6,900; and Educational Services, 5,800. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Accommodation and Food Services, 11,500; Construction, 5,200; Agriculture; 3,000; and Trade, 3,000 over the same period.

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for December 2015 can be found at: [2015 Monthly Labour Force Statistics](#).

