

Labour Force Statistics

February 2015

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3% in February 2015, the highest since September 2011. Unemployment rate was up by 0.8 percentage points from January 2015 and up by 0.9 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was second lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 5.0%. The national rate was 6.8%, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate increased from the previous month because the labour force increased by 5,700 people and employment decreased by 14,000. Full-time employment decreased by 6,900 and part-time employment decreased by 7,100 over the same period.
- Between February 2014 and February 2015, employment increased by 36,700. This employment increase accounted for 28.3% of Canada's employment growth. Full-time employment increased by 34,200 and part-time employment increased by 2,500 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in February 2015 from the previous month: Construction, 7,000; Health Care and Social Assistance, 5,900; and Agriculture, 4,400. Industries which had the most employment decreases from January 2015 were: Trade, 10,400; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas Extraction, 7,000; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 6,600; and Manufacturing, 6,100.

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

