

Labour Force Statistics

March 2015

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5% in March 2015, up by 0.2 percentage points from February 2015 and up by 0.4 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was third lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 4.4% and Manitoba's 5.4%. The national rate was 6.8%, unchanged from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate increased from the previous month because the labour force increased by 4,900 people and employment increased by 1,500
- Between March 2014 and March 2015, employment increased by 43,500, the highest in Canada. This employment increase accounted for 31.5% of Canada's employment growth. Full-time employment increased by 19,000 and part-time employment increased by 24,500 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in March 2015 from the previous month: Trade, 8,400; Public Administration, 4,300; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas Extraction, 2,900; and Educational Services, 2,900. Industries which had the most employment decreases from January 2015 were: Construction, 7,700; Other Services, 5,900; and Agriculture, 3,900.

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

