

Labour Force Statistics

August 2015

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0% in August 2015, unchanged from July 2015 and up by 0.8 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate is the third lowest in Canada, tied with British Columbia and behind Saskatchewan's 4.7% and Manitoba's 5.7%. The national rate was 7.0%, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.
- The unemployment rate remained unchanged from the previous month because the labour force increased by 3,400 people and employment increased by 4,700. Full-time employment increased by 8,200 and part-time employment decreased by 3,500 over the same period.
- Between August 2014 and August 2015, employment increased by 41,000. Full-time employment increased by 46,200 and part-time employment decreased by 5,200 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in August 2015 from the previous month: Trade, 6,100; Public Administration, 5,700; and Health Care and Social Assistance, 3,000. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Manufacturing, 5,900; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 4,100; and Utilities, 1,900, over the same period.

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

