

Labour Force Statistics

May 2015

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in May 2015, up by 0.3 percentage points from April 2015 and up by 1.1 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the highest since January 2011, and the third lowest in Canada, behind Saskatchewan's 4.9% and Manitoba's 5.7%. 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 200 people and employment decreased by 6,400. Full-time employment increased by 20,200 and part-time employment decreased by 26,600 over the same period.
- Between May 2014 and May 2015, employment increased by 38,400. Full-time employment increased by 32,500 and part-time employment increased by 5,900 over the same period.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in May 2015 from the previous month: Accommodation and Food Services, 4,300; Construction, 4,100; and Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing, 3,800. The industries with the most employment decreases were: Transportation and Warehousing, 6,800; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, 6,000; and Public Administration, 4,600, over the same period.

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

