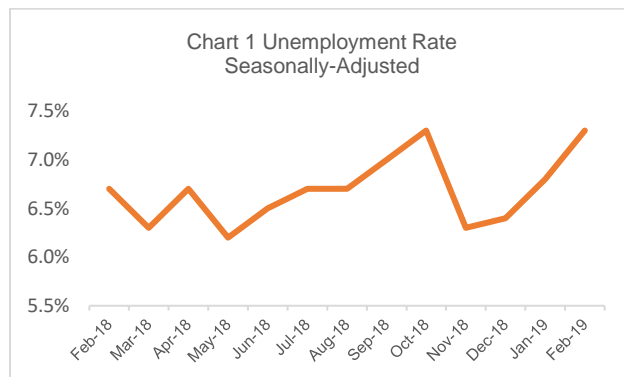


Labour Force Statistics

February 2019

Alberta Highlights

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.3% in February 2019, up 0.5 percentage points from the previous month and up 0.6 percentage points from the same month last year (Chart 1). This rate was the fourth highest in Canada, behind New Brunswick's 8.5%, Prince Edward Island's 10.3% and Newfoundland and Labrador's 11.8%. The national rate was 5.8%.

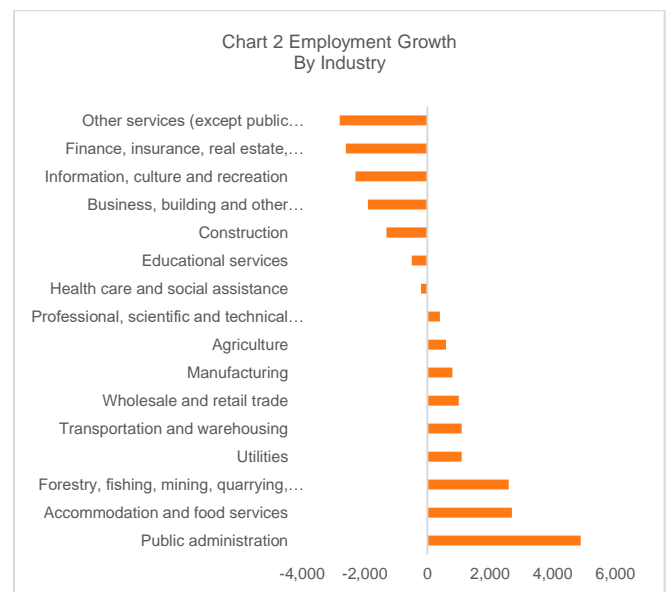


Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

- The unemployment rate increased because the labour force increased by 16,900 while employment increased by 3,800 people from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 1,900 and part-time employment also increased by 1,900 over the same period.
- Between February 2018 and February 2019, employment increased by 13,400. The number of unemployed Albertans increased by 17,200 over the same period.
- Year-over-year, employment gains have been led by private sector employment at 43,400.

Employment in the public sector increased by 7,800 while self-employment decreased by 37,700 over the same period.

- The industries that had the most employment increases in February 2019 from the previous month: Public Administration, 4,900; Accommodation and Food Services, 2,700; and Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas, 2,600 (Chart 2). The industries with the most employment decreases were: Other Services, 2,800; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Leasing, 2,600; and Information, Culture and Recreation, 2,300 over the same period.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for February 2019 can be found at [Monthly Labour Force Statistics](#).