

**Table 4-9**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Alberta**

	May 2015	June 2015	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,345.4	<b>3,354.0</b>	...	<b>8.6</b>	36.8	71.9	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	2.2
Labour force	2,448.5	<b>2,441.5</b>	9.5	<b>-7.0</b>	28.1	45.6	<b>-0.3</b>	1.2	1.9
Employment	2,307.5	<b>2,302.5</b>	10.1	<b>-5.0</b>	2.3	22.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	1.0
Employment full-time	1,921.7	<b>1,918.9</b>	13.3	<b>-2.8</b>	-5.4	10.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.5
Unemployment	141.1	<b>139.1</b>	7.6	<b>-2.0</b>	25.9	22.9	<b>-1.4</b>	22.9	19.7
Participation rate	73.2	<b>72.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.0	<b>68.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	<b>16.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	523.4	<b>523.5</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	-1.7	-2.0	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4
Labour force	369.5	<b>362.8</b>	5.1	<b>-6.7</b>	1.4	10.6	<b>-1.8</b>	0.4	3.0
Employment	328.8	<b>329.7</b>	5.3	<b>0.9</b>	-0.4	12.9	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	4.1
Unemployment	40.7	<b>33.1</b>	4.3	<b>-7.6</b>	1.9	-2.3	<b>-18.7</b>	6.1	-6.5
Participation rate	70.6	<b>69.3</b>	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	0.5	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	<b>9.1</b>	1.2	<b>-1.9</b>	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	<b>63.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.8	<b>35.3</b>	1.8	<b>-0.5</b>	2.3	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,427.6	<b>1,432.0</b>	...	<b>4.4</b>	19.9	38.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	2.7
Labour force	1,152.7	<b>1,150.8</b>	4.9	<b>-1.9</b>	19.3	17.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.7	1.5
Employment	1,094.8	<b>1,089.7</b>	5.7	<b>-5.1</b>	-0.7	1.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment	58.0	<b>61.1</b>	4.5	<b>3.1</b>	20.0	16.2	<b>5.3</b>	48.7	36.1
Participation rate	80.7	<b>80.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.7	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	76.7	<b>76.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	<b>5.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,394.4	<b>1,398.4</b>	...	<b>4.0</b>	18.5	35.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	2.6
Labour force	926.3	<b>928.0</b>	5.7	<b>1.7</b>	7.5	17.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0
Employment	883.9	<b>883.1</b>	5.7	<b>-0.8</b>	3.5	8.7	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Unemployment	42.4	<b>44.9</b>	4.0	<b>2.5</b>	4.0	9.0	<b>5.9</b>	9.8	25.1
Participation rate	66.4	<b>66.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.5	<b>22.9</b>	0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	2,307.5	<b>2,302.5</b>	10.1	<b>-5.0</b>	2.3	22.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	1.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	647.8	<b>638.5</b>	6.9	<b>-9.3</b>	-24.7	-28.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-3.7	-4.3
Agriculture	65.8	<b>61.6</b>	3.0	<b>-4.2</b>	-1.4	-1.3	<b>-6.4</b>	-2.2	-2.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	160.5	<b>158.8</b>	3.8	<b>-1.7</b>	-14.1	-20.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-8.2	-11.6
Utilities	20.9	<b>19.1</b>	0.9	<b>-1.8</b>	1.0	1.4	<b>-8.6</b>	5.5	7.9
Construction	261.5	<b>259.9</b>	4.9	<b>-1.6</b>	-3.6	-3.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	-1.4
Manufacturing	139.1	<b>139.2</b>	3.0	<b>0.1</b>	-6.4	-4.1	<b>0.1</b>	-4.4	-2.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	1,659.7	<b>1,664.0</b>	9.3	<b>4.3</b>	27.0	51.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	3.2
Trade	316.2	<b>318.4</b>	4.9	<b>2.2</b>	6.4	-0.8	<b>0.7</b>	2.1	-0.3
Transportation and warehousing	142.3	<b>143.6</b>	3.3	<b>1.3</b>	1.4	17.7	<b>0.9</b>	1.0	14.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	105.6	<b>107.5</b>	2.6	<b>1.9</b>	3.5	5.1	<b>1.8</b>	3.4	5.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	168.6	<b>167.6</b>	3.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-14.8	-21.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-8.1	-11.6
Business, building and other support services	79.4	<b>81.3</b>	3.2	<b>1.9</b>	1.2	0.7	<b>2.4</b>	1.5	0.9
Educational services	137.3	<b>138.4</b>	3.2	<b>1.1</b>	6.2	13.8	<b>0.8</b>	4.7	11.1
Health care and social assistance	265.2	<b>266.6</b>	3.7	<b>1.4</b>	13.8	30.5	<b>0.5</b>	5.5	12.9
Information, culture and recreation	73.9	<b>72.4</b>	2.8	<b>-1.5</b>	0.3	0.8	<b>-2.0</b>	0.4	1.1
Accommodation and food services	157.1	<b>157.7</b>	3.9	<b>0.6</b>	2.9	13.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.9	9.2
Other services	122.6	<b>118.3</b>	3.4	<b>-4.3</b>	-2.5	-8.4	<b>-3.5</b>	-2.1	-6.6
Public administration	91.4	<b>92.1</b>	2.1	<b>0.7</b>	8.7	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	10.4	0.5

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.