

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

	November 2008	December 2008	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	2,818.0	<b>2,823.7</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	54.2	54.2	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	2.0
Labour force	2,107.0	<b>2,106.5</b>	8.1	<b>-0.5</b>	46.7	46.7	<b>0.0</b>	2.3	2.3
Employment	2,034.9	<b>2,019.1</b>	8.3	<b>-15.8</b>	25.3	25.3	<b>-0.8</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment full-time	1,697.6	<b>1,677.7</b>	11.1	<b>-19.9</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-1.2</b>	0.0	0.0
Unemployment	72.1	<b>87.4</b>	5.9	<b>15.3</b>	21.4	21.4	<b>21.2</b>	32.4	32.4
Participation rate	74.8	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.2	<b>71.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	<b>16.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	504.6	<b>505.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	368.1	<b>365.7</b>	4.9	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.8	-0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	339.2	<b>333.0</b>	5.1	<b>-6.2</b>	-12.7	-12.7	<b>-1.8</b>	-3.7	-3.7
Unemployment	28.8	<b>32.7</b>	3.7	<b>3.9</b>	11.9	11.9	<b>13.5</b>	57.2	57.2
Participation rate	72.9	<b>72.4</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.9</b>	1.0	<b>1.1</b>	3.2	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	<b>65.9</b>	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.5	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.1	<b>35.5</b>	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	3.1	3.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,169.6	<b>1,172.5</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	34.5	34.5	<b>0.2</b>	3.0	3.0
Labour force	970.6	<b>966.8</b>	3.8	<b>-3.8</b>	27.1	27.1	<b>-0.4</b>	2.9	2.9
Employment	950.0	<b>938.6</b>	4.2	<b>-11.4</b>	22.3	22.3	<b>-1.2</b>	2.4	2.4
Unemployment	20.6	<b>28.2</b>	3.3	<b>7.6</b>	4.8	4.8	<b>36.9</b>	20.5	20.5
Participation rate	83.0	<b>82.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.1	<b>2.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	<b>80.1</b>	0.4	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,143.8	<b>1,146.1</b>	...	<b>2.3</b>	19.9	19.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	1.8
Labour force	768.4	<b>774.0</b>	4.8	<b>5.6</b>	20.4	20.4	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	2.7
Employment	745.7	<b>747.5</b>	5.0	<b>1.8</b>	15.8	15.8	<b>0.2</b>	2.2	2.2
Unemployment	22.7	<b>26.5</b>	3.2	<b>3.8</b>	4.6	4.6	<b>16.7</b>	21.0	21.0
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>3.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>65.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.6	<b>23.3</b>	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,034.9	<b>2,019.1</b>	8.3	<b>-15.8</b>	25.3	25.3	<b>-0.8</b>	1.3	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	588.3	<b>590.4</b>	8.4	<b>2.1</b>	32.1	32.1	<b>0.4</b>	5.7	5.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	57.1	<b>62.2</b>	3.0	<b>5.1</b>	10.2	10.2	<b>8.9</b>	19.6	19.6
Utilities	158.0	<b>154.8</b>	4.7	<b>-3.2</b>	-1.3	-1.3	<b>-2.0</b>	-0.8	-0.8
Construction	15.1	<b>18.9</b>	1.7	<b>3.8</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>25.2</b>	9.9	9.9
Manufacturing	207.8	<b>204.0</b>	5.6	<b>-3.8</b>	5.4	5.4	<b>-1.8</b>	2.7	2.7
	150.2	<b>150.5</b>	4.9	<b>0.3</b>	16.1	16.1	<b>0.2</b>	12.0	12.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,446.6	<b>1,428.6</b>	10.1	<b>-18.0</b>	-6.9	-6.9	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Trade	324.8	<b>314.2</b>	6.9	<b>-10.6</b>	4.1	4.1	<b>-3.3</b>	1.3	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	103.0	<b>102.8</b>	4.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-7.5	-7.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-6.8	-6.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	113.4	<b>111.8</b>	4.1	<b>-1.6</b>	7.8	7.8	<b>-1.4</b>	7.5	7.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	170.5	<b>159.9</b>	4.8	<b>-10.6</b>	14.3	14.3	<b>-6.2</b>	9.8	9.8
Business, building and other support services	60.2	<b>63.2</b>	4.0	<b>3.0</b>	-13.1	-13.1	<b>5.0</b>	-17.2	-17.2
Educational services	133.0	<b>138.3</b>	4.4	<b>5.3</b>	16.4	16.4	<b>4.0</b>	13.5	13.5
Health care and social assistance	191.0	<b>185.4</b>	5.0	<b>-5.6</b>	-10.6	-10.6	<b>-2.9</b>	-5.4	-5.4
Information, culture and recreation	71.9	<b>76.4</b>	3.6	<b>4.5</b>	-3.2	-3.2	<b>6.3</b>	-4.0	-4.0
Accommodation and food services	109.4	<b>108.9</b>	4.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.3	-3.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.9	-2.9
Other services	87.3	<b>87.5</b>	4.0	<b>0.2</b>	-3.0	-3.0	<b>0.2</b>	-3.3	-3.3
Public administration	82.1	<b>80.3</b>	3.3	<b>-1.8</b>	-8.7	-8.7	<b>-2.2</b>	-9.8	-9.8

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.