

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

	January 2009	February 2009	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	2,830.1	<b>2,836.1</b>	...	<b>6.0</b>	12.4	60.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.2
Labour force	2,119.3	<b>2,116.5</b>	8.0	<b>-2.8</b>	6.3	47.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	2.3
Employment	2,025.8	<b>2,002.1</b>	8.4	<b>-23.7</b>	-20.4	7.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.4
Employment full-time	1,680.6	<b>1,652.6</b>	11.3	<b>-28.0</b>	-28.2	-25.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.7	-1.5
Unemployment	93.5	<b>114.5</b>	5.8	<b>21.0</b>	26.7	39.6	<b>22.5</b>	30.4	52.9
Participation rate	74.9	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>1.0</b>	1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	<b>70.6</b>	0.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	<b>17.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	505.3	<b>505.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	369.0	<b>370.4</b>	4.9	<b>1.4</b>	3.1	-0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	-0.2
Employment	337.0	<b>333.0</b>	5.0	<b>-4.0</b>	-1.3	-9.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.4	-2.9
Unemployment	32.0	<b>37.4</b>	3.7	<b>5.4</b>	4.5	9.1	<b>16.9</b>	13.7	32.2
Participation rate	73.0	<b>73.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>10.1</b>	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	1.1	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	<b>65.9</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.7	<b>35.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,175.9	<b>1,179.1</b>	...	<b>3.2</b>	6.6	36.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.1
Labour force	975.7	<b>966.4</b>	3.8	<b>-9.3</b>	-2.6	26.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.3	2.8
Employment	943.5	<b>921.0</b>	4.2	<b>-22.5</b>	-19.7	6.2	<b>-2.4</b>	-2.1	0.7
Unemployment	32.2	<b>45.5</b>	3.1	<b>13.3</b>	17.2	20.6	<b>41.3</b>	60.8	82.7
Participation rate	83.0	<b>82.0</b>	0.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>1.4</b>	1.8	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.2	<b>78.1</b>	0.4	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.1	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	<b>6.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,148.9	<b>1,151.6</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	5.5	23.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.0
Labour force	774.7	<b>779.7</b>	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	5.8	21.1	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	2.8
Employment	745.4	<b>748.1</b>	5.1	<b>2.7</b>	0.7	11.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	1.5
Unemployment	29.3	<b>31.6</b>	3.3	<b>2.3</b>	5.1	9.9	<b>7.8</b>	19.2	45.6
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	<b>65.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	<b>23.3</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,025.8	<b>2,002.1</b>	8.4	<b>-23.7</b>	-20.4	7.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	57.1	<b>55.9</b>	3.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-6.5	-2.4	<b>-2.1</b>	-10.4	-4.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	155.2	<b>149.5</b>	4.7	<b>-5.7</b>	-5.6	6.3	<b>-3.7</b>	-3.6	4.4
Utilities	16.7	<b>19.1</b>	1.7	<b>2.4</b>	0.2	1.9	<b>14.4</b>	1.1	11.0
Construction	202.6	<b>193.7</b>	5.9	<b>-8.9</b>	-10.8	-3.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-5.3	-1.7
Manufacturing	144.6	<b>134.5</b>	5.2	<b>-10.1</b>	-16.3	-9.1	<b>-7.0</b>	-10.8	-6.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,449.6	<b>1,449.4</b>	10.3	<b>-0.2</b>	18.7	14.2	<b>0.0</b>	1.3	1.0
Trade	320.2	<b>312.6</b>	7.0	<b>-7.6</b>	-2.3	-0.5	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.7	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	103.5	<b>108.2</b>	4.1	<b>4.7</b>	5.4	4.8	<b>4.5</b>	5.3	4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	114.1	<b>111.6</b>	4.0	<b>-2.5</b>	-0.4	-4.1	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.4	-3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	163.0	<b>161.4</b>	5.0	<b>-1.6</b>	1.5	-0.1	<b>-1.0</b>	0.9	-0.1
Business, building and other support services	63.2	<b>62.2</b>	4.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.1	-7.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.7	-10.1
Educational services	136.2	<b>122.8</b>	4.5	<b>-13.4</b>	-15.8	2.1	<b>-9.8</b>	-11.4	1.7
Health care and social assistance	183.8	<b>190.3</b>	4.8	<b>6.5</b>	4.9	-0.6	<b>3.5</b>	2.6	-0.3
Information, culture and recreation	73.3	<b>77.8</b>	3.6	<b>4.5</b>	1.2	2.5	<b>6.1</b>	1.6	3.3
Accommodation and food services	122.0	<b>124.7</b>	4.6	<b>2.7</b>	15.5	18.0	<b>2.2</b>	14.2	16.9
Other services	87.2	<b>92.5</b>	3.8	<b>5.3</b>	5.0	2.6	<b>6.1</b>	5.7	2.9
Public administration	83.2	<b>85.2</b>	3.5	<b>2.0</b>	4.7	-3.7	<b>2.4</b>	5.8	-4.2

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.