

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

	October 2009	November 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	2,887.1	<b>2,891.5</b>	...	<b>4.4</b>	67.8	73.5	<b>0.2</b>	2.4	2.6
Labour force	2,127.6	<b>2,138.5</b>	8.2	<b>10.9</b>	28.3	33.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	1.6
Employment	1,967.2	<b>1,980.0</b>	8.8	<b>12.8</b>	-42.5	-51.6	<b>0.7</b>	-2.1	-2.5
Employment full-time	1,618.0	<b>1,618.3</b>	11.5	<b>0.3</b>	-62.5	-75.6	<b>0.0</b>	-3.7	-4.5
Unemployment	160.5	<b>158.5</b>	6.4	<b>-2.0</b>	70.7	85.0	<b>-1.2</b>	80.5	115.6
Participation rate	73.7	<b>74.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>7.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	3.2	3.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	<b>68.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	-3.1	-3.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	<b>18.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	508.2	<b>508.0</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	3.0	3.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.7
Labour force	352.2	<b>355.1</b>	5.0	<b>2.9</b>	-12.2	-12.4	<b>0.8</b>	-3.3	-3.4
Employment	305.4	<b>307.4</b>	5.1	<b>2.0</b>	-26.9	-30.9	<b>0.7</b>	-8.0	-9.1
Unemployment	46.8	<b>47.7</b>	3.9	<b>0.9</b>	14.8	18.5	<b>1.9</b>	45.0	63.4
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.9</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	-2.8	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	<b>13.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	4.4	5.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>60.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	-5.7	-6.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.2	<b>37.6</b>	1.6	<b>2.4</b>	2.2	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,207.3	<b>1,209.7</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	37.2	40.1	<b>0.2</b>	3.2	3.4
Labour force	984.6	<b>986.4</b>	4.1	<b>1.8</b>	17.4	17.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	1.8
Employment	915.2	<b>918.5</b>	4.8	<b>3.3</b>	-22.2	-29.6	<b>0.4</b>	-2.4	-3.1
Unemployment	69.5	<b>67.9</b>	3.7	<b>-1.6</b>	39.6	47.1	<b>-2.3</b>	139.9	226.4
Participation rate	81.6	<b>81.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>6.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	4.0	4.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	75.8	<b>75.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-4.3	-5.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	<b>6.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,171.6	<b>1,173.8</b>	...	<b>2.2</b>	27.7	30.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.4	2.6
Labour force	790.8	<b>796.9</b>	4.7	<b>6.1</b>	23.0	28.1	<b>0.8</b>	3.0	3.7
Employment	746.6	<b>754.0</b>	4.9	<b>7.4</b>	6.6	8.8	<b>1.0</b>	0.9	1.2
Unemployment	44.1	<b>42.9</b>	3.5	<b>-1.2</b>	16.4	19.4	<b>-2.7</b>	61.9	82.6
Participation rate	67.5	<b>67.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	2.0	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>64.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.5	<b>24.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	1,967.2	<b>1,980.0</b>	8.8	<b>12.8</b>	-42.5	-51.6	<b>0.7</b>	-2.1	-2.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	513.9	<b>521.2</b>	8.9	<b>7.3</b>	-70.6	-65.7	<b>1.4</b>	-11.9	-11.2
Agriculture	51.7	<b>51.8</b>	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	-10.6	-5.3	<b>0.2</b>	-17.0	-9.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	129.7	<b>131.0</b>	4.7	<b>1.3</b>	-24.1	-26.9	<b>1.0</b>	-15.5	-17.0
Utilities	22.4	<b>21.0</b>	1.8	<b>-1.4</b>	2.1	5.9	<b>-6.2</b>	11.1	39.1
Construction	192.9	<b>197.9</b>	6.0	<b>5.0</b>	-6.6	-9.0	<b>2.6</b>	-3.2	-4.3
Manufacturing	117.2	<b>119.5</b>	5.0	<b>2.3</b>	-31.3	-30.4	<b>2.0</b>	-20.8	-20.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	1,453.3	<b>1,458.8</b>	10.6	<b>5.5</b>	28.1	14.1	<b>0.4</b>	2.0	1.0
Trade	299.2	<b>296.1</b>	7.1	<b>-3.1</b>	-18.8	-26.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-6.0	-8.2
Transportation and warehousing	103.6	<b>104.4</b>	4.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	1.7	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	106.0	<b>106.0</b>	4.1	<b>0.0</b>	-6.0	-6.9	<b>0.0</b>	-5.4	-6.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	144.1	<b>146.9</b>	5.1	<b>2.8</b>	-13.0	-23.6	<b>1.9</b>	-8.1	-13.8
Business, building and other support services	64.3	<b>67.2</b>	3.8	<b>2.9</b>	3.9	6.6	<b>4.5</b>	6.2	10.9
Educational services	135.5	<b>135.6</b>	4.7	<b>0.1</b>	-3.0	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	-2.2	1.3
Health care and social assistance	203.3	<b>200.9</b>	4.9	<b>-2.4</b>	15.5	9.9	<b>-1.2</b>	8.4	5.2
Information, culture and recreation	82.9	<b>82.7</b>	3.7	<b>-0.2</b>	6.1	10.0	<b>-0.2</b>	8.0	13.8
Accommodation and food services	120.2	<b>123.1</b>	4.8	<b>2.9</b>	13.9	13.9	<b>2.4</b>	12.7	12.7
Other services	102.9	<b>102.2</b>	4.1	<b>-0.7</b>	14.7	14.9	<b>-0.7</b>	16.8	17.1
Public administration	91.2	<b>93.5</b>	3.5	<b>2.3</b>	13.0	11.8	<b>2.5</b>	16.1	14.4

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.