

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

	July 2012	August 2012	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	3,073.9	<b>3,079.6</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	50.8	65.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	2.2
Labour force	2,253.0	<b>2,253.2</b>	8.6	<b>0.2</b>	10.4	17.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.8
Employment	2,150.0	<b>2,153.9</b>	9.1	<b>3.9</b>	20.7	43.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.1
Employment full-time	1,799.3	<b>1,805.0</b>	11.8	<b>5.7</b>	27.9	56.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	3.2
Unemployment	103.0	<b>99.3</b>	6.8	<b>-3.7</b>	-10.4	-25.5	<b>-3.6</b>	-9.5	-20.4
Participation rate	73.3	<b>73.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	<b>69.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.3	<b>16.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	506.6	<b>506.9</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-1.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	348.2	<b>344.2</b>	5.1	<b>-4.0</b>	-20.0	-23.5	<b>-1.1</b>	-5.5	-6.4
Employment	318.6	<b>312.3</b>	5.1	<b>-6.3</b>	-14.8	-14.0	<b>-2.0</b>	-4.5	-4.3
Unemployment	29.6	<b>32.0</b>	4.1	<b>2.4</b>	-5.2	-9.4	<b>8.1</b>	-14.0	-22.7
Participation rate	68.7	<b>67.9</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-4.0	-4.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>9.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.8</b>	-0.9	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	<b>61.6</b>	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-3.0	-2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.1	<b>34.4</b>	1.7	<b>-2.8</b>	-0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,303.0	<b>1,305.6</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	23.8	31.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.9	2.5
Labour force	1,061.2	<b>1,062.4</b>	4.4	<b>1.2</b>	19.5	28.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.9	2.7
Employment	1,022.3	<b>1,027.6</b>	4.9	<b>5.3</b>	24.0	40.9	<b>0.5</b>	2.4	4.1
Unemployment	38.9	<b>34.8</b>	4.1	<b>-4.1</b>	-4.5	-12.9	<b>-10.5</b>	-11.5	-27.0
Participation rate	81.4	<b>81.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.5	<b>78.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	<b>5.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,264.2	<b>1,267.0</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	26.7	35.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.2	2.8
Labour force	843.6	<b>846.6</b>	5.0	<b>3.0</b>	10.9	13.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	1.6
Employment	809.1	<b>814.0</b>	5.2	<b>4.9</b>	11.5	16.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	2.1
Unemployment	34.5	<b>32.6</b>	3.6	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.6	-3.1	<b>-5.5</b>	-1.8	-8.7
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>64.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	<b>22.3</b>	0.9	<b>1.0</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>2,150.0</b>	<b>2,153.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	631.5	<b>629.7</b>	8.9	<b>-1.8</b>	38.3	62.7	<b>-0.3</b>	6.5	11.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	54.5	<b>58.0</b>	3.1	<b>3.5</b>	2.5	7.3	<b>6.4</b>	4.5	14.4
Utilities	178.0	<b>182.8</b>	4.9	<b>4.8</b>	16.2	40.9	<b>2.7</b>	9.7	28.8
Construction	21.9	<b>21.3</b>	1.7	<b>-0.6</b>	6.7	6.6	<b>-2.7</b>	45.9	44.9
Manufacturing	240.9	<b>231.7</b>	6.4	<b>-9.2</b>	13.5	17.4	<b>-3.8</b>	6.2	8.1
	136.4	<b>135.9</b>	5.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-9.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-6.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	1,518.4	<b>1,524.2</b>	10.7	<b>5.8</b>	-17.6	-19.5	<b>0.4</b>	-1.1	-1.3
Transportation and warehousing	316.6	<b>317.7</b>	7.8	<b>1.1</b>	-17.7	-11.4	<b>0.3</b>	-5.3	-3.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	120.2	<b>115.8</b>	4.5	<b>-4.4</b>	6.7	4.2	<b>-3.7</b>	6.1	3.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	107.2	<b>107.4</b>	3.9	<b>0.2</b>	7.3	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	7.3	0.3
Business, building and other support services	153.5	<b>156.3</b>	5.4	<b>2.8</b>	-7.9	-6.9	<b>1.8</b>	-4.8	-4.2
Educational services	73.4	<b>78.1</b>	3.8	<b>4.7</b>	5.5	3.1	<b>6.4</b>	7.6	4.1
Health care and social assistance	128.7	<b>131.4</b>	4.6	<b>2.7</b>	4.5	2.5	<b>2.1</b>	3.5	1.9
Information, culture and recreation	223.8	<b>228.4</b>	5.8	<b>4.6</b>	-4.8	4.2	<b>2.1</b>	-2.1	1.9
Accommodation and food services	67.6	<b>64.2</b>	4.1	<b>-3.4</b>	-14.3	-19.7	<b>-5.0</b>	-18.2	-23.5
Other services	133.5	<b>131.8</b>	5.5	<b>-1.7</b>	6.1	-0.3	<b>-1.3</b>	4.9	-0.2
Public administration	103.3	<b>107.9</b>	4.8	<b>4.6</b>	-2.2	8.3	<b>4.5</b>	-2.0	8.3
	90.6	<b>85.2</b>	3.6	<b>-5.4</b>	-0.7	-3.9	<b>-6.0</b>	-0.8	-4.4

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.