

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

	September 2012	October 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,087.4	3,095.6	...	8.2	66.8	73.5	0.3	2.2	2.4
Labour force	2,255.6	2,261.9	8.6	6.3	19.1	24.0	0.3	0.9	1.1
Employment	2,156.0	2,161.0	9.1	5.0	27.8	36.5	0.2	1.3	1.7
Employment full-time	1,808.6	1,809.8	11.8	1.2	32.7	43.4	0.1	1.8	2.5
Unemployment	99.6	101.0	6.8	1.4	-8.7	-12.3	1.4	-7.9	-10.9
Participation rate	73.1	73.1	0.3	0.0	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.5	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.8	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.1	16.3	0.5	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	507.7	508.5	...	0.8	1.8	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1
Labour force	337.8	338.2	5.1	0.4	-26.0	-22.3	0.1	-7.1	-6.2
Employment	304.0	306.4	5.1	2.4	-20.7	-19.4	0.8	-6.3	-6.0
Unemployment	33.8	31.8	4.1	-2.0	-5.4	-2.9	-5.9	-14.5	-8.4
Participation rate	66.5	66.5	1.0	0.0	-5.4	-4.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.4	1.1	-0.6	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.3	1.0	0.4	-4.3	-3.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.8	35.3	1.7	0.5	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,309.1	1,313.1	...	4.0	31.3	34.9	0.3	2.4	2.7
Labour force	1,067.0	1,070.7	4.4	3.7	27.8	30.6	0.3	2.7	2.9
Employment	1,033.9	1,033.5	4.9	-0.4	29.9	35.7	0.0	3.0	3.6
Unemployment	33.1	37.2	4.1	4.1	-2.1	-5.0	12.4	-5.3	-11.8
Participation rate	81.5	81.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.5	0.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	79.0	78.7	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	5.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,270.6	1,274.1	...	3.5	33.8	38.0	0.3	2.7	3.1
Labour force	850.8	853.1	5.0	2.3	17.4	15.8	0.3	2.1	1.9
Employment	818.1	821.0	5.2	2.9	18.5	20.1	0.4	2.3	2.5
Unemployment	32.7	32.0	3.6	-0.7	-1.2	-4.4	-2.1	-3.6	-12.1
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.8	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.4	0.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	22.5	0.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,156.0	2,161.0	9.1	5.0	27.8	36.5	0.2	1.3	1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	633.7	629.3	8.9	-4.4	37.9	45.3	-0.7	6.4	7.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	58.4	53.5	3.1	-4.9	-2.0	-3.7	-8.4	-3.6	-6.5
Utilities	179.2	177.2	4.9	-2.0	10.6	16.6	-1.1	6.4	10.3
Construction	23.0	22.3	1.7	-0.7	7.7	9.2	-3.0	52.7	70.2
Manufacturing	233.1	228.0	6.4	-5.1	9.8	17.9	-2.2	4.5	8.5
	140.0	148.3	5.1	8.3	11.9	5.3	5.9	8.7	3.7
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,522.3	1,531.7	10.7	9.4	-10.1	-8.9	0.6	-0.7	-0.6
Transportation and warehousing	313.7	319.5	7.8	5.8	-15.9	-14.9	1.8	-4.7	-4.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	123.9	112.2	4.5	-11.7	3.1	-1.0	-9.4	2.8	-0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	110.3	109.1	3.9	-1.2	9.0	6.6	-1.1	9.0	6.4
Business, building and other support services	155.7	173.1	5.4	17.4	8.9	13.6	11.2	5.4	8.5
Educational services	70.2	69.4	3.8	-0.8	-3.2	-5.1	-1.1	-4.4	-6.8
Health care and social assistance	133.7	132.1	4.6	-1.6	5.2	4.8	-1.2	4.1	3.8
Information, culture and recreation	219.5	222.8	5.8	3.3	-10.4	-8.5	1.5	-4.5	-3.7
Accommodation and food services	66.7	69.3	4.1	2.6	-9.2	-11.2	3.9	-11.7	-13.9
Other services	131.8	130.0	5.5	-1.8	4.3	1.8	-1.4	3.4	1.4
Public administration	107.1	107.2	4.8	0.1	-2.9	3.0	0.1	-2.6	2.9
	89.8	86.9	3.6	-2.9	1.0	1.8	-3.2	1.2	2.1

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.