

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

|                                                                           | February<br>2013 | March<br>2013  | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                           |                  |                |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                                               |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>                                      |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                                                | 3,128.4          | <b>3,135.3</b> | ...               | <b>6.9</b>    | 23.8             | 92.9                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.8              | 3.1                     |
| Labour force                                                              | 2,282.0          | <b>2,277.5</b> | 8.7               | <b>-4.5</b>   | 9.9              | 28.7                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 0.4              | 1.3                     |
| Employment                                                                | 2,179.2          | <b>2,167.9</b> | 8.9               | <b>-11.3</b>  | 2.6              | 36.8                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | 0.1              | 1.7                     |
| Employment full-time                                                      | 1,847.0          | <b>1,843.4</b> | 11.8              | <b>-3.6</b>   | 16.7             | 60.9                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 0.9              | 3.4                     |
| Unemployment                                                              | 102.8            | <b>109.6</b>   | 6.8               | <b>6.8</b>    | 7.3              | -8.1                    | <b>6.6</b>          | 7.1              | -6.9                    |
| Participation rate                                                        | 72.9             | <b>72.6</b>    | 0.3               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.3             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                                         | 4.5              | <b>4.8</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.3              | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                                           | 69.7             | <b>69.1</b>    | 0.3               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.5             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                                            | 15.2             | <b>15.0</b>    | 0.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.7             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>                                         |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                                                | 509.8            | <b>509.8</b>   | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.4              | 4.7                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.1              | 0.9                     |
| Labour force                                                              | 340.3            | <b>345.6</b>   | 5.1               | <b>5.3</b>    | 13.4             | -12.1                   | <b>1.6</b>          | 4.0              | -3.4                    |
| Employment                                                                | 308.3            | <b>314.0</b>   | 5.2               | <b>5.7</b>    | 11.2             | -11.5                   | <b>1.8</b>          | 3.7              | -3.5                    |
| Unemployment                                                              | 32.0             | <b>31.5</b>    | 4.1               | <b>-0.5</b>   | 2.1              | -0.7                    | <b>-1.6</b>         | 7.1              | -2.2                    |
| Participation rate                                                        | 66.8             | <b>67.8</b>    | 1.0               | <b>1.0</b>    | 2.6              | -3.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                                         | 9.4              | <b>9.1</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 0.2              | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                                           | 60.5             | <b>61.6</b>    | 1.0               | <b>1.1</b>    | 2.2              | -2.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                                            | 32.4             | <b>31.1</b>    | 1.7               | <b>-1.3</b>   | -1.3             | -3.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                                             |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                                                | 1,329.4          | <b>1,333.0</b> | ...               | <b>3.6</b>    | 12.2             | 44.2                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 0.9              | 3.4                     |
| Labour force                                                              | 1,078.3          | <b>1,076.6</b> | 4.3               | <b>-1.7</b>   | 2.3              | 27.0                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 0.2              | 2.6                     |
| Employment                                                                | 1,042.1          | <b>1,036.7</b> | 4.7               | <b>-5.4</b>   | -0.2             | 34.3                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | 0.0              | 3.4                     |
| Unemployment                                                              | 36.2             | <b>39.9</b>    | 3.9               | <b>3.7</b>    | 2.5              | -7.3                    | <b>10.2</b>         | 6.7              | -15.5                   |
| Participation rate                                                        | 81.1             | <b>80.8</b>    | 0.3               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.5             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                                         | 3.4              | <b>3.7</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.2              | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                                           | 78.4             | <b>77.8</b>    | 0.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.7             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                                            | 5.1              | <b>5.0</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                                           |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                                                | 1,289.2          | <b>1,292.5</b> | ...               | <b>3.3</b>    | 11.3             | 43.9                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 0.9              | 3.5                     |
| Labour force                                                              | 863.5            | <b>855.3</b>   | 5.2               | <b>-8.2</b>   | -5.8             | 13.8                    | <b>-0.9</b>         | -0.7             | 1.6                     |
| Employment                                                                | 828.8            | <b>817.2</b>   | 5.2               | <b>-11.6</b>  | -8.3             | 14.0                    | <b>-1.4</b>         | -1.0             | 1.7                     |
| Unemployment                                                              | 34.6             | <b>38.1</b>    | 3.8               | <b>3.5</b>    | 2.6              | -0.2                    | <b>10.1</b>         | 7.3              | -0.5                    |
| Participation rate                                                        | 67.0             | <b>66.2</b>    | 0.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -1.0             | -1.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                                         | 4.0              | <b>4.5</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.5</b>    | 0.4              | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                                           | 64.3             | <b>63.2</b>    | 0.4               | <b>-1.1</b>   | -1.2             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                                            | 21.6             | <b>21.4</b>    | 0.9               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -1.0             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                                           |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
|                                                                           | 2,179.2          | <b>2,167.9</b> | 8.9               | <b>-11.3</b>  | 2.6              | 36.8                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | 0.1              | 1.7                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                                             |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
|                                                                           | 615.5            | <b>610.0</b>   | 9.2               | <b>-5.5</b>   | -11.9            | 0.1                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | -1.9             | 0.0                     |
| Agriculture                                                               | 60.8             | <b>63.5</b>    | 3.1               | <b>2.7</b>    | 1.9              | 9.9                     | <b>4.4</b>          | 3.1              | 18.5                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup> | 162.6            | <b>166.9</b>   | 5.2               | <b>4.3</b>    | 1.9              | -10.3                   | <b>2.6</b>          | 1.2              | -5.8                    |
| Utilities                                                                 | 19.9             | <b>15.3</b>    | 1.9               | <b>-4.6</b>   | -7.5             | -5.3                    | <b>-23.1</b>        | -32.9            | -25.7                   |
| Construction                                                              | 228.2            | <b>223.6</b>   | 6.6               | <b>-4.6</b>   | 1.1              | -4.1                    | <b>-2.0</b>         | 0.5              | -1.8                    |
| Manufacturing                                                             | 143.9            | <b>140.7</b>   | 5.2               | <b>-3.2</b>   | -9.3             | 9.9                     | <b>-2.2</b>         | -6.2             | 7.6                     |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                                          |                  |                |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
|                                                                           | 1,563.7          | <b>1,557.9</b> | 10.9              | <b>-5.8</b>   | 14.5             | 36.7                    | <b>-0.4</b>         | 0.9              | 2.4                     |
| Trade                                                                     | 323.8            | <b>321.5</b>   | 7.7               | <b>-2.3</b>   | -3.8             | -6.8                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | -1.2             | -2.1                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                                            | 118.4            | <b>122.6</b>   | 4.9               | <b>4.2</b>    | -3.4             | 11.1                    | <b>3.5</b>          | -2.7             | 10.0                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing                               | 121.3            | <b>115.1</b>   | 4.1               | <b>-6.2</b>   | 6.7              | 16.9                    | <b>-5.1</b>         | 6.2              | 17.2                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services                           | 165.5            | <b>169.7</b>   | 5.4               | <b>4.2</b>    | 11.1             | 11.6                    | <b>2.5</b>          | 7.0              | 7.3                     |
| Business, building and other support services                             | 74.4             | <b>71.3</b>    | 3.9               | <b>-3.1</b>   | -0.9             | -3.2                    | <b>-4.2</b>         | -1.2             | -4.3                    |
| Educational services                                                      | 128.4            | <b>133.3</b>   | 4.7               | <b>4.9</b>    | 7.7              | 9.8                     | <b>3.8</b>          | 6.1              | 7.9                     |
| Health care and social assistance                                         | 231.3            | <b>237.1</b>   | 5.9               | <b>5.8</b>    | 6.3              | 7.4                     | <b>2.5</b>          | 2.7              | 3.2                     |
| Information, culture and recreation                                       | 75.4             | <b>75.2</b>    | 4.1               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 3.2              | -0.2                    | <b>-0.3</b>         | 4.4              | -0.3                    |
| Accommodation and food services                                           | 130.7            | <b>119.1</b>   | 5.6               | <b>-11.6</b>  | -13.0            | -10.5                   | <b>-8.9</b>         | -9.8             | -8.1                    |
| Other services                                                            | 109.6            | <b>108.2</b>   | 4.7               | <b>-1.4</b>   | 6.4              | 4.0                     | <b>-1.3</b>         | 6.3              | 3.8                     |
| Public administration                                                     | 84.8             | <b>84.8</b>    | 3.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | -5.9             | -3.4                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -6.5             | -3.9                    |

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.