

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

	December 2015	January 2016	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	3,379.0	3,381.7	...	2.7	2.7	58.7	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	2,457.1	2,457.8	9.8	0.7	0.7	34.2	0.0	0.0	1.4
Employment	2,286.1	2,276.1	9.8	-10.0	-10.0	-35.0	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5
Employment full-time	1,880.9	1,859.0	14.1	-21.9	-21.9	-73.0	-1.2	-1.2	-3.8
Unemployment	171.0	181.7	8.1	10.7	10.7	69.2	6.3	6.3	61.5
Participation rate	72.7	72.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	18.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	520.9	520.0	...	-0.9	-0.9	-4.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
Labour force	348.0	348.7	5.5	0.7	0.7	-8.1	0.2	0.2	-2.3
Employment	309.4	306.5	5.3	-2.9	-2.9	-22.0	-0.9	-0.9	-6.7
Unemployment	38.6	42.2	4.6	3.6	3.6	13.9	9.3	9.3	49.1
Participation rate	66.8	67.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	12.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	4.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	58.9	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	-3.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.6	41.1	2.0	-1.4	-1.4	6.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,445.7	1,447.3	...	1.6	1.6	31.9	0.1	0.1	2.3
Labour force	1,164.9	1,161.6	5.2	-3.3	-3.3	18.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.6
Employment	1,083.6	1,075.7	5.9	-7.9	-7.9	-21.3	-0.7	-0.7	-1.9
Unemployment	81.3	85.9	5.0	4.6	4.6	40.0	5.7	5.7	87.1
Participation rate	80.6	80.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	75.0	74.3	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-3.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	7.7	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,412.3	1,414.5	...	2.2	2.2	31.5	0.2	0.2	2.3
Labour force	944.2	947.5	5.7	3.3	3.3	23.6	0.3	0.3	2.6
Employment	893.1	894.0	6.0	0.9	0.9	8.3	0.1	0.1	0.9
Unemployment	51.1	53.5	4.2	2.4	2.4	15.2	4.7	4.7	39.7
Participation rate	66.9	67.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	63.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.3	23.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Industry	2,286.1	2,276.1	9.8	-10.0	-10.0	-35.0	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	623.1	607.6	6.8	-15.5	-15.5	-57.4	-2.5	-2.5	-8.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	58.0	50.2	2.8	-7.8	-7.8	-13.8	-13.4	-13.4	-21.6
Utilities	151.8	155.8	3.4	4.0	4.0	-15.1	2.6	2.6	-8.8
Construction	19.4	20.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	6.2	6.2	6.7
Manufacturing	256.2	255.1	4.8	-1.1	-1.1	-6.2	-0.4	-0.4	-2.4
	137.7	125.9	3.2	-11.8	-11.8	-23.6	-8.6	-8.6	-15.8
Services-producing sector									
Wholesale and retail trade	1,663.0	1,668.5	9.2	5.5	5.5	22.4	0.3	0.3	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	323.9	324.1	5.0	0.2	0.2	13.0	0.1	0.1	4.2
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	127.5	129.0	3.1	1.5	1.5	-18.0	1.2	1.2	-12.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	102.0	103.6	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Business, building and other support services	180.1	175.6	3.5	-4.5	-4.5	0.2	-2.5	-2.5	0.1
Educational services	82.3	78.4	3.1	-3.9	-3.9	-3.4	-4.7	-4.7	-4.2
Health care and social assistance	148.1	148.8	3.3	0.7	0.7	21.9	0.5	0.5	17.3
Information, culture and recreation	268.1	273.3	3.7	5.2	5.2	16.6	1.9	1.9	6.5
Accommodation and food services	83.0	80.1	3.2	-2.9	-2.9	6.4	-3.5	-3.5	8.7
Other services (except public administration)	140.8	138.0	3.9	-2.8	-2.8	-19.5	-2.0	-2.0	-12.4
Public administration	110.3	120.5	3.0	10.2	10.2	-6.3	9.2	9.2	-5.0
	96.8	97.2	2.2	0.4	0.4	10.0	0.4	0.4	11.5

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.