

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

	January 2016	February 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	3,381.7	3,385.6	...	3.9	6.6	57.8	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	2,457.8	2,471.9	9.8	14.1	14.8	41.5	0.6	0.6	1.7
Employment	2,276.1	2,277.5	9.8	1.4	-8.6	-21.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Employment full-time	1,859.0	1,869.0	14.1	10.0	-11.9	-56.3	0.5	-0.6	-2.9
Unemployment	181.7	194.3	8.1	12.6	23.3	62.6	6.9	13.6	47.5
Participation rate	72.7	73.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.9	0.3	0.5	0.9	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.3	0.3	0.0	-0.4	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	17.9	0.6	-0.4	0.2	1.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	520.0	519.2	...	-0.8	-1.7	-4.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.9
Labour force	348.7	350.4	5.5	1.7	2.4	-5.5	0.5	0.7	-1.5
Employment	306.5	308.3	5.3	1.8	-1.1	-11.2	0.6	-0.4	-3.5
Unemployment	42.2	42.1	4.6	-0.1	3.5	5.7	-0.2	9.1	15.7
Participation rate	67.1	67.5	1.1	0.4	0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.1	12.0	1.2	-0.1	0.9	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.4	1.0	0.5	0.0	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.1	39.1	2.0	-2.0	-3.4	3.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,447.3	1,449.4	...	2.1	3.7	31.1	0.1	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,161.6	1,162.8	5.2	1.2	-2.1	15.5	0.1	-0.2	1.4
Employment	1,075.7	1,076.9	5.9	1.2	-6.7	-16.7	0.1	-0.6	-1.5
Unemployment	85.9	85.9	5.0	0.0	4.6	32.3	0.0	5.7	60.3
Participation rate	80.3	80.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.3	74.3	0.4	0.0	-0.7	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	7.8	0.5	0.1	1.0	1.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,414.5	1,417.0	...	2.5	4.7	31.3	0.2	0.3	2.3
Labour force	947.5	958.6	5.7	11.1	14.4	31.4	1.2	1.5	3.4
Employment	894.0	892.3	6.0	-1.7	-0.8	6.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.8
Unemployment	53.5	66.3	4.2	12.8	15.2	24.6	23.9	29.7	59.0
Participation rate	67.0	67.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.9	0.4	1.3	1.5	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	63.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	22.8	1.0	-0.4	0.5	1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	2,276.1	2,277.5	9.8	1.4	-8.6	-21.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Agriculture	607.6	606.9	6.8	-0.7	-16.2	-56.0	-0.1	-2.6	-8.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	50.2	52.3	2.8	2.1	-5.7	-15.9	4.2	-9.8	-23.3
Utilities	155.8	148.4	3.4	-7.4	-3.4	-15.2	-4.7	-2.2	-9.3
Manufacturing	20.6	21.0	1.1	0.4	1.6	1.4	1.9	8.2	7.1
Construction	255.1	259.8	4.8	4.7	3.6	-8.9	1.8	1.4	-3.3
Manufacturing	125.9	125.4	3.2	-0.5	-12.3	-17.3	-0.4	-8.9	-12.1
Services-producing sector	1,668.5	1,670.6	9.2	2.1	7.6	34.8	0.1	0.5	2.1
Wholesale and retail trade	324.1	324.5	5.0	0.4	0.6	22.7	0.1	0.2	7.5
Transportation and warehousing	129.0	128.1	3.1	-0.9	0.6	-18.3	-0.7	0.5	-12.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	103.6	106.4	2.4	2.8	4.4	5.6	2.7	4.3	5.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	175.6	182.6	3.5	7.0	2.5	11.0	4.0	1.4	6.4
Business, building and other support services	78.4	79.4	3.1	1.0	-2.9	-1.4	1.3	-3.5	-1.7
Educational services	148.8	147.4	3.3	-1.4	-0.7	16.1	-0.9	-0.5	12.3
Health care and social assistance	273.3	271.0	3.7	-2.3	2.9	9.0	-0.8	1.1	3.4
Information, culture and recreation	80.1	81.1	3.2	1.0	-1.9	9.4	1.2	-2.3	13.1
Accommodation and food services	138.0	135.7	3.9	-2.3	-5.1	-21.6	-1.7	-3.6	-13.7
Other services (except public administration)	120.5	119.0	3.0	-1.5	8.7	-5.1	-1.2	7.9	-4.1
Public administration	97.2	95.2	2.2	-2.0	-1.6	7.3	-2.1	-1.7	8.3

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.