

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

	February 2016	March 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	3,385.6	3,389.6	...	4.0	10.6	57.0	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	2,471.9	2,471.1	9.8	-0.8	14.0	32.2	0.0	0.6	1.3
Employment	2,277.5	2,296.4	9.8	18.9	10.3	-5.6	0.8	0.5	-0.2
Employment full-time	1,869.0	1,883.5	14.1	14.5	2.6	-24.7	0.8	0.1	-1.3
Unemployment	194.3	174.7	8.1	-19.6	3.7	37.9	-10.1	2.2	27.7
Participation rate	73.0	72.9	0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.1	0.3	-0.8	0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.7	0.3	0.4	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	18.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	519.2	518.7	...	-0.5	-2.2	-4.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Labour force	350.4	355.2	5.5	4.8	7.2	-5.2	1.4	2.1	-1.4
Employment	308.3	316.3	5.3	8.0	6.9	-6.8	2.6	2.2	-2.1
Unemployment	42.1	38.9	4.6	-3.2	0.3	1.6	-7.6	0.8	4.3
Participation rate	67.5	68.5	1.1	1.0	1.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	11.0	1.2	-1.0	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	61.0	1.0	1.6	1.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.1	40.2	2.0	1.1	-2.3	3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,449.4	1,451.5	...	2.1	5.8	30.6	0.1	0.4	2.2
Labour force	1,162.8	1,161.6	5.2	-1.2	-3.3	10.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.9
Employment	1,076.9	1,081.6	5.9	4.7	-2.0	-14.3	0.4	-0.2	-1.3
Unemployment	85.9	80.0	5.0	-5.9	-1.3	25.1	-6.9	-1.6	45.7
Participation rate	80.2	80.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.3	74.5	0.4	0.2	-0.5	-2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	7.1	0.5	-0.8	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,417.0	1,419.4	...	2.4	7.1	31.0	0.2	0.5	2.2
Labour force	958.6	954.3	5.7	-4.3	10.1	26.7	-0.4	1.1	2.9
Employment	892.3	898.5	6.0	6.2	5.4	15.4	0.7	0.6	1.7
Unemployment	66.3	55.8	4.2	-10.5	4.7	11.2	-15.8	9.2	25.1
Participation rate	67.6	67.2	0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	5.8	0.4	-1.1	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.8	23.3	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.3	...	...	...
Industry	2,277.5	2,296.4	9.8	18.9	10.3	-5.6	0.8	0.5	-0.2
Goods-producing sector	606.9	601.6	6.8	-5.3	-21.5	-50.2	-0.9	-3.5	-7.7
Agriculture	52.3	48.6	2.8	-3.7	-9.4	-15.6	-7.1	-16.2	-24.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	148.4	149.2	3.4	0.8	-2.6	-17.4	0.5	-1.7	-10.4
Utilities	21.0	21.9	1.1	0.9	2.5	2.2	4.3	12.9	11.2
Construction	259.8	264.3	4.8	4.5	8.1	4.0	1.7	3.2	1.5
Manufacturing	125.4	117.5	3.2	-7.9	-20.2	-23.5	-6.3	-14.7	-16.7
Services-producing sector	1,670.6	1,694.8	9.2	24.2	31.8	44.6	1.4	1.9	2.7
Wholesale and retail trade	324.5	338.9	5.0	14.4	15.0	28.6	4.4	4.6	9.2
Transportation and warehousing	128.1	131.6	3.1	3.5	4.1	-16.4	2.7	3.2	-11.1
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	106.4	114.0	2.4	7.6	12.0	9.3	7.1	11.8	8.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	182.6	184.1	3.5	1.5	4.0	14.5	0.8	2.2	8.5
Business, building and other support services	79.4	78.3	3.1	-1.1	-4.0	-4.9	-1.4	-4.9	-5.9
Educational services	147.4	145.8	3.3	-1.6	-2.3	11.4	-1.1	-1.6	8.5
Health care and social assistance	271.0	270.3	3.7	-0.7	2.2	6.7	-0.3	0.8	2.5
Information, culture and recreation	81.1	77.4	3.2	-3.7	-5.6	7.4	-4.6	-6.7	10.6
Accommodation and food services	135.7	138.6	3.9	2.9	-2.2	-17.3	2.1	-1.6	-11.1
Other services (except public administration)	119.0	122.1	3.0	3.1	11.8	3.3	2.6	10.7	2.8
Public administration	95.2	93.7	2.2	-1.5	-3.1	2.2	-1.6	-3.2	2.4

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