

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

	March 2016	April 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	3,389.6	3,392.4	...	2.8	13.4	53.9	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	2,471.1	2,452.3	9.8	-18.8	-4.8	2.0	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Employment	2,296.4	2,275.6	9.8	-20.8	-10.5	-37.4	-0.9	-0.5	-1.6
Employment full-time	1,883.5	1,872.6	14.1	-10.9	-8.3	-31.0	-0.6	-0.4	-1.6
Unemployment	174.7	176.6	8.1	1.9	5.6	39.3	1.1	3.3	28.6
Participation rate	72.9	72.3	0.3	-0.6	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	17.7	0.6	-0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	518.7	518.0	...	-0.7	-2.9	-5.1	-0.1	-0.6	-1.0
Labour force	355.2	350.1	5.5	-5.1	2.1	-14.9	-1.4	0.6	-4.1
Employment	316.3	311.0	5.3	-5.3	1.6	-16.0	-1.7	0.5	-4.9
Unemployment	38.9	39.1	4.6	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.3	2.6
Participation rate	68.5	67.6	1.1	-0.9	0.8	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	11.2	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	60.0	1.0	-1.0	0.6	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.2	38.0	2.0	-2.3	-4.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,451.5	1,453.2	...	1.7	7.5	29.1	0.1	0.5	2.0
Labour force	1,161.6	1,159.5	5.2	-2.1	-5.4	4.9	-0.2	-0.5	0.4
Employment	1,081.6	1,080.7	5.9	-0.9	-2.9	-17.6	-0.1	-0.3	-1.6
Unemployment	80.0	78.8	5.0	-1.2	-2.5	22.5	-1.5	-3.1	40.0
Participation rate	80.0	79.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.5	74.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.9	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,419.4	1,421.2	...	1.8	8.9	29.9	0.1	0.6	2.1
Labour force	954.3	942.7	5.7	-11.6	-1.5	12.0	-1.2	-0.2	1.3
Employment	898.5	884.0	6.0	-14.5	-9.1	-3.7	-1.6	-1.0	-0.4
Unemployment	55.8	58.7	4.2	2.9	7.6	15.8	5.2	14.9	36.8
Participation rate	67.2	66.3	0.4	-0.9	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	62.2	0.4	-1.1	-1.0	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.3	22.5	1.0	-0.7	0.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,296.4	2,275.6	9.8	-20.8	-10.5	-37.4	-0.9	-0.5	-1.6
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	601.6	590.3	6.8	-11.3	-32.8	-57.2	-1.9	-5.3	-8.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	48.6	49.8	2.8	1.2	-8.2	-15.7	2.5	-14.1	-24.0
Utilities	149.2	140.8	3.4	-8.4	-11.0	-22.2	-5.6	-7.2	-13.6
Construction	21.9	21.5	1.1	-0.4	2.1	-0.8	-1.8	10.8	-3.6
Manufacturing	264.3	263.7	4.8	-0.6	7.5	6.3	-0.2	2.9	2.4
	117.5	114.5	3.2	-3.0	-23.2	-24.7	-2.6	-16.8	-17.7
Services-producing sector									
	1,694.8	1,685.3	9.2	-9.5	22.3	19.9	-0.6	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and retail trade	338.9	332.1	5.0	-6.8	8.2	17.3	-2.0	2.5	5.5
Transportation and warehousing	131.6	130.7	3.1	-0.9	3.2	-16.4	-0.7	2.5	-11.1
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	114.0	108.9	2.4	-5.1	6.9	6.4	-4.5	6.8	6.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	184.1	182.9	3.5	-1.2	2.8	8.0	-0.7	1.6	4.6
Business, building and other support services	78.3	80.4	3.1	2.1	-1.9	-1.6	2.7	-2.3	-2.0
Educational services	145.8	146.5	3.3	0.7	-1.6	10.4	0.5	-1.1	7.6
Health care and social assistance	270.3	269.2	3.7	-1.1	1.1	5.7	-0.4	0.4	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	77.4	78.5	3.2	1.1	-4.5	6.0	1.4	-5.4	8.3
Accommodation and food services	138.6	141.0	3.9	2.4	0.2	-12.5	1.7	0.1	-8.1
Other services (except public administration)	122.1	119.4	3.0	-2.7	9.1	-3.1	-2.2	8.3	-2.5
Public administration	93.7	95.7	2.2	2.0	-1.1	-0.3	2.1	-1.1	-0.3

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.