

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

	April 2016	May 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	3,392.4	3,396.4	...	4.0	17.4	51.0	0.1	0.5	1.5
Labour force	2,452.3	2,443.0	9.8	-9.3	-14.1	-6.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2
Employment	2,275.6	2,251.5	9.8	-24.1	-34.6	-53.8	-1.1	-1.5	-2.3
Employment full-time	1,872.6	1,832.5	14.1	-40.1	-48.4	-88.5	-2.1	-2.6	-4.6
Unemployment	176.6	191.4	8.1	14.8	20.4	47.7	8.4	11.9	33.2
Participation rate	72.3	71.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.8	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	66.3	0.3	-0.8	-1.4	-2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	18.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	518.0	517.3	...	-0.7	-3.6	-6.1	-0.1	-0.7	-1.2
Labour force	350.1	335.6	5.5	-14.5	-12.4	-31.6	-4.1	-3.6	-8.6
Employment	311.0	293.7	5.3	-17.3	-15.7	-33.5	-5.6	-5.1	-10.2
Unemployment	39.1	41.9	4.6	2.8	3.3	1.9	7.2	8.5	4.8
Participation rate	67.6	64.9	1.1	-2.7	-1.9	-5.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	12.5	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	56.8	1.0	-3.2	-2.6	-5.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.0	42.7	2.0	4.8	0.2	6.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,453.2	1,455.4	...	2.2	9.7	27.8	0.2	0.7	1.9
Labour force	1,159.5	1,167.0	5.2	7.5	2.1	11.3	0.6	0.2	1.0
Employment	1,080.7	1,077.0	5.9	-3.7	-6.6	-18.2	-0.3	-0.6	-1.7
Unemployment	78.8	90.0	5.0	11.2	8.7	29.4	14.2	10.7	48.5
Participation rate	79.8	80.2	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.7	0.4	0.9	0.7	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.4	74.0	0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	7.6	0.5	-0.3	0.7	2.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,421.2	1,423.7	...	2.5	11.4	29.3	0.2	0.8	2.1
Labour force	942.7	940.3	5.7	-2.4	-3.9	14.2	-0.3	-0.4	1.5
Employment	884.0	880.8	6.0	-3.2	-12.3	-2.2	-0.4	-1.4	-0.2
Unemployment	58.7	59.6	4.2	0.9	8.5	16.5	1.5	16.6	38.3
Participation rate	66.3	66.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.4	0.1	0.9	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.9	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.5	24.1	1.0	1.5	1.8	0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,275.6	2,251.5	9.8	-24.1	-34.6	-53.8	-1.1	-1.5	-2.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	590.3	570.2	6.8	-20.1	-52.9	-76.2	-3.4	-8.5	-11.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	49.8	49.5	2.8	-0.3	-8.5	-15.6	-0.6	-14.7	-24.0
Utilities	140.8	129.3	3.4	-11.5	-22.5	-30.9	-8.2	-14.8	-19.3
Construction	21.5	20.8	1.1	-0.7	1.4	-0.1	-3.3	7.2	-0.5
Manufacturing	263.7	256.3	4.8	-7.4	0.1	-4.7	-2.8	0.0	-1.8
	114.5	114.4	3.2	-0.1	-23.3	-24.7	-0.1	-16.9	-17.8
Services-producing sector									
	1,685.3	1,681.3	9.2	-4.0	18.3	22.3	-0.2	1.1	1.3
Wholesale and retail trade	332.1	331.7	5.0	-0.4	7.8	14.7	-0.1	2.4	4.6
Transportation and warehousing	130.7	130.4	3.1	-0.3	2.9	-11.0	-0.2	2.3	-7.8
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	108.9	108.1	2.4	-0.8	6.1	3.0	-0.7	6.0	2.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	182.9	177.7	3.5	-5.2	-2.4	8.8	-2.8	-1.3	5.2
Business, building and other support services	80.4	83.2	3.1	2.8	0.9	3.4	3.5	1.1	4.3
Educational services	146.5	148.7	3.3	2.2	0.6	10.9	1.5	0.4	7.9
Health care and social assistance	269.2	263.2	3.7	-6.0	-4.9	-2.1	-2.2	-1.8	-0.8
Information, culture and recreation	78.5	78.4	3.2	-0.1	-4.6	4.3	-0.1	-5.5	5.8
Accommodation and food services	141.0	141.1	3.9	0.1	0.3	-15.6	0.1	0.2	-10.0
Other services (except public administration)	119.4	123.7	3.0	4.3	13.4	2.4	3.6	12.1	2.0
Public administration	95.7	95.1	2.2	-0.6	-1.7	3.5	-0.6	-1.8	3.8

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.