

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

	December 2016	January 2017	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	3,409.6	3,411.4	...	1.8	1.8	29.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	2,479.2	2,487.8	9.4	8.6	8.6	33.2	0.3	0.3	1.4
Employment	2,267.4	2,267.6	10.1	0.2	0.2	-3.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Employment full-time	1,846.1	1,821.8	13.7	-24.3	-24.3	-30.7	-1.3	-1.3	-1.7
Unemployment	211.9	220.1	8.8	8.2	8.2	36.2	3.9	3.9	19.7
Participation rate	72.7	72.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	19.7	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	512.8	511.8	...	-1.0	-1.0	-8.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.6
Labour force	347.4	353.4	5.4	6.0	6.0	5.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Employment	303.7	305.7	5.3	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.3
Unemployment	43.6	47.7	4.9	4.1	4.1	5.0	9.4	9.4	11.7
Participation rate	67.7	69.1	1.1	1.4	1.4	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	13.5	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.7	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.7	45.8	2.0	4.1	4.1	4.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,463.0	1,464.1	...	1.1	1.1	16.8	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	1,179.9	1,180.2	5.1	0.3	0.3	19.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Employment	1,078.1	1,075.0	6.0	-3.1	-3.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.1
Unemployment	101.8	105.2	5.5	3.4	3.4	18.4	3.3	3.3	21.2
Participation rate	80.6	80.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.7	73.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	8.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,433.8	1,435.6	...	1.8	1.8	21.1	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	952.0	954.1	5.7	2.1	2.1	8.3	0.2	0.2	0.9
Employment	885.5	886.9	5.8	1.4	1.4	-4.6	0.2	0.2	-0.5
Unemployment	66.5	67.2	4.7	0.7	0.7	12.9	1.1	1.1	23.8
Participation rate	66.4	66.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	24.0	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,267.4	2,267.6	10.1	0.2	0.2	-3.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	570.3	559.0	6.5	-11.3	-11.3	-47.4	-2.0	-2.0	-7.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	51.4	50.5	2.4	-0.9	-0.9	0.2	-1.8	-1.8	0.4
Utilities	140.6	141.0	3.4	0.4	0.4	-13.4	0.3	0.3	-8.7
Construction	21.1	19.7	1.0	-1.4	-1.4	-0.7	-6.6	-6.6	-3.4
Manufacturing	247.5	242.1	4.8	-5.4	-5.4	-12.9	-2.2	-2.2	-5.1
	109.6	105.7	2.8	-3.9	-3.9	-20.6	-3.6	-3.6	-16.3
Services-producing sector									
	1,697.1	1,708.7	9.1	11.6	11.6	44.3	0.7	0.7	2.7
Wholesale and retail trade	325.3	331.3	4.8	6.0	6.0	7.2	1.8	1.8	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	134.0	138.4	2.9	4.4	4.4	8.9	3.3	3.3	6.9
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	101.8	100.7	2.5	-1.1	-1.1	-3.2	-1.1	-1.1	-3.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	182.0	183.2	3.7	1.2	1.2	8.7	0.7	0.7	5.0
Business, building and other support services	77.7	80.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	1.7	3.2	3.2	2.2
Educational services	152.4	155.3	3.5	2.9	2.9	7.3	1.9	1.9	4.9
Health care and social assistance	276.7	278.2	3.5	1.5	1.5	6.9	0.5	0.5	2.5
Information, culture and recreation	72.9	72.1	3.2	-0.8	-0.8	-7.6	-1.1	-1.1	-9.5
Accommodation and food services	147.0	143.8	3.9	-3.2	-3.2	6.0	-2.2	-2.2	4.4
Other services (except public administration)	124.9	123.6	3.1	-1.3	-1.3	3.3	-1.0	-1.0	2.7
Public administration	102.5	101.9	2.3	-0.6	-0.6	5.1	-0.6	-0.6	5.3

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.