

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

	January 2017	February 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	3,411.4	3,414.2	...	2.8	4.6	28.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	2,487.8	2,473.7	9.4	-14.1	-5.5	5.6	-0.6	-0.2	0.2
Employment	2,267.6	2,268.9	10.1	1.3	1.5	-5.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2
Employment full-time	1,821.8	1,841.1	13.7	19.3	-5.0	-23.1	1.1	-0.3	-1.2
Unemployment	220.1	204.8	8.8	-15.3	-7.1	10.9	-7.0	-3.4	5.6
Participation rate	72.9	72.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	18.9	0.5	-0.8	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	511.8	511.2	...	-0.6	-1.6	-8.0	-0.1	-0.3	-1.5
Labour force	353.4	342.9	5.4	-10.5	-4.5	-6.9	-3.0	-1.3	-2.0
Employment	305.7	297.0	5.3	-8.7	-6.7	-10.3	-2.8	-2.2	-3.4
Unemployment	47.7	45.9	4.9	-1.8	2.3	3.4	-3.8	5.3	8.0
Participation rate	69.1	67.1	1.1	-2.0	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.5	13.4	1.3	-0.1	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	58.1	1.0	-1.6	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.8	43.5	2.0	-2.3	1.8	4.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,464.1	1,465.5	...	1.4	2.5	16.1	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,180.2	1,175.2	5.1	-5.0	-4.7	13.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.1
Employment	1,075.0	1,080.6	6.0	5.6	2.5	4.1	0.5	0.2	0.4
Unemployment	105.2	94.6	5.5	-10.6	-7.2	9.1	-10.1	-7.1	10.6
Participation rate	80.6	80.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.0	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.4	73.7	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.7	8.7	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,435.6	1,437.5	...	1.9	3.7	20.5	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	954.1	955.6	5.7	1.5	3.6	-0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.1
Employment	886.9	891.4	5.8	4.5	5.9	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.1
Unemployment	67.2	64.2	4.7	-3.0	-2.3	-1.8	-4.5	-3.5	-2.7
Participation rate	66.5	66.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	62.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.0	22.9	0.9	-1.0	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,267.6	2,268.9	10.1	1.3	1.5	-5.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	559.0	562.4	6.5	3.4	-7.9	-39.1	0.6	-1.4	-6.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	50.5	49.9	2.4	-0.6	-1.5	-1.5	-1.2	-2.9	-2.9
Utilities	141.0	142.3	3.4	1.3	1.7	-4.6	0.9	1.2	-3.1
Construction	19.7	20.2	1.0	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	2.5	-4.3	-2.9
Manufacturing	242.1	241.4	4.8	-0.7	-6.1	-16.9	-0.3	-2.5	-6.5
	105.7	108.6	2.8	2.9	-1.0	-15.6	2.7	-0.9	-12.6
Services-producing sector									
Wholesale and retail trade	1,708.7	1,706.5	9.1	-2.2	9.4	33.8	-0.1	0.6	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	331.3	328.7	4.8	-2.6	3.4	2.7	-0.8	1.0	0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	138.4	140.7	2.9	2.3	6.7	11.7	1.7	5.0	9.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	100.7	103.4	2.5	2.7	1.6	-4.0	2.7	1.6	-3.7
Business, building and other support services	183.2	182.5	3.7	-0.7	0.5	0.3	-0.4	0.3	0.2
Educational services	80.2	76.7	2.9	-3.5	-1.0	-3.0	-4.4	-1.3	-3.8
Health care and social assistance	155.3	156.9	3.5	1.6	4.5	9.5	1.0	3.0	6.4
Information, culture and recreation	278.2	274.9	3.5	-3.3	-1.8	5.0	-1.2	-0.7	1.9
Accommodation and food services	72.1	76.3	3.2	4.2	3.4	-4.3	5.8	4.7	-5.3
Other services (except public administration)	143.8	144.9	3.9	1.1	-2.1	8.8	0.8	-1.4	6.5
Public administration	123.6	120.7	3.1	-2.9	-4.2	1.4	-2.3	-3.4	1.2
	101.9	100.7	2.3	-1.2	-1.8	5.5	-1.2	-1.8	5.8

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.