

Labour Force Statistics August 2011

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in August 2011, up 0.1 percentage points from July 2011 and down 0.8 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the third lowest in the country behind Saskatchewan's 4.5% and Manitoba's 5.4%. The national rate was 7.3%, unchanged from the month before.
- The labour force increased by 9,500 from the previous month and employment increased by 6,300 during the same period, the largest increase among all the provinces.
- Year-over-year, Alberta's employment increased by 4.3% or 86,900, more than triple the national growth rate of 1.3%. With this increase, Alberta has now accounted for 38.6% of Canada's employment growth.
- Employment increased by 1,300 for women aged 25 and older and decreased by 800 for men aged 25 and older in August compared to July 2011.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in August from the previous month: Agriculture 5,500; Public Administration, 5,300; and Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing, 3,900.

Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for August 2011 may be found at <http://employment.alberta.ca/BI/67.html>

