

Labour Force Statistics December 2011

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in December 2011, down 0.1 percentage points from November 2011 and down 0.7 percentage points from the same month last year. This rate was the lowest in the country. The national rate was 7.5%, unchanged from the month before.
- Between December 2010 and December 2011, employment grew by 4.9% in Alberta. For the same period, Alberta's employment increased by 99,300 people, 52.3% of Canada's overall employment growth. Full-time employment increased by 100,400 and part-time employment decreased by 1,200.
- Alberta leads the country in having the highest employment rate, 70.4%. The national employment rate was 61.7%.
- The overall employment gains for the year 2011 was 77,500 or 3.8% growth rate, higher than 2010 when employment decreased by 0.4% or 8,600 people.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in December from the previous month: Trade, 8,100; Construction, 4,000; and Health Care and Social Assistance, 2,800.

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

