

Labour Force Statistics May 2011

Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in May 2011, down 0.5 percentage points from April 2011. This rate was the third lowest in the country behind Saskatchewan's 5.0% and Manitoba's 5.4%. The national average was 7.4%, down 0.2 percentage points from the month before.
- The labour force decreased by 6,500 and employment increased by 5,200 from the previous month.
- Full-time employment increased by 11,400 while part-time employment decreased by 6,200 from April to May 2011.
- Year-over-year, Alberta's employment increased by 2.7% or 53,500, the fastest growth rate in the country. The national growth rate was 1.6%.
- The unemployment rate of students aged 15 to 24 was 15.2% in May 2011, down 4.0 percentage points from May 2010.
- The following industries had the most employment increases in May from the previous month: Construction, 7,100; Information, Culture and Recreation, 6,000; and Health Care and Social Assistance, 5,800.
- Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for May 2011 may be found at <http://employment.alberta.ca/BI/67.html>

