

Labour Force Statistics

May 2025

ALBERTA LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS

	May 2025	Change from Previous Month	Change from Previous Year	Year-to-Date Change
Employment	2,564,100	-1,700	+67,800	-8,600
Full Time Employment	2,096,900	-1,800	+79,200	-23,500
Part Time Employment	467,200	+100	-11,400	+14,900
Unemployment Rate (UR)	7.4%	+0.3*	+0.1*	+0.7*
Edmonton UR Three-Month Moving Average	7.3%	0.0*	+0.3*	-0.2*
Calgary UR Three-Month Moving Average	7.8%	+0.4*	-0.4*	-0.3*
Labour Force	2,768,400	+7,400	+75,600	+9,900
Unemployment	204,300	+9,100	+7,800	+18,500
Participation Rate	68.5%	0.0*	-0.7*	-0.6*
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,383.49	+1.0%	+0.3%	+0.6%

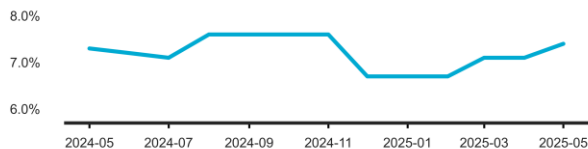
Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey.

* Change in percentage points.

Alberta Highlights

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.4 per cent in May 2025, up 0.3 percentage points from the previous month and up 0.1 percentage points from the same month last year (Chart 1).

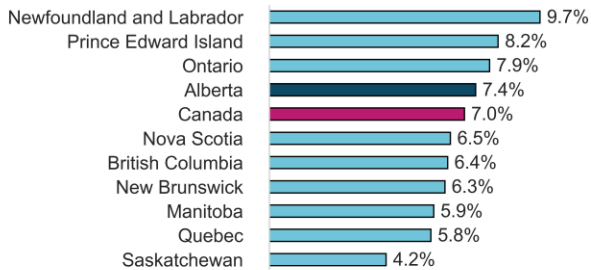
Chart 1 Alberta Unemployment Rate



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

- Alberta's unemployment rate was the fourth highest in Canada. The national unemployment rate at 7.0 per cent was 0.1 percentage points higher than the previous month (Chart 2).

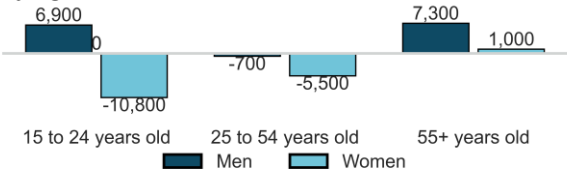
Chart 2 Unemployment Rates by Province



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

- In May 2025, the labour force increased by 7,400 to 2,768,400. The number of labour force participants increased among 25 to 54 year olds (+11,800) and people aged 55 years and over (+400) and decreased for 15 to 24 year olds (-4,800).
- Month-over-month, employment decreased by 1,700. Employment grew for people aged 55 years and over and fell among 15 to 24 year olds and 25 to 54 year olds.

Chart 3 Monthly Change in Employment by Age and Gender



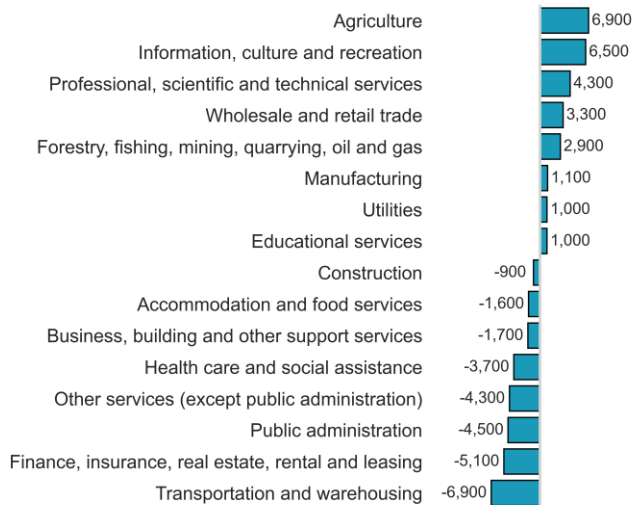
Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

- Month-over-month, employment increased in the private sector (+12,200) and decreased in the public sector (-10,700) and among the self-employed (-3,200). On a year-over-year basis, private sector employment grew by 46,100 and public sector employment increased by 22,900.
- Compared to the previous month, the seasonally adjusted three-month moving average for employment fell by 600 in Edmonton and rose by 500 in Calgary. It fell by 600 in the rest of Alberta.

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- In May 2025, employment rose in eight out of 16 industries compared to the previous month. The industries with the most employment gains were: agriculture; information, culture and recreation; and professional, scientific and technical services (Chart 4).

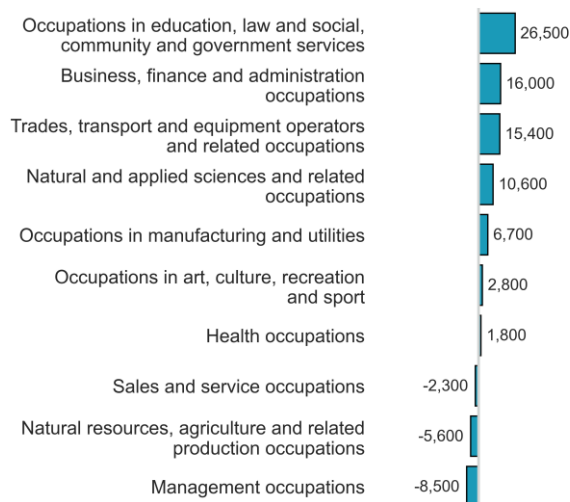
Chart 4 Monthly Employment Growth By Industry



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

- On a year-over-year basis, employment increased the most in: occupations in education, law and social, community and government services; business, finance and administration occupations; and trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (Chart 5).

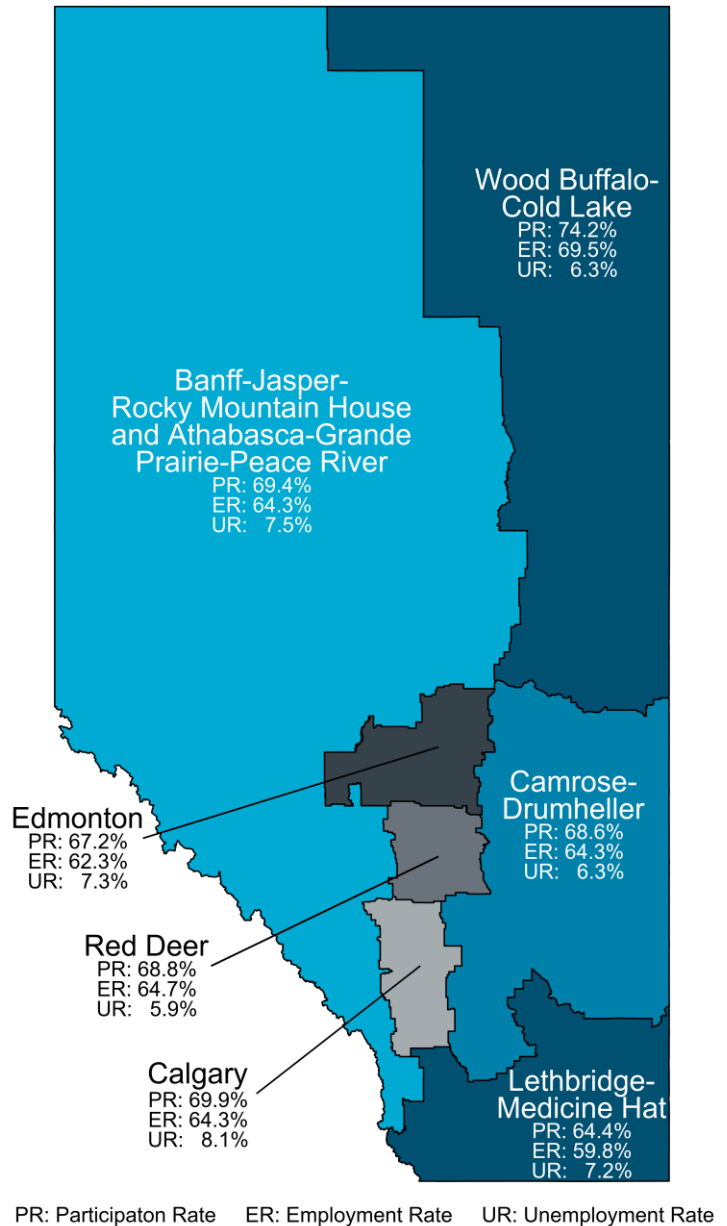
Chart 5 Year-over-Year Employment Growth By Occupation - Seasonally Unadjusted



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

- By economic regions, the seasonally unadjusted three-month moving average unemployment rate was lowest in Red Deer (5.9 per cent) and highest in Calgary (8.1 per cent) (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Alberta Labour Force Statistics by Economic Region Seasonally Unadjusted - Three-Month Moving Average



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

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