

## Labour Force Statistics January 2009

### Alberta Highlights:

- Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in January 2009, second lowest to Saskatchewan's 4.1%. The national average was 7.2%, up 0.6 percentage points from December 2008.
- Between December 2008 and January 2009, employment increased by 3,300 people mainly due to a 1.3% job growth in the services-producing sector. In the same period, unemployment increased by 5,700 people due to a 2.6% job decline in the goods-producing sector and a slight increase in the labour force.
- The unemployment rate for people aged 15 to 24 years dropped 0.3 percentage points to 8.7%. For adults 25 years and older, the unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Year-over-year, employment increased by 1.3%. Part-time employment grew by 9.6% while full-time employment decreased by 0.2%.
- Among major Canadian cities, Edmonton's unemployment rate of 3.8% was the second lowest while Calgary's rate of 4.1% was fifth.
- Additional information about Alberta's Labour Force Statistics for January 2009 may be found at <http://employment.alberta.ca/cps/rde/xchg/hre/hs.xsl/67.html>.

