



Highlights: Statistics Canada's January Labour Force Survey¹ for the Calgary Economic Region (CER) and Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CCMA) shows the following:

- Total employment in the CER decreased by 1,700 from a month ago, but increased by 22,600 from a year ago. Year-over-year, net jobs were created in both part-time (+8,300) and full-time (+14,300) positions
- The region's unemployment rate was 9.1 per cent in February, compared to 9.5 per cent in January and 8.5 per cent the same time last year. The average weekly wage rate in the Calgary CMA was \$1,146, up 2.0 per cent from a year ago; the total weekly wage bills for the CMA increased by \$28.6 millions year over year.
- In December 2016, the number of employment insurance (EI) recipients in the CMA was 33,330 persons, up by 60 per cent from December 2015.

It is evident, for some months by now, that a job recovery has started in the CER, both in part-time and full-time positions. Compared to this time last year, more industries have net job gains on a year-over-year basis (Charts 1-2). The main industries leading full-time job creations were Other Services (+10,400), Transportation and Warehousing (+10,300) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (PSTS) (+7,000). The key industries with most part-time job growth were Other Services (+4,300), and Accommodation and Food Services (+4,300) (Charts 1-2).

Calgary is the headquarters for energy firms in Canada. Employment changes in the region's PSTS, including Architectural, Engineering and Related Services (AERS) industries, have historically led other industries in previous business cycles. Normally, new investments in the region would start from adding jobs in the PSTS sector, while cuts in investments would first impact the PSTS positions. In comparison, changes in the Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction (MOGE) sector employment have always lagged behind those in the PSTS, as they are the on-site operation jobs in the production phase.

Chart 2 CER Full-time Employment Change by Industry (February 2016 - February 2017, thousands of positions)

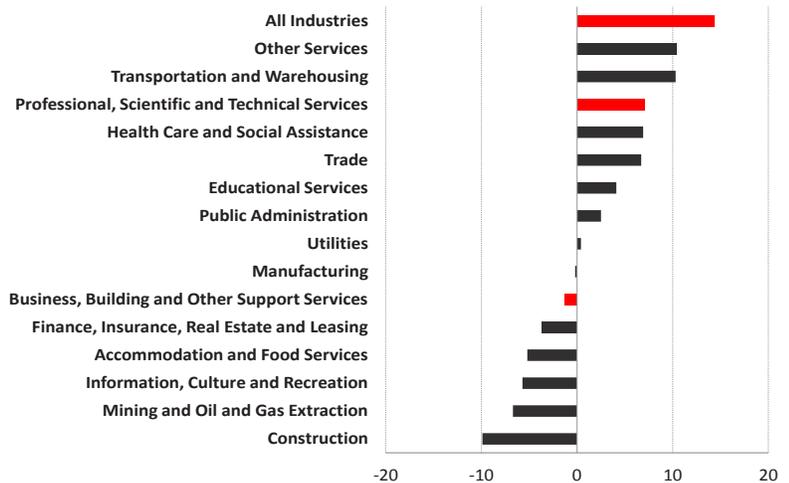
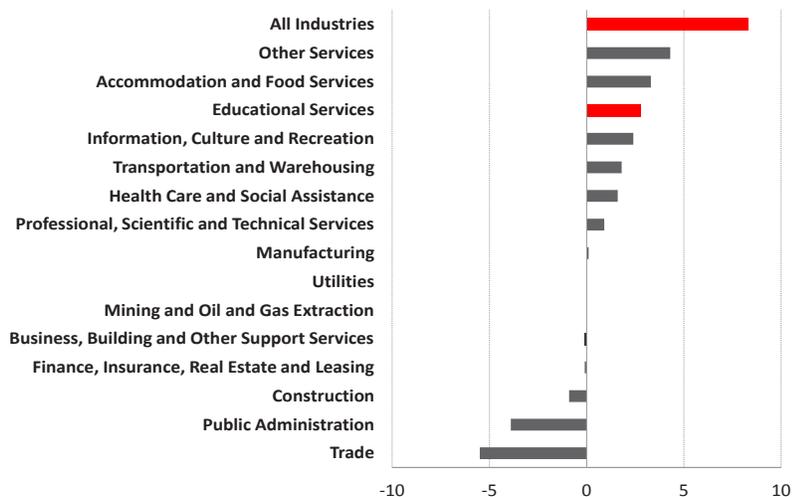


Chart 2 CER Part-time Employment Change by Industry (February 2016 - February 2017, thousands of positions)



Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, March 2017

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Table 1 Labour Force Statistics (Seasonally unadjusted 3-month moving average)

CALGARY ECONOMIC REGION	Description	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	Annual Change
	Working Age Population ('000)	1298.5	1297.1	1281.2	16.3
Labour Force ('000)	956.8	963.5	925.9	30.9	
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	73.7	74.3	72.3	1.4	
Employment ('000)	870.1	871.8	847.5	22.6	
Employment Rate (%)	67	67.2	66.1	0.9	
Unemployment ('000)	86.7	91.7	78.4	8.3	
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	9.5	8.5	0.6	

Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, March 2017



Table 2 Calgary CMA Wage by Industry

Industry	Total employment ('000 persons)			Average weekly earning (\$)			Total weekly bills (\$million)		
	Feb-17	Feb-16	Change (y/y)	Feb-17	Feb-16	Change (y/y)	Feb-17	Feb-16	Change (y/y)
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	42.5	47.5	(5.0)	2,022.7	1,859.6	163.2	86.0	88.3	(2.4)
Utilities	9.3	8.0	1.3	1,969.9	1,781.0	188.9	18.3	14.2	4.1
Construction	43.7	53.4	(9.7)	1,283.7	1,310.0	(26.3)	56.1	70.0	(13.9)
Manufacturing	38.0	36.7	1.3	1,194.4	1,238.8	(44.4)	45.4	45.5	(0.1)
Wholesale Trade	28.7	23.2	5.5	1,355.8	1,285.3	70.5	38.9	29.8	9.1
Retail Trade	81.0	77.1	3.9	664.1	659.0	5.1	53.8	50.8	3.0
Transportation and Warehousing	49.0	39.0	10.0	1,279.5	1,064.3	215.1	62.7	41.5	21.2
Information and Cultural Industries	11.8	12.4	(0.6)	1,141.6	1,120.6	21.1	13.5	13.9	(0.4)
Finance and Insurance	19.0	26.4	(7.4)	1,232.5	1,322.2	(89.6)	23.4	34.9	(11.5)
Real Estate Rental and Leasing	10.7	9.6	1.1	1,041.2	1,406.0	(364.7)	11.1	13.5	(2.4)
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	68.3	66.3	2.0	1,456.8	1,522.4	(65.6)	99.5	100.9	(1.4)
Administrative and Support	18.6	20.9	(2.3)	974.2	830.7	143.5	18.1	17.4	0.8
Educational Services	48.5	48.3	0.2	1,190.4	1,098.3	92.1	57.7	53.0	4.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	83.6	77.0	6.6	1,060.5	1,056.7	3.8	88.7	81.4	7.3
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	16.7	19.5	(2.8)	618.3	646.5	(28.1)	10.3	12.6	(2.3)
Accommodation and Food Services	47.1	49.1	(2.0)	505.0	478.8	26.2	23.8	23.5	0.3
Other Services(except Public Admin)	36.0	24.6	11.4	776.0	833.0	(57.0)	27.9	20.5	7.4
Public Administration	26.2	26.6	(0.4)	1,613.3	1,364.9	248.4	42.3	36.3	6.0
All Industries	679.3	667.1	12.2	1,145.9	1,124.0	21.9	778.4	749.8	28.6

Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, March 2017
 Note: lack of data for Agriculture

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¹ Data used in this report for the CER and Calgary CMA is 3-month moving average, not seasonally adjusted.

² Participation rate is the total labour force (employed+ unemployed but actively looking for a job) as a percentage of the working age population (15+).

³ The employment rate is the number of persons employed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 and over.