

## Job creation pushes up population growth in Calgary

**The Canadian labour market created 59,300 jobs in November 2012, on a month-over-month basis, after a stalled October:**

- Total employment increased by 59,300 in Canada, 10,100 in Alberta, and 5,600 in the Calgary Economic Region (CER).
- In Canada, job gains were mainly in the full-time positions (+55,200) and private sector (+48,200). The biggest job creators were the accommodation and food services (+28,300), transportation and warehousing (+25,300), and professional, scientific and technical services (+22,800) industries.
- In Alberta, most jobs were created in the part-time positions (+10,000). With the highest participation rate (73 per cent) and the lowest unemployment rate (4.2 per cent), Alberta had the tightest job market in the country.

**According to the unadjusted 3-month-moving-average data, the following year-over-year changes were recorded in the CER in November 2012:**

- Total employment increased by 17,800, mainly in the finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (+13,100), educational services (+11,300), and mining, oil and gas (+6,100) industries. The job losses were mostly in the trade (-7,100), health care and social assistance (-6,900), and construction (-6,600) industries.
- The unemployment rate was 4.4 per cent, compared to 4.9 per cent a year ago.

- The average hourly wage rate was \$28.72, a 5.3 per cent increase from \$27.27 last November.
- There were 6,290 people in the Calgary Metropolitan Area (CMA) receiving regular employment insurance benefits in September 2012, down by 17 per cent from 7,580 a year ago.

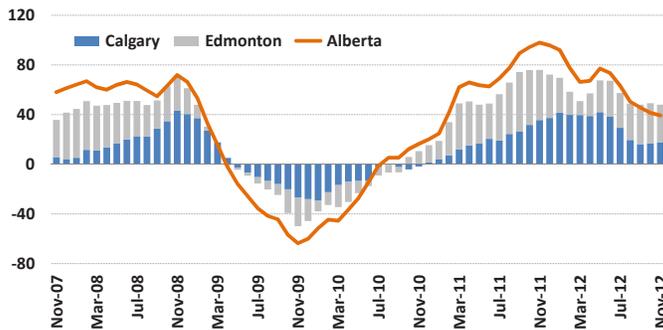
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Job growth continued in Alberta in 2012, with most new jobs located in the Calgary-Edmonton Economic Corridor. From January to November 2012, of the 63,100 jobs created in Alberta compared to the same period last year, 49 per cent of them (+31,000) were in the CER and 41 per cent (+25,600) in the Economic Region of Edmonton (Chart 1). Although the pace of job growth slowed recently due to external uncertainties, firm crude oil prices in the near- to medium-terms should support an attractive job market in the province.

Attracted to Alberta's job markets, migrants from other provinces came seeking better job opportunities. As a result, population growth in the province picked up significantly in recent months, after a drop during the recent recession. By the end of November 2012, year to date population growth in Alberta was 59,100, a 32 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. The largest population growth was still in the CER (+25,200), but the growth gap between Calgary and Edmonton was closing (Chart 2).

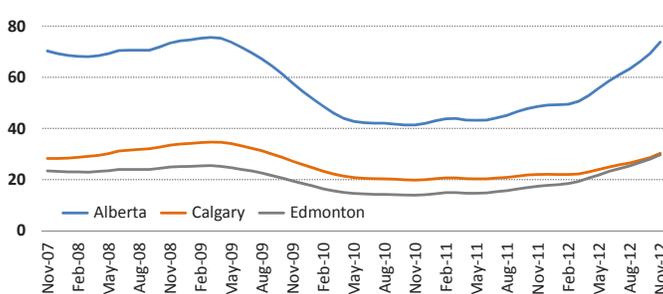
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**Chart 1. Job Creations in Alberta by Economic Region**  
(unadjusted for seasonality, year-over-year, thousand persons)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, December 2012

**Chart 2. Population Growth in Alberta by Economic Region**  
(unadjusted for seasonality, year-over-year, thousand persons)



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### Labour Force Statistics

#### Economic Regions (Seasonally Adjusted 3-Month-Moving-Average)

	Description	Nov-12	Oct-12	Nov-11	Annual Change
Calgary	Working Age Population ('000)	1,147.9	1,144.6	1,117.6	30.3
	Labour Force ('000)	850.0	845.9	836.5	13.5
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	74.2	74.3	74.8	(0.6)
	Employment ('000)	810.5	804.9	792.7	17.8
	Employment Rate (%)	70.6	70.3	70.9	(0.3)
	Unemployment ('000)	38.3	39.5	44.0	(5.6)
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.8	5.2	(0.5)
Edmonton	Working Age Population ('000)	1,036.0	1,032.9	1,006.3	29.7
	Labour Force ('000)	763.6	762.6	742.9	20.7
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	73.7	73.8	73.8	(0.1)
	Employment ('000)	730.5	729.2	700.3	30.3
	Employment Rate (%)	70.6	70.6	69.6	1.0
	Unemployment ('000)	31.9	32.7	41.6	(9.7)
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	5.6	(1.4)
Alberta	Working Age Population ('000)	3,094.9	3,086.4	3,021.2	73.7
	Labour Force ('000)	2,262.1	2,257.6	2,240.3	21.8
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	73.1	73.1	74.2	(1.1)
	Employment ('000)	2,159.8	2,148.8	2,120.4	39.4
	Employment Rate (%)	69.8	69.6	70.2	(0.4)
	Unemployment ('000)	98.7	101.5	117.7	(19.0)
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	5.2	(0.8)

Source: Statistics Canada, seasonally adjusted by Corporate Economics, December 2012

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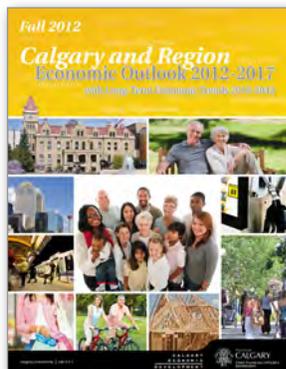
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