

# Labour Market Review

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## Where are the new jobs located in Alberta?

### Canadian labour market added 95,000 jobs last month, from April to May 2013:

- Total employment was little changed in the Calgary Economic Region (CER) (+100), while increased in Alberta (+18,600) and Canada (+95,000).
- In Canada, new jobs were mainly created in the private sector (+94,600) and in full-time positions (+76,700). The biggest winners were youth aged 15-24 (+54,400) and the construction industry (+42,700).
- In Alberta, job gains in service-producing sector (+22,900) were partially offset by cuts in the goods-producing sector (-4,200). Higher labour participation in the province resulted in higher unemployment rate (from 4.4 per cent to 4.8 per cent).

### According to the unadjusted 3-month-moving-average data, the following were the year-over-year changes in the CER in May 2013:

- Total employment increased by 14,300. Job creations were mainly in the health care and social assistance (+15,500), and professional, scientific and technical services (+10,700) industries. Job losses were mostly in the forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas (-9,700) and manufacturing (-9,700) industries.

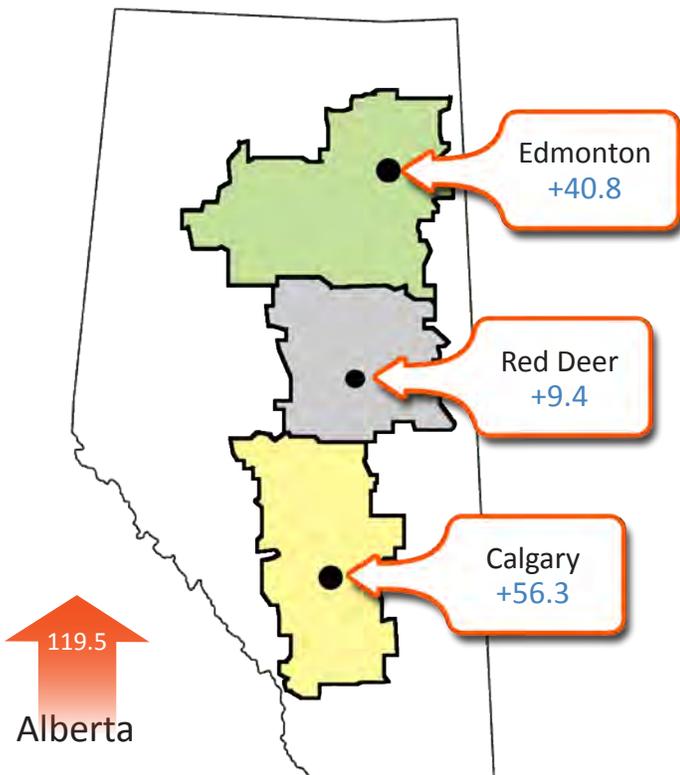
- The unemployment rate was 4.9 per cent, down from 5.2 per cent a year ago.
- The average hourly wage rate was \$29.08, increased by 7.7 per cent from the same time last year.
- There were 9,110 people in the Calgary Metropolitan Area (CMA) receiving regular employment insurance benefits in March, down from 9,480 persons a year ago.

**Over the past two years, the Calgary-Red Deer-Edmonton economic corridor was the centre of job creation in Alberta.** From May 2011 to May 2013, there were 119,500 new jobs created in Alberta, with 44,600 of them in the goods-producing sector and 74,900 in the service-producing sector. The Calgary-Red Deer-Edmonton corridor accounted for 89 per cent of the total jobs created in the province. Calgary, as the transportation, technology and service centre, gained the majority of the province's new jobs in the service-producing sector (60 per cent), including the transportation and warehousing (73 per cent), and professional, scientific and technical services (81 per cent) industries. Edmonton, benefited from the ramp up of production phase in many oil sands projects in the energy production centres, gained the rest of jobs in this sector (38 per cent).

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### Job creations in Alberta Economic Regions

(May 2011 - May 2013, thousands of persons)



Source: Statistics Canada, seasonally adjusted by Corporate Economics, June 2013

### Labour Force Statistics

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

	Description	May-13	Apr-13	May-12	Annual Change
Calgary	Working Age Population ('000)	1,168.6	1,164.7	1,129.7	38.9
	Labour Force ('000)	864.0	862.3	851.3	12.7
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	73.7	73.7	75.0	(1.3)
	Employment ('000)	822.9	822.8	808.6	14.4
	Employment Rate (%)	70.4	70.7	71.5	(1.1)
	Unemployment ('000)	41.5	40.4	42.3	(0.9)
	Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.6	5.0	(0.3)
Edmonton	Working Age Population ('000)	1,054.9	1,051.5	1,018.2	36.7
	Labour Force ('000)	758.9	757.6	744.2	14.8
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	72.0	72.0	73.1	(1.1)
	Employment ('000)	724.1	723.3	708.8	15.3
	Employment Rate (%)	68.7	68.8	69.6	(0.9)
	Unemployment ('000)	35.0	34.6	35.5	(0.5)
Alberta	Working Age Population ('000)	3,146.5	3,138.0	3,051.3	95.2
	Labour Force ('000)	2,293.0	2,283.8	2,251.6	41.4
	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	72.8	72.8	73.8	(1.0)
	Employment ('000)	2,189.8	2,185.8	2,147.1	42.7
	Employment Rate (%)	69.6	69.7	70.3	(0.7)
	Unemployment ('000)	105.4	103.1	106.5	(1.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	4.7	(0.1)	

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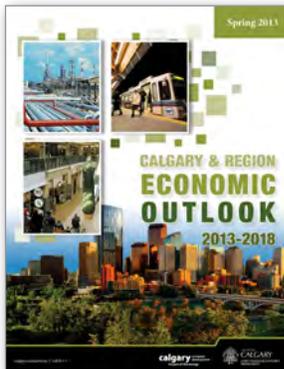
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