

# Labour Market Review

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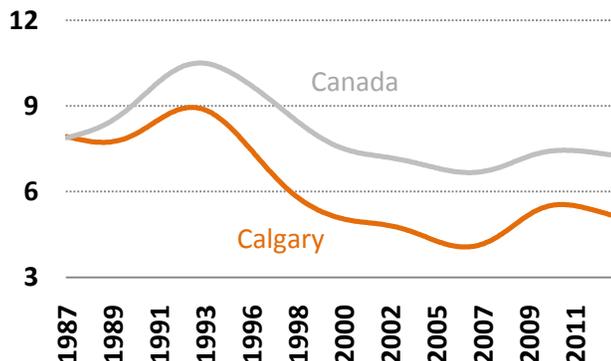
The November 2013 Labour Force Survey from Statistics Canada for the Calgary Economic Region (CER)<sup>1</sup> showed the following:

- Total employment was estimated at 846,400, unchanged from 846,700 in the previous month and up 35,800 year-over-year. Full-time employment grew by 15,700 and part-time employment increased by 20,100 over the last twelve months. Construction (22,300) and Computer System design services (13,200) accounted for the largest number of job increases since January 2013.
- The labour force was estimated at 885,800 up from 847,500 for the same period 2012. Consequently, the number of unemployed persons in November 2013 was estimated at 39,400, up from 36,900 a year ago. The working age population was estimated at 1,194,400, an increase of 46,500 from November 2012. The labour force participation rate edged up to 74.2 per cent from 73.8 in November 2012.
- The unemployment rate was placed at 4.4 per cent, the same as a year earlier. The unemployment rate in the CER as of November 2013 was 2.4 percentage points lower than the national rate for the same period.
- Calgary's average weekly wage rate was \$1,096.50, slightly off from \$1,098.50 in November 2012. The wage inflation rate was estimated at 0 per cent, a deceleration from 5.8 per cent in November 2012.

<sup>1</sup> The data is for the seasonally unadjusted 3-month-moving-average.

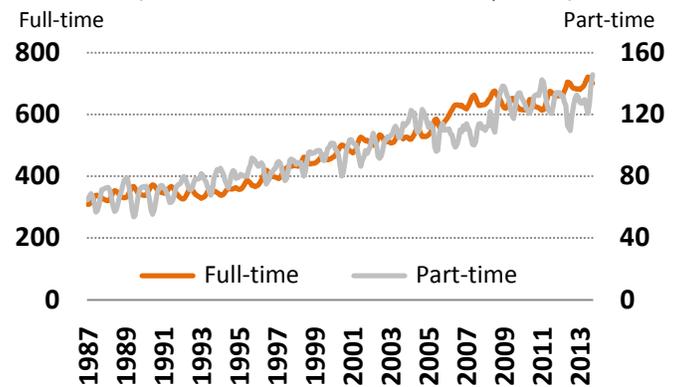
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**Chart 1. Unemployment rate trends**  
(March 1987- November 2013, per cent)



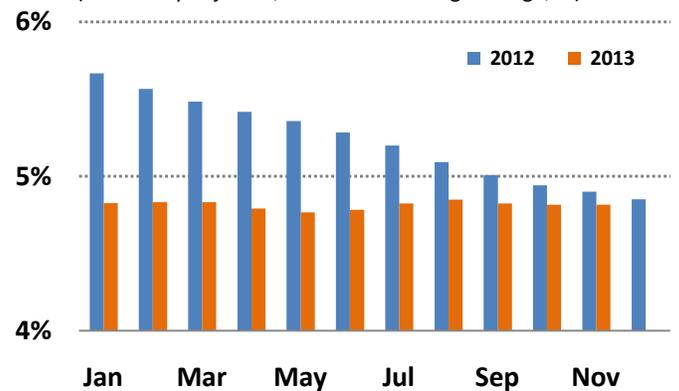
Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, December 2013

**Chart 2. CER full- and part-time employment**  
(Mar 1987 - Nov 2013, thousands of persons)



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**Chart 3. CER Unemployment rate**  
(Seasonally adjusted, 12-month-moving-average, %)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, December 2013.

**Calgary Economic Region Labour Force Statistics**  
(Seasonally unadjusted 3-month-moving-average)

| Description                         | Nov-13  | Oct-13  | Nov-12  | Annual Change |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Working Age Population ('000)       | 1,194.4 | 1,190.6 | 1,147.9 | 46.5          |
| Labour Force ('000)                 | 885.8   | 888.1   | 847.5   | 38.3          |
| Labour Force Participation Rate (%) | 74.2    | 74.6    | 73.8    | 0.4           |
| Employment ('000)                   | 846.4   | 846.7   | 810.6   | 35.8          |
| Employment Rate (%)                 | 70.9    | 71.1    | 70.6    | 0.3           |
| Unemployment ('000)                 | 39.4    | 41.4    | 36.9    | 2.5           |
| Unemployment Rate (%)               | 4.4     | 4.7     | 4.4     | 0.0           |

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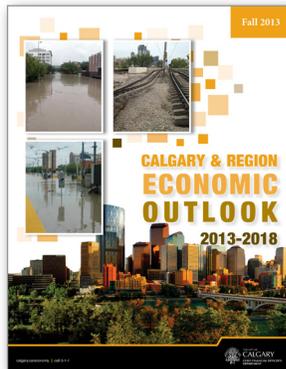
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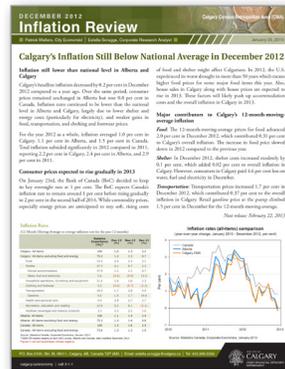
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