

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS BY REGION

Employment Growth by Region	1999	2000	Level Change	Percentage Change
Lethbridge – Medicine Hat	121.6	118.9	-2.6	-2.2%
Camrose – Drumheller	94.6	91.6	-3.0	-3.2%
Calgary Region	552.6	579.0	26.4	4.8%
Banff – Jasper – Rocky Mtn. House	47.3	45.3	-2.0	-4.2%
Red Deer	77.7	80.2	2.5	3.3%
Edmonton Region	499.9	506.6	6.7	1.3%
Athabasca - Grande Prairie - Peace River	109.3	111.9	2.6	2.4%
Wood Buffalo – Cold Lake	47.4	51.3	3.9	8.2%
Calgary	519.3	545.7	26.3	5.1%
Edmonton	483.1	488.9	5.8	1.2%

- In 1999, the Alberta economy created 37,900 jobs with total employment growing by 2.5%. This was the fourth strongest increase in Canada, behind Newfoundland (5.5%), Ontario (3.6%), and New Brunswick (3.3%).
- In 2000, job growth declined slightly with the Alberta economy creating 34,900 jobs, an employment increase of 2.2% relative to 1999, slightly below the national average of 2.6%.
- In 2000, the Calgary (36.5%) and Edmonton (32.0%) regions accounted for 68.5% of all jobs in Alberta. The Calgary region accounted for about 3 out of 4 new jobs created in 2000, while the Edmonton region accounted for almost 1 in 5.
- There was quite a range of employment growth among the regions in 2000. The Wood Buffalo Cold Lake region posted the largest growth rate for the year (8.2%), followed by the regions of Calgary (4.8%) and Red Deer (3.3%).
- Regions of Alberta experiencing job losses in 2000 include: Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mtn. House (-4.2%); Camrose-Drumheller (-3.2%); and Lethbridge-Medicine Hat (-2.2%).
- Despite job losses in some areas, the unemployment rate fell or remained constant in each of Alberta's labour force regions (see chart below).
- The largest decrease in regional unemployment occurred in Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake (-2.5), followed by Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River (-1.5) and Red Deer (-1.0).
- Regions where the unemployment rate either remained constant or decreased marginally include Lethbridge-Medicine Hat (0.0) and Banff-Jasper-Rock Mtn. House (-0.2).
- For Alberta as a whole the unemployment rate fell 0.7%, to 5.0% for 2000.
- Note that caution must be taken when analyzing labour force data by region. The data is not adjusted for seasonal factors and it is calculated by Statistics Canada as a 3-month moving average in order to dampen its volatility.

Unemployment Rates by Region	1999	2000	Level Change
Lethbridge – Medicine Hat	4.8	4.8	0.0
Camrose – Drumheller	5.2	4.4	-0.8
Calgary Region	5.5	4.7	-0.8
Banff – Jasper – Rocky Mtn. House	4.6	4.3	-0.2
Red Deer	6.4	5.4	-1.0
Edmonton Region	6.0	5.4	-0.6
Athabasca - Grande Prairie - Peace River	7.2	5.7	-1.5
Wood Buffalo – Cold Lake	7.4	4.9	-2.5
Calgary	5.9	5.5	-0.4
Edmonton	5.6	4.5	-1.0