

Labour Market Review

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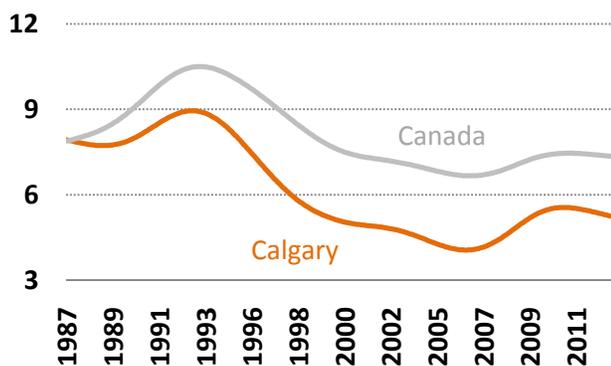
The October 2013 Labour Force Survey from Statistics Canada for the Calgary Economic Region (CER)¹ showed the following:

- Total employment was estimated at 846,700, unchanged from 847,100 in the previous month and up 38,100 year-over-year. Full-time employment grew by 17,700 and part-time employment increased by 20,500 over the last twelve months. Construction (20,100) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (17,300) industries accounted for the largest number of job increases since January 2013.
- The labour force was estimated at 888,100 up from 849,400 for the same period 2012. Consequently, the number of unemployed persons in October 2013 was estimated at 41,400, up from 40,800 a year ago. The working age population was estimated at 1,190,600, an increase of 46,000 from October 2012. The labour force participation rate edged up to 74.6 per cent from 74.2 in October 2012.
- The unemployment rate was placed at 4.7 per cent, down from 4.8 per cent a year earlier. The unemployment rate in the CER as of October 2013 was 2.1 percentage points lower than the national rate for the same period.
- Calgary's average weekly wage rate was \$1,100, up from \$1,093 in October 2012. The wage inflation rate was estimated at 0.62 per cent, a deceleration from 6.2 per cent in October 2012.

¹ The data is for the seasonally unadjusted 3-month-moving-average.

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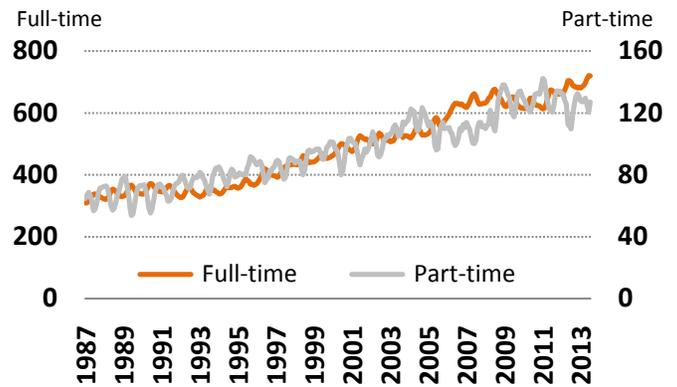
Chart 1. Unemployment rate trends
(Mar 1987- Oct 2013, per cent)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, November 2013

Chart 2. CER full- and part-time employment

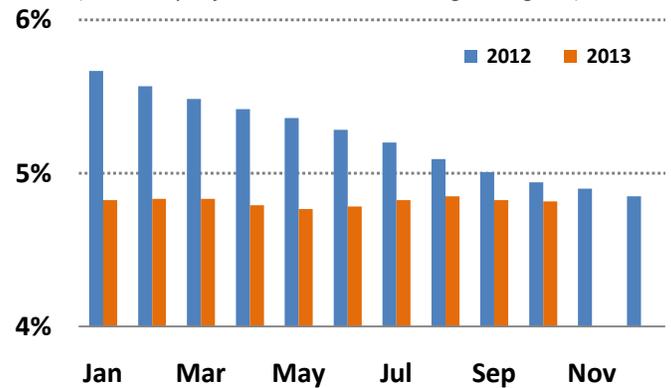
(Mar 1987 - Oct 2013, thousands of persons)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, November 2013

Chart 3. CER Unemployment rate

(Seasonally adjusted, 12-month-moving-average, %)



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Calgary Economic Region Labour Force Statistics

(Seasonally unadjusted 3-month-moving-average)

Description	Oct-13	Sep-13	Oct-12	Annual Change
Working Age Population ('000)	1,190.6	1,186.6	1,144.6	46.0
Labour Force ('000)	888.1	889.9	849.4	38.7
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	74.6	75.0	74.2	0.4
Employment ('000)	846.7	847.1	808.6	38.1
Employment Rate (%)	71.1	71.4	70.6	0.5
Unemployment ('000)	41.4	42.8	40.8	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.8	4.8	(0.1)

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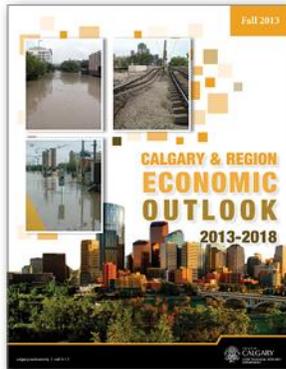
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