

Monthly Highlights¹:

Total Employment December 2018
Calgary Economic Region
895,200

↑ 1,300
from November 2018



↑ 8,600
from December 2017

Most Job Gains by Industry from December 2017



16,600	7,100	6,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	Information, Culture and Recreation	Other Services

Most Job Losses by Industry from December 2017



Acommodation and Food Services	Public Administration	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
6,600	6,400	4,600

Unemployment Rates Comparison

*Calgary Economic Region



Average Wage Rate

Calgary Census Metropolitan Area



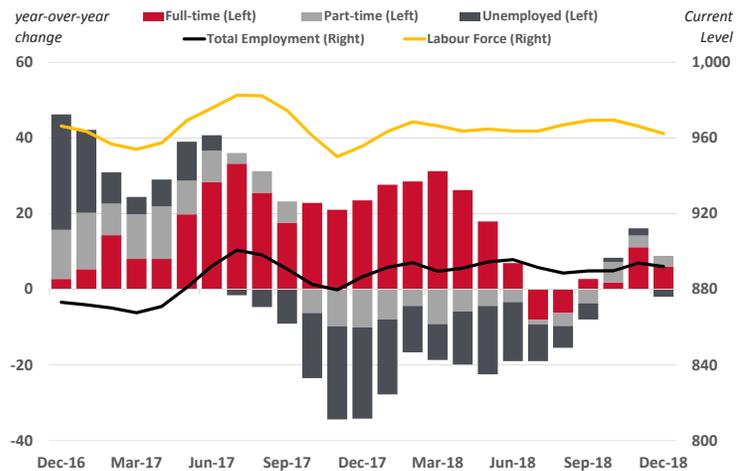
Employment Insurance

Calgary Census Metropolitan Area



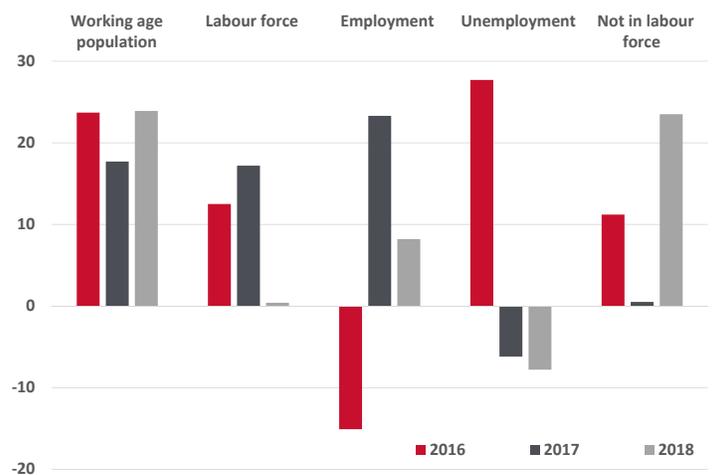
labour force did not increase at the same pace. Instead, the number of people not in the labour force jumped from 343,000 in 2017 to 367,000 in 2018. The growth of people not in the labour force in 2018 (+24,000) was also higher than in 2016 (+11,000) (Charts 1 and 2). These changes are worrisome as they may suggest people were discouraged in their job searches in the CER and had dropped out of the labour market in 2018.

Chart 1. CER Labour Market Condition: Changes vs. Current Levels
(Dec 2016-Dec 2018, thousands)



Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics.

Chart 2. Annual Changes in the CER Labour Market: Past Three Years
(year-over-year change, 2016-2018, thousands)



Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics.

Year-end Review: In 2018, the total employment in the Calgary Economic Region (CER) averaged 893,000 persons and increased by 8,000 persons from 884,000 persons in 2017. The region's unemployment rate was 7.6 per cent in 2018, higher than 6.6 per cent in Alberta and 5.9 per cent in Canada.

Job creation in the CER slowed in 2018, starting from the second half of the year. Full-time employment growth turned from positive to negative in July and August. Part-time employment increased instead of decline from September. The number of total unemployed has edged up in October and November. The year 2018 had a higher average of total employment (893,000) and a similar level of the labour force (965,000) than a year ago.

Compared to 2017, the CER's working age population grew faster (+24,000) in 2018. However, the size of the

Table 1 Labour Force Statistics
(Seasonally unadjusted 3-month-moving-average)

CALGARY ECONOMIC REGION	Description	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Annual Change	ALBERTA	Description	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Annual Change
	Working Age Population ('000)	1,342.9	1,340.6	1,315.2	27.7		Working Age Population ('000)	3,490.1	3,486.2	3,441.4	48.7
Labour Force ('000)	962.3	966.2	955.7	6.6	Labour Force ('000)	2,492.1	2,501.3	2,464.5	27.6		
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	71.7	72.1	72.7	(1.0)	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	71.4	71.7	71.6	(0.2)		
Employment ('000)	895.2	893.9	886.6	8.6	Employment ('000)	2,340.8	2,346.7	2,299.4	41.4		
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	66.7	67.4	(0.7)	Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.3	66.8	0.3		
Unemployment ('000)	67.1	72.3	69.1	(2.0)	Unemployment ('000)	151.2	154.6	165.1	(13.9)		
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.5	7.2	(0.2)	Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.2	6.7	(0.6)		

Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, January 4, 2019

Table 2 Calgary CMA Wage by Industry

Industry	Total employees* ('000 persons)			Average weekly earning (\$)			Total weekly bills (\$million)		
	Dec-18	Dec-17	Change (y/y)	Dec-18	Dec-17	Change (y/y)	Dec-18	Dec-17	Change (y/y)
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	43.3	45.3	(2.0)	1,927.40	1,914.06	13.34	83.5	86.7	(3.3)
Utilities	10.3	9.2	1.1	1,879.70	1,887.80	(8.10)	19.4	17.4	2.0
Construction	53.5	60.2	(6.7)	1,281.59	1,415.10	(133.51)	68.6	85.2	(16.6)
Manufacturing	42.1	36.0	6.1	1,199.46	1,125.92	73.54	50.5	40.5	10.0
Wholesale Trade	26.8	33.5	(6.7)	1,595.44	1,337.86	257.58	42.8	44.8	(2.1)
Retail Trade	85.3	82.6	2.7	701.95	711.24	(9.29)	59.9	58.7	1.1
Transportation and Warehousing	49.0	48.0	1.0	1,309.70	1,153.47	156.23	64.2	55.4	8.8
Information and Cultural Industries	13.2	13.2	0.0	1,218.82	985.73	233.09	16.1	13.0	3.1
Finance and Insurance	19.6	23.4	(3.8)	1,316.76	1,150.84	165.92	25.8	26.9	(1.1)
Real Estate Rental and Leasing	11.9	8.5	3.4	992.60	1,126.30	(133.70)	11.8	9.6	2.2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	60.4	54.5	5.9	1,499.07	1,523.94	(24.87)	90.5	83.1	7.5
Administrative and Support	22.7	23.2	(0.5)	932.26	832.63	99.63	21.2	19.3	1.8
Educational Services	50.6	51.8	(1.2)	1,155.24	1,299.14	(143.90)	58.5	67.3	(8.8)
Health Care and Social Assistance	84.8	76.1	8.7	1,042.67	1,119.80	(77.13)	88.4	85.2	3.2
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	22.4	16.4	6.0	757.28	622.98	134.30	17.0	10.2	6.7
Accommodation and Food Services	53.9	58.9	(5.0)	571.16	538.94	32.22	30.8	31.7	(1.0)
Other Services(except Public Admin)	31.3	24.4	6.9	977.80	917.94	59.86	30.6	22.4	8.2
Public Administration	25.7	31.2	(5.5)	1,631.89	1,563.31	68.58	41.9	48.8	(6.8)
All Industries	708.8	698.4	10.4	1,161.58	1,158.60	2.98	823.3	809.2	14.2

Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, January 4, 2019

* Excluding self-employed Note: lack of data for Agriculture

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