

JANUARY EMPLOYMENT

-5,700

COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2015

JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.2%

UP 0.1% FROM DECEMBER 2015

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

65.9%

UNCHANGED FROM DECEMBER 2015

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

\$25.66

UP 2.8% FROM JANUARY 2015

EMPLOYMENT DECLINES FOR CANADA - GROWTH IN ONTARIO FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH

- Employment declined by 5,700 in Canada for the month of January, with Ontario as the only province to experience growth for the second month in a row. The province added a total of 20,000 jobs, contributing to an overall increase of 1.5% in the last 12 months.
- Women aged 25-54 experienced employment growth with an increase of 23,000 in January, while levels for workers aged 55+ dropped by 24,000 – the group’s first decline since November 2008. Men aged 25-54 and youth aged 15-24 saw little change for the month.
- Provincially, employment continued to follow downward trends for Alberta (-10,000), Manitoba (-5,300) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-2,400). Quebec saw little change for the month of January, but enjoyed a slight increase of 31,000 jobs, year-over-year.
- More people were employed in the information, culture and recreation industry (+16,000) during January and in other services such as personal and laundry services and repair and maintenance (+9,600). Declines were felt in agriculture, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, public administration and natural resources. While there was little change for self-employment and the public and private sectors for the month, employment for the public sector grew by 59,000 jobs (+1.7%) compared to January 2015.

