

OCTOBER EMPLOYMENT
+11,000
 COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 2018

OCTOBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
5.8%
 COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 2018

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
65.2%
 COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 2018

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE
\$27.04
 UP 2.2% FROM OCTOBER 2017

EMPLOYMENT SAW LITTLE CHANGE; FEWER PEOPLE SEARCHING FOR WORK

- After employment rose in September, October saw little change. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1% with fewer job seekers. Year-over-year, employment grew by +206,000 due to increases in full-time work.
- Employment for the core-aged group (25 to 54) rose by +31,000, mostly due to increases for men. Employment for those 55 and over increased by +19,000 with gains for women. For those aged 15-24 employment decreased by -39,000.
- In October, employment increased by +2,500 in Saskatchewan with little change in the other provinces. With fewer job seekers in Ontario, unemployment dropped to 5.6%, British Columbia saw the lowest unemployment rate (4.1%) among the provinces and unemployment in Alberta increased to 7.3%.
- Employment increased for business, building and other support services by +22,000, in wholesale and retail trade by +19,000 and in health care and social assistance by +15,000. At the same time, employment in other services decreased (-17,000) for the first time in 6 months. Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing as well as natural resources saw decreases of -15,000 and -7,100, respectively. Public sector employment decreased by -31,000 and there was little change for private sector and self-employment.

