

JANUARY EMPLOYMENT
35,000
 COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2019

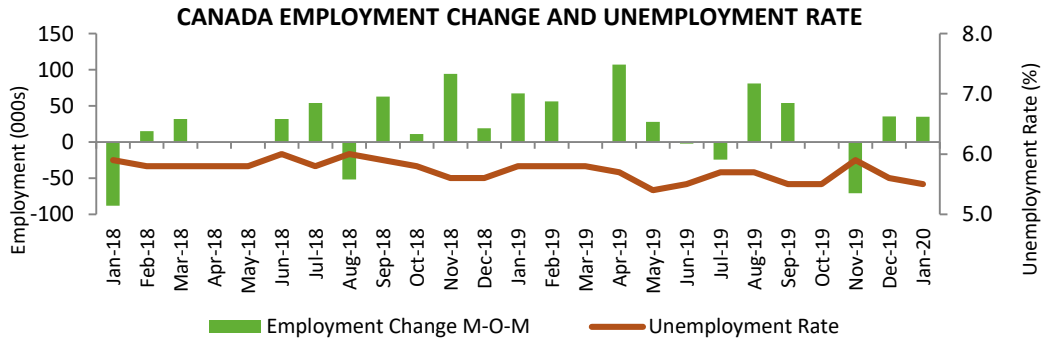
JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
5.5%
 COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2019

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
65.4%
 COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2019

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE
\$28.52
 UP 4.2% FROM JANUARY 2019

CANADA GAINS 35,000 JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS

- Employment rose by 35,000 (+0.2%) in January, while the unemployment rate fell to 5.5% (-0.1%). Since January 2019, employment rose 268,000 (+1.4%) due to increases in full-time work.
- In January, employment increased in Quebec (+19,000), Manitoba (+6,500) – the largest overall increase since April 2008 – and New Brunswick (+4,600). Alberta experienced a decline in employment (-19,000). There was little change in the other provinces.
- Employment saw little change in all major demographic groups in January. Over the course of 2019, employment for youth (15-24) grew 58,000 (+2.4%). The upward trend that started in 2018 for core-aged workers (25-54) ended in the third quarter of 2019 and has since stabilized. Since the start of 2019, employment growth (+3.6%) among men (55+) outpaced population growth (+2.7%). Conversely, over the same period, population growth (+2.5%) for women (55+) was slightly higher than employment growth (+2.2%).
- In January, employment in the goods-producing sector grew by 49,000, with gains in manufacturing (+21,000), construction (+16,000) and agriculture (+12,000). While the services-producing sector saw little change in employment, there were fewer workers in health care and social assistance (-16,000). Employment in the private and public sectors, as well as self-employment, saw little change.



Source: Statistics Canada

