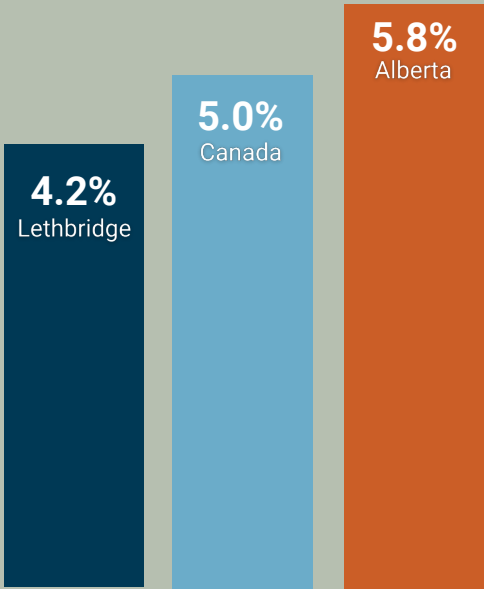


Lethbridge CMA Unemployment

LABOUR AND WORKFORCE DEMANDS ARE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR REGION.

The unemployment rate in the Lethbridge CMA (Census Metropolitan Area) continues to hover below both the provincial and national levels. Although this is good news that many residents in our region are working, it does mean employers looking for workers may have a tougher time finding employees compared to other areas.

February 2023



Top 5/Employment by Sector

The Lethbridge workforce is very diverse and has seen a shift over the past 3 years. Some of these changes are due to changing demands in tools and skills, consumer habits and a hangover from pandemic related effects on the workforce. Included here is the number of jobs in each sector in February 2023 and also a historical benchmark compared to the same time in 2020.



Wholesale & Retail Trade
12,900 Jobs
-200 compared to 2020



Health Care & Social Assistance
10,400 Jobs
+2300 compared to 2020



Educational Services
6,900 Jobs
+700 compared to 2020



Manufacturing
6,400 Jobs
-200 compared to 2020



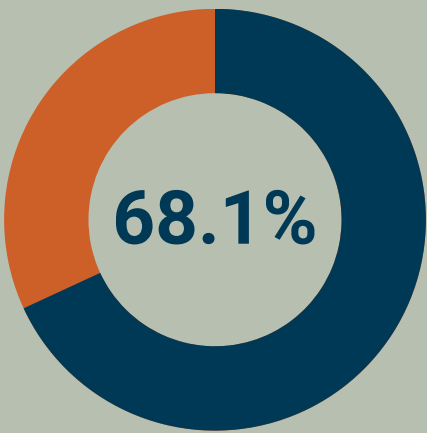
Construction
5,200 Jobs
-900 compared to 2020

Participation Rate

Participation Rate, compared to unemployment rate is the number of people in a CMA actively working or looking for work. It measures the % of the working age population. (ages 16-65)

Large Prairie Urban Centres

Edmonton 70.5%	Lethbridge 68.1%
Calgary 70.2%	Winnipeg 67.9%
Saskatoon 69.6%	Regina 67.3%



71,600

Total number of people employed in the Lethbridge CMA in February 2023. This figure is the highest in the past 5 years and represents an increase on 8,900 jobs compared to February 2019.

Average Hourly Wage Growth 2022/2023

National & Provincial Hourly Wage



+5.4%

+4.4%

\$33.16

\$34.63