

Job Market Update

Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta

A Job Search Resource

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This report gives an overview of new economic activity and a sampling of job opportunities where employers have multiple job openings. Activities listed represent current and potential employment opportunities.

If you need help with ways to approach potential employers or any other job search support, contact the Alberta Works Centre on the main floor of the Provincial Building at 200 5th Avenue South, Lethbridge, 403-381-5751, or use the other free services listed at the end of this report.

For an electronic copy of this report and other southwest Alberta labour market information and job search resources, go to **Labour Market Information Gateway (LMI Gateway)** at www.lmigateway.ca.

Good Luck in Your Job Search!

Job Activity

Seasonal wildland firefighter jobs

- Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development is hiring wildland firefighters for the 2014 season. There are several types of wildfire crew positions, and all interested candidates must successfully pass a medical screening and physical fitness test. Visit www.srd.alberta.ca (search for careers) or call the Provincial Forest Fire Centre: 780-427-680 for more information. Application deadline: November 30, 2013.¹

Holiday season jobs

- Holiday seasonal employment in retail and hospitality in southwest Alberta exists due to Christmas shopping and holiday festivities. This seasonal employment can be either full-time or part-time. Many employers hire students with flexible schedules to fill their seasonal job openings.

For many stores, December is the largest sales month due to Christmas shopping. As a result, numerous retail sales associate, cashier and stock clerk jobs are available. The Old Navy store in Lethbridge hires around 40 part-time sales positions and Toys R Us says it doubles its staff for the Christmas season.



Restaurants and hotels also experience an increase in business due to Christmas and holiday related festivities such as dining out and office parties. Numerous food and beverage server, cook, kitchen helper and hostess jobs are also available during the Christmas and holiday season.

Seasonal job opportunities in retail and hospitality are advertised in numerous ways. These are some places where you will find these jobs advertised:

- Company websites
- Indeed.ca
- [Kijiji Jobs](http://Kijiji.Jobs)
- Local newspaper Classifieds
- Park Place Mall job board (located at the mall's east entrance)
- Park Place Mall website
- Service Canada Job Bank
- Signage inside business premises or in storefront windows

Also, when searching for employment, don't forget to search for jobs in the "hidden job market"—where 80 to 90 per cent of available jobs are found. The hidden job market refers to job opportunities that are not advertised; and many employers have seasonal job opportunities that are not advertised.

Autobody Repair

- Autobody technicians/workers are still required in southwest Alberta to repair damage from this summer's hail storms. [Majik Dent Repair](#) and [Catastrophe Solutions International](#) are currently advertising multiple job openings.²

Job Activity by Area

Cardston

- Manufactured housing production workers are required by [Mountain View Industries](#). Apply by email: mountainviewindustriesjobs@gmail.com.³

Fort Macleod

- [Structural Truss Systems](#) has job openings for truss assemblers and saw personnel. Experience is an asset but training is provided. Contact Rob or Gloria to arrange an interview. Structural Truss Systems: 443 12 Street, Fort Macleod, phone: 403-553-3306, email: admin@stsltd.ca, fax: 403-553-3896.⁴

- Sewer and road infrastructure construction in the Fort Macleod industrial park is anticipated to start in December.⁵
- The Alberta Utilities Commission has approved five AltaLink projects belonging to the Foothills Area Transmission and Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement developments. These projects involve building new transmission lines, rebuilding and modifying existing transmission lines, and building two new substations west of Fort Macleod and east of High River. It is anticipated that 350 people will be working on these projects during peak construction times. AltaLink encourages its contractors to hire locally. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2014, with completion in the spring or summer of 2015.⁶

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Lethbridge and Area

Trades

- Apprentice and journeyman electricians are required by:
 - **D.A. Electric**: Apply in person to 220 31 Street North, Lethbridge, or by fax at 403-327-3526.⁷
 - **Van Rijn Electric**: also requires general labourers. Agricultural experience is an asset. Submit a resumé: email: info@vanrijnelectric.com, mail: 1431 13 Street, Coaldale, Alberta, fax: 403-345-5821.⁸
 - **Corona Electric**⁹
- **Anako Construction** requires experienced framers. Apply by email: info@anako.ca, or phone Jeremy: 403-634-2311.¹⁰

Construction projects

- Construction projects create opportunities for construction jobs. These are some of the larger construction projects that have recently started or will be starting shortly:
 - Construction on the Blackspring Ridge Wind Farm near Carmangay started in September. **Mortenson Construction** is the general contractor. Up to 300 people will be employed during the peak construction phase. Once completed, the wind farm will employ 20 full-time workers. Construction is expected to continue until June 2014.¹¹

- Construction of the South Country Co-op is currently under construction. Silver Ridge Construction (Lethbridge), phone: 403-381-4947, fax: 403-381-4937, is the general contractor. Construction is expected to continue until March 2014.¹²
- Trades work on the Emergency and Orthopedics departments of the Chinook Regional Hospital addition/renovation project is underway. Trades construction work is expected to continue until December 2014. The general contractor is Stuart Olson Dominion Construction (Calgary), phone: 403-520-6565.¹³ Stuart Olson Construction is currently advertising job openings for labourers and carpenters for work in Lethbridge.
- Lethbridge College Trades and Technology Renewal & Innovation Project is planned to start in November.¹⁴
- Construction of The Crossings Phase 2 is anticipated to start in December.¹⁵ Work will include underground utility and road work, lot servicing and surface work. Construction is expected to continue until December 2015. Ward Bros. Construction is the general contractor.¹⁶ Go to the company website for company and career information.

Manufacturing jobs

- Agri-Tech Manufacturing in Nobleford is hiring labourers. Fax a resume: www.agritechmanufacturing.com.¹⁷
- BCT Structures (Clean Harbors) is recruiting journeyman and apprentice plumbers, HVAC technicians, electricians, carpenters, experienced construction workers and general labourers. Go to the company website for specific career opportunities. Apply online at www.cleanharbors.com/careers.¹⁸
- Charlton & Hill Welding requires welders. Charlton & Hill manufactures custom oilfield equipment. Apply at www.charltonandhill.com/welding (careers).¹⁹

Feed lot jobs

- Paskal Cattle Company requires livestock attendants. Experience is an asset. Apply by fax: 403-732-4856.
- Canada Gold Beef requires livestock attendants. No experience is necessary. Apply by fax: 403-732-5990, email: dbeaton@canadagoldbeef.ca.²⁰

Retail jobs

- Walmart requires overnight associates, cashiers, TLE technicians and sales associates at its north and south Lethbridge locations. Apply online: www.yourwalmartcareer.ca.²¹

Food service jobs

- Employers in the food and accommodation industry have multiple job openings for counter attendants. Work schedules vary and can be part-time or full-time, and consist of weekend and evening shifts. Apply for food service jobs in person and with a resumé.

These companies have been advertising multiple job openings for counter attendants:²²

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| ➤ California Taste Enterprises | ➤ McDonald's Restaurants |
| ➤ Dairy Queen | ➤ Pita Pit South |
| ➤ Extreme Pita | ➤ Subway Sandwiches |
| ➤ Firestone Restaurant & Bar | ➤ Taco Time (Fairway Plaza Rd) |
| ➤ Harveys | ➤ Tim Hortons |
| ➤ IHOP | ➤ Wendy's |

Consult the Lethbridge Herald Classifieds and [Service Canada Job Bank](#), for specific food and accommodation service jobs.

Human services jobs

- [CBI Health Group](#) requires health care aides.²³ Go to the company website for more information.
- [Independent Counselling Enterprises](#) requires community rehabilitation workers.²⁴ Go to the company website for more information.

Truck driving jobs

- These employers are advertising multiple job openings for Class 1 drivers:²⁵
 - **B&D Walter Trucking**: long haul, short haul, local and regional driving. Go to the company website for information.
 - **H&R Transport**: LCV (Long Combination Vehicle) runs within Alberta. Must have two year's experience, and a clean driver's abstract and safety record. Call Hutch Thomas at 1-800-567-7266 (weekends) or 1-403-870-3776.
 - **Hubka Hay Farms**: long haul drivers for flatbed and hopper-bottom work into the United States and Western Canada. Must have a minimum of three year's

experience. Must have a clean abstract and be able to cross the US/Canadian border. Contact Cale at 403-635-0104, or email a resumé and abstract: cale@hubkahay.com.

- **Hughson Trucking** (Lethbridge and Milk River): long haul, regional, provincial national and international driving.
- **Paskal Cattle Co.** (Picture Butte): long haul drivers. Must have a farming background with cattle hauling experience, and a minimum of two year's Class 1 driving experience. Call Shawna at 403-732-5641 for information. Submit a resumé: fax: 403-732-4856, email: shawna@paskalcattle.com.²⁶
- **Watt & Stewart Commodities** (Claresholm): long haul drivers. Submit a resumé: email: jstewart@wattstewart.com. Call 403-625-4436 for information.

Miscellaneous jobs

- AFIMAC Canada requires security guards. Go to the company website for information and to apply online.²⁷

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Nanton and Vulcan Areas

- Construction work on the \$13.8 million Chain Lakes Reservoir South Dam upgrade project near Nanton is underway, and is expected to continue until September 2015. Innovative Civil Constructors (Calgary), phone: 403-984-9220 is the general contractor.²⁸
- A \$2.5 million dam rehabilitation project in Vulcan County is expected to start in November. The general contractor is Degraaf Excavating, phone: 403-320-5647, fax: 403-320-1290.²⁹

Pincher Creek and Area

- Construction projects create opportunities for construction jobs. These are some of the larger construction projects that have recently started or will be starting shortly:
 - Construction of the water line portion of the Lundbreck/Cowley regional water system project is underway, and will continue until summer 2014. The total project is valued at \$6 million.³⁰ The general contractor is Everest Construction (Calgary), phone: 403-685-6609.

- Construction of the 20 wind turbine Oldman 2 Wind Farm is underway, and will continue until June 2014. The general contractor is Mainstream Renewable Power (Mississauga, Ontario), phone: 905-278-7677, fax: 905-287-3270.³¹
- \$1.4 million in slope stabilization and paving work is underway in the Oldman River/Pincher Creek area, and is expected to continue until April 2014. Getkate Construction (Lethbridge), phone: 403-327-7542, fax: 403-327-3354, is the general contractor.³²
- Construction at Castleview Estates and Oldman River Dam provincial recreation area is planned to begin in November.³³
- Castle Mountain Resort is recruiting for the winter ski season. Castle Mountain employs numerous employees from mid-December through to mid-April. Castle Mountain Resort is currently recruiting
 - baristas
 - bartenders
 - cooks
 - dishwashers
 - guest services attendants
 - housekeepers
 - janitors
 - lift operators
 - line cooks
 - ski instructors
 - ski patrol
 - ticket office supervisor

Go to the Castle Mountain website for specific employment opportunities (click on *Employment* at bottom of web page).

Taber and Area

- Lamb Weston has job openings for production workers to trim and inspect products, sanitize plant, operate machines and assist in packaging. Submit a resumé: Lamb Weston/ A Division of ConAgra Limited, Human Resources Department, PO Box 4615, Taber, Alberta, T1G 2C9, fax: 403-223-2540, email: Taber_HR@conagrafoods.com.³⁴

Vulcan

- Community disability workers are required by the Wheat Country Special Needs Society. A valid driver's licence and a vehicle are required. Submit a resumé: mail: Box 763, Vulcan, Alberta, T0L 2B0, fax: 403-485-2234, email: 6kevin@telus.net.³⁵

Construction Company Listing

From projects listed in Job Market Updates: Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta

Company	Activities	Address and Website	Phone/Fax
Acapulco Pools (Kitchener, Ontario) (08/2013)	Construction and service of commercial and institutional aquatic centers.	www.acapulcopools.com	
Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate Ltd. (Brooks) (10/2013)	Provides road construction, repair, or maintenance throughout Alberta.	www.brooksasphalt.com	
Degraaf Excavating Ltd. (Lethbridge) (11/2013)	Excavation and earthworks contractor.		Ph: 403-320-5647 Fx: 403-320-1290
Everest Construction Management Ltd. (Calgary) (11/2013)	General contractor.		Ph: 403-685-6609
GW Cox Construction Ltd. (Lethbridge) (11/2013)	Excavation and earthworks contractor.	www.gwcoxconstruction.com	
Getkate Construction Ltd. (Lethbridge) (11/2013)	General contractor.		Ph: 403-327-7542
Innovative Civil Constructors Inc. (Calgary) (11/2013)	Heavy civil infrastructure company specializing in concrete structure rehabilitation, new bridge and rehabilitation projects.	http://www.ic2i.ca/	Ph: 403-984-9220
Silver Ridge Construction Ltd. (Lethbridge) (11/2013)	General contractor.		Ph: 403-381-4947 Fx: 403-381-4937
Stuart Olson Dominion Construction (Calgary) (11/2013)	General contractor and project manager in commercial, institutional and industrial construction.	www.sodcl.com	

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Tollestrup Construction Inc. (Lethbridge) (10/2013)	Paving, concrete, asphalt and concrete aggregates provider; mines and manufactures many different types of sand and rock products; road building and paving contractor.	www.tollestrup.com	
Ward Bros. Construction Ltd. (Lethbridge) (11/2013)	General contractor and project manager in commercial, institutional and industrial construction.	www.wardbros.net	

Free Job Search Support Services

Organization	Address	Phone	Description
Lethbridge			
5th on 5th Youth Services	435 5 St S Lethbridge	403-329-3555 youth.ab.ca	Career and job search services and resources for unemployed Albertans.
Aboriginal Opportunities Employment Centre	305 5 St S Lethbridge	403-320-7699 acleth.com	Career and employment support services for the aboriginal population living in Lethbridge and surrounding towns.
Alberta Human Services/Alberta Works	Main Floor Provincial Building 200 5 Ave S Lethbridge	403-381-5751 employment.alberta.ca	Employment and training services, income and child support services and health benefits. Alberta Works Centre offers job search and career information, and computer and telephone access.
Flexibility Learning Systems	506 4 Ave S Lethbridge	403-320-2057	English as Second Language (ESL) classes, employment services for immigrants, refugees and new Canadians.
JobLinks Employment Centre	416 8 St S Lethbridge	403-327-1099 job-links.ca	Employment services for individuals who have a disability.
Lethbridge College Career Centre– Job & Career Services	3000 College Dr S Lethbridge	403-320-3287 Toll-free: 1-800-572-010 ext. 3287 lethbridgecollege.ca/student-experience/career-centre	Provides Lethbridge College students and recent graduates employment services to assist them in making informed employment decisions. Offers career advising to prospective Lethbridge College students and the public (fee associated).

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Organization	Address	Phone	Description
Lethbridge (continued)			
Métis Training to Employment– Rupertsland Institute		1-877-250-4295 metisemployment.ca	Provides urban and rural Métis with career planning, education, training and employment supports. See their website for details of the mobile services available in the Lethbridge area.
Teamworks Career Centre	2 nd Level Lethbridge Centre Mall 236- 200 4 Ave S Lethbridge	403-382-3770 www.teamworktraining.ca	Workshops for those planning their careers or in career/employment transition.
Training Inc.	444 5 Ave S Lethbridge	403-320-5100 traininginc.ca	Career and job search services and resources for unemployed Albertans.
University of Lethbridge Career and Employment Services	4401 University Dr Lethbridge	www.uleth.ca/ross/ces	Facilitates the career development of University of Lethbridge students and recent graduates.
Cardston			
Training Inc.	58 2 Avenue West Cardston 403-653-4603	403-653-4603 traininginc.ca	Career and job search services and resources for unemployed Albertans.
Claresholm			
Alberta Human Services/Alberta Works	Provincial Building 109 46 Ave W Claresholm	403-625-4457 employment.alberta.ca	Employment and training services, income and child support services, and health benefits.
Training Inc.	211 49 Avenue West Claresholm	403-330-6566 traininginc.ca	Career and job search services and resources for Albertans.

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Organization	Address	Phone	Description
Crowsnest Pass			
Alberta Human Services/Alberta Works	Main Floor Provincial Building 12501 20 Ave Blairmore	403-562-3285 employment.alberta.ca	Employment and training services, income and child support services, and health benefits.
Training Inc.	Blairmore	403-627-1874 traininginc.ca	Career and job search services and resources for unemployed Albertans.
Fort Macleod			
Training Inc.	Fort Macleod	403-330-6566 traininginc.ca	Career and job search services and resources for unemployed Albertans.
Pincher Creek			
Alberta Human Services/Alberta Works	160 782 Main St Pincher Creek	403-627-1125 employment.alberta.ca	Employment and training services, income and child support services, and health benefits.
Training Inc.	715 C Main Street Pincher Creek	403-627-1874 traininginc.ca	Career and job search services and resources for unemployed Albertans.
Taber			
Alberta Human Services/Alberta Works	Provincial Building 5011 49 Ave Taber	403-223-7921 employment.alberta.ca	Employment and training services, income and child support services, and health benefits.
ESL Drop In Centre	5317 50 Ave Taber	403-223-1191 www.taberadultlearning.com	English as a Second Language (ESL) drop-in centre for employment supports.

Free Job Search Support Services

Organization	Address	Phone	Description
Taber (continued)			
Mennonite Central Committee	Horizon Learning Centre 5329 47 Ave Taber	403-223-4144	Provides settlement, employment support service and job boards targeted to serve Kanadier clients.

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 - ¹¹ Journal of Commerce, 2013-10-16; Vulcan Advocate, 2013-09-25
 - ¹² Journal of Commerce, 2013-10-14
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 - ¹⁵ Journal of Commerce, 2013-11-06
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 - ¹⁹ Lethbridge Herald, 2013-11-09
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