



50 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

RANK 2008	ORGANIZATION	INDUSTRY	EMPLOYEES IN ALBERTA	TOTAL EMPLOYEES	HEAD OFFICE	DESCRIPTION
1	Capital Health	Health	31,500	31,500	Edmonton	Provider of primary health-care services
2	Westfair Foods Ltd.	Retail	24,700	135,000	Calgary	Wholesaler and retailer of food products
3	Government of Alberta	Government	24,026	24,026	Edmonton	Administrator of public policy
4	Calgary Health Region	Health	14,569	14,569	Calgary	Provider of primary health-care services
5	Canada Safeway Limited	Retail	14,553	34,318	Calgary	Food and drug retailer
6	City of Calgary	Government	14,077	14,077	Calgary	Public administration within the municipality
7	City of Edmonton	Government	13,500	13,500	Edmonton	Public administration within the municipality
8	Calgary Board of Education	Education	10,972	10,972	Calgary	Public education school board
9	University of Alberta	Education	10,338	10,338	Edmonton	Academic and research institution
10	Wal-Mart Canada Corp.	Retail	9,500	70,000	Mississauga	General merchandiser
11	Flint Energy Services Ltd.	Resources	8,000	8,500	Calgary	Midstream production services provider
12	Telus Corporation	Communications	7,800	27,000	Vancouver	Diversified communications company
13	Edmonton School District No. 7	Education	7,299	7,299	Edmonton	Public education school board
14	McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited	Foodservice	7,000	77,000	Toronto	Fast food chain
15	Atco Ltd.	Utilities	6,890	7,087	Calgary	Power generation, utilities, energy services
16	Precision Drilling Trust	Resources	6,000	6,000	Calgary	Energy services company
17	David Thompson Health Region	Health	5,790	5,790	Red Deer	Provider of health services in central Alberta
18	Hudson's Bay Company	Retail	5,694	56,006	Toronto	General merchandiser
19	EnCana Corporation	Resources	5,500	5,900	Calgary	Natural gas producer
20	Suncor Energy Inc.	Resources	5,472	6,049	Calgary	Integrated energy company
21	Caritas Health Group	Health	5,400	5,400	Edmonton	Faith-based health-care provider
22	WestJet Airlines Ltd.	Transportation	5,352	6,626	Calgary	Low-fare air carrier
23	Synchrude Canada Ltd.	Resources	5,000	5,000	Fort McMurray	Oilsands producer
24	University of Calgary	Education	4,945	4,945	Calgary	Academic and research institution
25	ATB Financial	Financial Services	4,895	4,895	Edmonton	Full-service financial institution
26	Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	Transportation	4,700	15,000	Calgary	Provides rail and freight services
27	Tim Hortons	Foodservice	4,360	65,000	Oakville	Coffee and fresh baked goods chain
28	TD Bank Financial Group	Financial Services	4,336	48,889	Toronto	Full-service financial institution
29	RBC Financial Group	Financial Services	4,300	n/a	Toronto	Full-service financial institution
30	Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District	Education	4,217	4,217	Calgary	School district serving Catholic students
31	Calgary Co-Operative Association Ltd.	Retail	4,000	4,000	Calgary	Largest retail co-operative in Canada
32	Shell Canada Limited	Resources	3,828	5,167	Calgary	Petroleum company
33	Shaw Communications Inc.	Communications	3,789	8,985	Calgary	Diversified communications company
34	Husky Energy Inc.	Resources	3,700	4,000	Calgary	Integrated energy company
35	Fairmont Raffles Hotels International Inc.	Hospitality	3,600	11,500	Toronto	Five-star hotelier
36	Grant MacEwan College	Education	3,444	3,444	Edmonton	Post-secondary education institution
37	Scotiabank	Financial Services	3,380	36,046	Toronto	Full-service financial institution
38	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	Resources	3,350	3,600	Calgary	Oil and gas company
39	BMO Financial Group	Financial Services	2,726	32,475	Montreal	Full-service financial institution
40	Capital Care Group	Health	2,500	2,500	Edmonton	Continuing care provider
41	Subway Restaurants	Foodservice	2,500	222,500	Milford, CT	Franchise chain of sandwich shops
42	Chinook Health Region	Health	2,491	4,291	Lethbridge	Health service and continuing care provider
43	Imperial Oil Resources Limited	Resources	2,437	4,785	Calgary	Producer of petroleum products
44	Aspen Regional Health Authority	Health	2,425	2,425	Westlock	Health service and continuing care provider
45	The Forzani Group Ltd.	Retail	2,400	11,560	Calgary	Retailer of outdoor and sports wear
46	Epcor Utilities Inc.	Utilities	2,400	2,600	Edmonton	Electrical, water and waste mgt. utility
47	Petro-Canada	Resources	2,357	5,296	Calgary	Integrated oil and gas company
48	Palliser Health Region	Health	2,200	2,200	Medicine Hat	Provider of health-care services
49	Carewest	Health	2,200	2,200	Calgary	Public, not-for-profit health provider
50	Northlands	Hospitality	2,100	2,100	Edmonton	Venue and event manager