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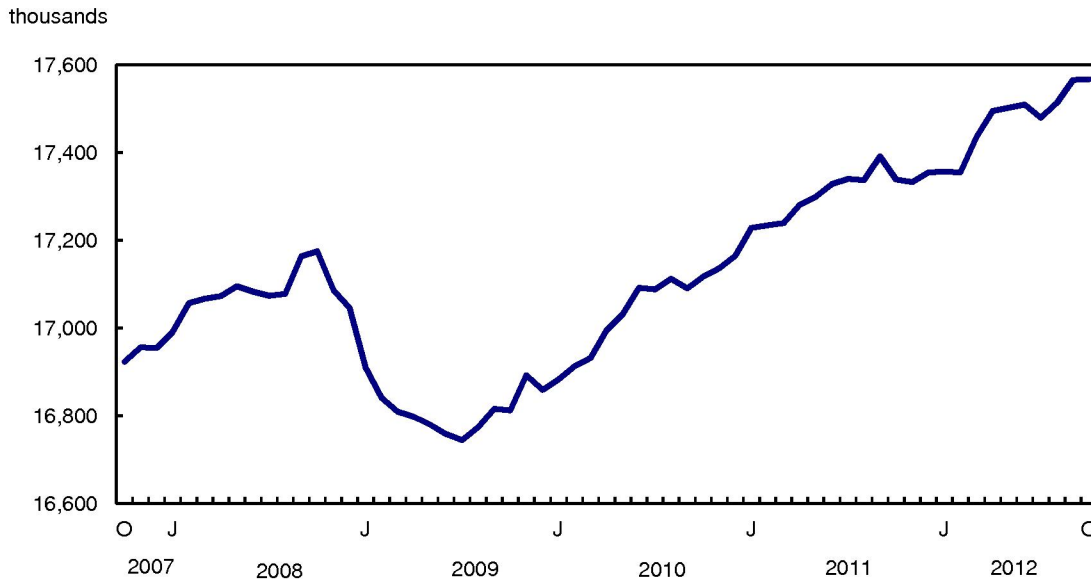


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Chart 1 Employment



Compared with 12 months earlier, employment increased 1.3% or 229,000, all in full-time work. The total number of hours worked also rose 1.3% over the same period.

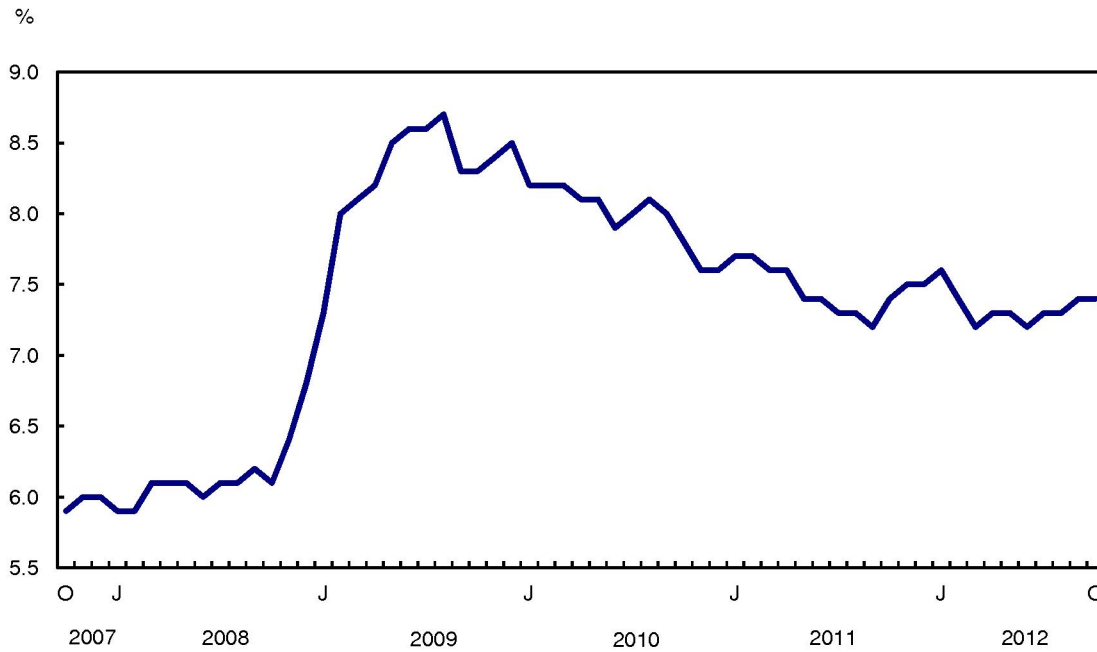
In October, employment grew in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador, while it fell in British Columbia and Manitoba. There was little change in the other provinces.

The number of public sector employees increased by 37,000, offset by a decline in private sector employment, which includes both private sector employees and the self-employed. Total gains over the previous 12 months were among both private sector employees (+157,000 or +1.4%) and public sector employees (+74,000 or +2.1%).

Employment in agriculture experienced a decline in October, while there was little change in the other industries.

The number of workers among the major demographic groups was virtually unchanged in October.

Chart 2
Unemployment rate



Provincial summary

Employment in Quebec increased by 20,000 in October, all in part-time work, pushing the unemployment rate down 0.3 percentage points to 7.7%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province was 1.7% higher.

In October, employment in Newfoundland and Labrador rose by 3,800, and the unemployment rate was 11.9%. Employment in the province increased 3.6% from 12 months earlier, the highest growth rate among the provinces.

The number of workers in British Columbia declined by 11,000 in October. Nevertheless, the unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 6.7%, as fewer people participated in the labour force. Year-over-year employment growth for the province was 1.3%.

Following two consecutive months of increases, employment in Manitoba fell by 7,300 in October, and the unemployment rate rose 0.6 percentage points to 5.6%. Despite this increase, Manitoba continued to have one of the lowest unemployment rates among the provinces. Compared with 12 months earlier, there was little change in overall employment.

In October, employment in Ontario was little changed, as a decrease in part-time work was mostly offset by an increase in full-time work. The unemployment rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 8.3%, as more people searched for work. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment growth in the province was 1.0%.

While employment in New Brunswick was little changed in October, the unemployment rate increased 0.6 percentage points to 11.6%, with more people searching for work. Compared with 12 months earlier, the unemployment rate in the province was up 2.2 percentage points.

Employment losses in agriculture

Following an increase in September, employment in agriculture fell by 16,000 in October. Employment in this industry was little changed compared with 12 months earlier.

The number of workers in manufacturing was little changed for the fifth consecutive month. Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of factory workers increased 5.2%, with most of the gains earlier in the year.

Little employment change among the major demographic groups

In October, employment among men aged 55 and over was little changed. However, with more men in this age group searching for work, the unemployment rate increased 1.0 percentage points to 7.3%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment among this group was up 87,000 (+5.1%), partly as a result of population aging.

Employment among women aged 55 and over was little changed in October. Compared with 12 months earlier, their employment increased by 102,000 (+7.4%), also partly a result of population aging.

Employment among those aged 25 to 54 was unchanged in October, and the year-over-year gains were 92,000 (+0.8%).

Employment among youths was little changed for the second consecutive month and was down by 52,000 (-2.1%) compared with 12 months earlier. Their unemployment rate was 14.7% in October.

Note to readers

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability. Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries will have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the "Data quality" section of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X, free).

The employment rate is the number of employed persons as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The rate for a particular group (for example, youth aged 15 to 24) is the number employed in that group as a percentage of the population for that group.

The unemployment rate is the number unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed).

The participation rate is the number of employed and unemployed as a percentage of the population. For more detailed information, see the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G, free).

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends](#).

Table 1
Labour force characteristics by age and sex – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012
	thousands (except rates)		change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Both sexes, 15 years and over						
Population	28,388.3	28,414.8	26.5	332.5	0.1	1.2
Labour force	18,959.5	18,977.5	18.0	262.1	0.1	1.4
Employment	17,565.7	17,567.5	1.8	229.0	0.0	1.3
Full-time	14,255.5	14,262.8	7.3	240.4	0.1	1.7
Part-time	3,310.2	3,304.7	-5.5	-11.3	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment	1,393.8	1,410.0	16.2	33.0	1.2	2.4
Participation rate	66.8	66.8	0.0	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.8	-0.1	0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.8	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Youths, 15 to 24 years						
Population	4,457.6	4,457.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Labour force	2,843.0	2,834.5	-8.5	-42.6	-0.3	-1.5
Employment	2,417.7	2,418.9	1.2	-52.2	0.0	-2.1
Full-time	1,270.9	1,256.0	-14.9	-41.4	-1.2	-3.2
Part-time	1,146.8	1,162.9	16.1	-10.7	1.4	-0.9
Unemployment	425.3	415.7	-9.6	9.6	-2.3	2.4
Participation rate	63.8	63.6	-0.2	-0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	14.7	-0.3	0.6	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.3	0.1	-1.1	...	...
Part-time rate	47.4	48.1	0.7	0.6	...	...
Men, 25 years and over						
Population	11,712.6	11,726.3	13.7	166.7	0.1	1.4
Labour force	8,548.5	8,562.5	14.0	165.4	0.2	2.0
Employment	8,005.8	8,001.4	-4.4	134.1	-0.1	1.7
Full-time	7,398.6	7,399.5	0.9	161.1	0.0	2.2
Part-time	607.2	601.9	-5.3	-27.0	-0.9	-4.3
Unemployment	542.7	561.1	18.4	31.3	3.4	5.9
Participation rate	73.0	73.0	0.0	0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.6	0.3	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	68.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	7.6	7.5	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Women, 25 years and over						
Population	12,218.1	12,231.4	13.3	166.0	0.1	1.4
Labour force	7,568.0	7,580.4	12.4	139.2	0.2	1.9
Employment	7,142.2	7,147.2	5.0	147.1	0.1	2.1
Full-time	5,586.0	5,607.3	21.3	120.7	0.4	2.2
Part-time	1,556.1	1,539.9	-16.2	26.4	-1.0	1.7
Unemployment	425.8	433.2	7.4	-7.9	1.7	-1.8
Participation rate	61.9	62.0	0.1	0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.1	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.4	-0.1	0.4	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	21.5	-0.3	-0.1	...	...

... not applicable

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

Table 2
Employment by class of worker and industry (based on NAICS¹) – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012
	thousands		change in thousands		% change	
Class of worker						
Employees	14,881.3	14,897.9	16.6	230.9	0.1	1.6
Self-employed	2,684.4	2,669.5	-14.9	-1.9	-0.6	-0.1
Public/private sector employees						
Public	3,602.1	3,639.0	36.9	74.1	1.0	2.1
Private	11,279.2	11,258.9	-20.3	156.8	-0.2	1.4
All industries	17,565.7	17,567.5	1.8	229.0	0.0	1.3
Goods-producing sector	3,890.7	3,871.4	-19.3	119.3	-0.5	3.2
Agriculture	315.6	299.4	-16.2	-6.2	-5.1	-2.0
Natural resources ²	365.5	365.2	-0.3	20.4	-0.1	5.9
Utilities	151.1	141.8	-9.3	8.8	-6.2	6.6
Construction	1,264.0	1,267.5	3.5	7.6	0.3	0.6
Manufacturing	1,794.4	1,797.5	3.1	88.8	0.2	5.2
Services-producing sector	13,675.0	13,696.0	21.0	109.6	0.2	0.8
Trade	2,653.6	2,651.5	-2.1	-34.7	-0.1	-1.3
Transportation and warehousing	860.0	852.3	-7.7	3.5	-0.9	0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,111.1	1,112.3	1.2	39.8	0.1	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,300.9	1,301.9	1.0	-27.1	0.1	-2.0
Business, building and other support services	700.0	695.8	-4.2	10.7	-0.6	1.6
Educational services	1,298.4	1,314.6	16.2	84.4	1.2	6.9
Health care and social assistance	2,136.8	2,145.4	8.6	30.4	0.4	1.4
Information, culture and recreation	788.2	791.6	3.4	14.9	0.4	1.9
Accommodation and food services	1,097.3	1,083.5	-13.8	-37.9	-1.3	-3.4
Other services	781.8	791.9	10.1	39.7	1.3	5.3
Public administration	946.9	955.4	8.5	-13.9	0.9	-1.4

1. North American Industry Classification System.

2. Also referred to as forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas.

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012
	thousands (except rates)		change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Newfoundland and Labrador						
Population	427.2	427.5	0.3	-1.0	0.1	-0.2
Labour force	261.0	264.0	3.0	6.1	1.1	2.4
Employment	228.7	232.5	3.8	8.0	1.7	3.6
Full-time	198.8	199.1	0.3	9.3	0.2	4.9
Part-time	30.0	33.4	3.4	-1.3	11.3	-3.7
Unemployment	32.2	31.5	-0.7	-1.9	-2.2	-5.7
Participation rate	61.1	61.8	0.7	1.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	11.9	-0.4	-1.1	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	54.4	0.9	2.0	...	...
Prince Edward Island						
Population	120.8	120.7	-0.1	1.1	-0.1	0.9
Labour force	81.1	81.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1
Employment	72.0	72.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
Full-time	60.2	60.5	0.3	-0.4	0.5	-0.7
Part-time	11.8	11.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	7.3
Unemployment	9.1	9.6	0.5	0.5	5.5	5.5
Participation rate	67.1	67.9	0.8	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	11.7	0.5	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	60.0	0.4	-0.1	...	...
Nova Scotia						
Population	780.4	780.5	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.2
Labour force	502.0	503.6	1.6	11.8	0.3	2.4
Employment	458.6	457.4	-1.2	7.6	-0.3	1.7
Full-time	366.8	365.5	-1.3	-1.4	-0.4	-0.4
Part-time	91.8	92.0	0.2	9.0	0.2	10.8
Unemployment	43.4	46.2	2.8	4.2	6.5	10.0
Participation rate	64.3	64.5	0.2	1.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	9.2	0.6	0.7	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.6	-0.2	0.9	...	...
New Brunswick						
Population	620.6	620.3	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Labour force	393.4	395.2	1.8	5.1	0.5	1.3
Employment	350.0	349.4	-0.6	-3.9	-0.2	-1.1
Full-time	295.6	293.5	-2.1	-3.5	-0.7	-1.2
Part-time	54.4	56.0	1.6	-0.2	2.9	-0.4
Unemployment	43.4	45.8	2.4	9.0	5.5	24.5
Participation rate	63.4	63.7	0.3	0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	11.6	0.6	2.2	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	56.3	-0.1	-0.7	...	...
Quebec						
Population	6,650.9	6,655.5	4.6	60.7	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,345.4	4,354.1	8.7	70.2	0.2	1.6
Employment	3,999.9	4,020.0	20.1	67.3	0.5	1.7
Full-time	3,233.7	3,230.4	-3.3	23.0	-0.1	0.7
Part-time	766.2	789.5	23.3	44.1	3.0	5.9
Unemployment	345.5	334.2	-11.3	3.1	-3.3	0.9
Participation rate	65.3	65.4	0.1	0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.7	-0.3	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.4	0.3	0.5	...	...
Ontario						
Population	11,100.1	11,109.5	9.4	141.5	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,384.3	7,399.8	15.5	87.2	0.2	1.2
Employment	6,798.8	6,788.9	-9.9	69.6	-0.1	1.0
Full-time	5,500.7	5,530.6	29.9	110.3	0.5	2.0
Part-time	1,298.1	1,258.3	-39.8	-40.7	-3.1	-3.1
Unemployment	585.6	610.9	25.3	17.6	4.3	3.0
Participation rate	66.5	66.6	0.1	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.3	0.4	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...

Table 3 - continued
Labour force characteristics by province – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012	September to October 2012	October 2011 to October 2012
Manitoba						
Population	964.8	965.4	0.6	8.7	0.1	0.9
Labour force	668.6	664.7	-3.9	4.3	-0.6	0.7
Employment	635.0	627.7	-7.3	1.7	-1.1	0.3
Full-time	513.7	511.3	-2.4	13.6	-0.5	2.7
Part-time	121.3	116.5	-4.8	-11.9	-4.0	-9.3
Unemployment	33.6	37.0	3.4	2.6	10.1	7.6
Participation rate	69.3	68.9	-0.4	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.6	0.6	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.0	-0.8	-0.4	...	...
Saskatchewan						
Population	813.9	815.1	1.2	12.2	0.1	1.5
Labour force	564.8	567.3	2.5	15.9	0.4	2.9
Employment	538.4	540.7	2.3	12.2	0.4	2.3
Full-time	448.6	449.5	0.9	13.8	0.2	3.2
Part-time	89.8	91.2	1.4	-1.6	1.6	-1.7
Unemployment	26.4	26.6	0.2	3.7	0.8	16.2
Participation rate	69.4	69.6	0.2	0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	66.3	0.1	0.5	...	...
Alberta						
Population	3,087.4	3,095.6	8.2	73.5	0.3	2.4
Labour force	2,255.6	2,261.9	6.3	24.0	0.3	1.1
Employment	2,156.0	2,161.0	5.0	36.5	0.2	1.7
Full-time	1,808.6	1,809.8	1.2	43.4	0.1	2.5
Part-time	347.4	351.2	3.8	-6.9	1.1	-1.9
Unemployment	99.6	101.0	1.4	-12.3	1.4	-10.9
Participation rate	73.1	73.1	0.0	-1.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.5	0.1	-0.6	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.8	0.0	-0.5	...	...
British Columbia						
Population	3,822.3	3,824.7	2.4	34.4	0.1	0.9
Labour force	2,503.4	2,484.8	-18.6	36.3	-0.7	1.5
Employment	2,328.3	2,317.4	-10.9	29.5	-0.5	1.3
Full-time	1,828.9	1,812.7	-16.2	32.4	-0.9	1.8
Part-time	499.4	504.8	5.4	-2.8	1.1	-0.6
Unemployment	175.1	167.4	-7.7	6.8	-4.4	4.2
Participation rate	65.5	65.0	-0.5	0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.7	-0.3	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.6	-0.3	0.2	...	...

... not applicable

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042, 282-0047 to 282-0051, 282-0054, 282-0055, 282-0060 to 282-0063, 282-0069 to 282-0089, 282-0092 to 282-0095, 282-0100 to 282-0121 and 282-0200 to 282-0219.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

A more detailed summary, *Labour Force Information* (71-001-X, free), is now available online for the week ending October 13. From the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects*, then *Labour*.

[Data tables](#) are also now available online. From the *Subject* module of our website, choose *Labour*.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on December 7.

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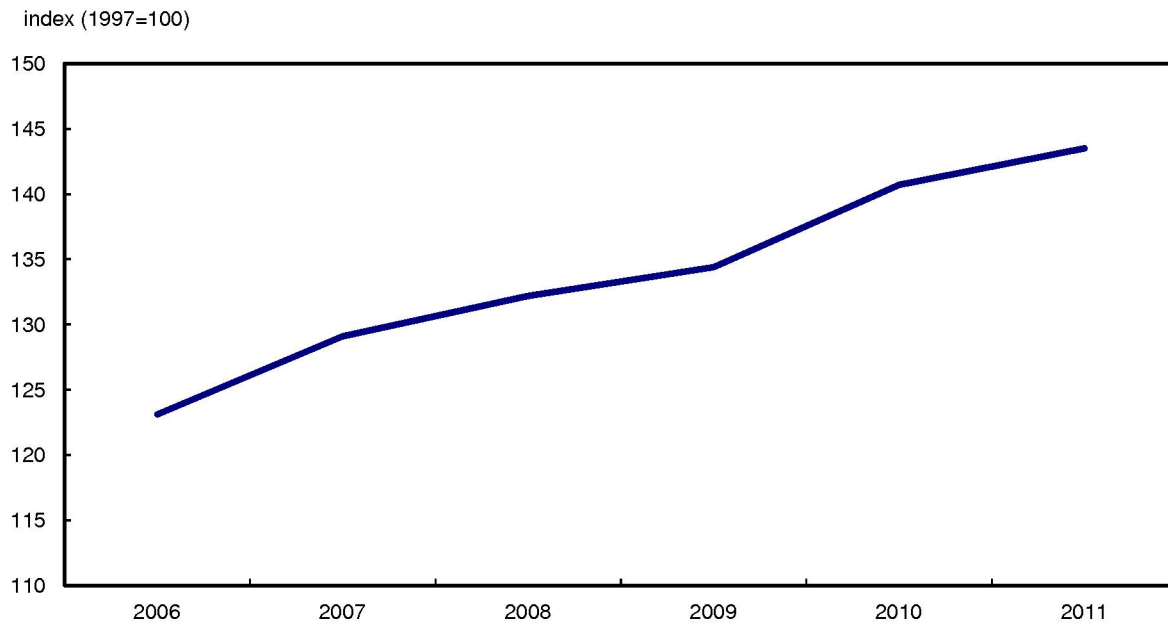
Consulting Engineering Services Price Index, 2011

The Consulting Engineering Services Price Index (CESPI) increased 2.0% in 2011 compared with 2010.

Prices rose for 7 of the 11 engineering specializations covered by CESPI, led by oil, petroleum and natural gas (+6.9%). Other engineering services (+4.5%) and buildings (+3.7%) also notably contributed to the overall CESPI increase.

Prices of engineering services in power generation and transmission; mining, metallurgy and primary metals; and foreign decreased in 2011 compared with 2010.

Chart 1
Services Producer Price Index: Consulting engineering services



Note to readers

The Consulting Engineering Services Price Index series is an annual survey that collects financial and wage information that is used to produce price indexes measuring changes in prices for consulting engineer services.

With this release, the 2010 data are revised and 2011 data are subject to revision. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

Table 1
Service Producer Price Index: Consulting engineering services – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ¹	2010 ^r	2011 ^p	2010 to 2011
	%	(1997=100)		% change
Geography and field of specialization²				
Canada and foreign: Total engineering³	100.00	140.7	143.5	2.0
Canada: Total engineering	86.32	143.3	147.7	3.1
Buildings	14.38	140.4	145.6	3.7
Transportation	7.02	139.8	143.7	2.8
Municipal services	7.88	143.4	143.4	0.0
Environmental services	2.56	123.1	128.8	4.6
Mining, metallurgy and primary metals	9.50	149.9	146.4	-2.3
Pulp and paper	0.94	133.1	135.2	1.6
Oil, petroleum and natural gas	26.46	141.1	150.9	6.9
Power generation and transmission	5.27	136.4	129.5	-5.1
Other industrial services	2.48	140.8	149.1	5.9
Other engineering services	9.83	175.6	183.5	4.5
Foreign: Total engineering	13.68	129.4	123.7	-4.4

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each specialization contributes to the overall Consulting Engineering Services Price Index.

2. Fields of specialization are the types of project on which engineering firms work.

3. The category "foreign" includes all locations outside of Canada to which the Canadian offices of an engineering firm are providing services.

Note(s): Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 327-0007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2328.

The 2011 Consulting Engineering Services Price Index data will be published in the third quarter 2012 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free).

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Electric power statistics, August 2012

Data on electric power are now available for August.

Note to readers

Data from February to July have been revised.

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(Release dates are subject to change.)

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5	Building permits	September 2012
5	Employment Insurance Coverage Survey	2011
8	Canadian international merchandise trade	September 2012

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