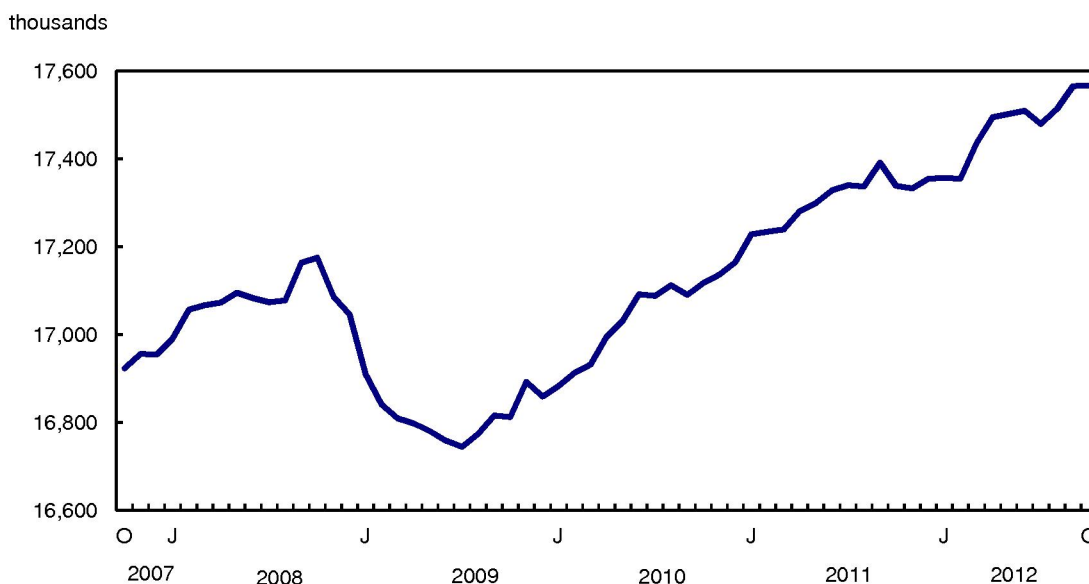


# Labour Force Survey, October 2012

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Following two consecutive months of increases, employment in October was unchanged and the unemployment rate remained at 7.4%.

**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.





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## 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	
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Youths, 15 to 24 years</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>						
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	...	...

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

**Table 2**  
**Employment by class of worker and industry (based on NAICS<sup>1</sup>) – 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	
<b>Class of worker</b>						
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
<b>All industries</b>	<b>17,565.7</b>	<b>17,567.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>229.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>3,890.7</b>	<b>3,871.4</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Agriculture	315.6	299.4	-16.2	-6.2	-5.1	-2.0
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	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
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>13,675.0</b>	<b>13,696.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
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	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>						
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	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Ontario</b>						
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
<b>Manitoba</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>						
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	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>						
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	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>						
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	...	...

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**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.**

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