

# Job vacancies, three-month average ending in August 2012

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In August, there were 270,000 job vacancies among Canadian businesses, an increase of 22,000 from August 2011. For every job vacancy, there were 5.2 unemployed people, down from 5.8 in August 2011.

The decline in the ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was almost all the result of the increase in job vacancies.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.8% in the three-month period ending in August, up slightly from 1.7% a year earlier.

## Note to readers

*All data are based on three-month moving averages. For example, the data for August are based on an average of the data for June, July and August.*

*Data on job vacancies are not seasonally adjusted and should only be compared on a year-over-year basis. Given this is a new data series, trends are not yet available; therefore, data should be interpreted with caution.*

*With each release, data for the current reference month are subject to revision. Data have been revised for the previous month. Users are encouraged to request and use the most up-to-date data for each month.*

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2612.

Job vacancy data tables are not currently available on CANSIM, but can be obtained free of charge at 1-800-263-1136 ([infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)).

The next job vacancies release, for September, will be on December 12.

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