

Job vacancies, three-month average ending in November 2012

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In November, there were 243,000 job vacancies among Canadian businesses compared with 234,000 vacancies in November 2011. There were 5.2 unemployed people for every job vacancy, compared with 5.4 one year earlier.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.7% in November, up slightly from 1.6% 12 months earlier.

Note to readers

All data are based on three-month moving averages. For example, data for the current month are based on an average of the data from the current month and the previous two months.

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 by contacting us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

The next job vacancies release, for December, will be on March 20.

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