

# Job vacancies, three-month average ending in January 2013

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In January, there were 200,000 job vacancies among Canadian businesses, a decrease of 22,000 from January 2012. There were 6.5 unemployed people for every job vacancy, compared with 6.1 one year earlier.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.4% in January, down from 1.6% 12 months earlier.

For 2012 as a whole, there was an average of 250,000 job vacancies per month among Canadian businesses, compared with 235,000 in 2011. For every job vacancy, there were 5.5 unemployed people in 2012, down from 6.0 in 2011.

## Note to readers

Monthly 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.

## Revisions

As part of the March 27, 2013 revisions to the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) employment data, the historical job vacancies data may have very slight changes to some job vacancy rates, as SEPH is the source of data on filled positions. In addition, a revised job vacancies estimation method, as well as some historical revisions to job vacancies data in certain jurisdictions and sectors, has resulted in small changes to the number of job vacancies and their related rates and ratios. These small changes can be seen throughout the time series, from 2011 to present.

**Available in CANSIM: tables 284-0001 to 284-0004.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5202.**

Monthly and annual job vacancies data are now available on CANSIM.

The next job vacancies release, for February, will be on May 22.

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