

# Labour Force Survey, September 2013

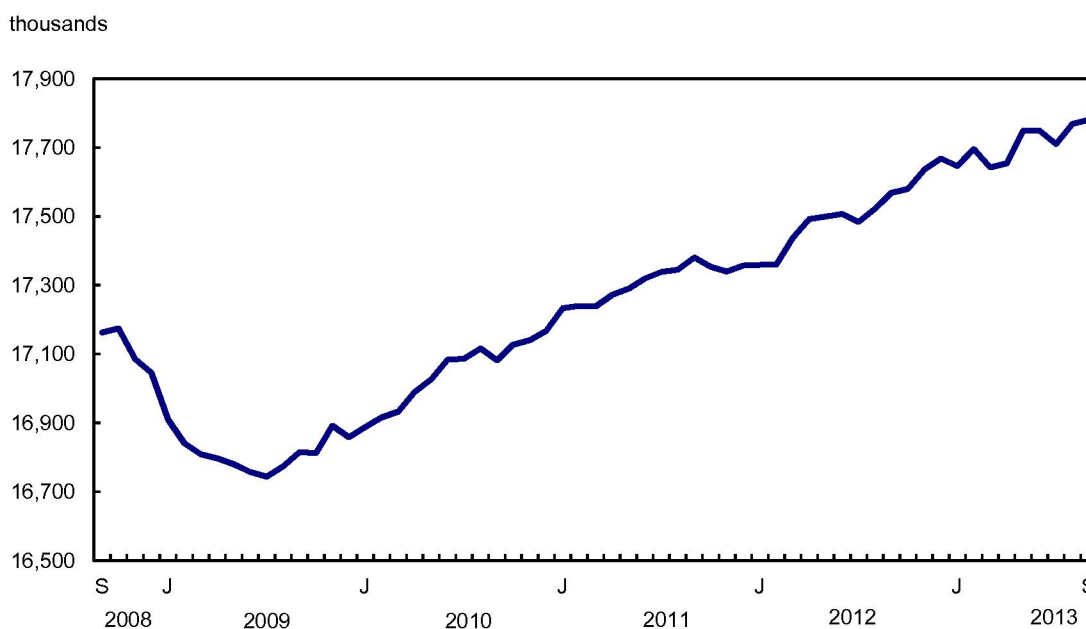
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Employment was little changed in September, while the unemployment rate declined 0.2 percentage points to 6.9% as fewer youths searched for work.

Employment was up 1.2% (+212,000) compared with 12 months earlier. During this same period, however, the employment rate was little changed, as employment and the working-age population grew at a similar pace.

Since September 2012, the number of hours worked rose by 0.8%, as part-time employment grew at a faster pace than full time.

## Chart 1 Employment



There were employment gains in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing as well as natural resources and agriculture in September. At the same time, there were declines in manufacturing and public administration.

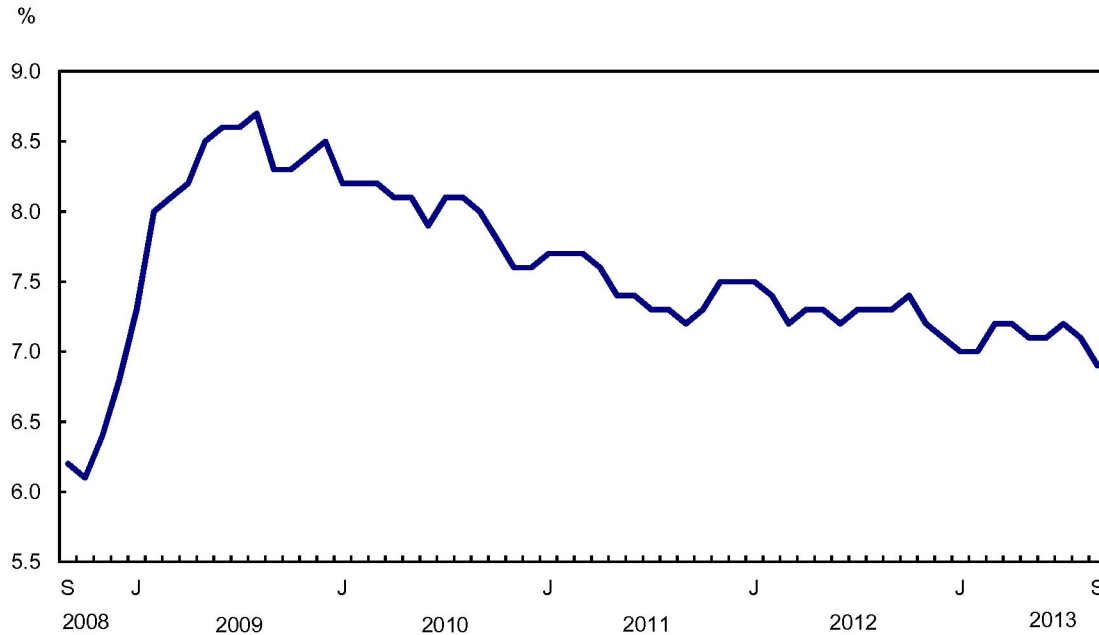
In September, employment was up in New Brunswick and down in Saskatchewan, while there was little change in the other provinces.

The number of private sector employees increased in September, while self-employment declined.

There were no notable employment changes among the major demographic groups.



**Chart 2**  
**Unemployment rate**



**Industry perspective**

Employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing rose by 33,000 in September, following a decline the previous month. Despite these recent changes, employment levels in this industry are similar to one year earlier.

Employment increased by 19,000 in natural resources, accounting for all the growth since September 2012 (+4.7% or +17,000).

The number of people working in agriculture increased by 8,500 in September, following a decline the previous month. Employment in this industry remains at a level similar to that of 12 months earlier.

Employment in manufacturing fell by 26,000 in September, contributing to the decline of 4.1% (-73,000) on a year-over-year basis.

There were 17,000 fewer people working in public administration in September. Employment in this industry has been declining since February, down 7.2% or 71,000 over this seven-month period.

In September, there were 74,000 more private sector employees, while there were 45,000 fewer self-employed workers. Over the previous 12 months, the number of private sector employees increased by 1.8%, while the number of public sector employees and the self-employed was little changed.

**Few employment changes by province**

In New Brunswick, employment increased by 2,800 in September, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 10.7%. Employment in this province was at a level similar to that of 12 months earlier.

Employment in Saskatchewan fell by 3,200. Despite this decline, employment grew by 3.1% year over year, the second highest growth rate after Alberta. In September, the unemployment rate in Saskatchewan was 4.3%, which was the same as in Alberta and the lowest among the provinces.

In September, employment in Ontario was little changed. At the same time, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 7.3% as fewer youths looked for work. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province grew by 1.7%, above the national average of 1.2%.

Despite little change in employment in Quebec, the unemployment rate declined 0.3 percentage points to 7.6% as fewer youths searched for work. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province was little changed, as gains in the first five months of the period were offset by recent losses.

### **Little change in employment among demographic groups**

While employment for youths aged 15 to 24 was virtually unchanged in September, their unemployment rate declined by 1.2 percentage points to 12.9%. This decline was largely a result of fewer youths searching for work. Compared with 12 months earlier, youth employment increased 1.7%, mainly the result of gains in the first half of the period.

Employment in September was also little changed among people aged 25 to 54 and remains at a level similar to that of September 2012.

In September, employment among people aged 55 and over was unchanged. Compared with 12 months earlier, however, there were 140,000 more men and women working in this age group (+4.3%), largely a result of population aging.

### **Quarterly update for the territories**

The Labour Force Survey also collects labour market information about the territories. This information is produced monthly in the form of three-month moving averages. The following data are not seasonally adjusted; therefore, comparisons should only be made on a year-over-year basis.

In the third quarter, employment levels were little changed in Yukon and the Northwest Territories compared with the third quarter of 2012. The unemployment rate also was little changed for these two territories and stood at 4.4% in Yukon and 8.4% in the Northwest Territories.

In Nunavut, employment increased by 800 over this period, all in full-time work. The unemployment rate was 14.2%, relatively unchanged from the third quarter of 2012.

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**Note to readers**

*The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability. As a result, monthly estimates will show more variability than trends observed over longer time periods. Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries also have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the "Estimates quality" section of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X).*

*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).*

*Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted estimates, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Recent trends in Canada's labour force participation rate.*

*Each year, the LFS revises its estimates for the previous three years, using the latest seasonal factors.*

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

	August 2013	September 2013	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	28,724.6	28,762.9	...	38.3	374.6	0.1	1.3
Labour force	19,130.8	19,105.7	29.2	-25.1	149.5	-0.1	0.8
Employment	17,768.8	17,780.7	28.9	11.9	212.4	0.1	1.2
Full-time	14,398.4	14,421.8	39.0	23.4	157.8	0.2	1.1
Part-time	3,370.4	3,358.9	35.7	-11.5	54.6	-0.3	1.7
Unemployment	1,362.0	1,325.0	25.1	-37.0	-62.9	-2.7	-4.5
Participation rate	66.6	66.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	18.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	...	...
<b>Youths, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	4,449.5	4,447.0	...	-2.5	-10.6	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	2,846.1	2,824.7	17.3	-21.4	-18.9	-0.8	-0.7
Employment	2,445.6	2,461.3	15.8	15.7	41.8	0.6	1.7
Full-time	1,263.4	1,286.0	18.6	22.6	14.2	1.8	1.1
Part-time	1,182.2	1,175.3	19.5	-6.9	27.7	-0.6	2.4
Unemployment	400.5	363.4	14.9	-37.1	-60.8	-9.3	-14.3
Participation rate	64.0	63.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	12.9	0.5	-1.2	-2.0	...	...
Employment rate	55.0	55.3	0.4	0.3	1.0	...	...
Part-time rate	48.3	47.8	0.7	-0.5	0.4	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	11,885.3	11,906.1	...	20.8	193.5	0.2	1.7
Labour force	8,615.1	8,613.0	15.1	-2.1	71.6	0.0	0.8
Employment	8,084.4	8,080.1	16.3	-4.3	75.4	-0.1	0.9
Full-time	7,455.9	7,444.2	22.0	-11.7	44.8	-0.2	0.6
Part-time	628.5	635.9	17.7	7.4	30.6	1.2	5.1
Unemployment	530.8	532.9	14.5	2.1	-3.8	0.4	-0.7
Participation rate	72.5	72.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	67.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	7.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	12,389.8	12,409.8	...	20.0	191.7	0.2	1.6
Labour force	7,669.6	7,668.0	16.6	-1.6	96.9	0.0	1.3
Employment	7,238.8	7,239.3	16.5	0.5	95.2	0.0	1.3
Full-time	5,679.1	5,691.7	25.4	12.6	98.9	0.2	1.8
Part-time	1,559.7	1,547.6	23.8	-12.1	-3.7	-0.8	-0.2
Unemployment	430.8	428.6	13.4	-2.2	1.5	-0.5	0.4
Participation rate	61.9	61.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	21.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	...	...

... not applicable

1. Average standard error for change in two consecutive months. See "Sampling Errors" in the section "About the Labour Force Survey" at the end of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X) for further explanations.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total as a result of rounding.

**Table 2**  
**Employment by class of worker and industry (based on NAICS<sup>1</sup>) – Seasonally adjusted**

	August 2013	September 2013	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
<b>Class of worker</b>							
Employees	15,024.1	15,081.4	35.5	57.3	185.8	0.4	1.2
Self-employed	2,744.7	2,699.3	25.2	-45.4	26.6	-1.7	1.0
Public/private sector employees							
Public	3,600.0	3,583.7	25.0	-16.3	-20.9	-0.5	-0.6
Private	11,424.1	11,497.7	37.7	73.6	206.7	0.6	1.8
<b>All industries</b>	<b>17,768.8</b>	<b>17,780.7</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>3,922.2</b>	<b>3,911.9</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Agriculture	307.9	316.4	7.3	8.5	-2.5	2.8	-0.8
Natural resources <sup>3</sup>	363.1	382.0	7.2	18.9	17.2	5.2	4.7
Utilities	149.3	151.7	5.0	2.4	0.8	1.6	0.5
Construction	1,356.3	1,342.2	17.2	-14.1	82.3	-1.0	6.5
Manufacturing	1,745.6	1,719.6	20.0	-26.0	-72.7	-1.5	-4.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>13,846.6</b>	<b>13,868.8</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>187.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Trade	2,715.1	2,728.2	23.7	13.1	70.9	0.5	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	855.9	858.6	14.1	2.7	0.5	0.3	0.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,104.7	1,137.9	16.3	33.2	25.9	3.0	2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,357.8	1,351.3	18.4	-6.5	52.2	-0.5	4.0
Business, building and other support services	729.2	727.2	14.2	-2.0	26.9	-0.3	3.8
Educational services	1,274.0	1,275.6	16.7	1.6	-24.1	0.1	-1.9
Health care and social assistance	2,190.0	2,177.7	19.4	-12.3	38.8	-0.6	1.8
Information, culture and recreation	782.5	788.1	14.5	5.6	-2.1	0.7	-0.3
Accommodation and food services	1,140.9	1,132.1	16.9	-8.8	34.1	-0.8	3.1
Other services	764.9	778.0	13.7	13.1	-2.0	1.7	-0.3
Public administration	931.5	914.1	13.1	-17.4	-33.8	-1.9	-3.6

1. North American Industry Classification System.

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total as a result of rounding.

**Table 3**  
**Labour force characteristics by province – Seasonally adjusted**

	August 2013	September 2013	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
Population	429.7	429.8	...	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.6
Labour force	259.6	257.5	1.9	-2.1	-4.3	-0.8	-1.6
Employment	232.0	230.7	1.9	-1.3	1.0	-0.6	0.4
Full-time	197.6	196.4	2.3	-1.2	-3.0	-0.6	-1.5
Part-time	34.3	34.3	1.8	0.0	4.0	0.0	13.2
Unemployment	27.7	26.9	1.7	-0.8	-5.2	-2.9	-16.2
Participation rate	60.4	59.9	0.4	-0.5	-1.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.4	0.6	-0.3	-1.9	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	53.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
Population	121.0	121.0	...	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Labour force	82.7	82.5	0.7	-0.2	1.3	-0.2	1.6
Employment	73.9	73.4	0.7	-0.5	1.3	-0.7	1.8
Full-time	60.4	59.7	0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-1.2	-0.8
Part-time	13.5	13.7	0.7	0.2	1.8	1.5	15.1
Unemployment	8.8	9.1	0.7	0.3	0.0	3.4	0.0
Participation rate	68.3	68.2	0.5	-0.1	1.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	11.0	0.8	0.4	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	60.7	0.5	-0.4	1.0	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
Population	781.7	781.8	...	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.2
Labour force	500.0	499.3	2.6	-0.7	-2.3	-0.1	-0.5
Employment	456.4	456.1	2.7	-0.3	-2.3	-0.1	-0.5
Full-time	367.0	365.4	3.7	-1.6	-1.1	-0.4	-0.3
Part-time	89.4	90.8	3.2	1.4	-1.0	1.6	-1.1
Unemployment	43.6	43.1	2.5	-0.5	-0.1	-1.1	-0.2
Participation rate	64.0	63.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.6	0.5	-0.1	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
Population	620.1	620.2	...	0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	391.7	394.7	2.2	3.0	1.7	0.8	0.4
Employment	349.8	352.6	2.3	2.8	3.1	0.8	0.9
Full-time	291.8	292.6	2.9	0.8	-2.4	0.3	-0.8
Part-time	58.0	60.0	2.5	2.0	5.5	3.4	10.1
Unemployment	42.0	42.1	2.2	0.1	-1.4	0.2	-3.2
Participation rate	63.2	63.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.7	0.5	0.0	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	56.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>							
Population	6,698.2	6,703.2	...	5.0	52.3	0.1	0.8
Labour force	4,344.2	4,345.0	15.1	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0
Employment	3,998.8	4,013.8	15.4	15.0	10.8	0.4	0.3
Full-time	3,247.1	3,246.6	20.3	-0.5	6.4	0.0	0.2
Part-time	751.8	767.3	18.0	15.5	4.5	2.1	0.6
Unemployment	345.3	331.1	13.2	-14.2	-10.8	-4.1	-3.2
Participation rate	64.9	64.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.9	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...

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

	August 2013	September 2013	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
<b>Ontario</b>							
Population	11,221.2	11,236.3	...	15.1	136.2	0.1	1.2
Labour force	7,478.8	7,461.3	20.1	-17.5	75.5	-0.2	1.0
Employment	6,920.1	6,918.4	19.3	-1.7	118.6	0.0	1.7
Full-time	5,578.2	5,588.9	26.3	10.7	88.5	0.2	1.6
Part-time	1,341.9	1,329.6	24.5	-12.3	30.2	-0.9	2.3
Unemployment	558.7	542.8	17.5	-15.9	-43.2	-2.8	-7.4
Participation rate	66.6	66.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.6	0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>							
Population	974.9	976.0	...	1.1	11.2	0.1	1.2
Labour force	666.3	671.2	2.6	4.9	1.7	0.7	0.3
Employment	631.5	634.0	2.7	2.5	-1.7	0.4	-0.3
Full-time	508.3	509.8	3.6	1.5	-4.5	0.3	-0.9
Part-time	123.2	124.1	3.5	0.9	2.6	0.7	2.1
Unemployment	34.8	37.2	2.2	2.4	3.5	6.9	10.4
Participation rate	68.3	68.8	0.3	0.5	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	65.0	0.3	0.2	-0.9	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
Population	828.4	830.0	...	1.6	16.1	0.2	2.0
Labour force	583.4	580.7	2.5	-2.7	15.9	-0.5	2.8
Employment	558.7	555.5	2.6	-3.2	16.9	-0.6	3.1
Full-time	458.6	462.8	3.3	4.2	14.0	0.9	3.1
Part-time	100.1	92.7	3.1	-7.4	2.9	-7.4	3.2
Unemployment	24.7	25.1	1.9	0.4	-1.1	1.6	-4.2
Participation rate	70.4	70.0	0.3	-0.4	0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.3	0.3	0.1	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	66.9	0.3	-0.5	0.7	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>							
Population	3,188.2	3,199.5	...	11.3	112.1	0.4	3.6
Labour force	2,345.2	2,337.6	8.8	-7.6	82.6	-0.3	3.7
Employment	2,232.4	2,236.4	9.2	4.0	80.3	0.2	3.7
Full-time	1,868.2	1,875.7	12.3	7.5	65.9	0.4	3.6
Part-time	364.2	360.7	11.1	-3.5	14.4	-1.0	4.2
Unemployment	112.8	101.3	7.0	-11.5	2.3	-10.2	2.3
Participation rate	73.6	73.1	0.3	-0.5	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	69.9	0.3	-0.1	0.1	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>							
Population	3,861.2	3,865.0	...	3.8	42.7	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,479.0	2,476.0	10.6	-3.0	-22.7	-0.1	-0.9
Employment	2,315.2	2,309.8	10.4	-5.4	-15.6	-0.2	-0.7
Full-time	1,821.1	1,824.0	14.5	2.9	-5.4	0.2	-0.3
Part-time	494.1	485.9	13.5	-8.2	-10.1	-1.7	-2.0
Unemployment	163.7	166.2	8.6	2.5	-7.1	1.5	-4.1
Participation rate	64.2	64.1	0.3	-0.1	-1.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.3	0.1	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.8	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	...	...

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Available 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), is now available online for the week ending September 21. From the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects*, then *Labour*.

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