

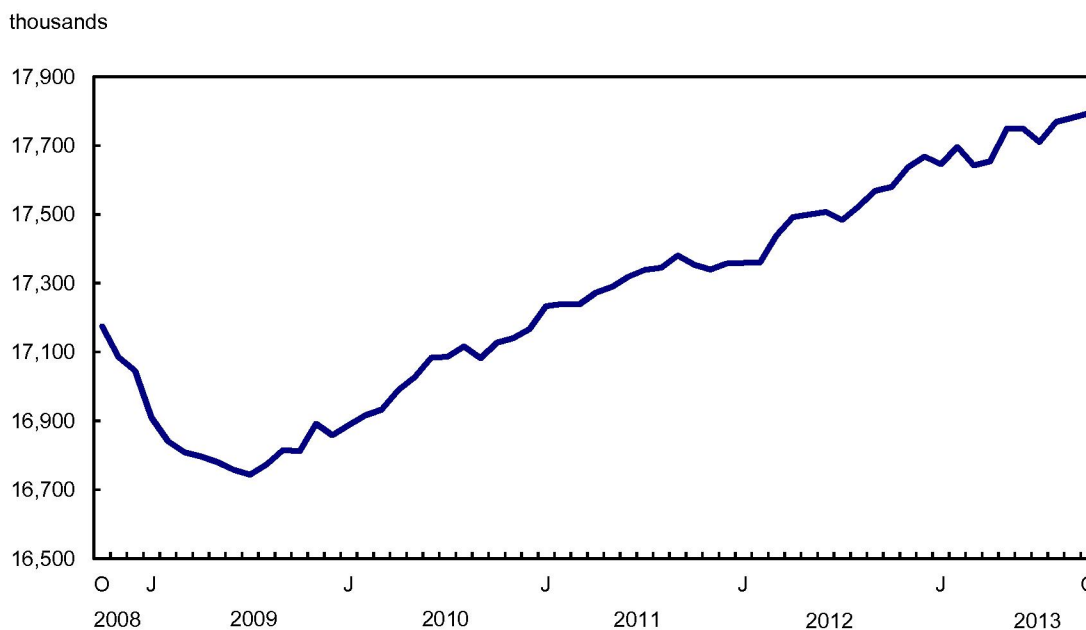
Labour Force Survey, October 2013

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Employment was little changed for the second consecutive month and the unemployment rate remained at 6.9% in October.

Compared with October 2012, employment increased by 1.2% or 214,000, with gains in full-time and part-time work. Over the same period, the number of hours worked rose by 1.4%.

Chart 1
Employment



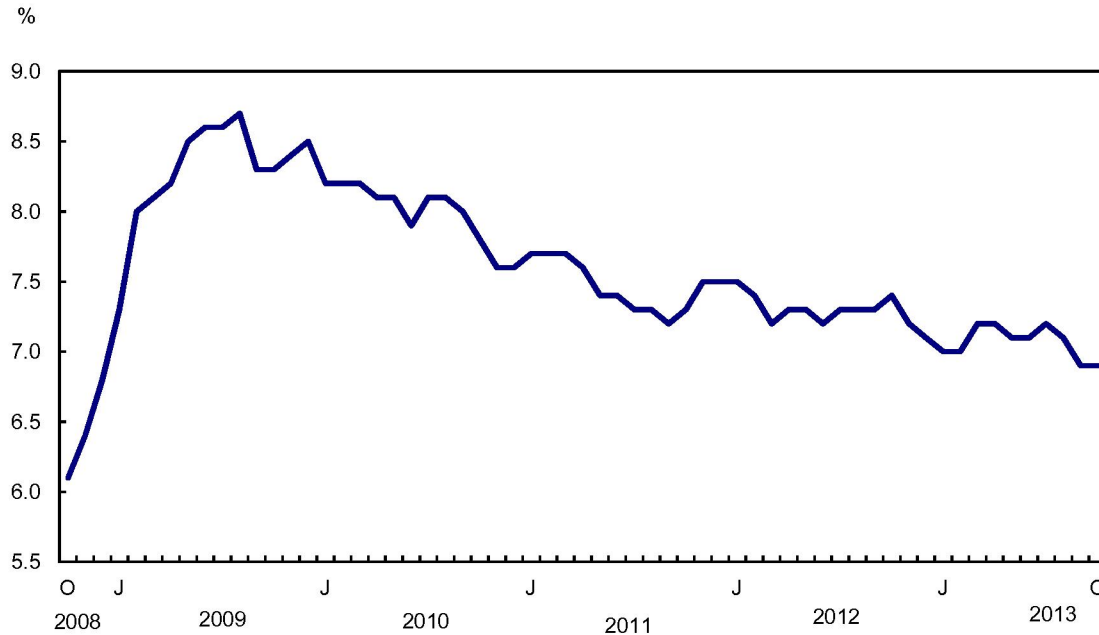
Provincially, employment increased in Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador and in Prince Edward Island. At the same time, there were declines in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and New Brunswick.

In October, there were more people working in accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance as well as public administration. However, employment declined in business, building and other support services.

The number of public sector employees increased in October, while there was little change among private sector employees and the self-employed.



Chart 2
Unemployment rate



Provincial employment

Employment in Quebec rose by 34,000 in October. The unemployment rate, at 7.5%, was similar to the rate observed in September, as more people participated in the labour force. Compared with a year earlier, employment in this province was little changed.

There were 4,000 more people working in Newfoundland and Labrador, bringing employment in the province to about the same level as 12 months earlier. Despite this monthly increase, the unemployment rate rose 0.6 percentage points in October to 11.0% as more people were looking for work.

While employment was little changed in Saskatchewan in October, the unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 3.6%, the lowest of all provinces. Year-over-year employment growth was 3.1%, second only to Alberta at 3.5%.

There were 3,300 fewer Nova Scotians working in October, leaving employment in Nova Scotia at a level similar to that of October 2012. The unemployment rate increased 0.5 percentage points to 9.1%.

Employment in Manitoba decreased by 3,000 in October. At the same time, there was a similar decline in labour force participation, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at 5.5%. The number of people working in the province was little changed compared with 12 months earlier.

Following an increase in September, the number of people working in New Brunswick fell by 2,500 in October, leaving employment at about the same level as October 2012. The unemployment rate in the province fell by 0.6 percentage points to 10.1% as fewer New Brunswickers were looking for work.

Industry perspective

There were 30,000 more people employed in accommodation and food services in October, bringing employment gains in the industry to 78,000 (+7.2%) since October 2012.

Employment in health care and social assistance rose by 20,000, contributing to the year-over-year increase of 48,000 (+2.2%).

The number of employees in public administration increased by 19,000 in October. However, employment in the industry has been on a downward trend since February, declining by 5.2% or 52,000 over this eight-month period.

Employment in business, building and other support services declined by 33,000 in October, bringing employment in the industry back to its level of 12 months earlier.

There were 47,000 more people working in the public sector in October, with most of the gains in health care and local public administration. On a year-over-year basis, all of the employment increase was among private sector employees, up 1.8% (+205,000), as there was little overall growth in self-employment and public sector employment.

Little change in employment among demographic groups

Employment for youths aged 15 to 24 was little changed for the third consecutive month. Over the past 12 months, however, youth employment increased 1.6%. As for their unemployment rate, it rose by 0.5 percentage points to 13.4% in October, the result of more youths looking for work.

For the second consecutive month, there was no notable employment change among people aged 25 to 54, and the employment level for this age group remained similar to that of October 2012.

In October, employment among men and women aged 55 and over was little changed. However, compared with 12 months earlier, employment for this group was up 144,000 (+4.4%), the result of both employment growth and population ageing.

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 Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

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

	September 2013	October 2013	Standard error ¹	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Both sexes, 15 years and over							
Population	28,762.9	28,791.6	...	28.7	376.8	0.1	1.3
Labour force	19,105.7	19,118.9	29.2	13.2	142.3	0.1	0.7
Employment	17,780.7	17,793.9	28.9	13.2	213.8	0.1	1.2
Full-time	14,421.8	14,437.8	39.0	16.0	156.2	0.1	1.1
Part-time	3,358.9	3,356.2	35.7	-2.7	57.6	-0.1	1.7
Unemployment	1,325.0	1,325.0	25.1	0.0	-71.4	0.0	-5.1
Participation rate	66.4	66.4	0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.1	0.0	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.8	0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	...	...
Youths, 15 to 24 years							
Population	4,447.0	4,445.0	...	-2.0	-12.1	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	2,824.7	2,840.2	17.3	15.5	7.0	0.5	0.2
Employment	2,461.3	2,459.9	15.8	-1.4	38.4	-0.1	1.6
Full-time	1,286.0	1,284.7	18.6	-1.3	22.2	-0.1	1.8
Part-time	1,175.3	1,175.2	19.5	-0.1	16.1	0.0	1.4
Unemployment	363.4	380.3	14.9	16.9	-31.4	4.7	-7.6
Participation rate	63.5	63.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	13.4	0.5	0.5	-1.1	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	55.3	0.4	0.0	1.0	...	...
Part-time rate	47.8	47.8	0.7	0.0	-0.1	...	...
Men, 25 years and over							
Population	11,906.1	11,921.5	...	15.4	195.2	0.1	1.7
Labour force	8,613.0	8,627.1	15.1	14.1	68.7	0.2	0.8
Employment	8,080.1	8,083.8	16.3	3.7	76.8	0.0	1.0
Full-time	7,444.2	7,460.4	22.0	16.2	55.1	0.2	0.7
Part-time	635.9	623.4	17.7	-12.5	21.7	-2.0	3.6
Unemployment	532.9	543.4	14.5	10.5	-8.0	2.0	-1.5
Participation rate	72.3	72.4	0.1	0.1	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	67.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	7.7	0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...
Women, 25 years and over							
Population	12,409.8	12,425.1	...	15.3	193.7	0.1	1.6
Labour force	7,668.0	7,651.6	16.6	-16.4	66.7	-0.2	0.9
Employment	7,239.3	7,250.3	16.5	11.0	98.7	0.2	1.4
Full-time	5,691.7	5,692.7	25.4	1.0	78.9	0.0	1.4
Part-time	1,547.6	1,557.6	23.8	10.0	19.8	0.6	1.3
Unemployment	428.6	401.3	13.4	-27.3	-32.0	-6.4	-7.4
Participation rate	61.8	61.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.5
Employment rate	58.3	58.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Part-time rate	21.4	21.5	0.3	0.1	0.0

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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 NAICS¹) – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2013	October 2013	Standard error ²	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
Class of worker							
Employees	15,081.4	15,106.6	35.5	25.2	195.1	0.2	1.3
Self-employed	2,699.3	2,687.3	25.2	-12.0	18.7	-0.4	0.7
Public/private sector employees							
Public	3,583.7	3,631.0	25.0	47.3	-10.0	1.3	-0.3
Private	11,497.7	11,475.6	37.7	-22.1	205.0	-0.2	1.8
All industries	17,780.7	17,793.9	28.9	13.2	213.8	0.1	1.2
Goods-producing sector	3,911.9	3,899.7	26.6	-12.2	31.0	-0.3	0.8
Agriculture	316.4	314.6	7.3	-1.8	15.3	-0.6	5.1
Natural resources ³	382.0	382.5	7.2	0.5	17.9	0.1	4.9
Utilities	151.7	156.4	5.0	4.7	13.8	3.1	9.7
Construction	1,342.2	1,332.9	17.2	-9.3	66.4	-0.7	5.2
Manufacturing	1,719.6	1,713.2	20.0	-6.4	-82.5	-0.4	-4.6
Services-producing sector	13,868.8	13,894.2	34.4	25.4	182.7	0.2	1.3
Trade	2,728.2	2,708.5	23.7	-19.7	47.9	-0.7	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	858.6	864.8	14.1	6.2	11.8	0.7	1.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,137.9	1,131.2	16.3	-6.7	17.9	-0.6	1.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,351.3	1,359.4	18.4	8.1	58.7	0.6	4.5
Business, building and other support services	727.2	694.6	14.2	-32.6	1.5	-4.5	0.2
Educational services	1,275.6	1,285.4	16.7	9.8	-30.2	0.8	-2.3
Health care and social assistance	2,177.7	2,197.6	19.4	19.9	48.1	0.9	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	788.1	784.6	14.5	-3.5	-7.8	-0.4	-1.0
Accommodation and food services	1,132.1	1,162.0	16.9	29.9	77.8	2.6	7.2
Other services	778.0	772.7	13.7	-5.3	-20.1	-0.7	-2.5
Public administration	914.1	933.4	13.1	19.3	-22.7	2.1	-2.4

1. North American Industry Classification System.

2. 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.

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

	September 2013	October 2013	Standard error ¹	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Newfoundland and Labrador							
Population	429.8	429.8	...	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.5
Labour force	257.5	263.7	1.9	6.2	-0.9	2.4	-0.3
Employment	230.7	234.7	1.9	4.0	1.6	1.7	0.7
Full-time	196.4	199.8	2.3	3.4	0.2	1.7	0.1
Part-time	34.3	34.8	1.8	0.5	1.3	1.5	3.9
Unemployment	26.9	29.1	1.7	2.2	-2.4	8.2	-7.6
Participation rate	59.9	61.4	0.4	1.5	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	11.0	0.6	0.6	-0.9	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	54.6	0.4	0.9	0.1	...	...
Prince Edward Island							
Population	121.0	121.0	...	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Labour force	82.5	83.3	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.7
Employment	73.4	74.3	0.7	0.9	1.8	1.2	2.5
Full-time	59.7	60.4	0.8	0.7	-0.2	1.2	-0.3
Part-time	13.7	13.9	0.7	0.2	2.0	1.5	16.8
Unemployment	9.1	8.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.6	-2.2	-6.3
Participation rate	68.2	68.8	0.5	0.6	0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	10.7	0.8	-0.3	-0.9	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	61.4	0.5	0.7	1.3	...	...
Nova Scotia							
Population	781.8	781.7	...	-0.1	1.2	0.0	0.2
Labour force	499.3	498.1	2.6	-1.2	-3.7	-0.2	-0.7
Employment	456.1	452.8	2.7	-3.3	-3.0	-0.7	-0.7
Full-time	365.4	361.6	3.7	-3.8	-3.0	-1.0	-0.8
Part-time	90.8	91.2	3.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
Unemployment	43.1	45.3	2.5	2.2	-0.7	5.1	-1.5
Participation rate	63.9	63.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	9.1	0.5	0.5	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	57.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	...	...
New Brunswick							
Population	620.2	620.1	...	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Labour force	394.7	389.6	2.2	-5.1	-5.1	-1.3	-1.3
Employment	352.6	350.1	2.3	-2.5	1.0	-0.7	0.3
Full-time	292.6	295.0	2.9	2.4	1.7	0.8	0.6
Part-time	60.0	55.1	2.5	-4.9	-0.7	-8.2	-1.3
Unemployment	42.1	39.5	2.2	-2.6	-6.1	-6.2	-13.4
Participation rate	63.6	62.8	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.1	0.5	-0.6	-1.5	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.5	0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...
Quebec							
Population	6,703.2	6,706.9	...	3.7	51.4	0.1	0.8
Labour force	4,345.0	4,377.4	15.1	32.4	23.9	0.7	0.5
Employment	4,013.8	4,047.9	15.4	34.1	24.5	0.8	0.6
Full-time	3,246.6	3,286.2	20.3	39.6	50.1	1.2	1.5
Part-time	767.3	761.7	18.0	-5.6	-25.6	-0.7	-3.3
Unemployment	331.1	329.5	13.2	-1.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2
Participation rate	64.8	65.3	0.2	0.5	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.4	0.2	0.5	-0.1	...	...

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

	September 2013	October 2013	Standard error ¹	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013	September to October 2013	October 2012 to October 2013
Ontario							
Population	11,236.3	11,247.0	...	10.7	137.5	0.1	1.2
Labour force	7,461.3	7,453.1	20.1	-8.2	49.0	-0.1	0.7
Employment	6,918.4	6,903.7	19.3	-14.7	105.7	-0.2	1.6
Full-time	5,588.9	5,600.4	26.3	11.5	61.6	0.2	1.1
Part-time	1,329.6	1,303.2	24.5	-26.4	44.0	-2.0	3.5
Unemployment	542.8	549.4	17.5	6.6	-56.7	1.2	-9.4
Participation rate	66.4	66.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.4	0.2	0.1	-0.8	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.4	0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...
Manitoba							
Population	976.0	977.1	...	1.1	11.7	0.1	1.2
Labour force	671.2	667.7	2.6	-3.5	2.9	-0.5	0.4
Employment	634.0	631.0	2.7	-3.0	2.8	-0.5	0.4
Full-time	509.8	505.5	3.6	-4.3	-6.3	-0.8	-1.2
Part-time	124.1	125.6	3.5	1.5	9.2	1.2	7.9
Unemployment	37.2	36.7	2.2	-0.5	0.1	-1.3	0.3
Participation rate	68.8	68.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	...	...
Saskatchewan							
Population	830.0	831.4	...	1.4	16.3	0.2	2.0
Labour force	580.7	578.9	2.5	-1.8	11.8	-0.3	2.1
Employment	555.5	557.8	2.6	2.3	16.9	0.4	3.1
Full-time	462.8	461.3	3.3	-1.5	12.0	-0.3	2.7
Part-time	92.7	96.5	3.1	3.8	4.9	4.1	5.3
Unemployment	25.1	21.1	1.9	-4.0	-5.1	-15.9	-19.5
Participation rate	70.0	69.6	0.3	-0.4	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.6	0.3	-0.7	-1.0	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	...	...
Alberta							
Population	3,199.5	3,208.2	...	8.7	112.6	0.3	3.6
Labour force	2,337.6	2,341.1	8.8	3.5	78.2	0.1	3.5
Employment	2,236.4	2,237.1	9.2	0.7	74.8	0.0	3.5
Full-time	1,875.7	1,854.4	12.3	-21.3	42.3	-1.1	2.3
Part-time	360.7	382.7	11.1	22.0	32.5	6.1	9.3
Unemployment	101.3	104.0	7.0	2.7	3.5	2.7	3.5
Participation rate	73.1	73.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...
British Columbia							
Population	3,865.0	3,868.4	...	3.4	43.7	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,476.0	2,465.9	10.6	-10.1	-15.1	-0.4	-0.6
Employment	2,309.8	2,304.5	10.4	-5.3	-12.3	-0.2	-0.5
Full-time	1,824.0	1,813.0	14.5	-11.0	-2.3	-0.6	-0.1
Part-time	485.9	491.5	13.5	5.6	-10.0	1.2	-2.0
Unemployment	166.2	161.4	8.6	-4.8	-2.8	-2.9	-1.7
Participation rate	64.1	63.7	0.3	-0.4	-1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Employment rate	59.8	59.6	0.3	-0.2	-1.0

... not applicable

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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 October 19. From the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects*, then *Labour*.

[Data tables](#) are also now available online. From the *Browse by subject* module of our website, choose *Labour*.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on December 6.

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