

Job vacancies in brief, three-month average ending in August 2013

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In August, there were 219,000 job vacancies among Canadian businesses, a decline of 51,000 compared with August 2012. There were 6.4 unemployed people for every job vacancy, up from 5.2 one year earlier. The increase in the ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was all the result of the decline in job vacancies.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.5% in August, down from 1.8% 12 months earlier.

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.

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The next job vacancies release, for September, will be on December 17.

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