

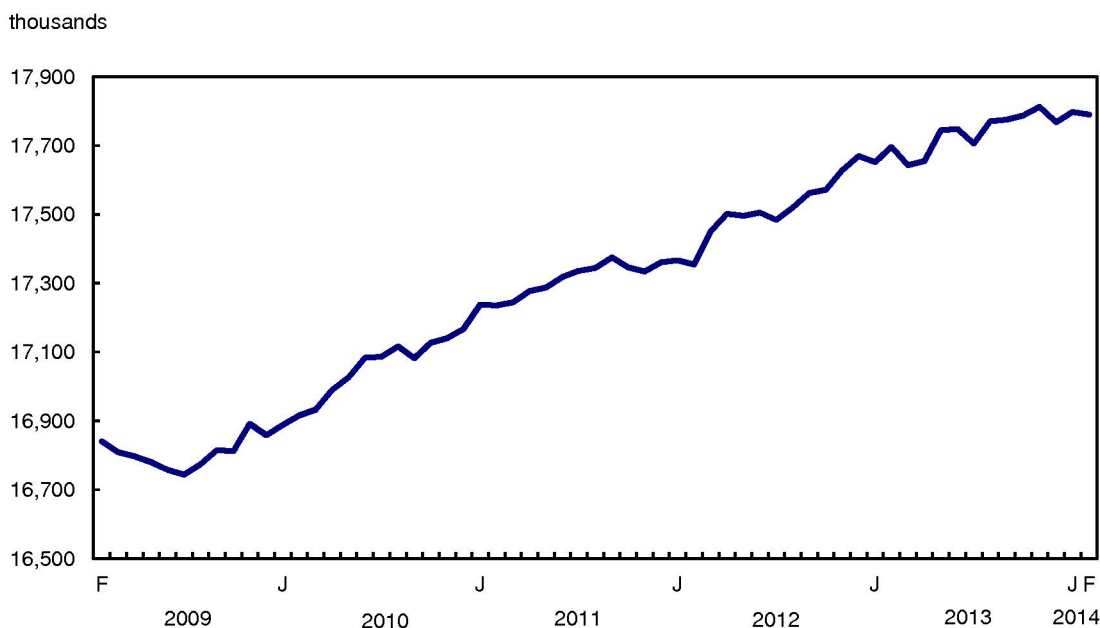
# Labour Force Survey, February 2014

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Employment was little changed in February, and the unemployment rate remained at 7.0%. There has been little overall employment growth in Canada since August 2013.

Compared with 12 months earlier, employment increased by 95,000 (+0.5%) and the unemployment rate was unchanged. Over the same period, the number of hours worked rose 0.7%.

**Chart 1**  
**Employment**



Provincially, employment decreased in Quebec and British Columbia, while it increased in Alberta and Nova Scotia.

In February, there were fewer people working in health care and social assistance as well as finance, insurance, real estate and leasing. At the same time, employment rose in "other services," natural resources as well as agriculture.

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

Employment fell among men aged 25 to 54 and was virtually unchanged for the other demographic groups.





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There were 25,000 fewer people working in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing in February, the first notable decline in this industry since an upward trend began in September.

In February, employment rose by 18,000 in "other services" such as personal care services as well as civic and social organizations. Compared with a year earlier, however, employment in this industry was unchanged.

There were 9,800 more people working in natural resources in February. On a year-over-year basis, employment in this industry was up 9.6% or 34,000.

Employment in agriculture increased by 7,900 but was little changed compared with 12 months earlier.

In February, the number of public sector employees fell by 51,000, with declines in health care and social assistance, educational services as well as transportation and warehousing. On a year-over-year basis, there was little change in the public sector and in self-employment, while the number of private sector employees increased by 129,000 (+1.1%).

### Employment declines among men aged 25 to 54

There were 20,000 fewer men aged 25 to 54 working in February, bringing employment to virtually the same level as that of 12 months earlier. Among women in this age group, there was little change in employment in February compared with the previous month and with a year earlier.

Employment was little changed among youths aged 15 to 24 in February compared with a month earlier, but was down 36,000 (-1.5%) from 12 months earlier. The youth unemployment rate was 13.6%, unchanged from a year earlier.

There was no notable employment change among men and women aged 55 and over compared with the previous month. However, employment for this group has been on an upward trend, rising 3.8% (+125,000) since February 2013, mostly the result of 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 "Data quality" section of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X).*

*This analysis focuses on differences between estimates that are statistically significant at the 68% confidence level.*

*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, youths 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 estimates are revised for the previous three years, using the latest seasonal factors.*

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

	January 2014	February 2014	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	28,870.4	28,893.5	...	23.1	367.2	0.1	1.3
Labour force	19,130.5	19,133.4	29.1	2.9	102.6	0.0	0.5
Employment	17,797.3	17,790.3	28.9	-7.0	94.7	0.0	0.5
Full-time	14,424.7	14,443.6	39.2	18.9	69.6	0.1	0.5
Part-time	3,372.6	3,346.7	36.1	-25.9	25.1	-0.8	0.8
Unemployment	1,333.2	1,343.1	24.9	9.9	7.9	0.7	0.6
Participation rate	66.3	66.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.6	0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	18.8	0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...
<b>Youths, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	4,436.8	4,433.8	...	-3.0	-20.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	2,815.1	2,803.1	17.2	-12.0	-40.0	-0.4	-1.4
Employment	2,423.4	2,420.7	15.8	-2.7	-36.3	-0.1	-1.5
Full-time	1,242.8	1,268.4	18.6	25.6	-17.1	2.1	-1.3
Part-time	1,180.6	1,152.2	19.7	-28.4	-19.3	-2.4	-1.6
Unemployment	391.7	382.4	14.6	-9.3	-3.7	-2.4	-1.0
Participation rate	63.4	63.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	13.6	0.5	-0.3	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.6	0.4	0.0	-0.6	...	...
Part-time rate	48.7	47.6	0.7	-1.1	-0.1	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	11,966.6	11,980.0	...	13.4	196.3	0.1	1.7
Labour force	8,654.7	8,654.5	15.1	-0.2	94.7	0.0	1.1
Employment	8,124.1	8,110.0	16.4	-14.1	62.7	-0.2	0.8
Full-time	7,486.2	7,478.1	22.0	-8.1	31.7	-0.1	0.4
Part-time	637.8	631.9	18.0	-5.9	30.9	-0.9	5.1
Unemployment	530.7	544.5	14.5	13.8	32.0	2.6	6.2
Participation rate	72.3	72.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	67.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	7.8	0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	12,467.0	12,479.7	...	12.7	190.8	0.1	1.6
Labour force	7,660.7	7,675.9	16.6	15.2	47.9	0.2	0.6
Employment	7,249.9	7,259.7	16.4	9.8	68.4	0.1	1.0
Full-time	5,695.7	5,697.1	25.7	1.4	54.9	0.0	1.0
Part-time	1,554.1	1,562.5	24.0	8.4	13.3	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	410.8	416.2	13.3	5.4	-20.5	1.3	-4.7
Participation rate	61.4	61.5	0.1	0.1	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.2	0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Part-time rate	21.4	21.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	...	...

... not applicable

1. Average standard error for change in two consecutive months. See "Sampling variability of estimates" 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 up 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**

	January 2014	February 2014	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
<b>Class of worker</b>							
Employees	15,100.8	15,085.3	35.7	-15.5	87.2	-0.1	0.6
Self-employed	2,696.5	2,705.1	25.5	8.6	7.5	0.3	0.3
Public/private sector employees							
Public	3,637.0	3,586.3	25.0	-50.7	-41.3	-1.4	-1.1
Private	11,463.8	11,499.0	37.9	35.2	128.5	0.3	1.1
<b>All industries</b>	<b>17,797.3</b>	<b>17,790.3</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>3,877.7</b>	<b>3,896.6</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Agriculture	302.8	310.7	7.5	7.9	-10.0	2.6	-3.1
Natural resources <sup>3</sup>	376.6	386.4	7.4	9.8	33.9	2.6	9.6
Utilities	158.6	158.4	5.4	-0.2	24.8	-0.1	18.6
Construction	1,301.1	1,297.5	17.7	-3.6	-9.2	-0.3	-0.7
Manufacturing	1,738.7	1,743.7	19.6	5.0	6.4	0.3	0.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>13,919.6</b>	<b>13,893.7</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>-25.9</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Trade	2,686.7	2,700.1	24.5	13.4	-2.7	0.5	-0.1
Transportation and warehousing	884.1	888.2	14.2	4.1	28.7	0.5	3.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,148.8	1,124.2	16.8	-24.6	14.4	-2.1	1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,385.4	1,367.9	18.6	-17.5	39.5	-1.3	3.0
Business, building and other support services	690.3	691.1	14.4	0.8	-12.6	0.1	-1.8
Educational services	1,291.2	1,282.8	16.2	-8.4	1.0	-0.7	0.1
Health care and social assistance	2,221.5	2,194.0	19.5	-27.5	28.0	-1.2	1.3
Information, culture and recreation	793.7	808.1	14.8	14.4	24.7	1.8	3.2
Accommodation and food services	1,149.4	1,147.0	17.2	-2.4	2.2	-0.2	0.2
Other services	758.1	776.1	13.8	18.0	-0.3	2.4	0.0
Public administration	910.3	914.1	13.0	3.8	-74.2	0.4	-7.5

1. North American Industry Classification System.

2. Average standard error for change in two consecutive months. See "Sampling variability of estimates" 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 up to the total as a result of rounding.

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

	January 2014	February 2014	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
Population	429.4	429.2	...	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Labour force	264.4	263.7	1.9	-0.7	-1.8	-0.3	-0.7
Employment	232.7	232.5	2.0	-0.2	-1.6	-0.1	-0.7
Full-time	196.7	198.3	2.4	1.6	-1.7	0.8	-0.8
Part-time	36.0	34.2	1.9	-1.8	0.1	-5.0	0.3
Unemployment	31.8	31.2	1.8	-0.6	-0.2	-1.9	-0.6
Participation rate	61.6	61.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	11.8	0.6	-0.2	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.2	0.5	0.0	-0.4	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
Population	121.1	121.2	...	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.6
Labour force	84.1	84.4	0.6	0.3	-0.8	0.4	-0.9
Employment	74.6	74.7	0.7	0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.9
Full-time	61.9	62.5	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.6
Part-time	12.7	12.2	0.7	-0.5	-1.6	-3.9	-11.6
Unemployment	9.5	9.7	0.7	0.2	-0.2	2.1	-2.0
Participation rate	69.4	69.6	0.5	0.2	-1.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.5	0.8	0.2	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.6	0.6	0.0	-1.0	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
Population	781.6	781.3	...	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Labour force	489.9	494.8	2.6	4.9	-6.0	1.0	-1.2
Employment	447.8	450.7	2.6	2.9	-3.5	0.6	-0.8
Full-time	359.3	363.9	3.5	4.6	-0.9	1.3	-0.2
Part-time	88.5	86.8	3.2	-1.7	-2.5	-1.9	-2.8
Unemployment	42.2	44.1	2.4	1.9	-2.5	4.5	-5.4
Participation rate	62.7	63.3	0.3	0.6	-0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.5	0.3	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.7	0.3	0.4	-0.5	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
Population	620.0	620.1	...	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Labour force	389.7	391.5	2.2	1.8	-1.1	0.5	-0.3
Employment	351.3	353.1	2.4	1.8	0.0	0.5	0.0
Full-time	299.3	298.3	3.0	-1.0	1.1	-0.3	0.4
Part-time	52.0	54.8	2.6	2.8	-1.1	5.4	-2.0
Unemployment	38.4	38.4	2.3	0.0	-1.1	0.0	-2.8
Participation rate	62.9	63.1	0.4	0.2	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.9	0.4	0.2	-0.1	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>							
Population	6,716.9	6,719.6	...	2.7	48.3	0.0	0.7
Labour force	4,384.9	4,375.3	15.1	-9.6	16.7	-0.2	0.4
Employment	4,058.2	4,032.7	15.2	-25.5	-2.6	-0.6	-0.1
Full-time	3,239.2	3,242.1	20.0	2.9	-49.8	0.1	-1.5
Part-time	819.0	790.6	18.3	-28.4	47.2	-3.5	6.3
Unemployment	326.7	342.7	13.2	16.0	19.4	4.9	6.0
Participation rate	65.3	65.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	...	...

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

	January 2014	February 2014	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014	January to February 2014	February 2013 to February 2014
<b>Ontario</b>							
Population	11,278.4	11,287.3	...	8.9	137.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	7,438.2	7,448.7	19.8	10.5	17.5	0.1	0.2
Employment	6,882.8	6,888.9	19.0	6.1	28.7	0.1	0.4
Full-time	5,600.6	5,605.9	26.6	5.3	86.0	0.1	1.6
Part-time	1,282.2	1,283.0	24.6	0.8	-57.3	0.1	-4.3
Unemployment	555.4	559.8	17.2	4.4	-11.3	0.8	-2.0
Participation rate	66.0	66.0	0.2	0.0	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.0	0.2	0.0	-0.5	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>							
Population	979.9	980.9	...	1.0	11.8	0.1	1.2
Labour force	670.8	666.5	2.7	-4.3	-3.1	-0.6	-0.5
Employment	633.1	631.4	2.7	-1.7	-5.5	-0.3	-0.9
Full-time	514.9	509.2	3.7	-5.7	-3.5	-1.1	-0.7
Part-time	118.1	122.2	3.5	4.1	-2.0	3.5	-1.6
Unemployment	37.7	35.1	2.1	-2.6	2.4	-6.9	7.3
Participation rate	68.5	67.9	0.3	-0.6	-1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.3	0.3	-0.3	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.4	0.3	-0.2	-1.3	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
Population	835.3	836.4	...	1.1	16.7	0.1	2.0
Labour force	581.6	580.4	2.5	-1.2	6.0	-0.2	1.0
Employment	556.8	557.9	2.6	1.1	5.2	0.2	0.9
Full-time	462.3	464.3	3.4	2.0	7.9	0.4	1.7
Part-time	94.5	93.6	3.1	-0.9	-2.7	-1.0	-2.8
Unemployment	24.8	22.5	1.8	-2.3	0.8	-9.3	3.7
Participation rate	69.6	69.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.9	0.3	-0.4	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.7	0.3	0.0	-0.7	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>							
Population	3,230.0	3,236.3	...	6.3	107.9	0.2	3.4
Labour force	2,351.5	2,364.2	9.3	12.7	81.3	0.5	3.6
Employment	2,243.3	2,262.1	9.9	18.8	82.3	0.8	3.8
Full-time	1,882.9	1,896.7	12.6	13.8	48.9	0.7	2.6
Part-time	360.3	365.5	11.2	5.2	33.5	1.4	10.1
Unemployment	108.2	102.0	7.1	-6.2	-1.2	-5.7	-1.2
Participation rate	72.8	73.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	69.9	0.3	0.4	0.2	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>							
Population	3,877.9	3,881.1	...	3.2	43.9	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,475.3	2,463.9	10.5	-11.4	-6.0	-0.5	-0.2
Employment	2,316.8	2,306.4	10.4	-10.4	-7.6	-0.4	-0.3
Full-time	1,807.7	1,802.7	14.6	-5.0	-19.2	-0.3	-1.1
Part-time	509.1	503.7	13.8	-5.4	11.6	-1.1	2.4
Unemployment	158.5	157.5	8.6	-1.0	1.6	-0.6	1.0
Participation rate	63.8	63.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...

... 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 282-0225.

**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 February 15. 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 April 4.

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