

Table 1
Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada, seasonally adjusted

	November 2008	December 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	27,072.6	27,098.7	...	26.1	379.2	379.2	0.1	1.4	1.4
Labour force	18,307.2	18,319.9	27.1	12.7	229.7	229.7	0.1	1.3	1.3
Employment	17,145.2	17,110.8	27.7	-34.4	98.3	98.3	-0.2	0.6	0.6
Employment full-time	13,992.4	13,921.7	36.1	-70.7	7.1	7.1	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Employment part-time	3,152.9	3,189.1	33.0	36.2	91.2	91.2	1.1	2.9	2.9
Unemployment	1,162.0	1,209.1	22.7	47.1	131.5	131.5	4.1	12.2	12.2
Participation rate	67.6	67.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.6	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,383.0	4,384.4	...	1.4	17.6	17.6	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	2,953.6	2,930.2	16.3	-23.4	-1.4	-1.4	-0.8	0.0	0.0
Employment	2,589.8	2,553.2	16.0	-36.6	-52.3	-52.3	-1.4	-2.0	-2.0
Employment full-time	1,430.2	1,391.1	18.1	-39.1	-30.8	-30.8	-2.7	-2.2	-2.2
Employment part-time	1,159.6	1,162.1	18.9	2.5	-21.6	-21.6	0.2	-1.8	-1.8
Unemployment	363.8	377.0	13.5	13.2	51.0	51.0	3.6	15.6	15.6
Participation rate	67.4	66.8	0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	12.9	0.4	0.6	1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	58.2	0.4	-0.9	-1.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	45.5	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,090.3	11,102.7	...	12.4	182.0	182.0	0.1	1.7	1.7
Labour force	8,168.2	8,171.5	13.6	3.3	83.4	83.4	0.0	1.0	1.0
Employment	7,709.2	7,699.3	14.9	-9.9	39.1	39.1	-0.1	0.5	0.5
Employment full-time	7,175.1	7,159.0	19.2	-16.1	-6.3	-6.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Employment part-time	534.1	540.3	15.1	6.2	45.4	45.4	1.2	9.2	9.2
Unemployment	459.0	472.2	13.1	13.2	44.3	44.3	2.9	10.4	10.4
Participation rate	73.7	73.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	69.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	7.0	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	11,599.4	11,611.6	...	12.2	179.6	179.6	0.1	1.6	1.6
Labour force	7,185.3	7,218.2	15.6	32.9	147.7	147.7	0.5	2.1	2.1
Employment	6,846.2	6,858.3	15.7	12.1	111.5	111.5	0.2	1.7	1.7
Employment full-time	5,387.1	5,371.6	23.5	-15.5	44.2	44.2	-0.3	0.8	0.8
Employment part-time	1,459.1	1,486.7	21.6	27.6	67.3	67.3	1.9	4.7	4.7
Unemployment	339.2	359.9	12.3	20.7	36.2	36.2	6.1	11.2	11.2
Participation rate	61.9	62.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,461.6	14,466.5	...	4.9	94.8	94.8	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	12,543.2	12,542.5	20.2	-0.7	90.3	90.3	0.0	0.7	0.7
Employment	11,895.0	11,868.9	21.8	-26.1	41.8	41.8	-0.2	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	648.3	673.6	16.7	25.3	48.5	48.5	3.9	7.8	7.8
Participation rate	86.7	86.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4
Employment rate	82.3	82.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3

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25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,224.7	7,227.3	...	2.6	49.7	49.7	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	6,608.6	6,590.4	12.8	-18.2	23.9	23.9	-0.3	0.4	0.4
Employment	6,235.6	6,207.8	14.5	-27.8	-3.3	-3.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment	373.0	382.6	12.3	9.6	27.2	27.2	2.6	7.7	7.7
Participation rate	91.5	91.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	86.3	85.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,236.9	7,239.1	...	2.2	45.0	45.0	0.0	0.6	0.6
Labour force	5,934.7	5,952.1	15.1	17.4	66.4	66.4	0.3	1.1	1.1
Employment	5,659.4	5,661.1	15.5	1.7	45.0	45.0	0.0	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	275.2	291.0	11.4	15.8	21.3	21.3	5.7	7.9	7.9
Participation rate	82.0	82.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.2	78.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	8,228.1	8,247.8	...	19.7	266.8	266.8	0.2	3.3	3.3
Labour force	2,810.4	2,847.2	15.4	36.8	140.8	140.8	1.3	5.2	5.2
Employment	2,660.4	2,688.7	15.3	28.3	108.8	108.8	1.1	4.2	4.2
Unemployment	149.9	158.5	7.8	8.6	32.0	32.0	5.7	25.3	25.3
Participation rate	34.2	34.5	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.3	32.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	3,865.6	3,875.3	...	9.7	132.2	132.2	0.3	3.5	3.5
Labour force	1,559.7	1,581.1	10.2	21.4	59.5	59.5	1.4	3.9	3.9
Employment	1,473.7	1,491.5	10.2	17.8	42.4	42.4	1.2	2.9	2.9
Unemployment	86.0	89.6	5.6	3.6	17.1	17.1	4.2	23.6	23.6
Participation rate	40.3	40.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.1	38.5	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,362.5	4,372.5	...	10.0	134.5	134.5	0.2	3.2	3.2
Labour force	1,250.7	1,266.1	10.7	15.4	81.3	81.3	1.2	6.9	6.9
Employment	1,186.7	1,197.2	10.6	10.5	66.5	66.5	0.9	5.9	5.9
Unemployment	63.9	69.0	5.3	5.1	15.0	15.0	8.0	27.8	27.8
Participation rate	28.7	29.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.2	27.4	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.7	...	...	...

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087.