

**Table 3**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted**

	November 2008	December 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	427.4	<b>427.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	3.1	3.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.7
Labour force	253.3	<b>252.1</b>	2.2	<b>-1.2</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>-0.5</b>	0.8	0.8
Employment	218.7	<b>217.5</b>	2.3	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.3	-1.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-0.6
Employment full-time	186.0	<b>185.7</b>	2.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.9	-2.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.5	-1.5
Employment part-time	32.7	<b>31.8</b>	1.9	<b>-0.9</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>-2.8</b>	5.3	5.3
Unemployment	34.6	<b>34.6</b>	2.1	<b>0.0</b>	3.2	3.2	<b>0.0</b>	10.2	10.2
Participation rate	59.3	<b>59.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	<b>13.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.2	<b>50.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	115.4	<b>115.3</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	1.5	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Labour force	77.9	<b>78.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	1.4
Employment	69.6	<b>69.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.1
Employment full-time	58.4	<b>57.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.9</b>	0.0	0.0
Employment part-time	11.2	<b>11.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>1.8</b>	0.9	0.9
Unemployment	8.3	<b>9.3</b>	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>12.0</b>	12.0	12.0
Participation rate	67.5	<b>68.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	<b>11.8</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	<b>60.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	770.4	<b>770.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	4.8	4.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6
Labour force	492.4	<b>494.1</b>	2.8	<b>1.7</b>	3.9	3.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.8
Employment	454.2	<b>453.6</b>	2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.3
Employment full-time	373.6	<b>371.8</b>	3.7	<b>-1.8</b>	5.1	5.1	<b>-0.5</b>	1.4	1.4
Employment part-time	80.6	<b>81.8</b>	3.1	<b>1.2</b>	-3.8	-3.8	<b>1.5</b>	-4.4	-4.4
Unemployment	38.2	<b>40.5</b>	2.6	<b>2.3</b>	2.5	2.5	<b>6.0</b>	6.6	6.6
Participation rate	63.9	<b>64.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	619.4	<b>619.7</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	4.4	4.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.7
Labour force	402.3	<b>400.9</b>	2.4	<b>-1.4</b>	3.1	3.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.8	0.8
Employment	367.4	<b>366.6</b>	2.4	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.0
Employment full-time	309.4	<b>310.7</b>	3.0	<b>1.3</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Employment part-time	58.0	<b>55.8</b>	2.4	<b>-2.2</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>-3.8</b>	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	34.9	<b>34.3</b>	2.2	<b>-0.6</b>	3.1	3.1	<b>-1.7</b>	9.9	9.9
Participation rate	64.9	<b>64.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>8.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>59.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,395.8	<b>6,400.1</b>	...	<b>4.3</b>	59.9	59.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.9
Labour force	4,193.4	<b>4,191.7</b>	14.3	<b>-1.7</b>	16.9	16.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.4
Employment	3,893.8	<b>3,884.4</b>	14.7	<b>-9.4</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.0
Employment full-time	3,184.2	<b>3,135.5</b>	19.3	<b>-48.7</b>	-13.7	-13.7	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.4	-0.4
Employment part-time	709.6	<b>748.9</b>	17.5	<b>39.3</b>	13.8	13.8	<b>5.5</b>	1.9	1.9
Unemployment	299.6	<b>307.2</b>	12.8	<b>7.6</b>	16.7	16.7	<b>2.5</b>	5.7	5.7
Participation rate	65.6	<b>65.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>60.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...

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in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	10,571.3	<b>10,580.8</b>	...	<b>9.5</b>	154.4	154.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	1.5
Labour force	7,174.4	<b>7,184.0</b>	18.4	<b>9.6</b>	88.8	88.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment	6,666.1	<b>6,667.9</b>	18.8	<b>1.8</b>	37.0	37.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6
Employment full-time	5,422.7	<b>5,423.5</b>	23.8	<b>0.8</b>	-22.1	-22.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.4
Employment part-time	1,243.4	<b>1,244.4</b>	21.8	<b>1.0</b>	59.1	59.1	<b>0.1</b>	5.0	5.0
Unemployment	508.4	<b>516.1</b>	15.7	<b>7.7</b>	51.8	51.8	<b>1.5</b>	11.2	11.2
Participation rate	67.9	<b>67.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	<b>63.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	913.8	<b>914.8</b>	...	<b>1.0</b>	11.6	11.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Labour force	636.6	<b>636.6</b>	2.7	<b>0.0</b>	11.3	11.3	<b>0.0</b>	1.8	1.8
Employment	609.6	<b>609.2</b>	2.7	<b>-0.4</b>	10.1	10.1	<b>-0.1</b>	1.7	1.7
Employment full-time	490.0	<b>492.9</b>	3.9	<b>2.9</b>	4.9	4.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	1.0
Employment part-time	119.6	<b>116.4</b>	3.6	<b>-3.2</b>	5.3	5.3	<b>-2.7</b>	4.8	4.8
Unemployment	27.0	<b>27.4</b>	2.2	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	1.2	<b>1.5</b>	4.6	4.6
Participation rate	69.7	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	<b>66.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	773.1	<b>774.0</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	16.0	16.0	<b>0.1</b>	2.1	2.1
Labour force	540.6	<b>543.0</b>	2.3	<b>2.4</b>	17.1	17.1	<b>0.4</b>	3.3	3.3
Employment	520.6	<b>520.3</b>	2.4	<b>-0.3</b>	15.6	15.6	<b>-0.1</b>	3.1	3.1
Employment full-time	427.7	<b>426.5</b>	3.2	<b>-1.2</b>	13.8	13.8	<b>-0.3</b>	3.3	3.3
Employment part-time	92.9	<b>93.8</b>	2.9	<b>0.9</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>1.0</b>	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	19.9	<b>22.6</b>	1.8	<b>2.7</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>13.6</b>	6.6	6.6
Participation rate	69.9	<b>70.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	<b>67.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,818.0	<b>2,823.7</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	54.2	54.2	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	2.0
Labour force	2,107.0	<b>2,106.5</b>	8.1	<b>-0.5</b>	46.7	46.7	<b>0.0</b>	2.3	2.3
Employment	2,034.9	<b>2,019.1</b>	8.3	<b>-15.8</b>	25.3	25.3	<b>-0.8</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment full-time	1,697.6	<b>1,677.7</b>	11.1	<b>-19.9</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-1.2</b>	0.0	0.0
Employment part-time	337.3	<b>341.4</b>	10.0	<b>4.1</b>	25.5	25.5	<b>1.2</b>	8.1	8.1
Unemployment	72.1	<b>87.4</b>	5.9	<b>15.3</b>	21.4	21.4	<b>21.2</b>	32.4	32.4
Participation rate	74.8	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.2	<b>71.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,668.1	<b>3,672.2</b>	...	<b>4.1</b>	69.5	69.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.9	1.9
Labour force	2,429.3	<b>2,432.6</b>	9.6	<b>3.3</b>	39.1	39.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	1.6
Employment	2,310.4	<b>2,302.9</b>	9.6	<b>-7.5</b>	10.0	10.0	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.4
Employment full-time	1,841.8	<b>1,839.3</b>	13.7	<b>-2.5</b>	22.8	22.8	<b>-0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment part-time	468.6	<b>463.6</b>	12.8	<b>-5.0</b>	-12.9	-12.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.7	-2.7
Unemployment	119.0	<b>129.7</b>	6.9	<b>10.7</b>	29.1	29.1	<b>9.0</b>	28.9	28.9
Participation rate	66.2	<b>66.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	<b>62.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...

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.