

**Table 4-2**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Prince Edward Island**

	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>Both sexes, 15 years and over</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
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	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.1	<b>16.5</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.8	<b>19.8</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.0
Labour force	13.8	<b>14.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>2.2</b>	0.7	0.7
Employment	11.8	<b>11.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-3.4</b>	-1.7	-1.7
Unemployment	2.1	<b>2.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>28.6</b>	12.5	12.5
Participation rate	69.7	<b>71.2</b>	1.9	<b>1.5</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	<b>19.1</b>	2.3	<b>3.9</b>	2.0	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	<b>57.6</b>	1.9	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.3	<b>43.9</b>	3.2	<b>6.6</b>	3.3	3.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	46.0	<b>46.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	2.0	2.0
Labour force	32.0	<b>32.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>2.2</b>	1.6	1.6
Employment	28.6	<b>29.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>2.4</b>	0.7	0.7
Unemployment	3.4	<b>3.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	9.7	9.7
Participation rate	69.6	<b>71.1</b>	0.7	<b>1.5</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	<b>10.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	<b>63.7</b>	0.8	<b>1.5</b>	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	<b>5.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.6	<b>49.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.0
Labour force	32.0	<b>31.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	1.6	1.6
Employment	29.2	<b>28.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>-2.1</b>	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	2.8	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>14.3</b>	14.3	14.3
Participation rate	64.5	<b>64.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>10.1</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>57.7</b>	0.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	<b>16.8</b>	1.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	69.6	<b>69.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.1
Agriculture	17.7	<b>17.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>-1.1</b>	1.7	1.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.0	<b>3.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>3.3</b>	-6.1	-6.1
Utilities	3.0	<b>3.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>13.3</b>	41.7	41.7
Construction	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	5.4	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>-9.3</b>	6.5	6.5
Manufacturing	6.0	<b>5.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>-3.3</b>	-13.4	-13.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	51.9	<b>51.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4
Trade	9.8	<b>9.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.4	-1.4	<b>-5.1</b>	-13.1	-13.1
Transportation and warehousing	2.7	<b>2.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>7.4</b>	20.8	20.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.7	<b>2.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.5	<b>-11.1</b>	-17.2	-17.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.3	<b>2.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>17.4</b>	17.4	17.4
Business, building and other support services	2.6	<b>2.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.5	<b>-11.5</b>	-17.9	-17.9
Educational services	4.8	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	2.1	2.1
Health care and social assistance	8.5	<b>8.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.6	<b>3.5</b>	7.3	7.3
Information, culture and recreation	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>8.3</b>	0.0	0.0
Accommodation and food services	5.8	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>-1.7</b>	5.6	5.6
Other services	2.5	<b>2.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>8.0</b>	-10.0	-10.0
Public administration	8.0	<b>7.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>-3.8</b>	10.0	10.0

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.