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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Canada ²							
2007	26,692.1	17,983.3	16,997.2	986.1	67.4	5.5	63.7
2008	27,071.8	18,234.3	17,133.0	1,101.4	67.4	6.0	63.3
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2007	424.1	246.8	216.0	30.8	58.2	12.5	50.9
2008	427.4	248.1	215.2	33.0	58.0	13.3	50.4
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2007	210.1	129.5	117.5	11.9	61.6	9.2	55.9
2008	213.5	135.7	123.1	12.6	63.6	9.3	57.7
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]							
2007	32.7	15.8	13.1	2.7	48.3	17.1	40.1
2008	32.3	16.3	13.5	2.8	50.5	17.2	41.8
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2007	87.6	51.8	44.1	7.7	59.1	14.9	50.3
2008	88.0	47.2	38.5	8.7	53.6	18.4	43.8
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]							
2007	93.7	49.7	41.3	8.4	53.0	16.9	44.1
2008	93.6	48.9	40.1	8.8	52.2	18.0	42.8
Prince Edward Island							
2007	113.7	76.0	68.2	7.8	66.8	10.3	60.0
2008	115.3	77.0	67.9	9.1	66.8	11.8	58.9
Nova Scotia							
2007	765.4	485.6	451.2	34.4	63.4	7.1	58.9
2008	770.4	491.3	455.7	35.6	63.8	7.2	59.2
Cape Breton [1210]							
2007	116.0	62.6	54.7	8.0	54.0	12.8	47.2
2008	115.5	64.0	55.5	8.5	55.4	13.3	48.1
North Shore [1220]							
2007	131.0	79.0	71.2	7.8	60.3	9.9	54.4
2008	131.4	80.0	73.5	6.5	60.9	8.1	55.9
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2007	100.5	62.7	57.8	4.9	62.4	7.8	57.5
2008	101.4	61.7	57.2	4.5	60.8	7.3	56.4
Southern [1240]							
2007	103.6	61.3	56.1	5.2	59.2	8.5	54.2
2008	103.5	60.6	54.8	5.8	58.6	9.6	52.9
Halifax [1250]							
2007	314.3	220.0	211.5	8.5	70.0	3.9	67.3
2008	318.7	225.0	214.7	10.2	70.6	4.5	67.4
New Brunswick							
2007	614.9	392.1	364.3	27.7	63.8	7.1	59.2
2008	619.5	397.7	365.5	32.2	64.2	8.1	59.0
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2007	135.8	76.7	67.5	9.1	56.5	11.9	49.7
2008	135.5	74.9	62.7	12.2	55.3	16.3	46.3
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2007	164.0	107.5	100.9	6.6	65.5	6.1	61.5
2008	166.5	113.9	107.6	6.3	68.4	5.5	64.6
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2007	142.3	96.1	91.3	4.8	67.5	5.0	64.2
2008	143.3	94.3	88.3	6.0	65.8	6.4	61.6

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in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.6	69.9	66.2	3.7	66.8	5.3	63.3
2008	105.8	71.0	67.0	4.0	67.1	5.6	63.3
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.2	42.0	38.4	3.5	61.6	8.3	56.3
2008	68.2	43.8	40.0	3.8	64.2	8.7	58.7
Quebec							
2007	6,335.4	4,157.6	3,876.2	281.4	65.6	6.8	61.2
2008	6,395.5	4,176.5	3,883.8	292.7	65.3	7.0	60.7
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	40.1	33.2	6.8	49.6	17.0	41.0
2008	80.8	42.1	33.9	8.2	52.1	19.5	42.0
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.5	95.9	88.4	7.5	57.3	7.8	52.8
2008	167.6	103.5	94.8	8.8	61.8	8.5	56.6
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	565.3	372.7	355.7	17.0	65.9	4.6	62.9
2008	569.9	367.0	352.3	14.7	64.4	4.0	61.8
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	328.4	217.8	204.9	12.9	66.3	5.9	62.4
2008	330.6	218.9	207.3	11.6	66.2	5.3	62.7
Estrie [2430]							
2007	249.6	159.9	150.5	9.4	64.1	5.9	60.3
2008	252.0	158.3	148.0	10.3	62.8	6.5	58.7
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	185.7	123.5	116.9	6.6	66.5	5.3	63.0
2008	187.1	124.2	114.4	9.7	66.4	7.8	61.1
Montérégie [2435]							
2007	1,130.7	742.3	694.3	48.0	65.6	6.5	61.4
2008	1,149.6	781.1	732.7	48.4	67.9	6.2	63.7
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.5	1,048.2	959.3	88.9	65.8	8.5	60.2
2008	1,593.0	1,044.6	956.7	87.8	65.6	8.4	60.1
Laval [2445]							
2007	310.9	220.1	207.7	12.4	70.8	5.6	66.8
2008	315.8	218.5	203.7	14.7	69.2	6.7	64.5
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	356.8	244.1	225.2	18.9	68.4	7.7	63.1
2008	367.3	244.9	227.6	17.2	66.7	7.0	62.0
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	429.1	299.0	285.6	13.4	69.7	4.5	66.6
2008	439.0	282.0	262.1	19.9	64.2	7.1	59.7
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	292.0	204.8	195.3	9.5	70.1	4.6	66.9
2008	296.4	208.5	199.1	9.4	70.3	4.5	67.2
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	72.1	67.0	5.1	62.4	7.1	58.0
2008	116.0	76.2	70.1	6.2	65.7	8.1	60.4
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.7	125.9	116.2	9.7	57.8	7.7	53.4
2008	218.5	122.7	113.8	8.9	56.2	7.3	52.1

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in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	223.5	138.3	127.8	10.5	61.9	7.6	57.2
2008	223.1	132.8	121.8	11.0	59.5	8.3	54.6
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.2	53.0	48.2	4.9	59.4	9.2	54.0
2008	88.9	51.4	45.6	5.8	57.8	11.3	51.3
Ontario							
2007	10,415.6	7,054.7	6,654.7	400.0	67.7	5.7	63.9
2008	10,570.7	7,147.1	6,688.6	458.5	67.6	6.4	63.3
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	987.6	699.9	670.5	29.4	70.9	4.2	67.9
2008	998.2	707.0	677.1	29.9	70.8	4.2	67.8
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	359.6	231.0	218.5	12.4	64.2	5.4	60.8
2008	360.8	231.4	218.6	12.8	64.1	5.5	60.6
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	310.1	186.3	174.1	12.2	60.1	6.5	56.1
2008	312.1	189.5	180.2	9.3	60.7	4.9	57.7
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,731.8	3,245.5	3,047.2	198.3	68.6	6.1	64.4
2008	4,841.0	3,304.5	3,079.9	224.6	68.3	6.8	63.6
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	974.5	698.6	666.7	31.9	71.7	4.6	68.4
2008	990.0	712.3	670.1	42.2	71.9	5.9	67.7
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,136.7	751.4	708.7	42.7	66.1	5.7	62.3
2008	1,146.5	755.7	702.0	53.7	65.9	7.1	61.2
London [3560]							
2007	512.5	356.2	334.0	22.2	69.5	6.2	65.2
2008	517.9	351.1	325.7	25.4	67.8	7.2	62.9
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	525.6	342.6	321.3	21.3	65.2	6.2	61.1
2008	526.9	342.6	314.8	27.7	65.0	8.1	59.7
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.6	162.0	156.4	5.6	65.4	3.5	63.2
2008	248.5	164.8	156.0	8.8	66.3	5.3	62.8
Northeast [3590]							
2007	454.0	271.6	255.0	16.6	59.8	6.1	56.2
2008	454.8	276.6	260.7	15.9	60.8	5.7	57.3
Northwest [3595]							
2007	175.7	109.7	102.3	7.4	62.4	6.7	58.2
2008	173.9	111.6	103.4	8.2	64.2	7.3	59.5
Manitoba							
2007	902.4	625.4	601.3	24.1	69.3	3.9	66.6
2008	913.9	633.6	608.2	25.4	69.3	4.0	66.5
Southeast [4610]							
2007	77.2	52.9	50.9	2.0	68.5	3.8	65.9
2008	79.4	52.9	50.2	2.7	66.6	5.1	63.2
South Central [4620]							
2007	43.3	29.5	29.0	0.5	68.1	1.7	67.0
2008	44.4	30.3	29.1	1.2	68.2	4.0	65.5

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in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	82.4	52.7	51.3	1.4	64.0	2.7	62.3
2008	82.7	59.2	58.1	1.1	71.6	1.9	70.3
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.7	23.5	22.5	1.0	65.8	4.3	63.0
2008	36.0	24.5	23.8	0.7	68.1	2.9	66.1
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	534.7	378.9	362.3	16.6	70.9	4.4	67.8
2008	541.5	380.8	364.3	16.6	70.3	4.4	67.3
Interlake [4660]							
2007	70.1	48.1	46.6	1.5	68.6	3.1	66.5
2008	71.1	47.4	45.9	1.5	66.7	3.2	64.6
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.0	39.8	38.8	1.1	67.5	2.8	65.8
2008	58.8	38.5	36.8	1.7	65.5	4.4	62.6
Saskatchewan							
2007	756.6	522.7	503.2	19.5	69.1	3.7	66.5
2008	773.1	538.2	519.4	18.8	69.6	3.5	67.2
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	222.8	156.5	150.8	5.7	70.2	3.6	67.7
2008	228.4	162.3	157.4	4.9	71.1	3.0	68.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	83.0	56.3	54.3	2.0	67.8	3.6	65.4
2008	84.0	54.9	53.4	1.5	65.4	2.7	63.6
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	235.5	170.8	165.6	5.2	72.5	3.0	70.3
2008	242.5	175.1	169.5	5.7	72.2	3.3	69.9
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.2	42.8	41.4	1.4	66.7	3.3	64.5
2008	64.7	41.5	40.5	1.1	64.1	2.7	62.6
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	151.0	96.2	91.1	5.1	63.7	5.3	60.3
2008	153.5	104.3	98.7	5.6	67.9	5.4	64.3
Alberta							
2007	2,766.7	2,040.4	1,972.3	68.1	73.7	3.3	71.3
2008	2,818.0	2,102.1	2,023.9	78.2	74.6	3.7	71.8
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	208.0	140.3	134.3	6.0	67.5	4.3	64.6
2008	209.9	137.6	133.3	4.3	65.6	3.1	63.5
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	155.4	114.2	111.5	2.7	73.5	2.4	71.8
2008	155.4	115.0	111.4	3.5	74.0	3.0	71.7
Calgary [4830]							
2007	1,007.0	756.4	734.0	22.5	75.1	3.0	72.9
2008	1,030.6	796.9	766.9	30.0	77.3	3.8	74.4
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	68.1	52.9	51.8	x	77.7	x	76.1
2008	68.8	54.3	52.3	1.9	78.9	3.5	76.0
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	144.0	109.8	106.3	3.5	76.3	3.2	73.8
2008	147.7	113.0	107.6	5.4	76.5	4.8	72.9

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in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	907.6	657.5	633.7	23.8	72.4	3.6	69.8
2008	924.4	672.5	647.7	24.7	72.7	3.7	70.1
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	184.6	136.3	130.2	6.1	73.8	4.5	70.5
2008	187.7	139.6	134.2	5.4	74.4	3.9	71.5
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	91.9	73.0	70.5	2.5	79.4	3.4	76.7
2008	93.4	73.2	70.4	2.8	78.4	3.8	75.4
British Columbia							
2007	3,597.2	2,382.0	2,289.7	92.3	66.2	3.9	63.7
2008	3,668.1	2,422.6	2,304.8	117.8	66.0	4.9	62.8
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	627.0	394.1	380.6	13.5	62.9	3.4	60.7
2008	635.9	415.8	397.2	18.6	65.4	4.5	62.5
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,179.0	1,463.1	1,409.7	53.4	67.1	3.6	64.7
2008	2,230.1	1,478.0	1,411.6	66.4	66.3	4.5	63.3
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	426.0	268.6	257.2	11.4	63.1	4.2	60.4
2008	433.9	276.9	259.7	17.2	63.8	6.2	59.9
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.4	79.1	74.5	4.7	64.6	5.9	60.9
2008	123.1	77.4	72.0	5.4	62.9	7.0	58.5
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	125.4	93.9	89.2	4.7	74.9	5.0	71.1
2008	126.8	86.2	81.4	4.8	68.0	5.6	64.2
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	65.9	45.3	41.2	4.1	68.7	9.1	62.5
2008	65.5	46.4	42.5	4.0	70.8	8.6	64.9
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.6	37.8	37.2	x	73.3	x	72.1
2008	52.7	41.9	40.4	1.5	79.5	3.6	76.7

1. For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).

2. Estimates for Canada are a sum of the provincial totals and exclude estimates from Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0054.