

Table 4-3
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

	January 2009	February 2009	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)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	770.9	771.4	...	0.5	0.8	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	497.8	500.4	2.8	2.6	6.4	13.7	0.5	1.3	2.8
Employment	454.1	456.4	2.9	2.3	2.9	7.0	0.5	0.6	1.6
Employment full-time	370.7	372.3	3.6	1.6	0.7	6.4	0.4	0.2	1.7
Unemployment	43.7	44.0	2.6	0.3	3.5	6.7	0.7	8.6	18.0
Participation rate	64.6	64.9	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.8	0.5	0.0	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.4	0.7	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	120.6	120.6	...	0.0	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	-0.1	-1.0
Labour force	81.8	84.5	1.8	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.8	4.2
Employment	68.3	68.5	1.7	0.2	-0.6	-1.0	0.3	-0.9	-1.4
Unemployment	13.5	16.0	1.5	2.5	3.6	4.4	18.5	29.0	37.9
Participation rate	67.8	70.1	1.4	2.3	2.7	3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	18.9	1.7	2.4	3.7	4.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	56.8	1.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.7	44.8	2.5	0.2	2.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	309.9	310.2	...	0.3	0.4	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	214.5	215.0	1.5	0.5	2.7	4.6	0.2	1.3	2.2
Employment	196.4	197.7	1.6	1.3	2.6	3.6	0.7	1.3	1.9
Unemployment	18.1	17.3	1.6	-0.8	0.0	1.0	-4.4	0.0	6.1
Participation rate	69.2	69.3	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	7.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	340.3	340.6	...	0.3	0.5	3.4	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	201.5	201.0	1.5	-0.5	0.7	5.8	-0.2	0.3	3.0
Employment	189.4	190.2	1.5	0.8	0.8	4.4	0.4	0.4	2.4
Unemployment	12.1	10.8	1.3	-1.3	-0.1	1.4	-10.7	-0.9	14.9
Participation rate	59.2	59.0	0.4	-0.2	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.4	0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	55.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	20.6	1.1	-0.2	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	454.1	456.4	2.9	2.3	2.9	7.0	0.5	0.6	1.6
Agriculture	92.2	90.5	2.3	-1.7	-2.4	-2.0	-1.8	-2.6	-2.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	7.3	7.3	0.7	0.0	-0.3	1.2	0.0	-3.9	19.7
Utilities	12.8	13.1	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.6	2.3	7.4	4.8
Construction	2.4	2.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-8.3	-18.5	-24.1
Manufacturing	30.7	30.6	1.4	-0.1	-1.2	0.9	-0.3	-3.8	3.0
Manufacturing	39.0	37.4	1.5	-1.6	-1.3	-3.9	-4.1	-3.4	-9.4
Services-producing sector	361.8	365.9	3.0	4.1	5.2	9.0	1.1	1.4	2.5
Trade	76.5	76.0	2.0	-0.5	-3.4	-2.2	-0.7	-4.3	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	19.2	19.5	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.6	0.0	3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.6	21.1	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	-2.3	-2.3	-5.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.8	24.5	1.1	0.7	0.3	4.9	2.9	1.2	25.0
Business, building and other support services	25.3	25.7	1.4	0.4	0.8	-2.0	1.6	3.2	-7.2
Educational services	36.7	36.4	1.4	-0.3	1.4	2.9	-0.8	4.0	8.7
Health care and social assistance	60.8	60.0	1.6	-0.8	0.7	0.6	-1.3	1.2	1.0
Information, culture and recreation	17.1	18.8	1.1	1.7	0.3	-1.2	9.9	1.6	-6.0
Accommodation and food services	29.9	31.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	5.0	5.0	8.7
Other services	19.7	19.7	1.1	0.0	1.3	0.4	0.0	7.1	2.1
Public administration	31.3	32.8	1.1	1.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	9.3	11.9

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.