

**Table 4-6**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Ontario**

	April 2009	May 2009	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	10,625.4	<b>10,636.8</b>	...	<b>11.4</b>	56.0	149.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,166.3	<b>7,156.1</b>	18.4	<b>-10.2</b>	-25.9	-3.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.1
Employment	6,545.1	<b>6,485.4</b>	18.8	<b>-59.7</b>	-179.8	-219.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.7	-3.3
Employment full-time	5,283.2	<b>5,233.1</b>	23.8	<b>-50.1</b>	-188.0	-219.3	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.5	-4.0
Unemployment	621.2	<b>670.7</b>	15.9	<b>49.5</b>	153.9	215.9	<b>8.0</b>	29.8	47.5
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>9.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	2.2	3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>61.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.0	-2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	<b>19.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,742.7	<b>1,743.6</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	4.5	12.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	1,091.6	<b>1,087.4</b>	11.3	<b>-4.2</b>	-34.9	-35.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.1	-3.2
Employment	911.8	<b>901.4</b>	10.9	<b>-10.4</b>	-48.4	-69.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-5.1	-7.1
Unemployment	179.9	<b>185.9</b>	9.8	<b>6.0</b>	13.4	33.6	<b>3.3</b>	7.8	22.1
Participation rate	62.6	<b>62.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.1	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	<b>17.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	3.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.3	<b>51.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.9	-4.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.7	<b>50.8</b>	1.1	<b>2.0</b>	3.3	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,315.2	<b>4,320.2</b>	...	<b>5.0</b>	24.5	64.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Labour force	3,195.6	<b>3,190.7</b>	8.9	<b>-4.9</b>	-2.7	21.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.7
Employment	2,930.1	<b>2,896.1</b>	10.1	<b>-34.0</b>	-108.8	-112.7	<b>-1.2</b>	-3.6	-3.7
Unemployment	265.5	<b>294.6</b>	8.9	<b>29.1</b>	106.1	134.5	<b>11.0</b>	56.3	84.0
Participation rate	74.1	<b>73.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>9.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	3.3	4.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	<b>67.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.0	-3.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.3	<b>8.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,567.5	<b>4,573.0</b>	...	<b>5.5</b>	27.0	72.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.6
Labour force	2,879.0	<b>2,878.0</b>	10.7	<b>-1.0</b>	11.7	9.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.3
Employment	2,703.3	<b>2,687.9</b>	10.6	<b>-15.4</b>	-22.6	-38.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	-1.4
Unemployment	175.7	<b>190.2</b>	8.5	<b>14.5</b>	34.4	47.9	<b>8.3</b>	22.1	33.7
Participation rate	63.0	<b>62.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>58.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	<b>20.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	6,545.1	<b>6,485.4</b>	18.8	<b>-59.7</b>	-179.8	-219.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.7	-3.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	1,417.1	<b>1,348.5</b>	15.4	<b>-68.6</b>	-145.4	-195.0	<b>-4.8</b>	-9.7	-12.6
Agriculture	88.3	<b>83.1</b>	3.9	<b>-5.2</b>	-4.3	-0.9	<b>-5.9</b>	-4.9	-1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.8	<b>35.6</b>	2.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.3	-2.2	<b>2.3</b>	3.8	-5.8
Utilities	58.5	<b>56.4</b>	3.2	<b>-2.1</b>	-7.5	-7.4	<b>-3.6</b>	-11.7	-11.6
Construction	410.8	<b>395.8</b>	9.2	<b>-15.0</b>	-41.2	-47.1	<b>-3.7</b>	-9.4	-10.6
Manufacturing	824.7	<b>777.7</b>	12.3	<b>-47.0</b>	-93.5	-137.3	<b>-5.7</b>	-10.7	-15.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	5,128.0	<b>5,136.9</b>	20.9	<b>8.9</b>	-34.4	-24.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.5
Trade	996.3	<b>989.8</b>	13.9	<b>-6.5</b>	-37.3	-34.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-3.6	-3.3
Transportation and warehousing	326.0	<b>316.1</b>	8.3	<b>-9.9</b>	-30.9	-5.5	<b>-3.0</b>	-8.9	-1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	492.0	<b>495.8</b>	9.9	<b>3.8</b>	1.0	30.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	6.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	486.1	<b>507.0</b>	10.2	<b>20.9</b>	0.5	17.0	<b>4.3</b>	0.1	3.5
Business, building and other support services	275.2	<b>276.2</b>	8.9	<b>1.0</b>	0.0	-39.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	-12.5
Educational services	457.9	<b>458.3</b>	9.5	<b>0.4</b>	-11.1	-21.5	<b>0.1</b>	-2.4	-4.5
Health care and social assistance	697.5	<b>700.7</b>	10.2	<b>3.2</b>	0.6	-4.8	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	-0.7
Information, culture and recreation	315.1	<b>312.7</b>	8.5	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.6	2.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.2	0.7
Accommodation and food services	404.3	<b>402.4</b>	9.9	<b>-1.9</b>	13.6	1.9	<b>-0.5</b>	3.5	0.5
Other services	319.8	<b>317.1</b>	7.5	<b>-2.7</b>	21.3	38.3	<b>-0.8</b>	7.2	13.7
Public administration	357.6	<b>360.8</b>	7.6	<b>3.2</b>	8.4	-9.2	<b>0.9</b>	2.4	-2.5

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.