

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

| | October 2009 | November 2009 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
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| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 429.9 | 430.2 | ... | 0.3 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 256.0 | 255.8 | 2.2 | -0.2 | 3.8 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| Employment | 212.6 | 215.3 | 2.2 | 2.7 | -2.2 | -3.0 | 1.3 | -1.0 | -1.4 |
| Employment full-time | 180.2 | 181.9 | 2.4 | 1.7 | -3.7 | -3.6 | 0.9 | -2.0 | -1.9 |
| Employment part-time | 32.4 | 33.4 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 1.8 |
| Unemployment | 43.4 | 40.6 | 2.0 | -2.8 | 6.1 | 5.9 | -6.5 | 17.7 | 17.0 |
| Participation rate | 59.5 | 59.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 17.0 | 15.9 | 0.8 | -1.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 49.5 | 50.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -0.9 | -1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Prince Edward Island | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 116.4 | 116.4 | ... | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Labour force | 80.2 | 80.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| Employment | 70.6 | 71.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| Employment full-time | 57.1 | 57.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.6 | 1.1 | -0.2 | -1.0 |
| Employment part-time | 13.4 | 13.3 | 0.7 | -0.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | -0.7 | 16.7 | 18.8 |
| Unemployment | 9.6 | 9.4 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 | -2.1 | 2.2 | 11.9 |
| Participation rate | 68.9 | 69.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 12.0 | 11.7 | 0.8 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.7 | 61.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Nova Scotia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 773.7 | 774.1 | ... | 0.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Labour force | 500.0 | 502.3 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 8.3 | 10.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 2.1 |
| Employment | 453.3 | 454.8 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Employment full-time | 372.4 | 372.7 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 1.1 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Employment part-time | 80.9 | 82.1 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment | 46.7 | 47.5 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 1.7 | 17.3 | 23.4 |
| Participation rate | 64.6 | 64.9 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 9.3 | 9.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 58.6 | 58.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| New Brunswick | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 622.3 | 622.6 | ... | 0.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Labour force | 403.6 | 403.3 | 2.5 | -0.3 | 2.3 | 1.4 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Employment | 369.4 | 367.8 | 2.6 | -1.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Employment full-time | 312.0 | 311.9 | 3.0 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Employment part-time | 57.4 | 56.0 | 2.5 | -1.4 | 0.2 | -1.6 | -2.4 | 0.4 | -2.8 |
| Unemployment | 34.2 | 35.5 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 1.4 |
| Participation rate | 64.9 | 64.8 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.5 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.4 | 59.1 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 6,458.7 | 6,465.6 | ... | 6.9 | 65.5 | 69.8 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Labour force | 4,182.1 | 4,190.5 | 14.2 | 8.4 | -1.1 | -2.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Employment | 3,828.1 | 3,849.5 | 14.6 | 21.4 | -34.8 | -42.2 | 0.6 | -0.9 | -1.1 |
| Employment full-time | 3,131.5 | 3,149.7 | 18.7 | 18.2 | 14.9 | -29.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | -0.9 |
| Employment part-time | 696.6 | 699.8 | 17.0 | 3.2 | -49.7 | -13.0 | 0.5 | -6.6 | -1.8 |
| Unemployment | 354.0 | 341.0 | 13.0 | -13.0 | 33.8 | 40.1 | -3.7 | 11.0 | 13.3 |
| Participation rate | 64.8 | 64.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.5 | 8.1 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.3 | 59.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -1.2 | -1.3 | ... | ... | ... |

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| Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 10,707.6 | 10,717.6 | ... | 10.0 | 136.8 | 146.3 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 7,182.4 | 7,214.2 | 19.0 | 31.8 | 32.2 | 39.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Employment | 6,513.1 | 6,540.2 | 18.9 | 27.1 | -125.0 | -122.7 | 0.4 | -1.9 | -1.8 |
| Employment full-time | 5,268.7 | 5,290.5 | 24.5 | 21.8 | -130.6 | -127.9 | 0.4 | -2.4 | -2.4 |
| Employment part-time | 1,244.4 | 1,249.7 | 22.3 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment | 669.3 | 674.0 | 16.9 | 4.7 | 157.2 | 162.4 | 0.7 | 30.4 | 31.7 |
| Participation rate | 67.1 | 67.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 9.3 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.8 | 61.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -2.0 | -2.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Manitoba | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 926.9 | 928.0 | ... | 1.1 | 13.2 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Labour force | 642.8 | 642.9 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Employment | 605.5 | 608.6 | 2.8 | 3.1 | -0.5 | -0.6 | 0.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Employment full-time | 488.5 | 491.6 | 3.9 | 3.1 | -1.5 | 2.4 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 0.5 |
| Employment part-time | 117.0 | 117.1 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 1.1 | -2.9 | 0.1 | 0.9 | -2.4 |
| Unemployment | 37.3 | 34.3 | 2.1 | -3.0 | 6.9 | 7.3 | -8.0 | 25.2 | 27.0 |
| Participation rate | 69.3 | 69.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.8 | 5.3 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.3 | 65.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -1.0 | -1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Saskatchewan | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 783.0 | 783.8 | ... | 0.8 | 9.8 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 546.8 | 548.0 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Employment | 517.7 | 519.5 | 2.6 | 1.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Employment full-time | 421.2 | 424.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | -1.6 | -2.3 | 0.9 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| Employment part-time | 96.6 | 94.7 | 3.1 | -1.9 | 0.8 | 1.5 | -2.0 | 0.9 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment | 29.0 | 28.5 | 1.9 | -0.5 | 5.8 | 8.1 | -1.7 | 25.6 | 39.7 |
| Participation rate | 69.8 | 69.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.3 | 5.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 1.0 | 1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.1 | 66.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.9 | -1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 2,887.1 | 2,891.5 | ... | 4.4 | 67.8 | 73.5 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Labour force | 2,127.6 | 2,138.5 | 8.2 | 10.9 | 28.3 | 33.4 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 1,967.2 | 1,980.0 | 8.8 | 12.8 | -42.5 | -51.6 | 0.7 | -2.1 | -2.5 |
| Employment full-time | 1,618.0 | 1,618.3 | 11.5 | 0.3 | -62.5 | -75.6 | 0.0 | -3.7 | -4.5 |
| Employment part-time | 349.1 | 361.7 | 10.2 | 12.6 | 20.0 | 24.0 | 3.6 | 5.9 | 7.1 |
| Unemployment | 160.5 | 158.5 | 6.4 | -2.0 | 70.7 | 85.0 | -1.2 | 80.5 | 115.6 |
| Participation rate | 73.7 | 74.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.5 | 7.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 3.2 | 3.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 68.1 | 68.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -3.1 | -3.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| British Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,727.5 | 3,733.6 | ... | 6.1 | 61.4 | 65.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Labour force | 2,460.8 | 2,472.0 | 10.3 | 11.2 | 39.5 | 43.9 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| Employment | 2,257.2 | 2,267.1 | 10.4 | 9.9 | -35.6 | -40.3 | 0.4 | -1.5 | -1.7 |
| Employment full-time | 1,776.5 | 1,764.8 | 14.2 | -11.7 | -74.8 | -74.5 | -0.7 | -4.1 | -4.1 |
| Employment part-time | 480.7 | 502.3 | 13.2 | 21.6 | 39.1 | 34.2 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 7.3 |
| Unemployment | 203.5 | 204.9 | 8.0 | 1.4 | 75.2 | 84.3 | 0.7 | 58.0 | 69.9 |
| Participation rate | 66.0 | 66.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 3.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.6 | 60.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -2.0 | -2.2 | ... | ... | ... |

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.