

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

	November 2009	December 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	10,717.6	<b>10,727.6</b>	...	<b>10.0</b>	146.8	146.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	1.4
Labour force	7,214.2	<b>7,190.6</b>	19.0	<b>-23.6</b>	8.6	8.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.1
Employment	6,540.2	<b>6,523.6</b>	18.9	<b>-16.6</b>	-141.6	-141.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.1	-2.1
Employment full-time	5,290.5	<b>5,292.5</b>	24.5	<b>2.0</b>	-128.6	-128.6	<b>0.0</b>	-2.4	-2.4
Unemployment	674.0	<b>667.1</b>	16.9	<b>-6.9</b>	150.3	150.3	<b>-1.0</b>	29.1	29.1
Participation rate	67.3	<b>67.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	<b>9.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	2.1	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	<b>60.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	<b>18.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,748.3	<b>1,748.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	9.7	9.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6
Labour force	1,075.6	<b>1,079.1</b>	11.4	<b>3.5</b>	-43.2	-43.2	<b>0.3</b>	-3.8	-3.8
Employment	882.1	<b>881.9</b>	10.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-67.9	-67.9	<b>0.0</b>	-7.1	-7.1
Unemployment	193.5	<b>197.2</b>	10.0	<b>3.7</b>	24.7	24.7	<b>1.9</b>	14.3	14.3
Participation rate	61.5	<b>61.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	-2.8	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.0	<b>18.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	2.9	2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.5	<b>50.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-4.2	-4.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	51.5	<b>50.5</b>	1.2	<b>-1.0</b>	3.0	3.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,357.0	<b>4,361.4</b>	...	<b>4.4</b>	65.7	65.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	1.5
Labour force	3,194.4	<b>3,201.5</b>	9.5	<b>7.1</b>	8.1	8.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.3
Employment	2,920.1	<b>2,918.4</b>	10.8	<b>-1.7</b>	-86.5	-86.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.9	-2.9
Unemployment	274.3	<b>283.1</b>	9.8	<b>8.8</b>	94.6	94.6	<b>3.2</b>	50.2	50.2
Participation rate	73.3	<b>73.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	2.9	2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>66.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-3.1	-3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	<b>8.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,612.3	<b>4,617.5</b>	...	<b>5.2</b>	71.5	71.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	1.6
Labour force	2,944.2	<b>2,910.1</b>	11.0	<b>-34.1</b>	43.8	43.8	<b>-1.2</b>	1.5	1.5
Employment	2,738.0	<b>2,723.3</b>	10.7	<b>-14.7</b>	12.8	12.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	206.2	<b>186.8</b>	8.8	<b>-19.4</b>	31.0	31.0	<b>-9.4</b>	19.9	19.9
Participation rate	63.8	<b>63.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>59.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.6	<b>20.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	6,540.2	<b>6,523.6</b>	18.9	<b>-16.6</b>	-141.6	-141.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.1	-2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	1,371.1	<b>1,380.7</b>	15.8	<b>9.6</b>	-113.2	-113.2	<b>0.7</b>	-7.6	-7.6
Agriculture	81.0	<b>83.0</b>	3.9	<b>2.0</b>	-4.4	-4.4	<b>2.5</b>	-5.0	-5.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	37.4	<b>38.6</b>	2.3	<b>1.2</b>	4.3	4.3	<b>3.2</b>	12.5	12.5
Utilities	57.7	<b>54.5</b>	3.3	<b>-3.2</b>	-9.4	-9.4	<b>-5.5</b>	-14.7	-14.7
Construction	407.6	<b>415.9</b>	9.7	<b>8.3</b>	-21.1	-21.1	<b>2.0</b>	-4.8	-4.8
Manufacturing	787.5	<b>788.6</b>	12.4	<b>1.1</b>	-82.6	-82.6	<b>0.1</b>	-9.5	-9.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	5,169.1	<b>5,142.9</b>	21.1	<b>-26.2</b>	-28.4	-28.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Trade	992.8	<b>984.1</b>	14.1	<b>-8.7</b>	-43.0	-43.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-4.2	-4.2
Transportation and warehousing	311.6	<b>300.9</b>	8.5	<b>-10.7</b>	-46.1	-46.1	<b>-3.4</b>	-13.3	-13.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	521.7	<b>514.0</b>	10.5	<b>-7.7</b>	19.2	19.2	<b>-1.5</b>	3.9	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	523.6	<b>528.2</b>	10.7	<b>4.6</b>	21.7	21.7	<b>0.9</b>	4.3	4.3
Business, building and other support services	266.7	<b>257.8</b>	8.9	<b>-8.9</b>	-18.4	-18.4	<b>-3.3</b>	-6.7	-6.7
Educational services	483.7	<b>479.1</b>	9.5	<b>-4.6</b>	9.7	9.7	<b>-1.0</b>	2.1	2.1
Health care and social assistance	721.1	<b>724.9</b>	10.5	<b>3.8</b>	24.8	24.8	<b>0.5</b>	3.5	3.5
Information, culture and recreation	321.1	<b>320.2</b>	8.8	<b>-0.9</b>	6.9	6.9	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	2.2
Accommodation and food services	375.9	<b>386.8</b>	10.1	<b>10.9</b>	-2.0	-2.0	<b>2.9</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Other services	298.1	<b>301.2</b>	8.1	<b>3.1</b>	5.4	5.4	<b>1.0</b>	1.8	1.8
Public administration	352.8	<b>345.8</b>	7.7	<b>-7.0</b>	-6.6	-6.6	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.9	-1.9

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.