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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
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in thousands							
Canada ²							
2008	27,071.8	18,234.3	17,133.0	1,101.4	67.4	6.0	63.3
2009	27,462.4	18,316.8	16,886.7	1,430.1	66.7	7.8	61.5
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2008	427.4	248.1	215.2	33.0	58.0	13.3	50.4
2009	430.2	251.2	212.9	38.3	58.4	15.2	49.5
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2008	213.5	135.7	123.1	12.6	63.6	9.3	57.7
2009	216.7	136.6	121.0	15.7	63.0	11.5	55.8
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2008	32.3	16.3	13.5	2.8	50.5	17.2	41.8
2009	31.8	15.1	12.2	2.9	47.5	19.2	38.4
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2008	88.0	47.2	38.5	8.7	53.6	18.4	43.8
2009	88.2	50.5	42.2	8.4	57.3	16.6	47.8
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2008	93.6	48.9	40.1	8.8	52.2	18.0	42.8
2009	93.4	49.0	37.6	11.3	52.5	23.1	40.3
Prince Edward Island							
2008	115.3	77.0	67.9	9.1	66.8	11.8	58.9
2009	116.4	78.4	69.7	8.7	67.4	11.1	59.9
Nova Scotia							
2008	770.4	491.3	455.7	35.6	63.8	7.2	59.2
2009	774.1	497.8	454.7	43.0	64.3	8.6	58.7
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2008	115.5	64.0	55.5	8.5	55.4	13.3	48.1
2009	114.7	63.3	54.3	9.0	55.2	14.2	47.3
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2008	131.4	80.0	73.5	6.5	60.9	8.1	55.9
2009	131.4	80.4	72.2	8.3	61.2	10.3	54.9
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2008	101.4	61.7	57.2	4.5	60.8	7.3	56.4
2009	101.9	62.9	57.5	5.4	61.7	8.6	56.4
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2008	103.5	60.6	54.8	5.8	58.6	9.6	52.9
2009	103.2	60.9	54.0	6.9	59.0	11.3	52.3
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2008	318.7	225.0	214.7	10.2	70.6	4.5	67.4
2009	322.8	230.2	216.7	13.5	71.3	5.9	67.1
New Brunswick							
2008	619.5	397.7	365.5	32.2	64.2	8.1	59.0
2009	622.5	397.4	366.0	31.4	63.8	7.9	58.8
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2008	135.5	74.9	62.7	12.2	55.3	16.3	46.3
2009	134.9	73.9	63.6	10.2	54.8	13.8	47.1
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2008	166.5	113.9	107.6	6.3	68.4	5.5	64.6
2009	168.7	112.1	105.9	6.2	66.4	5.5	62.8
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2008	143.3	94.3	88.3	6.0	65.8	6.4	61.6
2009	144.0	94.3	87.9	6.4	65.5	6.8	61.0

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in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2008	105.8	71.0	67.0	4.0	67.1	5.6	63.3
2009	106.8	73.5	68.8	4.6	68.8	6.3	64.4
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2008	68.2	43.8	40.0	3.8	64.2	8.7	58.7
2009	68.1	43.6	39.7	3.9	64.0	8.9	58.3
Quebec							
2008	6,395.5	4,176.5	3,883.8	292.7	65.3	7.0	60.7
2009	6,465.3	4,172.8	3,851.7	321.1	64.5	7.7	59.6
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2008	80.8	42.1	33.9	8.2	52.1	19.5	42.0
2009	80.9	41.9	35.9	6.0	51.8	14.3	44.4
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2008	167.6	103.5	94.8	8.8	61.8	8.5	56.6
2009	167.8	92.7	84.6	8.1	55.2	8.7	50.4
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2008	569.9	367.0	352.3	14.7	64.4	4.0	61.8
2009	575.0	371.4	352.4	19.1	64.6	5.1	61.3
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2008	330.6	218.9	207.3	11.6	66.2	5.3	62.7
2009	333.1	217.3	207.3	10.0	65.2	4.6	62.2
Estrie [2430]							
2008	252.0	158.3	148.0	10.3	62.8	6.5	58.7
2009	254.6	159.0	150.4	8.6	62.5	5.4	59.1
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2008	187.1	124.2	114.4	9.7	66.4	7.8	61.1
2009	188.6	115.6	108.5	7.1	61.3	6.1	57.5
Montérégie [2435]							
2008	1,149.6	781.1	732.7	48.4	67.9	6.2	63.7
2009	1,169.4	780.5	727.7	52.8	66.7	6.8	62.2
Montréal [2440]							
2008	1,593.0	1,044.6	956.7	87.8	65.6	8.4	60.1
2009	1,598.7	1,030.3	924.3	106.0	64.4	10.3	57.8
Laval [2445]							
2008	315.8	218.5	203.7	14.7	69.2	6.7	64.5
2009	321.0	222.7	207.8	14.9	69.4	6.7	64.7
Lanaudière [2450]							
2008	367.3	244.9	227.6	17.2	66.7	7.0	62.0
2009	378.1	256.7	234.6	22.1	67.9	8.6	62.0
Laurentides [2455]							
2008	439.0	282.0	262.1	19.9	64.2	7.1	59.7
2009	449.2	302.4	279.3	23.1	67.3	7.6	62.2
Outaouais [2460]							
2008	296.4	208.5	199.1	9.4	70.3	4.5	67.2
2009	301.1	210.0	198.5	11.5	69.7	5.5	65.9
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2008	116.0	76.2	70.1	6.2	65.7	8.1	60.4
2009	116.6	68.5	62.2	6.3	58.7	9.2	53.3
Mauricie [2470]							
2008	218.5	122.7	113.8	8.9	56.2	7.3	52.1
2009	219.5	118.2	108.0	10.2	53.8	8.6	49.2

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in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2008	223.1	132.8	121.8	11.0	59.5	8.3	54.6
2009	223.1	130.1	119.1	10.9	58.3	8.4	53.4
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2008	88.9	51.4	45.6	5.8	57.8	11.3	51.3
2009	88.7	55.5	51.1	4.3	62.6	7.7	57.6
Ontario							
2008	10,570.7	7,147.1	6,688.6	458.5	67.6	6.4	63.3
2009	10,717.6	7,152.9	6,556.3	596.6	66.7	8.3	61.2
Ottawa [3510]							
2008	998.2	707.0	677.1	29.9	70.8	4.2	67.8
2009	1,008.3	704.7	663.9	40.9	69.9	5.8	65.8
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2008	360.8	231.4	218.6	12.8	64.1	5.5	60.6
2009	361.8	221.2	203.9	17.3	61.1	7.8	56.4
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2008	312.1	189.5	180.2	9.3	60.7	4.9	57.7
2009	313.6	190.1	173.6	16.5	60.6	8.7	55.4
Toronto [3530]							
2008	4,841.0	3,304.5	3,079.9	224.6	68.3	6.8	63.6
2009	4,948.2	3,348.9	3,054.6	294.3	67.7	8.8	61.7
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2008	990.0	712.3	670.1	42.2	71.9	5.9	67.7
2009	1,003.9	703.7	647.6	56.1	70.1	8.0	64.5
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2008	1,146.5	755.7	702.0	53.7	65.9	7.1	61.2
2009	1,155.1	765.2	697.3	67.9	66.2	8.9	60.4
London [3560]							
2008	517.9	351.1	325.7	25.4	67.8	7.2	62.9
2009	522.9	349.7	321.1	28.5	66.9	8.1	61.4
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2008	526.9	342.6	314.8	27.7	65.0	8.1	59.7
2009	527.7	328.7	296.3	32.4	62.3	9.9	56.1
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2008	248.5	164.8	156.0	8.8	66.3	5.3	62.8
2009	249.1	164.1	152.8	11.3	65.9	6.9	61.3
Northeast [3590]							
2008	454.8	276.6	260.7	15.9	60.8	5.7	57.3
2009	455.1	268.0	243.6	24.4	58.9	9.1	53.5
Northwest [3595]							
2008	173.9	111.6	103.4	8.2	64.2	7.3	59.5
2009	171.9	108.5	101.4	7.0	63.1	6.5	59.0
Manitoba							
2008	913.9	633.6	608.2	25.4	69.3	4.0	66.5
2009	927.8	639.4	606.5	33.0	68.9	5.2	65.4
Southeast [4610]							
2008	79.4	52.9	50.2	2.7	66.6	5.1	63.2
2009	81.9	58.9	55.5	3.4	71.9	5.8	67.8
South Central [4620]							
2008	44.4	30.3	29.1	1.2	68.2	4.0	65.5
2009	45.5	31.7	30.5	1.2	69.7	3.8	67.0

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Southwest [4630]							
2008	82.7	59.2	58.1	1.1	71.6	1.9	70.3
2009	83.3	56.6	54.3	2.3	67.9	4.1	65.2
North Central [4640]							
2008	36.0	24.5	23.8	0.7	68.1	2.9	66.1
2009	36.4	23.6	22.5	1.1	64.8	4.7	61.8
Winnipeg [4650]							
2008	541.5	380.8	364.3	16.6	70.3	4.4	67.3
2009	549.6	381.1	360.2	20.9	69.3	5.5	65.5
Interlake [4660]							
2008	71.1	47.4	45.9	1.5	66.7	3.2	64.6
2009	72.3	47.5	45.2	2.3	65.7	4.8	62.5
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2008	58.8	38.5	36.8	1.7	65.5	4.4	62.6
2009	58.8	40.0	38.3	1.7	68.0	4.3	65.1
Saskatchewan							
2008	773.1	538.2	519.4	18.8	69.6	3.5	67.2
2009	783.7	544.3	520.3	24.0	69.5	4.4	66.4
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2008	228.4	162.3	157.4	4.9	71.1	3.0	68.9
2009	232.3	161.9	155.3	6.5	69.7	4.0	66.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2008	84.0	54.9	53.4	1.5	65.4	2.7	63.6
2009	84.2	55.3	52.6	2.7	65.7	4.9	62.5
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2008	242.5	175.1	169.5	5.7	72.2	3.3	69.9
2009	247.8	180.3	173.1	7.2	72.8	4.0	69.9
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2008	64.7	41.5	40.5	1.1	64.1	2.7	62.6
2009	64.7	42.0	40.4	1.6	64.9	3.8	62.4
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2008	153.5	104.3	98.7	5.6	67.9	5.4	64.3
2009	154.6	104.8	98.9	6.0	67.8	5.7	64.0
Alberta							
2008	2,818.0	2,102.1	2,023.9	78.2	74.6	3.7	71.8
2009	2,891.3	2,124.8	1,979.0	145.7	73.5	6.9	68.4
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2008	209.9	137.6	133.3	4.3	65.6	3.1	63.5
2009	213.4	145.6	137.7	7.8	68.2	5.4	64.5
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2008	155.4	115.0	111.4	3.5	74.0	3.0	71.7
2009	156.9	111.3	105.3	6.0	70.9	5.4	67.1
Calgary [4830]							
2008	1,030.6	796.9	766.9	30.0	77.3	3.8	74.4
2009	1,061.8	801.4	744.5	57.0	75.5	7.1	70.1
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2008	68.8	54.3	52.3	1.9	78.9	3.5	76.0
2009	70.1	53.0	50.0	3.0	75.6	5.7	71.3
Red Deer [4850]							
2008	147.7	113.0	107.6	5.4	76.5	4.8	72.9
2009	152.4	109.1	101.4	7.7	71.6	7.1	66.5

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Edmonton [4860]							
2008	924.4	672.5	647.7	24.7	72.7	3.7	70.1
2009	948.8	686.7	637.0	49.7	72.4	7.2	67.1
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2008	187.7	139.6	134.2	5.4	74.4	3.9	71.5
2009	192.2	143.5	132.1	11.4	74.7	7.9	68.7
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2008	93.4	73.2	70.4	2.8	78.4	3.8	75.4
2009	95.7	74.1	71.1	3.0	77.4	4.0	74.3
British Columbia							
2008	3,668.1	2,422.6	2,304.8	117.8	66.0	4.9	62.8
2009	3,733.3	2,457.8	2,269.5	188.3	65.8	7.7	60.8
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2008	635.9	415.8	397.2	18.6	65.4	4.5	62.5
2009	642.8	409.9	376.5	33.4	63.8	8.1	58.6
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2008	2,230.1	1,478.0	1,411.6	66.4	66.3	4.5	63.3
2009	2,279.7	1,511.9	1,402.0	110.0	66.3	7.3	61.5
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2008	433.9	276.9	259.7	17.2	63.8	6.2	59.9
2009	440.6	289.0	267.6	21.4	65.6	7.4	60.7
Kootenay [5940]							
2008	123.1	77.4	72.0	5.4	62.9	7.0	58.5
2009	123.5	76.6	70.1	6.5	62.0	8.5	56.8
Cariboo [5950]							
2008	126.8	86.2	81.4	4.8	68.0	5.6	64.2
2009	127.9	85.8	75.5	10.3	67.1	12.0	59.0
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2008	65.5	46.4	42.5	4.0	70.8	8.6	64.9
2009	65.0	44.1	39.6	4.5	67.8	10.2	60.9
Northeast [5980]							
2008	52.7	41.9	40.4	1.5	79.5	3.6	76.7
2009	53.8	40.5	38.3	2.2	75.3	5.4	71.2

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): All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries. Related CANSIM table 282-0054.