

**Table 1**  
**Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada, seasonally adjusted**

	April 2010	May 2010	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>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	27,618.4	<b>27,651.8</b>	...	<b>33.4</b>	161.1	401.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Labour force	18,570.3	<b>18,603.0</b>	28.2	<b>32.7</b>	165.8	226.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	1.2
Employment	17,071.9	<b>17,096.6</b>	28.2	<b>24.7</b>	215.2	284.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.7
Employment full-time	13,768.4	<b>13,835.7</b>	36.8	<b>67.3</b>	158.5	263.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	1.9
Employment part-time	3,303.5	<b>3,261.0</b>	33.5	<b>-42.5</b>	56.7	20.3	<b>-1.3</b>	1.8	0.6
Unemployment	1,498.3	<b>1,506.4</b>	25.1	<b>8.1</b>	-49.4	-57.0	<b>0.5</b>	-3.2	-3.6
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>8.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	<b>61.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	<b>19.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,403.5	<b>4,404.2</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	3.9	12.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	2,874.6	<b>2,871.8</b>	16.8	<b>-2.8</b>	24.0	-27.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	-0.9
Employment	2,438.1	<b>2,436.8</b>	15.5	<b>-1.3</b>	44.8	-20.1	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	-0.8
Employment full-time	1,249.9	<b>1,271.5</b>	18.0	<b>21.6</b>	-0.8	-23.0	<b>1.7</b>	-0.1	-1.8
Employment part-time	1,188.1	<b>1,165.3</b>	18.5	<b>-22.8</b>	45.7	2.9	<b>-1.9</b>	4.1	0.2
Unemployment	436.5	<b>435.0</b>	14.6	<b>-1.5</b>	-20.9	-7.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-4.6	-1.6
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	<b>15.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	<b>55.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.7	<b>47.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,355.8	<b>11,372.0</b>	...	<b>16.2</b>	78.2	197.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.8
Labour force	8,308.7	<b>8,346.5</b>	14.8	<b>37.8</b>	78.5	130.8	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.6
Employment	7,707.3	<b>7,712.5</b>	16.1	<b>5.2</b>	102.9	182.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	2.4
Employment full-time	7,107.4	<b>7,117.3</b>	20.8	<b>9.9</b>	106.9	172.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	2.5
Employment part-time	599.9	<b>595.2</b>	16.5	<b>-4.7</b>	-4.0	9.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.7	1.6
Unemployment	601.4	<b>634.0</b>	15.0	<b>32.6</b>	-24.3	-51.7	<b>5.4</b>	-3.7	-7.5
Participation rate	73.2	<b>73.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	<b>67.8</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	<b>7.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	11,859.1	<b>11,875.6</b>	...	<b>16.5</b>	79.0	192.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.6
Labour force	7,386.9	<b>7,384.8</b>	16.1	<b>-2.1</b>	63.4	123.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	1.7
Employment	6,926.6	<b>6,947.4</b>	15.8	<b>20.8</b>	67.6	121.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	1.8
Employment full-time	5,411.0	<b>5,446.9</b>	23.5	<b>35.9</b>	52.5	113.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	2.1
Employment part-time	1,515.5	<b>1,500.5</b>	22.0	<b>-15.0</b>	15.1	7.7	<b>-1.0</b>	1.0	0.5
Unemployment	460.4	<b>437.4</b>	13.0	<b>-23.0</b>	-4.2	1.6	<b>-5.0</b>	-1.0	0.4
Participation rate	62.3	<b>62.2</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>5.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	<b>58.5</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	<b>21.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,597.4	<b>14,608.7</b>	...	<b>11.3</b>	43.9	107.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	12,633.0	<b>12,649.4</b>	21.3	<b>16.4</b>	80.9	102.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8
Employment	11,759.0	<b>11,765.0</b>	22.9	<b>6.0</b>	93.0	150.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.3
Unemployment	874.1	<b>884.4</b>	18.8	<b>10.3</b>	-12.2	-48.2	<b>1.2</b>	-1.4	-5.2
Participation rate	86.5	<b>86.6</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>7.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.6	<b>80.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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<b>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,298.4	<b>7,304.2</b>	...	<b>5.8</b>	22.6	58.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	6,597.7	<b>6,629.2</b>	13.7	<b>31.5</b>	37.1	41.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	0.6
Employment	6,110.1	<b>6,111.7</b>	15.8	<b>1.6</b>	50.4	87.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	1.5
Unemployment	487.7	<b>517.5</b>	14.0	<b>29.8</b>	-13.3	-46.2	<b>6.1</b>	-2.5	-8.2
Participation rate	90.4	<b>90.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	83.7	<b>83.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,299.0	<b>7,304.6</b>	...	<b>5.6</b>	21.4	49.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	6,035.3	<b>6,020.1</b>	15.6	<b>-15.2</b>	43.7	60.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	1.0
Employment	5,648.9	<b>5,653.2</b>	15.7	<b>4.3</b>	42.5	62.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1
Unemployment	386.4	<b>366.9</b>	12.1	<b>-19.5</b>	1.2	-2.0	<b>-5.0</b>	0.3	-0.5
Participation rate	82.7	<b>82.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.4	<b>77.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	8,617.4	<b>8,638.9</b>	...	<b>21.5</b>	113.3	282.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	3.4
Labour force	3,062.6	<b>3,081.9</b>	16.2	<b>19.3</b>	61.1	151.9	<b>0.6</b>	2.0	5.2
Employment	2,874.9	<b>2,894.9</b>	16.1	<b>20.0</b>	77.4	153.7	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	5.6
Unemployment	187.8	<b>187.0</b>	8.9	<b>-0.8</b>	-16.3	-1.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-8.0	-1.0
Participation rate	35.5	<b>35.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	33.4	<b>33.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	4,057.4	<b>4,067.9</b>	...	<b>10.5</b>	55.7	139.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	3.5
Labour force	1,711.0	<b>1,717.3</b>	10.9	<b>6.3</b>	41.4	89.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.5	5.5
Employment	1,597.2	<b>1,600.7</b>	10.9	<b>3.5</b>	52.3	94.7	<b>0.2</b>	3.4	6.3
Unemployment	113.8	<b>116.5</b>	6.7	<b>2.7</b>	-11.0	-5.4	<b>2.4</b>	-8.6	-4.4
Participation rate	42.2	<b>42.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	39.4	<b>39.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,560.1	<b>4,571.0</b>	...	<b>10.9</b>	57.6	143.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	3.2
Labour force	1,351.7	<b>1,364.6</b>	11.1	<b>12.9</b>	19.7	62.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.5	4.8
Employment	1,277.7	<b>1,294.2</b>	10.9	<b>16.5</b>	25.1	59.0	<b>1.3</b>	2.0	4.8
Unemployment	74.0	<b>70.5</b>	5.7	<b>-3.5</b>	-5.4	3.6	<b>-4.7</b>	-7.1	5.4
Participation rate	29.6	<b>29.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	28.0	<b>28.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...

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.