

**Table 3**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, 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>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	431.5	<b>431.6</b>	...	0.1	1.1	3.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	258.1	<b>263.1</b>	2.1	<b>5.0</b>	7.1	12.1	<b>1.9</b>	2.8	4.8
Employment	219.3	<b>226.9</b>	2.2	<b>7.6</b>	9.7	13.8	<b>3.5</b>	4.5	6.5
Employment full-time	187.3	<b>193.8</b>	2.5	<b>6.5</b>	6.9	10.3	<b>3.5</b>	3.7	5.6
Employment part-time	32.0	<b>33.1</b>	1.8	<b>1.1</b>	2.8	3.5	<b>3.4</b>	9.2	11.8
Unemployment	38.8	<b>36.2</b>	2.1	<b>-2.6</b>	-2.6	-1.7	<b>-6.7</b>	-6.7	-4.5
Participation rate	59.8	<b>61.0</b>	0.5	<b>1.2</b>	1.5	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	<b>13.8</b>	0.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.8	<b>52.6</b>	0.5	<b>1.8</b>	2.1	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	116.8	<b>116.9</b>	...	0.1	0.5	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	80.2	<b>79.2</b>	0.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.6	0.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.8	0.3
Employment	72.6	<b>70.7</b>	0.7	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.5	1.8	<b>-2.6</b>	-0.7	2.6
Employment full-time	60.2	<b>58.3</b>	0.8	<b>-1.9</b>	0.1	0.4	<b>-3.2</b>	0.2	0.7
Employment part-time	12.3	<b>12.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	1.5	<b>1.6</b>	-3.8	13.6
Unemployment	7.6	<b>8.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	-0.1	-1.6	<b>11.8</b>	-1.2	-15.8
Participation rate	68.7	<b>67.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	<b>10.7</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	-0.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	<b>60.5</b>	0.6	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.7	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	775.3	<b>775.3</b>	...	0.0	0.8	3.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	496.6	<b>501.1</b>	2.7	<b>4.5</b>	1.2	2.0	<b>0.9</b>	0.2	0.4
Employment	453.8	<b>457.3</b>	2.9	<b>3.5</b>	5.3	2.3	<b>0.8</b>	1.2	0.5
Employment full-time	368.5	<b>371.3</b>	3.6	<b>2.8</b>	2.5	-4.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	-1.1
Employment part-time	85.3	<b>86.0</b>	3.1	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	6.5	<b>0.8</b>	3.2	8.2
Unemployment	42.8	<b>43.8</b>	2.6	<b>1.0</b>	-4.0	-0.2	<b>2.3</b>	-8.4	-0.5
Participation rate	64.1	<b>64.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	<b>59.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	0.1	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	623.5	<b>623.8</b>	...	0.3	1.0	2.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.4
Labour force	401.5	<b>401.5</b>	2.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Employment	367.3	<b>366.0</b>	2.5	<b>-1.3</b>	0.6	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	0.0
Employment full-time	316.0	<b>314.0</b>	2.9	<b>-2.0</b>	4.5	6.0	<b>-0.6</b>	1.5	1.9
Employment part-time	51.3	<b>52.1</b>	2.5	<b>0.8</b>	-3.8	-5.8	<b>1.6</b>	-6.8	-10.0
Unemployment	34.2	<b>35.5</b>	2.2	<b>1.3</b>	-0.3	1.1	<b>3.8</b>	-0.8	3.2
Participation rate	64.4	<b>64.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>58.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,496.8	<b>6,502.5</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	30.8	76.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.2
Labour force	4,252.2	<b>4,251.0</b>	14.2	<b>-1.2</b>	38.8	17.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	0.4
Employment	3,914.6	<b>3,909.3</b>	14.5	<b>-5.3</b>	50.9	46.9	<b>-0.1</b>	1.3	1.2
Employment full-time	3,154.7	<b>3,162.1</b>	18.8	<b>7.4</b>	24.2	33.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.1
Employment part-time	760.0	<b>747.2</b>	16.7	<b>-12.8</b>	26.7	13.4	<b>-1.7</b>	3.7	1.8
Unemployment	337.6	<b>341.7</b>	13.3	<b>4.1</b>	-12.1	-29.9	<b>1.2</b>	-3.4	-8.0
Participation rate	65.5	<b>65.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>8.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	<b>60.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	0.0	...	...	...

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in thousands (except rates)												
<b>Ontario</b>												
Population	10,777.6	<b>10,791.0</b>	...	<b>13.4</b>	63.4	154.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.4			
Labour force	7,252.6	<b>7,280.7</b>	19.5	<b>28.1</b>	90.5	130.0	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	1.8			
Employment	6,615.6	<b>6,633.3</b>	19.0	<b>17.7</b>	105.9	160.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	2.5			
Employment full-time	5,337.8	<b>5,363.3</b>	24.6	<b>25.5</b>	61.9	147.3	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	2.8			
Employment part-time	1,277.8	<b>1,270.1</b>	22.5	<b>-7.7</b>	44.2	13.0	<b>-0.6</b>	3.6	1.0			
Unemployment	636.9	<b>647.3</b>	17.4	<b>10.4</b>	-15.5	-30.3	<b>1.6</b>	-2.3	-4.5			
Participation rate	67.3	<b>67.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...			
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...			
Employment rate	61.4	<b>61.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...			
<b>Manitoba</b>												
Population	933.0	<b>934.4</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	5.8	13.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.5			
Labour force	651.1	<b>658.2</b>	2.6	<b>7.1</b>	17.3	18.8	<b>1.1</b>	2.7	2.9			
Employment	619.0	<b>620.4</b>	2.8	<b>1.4</b>	16.4	12.1	<b>0.2</b>	2.7	2.0			
Employment full-time	497.7	<b>501.9</b>	3.7	<b>4.2</b>	17.2	7.3	<b>0.8</b>	3.5	1.5			
Employment part-time	121.2	<b>118.5</b>	3.3	<b>-2.7</b>	-0.7	4.8	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.6	4.2			
Unemployment	32.2	<b>37.8</b>	2.2	<b>5.6</b>	0.8	6.7	<b>17.4</b>	2.2	21.5			
Participation rate	69.8	<b>70.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	1.0	...	...	...			
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...			
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	0.3	...	...	...			
<b>Saskatchewan</b>												
Population	788.6	<b>789.5</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	5.2	11.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.5			
Labour force	556.8	<b>553.4</b>	2.4	<b>-3.4</b>	4.9	4.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.9	0.9			
Employment	527.8	<b>526.0</b>	2.5	<b>-1.8</b>	3.9	4.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	0.8			
Employment full-time	432.5	<b>429.7</b>	3.4	<b>-2.8</b>	4.1	6.7	<b>-0.6</b>	1.0	1.6			
Employment part-time	95.3	<b>96.3</b>	3.2	<b>1.0</b>	-0.2	-2.2	<b>1.0</b>	-0.2	-2.2			
Unemployment	29.0	<b>27.4</b>	1.9	<b>-1.6</b>	1.1	0.4	<b>-5.5</b>	4.2	1.5			
Participation rate	70.6	<b>70.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...			
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...			
Employment rate	66.9	<b>66.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...			
<b>Alberta</b>												
Population	2,912.6	<b>2,917.8</b>	...	<b>5.2</b>	22.5	62.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.2			
Labour force	2,137.8	<b>2,135.7</b>	8.4	<b>-2.1</b>	-0.2	4.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.2			
Employment	1,979.4	<b>1,994.1</b>	8.8	<b>14.7</b>	-1.2	6.1	<b>0.7</b>	-0.1	0.3			
Employment full-time	1,627.9	<b>1,657.9</b>	11.7	<b>30.0</b>	26.1	21.4	<b>1.8</b>	1.6	1.3			
Employment part-time	351.4	<b>336.2</b>	10.9	<b>-15.2</b>	-27.3	-15.3	<b>-4.3</b>	-7.5	-4.4			
Unemployment	158.5	<b>141.6</b>	7.2	<b>-16.9</b>	1.0	-1.6	<b>-10.7</b>	0.7	-1.1			
Participation rate	73.4	<b>73.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.4	...	...	...			
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>6.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...			
Employment rate	68.0	<b>68.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-1.3	...	...	...			
<b>British Columbia</b>												
Population	3,762.6	<b>3,769.1</b>	...	<b>6.5</b>	30.2	73.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0			
Labour force	2,483.3	<b>2,479.1</b>	10.6	<b>-4.2</b>	6.4	36.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	1.5			
Employment	2,302.6	<b>2,292.5</b>	10.5	<b>-10.1</b>	24.0	36.1	<b>-0.4</b>	1.1	1.6			
Employment full-time	1,785.8	<b>1,783.5</b>	14.3	<b>-2.3</b>	11.1	35.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	2.0			
Employment part-time	516.8	<b>509.0</b>	13.3	<b>-7.8</b>	12.9	0.8	<b>-1.5</b>	2.6	0.2			
Unemployment	180.7	<b>186.6</b>	8.5	<b>5.9</b>	-17.6	0.2	<b>3.3</b>	-8.6	0.1			
Participation rate	66.0	<b>65.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...			
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>7.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...			
Employment rate	61.2	<b>60.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...			

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.