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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2009	27,218.4	18,301.1	16,712.1	1,589.1	67.2	8.7	61.4
2010	27,618.5	18,510.5	16,937.6	1,572.8	67.0	8.5	61.3
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2009	428.1	250.3	208.0	42.3	58.5	16.9	48.6
2010	431.4	258.6	215.8	42.8	59.9	16.6	50.0
<b>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</b>							
2009	214.6	134.4	119.2	15.2	62.6	11.3	55.5
2010	218.1	143.3	125.8	17.5	65.7	12.2	57.7
<b>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</b>							
2009	32.0	16.1	12.0	4.1	50.3	25.5	37.5
2010	31.6	16.3	12.9	3.5	51.6	21.5	40.8
<b>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</b>							
2009	88.0	49.3	38.3	11.0	56.0	22.3	43.5
2010	88.4	49.9	40.2	9.7	56.4	19.4	45.5
<b>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</b>							
2009	93.4	50.5	38.5	12.0	54.1	23.8	41.2
2010	93.4	49.1	36.9	12.1	52.6	24.6	39.5
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2009	115.6	78.1	66.9	11.1	67.6	14.2	57.9
2010	116.8	79.2	69.9	9.3	67.8	11.7	59.8
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2009	771.9	497.0	447.6	49.4	64.4	9.9	58.0
2010	775.2	497.0	450.0	47.0	64.1	9.5	58.0
<b>Cape Breton [1210]</b>							
2009	115.2	62.6	51.8	10.8	54.3	17.3	45.0
2010	114.3	64.0	53.0	11.0	56.0	17.2	46.4
<b>North Shore [1220]</b>							
2009	131.4	77.6	67.6	10.0	59.1	12.9	51.4
2010	131.4	77.0	69.7	7.4	58.6	9.6	53.0
<b>Annapolis Valley [1230]</b>							
2009	101.6	63.2	57.6	5.7	62.2	9.0	56.7
2010	102.0	60.9	54.9	6.1	59.7	10.0	53.8
<b>Southern [1240]</b>							
2009	103.4	63.8	55.3	8.4	61.7	13.2	53.5
2010	103.1	62.4	53.6	8.7	60.5	13.9	52.0
<b>Halifax [1250]</b>							
2009	320.4	229.8	215.3	14.5	71.7	6.3	67.2
2010	324.4	232.6	218.8	13.8	71.7	5.9	67.4
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2009	620.8	398.8	357.9	40.9	64.2	10.3	57.7
2010	623.5	398.2	358.8	39.4	63.9	9.9	57.5
<b>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</b>							
2009	135.3	74.7	62.1	12.6	55.2	16.9	45.9
2010	134.6	72.3	59.2	13.2	53.7	18.3	44.0
<b>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</b>							
2009	167.5	113.1	103.5	9.6	67.5	8.5	61.8
2010	169.6	113.6	105.5	8.0	67.0	7.0	62.2
<b>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</b>							
2009	143.6	97.0	90.2	6.8	67.5	7.0	62.8
2010	144.3	94.3	85.4	8.9	65.3	9.4	59.2

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]</b>							
2009	106.2	70.7	63.9	6.8	66.6	9.6	60.2
2010	106.9	74.8	69.7	5.1	70.0	6.8	65.2
<b>Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]</b>							
2009	68.2	43.4	38.2	5.2	63.6	12.0	56.0
2010	68.1	43.2	39.0	4.2	63.4	9.7	57.3
<b>Quebec</b>							
2009	6,421.2	4,198.1	3,812.2	385.9	65.4	9.2	59.4
2010	6,496.6	4,228.1	3,867.6	360.4	65.1	8.5	59.5
<b>Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]</b>							
2009	80.8	39.7	32.2	7.6	49.1	19.1	39.9
2010	80.8	43.2	35.3	7.9	53.5	18.3	43.7
<b>Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]</b>							
2009	167.6	102.7	92.3	10.4	61.3	10.1	55.1
2010	167.9	96.9	87.3	9.6	57.7	9.9	52.0
<b>Capitale-Nationale [2420]</b>							
2009	571.7	382.1	362.5	19.5	66.8	5.1	63.4
2010	577.2	376.1	354.2	22.0	65.2	5.8	61.4
<b>Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]</b>							
2009	331.5	220.4	206.2	14.2	66.5	6.4	62.2
2010	334.2	233.6	218.5	15.1	69.9	6.5	65.4
<b>Etrie [2430]</b>							
2009	252.9	164.8	149.8	15.0	65.2	9.1	59.2
2010	255.7	151.4	137.8	13.7	59.2	9.0	53.9
<b>Centre-du-Québec [2433]</b>							
2009	187.6	129.1	117.6	11.5	68.8	8.9	62.7
2010	189.3	117.1	109.7	7.3	61.9	6.2	58.0
<b>Montérégie [2435]</b>							
2009	1,157.3	789.0	724.0	65.0	68.2	8.2	62.6
2010	1,178.6	790.1	722.9	67.2	67.0	8.5	61.3
<b>Montréal [2440]</b>							
2009	1,594.5	1,029.5	904.0	125.5	64.6	12.2	56.7
2010	1,601.4	1,042.3	935.2	107.1	65.1	10.3	58.4
<b>Laval [2445]</b>							
2009	317.8	205.9	187.7	18.2	64.8	8.8	59.1
2010	323.3	224.0	208.1	15.9	69.3	7.1	64.4
<b>Lanaudière [2450]</b>							
2009	371.6	251.6	231.5	20.2	67.7	8.0	62.3
2010	382.8	261.3	242.4	18.9	68.3	7.2	63.3
<b>Laurentides [2455]</b>							
2009	443.0	289.8	268.4	21.3	65.4	7.3	60.6
2010	453.7	303.9	277.3	26.5	67.0	8.7	61.1
<b>Outaouais [2460]</b>							
2009	298.2	202.4	188.3	14.1	67.9	7.0	63.1
2010	303.2	211.1	195.1	16.0	69.6	7.6	64.3
<b>Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]</b>							
2009	116.2	74.7	66.9	7.8	64.3	10.4	57.6
2010	116.9	71.6	65.6	6.0	61.2	8.4	56.1
<b>Mauricie [2470]</b>							
2009	218.8	129.4	115.9	13.5	59.1	10.4	53.0
2010	219.9	120.9	109.0	11.9	55.0	9.8	49.6

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]</b>							
2009	223.0	134.4	118.4	16.0	60.3	11.9	53.1
2010	223.0	129.5	118.6	10.9	58.1	8.4	53.2
<b>Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]</b>							
2009	88.7	52.7	46.5	6.2	59.4	11.8	52.4
2010	88.6	55.1	50.7	4.4	62.2	8.0	57.2
<b>Ontario</b>							
2009	10,625.5	7,149.5	6,477.8	671.8	67.3	9.4	61.0
2010	10,777.8	7,237.2	6,577.4	659.9	67.1	9.1	61.0
<b>Ottawa [3510]</b>							
2009	1,002.0	692.8	643.7	49.1	69.1	7.1	64.2
2010	1,012.5	719.3	668.5	50.8	71.0	7.1	66.0
<b>Kingston-Pembroke [3515]</b>							
2009	360.9	231.5	210.4	21.1	64.1	9.1	58.3
2010	361.8	218.4	197.9	20.5	60.4	9.4	54.7
<b>Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]</b>							
2009	312.5	189.4	172.0	17.4	60.6	9.2	55.0
2010	314.1	196.6	179.7	16.9	62.6	8.6	57.2
<b>Toronto [3530]</b>							
2009	4,883.0	3,353.8	3,043.4	310.5	68.7	9.3	62.3
2010	4,992.8	3,397.8	3,072.8	325.0	68.1	9.6	61.5
<b>Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]</b>							
2009	995.3	701.2	629.1	72.1	70.5	10.3	63.2
2010	1,009.9	712.5	650.1	62.4	70.6	8.8	64.4
<b>Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]</b>							
2009	1,149.3	761.3	691.7	69.6	66.2	9.1	60.2
2010	1,158.5	753.1	686.2	67.0	65.0	8.9	59.2
<b>London [3560]</b>							
2009	519.7	350.3	312.9	37.5	67.4	10.7	60.2
2010	524.9	352.6	321.7	30.9	67.2	8.8	61.3
<b>Windsor-Sarnia [3570]</b>							
2009	526.9	334.3	293.0	41.3	63.4	12.4	55.6
2010	527.9	333.8	297.0	36.8	63.2	11.0	56.3
<b>Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]</b>							
2009	248.5	155.6	141.6	14.0	62.6	9.0	57.0
2010	249.2	167.1	154.3	12.8	67.1	7.7	61.9
<b>Northeast [3590]</b>							
2009	454.5	269.7	243.9	25.8	59.3	9.6	53.7
2010	455.1	276.7	248.3	28.4	60.8	10.3	54.6
<b>Northwest [3595]</b>							
2009	172.9	109.6	96.1	13.5	63.4	12.3	55.6
2010	171.1	109.3	100.9	8.4	63.9	7.7	59.0
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2009	919.3	634.0	602.3	31.7	69.0	5.0	65.5
2010	933.0	650.2	615.3	35.0	69.7	5.4	65.9
<b>Southeast [4610]</b>							
2009	80.4	52.7	50.1	2.7	65.5	5.1	62.3
2010	82.9	60.4	57.5	2.9	72.9	4.8	69.4
<b>South Central [4620]</b>							
2009	44.8	29.9	28.6	1.3	66.7	4.3	63.8
2010	45.9	31.6	30.7	1.0	68.8	3.2	66.9

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in thousands							
<b>Southwest [4630]</b>							
2009	82.9	59.5	57.1	2.4	71.8	4.0	68.9
2010	83.4	54.6	52.5	2.1	65.5	3.8	62.9
<b>North Central [4640]</b>							
2009	36.1	24.1	23.2	0.9	66.8	3.7	64.3
2010	36.5	26.1	24.8	1.3	71.5	5.0	67.9
<b>Winnipeg [4650]</b>							
2009	544.7	380.5	360.9	19.6	69.9	5.2	66.3
2010	552.6	386.7	363.7	22.9	70.0	5.9	65.8
<b>Interlake [4660]</b>							
2009	71.6	48.4	46.3	2.0	67.6	4.1	64.7
2010	72.7	50.9	48.6	2.3	70.0	4.5	66.9
<b>Parklands and North [4670, 4680]</b>							
2009	58.7	39.0	36.2	2.8	66.4	7.2	61.7
2010	58.8	40.0	37.5	2.5	68.0	6.3	63.8
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2009	777.1	546.3	518.0	28.3	70.3	5.2	66.7
2010	788.5	556.1	525.3	30.9	70.5	5.6	66.6
<b>Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]</b>							
2009	230.0	163.1	156.0	7.1	70.9	4.4	67.8
2010	234.1	167.3	159.8	7.5	71.5	4.5	68.3
<b>Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]</b>							
2009	84.1	56.8	54.3	2.5	67.5	4.4	64.6
2010	84.4	57.1	53.9	3.2	67.7	5.6	63.9
<b>Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]</b>							
2009	244.6	178.3	169.4	9.0	72.9	5.0	69.3
2010	250.3	181.6	171.8	9.8	72.6	5.4	68.6
<b>Yorkton-Melville [4740]</b>							
2009	64.7	41.2	39.3	2.0	63.7	4.9	60.7
2010	64.7	43.9	42.1	1.8	67.9	4.1	65.1
<b>Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]</b>							
2009	153.9	106.8	99.0	7.7	69.4	7.2	64.3
2010	155.1	106.2	97.7	8.5	68.5	8.0	63.0
<b>Alberta</b>							
2009	2,848.3	2,116.6	1,978.4	138.2	74.3	6.5	69.5
2010	2,912.8	2,128.7	1,970.9	157.8	73.1	7.4	67.7
<b>Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]</b>							
2009	211.4	145.3	137.8	7.5	68.7	5.2	65.2
2010	214.1	144.9	134.0	10.9	67.7	7.5	62.6
<b>Camrose-Drumheller [4820]</b>							
2009	156.0	112.2	105.9	6.3	71.9	5.6	67.9
2010	157.2	114.8	108.8	6.1	73.0	5.3	69.2
<b>Calgary [4830]</b>							
2009	1,043.5	796.2	744.0	52.2	76.3	6.6	71.3
2010	1,071.4	798.5	736.8	61.7	74.5	7.7	68.8
<b>Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]</b>							
2009	69.3	55.7	52.3	3.4	80.4	6.1	75.5
2010	70.4	54.4	51.4	3.0	77.3	5.5	73.0
<b>Red Deer [4850]</b>							
2009	149.7	113.4	105.3	8.1	75.8	7.1	70.3
2010	154.0	112.4	103.0	9.4	73.0	8.4	66.9

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in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2009	934.5	679.7	635.6	44.1	72.7	6.5	68.0
2010	955.9	684.1	632.1	52.0	71.6	7.6	66.1
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2009	189.6	142.9	130.9	11.9	75.4	8.3	69.0
2010	193.5	144.0	132.7	11.3	74.4	7.8	68.6
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2009	94.3	71.3	66.6	4.7	75.6	6.6	70.6
2010	96.2	75.6	72.1	3.5	78.6	4.6	74.9
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2009	3,690.6	2,432.4	2,243.1	189.3	65.9	7.8	60.8
2010	3,762.8	2,477.1	2,286.7	190.4	65.8	7.7	60.8
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2009	638.0	410.9	382.5	28.4	64.4	6.9	60.0
2010	645.8	415.1	391.1	24.0	64.3	5.8	60.6
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2009	2,247.7	1,500.0	1,392.2	107.8	66.7	7.2	61.9
2010	2,302.3	1,525.3	1,405.6	119.7	66.3	7.8	61.1
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2009	436.3	277.2	249.8	27.4	63.5	9.9	57.3
2010	443.5	289.5	263.7	25.8	65.3	8.9	59.5
Kootenay [5940]							
2009	123.2	78.6	71.5	7.1	63.8	9.0	58.0
2010	123.7	76.5	70.3	6.3	61.8	8.2	56.8
Cariboo [5950]							
2009	127.1	84.3	73.4	10.9	66.3	12.9	57.7
2010	128.4	85.8	79.3	6.4	66.8	7.5	61.8
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2009	65.2	44.5	39.8	4.7	68.3	10.6	61.0
2010	64.8	42.7	37.4	5.3	65.9	12.4	57.7
Northeast [5980]							
2009	53.1	36.8	33.7	3.1	69.3	8.4	63.5
2010	54.2	42.2	39.3	2.9	77.9	6.9	72.5

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.