

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

	March 2011	April 2011	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	27,889.2	27,914.8	...	25.6	100.0	336.2	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	18,663.1	18,710.5	28.7	47.4	152.7	211.9	0.3	0.8	1.1
Employment	17,228.1	17,286.4	28.2	58.3	141.1	283.1	0.3	0.8	1.7
Employment full-time	13,933.7	13,950.9	37.3	17.2	115.1	256.3	0.1	0.8	1.9
Employment part-time	3,294.4	3,335.5	34.4	41.1	25.9	26.8	1.2	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	1,435.0	1,424.1	25.3	-10.9	11.6	-71.2	-0.8	0.8	-4.8
Participation rate	66.9	67.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.9	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	19.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,458.6	4,458.4	...	-0.2	-1.6	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	2,873.5	2,878.2	16.8	4.7	27.0	-26.8	0.2	0.9	-0.9
Employment	2,459.2	2,467.3	15.5	8.1	10.8	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.1
Employment full-time	1,298.8	1,289.9	18.1	-8.9	4.1	23.5	-0.7	0.3	1.9
Employment part-time	1,160.4	1,177.4	18.8	17.0	6.7	-21.1	1.5	0.6	-1.8
Unemployment	414.3	411.0	14.7	-3.3	16.3	-29.1	-0.8	4.1	-6.6
Participation rate	64.4	64.6	0.4	0.2	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	14.3	0.5	-0.1	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	55.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.2	47.7	0.7	0.5	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,462.6	11,475.4	...	12.8	50.8	167.6	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force	8,377.8	8,383.0	14.9	5.2	39.8	127.0	0.1	0.5	1.5
Employment	7,815.5	7,832.6	16.0	17.1	51.4	172.5	0.2	0.7	2.3
Employment full-time	7,204.9	7,201.0	21.0	-3.9	26.8	138.4	-0.1	0.4	2.0
Employment part-time	610.5	631.6	17.0	21.1	24.6	34.1	3.5	4.1	5.7
Unemployment	562.3	550.4	14.8	-11.9	-11.6	-45.5	-2.1	-2.1	-7.6
Participation rate	73.1	73.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	8.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	11,968.0	11,980.9	...	12.9	50.6	170.0	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	7,411.8	7,449.3	16.3	37.5	85.9	111.7	0.5	1.2	1.5
Employment	6,953.4	6,986.6	16.0	33.2	79.0	108.3	0.5	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	5,429.9	5,460.0	24.3	30.1	84.3	94.4	0.6	1.6	1.8
Employment part-time	1,523.5	1,526.6	22.7	3.1	-5.3	13.9	0.2	-0.3	0.9
Unemployment	458.4	462.7	13.1	4.3	6.9	3.4	0.9	1.5	0.7
Participation rate	61.9	62.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	58.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	21.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,518.5	14,523.2	...	4.7	12.5	57.7	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	12,549.3	12,547.7	21.6	-1.6	59.2	34.3	0.0	0.5	0.3
Employment	11,743.8	11,757.5	22.9	13.7	79.1	111.2	0.1	0.7	1.0
Unemployment	805.5	790.3	18.5	-15.2	-19.8	-76.8	-1.9	-2.4	-8.9
Participation rate	86.4	86.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.1
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
Employment rate	80.9	81.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5

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25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,262.1	7,264.5	...	2.4	6.9	29.5	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	6,587.7	6,583.7	13.7	-4.0	19.9	45.4	-0.1	0.3	0.7
Employment	6,152.8	6,161.8	15.3	9.0	31.4	105.0	0.1	0.5	1.7
Unemployment	434.9	421.9	13.5	-13.0	-11.5	-59.6	-3.0	-2.7	-12.4
Participation rate	90.7	90.6	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	84.7	84.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,256.4	7,258.7	...	2.3	5.6	28.3	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	5,961.6	5,964.0	15.9	2.4	39.3	-11.1	0.0	0.7	-0.2
Employment	5,591.1	5,595.7	16.1	4.6	47.7	6.2	0.1	0.9	0.1
Unemployment	370.5	368.3	12.3	-2.2	-8.4	-17.3	-0.6	-2.2	-4.5
Participation rate	82.2	82.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.1	77.1	0.2	0.0	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	8,912.1	8,933.1	...	21.0	88.9	279.8	0.2	1.0	3.2
Labour force	3,240.3	3,284.5	16.7	44.2	66.4	204.3	1.4	2.1	6.6
Employment	3,025.1	3,061.7	16.7	36.6	51.3	169.6	1.2	1.7	5.9
Unemployment	215.2	222.8	9.2	7.6	15.1	34.7	3.5	7.3	18.4
Participation rate	36.4	36.8	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	33.9	34.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	4,200.5	4,210.9	...	10.4	43.9	138.1	0.2	1.1	3.4
Labour force	1,790.1	1,799.2	11.2	9.1	19.8	81.5	0.5	1.1	4.7
Employment	1,662.7	1,670.8	11.3	8.1	20.0	67.5	0.5	1.2	4.2
Unemployment	127.4	128.5	7.1	1.1	-0.1	14.1	0.9	-0.1	12.3
Participation rate	42.6	42.7	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.1	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	39.6	39.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,711.6	4,722.2	...	10.6	45.0	141.7	0.2	1.0	3.1
Labour force	1,450.2	1,485.3	11.3	35.1	46.6	122.8	2.4	3.2	9.0
Employment	1,362.4	1,390.9	11.3	28.5	31.3	102.1	2.1	2.3	7.9
Unemployment	87.8	94.4	5.7	6.6	15.3	20.7	7.5	19.3	28.1
Participation rate	30.8	31.5	0.2	0.7	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	28.9	29.5	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.4	...	...	...

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.