

**Table 4-6**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Ontario**

	July 2012	August 2012	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>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	11,080.4	<b>11,090.7</b>	...	<b>10.3</b>	99.2	146.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	7,374.7	<b>7,352.7</b>	19.9	<b>-22.0</b>	34.6	60.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	0.8
Employment	6,792.6	<b>6,767.7</b>	19.0	<b>-24.9</b>	14.2	24.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	0.4
Employment full-time	5,508.5	<b>5,493.5</b>	25.5	<b>-15.0</b>	37.3	11.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	0.2
Unemployment	582.1	<b>585.1</b>	17.4	<b>3.0</b>	20.5	36.1	<b>0.5</b>	3.6	6.6
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>8.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	<b>61.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	<b>18.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,789.6	<b>1,789.9</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	3.7	6.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.3
Labour force	1,074.0	<b>1,073.1</b>	12.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.0	-22.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-2.1
Employment	894.1	<b>883.6</b>	10.7	<b>-10.5</b>	-23.9	-48.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.6	-5.2
Unemployment	179.9	<b>189.5</b>	10.6	<b>9.6</b>	21.8	25.5	<b>5.3</b>	13.0	15.5
Participation rate	60.0	<b>60.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.8	<b>17.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.9</b>	2.1	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.0	<b>49.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.5	<b>50.7</b>	1.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,506.9	<b>4,511.8</b>	...	<b>4.9</b>	47.4	69.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.6
Labour force	3,306.8	<b>3,294.1</b>	10.1	<b>-12.7</b>	30.1	41.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.9	1.3
Employment	3,074.5	<b>3,070.6</b>	10.8	<b>-3.9</b>	5.8	19.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.7
Unemployment	232.3	<b>223.4</b>	9.8	<b>-8.9</b>	24.2	21.5	<b>-3.8</b>	12.1	10.6
Participation rate	73.4	<b>73.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	<b>68.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	<b>8.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,783.8	<b>4,789.0</b>	...	<b>5.2</b>	48.1	71.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Labour force	2,993.9	<b>2,985.6</b>	11.3	<b>-8.3</b>	6.6	41.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	1.4
Employment	2,823.9	<b>2,813.4</b>	11.0	<b>-10.5</b>	32.1	52.4	<b>-0.4</b>	1.2	1.9
Unemployment	170.0	<b>172.2</b>	9.4	<b>2.2</b>	-25.6	-10.8	<b>1.3</b>	-12.9	-5.9
Participation rate	62.6	<b>62.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>58.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.9	<b>20.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.5	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	6,792.6	<b>6,767.7</b>	19.0	<b>-24.9</b>	14.2	24.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	1,414.8	<b>1,382.1</b>	17.5	<b>-32.7</b>	-32.8	-32.5	<b>-2.3</b>	-2.3	-2.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	93.8	<b>88.0</b>	4.5	<b>-5.8</b>	-5.2	-6.1	<b>-6.2</b>	-5.6	-6.5
Utilities	36.6	<b>36.9</b>	2.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	1.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	5.1
Construction	51.6	<b>53.1</b>	3.4	<b>1.5</b>	-2.9	-0.2	<b>2.9</b>	-5.2	-0.4
Manufacturing	438.9	<b>405.4</b>	11.1	<b>-33.5</b>	-38.9	-25.3	<b>-7.6</b>	-8.8	-5.9
	793.9	<b>798.7</b>	14.1	<b>4.8</b>	14.0	-2.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	-0.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	5,377.8	<b>5,385.6</b>	22.9	<b>7.8</b>	46.9	56.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.1
Transportation and warehousing	982.5	<b>983.2</b>	15.4	<b>0.7</b>	3.5	-4.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	310.2	<b>334.6</b>	9.6	<b>24.4</b>	19.9	12.8	<b>7.9</b>	6.3	4.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	514.7	<b>512.4</b>	11.9	<b>-2.3</b>	29.4	-6.3	<b>-0.4</b>	6.1	-1.2
Business, building and other support services	545.2	<b>563.0</b>	13.0	<b>17.8</b>	-23.3	12.5	<b>3.3</b>	-4.0	2.3
Educational services	305.2	<b>309.4</b>	10.2	<b>4.2</b>	17.2	22.0	<b>1.4</b>	5.9	7.7
Health care and social assistance	518.7	<b>515.8</b>	11.4	<b>-2.9</b>	35.9	39.5	<b>-0.6</b>	7.5	8.3
Information, culture and recreation	780.2	<b>762.4</b>	13.4	<b>-17.8</b>	-9.0	-20.9	<b>-2.3</b>	-1.2	-2.7
Accommodation and food services	331.2	<b>317.1</b>	10.5	<b>-14.1</b>	-26.2	-31.4	<b>-4.3</b>	-7.6	-9.0
Other services	427.4	<b>423.8</b>	10.9	<b>-3.6</b>	16.8	27.2	<b>-0.8</b>	4.1	6.9
Public administration	295.6	<b>289.5</b>	8.9	<b>-6.1</b>	7.9	13.4	<b>-2.1</b>	2.8	4.9
	366.9	<b>374.3</b>	9.1	<b>7.4</b>	-25.3	-7.5	<b>2.0</b>	-6.3	-2.0

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.