

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

	September 2012	October 2012	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	28,388.3	28,414.8	...	26.5	284.0	332.5	0.1	1.0	1.2
Labour force	18,959.5	18,977.5	29.0	18.0	223.0	262.1	0.1	1.2	1.4
Employment	17,565.7	17,567.5	28.6	1.8	212.8	229.0	0.0	1.2	1.3
Employment full-time	14,255.5	14,262.8	37.8	7.3	210.3	240.4	0.1	1.5	1.7
Employment part-time	3,310.2	3,304.7	35.0	-5.5	2.5	-11.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.3
Unemployment	1,393.8	1,410.0	25.1	16.2	10.2	33.0	1.2	0.7	2.4
Participation rate	66.8	66.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.8	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.8	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,457.6	4,457.1	...	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	2,843.0	2,834.5	17.2	-8.5	-11.1	-42.6	-0.3	-0.4	-1.5
Employment	2,417.7	2,418.9	15.9	1.2	-26.0	-52.2	0.0	-1.1	-2.1
Employment full-time	1,270.9	1,256.0	18.6	-14.9	-47.0	-41.4	-1.2	-3.6	-3.2
Employment part-time	1,146.8	1,162.9	19.4	16.1	21.0	-10.7	1.4	1.8	-0.9
Unemployment	425.3	415.7	15.0	-9.6	15.1	9.6	-2.3	3.8	2.4
Participation rate	63.8	63.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	14.7	0.5	-0.3	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.3	0.4	0.1	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.4	48.1	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.6	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,712.6	11,726.3	...	13.7	142.6	166.7	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	8,548.5	8,562.5	15.1	14.0	133.2	165.4	0.2	1.6	2.0
Employment	8,005.8	8,001.4	16.2	-4.4	125.9	134.1	-0.1	1.6	1.7
Employment full-time	7,398.6	7,399.5	21.2	0.9	127.4	161.1	0.0	1.8	2.2
Employment part-time	607.2	601.9	17.1	-5.3	-1.5	-27.0	-0.9	-0.2	-4.3
Unemployment	542.7	561.1	14.4	18.4	7.3	31.3	3.4	1.3	5.9
Participation rate	73.0	73.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	68.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.6	7.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	12,218.1	12,231.4	...	13.3	141.6	166.0	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	7,568.0	7,580.4	16.4	12.4	100.8	139.2	0.2	1.3	1.9
Employment	7,142.2	7,147.2	16.2	5.0	112.9	147.1	0.1	1.6	2.1
Employment full-time	5,586.0	5,607.3	24.6	21.3	129.9	120.7	0.4	2.4	2.2
Employment part-time	1,556.1	1,539.9	23.0	-16.2	-17.0	26.4	-1.0	-1.1	1.7
Unemployment	425.8	433.2	13.4	7.4	-12.2	-7.9	1.7	-2.7	-1.8
Participation rate	61.9	62.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	21.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,572.2	14,573.8	...	1.6	26.6	29.6	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	12,644.7	12,648.1	21.9	3.4	73.0	83.9	0.0	0.6	0.7
Employment	11,882.2	11,883.4	23.1	1.2	86.7	92.0	0.0	0.7	0.8
Unemployment	762.5	764.7	18.4	2.2	-13.6	-8.1	0.3	-1.7	-1.0
Participation rate	86.8	86.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.5	81.5	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,290.7	7,291.6	...	0.9	14.5	16.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	6,638.3	6,635.8	14.2	-2.5	45.6	49.9	0.0	0.7	0.8
Employment	6,215.3	6,215.6	15.7	0.3	46.4	47.0	0.0	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	423.0	420.2	13.3	-2.8	-0.8	2.8	-0.7	-0.2	0.7
Participation rate	91.1	91.0	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.5
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Employment rate	85.2	85.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4

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25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,281.5	7,282.2	...	0.7	12.1	13.5	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	6,006.4	6,012.3	15.9	5.9	27.4	34.1	0.1	0.5	0.6
Employment	5,666.9	5,667.7	16.1	0.8	40.2	44.9	0.0	0.7	0.8
Unemployment	339.5	344.5	12.3	5.0	-12.8	-10.9	1.5	-3.6	-3.1
Participation rate	82.5	82.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.7	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.8	77.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	9,358.5	9,383.8	...	25.3	257.6	303.1	0.3	2.8	3.3
Labour force	3,471.8	3,494.9	17.2	23.1	161.0	220.7	0.7	4.8	6.7
Employment	3,265.8	3,265.2	17.0	-0.6	152.2	189.2	0.0	4.9	6.2
Unemployment	206.0	229.7	9.5	23.7	8.9	31.6	11.5	4.0	16.0
Participation rate	37.1	37.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.6	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	34.9	34.8	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	4,421.9	4,434.6	...	12.7	128.0	150.6	0.3	3.0	3.5
Labour force	1,910.2	1,926.8	11.3	16.6	87.7	115.7	0.9	4.8	6.4
Employment	1,790.5	1,785.8	11.3	-4.7	79.5	87.1	-0.3	4.7	5.1
Unemployment	119.7	141.0	6.9	21.3	8.2	28.6	17.8	6.2	25.4
Participation rate	43.2	43.4	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	7.3	0.4	1.0	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.5	40.3	0.3	-0.2	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,936.6	4,949.1	...	12.5	129.4	152.4	0.3	2.7	3.2
Labour force	1,561.6	1,568.2	11.8	6.6	73.4	105.2	0.4	4.9	7.2
Employment	1,475.3	1,479.5	11.7	4.2	72.8	102.2	0.3	5.2	7.4
Unemployment	86.3	88.7	6.4	2.4	0.7	3.0	2.8	0.8	3.5
Participation rate	31.6	31.7	0.2	0.1	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	29.9	29.9	0.2	0.0	0.7	1.2	...	...	...

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.