

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

	November 2015	December 2015	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)			
25 to 54 years, women										
Population	7,332.1	7,332.2	...	0.1	19.2	19.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	
Labour force	6,002.2	6,015.1	17.2	12.9	44.6	44.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	
Employment	5,655.8	5,672.1	17.8	16.3	18.0	18.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Unemployment	346.3	343.0	12.3	-3.3	26.6	26.6	-1.0	8.4	8.4	
Participation rate	81.9	82.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.7	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.1	77.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes										
Population	10,379.3	10,402.3	...	23.0	310.2	310.2	0.2	3.1	3.1	
Labour force	3,914.5	3,936.3	20.3	21.8	246.3	246.3	0.6	6.7	6.7	
Employment	3,677.8	3,706.6	20.4	28.8	220.2	220.2	0.8	6.3	6.3	
Unemployment	236.7	229.8	10.1	-6.9	26.2	26.2	-2.9	12.9	12.9	
Participation rate	37.7	37.8	0.2	0.1	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	35.4	35.6	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, men										
Population	4,948.7	4,960.1	...	11.4	154.9	154.9	0.2	3.2	3.2	
Labour force	2,166.1	2,174.8	13.3	8.7	134.5	134.5	0.4	6.6	6.6	
Employment	2,022.6	2,038.4	13.7	15.8	117.1	117.1	0.8	6.1	6.1	
Unemployment	143.4	136.4	7.6	-7.0	17.4	17.4	-4.9	14.6	14.6	
Participation rate	43.8	43.8	0.3	0.0	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.3	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.9	41.1	0.3	0.2	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, women										
Population	5,430.6	5,442.2	...	11.6	155.3	155.3	0.2	2.9	2.9	
Labour force	1,748.5	1,761.5	13.8	13.0	111.8	111.8	0.7	6.8	6.8	
Employment	1,655.1	1,668.1	13.7	13.0	103.0	103.0	0.8	6.6	6.6	
Unemployment	93.3	93.4	6.5	0.1	8.8	8.8	0.1	10.4	10.4	
Participation rate	32.2	32.4	0.3	0.2	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	30.5	30.7	0.3	0.2	1.1	1.1	...	...	...

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.