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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
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		in thousands					
<b>Canada</b>							
2014	29,094.4	19,032.5	17,861.9	1,170.6	65.4	6.2	61.4
2015	29,399.2	19,260.5	18,000.8	1,259.7	65.5	6.5	61.2
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2014	443.3	265.9	236.6	29.3	60.0	11.0	53.4
2015	442.9	267.9	233.4	34.5	60.5	12.9	52.7
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2014	232.1	151.9	140.9	11.0	65.4	7.2	60.7
2015	233.4	148.4	135.3	13.1	63.6	8.8	58.0
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]</i>							
2014	123.6	63.3	51.5	11.8	51.2	18.6	41.7
2015	122.4	66.5	54.4	12.1	54.3	18.2	44.4
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2014	87.6	50.7	44.2	6.5	57.9	12.8	50.5
2015	87.1	53.0	43.7	9.3	60.8	17.5	50.2
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2014	120.7	81.4	72.7	8.7	67.4	10.7	60.2
2015	121.1	80.5	72.3	8.2	66.5	10.2	59.7
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2014	783.9	490.2	450.4	39.8	62.5	8.1	57.5
2015	786.8	486.7	448.6	38.1	61.9	7.8	57.0
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2014	107.7	59.7	50.9	8.7	55.4	14.6	47.3
2015	106.7	54.3	46.3	8.0	50.9	14.7	43.4
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2014	129.2	71.5	64.1	7.4	55.3	10.3	49.6
2015	128.7	79.5	73.2	6.2	61.8	7.8	56.9
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2014	102.6	58.9	54.9	4.0	57.4	6.8	53.5
2015	102.7	59.9	55.6	4.3	58.3	7.2	54.1
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2014	98.7	57.2	51.9	5.3	58.0	9.3	52.6
2015	98.2	54.1	48.4	5.7	55.1	10.5	49.3
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2014	345.7	243.0	228.5	14.4	70.3	5.9	66.1
2015	350.6	239.0	225.1	13.9	68.2	5.8	64.2
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2014	621.6	386.7	350.1	36.5	62.2	9.4	56.3
2015	621.9	383.1	352.0	31.1	61.6	8.1	56.6
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2014	129.7	71.4	59.5	11.9	55.1	16.7	45.9
2015	128.8	71.4	62.2	9.3	55.4	13.0	48.3
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2014	175.9	113.6	104.8	8.8	64.6	7.7	59.6
2015	177.1	111.7	104.0	7.7	63.1	6.9	58.7
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2014	142.5	91.2	84.3	6.8	64.0	7.5	59.2
2015	141.9	88.2	82.0	6.2	62.2	7.0	57.8
<i>Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]</i>							
2014	109.3	70.9	65.6	5.2	64.9	7.3	60.0
2015	110.3	71.9	67.0	4.9	65.2	6.8	60.7

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
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	in thousands			percent			
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2014	64.3	39.6	35.8	3.8	61.6	9.6	55.7
2015	63.8	39.8	36.8	3.0	62.4	7.5	57.7
<b>Quebec</b>							
2014	6,819.4	4,371.4	4,064.7	306.7	64.1	7.0	59.6
2015	6,859.3	4,415.4	4,101.2	314.3	64.4	7.1	59.8
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2014	78.6	42.1	34.9	7.3	53.6	17.3	44.4
2015	77.8	42.9	36.1	6.8	55.1	15.9	46.4
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2014	170.4	90.7	84.4	6.3	53.2	6.9	49.5
2015	169.6	92.6	85.9	6.6	54.6	7.1	50.6
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2014	614.4	400.0	379.5	20.5	65.1	5.1	61.8
2015	618.6	422.4	405.3	17.1	68.3	4.0	65.5
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2014	349.0	232.7	223.0	9.8	66.7	4.2	63.9
2015	349.4	228.7	218.0	10.7	65.5	4.7	62.4
Estrie [2430]							
2014	268.5	169.7	160.5	9.2	63.2	5.4	59.8
2015	269.8	162.7	153.1	9.6	60.3	5.9	56.7
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2014	200.0	116.8	107.2	9.5	58.4	8.1	53.6
2015	200.7	119.5	112.5	7.1	59.5	5.9	56.1
Montérégie [2435]							
2014	1,245.8	829.4	787.4	42.1	66.6	5.1	63.2
2015	1,253.8	837.9	793.6	44.3	66.8	5.3	63.3
Montréal [2440]							
2014	1,655.8	1,054.1	953.2	100.9	63.7	9.6	57.6
2015	1,670.8	1,077.4	966.8	110.7	64.5	10.3	57.9
Laval [2445]							
2014	349.7	244.4	230.7	13.7	69.9	5.6	66.0
2015	352.9	215.4	195.8	19.7	61.0	9.1	55.5
Lanaudière [2450]							
2014	409.5	272.6	254.5	18.1	66.6	6.6	62.1
2015	412.7	273.2	253.1	20.1	66.2	7.4	61.3
Laurentides [2455]							
2014	489.6	316.7	292.7	24.0	64.7	7.6	59.8
2015	494.6	327.9	311.2	16.7	66.3	5.1	62.9
Outaouais [2460]							
2014	317.2	207.1	191.4	15.7	65.3	7.6	60.3
2015	319.0	217.6	203.8	13.8	68.2	6.3	63.9
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2014	120.4	78.4	72.9	5.4	65.1	6.9	60.5
2015	120.5	74.0	69.6	4.4	61.4	5.9	57.8
Mauricie [2470]							
2014	226.0	121.6	113.7	7.9	53.8	6.5	50.3
2015	225.4	128.3	116.4	11.9	56.9	9.3	51.6
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2014	232.4	141.0	129.1	12.0	60.7	8.5	55.6
2015	231.8	137.7	128.0	9.7	59.4	7.0	55.2

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	in thousands			percent			
<b>Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]</b>							
2014	92.1	54.0	49.6	4.4	58.6	8.1	53.9
2015	91.9	57.2	52.3	4.9	62.2	8.6	56.9
<b>Ontario</b>							
2014	11,311.9	7,372.0	6,903.2	468.8	65.2	6.4	61.0
2015	11,435.4	7,408.8	6,948.2	460.6	64.8	6.2	60.8
<b>Ottawa [3510]</b>							
2014	1,091.3	742.9	701.4	41.6	68.1	5.6	64.3
2015	1,101.1	730.7	690.3	40.4	66.4	5.5	62.7
<b>Kingston-Pembroke [3515]</b>							
2014	376.7	225.2	210.3	15.0	59.8	6.7	55.8
2015	377.5	208.8	197.1	11.6	55.3	5.6	52.2
<b>Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]</b>							
2014	325.1	201.6	190.5	11.1	62.0	5.5	58.6
2015	326.9	166.2	155.7	10.5	50.8	6.3	47.6
<b>Toronto [3530]</b>							
2014	5,305.4	3,493.0	3,240.4	252.6	65.8	7.2	61.1
2015	5,391.7	3,603.4	3,365.6	237.8	66.8	6.6	62.4
<b>Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]</b>							
2014	1,069.1	750.5	714.3	36.1	70.2	4.8	66.8
2015	1,082.2	754.8	718.7	36.1	69.7	4.8	66.4
<b>Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]</b>							
2014	1,192.6	745.7	704.8	40.9	62.5	5.5	59.1
2015	1,202.6	767.3	720.7	46.6	63.8	6.1	59.9
<b>London [3560]</b>							
2014	551.1	343.8	323.8	20.0	62.4	5.8	58.8
2015	555.1	351.5	332.8	18.7	63.3	5.3	60.0
<b>Windsor-Sarnia [3570]</b>							
2014	524.4	326.5	301.8	24.7	62.3	7.6	57.6
2015	524.5	312.3	287.3	25.1	59.5	8.0	54.8
<b>Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]</b>							
2014	245.8	160.6	153.7	6.9	65.3	4.3	62.5
2015	245.9	145.7	137.4	8.3	59.3	5.7	55.9
<b>Northeast [3590]</b>							
2014	458.2	275.5	261.6	13.9	60.1	5.0	57.1
2015	456.6	263.4	243.6	19.8	57.7	7.5	53.4
<b>Northwest [3595]</b>							
2014	172.2	106.7	100.7	5.9	62.0	5.5	58.5
2015	171.2	104.6	98.9	5.7	61.1	5.4	57.8
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2014	980.6	665.5	634.1	31.4	67.9	4.7	64.7
2015	991.3	672.8	637.4	35.3	67.9	5.2	64.3
<b>Southeast [4610]</b>							
2014	87.9	60.4	57.6	2.8	68.7	4.6	65.5
2015	89.9	61.0	58.1	2.9	67.9	4.8	64.6
<b>South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]</b>							
2014	83.8	59.4	57.8	1.7	70.9	2.9	69.0
2015	84.9	55.8	53.7	2.2	65.7	3.9	63.3
<b>Southwest [4630]</b>							
2014	87.7	60.4	58.7	1.7	68.9	2.8	66.9
2015	88.1	60.8	57.7	3.1	69.0	5.1	65.5

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<b>Winnipeg [4650]</b>							
2014	589.7	397.7	376.7	21.1	67.4	5.3	63.9
2015	597.6	407.6	383.8	23.8	68.2	5.8	64.2
<b>Interlake [4660]</b>							
2014	74.4	50.6	48.3	2.2	68.0	4.3	64.9
2015	75.2	50.1	48.3	1.8	66.6	3.6	64.2
<b>Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]</b>							
2014	57.0	37.0	35.0	2.0	64.9	5.4	61.4
2015	55.7	37.5	35.9	1.6	67.3	4.3	64.5
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2014	856.2	593.0	573.9	19.1	69.3	3.2	67.0
2015	864.6	606.5	576.2	30.3	70.1	5.0	66.6
<b>Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]</b>							
2014	260.5	188.8	183.1	5.7	72.5	3.0	70.3
2015	264.5	193.8	186.6	7.2	73.3	3.7	70.5
<b>Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]</b>							
2014	82.7	53.5	52.7	0.8	64.7	1.5	63.7
2015	82.4	53.8	52.2	1.6	65.3	3.0	63.3
<b>Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]</b>							
2014	291.5	205.6	198.6	7.0	70.5	3.4	68.1
2015	297.3	211.4	199.6	11.8	71.1	5.6	67.1
<b>Yorkton-Melville [4740]</b>							
2014	63.0	41.1	39.6	1.5	65.2	3.6	62.9
2015	62.3	39.6	37.6	2.1	63.6	5.3	60.4
<b>Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]</b>							
2014	158.6	104.0	99.9	4.1	65.6	3.9	63.0
2015	158.0	107.8	100.1	7.6	68.2	7.1	63.4
<b>Alberta</b>							
2014	3,312.0	2,394.5	2,294.2	100.3	72.3	4.2	69.3
2015	3,376.5	2,444.9	2,288.2	156.7	72.4	6.4	67.8
<b>Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]</b>							
2014	229.5	151.4	147.3	4.1	66.0	2.7	64.2
2015	230.4	158.7	149.6	9.1	68.9	5.7	64.9
<b>Camrose-Drumheller [4820]</b>							
2014	161.7	113.2	109.3	4.0	70.0	3.5	67.6
2015	162.0	109.4	103.8	5.6	67.5	5.1	64.1
<b>Calgary [4830]</b>							
2014	1,245.8	904.4	864.6	39.8	72.6	4.4	69.4
2015	1,277.9	920.1	857.3	62.7	72.0	6.8	67.1
<b>Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]</b>							
2014	276.1	207.2	199.3	7.9	75.0	3.8	72.2
2015	277.4	200.7	185.6	15.1	72.4	7.5	66.9
<b>Red Deer [4850]</b>							
2014	168.1	126.1	120.4	5.7	75.0	4.5	71.6
2015	171.3	120.1	112.7	7.4	70.1	6.2	65.8
<b>Edmonton [4860]</b>							
2014	1,114.9	803.1	768.3	34.8	72.0	4.3	68.9
2015	1,139.4	844.4	795.5	48.9	74.1	5.8	69.8
<b>Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]</b>							
2014	115.8	89.1	85.0	4.1	76.9	4.6	73.4
2015	118.1	91.5	83.6	7.9	77.5	8.6	70.8

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<b>British Columbia</b>							
2014	3,844.8	2,411.9	2,281.9	130.0	62.7	5.4	59.4
2015	3,899.4	2,493.9	2,343.3	150.6	64.0	6.0	60.1
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2014	651.7	374.1	354.7	19.4	57.4	5.2	54.4
2015	657.5	390.1	365.0	25.0	59.3	6.4	55.5
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2014	2,392.5	1,532.4	1,447.5	84.8	64.1	5.5	60.5
2015	2,436.6	1,598.0	1,509.0	89.0	65.6	5.6	61.9
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2014	429.7	259.3	245.4	13.9	60.3	5.4	57.1
2015	433.0	263.5	244.3	19.2	60.9	7.3	56.4
Kootenay [5940]							
2014	122.0	73.4	68.7	4.6	60.2	6.3	56.3
2015	122.1	70.8	65.7	5.1	58.0	7.2	53.8
Cariboo [5950]							
2014	127.0	89.1	84.7	4.4	70.2	4.9	66.7
2015	127.5	84.9	78.8	6.1	66.6	7.2	61.8
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2014	66.5	43.2	41.2	2.0	65.0	4.6	62.0
2015	66.6	43.1	40.1	3.0	64.7	7.0	60.2
Northeast [5980]							
2014	55.3	40.4	39.6	x	73.1	x	71.6
2015	56.0	43.6	40.3	3.3	77.9	7.6	72.0

1. For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).

**Note(s):** Estimates in this table are based on 2011 Census boundaries. Related CANSIM table 282-0122.