

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

	December 2015	January 2016	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	29,419.0	29,439.8	...	20.8	20.8	300.6	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	19,397.3	19,395.5	29.8	-1.8	-1.8	248.8	0.0	0.0	1.3
Employment	18,010.9	18,005.2	29.5	-5.7	-5.7	125.5	0.0	0.0	0.7
Employment full-time	14,617.8	14,623.4	42.5	5.6	5.6	171.5	0.0	0.0	1.2
Employment part-time	3,393.1	3,381.8	39.7	-11.3	-11.3	-45.9	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3
Unemployment	1,386.4	1,390.3	25.3	3.9	3.9	123.2	0.3	0.3	9.7
Participation rate	65.9	65.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,412.0	4,407.3	...	-4.7	-4.7	-44.1	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0
Labour force	2,808.3	2,813.0	17.4	4.7	4.7	-49.1	0.2	0.2	-1.7
Employment	2,442.5	2,447.0	16.4	4.5	4.5	-48.3	0.2	0.2	-1.9
Employment full-time	1,288.8	1,309.6	20.6	20.8	20.8	22.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
Employment part-time	1,153.7	1,137.4	21.4	-16.3	-16.3	-70.8	-1.4	-1.4	-5.9
Unemployment	365.8	366.0	14.9	0.2	0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.2
Participation rate	63.7	63.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	13.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	55.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.2	46.5	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.9	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	12,232.6	12,244.7	...	12.1	12.1	169.9	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	8,812.4	8,801.0	16.0	-11.4	-11.4	164.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.9
Employment	8,228.2	8,207.3	16.7	-20.9	-20.9	73.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.9
Employment full-time	7,577.0	7,549.9	23.4	-27.1	-27.1	94.1	-0.4	-0.4	1.3
Employment part-time	651.2	657.3	19.2	6.1	6.1	-21.1	0.9	0.9	-3.1
Unemployment	584.2	593.7	14.9	9.5	9.5	90.9	1.6	1.6	18.1
Participation rate	72.0	71.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	8.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	12,774.4	12,787.9	...	13.5	13.5	174.8	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	7,776.5	7,781.5	17.0	5.0	5.0	133.8	0.1	0.1	1.7
Employment	7,340.2	7,350.9	16.9	10.7	10.7	100.8	0.1	0.1	1.4
Employment full-time	5,752.0	5,763.9	27.9	11.9	11.9	54.9	0.2	0.2	1.0
Employment part-time	1,588.2	1,587.1	26.7	-1.1	-1.1	46.0	-0.1	-0.1	3.0
Unemployment	436.3	430.5	13.5	-5.8	-5.8	32.9	-1.3	-1.3	8.3
Participation rate	60.9	60.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	21.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,604.7	14,603.0	...	-1.7	-1.7	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	12,652.7	12,662.4	24.6	9.7	9.7	98.8	0.1	0.1	0.8
Employment	11,861.8	11,875.9	26.2	14.1	14.1	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Unemployment	790.9	786.5	19.0	-4.4	-4.4	94.5	-0.6	-0.6	13.7
Participation rate	86.6	86.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,272.5	7,271.1	...	-1.4	-1.4	15.6	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	6,637.6	6,627.1	15.7	-10.5	-10.5	52.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.8
Employment	6,189.8	6,181.1	17.3	-8.7	-8.7	-19.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployment	447.8	446.1	13.7	-1.7	-1.7	71.7	-0.4	-0.4	19.2
Participation rate	91.3	91.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment rate	85.1	85.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5

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25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,332.2	7,331.9	...	-0.3	-0.3	19.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	6,015.1	6,035.2	17.8	20.1	20.1	46.1	0.3	0.3	0.8
Employment	5,672.1	5,694.8	18.2	22.7	22.7	23.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	343.0	340.4	12.7	-2.6	-2.6	22.8	-0.8	-0.8	7.2
Participation rate	82.0	82.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.4	77.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	10,402.3	10,429.6	...	27.3	27.3	309.5	0.3	0.3	3.1
Labour force	3,936.3	3,920.1	20.7	-16.2	-16.2	199.0	-0.4	-0.4	5.3
Employment	3,706.6	3,682.3	20.7	-24.3	-24.3	169.5	-0.7	-0.7	4.8
Unemployment	229.7	237.8	10.5	8.1	8.1	29.5	3.5	3.5	14.2
Participation rate	37.8	37.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	35.6	35.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	4,960.1	4,973.6	...	13.5	13.5	154.3	0.3	0.3	3.2
Labour force	2,174.8	2,173.8	13.6	-1.0	-1.0	111.3	0.0	0.0	5.4
Employment	2,038.4	2,026.2	13.9	-12.2	-12.2	92.0	-0.6	-0.6	4.8
Unemployment	136.4	147.6	7.8	11.2	11.2	19.2	8.2	8.2	15.0
Participation rate	43.8	43.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.8	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	41.1	40.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	5,442.2	5,456.0	...	13.8	13.8	155.2	0.3	0.3	2.9
Labour force	1,761.4	1,746.3	14.2	-15.1	-15.1	87.7	-0.9	-0.9	5.3
Employment	1,668.1	1,656.1	14.2	-12.0	-12.0	77.5	-0.7	-0.7	4.9
Unemployment	93.3	90.1	6.7	-3.2	-3.2	10.1	-3.4	-3.4	12.6
Participation rate	32.4	32.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	30.7	30.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...

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.