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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>							
2015	29,161.1	18,926.3	17,565.3	1,361.0	64.9	7.2	60.2
2016	29,465.9	19,159.7	17,695.2	1,464.5	65.0	7.6	60.1
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2015	443.2	262.5	224.9	37.6	59.2	14.3	50.7
2016	443.5	261.3	219.5	41.8	58.9	16.0	49.5
<b>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</b>							
2015	232.5	153.4	138.9	14.5	66.0	9.5	59.7
2016	234.1	148.7	132.3	16.4	63.5	11.0	56.5
<b>South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]</b>							
2015	123.3	62.2	47.5	14.7	50.4	23.6	38.5
2016	122.3	61.2	46.2	15.0	50.0	24.5	37.8
<b>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</b>							
2015	87.5	46.9	38.5	8.4	53.6	17.9	44.0
2016	87.1	51.3	41.0	10.4	58.9	20.3	47.1
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2015	120.8	79.7	69.4	10.4	66.0	13.0	57.5
2016	121.3	77.6	67.4	10.2	64.0	13.1	55.6
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2015	784.2	481.0	433.7	47.3	61.3	9.8	55.3
2016	787.4	478.3	430.6	47.7	60.7	10.0	54.7
<b>Cape Breton [1210]</b>							
2015	107.4	59.8	50.1	9.7	55.7	16.2	46.6
2016	106.4	54.5	43.9	10.6	51.2	19.4	41.3
<b>North Shore [1220]</b>							
2015	129.0	72.7	63.4	9.3	56.4	12.8	49.1
2016	128.5	73.3	65.8	7.5	57.0	10.2	51.2
<b>Annapolis Valley [1230]</b>							
2015	102.5	57.6	51.5	6.1	56.2	10.6	50.2
2016	102.7	59.1	53.9	5.2	57.5	8.8	52.5
<b>Southern [1240]</b>							
2015	98.5	54.1	47.5	6.6	54.9	12.2	48.2
2016	98.0	53.3	47.3	6.0	54.4	11.3	48.3
<b>Halifax [1250]</b>							
2015	346.7	236.9	221.3	15.7	68.3	6.6	63.8
2016	351.9	238.0	219.7	18.3	67.6	7.7	62.4
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2015	622.1	384.5	340.1	44.4	61.8	11.5	54.7
2016	622.6	376.3	333.9	42.4	60.4	11.3	53.6
<b>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</b>							
2015	129.5	69.6	55.5	14.1	53.7	20.3	42.9
2016	128.7	67.9	55.3	12.6	52.8	18.6	43.0
<b>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</b>							
2015	176.4	113.9	103.6	10.3	64.6	9.0	58.7
2016	177.6	110.4	100.4	10.0	62.2	9.1	56.5
<b>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</b>							
2015	142.4	88.6	79.9	8.7	62.2	9.8	56.1
2016	141.9	87.9	79.1	8.9	61.9	10.1	55.7
<b>Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]</b>							
2015	109.6	71.4	64.9	6.4	65.1	9.0	59.2
2016	110.7	71.3	64.1	7.2	64.4	10.1	57.9

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands			percent			
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2015	64.2	40.9	36.1	4.8	63.7	11.7	56.2
2016	63.7	38.8	35.1	3.7	60.9	9.5	55.1
<b>Quebec</b>							
2015	6,827.6	4,351.6	3,997.5	354.0	63.7	8.1	58.5
2016	6,869.6	4,378.2	4,016.2	362.0	63.7	8.3	58.5
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2015	78.4	38.9	30.6	8.3	49.6	21.3	39.0
2016	77.6	39.8	32.0	7.8	51.3	19.6	41.2
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2015	170.3	88.5	79.0	9.4	52.0	10.6	46.4
2016	169.4	94.1	85.5	8.6	55.5	9.1	50.5
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2015	615.1	412.8	387.8	25.0	67.1	6.1	63.0
2016	619.7	416.8	394.1	22.7	67.3	5.4	63.6
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2015	349.1	228.6	215.3	13.3	65.5	5.8	61.7
2016	349.5	227.1	211.0	16.2	65.0	7.1	60.4
Estrie [2430]							
2015	268.7	166.6	154.1	12.6	62.0	7.6	57.4
2016	270.2	164.3	152.2	12.1	60.8	7.4	56.3
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2015	200.2	122.5	111.9	10.5	61.2	8.6	55.9
2016	200.8	120.5	111.7	8.7	60.0	7.2	55.6
Montérégie [2435]							
2015	1,247.8	800.8	752.8	48.0	64.2	6.0	60.3
2016	1,256.1	830.8	775.4	55.4	66.1	6.7	61.7
Montréal [2440]							
2015	1,658.3	1,045.9	939.9	105.9	63.1	10.1	56.7
2016	1,674.5	1,059.2	941.9	117.2	63.3	11.1	56.2
Laval [2445]							
2015	350.6	240.6	225.4	15.2	68.6	6.3	64.3
2016	353.7	220.2	202.6	17.6	62.3	8.0	57.3
Lanaudière [2450]							
2015	410.2	274.1	250.8	23.3	66.8	8.5	61.1
2016	413.4	264.7	246.9	17.9	64.0	6.8	59.7
Laurentides [2455]							
2015	490.8	324.5	298.4	26.2	66.1	8.1	60.8
2016	496.0	326.8	307.3	19.4	65.9	5.9	62.0
Outaouais [2460]							
2015	317.6	208.9	190.5	18.4	65.8	8.8	60.0
2016	319.5	212.4	196.4	16.0	66.5	7.5	61.5
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2015	120.5	77.0	70.6	6.4	63.9	8.3	58.6
2016	120.5	77.1	71.4	5.7	64.0	7.4	59.3
Mauricie [2470]							
2015	225.8	127.5	116.4	11.2	56.5	8.8	51.6
2016	225.3	130.8	117.6	13.2	58.1	10.1	52.2
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2015	232.2	140.2	126.6	13.6	60.4	9.7	54.5
2016	231.6	137.0	120.4	16.6	59.2	12.1	52.0

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		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands			percent			
<b>Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]</b>							
2015	92.0	54.2	47.4	6.8	58.9	12.5	51.5
2016	91.8	56.7	49.8	6.9	61.8	12.2	54.2
<b>Ontario</b>							
2015	11,338.2	7,298.7	6,783.7	515.1	64.4	7.1	59.8
2016	11,466.1	7,384.5	6,872.4	512.1	64.4	6.9	59.9
<b>Ottawa [3510]</b>							
2015	1,093.3	731.9	680.3	51.6	66.9	7.1	62.2
2016	1,103.6	732.7	680.8	52.0	66.4	7.1	61.7
<b>Kingston-Pembroke [3515]</b>							
2015	376.7	218.5	199.6	18.9	58.0	8.6	53.0
2016	377.7	215.1	198.5	16.6	56.9	7.7	52.6
<b>Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]</b>							
2015	325.4	204.7	187.0	17.7	62.9	8.6	57.5
2016	327.4	173.1	163.4	9.7	52.9	5.6	49.9
<b>Toronto [3530]</b>							
2015	5,325.4	3,459.4	3,212.2	247.2	65.0	7.1	60.3
2016	5,412.4	3,572.3	3,320.6	251.7	66.0	7.0	61.4
<b>Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]</b>							
2015	1,072.1	740.9	698.3	42.5	69.1	5.7	65.1
2016	1,085.6	754.5	709.4	45.0	69.5	6.0	65.3
<b>Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]</b>							
2015	1,194.4	741.5	695.0	46.5	62.1	6.3	58.2
2016	1,205.3	758.0	704.8	53.2	62.9	7.0	58.5
<b>London [3560]</b>							
2015	552.0	340.0	317.6	22.4	61.6	6.6	57.5
2016	556.1	347.7	326.0	21.7	62.5	6.2	58.6
<b>Windsor-Sarnia [3570]</b>							
2015	524.1	329.6	298.6	31.0	62.9	9.4	57.0
2016	524.6	311.5	288.5	23.0	59.4	7.4	55.0
<b>Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]</b>							
2015	245.6	161.8	152.2	9.6	65.9	5.9	62.0
2016	246.0	151.6	142.1	9.5	61.6	6.3	57.8
<b>Northeast [3590]</b>							
2015	457.4	268.9	247.1	21.9	58.8	8.1	54.0
2016	456.3	260.3	239.1	21.2	57.0	8.1	52.4
<b>Northwest [3595]</b>							
2015	171.8	101.7	95.8	5.9	59.2	5.8	55.8
2016	171.2	107.6	99.2	8.5	62.9	7.9	57.9
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2015	983.2	667.0	629.2	37.8	67.8	5.7	64.0
2016	994.0	664.8	623.9	40.9	66.9	6.2	62.8
<b>Southeast [4610]</b>							
2015	88.4	59.2	56.0	3.3	67.0	5.6	63.3
2016	90.3	61.6	58.1	3.5	68.2	5.7	64.3
<b>South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]</b>							
2015	84.0	57.5	55.7	1.8	68.5	3.1	66.3
2016	85.1	55.0	53.0	2.0	64.6	3.6	62.3
<b>Southwest [4630]</b>							
2015	87.8	59.0	57.0	2.1	67.2	3.6	64.9
2016	88.2	56.9	53.3	3.6	64.5	6.3	60.4

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	in thousands			percent			
<b>Winnipeg [4650]</b>							
2015	591.8	406.1	380.1	26.0	68.6	6.4	64.2
2016	599.4	406.7	380.4	26.3	67.9	6.5	63.5
<b>Interlake [4660]</b>							
2015	74.6	46.8	44.5	2.3	62.7	4.9	59.7
2016	75.4	48.2	44.5	3.7	63.9	7.7	59.0
<b>Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]</b>							
2015	56.6	38.3	35.9	2.4	67.7	6.3	63.4
2016	55.5	36.4	34.7	1.7	65.6	4.7	62.5
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2015	858.4	590.4	560.3	30.1	68.8	5.1	65.3
2016	865.9	598.5	559.2	39.3	69.1	6.6	64.6
<b>Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]</b>							
2015	261.6	188.1	179.1	9.0	71.9	4.8	68.5
2016	265.1	191.9	181.6	10.3	72.4	5.4	68.5
<b>Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]</b>							
2015	82.6	55.8	53.8	2.1	67.6	3.8	65.1
2016	82.3	54.7	52.2	2.5	66.5	4.6	63.4
<b>Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]</b>							
2015	293.1	203.6	192.6	11.0	69.5	5.4	65.7
2016	298.3	205.0	191.4	13.7	68.7	6.7	64.2
<b>Yorkton-Melville [4740]</b>							
2015	62.7	39.9	38.7	1.3	63.6	3.3	61.7
2016	62.1	37.8	34.6	3.2	60.9	8.5	55.7
<b>Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]</b>							
2015	158.4	102.9	96.0	6.9	65.0	6.7	60.6
2016	158.1	109.0	99.4	9.6	68.9	8.8	62.9
<b>Alberta</b>							
2015	3,327.8	2,408.0	2,274.7	133.3	72.4	5.5	68.4
2016	3,385.6	2,448.6	2,253.7	194.9	72.3	8.0	66.6
<b>Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]</b>							
2015	229.7	149.5	142.2	7.3	65.1	4.9	61.9
2016	230.3	157.8	146.4	11.4	68.5	7.2	63.6
<b>Camrose-Drumheller [4820]</b>							
2015	161.6	107.6	101.4	6.2	66.6	5.8	62.7
2016	161.7	105.6	98.1	7.5	65.3	7.1	60.7
<b>Calgary [4830]</b>							
2015	1,254.0	920.3	869.5	50.8	73.4	5.5	69.3
2016	1,283.1	929.6	847.8	81.8	72.4	8.8	66.1
<b>Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]</b>							
2015	276.4	203.6	193.2	10.4	73.7	5.1	69.9
2016	277.3	196.2	182.1	14.1	70.8	7.2	65.7
<b>Red Deer [4850]</b>							
2015	168.9	127.7	121.7	6.0	75.6	4.7	72.1
2016	171.8	117.3	107.3	10.0	68.3	8.5	62.5
<b>Edmonton [4860]</b>							
2015	1,120.7	808.4	762.4	46.0	72.1	5.7	68.0
2016	1,143.2	851.6	790.5	61.2	74.5	7.2	69.1
<b>Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]</b>							
2015	116.5	91.0	84.3	6.7	78.1	7.4	72.4
2016	118.3	90.5	81.6	8.9	76.5	9.8	69.0

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		in thousands			percent		
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2015	3,855.5	2,402.8	2,251.9	150.9	62.3	6.3	58.4
2016	3,909.9	2,491.7	2,318.4	173.3	63.7	7.0	59.3
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2015	652.6	375.1	352.3	22.8	57.5	6.1	54.0
2016	658.7	383.1	355.3	27.9	58.2	7.3	53.9
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2015	2,402.2	1,518.9	1,425.3	93.6	63.2	6.2	59.3
2016	2,444.8	1,603.0	1,500.4	102.6	65.6	6.4	61.4
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2015	429.9	261.1	241.0	20.0	60.7	7.7	56.1
2016	433.9	263.3	238.6	24.8	60.7	9.4	55.0
Kootenay [5940]							
2015	121.8	73.4	68.1	5.3	60.3	7.2	55.9
2016	122.1	72.5	67.2	5.3	59.4	7.3	55.0
Cariboo [5950]							
2015	127.1	85.0	80.3	4.7	66.9	5.5	63.2
2016	127.6	82.2	76.7	5.5	64.4	6.7	60.1
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2015	66.4	46.4	43.7	2.7	69.9	5.8	65.8
2016	66.6	44.1	41.1	3.0	66.2	6.8	61.7
Northeast [5980]							
2015	55.6	42.9	41.1	1.8	77.2	4.2	73.9
2016	56.1	43.4	39.2	4.2	77.4	9.7	69.9

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.