

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

	April 2016	May 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	29,514.4	29,546.7	...	32.3	127.7	314.6	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	19,424.6	19,401.7	29.8	-22.9	4.4	145.9	-0.1	0.0	0.8
Employment	18,041.4	18,055.2	29.5	13.8	44.3	108.5	0.1	0.2	0.6
Employment full-time	14,604.5	14,665.0	42.5	60.5	47.2	127.0	0.4	0.3	0.9
Employment part-time	3,437.0	3,390.2	39.7	-46.8	-2.9	-18.5	-1.4	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment	1,383.2	1,346.5	25.3	-36.7	-39.9	37.4	-2.7	-2.9	2.9
Participation rate	65.8	65.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	18.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,395.2	4,390.5	...	-4.7	-21.5	-47.5	-0.1	-0.5	-1.1
Labour force	2,807.5	2,773.4	17.4	-34.1	-34.9	-92.1	-1.2	-1.2	-3.2
Employment	2,440.3	2,404.9	16.4	-35.4	-37.6	-82.4	-1.5	-1.5	-3.3
Employment full-time	1,261.1	1,246.8	20.6	-14.3	-42.0	-44.9	-1.1	-3.3	-3.5
Employment part-time	1,179.2	1,158.1	21.4	-21.1	4.4	-37.5	-1.8	0.4	-3.1
Unemployment	367.3	368.5	14.9	1.2	2.7	-9.7	0.3	0.7	-2.6
Participation rate	63.9	63.2	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.1	13.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	54.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.3	48.2	0.8	-0.2	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	12,287.3	12,305.2	...	17.9	72.6	178.0	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	8,806.9	8,798.4	16.0	-8.5	-14.0	88.8	-0.1	-0.2	1.0
Employment	8,222.2	8,239.5	16.7	17.3	11.3	64.4	0.2	0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	7,563.9	7,570.7	23.4	6.8	-6.3	22.9	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Employment part-time	658.4	668.8	19.2	10.4	17.6	41.5	1.6	2.7	6.6
Unemployment	584.7	558.9	14.9	-25.8	-25.3	24.4	-4.4	-4.3	4.6
Participation rate	71.7	71.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.0	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	8.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	12,831.9	12,851.0	...	19.1	76.6	184.1	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	7,810.1	7,829.9	17.0	19.8	53.4	149.2	0.3	0.7	1.9
Employment	7,378.9	7,410.8	16.9	31.9	70.6	126.5	0.4	1.0	1.7
Employment full-time	5,779.5	5,847.5	27.9	68.0	95.5	149.0	1.2	1.7	2.6
Employment part-time	1,599.4	1,563.3	26.7	-36.1	-24.9	-22.5	-2.3	-1.6	-1.4
Unemployment	431.2	419.1	13.5	-12.1	-17.2	22.7	-2.8	-3.9	5.7
Participation rate	60.9	60.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	21.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,617.1	14,624.4	...	7.3	19.7	47.3	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	12,686.8	12,675.4	24.6	-11.4	22.7	74.2	-0.1	0.2	0.6
Employment	11,915.7	11,919.0	26.2	3.3	57.2	31.6	0.0	0.5	0.3
Unemployment	771.1	756.4	19.0	-14.7	-34.5	42.6	-1.9	-4.4	6.0
Participation rate	86.8	86.7	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.5	81.5	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,277.8	7,281.0	...	3.2	8.5	21.5	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	6,631.9	6,616.5	15.7	-15.4	-21.1	23.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.4
Employment	6,196.1	6,188.0	17.3	-8.1	-1.8	-6.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment	435.8	428.5	13.7	-7.3	-19.3	30.4	-1.7	-4.3	7.6
Participation rate	91.1	90.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.5
Employment rate	85.1	85.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,339.3	7,343.4	...	4.1	11.2	25.8	0.1	0.2	0.4
Labour force	6,054.9	6,058.9	17.8	4.0	43.8	50.4	0.1	0.7	0.8
Employment	5,719.6	5,731.0	18.2	11.4	58.9	38.2	0.2	1.0	0.7
Unemployment	335.3	327.8	12.7	-7.5	-15.2	12.1	-2.2	-4.4	3.8
Participation rate	82.5	82.5	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.9	78.0	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	10,502.0	10,531.9	...	29.9	129.6	314.9	0.3	1.2	3.1
Labour force	3,930.3	3,952.9	20.7	22.6	16.6	163.8	0.6	0.4	4.3
Employment	3,685.5	3,731.3	20.7	45.8	24.7	159.3	1.2	0.7	4.5
Unemployment	244.8	221.6	10.5	-23.2	-8.1	4.5	-9.5	-3.5	2.1
Participation rate	37.4	37.5	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	35.1	35.4	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	5,009.5	5,024.2	...	14.7	64.1	156.5	0.3	1.3	3.2
Labour force	2,175.0	2,181.9	13.6	6.9	7.1	65.0	0.3	0.3	3.1
Employment	2,026.1	2,051.5	13.9	25.4	13.1	71.0	1.3	0.6	3.6
Unemployment	148.9	130.4	7.8	-18.5	-6.0	-6.0	-12.4	-4.4	-4.4
Participation rate	43.4	43.4	0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.0	0.4	-0.8	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.4	40.8	0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	5,492.5	5,507.6	...	15.1	65.4	158.3	0.3	1.2	3.0
Labour force	1,755.3	1,771.0	14.2	15.7	9.6	98.8	0.9	0.5	5.9
Employment	1,659.4	1,679.8	14.2	20.4	11.7	88.3	1.2	0.7	5.5
Unemployment	95.9	91.2	6.7	-4.7	-2.1	10.5	-4.9	-2.3	13.0
Participation rate	32.0	32.2	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	30.2	30.5	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...

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.