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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
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		in thousands					
Canada							
2015	29,207.9	19,174.6	17,794.1	1,380.4	65.6	7.2	60.9
2016	29,517.9	19,363.0	17,936.5	1,426.5	65.6	7.4	60.8
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2015	443.1	270.4	230.6	39.8	61.0	14.7	52.0
2016	444.0	266.8	230.3	36.5	60.1	13.7	51.9
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2015	232.6	153.9	139.6	14.3	66.2	9.3	60.0
2016	234.6	152.2	137.2	15.1	64.9	9.9	58.5
South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]							
2015	123.1	66.9	52.3	14.5	54.3	21.7	42.5
2016	122.3	63.9	51.5	12.4	52.2	19.4	42.1
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2015	87.4	49.7	38.7	11.0	56.9	22.1	44.3
2016	87.1	50.6	41.6	9.0	58.1	17.8	47.8
Prince Edward Island							
2015	120.8	81.0	70.9	10.1	67.1	12.5	58.7
2016	121.5	79.1	69.3	9.8	65.1	12.4	57.0
Nova Scotia							
2015	784.5	486.7	439.7	47.0	62.0	9.7	56.0
2016	787.9	485.7	441.8	43.9	61.6	9.0	56.1
Cape Breton [1210]							
2015	107.2	61.4	51.4	10.0	57.3	16.3	47.9
2016	106.2	56.7	48.0	8.8	53.4	15.5	45.2
North Shore [1220]							
2015	128.9	75.7	67.8	7.9	58.7	10.4	52.6
2016	128.4	73.6	65.5	8.1	57.3	11.0	51.0
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2015	102.5	58.2	52.1	6.2	56.8	10.7	50.8
2016	102.7	61.6	55.5	6.0	60.0	9.7	54.0
Southern [1240]							
2015	98.4	56.2	49.8	6.4	57.1	11.4	50.6
2016	97.9	54.3	48.9	5.4	55.5	9.9	49.9
Halifax [1250]							
2015	347.5	235.3	218.6	16.7	67.7	7.1	62.9
2016	352.7	239.5	223.9	15.6	67.9	6.5	63.5
New Brunswick							
2015	622.2	390.5	347.1	43.4	62.8	11.1	55.8
2016	623.3	384.7	342.3	42.4	61.7	11.0	54.9
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2015	129.3	71.2	58.7	12.5	55.1	17.6	45.4
2016	128.6	68.7	56.3	12.4	53.4	18.0	43.8
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2015	176.5	116.8	104.8	12.0	66.2	10.3	59.4
2016	178.0	113.4	102.6	10.8	63.7	9.5	57.6
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2015	142.3	89.7	81.4	8.2	63.0	9.1	57.2
2016	142.0	89.8	81.2	8.6	63.2	9.6	57.2
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2015	109.8	72.6	66.1	6.5	66.1	9.0	60.2
2016	110.9	72.3	64.5	7.8	65.2	10.8	58.2

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	in thousands			percent			
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2015	64.2	40.3	36.1	4.2	62.8	10.4	56.2
2016	63.7	40.5	37.6	2.8	63.6	6.9	59.0
Quebec							
2015	6,833.7	4,424.0	4,070.4	353.6	64.7	8.0	59.6
2016	6,877.3	4,418.2	4,073.6	344.6	64.2	7.8	59.2
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2015	78.3	41.2	34.0	7.2	52.6	17.5	43.4
2016	77.5	40.6	33.2	7.4	52.4	18.2	42.8
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2015	170.1	91.0	80.8	10.2	53.5	11.2	47.5
2016	169.3	94.5	86.7	7.8	55.8	8.3	51.2
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2015	615.8	423.7	402.6	21.1	68.8	5.0	65.4
2016	620.5	414.4	396.8	17.5	66.8	4.2	63.9
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2015	349.1	235.2	223.9	11.3	67.4	4.8	64.1
2016	349.7	225.5	210.9	14.6	64.5	6.5	60.3
Estrie [2430]							
2015	268.9	163.5	152.1	11.3	60.8	6.9	56.6
2016	270.5	163.0	151.4	11.6	60.3	7.1	56.0
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2015	200.2	127.2	117.6	9.6	63.5	7.5	58.7
2016	201.0	126.0	118.9	7.2	62.7	5.7	59.2
Montérégie [2435]							
2015	1,248.9	819.2	768.1	51.1	65.6	6.2	61.5
2016	1,257.5	827.7	771.3	56.4	65.8	6.8	61.3
Montréal [2440]							
2015	1,661.0	1,073.7	959.6	114.1	64.6	10.6	57.8
2016	1,677.2	1,084.5	970.6	113.9	64.7	10.5	57.9
Laval [2445]							
2015	351.0	230.9	215.8	15.0	65.8	6.5	61.5
2016	354.3	226.3	213.5	12.8	63.9	5.7	60.3
Lanaudière [2450]							
2015	410.7	275.4	249.4	26.0	67.1	9.4	60.7
2016	414.0	264.3	246.3	18.0	63.8	6.8	59.5
Laurentides [2455]							
2015	491.6	330.8	304.6	26.2	67.3	7.9	62.0
2016	497.0	327.0	303.8	23.2	65.8	7.1	61.1
Outaouais [2460]							
2015	317.9	212.1	194.7	17.4	66.7	8.2	61.2
2016	319.9	213.5	197.4	16.1	66.7	7.5	61.7
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2015	120.5	77.8	71.2	6.5	64.6	8.4	59.1
2016	120.5	78.1	71.7	6.4	64.8	8.2	59.5
Mauricie [2470]							
2015	225.7	126.3	117.1	9.2	56.0	7.3	51.9
2016	225.3	135.3	124.4	10.9	60.1	8.1	55.2
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2015	232.1	142.8	130.9	11.9	61.5	8.3	56.4
2016	231.5	138.5	124.5	14.0	59.8	10.1	53.8

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	in thousands			percent			
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2015	91.9	53.3	47.8	5.5	58.0	10.3	52.0
2016	91.8	58.9	52.2	6.7	64.2	11.4	56.9
Ontario							
2015	11,356.3	7,387.5	6,870.9	516.5	65.1	7.0	60.5
2016	11,489.2	7,481.2	6,962.5	518.7	65.1	6.9	60.6
Ottawa [3510]							
2015	1,094.8	733.5	686.3	47.2	67.0	6.4	62.7
2016	1,105.5	739.5	687.7	51.7	66.9	7.0	62.2
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2015	376.7	221.6	203.4	18.3	58.8	8.3	54.0
2016	377.9	220.9	205.2	15.7	58.5	7.1	54.3
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2015	325.6	194.8	174.7	20.1	59.8	10.3	53.7
2016	327.7	176.2	165.7	10.5	53.8	6.0	50.6
Toronto [3530]							
2015	5,338.5	3,526.7	3,272.6	254.1	66.1	7.2	61.3
2016	5,427.0	3,625.3	3,365.7	259.5	66.8	7.2	62.0
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2015	1,074.0	751.6	704.9	46.7	70.0	6.2	65.6
2016	1,088.2	757.1	712.4	44.6	69.6	5.9	65.5
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2015	1,195.8	754.2	710.7	43.5	63.1	5.8	59.4
2016	1,207.5	761.9	710.7	51.1	63.1	6.7	58.9
London [3560]							
2015	552.6	339.5	320.2	19.3	61.4	5.7	57.9
2016	557.0	356.5	333.6	22.9	64.0	6.4	59.9
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2015	524.1	332.3	301.4	30.9	63.4	9.3	57.5
2016	524.9	320.0	297.2	22.8	61.0	7.1	56.6
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2015	245.6	163.2	154.6	8.6	66.4	5.3	62.9
2016	246.0	147.0	138.7	8.3	59.8	5.6	56.4
Northeast [3590]							
2015	457.1	267.5	246.4	21.1	58.5	7.9	53.9
2016	456.1	269.0	246.6	22.4	59.0	8.3	54.1
Northwest [3595]							
2015	171.6	102.5	95.8	6.7	59.7	6.5	55.8
2016	171.4	107.8	98.9	8.9	62.9	8.3	57.7
Manitoba							
2015	984.9	672.8	635.0	37.8	68.3	5.6	64.5
2016	996.3	674.4	633.4	41.0	67.7	6.1	63.6
Southeast [4610]							
2015	88.7	58.5	54.9	3.6	66.0	6.2	61.9
2016	90.7	64.6	61.4	3.2	71.2	5.0	67.7
South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]							
2015	84.2	57.0	54.9	2.1	67.7	3.7	65.2
2016	85.3	56.7	54.6	2.1	66.5	3.7	64.0
Southwest [4630]							
2015	87.9	58.5	56.7	1.7	66.6	2.9	64.5
2016	88.3	57.2	53.2	4.1	64.8	7.2	60.2

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Winnipeg [4650]							
2015	593.1	413.8	388.3	25.6	69.8	6.2	65.5
2016	601.1	409.3	383.2	26.1	68.1	6.4	63.7
Interlake [4660]							
2015	74.7	47.1	44.6	2.4	63.1	5.1	59.7
2016	75.4	49.2	45.4	3.8	65.3	7.7	60.2
Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]							
2015	56.3	38.0	35.7	2.4	67.5	6.3	63.4
2016	55.5	37.4	35.7	1.8	67.4	4.8	64.3
Saskatchewan							
2015	859.6	602.3	572.2	30.1	70.1	5.0	66.6
2016	867.1	605.6	565.7	39.9	69.8	6.6	65.2
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2015	262.2	189.2	180.9	8.3	72.2	4.4	69.0
2016	265.6	195.4	183.9	11.5	73.6	5.9	69.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2015	82.5	58.3	55.4	2.9	70.7	5.0	67.2
2016	82.2	55.6	53.5	2.1	67.6	3.8	65.1
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2015	294.0	206.9	196.3	10.6	70.4	5.1	66.8
2016	299.1	205.4	191.6	13.8	68.7	6.7	64.1
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2015	62.6	39.5	38.3	1.2	63.1	3.0	61.2
2016	61.9	39.6	36.8	2.8	64.0	7.1	59.5
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2015	158.2	108.4	101.3	7.1	68.5	6.5	64.0
2016	158.4	109.7	99.9	9.8	69.3	8.9	63.1
Alberta							
2015	3,338.8	2,440.2	2,290.2	150.0	73.1	6.1	68.6
2016	3,392.8	2,453.3	2,257.7	195.6	72.3	8.0	66.5
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2015	229.8	153.3	146.8	6.6	66.7	4.3	63.9
2016	230.4	160.2	148.4	11.8	69.5	7.4	64.4
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2015	161.7	107.7	102.6	5.1	66.6	4.7	63.5
2016	161.6	101.6	93.2	8.4	62.9	8.3	57.7
Calgary [4830]							
2015	1,259.4	939.0	884.5	54.6	74.6	5.8	70.2
2016	1,286.8	930.2	852.1	78.0	72.3	8.4	66.2
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]							
2015	276.6	203.8	191.2	12.6	73.7	6.2	69.1
2016	277.2	194.0	178.9	15.1	70.0	7.8	64.5
Red Deer [4850]							
2015	169.4	126.1	118.3	7.8	74.4	6.2	69.8
2016	172.1	122.9	112.6	10.4	71.4	8.5	65.4
Edmonton [4860]							
2015	1,125.0	817.1	761.8	55.4	72.6	6.8	67.7
2016	1,146.3	854.8	791.3	63.5	74.6	7.4	69.0
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2015	116.9	93.0	85.0	8.0	79.6	8.6	72.7
2016	118.3	89.7	81.2	8.5	75.8	9.5	68.6

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British Columbia							
2015	3,863.9	2,419.2	2,267.1	152.0	62.6	6.3	58.7
2016	3,918.5	2,514.0	2,359.9	154.2	64.2	6.1	60.2
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2015	653.4	376.0	352.7	23.4	57.5	6.2	54.0
2016	660.0	380.6	358.6	22.0	57.7	5.8	54.3
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2015	2,409.2	1,534.5	1,438.7	95.7	63.7	6.2	59.7
2016	2,450.8	1,621.8	1,529.7	92.1	66.2	5.7	62.4
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2015	430.4	263.4	247.8	15.6	61.2	5.9	57.6
2016	434.9	265.9	245.1	20.7	61.1	7.8	56.4
Kootenay [5940]							
2015	121.8	73.2	67.9	5.3	60.1	7.2	55.7
2016	122.2	73.1	67.6	5.5	59.8	7.5	55.3
Cariboo [5950]							
2015	127.1	84.2	77.7	6.5	66.2	7.7	61.1
2016	127.6	83.3	77.6	5.8	65.3	7.0	60.8
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2015	66.4	45.2	42.2	3.0	68.1	6.6	63.6
2016	66.7	45.7	41.8	3.9	68.5	8.5	62.7
Northeast [5980]							
2015	55.6	42.6	40.1	2.5	76.6	5.9	72.1
2016	56.2	43.6	39.4	4.2	77.6	9.6	70.1

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.