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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
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	in thousands				percent		
Canada							
2015	29,350.4	19,446.9	18,130.6	1,316.3	66.3	6.8	61.8
2016	29,661.1	19,579.0	18,255.1	1,323.8	66.0	6.8	61.5
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2015	442.5	274.0	242.9	31.2	61.9	11.4	54.9
2016	444.7	271.8	238.5	33.3	61.1	12.3	53.6
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2015	232.9	151.5	138.5	12.9	65.0	8.5	59.5
2016	235.7	157.3	140.5	16.8	66.7	10.7	59.6
South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]							
2015	122.5	70.0	60.0	10.0	57.1	14.3	49.0
2016	122.0	64.3	55.0	9.3	52.7	14.5	45.1
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2015	87.1	52.6	44.3	8.3	60.4	15.8	50.9
2016	87.0	50.2	43.0	7.2	57.7	14.3	49.4
Prince Edward Island							
2015	121.1	82.9	76.2	6.6	68.5	8.0	62.9
2016	122.2	81.8	74.3	7.5	66.9	9.2	60.8
Nova Scotia							
2015	786.4	497.0	458.5	38.5	63.2	7.7	58.3
2016	789.5	489.1	452.7	36.4	62.0	7.4	57.3
Cape Breton [1210]							
2015	106.8	57.5	49.6	7.8	53.8	13.6	46.4
2016	105.8	57.3	49.8	7.5	54.2	13.1	47.1
North Shore [1220]							
2015	128.8	82.6	76.0	6.6	64.1	8.0	59.0
2016	128.2	75.7	70.0	5.7	59.0	7.5	54.6
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2015	102.7	59.5	55.3	4.2	57.9	7.1	53.8
2016	102.7	60.1	56.5	3.7	58.5	6.2	55.0
Southern [1240]							
2015	98.3	55.6	49.4	6.2	56.6	11.2	50.3
2016	97.7	54.0	47.9	6.1	55.3	11.3	49.0
Halifax [1250]							
2015	349.8	241.9	228.2	13.7	69.2	5.7	65.2
2016	355.0	242.0	228.5	13.5	68.2	5.6	64.4
New Brunswick							
2015	621.8	392.3	360.0	32.3	63.1	8.2	57.9
2016	623.7	394.7	362.2	32.5	63.3	8.2	58.1
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2015	128.9	72.1	63.9	8.3	55.9	11.5	49.6
2016	128.3	70.9	60.8	10.1	55.3	14.2	47.4
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2015	176.9	115.7	107.9	7.8	65.4	6.7	61.0
2016	178.8	117.5	108.7	8.7	65.7	7.4	60.8
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2015	142.0	92.3	85.0	7.3	65.0	7.9	59.9
2016	141.9	91.1	84.5	6.7	64.2	7.4	59.5
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2015	110.1	72.1	66.4	5.7	65.5	7.9	60.3
2016	111.2	74.1	69.5	4.6	66.6	6.2	62.5

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Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2015	63.9	40.2	36.9	3.3	62.9	8.2	57.7
2016	63.5	41.1	38.7	2.4	64.7	5.8	60.9
Quebec							
2015	6,852.7	4,463.6	4,141.2	322.4	65.1	7.2	60.4
2016	6,899.7	4,491.1	4,198.9	292.2	65.1	6.5	60.9
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2015	77.9	43.0	38.6	4.5	55.2	10.5	49.6
2016	77.2	41.0	36.6	4.5	53.1	11.0	47.4
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2015	169.8	93.3	88.2	5.0	54.9	5.4	51.9
2016	169.1	94.7	87.6	7.0	56.0	7.4	51.8
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2015	617.9	421.6	404.2	17.4	68.2	4.1	65.4
2016	622.7	433.0	413.4	19.6	69.5	4.5	66.4
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2015	349.4	227.1	216.2	10.9	65.0	4.8	61.9
2016	350.2	226.4	216.0	10.4	64.6	4.6	61.7
Estrie [2430]							
2015	269.6	162.1	153.3	8.8	60.1	5.4	56.9
2016	271.3	161.7	152.9	8.7	59.6	5.4	56.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2015	200.5	124.4	118.2	6.2	62.0	5.0	59.0
2016	201.3	135.3	129.4	5.9	67.2	4.4	64.3
Montréal [2435]							
2015	1,252.7	836.6	785.0	51.7	66.8	6.2	62.7
2016	1,262.1	807.7	762.5	45.2	64.0	5.6	60.4
Montréal [2440]							
2015	1,668.2	1,097.2	984.3	112.8	65.8	10.3	59.0
2016	1,684.7	1,136.9	1,040.4	96.5	67.5	8.5	61.8
Laval [2445]							
2015	352.4	221.7	198.8	22.8	62.9	10.3	56.4
2016	355.9	238.1	218.8	19.3	66.9	8.1	61.5
Lanaudière [2450]							
2015	412.1	280.5	259.8	20.7	68.1	7.4	63.0
2016	415.5	266.9	249.0	17.9	64.2	6.7	59.9
Laurentides [2455]							
2015	493.8	337.3	321.5	15.9	68.3	4.7	65.1
2016	499.6	330.7	313.6	17.1	66.2	5.2	62.8
Outaouais [2460]							
2015	318.7	220.3	205.0	15.3	69.1	6.9	64.3
2016	320.9	215.4	199.3	16.1	67.1	7.5	62.1
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2015	120.5	73.8	69.4	4.4	61.2	6.0	57.6
2016	120.6	79.0	74.4	4.6	65.5	5.8	61.7
Mauricie [2470]							
2015	225.5	126.9	117.5	9.4	56.3	7.4	52.1
2016	225.4	126.6	119.3	7.3	56.2	5.8	52.9
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2015	231.9	139.4	127.4	12.0	60.1	8.6	54.9
2016	231.4	138.7	130.9	7.8	59.9	5.6	56.6

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Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2015	91.9	58.6	53.8	4.7	63.8	8.0	58.5
2016	91.6	58.9	54.7	4.2	64.3	7.1	59.7
Ontario							
2015	11,413.8	7,478.0	6,969.0	509.0	65.5	6.8	61.1
2016	11,557.9	7,526.6	7,033.4	493.2	65.1	6.6	60.9
Ottawa [3510]							
2015	1,099.3	738.2	690.2	48.0	67.2	6.5	62.8
2016	1,111.1	740.4	695.3	45.1	66.6	6.1	62.6
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2015	377.4	213.2	200.2	13.0	56.5	6.1	53.0
2016	378.9	231.5	218.2	13.3	61.1	5.7	57.6
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2015	326.6	169.8	157.8	12.0	52.0	7.1	48.3
2016	328.7	185.0	175.3	9.7	56.3	5.2	53.3
Toronto [3530]							
2015	5,377.3	3,634.5	3,367.9	266.6	67.6	7.3	62.6
2016	5,469.4	3,641.5	3,374.6	267.0	66.6	7.3	61.7
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2015	1,079.9	756.6	716.9	39.7	70.1	5.2	66.4
2016	1,095.7	741.2	702.3	38.9	67.6	5.2	64.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2015	1,200.7	774.2	728.1	46.1	64.5	6.0	60.6
2016	1,213.9	776.9	728.1	48.8	64.0	6.3	60.0
London [3560]							
2015	554.5	363.3	339.2	24.0	65.5	6.6	61.2
2016	559.6	351.8	331.5	20.3	62.9	5.8	59.2
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2015	524.4	311.4	286.4	25.0	59.4	8.0	54.6
2016	526.1	325.4	305.7	19.6	61.9	6.0	58.1
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2015	245.8	143.4	134.6	8.7	58.3	6.1	54.8
2016	246.3	156.4	150.3	6.1	63.5	3.9	61.0
Northeast [3590]							
2015	456.7	269.8	249.7	20.0	59.1	7.4	54.7
2016	456.2	268.6	251.0	17.6	58.9	6.6	55.0
Northwest [3595]							
2015	171.4	103.7	97.9	5.8	60.5	5.6	57.1
2016	171.9	108.0	101.1	6.9	62.8	6.4	58.8
Manitoba							
2015	989.6	679.2	641.3	37.9	68.6	5.6	64.8
2016	1,002.1	679.5	636.3	43.2	67.8	6.4	63.5
Southeast [4610]							
2015	89.6	60.1	57.3	2.9	67.1	4.8	64.0
2016	91.4	62.4	59.7	2.7	68.3	4.3	65.3
South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]							
2015	84.7	57.2	54.4	2.8	67.5	4.9	64.2
2016	85.6	55.9	53.2	2.6	65.3	4.7	62.1
Southwest [4630]							
2015	88.0	61.7	59.3	2.3	70.1	3.7	67.4
2016	88.7	58.5	55.4	3.1	66.0	5.3	62.5

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Winnipeg [4650]							
2015	596.4	411.6	386.5	25.2	69.0	6.1	64.8
2016	605.3	414.4	384.1	30.2	68.5	7.3	63.5
Interlake [4660]							
2015	75.1	50.1	47.6	2.5	66.7	5.0	63.4
2016	75.6	49.9	47.1	2.9	66.0	5.8	62.3
Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]							
2015	55.8	38.5	36.2	2.2	69.0	5.7	64.9
2016	55.4	38.5	36.7	1.7	69.5	4.4	66.2
Saskatchewan							
2015	863.4	610.4	579.4	31.0	70.7	5.1	67.1
2016	871.0	610.7	572.4	38.3	70.1	6.3	65.7
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2015	264.0	192.5	185.4	7.2	72.9	3.7	70.2
2016	267.0	194.2	184.5	9.7	72.7	5.0	69.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2015	82.5	54.7	52.7	2.0	66.3	3.7	63.9
2016	82.0	55.8	53.6	2.2	68.0	3.9	65.4
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2015	296.5	214.2	202.4	11.8	72.2	5.5	68.3
2016	301.2	212.6	198.4	14.2	70.6	6.7	65.9
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2015	62.4	40.5	38.3	2.2	64.9	5.4	61.4
2016	61.7	39.9	37.3	2.6	64.7	6.5	60.5
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2015	158.1	108.5	100.7	7.7	68.6	7.1	63.7
2016	159.2	108.3	98.7	9.6	68.0	8.9	62.0
Alberta							
2015	3,369.4	2,471.2	2,318.4	152.8	73.3	6.2	68.8
2016	3,406.8	2,477.3	2,277.9	199.3	72.7	8.0	66.9
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2015	230.5	156.2	147.1	9.1	67.8	5.8	63.8
2016	230.2	162.0	152.0	10.0	70.4	6.2	66.0
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2015	162.0	108.5	105.3	3.3	67.0	3.0	65.0
2016	161.2	114.4	105.8	8.6	71.0	7.5	65.6
Calgary [4830]							
2015	1,274.0	939.0	876.0	62.9	73.7	6.7	68.8
2016	1,294.5	961.8	866.1	95.7	74.3	10.0	66.9
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]							
2015	277.5	204.1	192.4	11.7	73.5	5.7	69.3
2016	276.9	194.8	183.9	10.9	70.4	5.6	66.4
Red Deer [4850]							
2015	171.0	123.7	115.5	8.2	72.3	6.6	67.5
2016	172.6	124.2	115.8	8.4	72.0	6.8	67.1
Edmonton [4860]							
2015	1,136.5	846.6	795.8	50.9	74.5	6.0	70.0
2016	1,152.9	829.2	771.8	57.4	71.9	6.9	66.9
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2015	117.9	93.1	86.3	6.8	79.0	7.3	73.2
2016	118.5	90.8	82.5	8.3	76.6	9.1	69.6

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British Columbia							
2015	3,889.7	2,498.3	2,343.8	154.5	64.2	6.2	60.3
2016	3,943.6	2,556.5	2,408.5	147.9	64.8	5.8	61.1
Vancouver Island and Coast <i>[5910]</i>							
2015	656.3	384.0	359.6	24.4	58.5	6.4	54.8
2016	663.8	395.5	373.4	22.1	59.6	5.6	56.3
Lower Mainland-Southwest <i>[5920]</i>							
2015	2,429.3	1,593.2	1,496.4	96.8	65.6	6.1	61.6
2016	2,467.9	1,643.0	1,556.4	86.6	66.6	5.3	63.1
Thompson-Okanagan <i>[5930]</i>							
2015	432.2	269.7	252.8	16.9	62.4	6.3	58.5
2016	437.9	272.0	253.2	18.8	62.1	6.9	57.8
Kootenay <i>[5940]</i>							
2015	122.0	76.6	71.9	4.7	62.8	6.1	58.9
2016	122.6	73.1	66.4	6.7	59.6	9.2	54.2
Cariboo <i>[5950]</i>							
2015	127.4	87.6	81.4	6.2	68.8	7.1	63.9
2016	128.0	85.5	79.4	6.1	66.8	7.1	62.0
North Coast and Nechako <i>[5960, 5970]</i>							
2015	66.5	45.1	42.1	2.9	67.8	6.4	63.3
2016	67.1	45.3	41.7	3.5	67.5	7.7	62.1
Northeast <i>[5980]</i>							
2015	55.9	42.1	39.4	2.6	75.3	6.2	70.5
2016	56.4	42.2	38.1	4.1	74.8	9.7	67.6

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. As a result of the wildfire affecting northern Alberta, LFS data for the census agglomeration of Wood Buffalo were not collected from May to July 2016. Data collection resumed in August 2016. Estimates for the economic region of Wood Buffalo–Cold Lake are not available for June, July, August, and September 2016.