

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

	December 2016	January 2017	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	29,717.9	<b>29,741.9</b>	...	<b>24.0</b>	24.0	302.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.0
Labour force	19,566.6	<b>19,597.7</b>	29.8	<b>31.1</b>	31.1	212.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.1
Employment	18,225.0	<b>18,273.3</b>	29.5	<b>48.3</b>	48.3	276.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	1.5
Employment full-time	14,677.8	<b>14,693.6</b>	40.5	<b>15.8</b>	15.8	86.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.6
Employment part-time	3,547.3	<b>3,579.7</b>	37.7	<b>32.4</b>	32.4	189.9	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	5.6
Unemployment	1,341.6	<b>1,324.4</b>	25.1	<b>-17.2</b>	-17.2	-63.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	-4.6
Participation rate	65.8	<b>65.9</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>6.8</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	<b>61.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.5	<b>19.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,365.9	<b>4,361.2</b>	...	<b>-4.7</b>	-4.7	-46.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-1.0
Labour force	2,803.4	<b>2,819.4</b>	17.3	<b>16.0</b>	16.0	9.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.3
Employment	2,451.4	<b>2,444.8</b>	16.1	<b>-6.6</b>	-6.6	2.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	0.1
Employment full-time	1,248.2	<b>1,234.2</b>	19.8	<b>-14.0</b>	-14.0	-69.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.1	-5.3
Employment part-time	1,203.2	<b>1,210.6</b>	20.8	<b>7.4</b>	7.4	71.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	6.2
Unemployment	352.0	<b>374.6</b>	14.6	<b>22.6</b>	22.6	7.7	<b>6.4</b>	6.4	2.1
Participation rate	64.2	<b>64.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	<b>13.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	<b>56.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	<b>49.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	2.9	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	12,401.2	<b>12,414.7</b>	...	<b>13.5</b>	13.5	170.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.4
Labour force	8,862.2	<b>8,871.6</b>	15.6	<b>9.4</b>	9.4	75.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.9
Employment	8,297.1	<b>8,337.8</b>	16.6	<b>40.7</b>	40.7	134.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.6
Employment full-time	7,567.8	<b>7,605.3</b>	22.6	<b>37.5</b>	37.5	64.1	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.8
Employment part-time	729.3	<b>732.5</b>	18.3	<b>3.2</b>	3.2	70.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	10.6
Unemployment	565.1	<b>533.8</b>	15.1	<b>-31.3</b>	-31.3	-69.2	<b>-5.5</b>	-5.5	-10.0
Participation rate	71.5	<b>71.5</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	<b>67.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.8	<b>8.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	12,950.8	<b>12,966.0</b>	...	<b>15.2</b>	15.2	178.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.4
Labour force	7,901.0	<b>7,906.7</b>	17.2	<b>5.7</b>	5.7	127.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.6
Employment	7,476.5	<b>7,490.7</b>	17.2	<b>14.2</b>	14.2	139.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.9
Employment full-time	5,861.7	<b>5,854.1</b>	26.6	<b>-7.6</b>	-7.6	91.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	1.6
Employment part-time	1,614.8	<b>1,636.6</b>	25.1	<b>21.8</b>	21.8	48.6	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	3.1
Unemployment	424.5	<b>416.0</b>	13.6	<b>-8.5</b>	-8.5	-12.1	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.0	-2.8
Participation rate	61.0	<b>61.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	<b>57.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	<b>21.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,639.3	<b>14,636.9</b>	...	<b>-2.4</b>	-2.4	33.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	12,700.9	<b>12,729.4</b>	22.4	<b>28.5</b>	28.5	71.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.6
Employment	11,962.1	<b>12,019.5</b>	24.4	<b>57.4</b>	57.4	145.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.2
Unemployment	738.9	<b>710.0</b>	18.8	<b>-28.9</b>	-28.9	-74.1	<b>-3.9</b>	-3.9	-9.5
Participation rate	86.8	<b>87.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.6</b>	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.7	<b>82.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,287.3	<b>7,285.5</b>	...	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.8	14.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	6,626.3	<b>6,637.6</b>	14.3	<b>11.3</b>	11.3	12.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.2
Employment	6,217.8	<b>6,248.2</b>	16.4	<b>30.4</b>	30.4	69.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.1
Unemployment	408.5	<b>389.4</b>	13.7	<b>-19.1</b>	-19.1	-57.3	<b>-4.7</b>	-4.7	-12.8
Participation rate	90.9	<b>91.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>5.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	85.3	<b>85.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,352.0	<b>7,351.4</b>	...	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	19.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.3
Labour force	6,074.7	<b>6,091.8</b>	16.6	<b>17.1</b>	17.1	59.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	1.0
Employment	5,744.3	<b>5,771.3</b>	17.2	<b>27.0</b>	27.0	76.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.3
Unemployment	330.4	<b>320.6</b>	12.6	<b>-9.8</b>	-9.8	-16.8	<b>-3.0</b>	-3.0	-5.0
Participation rate	82.6	<b>82.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.1	<b>78.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	10,712.7	<b>10,743.8</b>	...	<b>31.1</b>	31.1	314.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	3.0
Labour force	4,062.3	<b>4,048.9</b>	19.0	<b>-13.4</b>	-13.4	131.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	3.4
Employment	3,811.6	<b>3,809.1</b>	18.9	<b>-2.5</b>	-2.5	128.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	3.5
Unemployment	250.7	<b>239.9</b>	10.2	<b>-10.8</b>	-10.8	2.9	<b>-4.3</b>	-4.3	1.2
Participation rate	37.9	<b>37.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>5.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	35.6	<b>35.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	5,113.9	<b>5,129.2</b>	...	<b>15.3</b>	15.3	155.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	3.1
Labour force	2,236.0	<b>2,234.0</b>	12.5	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.0	63.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	2.9
Employment	2,079.4	<b>2,089.6</b>	12.5	<b>10.2</b>	10.2	65.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	3.2
Unemployment	156.6	<b>144.4</b>	7.6	<b>-12.2</b>	-12.2	-1.9	<b>-7.8</b>	-7.8	-1.3
Participation rate	43.7	<b>43.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.7	<b>40.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	5,598.9	<b>5,614.6</b>	...	<b>15.7</b>	15.7	158.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	2.9
Labour force	1,826.4	<b>1,814.9</b>	13.1	<b>-11.5</b>	-11.5	68.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	3.9
Employment	1,732.2	<b>1,719.5</b>	13.1	<b>-12.7</b>	-12.7	63.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	3.8
Unemployment	94.1	<b>95.4</b>	6.6	<b>1.3</b>	1.3	4.7	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	5.2
Participation rate	32.6	<b>32.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	30.9	<b>30.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...

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.