

**Table 4-6**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Ontario**

	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>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	11,591.4	<b>11,604.3</b>	...	<b>12.9</b>	12.9	149.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,525.6	<b>7,559.9</b>	20.7	<b>34.3</b>	34.3	71.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.0
Employment	7,046.4	<b>7,075.2</b>	19.7	<b>28.8</b>	28.8	90.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	1.3
Employment full-time	5,690.1	<b>5,695.4</b>	26.6	<b>5.3</b>	5.3	6.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.1
Unemployment	479.2	<b>484.8</b>	16.4	<b>5.6</b>	5.6	-18.8	<b>1.2</b>	1.2	-3.7
Participation rate	64.9	<b>65.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>61.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	<b>19.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,782.7	<b>1,782.0</b>	...	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	-7.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	1,081.2	<b>1,095.3</b>	12.2	<b>14.1</b>	14.1	19.7	<b>1.3</b>	1.3	1.8
Employment	927.9	<b>924.5</b>	10.9	<b>-3.4</b>	-3.4	-5.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.6
Unemployment	153.4	<b>170.8</b>	9.8	<b>17.4</b>	17.4	25.5	<b>11.3</b>	11.3	17.5
Participation rate	60.6	<b>61.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	<b>15.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.1	<b>51.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.6	<b>50.0</b>	1.3	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,734.2	<b>4,740.7</b>	...	<b>6.5</b>	6.5	78.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.7
Labour force	3,365.7	<b>3,387.6</b>	10.2	<b>21.9</b>	21.9	21.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	0.7
Employment	3,201.9	<b>3,227.1</b>	10.5	<b>25.2</b>	25.2	56.1	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	1.8
Unemployment	163.8	<b>160.4</b>	9.3	<b>-3.4</b>	-3.4	-34.3	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.1	-17.6
Participation rate	71.1	<b>71.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	<b>68.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.0	<b>8.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	5,074.5	<b>5,081.6</b>	...	<b>7.1</b>	7.1	78.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.6
Labour force	3,078.7	<b>3,077.0</b>	12.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.7	29.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	1.0
Employment	2,916.6	<b>2,923.6</b>	11.6	<b>7.0</b>	7.0	39.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.4
Unemployment	162.1	<b>153.5</b>	9.2	<b>-8.6</b>	-8.6	-10.1	<b>-5.3</b>	-5.3	-6.2
Participation rate	60.7	<b>60.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	<b>57.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	<b>21.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>7,046.4</b>	<b>7,075.2</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	1,423.3	<b>1,441.4</b>	10.2	<b>18.1</b>	18.1	25.0	<b>1.3</b>	1.3	1.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	71.9	<b>73.7</b>	2.9	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	-6.5	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	-8.1
Utilities	34.2	<b>32.9</b>	1.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	-8.6	<b>-3.8</b>	-3.8	-20.7
Utilities	51.3	<b>51.7</b>	1.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	4.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	8.8
Construction	520.3	<b>523.4</b>	6.7	<b>3.1</b>	3.1	30.1	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	6.1
Manufacturing	745.6	<b>759.6</b>	7.3	<b>14.0</b>	14.0	5.7	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	0.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Wholesale and retail trade	5,623.1	<b>5,633.8</b>	18.9	<b>10.7</b>	10.7	65.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	1,024.9	<b>1,019.4</b>	9.8	<b>-5.5</b>	-5.5	-22.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-2.2
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	324.2	<b>327.2</b>	5.4	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	-4.4	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	-1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	562.3	<b>570.5</b>	6.2	<b>8.2</b>	8.2	17.4	<b>1.5</b>	1.5	3.1
Business, building and other support services	606.5	<b>599.6</b>	7.5	<b>-6.9</b>	-6.9	4.2	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.1	0.7
Educational services	328.2	<b>326.9</b>	7.4	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	0.3
Health care and social assistance	499.8	<b>501.7</b>	7.2	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	-12.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	-2.5
Information, culture and recreation	850.7	<b>858.2</b>	7.0	<b>7.5</b>	7.5	30.3	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	3.7
Accommodation and food services	323.7	<b>317.3</b>	6.8	<b>-6.4</b>	-6.4	11.3	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.0	3.7
Other services (except public administration)	459.8	<b>464.5</b>	7.6	<b>4.7</b>	4.7	10.4	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	2.3
Public administration	281.7	<b>280.0</b>	5.3	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.7	7.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	2.7
Public administration	361.3	<b>368.4</b>	5.2	<b>7.1</b>	7.1	22.5	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	6.5

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.