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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada							
2016	29,420.0	19,188.7	17,856.7	1,332.0	65.2	6.9	60.7
2017	29,720.1	19,376.0	18,089.6	1,286.3	65.2	6.6	60.9
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2016	443.1	265.8	227.0	38.9	60.0	14.6	51.2
2017	445.0	262.8	222.1	40.7	59.1	15.5	49.9
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2016	233.6	147.9	133.4	14.6	63.3	9.9	57.1
2017	236.1	153.3	134.8	18.5	64.9	12.1	57.1
South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]							
2016	122.4	64.8	51.1	13.6	52.9	21.0	41.7
2017	121.9	60.9	47.0	13.8	50.0	22.7	38.6
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2016	87.1	53.1	42.5	10.6	61.0	20.0	48.8
2017	87.0	48.6	40.2	8.4	55.9	17.3	46.2
Prince Edward Island							
2016	121.2	78.9	69.7	9.2	65.1	11.7	57.5
2017	122.4	78.8	69.6	9.2	64.4	11.7	56.9
Nova Scotia							
2016	787.0	481.2	439.2	41.9	61.1	8.7	55.8
2017	790.1	481.8	443.5	38.3	61.0	7.9	56.1
Cape Breton [1210]							
2016	106.6	52.7	43.6	9.1	49.4	17.3	40.9
2017	105.5	54.8	47.1	7.7	51.9	14.1	44.6
North Shore [1220]							
2016	128.6	77.0	70.3	6.7	59.9	8.7	54.7
2017	128.0	76.9	70.6	6.3	60.1	8.2	55.2
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2016	102.7	58.7	54.2	4.5	57.2	7.7	52.8
2017	102.7	57.7	53.3	4.5	56.2	7.8	51.9
Southern [1240]							
2016	98.1	54.0	47.8	6.2	55.0	11.5	48.7
2017	97.6	52.5	46.7	5.9	53.8	11.2	47.8
Halifax [1250]							
2016	351.0	238.8	223.3	15.5	68.0	6.5	63.6
2017	356.2	239.9	225.8	14.0	67.3	5.8	63.4
New Brunswick							
2016	622.0	379.3	344.7	34.6	61.0	9.1	55.4
2017	623.9	380.8	347.2	33.7	61.0	8.8	55.6
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2016	128.7	71.0	60.4	10.6	55.2	14.9	46.9
2017	128.1	68.1	57.5	10.5	53.2	15.4	44.9
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2016	177.2	110.3	101.9	8.3	62.2	7.5	57.5
2017	179.2	111.8	101.8	9.9	62.4	8.9	56.8
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2016	141.9	87.6	80.5	7.1	61.7	8.1	56.7
2017	141.8	91.4	84.6	6.8	64.5	7.4	59.7
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2016	110.4	71.6	66.4	5.2	64.9	7.3	60.1
2017	111.4	72.2	68.1	4.1	64.8	5.7	61.1

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Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2016	63.8	38.9	35.6	3.3	61.0	8.5	55.8
2017	63.4	37.4	35.1	2.3	59.0	6.1	55.4
Quebec							
2016	6,862.5	4,395.9	4,061.8	334.1	64.1	7.6	59.2
2017	6,906.7	4,434.7	4,150.5	284.2	64.2	6.4	60.1
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2016	77.7	42.6	35.2	7.4	54.8	17.4	45.3
2017	77.0	40.9	34.8	6.1	53.1	14.9	45.2
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2016	169.6	94.2	85.7	8.6	55.5	9.1	50.5
2017	168.8	94.2	84.4	9.8	55.8	10.4	50.0
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2016	619.0	420.8	400.2	20.6	68.0	4.9	64.7
2017	623.5	431.1	410.8	20.3	69.1	4.7	65.9
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2016	349.4	228.3	215.6	12.8	65.3	5.6	61.7
2017	350.2	221.8	211.1	10.7	63.3	4.8	60.3
Estrie [2430]							
2016	269.9	163.6	153.0	10.6	60.6	6.5	56.7
2017	271.6	160.5	153.2	7.3	59.1	4.5	56.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2016	200.7	116.5	108.7	7.8	58.0	6.7	54.2
2017	201.4	130.3	122.5	7.8	64.7	6.0	60.8
Montérégie [2435]							
2016	1,254.6	834.1	787.3	46.8	66.5	5.6	62.8
2017	1,263.5	817.7	776.4	41.3	64.7	5.1	61.4
Montréal [2440]							
2016	1,671.9	1,072.3	957.5	114.8	64.1	10.7	57.3
2017	1,687.8	1,111.2	1,025.2	86.1	65.8	7.7	60.7
Laval [2445]							
2016	353.1	214.8	196.3	18.5	60.8	8.6	55.6
2017	356.5	231.6	211.1	20.5	65.0	8.9	59.2
Lanaudière [2450]							
2016	412.9	269.2	249.7	19.5	65.2	7.2	60.5
2017	416.0	258.8	239.3	19.5	62.2	7.5	57.5
Laurentides [2455]							
2016	495.0	324.8	308.5	16.3	65.6	5.0	62.3
2017	500.7	327.7	313.1	14.6	65.4	4.5	62.5
Outaouais [2460]							
2016	319.1	216.9	201.9	15.0	68.0	6.9	63.3
2017	321.3	209.2	197.2	12.1	65.1	5.8	61.4
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2016	120.5	76.2	71.7	4.6	63.2	6.0	59.5
2017	120.5	79.8	74.8	5.0	66.2	6.3	62.1
Mauricie [2470]							
2016	225.4	128.6	114.6	14.0	57.1	10.9	50.8
2017	225.3	122.4	114.2	8.1	54.3	6.6	50.7
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2016	231.8	136.0	124.8	11.2	58.7	8.2	53.8
2017	231.2	138.9	127.8	11.1	60.1	8.0	55.3

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Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2016	91.9	56.8	51.2	5.6	61.8	9.9	55.7
2017	91.6	58.7	54.7	4.0	64.1	6.8	59.7
Ontario							
2016	11,445.0	7,394.0	6,919.2	474.9	64.6	6.4	60.5
2017	11,592.4	7,463.2	7,018.6	444.5	64.4	6.0	60.5
Ottawa [3510]							
2016	1,101.9	724.4	681.7	42.6	65.7	5.9	61.9
2017	1,113.9	742.1	703.9	38.2	66.6	5.1	63.2
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2016	377.5	209.8	195.7	14.1	55.6	6.7	51.8
2017	379.1	232.1	222.7	9.4	61.2	4.0	58.7
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2016	327.1	165.2	156.7	8.5	50.5	5.1	47.9
2017	329.2	198.2	187.9	10.3	60.2	5.2	57.1
Toronto [3530]							
2016	5,398.4	3,603.3	3,363.2	240.1	66.7	6.7	62.3
2017	5,491.5	3,600.5	3,366.5	234.0	65.6	6.5	61.3
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2016	1,083.2	755.3	715.8	39.5	69.7	5.2	66.1
2017	1,099.5	733.2	695.3	37.9	66.7	5.2	63.2
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2016	1,203.4	764.1	711.0	53.1	63.5	6.9	59.1
2017	1,217.1	777.1	732.8	44.3	63.8	5.7	60.2
London [3560]							
2016	555.4	347.1	329.9	17.2	62.5	5.0	59.4
2017	560.9	342.9	324.0	18.9	61.1	5.5	57.8
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2016	524.5	311.9	286.5	25.3	59.5	8.1	54.6
2017	526.5	313.4	295.2	18.2	59.5	5.8	56.1
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2016	245.9	148.0	139.6	8.4	60.2	5.7	56.8
2017	246.4	159.2	150.9	8.3	64.6	5.2	61.2
Northeast [3590]							
2016	456.5	259.0	239.5	19.6	56.7	7.6	52.5
2017	456.0	258.9	240.4	18.5	56.8	7.1	52.7
Northwest [3595]							
2016	171.2	106.0	99.5	6.5	61.9	6.1	58.1
2017	172.2	105.6	99.0	6.6	61.3	6.3	57.5
Manitoba							
2016	992.1	667.3	629.0	38.3	67.3	5.7	63.4
2017	1,004.7	669.4	630.2	39.3	66.6	5.9	62.7
Southeast [4610]							
2016	90.0	60.5	57.1	3.4	67.2	5.6	63.4
2017	91.8	62.2	59.6	2.6	67.8	4.2	64.9
South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]							
2016	85.0	55.3	53.2	2.0	65.1	3.6	62.6
2017	85.8	55.5	53.8	1.7	64.7	3.1	62.7
Southwest [4630]							
2016	88.1	59.1	55.4	3.7	67.1	6.3	62.9
2017	88.8	56.0	53.1	2.9	63.1	5.2	59.8

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Winnipeg [4650]							
2016	598.1	405.8	380.7	25.1	67.8	6.2	63.7
2017	607.2	409.5	382.1	27.5	67.4	6.7	62.9
Interlake [4660]							
2016	75.2	49.4	47.0	2.4	65.7	4.9	62.5
2017	75.7	48.4	45.8	2.7	63.9	5.6	60.5
Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]							
2016	55.6	37.3	35.6	1.7	67.1	4.6	64.0
2017	55.4	37.8	35.9	1.9	68.2	5.0	64.8
Saskatchewan							
2016	865.0	603.2	570.7	32.5	69.7	5.4	66.0
2017	872.3	602.8	563.1	39.7	69.1	6.6	64.6
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2016	264.7	193.1	185.4	7.8	73.0	4.0	70.0
2017	267.5	191.3	180.9	10.3	71.5	5.4	67.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2016	82.4	54.4	52.5	1.9	66.0	3.5	63.7
2017	81.8	54.6	52.8	1.8	66.7	3.3	64.5
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2016	297.7	208.8	196.6	12.1	70.1	5.8	66.0
2017	302.1	210.6	195.5	15.1	69.7	7.2	64.7
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2016	62.2	38.4	35.9	2.5	61.7	6.5	57.7
2017	61.5	40.8	38.1	2.7	66.3	6.6	62.0
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2016	158.0	108.6	100.2	8.3	68.7	7.6	63.4
2017	159.4	105.6	95.8	9.8	66.2	9.3	60.1
Alberta							
2016	3,379.2	2,439.5	2,269.8	169.7	72.2	7.0	67.2
2017	3,409.8	2,461.5	2,251.5	210.1	72.2	8.5	66.0
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2016	230.3	157.8	148.8	9.1	68.5	5.8	64.6
2017	229.7	156.0	145.4	10.6	67.9	6.8	63.3
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2016	161.9	108.7	101.9	6.7	67.1	6.2	62.9
2017	160.7	109.2	99.5	9.7	68.0	8.9	61.9
Calgary [4830]							
2016	1,279.6	921.5	851.7	69.8	72.0	7.6	66.6
2017	1,297.1	963.5	871.8	91.7	74.3	9.5	67.2
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]							
2016	277.4	198.1	182.3	15.7	71.4	7.9	65.7
2017	276.2	194.6	180.8	13.9	70.5	7.1	65.5
Red Deer [4850]							
2016	171.5	118.6	110.7	7.9	69.2	6.7	64.5
2017	172.7	123.4	112.0	11.4	71.5	9.2	64.9
Edmonton [4860]							
2016	1,140.5	843.6	791.4	52.2	74.0	6.2	69.4
2017	1,154.9	825.1	760.5	64.6	71.4	7.8	65.8
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2016	118.1	91.3	83.0	8.2	77.3	9.0	70.3
2017	118.4	89.7	81.5	8.2	75.8	9.1	68.8

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British Columbia							
2016	3,903.0	2,483.6	2,325.7	157.9	63.6	6.4	59.6
2017	3,952.9	2,540.0	2,393.4	146.6	64.3	5.8	60.5
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2016	657.9	388.0	360.3	27.7	59.0	7.1	54.8
2017	665.0	401.4	380.0	21.4	60.4	5.3	57.1
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2016	2,439.5	1,591.6	1,502.2	89.4	65.2	5.6	61.6
2017	2,475.0	1,608.2	1,528.5	79.6	65.0	4.9	61.8
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2016	433.2	263.6	241.6	22.0	60.8	8.3	55.8
2017	438.9	274.1	250.5	23.6	62.5	8.6	57.1
Kootenay [5940]							
2016	122.1	71.0	65.4	5.6	58.1	7.9	53.6
2017	122.6	79.5	73.4	6.1	64.8	7.7	59.9
Cariboo [5950]							
2016	127.6	82.8	76.3	6.5	64.9	7.9	59.8
2017	127.9	88.2	80.3	7.8	69.0	8.8	62.8
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2016	66.6	43.0	40.0	3.0	64.6	7.0	60.1
2017	67.1	44.1	40.7	3.3	65.7	7.5	60.7
Northeast [5980]							
2016	56.1	43.7	40.0	3.7	77.9	8.5	71.3
2017	56.5	44.6	39.9	4.7	78.9	10.5	70.6

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.