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- r revised
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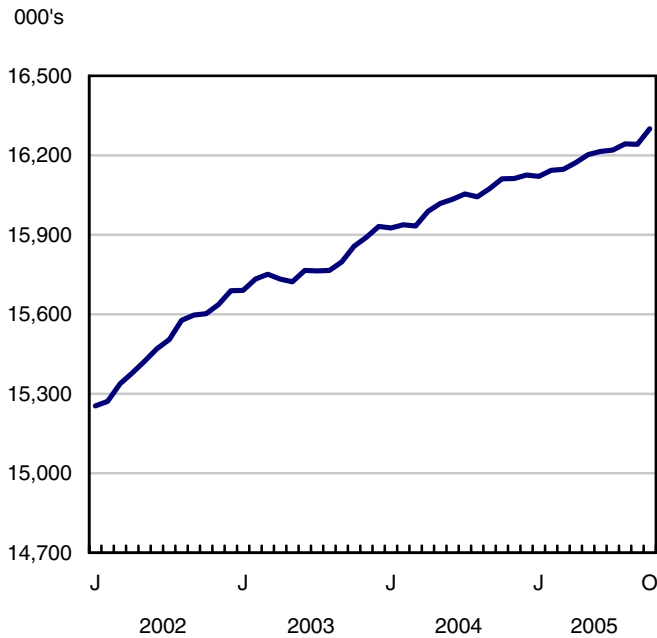
## October 2005

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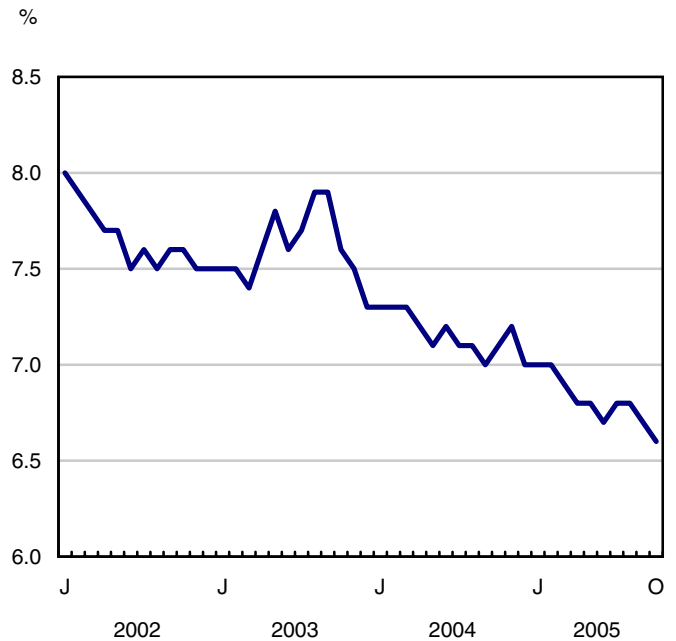
Chart 1

Employment in thousands and unemployment rate, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Employment



Unemployment rate



## Analysis — October 2005

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After several months of moderate growth, employment jumped by an estimated 69,000 in October, almost all part-time. The unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage points to 6.6%, the lowest in three decades.

The employment increase in October brings gains over the first ten months of the year to 204,000 (+1.3%). Despite a large increase in part-time jobs in October, gains so far this year have been mostly in full-time employment.

Average hourly wages of employees have risen by 3.9% over the past 12 months, slightly above September's 3.4% year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index.

### More private sector employees

Nearly all of the employment growth in October was among private sector employees (+59,000). This brings overall job gains among employees in the private sector to 97,000 (+ 0.9%) since the start of the year. Over the same 10 month period, the number of self-employed has grown by 87,000 (+3.5%) while the number of public sector workers is up only 21,000 (+0.7%).

### Retail fuels job growth

In October, employment rose by 30,000 in trade, mostly retail, with increases among youths and adult men. The largest gains were in furniture and home furnishing stores as well as building material and garden equipment dealers. This month's increase brings total gains in trade since the beginning of the year to 76,000 (+3.0%), driven by strength in British Columbia.

Employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing rose by 26,000 in October, offsetting the previous month's decline. This leaves the number of people working in the industry up slightly (+1.3%) since the start of the year. The largest increases in October were in Quebec and Alberta.

There were 18,000 more people employed in professional, scientific and technical services in October. So far in 2005, employment in the industry is up 3.6% (+37,000). Most of the increase in October was in Ontario.

Employment in natural resources continued to increase, up 9,000 in October, bringing total gains to 29,000 (+9.9%) from 12 months ago. Over the past year, there has been strong growth in the oil and gas sector in Alberta.

In October, there were 13,000 fewer people working in public administration, leaving employment down slightly from 12 months ago (-1.2%). Most of this decline has been in federal public administration.

The number of factory jobs edged down again in October. Compared to 12 months ago, employment in manufacturing is down 5.6% (-129,000). Although weakness continues to be widespread, the largest declines have occurred in furniture, machinery, and textile processing as well as in printing activities.

### Youths and adult women find jobs

Youth employment rose by 32,000 in October, all in part-time. Despite this increase, youth employment has been weak in 2005 with a gain of only 0.3%. This contrasts with the first ten months of last year when employment among 15 to 24 year-olds increased by 1.3%. Their unemployment rate fell 0.6 percentage points in October to 12.1%.



Employment among adult women aged 25 and over rose by 27,000, with gains in both full and part-time. Their unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage points to 5.6%. For adult men, employment was little changed in October and their unemployment rate edged up to 5.6% (+0.1 percentage points) as more men aged 25 and over entered the labour force.

So far in 2005, employment growth among adult women has been similar to that of adult men (+1.4% and +1.5%, respectively). The increases over this period have been predominantly in full-time work.

## Provincial focus

In October, employment increased by 21,000 in Ontario with the largest gains in professional, scientific and technical services as well as education. Despite more people working, there was a similar increase in the number of entrants to the labour force, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at 6.4%. Since the start of the year, employment in the province has increased by 92,000 (+1.4%) with the largest gains in education, construction, and professional, scientific and technical services. In contrast, the manufacturing sector now employs 42,000 (-3.9%) fewer workers than at the end of 2004.

In October, employment continued on its upward trend in Quebec with an increase of 16,000. Since last May, when the trend began, employment is up 66,000 (+1.8%), mostly in educational services and in health care and social assistance. The number of workers employed in manufacturing continued on its downward trend over the same period. The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points in October to 8.3%.

Employment in British Columbia rose by 14,000 in October, with strong gains in retail and wholesale trade. Overall employment in the province is now 2.8% (+59,000) above the level at the end of 2004, the strongest job growth rate in the country. In October, the unemployment rate fell 0.6 percentage points to 5.1%, the lowest in the last thirty years.

Employment in Alberta rose by 11,000 in October, all in part-time. This month's employment increase brings total gains since the start of the year to 27,000 with strength in professional, scientific and technical services, transportation and warehousing, and in natural resources. However, there has been weakness over the same period in accommodation and food as well as manufacturing. The unemployment rate in the province edged down in October to 4.0% (-0.1 percentage points).

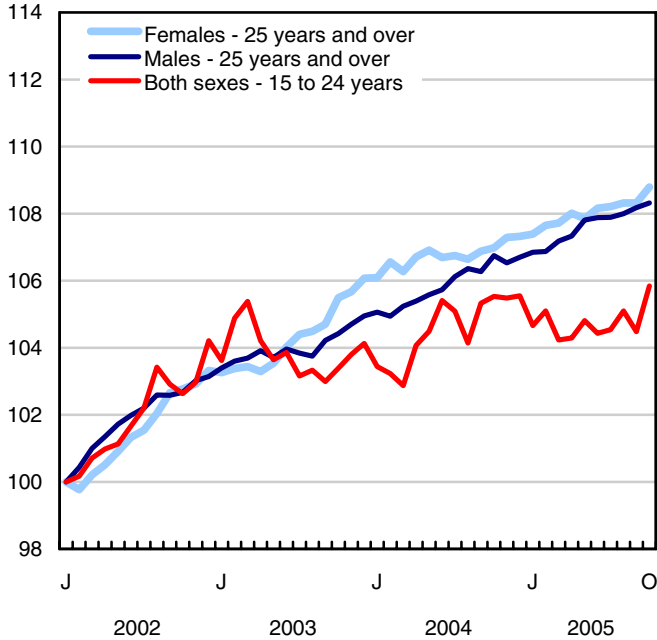
In Nova Scotia, employment increased by 5,000 in October with strong gains in retail and wholesale trade as well as in construction. However, the unemployment rate edged up to 8.5% (+0.1 percentage points) as more people joined the labour market. Despite the job increase in October, employment is up by only 0.4% so far in the year.

Employment in the other provinces was little changed in October.

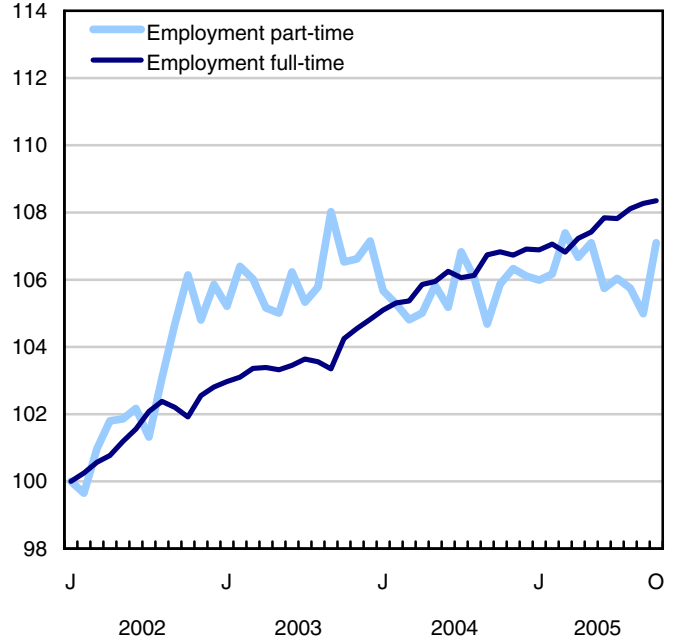
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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Employment index, January 2002=100



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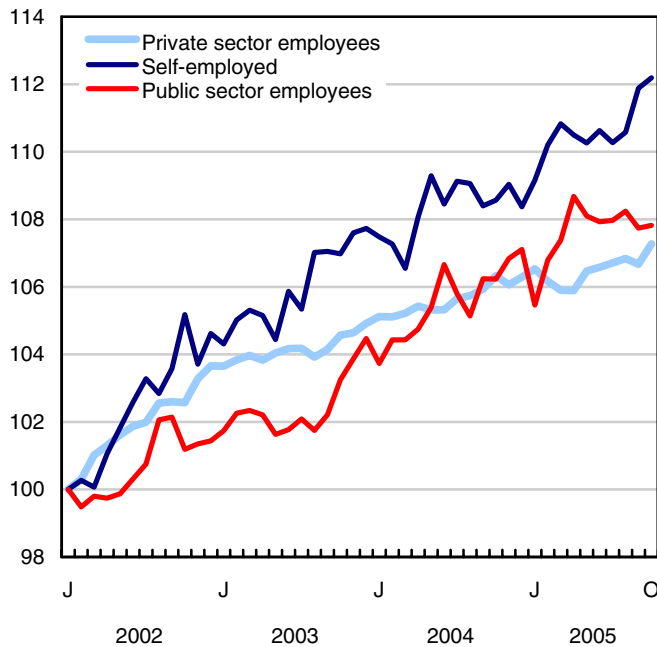
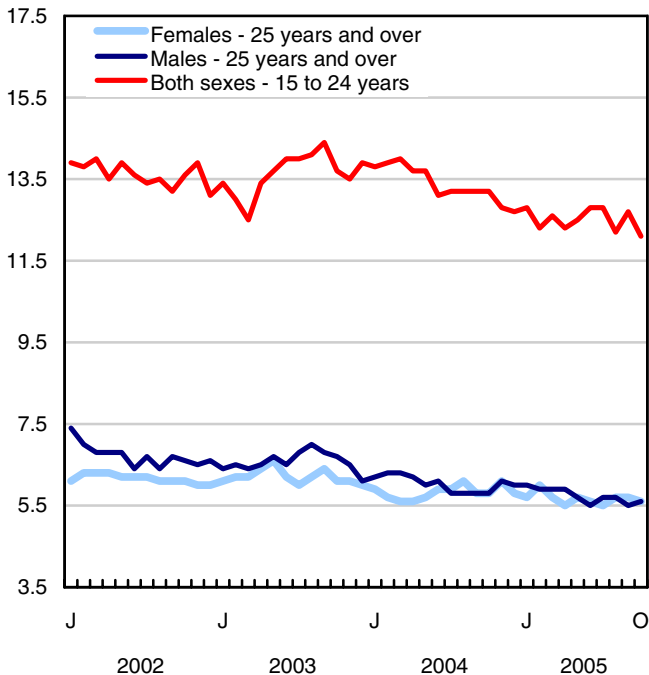


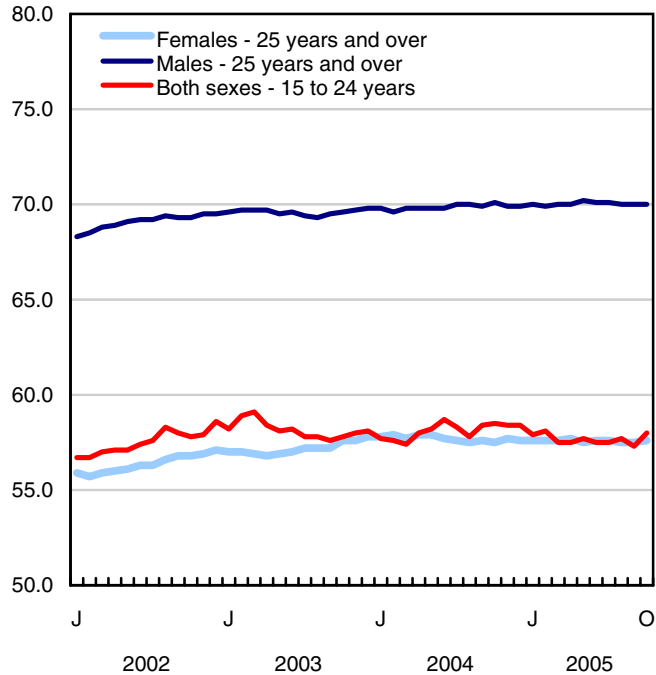
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Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

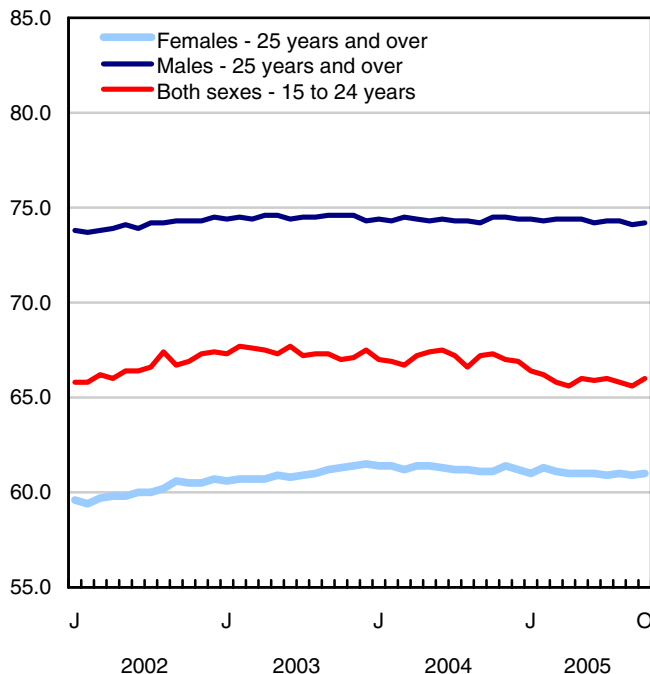


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Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2002=100

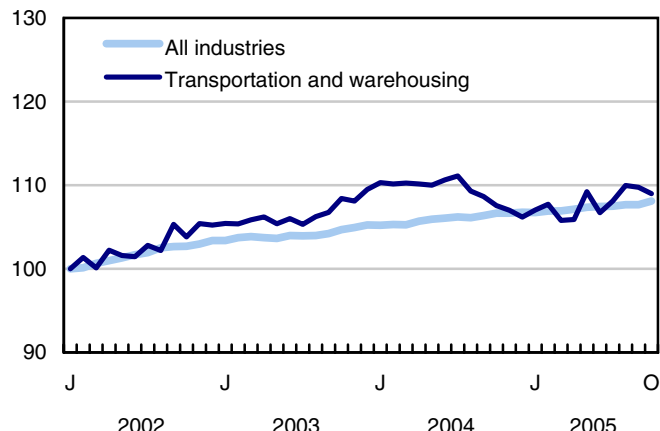
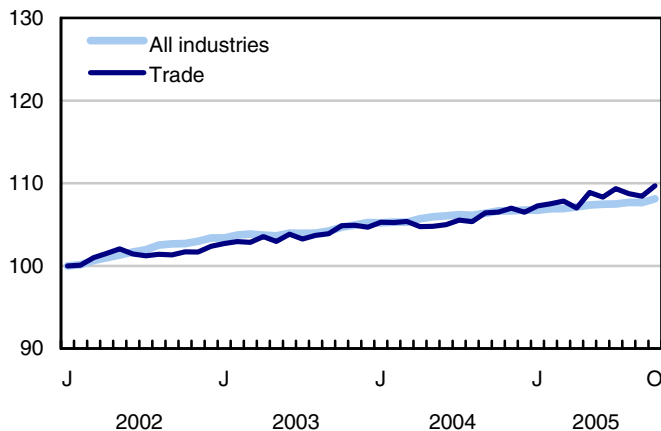
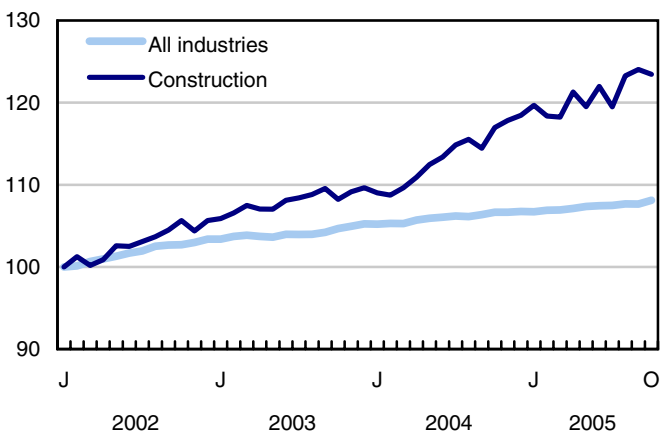
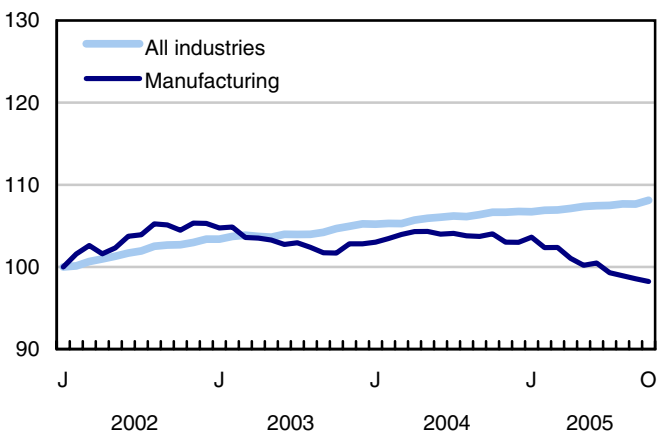
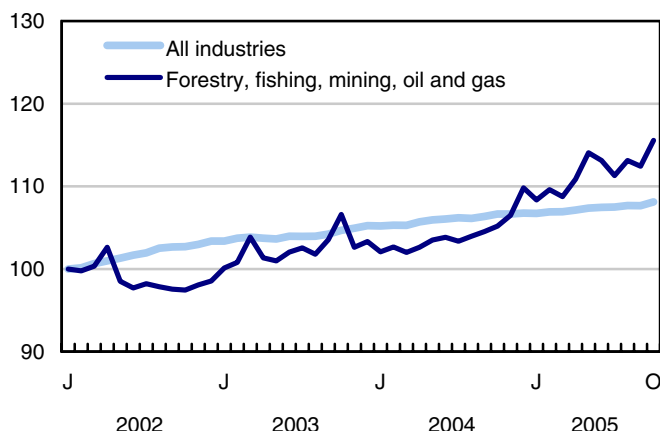
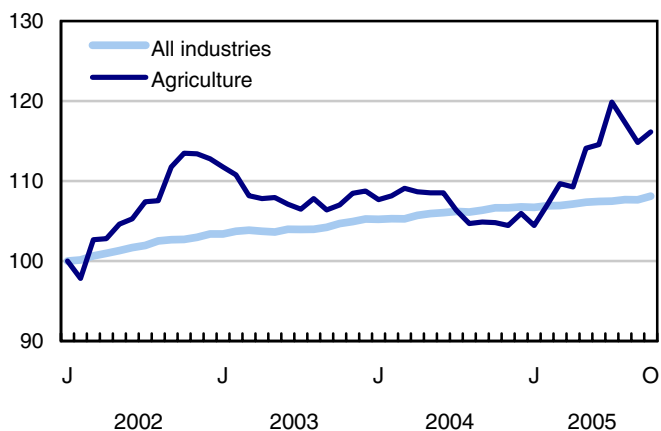


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Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2002 = 100

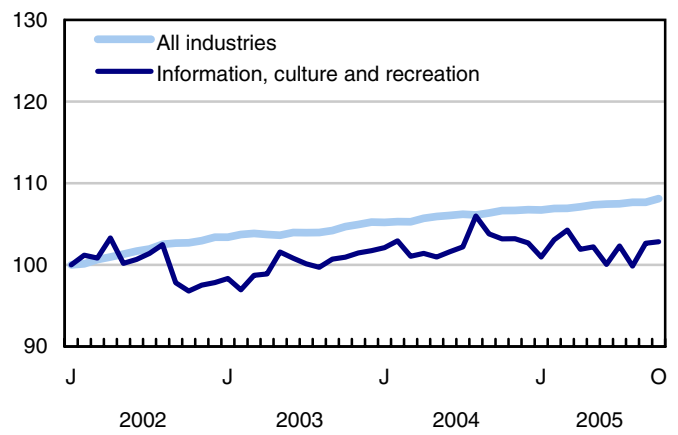
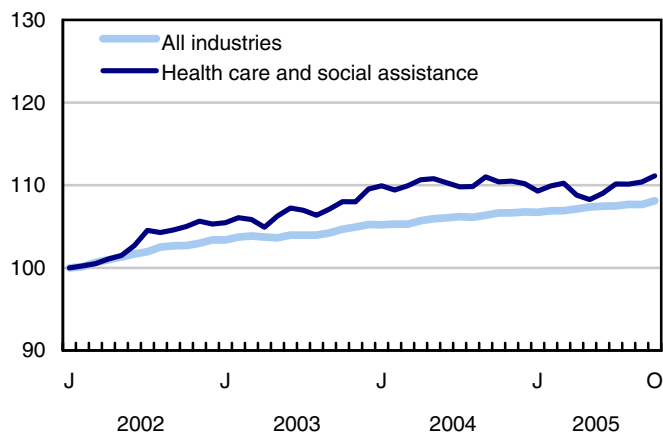
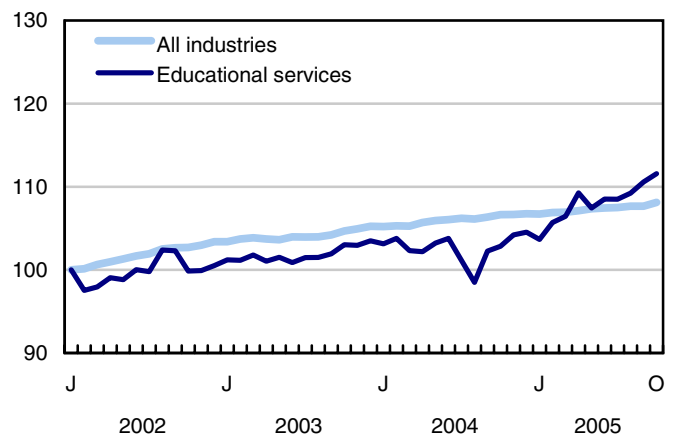
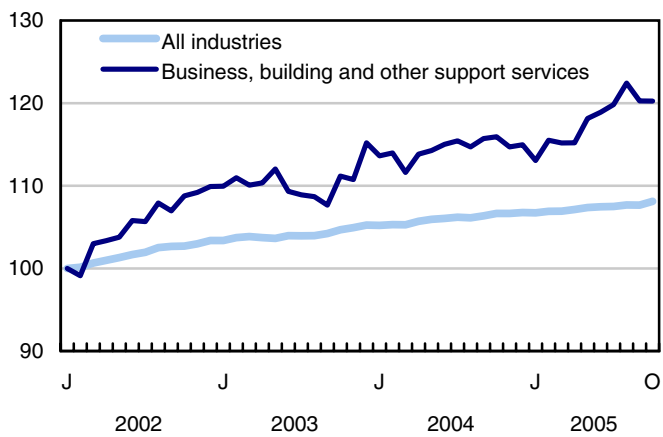
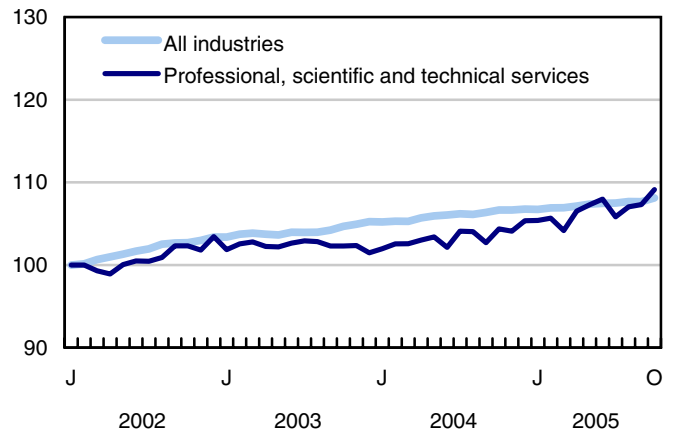
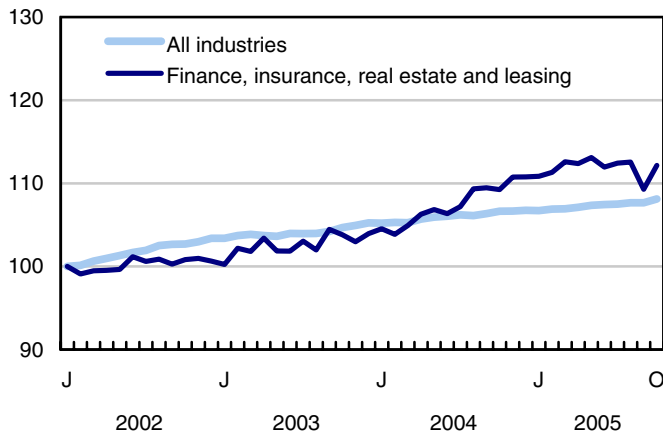


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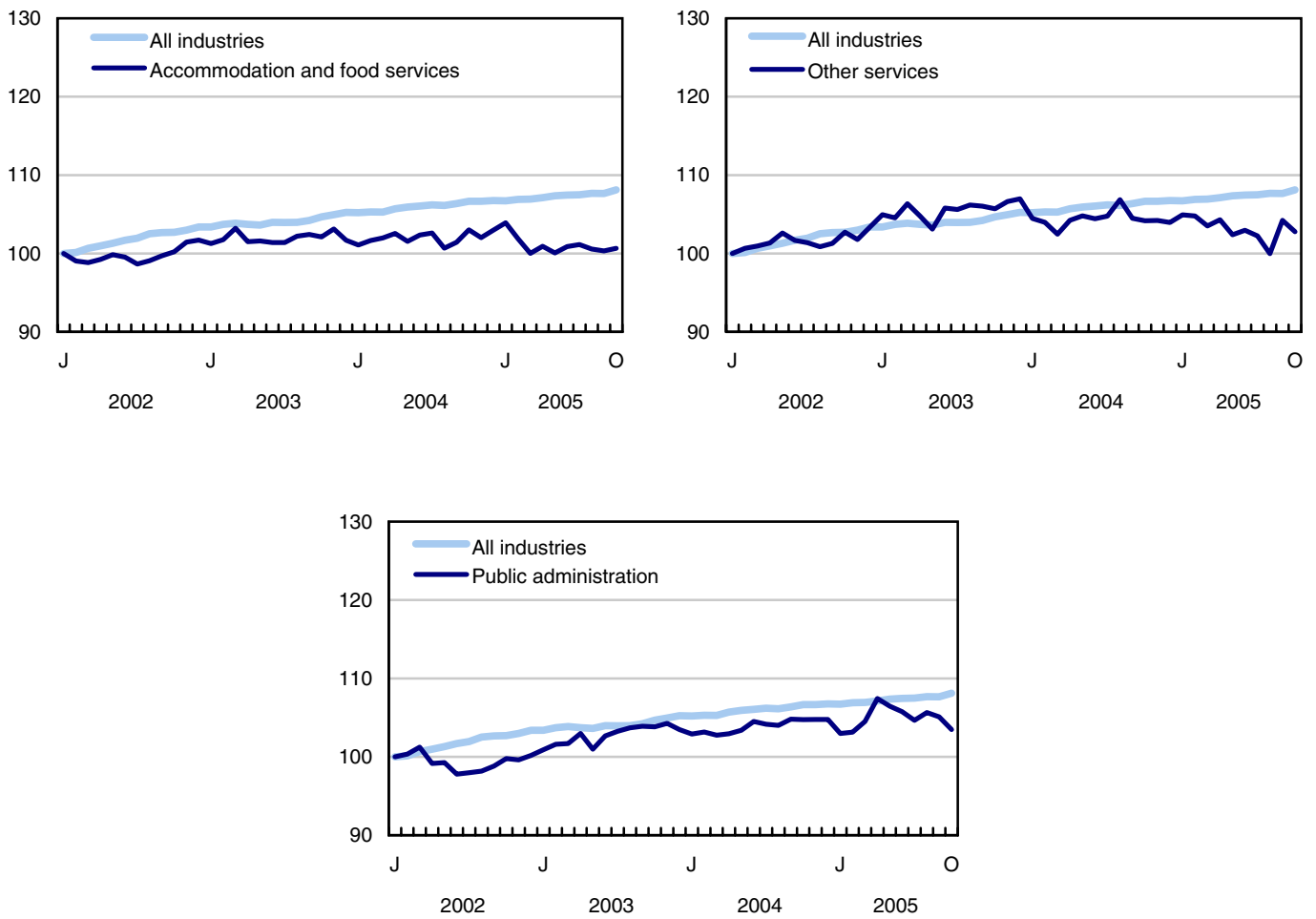


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2002 = 100

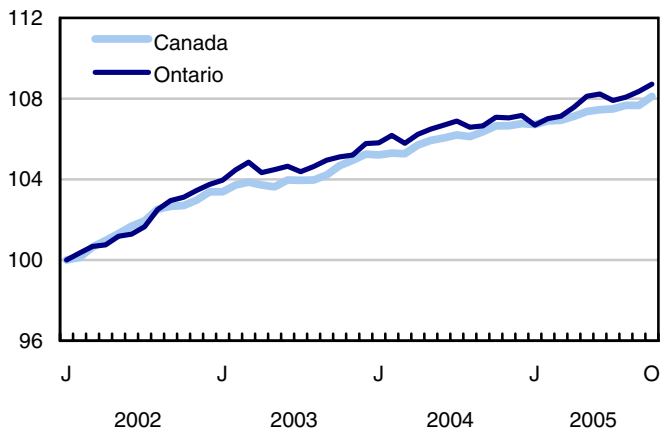
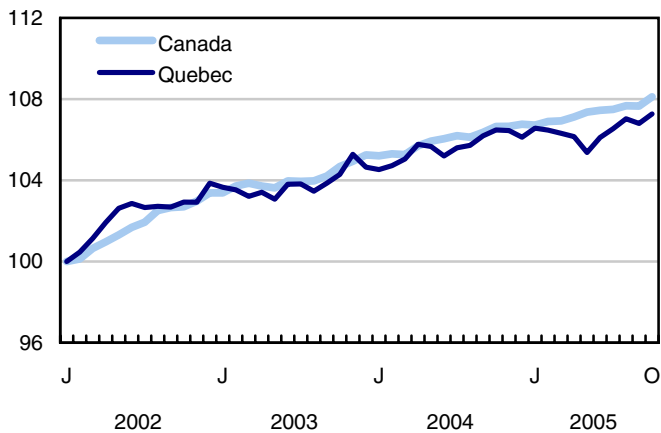
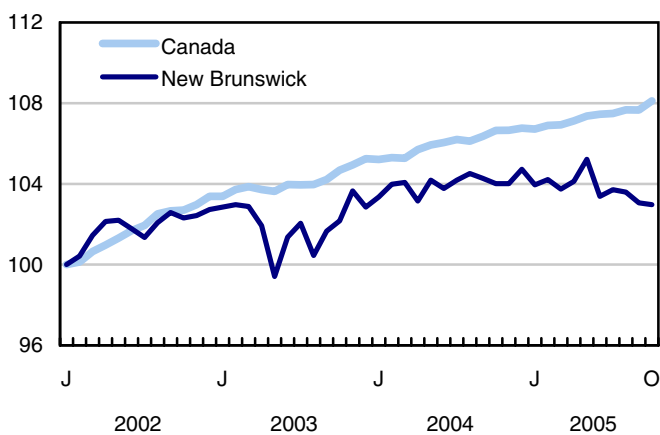
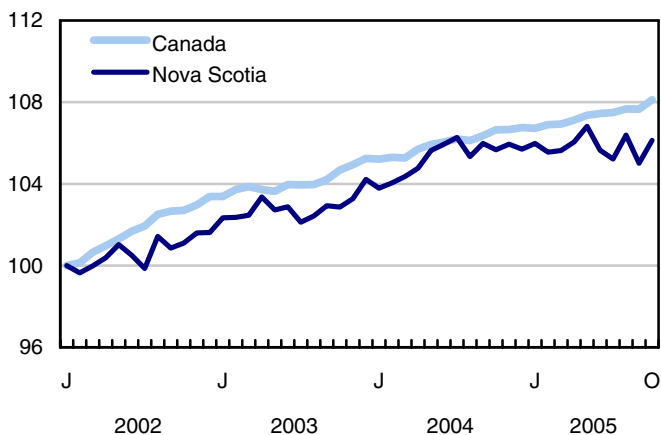
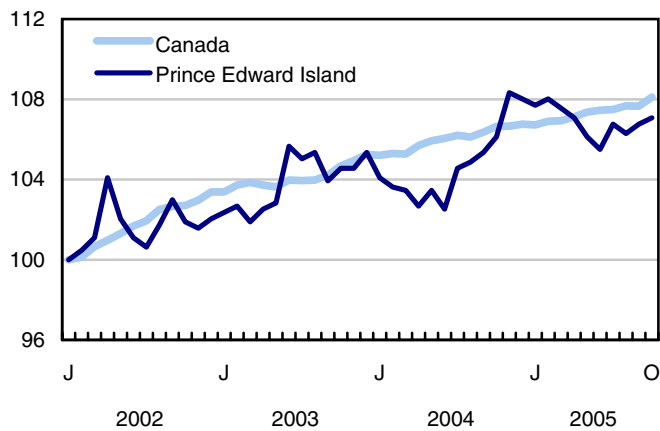
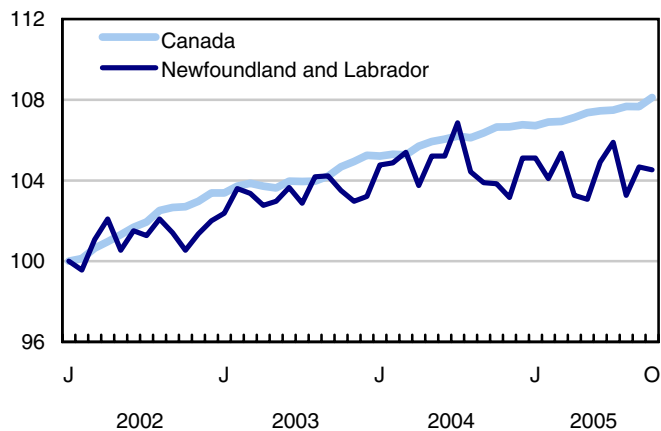
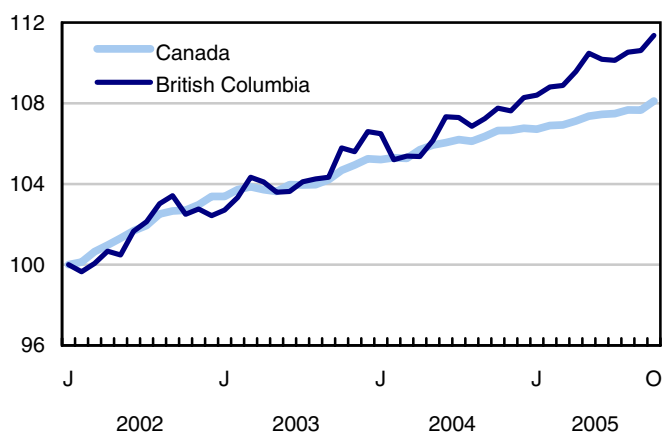
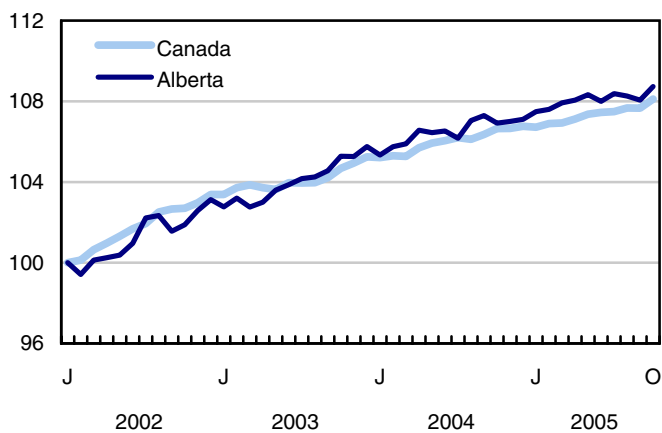
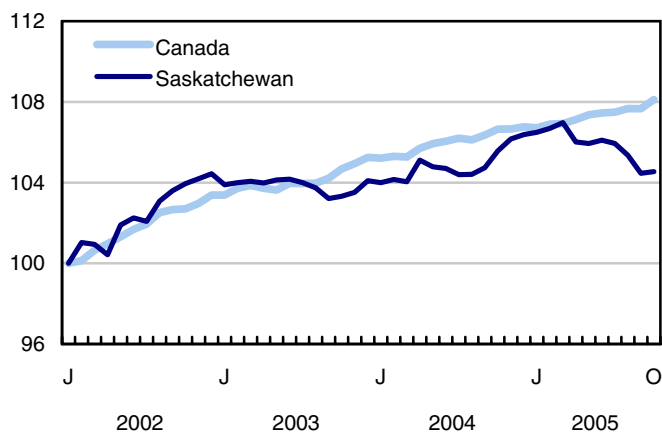
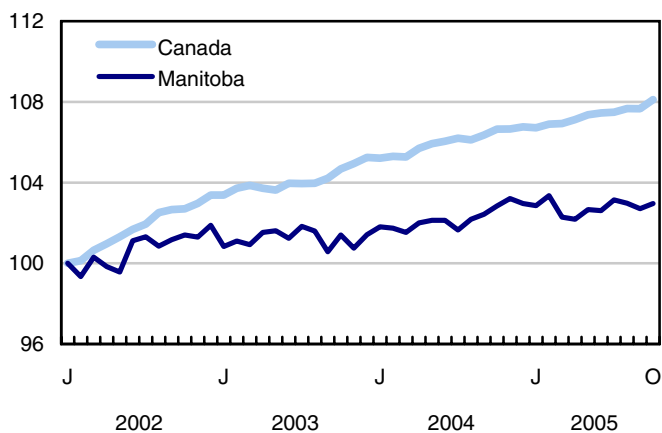


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2002 = 100





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Table 1

## Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada, seasonally adjusted

|                                      | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                      |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)          |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 25,894.3          | <b>25,928.5</b> | ...               | <b>34.2</b>   | 331.7            | 383.1                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.3              | 1.5                     |
| Labour force                         | 17,370.2          | <b>17,423.1</b> | 28.1              | <b>52.9</b>   | 143.1            | 158.9                   | <b>0.3</b>          | 0.8              | 0.9                     |
| Employment                           | 16,198.4          | <b>16,267.1</b> | 28.9              | <b>68.7</b>   | 204.0            | 220.3                   | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.3              | 1.4                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 13,265.6          | <b>13,275.1</b> | 35.0              | <b>9.5</b>    | 176.4            | 185.9                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.3              | 1.4                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 2,932.9           | <b>2,992.0</b>  | 31.6              | <b>59.1</b>   | 27.6             | 34.5                    | <b>2.0</b>          | 0.9              | 1.2                     |
| Unemployment                         | 1,171.8           | <b>1,155.9</b>  | 24.2              | <b>-15.9</b>  | -61.0            | -61.5                   | <b>-1.4</b>         | -5.0             | -5.1                    |
| Participation rate                   | 67.1              | <b>67.2</b>     | 0.1               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.3             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 6.7               | <b>6.6</b>      | 0.1               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.4             | -0.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 62.6              | <b>62.7</b>     | 0.1               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 18.1              | <b>18.4</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.3</b>    | -0.1             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>    |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 4,291.1           | <b>4,295.7</b>  | ...               | <b>4.6</b>    | 40.0             | 45.4                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.9              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                         | 2,816.8           | <b>2,834.1</b>  | 16.9              | <b>17.3</b>   | -11.3            | -27.5                   | <b>0.6</b>          | -0.4             | -1.0                    |
| Employment                           | 2,459.8           | <b>2,491.8</b>  | 16.5              | <b>32.0</b>   | 6.9              | 7.4                     | <b>1.3</b>          | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 1,386.8           | <b>1,370.8</b>  | 18.0              | <b>-16.0</b>  | 0.1              | -4.5                    | <b>-1.2</b>         | 0.0              | -0.3                    |
| Employment part-time                 | 1,073.1           | <b>1,121.0</b>  | 18.4              | <b>47.9</b>   | 6.8              | 11.8                    | <b>4.5</b>          | 0.6              | 1.1                     |
| Unemployment                         | 356.9             | <b>342.2</b>    | 14.3              | <b>-14.7</b>  | -18.3            | -35.0                   | <b>-4.1</b>         | -5.1             | -9.3                    |
| Participation rate                   | 65.6              | <b>66.0</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.9             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 12.7              | <b>12.1</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.6             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 57.3              | <b>58.0</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.7</b>    | -0.4             | -0.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 43.6              | <b>45.0</b>     | 0.7               | <b>1.4</b>    | 0.1              | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>        |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 10,547.0          | <b>10,562.1</b> | ...               | <b>15.1</b>   | 145.1            | 167.5                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.4              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force                         | 7,817.2           | <b>7,832.6</b>  | 14.6              | <b>15.4</b>   | 80.2             | 92.8                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.0              | 1.2                     |
| Employment                           | 7,386.7           | <b>7,396.1</b>  | 16.2              | <b>9.4</b>    | 110.8            | 106.9                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 6,902.5           | <b>6,911.5</b>  | 19.7              | <b>9.0</b>    | 78.1             | 64.9                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.1              | 0.9                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 484.3             | <b>484.6</b>    | 14.5              | <b>0.3</b>    | 32.7             | 42.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 7.2              | 9.5                     |
| Unemployment                         | 430.4             | <b>436.4</b>    | 13.9              | <b>6.0</b>    | -30.8            | -14.2                   | <b>1.4</b>          | -6.6             | -3.2                    |
| Participation rate                   | 74.1              | <b>74.2</b>     | 0.1               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.2             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 5.5               | <b>5.6</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 70.0              | <b>70.0</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.1              | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 6.6               | <b>6.6</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.3              | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>      |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 11,056.2          | <b>11,070.7</b> | ...               | <b>14.5</b>   | 146.6            | 170.2                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.3              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force                         | 6,736.3           | <b>6,756.4</b>  | 15.9              | <b>20.1</b>   | 74.2             | 93.7                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.1              | 1.4                     |
| Employment                           | 6,351.8           | <b>6,379.2</b>  | 16.1              | <b>27.4</b>   | 86.3             | 106.1                   | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.4              | 1.7                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 4,976.3           | <b>4,992.8</b>  | 22.7              | <b>16.5</b>   | 98.2             | 125.5                   | <b>0.3</b>          | 2.0              | 2.6                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 1,375.5           | <b>1,386.4</b>  | 20.7              | <b>10.9</b>   | -12.0            | -19.4                   | <b>0.8</b>          | -0.9             | -1.4                    |
| Unemployment                         | 384.4             | <b>377.3</b>    | 12.6              | <b>-7.1</b>   | -12.0            | -12.3                   | <b>-1.8</b>         | -3.1             | -3.2                    |
| Participation rate                   | 60.9              | <b>61.0</b>     | 0.1               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.2             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 5.7               | <b>5.6</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 57.5              | <b>57.6</b>     | 0.1               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.0              | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 21.7              | <b>21.7</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.5             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>    |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 14,151.3          | <b>14,161.7</b> | ...               | <b>10.4</b>   | 103.2            | 115.3                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.7              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                         | 12,189.8          | <b>12,212.2</b> | 21.2              | <b>22.4</b>   | 48.3             | 58.8                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Employment                           | 11,499.7          | <b>11,521.7</b> | 22.8              | <b>22.0</b>   | 89.8             | 92.6                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.8              | 0.8                     |
| Unemployment                         | 690.1             | <b>690.6</b>    | 18.1              | <b>0.5</b>    | -41.4            | -33.6                   | <b>0.1</b>          | -5.7             | -4.6                    |
| Participation rate                   | 86.1              | <b>86.2</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 5.7               | <b>5.7</b>      | 0.1               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 81.3              | <b>81.4</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.1              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 2

## Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands                                    |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Class of worker</b>                          |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Employees                                       | 13,665.5          | <b>13,727.2</b> | 30.7              | <b>61.7</b>   | 117.5            | 138.4                   | <b>0.5</b>          | 0.9              | 1.0                     |
| Self-employed <sup>2</sup>                      | 2,532.9           | <b>2,539.9</b>  | 18.7              | <b>7.0</b>    | 86.5             | 81.9                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 3.5              | 3.3                     |
| <b>Public/private sector employees</b>          |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Public sector employees                         | 3,116.7           | <b>3,119.2</b>  | 18.0              | <b>2.5</b>    | 20.5             | 46.1                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.7              | 1.5                     |
| Private sector employees                        | 10,548.8          | <b>10,608.0</b> | 31.1              | <b>59.2</b>   | 97.0             | 92.4                    | <b>0.6</b>          | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 16,198.4          | <b>16,267.1</b> | 28.9              | <b>68.7</b>   | 204.0            | 220.3                   | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.3              | 1.4                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | 4,010.4           | <b>4,007.2</b>  | 22.7              | <b>-3.2</b>   | -16.7            | -16.2                   | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.4             | -0.4                    |
| Agriculture                                     | 348.6             | <b>352.6</b>    | 6.3               | <b>4.0</b>    | 30.9             | 34.4                    | <b>1.1</b>          | 9.6              | 10.8                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 308.4             | <b>317.0</b>    | 5.5               | <b>8.6</b>    | 15.8             | 28.5                    | <b>2.8</b>          | 5.2              | 9.9                     |
| Utilities                                       | 128.3             | <b>125.1</b>    | 3.8               | <b>-3.2</b>   | 0.5              | -5.1                    | <b>-2.5</b>         | 0.4              | -3.9                    |
| Construction                                    | 1,041.9           | <b>1,037.0</b>  | 13.2              | <b>-4.9</b>   | 42.0             | 54.5                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | 4.2              | 5.5                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 2,183.2           | <b>2,175.5</b>  | 18.1              | <b>-7.7</b>   | -106.0           | -128.6                  | <b>-0.4</b>         | -4.6             | -5.6                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | 12,188.0          | <b>12,259.9</b> | 30.4              | <b>71.9</b>   | 220.7            | 236.6                   | <b>0.6</b>          | 1.8              | 2.0                     |
| Trade   | 2,569.8           | <b>2,599.9</b>  | 18.9              | <b>30.1</b>   | 75.7             | 75.3                    | <b>1.2</b>          | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 813.0             | <b>807.4</b>    | 11.0              | <b>-5.6</b>   | 20.8             | 10.6                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | 2.6              | 1.3                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 971.2             | <b>996.8</b>    | 12.1              | <b>25.6</b>   | 12.4             | 25.9                    | <b>2.6</b>          | 1.3              | 2.7                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,049.0           | <b>1,066.6</b>  | 12.7              | <b>17.6</b>   | 36.8             | 46.4                    | <b>1.7</b>          | 3.6              | 4.5                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 662.1             | <b>662.0</b>    | 11.7              | <b>-0.1</b>   | 29.2             | 23.8                    | <b>0.0</b>          | 4.6              | 3.7                     |
| Educational services                            | 1,117.7           | <b>1,127.9</b>  | 12.0              | <b>10.2</b>   | 71.2             | 88.4                    | <b>0.9</b>          | 6.7              | 8.5                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 1,739.3           | <b>1,751.4</b>  | 13.8              | <b>12.1</b>   | 15.0             | 11.6                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 0.9              | 0.7                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 733.0             | <b>734.4</b>    | 12.0              | <b>1.4</b>    | 1.1              | -2.5                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.2              | -0.3                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 990.5             | <b>993.8</b>    | 13.2              | <b>3.3</b>    | -22.9            | -23.2                   | <b>0.3</b>          | -2.3             | -2.3                    |
| Other services                                  | 703.8             | <b>694.0</b>    | 11.1              | <b>-9.8</b>   | -8.0             | -9.5                    | <b>-1.4</b>         | -1.1             | -1.4                    |
| Public administration                           | 838.7             | <b>825.8</b>    | 9.5               | <b>-12.9</b>  | -10.4            | -10.1                   | <b>-1.5</b>         | -1.2             | -1.2                    |

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

2. Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family business without pay.

**Note:** Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

Table 3

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

|                                  | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                  |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)      |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 429.3             | <b>429.4</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.0             | -0.9                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -0.2             | -0.2                    |
| Labour force                     | 254.0             | <b>253.3</b>    | 2.4               | <b>-0.7</b>   | 1.1              | 1.0                     | <b>-0.3</b>         | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Employment                       | 215.1             | <b>214.8</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -1.2             | 1.4                     | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.6             | 0.7                     |
| Employment full-time             | 184.4             | <b>184.0</b>    | 2.7               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 0.8              | -0.8                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 0.4              | -0.4                    |
| Employment part-time             | 30.7              | <b>30.9</b>     | 2.0               | <b>0.2</b>    | -1.8             | 2.3                     | <b>0.7</b>          | -5.5             | 8.0                     |
| Unemployment                     | 38.9              | <b>38.5</b>     | 2.3               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 2.3              | -0.4                    | <b>-1.0</b>         | 6.4              | -1.0                    |
| Participation rate               | 59.2              | <b>59.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 15.3              | <b>15.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.8              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 50.1              | <b>50.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.2             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>      |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 111.7             | <b>111.8</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.6              | 0.7                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.5              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                     | 76.5              | <b>76.6</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | 0.4                     | <b>0.1</b>          | -0.1             | 0.5                     |
| Employment                       | 67.9              | <b>68.1</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.6             | 0.6                     | <b>0.3</b>          | -0.9             | 0.9                     |
| Employment full-time             | 56.6              | <b>57.3</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.7</b>    | -0.2             | 1.0                     | <b>1.2</b>          | -0.3             | 1.8                     |
| Employment part-time             | 11.3              | <b>10.7</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.5             | -0.6                    | <b>-5.3</b>         | -4.5             | -5.3                    |
| Unemployment                     | 8.6               | <b>8.5</b>      | 0.7               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.5              | -0.1                    | <b>-1.2</b>         | 6.2              | -1.2                    |
| Participation rate               | 68.5              | <b>68.5</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.5             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 11.2              | <b>11.1</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.7              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 60.8              | <b>60.9</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.9             | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 761.5             | <b>761.7</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 2.9              | 3.5                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                     | 480.9             | <b>486.3</b>    | 3.0               | <b>5.4</b>    | -0.3             | 1.4                     | <b>1.1</b>          | -0.1             | 0.3                     |
| Employment                       | 440.5             | <b>445.2</b>    | 3.2               | <b>4.7</b>    | 1.8              | 1.9                     | <b>1.1</b>          | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Employment full-time             | 354.9             | <b>361.6</b>    | 3.7               | <b>6.7</b>    | 2.7              | 1.6                     | <b>1.9</b>          | 0.8              | 0.4                     |
| Employment part-time             | 85.6              | <b>83.6</b>     | 3.3               | <b>-2.0</b>   | -0.9             | 0.2                     | <b>-2.3</b>         | -1.1             | 0.2                     |
| Unemployment                     | 40.4              | <b>41.2</b>     | 2.7               | <b>0.8</b>    | -2.0             | -0.4                    | <b>2.0</b>          | -4.6             | -1.0                    |
| Participation rate               | 63.2              | <b>63.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.6</b>    | -0.3             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 8.4               | <b>8.5</b>      | 0.6               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 57.8              | <b>58.4</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.6</b>    | 0.0              | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>             |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 611.1             | <b>611.3</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 2.7              | 3.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                     | 387.6             | <b>390.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>2.4</b>    | 0.6              | 1.1                     | <b>0.6</b>          | 0.2              | 0.3                     |
| Employment                       | 347.3             | <b>347.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -5.9             | -3.5                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -1.7             | -1.0                    |
| Employment full-time             | 292.6             | <b>290.4</b>    | 2.8               | <b>-2.2</b>   | -6.7             | -5.8                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -2.3             | -2.0                    |
| Employment part-time             | 54.7              | <b>56.6</b>     | 2.3               | <b>1.9</b>    | 0.8              | 2.4                     | <b>3.5</b>          | 1.4              | 4.4                     |
| Unemployment                     | 40.3              | <b>43.0</b>     | 2.3               | <b>2.7</b>    | 6.5              | 4.6                     | <b>6.7</b>          | 17.8             | 12.0                    |
| Participation rate               | 63.4              | <b>63.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 10.4              | <b>11.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.6</b>    | 1.6              | 1.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 56.8              | <b>56.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.2             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Quebec</b>                    |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 6,198.1           | <b>6,204.5</b>  | ...               | <b>6.4</b>    | 60.7             | 71.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.0              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                     | 4,069.2           | <b>4,083.5</b>  | 15.2              | <b>14.3</b>   | 31.0             | 20.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 0.8              | 0.5                     |
| Employment                       | 3,727.8           | <b>3,743.9</b>  | 15.5              | <b>16.1</b>   | 40.0             | 27.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.1              | 0.7                     |
| Employment full-time             | 3,049.0           | <b>3,057.8</b>  | 19.2              | <b>8.8</b>    | 11.3             | 2.2                     | <b>0.3</b>          | 0.4              | 0.1                     |
| Employment part-time             | 678.8             | <b>686.1</b>    | 17.1              | <b>7.3</b>    | 28.7             | 25.4                    | <b>1.1</b>          | 4.4              | 3.8                     |
| Unemployment                     | 341.4             | <b>339.7</b>    | 13.6              | <b>-1.7</b>   | -8.9             | -6.9                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | -2.6             | -2.0                    |
| Participation rate               | 65.7              | <b>65.8</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.2             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 8.4               | <b>8.3</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.3             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 60.1              | <b>60.3</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.0              | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

|                             | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                             |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates) |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Ontario</b>              |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                  | 10,113.6          | <b>10,128.7</b> | ...               | <b>15.1</b>   | 156.7            | 179.4                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.6              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                | 6,863.1           | <b>6,887.1</b>  | 18.9              | <b>24.0</b>   | 68.1             | 92.3                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.0              | 1.4                     |
| Employment                  | 6,424.4           | <b>6,445.6</b>  | 19.1              | <b>21.2</b>   | 92.1             | 97.2                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.4              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time        | 5,291.4           | <b>5,297.7</b>  | 22.6              | <b>6.3</b>    | 114.5            | 129.7                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 2.2              | 2.5                     |
| Employment part-time        | 1,132.9           | <b>1,148.0</b>  | 20.6              | <b>15.1</b>   | -22.3            | -32.4                   | <b>1.3</b>          | -1.9             | -2.7                    |
| Unemployment                | 438.7             | <b>441.5</b>    | 15.8              | <b>2.8</b>    | -24.0            | -4.9                    | <b>0.6</b>          | -5.2             | -1.1                    |
| Participation rate          | 67.9              | <b>68.0</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate           | 6.4               | <b>6.4</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.4             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate             | 63.5              | <b>63.6</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Manitoba</b>             |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                  | 890.1             | <b>890.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 5.1              | 6.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.6              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                | 608.1             | <b>607.3</b>    | 2.8               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -3.8             | -5.1                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.6             | -0.8                    |
| Employment                  | 578.9             | <b>580.3</b>    | 2.9               | <b>1.4</b>    | 0.0              | 0.7                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.0              | 0.1                     |
| Employment full-time        | 473.7             | <b>466.1</b>    | 3.8               | <b>-7.6</b>   | -4.7             | 0.7                     | <b>-1.6</b>         | -1.0             | 0.2                     |
| Employment part-time        | 105.1             | <b>114.1</b>    | 3.4               | <b>9.0</b>    | 4.6              | -0.1                    | <b>8.6</b>          | 4.2              | -0.1                    |
| Unemployment                | 29.2              | <b>27.0</b>     | 2.3               | <b>-2.2</b>   | -3.8             | -5.8                    | <b>-7.5</b>         | -12.3            | -17.7                   |
| Participation rate          | 68.3              | <b>68.2</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.9             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate           | 4.8               | <b>4.4</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.6             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate             | 65.0              | <b>65.2</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>         |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                  | 748.8             | <b>748.9</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 2.0              | 2.3                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Labour force                | 508.8             | <b>505.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-3.8</b>   | -9.0             | -2.7                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | -1.8             | -0.5                    |
| Employment                  | 478.1             | <b>478.5</b>    | 2.5               | <b>0.4</b>    | -8.4             | -4.7                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.7             | -1.0                    |
| Employment full-time        | 385.5             | <b>382.6</b>    | 3.1               | <b>-2.9</b>   | -8.8             | -5.8                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -2.2             | -1.5                    |
| Employment part-time        | 92.6              | <b>95.9</b>     | 2.9               | <b>3.3</b>    | 0.4              | 1.1                     | <b>3.6</b>          | 0.4              | 1.2                     |
| Unemployment                | 30.6              | <b>26.5</b>     | 1.9               | <b>-4.1</b>   | -0.6             | 2.0                     | <b>-13.4</b>        | -2.2             | 8.2                     |
| Participation rate          | 67.9              | <b>67.4</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -1.4             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate           | 6.0               | <b>5.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -0.1             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate             | 63.8              | <b>63.9</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.3             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Alberta</b>              |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                  | 2,567.7           | <b>2,574.0</b>  | ...               | <b>6.3</b>    | 48.0             | 54.9                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.9              | 2.2                     |
| Labour force                | 1,859.5           | <b>1,869.2</b>  | 7.2               | <b>9.7</b>    | 18.9             | 16.3                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 1.0              | 0.9                     |
| Employment                  | 1,783.9           | <b>1,794.9</b>  | 8.1               | <b>11.0</b>   | 26.8             | 29.8                    | <b>0.6</b>          | 1.5              | 1.7                     |
| Employment full-time        | 1,487.3           | <b>1,479.1</b>  | 10.3              | <b>-8.2</b>   | 33.6             | 36.8                    | <b>-0.6</b>         | 2.3              | 2.6                     |
| Employment part-time        | 296.6             | <b>315.7</b>    | 9.2               | <b>19.1</b>   | -6.9             | -7.1                    | <b>6.4</b>          | -2.1             | -2.2                    |
| Unemployment                | 75.7              | <b>74.4</b>     | 6.2               | <b>-1.3</b>   | -7.9             | -13.3                   | <b>-1.7</b>         | -9.6             | -15.2                   |
| Participation rate          | 72.4              | <b>72.6</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.7             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate           | 4.1               | <b>4.0</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.4             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate             | 69.5              | <b>69.7</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.3             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>British Columbia</b>     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                  | 3,462.2           | <b>3,468.0</b>  | ...               | <b>5.8</b>    | 53.9             | 62.8                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.6              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                | 2,262.5           | <b>2,264.6</b>  | 10.9              | <b>2.1</b>    | 36.4             | 33.4                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.6              | 1.5                     |
| Employment                  | 2,134.5           | <b>2,148.9</b>  | 11.4              | <b>14.4</b>   | 59.4             | 69.5                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 2.8              | 3.3                     |
| Employment full-time        | 1,690.0           | <b>1,698.9</b>  | 13.8              | <b>8.9</b>    | 35.0             | 26.1                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 2.1              | 1.6                     |
| Employment part-time        | 444.6             | <b>450.0</b>    | 12.5              | <b>5.4</b>    | 24.4             | 43.5                    | <b>1.2</b>          | 5.7              | 10.7                    |
| Unemployment                | 127.9             | <b>115.7</b>    | 9.0               | <b>-12.2</b>  | -23.1            | -36.1                   | <b>-9.5</b>         | -16.6            | -23.8                   |
| Participation rate          | 65.3              | <b>65.3</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.0              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate           | 5.7               | <b>5.1</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.1             | -1.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate             | 61.7              | <b>62.0</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.8              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 4-1

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Newfoundland and Labrador

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 429.3             | <b>429.4</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.0             | -0.9                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -0.2             | -0.2                    |
| Labour force                                    | 254.0             | <b>253.3</b>    | 2.4               | <b>-0.7</b>   | 1.1              | 1.0                     | <b>-0.3</b>         | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Employment                                      | 215.1             | <b>214.8</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -1.2             | 1.4                     | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.6             | 0.7                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 184.4             | <b>184.0</b>    | 2.7               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 0.8              | -0.8                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 0.4              | -0.4                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 38.9              | <b>38.5</b>     | 2.3               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 2.3              | -0.4                    | <b>-1.0</b>         | 6.4              | -1.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 59.2              | <b>59.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 15.3              | <b>15.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.8              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 50.1              | <b>50.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.2             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 14.3              | <b>14.4</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.8             | 1.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 68.4              | <b>68.2</b>     | ...               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -2.4             | -2.7                    | <b>-0.3</b>         | -3.4             | -3.8                    |
| Labour force                                    | 36.2              | <b>36.0</b>     | 1.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -2.5             | -3.1                    | <b>-0.6</b>         | -6.5             | -7.9                    |
| Employment                                      | 28.5              | <b>27.4</b>     | 1.3               | <b>-1.1</b>   | -3.8             | -3.0                    | <b>-3.9</b>         | -12.2            | -9.9                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 7.7               | <b>8.6</b>      | 1.1               | <b>0.9</b>    | 1.3              | -0.1                    | <b>11.7</b>         | 17.8             | -1.1                    |
| Participation rate                              | 52.9              | <b>52.8</b>     | 1.9               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -1.7             | -2.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 21.3              | <b>23.9</b>     | 2.6               | <b>2.6</b>    | 4.9              | 1.6                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 41.7              | <b>40.2</b>     | 1.8               | <b>-1.5</b>   | -4.0             | -2.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 35.4              | <b>40.9</b>     | 3.6               | <b>5.4</b>    | -0.5             | 7.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 174.9             | <b>175.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.6              | 0.9                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.3              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 113.9             | <b>114.0</b>    | 1.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.3             | 0.0                     | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.1             | 0.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 96.1              | <b>97.2</b>     | 1.5               | <b>1.1</b>    | -1.5             | 0.1                     | <b>1.1</b>          | -1.5             | 0.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 17.7              | <b>16.8</b>     | 1.5               | <b>-0.9</b>   | 0.2              | -0.1                    | <b>-5.1</b>         | 1.2              | -0.6                    |
| Participation rate                              | 65.1              | <b>65.1</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.0             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 15.5              | <b>14.7</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.8</b>   | 0.3              | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 54.9              | <b>55.5</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.6</b>    | -1.1             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 5.0               | <b>3.8</b>      | 0.8               | <b>-1.2</b>   | -1.4             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 186.0             | <b>186.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.8              | 1.0                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 103.9             | <b>103.3</b>    | 1.2               | <b>-0.6</b>   | 4.9              | 4.2                     | <b>-0.6</b>         | 5.0              | 4.2                     |
| Employment                                      | 90.4              | <b>90.2</b>     | 1.3               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 4.2              | 4.4                     | <b>-0.2</b>         | 4.9              | 5.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 13.5              | <b>13.1</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 0.7              | -0.2                    | <b>-3.0</b>         | 5.6              | -1.5                    |
| Participation rate                              | 55.9              | <b>55.5</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 2.4              | 2.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 13.0              | <b>12.7</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 0.1              | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 48.6              | <b>48.5</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 2.1              | 2.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 17.4              | <b>17.7</b>     | 1.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.5              | 0.6                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 215.1             | <b>214.8</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -1.2             | 1.4                     | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.6             | 0.7                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | 48.6              | <b>50.9</b>     | 1.8               | <b>2.3</b>    | 2.5              | 4.4                     | <b>4.7</b>          | 5.2              | 9.5                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 2.6               | <b>2.9</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | 1.3              | 1.8                     | <b>11.5</b>         | 81.2             | 163.6                   |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 14.6              | <b>15.8</b>     | 1.0               | <b>1.2</b>    | 0.3              | 1.6                     | <b>8.2</b>          | 1.9              | 11.3                    |
| Utilities                                       | 2.6               | <b>2.1</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.4             | 0.0                     | <b>-19.2</b>        | -16.0            | 0.0                     |
| Construction                                    | 12.0              | <b>13.0</b>     | 0.9               | <b>1.0</b>    | -0.5             | 0.5                     | <b>8.3</b>          | -3.7             | 4.0                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 16.7              | <b>17.2</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.5</b>    | 1.9              | 0.7                     | <b>3.0</b>          | 12.4             | 4.2                     |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | 166.5             | <b>164.0</b>    | 2.2               | <b>-2.5</b>   | -3.5             | -2.9                    | <b>-1.5</b>         | -2.1             | -1.7                    |
| Trade   | 37.7              | <b>37.9</b>     | 1.2               | <b>0.2</b>    | -1.2             | -2.3                    | <b>0.5</b>          | -3.1             | -5.7                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 11.0              | <b>11.4</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.2              | 0.1                     | <b>3.6</b>          | 1.8              | 0.9                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 7.2               | <b>6.9</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -1.7             | -1.4                    | <b>-4.2</b>         | -19.8            | -16.9                   |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 7.4               | <b>8.7</b>      | 0.6               | <b>1.3</b>    | 2.3              | 2.1                     | <b>17.6</b>         | 35.9             | 31.8                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 5.9               | <b>6.5</b>      | 0.8               | <b>0.6</b>    | -1.0             | -0.6                    | <b>10.2</b>         | -13.3            | -8.5                    |
| Educational services                            | 18.8              | <b>17.6</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-1.2</b>   | 0.6              | 0.6                     | <b>-6.4</b>         | 3.5              | 3.5                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 32.0              | <b>29.7</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-2.3</b>   | -0.3             | -0.7                    | <b>-7.2</b>         | -1.0             | -2.3                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 6.8               | <b>6.6</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -3.2             | -1.9                    | <b>-2.9</b>         | -32.7            | -22.4                   |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 12.8              | <b>12.7</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.4             | -0.1                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -3.1             | -0.8                    |
| Other services                                  | 13.0              | <b>11.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-1.2</b>   | 1.4              | 1.9                     | <b>-9.2</b>         | 13.5             | 19.2                    |
| Public administration                           | 13.9              | <b>14.3</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.2             | -0.5                    | <b>2.9</b>          | -1.4             | -3.4                    |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-2

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Prince Edward Island

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 111.7             | <b>111.8</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.6              | 0.7                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.5              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 76.5              | <b>76.6</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | 0.4                     | <b>0.1</b>          | -0.1             | 0.5                     |
| Employment                                      | 67.9              | <b>68.1</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.6             | 0.6                     | <b>0.3</b>          | -0.9             | 0.9                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 56.6              | <b>57.3</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.7</b>    | -0.2             | 1.0                     | <b>1.2</b>          | -0.3             | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 8.6               | <b>8.5</b>      | 0.7               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.5              | -0.1                    | <b>-1.2</b>         | 6.2              | -1.2                    |
| Participation rate                              | 68.5              | <b>68.5</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.5             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 11.2              | <b>11.1</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.7              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.8              | <b>60.9</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.9             | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 16.6              | <b>15.7</b>     | 1.0               | <b>-0.9</b>   | -0.6             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 19.7              | <b>19.7</b>     | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.2              | 0.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Labour force                                    | 13.5              | <b>13.4</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.1             | -0.3                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | -0.7             | -2.2                    |
| Employment                                      | 11.7              | <b>11.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.1             | 0.0                     | <b>-4.3</b>         | -0.9             | 0.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 1.8               | <b>2.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.0              | -0.3                    | <b>22.2</b>         | 0.0              | -12.0                   |
| Participation rate                              | 68.5              | <b>68.0</b>     | 2.1               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -1.2             | -2.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 13.3              | <b>16.4</b>     | 2.6               | <b>3.1</b>    | 0.1              | -1.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 59.4              | <b>56.9</b>     | 2.1               | <b>-2.5</b>   | -1.0             | -0.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 39.3              | <b>40.2</b>     | 3.5               | <b>0.9</b>    | -1.4             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 44.1              | <b>44.2</b>     | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.4              | 0.5                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.9              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 32.7              | <b>32.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.6              | 0.8                     | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.9              | 2.5                     |
| Employment                                      | 28.4              | <b>28.9</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.3             | 0.3                     | <b>1.8</b>          | -1.0             | 1.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 4.3               | <b>3.9</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 1.0              | 0.5                     | <b>-9.3</b>         | 34.5             | 14.7                    |
| Participation rate                              | 74.1              | <b>74.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.7              | 1.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 13.1              | <b>11.9</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-1.2</b>   | 2.9              | 1.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 64.4              | <b>65.4</b>     | 1.0               | <b>1.0</b>    | -1.3             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 6.0               | <b>5.5</b>      | 1.0               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.6             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 47.9              | <b>48.0</b>     | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.1              | 0.1                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.2              | 0.2                     |
| Labour force                                    | 30.3              | <b>30.4</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.6             | -0.1                    | <b>0.3</b>          | -1.9             | -0.3                    |
| Employment                                      | 27.8              | <b>27.9</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.3             | 0.2                     | <b>0.4</b>          | -1.1             | 0.7                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 2.6               | <b>2.5</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.3             | -0.3                    | <b>-3.8</b>         | -10.7            | -10.7                   |
| Participation rate                              | 63.3              | <b>63.3</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.4             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.6               | <b>8.2</b>      | 1.2               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.8             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 58.0              | <b>58.1</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.8             | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.0              | <b>16.5</b>     | 1.6               | <b>-1.5</b>   | -0.5             | -1.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 67.9              | <b>68.1</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.6             | 0.6                     | <b>0.3</b>          | -0.9             | 0.9                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | 17.1              | <b>17.6</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.5</b>    | 0.0              | 0.8                     | <b>2.9</b>          | 0.0              | 4.8                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 3.3               | <b>3.5</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.1              | 0.2                     | <b>6.1</b>          | 2.9              | 6.1                     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 2.1               | <b>2.2</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.8             | -0.8                    | <b>4.8</b>          | -26.7            | -26.7                   |
| Utilities                                       | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>      | 0.0               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.0              | 0.0                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Construction                                    | 4.6               | <b>4.8</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.8              | 0.7                     | <b>4.3</b>          | 20.0             | 17.1                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 6.7               | <b>6.6</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.1             | 0.6                     | <b>-1.5</b>         | -1.5             | 10.0                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | 50.9              | <b>50.4</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.7             | -0.3                    | <b>-1.0</b>         | -1.4             | -0.6                    |
| Trade   | 9.9               | <b>9.7</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.3             | 0.0                     | <b>-2.0</b>         | -3.0             | 0.0                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 2.5               | <b>2.2</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 0.0              | -0.1                    | <b>-12.0</b>        | 0.0              | -4.3                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 2.0               | <b>2.0</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.2             | -0.1                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -9.1             | -4.8                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 2.4               | <b>2.4</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.2             | -0.2                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -7.7             | -7.7                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 3.3               | <b>3.0</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 0.6              | 0.8                     | <b>-9.1</b>         | 25.0             | 36.4                    |
| Educational services                            | 4.8               | <b>4.8</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.2             | -0.2                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -4.0             | -4.0                    |
| Health care and social assistance               | 8.0               | <b>8.3</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.2              | 0.3                     | <b>3.8</b>          | 2.5              | 3.8                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 2.8               | <b>2.9</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.2              | -0.2                    | <b>3.6</b>          | 7.4              | -6.5                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 5.8               | <b>5.7</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.4              | 0.4                     | <b>-1.7</b>         | 7.5              | 7.5                     |
| Other services                                  | 3.1               | <b>3.1</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.2              | 0.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 6.9              | 6.9                     |
| Public administration                           | 6.3               | <b>6.4</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.3             | -1.2                    | <b>1.6</b>          | -16.9            | -15.8                   |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-3

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 761.5             | <b>761.7</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 2.9              | 3.5                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 480.9             | <b>486.3</b>    | 3.0               | <b>5.4</b>    | -0.3             | 1.4                     | <b>1.1</b>          | -0.1             | 0.3                     |
| Employment                                      | 440.5             | <b>445.2</b>    | 3.2               | <b>4.7</b>    | 1.8              | 1.9                     | <b>1.1</b>          | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 354.9             | <b>361.6</b>    | 3.7               | <b>6.7</b>    | 2.7              | 1.6                     | <b>1.9</b>          | 0.8              | 0.4                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 40.4              | <b>41.2</b>     | 2.7               | <b>0.8</b>    | -2.0             | -0.4                    | <b>2.0</b>          | -4.6             | -1.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 63.2              | <b>63.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.6</b>    | -0.3             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.4               | <b>8.5</b>      | 0.6               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 57.8              | <b>58.4</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.6</b>    | 0.0              | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 19.4              | <b>18.8</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -0.3             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 123.7             | <b>123.7</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.7              | 0.9                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.6              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 80.9              | <b>81.0</b>     | 1.7               | <b>0.1</b>    | -3.5             | -3.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -4.1             | -3.6                    |
| Employment                                      | 68.2              | <b>69.8</b>     | 1.7               | <b>1.6</b>    | -1.4             | -1.8                    | <b>2.3</b>          | -2.0             | -2.5                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 12.7              | <b>11.2</b>     | 1.6               | <b>-1.5</b>   | -2.1             | -1.3                    | <b>-11.8</b>        | -15.8            | -10.4                   |
| Participation rate                              | 65.4              | <b>65.5</b>     | 1.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -3.2             | -2.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 15.7              | <b>13.8</b>     | 1.8               | <b>-1.9</b>   | -1.9             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 55.1              | <b>56.4</b>     | 1.4               | <b>1.3</b>    | -1.5             | -1.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 45.5              | <b>46.3</b>     | 2.5               | <b>0.8</b>    | 3.3              | 2.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 304.8             | <b>304.9</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.7              | 0.9                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.2              | 0.3                     |
| Labour force                                    | 210.3             | <b>211.8</b>    | 1.6               | <b>1.5</b>    | -0.8             | 0.1                     | <b>0.7</b>          | -0.4             | 0.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 195.0             | <b>195.6</b>    | 1.8               | <b>0.6</b>    | -0.7             | 0.3                     | <b>0.3</b>          | -0.4             | 0.2                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 15.3              | <b>16.3</b>     | 1.6               | <b>1.0</b>    | 0.0              | -0.1                    | <b>6.5</b>          | 0.0              | -0.6                    |
| Participation rate                              | 69.0              | <b>69.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.4             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.3               | <b>7.7</b>      | 0.8               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 64.0              | <b>64.2</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.3             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 7.8               | <b>6.7</b>      | 0.8               | <b>-1.1</b>   | 0.0              | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 333.0             | <b>333.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 1.4              | 1.7                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 189.7             | <b>193.5</b>    | 1.6               | <b>3.8</b>    | 4.0              | 4.3                     | <b>2.0</b>          | 2.1              | 2.3                     |
| Employment                                      | 177.4             | <b>179.8</b>    | 1.7               | <b>2.4</b>    | 3.9              | 3.3                     | <b>1.4</b>          | 2.2              | 1.9                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 12.3              | <b>13.7</b>     | 1.4               | <b>1.4</b>    | 0.1              | 1.0                     | <b>11.4</b>         | 0.7              | 7.9                     |
| Participation rate                              | 57.0              | <b>58.1</b>     | 0.5               | <b>1.1</b>    | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.5               | <b>7.1</b>      | 0.7               | <b>0.6</b>    | -0.1             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 53.3              | <b>54.0</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.7</b>    | 1.0              | 0.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 22.2              | <b>21.2</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.9</b>   | -1.9             | -1.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | <b>440.5</b>      | <b>445.2</b>    | 3.2               | <b>4.7</b>    | 1.8              | 1.9                     | <b>1.1</b>          | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | <b>88.7</b>       | <b>92.0</b>     | 2.2               | <b>3.3</b>    | -1.7             | -3.2                    | <b>3.7</b>          | -1.8             | -3.4                    |
| Agriculture                                     | 5.7               | <b>5.6</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.6              | 0.4                     | <b>-1.8</b>         | 12.0             | 7.7                     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 15.9              | <b>16.5</b>     | 1.0               | <b>0.6</b>    | 2.6              | 2.5                     | <b>3.8</b>          | 18.7             | 17.9                    |
| Utilities                                       | 2.4               | <b>1.9</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.6             | -0.7                    | <b>-20.8</b>        | -24.0            | -26.9                   |
| Construction                                    | 25.4              | <b>28.6</b>     | 1.3               | <b>3.2</b>    | -1.0             | -0.6                    | <b>12.6</b>         | -3.4             | -2.1                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 39.2              | <b>39.4</b>     | 1.4               | <b>0.2</b>    | -3.3             | -4.8                    | <b>0.5</b>          | -7.7             | -10.9                   |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | <b>351.9</b>      | <b>353.2</b>    | 3.0               | <b>1.3</b>    | 3.5              | 5.0                     | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.0              | 1.4                     |
| Trade   | 75.3              | <b>79.3</b>     | 1.8               | <b>4.0</b>    | 4.7              | 4.9                     | <b>5.3</b>          | 6.3              | 6.6                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 20.3              | <b>19.3</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-1.0</b>   | -2.3             | -2.6                    | <b>-4.9</b>         | -10.6            | -11.9                   |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 20.7              | <b>22.0</b>     | 1.1               | <b>1.3</b>    | -0.5             | -0.6                    | <b>6.3</b>          | -2.2             | -2.7                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 20.1              | <b>20.6</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.5</b>    | 0.2              | 0.8                     | <b>2.5</b>          | 1.0              | 4.0                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 26.0              | <b>24.9</b>     | 1.3               | <b>-1.1</b>   | 2.2              | 0.2                     | <b>-4.2</b>         | 9.7              | 0.8                     |
| Educational services                            | 35.5              | <b>36.5</b>     | 1.3               | <b>1.0</b>    | -1.6             | 0.1                     | <b>2.8</b>          | -4.2             | 0.3                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 57.1              | <b>56.6</b>     | 1.3               | <b>-0.5</b>   | 3.9              | 3.9                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | 7.4              | 7.4                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 15.9              | <b>15.2</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -1.7             | -0.6                    | <b>-4.4</b>         | -10.1            | -3.8                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 31.5              | <b>30.2</b>     | 1.5               | <b>-1.3</b>   | -1.9             | -1.5                    | <b>-4.1</b>         | -5.9             | -4.7                    |
| Other services                                  | 20.3              | <b>20.4</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.3             | -0.1                    | <b>0.5</b>          | -6.0             | -0.5                    |
| Public administration                           | 29.1              | <b>28.2</b>     | 1.0               | <b>-0.9</b>   | 1.9              | 0.6                     | <b>-3.1</b>         | 7.2              | 2.2                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-4

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — New Brunswick

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 611.1             | <b>611.3</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 2.7              | 3.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.4              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 387.6             | <b>390.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>2.4</b>    | 0.6              | 1.1                     | <b>0.6</b>          | 0.2              | 0.3                     |
| Employment                                      | 347.3             | <b>347.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -5.9             | -3.5                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -1.7             | -1.0                    |
| Employment full-time                            | 292.6             | <b>290.4</b>    | 2.8               | <b>-2.2</b>   | -6.7             | -5.8                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -2.3             | -2.0                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 40.3              | <b>43.0</b>     | 2.3               | <b>2.7</b>    | 6.5              | 4.6                     | <b>6.7</b>          | 17.8             | 12.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 63.4              | <b>63.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 10.4              | <b>11.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.6</b>    | 1.6              | 1.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 56.8              | <b>56.8</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.2             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 15.8              | <b>16.3</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.6</b>    | 0.5              | 0.8                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 96.3              | <b>96.1</b>     | ...               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -1.0             | -1.1                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | -1.0             | -1.1                    |
| Labour force                                    | 62.1              | <b>63.9</b>     | 1.4               | <b>1.8</b>    | 0.2              | 1.3                     | <b>2.9</b>          | 0.3              | 2.1                     |
| Employment                                      | 53.5              | <b>52.8</b>     | 1.4               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -2.0             | -0.8                    | <b>-1.3</b>         | -3.6             | -1.5                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 8.6               | <b>11.1</b>     | 1.2               | <b>2.5</b>    | 2.2              | 2.1                     | <b>29.1</b>         | 24.7             | 23.3                    |
| Participation rate                              | 64.5              | <b>66.5</b>     | 1.4               | <b>2.0</b>    | 0.9              | 2.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 13.8              | <b>17.4</b>     | 1.8               | <b>3.6</b>    | 3.4              | 3.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 55.6              | <b>54.9</b>     | 1.4               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -1.5             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 35.5              | <b>39.6</b>     | 2.3               | <b>4.1</b>    | -0.2             | 1.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 248.6             | <b>248.8</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 1.7              | 2.0                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.7              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 170.3             | <b>171.6</b>    | 1.4               | <b>1.3</b>    | 0.0              | 0.9                     | <b>0.8</b>          | 0.0              | 0.5                     |
| Employment                                      | 152.1             | <b>152.0</b>    | 1.5               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -2.9             | -2.1                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -1.9             | -1.4                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 18.1              | <b>19.6</b>     | 1.5               | <b>1.5</b>    | 2.8              | 3.0                     | <b>8.3</b>          | 16.7             | 18.1                    |
| Participation rate                              | 68.5              | <b>69.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.4             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 10.6              | <b>11.4</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.8</b>    | 1.6              | 1.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 61.2              | <b>61.1</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -1.6             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 4.7               | <b>5.4</b>      | 0.7               | <b>0.7</b>    | 1.3              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 266.2             | <b>266.4</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 1.9              | 2.2                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.7              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 155.3             | <b>154.5</b>    | 1.3               | <b>-0.8</b>   | 0.4              | -1.1                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | 0.3              | -0.7                    |
| Employment                                      | 141.7             | <b>142.2</b>    | 1.4               | <b>0.5</b>    | -1.0             | -0.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | -0.7             | -0.4                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 13.6              | <b>12.3</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-1.3</b>   | 1.5              | -0.5                    | <b>-9.6</b>         | 13.9             | -3.9                    |
| Participation rate                              | 58.3              | <b>58.0</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.3             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.8               | <b>8.0</b>      | 0.8               | <b>-0.8</b>   | 1.0              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 53.2              | <b>53.4</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.7             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 20.2              | <b>19.4</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-0.8</b>   | 0.1              | 1.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | <b>347.3</b>      | <b>347.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -5.8             | -3.5                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -1.6             | -1.0                    |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | <b>72.7</b>       | <b>72.2</b>     | 1.8               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -9.6             | -9.5                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | -11.7            | -11.6                   |
| Agriculture                                     | 7.3               | <b>6.1</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-1.2</b>   | 0.6              | -0.4                    | <b>-16.4</b>        | 10.9             | -6.2                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 10.4              | <b>11.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>1.4</b>    | -0.5             | 0.3                     | <b>13.5</b>         | -4.1             | 2.6                     |
| Utilities                                       | 3.9               | <b>3.3</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.3             | -0.6                    | <b>-15.4</b>        | -8.3             | -15.4                   |
| Construction                                    | 17.8              | <b>17.2</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.9             | -1.8                    | <b>-3.4</b>         | -9.9             | -9.5                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 33.4              | <b>33.7</b>     | 1.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | -7.6             | -7.2                    | <b>0.9</b>          | -18.4            | -17.6                   |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | <b>274.6</b>      | <b>274.8</b>    | 2.4               | <b>0.2</b>    | 3.8              | 6.0                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.4              | 2.2                     |
| Trade   | 60.0              | <b>59.2</b>     | 1.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | 3.9              | 5.0                     | <b>-1.3</b>         | 7.1              | 9.2                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 20.7              | <b>21.2</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.2             | -0.9                    | <b>2.4</b>          | -0.9             | -4.1                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 12.8              | <b>12.5</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.8             | -1.6                    | <b>-2.3</b>         | -6.0             | -11.3                   |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 12.9              | <b>13.3</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.4</b>    | -3.0             | -2.6                    | <b>3.1</b>          | -18.4            | -16.4                   |
| Business, building and other support services   | 21.3              | <b>20.4</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-0.9</b>   | -0.9             | 0.3                     | <b>-4.2</b>         | -4.2             | 1.5                     |
| Educational services                            | 27.0              | <b>27.4</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.4</b>    | 1.0              | 0.6                     | <b>1.5</b>          | 3.8              | 2.2                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 46.5              | <b>47.0</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.1             | 0.5                     | <b>1.1</b>          | -0.2             | 1.1                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 14.1              | <b>12.6</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-1.5</b>   | 0.9              | 2.3                     | <b>-10.6</b>        | 7.7              | 22.3                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 22.1              | <b>23.1</b>     | 1.1               | <b>1.0</b>    | 1.5              | 1.0                     | <b>4.5</b>          | 6.9              | 4.5                     |
| Other services                                  | 15.6              | <b>16.4</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.8</b>    | -1.1             | -0.9                    | <b>5.1</b>          | -6.3             | -5.2                    |
| Public administration                           | 21.6              | <b>21.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.2</b>    | 2.8              | 2.5                     | <b>0.9</b>          | 14.7             | 13.0                    |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088



Table 4-5

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Quebec

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 6,198.1           | <b>6,204.5</b>  | ...               | <b>6.4</b>    | 60.7             | 71.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.0              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                                    | 4,069.2           | <b>4,083.5</b>  | 15.2              | <b>14.3</b>   | 31.0             | 20.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 0.8              | 0.5                     |
| Employment                                      | 3,727.8           | <b>3,743.9</b>  | 15.5              | <b>16.1</b>   | 40.0             | 27.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.1              | 0.7                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 3,049.0           | <b>3,057.8</b>  | 19.2              | <b>8.8</b>    | 11.3             | 2.2                     | <b>0.3</b>          | 0.4              | 0.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 341.4             | <b>339.7</b>    | 13.6              | <b>-1.7</b>   | -8.9             | -6.9                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | -2.6             | -2.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 65.7              | <b>65.8</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.2             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.4               | <b>8.3</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.3             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.1              | <b>60.3</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.0              | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.2              | <b>18.3</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.6              | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 950.0             | <b>950.0</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.0             | -1.9                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -0.1             | -0.2                    |
| Labour force                                    | 630.5             | <b>623.1</b>    | 8.7               | <b>-7.4</b>   | -20.2            | -38.0                   | <b>-1.2</b>         | -3.1             | -5.7                    |
| Employment                                      | 535.0             | <b>540.2</b>    | 8.7               | <b>5.2</b>    | -15.0            | -19.4                   | <b>1.0</b>          | -2.7             | -3.5                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 95.5              | <b>82.9</b>     | 7.6               | <b>-12.6</b>  | -5.2             | -18.6                   | <b>-13.2</b>        | -5.9             | -18.3                   |
| Participation rate                              | 66.4              | <b>65.6</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -2.0             | -3.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 15.1              | <b>13.3</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-1.8</b>   | -0.4             | -2.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 56.3              | <b>56.9</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.6</b>    | -1.5             | -1.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 46.2              | <b>46.4</b>     | 1.6               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.8              | 1.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 2,561.2           | <b>2,564.8</b>  | ...               | <b>3.6</b>    | 32.7             | 38.5                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.3              | 1.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,855.3           | <b>1,860.5</b>  | 8.1               | <b>5.2</b>    | 19.3             | 13.9                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.0              | 0.8                     |
| Employment                                      | 1,716.3           | <b>1,727.6</b>  | 8.8               | <b>11.3</b>   | 40.2             | 21.0                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 2.4              | 1.2                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 139.0             | <b>132.9</b>    | 8.1               | <b>-6.1</b>   | -20.9            | -7.1                    | <b>-4.4</b>         | -13.6            | -5.1                    |
| Participation rate                              | 72.4              | <b>72.5</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.2             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.5               | <b>7.1</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -1.3             | -0.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 67.0              | <b>67.4</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.8              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 7.3               | <b>7.4</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.0</b>    | 1.0              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 2,686.9           | <b>2,689.6</b>  | ...               | <b>2.7</b>    | 28.9             | 34.3                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.1              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,583.4           | <b>1,599.9</b>  | 8.6               | <b>16.5</b>   | 31.9             | 44.7                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 2.0              | 2.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 1,476.5           | <b>1,476.1</b>  | 8.8               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 14.8             | 26.0                    | <b>0.0</b>          | 1.0              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 106.9             | <b>123.8</b>    | 7.3               | <b>16.9</b>   | 17.1             | 18.7                    | <b>15.8</b>         | 16.0             | 17.8                    |
| Participation rate                              | 58.9              | <b>59.5</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.6</b>    | 0.6              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.8               | <b>7.7</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.9</b>    | 0.9              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 55.0              | <b>54.9</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.0              | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 20.7              | <b>20.9</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.6              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | <b>3,727.8</b>    | <b>3,743.9</b>  | 15.5              | <b>16.1</b>   | 40.0             | 27.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.1              | 0.7                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | <b>927.3</b>      | <b>925.5</b>    | 12.1              | <b>-1.8</b>   | 7.3              | 11.2                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 0.8              | 1.2                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 61.7              | <b>63.3</b>     | 2.8               | <b>1.6</b>    | 18.3             | 17.0                    | <b>2.6</b>          | 40.7             | 36.7                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 37.3              | <b>38.8</b>     | 2.2               | <b>1.5</b>    | 0.7              | 3.3                     | <b>4.0</b>          | 1.8              | 9.3                     |
| Utilities                                       | 31.3              | <b>28.6</b>     | 2.2               | <b>-2.7</b>   | -1.9             | -2.2                    | <b>-8.6</b>         | -6.2             | -7.1                    |
| Construction                                    | 196.3             | <b>190.8</b>    | 6.3               | <b>-5.5</b>   | 21.5             | 22.3                    | <b>-2.8</b>         | 12.7             | 13.2                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 600.7             | <b>604.0</b>    | 10.4              | <b>3.3</b>    | -31.3            | -29.2                   | <b>0.5</b>          | -4.9             | -4.6                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | <b>2,800.5</b>    | <b>2,818.3</b>  | 16.4              | <b>17.8</b>   | 32.6             | 16.3                    | <b>0.6</b>          | 1.2              | 0.6                     |
| Trade   | 622.4             | <b>631.3</b>    | 10.7              | <b>8.9</b>    | 9.1              | 9.0                     | <b>1.4</b>          | 1.5              | 1.4                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 171.8             | <b>164.9</b>    | 5.8               | <b>-6.9</b>   | 3.1              | -9.9                    | <b>-4.0</b>         | 1.9              | -5.7                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 199.9             | <b>214.3</b>    | 6.3               | <b>14.4</b>   | 3.3              | 12.3                    | <b>7.2</b>          | 1.6              | 6.1                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 225.2             | <b>225.4</b>    | 6.8               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.4              | -3.1                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.2              | -1.4                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 137.2             | <b>137.6</b>    | 5.7               | <b>0.4</b>    | 15.3             | 16.4                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 12.5             | 13.5                    |
| Educational services                            | 252.3             | <b>253.5</b>    | 6.5               | <b>1.2</b>    | 11.2             | 16.2                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 4.6              | 6.8                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 442.9             | <b>451.1</b>    | 8.2               | <b>8.2</b>    | 12.1             | 9.2                     | <b>1.9</b>          | 2.8              | 2.1                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 163.5             | <b>154.8</b>    | 6.6               | <b>-8.7</b>   | -18.3            | -13.8                   | <b>-5.3</b>         | -10.6            | -8.2                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 215.7             | <b>220.5</b>    | 6.9               | <b>4.8</b>    | 12.8             | 12.2                    | <b>2.2</b>          | 6.2              | 5.9                     |
| Other services                                  | 159.6             | <b>154.7</b>    | 6.2               | <b>-4.9</b>   | -7.2             | -19.6                   | <b>-3.1</b>         | -4.4             | -11.2                   |
| Public administration                           | 210.0             | <b>210.2</b>    | 5.6               | <b>0.2</b>    | -9.1             | -12.6                   | <b>0.1</b>          | -4.1             | -5.7                    |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-6

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Ontario

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 10,113.6          | <b>10,128.7</b> | ...               | <b>15.1</b>   | 156.7            | 179.4                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.6              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 6,863.1           | <b>6,887.1</b>  | 18.9              | <b>24.0</b>   | 68.1             | 92.3                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.0              | 1.4                     |
| Employment                                      | 6,424.4           | <b>6,445.6</b>  | 19.1              | <b>21.2</b>   | 92.1             | 97.2                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.4              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 5,291.4           | <b>5,297.7</b>  | 22.6              | <b>6.3</b>    | 114.5            | 129.7                   | <b>0.1</b>          | 2.2              | 2.5                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 438.7             | <b>441.5</b>    | 15.8              | <b>2.8</b>    | -24.0            | -4.9                    | <b>0.6</b>          | -5.2             | -1.1                    |
| Participation rate                              | 67.9              | <b>68.0</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.4               | <b>6.4</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.4             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 63.5              | <b>63.6</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 17.6              | <b>17.8</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.6             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,688.1           | <b>1,690.9</b>  | ...               | <b>2.8</b>    | 27.9             | 31.6                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.7              | 1.9                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,085.0           | <b>1,095.4</b>  | 11.6              | <b>10.4</b>   | 2.9              | -3.1                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 0.3              | -0.3                    |
| Employment                                      | 935.2             | <b>944.1</b>    | 10.8              | <b>8.9</b>    | 5.4              | -5.2                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 0.6              | -0.5                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 149.8             | <b>151.3</b>    | 9.7               | <b>1.5</b>    | -2.5             | 2.2                     | <b>1.0</b>          | -1.6             | 1.5                     |
| Participation rate                              | 64.3              | <b>64.8</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.9             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 13.8              | <b>13.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.3             | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 55.4              | <b>55.8</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.6             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 47.7              | <b>48.4</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.6</b>    | -0.2             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 4,101.8           | <b>4,107.9</b>  | ...               | <b>6.1</b>    | 63.6             | 72.6                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.6              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 3,086.1           | <b>3,094.7</b>  | 9.5               | <b>8.6</b>    | 43.6             | 52.8                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.4              | 1.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 2,948.3           | <b>2,943.0</b>  | 10.7              | <b>-5.3</b>   | 47.9             | 51.0                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 1.7              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 137.9             | <b>151.7</b>    | 8.8               | <b>13.8</b>   | -4.3             | 1.8                     | <b>10.0</b>         | -2.8             | 1.2                     |
| Participation rate                              | 75.2              | <b>75.3</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.5               | <b>4.9</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.2             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 71.9              | <b>71.6</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 0.0              | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 6.2               | <b>6.2</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.4              | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 4,323.7           | <b>4,330.0</b>  | ...               | <b>6.3</b>    | 65.3             | 75.2                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.5              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 2,692.0           | <b>2,697.0</b>  | 10.6              | <b>5.0</b>    | 21.6             | 42.5                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.8              | 1.6                     |
| Employment                                      | 2,540.9           | <b>2,558.6</b>  | 10.5              | <b>17.7</b>   | 38.9             | 51.5                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 1.5              | 2.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 151.0             | <b>138.5</b>    | 8.1               | <b>-12.5</b>  | -17.2            | -8.8                    | <b>-8.3</b>         | -11.0            | -6.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 62.3              | <b>62.3</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.4             | -0.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.6               | <b>5.1</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.7             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 58.8              | <b>59.1</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.0              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 19.9              | <b>19.9</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.8             | -2.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 6,424.4           | <b>6,445.6</b>  | 19.1              | <b>21.2</b>   | 92.1             | 97.2                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.4              | 1.5                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 1,655.4           | <b>1,644.5</b>  | 15.3              | <b>-10.9</b>  | -3.3             | -16.9                   | <b>-0.7</b>         | -0.2             | -1.0                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 99.9              | <b>100.8</b>    | 3.5               | <b>0.9</b>    | 20.2             | 24.1                    | <b>0.9</b>          | 25.1             | 31.4                    |
| Utilities                                       | 37.8              | <b>37.4</b>     | 2.0               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 3.0              | 2.0                     | <b>-1.1</b>         | 8.7              | 5.6                     |
| Construction                                    | 51.8              | <b>52.4</b>     | 2.5               | <b>0.6</b>    | -0.4             | -4.6                    | <b>1.2</b>          | -0.8             | -8.1                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 403.3             | <b>398.3</b>    | 8.8               | <b>-5.0</b>   | 16.3             | 21.3                    | <b>-1.2</b>         | 4.3              | 5.6                     |
| Services-producing sector                       | 1,062.6           | <b>1,055.6</b>  | 12.7              | <b>-7.0</b>   | -42.4            | -59.6                   | <b>-0.7</b>         | -3.9             | -5.3                    |
| Trade   | 4,769.0           | <b>4,801.2</b>  | 20.5              | <b>32.2</b>   | 95.5             | 114.1                   | <b>0.7</b>          | 2.0              | 2.4                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 981.2             | <b>988.1</b>    | 12.4              | <b>6.9</b>    | 10.5             | 10.9                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 290.6             | <b>291.6</b>    | 7.4               | <b>1.0</b>    | -8.4             | 0.3                     | <b>0.3</b>          | -2.8             | 0.1                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 445.4             | <b>449.6</b>    | 8.6               | <b>4.2</b>    | 7.5              | 11.8                    | <b>0.9</b>          | 1.7              | 2.7                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 440.2             | <b>456.8</b>    | 8.6               | <b>16.6</b>   | 16.0             | 21.3                    | <b>3.8</b>          | 3.6              | 4.9                     |
| Educational services                            | 290.1             | <b>286.3</b>    | 8.3               | <b>-3.8</b>   | 11.6             | 5.4                     | <b>-1.3</b>         | 4.2              | 1.9                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 431.8             | <b>448.3</b>    | 7.8               | <b>16.5</b>   | 48.8             | 57.8                    | <b>3.8</b>          | 12.2             | 14.8                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 631.3             | <b>632.0</b>    | 8.6               | <b>0.7</b>    | -6.9             | -8.3                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.1             | -1.3                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 301.5             | <b>306.3</b>    | 8.0               | <b>4.8</b>    | 10.2             | 6.5                     | <b>1.6</b>          | 3.4              | 2.2                     |
| Other services                                  | 356.4             | <b>354.6</b>    | 8.5               | <b>-1.8</b>   | -4.3             | -10.0                   | <b>-0.5</b>         | -1.2             | -2.7                    |
| Public administration                           | 271.2             | <b>264.3</b>    | 7.2               | <b>-6.9</b>   | 6.4              | 8.3                     | <b>-2.5</b>         | 2.5              | 3.2                     |
| Public administration                           | 329.3             | <b>323.3</b>    | 6.2               | <b>-6.0</b>   | 4.2              | 10.1                    | <b>-1.8</b>         | 1.3              | 3.2                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-7

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Manitoba

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 890.1             | <b>890.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 5.1              | 6.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.6              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 608.1             | <b>607.3</b>    | 2.8               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -3.8             | -5.1                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.6             | -0.8                    |
| Employment                                      | 578.9             | <b>580.3</b>    | 2.9               | <b>1.4</b>    | 0.0              | 0.7                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.0              | 0.1                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 473.7             | <b>466.1</b>    | 3.8               | <b>-7.6</b>   | -4.7             | 0.7                     | <b>-1.6</b>         | -1.0             | 0.2                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 29.2              | <b>27.0</b>     | 2.3               | <b>-2.2</b>   | -3.8             | -5.8                    | <b>-7.5</b>         | -12.3            | -17.7                   |
| Participation rate                              | 68.3              | <b>68.2</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.9             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.8               | <b>4.4</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.6             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 65.0              | <b>65.2</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.2              | <b>19.7</b>     | 0.6               | <b>1.5</b>    | 0.8              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 155.6             | <b>155.6</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.8              | 1.1                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.5              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 107.3             | <b>108.4</b>    | 1.7               | <b>1.1</b>    | 0.2              | -1.0                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 0.2              | -0.9                    |
| Employment                                      | 96.8              | <b>99.9</b>     | 1.7               | <b>3.1</b>    | 3.0              | 3.8                     | <b>3.2</b>          | 3.1              | 4.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 10.6              | <b>8.4</b>      | 1.4               | <b>-2.2</b>   | -2.9             | -4.9                    | <b>-20.8</b>        | -25.7            | -36.8                   |
| Participation rate                              | 69.0              | <b>69.7</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.7</b>    | -0.2             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 9.9               | <b>7.7</b>      | 1.3               | <b>-2.2</b>   | -2.7             | -4.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 62.2              | <b>64.2</b>     | 1.1               | <b>2.0</b>    | 1.6              | 2.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 41.9              | <b>45.9</b>     | 1.9               | <b>4.0</b>    | 3.4              | 2.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 357.9             | <b>358.0</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 2.3              | 2.8                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.6              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 269.2             | <b>268.3</b>    | 1.4               | <b>-0.9</b>   | -1.9             | -1.1                    | <b>-0.3</b>         | -0.7             | -0.4                    |
| Employment                                      | 259.0             | <b>257.9</b>    | 1.6               | <b>-1.1</b>   | -1.5             | -0.1                    | <b>-0.4</b>         | -0.6             | 0.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 10.2              | <b>10.4</b>     | 1.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.4             | -1.0                    | <b>2.0</b>          | -3.7             | -8.8                    |
| Participation rate                              | 75.2              | <b>74.9</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -1.1             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.8               | <b>3.9</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 72.4              | <b>72.0</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.9             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 4.8               | <b>5.4</b>      | 0.6               | <b>0.5</b>    | -0.8             | -2.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 376.6             | <b>376.6</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 2.0              | 2.4                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.5              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 231.5             | <b>230.6</b>    | 1.6               | <b>-0.9</b>   | -2.2             | -3.0                    | <b>-0.4</b>         | -0.9             | -1.3                    |
| Employment                                      | 223.0             | <b>222.4</b>    | 1.6               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.6             | -3.0                    | <b>-0.3</b>         | -0.7             | -1.3                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 8.5               | <b>8.2</b>      | 1.2               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.5             | 0.0                     | <b>-3.5</b>         | -5.7             | 0.0                     |
| Participation rate                              | 61.5              | <b>61.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.9             | -1.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.7               | <b>3.6</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.1             | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 59.2              | <b>59.1</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.7             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 23.3              | <b>24.5</b>     | 1.0               | <b>1.1</b>    | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 578.9             | <b>580.3</b>    | 2.9               | <b>1.4</b>    | 0.0              | 0.7                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.0              | 0.1                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | 142.3             | <b>141.3</b>    | 2.3               | <b>-1.0</b>   | 1.8              | 2.8                     | <b>-0.7</b>         | 1.3              | 2.0                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 29.9              | <b>30.4</b>     | 1.3               | <b>0.5</b>    | -1.9             | -0.3                    | <b>1.7</b>          | -5.9             | -1.0                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 6.3               | <b>6.4</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.5              | 0.3                     | <b>1.6</b>          | 8.5              | 4.9                     |
| Utilities                                       | 6.8               | <b>6.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.3             | -1.2                    | <b>-8.8</b>         | -4.6             | -16.2                   |
| Construction                                    | 29.0              | <b>29.5</b>     | 1.3               | <b>0.5</b>    | 1.1              | 1.8                     | <b>1.7</b>          | 3.9              | 6.5                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 70.4              | <b>68.8</b>     | 1.6               | <b>-1.6</b>   | 2.4              | 2.2                     | <b>-2.3</b>         | 3.6              | 3.3                     |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | 436.6             | <b>439.0</b>    | 3.1               | <b>2.4</b>    | -1.8             | -2.1                    | <b>0.5</b>          | -0.4             | -0.5                    |
| Trade   | 83.5              | <b>83.9</b>     | 1.8               | <b>0.4</b>    | -1.5             | -1.4                    | <b>0.5</b>          | -1.8             | -1.6                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 33.4              | <b>34.6</b>     | 1.2               | <b>1.2</b>    | 0.6              | 0.4                     | <b>3.6</b>          | 1.8              | 1.2                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 36.7              | <b>36.6</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 4.1              | 5.4                     | <b>-0.3</b>         | 12.6             | 17.3                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 23.1              | <b>23.7</b>     | 1.0               | <b>0.6</b>    | -3.2             | -0.8                    | <b>2.6</b>          | -11.9            | -3.3                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 18.3              | <b>18.6</b>     | 1.2               | <b>0.3</b>    | -2.3             | -4.6                    | <b>1.6</b>          | -11.0            | -19.8                   |
| Educational services                            | 42.8              | <b>44.1</b>     | 1.4               | <b>1.3</b>    | 1.0              | 1.1                     | <b>3.0</b>          | 2.3              | 2.6                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 74.1              | <b>75.4</b>     | 1.5               | <b>1.3</b>    | -3.5             | -2.6                    | <b>1.8</b>          | -4.4             | -3.3                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 23.6              | <b>23.4</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.6             | -1.5                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -2.5             | -6.0                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 39.3              | <b>38.0</b>     | 1.4               | <b>-1.3</b>   | 5.2              | 5.0                     | <b>-3.3</b>         | 15.9             | 15.2                    |
| Other services                                  | 27.3              | <b>27.1</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 2.1              | 0.8                     | <b>-0.7</b>         | 8.4              | 3.0                     |
| Public administration                           | 34.5              | <b>33.5</b>     | 1.1               | <b>-1.0</b>   | -3.9             | -4.0                    | <b>-2.9</b>         | -10.4            | -10.7                   |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-8

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Saskatchewan

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 748.8             | <b>748.9</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 2.0              | 2.3                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Labour force                                    | 508.8             | <b>505.0</b>    | 2.5               | <b>-3.8</b>   | -9.0             | -2.7                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | -1.8             | -0.5                    |
| Employment                                      | 478.1             | <b>478.5</b>    | 2.5               | <b>0.4</b>    | -8.4             | -4.7                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.7             | -1.0                    |
| Employment full-time                            | 385.5             | <b>382.6</b>    | 3.1               | <b>-2.9</b>   | -8.8             | -5.8                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -2.2             | -1.5                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 30.6              | <b>26.5</b>     | 1.9               | <b>-4.1</b>   | -0.6             | 2.0                     | <b>-13.4</b>        | -2.2             | 8.2                     |
| Participation rate                              | 67.9              | <b>67.4</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -1.4             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.0               | <b>5.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -0.1             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 63.8              | <b>63.9</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.3             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 19.4              | <b>20.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.7</b>    | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 138.5             | <b>138.3</b>    | ...               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.8             | -0.8                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -0.6             | -0.6                    |
| Labour force                                    | 94.6              | <b>94.5</b>     | 1.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -2.5             | -0.4                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -2.6             | -0.4                    |
| Employment                                      | 83.9              | <b>84.5</b>     | 1.5               | <b>0.6</b>    | -3.4             | -1.5                    | <b>0.7</b>          | -3.9             | -1.7                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 10.6              | <b>10.0</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.6</b>   | 0.9              | 1.1                     | <b>-5.7</b>         | 9.9              | 12.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 68.3              | <b>68.3</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.4             | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 11.2              | <b>10.6</b>     | 1.3               | <b>-0.6</b>   | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.6              | <b>61.1</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.5</b>    | -2.1             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 38.1              | <b>40.7</b>     | 1.8               | <b>2.6</b>    | 1.2              | 0.8                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 297.4             | <b>297.5</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 1.0              | 1.2                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.3              | 0.4                     |
| Labour force                                    | 225.0             | <b>222.1</b>    | 1.3               | <b>-2.9</b>   | -2.1             | 0.2                     | <b>-1.3</b>         | -0.9             | 0.1                     |
| Employment                                      | 213.3             | <b>212.7</b>    | 1.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.3             | -0.8                    | <b>-0.3</b>         | -0.1             | -0.4                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 11.7              | <b>9.4</b>      | 1.1               | <b>-2.3</b>   | -1.8             | 1.0                     | <b>-19.7</b>        | -16.1            | 11.9                    |
| Participation rate                              | 75.7              | <b>74.7</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-1.0</b>   | -0.9             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.2               | <b>4.2</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-1.0</b>   | -0.8             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 71.7              | <b>71.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.3             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 7.1               | <b>7.2</b>      | 0.6               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.9              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 312.9             | <b>313.0</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 1.6              | 1.9                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.5              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 189.2             | <b>188.4</b>    | 1.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -4.4             | -2.5                    | <b>-0.4</b>         | -2.3             | -1.3                    |
| Employment                                      | 180.9             | <b>181.4</b>    | 1.4               | <b>0.5</b>    | -4.6             | -2.4                    | <b>0.3</b>          | -2.5             | -1.3                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 8.3               | <b>7.1</b>      | 0.9               | <b>-1.2</b>   | 0.4              | -0.1                    | <b>-14.5</b>        | 6.0              | -1.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 60.5              | <b>60.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -1.7             | -1.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.4               | <b>3.8</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-0.6</b>   | 0.3              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 57.8              | <b>58.0</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.2</b>    | -1.7             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 25.2              | <b>25.5</b>     | 1.0               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.0              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 478.1             | <b>478.5</b>    | 2.5               | <b>0.4</b>    | -8.4             | -4.7                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.7             | -1.0                    |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | 127.8             | <b>128.2</b>    | 2.0               | <b>0.4</b>    | 1.6              | 3.6                     | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.3              | 2.9                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 46.7              | <b>47.4</b>     | 1.4               | <b>0.7</b>    | 0.4              | 1.6                     | <b>1.5</b>          | 0.9              | 3.5                     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 18.9              | <b>18.9</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.1             | -0.2                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -0.5             | -1.0                    |
| Utilities                                       | 4.9               | <b>4.2</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -0.8             | -0.3                    | <b>-14.3</b>        | -16.0            | -6.7                    |
| Construction                                    | 26.9              | <b>27.0</b>     | 1.0               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.7              | 0.7                     | <b>0.4</b>          | 2.7              | 2.7                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 30.4              | <b>30.6</b>     | 1.0               | <b>0.2</b>    | 1.2              | 1.6                     | <b>0.7</b>          | 4.1              | 5.5                     |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | 350.3             | <b>350.3</b>    | 2.5               | <b>0.0</b>    | -10.0            | -8.3                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -2.8             | -2.3                    |
| Trade   | 75.6              | <b>74.8</b>     | 1.5               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -0.4             | -1.9                    | <b>-1.1</b>         | -0.5             | -2.5                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 25.9              | <b>24.7</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-1.2</b>   | 1.4              | 1.5                     | <b>-4.6</b>         | 6.0              | 6.5                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 26.2              | <b>25.6</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.8             | -1.0                    | <b>-2.3</b>         | -3.0             | -3.8                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 17.9              | <b>17.9</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.2             | 0.3                     | <b>0.0</b>          | -1.1             | 1.7                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 13.5              | <b>13.0</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.1             | -0.2                    | <b>-3.7</b>         | -0.8             | -1.5                    |
| Educational services                            | 36.9              | <b>37.8</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.9</b>    | -2.5             | -1.8                    | <b>2.4</b>          | -6.2             | -4.5                    |
| Health care and social assistance               | 58.0              | <b>59.1</b>     | 1.1               | <b>1.1</b>    | -1.0             | 0.6                     | <b>1.9</b>          | -1.7             | 1.0                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 20.6              | <b>20.6</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | 1.2              | 0.3                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 6.2              | 1.5                     |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 27.8              | <b>27.6</b>     | 1.2               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -7.4             | -5.6                    | <b>-0.7</b>         | -21.1            | -16.9                   |
| Other services                                  | 21.4              | <b>22.4</b>     | 1.0               | <b>1.0</b>    | -0.7             | -1.6                    | <b>4.7</b>          | -3.0             | -6.7                    |
| Public administration                           | 26.6              | <b>26.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.6              | 1.1                     | <b>0.8</b>          | 2.3              | 4.3                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-9

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Alberta

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 2,567.7           | <b>2,574.0</b>  | ...               | <b>6.3</b>    | 48.0             | 54.9                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.9              | 2.2                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,859.5           | <b>1,869.2</b>  | 7.2               | <b>9.7</b>    | 18.9             | 16.3                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 1.0              | 0.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 1,783.9           | <b>1,794.9</b>  | 8.1               | <b>11.0</b>   | 26.8             | 29.8                    | <b>0.6</b>          | 1.5              | 1.7                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 1,487.3           | <b>1,479.1</b>  | 10.3              | <b>-8.2</b>   | 33.6             | 36.8                    | <b>-0.6</b>         | 2.3              | 2.6                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 75.7              | <b>74.4</b>     | 6.2               | <b>-1.3</b>   | -7.9             | -13.3                   | <b>-1.7</b>         | -9.6             | -15.2                   |
| Participation rate                              | 72.4              | <b>72.6</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.7             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.1               | <b>4.0</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.4             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 69.5              | <b>69.7</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -0.3             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 16.6              | <b>17.6</b>     | 0.5               | <b>1.0</b>    | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 478.3             | <b>479.6</b>    | ...               | <b>1.3</b>    | 7.0              | 8.0                     | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.5              | 1.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 333.9             | <b>337.6</b>    | 4.6               | <b>3.7</b>    | -8.0             | -4.6                    | <b>1.1</b>          | -2.3             | -1.3                    |
| Employment                                      | 306.9             | <b>313.3</b>    | 5.1               | <b>6.4</b>    | -5.9             | -0.9                    | <b>2.1</b>          | -1.8             | -0.3                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 27.0              | <b>24.3</b>     | 3.9               | <b>-2.7</b>   | -2.0             | -3.7                    | <b>-10.0</b>        | -7.6             | -13.2                   |
| Participation rate                              | 69.8              | <b>70.4</b>     | 1.0               | <b>0.6</b>    | -2.7             | -2.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.1               | <b>7.2</b>      | 1.1               | <b>-0.9</b>   | -0.4             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 64.2              | <b>65.3</b>     | 1.1               | <b>1.1</b>    | -2.2             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 33.2              | <b>35.3</b>     | 1.7               | <b>2.1</b>    | -3.2             | -1.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,045.4           | <b>1,047.8</b>  | ...               | <b>2.4</b>    | 19.2             | 22.0                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.9              | 2.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 844.4             | <b>845.3</b>    | 3.9               | <b>0.9</b>    | 18.9             | 18.4                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 2.3              | 2.2                     |
| Employment                                      | 819.3             | <b>818.9</b>    | 4.5               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 19.8             | 21.8                    | <b>0.0</b>          | 2.5              | 2.7                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 25.0              | <b>26.4</b>     | 3.4               | <b>1.4</b>    | -0.9             | -3.4                    | <b>5.6</b>          | -3.3             | -11.4                   |
| Participation rate                              | 80.8              | <b>80.7</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.4              | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.0               | <b>3.1</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.2             | -0.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 78.4              | <b>78.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 5.4               | <b>5.9</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.5</b>    | 0.3              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,044.1           | <b>1,046.7</b>  | ...               | <b>2.6</b>    | 21.9             | 25.0                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 2.1              | 2.4                     |
| Labour force                                    | 681.3             | <b>686.3</b>    | 4.2               | <b>5.0</b>    | 8.0              | 2.5                     | <b>0.7</b>          | 1.2              | 0.4                     |
| Employment                                      | 657.6             | <b>662.6</b>    | 4.3               | <b>5.0</b>    | 12.9             | 8.8                     | <b>0.8</b>          | 2.0              | 1.3                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 23.6              | <b>23.8</b>     | 3.2               | <b>0.2</b>    | -4.9             | -6.1                    | <b>0.8</b>          | -17.1            | -20.4                   |
| Participation rate                              | 65.3              | <b>65.6</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.3</b>    | -0.6             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.5               | <b>3.5</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.7             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 63.0              | <b>63.3</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.3</b>    | -0.1             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 22.9              | <b>23.6</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.8</b>    | -0.2             | -1.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | <b>1,783.9</b>    | <b>1,794.9</b>  | 8.1               | <b>11.0</b>   | 26.8             | 29.8                    | <b>0.6</b>          | 1.5              | 1.7                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | <b>490.2</b>      | <b>488.6</b>    | 6.8               | <b>-1.6</b>   | -10.3            | -15.8                   | <b>-0.3</b>         | -2.1             | -3.1                    |
| Agriculture                                     | 54.8              | <b>55.5</b>     | 2.7               | <b>0.7</b>    | -7.5             | -9.3                    | <b>1.3</b>          | -11.9            | -14.4                   |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 132.1             | <b>131.9</b>    | 3.3               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 12.1             | 17.0                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 10.1             | 14.8                    |
| Utilities                                       | 13.3              | <b>14.7</b>     | 1.0               | <b>1.4</b>    | 1.4              | 1.2                     | <b>10.5</b>         | 10.5             | 8.9                     |
| Construction                                    | 162.3             | <b>162.4</b>    | 4.7               | <b>0.1</b>    | -5.2             | -4.9                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -3.1             | -2.9                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 127.7             | <b>124.1</b>    | 4.0               | <b>-3.6</b>   | -11.1            | -19.8                   | <b>-2.8</b>         | -8.2             | -13.8                   |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | <b>1,293.7</b>    | <b>1,306.2</b>  | 8.4               | <b>12.5</b>   | 37.0             | 45.5                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 2.9              | 3.6                     |
| Trade   | 278.8             | <b>274.4</b>    | 5.2               | <b>-4.4</b>   | 1.5              | 3.1                     | <b>-1.6</b>         | 0.5              | 1.1                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 108.6             | <b>114.4</b>    | 3.2               | <b>5.8</b>    | 17.0             | 16.4                    | <b>5.3</b>          | 17.5             | 16.7                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 91.2              | <b>97.2</b>     | 3.0               | <b>6.0</b>    | 5.1              | 4.5                     | <b>6.6</b>          | 5.5              | 4.9                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 138.3             | <b>142.6</b>    | 3.6               | <b>4.3</b>    | 24.1             | 23.9                    | <b>3.1</b>          | 20.3             | 20.1                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 58.2              | <b>61.2</b>     | 3.2               | <b>3.0</b>    | -2.3             | -2.1                    | <b>5.2</b>          | -3.6             | -3.3                    |
| Educational services                            | 115.1             | <b>118.0</b>    | 3.3               | <b>2.9</b>    | 5.1              | 6.9                     | <b>2.5</b>          | 4.5              | 6.2                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 174.4             | <b>169.6</b>    | 3.9               | <b>-4.8</b>   | 6.1              | 9.0                     | <b>-2.8</b>         | 3.7              | 5.6                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 70.5              | <b>73.1</b>     | 3.1               | <b>2.6</b>    | 5.0              | 1.6                     | <b>3.7</b>          | 7.3              | 2.2                     |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 101.8             | <b>102.3</b>    | 4.0               | <b>0.5</b>    | -24.7            | -23.2                   | <b>0.5</b>          | -19.4            | -18.5                   |
| Other services                                  | 84.3              | <b>83.5</b>     | 3.1               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -0.5             | 5.1                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | -0.6             | 6.5                     |
| Public administration                           | 72.5              | <b>69.9</b>     | 2.3               | <b>-2.6</b>   | 0.5              | 0.2                     | <b>-3.6</b>         | 0.7              | 0.3                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-10

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                     |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 3,462.2           | <b>3,468.0</b>  | ...               | <b>5.8</b>    | 53.9             | 62.8                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.6              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 2,262.5           | <b>2,264.6</b>  | 10.9              | <b>2.1</b>    | 36.4             | 33.4                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.6              | 1.5                     |
| Employment                                      | 2,134.5           | <b>2,148.9</b>  | 11.4              | <b>14.4</b>   | 59.4             | 69.5                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 2.8              | 3.3                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 1,690.0           | <b>1,698.9</b>  | 13.8              | <b>8.9</b>    | 35.0             | 26.1                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 2.1              | 1.6                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 127.9             | <b>115.7</b>    | 9.0               | <b>-12.2</b>  | -23.1            | -36.1                   | <b>-9.5</b>         | -16.6            | -23.8                   |
| Participation rate                              | 65.3              | <b>65.3</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.0              | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.7               | <b>5.1</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.1             | -1.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 61.7              | <b>62.0</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.8              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 20.8              | <b>20.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.6              | 1.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 572.5             | <b>573.6</b>    | ...               | <b>1.1</b>    | 8.5              | 10.1                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.5              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 372.7             | <b>380.9</b>    | 6.3               | <b>8.2</b>    | 22.3             | 24.7                    | <b>2.2</b>          | 6.2              | 6.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 340.0             | <b>348.6</b>    | 6.4               | <b>8.6</b>    | 30.1             | 36.2                    | <b>2.5</b>          | 9.5              | 11.6                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 32.6              | <b>32.3</b>     | 5.3               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -7.8             | -11.5                   | <b>-0.9</b>         | -19.5            | -26.3                   |
| Participation rate                              | 65.1              | <b>66.4</b>     | 1.1               | <b>1.3</b>    | 2.9              | 3.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.7               | <b>8.5</b>      | 1.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -2.7             | -3.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 59.4              | <b>60.8</b>     | 1.1               | <b>1.4</b>    | 4.4              | 5.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 41.3              | <b>44.1</b>     | 2.0               | <b>2.8</b>    | 1.4              | -1.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,410.7           | <b>1,413.1</b>  | ...               | <b>2.4</b>    | 22.6             | 26.3                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.6              | 1.9                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,010.0           | <b>1,011.4</b>  | 5.7               | <b>1.4</b>    | 3.7              | 6.7                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.4              | 0.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 958.9             | <b>962.4</b>    | 6.2               | <b>3.5</b>    | 10.2             | 15.5                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 1.1              | 1.6                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 51.1              | <b>49.0</b>     | 5.3               | <b>-2.1</b>   | -6.5             | -8.7                    | <b>-4.1</b>         | -11.7            | -15.1                   |
| Participation rate                              | 71.6              | <b>71.6</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.9             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.1               | <b>4.8</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.7             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 68.0              | <b>68.1</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 7.9               | <b>7.4</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.6             | 1.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,479.0           | <b>1,481.3</b>  | ...               | <b>2.3</b>    | 22.7             | 26.4                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.6              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 879.8             | <b>872.3</b>    | 6.2               | <b>-7.5</b>   | 10.4             | 2.0                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | 1.2              | 0.2                     |
| Employment                                      | 835.6             | <b>837.9</b>    | 6.5               | <b>2.3</b>    | 19.1             | 17.9                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 2.3              | 2.2                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 44.2              | <b>34.4</b>     | 4.7               | <b>-9.8</b>   | -8.8             | -15.9                   | <b>-22.2</b>        | -20.4            | -31.6                   |
| Participation rate                              | 59.5              | <b>58.9</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.2             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.0               | <b>3.9</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-1.1</b>   | -1.1             | -1.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 56.5              | <b>56.6</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.5              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 27.4              | <b>26.9</b>     | 1.0               | <b>-0.5</b>   | 0.8              | 2.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
|   | 2,134.5           | <b>2,148.9</b>  | 11.4              | <b>14.4</b>   | 59.4             | 69.5                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 2.8              | 3.3                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Agriculture                                     | 35.4              | <b>36.4</b>     | 2.7               | <b>1.0</b>    | -2.4             | -1.0                    | <b>2.8</b>          | -6.2             | -2.7                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 35.7              | <b>37.8</b>     | 2.5               | <b>2.1</b>    | 0.9              | 3.0                     | <b>5.9</b>          | 2.4              | 8.6                     |
| Utilities                                       | 11.0              | <b>11.2</b>     | 1.1               | <b>0.2</b>    | 3.7              | 3.2                     | <b>1.8</b>          | 49.3             | 40.0                    |
| Construction                                    | 166.7             | <b>164.7</b>    | 5.3               | <b>-2.0</b>   | 7.9              | 11.0                    | <b>-1.2</b>         | 5.0              | 7.2                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 197.3             | <b>194.1</b>    | 5.6               | <b>-3.2</b>   | -14.1            | -14.6                   | <b>-1.6</b>         | -6.8             | -7.0                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
|   | 1,688.5           | <b>1,704.8</b>  | 11.3              | <b>16.3</b>   | 63.5             | 68.0                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 3.9              | 4.2                     |
| Trade   | 342.1             | <b>362.4</b>    | 7.1               | <b>20.3</b>   | 50.5             | 51.0                    | <b>5.9</b>          | 16.2             | 16.4                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 127.7             | <b>124.1</b>    | 4.0               | <b>-3.6</b>   | 11.1             | 5.8                     | <b>-2.8</b>         | 9.8              | 4.9                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 129.5             | <b>131.4</b>    | 4.4               | <b>1.9</b>    | -4.7             | -2.9                    | <b>1.5</b>          | -3.5             | -2.2                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 155.6             | <b>157.6</b>    | 4.8               | <b>2.0</b>    | 3.3              | 5.6                     | <b>1.3</b>          | 2.1              | 3.7                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 88.8              | <b>90.1</b>     | 4.3               | <b>1.3</b>    | 6.3              | 7.8                     | <b>1.5</b>          | 7.5              | 9.5                     |
| Educational services                            | 152.3             | <b>141.3</b>    | 4.8               | <b>-11.0</b>  | 8.1              | 6.3                     | <b>-7.2</b>         | 6.1              | 4.7                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 217.1             | <b>219.4</b>    | 5.0               | <b>2.3</b>    | -3.3             | 1.7                     | <b>1.1</b>          | -1.5             | 0.8                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 115.3             | <b>119.1</b>    | 4.6               | <b>3.8</b>    | 6.3              | 3.4                     | <b>3.3</b>          | 5.6              | 2.9                     |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 177.4             | <b>178.3</b>    | 5.4               | <b>0.9</b>    | -4.4             | -1.1                    | <b>0.5</b>          | -2.4             | -0.6                    |
| Other services                                  | 88.0              | <b>90.4</b>     | 4.1               | <b>2.4</b>    | -3.7             | -2.9                    | <b>2.7</b>          | -3.9             | -3.1                    |
| Public administration                           | 94.7              | <b>90.6</b>     | 3.3               | <b>-4.1</b>   | -6.1             | -6.7                    | <b>-4.3</b>         | -6.3             | -6.9                    |

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 5-1

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

|  | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                  |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 151.2             | <b>151.3</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.8              | 1.2                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.5              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                                 | 99.8              | <b>99.2</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -0.6             | 0.7                     | <b>-0.6</b>         | -0.6             | 0.7                     |
| Employment                                   | 90.9              | <b>90.6</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -0.8             | 0.7                     | <b>-0.3</b>         | -0.9             | 0.8                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 8.9               | <b>8.6</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 0.2              | 0.0                     | <b>-3.4</b>         | 2.4              | 0.0                     |
| Participation rate                           | 66.0              | <b>65.6</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.7             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 8.9               | <b>8.7</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 0.3              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 60.1              | <b>59.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.8             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>                  |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 311.3             | <b>311.8</b>    | ...               | <b>0.5</b>    | 2.6              | 3.3                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.8              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                 | 214.8             | <b>215.0</b>    | 1.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | -3.3             | -2.6                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.5             | -1.2                    |
| Employment                                   | 203.6             | <b>203.9</b>    | 1.3               | <b>0.3</b>    | -1.2             | -1.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -0.6             | -0.5                    |
| Unemployment                                 | 11.1              | <b>11.1</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.0</b>    | -2.1             | -1.6                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -15.9            | -12.6                   |
| Participation rate                           | 69.0              | <b>69.0</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.6             | -1.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 5.2               | <b>5.2</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.8             | -0.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 65.4              | <b>65.4</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.9             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>             |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 103.0             | <b>103.0</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.6              | 0.7                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.6              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                                 | 64.7              | <b>64.4</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -2.5             | -2.5                    | <b>-0.5</b>         | -3.7             | -3.7                    |
| Employment                                   | 59.5              | <b>59.0</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -2.9             | -2.5                    | <b>-0.8</b>         | -4.7             | -4.1                    |
| Unemployment                                 | 5.2               | <b>5.4</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.4              | 0.0                     | <b>3.8</b>          | 8.0              | 0.0                     |
| Participation rate                           | 62.8              | <b>62.5</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -2.8             | -2.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 8.0               | <b>8.4</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.9              | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 57.8              | <b>57.3</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -3.1             | -2.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>                      |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 126.3             | <b>126.3</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.2             | -0.2                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -0.2             | -0.2                    |
| Labour force                                 | 76.2              | <b>76.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | -3.0             | -3.8                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -3.8             | -4.8                    |
| Employment                                   | 67.8              | <b>67.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | -2.8             | -3.4                    | <b>0.0</b>          | -4.0             | -4.8                    |
| Unemployment                                 | 8.4               | <b>8.5</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | -0.3                    | <b>1.2</b>          | -1.2             | -3.4                    |
| Participation rate                           | 60.3              | <b>60.3</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | -2.3             | -2.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 11.0              | <b>11.2</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.3              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 53.7              | <b>53.7</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | -2.1             | -2.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Québec, Quebec</b>                        |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 594.4             | <b>595.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.7</b>    | 5.6              | 6.8                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.9              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                                 | 401.5             | <b>399.9</b>    | 3.1               | <b>-1.6</b>   | 9.5              | 10.5                    | <b>-0.4</b>         | 2.4              | 2.7                     |
| Employment                                   | 374.9             | <b>377.1</b>    | 3.1               | <b>2.2</b>    | 8.4              | 6.4                     | <b>0.6</b>          | 2.3              | 1.7                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 26.5              | <b>22.9</b>     | 1.5               | <b>-3.6</b>   | 1.2              | 4.2                     | <b>-13.6</b>        | 5.5              | 22.5                    |
| Participation rate                           | 67.5              | <b>67.2</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 6.6               | <b>5.7</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.9</b>   | 0.1              | 0.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 63.1              | <b>63.4</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.9              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>                |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 118.5             | <b>118.6</b>    | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.9              | 1.1                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.8              | 0.9                     |
| Labour force                                 | 76.0              | <b>75.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.8</b>   | 3.0              | 3.1                     | <b>-1.1</b>         | 4.2              | 4.3                     |
| Employment                                   | 70.3              | <b>69.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-1.1</b>   | 4.0              | 5.0                     | <b>-1.6</b>         | 6.1              | 7.8                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 5.7               | <b>6.0</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.3</b>    | -1.0             | -1.9                    | <b>5.3</b>          | -14.3            | -24.1                   |
| Participation rate                           | 64.1              | <b>63.4</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.7</b>   | 2.1              | 2.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 7.5               | <b>8.0</b>      | 0.6               | <b>0.5</b>    | -1.7             | -3.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 59.3              | <b>58.3</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-1.0</b>   | 2.9              | 3.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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Table 5-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

|  | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                              |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>                                |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population   | 134.7             | <b>135.0</b>    | ...               | <b>0.3</b>    | 1.7              | 2.2                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.3              | 1.7                     |
| Labour force   | 85.9              | <b>86.0</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.1</b>    | -3.0             | -1.0                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -3.4             | -1.1                    |
| Employment   | 79.9              | <b>79.8</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -3.2             | -1.3                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -3.9             | -1.6                    |
| Unemployment   | 6.0               | <b>6.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.2              | 0.3                     | <b>3.3</b>          | 3.3              | 5.1                     |
| Participation rate                                       | 63.8              | <b>63.7</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -3.1             | -1.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate  | 7.0               | <b>7.2</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.5              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate  | 59.3              | <b>59.1</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -3.2             | -2.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Montréal, Quebec</b>                                  |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population   | 2,974.5           | <b>2,978.2</b>  | ...               | <b>3.7</b>    | 32.4             | 38.6                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.1              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force   | 2,010.8           | <b>2,013.0</b>  | 7.5               | <b>2.2</b>    | 22.7             | 30.3                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.1              | 1.5                     |
| Employment   | 1,838.4           | <b>1,834.5</b>  | 7.7               | <b>-3.9</b>   | 27.3             | 24.8                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 1.5              | 1.4                     |
| Unemployment   | 172.4             | <b>178.5</b>    | 4.9               | <b>6.1</b>    | -4.6             | 5.5                     | <b>3.5</b>          | -2.5             | 3.2                     |
| Participation rate                                       | 67.6              | <b>67.6</b>     | 0.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.0              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate  | 8.6               | <b>8.9</b>      | 0.2               | <b>0.3</b>    | -0.3             | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate  | 61.8              | <b>61.6</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 0.3              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>                   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population   | 935.2             | <b>936.7</b>    | ...               | <b>1.5</b>    | 12.7             | 14.9                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.4              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force   | 658.0             | <b>661.5</b>    | 3.5               | <b>3.5</b>    | -4.0             | 7.8                     | <b>0.5</b>          | -0.6             | 1.2                     |
| Employment   | 611.1             | <b>616.9</b>    | 3.6               | <b>5.8</b>    | -5.5             | 5.9                     | <b>0.9</b>          | -0.9             | 1.0                     |
| Unemployment   | 46.9              | <b>44.6</b>     | 1.8               | <b>-2.3</b>   | 1.5              | 1.9                     | <b>-4.9</b>         | 3.5              | 4.4                     |
| Participation rate                                       | 70.4              | <b>70.6</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.2</b>    | -1.4             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate  | 7.1               | <b>6.7</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate  | 65.3              | <b>65.9</b>     | 0.4               | <b>0.6</b>    | -1.5             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part,<br/>Ontario/Quebec</b>  |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population   | 231.7             | <b>232.2</b>    | ...               | <b>0.5</b>    | 5.3              | 6.3                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 2.3              | 2.8                     |
| Labour force   | 166.9             | <b>168.8</b>    | 1.3               | <b>1.9</b>    | 6.4              | 10.6                    | <b>1.1</b>          | 3.9              | 6.7                     |
| Employment   | 155.3             | <b>157.3</b>    | 1.4               | <b>2.0</b>    | 6.3              | 9.8                     | <b>1.3</b>          | 4.2              | 6.6                     |
| Unemployment   | 11.6              | <b>11.5</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.1</b>   | 0.2              | 0.8                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | 1.8              | 7.5                     |
| Participation rate                                       | 72.0              | <b>72.7</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.7</b>    | 1.1              | 2.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate  | 7.0               | <b>6.8</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.2             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate  | 67.0              | <b>67.7</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.7</b>    | 1.2              | 2.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part,<br/>Ontario/Quebec</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population   | 703.6             | <b>704.4</b>    | ...               | <b>0.8</b>    | 7.3              | 8.5                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.0              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force   | 491.1             | <b>492.7</b>    | 3.2               | <b>1.6</b>    | -10.4            | -2.8                    | <b>0.3</b>          | -2.1             | -0.6                    |
| Employment   | 455.8             | <b>459.6</b>    | 3.4               | <b>3.8</b>    | -11.8            | -4.0                    | <b>0.8</b>          | -2.5             | -0.9                    |
| Unemployment   | 35.3              | <b>33.1</b>     | 1.7               | <b>-2.2</b>   | 1.4              | 1.1                     | <b>-6.2</b>         | 4.4              | 3.4                     |
| Participation rate                                       | 69.8              | <b>69.9</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | -2.3             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate  | 7.2               | <b>6.7</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.5</b>   | 0.4              | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate  | 64.8              | <b>65.2</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.4</b>    | -2.4             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Kingston, Ontario</b>                                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population   | 125.7             | <b>125.9</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 1.5              | 1.7                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.2              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force   | 81.8              | <b>81.4</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 3.0              | 2.9                     | <b>-0.5</b>         | 3.8              | 3.7                     |
| Employment   | 75.6              | <b>76.3</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.7</b>    | 2.5              | 2.4                     | <b>0.9</b>          | 3.4              | 3.2                     |
| Unemployment   | 6.2               | <b>5.1</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-1.1</b>   | 0.5              | 0.5                     | <b>-17.7</b>        | 10.9             | 10.9                    |
| Participation rate                                       | 65.1              | <b>64.7</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.4</b>   | 1.7              | 1.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate  | 7.6               | <b>6.3</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-1.3</b>   | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate  | 60.1              | <b>60.6</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.5</b>    | 1.3              | 1.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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Table 5-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

|  | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>                |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 4,291.0           | <b>4,299.9</b>  | ...               | <b>8.9</b>    | 85.8             | 99.1                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 2.0              | 2.4                     |
| Labour force                           | 2,988.1           | <b>2,999.0</b>  | 8.5               | <b>10.9</b>   | 71.1             | 72.9                    | <b>0.4</b>          | 2.4              | 2.5                     |
| Employment                             | 2,783.5           | <b>2,800.9</b>  | 9.0               | <b>17.4</b>   | 96.7             | 93.2                    | <b>0.6</b>          | 3.6              | 3.4                     |
| Unemployment                           | 204.6             | <b>198.1</b>    | 5.6               | <b>-6.5</b>   | -25.6            | -20.3                   | <b>-3.2</b>         | -11.4            | -9.3                    |
| Participation rate                     | 69.6              | <b>69.7</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.2              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.8               | <b>6.6</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -1.0             | -0.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 64.9              | <b>65.1</b>     | 0.2               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.9              | 0.6                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>               |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 582.0             | <b>582.8</b>    | ...               | <b>0.8</b>    | 7.5              | 8.6                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.3              | 1.5                     |
| Labour force                           | 385.4             | <b>387.8</b>    | 2.8               | <b>2.4</b>    | -8.6             | -14.8                   | <b>0.6</b>          | -2.2             | -3.7                    |
| Employment                             | 364.1             | <b>364.8</b>    | 2.9               | <b>0.7</b>    | -6.3             | -14.8                   | <b>0.2</b>          | -1.7             | -3.9                    |
| Unemployment                           | 21.3              | <b>22.9</b>     | 1.5               | <b>1.6</b>    | -2.4             | -0.1                    | <b>7.5</b>          | -9.5             | -0.4                    |
| Participation rate                     | 66.2              | <b>66.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.3</b>    | -2.4             | -3.6                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 5.5               | <b>5.9</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.5             | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 62.6              | <b>62.6</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.0</b>    | -1.9             | -3.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>              |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 365.6             | <b>366.3</b>    | ...               | <b>0.7</b>    | 5.9              | 6.9                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.6              | 1.9                     |
| Labour force                           | 265.4             | <b>265.8</b>    | 1.9               | <b>0.4</b>    | 15.3             | 15.3                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 6.1              | 6.1                     |
| Employment                             | 250.2             | <b>250.5</b>    | 2.0               | <b>0.3</b>    | 10.1             | 12.5                    | <b>0.1</b>          | 4.2              | 5.3                     |
| Unemployment                           | 15.2              | <b>15.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.0</b>    | 5.1              | 2.7                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 50.5             | 21.6                    |
| Participation rate                     | 72.6              | <b>72.6</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.0</b>    | 3.1              | 2.9                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 5.7               | <b>5.7</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | 1.7              | 0.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 68.4              | <b>68.4</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | 1.7              | 2.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>London, Ontario</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 376.0             | <b>376.5</b>    | ...               | <b>0.5</b>    | 3.7              | 4.3                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.0              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                           | 261.4             | <b>260.1</b>    | 2.0               | <b>-1.3</b>   | 0.6              | 3.1                     | <b>-0.5</b>         | 0.2              | 1.2                     |
| Employment                             | 244.4             | <b>243.0</b>    | 2.1               | <b>-1.4</b>   | 1.0              | 2.2                     | <b>-0.6</b>         | 0.4              | 0.9                     |
| Unemployment                           | 17.0              | <b>17.1</b>     | 0.9               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | 0.8                     | <b>0.6</b>          | -2.3             | 4.9                     |
| Participation rate                     | 69.5              | <b>69.1</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.5             | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.5               | <b>6.6</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 65.0              | <b>64.5</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.4             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>                 |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 265.0             | <b>265.6</b>    | ...               | <b>0.6</b>    | 7.8              | 8.9                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 3.0              | 3.5                     |
| Labour force                           | 185.5             | <b>185.5</b>    | 1.3               | <b>0.0</b>    | 5.7              | 8.9                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 3.2              | 5.0                     |
| Employment                             | 174.2             | <b>174.0</b>    | 1.3               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 4.4              | 7.4                     | <b>-0.1</b>         | 2.6              | 4.4                     |
| Unemployment                           | 11.3              | <b>11.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.2</b>    | 1.3              | 1.5                     | <b>1.8</b>          | 12.7             | 15.0                    |
| Participation rate                     | 70.0              | <b>69.8</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.2</b>   | 0.1              | 1.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.1               | <b>6.2</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.1</b>    | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 65.7              | <b>65.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.3             | 0.6                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 325.5             | <b>325.7</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 2.3              | 2.6                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.7              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                           | 208.0             | <b>204.9</b>    | 1.8               | <b>-3.1</b>   | -3.3             | 3.3                     | <b>-1.5</b>         | -1.6             | 1.6                     |
| Employment                             | 190.4             | <b>188.6</b>    | 1.9               | <b>-1.8</b>   | -5.8             | 0.2                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | -3.0             | 0.1                     |
| Unemployment                           | 17.6              | <b>16.2</b>     | 0.9               | <b>-1.4</b>   | 2.4              | 3.0                     | <b>-8.0</b>         | 17.4             | 22.7                    |
| Participation rate                     | 63.9              | <b>62.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-1.0</b>   | -1.5             | 0.5                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 8.5               | <b>7.9</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.6</b>   | 1.3              | 1.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 58.5              | <b>57.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -2.2             | -0.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

|   | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)                         |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury,<br/>Ontario</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population  | 131.4             | <b>131.4</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 0.7              | 0.8                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.5              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force  | 81.1              | <b>80.9</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -4.9             | -3.1                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | -5.7             | -3.7                    |
| Employment  | 74.4              | <b>74.7</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.3</b>    | -4.8             | -2.6                    | <b>0.4</b>          | -6.0             | -3.4                    |
| Unemployment  | 6.7               | <b>6.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -0.1             | -0.5                    | <b>-7.5</b>         | -1.6             | -7.5                    |
| Participation rate                                  | 61.7              | <b>61.6</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -4.0             | -2.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                   | 8.3               | <b>7.7</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-0.6</b>   | 0.4              | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                     | 56.6              | <b>56.8</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.2</b>    | -4.0             | -2.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>                         |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population  | 102.2             | <b>102.2</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 1.0              | 1.0                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Labour force  | 67.6              | <b>66.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -1.1             | -0.5                    | <b>-1.0</b>         | -1.6             | -0.7                    |
| Employment  | 63.1              | <b>62.6</b>     | 0.7               | <b>-0.5</b>   | 0.3              | 0.9                     | <b>-0.8</b>         | 0.5              | 1.5                     |
| Unemployment  | 4.5               | <b>4.3</b>      | 0.3               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -1.4             | -1.4                    | <b>-4.4</b>         | -24.6            | -24.6                   |
| Participation rate                                  | 66.1              | <b>65.5</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.7             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                   | 6.7               | <b>6.4</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -2.0             | -2.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                     | 61.7              | <b>61.3</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.3             | 0.3                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Windsor, Ontario</b>                             |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population  | 270.1             | <b>270.6</b>    | ...               | <b>0.5</b>    | 3.0              | 3.6                     | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.1              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force  | 175.1             | <b>175.3</b>    | 1.6               | <b>0.2</b>    | -5.0             | -5.6                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -2.8             | -3.1                    |
| Employment  | 161.5             | <b>162.2</b>    | 1.6               | <b>0.7</b>    | -0.6             | -1.7                    | <b>0.4</b>          | -0.4             | -1.0                    |
| Unemployment  | 13.6              | <b>13.2</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -4.2             | -3.8                    | <b>-2.9</b>         | -24.1            | -22.4                   |
| Participation rate                                  | 64.8              | <b>64.8</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | -2.6             | -3.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                   | 7.8               | <b>7.5</b>      | 0.5               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -2.2             | -1.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                     | 59.8              | <b>59.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.9             | -1.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>                           |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population  | 569.7             | <b>570.0</b>    | ...               | <b>0.3</b>    | 4.0              | 5.0                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.7              | 0.9                     |
| Labour force  | 391.7             | <b>391.1</b>    | 1.3               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -10.1            | -10.3                   | <b>-0.2</b>         | -2.5             | -2.6                    |
| Employment  | 371.9             | <b>371.7</b>    | 1.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -8.2             | -6.7                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -2.2             | -1.8                    |
| Unemployment  | 19.8              | <b>19.4</b>     | 0.8               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -1.9             | -3.6                    | <b>-2.0</b>         | -8.9             | -15.7                   |
| Participation rate                                  | 68.8              | <b>68.6</b>     | 0.2               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -2.3             | -2.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                   | 5.1               | <b>5.0</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.3             | -0.7                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                     | 65.3              | <b>65.2</b>     | 0.2               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -1.9             | -1.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>                         |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population  | 159.8             | <b>159.8</b>    | ...               | <b>0.0</b>    | 1.4              | 1.6                     | <b>0.0</b>          | 0.9              | 1.0                     |
| Labour force  | 113.6             | <b>112.5</b>    | 0.7               | <b>-1.1</b>   | -1.6             | -0.6                    | <b>-1.0</b>         | -1.4             | -0.5                    |
| Employment  | 107.9             | <b>106.7</b>    | 0.7               | <b>-1.2</b>   | -1.5             | -1.2                    | <b>-1.1</b>         | -1.4             | -1.1                    |
| Unemployment  | 5.7               | <b>5.8</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.1             | 0.6                     | <b>1.8</b>          | -1.7             | 11.5                    |
| Participation rate                                  | 71.1              | <b>70.4</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -1.6             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                   | 5.0               | <b>5.2</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.2</b>    | 0.0              | 0.6                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                     | 67.5              | <b>66.8</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.7</b>   | -1.5             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>                      |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population  | 189.0             | <b>189.2</b>    | ...               | <b>0.2</b>    | 1.5              | 1.9                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 0.8              | 1.0                     |
| Labour force  | 133.2             | <b>133.0</b>    | 0.9               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -0.8             | 1.6                     | <b>-0.2</b>         | -0.6             | 1.2                     |
| Employment  | 126.5             | <b>125.4</b>    | 0.9               | <b>-1.1</b>   | -1.0             | 1.9                     | <b>-0.9</b>         | -0.8             | 1.5                     |
| Unemployment  | 6.7               | <b>7.6</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.9</b>    | 0.2              | -0.3                    | <b>13.4</b>         | 2.7              | -3.8                    |
| Participation rate                                  | 70.5              | <b>70.3</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -1.0             | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                                   | 5.0               | <b>5.7</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.7</b>    | 0.2              | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                     | 66.9              | <b>66.3</b>     | 0.5               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.0             | 0.4                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

|                                     | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                     |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)         |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>             |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                          | 857.2             | <b>859.4</b>    | ...               | <b>2.2</b>    | 18.2             | 21.0                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 2.2              | 2.5                     |
| Labour force                        | 627.9             | <b>628.9</b>    | 3.0               | <b>1.0</b>    | 2.7              | -2.9                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 0.4              | -0.5                    |
| Employment                          | 605.1             | <b>603.7</b>    | 3.0               | <b>-1.4</b>   | 7.5              | 2.5                     | <b>-0.2</b>         | 1.3              | 0.4                     |
| Unemployment                        | 22.7              | <b>25.2</b>     | 1.7               | <b>2.5</b>    | -4.8             | -5.4                    | <b>11.0</b>         | -16.0            | -17.6                   |
| Participation rate                  | 73.3              | <b>73.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -1.2             | -2.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                   | 3.6               | <b>4.0</b>      | 0.3               | <b>0.4</b>    | -0.8             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                     | 70.6              | <b>70.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -0.7             | -1.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                          | 818.4             | <b>820.2</b>    | ...               | <b>1.8</b>    | 12.3             | 14.4                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.5              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                        | 578.3             | <b>577.8</b>    | 2.6               | <b>-0.5</b>   | -15.7            | -9.8                    | <b>-0.1</b>         | -2.6             | -1.7                    |
| Employment                          | 551.2             | <b>551.5</b>    | 2.7               | <b>0.3</b>    | -10.7            | -7.2                    | <b>0.1</b>          | -1.9             | -1.3                    |
| Unemployment                        | 27.1              | <b>26.3</b>     | 1.4               | <b>-0.8</b>   | -4.9             | -2.6                    | <b>-3.0</b>         | -15.7            | -9.0                    |
| Participation rate                  | 70.7              | <b>70.4</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.3</b>   | -3.1             | -2.5                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                   | 4.7               | <b>4.6</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.7             | -0.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                     | 67.4              | <b>67.2</b>     | 0.4               | <b>-0.2</b>   | -2.4             | -2.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                          | 128.7             | <b>129.1</b>    | ...               | <b>0.4</b>    | 1.6              | 2.1                     | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.3              | 1.7                     |
| Labour force                        | 83.4              | <b>83.9</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.5</b>    | -1.5             | -2.3                    | <b>0.6</b>          | -1.8             | -2.7                    |
| Employment                          | 79.3              | <b>79.7</b>     | 0.8               | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.5              | -0.5                    | <b>0.5</b>          | 0.6              | -0.6                    |
| Unemployment                        | 4.1               | <b>4.2</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -2.0             | -1.8                    | <b>2.4</b>          | -32.3            | -30.0                   |
| Participation rate                  | 64.8              | <b>65.0</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.2</b>    | -2.0             | -2.9                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                   | 4.9               | <b>5.0</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -2.3             | -2.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                     | 61.6              | <b>61.7</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.1</b>    | -0.4             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>  |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                          | 1,825.1           | <b>1,828.7</b>  | ...               | <b>3.6</b>    | 33.0             | 38.0                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.8              | 2.1                     |
| Labour force                        | 1,214.6           | <b>1,209.3</b>  | 4.9               | <b>-5.3</b>   | 4.4              | 8.1                     | <b>-0.4</b>         | 0.4              | 0.7                     |
| Employment                          | 1,143.5           | <b>1,145.4</b>  | 5.1               | <b>1.9</b>    | 16.5             | 24.8                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.5              | 2.2                     |
| Unemployment                        | 71.1              | <b>63.9</b>     | 3.0               | <b>-7.2</b>   | -12.1            | -16.7                   | <b>-10.1</b>        | -15.9            | -20.7                   |
| Participation rate                  | 66.5              | <b>66.1</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.4</b>   | -1.0             | -1.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                   | 5.9               | <b>5.3</b>      | 0.2               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.0             | -1.4                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                     | 62.7              | <b>62.6</b>     | 0.3               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -0.3             | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>   |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                          | 271.4             | <b>271.7</b>    | ...               | <b>0.3</b>    | 3.2              | 3.5                     | <b>0.1</b>          | 1.2              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force                        | 178.5             | <b>180.2</b>    | 1.7               | <b>1.7</b>    | 11.2             | 10.8                    | <b>1.0</b>          | 6.6              | 6.4                     |
| Employment                          | 170.9             | <b>172.3</b>    | 1.8               | <b>1.4</b>    | 12.5             | 12.3                    | <b>0.8</b>          | 7.8              | 7.7                     |
| Unemployment                        | 7.6               | <b>7.9</b>      | 0.7               | <b>0.3</b>    | -1.3             | -1.4                    | <b>3.9</b>          | -14.1            | -15.1                   |
| Participation rate                  | 65.8              | <b>66.3</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.5</b>    | 3.4              | 3.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                   | 4.3               | <b>4.4</b>      | 0.4               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.0             | -1.1                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                     | 63.0              | <b>63.4</b>     | 0.7               | <b>0.4</b>    | 3.9              | 3.7                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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

**Note:** Related CANSIM table 282-0090

Table 5-2

## Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — Monthly

|                                    | September<br>2005 | October<br>2005 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | Percent change from |                  |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    |                   |                 |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month       | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| in thousands (except rates)        |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| <b>Montréal, Quebec</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 2,974.7           | <b>2,983.4</b>  | ...               | <b>8.7</b>    | 34.8             | 40.5                    | <b>0.3</b>          | 1.2              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force                       | 2,002.8           | <b>2,017.9</b>  | 16.0              | <b>15.1</b>   | 35.7             | 27.7                    | <b>0.8</b>          | 1.8              | 1.4                     |
| Employment                         | 1,821.9           | <b>1,835.8</b>  | 16.3              | <b>13.9</b>   | 35.1             | 27.9                    | <b>0.8</b>          | 1.9              | 1.5                     |
| Unemployment                       | 180.9             | <b>182.1</b>    | 11.9              | <b>1.2</b>    | 0.5              | -0.3                    | <b>0.7</b>          | 0.3              | -0.2                    |
| Participation rate                 | 67.3              | <b>67.6</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.4              | 0.0                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 9.0               | <b>9.0</b>      | 0.6               | <b>0.0</b>    | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 61.2              | <b>61.5</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.3</b>    | 0.4              | 0.1                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>            |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 4,305.3           | <b>4,305.4</b>  | ...               | <b>0.1</b>    | 85.1             | 97.8                    | <b>0.0</b>          | 2.0              | 2.3                     |
| Labour force                       | 2,995.9           | <b>3,022.8</b>  | 19.2              | <b>26.9</b>   | 97.7             | 96.2                    | <b>0.9</b>          | 3.3              | 3.3                     |
| Employment                         | 2,798.6           | <b>2,821.7</b>  | 19.4              | <b>23.1</b>   | 129.1            | 114.2                   | <b>0.8</b>          | 4.8              | 4.2                     |
| Unemployment                       | 197.2             | <b>201.1</b>    | 13.6              | <b>3.9</b>    | -31.4            | -18.0                   | <b>2.0</b>          | -13.5            | -8.2                    |
| Participation rate                 | 69.6              | <b>70.2</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.6</b>    | 0.9              | 0.6                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 6.6               | <b>6.7</b>      | 0.5               | <b>0.1</b>    | -1.2             | -0.8                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 65.0              | <b>65.5</b>     | 0.5               | <b>0.5</b>    | 1.7              | 1.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b> |                   |                 |                   |               |                  |                         |                     |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 1,833.5           | <b>1,829.8</b>  | ...               | <b>-3.7</b>   | 31.5             | 36.8                    | <b>-0.2</b>         | 1.8              | 2.1                     |
| Labour force                       | 1,210.8           | <b>1,206.5</b>  | 10.7              | <b>-4.3</b>   | -3.6             | 2.3                     | <b>-0.4</b>         | -0.3             | 0.2                     |
| Employment                         | 1,147.8           | <b>1,150.5</b>  | 11.1              | <b>2.7</b>    | 11.0             | 26.0                    | <b>0.2</b>          | 1.0              | 2.3                     |
| Unemployment                       | 63.0              | <b>56.0</b>     | 7.4               | <b>-7.0</b>   | -14.7            | -23.7                   | <b>-11.1</b>        | -20.8            | -29.7                   |
| Participation rate                 | 66.0              | <b>65.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>-0.1</b>   | -1.4             | -1.3                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 5.2               | <b>4.6</b>      | 0.6               | <b>-0.6</b>   | -1.2             | -2.0                    | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 62.6              | <b>62.9</b>     | 0.6               | <b>0.3</b>    | -0.5             | 0.2                     | ...                 | ...              | ...                     |

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6

Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in October 2004 and October 2005

|  | Population | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |            | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
| in thousands                                 |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>                   |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 25,518.3   | 17,320.0     | 16,144.8   | 1,175.2      | 67.9               | 6.8               | 63.3            |
| 2005   | 25,893.8   | 17,503.1     | 16,367.9   | 1,135.2      | 67.6               | 6.5               | 63.2            |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>             |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 430.0      | 257.8        | 222.0      | 35.8         | 60.0               | 13.9              | 51.6            |
| 2005   | 429.4      | 258.0        | 221.6      | 36.4         | 60.1               | 14.1              | 51.6            |
| Avalon Peninsula (010)                       |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 208.9      | 128.7        | 114.9      | 13.8         | 61.6               | 10.7              | 55.0            |
| 2005   | 209.9      | 131.3        | 116.6      | 14.7         | 62.6               | 11.2              | 55.6            |
| South Coast-Burin Peninsula (020)            |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 34.2       | 19.6         | 15.8       | 3.9          | 57.3               | 19.9              | 46.2            |
| 2005   | 33.8       | 18.6         | 14.4       | 4.2          | 55.0               | 22.6              | 42.6            |
| West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador (030) |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 90.2       | 55.2         | 46.3       | 8.9          | 61.2               | 16.1              | 51.3            |
| 2005   | 89.5       | 54.1         | 46.0       | 8.2          | 60.4               | 15.2              | 51.4            |
| Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay (040)       |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 96.6       | 54.2         | 45.0       | 9.2          | 56.1               | 17.0              | 46.6            |
| 2005   | 96.2       | 54.0         | 44.7       | 9.3          | 56.1               | 17.2              | 46.5            |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>                  |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 111.1      | 77.4         | 70.7       | 6.7          | 69.7               | 8.7               | 63.6            |
| 2005   | 111.8      | 78.2         | 71.4       | 6.8          | 69.9               | 8.7               | 63.9            |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>                           |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 757.9      | 489.9        | 451.2      | 38.8         | 64.6               | 7.9               | 59.5            |
| 2005   | 761.4      | 487.8        | 451.7      | 36.1         | 64.1               | 7.4               | 59.3            |
| Cape Breton (210)                            |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 117.1      | 61.1         | 51.5       | 9.6          | 52.2               | 15.7              | 44.0            |
| 2005   | 116.6      | 68.0         | 58.4       | 9.5          | 58.3               | 14.0              | 50.1            |
| North Shore (220)                            |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 130.3      | 80.6         | 73.5       | 7.2          | 61.9               | 8.9               | 56.4            |
| 2005   | 130.5      | 79.8         | 74.5       | 5.3          | 61.1               | 6.6               | 57.1            |
| Annapolis Valley (230)                       |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 98.9       | 65.9         | 61.0       | 4.8          | 66.6               | 7.3               | 61.7            |
| 2005   | 99.3       | 62.0         | 57.3       | 4.7          | 62.4               | 7.6               | 57.7            |
| Southern (240)                               |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 103.1      | 63.8         | 58.5       | 5.2          | 61.9               | 8.2               | 56.7            |
| 2005   | 103.3      | 62.6         | 56.2       | 6.4          | 60.6               | 10.2              | 54.4            |
| Halifax (250)                                |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 308.5      | 218.6        | 206.6      | 12.0         | 70.9               | 5.5               | 67.0            |
| 2005   | 311.8      | 215.5        | 205.3      | 10.2         | 69.1               | 4.7               | 65.8            |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>                         |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 608.0      | 396.7        | 363.0      | 33.8         | 65.2               | 8.5               | 59.7            |
| 2005   | 611.0      | 394.7        | 358.8      | 36.0         | 64.6               | 9.1               | 58.7            |
| Campbellton-Miramichi (310)                  |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 137.6      | 83.7         | 71.9       | 11.8         | 60.8               | 14.1              | 52.3            |
| 2005   | 137.0      | 83.5         | 72.2       | 11.3         | 60.9               | 13.5              | 52.7            |

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|                                     | Population | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                     |            | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
| in thousands                        |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| Moncton-Richibucto (320)            |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 158.9      | 107.5        | 99.9       | 7.6          | 67.7               | 7.1               | 62.9            |
| 2005                                | 160.8      | 108.9        | 100.0      | 9.0          | 67.7               | 8.3               | 62.2            |
| Saint John-St. Stephen (330)        |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 140.2      | 90.5         | 84.3       | 6.2          | 64.6               | 6.9               | 60.1            |
| 2005                                | 141.0      | 87.8         | 81.4       | 6.4          | 62.3               | 7.3               | 57.7            |
| Fredericton-Oromocto (340)          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 102.7      | 70.4         | 65.0       | 5.4          | 68.5               | 7.7               | 63.3            |
| 2005                                | 103.6      | 71.4         | 65.7       | 5.7          | 68.9               | 8.0               | 63.4            |
| Edmundston-Woodstock (350)          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 68.6       | 44.7         | 41.9       | 2.8          | 65.2               | 6.3               | 61.1            |
| 2005                                | 68.7       | 43.2         | 39.6       | 3.5          | 62.9               | 8.1               | 57.6            |
| <b>Quebec</b>                       |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 6,127.7    | 4,055.3      | 3,741.8    | 313.5        | 66.2               | 7.7               | 61.1            |
| 2005                                | 6,198.1    | 4,099.1      | 3,774.8    | 324.3        | 66.1               | 7.9               | 60.9            |
| Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (410) |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 79.6       | 41.6         | 34.8       | 6.8          | 52.3               | 16.3              | 43.7            |
| 2005                                | 80.0       | 41.5         | 35.8       | 5.8          | 51.9               | 14.0              | 44.7            |
| Bas-Saint-Laurent (415)             |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 166.0      | 108.7        | 101.6      | 7.1          | 65.5               | 6.5               | 61.2            |
| 2005                                | 166.6      | 102.3        | 94.9       | 7.4          | 61.4               | 7.2               | 57.0            |
| Québec (420)                        |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 550.7      | 354.0        | 340.0      | 14.0         | 64.3               | 4.0               | 61.7            |
| 2005                                | 556.5      | 365.8        | 347.3      | 18.5         | 65.7               | 5.1               | 62.4            |
| Chaudière-Appalaches (425)          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 321.3      | 222.9        | 210.9      | 11.9         | 69.4               | 5.3               | 65.6            |
| 2005                                | 323.8      | 221.9        | 210.4      | 11.5         | 68.5               | 5.2               | 65.0            |
| Estrie (430)                        |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 242.7      | 157.0        | 145.3      | 11.7         | 64.7               | 7.5               | 59.9            |
| 2005                                | 245.4      | 157.6        | 147.6      | 10.0         | 64.2               | 6.3               | 60.1            |
| Centre-du-Québec (433)              |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 180.7      | 116.8        | 109.5      | 7.3          | 64.6               | 6.3               | 60.6            |
| 2005                                | 182.4      | 124.7        | 114.8      | 9.8          | 68.4               | 7.9               | 62.9            |
| Montérégie (435)                    |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 1,083.0    | 731.6        | 685.7      | 45.8         | 67.6               | 6.3               | 63.3            |
| 2005                                | 1,099.2    | 744.7        | 694.6      | 50.1         | 67.7               | 6.7               | 63.2            |
| Montréal (440)                      |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 1,560.3    | 1,028.0      | 921.2      | 106.8        | 65.9               | 10.4              | 59.0            |
| 2005                                | 1,572.0    | 1,038.2      | 926.8      | 111.4        | 66.0               | 10.7              | 59.0            |
| Laval (445)                         |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 296.4      | 195.3        | 183.7      | 11.6         | 65.9               | 5.9               | 62.0            |
| 2005                                | 301.2      | 206.3        | 190.4      | 15.9         | 68.5               | 7.7               | 63.2            |
| Lanaudière (450)                    |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                | 329.1      | 224.0        | 204.8      | 19.2         | 68.1               | 8.6               | 62.2            |
| 2005                                | 336.5      | 230.4        | 216.0      | 14.4         | 68.5               | 6.3               | 64.2            |

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|  | Population   | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |              | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
|  | in thousands |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| Laurentides (455)                          |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 399.5        | 282.8        | 264.4      | 18.4         | 70.8               | 6.5               | 66.2            |
| 2005                                       | 409.6        | 273.3        | 251.8      | 21.5         | 66.7               | 7.9               | 61.5            |
| Outaouais (460)                            |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 274.2        | 189.2        | 176.0      | 13.2         | 69.0               | 7.0               | 64.2            |
| 2005                                       | 280.8        | 198.1        | 184.2      | 13.8         | 70.5               | 7.0               | 65.6            |
| Abitibi-Témiscamingue (465)                |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 114.4        | 73.9         | 67.0       | 6.9          | 64.6               | 9.3               | 58.6            |
| 2005                                       | 114.5        | 69.7         | 63.3       | 6.4          | 60.9               | 9.2               | 55.3            |
| Mauricie (470)                             |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 214.0        | 129.3        | 116.5      | 12.8         | 60.4               | 9.9               | 54.4            |
| 2005                                       | 215.2        | 130.6        | 119.9      | 10.7         | 60.7               | 8.2               | 55.7            |
| Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean (475)              |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 224.6        | 140.7        | 126.0      | 14.7         | 62.6               | 10.4              | 56.1            |
| 2005                                       | 224.1        | 138.1        | 125.1      | 13.0         | 61.6               | 9.4               | 55.8            |
| Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec (480 and 490) |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 91.1         | 59.5         | 54.3       | 5.2          | 65.3               | 8.7               | 59.6            |
| 2005                                       | 90.3         | 56.0         | 51.7       | 4.3          | 62.0               | 7.7               | 57.3            |
| <b>Ontario</b>                             |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 9,937.1      | 6,813.9      | 6,362.9    | 451.0        | 68.6               | 6.6               | 64.0            |
| 2005                                       | 10,113.3     | 6,911.2      | 6,464.7    | 446.4        | 68.3               | 6.5               | 63.9            |
| Ottawa (510)                               |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 961.5        | 659.3        | 618.2      | 41.0         | 68.6               | 6.2               | 64.3            |
| 2005                                       | 973.7        | 672.0        | 626.4      | 45.7         | 69.0               | 6.8               | 64.3            |
| Kingston-Pembroke (515)                    |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 354.9        | 225.1        | 214.1      | 11.0         | 63.4               | 4.9               | 60.3            |
| 2005                                       | 358.1        | 222.7        | 209.6      | 13.1         | 62.2               | 5.9               | 58.5            |
| Muskoka-Kawartha (520)                     |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 296.6        | 179.6        | 171.8      | 7.9          | 60.6               | 4.4               | 57.9            |
| 2005                                       | 302.1        | 180.9        | 168.3      | 12.6         | 59.9               | 7.0               | 55.7            |
| Toronto (530)                              |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 4,431.5      | 3,090.8      | 2,854.0    | 236.8        | 69.7               | 7.7               | 64.4            |
| 2005                                       | 4,535.4      | 3,172.9      | 2,960.0    | 212.9        | 70.0               | 6.7               | 65.3            |
| Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie (540)            |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 915.0        | 651.5        | 619.4      | 32.2         | 71.2               | 4.9               | 67.7            |
| 2005                                       | 935.7        | 681.2        | 643.8      | 37.4         | 72.8               | 5.5               | 68.8            |
| Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula (550)           |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 1,098.1      | 746.0        | 704.4      | 41.6         | 67.9               | 5.6               | 64.1            |
| 2005                                       | 1,112.9      | 740.5        | 693.7      | 46.8         | 66.5               | 6.3               | 62.3            |
| London (560)                               |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 496.9        | 349.6        | 329.8      | 19.8         | 70.4               | 5.7               | 66.4            |
| 2005                                       | 502.7        | 349.8        | 327.7      | 22.1         | 69.6               | 6.3               | 65.2            |
| Windsor-Sarnia (570)                       |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 516.7        | 339.7        | 313.4      | 26.4         | 65.7               | 7.8               | 60.7            |
| 2005                                       | 521.9        | 341.2        | 317.1      | 24.1         | 65.4               | 7.1               | 60.8            |

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|                                   | Population   | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                   |              | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
|                                   | in thousands |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| Stratford-Bruce Peninsula (580)   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 241.6        | 177.3        | 171.2      | 6.1          | 73.4               | 3.4               | 70.9            |
| 2005                              | 244.7        | 165.5        | 159.4      | 6.0          | 67.6               | 3.6               | 65.1            |
| Northeast (590)                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 448.8        | 276.2        | 254.8      | 21.4         | 61.5               | 7.7               | 56.8            |
| 2005                              | 450.3        | 272.9        | 254.5      | 18.4         | 60.6               | 6.7               | 56.5            |
| Northwest (595)                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 175.3        | 118.8        | 111.9      | 6.9          | 67.8               | 5.8               | 63.8            |
| 2005                              | 175.7        | 111.5        | 104.3      | 7.2          | 63.5               | 6.5               | 59.4            |
| <b>Manitoba</b>                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 883.2        | 615.3        | 581.5      | 33.8         | 69.7               | 5.5               | 65.8            |
| 2005                              | 890.0        | 612.3        | 584.0      | 28.3         | 68.8               | 4.6               | 65.6            |
| Southeast (610)                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 71.6         | 51.4         | 49.5       | 1.9          | 71.8               | 3.7               | 69.1            |
| 2005                              | 73.2         | 55.0         | 52.4       | 2.6          | 75.1               | 4.7               | 71.6            |
| South Central (620)               |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 41.6         | 30.4         | 29.4       | 1.1          | 73.1               | 3.6               | 70.7            |
| 2005                              | 42.1         | 27.7         | 27.1       | 0.6          | 65.8               | 2.2               | 64.4            |
| Southwest (630)                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 81.1         | 54.6         | 51.9       | 2.7          | 67.3               | 4.9               | 64.0            |
| 2005                              | 81.3         | 50.8         | 48.8       | 1.9          | 62.5               | 3.7               | 60.0            |
| North Central (640)               |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 35.0         | 20.7         | 19.8       | 0.9          | 59.1               | 4.3               | 56.6            |
| 2005                              | 35.3         | 24.5         | 23.7       | 0.7          | 69.4               | 2.9               | 67.1            |
| Winnipeg (650)                    |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 524.3        | 373.3        | 351.6      | 21.7         | 71.2               | 5.8               | 67.1            |
| 2005                              | 528.6        | 363.0        | 343.6      | 19.3         | 68.7               | 5.3               | 65.0            |
| Interlake (660)                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 66.8         | 45.4         | 42.9       | 2.5          | 68.0               | 5.5               | 64.2            |
| 2005                              | 67.8         | 48.8         | 47.0       | 1.8          | 72.0               | 3.7               | 69.3            |
| Parklands and North (670 and 680) |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 62.8         | 39.5         | 36.4       | 3.1          | 62.9               | 7.8               | 58.0            |
| 2005                              | 61.8         | 42.7         | 41.4       | 1.3          | 69.1               | 3.0               | 67.0            |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>               |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 746.4        | 511.1        | 486.1      | 25.0         | 68.5               | 4.9               | 65.1            |
| 2005                              | 748.8        | 510.8        | 483.8      | 27.0         | 68.2               | 5.3               | 64.6            |
| Regina-Moose Mountain (710)       |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 216.7        | 154.6        | 148.6      | 5.9          | 71.3               | 3.8               | 68.6            |
| 2005                              | 218.2        | 153.8        | 146.7      | 7.1          | 70.5               | 4.6               | 67.2            |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw (720)     |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 82.3         | 53.3         | 50.7       | 2.6          | 64.8               | 4.9               | 61.6            |
| 2005                              | 82.4         | 52.8         | 50.1       | 2.7          | 64.1               | 5.1               | 60.8            |
| Saskatoon-Biggar (730)            |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                              | 231.2        | 163.8        | 154.7      | 9.1          | 70.8               | 5.6               | 66.9            |
| 2005                              | 232.6        | 162.4        | 153.5      | 8.9          | 69.8               | 5.5               | 66.0            |

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|  | Population   | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |              | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
|  | in thousands |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| Yorkton-Melville (740)                     |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 66.9         | 42.4         | 40.6       | 1.8          | 63.4               | 4.2               | 60.7            |
| 2005                                       | 66.1         | 44.3         | 42.5       | 1.7          | 67.0               | 3.8               | 64.3            |
| Prince Albert and Northern (750 and 760)   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 149.3        | 97.1         | 91.6       | 5.5          | 65.0               | 5.7               | 61.4            |
| 2005                                       | 149.6        | 97.5         | 90.9       | 6.6          | 65.2               | 6.8               | 60.8            |
| <b>Alberta</b>                             |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 2,515.6      | 1,859.7      | 1,776.5    | 83.1         | 73.9               | 4.5               | 70.6            |
| 2005                                       | 2,568.0      | 1,870.4      | 1,797.5    | 72.9         | 72.8               | 3.9               | 70.0            |
| Lethbridge-Medicine Hat (810)              |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 191.1        | 138.4        | 132.2      | 6.3          | 72.4               | 4.6               | 69.2            |
| 2005                                       | 194.0        | 144.3        | 139.5      | 4.8          | 74.4               | 3.3               | 71.9            |
| Camrose-Drumheller (820)                   |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 145.1        | 106.3        | 103.1      | 3.2          | 73.3               | 3.0               | 71.1            |
| 2005                                       | 147.0        | 106.9        | 103.6      | 3.3          | 72.7               | 3.1               | 70.5            |
| Calgary (830)                              |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 902.0        | 680.8        | 647.7      | 33.0         | 75.5               | 4.8               | 71.8            |
| 2005                                       | 925.2        | 678.0        | 649.7      | 28.3         | 73.3               | 4.2               | 70.2            |
| Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House (840)    |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 63.1         | 46.2         | 45.1       | x            | 73.2               | x                 | 71.5            |
| 2005                                       | 63.6         | 48.2         | 46.7       | 1.5          | 75.8               | 3.1               | 73.4            |
| Red Deer (850)                             |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 127.9        | 90.8         | 87.3       | 3.6          | 71.0               | 4.0               | 68.3            |
| 2005                                       | 131.3        | 98.2         | 94.7       | 3.6          | 74.8               | 3.7               | 72.1            |
| Edmonton (860)                             |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 836.8        | 612.1        | 584.6      | 27.5         | 73.1               | 4.5               | 69.9            |
| 2005                                       | 851.8        | 603.1        | 578.0      | 25.0         | 70.8               | 4.1               | 67.9            |
| Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River (870) |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 169.2        | 123.5        | 117.2      | 6.3          | 73.0               | 5.1               | 69.3            |
| 2005                                       | 172.0        | 129.8        | 125.7      | 4.1          | 75.5               | 3.2               | 73.1            |
| Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake (880)               |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 80.3         | 61.6         | 59.3       | 2.2          | 76.7               | 3.6               | 73.8            |
| 2005                                       | 83.1         | 61.9         | 59.5       | 2.4          | 74.5               | 3.9               | 71.6            |
| <b>British Columbia</b>                    |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 3,401.2      | 2,242.9      | 2,089.2    | 153.7        | 65.9               | 6.9               | 61.4            |
| 2005                                       | 3,462.0      | 2,280.5      | 2,159.5    | 121.0        | 65.9               | 5.3               | 62.4            |
| Vancouver Island and Coast (910)           |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 589.6        | 365.1        | 339.9      | 25.2         | 61.9               | 6.9               | 57.6            |
| 2005                                       | 599.4        | 381.6        | 359.1      | 22.5         | 63.7               | 5.9               | 59.9            |
| Lower Mainland-Southwest (920)             |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 2,039.9      | 1,373.3      | 1,279.4    | 93.9         | 67.3               | 6.8               | 62.7            |
| 2005                                       | 2,083.1      | 1,380.6      | 1,308.4    | 72.2         | 66.3               | 5.2               | 62.8            |
| Thompson-Okanagan (930)                    |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004                                       | 395.6        | 250.5        | 234.7      | 15.9         | 63.3               | 6.3               | 59.3            |
| 2005                                       | 403.5        | 266.0        | 253.3      | 12.7         | 65.9               | 4.8               | 62.8            |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6 – continued

**Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in October 2004 and October 2005**

|  | Population   | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |              | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
|  | in thousands |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Kootenay (940)</b>                        |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 124.7        | 79.0         | 73.0       | 6.0          | 63.4               | 7.6               | 58.5            |
| 2005   | 125.0        | 77.0         | 72.7       | 4.3          | 61.6               | 5.6               | 58.2            |
| <b>Cariboo (950)</b>                         |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 131.6        | 90.7         | 84.2       | 6.5          | 68.9               | 7.2               | 64.0            |
| 2005   | 131.2        | 89.3         | 84.6       | 4.6          | 68.1               | 5.2               | 64.5            |
| <b>North Coast and Nechako (960 and 970)</b> |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 71.4         | 48.9         | 44.2       | 4.7          | 68.5               | 9.6               | 61.9            |
| 2005   | 70.6         | 52.1         | 49.0       | 3.1          | 73.8               | 6.0               | 69.4            |
| <b>Northeast (980)</b>                       |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 48.5         | 35.3         | 33.8       | 1.5          | 72.8               | 4.2               | 69.7            |
| 2005   | 49.4         | 33.9         | 32.4       | 1.5          | 68.6               | 4.4               | 65.6            |
| <b>Yukon Territory <sup>3</sup></b>          |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 21.6         | 16.6         | 15.8       | 0.9          | 76.9               | 5.4               | 73.1            |
| 2005   | 21.5         | 16.1         | 15.3       | 0.7          | 74.9               | 4.3               | 71.2            |
| <b>Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup></b>    |              |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 2004   | 30.8         | 23.5         | 22.3       | 1.1          | 76.3               | 4.7               | 72.4            |
| 2005   | 31.6         | 24.0         | 22.8       | 1.2          | 75.9               | 5.0               | 72.2            |

1. For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).

2. Estimates for Canada are a sum of the provincial totals and exclude estimates from Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

3. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey has been administered in the Yukon, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.

4. Since 2001, the Labour Force Survey has been administered in the Northwest Territories, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.

**Note:** Related CANSIM table 282-0054

Table 7

## Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada, unadjusted

|   | Employees |                      |                      |                      | Full-time |                      |                      | Part-time |                      |                      |
|---|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
|   | Number    | Average weekly hours | Average weekly wages | Average hourly wages | Number    | Average weekly hours | Average weekly wages | Number    | Average weekly hours | Average weekly wages |
|   | '000      |                      | \$                   |                      | '000      |                      | \$                   | '000      |                      | \$                   |
| <b>October 2005</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| 15 years and over   | 13,776.4  | 35.5                 | 711.14               | 19.33                | 11,228.0  | 39.7                 | 817.64               | 2,548.4   | 17.2                 | 241.94               |
| 15 to 24 years  | 2,335.9   | 27.7                 | 325.13               | 10.99                | 1,200.2   | 39.5                 | 498.43               | 1,135.7   | 15.1                 | 141.99               |
| 25 years and over   | 11,440.5  | 37.1                 | 789.96               | 21.03                | 10,027.8  | 39.7                 | 855.84               | 1,412.7   | 18.8                 | 322.28               |
| Men   | 7,033.9   | 38.3                 | 818.98               | 20.89                | 6,255.7   | 41.0                 | 894.86               | 778.2     | 16.2                 | 209.02               |
| Women   | 6,742.5   | 32.6                 | 598.65               | 17.70                | 4,972.3   | 38.0                 | 720.49               | 1,770.2   | 17.6                 | 256.41               |
| <b>Union coverage</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Union coverage  | 4,395.9   | 36.0                 | 810.24               | 22.32                | 3,754.7   | 38.9                 | 885.37               | 641.2     | 19.0                 | 370.33               |
| No union coverage   | 9,380.5   | 35.3                 | 664.70               | 17.93                | 7,473.3   | 40.1                 | 783.61               | 1,907.2   | 16.5                 | 198.77               |
| <b>Job permanency</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Permanent   | 11,994.3  | 36.5                 | 746.50               | 19.91                | 10,211.4  | 39.6                 | 831.36               | 1,783.0   | 18.3                 | 260.52               |
| Temporary   | 1,782.1   | 29.1                 | 473.14               | 15.43                | 1,016.6   | 40.1                 | 679.81               | 765.4     | 14.6                 | 198.65               |
| <b>Occupation</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Management  | 998.7     | 40.1                 | 1,199.82             | 29.89                | 966.4     | 40.8                 | 1,227.16             | 32.3      | 19.0                 | 381.70               |
| Business, finance and administrative                          | 2,626.2   | 35.2                 | 664.56               | 18.47                | 2,237.1   | 38.2                 | 735.65               | 389.0     | 17.6                 | 255.74               |
| Natural and applied sciences                                  | 951.5     | 38.7                 | 1,056.98             | 27.32                | 917.1     | 39.4                 | 1,082.95             | 34.5      | 18.3                 | 366.43               |
| Health  | 850.9     | 33.0                 | 757.30               | 22.76                | 622.9     | 37.8                 | 874.02               | 228.0     | 20.0                 | 438.40               |
| Social science, education, government service and religion    | 1,227.7   | 33.8                 | 865.31               | 25.38                | 966.8     | 38.4                 | 988.07               | 260.9     | 16.8                 | 410.37               |
| Art, culture, recreation and sport                            | 313.7     | 30.4                 | 649.51               | 19.81                | 209.1     | 38.8                 | 861.56               | 104.6     | 13.8                 | 225.43               |
| Sales and service   | 3,423.9   | 30.5                 | 426.95               | 12.96                | 2,140.8   | 38.7                 | 582.89               | 1,283.2   | 16.8                 | 166.78               |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators                     | 2,052.3   | 40.5                 | 773.60               | 18.93                | 1,919.2   | 42.1                 | 811.12               | 133.2     | 17.6                 | 232.88               |
| Occupations unique to primary industry                        | 293.6     | 42.9                 | 695.90               | 15.93                | 259.8     | 46.7                 | 764.80               | 33.8      | 14.1                 | 166.72               |
| Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities | 1,037.9   | 39.3                 | 658.50               | 16.61                | 988.8     | 40.4                 | 680.17               | 49.0      | 18.5                 | 221.37               |
| <b>October 2004</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| 15 years and over   | 13,630.6  | 35.4                 | 683.44               | 18.61                | 11,081.7  | 39.6                 | 786.47               | 2,548.9   | 17.3                 | 235.47               |
| 15 to 24 years  | 2,323.1   | 27.6                 | 313.66               | 10.63                | 1,205.4   | 39.1                 | 477.87               | 1,117.6   | 15.2                 | 136.54               |
| 25 years and over   | 11,307.6  | 37.1                 | 759.40               | 20.25                | 9,876.2   | 39.7                 | 824.14               | 1,431.3   | 18.9                 | 312.73               |
| Men   | 6,983.2   | 38.2                 | 792.46               | 20.27                | 6,219.5   | 40.9                 | 863.99               | 763.7     | 16.5                 | 209.97               |
| Women   | 6,647.4   | 32.5                 | 568.90               | 16.87                | 4,862.1   | 38.0                 | 687.32               | 1,785.2   | 17.6                 | 246.39               |
| <b>Union coverage</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Union coverage  | 4,287.4   | 35.9                 | 786.67               | 21.67                | 3,679.7   | 38.7                 | 857.33               | 607.7     | 18.8                 | 358.81               |
| No union coverage   | 9,343.2   | 35.2                 | 636.06               | 17.20                | 7,401.9   | 40.1                 | 751.25               | 1,941.3   | 16.8                 | 196.87               |
| <b>Job permanency</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Permanent   | 11,907.9  | 36.3                 | 716.88               | 19.19                | 10,097.9  | 39.6                 | 800.11               | 1,810.0   | 18.2                 | 252.49               |
| Temporary   | 1,722.7   | 29.3                 | 452.30               | 14.59                | 983.8     | 40.0                 | 646.45               | 738.9     | 15.1                 | 193.79               |
| <b>Occupation</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Management  | 934.7     | 40.5                 | 1,190.25             | 29.49                | 909.9     | 41.1                 | 1,211.38             | 24.8      | 19.3                 | 413.38               |
| Business, finance and administrative                          | 2,599.7   | 35.1                 | 640.04               | 17.84                | 2,194.1   | 38.3                 | 709.15               | 405.7     | 17.9                 | 266.25               |
| Natural and applied sciences                                  | 931.2     | 38.5                 | 1,024.58             | 26.66                | 899.4     | 39.2                 | 1,045.20             | 31.8      | 17.2                 | 441.79               |
| Health  | 815.2     | 32.9                 | 733.87               | 21.98                | 596.9     | 37.7                 | 850.94               | 218.2     | 19.7                 | 413.64               |
| Social science, education, government service and religion    | 1,117.7   | 33.6                 | 818.08               | 24.29                | 863.8     | 38.4                 | 938.57               | 253.9     | 17.3                 | 408.24               |
| Art, culture, recreation and sport                            | 301.8     | 31.1                 | 640.43               | 19.19                | 212.7     | 38.8                 | 841.05               | 89.2      | 12.7                 | 161.90               |
| Sales and service   | 3,500.5   | 30.6                 | 415.07               | 12.60                | 2,195.0   | 38.7                 | 565.62               | 1,305.4   | 16.9                 | 161.92               |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators                     | 2,004.5   | 40.2                 | 751.38               | 18.49                | 1,862.2   | 41.9                 | 790.43               | 142.3     | 18.4                 | 240.36               |
| Occupations unique to primary industry                        | 289.6     | 42.0                 | 654.77               | 15.22                | 256.7     | 45.5                 | 718.64               | 32.9      | 14.6                 | 156.48               |
| Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities | 1,135.7   | 39.3                 | 643.21               | 16.23                | 1,090.9   | 40.2                 | 661.51               | 44.8      | 16.6                 | 197.14               |

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0023, 282-0069, 282-0073

Table 8

**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program,<sup>1</sup> seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

| Region                                       | Effective from<br>November 6, 2005 to<br>December 3, 2005 | Unemployment rate |
|--|---|-------------------|
|  |   | Percent           |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>             |   |                   |
| 01. St. John's                               |   | 8.6               |
| 02. Newfoundland and Labrador                |   | 20.5              |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>                  |   |                   |
| 03. Prince Edward Island                     |   | 11.5              |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>                           |   |                   |
| 04. Eastern Nova Scotia                      |   | 14.1              |
| 05. Western Nova Scotia                      |   | 9.1               |
| 06. Halifax                                  |   | 5.2               |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>                         |   |                   |
| 07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John           |   | 7.9               |
| 08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>         |   | 12.3              |
| 09. Restigouche-Albert                       |   | 15.8              |
| <b>Quebec</b>                                |   |                   |
| 10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine            |   | 17.5              |
| 11. Québec                                   |   | 5.8               |
| 12. Trois-Rivières                           |   | 8.0               |
| 13. South Central Quebec                     |   | 6.1               |
| 14. Sherbrooke                               |   | 7.4               |
| 15. Montérégie                               |   | 7.5               |
| 16. Montréal                                 |   | 9.0               |
| 17. Central Quebec                           |   | 9.1               |
| 18. Northwestern Quebec                      |   | 12.6              |
| 19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup> |   | 11.4              |
| 20. Gatineau                                 |   | 6.8               |
| 21. Saguenay                                 |   | 11.1              |
| <b>Ontario</b>                               |   |                   |
| 22. Ottawa                                   |   | 6.6               |
| 23. Eastern Ontario                          |   | 7.3               |
| 24. Kingston                                 |   | 6.4               |
| 25. Central Ontario                          |   | 6.4               |
| 26. Oshawa                                   |   | 6.2               |
| 27. Toronto                                  |   | 6.6               |
| 28. Hamilton                                 |   | 6.1               |
| 29. St. Catharines                           |   | 7.9               |
| 30. London                                   |   | 6.6               |
| 31. Niagara                                  |   | 8.7               |
| 32. Windsor                                  |   | 7.2               |
| 33. Kitchener                                |   | 5.7               |
| 34. Huron                                    |   | 8.6               |
| 35. South Central Ontario                    |   | 5.1               |
| 36. Sudbury                                  |   | 7.9               |
| 37. Thunder Bay                              |   | 6.4               |
| 38. Northern Ontario                         |   | 10.0              |
| <b>Manitoba</b>                              |   |                   |
| 39. Winnipeg                                 |   | 5.0               |
| 40. Southern Manitoba                        |   | 5.0               |
| 41. Northern Manitoba                        |   | 23.6              |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program,<sup>1</sup> seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

| Region                                 | Effective from<br>November 6, 2005 to<br>December 3, 2005<br>Unemployment rate |
|--|--|
|  | Percent  |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                    |  |
| 42. Regina                             | 5.1  |
| 43. Saskatoon                          | 5.6  |
| 44. Southern Saskatchewan              | 7.2  |
| 45. Northern Saskatchewan              | 15.3   |
| <b>Alberta</b>                         |  |
| 46. Calgary                            | 4.1  |
| 47. Edmonton                           | 4.7  |
| 48. Northern Alberta                   | 7.2  |
| 49. Southern Alberta                   | 4.7  |
| <b>British Columbia</b>                |  |
| 50. Southern Interior British Columbia | 6.8  |
| 51. Abbotsford                         | 5.1  |
| 52. Vancouver                          | 5.3  |
| 53. Victoria                           | 4.9  |
| 54. Southern Coastal British Columbia  | 7.8  |
| 55. Northern British Columbia          | 9.4  |
| <b>Territories</b>                     |  |
| 56. Yukon Territory <sup>4</sup>       | 25.0   |
| 57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup> | 25.0   |
| 58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>               | 25.0   |

1. The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: <http://www14.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ei-ae/canadaei.htm>.
2. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml).
3. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml).
4. This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of 53,000 representative households across the country. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals until November 1952. It has been carried out monthly since then. The information generated by the survey has expanded considerably over the years with a major redesign of the survey content in 1976 and again in 1997, and provides a rich and detailed picture of the Canadian labour market.

The sample used in the Labour Force Survey has been designed to represent all persons in the population 15 years of age and over residing in the provinces of Canada, with the exception of the following: persons living on Indian reserves, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions (for example, inmates of penal institutions and patients in hospitals or nursing homes who have resided in the institution for more than six months). Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

## Definitions and explanations

The **labour force** is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- (a) did any work at all
- (b) had a job but were not at work

A person is considered to be **full-time** if his/her usual hours at the main job are greater than 29 hours per week. When the number of hours worked at the main job is usually less than 30 hours per week then he/she is considered to be **part-time**.

**Unemployed** persons are those who, during the reference week:

- (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with reference week), and were available for work;
- (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but were on temporary layoff and were available for work;
- (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Persons in the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were neither employed nor unemployed are classified as **not in the labour force**.

The **unemployment rate** represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

The **participation rate** represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **employment rate (formerly the employment/population ratio)** represents the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **part-time rate** represents the number of persons employed part-time expressed as a percentage of the employed. The part-time rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed part-time in that group expressed as a percentage of the employed for that group.

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

## Seasonal adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. The seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

The seasonally adjusted series are revised each year to take into account current data and to generate new forecast factors for the next twelve months. The data are therefore subject to slight revisions in future issues of this publication.

## Sampling error

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 53,000 households across Canada. Because they are based on a sample survey, the estimates are subject to sampling error. Changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. In most tables in this publication an indicator of the sampling error is provided. Two thirds of the time, a change greater than the sampling error indicates a real change. Movements in estimates that are smaller than the sampling error are less likely to reflect a real change and more likely to be due to sampling variability. While the above is true for monthly movements, one can have more confidence in a series of consecutive movements in the same direction, even though some of the monthly movements may be smaller than the sampling error.

In November 2004, the Labour Force Survey implemented a new survey design to ensure the highest possible quality in monthly labour market estimates. This new sampling plan may have an impact on standard errors. The standard errors in this publication were derived using the old sample plan. The program to compute standard errors under the new design is now being developed. Even though we are expecting the standard errors under the new plan to be similar to the ones actually available in this publication, we ask users to be cautious in using the standard errors in this publication.

For more detailed information about the Labour Force Survey, see the following documents:

- Overview of the Labour Force Survey
- Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-GIE)
- Data quality statement
- Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-XPB)