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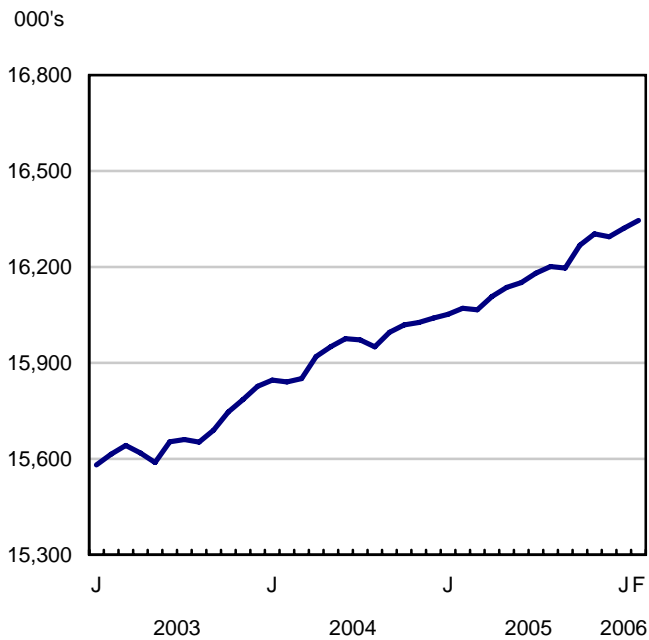
February 2006

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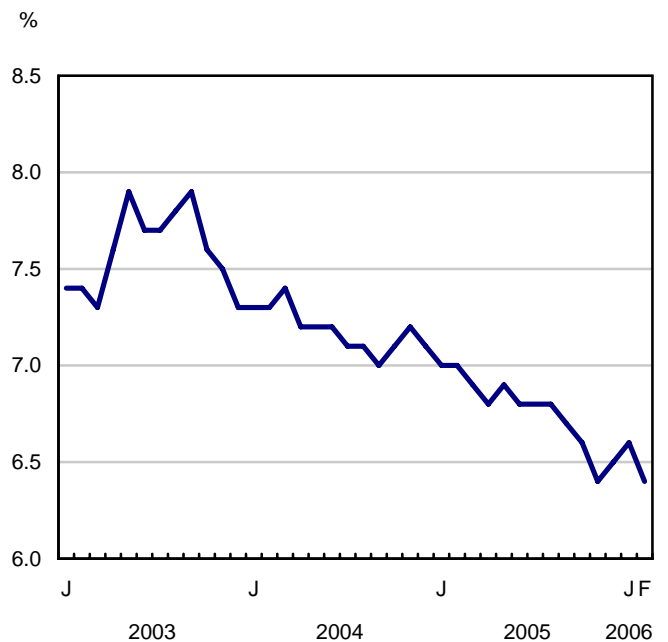
Chart 1

Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Employment



Unemployment rate



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Over the last year, employment has increased by 275,000 (+1.7%), almost half of which has been in British Columbia and Alberta.

In February, Alberta registered its second largest monthly employment gain, causing the unemployment rate to fall to 3.1%, the lowest rate in three decades. February's increases were driven by hiring in the service industries. Wages in the province continued to rise as employers competed for scarce labour.

The unemployment rate also fell in Ontario in February, dropping 0.3 percentage points to 6.2%. While it was added employment that caused Alberta's unemployment rate to fall, in Ontario, it was the result of fewer people looking for work.

The decline in labour force participation in Ontario also affected the national participation rate, which fell in February by 0.2 percentage points to 67.0%. The rate has been on a downward trend since June 2004 when it peaked at 67.7%.

The unemployment rate in British Columbia dropped 0.3 percentage points in February to 4.8%, the lowest rate in the last three decades. Much of the downward trend in the province's unemployment rate is due to a strengthened labour market in the Vancouver area.

West continues to boom

Employment increased by 25,000 in Alberta in February, driven by gains in business, building and other support services, trade, public administration and 'other services'. Youths received the lion's share of February's added employment, with an increase of 15,000. The unemployment rate in the province dropped as a result of the employment increase, falling to 3.1%, a record-low for the province.

Alberta's red hot economy also spurred hourly wage growth of 6.1% over the past 12 months. This is well ahead of the 3.3% hourly wage growth at the Canada-level and the most recent year-over-year increase of 2.8% in the national Consumer Price Index.

In both British Columbia and Alberta, employment has grown by 3.5% in the last year, double the national rate of employment growth.

Although employment decreased by 17,000 in February in Ontario, the unemployment rate fell to 6.2%, mainly due to a large drop in the number of youths looking for work. Employment in manufacturing edged up in February, following large losses in January.

Manufacturing employment in Ontario has declined by 81,000 since the end of 2002. However, as the manufacturing industry adjusts to a rise in the Canadian dollar and other factors, other industries in the provincial economy have added workers at a steady clip. Over the previous twelve months, for example, education was up over 13.2%, while construction employment was 11.8% higher. Overall, employment in Ontario in February was 88,000 (+1.4%) above from a year earlier.

In February, employment in Newfoundland and Labrador increased by 6,000 pushing the unemployment rate down by 1.4 percentage points to 15.1%. The largest increases in employment came from hiring in natural resources and professional, scientific and technical services. With this month's increase, employment is up 0.8% from 12 months ago.

Youth labour market gaining strength

Despite little employment growth throughout 2004 and the first three quarters of 2005, the youth job market has strengthened in the last five months. In February, youth employment was up 14,000, bringing gains since September 2005 to 67,000 (+2.7%). The youth unemployment rate declined by 1.0 percentage point to 11.4% in February.

Employment among adult women (aged 25 and over) was unchanged in February, as an increase in part-time employment offset a similar decrease in full time. Despite this month's part-time gain, employment growth among adult women over the last year has been driven by strength in full time.

More hiring in trade

Employment in trade increased by 25,000 in February buoyed by hiring in the wholesaling of machinery and equipment as well as personal and household goods. Overall, employment in trade has increased 3.0% from a year ago.

Construction employment was up 14,000 in February, continuing its upward trend. Compared to a year ago, employment in the industry has grown by 8.9% (+87,000).

Nationally, manufacturing employment was little changed in February. Although there have been major declines since the end of 2002 (-177,000 or -7.6%), this pales in comparison to the severe contraction (-329,000 or -15.3%) experienced over the same period of time during the early 1990s.

Employment in public administration fell by 20,000 in February, almost entirely at the federal level and across most provinces. Employment in the industry had increased as a result of temporary hiring for the most recent federal election.

Natural resources employment fell by 8,000 in February, driven entirely by declines in mining. Nevertheless, employment in the industry is still 3.3% above its level from a year ago, due to strength from oil and gas in Alberta.

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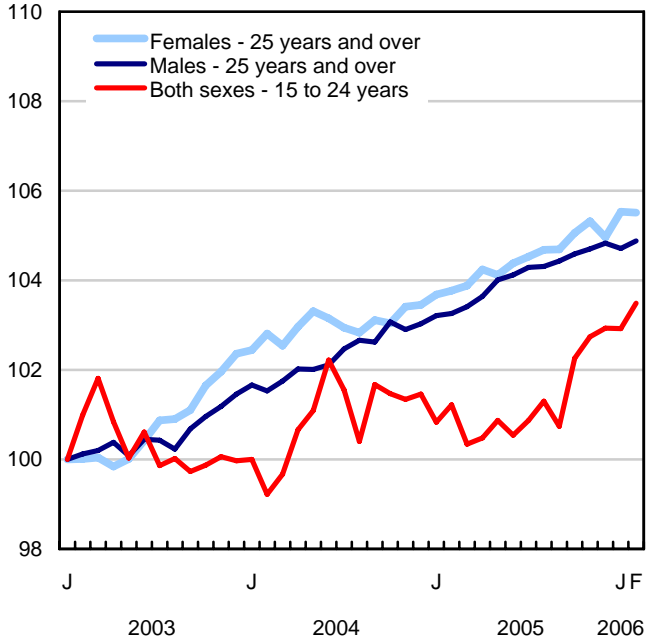
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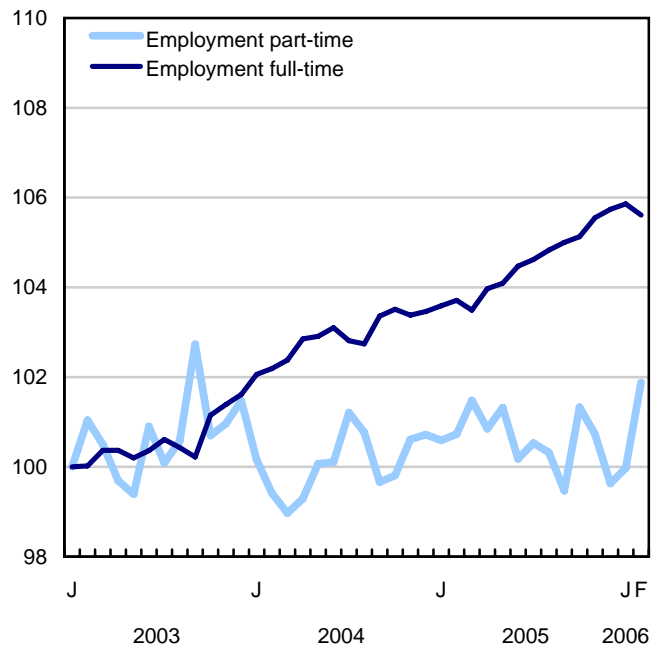
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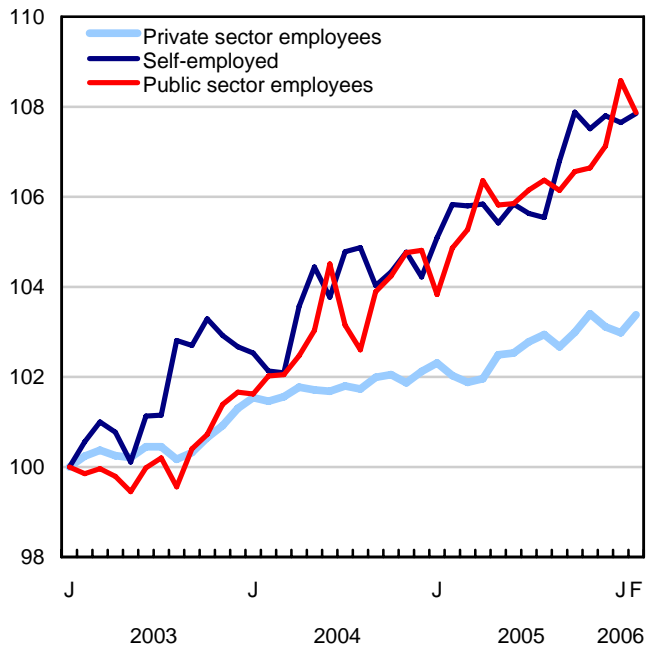
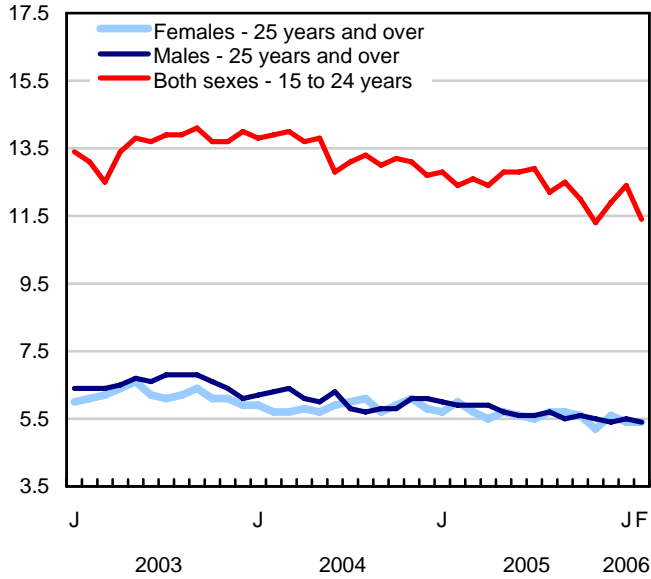


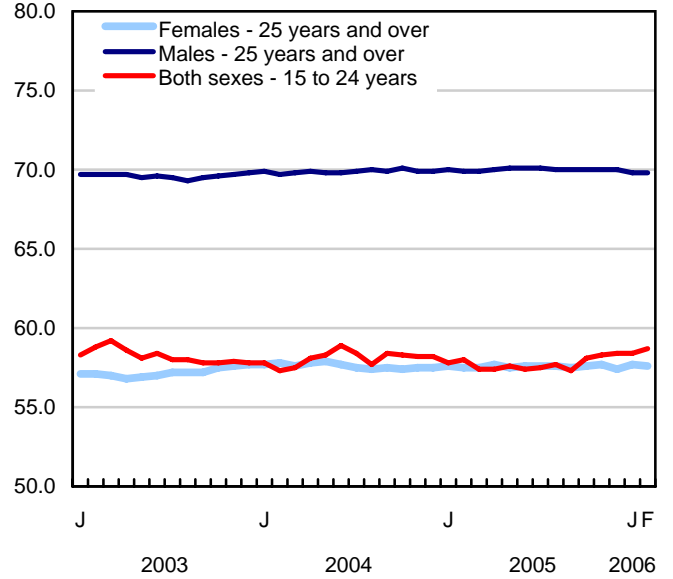
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Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

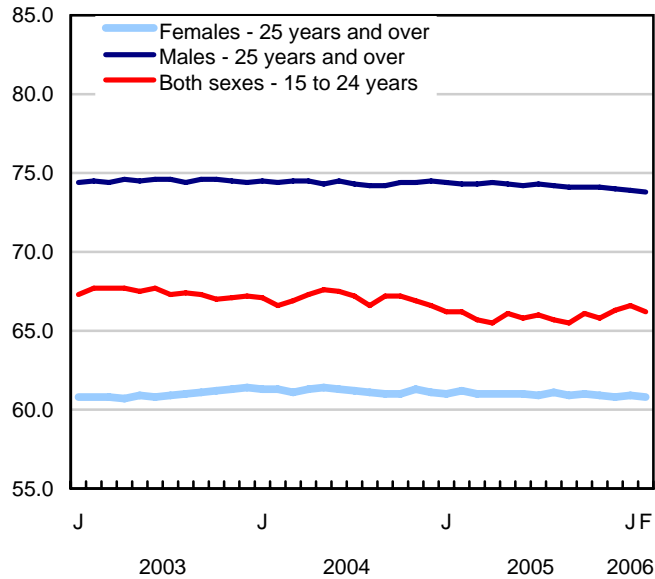


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Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2002=100

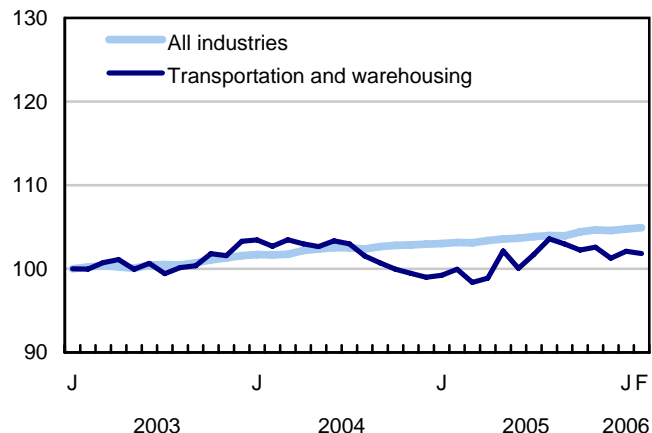
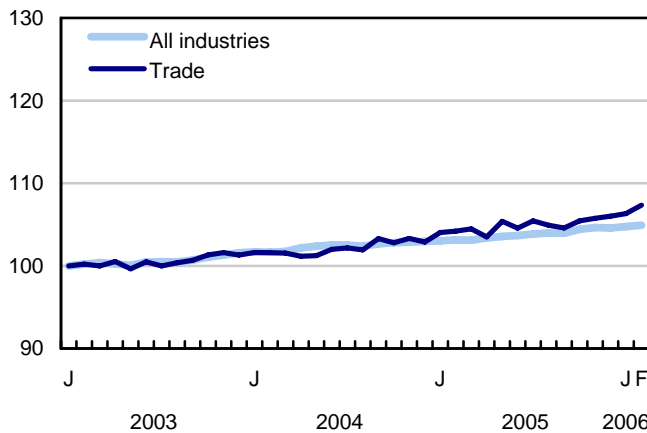
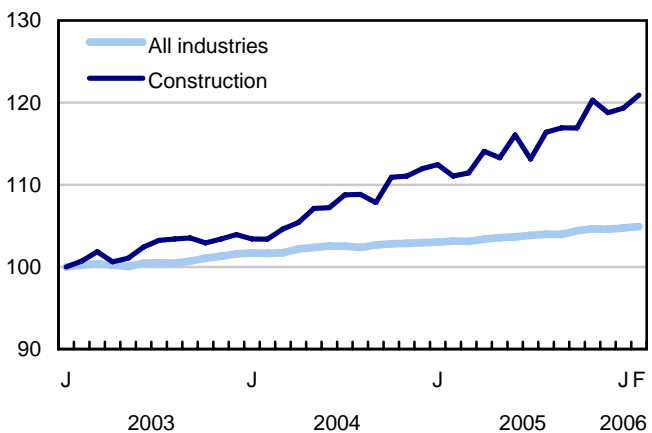
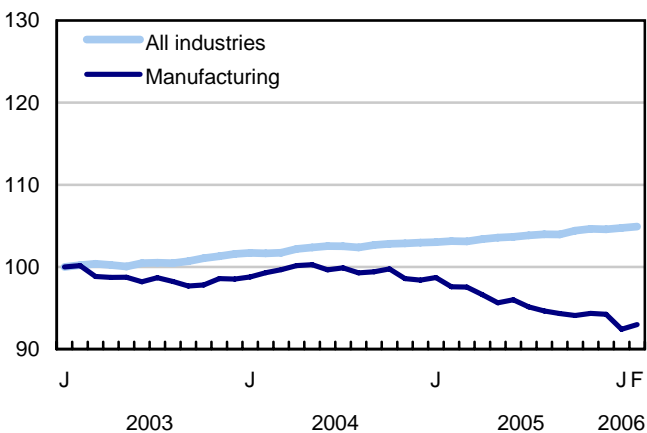
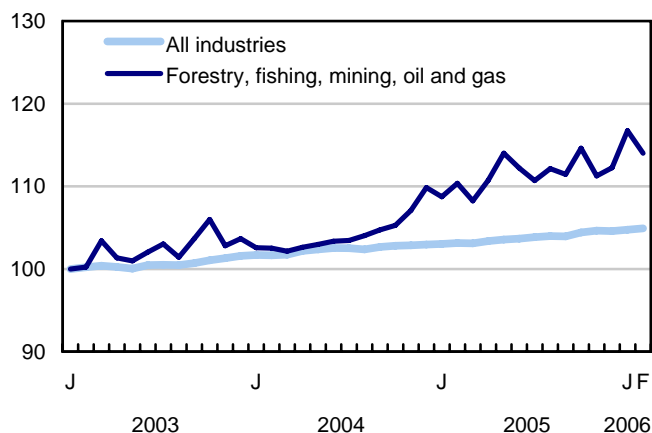
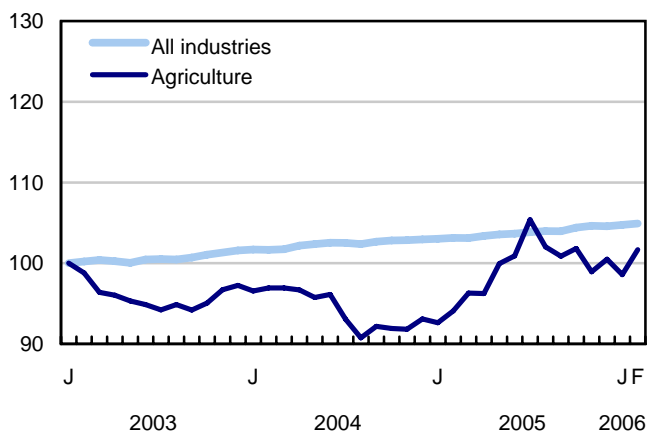


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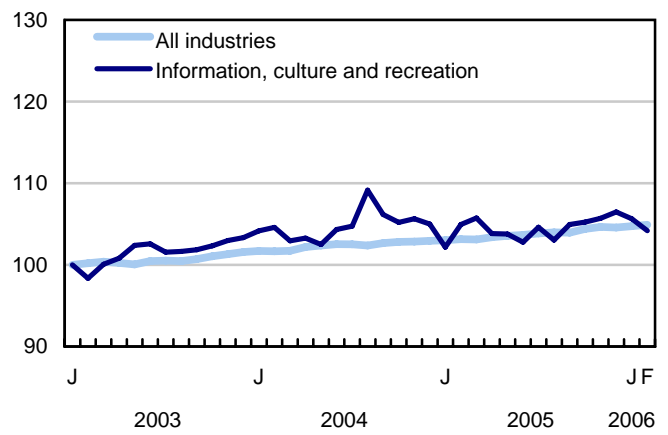
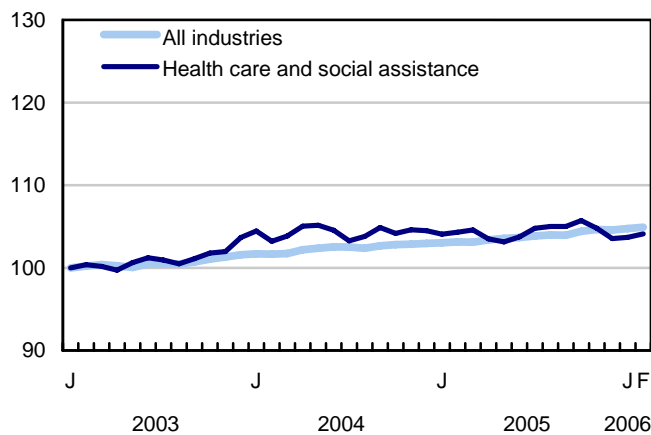
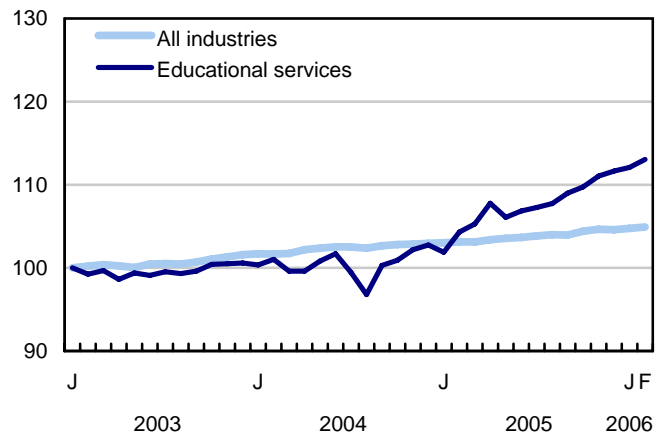
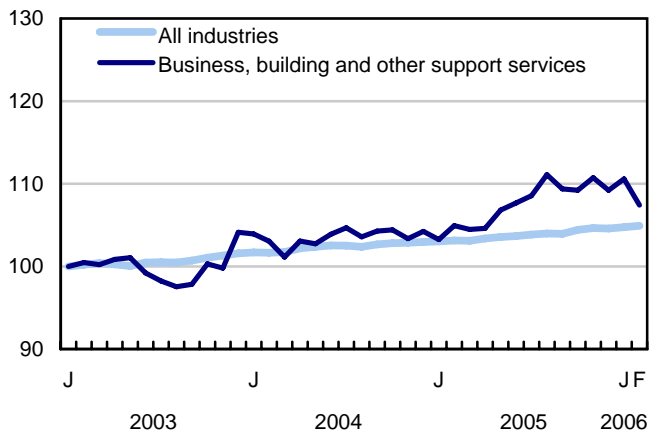
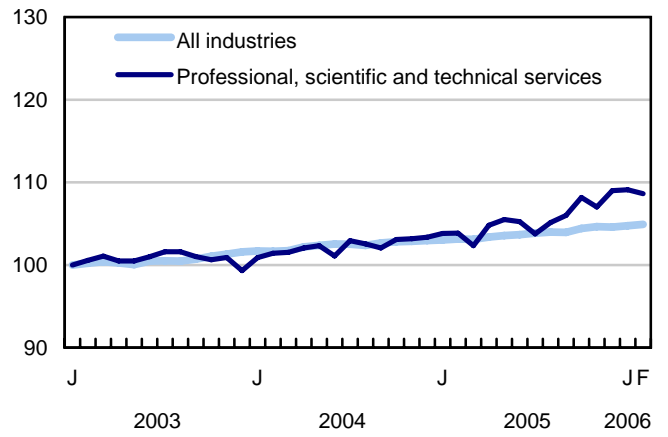
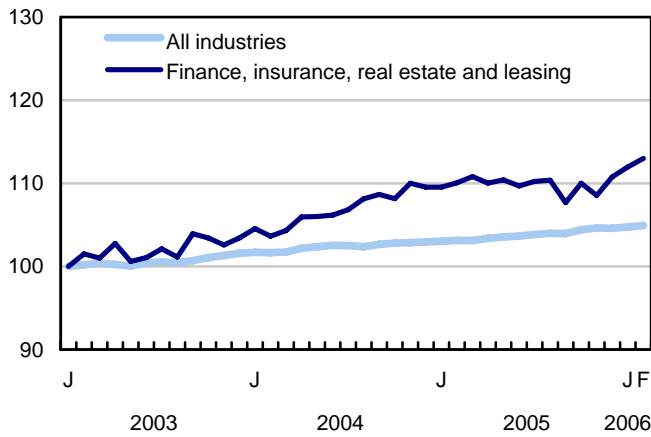


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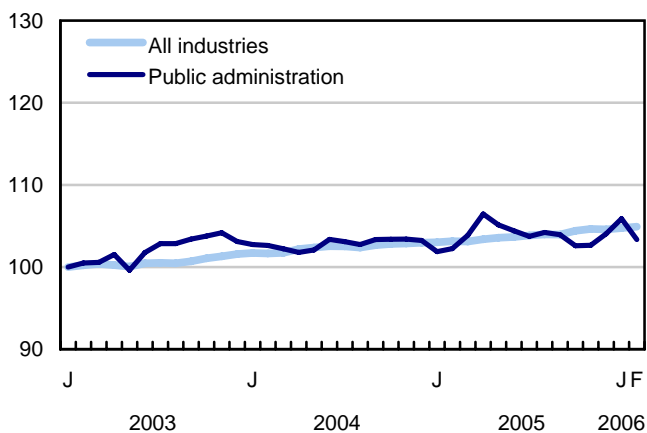
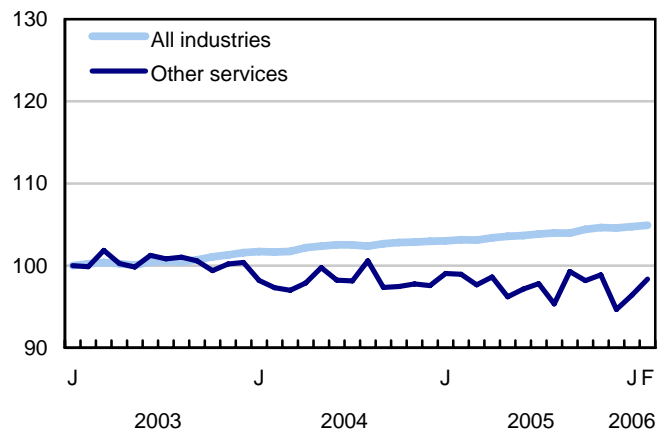
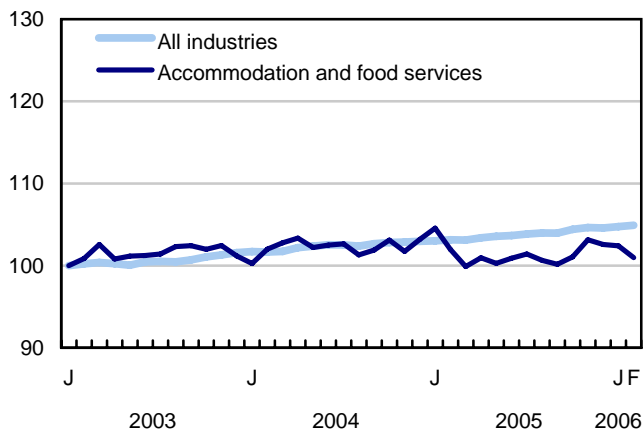


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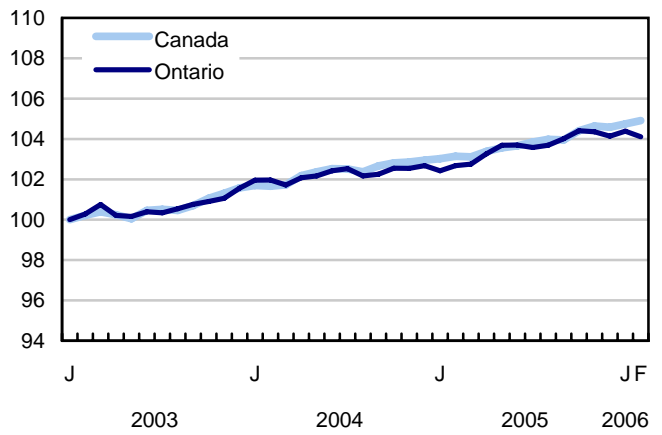
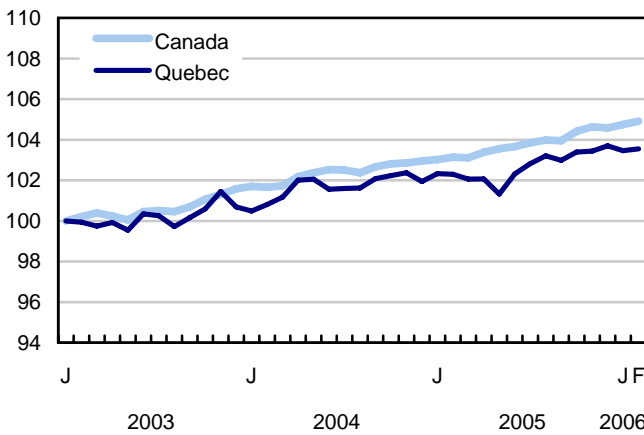
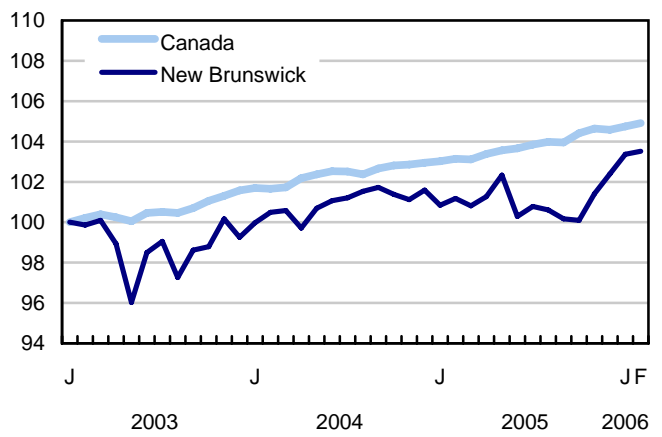
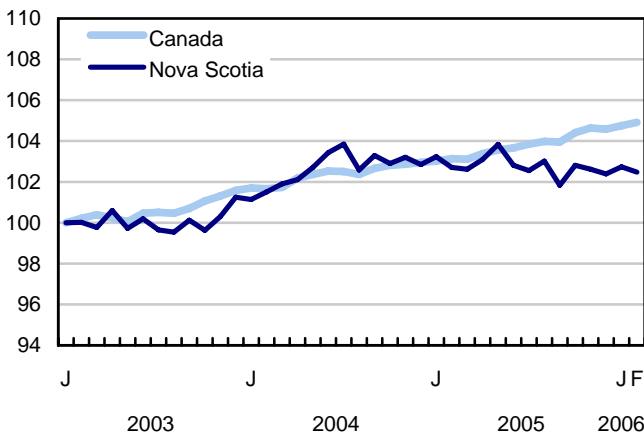
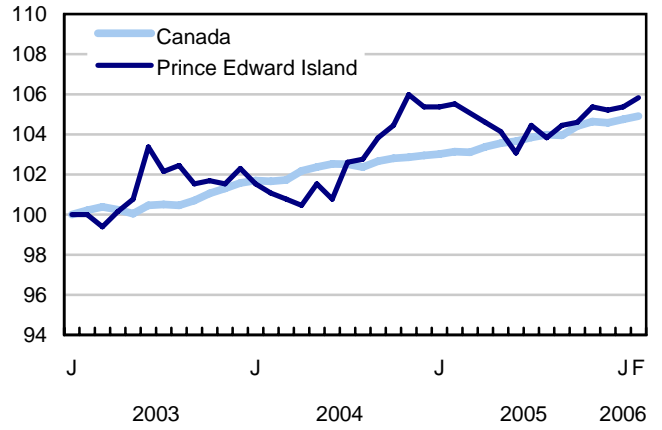
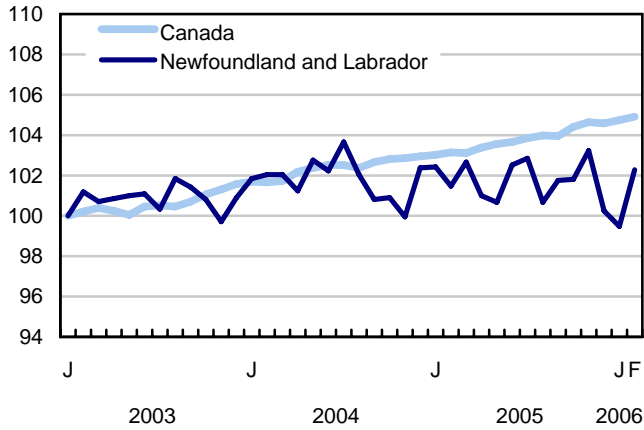
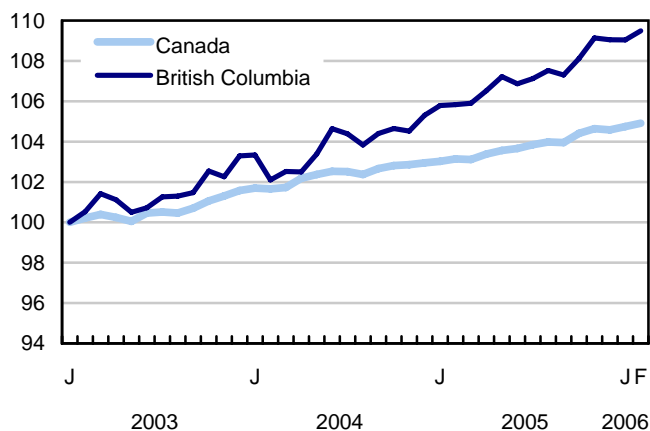
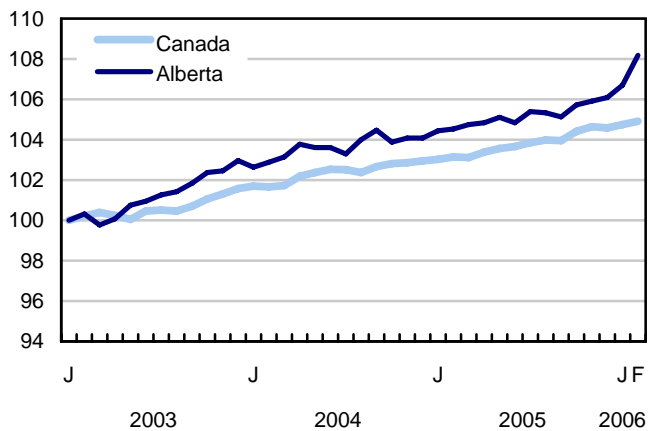
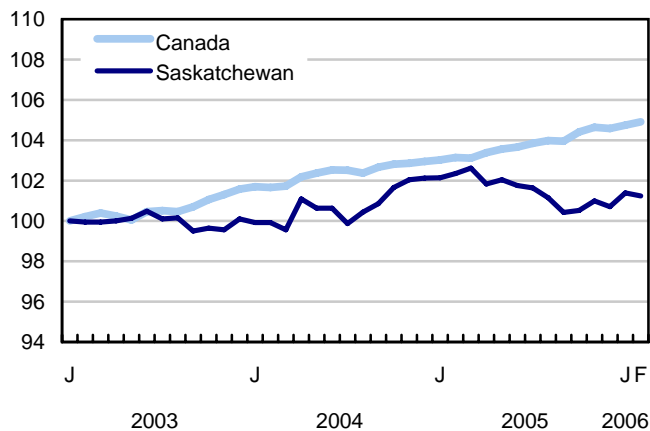
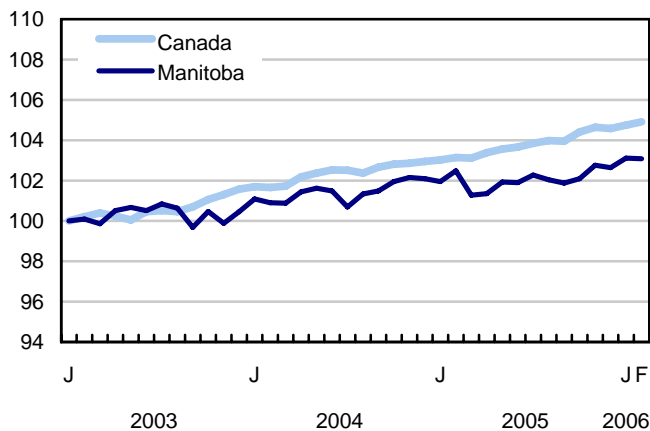


Chart 8

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	26,020.0	26,044.4	...	24.4	57.5	389.1	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	17,473.5	17,455.5	27.6	-18.0	25.6	172.2	-0.1	0.1	1.0
Employment	16,321.0	16,345.7	27.4	24.7	51.0	275.1	0.2	0.3	1.7
Employment full-time	13,374.4	13,342.8	36.4	-31.6	-15.5	241.0	-0.2	-0.1	1.8
Employment part-time	2,946.6	3,002.9	32.7	56.3	66.5	34.1	1.9	2.3	1.1
Unemployment	1,152.5	1,109.8	23.2	-42.7	-25.4	-102.9	-3.7	-2.2	-8.5
Participation rate	67.2	67.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,305.2	4,307.2	...	2.0	5.2	45.1	0.0	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,867.3	2,850.6	16.7	-16.7	0.0	30.0	-0.6	0.0	1.1
Employment	2,512.3	2,526.2	15.9	13.9	13.7	55.3	0.6	0.5	2.2
Employment full-time	1,384.5	1,383.2	18.6	-1.3	-23.2	27.2	-0.1	-1.6	2.0
Employment part-time	1,127.8	1,143.0	18.8	15.2	36.9	28.1	1.3	3.3	2.5
Unemployment	354.9	324.5	13.7	-30.4	-13.7	-25.2	-8.6	-4.1	-7.2
Participation rate	66.6	66.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	11.4	0.5	-1.0	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.9	45.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,602.6	10,613.8	...	11.2	25.9	170.9	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	7,834.4	7,836.3	13.9	1.9	5.6	76.8	0.0	0.1	1.0
Employment	7,401.4	7,413.4	15.2	12.0	3.9	114.6	0.2	0.1	1.6
Employment full-time	6,922.1	6,926.9	19.4	4.8	-1.9	88.4	0.1	0.0	1.3
Employment part-time	479.3	486.5	15.3	7.2	5.8	26.2	1.5	1.2	5.7
Unemployment	433.0	422.9	13.1	-10.1	1.7	-37.8	-2.3	0.4	-8.2
Participation rate	73.9	73.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.8	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	11,112.2	11,123.4	...	11.2	26.5	173.1	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	6,771.8	6,768.5	16.0	-3.3	20.0	65.2	0.0	0.3	1.0
Employment	6,407.3	6,406.1	15.6	-1.2	33.4	105.1	0.0	0.5	1.7
Employment full-time	5,067.7	5,032.8	23.4	-34.9	9.7	125.4	-0.7	0.2	2.6
Employment part-time	1,339.6	1,373.3	21.5	33.7	23.7	-20.3	2.5	1.8	-1.5
Unemployment	364.6	362.4	12.8	-2.2	-13.5	-39.9	-0.6	-3.6	-9.9
Participation rate	60.9	60.8	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.6	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.9	21.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,184.6	14,191.1	...	6.5	11.1	119.6	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	12,249.0	12,216.4	20.9	-32.6	-0.9	39.4	-0.3	0.0	0.3
Employment	11,564.2	11,546.5	22.1	-17.7	8.0	109.7	-0.2	0.1	1.0
Unemployment	684.7	669.8	17.5	-14.9	-9.0	-70.3	-2.2	-1.3	-9.5
Participation rate	86.4	86.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.5	81.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	...	...	...

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
Class of worker									
Employees	13,776.5	13,796.5	32.4	20.0	49.8	227.5	0.1	0.4	1.7
Self-employed ²	2,544.5	2,549.2	22.4	4.7	1.2	47.6	0.2	0.0	1.9
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,201.5	3,180.8	21.6	-20.7	22.1	88.8	-0.6	0.7	2.9
Private sector employees	10,575.0	10,615.7	33.8	40.7	27.8	138.7	0.4	0.3	1.3
Industry	16,321.0	16,345.7	27.4	24.7	51.0	275.1	0.2	0.3	1.7
Goods-producing sector	3,971.5	4,002.0	24.8	30.5	-3.9	18.1	0.8	-0.1	0.5
Agriculture	341.1	351.8	7.2	10.7	4.1	26.3	3.1	1.2	8.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	321.0	313.5	6.2	-7.5	4.8	10.0	-2.3	1.6	3.3
Utilities	121.2	121.6	4.1	0.4	-3.0	0.8	0.3	-2.4	0.7
Construction	1,057.1	1,071.1	14.3	14.0	19.0	87.3	1.3	1.8	8.9
Manufacturing	2,131.2	2,144.0	19.9	12.8	-28.8	-106.3	0.6	-1.3	-4.7
Services-producing sector	12,349.5	12,343.7	31.7	-5.8	54.9	257.0	0.0	0.4	2.1
Trade	2,610.6	2,635.7	21.6	25.1	32.8	77.3	1.0	1.3	3.0
Transportation and warehousing	801.4	799.3	12.1	-2.1	4.3	14.7	-0.3	0.5	1.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,007.0	1,016.2	14.1	9.2	20.0	26.3	0.9	2.0	2.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,087.2	1,082.5	15.1	-4.7	-3.6	47.5	-0.4	-0.3	4.6
Business, building and other support services	673.2	654.0	13.0	-19.2	-10.9	15.2	-2.9	-1.6	2.4
Educational services	1,154.8	1,164.7	14.2	9.9	14.4	89.9	0.9	1.3	8.4
Health care and social assistance	1,723.4	1,730.4	16.4	7.0	9.3	-3.5	0.4	0.5	-0.2
Information, culture and recreation	743.7	733.4	13.0	-10.3	-16.2	-5.4	-1.4	-2.2	-0.7
Accommodation and food services	1,014.0	999.9	14.7	-14.1	-15.7	-9.8	-1.4	-1.5	-1.0
Other services	684.3	698.1	11.6	13.8	26.2	-4.2	2.0	3.9	-0.6
Public administration	850.0	829.7	11.1	-20.3	-5.5	8.9	-2.4	-0.7	1.1

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	429.0	429.1	...	0.1	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	250.8	253.5	2.5	2.7	4.1	1.0	1.1	1.6	0.4
Employment	209.3	215.2	2.4	5.9	4.3	1.7	2.8	2.0	0.8
Employment full-time	175.9	179.3	2.6	3.4	3.2	-1.1	1.9	1.8	-0.6
Employment part-time	33.4	35.9	1.9	2.5	1.1	2.8	7.5	3.2	8.5
Unemployment	41.5	38.4	2.2	-3.1	-0.1	-0.6	-7.5	-0.3	-1.5
Participation rate	58.5	59.1	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	15.1	0.8	-1.4	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.8	50.2	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	111.9	112.0	...	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.6
Labour force	77.0	77.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.9
Employment	68.7	69.0	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3
Employment full-time	57.9	57.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.4	1.6	-0.2	-0.7	2.8
Employment part-time	10.8	11.2	0.7	0.4	0.8	-1.4	3.7	7.7	-11.1
Unemployment	8.3	8.4	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.5	1.2	-2.3	6.3
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	10.9	0.8	0.1	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	762.2	762.4	...	0.2	0.4	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	480.4	482.2	2.8	1.8	-0.1	-8.4	0.4	0.0	-1.7
Employment	442.8	441.7	2.9	-1.1	0.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
Employment full-time	363.0	358.6	3.7	-4.4	-2.3	-8.6	-1.2	-0.6	-2.3
Employment part-time	79.8	83.0	3.3	3.2	2.6	7.4	4.0	3.2	9.8
Unemployment	37.6	40.5	2.5	2.9	-0.5	-7.4	7.7	-1.2	-15.4
Participation rate	63.0	63.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	57.9	0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	611.3	611.4	...	0.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	393.6	396.5	2.3	2.9	3.4	9.6	0.7	0.9	2.5
Employment	358.7	359.2	2.5	0.5	3.9	8.1	0.1	1.1	2.3
Employment full-time	296.3	296.2	3.0	-0.1	1.6	2.1	0.0	0.5	0.7
Employment part-time	62.4	63.0	2.5	0.6	2.2	6.1	1.0	3.6	10.7
Unemployment	34.9	37.3	2.2	2.4	-0.5	1.4	6.9	-1.3	3.9
Participation rate	64.4	64.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.4	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,221.8	6,225.2	...	3.4	9.3	70.3	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	4,092.1	4,085.4	15.1	-6.7	-5.0	50.4	-0.2	-0.1	1.2
Employment	3,746.3	3,749.4	15.0	3.1	-5.6	45.1	0.1	-0.1	1.2
Employment full-time	3,073.9	3,070.5	20.0	-3.4	-3.6	39.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
Employment part-time	672.4	678.9	17.6	6.5	-2.0	5.3	1.0	-0.3	0.8
Unemployment	345.7	336.0	13.2	-9.7	0.7	5.3	-2.8	0.2	1.6
Participation rate	65.8	65.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Ontario									
Population	10,165.9	10,175.7	...	9.8	22.9	176.3	0.1	0.2	1.8
Labour force	6,897.4	6,858.6	18.5	-38.8	-1.0	51.2	-0.6	0.0	0.8
Employment	6,449.0	6,431.8	18.3	-17.2	-1.6	88.3	-0.3	0.0	1.4
Employment full-time	5,303.6	5,292.0	23.9	-11.6	-20.6	116.2	-0.2	-0.4	2.2
Employment part-time	1,145.4	1,139.7	21.5	-5.7	18.9	-28.0	-0.5	1.7	-2.4
Unemployment	448.4	426.9	15.7	-21.5	0.7	-37.0	-4.8	0.2	-8.0
Participation rate	67.8	67.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	889.8	890.1	...	0.3	0.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	612.9	612.9	2.8	0.0	3.6	-0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0
Employment	586.3	586.1	2.9	-0.2	2.5	3.4	0.0	0.4	0.6
Employment full-time	465.9	470.2	3.9	4.3	6.3	2.7	0.9	1.4	0.6
Employment part-time	120.4	115.9	3.7	-4.5	-3.8	0.6	-3.7	-3.2	0.5
Unemployment	26.6	26.8	2.2	0.2	1.1	-3.5	0.8	4.3	-11.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.9	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.8	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	747.7	747.4	...	-0.3	-0.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	509.3	509.2	2.4	-0.1	2.9	-3.3	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Employment	482.9	482.2	2.5	-0.7	2.5	-5.3	-0.1	0.5	-1.1
Employment full-time	389.3	387.1	3.2	-2.2	-2.2	-4.2	-0.6	-0.6	-1.1
Employment part-time	93.5	95.1	3.1	1.6	4.7	-1.1	1.7	5.2	-1.1
Unemployment	26.4	27.0	1.9	0.6	0.4	2.0	2.3	1.5	8.0
Participation rate	68.1	68.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.5	0.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,596.6	2,603.3	...	6.7	16.1	70.0	0.3	0.6	2.8
Labour force	1,875.5	1,894.6	7.9	19.1	15.1	47.5	1.0	0.8	2.6
Employment	1,810.2	1,835.3	7.9	25.1	35.5	61.9	1.4	2.0	3.5
Employment full-time	1,511.9	1,516.9	10.7	5.0	18.3	53.5	0.3	1.2	3.7
Employment part-time	298.3	318.4	9.7	20.1	17.1	8.3	6.7	5.7	2.7
Unemployment	65.4	59.3	5.7	-6.1	-20.4	-14.3	-9.3	-25.6	-19.4
Participation rate	72.2	72.8	0.3	0.6	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.1	0.3	-0.4	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	70.5	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,483.8	3,487.9	...	4.1	9.6	64.7	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,284.5	2,285.1	10.0	0.6	2.2	23.5	0.0	0.1	1.0
Employment	2,166.9	2,175.9	9.8	9.0	8.8	72.8	0.4	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	1,736.5	1,713.4	13.1	-23.1	-16.2	38.3	-1.3	-0.9	2.3
Employment part-time	430.4	462.5	12.3	32.1	25.0	34.5	7.5	5.7	8.1
Unemployment	117.6	109.2	7.7	-8.4	-6.6	-49.3	-7.1	-5.7	-31.1
Participation rate	65.6	65.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.0	...	...	...

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 4-1

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	429.0	429.1	...	0.1	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	250.8	253.5	2.5	2.7	4.1	1.0	1.1	1.6	0.4
Employment	209.3	215.2	2.4	5.9	4.3	1.7	2.8	2.0	0.8
Employment full-time	175.9	179.3	2.6	3.4	3.2	-1.1	1.9	1.8	-0.6
Unemployment	41.5	38.4	2.2	-3.1	-0.1	-0.6	-7.5	-0.3	-1.5
Participation rate	58.5	59.1	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	15.1	0.8	-1.4	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.8	50.2	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.7	0.9	0.7	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	67.8	67.7	...	-0.1	-0.2	-2.5	-0.1	-0.3	-3.6
Labour force	35.6	36.1	1.3	0.5	-0.5	-1.9	1.4	-1.4	-5.0
Employment	25.4	27.5	1.2	2.1	-1.1	-2.5	8.3	-3.8	-8.3
Unemployment	10.1	8.6	1.1	-1.5	0.6	0.6	-14.9	7.5	7.5
Participation rate	52.5	53.3	1.9	0.8	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	28.4	23.8	2.6	-4.6	1.9	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	37.5	40.6	1.8	3.1	-1.5	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.4	49.8	3.6	-0.6	3.7	3.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	175.0	175.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	112.3	114.1	1.4	1.8	2.9	-0.8	1.6	2.6	-0.7
Employment	93.9	95.7	1.4	1.8	2.1	-2.1	1.9	2.2	-2.1
Unemployment	18.4	18.3	1.4	-0.1	0.7	1.3	-0.5	4.0	7.6
Participation rate	64.2	65.2	0.8	1.0	1.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	16.0	1.1	-0.4	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	54.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.8	5.5	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	186.2	186.3	...	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	103.0	103.4	1.3	0.4	1.8	3.8	0.4	1.8	3.8
Employment	90.0	91.9	1.3	1.9	3.2	6.2	2.1	3.6	7.2
Unemployment	13.0	11.5	1.2	-1.5	-1.4	-2.4	-11.5	-10.9	-17.3
Participation rate	55.3	55.5	0.7	0.2	0.9	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	11.1	1.1	-1.5	-1.6	-2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.3	49.3	0.7	1.0	1.7	3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	18.4	1.3	0.5	-1.6	1.5	...	...	...
Industry	209.3	215.2	2.4	5.9	4.3	1.7	2.8	2.0	0.8
Goods-producing sector	47.5	49.5	1.8	2.0	-0.3	0.9	4.2	-0.6	1.9
Agriculture	2.2	2.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-9.1	-9.1	17.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	14.9	16.7	1.1	1.8	1.5	2.0	12.1	9.9	13.6
Utilities	2.4	2.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-4.2	-11.5	-8.0
Construction	11.7	12.4	1.0	0.7	0.5	-0.1	6.0	4.2	-0.8
Manufacturing	16.2	16.0	1.2	-0.2	-1.8	-1.1	-1.2	-10.1	-6.4
Services-producing sector	161.8	165.7	2.2	3.9	4.6	0.8	2.4	2.9	0.5
Trade	36.4	37.5	1.4	1.1	-1.0	-0.2	3.0	-2.6	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	12.4	11.6	0.8	-0.8	-0.1	0.2	-6.5	-0.9	1.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.2	8.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	-0.5	11.1	12.7	-5.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.7	8.3	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.0	23.9	18.6	13.7
Business, building and other support services	6.4	7.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	-0.8	10.9	7.6	-10.1
Educational services	15.9	16.6	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3	4.4	3.1	1.8
Health care and social assistance	30.8	30.9	1.1	0.1	3.1	1.1	0.3	11.2	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	6.5	7.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.7	7.7	2.9	-9.1
Accommodation and food services	13.7	13.0	1.0	-0.7	-0.6	-0.9	-5.1	-4.4	-6.5
Other services	10.4	11.8	0.9	1.4	1.3	2.2	13.5	12.4	22.9
Public administration	15.6	13.9	0.8	-1.7	-1.4	-1.0	-10.9	-9.2	-6.7

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 4-2

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	111.9	112.0	...	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.6
Labour force	77.0	77.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.9
Employment	68.7	69.0	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3
Employment full-time	57.9	57.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.4	1.6	-0.2	-0.7	2.8
Unemployment	8.3	8.4	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.5	1.2	-2.3	6.3
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	10.9	0.8	0.1	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.7	16.2	0.9	0.5	1.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.8	19.8	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
Labour force	13.5	14.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	3.7	4.5	6.9
Employment	11.5	12.2	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.3	6.1	7.0	11.9
Unemployment	1.9	1.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-5.3	-14.3	-21.7
Participation rate	68.2	70.7	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	12.9	2.4	-1.2	-2.8	-4.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	61.6	2.0	3.5	4.0	6.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.4	36.9	3.2	-0.5	0.9	-8.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	44.2	44.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	32.7	32.7	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.9	1.2
Employment	29.2	28.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-1.4	-0.7	-1.7
Unemployment	3.5	3.9	0.4	0.4	-0.1	0.9	11.4	-2.5	30.0
Participation rate	74.0	74.0	0.8	0.0	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	11.9	1.1	1.2	-0.2	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.2	0.9	-0.9	-0.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	5.9	1.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.0	48.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	30.8	30.7	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.6	-0.3	0.0	-1.9
Employment	28.0	27.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-1.4	-2.4
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-6.9	8.0	3.8
Participation rate	64.2	64.0	0.7	-0.2	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.8	1.0	-0.6	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.8	17.9	1.5	1.1	1.3	-3.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	68.7	69.0	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	18.9	19.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	2.3	3.7	4.3	13.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.8	4.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.3	13.2	13.2	43.3
Utilities	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.4	9.5	4.5	-14.8
Construction	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	5.7	5.7	0.3	0.0	0.4	1.4	0.0	7.5	32.6
	6.9	6.9	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-2.8	1.5
Services-producing sector									
Trade	49.7	49.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-2.1	-0.6	-1.0	-4.1
Transportation and warehousing	9.3	9.8	0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.5	5.4	6.5	-4.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.1	1.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-14.3	-14.3	-21.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.1	1.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-19.0	-15.0	-15.0
Business, building and other support services	2.9	2.8	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.5	-3.4	7.7	21.7
Educational services	2.2	2.7	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.3	22.7	-3.6	12.5
Health care and social assistance	4.7	4.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-2.1	-2.1	-11.5
Information, culture and recreation	7.9	8.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	2.5	5.2	2.5
Accommodation and food services	2.8	2.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-7.1	-10.3	-16.1
Other services	5.9	5.9	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-3.3	3.5
Public administration	3.5	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	2.9	16.7
	6.4	5.8	0.3	-0.6	-0.4	-1.6	-9.4	-6.5	-21.6

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	762.2	762.4	...	0.2	0.4	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	480.4	482.2	2.8	1.8	-0.1	-8.4	0.4	0.0	-1.7
Employment	442.8	441.7	2.9	-1.1	0.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
Employment full-time	363.0	358.6	3.7	-4.4	-2.3	-8.6	-1.2	-0.6	-2.3
Unemployment	37.6	40.5	2.5	2.9	-0.5	-7.4	7.7	-1.2	-15.4
Participation rate	63.0	63.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	57.9	0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.5	123.5	...	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Labour force	82.6	83.1	1.8	0.5	1.7	-2.2	0.6	2.1	-2.6
Employment	72.5	71.8	1.7	-0.7	1.1	1.8	-1.0	1.6	2.6
Unemployment	10.1	11.3	1.5	1.2	0.5	-4.1	11.9	4.6	-26.6
Participation rate	66.9	67.3	1.5	0.4	1.4	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.2	13.6	1.7	1.4	0.3	-4.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.1	1.4	-0.6	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.1	44.3	2.5	0.2	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	305.2	305.2	...	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	206.3	207.3	1.5	1.0	-2.3	-6.3	0.5	-1.1	-2.9
Employment	189.9	189.8	1.7	-0.1	-3.4	-4.3	-0.1	-1.8	-2.2
Unemployment	16.3	17.5	1.5	1.2	1.1	-2.0	7.4	6.7	-10.3
Participation rate	67.6	67.9	0.5	0.3	-0.8	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.2	0.6	0.0	-1.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	1.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	333.6	333.7	...	0.1	0.3	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	191.6	191.8	1.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Employment	180.4	180.1	1.5	-0.3	2.7	1.5	-0.2	1.5	0.8
Unemployment	11.2	11.7	1.3	0.5	-2.1	-1.4	4.5	-15.2	-10.7
Participation rate	57.4	57.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.1	0.7	0.3	-1.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.1	54.0	0.5	-0.1	0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	21.8	1.2	1.9	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	442.8	441.7	2.9	-1.1	0.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
Agriculture	88.8	87.4	2.4	-1.4	-1.7	-3.4	-1.6	-1.9	-3.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	4.8	5.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	-0.6	12.5	12.5	-10.0
Utilities	14.8	13.9	1.2	-0.9	-1.4	0.2	-6.1	-9.2	1.5
Construction	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.8	11.8	46.2	-29.6
Manufacturing	26.4	26.8	1.4	0.4	-0.5	-1.6	1.5	-1.8	-5.6
Services-producing sector	41.1	39.5	1.6	-1.6	-0.9	-0.5	-3.9	-2.2	-1.2
Trade	354.0	354.2	3.0	0.2	1.9	2.3	0.1	0.5	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	78.8	79.6	2.0	0.8	3.2	1.1	1.0	4.2	1.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	18.8	19.2	1.0	0.4	-1.4	-1.5	2.1	-6.8	-7.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.3	21.8	1.1	-0.5	-1.4	-1.1	-2.2	-6.0	-4.8
Business, building and other support services	18.8	19.7	1.1	0.9	0.0	1.2	4.8	0.0	6.5
Educational services	26.8	27.0	1.4	0.2	2.9	5.3	0.7	12.0	24.4
Health care and social assistance	36.8	35.6	1.4	-1.2	0.4	-3.1	-3.3	1.1	-8.0
Information, culture and recreation	55.9	58.7	1.5	2.8	0.5	4.9	5.0	0.9	9.1
Accommodation and food services	15.7	14.7	1.1	-1.0	0.3	-2.9	-6.4	2.1	-16.5
Other services	30.9	28.4	1.6	-2.5	-2.0	-3.4	-8.1	-6.6	-10.7
Public administration	20.5	21.9	1.2	1.4	0.9	2.0	6.8	4.3	10.1
Public administration	28.7	27.6	1.1	-1.1	-1.4	-0.3	-3.8	-4.8	-1.1

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	611.3	611.4	...	0.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	393.6	396.5	2.3	2.9	3.4	9.6	0.7	0.9	2.5
Employment	358.7	359.2	2.5	0.5	3.9	8.1	0.1	1.1	2.3
Employment full-time	296.3	296.2	3.0	-0.1	1.6	2.1	0.0	0.5	0.7
Unemployment	34.9	37.3	2.2	2.4	-0.5	1.4	6.9	-1.3	3.9
Participation rate	64.4	64.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.4	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	17.5	0.7	0.1	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	96.1	96.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Labour force	65.2	66.5	1.4	1.3	3.2	3.8	2.0	5.1	6.1
Employment	56.2	56.4	1.4	0.2	2.1	3.2	0.4	3.9	6.0
Unemployment	9.0	10.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.4	11.1	11.1	4.2
Participation rate	67.8	69.2	1.4	1.4	3.3	4.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	15.0	1.8	1.2	0.8	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.7	1.5	0.2	2.2	3.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.1	42.7	2.5	1.6	2.0	3.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	248.9	248.9	...	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	171.9	172.2	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4
Employment	156.3	155.6	1.5	-0.7	-0.1	1.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.8
Unemployment	15.5	16.7	1.5	1.2	0.4	-0.6	7.7	2.5	-3.5
Participation rate	69.1	69.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.7	0.8	0.7	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	266.3	266.3	...	0.0	-0.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	156.5	157.8	1.3	1.3	0.0	5.2	0.8	0.0	3.4
Employment	146.1	147.2	1.3	1.1	1.8	3.6	0.8	1.2	2.5
Unemployment	10.4	10.6	1.1	0.2	-1.8	1.6	1.9	-14.5	17.8
Participation rate	58.8	59.3	0.5	0.5	0.1	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.7	0.1	-1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	55.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	19.9	1.1	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Industry									
	358.7	359.2	2.5	0.5	3.9	8.1	0.1	1.1	2.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	8.0	7.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	2.0	-3.8	-6.1	35.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.5	11.1	0.9	-0.4	0.1	-1.7	-3.5	0.9	-13.3
Utilities	3.6	3.1	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-13.9	-8.8	-13.9
Construction	19.8	20.7	1.1	0.9	1.6	1.7	4.5	8.4	8.9
Manufacturing	36.4	36.4	1.3	0.0	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	-0.3	-3.2
Services-producing sector									
	279.3	280.2	2.4	0.9	3.0	7.9	0.3	1.1	2.9
Trade	59.9	60.3	1.6	0.4	2.6	3.3	0.7	4.5	5.8
Transportation and warehousing	19.5	19.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.8	-2.5	-1.0	-4.0	-11.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	13.7	14.3	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.6	4.4	0.0	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.0	14.6	0.9	-0.4	0.4	-1.6	-2.7	2.8	-9.9
Business, building and other support services	22.7	22.2	1.1	-0.5	0.9	1.3	-2.2	4.2	6.2
Educational services	27.4	28.5	1.0	1.1	1.6	3.2	4.0	5.9	12.6
Health care and social assistance	45.6	44.6	1.2	-1.0	-1.3	-3.3	-2.2	-2.8	-6.9
Information, culture and recreation	12.5	11.9	0.9	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9	-4.8	-6.3	-7.0
Accommodation and food services	24.1	25.1	1.1	1.0	0.2	4.4	4.1	0.8	21.3
Other services	17.4	18.7	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.9	7.5	10.7	11.3
Public administration	21.6	20.8	0.9	-0.8	-1.4	1.6	-3.7	-6.3	8.3

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 4-5

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Quebec

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,221.8	6,225.2	...	3.4	9.3	70.3	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	4,092.1	4,085.4	15.1	-6.7	-5.0	50.4	-0.2	-0.1	1.2
Employment	3,746.3	3,749.4	15.0	3.1	-5.6	45.1	0.1	-0.1	1.2
Employment full-time	3,073.9	3,070.5	20.0	-3.4	-3.6	39.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
Unemployment	345.7	336.0	13.2	-9.7	0.7	5.3	-2.8	0.2	1.6
Participation rate	65.8	65.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	18.1	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	950.2	950.0	...	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	638.3	629.6	8.7	-8.7	-5.7	-1.9	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3
Employment	547.3	543.9	8.4	-3.4	-7.0	-14.5	-0.6	-1.3	-2.6
Unemployment	91.0	85.7	7.3	-5.3	1.3	12.6	-5.8	1.5	17.2
Participation rate	67.2	66.3	0.9	-0.9	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	13.6	1.1	-0.7	0.3	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.3	0.9	-0.3	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	45.7	1.6	-0.3	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,573.2	2,575.0	...	1.8	4.7	36.8	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	1,861.9	1,859.1	8.0	-2.8	2.9	17.1	-0.2	0.2	0.9
Employment	1,724.7	1,719.1	8.8	-5.6	-7.9	29.7	-0.3	-0.5	1.8
Unemployment	137.2	140.0	8.0	2.8	10.7	-12.6	2.0	8.3	-8.3
Participation rate	72.4	72.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	66.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	6.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,698.3	2,700.1	...	1.8	4.6	34.0	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	1,591.9	1,596.7	8.7	4.8	-2.2	35.2	0.3	-0.1	2.3
Employment	1,474.3	1,486.4	8.3	12.1	9.3	30.0	0.8	0.6	2.1
Unemployment	117.5	110.3	7.4	-7.2	-11.4	5.2	-6.1	-9.4	4.9
Participation rate	59.0	59.1	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	55.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	21.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	3,746.3	3,749.4	15.0	3.1	-5.6	45.1	0.1	-0.1	1.2
Agriculture	923.4	925.5	13.5	2.1	2.0	7.6	0.2	0.2	0.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	63.4	68.2	3.7	4.8	3.9	17.7	7.6	6.1	35.0
Utilities	43.0	42.1	2.6	-0.9	2.1	4.5	-2.1	5.2	12.0
Construction	31.5	31.1	2.3	-0.4	-0.9	-2.7	-1.3	-2.8	-8.0
Manufacturing	186.1	188.4	7.2	2.3	3.1	25.6	1.2	1.7	15.7
Services-producing sector	599.4	595.8	11.4	-3.6	-6.0	-37.4	-0.6	-1.0	-5.9
Trade	2,822.9	2,823.9	17.1	1.0	-7.7	37.5	0.0	-0.3	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	644.6	651.4	12.1	6.8	8.9	46.6	1.1	1.4	7.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	162.2	166.3	6.4	4.1	10.0	0.1	2.5	6.4	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	217.0	217.5	7.1	0.5	13.5	6.6	0.2	6.6	3.1
Business, building and other support services	230.3	229.0	7.8	-1.3	-9.8	7.6	-0.6	-4.1	3.4
Educational services	132.5	130.2	6.7	-2.3	-1.2	4.6	-1.7	-0.9	3.7
Health care and social assistance	254.9	264.4	7.6	9.5	8.4	28.4	3.7	3.3	12.0
Information, culture and recreation	442.0	437.8	9.6	-4.2	-12.6	-1.4	-1.0	-2.8	-0.3
Accommodation and food services	159.1	151.2	7.5	-7.9	-11.8	-24.0	-5.0	-7.2	-13.7
Other services	209.1	204.5	7.9	-4.6	-10.1	-16.9	-2.2	-4.7	-7.6
Public administration	153.3	154.4	6.4	1.1	-5.3	-13.6	0.7	-3.3	-8.1
Public administration	218.1	217.2	6.4	-0.9	2.3	-0.5	-0.4	1.1	-0.2

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 4-6

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Ontario

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	10,165.9	10,175.7	...	9.8	22.9	176.3	0.1	0.2	1.8
Labour force	6,897.4	6,858.6	18.5	-38.8	-1.0	51.2	-0.6	0.0	0.8
Employment	6,449.0	6,431.8	18.3	-17.2	-1.6	88.3	-0.3	0.0	1.4
Employment full-time	5,303.6	5,292.0	23.9	-11.6	-20.6	116.2	-0.2	-0.4	2.2
Unemployment	448.4	426.9	15.7	-21.5	0.7	-37.0	-4.8	0.2	-8.0
Participation rate	67.8	67.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	17.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,696.1	1,697.2	...	1.1	2.9	29.2	0.1	0.2	1.8
Labour force	1,108.6	1,080.9	11.5	-27.7	-16.6	3.1	-2.5	-1.5	0.3
Employment	948.4	941.9	10.8	-6.5	-8.5	12.0	-0.7	-0.9	1.3
Unemployment	160.2	139.0	9.6	-21.2	-8.1	-8.9	-13.2	-5.5	-6.0
Participation rate	65.4	63.7	0.7	-1.7	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.5	12.9	0.8	-1.6	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	55.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.0	47.9	1.2	-0.1	0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,122.5	4,126.6	...	4.1	9.0	71.1	0.1	0.2	1.8
Labour force	3,096.2	3,093.7	8.9	-2.5	9.5	45.2	-0.1	0.3	1.5
Employment	2,935.9	2,942.6	9.8	6.7	5.9	44.0	0.2	0.2	1.5
Unemployment	160.3	151.1	8.4	-9.2	3.6	1.2	-5.7	2.4	0.8
Participation rate	75.1	75.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.9	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.2	71.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,347.3	4,351.9	...	4.6	11.0	76.1	0.1	0.3	1.8
Labour force	2,692.6	2,684.0	10.5	-8.6	6.1	3.0	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Employment	2,564.7	2,547.3	10.5	-17.4	1.0	32.4	-0.7	0.0	1.3
Unemployment	127.9	136.8	8.6	8.9	5.2	-29.3	7.0	4.0	-17.6
Participation rate	61.9	61.7	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.5	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	19.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry	6,449.0	6,431.8	18.3	-17.2	-1.6	88.3	-0.3	0.0	1.4
Goods-producing sector	1,604.4	1,620.3	16.1	15.9	-15.1	3.5	1.0	-0.9	0.2
Agriculture	97.0	96.8	4.0	-0.2	-2.0	13.6	-0.2	-2.0	16.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	35.9	30.9	2.1	-5.0	-4.7	-5.5	-13.9	-13.2	-15.1
Utilities	47.2	50.7	2.5	3.5	0.2	4.3	7.4	0.4	9.3
Construction	411.5	416.6	9.2	5.1	11.4	43.9	1.2	2.8	11.8
Manufacturing	1,012.8	1,025.3	13.5	12.5	-20.0	-52.9	1.2	-1.9	-4.9
Services-producing sector	4,844.6	4,811.4	21.1	-33.2	13.4	84.7	-0.7	0.3	1.8
Trade	983.6	975.7	13.8	-7.9	-9.9	-15.6	-0.8	-1.0	-1.6
Transportation and warehousing	299.5	286.7	7.5	-12.8	-11.3	-4.5	-4.3	-3.8	-1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	454.7	462.8	10.1	8.1	4.1	17.4	1.8	0.9	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	459.1	455.7	10.1	-3.4	-0.3	16.7	-0.7	-0.1	3.8
Business, building and other support services	306.4	283.6	8.8	-22.8	-14.2	12.5	-7.4	-4.8	4.6
Educational services	462.5	462.6	9.3	0.1	5.7	53.8	0.0	1.2	13.2
Health care and social assistance	615.9	625.6	10.1	9.7	16.7	-9.3	1.6	2.7	-1.5
Information, culture and recreation	313.0	320.7	8.2	7.7	10.7	18.8	2.5	3.5	6.2
Accommodation and food services	370.5	370.1	9.2	-0.4	1.4	2.0	-0.1	0.4	0.5
Other services	253.6	261.5	7.3	7.9	24.4	-2.0	3.1	10.3	-0.8
Public administration	325.8	306.5	6.9	-19.3	-13.8	-5.0	-5.9	-4.3	-1.6

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	889.8	890.1	...	0.3	0.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	612.9	612.9	2.8	0.0	3.6	-0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0
Employment	586.3	586.1	2.9	-0.2	2.5	3.4	0.0	0.4	0.6
Employment full-time	465.9	470.2	3.9	4.3	6.3	2.7	0.9	1.4	0.6
Unemployment	26.6	26.8	2.2	0.2	1.1	-3.5	0.8	4.3	-11.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.9	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.8	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	19.8	0.6	-0.8	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	155.5	155.6	...	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	113.9	114.5	1.7	0.6	5.0	3.3	0.5	4.6	3.0
Employment	104.8	105.2	1.7	0.4	4.8	6.6	0.4	4.8	6.7
Unemployment	9.1	9.2	1.5	0.1	0.1	-3.4	1.1	1.1	-27.0
Participation rate	73.2	73.6	1.1	0.4	3.2	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.0	1.3	0.0	-0.3	-3.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.6	1.1	0.2	3.0	4.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.6	47.0	2.1	-2.7	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	358.0	358.2	...	0.2	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	267.3	266.1	1.4	-1.2	-3.3	-2.6	-0.4	-1.2	-1.0
Employment	258.6	257.6	1.5	-1.0	-2.3	-0.9	-0.4	-0.9	-0.3
Unemployment	8.7	8.6	1.2	-0.1	-0.9	-1.6	-1.1	-9.5	-15.7
Participation rate	74.7	74.3	0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.2	71.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.1	5.7	0.6	-0.5	-0.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	376.3	376.3	...	0.0	-0.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	231.7	232.3	1.6	0.6	1.8	-0.8	0.3	0.8	-0.3
Employment	222.8	223.3	1.6	0.5	0.0	-2.3	0.2	0.0	-1.0
Unemployment	8.9	9.0	1.1	0.1	1.9	1.5	1.1	26.8	20.0
Participation rate	61.6	61.7	0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.9	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.6	23.3	1.1	-0.3	-2.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry	586.3	586.1	2.9	-0.2	2.5	3.4	0.0	0.4	0.6
Goods-producing sector	138.1	136.4	2.5	-1.7	-5.1	-3.2	-1.2	-3.6	-2.3
Agriculture	30.2	31.2	1.3	1.0	-1.0	0.5	3.3	-3.1	1.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.4	6.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.9	4.7	8.1	15.5
Utilities	5.7	5.3	0.6	-0.4	-1.3	-1.2	-7.0	-19.7	-18.5
Construction	29.5	29.8	1.4	0.3	-0.2	1.7	1.0	-0.7	6.0
Manufacturing	66.3	63.4	2.0	-2.9	-3.1	-5.0	-4.4	-4.7	-7.3
Services-producing sector	448.2	449.7	3.4	1.5	7.6	6.5	0.3	1.7	1.5
Trade	87.0	87.6	2.2	0.6	1.9	0.6	0.7	2.2	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	34.2	35.8	1.3	1.6	0.0	3.5	4.7	0.0	10.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	37.0	34.2	1.4	-2.8	-1.3	4.2	-7.6	-3.7	14.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.0	24.3	1.3	1.3	2.1	-1.6	5.7	9.5	-6.2
Business, building and other support services	17.2	18.4	1.2	1.2	-0.2	-0.8	7.0	-1.1	-4.2
Educational services	44.9	46.0	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.1	2.4	1.3	0.2
Health care and social assistance	75.9	77.9	1.9	2.0	3.5	-0.6	2.6	4.7	-0.8
Information, culture and recreation	23.9	23.7	1.5	-0.2	0.6	-1.7	-0.8	2.6	-6.7
Accommodation and food services	43.4	41.5	1.7	-1.9	1.4	7.2	-4.4	3.5	21.0
Other services	26.3	25.5	1.3	-0.8	-0.5	-1.9	-3.0	-1.9	-6.9
Public administration	35.5	34.7	1.3	-0.8	-0.7	-2.5	-2.3	-2.0	-6.7

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	747.7	747.4	...	-0.3	-0.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	509.3	509.2	2.4	-0.1	-2.9	-3.3	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Employment	482.9	482.2	2.5	-0.7	2.5	-5.3	-0.1	0.5	-1.1
Employment full-time	389.3	387.1	3.2	-2.2	-2.2	-4.2	-0.6	-0.6	-1.1
Unemployment	26.4	27.0	1.9	0.6	0.4	2.0	2.3	1.5	8.0
Participation rate	68.1	68.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.5	0.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	19.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.2	138.2	...	0.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7
Labour force	94.7	94.1	1.5	-0.6	-0.5	-2.1	-0.6	-0.5	-2.2
Employment	84.0	84.3	1.5	0.3	1.1	-3.7	0.4	1.3	-4.2
Unemployment	10.7	9.8	1.2	-0.9	-1.6	1.6	-8.4	-14.0	19.5
Participation rate	68.5	68.1	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	10.4	1.2	-0.9	-1.7	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.0	1.1	0.2	0.8	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.1	43.5	1.9	1.4	3.2	3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	297.1	297.0	...	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	222.8	222.2	1.2	-0.6	1.1	-1.5	-0.3	0.5	-0.7
Employment	213.4	212.9	1.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment	9.4	9.3	1.0	-0.1	1.1	-1.3	-1.1	13.4	-12.3
Participation rate	75.0	74.8	0.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	71.7	0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	6.5	0.6	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	312.5	312.3	...	-0.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	191.7	192.9	1.3	1.2	2.3	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.2
Employment	185.5	185.0	1.3	-0.5	1.4	-1.4	-0.3	0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	6.3	7.9	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.7	25.4	12.9	27.4
Participation rate	61.3	61.8	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	4.1	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	59.2	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	24.1	1.0	0.3	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	482.9	482.2	2.5	-0.7	2.5	-5.3	-0.1	0.5	-1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	129.6	131.8	2.3	2.2	5.0	7.9	1.7	3.9	6.4
Agriculture	46.5	47.0	1.6	0.5	2.4	-0.3	1.1	5.4	-0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	20.8	20.6	1.0	-0.2	0.2	2.0	-1.0	1.0	10.8
Utilities	4.4	4.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	2.3	-2.2	-6.2
Construction	28.2	28.5	1.2	0.3	1.5	4.3	1.1	5.6	17.8
Manufacturing	29.9	31.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	2.2	4.3	3.7	7.6
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	353.2	350.4	2.9	-2.8	-2.5	-13.2	-0.8	-0.7	-3.6
Trade	74.4	77.1	1.9	2.7	3.4	-4.5	3.6	4.6	-5.5
Transportation and warehousing	24.6	26.4	1.1	1.8	-0.6	2.1	7.3	-2.2	8.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.7	25.9	0.9	-1.8	-0.2	-0.3	-6.5	-0.8	-1.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.3	17.3	0.9	0.0	-0.6	-0.5	0.0	-3.4	-2.8
Business, building and other support services	14.0	13.1	0.9	-0.9	0.8	-0.7	-6.4	6.5	-5.1
Educational services	39.0	37.1	1.3	-1.9	-2.1	-2.9	-4.9	-5.4	-7.2
Health care and social assistance	59.4	55.9	1.4	-3.5	-2.5	-1.7	-5.9	-4.3	-3.0
Information, culture and recreation	19.0	18.9	1.1	-0.1	-0.9	-1.7	-0.5	-4.5	-8.3
Accommodation and food services	28.5	29.3	1.3	0.8	0.0	-3.0	2.8	0.0	-9.3
Other services	21.0	21.3	1.1	0.3	-0.3	-1.4	1.4	-1.4	-6.2
Public administration	28.2	28.0	1.0	-0.2	0.3	1.3	-0.7	1.1	4.9

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 4-9

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Alberta

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,596.6	2,603.3	...	6.7	16.1	70.0	0.3	0.6	2.8
Labour force	1,875.5	1,894.6	7.9	19.1	15.1	47.5	1.0	0.8	2.6
Employment	1,810.2	1,835.3	7.9	25.1	35.5	61.9	1.4	2.0	3.5
Employment full-time	1,511.9	1,516.9	10.7	5.0	18.3	53.5	0.3	1.2	3.7
Unemployment	65.4	59.3	5.7	-6.1	-20.4	-14.3	-9.3	-25.6	-19.4
Participation rate	72.2	72.8	0.3	0.6	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.1	0.3	-0.4	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	70.5	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	17.3	0.5	0.9	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	483.3	484.1	...	0.8	2.2	11.0	0.2	0.5	2.3
Labour force	340.8	352.0	4.7	11.2	11.4	11.7	3.3	3.3	3.4
Employment	316.4	331.6	4.8	15.2	16.9	18.4	4.8	5.4	5.9
Unemployment	24.4	20.3	3.5	-4.1	-5.6	-6.8	-16.8	-21.6	-25.1
Participation rate	70.5	72.7	1.0	2.2	2.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	5.8	1.0	-1.4	-1.8	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	68.5	1.0	3.0	3.2	2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.2	37.6	1.7	3.5	2.8	0.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,057.8	1,061.0	...	3.2	7.4	29.4	0.3	0.7	2.8
Labour force	847.5	851.9	3.8	4.4	-0.7	22.2	0.5	-0.1	2.7
Employment	828.1	833.4	4.2	5.3	8.4	26.9	0.6	1.0	3.3
Unemployment	19.4	18.4	3.1	-1.0	-9.2	-4.8	-5.2	-33.3	-20.7
Participation rate	80.1	80.3	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.3	2.2	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,055.4	1,058.1	...	2.7	6.4	29.5	0.3	0.6	2.9
Labour force	687.3	690.8	4.9	3.5	4.5	13.7	0.5	0.7	2.0
Employment	665.7	670.3	4.7	4.6	10.2	16.5	0.7	1.5	2.5
Unemployment	21.5	20.6	3.2	-0.9	-5.6	-2.7	-4.2	-21.4	-11.6
Participation rate	65.1	65.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	22.6	0.9	0.5	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Population	1,810.2	1,835.3	7.9	25.1	35.5	61.9	1.4	2.0	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	52.2	54.2	2.7	2.0	3.1	-4.0	3.8	6.1	-6.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	129.1	130.3	3.7	1.2	5.9	7.0	0.9	4.7	5.7
Utilities	15.8	14.3	1.2	-1.5	-1.6	3.6	-9.5	-10.1	33.6
Construction	168.0	167.8	4.6	-0.2	6.8	4.1	-0.1	4.2	2.5
Manufacturing	128.4	125.4	4.2	-3.0	-4.7	-9.2	-2.3	-3.6	-6.8
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,316.7	1,343.1	9.0	26.4	25.8	60.1	2.0	2.0	4.7
Transportation and warehousing	287.9	294.2	6.0	6.3	13.7	7.8	2.2	4.9	2.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	105.8	106.0	3.5	0.2	1.0	2.6	0.2	1.0	2.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	97.8	97.2	3.3	-0.6	1.4	0.5	-0.6	1.5	0.5
Business, building and other support services	140.0	139.7	4.3	-0.3	-3.9	15.3	-0.2	-2.7	12.3
Educational services	54.7	61.7	3.2	7.0	-1.9	-3.0	12.8	-3.0	-4.6
Health care and social assistance	122.7	124.9	3.8	2.2	-2.8	4.4	1.8	-2.2	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	175.1	172.2	4.4	-2.9	0.5	12.1	-1.7	0.3	7.6
Accommodation and food services	69.0	68.6	3.2	-0.4	1.1	-2.0	-0.6	1.6	-2.8
Other services	108.6	108.6	4.2	0.0	-0.3	-4.7	0.0	-0.3	-4.1
Public administration	80.6	89.5	3.3	8.9	5.8	11.9	11.0	6.9	15.3
Public administration	74.7	80.6	2.6	5.9	11.1	15.2	7.9	16.0	23.2

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 4-10

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,483.8	3,487.9	...	4.1	9.6	64.7	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,284.5	2,285.1	10.0	0.6	2.2	23.5	0.0	0.1	1.0
Employment	2,166.9	2,175.9	9.8	9.0	8.8	72.8	0.4	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	1,736.5	1,713.4	13.1	-23.1	-16.2	38.3	-1.3	-0.9	2.3
Unemployment	117.6	109.2	7.7	-8.4	-6.6	-49.3	-7.1	-5.7	-31.1
Participation rate	65.6	65.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	21.3	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	574.8	575.1	...	0.3	0.6	8.7	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	374.3	380.0	5.8	5.7	1.6	15.7	1.5	0.4	4.3
Employment	345.8	351.3	5.7	5.5	3.4	32.6	1.6	1.0	10.2
Unemployment	28.5	28.7	4.4	0.2	-1.8	-16.9	0.7	-5.9	-37.1
Participation rate	65.1	66.1	1.0	1.0	0.2	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	1.2	0.0	-0.5	-4.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	61.1	1.0	0.9	0.5	4.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.5	45.4	1.8	0.9	2.3	1.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,420.6	1,422.6	...	2.0	4.6	28.3	0.1	0.3	2.0
Labour force	1,015.5	1,017.1	5.1	1.6	-4.3	2.5	0.2	-0.4	0.2
Employment	971.4	978.0	5.4	6.6	1.3	20.8	0.7	0.1	2.2
Unemployment	44.1	39.1	4.5	-5.0	-5.6	-18.3	-11.3	-12.5	-31.9
Participation rate	71.5	71.5	0.4	0.0	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	68.7	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	8.9	0.6	2.0	2.1	1.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,488.4	1,490.2	...	1.8	4.4	27.7	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	894.7	888.1	5.9	-6.6	5.1	5.3	-0.7	0.6	0.6
Employment	849.7	846.7	5.8	-3.0	4.2	19.5	-0.4	0.5	2.4
Unemployment	45.0	41.3	4.4	-3.7	0.7	-14.3	-8.2	1.7	-25.7
Participation rate	60.1	59.6	0.4	-0.5	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.7	0.5	-0.3	0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.8	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.7	25.5	1.0	0.9	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,166.9	2,175.9	9.8	9.0	8.8	72.8	0.4	0.4	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	34.2	36.0	2.7	1.8	-3.6	-4.4	5.3	-9.1	-10.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	40.6	39.2	2.6	-1.4	2.8	0.5	-3.4	7.7	1.3
Utilities	8.6	8.0	1.2	-0.6	0.7	-1.5	-7.0	9.6	-15.8
Construction	168.3	173.3	5.4	5.0	-7.1	7.8	3.0	-3.9	4.7
Manufacturing	191.4	204.3	5.7	12.9	10.9	-2.4	6.7	5.6	-1.2
Services-producing sector									
	1,723.7	1,715.2	11.0	-8.5	5.2	72.7	-0.5	0.3	4.4
Trade	352.0	361.1	7.4	9.1	9.7	38.9	2.6	2.8	12.1
Transportation and warehousing	124.2	128.7	4.6	4.5	10.3	15.2	3.6	8.7	13.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	128.0	129.4	4.4	1.4	-1.7	-1.5	1.1	-1.3	-1.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	166.5	171.6	5.1	5.1	7.1	9.9	3.1	4.3	6.1
Business, building and other support services	93.2	89.9	4.6	-3.3	3.6	-4.0	-3.5	4.2	-4.3
Educational services	152.0	150.2	4.7	-1.8	4.1	6.9	-1.2	2.8	4.8
Health care and social assistance	210.6	213.2	5.3	2.6	-5.0	-5.7	1.2	-2.3	-2.6
Information, culture and recreation	124.7	113.2	4.5	-11.5	-15.8	8.9	-9.2	-12.2	8.5
Accommodation and food services	180.3	174.8	5.7	-5.5	-6.6	8.0	-3.1	-3.6	4.8
Other services	94.8	89.3	4.1	-5.5	-0.5	-3.6	-5.8	-0.6	-3.9
Public administration	97.4	93.6	3.7	-3.8	-0.2	-0.3	-3.9	-0.2	-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 5-1

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	150.9	151.1	...	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	97.7	98.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	-2.0	0.4	0.2	-2.0
Employment	89.5	89.6	0.8	0.1	-0.4	-2.1	0.1	-0.4	-2.3
Unemployment	8.2	8.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.1	3.7	6.2	1.2
Participation rate	64.7	64.9	0.5	0.2	0.0	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.7	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.3	0.6	0.0	-0.4	-1.9	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	310.3	310.5	...	0.2	0.4	3.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	212.4	212.5	1.1	0.1	-0.6	-5.5	0.0	-0.3	-2.5
Employment	201.1	201.6	1.2	0.5	0.5	-2.3	0.2	0.2	-1.1
Unemployment	11.3	10.9	0.6	-0.4	-1.1	-3.2	-3.5	-9.2	-22.7
Participation rate	68.4	68.4	0.4	0.0	-0.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	64.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	103.4	103.4	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	67.8	67.6	0.7	-0.2	1.4	0.0	-0.3	2.1	0.0
Employment	64.0	63.7	0.7	-0.3	2.0	0.8	-0.5	3.2	1.3
Unemployment	3.8	3.8	0.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.9	0.0	-15.6	-19.1
Participation rate	65.6	65.4	0.7	-0.2	1.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.5	0.0	-1.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.6	0.7	-0.3	1.9	0.5	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	126.3	126.2	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	76.8	77.7	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	2.1	1.8
Employment	70.2	71.8	0.9	1.6	3.2	2.8	2.3	4.7	4.1
Unemployment	6.6	5.9	0.4	-0.7	-1.5	-1.4	-10.6	-20.3	-19.2
Participation rate	60.8	61.6	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	7.6	0.6	-1.0	-2.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	56.9	0.7	1.3	2.6	2.3	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	595.7	596.2	...	0.5	1.1	7.1	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	399.5	400.7	3.6	1.2	2.9	-0.7	0.3	0.7	-0.2
Employment	380.7	379.8	3.6	-0.9	0.8	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Unemployment	18.7	20.9	1.5	2.2	2.1	-1.4	11.8	11.2	-6.3
Participation rate	67.1	67.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.7	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	118.6	118.7	...	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	76.1	75.8	0.7	-0.3	0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.3	0.8
Employment	69.7	69.1	0.7	-0.6	0.1	1.9	-0.9	0.1	2.8
Unemployment	6.4	6.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	-1.2	4.7	1.5	-15.2
Participation rate	64.2	63.9	0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.8	0.5	0.4	0.1	-1.7
Employment rate	58.8	58.2	0.6	-0.6	0.0	1.0

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	134.3	134.4	...	0.1	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	88.2	88.9	0.8	0.7	1.8	-0.6	0.8	2.1	-0.7
Employment	81.7	82.0	0.8	0.3	0.7	-1.0	0.4	0.9	-1.2
Unemployment	6.5	6.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.2	4.6	15.3	3.0
Participation rate	65.7	66.1	0.6	0.4	1.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.6	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.0	0.6	0.2	0.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,984.5	2,987.0	...	2.5	5.5	38.7	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	2,011.1	2,019.4	7.6	8.3	6.9	36.7	0.4	0.3	1.9
Employment	1,819.7	1,826.4	8.0	6.7	1.2	13.7	0.4	0.1	0.8
Unemployment	191.5	193.0	4.9	1.5	5.7	23.0	0.8	3.0	13.5
Participation rate	67.4	67.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	938.8	939.4	...	0.6	1.4	14.2	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	677.6	683.4	3.7	5.8	13.0	23.8	0.9	1.9	3.6
Employment	641.3	648.6	3.8	7.3	15.0	32.8	1.1	2.4	5.3
Unemployment	36.3	34.8	1.8	-1.5	-2.0	-9.0	-4.1	-5.4	-20.5
Participation rate	72.2	72.7	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	69.0	0.4	0.7	1.5	2.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	233.4	233.7	...	0.3	0.7	6.2	0.1	0.3	2.7
Labour force	174.4	174.7	1.2	0.3	2.3	15.8	0.2	1.3	9.9
Employment	164.4	165.2	1.2	0.8	2.9	18.1	0.5	1.8	12.3
Unemployment	10.0	9.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-2.2	-4.0	-5.9	-18.6
Participation rate	74.7	74.8	0.5	0.1	0.8	5.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.7	0.5	0.3	1.0	6.0	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	705.4	705.7	...	0.3	0.7	8.0	0.0	0.1	1.1
Labour force	503.2	508.6	3.5	5.4	10.7	7.9	1.1	2.1	1.6
Employment	476.8	483.4	3.6	6.6	12.1	14.7	1.4	2.6	3.1
Unemployment	26.4	25.2	1.7	-1.2	-1.4	-6.8	-4.5	-5.3	-21.2
Participation rate	71.3	72.1	0.5	0.8	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	68.5	0.5	0.9	1.6	1.3	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	125.5	125.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.2
Labour force	80.1	80.4	0.8	0.3	0.9	1.3	0.4	1.1	1.6
Employment	75.8	75.9	0.8	0.1	-0.1	2.0	0.1	-0.1	2.7
Unemployment	4.3	4.5	0.3	0.2	1.0	-0.8	4.7	28.6	-15.1
Participation rate	63.8	64.1	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.3
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.6	0.4	0.2	1.2	-1.1
Employment rate	60.4	60.5	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.9

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,328.7	4,335.6	...	6.9	14.4	101.0	0.2	0.3	2.4
Labour force	2,981.8	2,977.2	9.5	-4.6	-17.2	56.0	-0.2	-0.6	1.9
Employment	2,789.3	2,778.5	9.9	-10.8	-26.4	79.6	-0.4	-0.9	2.9
Unemployment	192.4	198.7	5.6	6.3	9.2	-23.6	3.3	4.9	-10.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	584.8	585.3	...	0.5	1.0	8.4	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	398.7	400.1	3.3	1.4	5.1	14.3	0.4	1.3	3.7
Employment	374.9	376.8	3.2	1.9	5.5	11.4	0.5	1.5	3.1
Unemployment	23.8	23.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.3	2.9	-2.1	-1.3	14.2
Participation rate	68.2	68.4	0.6	0.2	0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.4	0.6	0.3	0.9	1.1	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	367.6	368.1	...	0.5	1.1	7.0	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	266.3	266.5	1.9	0.2	2.1	8.7	0.1	0.8	3.4
Employment	251.0	252.4	1.9	1.4	3.0	6.6	0.6	1.2	2.7
Unemployment	15.3	14.1	0.9	-1.2	-0.9	2.1	-7.8	-6.0	17.5
Participation rate	72.4	72.4	0.5	0.0	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	68.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	375.9	376.2	...	0.3	0.6	4.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	256.6	256.0	2.0	-0.6	-1.0	-5.1	-0.2	-0.4	-2.0
Employment	240.0	240.3	2.1	0.3	1.0	-4.7	0.1	0.4	-1.9
Unemployment	16.6	15.8	1.0	-0.8	-1.9	-0.3	-4.8	-10.7	-1.9
Participation rate	68.3	68.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.6	0.1	0.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	270.0	270.7	...	0.7	1.4	9.0	0.3	0.5	3.4
Labour force	188.3	187.1	1.7	-1.2	-1.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	0.1
Employment	175.4	174.4	1.7	-1.0	-1.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.3
Unemployment	12.9	12.6	0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.7	-2.3	0.8	5.9
Participation rate	69.7	69.1	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.4	0.7	-0.6	-0.9	-2.5	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	326.0	326.1	...	0.1	0.2	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	200.1	197.4	1.7	-2.7	-3.7	-12.6	-1.3	-1.8	-6.0
Employment	186.0	183.9	1.7	-2.1	-3.1	-13.4	-1.1	-1.7	-6.8
Unemployment	14.2	13.5	0.8	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	-4.9	-3.6	6.3
Participation rate	61.4	60.5	0.5	-0.9	-1.2	-4.4
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.8
Employment rate	57.1	56.4	0.5	-0.7	-1.0	-4.6

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	132.3	132.4	...	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	81.2	81.8	0.8	0.6	1.1	-4.8	0.7	1.4	-5.5
Employment	75.1	75.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	-4.4	0.5	0.9	-5.5
Unemployment	6.1	6.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.5	3.3	6.8	-7.4
Participation rate	61.4	61.8	0.6	0.4	0.8	-4.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.7	0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.0	0.6	0.2	0.5	-3.7	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.2	104.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	65.8	66.2	0.7	0.4	-0.3	-3.4	0.6	-0.5	-4.9
Employment	61.6	61.6	0.7	0.0	-0.7	-2.5	0.0	-1.1	-3.9
Unemployment	4.2	4.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.9	9.5	9.5	-16.4
Participation rate	63.1	63.5	0.7	0.4	-0.3	-3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.1	0.7	0.0	-0.7	-2.9	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	269.4	269.6	...	0.2	0.3	3.5	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	178.3	181.1	1.5	2.8	5.4	5.4	1.6	3.1	3.1
Employment	163.9	165.0	1.6	1.1	1.3	5.5	0.7	0.8	3.4
Unemployment	14.4	16.1	0.8	1.7	4.1	-0.1	11.8	34.2	-0.6
Participation rate	66.2	67.2	0.6	1.0	2.0	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.9	0.5	0.8	2.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	569.8	569.9	...	0.1	0.1	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	394.4	396.7	1.4	2.3	4.5	-2.0	0.6	1.1	-0.5
Employment	377.9	379.5	1.5	1.6	4.2	0.5	0.4	1.1	0.1
Unemployment	16.5	17.2	0.8	0.7	0.3	-2.5	4.2	1.8	-12.7
Participation rate	69.2	69.6	0.3	0.4	0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	66.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	160.8	160.8	...	0.0	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	111.7	111.6	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-3.8	-0.1	-0.3	-3.3
Employment	106.2	106.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-3.7	-0.1	-0.1	-3.4
Unemployment	5.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-3.5	-1.8
Participation rate	69.5	69.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	66.0	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-2.8	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	187.8	187.8	...	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	131.2	131.0	0.9	-0.2	-0.7	-3.9	-0.2	-0.5	-2.9
Employment	123.8	123.7	0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-4.2	-0.1	-0.6	-3.3
Unemployment	7.4	7.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-1.4	-1.4	4.3
Participation rate	69.9	69.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.9	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-2.8	...	...	...

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	868.1	870.9	...	2.8	5.6	25.6	0.3	0.6	3.0
Labour force	647.9	652.8	3.5	4.9	11.0	31.5	0.8	1.7	5.1
Employment	619.2	626.7	3.6	7.5	13.6	33.0	1.2	2.2	5.6
Unemployment	28.7	26.0	1.4	-2.7	-2.7	-1.7	-9.4	-9.4	-6.1
Participation rate	74.6	75.0	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	72.0	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.8	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	822.1	824.3	...	2.2	4.3	18.6	0.3	0.5	2.3
Labour force	565.5	566.3	3.3	0.8	-2.1	-13.3	0.1	-0.4	-2.3
Employment	541.4	543.7	3.4	2.3	0.4	-8.7	0.4	0.1	-1.6
Unemployment	24.1	22.6	1.4	-1.5	-2.5	-4.6	-6.2	-10.0	-16.9
Participation rate	68.8	68.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	66.0	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-2.6	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	126.1	126.4	...	0.3	0.6	2.6	0.2	0.5	2.1
Labour force	87.2	87.3	0.9	0.1	1.9	5.4	0.1	2.2	6.6
Employment	82.5	83.3	0.9	0.8	2.7	6.8	1.0	3.3	8.9
Unemployment	4.7	4.0	0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-1.4	-14.9	-16.7	-25.9
Participation rate	69.2	69.1	0.7	-0.1	1.2	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.6	0.4	-0.8	-1.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.9	0.7	0.5	1.8	4.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,843.5	1,846.4	...	2.9	6.1	40.2	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,227.0	1,219.0	4.8	-8.0	-8.8	-8.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Employment	1,166.1	1,159.0	4.8	-7.1	-10.8	11.1	-0.6	-0.9	1.0
Unemployment	60.9	60.1	2.6	-0.8	2.1	-19.5	-1.3	3.6	-24.5
Participation rate	66.6	66.0	0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.9	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	62.8	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	275.3	275.7	...	0.4	0.8	4.2	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	175.6	176.9	1.5	1.3	-0.1	2.8	0.7	-0.1	1.6
Employment	168.5	169.9	1.6	1.4	0.6	5.1	0.8	0.4	3.1
Unemployment	7.1	7.0	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	-2.3	-1.4	-7.9	-24.7
Participation rate	63.8	64.2	0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.6	0.6	0.4	0.0	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 282-0090

Table 5-2

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

	January 2006	February 2006	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,987.6	2,989.2	...	1.6	5.0	37.7	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	2,011.1	2,028.6	15.8	17.5	10.2	47.6	0.9	0.5	2.4
Employment	1,815.5	1,840.1	15.8	24.6	16.5	21.0	1.4	0.9	1.2
Unemployment	195.6	188.5	11.5	-7.1	-6.3	26.6	-3.6	-3.2	16.4
Participation rate	67.3	67.9	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,336.4	4,342.4	...	6.0	14.3	99.4	0.1	0.3	2.3
Labour force	2,990.4	2,969.8	20.0	-20.6	-1.5	51.2	-0.7	-0.1	1.8
Employment	2,784.0	2,767.6	20.2	-16.4	-16.2	77.4	-0.6	-0.6	2.9
Unemployment	206.4	202.2	13.5	-4.2	14.6	-26.2	-2.0	7.8	-11.5
Participation rate	69.0	68.4	0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.5	-0.1	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	63.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,846.7	1,849.0	...	2.3	5.6	39.7	0.1	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,210.7	1,215.8	10.3	5.1	-14.9	-20.4	0.4	-1.2	-1.7
Employment	1,145.2	1,160.5	10.0	15.3	-10.7	6.9	1.3	-0.9	0.6
Unemployment	65.5	55.3	6.2	-10.2	-4.2	-27.4	-15.6	-7.1	-33.1
Participation rate	65.6	65.8	0.6	0.2	-1.0	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.5	0.5	-0.9	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.8	0.6	0.8	-0.7	-1.0	...	...	...

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6

Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2005 and February 2006

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2005	25,625.0	17,037.4	15,806.5	1,230.9	66.5	7.2	61.7
2006	26,017.1	17,222.5	16,072.9	1,149.6	66.2	6.7	61.8
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2005	430.3	240.3	201.5	38.9	55.8	16.2	46.8
2006	429.1	240.2	199.1	41.1	56.0	17.1	46.4
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2005	208.8	125.1	110.0	15.1	59.9	12.1	52.7
2006	209.7	127.1	111.0	16.1	60.6	12.7	52.9
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2005	34.7	17.4	13.7	3.8	50.1	21.8	39.5
2006	34.1	16.0	12.1	3.9	46.9	24.4	35.5
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2005	89.7	49.1	39.1	10.0	54.7	20.4	43.6
2006	88.9	49.1	39.9	9.2	55.2	18.7	44.9
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2005	97.0	48.7	38.7	10.0	50.2	20.5	39.9
2006	96.4	47.9	36.1	11.8	49.7	24.6	37.4
Prince Edward Island							
2005	111.2	73.5	64.0	9.5	66.1	12.9	57.6
2006	112.0	74.1	64.2	10.0	66.2	13.5	57.3
Nova Scotia							
2005	759.2	477.4	431.4	46.0	62.9	9.6	56.8
2006	762.2	471.0	429.5	41.5	61.8	8.8	56.4
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2005	117.8	57.9	48.5	9.5	49.2	16.4	41.2
2006	117.2	61.7	52.7	9.1	52.6	14.7	45.0
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2005	131.2	79.8	70.8	9.0	60.8	11.3	54.0
2006	131.2	79.5	71.7	7.8	60.6	9.8	54.6
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2005	99.1	62.6	56.7	5.9	63.2	9.4	57.2
2006	99.6	61.8	55.7	6.1	62.0	9.9	55.9
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2005	103.7	61.9	55.3	6.6	59.7	10.7	53.3
2006	103.8	58.5	51.7	6.8	56.4	11.6	49.8
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2005	307.4	215.1	200.1	15.1	70.0	7.0	65.1
2006	310.5	209.5	197.8	11.7	67.5	5.6	63.7
New Brunswick							
2005	609.0	376.3	337.7	38.6	61.8	10.3	55.5
2006	611.4	382.7	345.1	37.6	62.6	9.8	56.4
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2005	138.2	73.5	61.4	12.1	53.2	16.5	44.4
2006	137.3	76.2	64.5	11.7	55.5	15.4	47.0

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2005	159.1	104.0	95.0	9.0	65.4	8.7	59.7
2006	160.9	103.5	93.4	10.1	64.3	9.8	58.0
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2005	140.6	88.5	81.0	7.5	62.9	8.5	57.6
2006	141.3	90.6	84.2	6.4	64.1	7.1	59.6
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2005	102.6	68.6	62.4	6.2	66.9	9.0	60.8
2006	103.5	67.6	62.1	5.4	65.3	8.0	60.0
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2005	68.5	41.8	37.9	3.8	61.0	9.1	55.3
2006	68.4	44.9	40.8	4.1	65.6	9.1	59.6
Quebec							
2005	6,149.3	3,986.1	3,625.5	360.6	64.8	9.0	59.0
2006	6,220.9	4,035.0	3,674.9	360.1	64.9	8.9	59.1
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2005	80.0	38.4	29.5	8.8	48.0	22.9	36.9
2006	80.6	37.4	30.0	7.4	46.4	19.8	37.2
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2005	166.5	93.8	85.3	8.5	56.3	9.1	51.2
2006	167.0	96.6	86.5	10.1	57.8	10.5	51.8
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2005	551.6	360.3	337.1	23.2	65.3	6.4	61.1
2006	557.5	357.9	334.1	23.8	64.2	6.6	59.9
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2005	321.1	218.1	198.8	19.3	67.9	8.8	61.9
2006	323.6	218.2	205.4	12.9	67.4	5.9	63.5
Estrie [2430]							
2005	242.8	155.5	143.2	12.2	64.0	7.8	59.0
2006	245.4	153.9	140.8	13.1	62.7	8.5	57.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2005	181.3	124.5	114.5	10.1	68.7	8.1	63.2
2006	183.0	125.5	115.0	10.6	68.6	8.4	62.8
Montréal [2435]							
2005	1,088.7	716.7	663.1	53.7	65.8	7.5	60.9
2006	1,104.0	747.7	688.3	59.4	67.7	7.9	62.3
Montréal [2440]							
2005	1,562.4	1,014.7	902.5	112.1	64.9	11.0	57.8
2006	1,577.1	1,030.4	908.2	122.1	65.3	11.8	57.6
Laval [2445]							
2005	297.8	192.2	176.9	15.3	64.5	8.0	59.4
2006	302.4	196.1	181.8	14.3	64.8	7.3	60.1
Lanaudière [2450]							
2005	333.0	223.3	206.8	16.5	67.1	7.4	62.1
2006	340.2	220.5	206.3	14.1	64.8	6.4	60.6

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Laurentides [2455]							
2005	402.2	279.5	260.8	18.8	69.5	6.7	64.8
2006	411.8	267.7	243.2	24.5	65.0	9.2	59.1
Outaouais [2460]							
2005	276.5	181.6	167.3	14.3	65.7	7.9	60.5
2006	283.0	199.4	187.7	11.7	70.5	5.9	66.3
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2005	115.0	72.1	62.9	9.3	62.7	12.9	54.7
2006	115.2	71.7	65.5	6.1	62.2	8.5	56.9
Mauricie [2470]							
2005	214.7	125.9	108.8	17.1	58.6	13.6	50.7
2006	215.9	122.4	111.7	10.8	56.7	8.8	51.7
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2005	224.9	129.1	113.3	15.8	57.4	12.2	50.4
2006	224.5	134.6	120.5	14.1	60.0	10.5	53.7
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2005	90.5	60.5	54.8	5.6	66.9	9.3	60.6
2006	89.7	55.1	50.0	5.2	61.4	9.4	55.7
Ontario							
2005	9,985.0	6,718.1	6,271.0	447.1	67.3	6.7	62.8
2006	10,164.8	6,787.3	6,368.4	418.8	66.8	6.2	62.7
Ottawa [3510]							
2005	963.6	665.2	621.8	43.4	69.0	6.5	64.5
2006	975.4	678.3	642.3	35.9	69.5	5.3	65.8
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2005	353.4	219.5	204.2	15.3	62.1	7.0	57.8
2006	356.8	207.9	195.7	12.3	58.3	5.9	54.8
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2005	299.3	171.6	159.7	11.8	57.3	6.9	53.4
2006	304.6	185.6	173.6	12.0	60.9	6.5	57.0
Toronto [3530]							
2005	4,460.2	3,037.0	2,817.2	219.8	68.1	7.2	63.2
2006	4,568.4	3,090.5	2,894.4	196.1	67.6	6.3	63.4
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2005	919.8	656.6	624.4	32.2	71.4	4.9	67.9
2006	940.8	670.0	638.2	31.8	71.2	4.7	67.8
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2005	1,102.1	726.9	685.0	41.8	66.0	5.8	62.2
2006	1,117.1	727.7	682.1	45.5	65.1	6.3	61.1
London [3560]							
2005	497.6	347.7	328.6	19.1	69.9	5.5	66.0
2006	503.7	341.4	318.7	22.7	67.8	6.6	63.3
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2005	516.4	335.7	308.4	27.4	65.0	8.2	59.7
2006	521.6	346.2	318.6	27.6	66.4	8.0	61.1

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2005	243.2	162.3	154.3	8.0	66.7	4.9	63.4
2006	245.9	159.0	151.2	7.8	64.7	4.9	61.5
Northeast [3590]							
2005	452.0	275.5	255.2	20.3	61.0	7.4	56.5
2006	453.0	270.6	251.5	19.1	59.7	7.1	55.5
Northwest [3595]							
2005	177.4	120.2	112.2	8.0	67.8	6.7	63.2
2006	177.5	110.1	101.9	8.1	62.0	7.4	57.4
Manitoba							
2005	885.6	605.6	573.5	32.1	68.4	5.3	64.8
2006	889.9	605.4	577.9	27.5	68.0	4.5	64.9
Southeast [4610]							
2005	72.6	50.9	48.0	2.8	70.1	5.5	66.1
2006	74.0	53.5	50.8	2.7	72.3	5.0	68.6
South Central [4620]							
2005	41.8	30.4	29.3	1.1	72.7	3.6	70.1
2006	42.2	26.5	25.9	0.6	62.8	2.3	61.4
Southwest [4630]							
2005	81.8	50.9	47.9	3.0	62.2	5.9	58.6
2006	81.7	55.0	51.2	3.9	67.3	7.1	62.7
North Central [4640]							
2005	35.2	22.1	20.7	1.4	62.8	6.3	58.8
2006	35.3	22.6	21.7	0.9	64.0	4.0	61.5
Winnipeg [4650]							
2005	524.7	365.1	347.3	17.8	69.6	4.9	66.2
2006	527.8	360.2	343.8	16.4	68.2	4.6	65.1
Interlake [4660]							
2005	67.6	44.2	40.9	3.4	65.4	7.7	60.5
2006	68.3	47.5	45.9	1.6	69.5	3.4	67.2
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2005	62.0	41.9	39.4	2.5	67.6	6.0	63.5
2006	60.6	40.1	38.5	1.5	66.2	3.7	63.5
Saskatchewan							
2005	747.4	504.2	476.9	27.4	67.5	5.4	63.8
2006	747.8	500.1	472.4	27.6	66.9	5.5	63.2
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2005	218.5	154.6	146.8	7.8	70.8	5.0	67.2
2006	219.3	148.9	142.0	7.0	67.9	4.7	64.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2005	83.0	53.5	50.9	2.6	64.5	4.9	61.3
2006	82.9	54.9	52.3	2.7	66.2	4.9	63.1
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2005	229.8	161.4	153.0	8.4	70.2	5.2	66.6
2006	230.7	155.5	147.3	8.2	67.4	5.3	63.8

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2005	66.2	41.3	39.0	2.4	62.4	5.8	58.9
2006	65.2	42.7	40.8	1.9	65.5	4.4	62.6
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2005	149.9	93.5	87.2	6.3	62.4	6.7	58.2
2006	149.7	97.9	90.0	7.9	65.4	8.1	60.1
Alberta							
2005	2,529.6	1,830.8	1,751.3	79.5	72.4	4.3	69.2
2006	2,595.7	1,866.7	1,797.2	69.5	71.9	3.7	69.2
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2005	193.5	140.5	134.8	5.7	72.6	4.1	69.7
2006	197.3	139.1	134.7	4.4	70.5	3.2	68.3
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2005	146.4	102.2	98.6	3.7	69.8	3.6	67.3
2006	148.9	103.4	100.9	2.5	69.4	2.4	67.8
Calgary [4830]							
2005	907.6	664.4	633.7	30.8	73.2	4.6	69.8
2006	935.9	700.4	673.0	27.4	74.8	3.9	71.9
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2005	64.3	50.0	48.3	1.6	77.8	3.2	75.1
2006	65.2	49.6	48.1	1.5	76.1	3.0	73.8
Red Deer [4850]							
2005	129.1	94.0	91.3	2.7	72.8	2.9	70.7
2006	133.2	97.3	93.4	3.9	73.0	4.0	70.1
Edmonton [4860]							
2005	836.1	595.8	566.8	29.0	71.3	4.9	67.8
2006	855.6	581.5	557.8	23.8	68.0	4.1	65.2
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2005	170.7	123.0	118.9	4.1	72.1	3.3	69.7
2006	174.4	131.2	128.0	3.2	75.2	2.4	73.4
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2005	81.9	60.8	58.9	1.9	74.2	3.1	71.9
2006	85.2	64.2	61.4	2.8	75.4	4.4	72.1
British Columbia							
2005	3,418.5	2,225.1	2,073.8	151.2	65.1	6.8	60.7
2006	3,483.3	2,260.1	2,144.3	115.8	64.9	5.1	61.6
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2005	596.3	363.0	334.8	28.3	60.9	7.8	56.1
2006	606.8	381.1	360.9	20.2	62.8	5.3	59.5
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2005	2,054.5	1,364.7	1,278.7	86.0	66.4	6.3	62.2
2006	2,100.3	1,373.8	1,307.2	66.6	65.4	4.8	62.2
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2005	400.5	249.8	233.1	16.7	62.4	6.7	58.2
2006	409.1	262.7	249.7	13.1	64.2	5.0	61.0

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Kootenay [5940]							
2005	122.0	75.5	68.9	6.6	61.9	8.7	56.5
2006	122.3	71.0	65.9	5.1	58.1	7.2	53.9
Cariboo [5950]							
2005	126.9	87.2	80.1	7.1	68.7	8.1	63.1
2006	126.4	89.4	84.1	5.2	70.7	5.8	66.5
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2005	69.1	48.8	43.9	4.9	70.6	10.0	63.5
2006	68.2	46.3	41.8	4.5	67.9	9.7	61.3
Northeast [5980]							
2005	49.3	36.1	34.5	1.6	73.2	4.4	70.0
2006	50.2	35.8	34.7	x	71.3	x	69.1
Yukon Territory ³							
2005	21.6	16.5	15.5	1.0	76.4	6.1	71.8
2006	21.6	15.5	14.7	0.8	71.8	5.2	68.1
Northwest Territories ⁴							
2005	31.1	24.2	22.6	1.6	77.8	6.6	72.7
2006	31.5	24.0	22.8	1.3	76.2	5.4	72.4

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 Territory, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

3. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey has been administered in the Yukon Territory, 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		\$
February 2006										
15 years and over	13,521.5	35.1	715.74	19.61	10,888.2	39.5	831.21	2,633.3	16.8	238.25
15 to 24 years	2,262.6	26.3	317.63	11.13	1,085.0	39.2	515.45	1,177.7	14.4	135.39
25 years and over	11,258.8	36.8	795.74	21.32	9,803.2	39.5	866.16	1,455.6	18.8	321.47
Men	6,793.3	37.7	829.62	21.39	5,974.6	40.7	915.40	818.7	15.6	203.64
Women	6,728.1	32.4	600.75	17.82	4,913.6	38.0	728.85	1,814.5	17.4	253.87
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,345.3	35.7	818.29	22.65	3,694.7	38.7	897.20	650.6	18.8	370.17
No union coverage	9,176.2	34.8	667.17	18.17	7,193.5	39.9	797.32	1,982.7	16.2	194.96
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,958.9	36.1	748.70	20.10	10,099.2	39.5	839.21	1,859.7	17.9	257.19
Temporary	1,562.5	26.9	463.42	15.87	789.0	39.4	728.82	773.6	14.2	192.72
Occupation										
Management	996.1	40.0	1,206.63	30.29	966.1	40.7	1,230.12	30.0	19.0	450.26
Business, finance and administrative	2,658.1	35.0	666.66	18.64	2,246.7	38.2	741.51	411.4	17.2	257.97
Natural and applied sciences	973.9	38.7	1,080.17	27.88	943.2	39.4	1,102.74	30.8	18.2	387.91
Health	843.9	33.5	760.92	22.53	624.7	38.1	874.81	219.2	20.4	436.44
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,262.4	33.7	870.21	25.73	994.2	38.2	993.64	268.2	17.0	412.70
Art, culture, recreation and sport	337.2	28.6	579.70	18.64	208.4	38.4	815.12	128.8	12.8	198.85
Sales and service	3,383.3	29.8	417.57	12.89	2,036.3	38.7	584.75	1,347.0	16.4	164.84
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,896.5	40.1	787.65	19.42	1,766.5	41.8	828.74	130.0	17.4	229.17
Occupations unique to primary industry	212.7	42.0	777.61	17.77	186.2	45.9	864.73	26.4	14.8	163.58
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	957.3	39.1	672.39	17.04	916.0	40.1	694.42	41.4	15.1	184.79
February 2005										
15 years and over	13,295.7	35.1	692.65	18.98	10,721.5	39.5	803.16	2,574.3	16.9	232.39
15 to 24 years	2,208.8	26.5	308.47	10.79	1,072.9	39.0	491.77	1,135.9	14.7	135.35
25 years and over	11,087.0	36.8	769.19	20.61	9,648.6	39.5	837.79	1,438.4	18.7	309.01
Men	6,688.6	37.9	806.90	20.77	5,915.6	40.7	885.03	772.9	16.0	208.98
Women	6,607.2	32.4	576.99	17.16	4,805.8	38.0	702.39	1,801.3	17.3	242.43
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,296.2	35.6	789.07	21.88	3,647.8	38.6	865.93	648.4	18.9	356.63
No union coverage	8,999.5	34.9	646.62	17.59	7,073.6	40.0	770.79	1,925.9	16.3	190.56
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,785.7	36.1	725.00	19.47	9,936.7	39.5	813.61	1,849.0	17.9	248.80
Temporary	1,510.0	27.2	440.20	15.13	784.7	39.0	670.93	725.3	14.4	190.54
Occupation										
Management	911.6	40.3	1,206.98	30.14	894.3	40.7	1,221.25	17.3	19.8	469.56
Business, finance and administrative	2,641.2	35.0	643.98	18.00	2,226.8	38.2	716.16	414.4	17.6	256.12
Natural and applied sciences	926.0	38.3	1,026.68	26.78	888.1	39.2	1,052.35	37.9	17.5	425.27
Health	823.9	32.8	729.47	22.06	598.3	37.7	847.75	225.5	19.8	415.72
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,170.4	33.9	834.16	24.38	919.4	38.6	956.57	251.0	16.9	385.67
Art, culture, recreation and sport	310.3	29.9	632.81	19.84	207.4	38.4	843.45	102.9	12.8	208.46
Sales and service	3,436.9	30.1	413.85	12.72	2,104.4	38.7	573.87	1,332.5	16.5	161.12
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,835.6	40.1	772.90	19.10	1,710.0	41.7	812.27	125.7	17.6	237.06
Occupations unique to primary industry	215.8	41.5	732.84	16.81	184.1	46.2	834.84	31.7	13.9	139.49
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,024.1	39.4	668.45	16.84	988.7	40.1	685.40	35.5	17.1	196.03

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

Table 8

Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program,¹ seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

Region	Effective from March 12, 2006 to April 8, 2006 Unemployment rate
	Percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	8.8
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.1
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.0
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	15.0
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.4
06. Halifax	5.0
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.4
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	10.1
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.4
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.1
11. Québec	5.3
12. Trois-Rivières	9.0
13. South Central Quebec	5.4
14. Sherbrooke	7.7
15. Montérégie	6.7
16. Montréal	9.7
17. Central Quebec	7.7
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.6
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	11.7
20. Gatineau	5.4
21. Saguenay	7.6
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	5.0
23. Eastern Ontario	6.8
24. Kingston	5.7
25. Central Ontario	5.3
26. Oshawa	6.8
27. Toronto	6.7
28. Hamilton	5.8
29. St. Catharines	6.8
30. London	6.1
31. Niagara	8.5
32. Windsor	9.0
33. Kitchener	5.3
34. Huron	6.5
35. South Central Ontario	5.1
36. Sudbury	7.6
37. Thunder Bay	7.0
38. Northern Ontario	9.9
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.4
40. Southern Manitoba	5.8
41. Northern Manitoba	23.3

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program,¹ seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

Region	Effective from March 12, 2006 to April 8, 2006 Unemployment rate
	Percent
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.9
43. Saskatoon	5.5
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.9
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.7
Alberta	
46. Calgary	4.0
47. Edmonton	4.1
48. Northern Alberta	7.4
49. Southern Alberta	4.2
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.3
51. Abbotsford	4.5
52. Vancouver	4.9
53. Victoria	4.7
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.6
55. Northern British Columbia	9.1
Territories	
56. Yukon Territory ⁴	25.0
57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
58. Nunavut ⁴	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.
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.
4. This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Data quality

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.

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)