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- r revised
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Analysis — May 2007

Employment was little changed for the second consecutive month in May, with full-time gains mostly offset by losses in part time. The unemployment rate held steady for the fourth straight month at 6.1%, a 33-year low.

Since the start of the year, employment is up 1.0% (+162,000); a slightly slower pace of growth than that observed during the first five months of last year (+1.3%).

The employment rate for students - those aged 15 to 24, studying full time in March and who plan to return to their studies in September - reached a 16-year high in May (47.2%).

Construction; information, culture and recreation; and accommodation and food services have been the main source of employment growth in Canada since the beginning of 2007. These three industries also buoyed employment in May, counteracting the weakness in the trade sector and in natural resources.

Employment in British Columbia increased by an estimated 14,000 in May, all in full time. British Columbia (+2.0%) leads the way for employment growth so far this year, with New Brunswick (+1.9%), Alberta (+1.8%), Quebec (+1.3%) and Manitoba (+1.3%) also above the national average.

Full-time employment growth among adult men and youths

Overall employment among adult men and youths aged 15 to 24 years was little changed in May, as strong full-time gains were mostly offset by losses in part-time employment. The employment picture for adult women was also little changed in May.

More students working

The summer employment market started on a positive note, with more students employed in May compared to a year ago (+33,000). The employment rate for students who were in school full-time in March and intended to return to school in September reached 47.2% in May, the highest rate in 16 years.

The overall employment growth among students over the past year was driven by 15- and 16-year-olds entering the labour market and finding part-time work. The employment rate of these students increased by 2.8 percentage points from a year ago, reaching 30.0% in May.

Employment among students aged 20 to 24 also showed strength in May. Their employment rate reached 62.4%, the highest since 1990, while they saw their lowest unemployment rate in 31 years, at an estimated 12.2%. More of these students held full-time jobs in May this year compared to a year ago.

Self-employment on the rise

May saw a large increase in the number of self-employed (+56,000) while the number of employees in the private sector fell by an estimated 58,000. Since October 2006, the number of self-employed has jumped 6.5%, well ahead of gains for both public (+0.9%) and private sector (+0.4%) employees.

Wind in the Pacific Coast's sails

Employment in British Columbia increased by an estimated 14,000 in May, bringing year-to-date gains to 45,000 (+2.0%). Employment growth so far this year has been in construction; trade; and information, culture and recreation. The unemployment rate in this province was 4.2% in May.

While still well above the national average, Alberta's employment growth (+1.8%) for the first five months of 2007 has slowed compared to the same period last year (+3.9%). Gains so far this year stem mainly from trade (+19,000) and information, culture and recreation (+9,800). Alberta's unemployment rate in May rose to 3.8% (+0.4 percentage points).

In Manitoba, the participation rate reached a record high of 70.0% in May, as more people entered the labour market. At the same time, the unemployment rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 5.2%. Despite this increase, Manitoba's unemployment rate remains among the lowest in the country.

New Brunswick leading the Atlantic provinces

New Brunswick's year-to-date employment growth (+1.9%) was among the strongest in Canada. It was also the only Atlantic province to record a significant increase in employment since the beginning of the year, with the largest gains in accommodation and food services; and information, culture and recreation.

Employment in Nova Scotia fell in May (-4,400), with losses spread across several sectors. The unemployment rate held steady at 8.0%, due to a sharp decline in labour force participation. Employment losses in Prince Edward Island (-1,400) pushed the unemployment rate estimate up to 10.0%.

Quebec's employment picture improves in 2007

While employment was little changed in Quebec in May, the unemployment rate held steady at its historic 33-year low of 7.2%. Since the beginning of the year, employment is up 1.3%, above the 0.3% growth for the same period last year. So far this year, increases in construction; accommodation and food services; and information, culture and recreation have more than made up for losses in the manufacturing sector.

Growth in Ontario so far this year has been hindered by declines in manufacturing (-3.2%) and business, building and support services (-6.8%). Despite strength in various service sectors, Ontario's overall employment growth for the first five months of the year (+0.3%) continues to lag well behind the national average. The unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points in May to 6.3%.

(Note: From May to August, the Labour Force Survey collects labour market information on youths between the ages of 15 and 24 who attended school full-time in March and intended to return to school in the fall. The May survey results provide an early indication of the summer job market, particularly for students aged 20 to 24 years of age. Many younger students between the ages of 15 and 19 are not yet out of school for the summer. Survey results for June, July and August will provide further insight about the summer job market. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted; therefore, comparisons can only be made from one year to another.)

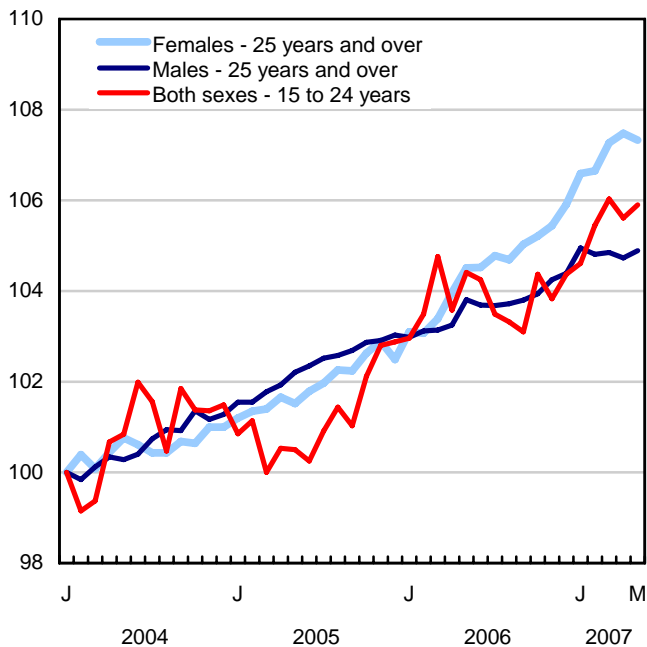
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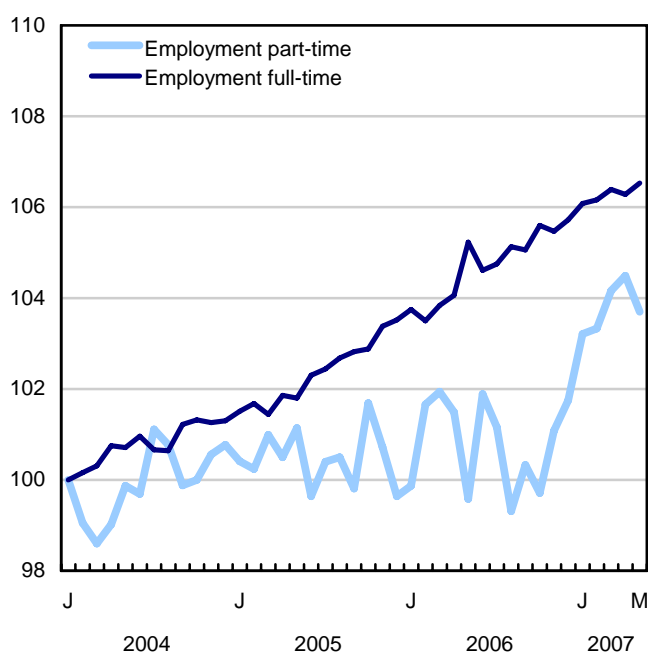
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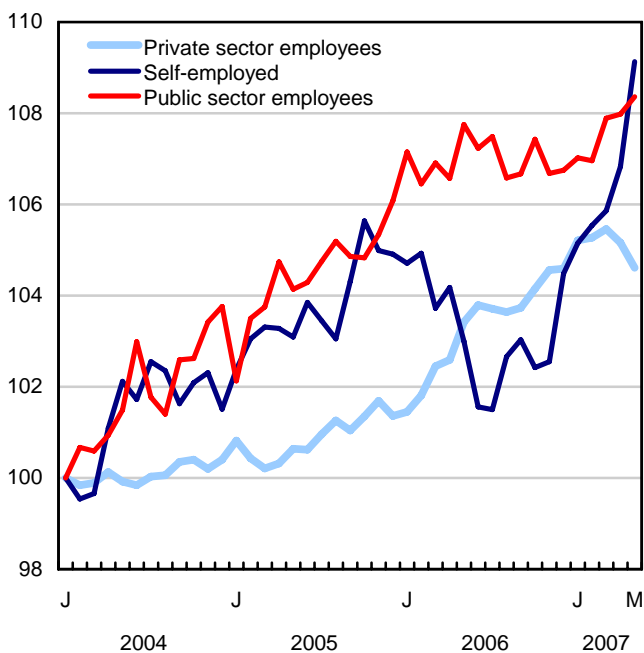
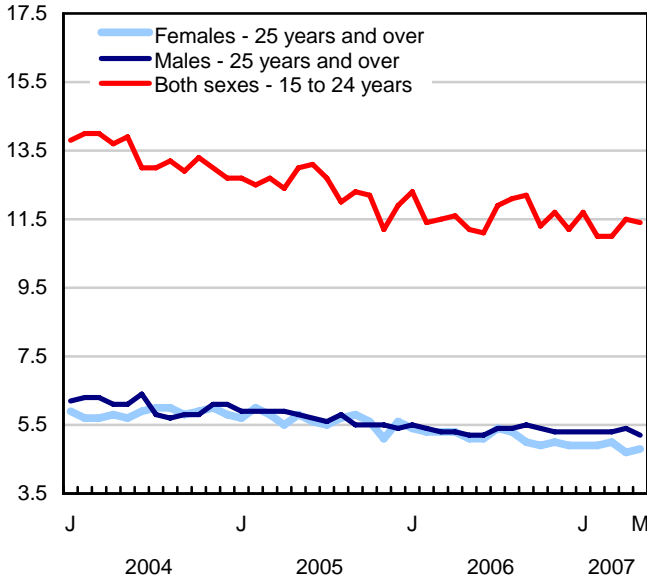
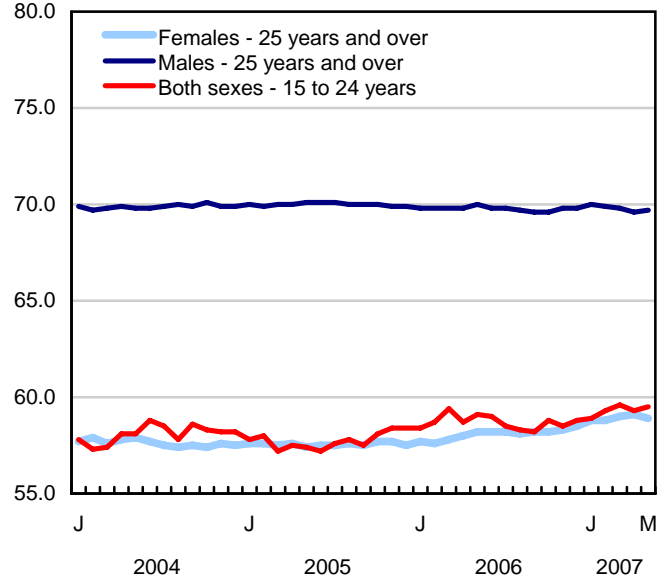


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Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

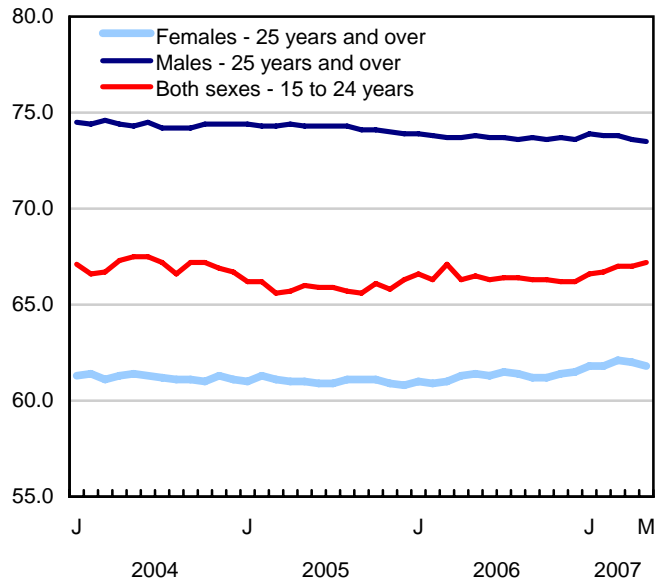


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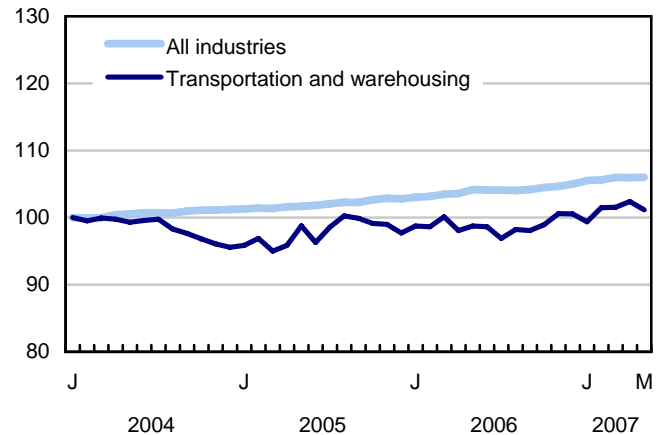
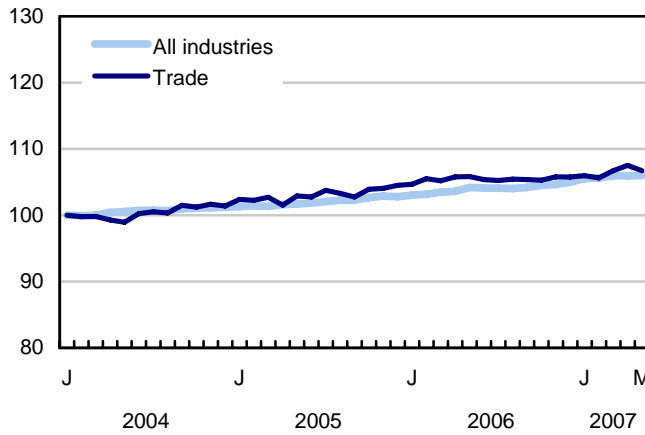
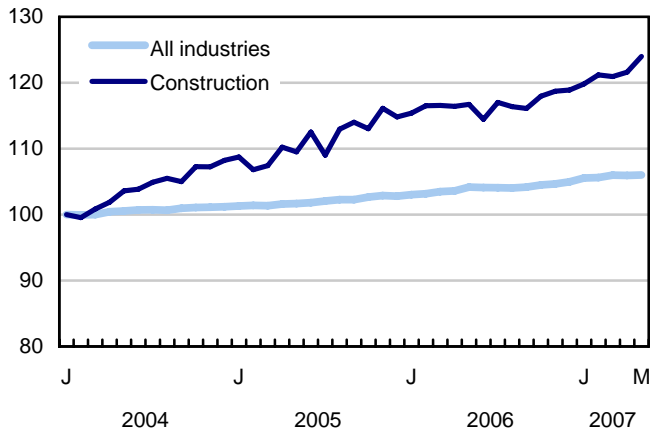
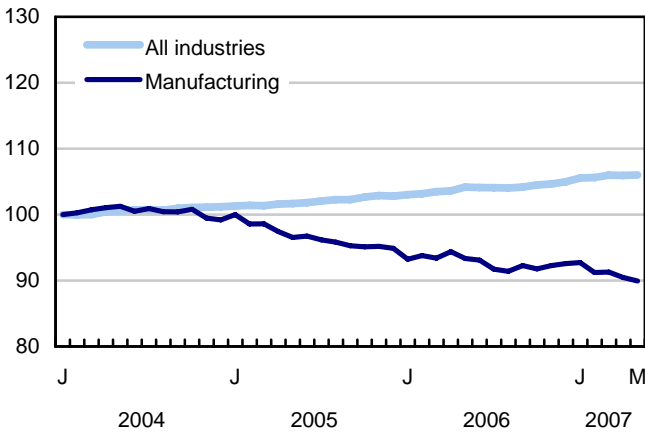
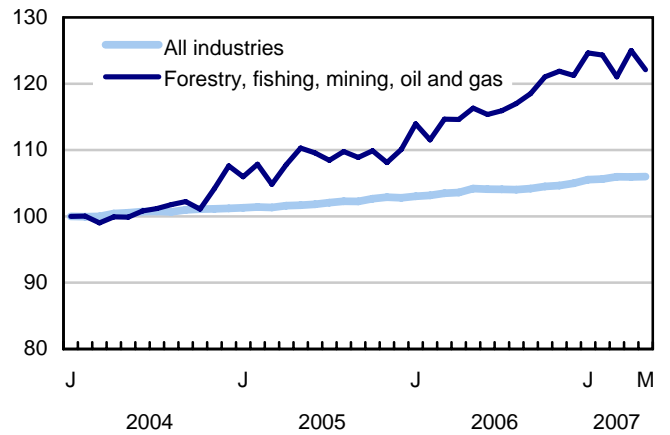
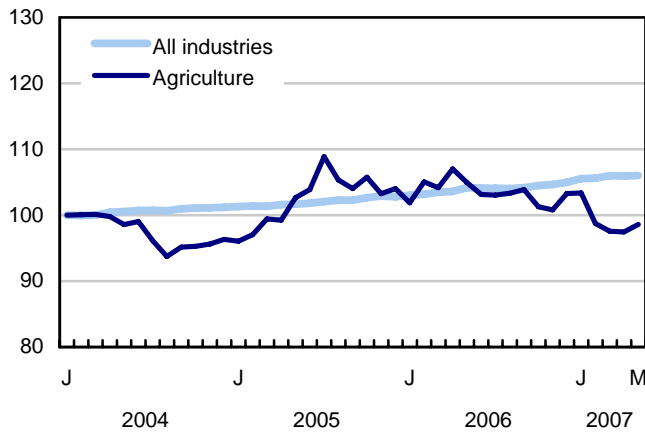


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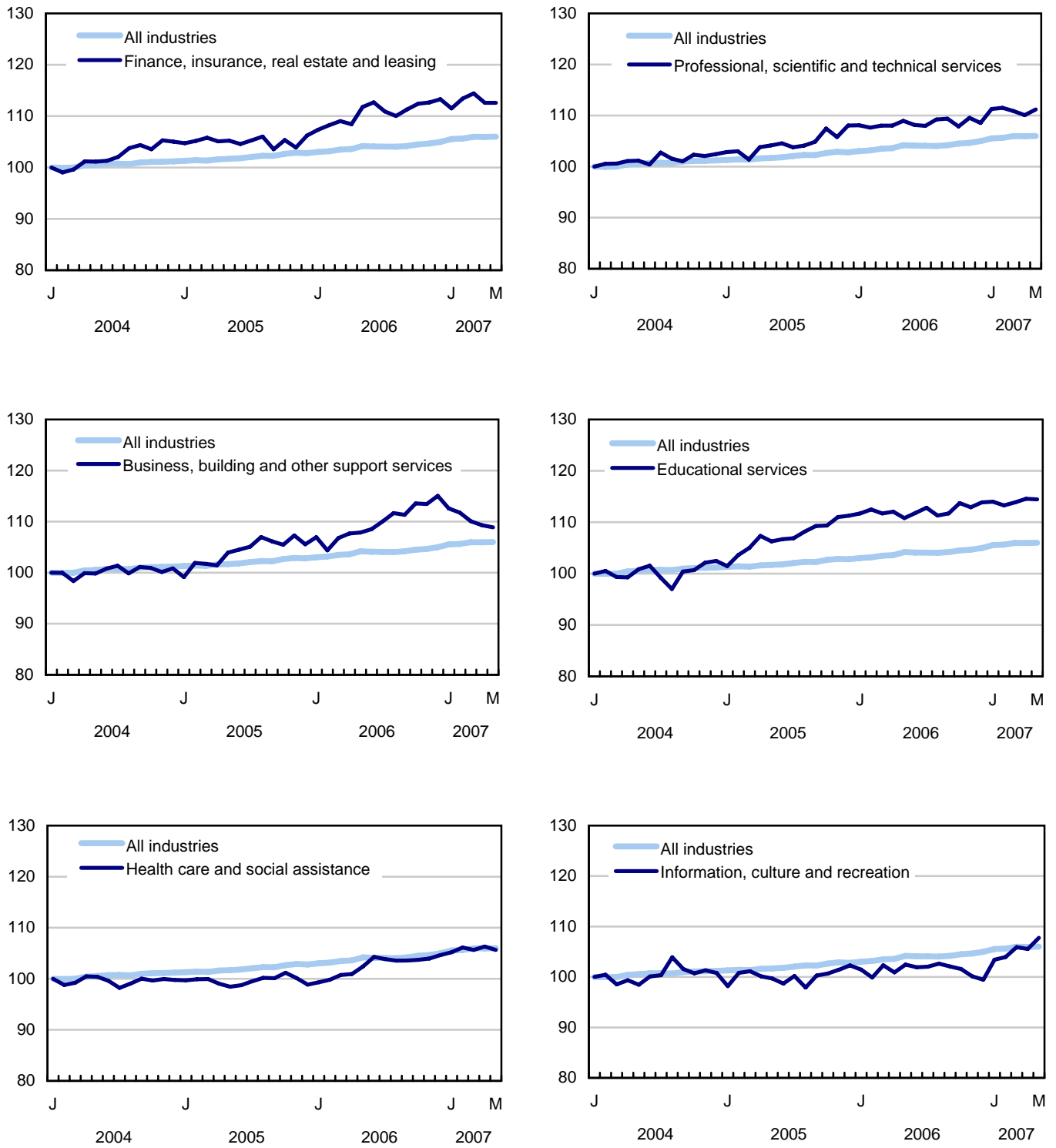


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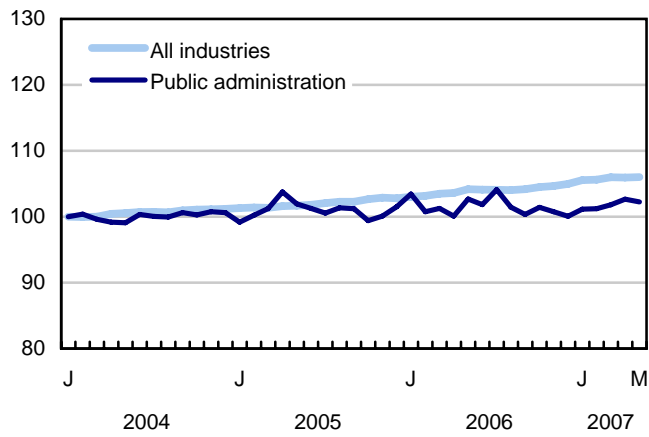
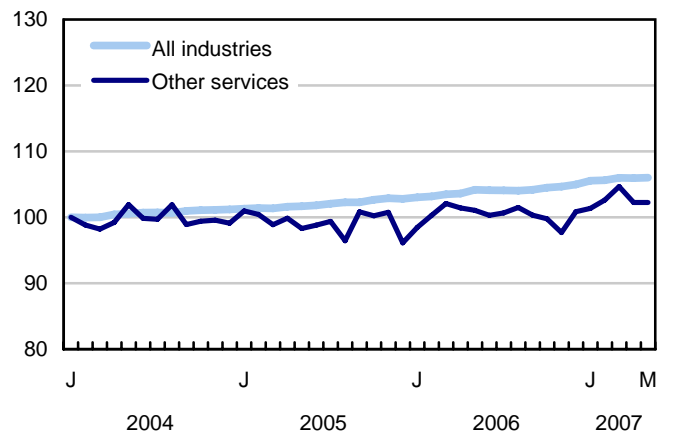
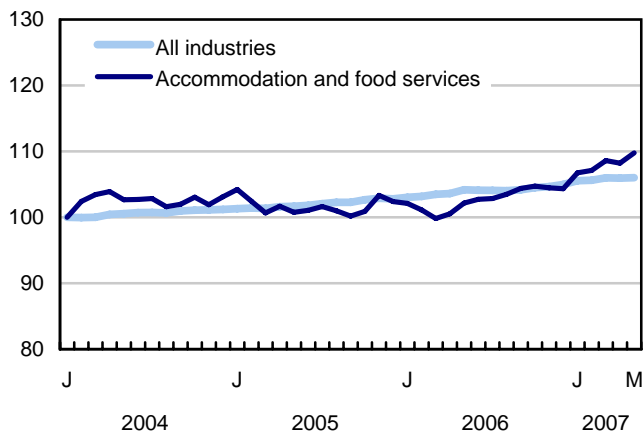


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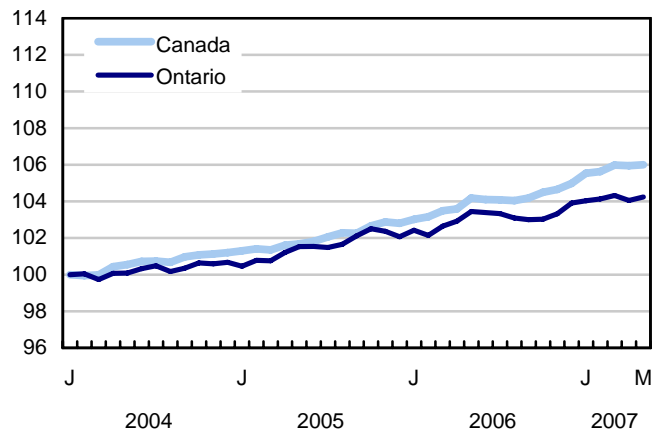
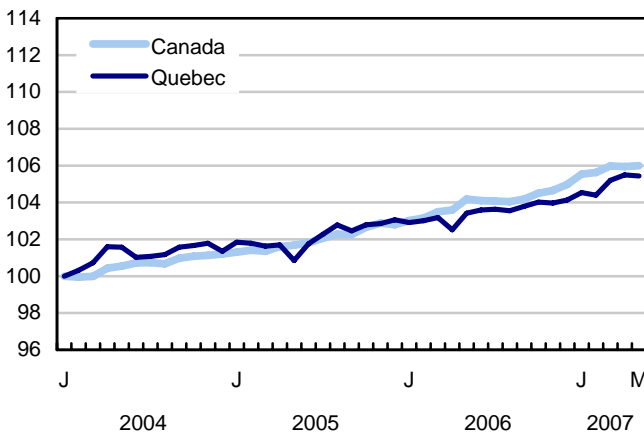
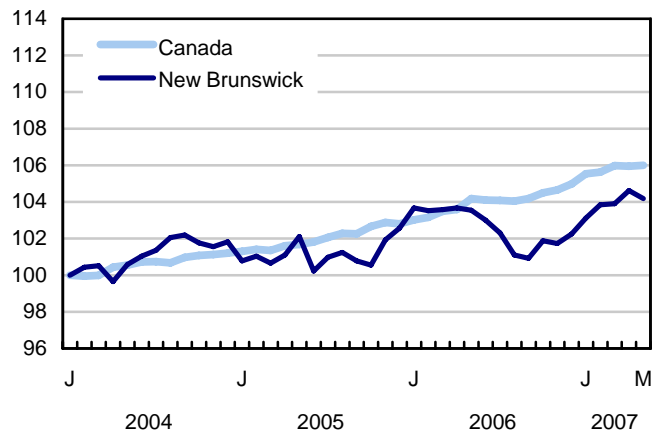
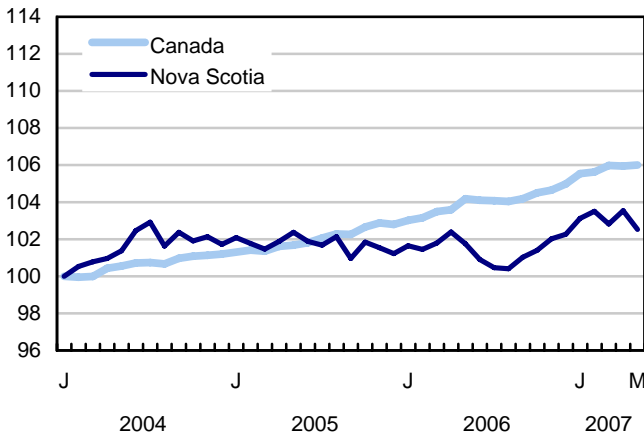
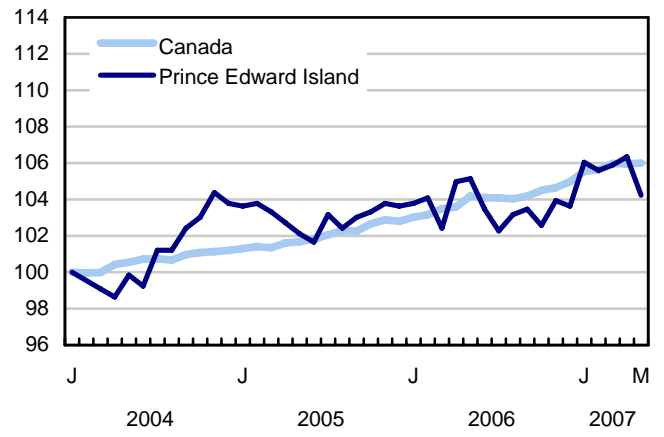
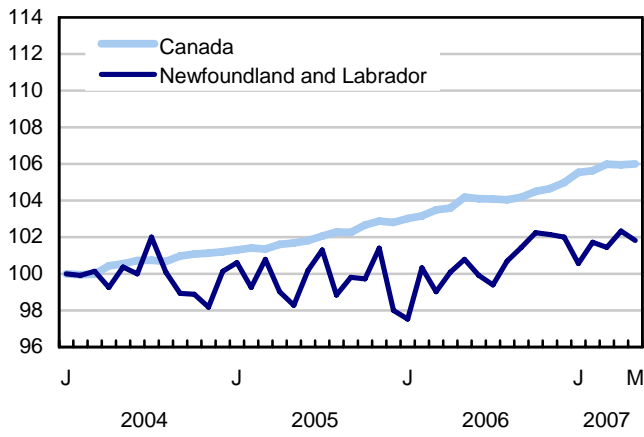
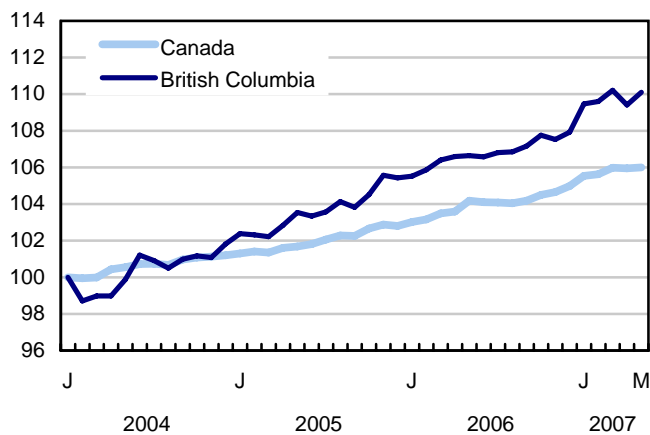
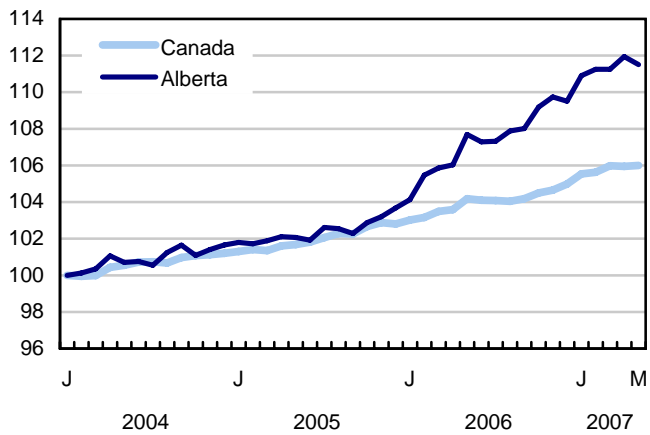
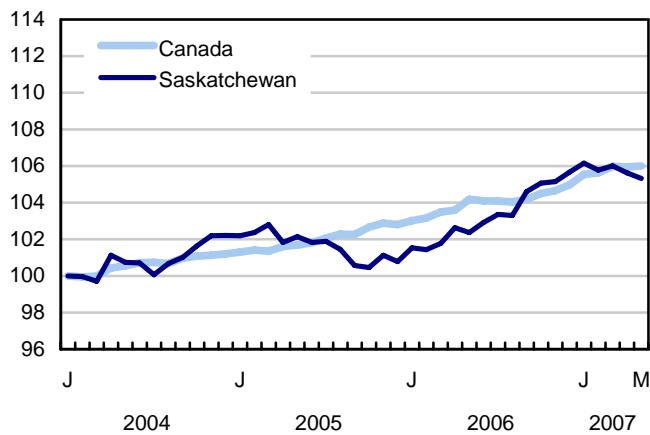
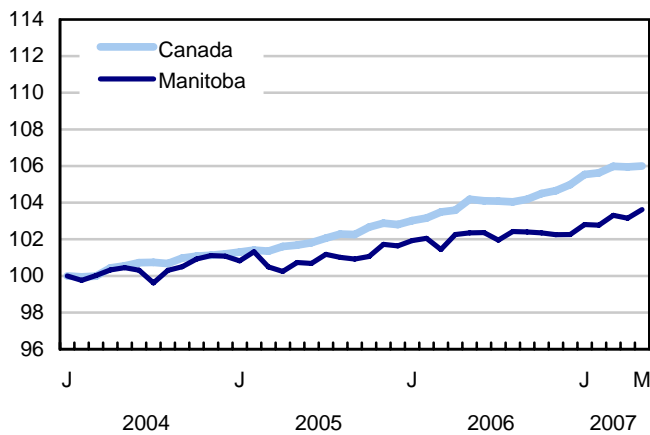


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Table 1
Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada, seasonally adjusted

	April 2007	May 2007	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	26,475.9	26,504.5	...	28.6	146.9	368.7	0.1	0.6	1.4
Labour force	17,890.2	17,886.1	27.4	-4.1	170.4	296.1	0.0	1.0	1.7
Employment	16,793.2	16,802.5	27.5	9.3	162.1	289.9	0.1	1.0	1.8
Employment full-time	13,709.2	13,741.9	35.5	32.7	104.7	168.5	0.2	0.8	1.2
Employment part-time	3,084.0	3,060.6	32.5	-23.4	57.4	121.4	-0.8	1.9	4.1
Unemployment	1,097.0	1,083.6	23.1	-13.4	8.3	6.2	-1.2	0.8	0.6
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,347.0	4,348.9	...	1.9	10.9	33.8	0.0	0.3	0.8
Labour force	2,914.5	2,920.7	16.7	6.2	50.3	50.6	0.2	1.8	1.8
Employment	2,579.3	2,586.4	15.9	7.1	37.5	36.6	0.3	1.5	1.4
Employment full-time	1,417.8	1,444.2	17.8	26.4	17.4	0.4	1.9	1.2	0.0
Employment part-time	1,161.6	1,142.2	18.6	-19.4	20.1	36.2	-1.7	1.8	3.3
Unemployment	335.2	334.3	13.8	-0.9	12.8	14.0	-0.3	4.0	4.4
Participation rate	67.0	67.2	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	11.4	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.5	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.0	44.2	0.6	-0.9	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,809.1	10,822.4	...	13.3	67.4	166.7	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	7,960.3	7,956.0	13.9	-4.3	36.3	87.9	-0.1	0.5	1.1
Employment	7,528.2	7,539.8	14.9	11.6	36.1	78.2	0.2	0.5	1.0
Employment full-time	7,032.9	7,059.7	19.4	26.8	42.2	49.7	0.4	0.6	0.7
Employment part-time	495.3	480.1	15.1	-15.2	-6.1	28.5	-3.1	-1.3	6.3
Unemployment	432.1	416.2	13.1	-15.9	0.1	9.8	-3.7	0.0	2.4
Participation rate	73.6	73.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.7	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	11,319.8	11,333.1	...	13.3	68.5	168.2	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	7,015.4	7,009.3	15.4	-6.1	83.7	157.5	-0.1	1.2	2.3
Employment	6,685.6	6,676.3	15.3	-9.3	88.4	175.1	-0.1	1.3	2.7
Employment full-time	5,258.5	5,237.9	22.6	-20.6	45.0	118.3	-0.4	0.9	2.3
Employment part-time	1,427.2	1,438.3	21.0	11.1	43.4	56.7	0.8	3.1	4.1
Unemployment	329.7	333.1	12.3	3.4	-4.6	-17.5	1.0	-1.4	-5.0
Participation rate	62.0	61.8	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.8	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	58.9	0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,307.9	14,315.5	...	7.6	34.4	96.0	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	12,377.3	12,384.9	20.4	7.6	56.4	100.4	0.1	0.5	0.8
Employment	11,743.2	11,754.4	21.7	11.2	58.6	104.8	0.1	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	634.1	630.4	16.9	-3.7	-2.3	-4.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7
Participation rate	86.5	86.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.1	82.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 2
Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted

	April 2007	May 2007	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	14,208.0	14,161.5	31.8	-46.5	49.6	141.6	-0.3	0.4	1.0
Self-employed ²	2,585.3	2,641.0	21.1	55.7	112.5	148.3	2.2	4.4	5.9
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,228.1	3,239.5	19.9	11.4	48.0	18.2	0.4	1.5	0.6
Private sector employees	10,979.8	10,922.1	33.0	-57.7	1.6	123.5	-0.5	0.0	1.1
Industry	16,793.2	16,802.5	27.5	9.3	162.1	289.9	0.1	1.0	1.8
Goods-producing sector	3,986.4	4,002.1	22.7	15.7	-13.6	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.0
Agriculture	326.3	330.1	6.7	3.8	-15.7	-21.3	1.2	-4.5	-6.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	353.0	344.8	6.3	-8.2	2.4	16.3	-2.3	0.7	5.0
Utilities	127.8	138.2	3.6	10.4	13.6	16.0	8.1	10.9	13.1
Construction	1,114.0	1,135.9	13.7	21.9	46.6	66.7	2.0	4.3	6.2
Manufacturing	2,065.3	2,053.0	17.7	-12.3	-60.6	-78.1	-0.6	-2.9	-3.7
Services-producing sector	12,806.9	12,800.5	30.3	-6.4	175.8	290.3	0.0	1.4	2.3
Trade	2,685.7	2,665.4	20.0	-20.3	23.6	21.5	-0.8	0.9	0.8
Transportation and warehousing	831.0	820.9	11.5	-10.1	5.0	19.6	-1.2	0.6	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,058.6	1,058.6	12.9	0.0	-6.6	7.6	0.0	-0.6	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,106.3	1,117.5	14.0	11.2	26.6	22.4	1.0	2.4	2.0
Business, building and other support services	687.0	684.5	12.4	-2.5	-38.7	6.4	-0.4	-5.4	0.9
Educational services	1,182.6	1,181.6	13.3	-1.0	6.1	37.7	-0.1	0.5	3.3
Health care and social assistance	1,850.6	1,839.0	14.4	-11.6	17.4	56.5	-0.6	1.0	3.2
Information, culture and recreation	775.1	791.4	12.1	16.3	61.0	39.0	2.1	8.4	5.2
Accommodation and food services	1,069.0	1,084.3	13.4	15.3	53.6	75.1	1.4	5.2	7.4
Other services	714.0	714.0	11.3	0.0	9.8	8.3	0.0	1.4	1.2
Public administration	846.8	843.4	10.3	-3.4	18.0	-3.6	-0.4	2.2	-0.4

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(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	April 2007	May 2007	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	424.9	424.1	...	-0.8	-2.3	-3.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9
Labour force	252.1	250.9	2.2	-1.2	-3.0	-2.5	-0.5	-1.2	-1.0
Employment	219.6	218.5	2.3	-1.1	-0.4	2.2	-0.5	-0.2	1.0
Employment full-time	188.9	185.3	2.6	-3.6	0.6	1.2	-1.9	0.3	0.7
Employment part-time	30.7	33.2	1.9	2.5	-1.0	1.0	8.1	-2.9	3.1
Unemployment	32.5	32.4	2.2	-0.1	-2.6	-4.7	-0.3	-7.4	-12.7
Participation rate	59.3	59.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	12.9	0.8	0.0	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.7	51.5	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	112.9	113.0	...	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	77.7	76.7	0.6	-1.0	-1.6	-0.7	-1.3	-2.0	-0.9
Employment	70.4	69.0	0.7	-1.4	0.4	-0.6	-2.0	0.6	-0.9
Employment full-time	58.4	57.7	0.8	-0.7	1.1	-1.5	-1.2	1.9	-2.5
Employment part-time	12.0	11.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	0.8	-5.8	-5.8	7.6
Unemployment	7.3	7.7	0.6	0.4	-2.0	0.0	5.5	-20.6	0.0
Participation rate	68.8	67.9	0.5	-0.9	-1.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	10.0	0.7	0.6	-2.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	61.1	0.6	-1.3	0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	763.6	763.7	...	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	490.3	485.3	2.7	-5.0	4.8	3.5	-1.0	1.0	0.7
Employment	450.9	446.5	3.0	-4.4	1.1	3.4	-1.0	0.2	0.8
Employment full-time	367.5	366.0	3.7	-1.5	2.0	7.4	-0.4	0.5	2.1
Employment part-time	83.4	80.5	3.1	-2.9	-0.9	-4.0	-3.5	-1.1	-4.7
Unemployment	39.4	38.8	2.6	-0.6	3.7	0.1	-1.5	10.5	0.3
Participation rate	64.2	63.5	0.4	-0.7	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.5	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	612.5	612.5	...	0.0	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	391.2	391.6	2.3	0.4	4.5	-1.0	0.1	1.2	-0.3
Employment	362.5	361.0	2.5	-1.5	6.7	2.2	-0.4	1.9	0.6
Employment full-time	305.2	302.1	2.9	-3.1	4.3	0.4	-1.0	1.4	0.1
Employment part-time	57.4	58.9	2.4	1.5	2.4	1.8	2.6	4.2	3.2
Unemployment	28.7	30.7	2.1	2.0	-2.1	-3.1	7.0	-6.4	-9.2
Participation rate	63.9	63.9	0.4	0.0	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.8	0.5	0.5	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.9	0.4	-0.3	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,303.5	6,308.2	...	4.7	25.4	66.1	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	4,138.5	4,134.2	14.5	-4.3	38.5	49.3	-0.1	0.9	1.2
Employment	3,839.1	3,836.9	14.8	-2.2	47.5	73.4	-0.1	1.3	2.0
Employment full-time	3,127.8	3,139.2	19.3	11.4	28.7	65.9	0.4	0.9	2.1
Employment part-time	711.2	697.7	17.6	-13.5	18.8	7.4	-1.9	2.8	1.1
Unemployment	299.4	297.3	13.6	-2.1	-9.0	-24.0	-0.7	-2.9	-7.5
Participation rate	65.7	65.5	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.8	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.5	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	April 2007	May 2007	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	10,331.7	10,342.1	...	10.4	51.2	130.9	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	7,022.5	7,011.9	18.4	-10.6	43.3	82.1	-0.2	0.6	1.2
Employment	6,555.7	6,567.6	18.1	11.9	21.0	50.2	0.2	0.3	0.8
Employment full-time	5,353.7	5,371.0	23.0	17.3	16.4	-25.8	0.3	0.3	-0.5
Employment part-time	1,202.0	1,196.6	21.2	-5.4	4.7	76.0	-0.4	0.4	6.8
Unemployment	466.7	444.3	15.3	-22.4	22.3	31.9	-4.8	5.3	7.7
Participation rate	68.0	67.8	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.3	0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	896.8	897.6	...	0.8	3.8	6.1	0.1	0.4	0.7
Labour force	622.2	627.9	2.8	5.7	15.3	14.4	0.9	2.5	2.3
Employment	592.7	595.4	2.8	2.7	7.8	7.3	0.5	1.3	1.2
Employment full-time	472.7	475.9	3.9	3.2	3.5	-0.3	0.7	0.7	-0.1
Employment part-time	120.0	119.5	3.6	-0.5	4.3	7.6	-0.4	3.7	6.8
Unemployment	29.6	32.5	2.1	2.9	7.5	7.1	9.8	30.0	28.0
Participation rate	69.4	70.0	0.3	0.6	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	66.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	748.6	749.2	...	0.6	2.9	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
Labour force	523.3	524.7	2.4	1.4	0.7	12.8	0.3	0.1	2.5
Employment	502.6	501.1	2.5	-1.5	-1.7	14.0	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Employment full-time	402.2	401.6	3.3	-0.6	-6.1	3.7	-0.1	-1.5	0.9
Employment part-time	100.4	99.5	2.9	-0.9	4.4	10.3	-0.9	4.6	11.5
Unemployment	20.6	23.6	1.9	3.0	2.4	-1.2	14.6	11.3	-4.8
Participation rate	69.9	70.0	0.3	0.1	-0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	66.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	1.6	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,724.5	2,732.4	...	7.9	40.3	104.4	0.3	1.5	4.0
Labour force	2,018.6	2,020.4	8.0	1.8	46.0	76.8	0.1	2.3	4.0
Employment	1,950.7	1,943.1	8.3	-7.6	34.7	66.5	-0.4	1.8	3.5
Employment full-time	1,637.8	1,629.1	10.8	-8.7	13.6	54.8	-0.5	0.8	3.5
Employment part-time	312.8	314.0	9.8	1.2	21.1	11.7	0.4	7.2	3.9
Unemployment	67.9	77.2	5.6	9.3	11.2	10.2	13.7	17.0	15.2
Participation rate	74.1	73.9	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.1	0.3	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,557.1	3,561.8	...	4.7	23.8	58.3	0.1	0.7	1.7
Labour force	2,353.8	2,362.4	10.0	8.6	21.7	61.3	0.4	0.9	2.7
Employment	2,249.1	2,263.3	10.1	14.2	44.8	71.2	0.6	2.0	3.2
Employment full-time	1,794.8	1,814.3	13.5	19.5	41.1	63.2	1.1	2.3	3.6
Employment part-time	454.2	449.0	12.5	-5.2	3.7	8.1	-1.1	0.8	1.8
Unemployment	104.7	99.1	7.3	-5.6	-23.1	-10.0	-5.3	-18.9	-9.2
Participation rate	66.2	66.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.2	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	63.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 4-1
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Newfoundland and Labrador

	April 2007	May 2007	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	424.9	424.1	...	-0.8	-2.3	-3.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9
Labour force	252.1	250.9	2.2	-1.2	-3.0	-2.5	-0.5	-1.2	-1.0
Employment	219.6	218.5	2.3	-1.1	-0.4	2.2	-0.5	-0.2	1.0
Employment full-time	188.9	185.3	2.6	-3.6	0.6	1.2	-1.9	0.3	0.7
Unemployment	32.5	32.4	2.2	-0.1	-2.6	-4.7	-0.3	-7.4	-12.7
Participation rate	59.3	59.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	12.9	0.8	0.0	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.7	51.5	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.0	15.2	0.9	1.2	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	64.4	64.0	...	-0.4	-1.4	-3.1	-0.6	-2.1	-4.6
Labour force	34.8	34.4	1.2	-0.4	-2.0	-1.6	-1.1	-5.5	-4.4
Employment	27.4	28.0	1.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	2.2	-1.4	-1.8
Unemployment	7.4	6.4	1.1	-1.0	-1.5	-1.2	-13.5	-19.0	-15.8
Participation rate	54.0	53.8	1.8	-0.2	-1.9	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	21.3	18.6	2.8	-2.7	-3.1	-2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.5	43.8	1.6	1.3	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.7	46.8	3.6	8.1	5.2	6.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	174.3	174.1	...	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	113.4	112.3	1.2	-1.1	-2.7	-1.3	-1.0	-2.3	-1.1
Employment	98.4	96.6	1.4	-1.8	-2.2	0.5	-1.8	-2.2	0.5
Unemployment	15.0	15.6	1.4	0.6	-0.6	-1.9	4.0	-3.7	-10.9
Participation rate	65.1	64.5	0.7	-0.6	-1.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	13.9	1.1	0.7	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	55.5	0.8	-1.0	-1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	4.9	0.8	0.2	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	186.2	185.9	...	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Labour force	104.0	104.2	1.3	0.2	1.7	0.4	0.2	1.7	0.4
Employment	93.8	93.9	1.3	0.1	2.2	2.2	0.1	2.4	2.4
Unemployment	10.2	10.3	1.2	0.1	-0.6	-1.8	1.0	-5.5	-14.9
Participation rate	55.9	56.1	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	9.9	1.1	0.1	-0.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.4	50.5	0.7	0.1	1.3	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	16.4	1.4	0.0	-2.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	219.6	218.5	2.3	-1.1	-0.4	2.2	-0.5	-0.2	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	52.1	48.0	1.9	-4.1	-2.4	-3.5	-7.9	-4.8	-6.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	1.2	1.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-1.5	-8.3	-35.3	-57.7
Utilities	18.4	16.1	1.1	-2.3	-1.8	-1.3	-12.5	-10.1	-7.5
Construction	1.6	1.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.7	6.2	21.4	-29.2
Manufacturing	13.2	12.7	1.0	-0.5	-0.9	0.2	-3.8	-6.6	1.6
Manufacturing	17.8	16.4	1.1	-1.4	0.6	-0.2	-7.9	3.8	-1.2
Services-producing sector									
Trade	167.5	170.5	2.0	3.0	2.0	5.7	1.8	1.2	3.5
Transportation and warehousing	37.8	37.7	1.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	10.3	9.6	0.7	-0.7	-1.7	-2.5	-6.8	-15.0	-20.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.3	7.1	0.5	-0.2	0.7	0.6	-2.7	10.9	9.2
Business, building and other support services	7.8	8.2	0.5	0.4	2.4	1.8	5.1	41.4	28.1
Educational services	7.8	7.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.7	-0.7	-2.6	-18.3	-8.4
Health care and social assistance	17.7	18.5	0.8	0.8	-0.1	2.7	4.5	-0.5	17.1
Information, culture and recreation	31.5	31.3	1.0	-0.2	1.6	1.4	-0.6	5.4	4.7
Accommodation and food services	7.8	8.5	0.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	9.0	-6.6	-6.6
Other services	12.9	15.7	1.0	2.8	3.3	2.5	21.7	26.6	18.9
Public administration	10.3	10.1	0.7	-0.2	-1.3	-0.8	-1.9	-11.4	-7.3
Public administration	16.2	16.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.2	1.3	-0.6	-1.2	8.8

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-2
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Prince Edward Island

	April 2007	May 2007	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	112.9	113.0	...	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	77.7	76.7	0.6	-1.0	-1.6	-0.7	-1.3	-2.0	-0.9
Employment	70.4	69.0	0.7	-1.4	0.4	-0.6	-2.0	0.6	-0.9
Employment full-time	58.4	57.7	0.8	-0.7	1.1	-1.5	-1.2	1.9	-2.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.7	0.6	0.4	-2.0	0.0	5.5	-20.6	0.0
Participation rate	68.8	67.9	0.5	-0.9	-1.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	10.0	0.7	0.6	-2.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	61.1	0.6	-1.3	0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	16.4	0.9	-0.7	-1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.7	19.7	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
Labour force	14.5	13.5	0.4	-1.0	-0.8	-1.0	-6.9	-5.6	-6.9
Employment	12.6	11.8	0.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.7	-6.3	0.0	-5.6
Unemployment	1.8	1.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-5.6	-32.0	-15.0
Participation rate	73.6	68.5	1.8	-5.1	-3.7	-4.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	12.6	2.2	0.2	-4.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	59.9	1.8	-4.1	0.3	-3.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.1	42.4	3.1	0.3	0.8	5.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	44.6	44.7	...	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9
Labour force	32.6	32.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	-0.1	-0.9	-2.4	-0.3
Employment	29.5	29.1	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.2	-1.4	1.4	0.7
Unemployment	3.1	3.2	0.4	0.1	-1.1	-0.3	3.2	-25.6	-8.6
Participation rate	73.1	72.3	0.8	-0.8	-2.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.9	1.1	0.4	-3.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.1	0.9	-1.0	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	5.5	0.9	0.1	-0.4	2.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.6	48.6	...	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	1.2
Labour force	30.7	30.9	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.7	-0.3	1.3
Employment	28.2	28.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.4
Unemployment	2.5	2.7	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.5	8.0	-6.9	22.7
Participation rate	63.2	63.6	0.7	0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.7	1.0	0.6	-0.7	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	57.8	0.8	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	16.4	1.6	-1.4	-2.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	70.4	69.0	0.7	-1.4	0.4	-0.6	-2.0	0.6	-0.9
Agriculture	19.1	18.2	0.5	-0.9	-0.3	-1.0	-4.7	-1.6	-5.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.9	3.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-7.7	-10.0	-10.0
Utilities	2.6	2.4	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-7.7	9.1	4.3
Construction	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	50.0	50.0	-25.0
Manufacturing	5.5	5.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8	-5.5	-8.8	-13.3
Manufacturing	6.9	6.7	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2	-2.9	3.1	3.1
Services-producing sector	51.3	50.8	0.6	-0.5	0.7	0.4	-1.0	1.4	0.8
Trade	10.6	10.3	0.3	-0.3	0.5	0.4	-2.8	5.1	4.0
Transportation and warehousing	2.0	2.1	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.1	5.0	-12.5	5.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	2.8	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	16.7	16.7	40.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	1.9	1.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	-1.4	-5.3	-28.0	-43.8
Business, building and other support services	2.9	2.7	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-6.9	3.8	-10.0
Educational services	4.4	4.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.2	6.8	-2.1	4.4
Health care and social assistance	8.5	7.8	0.3	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2	-8.2	-1.3	-2.5
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	2.7	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-3.6	8.0	-3.6
Accommodation and food services	6.3	6.3	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	8.6	3.3
Other services	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.4	15.4	3.4
Public administration	6.7	6.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	-1.5	-2.9	8.2

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-3
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

	April 2007	May 2007	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	763.6	763.7	...	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	490.3	485.3	2.7	-5.0	4.8	3.5	-1.0	1.0	0.7
Employment	450.9	446.5	3.0	-4.4	1.1	3.4	-1.0	0.2	0.8
Employment full-time	367.5	366.0	3.7	-1.5	2.0	7.4	-0.4	0.5	2.1
Unemployment	39.4	38.8	2.6	-0.6	3.7	0.1	-1.5	10.5	0.3
Participation rate	64.2	63.5	0.4	-0.7	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.5	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.0	0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	122.5	122.5	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	83.1	81.1	1.7	-2.0	0.1	-2.9	-2.4	0.1	-3.5
Employment	71.8	69.4	1.7	-2.4	-1.6	-2.5	-3.3	-2.3	-3.5
Unemployment	11.3	11.7	1.5	0.4	1.7	-0.4	3.5	17.0	-3.3
Participation rate	67.8	66.2	1.4	-1.6	0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.6	14.4	1.7	0.8	2.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	56.7	1.3	-1.9	-1.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.1	43.1	2.4	2.0	-2.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	305.9	305.9	...	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	210.7	209.8	1.5	-0.9	2.9	4.1	-0.4	1.4	2.0
Employment	193.1	192.6	1.7	-0.5	1.7	2.6	-0.3	0.9	1.4
Unemployment	17.6	17.2	1.5	-0.4	1.2	1.5	-2.3	7.5	9.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.6	0.5	-0.3	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.0	0.5	-0.1	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	6.6	0.7	-1.4	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	335.1	335.2	...	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	196.5	194.4	1.4	-2.1	1.8	2.3	-1.1	0.9	1.2
Employment	185.9	184.5	1.5	-1.4	0.9	3.3	-0.8	0.5	1.8
Unemployment	10.6	9.9	1.3	-0.7	0.8	-0.9	-6.6	8.8	-8.3
Participation rate	58.6	58.0	0.4	-0.6	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.1	0.6	-0.3	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	55.0	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	20.5	1.1	-0.1	1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	450.9	446.5	3.0	-4.4	1.1	3.4	-1.0	0.2	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	5.5	5.8	0.6	0.3	1.3	1.2	5.5	28.9	26.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	14.0	12.9	1.0	-1.1	1.2	0.2	-7.9	10.3	1.6
Utilities	1.9	1.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	-5.3	-18.2	20.0
Construction	26.0	25.6	1.4	-0.4	-2.3	-1.6	-1.5	-8.2	-5.9
Manufacturing	42.9	41.4	1.4	-1.5	1.4	0.5	-3.5	3.5	1.2
Services-producing sector									
Trade	78.9	80.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	-1.2	2.3	2.4	-1.5
Transportation and warehousing	18.4	16.4	1.0	-2.0	-1.7	-2.9	-10.9	-9.4	-15.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	24.2	23.7	1.0	-0.5	-0.8	2.5	-2.1	-3.3	11.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.6	16.9	1.0	1.3	0.1	-1.7	8.3	0.6	-9.1
Business, building and other support services	25.1	25.7	1.3	0.6	-3.3	-3.4	2.4	-11.4	-11.7
Educational services	38.7	38.9	1.4	0.2	4.0	5.0	0.5	11.5	14.7
Health care and social assistance	60.3	59.4	1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-0.4	-1.5	-2.3	-0.7
Information, culture and recreation	17.9	19.0	1.0	1.1	2.7	3.0	6.1	16.6	18.8
Accommodation and food services	32.1	29.1	1.4	-3.0	-2.4	1.4	-9.3	-7.6	5.1
Other services	21.4	21.5	1.1	0.1	1.5	1.3	0.5	7.5	6.4
Public administration	28.0	27.7	1.1	-0.3	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-3.1	-3.1

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-4
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — New Brunswick

	April 2007	May 2007	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	612.5	612.5	...	0.0	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	391.2	391.6	2.3	0.4	4.5	-1.0	0.1	1.2	-0.3
Employment	362.5	361.0	2.5	-1.5	6.7	2.2	-0.4	1.9	0.6
Employment full-time	305.2	302.1	2.9	-3.1	4.3	0.4	-1.0	1.4	0.1
Unemployment	28.7	30.7	2.1	2.0	-2.1	-3.1	7.0	-6.4	-9.2
Participation rate	63.9	63.9	0.4	0.0	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.8	0.5	0.5	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.9	0.4	-0.3	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	16.3	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	95.1	94.9	...	-0.2	-0.3	-1.2	-0.2	-0.3	-1.2
Labour force	61.5	63.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	-1.8	2.8	3.8	-2.8
Employment	55.0	54.8	1.4	-0.2	1.9	-1.3	-0.4	3.6	-2.3
Unemployment	6.5	8.4	1.1	1.9	0.4	-0.5	29.2	5.0	-5.6
Participation rate	64.7	66.6	1.4	1.9	2.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	13.3	1.6	2.7	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.7	1.4	-0.1	2.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	41.8	2.3	-0.9	6.4	2.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	250.2	250.3	...	0.1	0.8	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.5
Labour force	174.6	172.0	1.3	-2.6	2.4	-0.4	-1.5	1.4	-0.2
Employment	160.9	158.6	1.5	-2.3	3.7	1.8	-1.4	2.4	1.1
Unemployment	13.7	13.4	1.4	-0.3	-1.3	-2.2	-2.2	-8.8	-14.1
Participation rate	69.8	68.7	0.5	-1.1	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.8	0.8	0.0	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	63.4	0.6	-0.9	1.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	4.7	0.7	-0.4	-1.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	267.2	267.3	...	0.1	0.8	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
Labour force	155.1	156.4	1.2	1.3	-0.2	1.2	0.8	-0.1	0.8
Employment	146.6	147.6	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.7	0.7	0.8	1.2
Unemployment	8.5	8.8	1.1	0.3	-1.3	-0.6	3.5	-12.9	-6.4
Participation rate	58.0	58.5	0.5	0.5	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.7	0.1	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	55.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	19.4	1.1	1.8	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	362.5	361.0	2.5	-1.5	6.7	2.2	-0.4	1.9	0.6
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	6.3	6.1	0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-3.2	1.7	-4.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.7	11.7	0.8	0.0	1.7	2.2	0.0	17.0	23.2
Utilities	4.0	4.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.4	7.5	38.7	48.3
Construction	23.1	22.2	1.2	-0.9	-0.5	0.9	-3.9	-2.2	4.2
Manufacturing	40.6	38.9	1.3	-1.7	0.6	2.5	-4.2	1.6	6.9
Services-producing sector									
Trade	56.0	56.8	1.4	0.8	-1.2	-0.2	1.4	-2.1	-0.4
Transportation and warehousing	19.2	19.2	0.9	0.0	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	-5.0	-5.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	16.6	17.3	0.8	0.7	-0.4	0.6	4.2	-2.3	3.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.7	13.3	0.8	-1.4	-0.6	-0.9	-9.5	-4.3	-6.3
Business, building and other support services	19.4	20.5	1.1	1.1	0.8	-1.1	5.7	4.1	-5.1
Educational services	27.3	27.3	1.0	0.0	1.3	-0.4	0.0	5.0	-1.4
Health care and social assistance	47.3	47.1	1.1	-0.2	0.9	2.0	-0.4	1.9	4.4
Information, culture and recreation	12.3	13.7	0.8	1.4	2.3	2.2	11.4	20.2	19.1
Accommodation and food services	26.8	26.2	1.1	-0.6	3.0	-2.6	-2.2	12.9	-9.0
Other services	16.2	15.4	1.0	-0.8	-2.0	-2.0	-4.9	-11.5	-11.5
Public administration	21.1	21.1	0.9	0.0	0.7	-1.1	0.0	3.4	-5.0

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-5
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Quebec

	April 2007	May 2007	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	6,303.5	6,308.2	...	4.7	25.4	66.1	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	4,138.5	4,134.2	14.5	-4.3	38.5	49.3	-0.1	0.9	1.2
Employment	3,839.1	3,836.9	14.8	-2.2	47.5	73.4	-0.1	1.3	2.0
Employment full-time	3,127.8	3,139.2	19.3	11.4	28.7	65.9	0.4	0.9	2.1
Unemployment	299.4	297.3	13.6	-2.1	-9.0	-24.0	-0.7	-2.9	-7.5
Participation rate	65.7	65.5	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.8	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.2	0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	953.9	954.2	...	0.3	1.9	4.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
Labour force	639.5	635.2	8.5	-4.3	8.2	15.0	-0.7	1.3	2.4
Employment	560.0	551.0	8.2	-9.0	0.9	15.2	-1.6	0.2	2.8
Unemployment	79.5	84.3	7.6	4.8	7.4	-0.1	6.0	9.6	-0.1
Participation rate	67.0	66.6	0.9	-0.4	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	13.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	57.7	0.9	-1.0	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	46.9	1.6	-2.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,612.9	2,615.0	...	2.1	11.8	31.5	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	1,864.2	1,859.5	7.9	-4.7	-0.7	1.3	-0.3	0.0	0.1
Employment	1,728.1	1,737.3	8.4	9.2	16.1	6.1	0.5	0.9	0.4
Unemployment	136.1	122.3	8.1	-13.8	-16.7	-4.7	-10.1	-12.0	-3.7
Participation rate	71.3	71.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	6.6	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	66.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	7.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,736.8	2,738.9	...	2.1	11.6	30.6	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	1,634.8	1,639.5	8.1	4.7	31.0	33.0	0.3	1.9	2.1
Employment	1,551.0	1,548.7	8.2	-2.3	30.5	52.2	-0.1	2.0	3.5
Unemployment	83.8	90.8	7.3	7.0	0.5	-19.2	8.4	0.6	-17.5
Participation rate	59.7	59.9	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.5	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.5	0.3	-0.2	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	20.3	0.7	-0.4	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	3,839.1	3,836.9	14.8	-2.2	47.5	73.4	-0.1	1.3	2.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	60.8	61.9	3.6	1.1	-4.6	-4.2	1.8	-6.9	-6.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.0	38.1	2.3	0.1	3.5	0.1	0.3	10.1	0.3
Utilities	29.3	34.3	1.9	5.0	8.8	3.2	17.1	34.5	10.3
Construction	194.1	199.4	6.4	5.3	21.2	10.4	2.7	11.9	5.5
Manufacturing	544.8	543.8	10.0	-1.0	-31.5	-38.9	-0.2	-5.5	-6.7
Services-producing sector									
	2,972.1	2,959.4	15.9	-12.7	50.1	102.7	-0.4	1.7	3.6
Trade	654.8	629.4	10.7	-25.4	-6.9	19.7	-3.9	-1.1	3.2
Transportation and warehousing	176.3	173.1	6.0	-3.2	-0.8	4.4	-1.8	-0.5	2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	236.1	231.9	6.3	-4.2	1.0	-0.3	-1.8	0.4	-0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	248.2	252.5	7.5	4.3	-1.9	15.9	1.7	-0.7	6.7
Business, building and other support services	159.4	154.7	6.3	-4.7	4.7	17.5	-2.9	3.1	12.8
Educational services	258.8	259.6	7.2	0.8	2.6	-2.3	0.3	1.0	-0.9
Health care and social assistance	459.6	455.2	7.9	-4.4	0.9	1.0	-1.0	0.2	0.2
Information, culture and recreation	170.9	177.0	6.2	6.1	16.7	9.6	3.6	10.4	5.7
Accommodation and food services	225.8	239.7	6.9	13.9	19.6	28.8	6.2	8.9	13.7
Other services	169.5	172.3	5.9	2.8	13.0	19.1	1.7	8.2	12.5
Public administration	212.8	214.1	5.7	1.3	1.4	-10.6	0.6	0.7	-4.7

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

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

	April 2007	May 2007	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	10,331.7	10,342.1	...	10.4	51.2	130.9	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	7,022.5	7,011.9	18.4	-10.6	43.3	82.1	-0.2	0.6	1.2
Employment	6,555.7	6,567.6	18.1	11.9	21.0	50.2	0.2	0.3	0.8
Employment full-time	5,353.7	5,371.0	23.0	17.3	16.4	-25.8	0.3	0.3	-0.5
Unemployment	466.7	444.3	15.3	-22.4	22.3	31.9	-4.8	5.3	7.7
Participation rate	68.0	67.8	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.3	0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,717.3	1,718.3	...	1.0	5.8	17.0	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	1,122.3	1,126.5	11.6	4.2	28.5	21.2	0.4	2.6	1.9
Employment	971.5	981.8	10.7	10.3	23.9	8.4	1.1	2.5	0.9
Unemployment	150.8	144.8	9.6	-6.0	4.7	12.9	-4.0	3.4	9.8
Participation rate	65.4	65.6	0.7	0.2	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	12.9	0.8	-0.5	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	57.1	0.6	0.5	1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.9	48.0	1.1	-1.0	-1.9	2.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,189.3	4,193.7	...	4.4	20.8	52.6	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	3,097.9	3,101.6	9.1	3.7	-0.1	3.7	0.1	0.0	0.1
Employment	2,926.8	2,937.5	9.8	10.7	-15.0	-11.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.4
Unemployment	171.0	164.1	8.4	-6.9	14.8	15.1	-4.0	9.9	10.1
Participation rate	73.9	74.0	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.3	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	70.0	0.2	0.1	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	5.9	0.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,425.1	4,430.1	...	5.0	24.6	61.4	0.1	0.6	1.4
Labour force	2,802.3	2,783.8	10.2	-18.5	14.9	57.2	-0.7	0.5	2.1
Employment	2,657.4	2,648.3	10.0	-9.1	12.0	53.2	-0.3	0.5	2.1
Unemployment	144.9	135.4	8.0	-9.5	2.7	3.9	-6.6	2.0	3.0
Participation rate	63.3	62.8	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.9	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.8	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	20.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	6,555.7	6,567.6	18.1	11.9	21.0	50.2	0.2	0.3	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	98.7	96.6	3.6	-2.1	-8.2	-3.2	-2.1	-7.8	-3.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.1	37.4	2.3	-1.7	-5.4	-2.6	-4.3	-12.6	-6.5
Utilities	56.4	60.1	2.3	3.7	7.3	12.3	6.6	13.8	25.7
Construction	406.8	418.1	8.9	11.3	6.2	14.0	2.8	1.5	3.5
Manufacturing	955.3	954.1	12.6	-1.2	-31.6	-60.6	-0.1	-3.2	-6.0
Services-producing sector									
	4,999.5	5,001.2	20.5	1.7	52.6	90.3	0.0	1.1	1.8
Trade	1,037.1	1,029.6	13.4	-7.5	3.0	-15.1	-0.7	0.3	-1.4
Transportation and warehousing	312.2	309.8	7.8	-2.4	4.5	26.3	-0.8	1.5	9.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	463.0	471.5	9.6	8.5	-3.2	-9.0	1.8	-0.7	-1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	464.4	468.0	9.5	3.6	18.2	-4.3	0.8	4.0	-0.9
Business, building and other support services	281.4	283.2	8.8	1.8	-20.5	-14.6	0.6	-6.8	-4.9
Educational services	450.5	451.6	8.8	1.1	1.1	12.9	0.2	0.2	2.9
Health care and social assistance	671.1	669.6	9.3	-1.5	10.8	49.8	-0.2	1.6	8.0
Information, culture and recreation	322.6	328.2	8.4	5.6	11.8	8.1	1.7	3.7	2.5
Accommodation and food services	407.2	409.1	8.7	1.9	26.0	38.5	0.5	6.8	10.4
Other services	264.0	261.7	7.6	-2.3	-5.0	-7.7	-0.9	-1.9	-2.9
Public administration	326.0	319.0	6.8	-7.0	5.9	5.6	-2.1	1.9	1.8

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-7
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Manitoba

	April 2007	May 2007	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	896.8	897.6	...	0.8	3.8	6.1	0.1	0.4	0.7
Labour force	622.2	627.9	2.8	5.7	15.3	14.4	0.9	2.5	2.3
Employment	592.7	595.4	2.8	2.7	7.8	7.3	0.5	1.3	1.2
Employment full-time	472.7	475.9	3.9	3.2	3.5	-0.3	0.7	0.7	-0.1
Unemployment	29.6	32.5	2.1	2.9	7.5	7.1	9.8	30.0	28.0
Participation rate	69.4	70.0	0.3	0.6	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	66.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	20.1	0.6	-0.2	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	156.4	156.5	...	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.5
Labour force	115.4	117.0	1.8	1.6	7.4	3.7	1.4	6.8	3.3
Employment	104.1	103.9	1.7	-0.2	2.5	0.6	-0.2	2.5	0.6
Unemployment	11.3	13.1	1.4	1.8	4.9	3.1	15.9	59.8	31.0
Participation rate	73.8	74.8	1.1	1.0	4.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	11.2	1.2	1.4	3.7	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.4	1.1	-0.2	1.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.9	47.9	1.9	2.0	5.9	3.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	361.8	362.1	...	0.3	1.7	3.1	0.1	0.5	0.9
Labour force	272.8	275.3	1.4	2.5	5.0	7.9	0.9	1.8	3.0
Employment	262.4	263.6	1.4	1.2	2.0	4.4	0.5	0.8	1.7
Unemployment	10.4	11.6	1.2	1.2	3.0	3.4	11.5	34.9	41.5
Participation rate	75.4	76.0	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.2	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.5	72.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	378.6	378.9	...	0.3	1.3	2.2	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	234.0	235.6	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.8	0.7	1.2	1.2
Employment	226.2	227.9	1.6	1.7	3.3	2.3	0.8	1.5	1.0
Unemployment	7.8	7.8	1.1	0.0	-0.4	0.6	0.0	-4.9	8.3
Participation rate	61.8	62.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.3	23.6	1.0	-0.8	-1.3	2.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Population	592.7	595.4	2.8	2.7	7.8	7.3	0.5	1.3	1.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	29.9	29.9	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.4	3.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.4	6.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.4	4.7	0.0	6.3
Utilities	5.0	5.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.9	12.0	12.0	-13.8
Construction	32.0	33.6	1.4	1.6	3.1	1.5	5.0	10.2	4.7
Manufacturing	69.5	69.5	1.7	0.0	-0.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1	6.4
Services-producing sector									
Trade	90.3	89.8	2.1	-0.5	-3.0	-0.7	-0.6	-3.2	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing	33.9	32.7	1.2	-1.2	-2.4	-3.5	-3.5	-6.8	-9.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	33.1	34.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	-0.1	3.3	5.6	-0.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.9	24.4	1.1	-0.5	3.3	1.3	-2.0	15.6	5.6
Business, building and other support services	16.9	15.6	1.2	-1.3	-2.9	-2.5	-7.7	-15.7	-13.8
Educational services	46.6	46.6	1.5	0.0	-0.9	1.9	0.0	-1.9	4.3
Health care and social assistance	81.0	82.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	3.9	2.1	0.7	4.9
Information, culture and recreation	22.4	23.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	-0.5	4.5	4.5	-2.1
Accommodation and food services	37.7	38.1	1.6	0.4	3.1	-0.4	1.1	8.9	-1.0
Other services	25.1	24.2	1.2	-0.9	-0.7	-2.1	-3.6	-2.8	-8.0
Public administration	37.9	38.4	1.2	0.5	3.9	3.8	1.3	11.3	11.0

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-8
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Saskatchewan

	April 2007	May 2007	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	748.6	749.2	...	0.6	2.9	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
Labour force	523.3	524.7	2.4	1.4	0.7	12.8	0.3	0.1	2.5
Employment	502.6	501.1	2.5	-1.5	-1.7	14.0	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Employment full-time	402.2	401.6	3.3	-0.6	-6.1	3.7	-0.1	-1.5	0.9
Unemployment	20.6	23.6	1.9	3.0	2.4	-1.2	14.6	11.3	-4.8
Participation rate	69.9	70.0	0.3	0.1	-0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	66.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	19.9	0.6	-0.1	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	137.3	137.4	...	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.4
Labour force	100.2	100.2	1.5	0.0	-2.1	4.4	0.0	-2.1	4.6
Employment	92.6	92.3	1.5	-0.3	-1.9	4.2	-0.3	-2.0	4.8
Unemployment	7.6	7.9	1.2	0.3	-0.2	0.2	3.9	-2.5	2.6
Participation rate	73.0	72.9	1.1	-0.1	-1.6	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.9	1.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.2	1.1	-0.2	-1.4	3.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.6	40.5	1.8	-0.1	3.2	1.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	298.5	298.8	...	0.3	1.6	2.4	0.1	0.5	0.8
Labour force	228.0	228.5	1.2	0.5	0.8	5.4	0.2	0.4	2.4
Employment	220.1	219.4	1.3	-0.7	-1.1	6.7	-0.3	-0.5	3.1
Unemployment	7.9	9.0	1.1	1.1	1.7	-1.4	13.9	23.3	-13.5
Participation rate	76.4	76.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.9	0.5	0.4	0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.7	73.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	6.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	312.7	313.0	...	0.3	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.4
Labour force	195.1	196.0	1.3	0.9	2.1	3.1	0.5	1.1	1.6
Employment	190.0	189.4	1.4	-0.6	1.3	3.2	-0.3	0.7	1.7
Unemployment	5.1	6.6	0.9	1.5	0.8	-0.1	29.4	13.8	-1.5
Participation rate	62.4	62.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.6	3.4	0.5	0.8	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.5	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.2	25.1	1.0	-0.1	1.5	2.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	502.6	501.1	2.5	-1.5	-1.7	14.0	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	132.3	131.1	2.3	-1.2	-2.3	-1.4	-0.9	-1.7	-1.1
Agriculture	44.9	44.4	1.6	-0.5	-3.1	-4.5	-1.1	-6.5	-9.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	22.4	22.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.4	0.0	6.6
Utilities	3.5	3.7	0.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.9	5.7	-7.5	-19.6
Construction	31.0	29.6	1.3	-1.4	-1.1	-0.3	-4.5	-3.6	-1.0
Manufacturing	30.4	31.0	1.1	0.6	2.4	2.9	2.0	8.4	10.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	370.3	370.0	2.8	-0.3	0.6	15.4	-0.1	0.2	4.3
Trade	85.3	82.2	1.8	-3.1	-3.7	4.5	-3.6	-4.3	5.8
Transportation and warehousing	24.5	25.3	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.3	3.3	0.4	1.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.0	25.7	0.9	-0.3	-1.4	0.7	-1.2	-5.2	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.0	22.5	0.8	1.5	2.6	3.3	7.1	13.1	17.2
Business, building and other support services	9.5	11.9	0.8	2.4	0.1	-1.1	25.3	0.8	-8.5
Educational services	40.6	40.4	1.2	-0.2	1.6	1.9	-0.5	4.1	4.9
Health care and social assistance	61.8	62.7	1.4	0.9	1.6	2.7	1.5	2.6	4.5
Information, culture and recreation	19.6	18.5	1.0	-1.1	-1.9	-1.7	-5.6	-9.3	-8.4
Accommodation and food services	30.4	31.5	1.3	1.1	0.7	2.9	3.6	2.3	10.1
Other services	23.0	21.7	1.1	-1.3	0.0	1.9	-5.7	0.0	9.6
Public administration	28.6	27.4	1.0	-1.2	0.7	-0.2	-4.2	2.6	-0.7

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-9
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Alberta

	April 2007	May 2007	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	2,724.5	2,732.4	...	7.9	40.3	104.4	0.3	1.5	4.0
Labour force	2,018.6	2,020.4	8.0	1.8	46.0	76.8	0.1	2.3	4.0
Employment	1,950.7	1,943.1	8.3	-7.6	34.7	66.5	-0.4	1.8	3.5
Employment full-time	1,637.8	1,629.1	10.8	-8.7	13.6	54.8	-0.5	0.8	3.5
Unemployment	67.9	77.2	5.6	9.3	11.2	10.2	13.7	17.0	15.2
Participation rate	74.1	73.9	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.1	0.3	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.2	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	502.4	503.2	...	0.8	3.7	15.4	0.2	0.7	3.2
Labour force	363.2	360.4	5.1	-2.8	4.1	5.3	-0.8	1.2	1.5
Employment	333.0	331.0	5.1	-2.0	-2.7	0.1	-0.6	-0.8	0.0
Unemployment	30.2	29.4	3.6	-0.8	6.8	5.2	-2.6	30.1	21.5
Participation rate	72.3	71.6	1.0	-0.7	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.2	1.0	-0.1	1.9	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	65.8	1.0	-0.5	-1.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	33.2	31.9	1.6	-1.3	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,115.2	1,118.9	...	3.7	19.1	46.7	0.3	1.7	4.4
Labour force	911.2	913.4	3.5	2.2	21.0	37.0	0.2	2.4	4.2
Employment	892.5	886.3	3.9	-6.2	15.9	30.5	-0.7	1.8	3.6
Unemployment	18.7	27.1	3.0	8.4	5.1	6.5	44.9	23.2	31.6
Participation rate	81.7	81.6	0.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.1	3.0	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.0	79.2	0.4	-0.8	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.9	5.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,106.9	1,110.3	...	3.4	17.5	42.4	0.3	1.6	4.0
Labour force	744.2	746.6	4.7	2.4	20.9	34.5	0.3	2.9	4.8
Employment	725.1	725.9	4.7	0.8	21.5	35.9	0.1	3.1	5.2
Unemployment	19.0	20.8	3.0	1.8	-0.6	-1.4	9.5	-2.8	-6.3
Participation rate	67.2	67.2	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.6	2.8	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.4	0.4	-0.1	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	22.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Industry									
	1,950.7	1,943.1	8.3	-7.6	34.7	66.5	-0.4	1.8	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	547.0	545.2	7.2	-1.8	1.9	24.6	-0.3	0.3	4.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	43.3	45.7	2.6	2.4	-2.2	-9.4	5.5	-4.6	-17.1
Utilities	150.8	152.4	4.0	1.6	9.0	10.8	1.1	6.3	7.6
Construction	17.3	18.4	1.3	1.1	-2.6	1.4	6.4	-12.4	8.2
Manufacturing	189.3	186.7	5.0	-2.6	5.0	14.6	-1.4	2.8	8.5
	146.3	142.0	4.2	-4.3	-7.4	7.3	-2.9	-5.0	5.4
Services-producing sector									
	1,403.6	1,397.9	9.4	-5.7	32.8	41.8	-0.4	2.4	3.1
Trade	288.6	290.3	6.1	1.7	19.0	7.3	0.6	7.0	2.6
Transportation and warehousing	108.5	103.7	3.7	-4.8	-2.4	-4.9	-4.4	-2.3	-4.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	97.8	96.9	3.4	-0.9	-7.5	-3.7	-0.9	-7.2	-3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	144.2	147.0	4.3	2.8	4.4	5.4	1.9	3.1	3.8
Business, building and other support services	69.9	70.8	3.4	0.9	0.5	12.2	1.3	0.7	20.8
Educational services	138.2	133.7	4.0	-4.5	-5.2	8.1	-3.3	-3.7	6.4
Health care and social assistance	184.8	185.7	4.4	0.9	4.8	-0.9	0.5	2.7	-0.5
Information, culture and recreation	74.4	76.5	3.4	2.1	9.8	11.9	2.8	14.7	18.4
Accommodation and food services	122.9	119.6	4.3	-3.3	1.4	4.7	-2.7	1.2	4.1
Other services	95.5	94.5	3.5	-1.0	5.5	6.1	-1.0	6.2	6.9
Public administration	78.7	79.0	3.0	0.3	2.3	-4.4	0.4	3.0	-5.3

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-10
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia

	April 2007	May 2007	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	3,557.1	3,561.8	...	4.7	23.8	58.3	0.1	0.7	1.7
Labour force	2,353.8	2,362.4	10.0	8.6	21.7	61.3	0.4	0.9	2.7
Employment	2,249.1	2,263.3	10.1	14.2	44.8	71.2	0.6	2.0	3.2
Employment full-time	1,794.8	1,814.3	13.5	19.5	41.1	63.2	1.1	2.3	3.6
Unemployment	104.7	99.1	7.3	-5.6	-23.1	-10.0	-5.3	-18.9	-9.2
Participation rate	66.2	66.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.2	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	63.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	19.8	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	577.9	578.0	...	0.1	0.6	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	380.1	389.1	5.8	9.0	4.5	8.2	2.4	1.2	2.2
Employment	351.3	362.5	5.8	11.2	14.9	13.1	3.2	4.3	3.7
Unemployment	28.8	26.6	4.2	-2.2	-10.4	-4.9	-7.6	-28.1	-15.6
Participation rate	65.8	67.3	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	6.8	1.1	-0.8	-2.8	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	62.7	1.0	1.9	2.5	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.6	41.1	1.8	-0.5	2.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,456.5	1,458.9	...	2.4	11.8	28.7	0.2	0.8	2.0
Labour force	1,055.0	1,051.4	5.2	-3.6	8.4	30.4	-0.3	0.8	3.0
Employment	1,016.4	1,018.7	5.4	2.3	14.3	36.7	0.2	1.4	3.7
Unemployment	38.6	32.7	4.2	-5.9	-5.9	-6.3	-15.3	-15.3	-16.2
Participation rate	72.4	72.1	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.8	0.4	0.0	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	7.4	0.6	-0.6	-1.6	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,522.6	1,524.9	...	2.3	11.4	27.4	0.2	0.8	1.8
Labour force	918.7	921.9	6.0	3.2	8.8	22.6	0.3	1.0	2.5
Employment	881.4	882.1	5.8	0.7	15.6	21.4	0.1	1.8	2.5
Unemployment	37.3	39.8	4.2	2.5	-6.8	1.3	6.7	-14.6	3.4
Participation rate	60.3	60.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.3	0.5	0.2	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.8	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.7	25.4	0.9	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,249.1	2,263.3	10.1	14.2	44.8	71.2	0.6	2.0	3.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	31.9	34.9	2.6	3.0	-1.1	-0.5	9.4	-3.1	-1.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	49.1	46.1	2.8	-3.0	-2.1	5.4	-6.1	-4.4	13.3
Utilities	8.7	8.2	1.0	-0.5	-1.1	0.1	-5.7	-11.8	1.2
Construction	194.0	200.0	5.7	6.0	13.5	24.9	3.1	7.2	14.2
Manufacturing	211.9	206.3	5.3	-5.6	3.1	5.2	-2.6	1.5	2.6
Services-producing sector									
	1,753.4	1,767.8	11.1	14.4	32.5	36.0	0.8	1.9	2.1
Trade	351.5	363.4	7.3	11.9	23.0	1.0	3.4	6.8	0.3
Transportation and warehousing	124.5	125.4	4.3	0.9	8.2	4.0	0.7	7.0	3.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	145.2	149.4	4.5	4.2	1.7	17.1	2.9	1.2	12.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	163.0	172.7	5.1	9.7	8.2	4.7	6.0	5.0	2.8
Business, building and other support services	96.2	92.1	4.3	-4.1	-16.4	0.9	-4.3	-15.1	1.0
Educational services	158.7	159.5	4.8	0.8	-2.8	7.4	0.5	-1.7	4.9
Health care and social assistance	241.6	234.4	5.4	-7.2	-4.8	-2.9	-3.0	-2.0	-1.2
Information, culture and recreation	123.3	123.3	4.6	0.0	17.7	6.4	0.0	16.8	5.5
Accommodation and food services	167.4	169.0	5.5	1.6	-1.8	1.2	1.0	-1.1	0.7
Other services	87.2	86.2	4.1	-1.0	-2.8	-4.6	-1.1	-3.1	-5.1
Public administration	94.8	92.4	3.5	-2.4	2.4	0.9	-2.5	2.7	1.0

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 5-1
Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

	April 2007	May 2007	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	152.0	151.9	...	-0.1	0.1	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	98.8	99.7	0.8	0.9	-2.6	-1.3	0.9	-2.5	-1.3
Employment	91.6	92.4	0.8	0.8	-2.2	0.1	0.9	-2.3	0.1
Unemployment	7.2	7.3	0.5	0.1	-0.4	-1.5	1.4	-5.2	-17.0
Participation rate	65.0	65.6	0.5	0.6	-1.8	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.3	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.8	0.5	0.5	-1.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	312.6	312.8	...	0.2	0.8	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	217.9	218.3	1.1	0.4	0.9	3.3	0.2	0.4	1.5
Employment	207.6	206.8	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	3.1	-0.4	-0.4	1.5
Unemployment	10.3	11.5	0.6	1.2	1.6	0.2	11.7	16.2	1.8
Participation rate	69.7	69.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.3	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	103.7	103.7	...	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
Labour force	66.1	67.1	0.7	1.0	1.6	0.9	1.5	2.4	1.4
Employment	63.1	63.8	0.7	0.7	2.0	1.5	1.1	3.2	2.4
Unemployment	2.9	3.2	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	10.3	-13.5	-20.0
Participation rate	63.7	64.7	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.8	0.5	0.4	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.5	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	125.8	125.7	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	77.7	78.1	0.8	0.4	3.7	-1.3	0.5	5.0	-1.6
Employment	69.8	70.6	0.8	0.8	2.7	-1.6	1.1	4.0	-2.2
Unemployment	7.8	7.6	0.4	-0.2	1.0	0.4	-2.6	15.2	5.6
Participation rate	61.8	62.1	0.6	0.3	3.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.7	0.5	-0.3	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	56.2	0.6	0.7	2.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	604.2	604.6	...	0.4	2.4	6.9	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	394.7	394.8	3.2	0.1	-0.7	-4.0	0.0	-0.2	-1.0
Employment	376.6	375.8	3.3	-0.8	3.9	-5.7	-0.2	1.0	-1.5
Unemployment	18.1	19.0	1.5	0.9	-4.6	1.8	5.0	-19.5	10.5
Participation rate	65.3	65.3	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.8	0.4	0.2	-1.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.2	0.6	-0.1	0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	120.2	120.3	...	0.1	0.4	1.3	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	76.7	76.6	0.7	-0.1	4.0	2.4	-0.1	5.5	3.2
Employment	70.0	70.2	0.7	0.2	2.6	2.4	0.3	3.8	3.5
Unemployment	6.7	6.3	0.3	-0.4	1.4	-0.1	-6.0	28.6	-1.6
Participation rate	63.8	63.7	0.6	-0.1	3.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.2	0.4	-0.5	1.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.4	0.6	0.2	2.0	1.4	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2007	May 2007	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	136.3	136.4	...	0.1	0.6	1.6	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	88.8	88.5	0.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7
Employment	82.9	82.9	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.9	0.9
Unemployment	5.9	5.6	0.3	-0.3	-1.1	-1.4	-5.1	-16.4	-20.0
Participation rate	65.2	64.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.3	0.4	-0.3	-1.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.8	0.6	0.0	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,028.6	3,030.6	...	2.0	12.4	35.5	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	2,029.3	2,029.7	7.3	0.4	-10.9	21.3	0.0	-0.5	1.1
Employment	1,886.5	1,893.6	7.5	7.1	8.2	60.9	0.4	0.4	3.3
Unemployment	142.8	136.1	4.9	-6.7	-19.1	-39.7	-4.7	-12.3	-22.6
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.7	0.2	-0.3	-0.9	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	948.9	949.4	...	0.5	2.5	8.0	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	677.2	678.3	3.2	1.1	12.4	-5.9	0.2	1.9	-0.9
Employment	640.5	641.3	3.4	0.8	13.1	-8.3	0.1	2.1	-1.3
Unemployment	36.7	37.0	1.6	0.3	-0.7	2.4	0.8	-1.9	6.9
Participation rate	71.4	71.4	0.3	0.0	1.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.5	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.5	67.5	0.4	0.0	1.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	238.7	239.0	...	0.3	1.8	4.3	0.1	0.8	1.8
Labour force	172.9	172.0	1.2	-0.9	-0.3	4.4	-0.5	-0.2	2.6
Employment	162.9	162.4	1.2	-0.5	0.9	4.9	-0.3	0.6	3.1
Unemployment	10.0	9.6	0.6	-0.4	-1.2	-0.5	-4.0	-11.1	-5.0
Participation rate	72.4	72.0	0.5	-0.4	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	67.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	710.3	710.4	...	0.1	0.8	3.7	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	504.3	506.3	3.0	2.0	12.6	-10.3	0.4	2.6	-2.0
Employment	477.6	479.0	3.2	1.4	12.3	-13.2	0.3	2.6	-2.7
Unemployment	26.7	27.3	1.5	0.6	0.3	2.8	2.2	1.1	11.4
Participation rate	71.0	71.3	0.4	0.3	1.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.4	0.5	0.2	1.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	125.9	125.9	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	84.7	84.8	0.8	0.1	3.8	1.2	0.1	4.7	1.4
Employment	81.0	80.7	0.8	-0.3	3.9	2.8	-0.4	5.1	3.6
Unemployment	3.7	4.1	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-1.7	10.8	-2.4	-29.3
Participation rate	67.3	67.4	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.8	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.1	0.6	-0.2	3.1	2.0	...	...	...

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

	April 2007	May 2007	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	4,429.1	4,434.1	...	5.0	28.6	78.4	0.1	0.6	1.8
Labour force	3,071.1	3,066.3	9.0	-4.8	42.8	80.5	-0.2	1.4	2.7
Employment	2,860.3	2,853.3	9.2	-7.0	30.8	57.3	-0.2	1.1	2.0
Unemployment	210.8	213.0	5.4	2.2	12.0	23.2	1.0	6.0	12.2
Participation rate	69.3	69.2	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.3	0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	591.3	591.5	...	0.2	1.4	4.8	0.0	0.2	0.8
Labour force	396.1	399.5	2.9	3.4	10.4	1.6	0.9	2.7	0.4
Employment	371.9	375.0	3.0	3.1	9.6	-0.8	0.8	2.6	-0.2
Unemployment	24.1	24.4	1.3	0.3	0.6	2.2	1.2	2.5	9.9
Participation rate	67.0	67.5	0.5	0.5	1.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	63.4	0.5	0.5	1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	375.4	375.8	...	0.4	2.2	6.1	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	264.8	262.3	1.9	-2.5	-9.7	0.6	-0.9	-3.6	0.2
Employment	249.7	247.4	2.0	-2.3	-9.9	-1.3	-0.9	-3.8	-0.5
Unemployment	15.2	14.8	0.9	-0.4	0.1	1.8	-2.6	0.7	13.8
Participation rate	70.5	69.8	0.5	-0.7	-3.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	65.8	0.5	-0.7	-3.1	-1.5	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	380.4	380.6	...	0.2	1.0	3.4	0.1	0.3	0.9
Labour force	261.9	260.5	1.7	-1.4	-7.1	-2.2	-0.5	-2.7	-0.8
Employment	247.3	245.1	1.8	-2.2	-5.9	-3.1	-0.9	-2.4	-1.2
Unemployment	14.6	15.4	0.9	0.8	-1.2	0.9	5.5	-7.2	6.2
Participation rate	68.8	68.4	0.5	-0.4	-2.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.9	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.4	0.5	-0.6	-1.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	280.1	280.7	...	0.6	3.2	7.9	0.2	1.2	2.9
Labour force	190.4	192.6	1.3	2.2	2.5	5.0	1.2	1.3	2.7
Employment	178.6	181.1	1.4	2.5	3.7	4.9	1.4	2.1	2.8
Unemployment	11.8	11.5	0.7	-0.3	-1.2	0.1	-2.5	-9.4	0.9
Participation rate	68.0	68.6	0.5	0.6	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	64.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	327.8	327.8	...	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	206.6	207.6	1.7	1.0	6.7	4.2	0.5	3.3	2.1
Employment	193.5	195.6	1.7	2.1	7.5	4.5	1.1	4.0	2.4
Unemployment	13.1	11.9	0.7	-1.2	-0.8	-0.4	-9.2	-6.3	-3.3
Participation rate	63.0	63.3	0.5	0.3	2.0	1.0
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.7	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3
Employment rate	59.0	59.7	0.5	0.7	2.3	1.2

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2007	May 2007	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	132.7	132.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	84.9	86.1	0.7	1.2	1.8	2.9	1.4	2.1	3.5
Employment	80.3	81.1	0.7	0.8	2.0	4.0	1.0	2.5	5.2
Unemployment	4.6	5.0	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-1.1	8.7	-3.8	-18.0
Participation rate	64.0	64.9	0.5	0.9	1.4	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.8	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	61.1	0.6	0.6	1.5	2.9	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.2	104.2	...	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Labour force	66.7	67.0	0.6	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.4	2.6	0.1
Employment	62.3	62.5	0.7	0.2	1.7	0.9	0.3	2.8	1.5
Unemployment	4.4	4.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.7	2.3	2.3	-13.5
Participation rate	64.0	64.3	0.6	0.3	1.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.5	0.1	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.0	0.6	0.2	1.7	0.9	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	271.4	271.5	...	0.1	0.3	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	173.0	172.8	1.4	-0.2	-7.0	-3.5	-0.1	-3.9	-2.0
Employment	156.8	156.7	1.4	-0.1	-6.9	-4.3	-0.1	-4.2	-2.7
Unemployment	16.3	16.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.8	-1.2	-0.6	5.2
Participation rate	63.7	63.6	0.5	-0.1	-2.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.3	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.7	0.5	-0.1	-2.6	-1.9	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	574.4	575.0	...	0.6	2.4	4.3	0.1	0.4	0.8
Labour force	408.1	410.9	1.4	2.8	9.2	10.7	0.7	2.3	2.7
Employment	388.4	390.4	1.4	2.0	7.8	9.5	0.5	2.0	2.5
Unemployment	19.7	20.6	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.4	4.6	7.9	7.3
Participation rate	71.0	71.5	0.2	0.5	1.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.9	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	162.1	162.3	...	0.2	1.0	1.5	0.1	0.6	0.9
Labour force	116.7	117.0	0.7	0.3	-0.4	4.0	0.3	-0.3	3.5
Employment	111.9	111.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.7	4.5	-0.4	-0.6	4.2
Unemployment	4.8	5.5	0.3	0.7	0.3	-0.4	14.6	5.8	-6.8
Participation rate	72.0	72.1	0.4	0.1	-0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.0	68.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.9	2.2	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	189.7	190.0	...	0.3	1.2	2.1	0.2	0.6	1.1
Labour force	140.2	139.5	0.8	-0.7	1.3	7.2	-0.5	0.9	5.4
Employment	134.7	133.8	0.9	-0.9	0.2	8.0	-0.7	0.1	6.4
Unemployment	5.4	5.6	0.4	0.2	1.1	-0.9	3.7	24.4	-13.8
Participation rate	73.9	73.4	0.4	-0.5	0.2	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.0	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	70.4	0.5	-0.6	-0.4	3.4	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2007	May 2007	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	914.6	917.3	...	2.7	14.9	38.0	0.3	1.7	4.3
Labour force	697.0	699.2	3.1	2.2	6.3	29.0	0.3	0.9	4.3
Employment	672.8	674.6	3.2	1.8	-0.3	26.7	0.3	0.0	4.1
Unemployment	24.1	24.6	1.4	0.5	6.6	2.3	2.1	36.7	10.3
Participation rate	76.2	76.2	0.4	0.0	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.6	73.5	0.4	-0.1	-1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	859.9	862.0	...	2.1	11.6	31.0	0.2	1.4	3.7
Labour force	613.0	614.1	3.1	1.1	17.2	39.6	0.2	2.9	6.9
Employment	592.8	592.3	3.2	-0.5	17.6	38.7	-0.1	3.1	7.0
Unemployment	20.2	21.8	1.4	1.6	-0.4	0.9	7.9	-1.8	4.3
Participation rate	71.3	71.2	0.4	-0.1	1.0	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.5	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	68.7	0.4	-0.2	1.1	2.1	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	130.8	131.0	...	0.2	1.4	3.6	0.2	1.1	2.8
Labour force	87.9	88.9	0.7	1.0	0.7	3.7	1.1	0.8	4.3
Employment	83.8	84.8	0.8	1.0	0.5	4.6	1.2	0.6	5.7
Unemployment	4.1	4.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.9	0.0	5.1	-18.0
Participation rate	67.2	67.9	0.6	0.7	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.7	0.6	0.6	-0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,886.0	1,889.0	...	3.0	13.8	34.3	0.2	0.7	1.8
Labour force	1,266.9	1,266.7	4.8	-0.2	7.9	33.4	0.0	0.6	2.7
Employment	1,219.7	1,214.7	4.8	-5.0	14.5	33.4	-0.4	1.2	2.8
Unemployment	47.2	52.1	2.3	4.9	-6.5	0.0	10.4	-11.1	0.0
Participation rate	67.2	67.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.1	0.2	0.4	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	64.3	0.3	-0.4	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	282.1	282.4	...	0.3	1.9	5.3	0.1	0.7	1.9
Labour force	183.3	185.7	1.4	2.4	0.3	4.2	1.3	0.2	2.3
Employment	176.9	179.1	1.4	2.2	0.3	5.7	1.2	0.2	3.3
Unemployment	6.4	6.6	0.6	0.2	0.0	-1.5	3.1	0.0	-18.5
Participation rate	65.0	65.8	0.5	0.8	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	63.4	0.5	0.7	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0090

Table 5-2
Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — Monthly

	April 2007	May 2007	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	3,030.9	3,032.6	...	1.7	11.6	33.9	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	2,026.2	2,025.5	15.4	-0.7	-1.8	23.3	0.0	-0.1	1.2
Employment	1,901.4	1,889.9	15.5	-11.5	10.1	45.7	-0.6	0.5	2.5
Unemployment	124.8	135.6	11.8	10.8	-11.8	-22.4	8.7	-8.0	-14.2
Participation rate	66.9	66.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.7	0.6	0.5	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.3	0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,434.5	4,439.4	...	4.9	27.7	76.0	0.1	0.6	1.7
Labour force	3,066.7	3,060.2	19.3	-6.5	11.0	69.4	-0.2	0.4	2.3
Employment	2,856.8	2,849.7	19.1	-7.1	-6.9	41.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.5
Unemployment	210.0	210.5	13.2	0.5	17.9	28.0	0.2	9.3	15.3
Participation rate	69.2	68.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.9	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,889.1	1,892.1	...	3.0	14.4	34.1	0.2	0.8	1.8
Labour force	1,265.2	1,267.4	10.0	2.2	10.1	26.9	0.2	0.8	2.2
Employment	1,204.6	1,214.0	10.2	9.4	21.9	26.6	0.8	1.8	2.2
Unemployment	60.5	53.5	5.8	-7.0	-11.6	0.4	-11.6	-17.8	0.8
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.2	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	64.2	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6-1

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2006 and May 2007

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2006	26,102.3	17,457.4	16,326.2	1,131.2	66.9	6.5	62.5
2007	26,474.0	17,807.7	16,684.0	1,123.6	67.3	6.3	63.0
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2006	428.3	250.5	207.0	43.5	58.5	17.4	48.3
2007	424.9	248.6	211.2	37.4	58.5	15.0	49.7
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2006	209.8	130.4	114.6	15.8	62.2	12.1	54.6
2007	209.9	131.0	115.4	15.7	62.4	12.0	55.0
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2006	33.9	18.7	13.9	4.7	55.2	25.1	41.0
2007	33.0	17.7	13.6	4.1	53.6	23.2	41.2
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2006	88.7	50.7	39.3	11.4	57.2	22.5	44.3
2007	87.6	50.3	42.2	8.1	57.4	16.1	48.2
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2006	96.0	50.8	39.3	11.5	52.9	22.6	40.9
2007	94.4	49.6	40.1	9.5	52.5	19.2	42.5
Prince Edward Island							
2006	112.0	76.8	66.9	9.9	68.6	12.9	59.7
2007	112.9	76.4	67.7	8.8	67.7	11.5	60.0
Nova Scotia							
2006	762.5	480.2	439.0	41.2	63.0	8.6	57.6
2007	763.7	485.5	443.5	42.0	63.6	8.7	58.1
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2006	117.1	62.8	54.1	8.8	53.6	14.0	46.2
2007	116.4	62.0	52.7	9.3	53.3	15.0	45.3
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2006	131.2	80.6	72.2	8.5	61.4	10.5	55.0
2007	130.9	77.9	69.3	8.6	59.5	11.0	52.9
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2006	99.6	60.0	54.9	5.1	60.2	8.5	55.1
2007	100.0	64.1	59.1	5.0	64.1	7.8	59.1
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2006	103.8	61.2	54.3	6.8	59.0	11.1	52.3
2007	103.5	62.4	56.1	6.4	60.3	10.3	54.2
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2006	310.9	215.5	203.5	12.0	69.3	5.6	65.5
2007	312.8	219.1	206.3	12.8	70.0	5.8	66.0
New Brunswick							
2006	611.4	390.2	351.3	38.9	63.8	10.0	57.5
2007	612.4	386.7	354.2	32.6	63.1	8.4	57.8
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2006	136.9	78.2	66.9	11.3	57.1	14.5	48.9
2007	135.8	80.9	70.0	10.9	59.6	13.5	51.5
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2006	161.2	106.6	96.4	10.2	66.1	9.6	59.8
2007	162.7	104.1	95.6	8.6	64.0	8.3	58.8
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2006	141.3	92.3	84.7	7.5	65.3	8.1	59.9
2007	141.8	88.7	83.7	5.0	62.6	5.6	59.0

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2006 and May 2007

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2006	103.5	68.4	62.6	5.8	66.1	8.5	60.5
2007	104.0	71.2	67.2	4.1	68.5	5.8	64.6
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2006	68.3	44.7	40.6	4.1	65.4	9.2	59.4
2007	68.0	41.7	37.7	4.0	61.3	9.6	55.4
Quebec							
2006	6,235.9	4,056.1	3,713.0	343.1	65.0	8.5	59.5
2007	6,303.0	4,111.8	3,800.3	311.5	65.2	7.6	60.3
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2006	80.7	40.6	31.6	9.0	50.3	22.2	39.2
2007	80.9	42.8	34.5	8.3	52.9	19.4	42.6
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2006	167.0	99.3	87.9	11.4	59.5	11.5	52.6
2007	167.3	101.3	90.1	11.2	60.5	11.1	53.9
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2006	558.6	374.7	357.5	17.1	67.1	4.6	64.0
2007	563.5	369.1	349.3	19.9	65.5	5.4	62.0
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2006	324.3	216.7	203.7	13.0	66.8	6.0	62.8
2007	327.1	218.0	203.8	14.2	66.6	6.5	62.3
Estrie [2430]							
2006	245.9	159.7	147.6	12.1	64.9	7.6	60.0
2007	248.1	160.1	147.4	12.7	64.5	7.9	59.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2006	183.4	121.5	110.7	10.8	66.2	8.9	60.4
2007	185.1	127.1	116.7	10.4	68.7	8.2	63.0
Montérégie [2435]							
2006	1,107.2	738.6	688.0	50.6	66.7	6.9	62.1
2007	1,121.4	751.8	711.1	40.7	67.0	5.4	63.4
Montréal [2440]							
2006	1,579.8	1,032.8	920.8	112.0	65.4	10.8	58.3
2007	1,592.3	1,017.8	932.0	85.8	63.9	8.4	58.5
Laval [2445]							
2006	303.4	195.3	182.3	13.0	64.4	6.7	60.1
2007	308.1	207.8	198.4	9.4	67.4	4.5	64.4
Lanaudière [2450]							
2006	342.2	218.8	204.4	14.4	63.9	6.6	59.7
2007	350.7	230.6	215.8	14.8	65.8	6.4	61.5
Laurentides [2455]							
2006	414.0	272.7	246.4	26.3	65.9	9.6	59.5
2007	423.3	285.4	261.0	24.4	67.4	8.5	61.7
Outaouais [2460]							
2006	284.1	194.6	181.3	13.4	68.5	6.9	63.8
2007	288.9	196.0	181.9	14.1	67.8	7.2	63.0
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2006	115.3	72.8	65.6	7.1	63.1	9.8	56.9
2007	115.6	73.3	65.3	8.0	63.4	10.9	56.5
Mauricie [2470]							
2006	216.2	122.7	110.9	11.8	56.8	9.6	51.3
2007	217.2	134.3	119.0	15.4	61.8	11.5	54.8

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2006 and May 2007

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2006	224.4	139.5	123.7	15.7	62.2	11.3	55.1
2007	224.0	141.7	124.9	16.8	63.3	11.9	55.8
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2006	89.6	55.8	50.5	5.3	62.3	9.5	56.4
2007	89.4	54.6	49.0	5.5	61.1	10.1	54.8
Ontario							
2006	10,198.1	6,884.3	6,454.0	430.2	67.5	6.2	63.3
2007	10,330.8	6,995.7	6,529.0	466.7	67.7	6.7	63.2
Ottawa [3510]							
2006	976.8	687.2	651.8	35.3	70.4	5.1	66.7
2007	982.9	686.3	645.2	41.0	69.8	6.0	65.6
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2006	357.3	217.7	203.1	14.7	60.9	6.8	56.8
2007	358.7	218.4	206.0	12.4	60.9	5.7	57.4
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2006	305.4	187.9	175.7	12.2	61.5	6.5	57.5
2007	308.3	196.1	182.7	13.4	63.6	6.8	59.3
Toronto [3530]							
2006	4,589.7	3,134.0	2,933.4	200.6	68.3	6.4	63.9
2007	4,676.5	3,219.4	2,995.9	223.5	68.8	6.9	64.1
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2006	945.4	684.1	648.8	35.3	72.4	5.2	68.6
2007	963.6	684.2	644.6	39.5	71.0	5.8	66.9
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2006	1,119.9	735.5	689.8	45.8	65.7	6.2	61.6
2007	1,130.4	746.5	699.5	47.0	66.0	6.3	61.9
London [3560]							
2006	504.9	350.0	329.7	20.3	69.3	5.8	65.3
2007	509.5	350.5	328.3	22.2	68.8	6.3	64.4
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2006	522.1	343.0	316.0	27.0	65.7	7.9	60.5
2007	524.1	337.2	306.6	30.6	64.3	9.1	58.5
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2006	246.2	163.3	154.4	8.9	66.3	5.5	62.7
2007	247.2	159.5	151.2	8.3	64.5	5.2	61.2
Northeast [3590]							
2006	453.1	270.1	250.9	19.3	59.6	7.1	55.4
2007	453.2	281.5	261.6	19.8	62.1	7.0	57.7
Northwest [3595]							
2006	177.3	111.3	100.5	10.8	62.8	9.7	56.7
2007	176.3	116.3	107.3	9.0	66.0	7.7	60.9
Manitoba							
2006	891.0	610.9	584.3	26.6	68.6	4.4	65.6
2007	896.6	622.4	592.4	30.0	69.4	4.8	66.1
Southeast [4610]							
2006	74.4	53.9	52.1	1.8	72.4	3.3	70.0
2007	76.0	51.8	49.4	2.3	68.2	4.4	65.0
South Central [4620]							
2006	42.3	27.0	26.4	0.6	63.8	2.2	62.4
2007	42.8	29.5	28.2	1.3	68.9	4.4	65.9

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2006 and May 2007

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2006	81.7	53.2	51.1	2.2	65.1	4.1	62.5
2007	81.9	54.2	51.4	2.7	66.2	5.0	62.8
North Central [4640]							
2006	35.4	23.4	22.8	0.6	66.1	2.6	64.4
2007	35.6	23.2	22.7	x	65.2	x	63.8
Winnipeg [4650]							
2006	528.4	365.8	347.7	18.1	69.2	4.9	65.8
2007	531.6	377.9	358.4	19.5	71.1	5.2	67.4
Interlake [4660]							
2006	68.5	46.8	45.4	1.4	68.3	3.0	66.3
2007	69.4	46.0	44.3	1.6	66.3	3.5	63.8
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2006	60.4	40.8	38.9	1.9	67.5	4.7	64.4
2007	59.3	39.9	37.9	2.0	67.3	5.0	63.9
Saskatchewan							
2006	746.5	509.2	483.5	25.7	68.2	5.0	64.8
2007	748.7	521.7	499.4	22.3	69.7	4.3	66.7
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2006	219.0	150.2	143.5	6.7	68.6	4.5	65.5
2007	220.1	156.0	149.7	6.3	70.9	4.0	68.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2006	82.6	57.8	55.0	2.8	70.0	4.8	66.6
2007	82.5	56.6	54.3	2.3	68.6	4.1	65.8
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2006	230.6	161.4	153.5	7.8	70.0	4.8	66.6
2007	232.5	168.2	161.7	6.4	72.3	3.8	69.5
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2006	64.8	42.7	40.8	1.9	65.9	4.4	63.0
2007	64.0	43.3	41.4	1.9	67.7	4.4	64.7
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2006	149.4	97.1	90.6	6.5	65.0	6.7	60.6
2007	149.5	97.7	92.4	5.3	65.4	5.4	61.8
Alberta							
2006	2,618.8	1,913.9	1,848.4	65.5	73.1	3.4	70.6
2007	2,724.2	2,009.4	1,937.7	71.6	73.8	3.6	71.1
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2006	198.8	140.1	136.2	4.0	70.5	2.9	68.5
2007	205.8	138.4	132.7	5.6	67.2	4.0	64.5
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2006	149.8	110.4	107.0	3.4	73.7	3.1	71.4
2007	154.2	112.9	108.6	4.3	73.2	3.8	70.4
Calgary [4830]							
2006	945.3	719.2	695.9	23.3	76.1	3.2	73.6
2007	987.8	757.6	732.4	25.2	76.7	3.3	74.1
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2006	65.6	49.6	48.8	x	75.6	x	74.4
2007	67.6	54.3	52.6	1.7	80.3	3.1	77.8
Red Deer [4850]							
2006	134.7	102.0	97.4	4.6	75.7	4.5	72.3
2007	141.1	106.7	102.8	3.9	75.6	3.7	72.9

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2006 and May 2007

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2006	862.6	592.3	570.2	22.1	68.7	3.7	66.1
2007	895.1	632.1	609.2	22.9	70.6	3.6	68.1
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2006	175.8	133.8	129.7	4.2	76.1	3.1	73.8
2007	182.2	138.7	133.2	5.5	76.1	4.0	73.1
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2006	86.1	66.4	63.2	3.2	77.1	4.8	73.4
2007	90.5	68.7	66.1	2.5	75.9	3.6	73.0
British Columbia							
2006	3,497.7	2,285.5	2,178.9	106.7	65.3	4.7	62.3
2007	3,556.9	2,349.4	2,248.8	100.7	66.1	4.3	63.2
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2006	609.5	388.0	368.2	19.8	63.7	5.1	60.4
2007	620.5	392.1	373.4	18.7	63.2	4.8	60.2
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2006	2,110.2	1,392.5	1,333.3	59.1	66.0	4.2	63.2
2007	2,150.9	1,438.3	1,379.8	58.5	66.9	4.1	64.1
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2006	411.6	266.0	252.0	14.0	64.6	5.3	61.2
2007	421.4	270.6	259.5	11.2	64.2	4.1	61.6
Kootenay [5940]							
2006	122.2	70.1	66.8	3.3	57.4	4.7	54.7
2007	121.9	82.7	79.2	3.5	67.8	4.2	65.0
Cariboo [5950]							
2006	126.0	88.4	82.3	6.1	70.2	6.9	65.3
2007	124.7	84.0	80.2	3.8	67.4	4.5	64.3
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2006	67.8	46.6	43.5	3.0	68.7	6.4	64.2
2007	66.2	44.0	40.3	3.7	66.5	8.4	60.9
Northeast [5980]							
2006	50.4	34.1	32.7	x	67.7	x	64.9
2007	51.2	37.7	36.4	x	73.6	x	71.1

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.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0054.

Table 6-2
Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in
May 2006 and May 2007

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yukon Territory ¹							
2006	21.5	16.4	15.6	0.8	76.3	4.9	72.6
2007	21.3	15.3	14.5	0.8	71.8	5.2	68.1
Northwest Territories ²							
2006	31.1	24.1	22.9	1.2	77.5	5.0	73.6
2007	30.7	24.0	22.6	1.3	78.2	5.4	73.6
Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³							
2006	13.8	8.7	7.9	0.8	63.5	9.3	57.6
2007	14.1	10.1	9.2	0.9	71.6	9.0	65.2

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Since 2004, the Labour force survey has been administered in Nunavut, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals. The 10 largest communities are Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake, Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Kugluktuk, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Igloolik.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0054.

Table 7
Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada, unadjusted for seasonality

	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
	thousands		dollars		thousands		dollars	thousands		dollars
May 2007										
15 years and over	14,307.8	35.6	743.89	20.19	11,771.0	39.5	848.65	2,536.8	17.6	257.78
15 to 24 years	2,543.4	29.1	368.36	11.79	1,462.2	38.9	526.73	1,081.2	15.8	154.19
25 years and over	11,764.5	37.0	825.07	22.01	10,308.8	39.6	894.31	1,455.7	19.0	334.71
Men	7,225.9	38.3	856.94	21.89	6,476.0	40.8	930.42	749.9	16.8	222.33
Women	7,082.0	32.9	628.54	18.46	5,295.0	38.0	748.64	1,786.9	18.0	272.65
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,561.7	36.1	854.36	23.38	3,948.9	38.7	927.66	612.8	19.4	382.04
No union coverage	9,746.1	35.4	692.18	18.70	7,822.1	39.9	808.76	1,924.0	17.1	218.20
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,324.1	36.4	780.73	20.88	10,511.7	39.5	868.00	1,812.4	18.5	274.61
Temporary	1,983.7	31.0	514.98	15.92	1,259.3	39.9	687.16	724.4	15.6	215.67
Occupation										
Management	995.7	40.0	1,245.04	31.31	975.4	40.4	1,262.23	20.4	17.7	421.10
Business, finance and administrative	2,683.9	35.4	694.30	19.27	2,307.2	38.3	761.66	376.7	17.6	281.63
Natural and applied sciences	1,047.6	38.7	1,100.23	28.39	1,016.1	39.3	1,121.26	31.5	18.3	421.21
Health	868.2	33.6	820.64	24.42	651.4	38.0	931.33	216.8	20.6	487.98
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,305.0	34.4	906.18	26.08	1,065.6	38.1	1,014.33	239.4	17.9	424.73
Art, culture, recreation and sport	296.4	31.8	703.11	21.15	213.6	38.6	878.28	82.8	14.1	251.02
Sales and service	3,718.6	30.9	444.57	13.44	2,365.3	38.6	593.92	1,353.3	17.4	183.53
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,104.7	40.2	820.31	20.23	1,965.4	41.7	860.84	139.3	18.3	248.38
Occupations unique to primary industry	332.4	42.3	725.35	16.61	291.9	46.1	802.33	40.5	14.7	170.79
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	955.4	39.3	694.50	17.49	919.1	40.2	713.33	36.3	17.6	217.80
May 2006										
15 years and over	14,178.3	35.9	725.85	19.60	11,739.3	39.6	824.66	2,439.0	17.9	250.30
15 to 24 years	2,523.3	29.4	356.14	11.31	1,459.4	39.1	504.51	1,063.8	16.1	152.59
25 years and over	11,655.0	37.3	805.90	21.39	10,279.8	39.7	870.11	1,375.2	19.2	325.89
Men	7,212.9	38.5	838.92	21.34	6,491.4	40.9	907.39	721.5	17.0	222.83
Women	6,965.4	33.1	608.78	17.79	5,247.9	38.0	722.32	1,717.6	18.2	261.84
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,515.8	36.0	818.24	22.47	3,880.3	38.7	892.44	635.5	19.5	365.13
No union coverage	9,662.5	35.8	682.68	18.25	7,858.9	40.1	791.19	1,803.6	17.3	209.84
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,206.4	36.7	764.67	20.32	10,510.0	39.6	844.78	1,696.4	18.8	268.34
Temporary	1,971.9	30.8	485.57	15.13	1,229.3	39.8	652.60	742.6	15.8	209.08
Occupation										
Management	1,011.2	40.5	1,245.58	30.91	989.5	41.0	1,264.28	21.7	20.3	393.46
Business, finance and administrative	2,755.6	35.5	674.91	18.65	2,371.2	38.3	739.31	384.3	18.4	277.58
Natural and applied sciences	1,033.8	38.9	1,063.64	27.38	1,009.3	39.4	1,079.11	24.4	19.7	424.89
Health	867.4	33.5	777.75	23.12	659.4	37.6	881.34	208.0	20.5	449.39
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,260.1	34.4	876.53	25.33	1,022.7	38.2	982.06	237.4	18.1	421.88
Art, culture, recreation and sport	329.3	30.8	654.19	20.11	228.5	37.9	834.17	100.9	14.7	246.43
Sales and service	3,492.9	31.0	432.37	12.98	2,226.4	38.7	577.76	1,266.5	17.5	176.77
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,069.4	40.5	793.03	19.43	1,953.3	41.8	825.96	116.1	17.8	239.31
Occupations unique to primary industry	350.3	42.7	675.39	15.44	307.9	46.5	745.71	42.4	15.1	164.65
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,008.3	39.5	684.36	17.20	971.0	40.3	702.65	37.3	17.2	207.69

Note(s): 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 June 10, 2007 to July 7, 2007
	Percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.3
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	16.9
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.0
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.9
05. Western Nova Scotia	8.8
06. Halifax	5.2
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	4.7
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	9.4
09. Restigouche-Albert	12.8
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	17.2
11. Québec	4.9
12. Trois-Rivières	7.8
13. South Central Quebec	6.1
14. Sherbrooke	6.4
15. Montérégie	6.9
16. Montréal	6.8
17. Central Quebec	9.5
18. Northwestern Quebec	12.8
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	12.2
20. Gatineau	5.6
21. Saguenay	9.7
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	5.6
23. Eastern Ontario	7.2
24. Kingston	4.5
25. Central Ontario	5.9
26. Oshawa	5.9
27. Toronto	6.9
28. Hamilton	6.1
29. St. Catharines	5.7
30. London	6.0
31. Niagara	7.9
32. Windsor	9.3
33. Kitchener	5.6
34. Huron	8.6
35. South Central Ontario	5.9
36. Sudbury	5.9
37. Thunder Bay	6.7
38. Northern Ontario	10.4
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	5.0
40. Southern Manitoba	5.2
41. Northern Manitoba	26.2
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.7
43. Saskatoon	3.9
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.7
45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.2

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 June 10, 2007 to July 7, 2007
	Percent
Alberta	
46. Calgary	3.5
47. Edmonton	3.7
48. Northern Alberta	7.7
49. Southern Alberta	4.7
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	5.5
51. Abbotsford	4.7
52. Vancouver	4.2
53. Victoria	4.1
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.3
55. Northern British Columbia	7.6
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 Social Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/ei/region/economic_region_information.shtml&hs=eza.
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.

Table 9-1
Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 (unadjusted) by detailed age groups

	May 2005	May 2006	May 2007	S.E. ¹	Change from		Percent change from	
					last year	two years ago	last year	two years ago
in thousands								
Students 15 to 24 years²								
Population	2,239.3	2,246.3	2,257.6	28.2	11.3	18.3	0.5	0.8
Labour force	1,230.0	1,230.6	1,256.2	29.4	25.6	26.2	2.1	2.1
Employment	1,013.9	1,032.5	1,065.0	28.1	32.5	51.1	3.1	5.0
Full-time employment	280.2	282.4	286.8	20.3	4.4	6.6	1.6	2.4
Part-time employment	733.8	750.1	778.2	22.5	28.1	44.4	3.7	6.1
Unemployment	216.1	198.1	191.2	13.3	-6.9	-24.9	-3.5	-11.5
Participation rate	54.9	54.8	55.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.6	16.1	15.2	0.9	-0.9	-2.4	...	...
Employment rate	45.3	46.0	47.2	1.0	1.2	1.9	...	...
Part-time rate	72.4	72.6	73.1	1.3	0.4	0.7	...	...
Students 15 to 16 years²								
Population	793.4	821.7	818.1	5.4	-3.6	24.7	-0.4	3.1
Labour force	274.3	294.2	312.7	12.7	18.5	38.4	6.3	14.0
Employment	208.0	223.4	245.2	11.9	21.8	37.2	9.8	17.9
Full-time employment	5.3	9.3	4.3	5.3	-5.0	-1.0	-53.8	-18.9
Part-time employment	202.7	214.1	240.9	11.3	26.8	38.2	12.5	18.8
Unemployment	66.3	70.8	67.6	7.8	-3.2	1.3	-4.5	2.0
Participation rate	34.6	35.8	38.2	1.5	2.4	3.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	24.2	24.1	21.6	2.1	-2.5	-2.6	...	...
Employment rate	26.2	27.2	30.0	1.5	2.8	3.8	...	...
Part-time rate	97.5	95.8	98.2	1.8	2.4	0.8	...	...
Students 17 to 19 years²								
Population	807.5	809.4	821.8	15.3	12.4	14.3	1.5	1.8
Labour force	489.4	498.1	504.5	16.3	6.4	15.1	1.3	3.1
Employment	409.1	428.5	434.5	15.9	6.0	25.4	1.4	6.2
Full-time employment	75.1	90.7	84.8	11.0	-5.9	9.7	-6.5	12.9
Part-time employment	334.0	337.8	349.7	14.1	11.9	15.7	3.5	4.7
Unemployment	80.3	69.6	70.0	8.2	0.4	-10.3	0.6	-12.8
Participation rate	60.6	61.5	61.4	1.5	-0.1	0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	14.0	13.9	1.4	-0.1	-2.5	...	...
Employment rate	50.7	52.9	52.9	1.6	0.0	2.2	...	...
Part-time rate	81.6	78.8	80.5	1.9	1.7	-1.2	...	...
Students 20 to 24 years²								
Population	638.3	615.1	617.7	22.2	2.6	-20.6	0.4	-3.2
Labour force	466.4	438.3	438.9	20.3	0.6	-27.5	0.1	-5.9
Employment	396.8	380.6	385.4	19.6	4.8	-11.4	1.3	-2.9
Full-time employment	199.8	182.5	197.8	15.6	15.3	-2.0	8.4	-1.0
Part-time employment	197.0	198.1	187.6	13.3	-10.5	-9.4	-5.3	-4.8
Unemployment	69.6	57.7	53.6	6.5	-4.1	-16.0	-7.1	-23.0
Participation rate	73.1	71.3	71.1	1.8	-0.2	-2.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	13.2	12.2	1.3	-1.0	-2.7	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.9	62.4	1.9	0.5	0.2	...	...
Part-time rate	49.6	52.0	48.7	2.4	-3.4	-1.0	...	...
Other persons aged 15 to 24³								
Population	2,034.2	2,068.9	2,091.4	22.4	22.5	57.2	1.1	2.8
Labour force	1,706.7	1,747.9	1,774.6	27.0	26.7	67.9	1.5	4.0
Employment	1,503.5	1,578.5	1,580.0	27.5	1.5	76.5	0.1	5.1
Full-time employment	1,155.5	1,230.7	1,227.7	27.5	-3.0	72.2	-0.2	6.2
Part-time employment	348.0	347.8	352.3	21.6	4.5	4.3	1.3	1.2
Unemployment	203.2	169.4	194.5	16.3	25.1	-8.7	14.8	-4.3
Participation rate	83.9	84.5	84.9	0.6	0.4	1.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.9	9.7	11.0	0.6	1.3	-0.9	...	...
Employment rate	73.9	76.3	75.5	0.7	-0.7	1.6	...	...
Part-time rate	23.1	22.0	22.3	0.9	0.3	-0.8	...	...

1. Average standard error of change over the year (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

2. Students are persons aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall.

3. Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0006

Table 9-2
Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 (unadjusted) by province

	Population		Labour force				Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
	Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment				
in thousands									
Students¹									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
May 2006	35.2	13.4	9.9	3.1	6.8	3.5	38.1	26.1	28.1
May 2007	34.2	15.0	11.4	3.3	8.1	3.6	43.9	24.0	33.3
Prince Edward Island									
May 2006	9.5	5.9	4.7	1.6	3.1	1.2	62.1	20.3	49.5
May 2007	10.3	6.3	5.2	1.6	3.6	1.1	61.2	17.5	50.5
Nova Scotia									
May 2006	66.5	39.2	32.2	8.4	23.8	7.0	58.9	17.9	48.4
May 2007	65.3	37.2	28.9	8.2	20.6	8.3	57.0	22.3	44.3
New Brunswick									
May 2006	46.9	27.8	21.6	6.9	14.7	6.2	59.3	22.3	46.1
May 2007	48.0	28.1	21.8	5.6	16.3	6.3	58.5	22.4	45.4
Quebec									
May 2006	512.2	255.1	216.1	38.8	177.3	39.0	49.8	15.3	42.2
May 2007	524.0	272.1	225.4	40.8	184.6	46.7	51.9	17.2	43.0
Ontario									
May 2006	956.5	536.1	441.9	124.5	317.4	94.2	56.0	17.6	46.2
May 2007	961.9	547.4	461.3	135.0	326.2	86.1	56.9	15.7	48.0
Manitoba									
May 2006	75.3	48.4	42.0	11.7	30.3	6.4	64.3	13.2	55.8
May 2007	77.0	52.3	44.5	11.5	33.1	7.8	67.9	14.9	57.8
Saskatchewan									
May 2006	64.1	38.4	35.0	12.6	22.4	3.5	59.9	9.1	54.6
May 2007	61.3	38.2	34.3	10.2	24.0	4.0	62.3	10.5	56.0
Alberta									
May 2006	208.3	128.1	112.1	41.7	70.3	16.0	61.5	12.5	53.8
May 2007	199.9	118.6	105.1	40.1	65.0	13.5	59.3	11.4	52.6
British Columbia									
May 2006	271.9	138.2	117.1	33.1	84.0	21.0	50.8	15.2	43.1
May 2007	275.5	141.0	127.2	30.5	96.7	13.8	51.2	9.8	46.2
Other persons aged 15-24²									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
May 2006	31.9	24.3	18.1	13.2	4.9	6.3	76.2	25.9	56.7
May 2007	29.8	20.6	16.4	11.3	5.1	x	69.1	x	55.0
Prince Edward Island									
May 2006	10.4	9.5	8.4	6.8	1.6	1.1	91.3	11.6	80.8
May 2007	9.4	8.1	7.1	5.7	1.4	1.0	86.2	12.3	75.5
Nova Scotia									
May 2006	56.8	48.4	41.1	33.3	7.8	7.3	85.2	15.1	72.4
May 2007	57.2	47.5	41.4	32.7	8.7	6.0	83.0	12.6	72.4
New Brunswick									
May 2006	49.2	41.3	36.5	28.7	7.8	x	83.9	x	74.2
May 2007	46.9	39.2	34.8	27.6	7.3	4.4	83.6	11.2	74.2
Quebec									
May 2006	438.1	366.0	320.0	244.8	75.0	46.1	83.5	12.6	73.0
May 2007	430.2	362.0	322.9	251.5	71.5	39.0	84.1	10.8	75.1
Ontario									
May 2006	744.8	629.9	562.5	441.3	121.2	67.3	84.6	10.7	75.5
May 2007	756.5	645.1	554.4	419.1	135.3	90.7	85.3	14.1	73.3
Manitoba									
May 2006	80.5	69.2	65.9	49.5	16.5	3.3	86.0	4.8	81.9
May 2007	79.6	70.0	64.8	46.1	18.6	5.3	87.9	7.6	81.4

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 9-2 – continued

Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 (unadjusted) by province

	Population	Labour force					Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment			
in thousands									
Saskatchewan									
May 2006	73.7	62.3	57.4	45.1	12.3	4.9	84.5	7.9	77.9
May 2007	76.1	66.5	61.6	48.4	13.2	4.7	87.4	7.1	80.9
Alberta									
May 2006	279.5	243.7	231.4	195.4	36.1	12.3	87.2	5.0	82.8
May 2007	303.3	257.4	236.3	197.4	38.9	21.1	84.9	8.2	77.9
British Columbia									
May 2006	304.0	253.2	237.2	172.5	64.7	16.0	83.3	6.3	78.0
May 2007	302.5	258.2	240.3	187.9	52.4	17.9	85.4	6.9	79.4

1. Students are persons aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall.

2. Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0006

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 30 or more 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 variability of estimates

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 53,000 households across Canada. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the estimates are subject to sampling error. While the published estimate is the best available indicator of the real value, changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. The sampling error can be estimated by calculating the standard error for the published estimate or statistic. These standard errors have been included in the publication tables, in order to assist users in interpreting the data.

Interpretation based on standard error

Two thirds of the time (68%), a change greater than the sampling error indicates a real change. The larger the change compared to the standard error, the better the chance that we are observing a real change, as opposed to a change due to sampling variability. At the 95% level, in order to ensure that change is real, the change in the estimate must be greater than twice the sampling error.

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.

Interpretation based on confidence intervals

Confidence intervals provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates of sample surveys. To illustrate how to calculate the confidence interval, let us say that one month the published estimate for total employment rose by 16,000 to reach 16,500,000. The associated standard error for the movement estimate is 27,200. The standard error used to interpret the movement estimate indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three (68%) that the real value of the movement between the two months falls within the range -11,200 to +43,200 (16,000 + or – one standard error).
- There are approximately nine chances in ten (90%) that the real value of the movement between the two months falls within the range -27,520 to +59,520 (16,000 + or – 1.6 times the standard error).
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty (95%) that the real value of the movement between the two months falls within the range -38,400 to +70,400 (16,000 + or – two standard errors).

For more detailed explanations on sampling variability of estimates, and in particular for information on how to assess the variability of level estimates, consult the Data quality section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey*, (71-543-G) on page 27.

Documentation

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-G)
- Data quality statement
- Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-X)
- LFS *geographical maps*