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- r revised
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Highlights

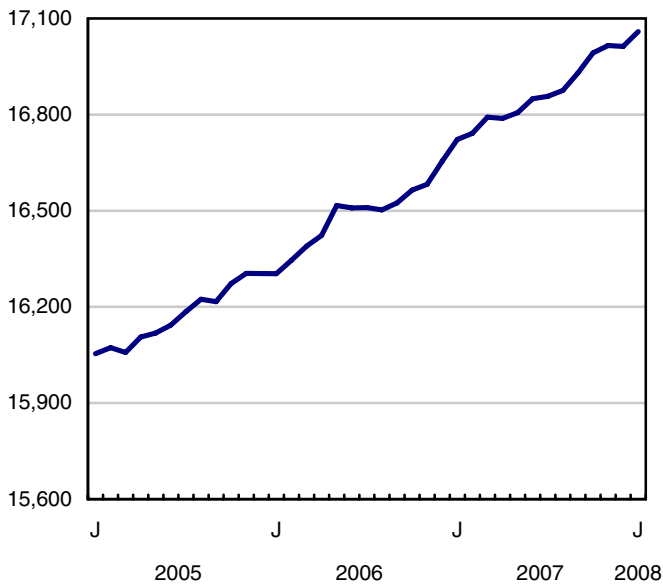
January 2008

Employment grew by an estimated 46,000 in January, boosting the employment rate to a record high (63.8%). These gains pushed the unemployment rate back down to 5.8%, matching the 33-year low also reported in October 2007.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

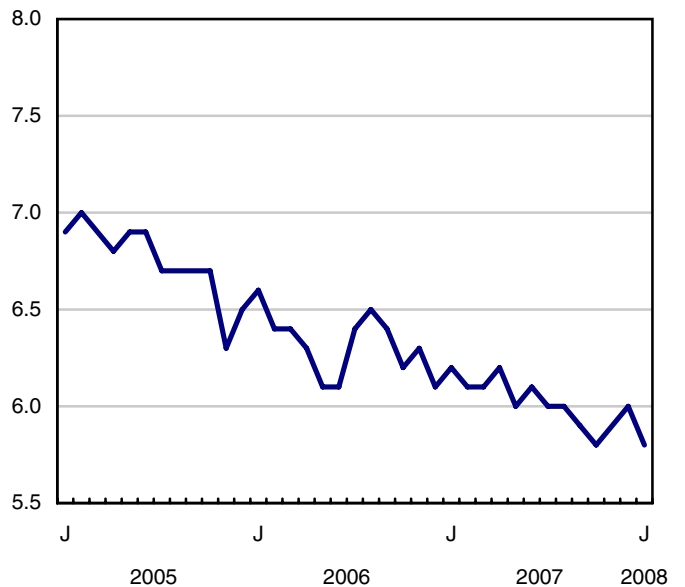
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percentage



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With January's gains, employment growth over the past twelve months was estimated at 337,000 (+2.0%).

Employment growth in January was wholly attributable to an increase in full time. Over the last 12 months, full-time work has grown at nearly double the rate of part time.

Gains in January were widespread across a number of industries, most notably in professional, scientific and technical services and in construction. Overall employment gains were tempered by decreases in information, culture and recreation as well as in retail and wholesale trade.

In January, the number of employees in the private sector jumped by 77,000. Despite this increase, the number of private sector employees was only 0.7% higher than a year earlier.

Employment increased in several provinces in January. Building on strong growth in recent months, Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador attained record employment rates in January.

In Quebec, the unemployment rate fell to a 33-year low of 6.8% in January.

Wage growth remained vigorous in January, with a year-over-year increase in average hourly wages estimated at 4.9% for the second consecutive month. This was well above the most recent increase of 2.4% in consumer prices. January also marked the sixth consecutive month with a year-over-year increase in hourly wages at or above 4%.

Employment growth was spread across several sectors

Employment growth in January was spread across a number of industries in both the goods and service sectors.

In the goods-producing sector, gains were recorded in construction (+20,000); manufacturing (+18,000); agriculture (+14,000) and utilities (+6,000). Following an increase in December, employment in natural resources declined in January (-13,000) to a level similar to that of January 2007.

In the service sector in January, substantial increases were observed in professional, scientific and technical services (+30,000); finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (+16,000) and "other services" (+16,000). These gains were offset by declines in information, culture and recreation (-28,000) and trade (-27,000).

Over the past twelve months employment growth was strongest in construction; professional, scientific and technical services; public administration; transportation and warehousing and "other services".

Although manufacturing employment edged up in January, over the past 12 months it was down by 113,000 (-5.4%), with most of the declines in Ontario and Quebec.

Public sector takes a breather

Public sector employment was unchanged in January for the third consecutive month. This pause follows sizeable gains, which pushed employment in this sector up an estimated 6.2% over the past 12 months. By comparison, self-employment grew 2.6% during the same period, while growth among private sector employees was a meagre 0.7%.

Labour market still robust in the West

British Columbia's employment increase in January (+12,000), all in full time, was spread across several industries. In the past twelve months, British Columbia's employment growth (+2.4%) was above that of the national average. The employment rate reached a record high of 63.9%.

Alberta's still-flourishing labour market continued to beat records. January's increase in employment, while slight, was enough to raise the province's employment rate to a new record high (72.1%). In the past twelve months, employment gains have been strongest in trade; health care and social assistance and public administration.

Employment in Manitoba increased by an estimated 3,000 in January, pushing the unemployment rate down to 3.8%, its lowest level since June 2006. This was the second lowest rate in Canada, after Alberta (3.2%). Employment gains in Manitoba over the past 12 months (+2.0%) were entirely in full-time work.

In Ontario, a slight increase in employment brought the unemployment rate down 0.2 percentage points to 6.3% in January. Employment growth over the last twelve months (+1.5%) was below the national average, with gains in a number of service industries tempered by losses in manufacturing, as well as accommodation and food services. In January, accommodation and food services posted its fourth decline in as many months.

Quebec's unemployment rate declined 0.2 percentage points to 6.8% in January, its lowest level in 33 years. While historically much higher than Ontario's rate, Quebec's unemployment rate has fallen substantially since August 2003. As a result, the gap between the unemployment rates for the two provinces has been less than one percentage point for nearly a year. In the past twelve months, the employment increase of 87,000 in Quebec (+2.3%) has been driven primarily by growth in construction; transportation and warehousing; and accommodation and food services.

Following modest growth in December, Newfoundland and Labrador added an estimated 4,000 workers in January. With this increase, the province attained a record employment rate of 52.5% for the month.

An aging labour force

In January, the largest employment gains were among women aged 55 and over (+20,000) and men 25 to 54 (+25,000).

In the past year, employment has increased ten times faster among older workers aged 55 and over (+8.0%) than among workers aged 25 to 54 (+0.8%). Older workers have captured a large share of employment gains, owing in part to the growth of this group within an aging Canadian population and in part to the steady rise in their employment rate since 1997.

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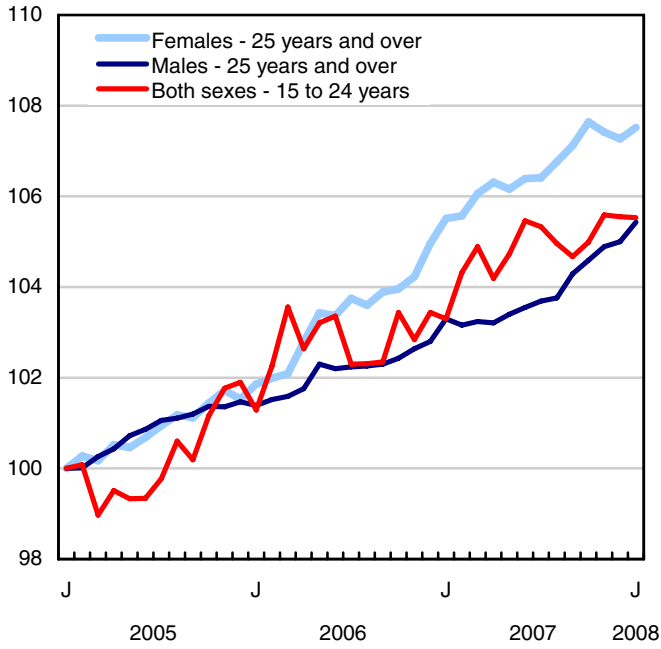
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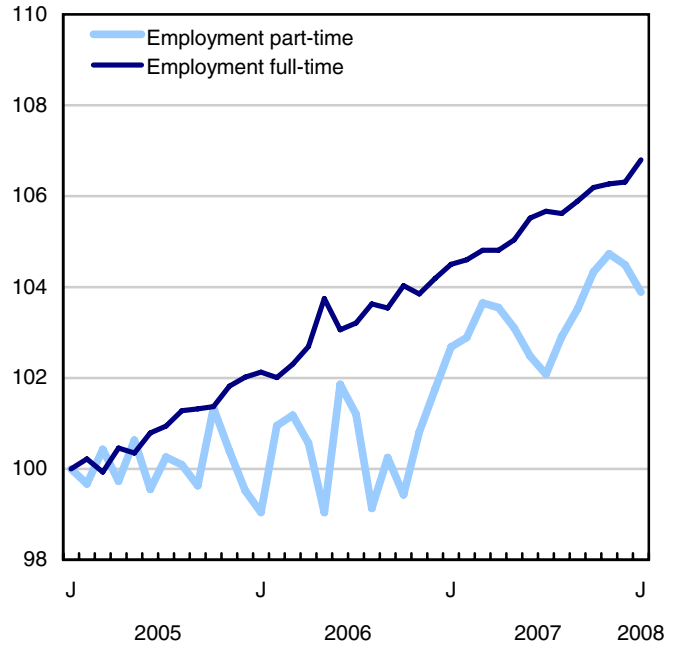
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Employment index, January 2005=100



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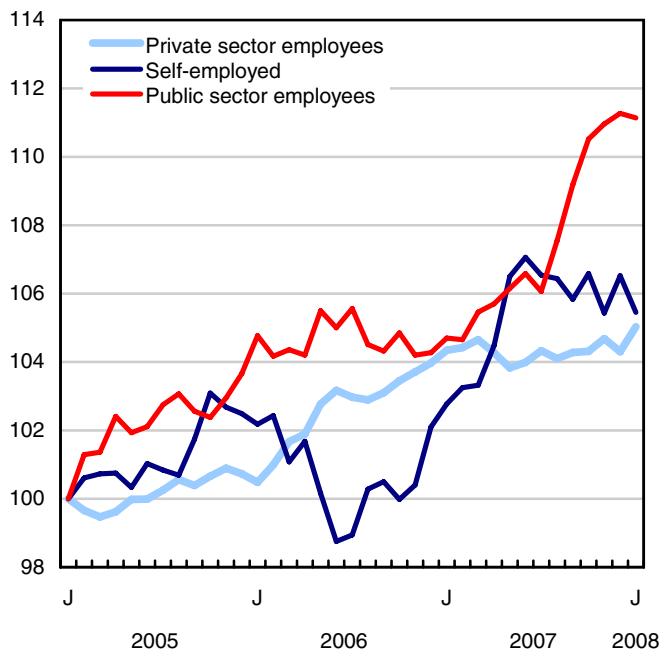
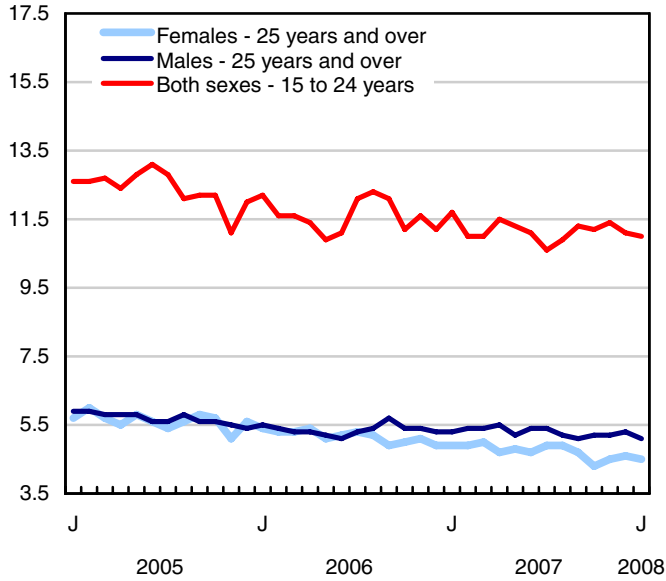
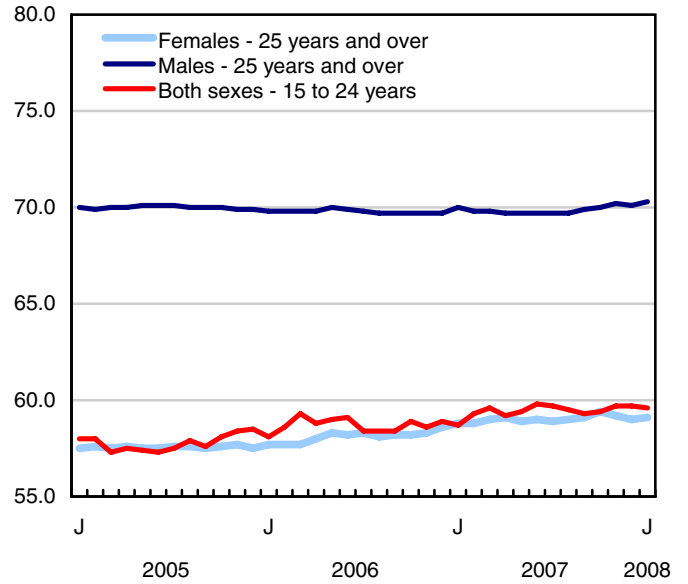


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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

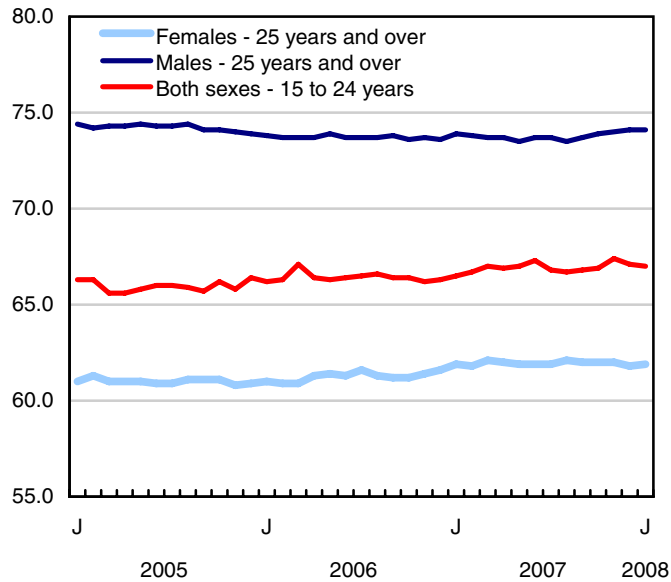


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Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2005=100

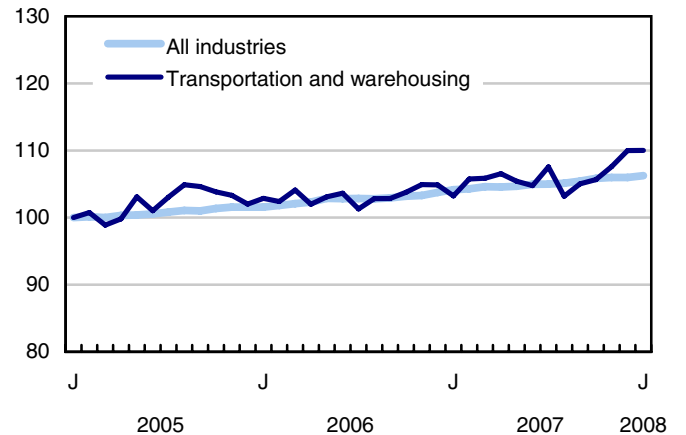
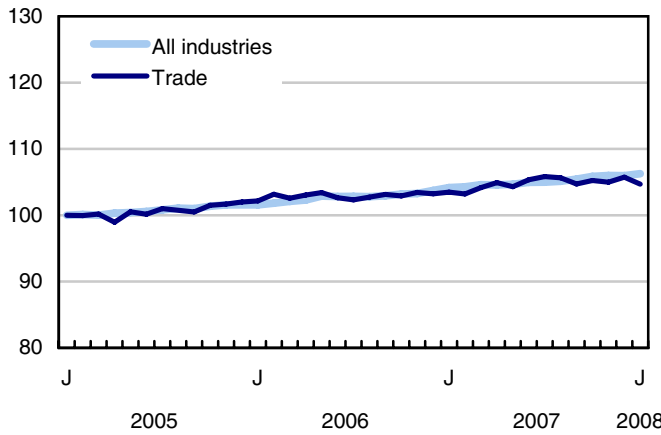
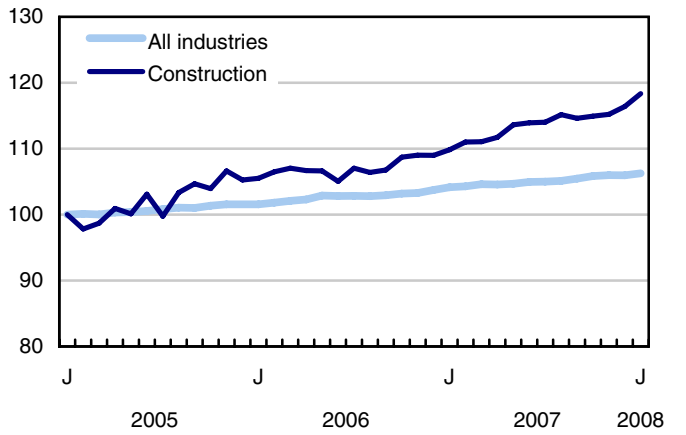
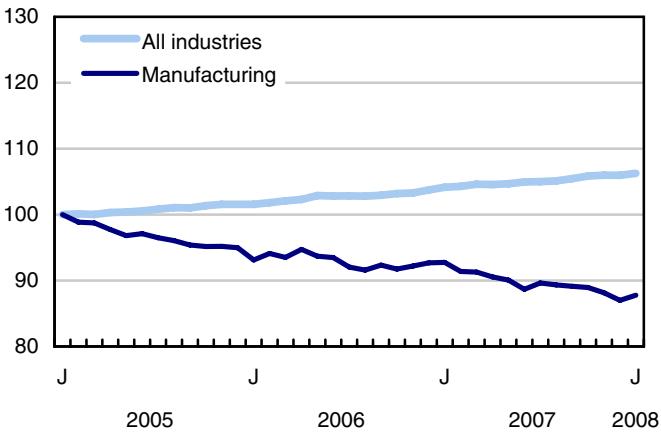
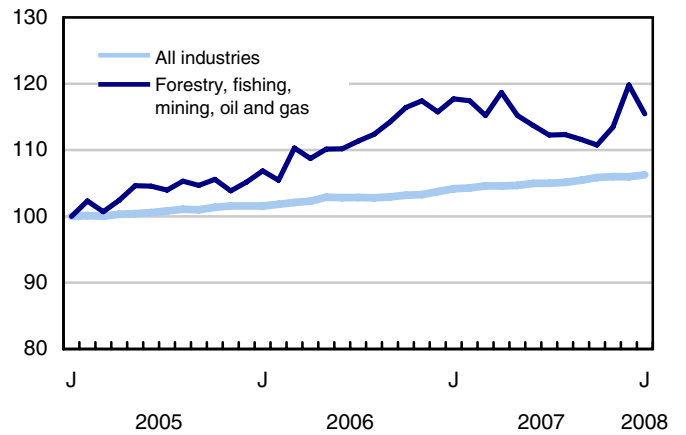
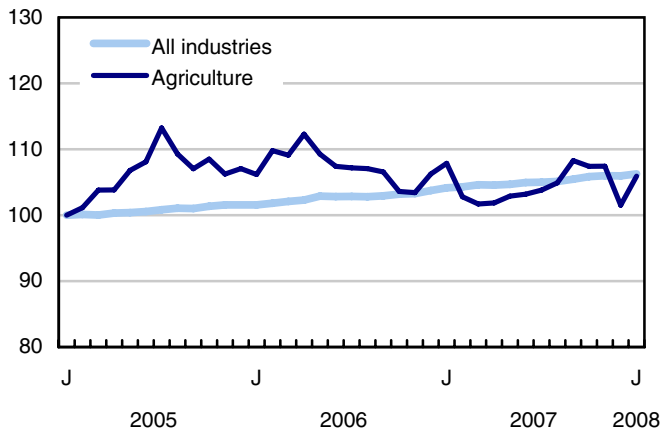


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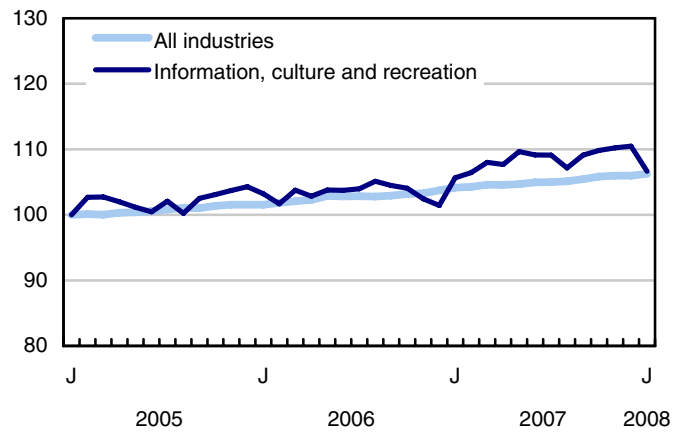
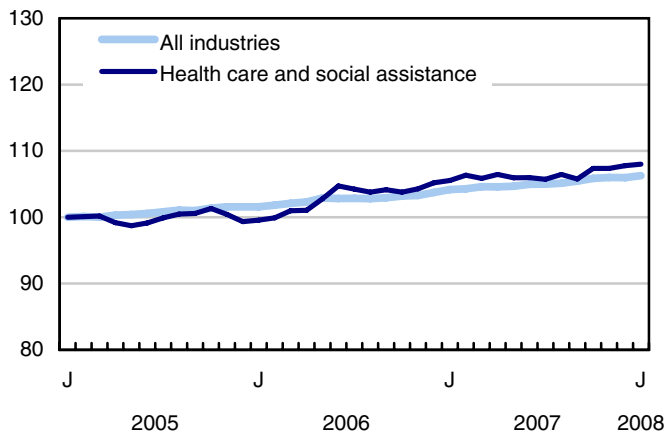
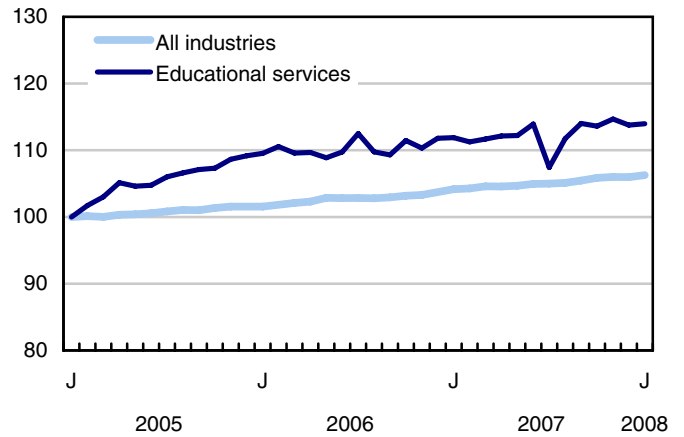
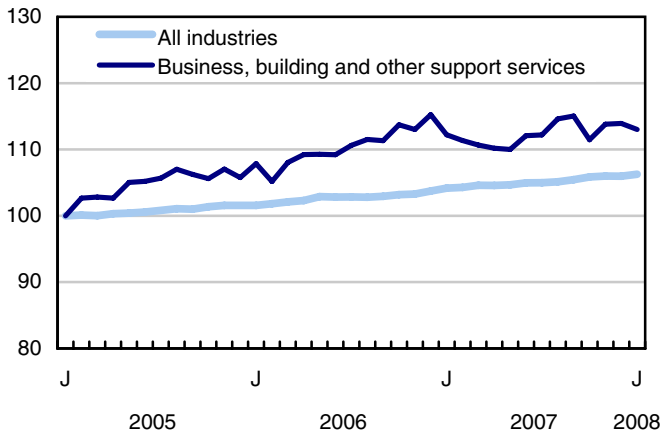
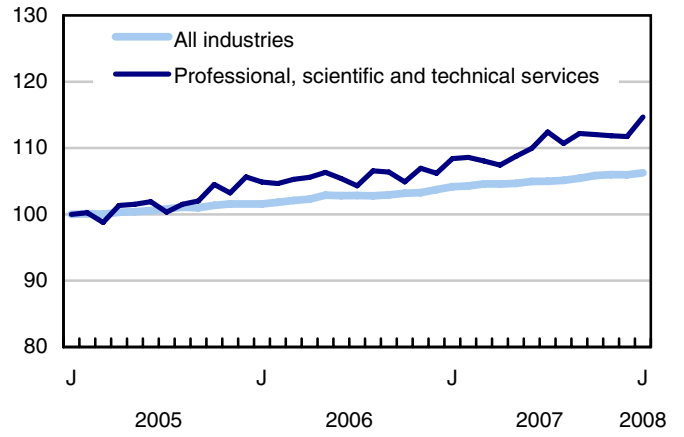
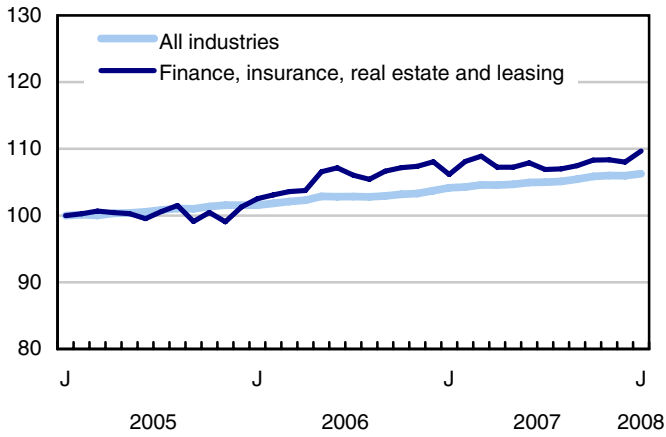


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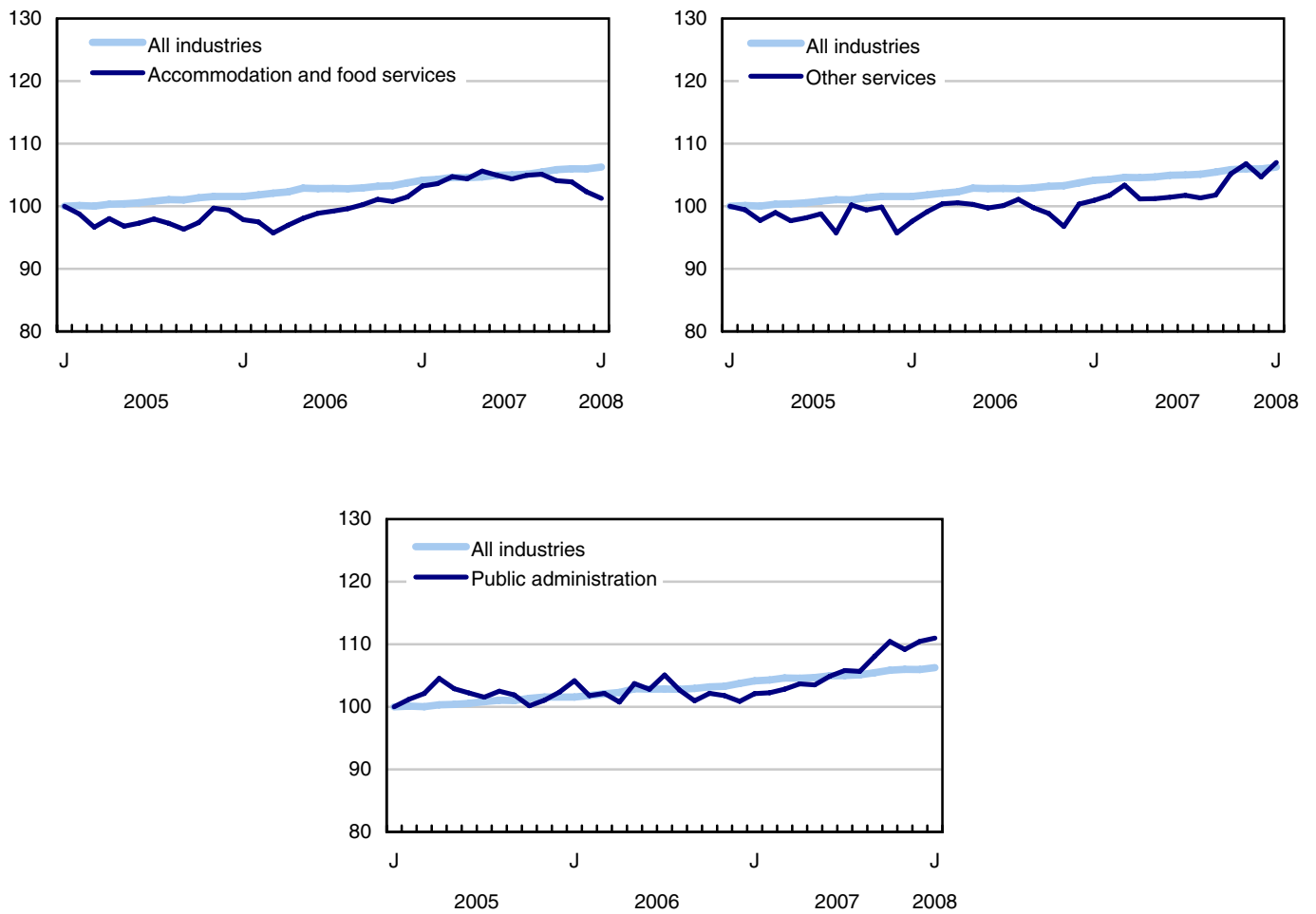


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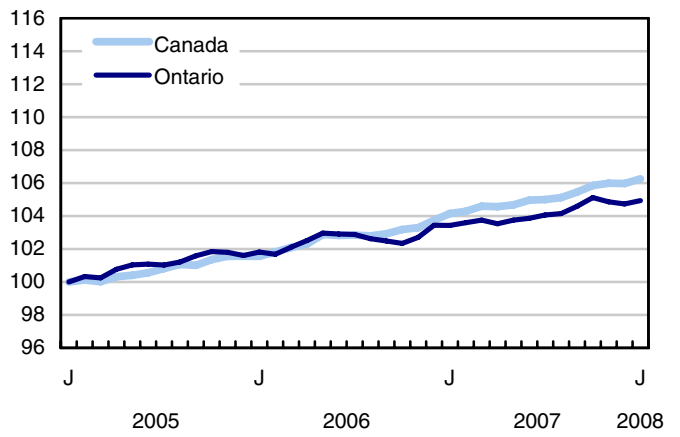
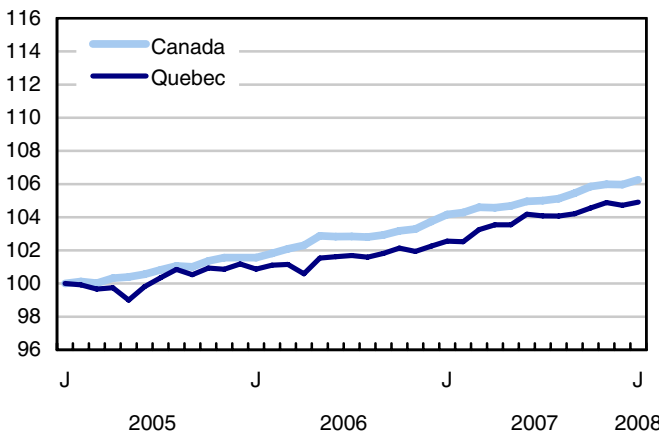
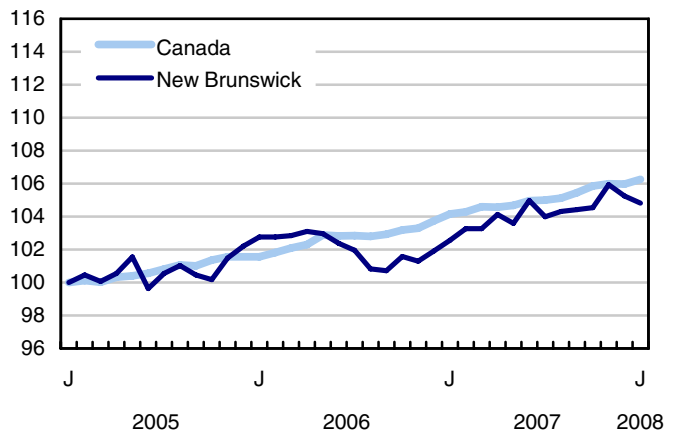
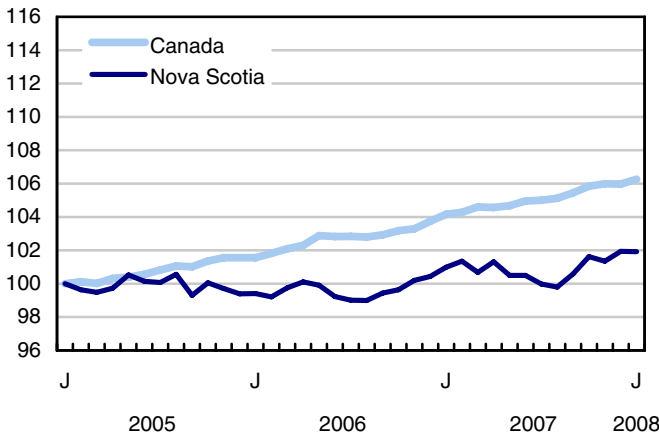
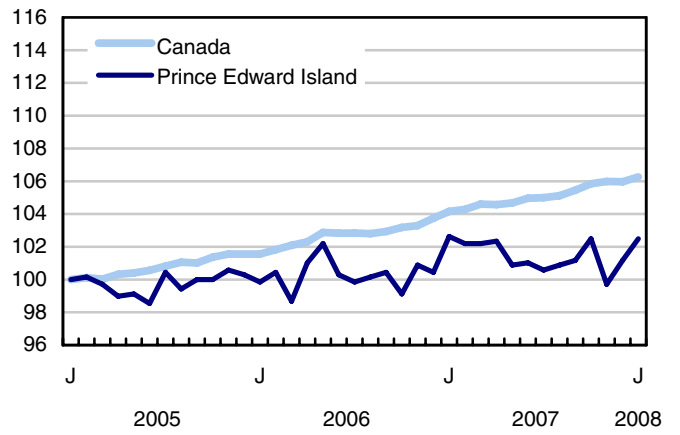
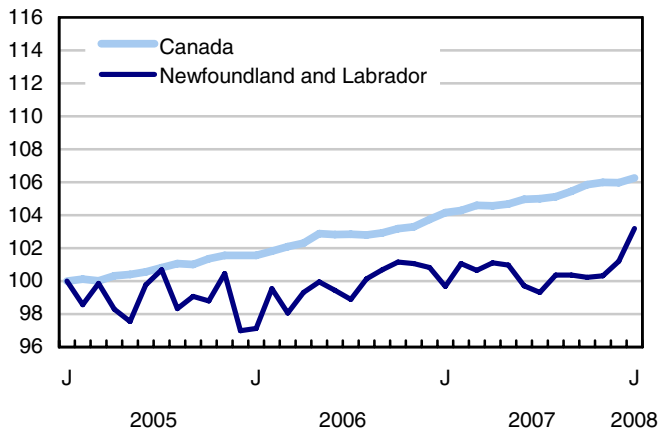
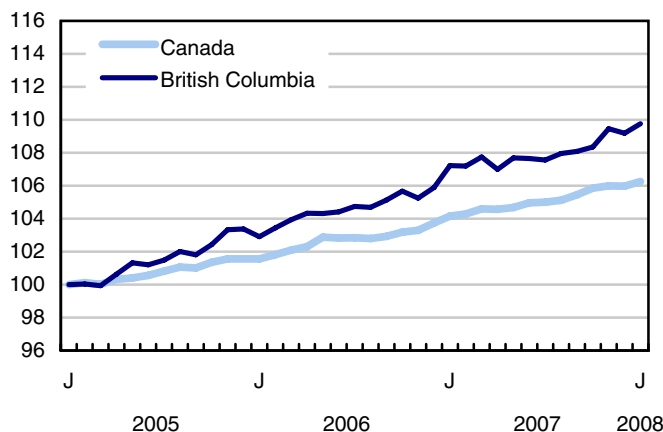
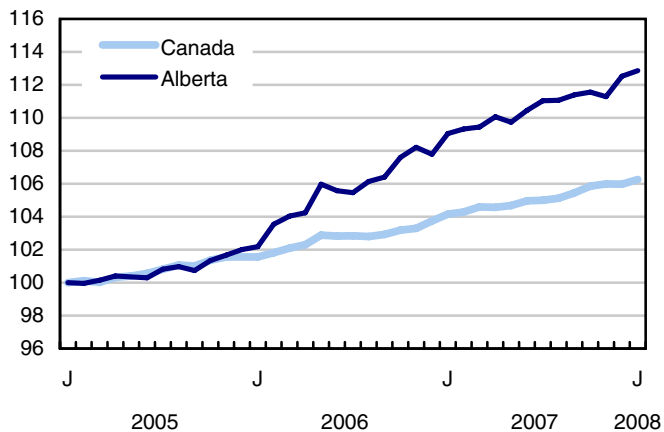
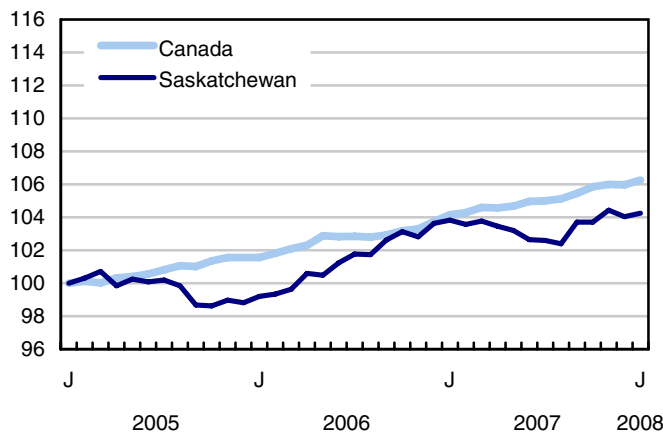
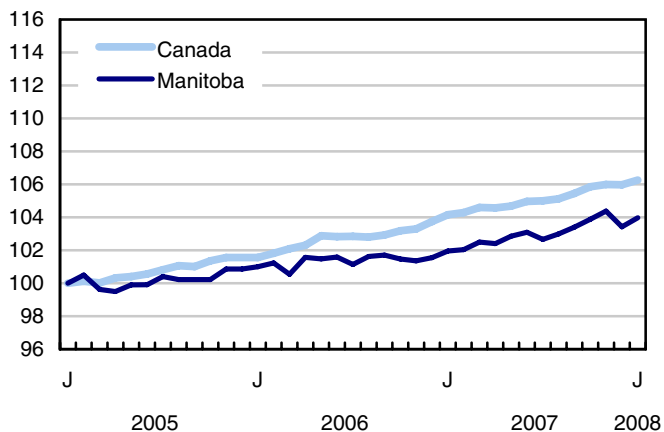


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100



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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	26,719.5	26,751.8	...	32.3	32.3	359.5	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	18,090.2	18,109.5	27.0	19.3	19.3	287.7	0.1	0.1	1.6
Employment	17,012.5	17,058.9	27.4	46.4	46.4	336.5	0.3	0.3	2.0
Employment full-time	13,914.6	13,978.9	35.7	64.3	64.3	300.7	0.5	0.5	2.2
Employment part-time	3,097.9	3,080.0	32.4	-17.9	-17.9	35.8	-0.6	-0.6	1.2
Unemployment	1,077.6	1,050.6	22.8	-27.0	-27.0	-48.8	-2.5	-2.5	-4.4
Participation rate	67.7	67.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,366.8	4,367.8	...	1.0	1.0	26.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	2,931.6	2,926.1	16.2	-5.5	-5.5	39.1	-0.2	-0.2	1.4
Employment	2,605.5	2,605.2	15.8	-0.3	-0.3	55.2	0.0	0.0	2.2
Employment full-time	1,421.9	1,452.9	17.9	31.0	31.0	33.4	2.2	2.2	2.4
Employment part-time	1,183.7	1,152.4	18.5	-31.3	-31.3	21.9	-2.6	-2.6	1.9
Unemployment	326.0	320.9	13.5	-5.1	-5.1	-16.1	-1.6	-1.6	-4.8
Participation rate	67.1	67.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	44.2	0.6	-1.2	-1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,920.7	10,936.5	...	15.8	15.8	166.1	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	8,088.1	8,102.0	13.9	13.9	13.9	145.1	0.2	0.2	1.8
Employment	7,660.2	7,691.5	15.0	31.3	31.3	155.4	0.4	0.4	2.1
Employment full-time	7,165.3	7,186.8	19.2	21.5	21.5	169.5	0.3	0.3	2.4
Employment part-time	494.9	504.7	15.1	9.8	9.8	-14.2	2.0	2.0	-2.7
Unemployment	427.9	410.5	13.4	-17.4	-17.4	-10.3	-4.1	-4.1	-2.4
Participation rate	74.1	74.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	11,432.0	11,447.5	...	15.5	15.5	166.8	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	7,070.5	7,081.3	15.5	10.8	10.8	103.4	0.2	0.2	1.5
Employment	6,746.8	6,762.1	15.5	15.3	15.3	125.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Employment full-time	5,327.4	5,339.2	23.0	11.8	11.8	97.8	0.2	0.2	1.9
Employment part-time	1,419.4	1,422.9	21.1	3.5	3.5	28.1	0.2	0.2	2.0
Unemployment	323.7	319.1	12.1	-4.6	-4.6	-22.6	-1.4	-1.4	-6.6
Participation rate	61.8	61.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	21.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,371.7	14,376.3	...	4.6	4.6	88.2	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	12,452.2	12,450.3	20.4	-1.9	-1.9	55.9	0.0	0.0	0.5
Employment	11,827.1	11,846.7	21.9	19.6	19.6	88.2	0.2	0.2	0.8
Unemployment	625.1	603.6	16.9	-21.5	-21.5	-32.3	-3.4	-3.4	-5.1
Participation rate	86.6	86.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.8	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.3	82.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	14,369.8	14,442.6	32.1	72.8	72.8	269.9	0.5	0.5	1.9
Self-employed ²	2,642.7	2,616.3	21.1	-26.4	-26.4	66.7	-1.0	-1.0	2.6
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,400.5	3,396.7	20.3	-3.8	-3.8	196.9	-0.1	-0.1	6.2
Private sector employees	10,969.3	11,045.9	33.1	76.6	76.6	73.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Industry	17,012.5	17,058.9	27.4	46.4	46.4	336.5	0.3	0.3	2.0
Goods-producing sector	3,968.7	4,012.8	23.3	44.1	44.1	-18.7	1.1	1.1	-0.5
Agriculture	327.6	341.8	6.9	14.2	14.2	-6.3	4.3	4.3	-1.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	354.4	341.5	6.5	-12.9	-12.9	-6.7	-3.6	-3.6	-1.9
Utilities	140.8	146.5	4.1	5.7	5.7	22.5	4.0	4.0	18.1
Construction	1,163.4	1,182.9	14.3	19.5	19.5	85.1	1.7	1.7	7.8
Manufacturing	1,982.5	2,000.0	17.9	17.5	17.5	-113.4	0.9	0.9	-5.4
Services-producing sector	13,043.8	13,046.1	31.1	2.3	2.3	355.2	0.0	0.0	2.8
Trade	2,706.4	2,679.9	20.4	-26.5	-26.5	31.3	-1.0	-1.0	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	854.9	855.0	11.8	0.1	0.1	52.6	0.0	0.0	6.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,064.3	1,080.5	13.0	16.2	16.2	34.5	1.5	1.5	3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,153.3	1,183.5	14.8	30.2	30.2	64.7	2.6	2.6	5.8
Business, building and other support services	712.2	706.5	12.7	-5.7	-5.7	5.1	-0.8	-0.8	0.7
Educational services	1,196.3	1,198.3	13.8	2.0	2.0	21.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Health care and social assistance	1,870.6	1,874.5	15.0	3.9	3.9	42.9	0.2	0.2	2.3
Information, culture and recreation	795.9	768.3	12.5	-27.6	-27.6	7.1	-3.5	-3.5	0.9
Accommodation and food services	1,049.4	1,038.5	14.3	-10.9	-10.9	-20.2	-1.0	-1.0	-1.9
Other services	737.3	753.5	11.0	16.2	16.2	42.5	2.2	2.2	6.0
Public administration	903.2	907.6	10.2	4.4	4.4	72.7	0.5	0.5	8.7

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	424.5	424.9	...	0.4	0.4	-1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Labour force	250.2	254.0	2.2	3.8	3.8	-0.2	1.5	1.5	-0.1
Employment	218.8	223.1	2.2	4.3	4.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	3.5
Employment full-time	188.6	190.1	2.6	1.5	1.5	6.9	0.8	0.8	3.8
Employment part-time	30.2	33.0	1.8	2.8	2.8	0.6	9.3	9.3	1.9
Unemployment	31.4	30.9	2.1	-0.5	-0.5	-7.8	-1.6	-1.6	-20.2
Participation rate	58.9	59.8	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.5	12.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.5	52.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.9	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	113.8	113.8	...	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	77.5	78.4	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0
Employment	69.2	70.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	-0.1	1.3	1.3	-0.1
Employment full-time	57.9	58.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5
Employment part-time	11.3	11.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	-0.4	3.5	3.5	-3.3
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2
Participation rate	68.1	68.9	0.5	0.8	0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	765.8	766.1	...	0.3	0.3	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	490.2	488.6	2.8	-1.6	-1.6	1.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.4
Employment	452.3	452.2	2.9	-0.1	-0.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	366.7	366.2	3.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Employment part-time	85.6	86.1	3.1	0.5	0.5	6.0	0.6	0.6	7.5
Unemployment	38.0	36.4	2.6	-1.6	-1.6	-2.3	-4.2	-4.2	-5.9
Participation rate	64.0	63.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	615.3	615.7	...	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	397.8	397.9	2.3	0.1	0.1	10.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Employment	366.6	365.1	2.4	-1.5	-1.5	7.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.2
Employment full-time	311.1	313.3	2.8	2.2	2.2	12.4	0.7	0.7	4.1
Employment part-time	55.5	51.8	2.4	-3.7	-3.7	-4.4	-6.7	-6.7	-7.8
Unemployment	31.2	32.8	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.1	5.1	5.1	6.8
Participation rate	64.7	64.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,340.2	6,345.4	...	5.2	5.2	56.5	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,174.8	4,176.2	14.2	1.4	1.4	57.7	0.0	0.0	1.4
Employment	3,884.3	3,891.5	14.5	7.2	7.2	87.2	0.2	0.2	2.3
Employment full-time	3,149.2	3,173.3	19.1	24.1	24.1	72.4	0.8	0.8	2.3
Employment part-time	735.1	718.2	17.5	-16.9	-16.9	14.8	-2.3	-2.3	2.1
Unemployment	290.5	284.7	12.7	-5.8	-5.8	-29.5	-2.0	-2.0	-9.4
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2007	January 2008	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	10,426.4	10,439.4	...	13.0	13.0	137.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,095.2	7,092.9	18.4	-2.3	-2.3	92.5	0.0	0.0	1.3
Employment	6,630.9	6,643.8	18.5	12.9	12.9	95.2	0.2	0.2	1.5
Employment full-time	5,445.6	5,455.9	23.4	10.3	10.3	102.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Employment part-time	1,185.3	1,188.0	20.9	2.7	2.7	-7.6	0.2	0.2	-0.6
Unemployment	464.3	449.1	15.9	-15.2	-15.2	-2.7	-3.3	-3.3	-0.6
Participation rate	68.1	67.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	903.2	904.2	...	1.0	1.0	9.9	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	625.3	626.1	2.7	0.8	0.8	6.9	0.1	0.1	1.1
Employment	599.1	602.3	2.7	3.2	3.2	11.7	0.5	0.5	2.0
Employment full-time	488.0	489.7	3.9	1.7	1.7	12.1	0.3	0.3	2.5
Employment part-time	111.1	112.6	3.6	1.5	1.5	-0.4	1.4	1.4	-0.4
Unemployment	26.2	23.9	2.1	-2.3	-2.3	-4.7	-8.8	-8.8	-16.4
Participation rate	69.2	69.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	66.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	758.0	759.8	...	1.8	1.8	12.8	0.2	0.2	1.7
Labour force	525.9	526.1	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Employment	504.7	505.7	2.4	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
Employment full-time	412.7	413.5	3.1	0.8	0.8	4.7	0.2	0.2	1.1
Employment part-time	91.9	92.2	2.9	0.3	0.3	-2.6	0.3	0.3	-2.7
Unemployment	21.2	20.4	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.3	-3.8	-3.8	-6.0
Participation rate	69.4	69.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,769.5	2,773.0	...	3.5	3.5	69.9	0.1	0.1	2.6
Labour force	2,059.8	2,066.4	7.9	6.6	6.6	67.5	0.3	0.3	3.4
Employment	1,993.8	1,999.9	8.2	6.1	6.1	67.5	0.3	0.3	3.5
Employment full-time	1,677.9	1,684.8	11.2	6.9	6.9	52.2	0.4	0.4	3.2
Employment part-time	315.9	315.1	10.0	-0.8	-0.8	15.2	-0.3	-0.3	5.1
Unemployment	66.0	66.6	5.8	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.3
Participation rate	74.4	74.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.0	72.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,602.7	3,609.5	...	6.8	6.8	65.8	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	2,393.5	2,402.9	9.8	9.4	9.4	50.8	0.4	0.4	2.2
Employment	2,292.9	2,305.2	9.8	12.3	12.3	53.4	0.5	0.5	2.4
Employment full-time	1,816.5	1,833.1	13.5	16.6	16.6	37.9	0.9	0.9	2.1
Employment part-time	476.5	472.1	12.7	-4.4	-4.4	15.5	-0.9	-0.9	3.4
Unemployment	100.6	97.7	7.0	-2.9	-2.9	-2.6	-2.9	-2.9	-2.6
Participation rate	66.4	66.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	424.5	424.9	...	0.4	0.4	-1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Labour force	250.2	254.0	2.2	3.8	3.8	-0.2	1.5	1.5	-0.1
Employment	218.8	223.1	2.2	4.3	4.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	3.5
Employment full-time	188.6	190.1	2.6	1.5	1.5	6.9	0.8	0.8	3.8
Unemployment	31.4	30.9	2.1	-0.5	-0.5	-7.8	-1.6	-1.6	-20.2
Participation rate	58.9	59.8	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.5	12.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.5	52.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.8	14.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	62.9	62.9	...	0.0	0.0	-2.2	0.0	0.0	-3.4
Labour force	33.4	34.3	1.1	0.9	0.9	-2.1	2.7	2.7	-5.8
Employment	27.2	28.5	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.5	4.8	4.8	1.8
Unemployment	6.2	5.8	1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-2.6	-6.5	-6.5	-31.0
Participation rate	53.1	54.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.6	16.9	2.7	-1.7	-1.7	-6.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	43.2	45.3	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.7	41.8	3.5	2.0	2.0	0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	174.8	175.0	...	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	114.4	117.1	1.3	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.4	1.8
Employment	101.5	103.6	1.4	2.1	2.1	6.9	2.1	2.1	7.1
Unemployment	12.9	13.4	1.3	0.5	0.5	-4.9	3.9	3.9	-26.8
Participation rate	65.4	66.9	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.4	1.1	0.1	0.1	-4.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	59.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	3.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.3	5.3	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	186.7	187.0	...	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
Labour force	102.4	102.7	1.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.1
Employment	90.1	91.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.2	1.0	1.0	0.2
Unemployment	12.3	11.7	1.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-4.9	-4.9	-2.5
Participation rate	54.8	54.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	11.4	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.3	48.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	17.3	1.3	0.6	0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Industry									
	218.8	223.1	2.2	4.3	4.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	1.4	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	14.3	14.3	-5.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.0	16.1	1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.5	-5.3	-5.3	-8.5
Utilities	1.9	1.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-21.1	-21.1	-11.8
Construction	14.2	15.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.4	7.7	7.7	28.6
Manufacturing	15.2	15.3	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.7	0.7	9.3
Services-producing sector									
	169.2	173.3	2.0	4.1	4.1	4.7	2.4	2.4	2.8
Trade	36.5	38.0	1.2	1.5	1.5	-0.3	4.1	4.1	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing	10.1	10.5	0.8	0.4	0.4	-0.2	4.0	4.0	-1.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.3	8.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	27.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.9	8.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.2	3.8	3.8	17.1
Business, building and other support services	9.0	9.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.3	2.2	2.2	16.5
Educational services	15.3	15.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	-3.3	3.9	3.9	-17.2
Health care and social assistance	32.4	32.5	1.0	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.3	0.3	9.4
Information, culture and recreation	9.3	8.7	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-6.5	-6.5	-2.2
Accommodation and food services	15.2	15.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	1.8	0.7	0.7	13.3
Other services	8.9	9.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.8	9.0	9.0	-7.6
Public administration	16.2	16.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4	4.3	4.3	2.4

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	113.8	113.8	...	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	77.5	78.4	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0
Employment	69.2	70.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	-0.1	1.3	1.3	-0.1
Employment full-time	57.9	58.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2
Participation rate	68.1	68.9	0.5	0.8	0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	10.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.3	16.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.6	19.6	...	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.0
Labour force	14.0	14.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.4	1.4	0.0
Employment	11.6	11.7	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.8	0.9	0.9	-6.4
Unemployment	2.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	4.2	4.2	56.2
Participation rate	71.4	72.4	1.8	1.0	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.1	17.6	2.2	0.5	0.5	6.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.7	1.8	0.5	0.5	-3.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.5	42.7	3.2	2.2	2.2	1.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.1	45.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.3
Labour force	32.2	32.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	-1.0	0.3	0.3	-3.0
Employment	29.1	29.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.4	1.4	-0.3
Unemployment	3.1	2.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-9.7	-9.7	-24.3
Participation rate	71.4	71.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	8.7	1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	65.4	0.8	0.9	0.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	6.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	49.1	49.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.4
Labour force	31.3	31.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.9	1.9	2.9
Employment	28.5	28.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.4	1.4	2.8
Unemployment	2.8	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	7.1	7.1	3.4
Participation rate	63.7	65.0	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.4	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	58.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.8	16.6	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	69.2	70.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	-0.1	1.3	1.3	-0.1
Agriculture	17.2	17.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	-1.1	2.9	2.9	-5.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.3	3.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-15.4
Utilities	2.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	4.2	4.2	-3.8
Construction	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	50.0
Manufacturing	4.6	5.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.2	19.6	19.6	3.8
Manufacturing	6.7	6.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	-9.0	-9.0	-10.3
Services-producing sector	52.0	52.4	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	2.1
Trade	10.7	10.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-2.8	-2.8	5.1
Transportation and warehousing	2.4	3.0	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	25.0	25.0	25.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.9	3.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.9	10.3	10.3	39.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.3	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	8.7	8.7	4.2
Business, building and other support services	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.6	3.6	3.6
Educational services	4.7	5.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	6.4	6.4	6.4
Health care and social assistance	8.2	7.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-3.7	-3.7	-8.1
Information, culture and recreation	2.6	2.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-15.4	-15.4	-21.4
Accommodation and food services	5.4	5.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.8	1.9	1.9	-12.7
Other services	3.0	3.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	15.4
Public administration	7.0	6.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-4.3	-4.3	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 4-3
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

	December 2007	January 2008	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	765.8	766.1	...	0.3	0.3	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	490.2	488.6	2.8	-1.6	-1.6	1.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.4
Employment	452.3	452.2	2.9	-0.1	-0.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	366.7	366.2	3.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment	38.0	36.4	2.6	-1.6	-1.6	-2.3	-4.2	-4.2	-5.9
Participation rate	64.0	63.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	19.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	122.0	121.8	...	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	83.3	82.8	1.6	-0.5	-0.5	1.0	-0.6	-0.6	1.2
Employment	70.9	70.3	1.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7
Unemployment	12.4	12.5	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.8	0.8	12.6
Participation rate	68.3	68.0	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	15.1	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	57.7	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	45.7	2.4	0.2	0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	307.2	307.3	...	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	210.7	210.0	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
Employment	196.0	194.8	1.7	-1.2	-1.2	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	0.7
Unemployment	14.7	15.1	1.6	0.4	0.4	-1.4	2.7	2.7	-8.5
Participation rate	68.6	68.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	6.4	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	336.7	336.9	...	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	196.2	195.9	1.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Employment	185.4	187.1	1.5	1.7	1.7	3.3	0.9	0.9	1.8
Unemployment	10.9	8.8	1.3	-2.1	-2.1	-2.3	-19.3	-19.3	-20.7
Participation rate	58.3	58.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	4.5	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.1	55.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	22.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	452.3	452.2	2.9	-0.1	-0.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	5.7	6.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.5	15.8	15.8	29.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.7	13.2	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	-3.6	-3.6	6.5
Utilities	2.6	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.1	11.5	11.5	61.1
Construction	28.0	29.1	1.4	1.1	1.1	4.8	3.9	3.9	19.8
Manufacturing	42.0	39.3	1.5	-2.7	-2.7	-2.3	-6.4	-6.4	-5.5
Services-producing sector									
Trade	74.9	77.1	1.9	2.2	2.2	-1.9	2.9	2.9	-2.4
Transportation and warehousing	19.4	19.6	0.9	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.0	1.0	7.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.5	22.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	-1.9	2.3	2.3	-7.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.8	19.1	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.6	1.6	4.4
Business, building and other support services	31.1	29.4	1.4	-1.7	-1.7	1.3	-5.5	-5.5	4.6
Educational services	34.4	32.8	1.3	-1.6	-1.6	-3.7	-4.7	-4.7	-10.1
Health care and social assistance	61.4	60.7	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.4	-1.1	-1.1	-0.7
Information, culture and recreation	21.2	22.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	6.0	4.2	4.2	37.3
Accommodation and food services	28.9	28.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	-4.1	0.0	0.0	-12.4
Other services	19.1	19.7	1.1	0.6	0.6	-1.2	3.1	3.1	-5.7
Public administration	29.7	29.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	6.8

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	615.3	615.7	...	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	397.8	397.9	2.3	0.1	0.1	10.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Employment	366.6	365.1	2.4	-1.5	-1.5	7.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.2
Employment full-time	311.1	313.3	2.8	2.2	2.2	12.4	0.7	0.7	4.1
Unemployment	31.2	32.8	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.1	5.1	5.1	6.8
Participation rate	64.7	64.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.1	14.2	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	94.8	94.8	...	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	62.5	63.4	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.9	1.4	1.4	3.1
Employment	55.1	54.9	1.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.5	-0.4	-0.4	2.8
Unemployment	7.4	8.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	14.9	14.9	4.9
Participation rate	65.9	66.9	1.4	1.0	1.0	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	13.4	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	57.9	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.9	38.6	2.4	-1.3	-1.3	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	251.6	251.7	...	0.1	0.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	176.2	174.8	1.3	-1.4	-1.4	3.8	-0.8	-0.8	2.2
Employment	161.3	159.7	1.4	-1.6	-1.6	2.7	-1.0	-1.0	1.7
Unemployment	14.9	15.2	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.2	2.0	2.0	8.6
Participation rate	70.0	69.4	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.4	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.8	4.1	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-1.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	268.9	269.2	...	0.3	0.3	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	159.0	159.6	1.3	0.6	0.6	4.2	0.4	0.4	2.7
Employment	150.2	150.5	1.3	0.3	0.3	3.7	0.2	0.2	2.5
Unemployment	8.9	9.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	2.2	2.2	5.8
Participation rate	59.1	59.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	55.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.1	15.9	1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	366.6	365.1	2.4	-1.5	-1.5	7.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.2
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	83.7	82.6	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.4	-1.3	-1.3	-1.7
Agriculture	6.1	5.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.8	-8.2	-8.2	-24.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.6	11.5	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.9	-0.9	11.7
Utilities	4.0	4.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.1	10.0	10.0	-2.2
Construction	25.3	25.7	1.1	0.4	0.4	2.8	1.6	1.6	12.2
Manufacturing	36.7	35.4	1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-3.6	-3.5	-3.5	-9.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	282.9	282.5	2.4	-0.4	-0.4	9.3	-0.1	-0.1	3.4
Trade	56.9	54.2	1.5	-2.7	-2.7	-2.0	-4.7	-4.7	-3.6
Transportation and warehousing	20.0	20.3	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.5	1.5	6.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	17.1	16.6	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	-2.9	-2.9	-5.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.1	18.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	4.0	1.1	1.1	28.0
Business, building and other support services	19.4	19.0	1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-2.1	-2.1	-3.6
Educational services	25.7	24.0	1.1	-1.7	-1.7	-2.8	-6.6	-6.6	-10.4
Health care and social assistance	49.8	50.1	1.2	0.3	0.3	2.6	0.6	0.6	5.5
Information, culture and recreation	12.0	13.2	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.7	10.0	10.0	14.8
Accommodation and food services	23.2	25.0	1.1	1.8	1.8	0.9	7.8	7.8	3.7
Other services	17.6	18.1	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.8	2.8	2.8	11.0
Public administration	23.3	23.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	3.4	1.7	1.7	16.7

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	6,340.2	6,345.4	...	5.2	5.2	56.5	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,174.8	4,176.2	14.2	1.4	1.4	57.7	0.0	0.0	1.4
Employment	3,884.3	3,891.5	14.5	7.2	7.2	87.2	0.2	0.2	2.3
Employment full-time	3,149.2	3,173.3	19.1	24.1	24.1	72.4	0.8	0.8	2.3
Unemployment	290.5	284.7	12.7	-5.8	-5.8	-29.5	-2.0	-2.0	-9.4
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	956.9	957.5	...	0.6	0.6	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	640.0	637.2	8.3	-2.8	-2.8	11.4	-0.4	-0.4	1.8
Employment	564.8	564.8	8.2	0.0	0.0	24.5	0.0	0.0	4.5
Unemployment	75.2	72.4	7.3	-2.8	-2.8	-13.1	-3.7	-3.7	-15.3
Participation rate	66.9	66.5	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	11.4	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.0	46.2	1.5	-1.8	-1.8	-2.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,629.8	2,632.1	...	2.3	2.3	26.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	1,882.7	1,883.4	7.9	0.7	0.7	18.7	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment	1,749.7	1,758.0	8.2	8.3	8.3	28.8	0.5	0.5	1.7
Unemployment	133.0	125.4	7.9	-7.6	-7.6	-10.1	-5.7	-5.7	-7.5
Participation rate	71.6	71.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,753.5	2,755.7	...	2.2	2.2	25.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	1,652.1	1,655.5	7.9	3.4	3.4	27.6	0.2	0.2	1.7
Employment	1,569.8	1,568.7	8.1	-1.1	-1.1	33.9	-0.1	-0.1	2.2
Unemployment	82.3	86.9	6.5	4.6	4.6	-6.2	5.6	5.6	-6.7
Participation rate	60.0	60.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	21.0	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Industry									
	3,884.3	3,891.5	14.5	7.2	7.2	87.2	0.2	0.2	2.3
Goods-producing sector									
	879.6	889.9	12.0	10.3	10.3	7.8	1.2	1.2	0.9
Agriculture	70.9	73.2	3.4	2.3	2.3	10.1	3.2	3.2	16.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	35.0	34.5	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	-4.1	-1.4	-1.4	-10.6
Utilities	31.7	31.8	2.0	0.1	0.1	6.9	0.3	0.3	27.7
Construction	209.6	214.4	6.5	4.8	4.8	35.4	2.3	2.3	19.8
Manufacturing	532.3	536.0	9.8	3.7	3.7	-40.6	0.7	0.7	-7.0
Services-producing sector									
	3,004.7	3,001.6	16.1	-3.1	-3.1	79.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.7
Trade	641.4	633.6	10.9	-7.8	-7.8	-7.4	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	188.6	191.5	6.0	2.9	2.9	22.1	1.5	1.5	13.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	233.5	235.7	6.3	2.2	2.2	9.9	0.9	0.9	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	266.9	269.3	7.6	2.4	2.4	17.8	0.9	0.9	7.1
Business, building and other support services	134.9	139.0	6.3	4.1	4.1	-12.4	3.0	3.0	-8.2
Educational services	262.7	260.0	6.8	-2.7	-2.7	-6.6	-1.0	-1.0	-2.5
Health care and social assistance	461.0	450.7	7.9	-10.3	-10.3	-4.2	-2.2	-2.2	-0.9
Information, culture and recreation	164.6	164.1	6.6	-0.5	-0.5	-6.1	-0.3	-0.3	-3.6
Accommodation and food services	246.0	246.9	7.5	0.9	0.9	28.8	0.4	0.4	13.2
Other services	182.5	185.4	5.8	2.9	2.9	21.3	1.6	1.6	13.0
Public administration	222.5	225.4	5.5	2.9	2.9	16.3	1.3	1.3	7.8

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	10,426.4	10,439.4	...	13.0	13.0	137.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,095.2	7,092.9	18.4	-2.3	-2.3	92.5	0.0	0.0	1.3
Employment	6,630.9	6,643.8	18.5	12.9	12.9	95.2	0.2	0.2	1.5
Employment full-time	5,445.6	5,455.9	23.4	10.3	10.3	102.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Unemployment	464.3	449.1	15.9	-15.2	-15.2	-2.7	-3.3	-3.3	-0.6
Participation rate	68.1	67.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	17.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,728.2	1,728.7	...	0.5	0.5	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	1,121.6	1,111.9	11.3	-9.7	-9.7	7.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.7
Employment	969.5	965.8	10.8	-3.7	-3.7	7.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.8
Unemployment	152.1	146.1	9.5	-6.0	-6.0	-0.5	-3.9	-3.9	-0.3
Participation rate	64.9	64.3	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.6	13.1	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.0	48.1	1.1	-1.9	-1.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,228.7	4,234.4	...	5.7	5.7	57.5	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	3,147.8	3,153.6	9.1	5.8	5.8	44.9	0.2	0.2	1.4
Employment	2,975.5	2,988.4	9.9	12.9	12.9	44.7	0.4	0.4	1.5
Unemployment	172.3	165.2	9.0	-7.1	-7.1	0.2	-4.1	-4.1	0.1
Participation rate	74.4	74.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,469.5	4,476.2	...	6.7	6.7	65.5	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	2,825.8	2,827.3	10.5	1.5	1.5	40.2	0.1	0.1	1.4
Employment	2,686.0	2,689.6	10.3	3.6	3.6	42.7	0.1	0.1	1.6
Unemployment	139.8	137.7	8.4	-2.1	-2.1	-2.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.8
Participation rate	63.2	63.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
	6,630.9	6,643.8	18.5	12.9	12.9	95.2	0.2	0.2	1.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	88.0	88.5	4.0	0.5	0.5	-17.5	0.6	0.6	-16.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.6	36.0	2.2	1.4	1.4	-3.9	4.0	4.0	-9.8
Utilities	59.7	63.3	2.7	3.6	3.6	9.2	6.0	6.0	17.0
Construction	405.2	409.5	9.5	4.3	4.3	-4.0	1.1	1.1	-1.0
Manufacturing	920.5	933.3	12.6	12.8	12.8	-37.3	1.4	1.4	-3.8
Services-producing sector									
	5,122.9	5,113.3	21.0	-9.6	-9.6	148.7	-0.2	-0.2	3.0
Trade	1,040.5	1,030.0	13.4	-10.5	-10.5	2.9	-1.0	-1.0	0.3
Transportation and warehousing	306.9	311.3	7.7	4.4	4.4	14.7	1.4	1.4	5.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	470.6	475.7	9.2	5.1	5.1	1.5	1.1	1.1	0.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	480.2	494.5	10.2	14.3	14.3	28.1	3.0	3.0	6.0
Business, building and other support services	303.1	298.5	9.0	-4.6	-4.6	10.7	-1.5	-1.5	3.7
Educational services	494.6	490.8	9.5	-3.8	-3.8	49.2	-0.8	-0.8	11.1
Health care and social assistance	682.6	687.0	9.8	4.4	4.4	23.3	0.6	0.6	3.5
Information, culture and recreation	339.1	316.8	8.4	-22.3	-22.3	-2.3	-6.6	-6.6	-0.7
Accommodation and food services	378.6	367.6	9.1	-11.0	-11.0	-34.2	-2.9	-2.9	-8.5
Other services	277.3	285.8	7.2	8.5	8.5	17.2	3.1	3.1	6.4
Public administration	349.4	355.1	6.8	5.7	5.7	37.2	1.6	1.6	11.7

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	903.2	904.2	...	1.0	1.0	9.9	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	625.3	626.1	2.7	0.8	0.8	6.9	0.1	0.1	1.1
Employment	599.1	602.3	2.7	3.2	3.2	11.7	0.5	0.5	2.0
Employment full-time	488.0	489.7	3.9	1.7	1.7	12.1	0.3	0.3	2.5
Unemployment	26.2	23.9	2.1	-2.3	-2.3	-4.7	-8.8	-8.8	-16.4
Participation rate	69.2	69.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	66.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	157.5	157.6	...	0.1	0.1	1.7	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	113.8	114.0	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	1.1
Employment	103.2	105.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	3.6	1.7	1.7	3.6
Unemployment	10.5	9.0	1.4	-1.5	-1.5	-2.4	-14.3	-14.3	-21.1
Participation rate	72.3	72.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	7.9	1.2	-1.3	-1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	66.6	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.5	44.1	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	364.6	365.0	...	0.4	0.4	4.4	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	275.6	277.6	1.4	2.0	2.0	5.9	0.7	0.7	2.2
Employment	267.9	270.2	1.5	2.3	2.3	7.9	0.9	0.9	3.0
Unemployment	7.7	7.4	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-2.0	-3.9	-3.9	-21.3
Participation rate	75.6	76.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.8	2.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.5	74.0	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	381.1	381.6	...	0.5	0.5	3.9	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	235.9	234.6	1.6	-1.3	-1.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	0.0
Employment	227.9	227.0	1.6	-0.9	-0.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.5	1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-5.1	-5.1	-3.8
Participation rate	61.9	61.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.4	22.2	1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	599.1	602.3	2.7	3.2	3.2	11.7	0.5	0.5	2.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	147.1	146.4	2.5	-0.7	-0.7	2.0	-0.5	-0.5	1.4
Agriculture	26.5	26.9	1.2	0.4	0.4	-2.6	1.5	1.5	-8.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.7	7.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	4.5	4.5	4.5
Utilities	5.1	5.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	8.5
Construction	36.2	34.0	1.5	-2.2	-2.2	2.6	-6.1	-6.1	8.3
Manufacturing	72.6	73.4	1.8	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.7
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	452.0	455.8	3.2	3.8	3.8	9.6	0.8	0.8	2.2
Trade	87.7	89.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	-0.2	2.4	2.4	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	34.5	35.6	1.2	1.1	1.1	-0.2	3.2	3.2	-0.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	38.9	38.5	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	5.7	-1.0	-1.0	17.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.9	26.3	1.2	0.4	0.4	4.1	1.5	1.5	18.5
Business, building and other support services	19.2	20.6	1.1	1.4	1.4	3.3	7.3	7.3	19.1
Educational services	45.5	46.1	1.5	0.6	0.6	-1.1	1.3	1.3	-2.3
Health care and social assistance	75.6	75.2	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	-5.8	-0.5	-0.5	-7.2
Information, culture and recreation	24.4	23.8	1.2	-0.6	-0.6	0.3	-2.5	-2.5	1.3
Accommodation and food services	38.6	38.8	1.6	0.2	0.2	3.5	0.5	0.5	9.9
Other services	25.5	24.4	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	-0.2	-4.3	-4.3	-0.8
Public administration	36.2	36.8	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.7	1.7	1.1

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	758.0	759.8	...	1.8	1.8	12.8	0.2	0.2	1.7
Labour force	525.9	526.1	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Employment	504.7	505.7	2.4	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
Employment full-time	412.7	413.5	3.1	0.8	0.8	4.7	0.2	0.2	1.1
Unemployment	21.2	20.4	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.3	-3.8	-3.8	-6.0
Participation rate	69.4	69.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.6	138.8	...	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	98.6	99.3	1.4	0.7	0.7	-3.4	0.7	0.7	-3.3
Employment	90.9	93.4	1.5	2.5	2.5	-0.8	2.8	2.8	-0.8
Unemployment	7.7	6.0	1.2	-1.7	-1.7	-2.4	-22.1	-22.1	-28.6
Participation rate	71.1	71.5	1.0	0.4	0.4	-3.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	6.0	1.2	-1.8	-1.8	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	67.3	1.1	1.7	1.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.4	37.5	1.7	-1.9	-1.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	302.8	303.5	...	0.7	0.7	5.9	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	231.5	232.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	4.8	0.3	0.3	2.1
Employment	224.1	223.9	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	2.9	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
Unemployment	7.5	8.3	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.9	10.7	10.7	29.7
Participation rate	76.5	76.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.0	73.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.6	317.5	...	0.9	0.9	5.4	0.3	0.3	1.7
Labour force	195.7	194.5	1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4
Employment	189.6	188.4	1.4	-1.2	-1.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	0.0
Unemployment	6.1	6.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-11.6
Participation rate	61.8	61.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	59.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	22.5	1.0	0.3	0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	132.3	135.0	2.2	2.7	2.7	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.5
Agriculture	41.2	38.9	1.5	-2.3	-2.3	-6.5	-5.6	-5.6	-14.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	22.6	24.0	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.8	6.2	6.2	8.1
Utilities	5.1	4.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	-3.9	-3.9	22.5
Construction	32.4	35.5	1.3	3.1	3.1	4.7	9.6	9.6	15.3
Manufacturing	31.0	31.7	1.2	0.7	0.7	2.4	2.3	2.3	8.2
Services-producing sector	372.4	370.7	2.8	-1.7	-1.7	-1.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3
Trade	83.4	85.2	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.2	2.2	2.2	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	25.0	25.4	1.0	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.6	1.6	-0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.5	27.8	1.0	0.3	0.3	2.0	1.1	1.1	7.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.3	18.6	0.9	-2.7	-2.7	-1.5	-12.7	-12.7	-7.5
Business, building and other support services	11.3	11.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-1.8	-1.8	-3.5
Educational services	39.3	38.6	1.3	-0.7	-0.7	-1.2	-1.8	-1.8	-3.0
Health care and social assistance	61.9	59.2	1.4	-2.7	-2.7	-5.4	-4.4	-4.4	-8.4
Information, culture and recreation	21.1	22.9	1.0	1.8	1.8	3.1	8.5	8.5	15.7
Accommodation and food services	30.9	31.1	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.6
Other services	21.9	22.6	1.0	0.7	0.7	-0.7	3.2	3.2	-3.0
Public administration	28.7	28.3	1.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.3	-1.4	-1.4	4.8

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	2,769.5	2,773.0	...	3.5	3.5	69.9	0.1	0.1	2.6
Labour force	2,059.8	2,066.4	7.9	6.6	6.6	67.5	0.3	0.3	3.4
Employment	1,993.8	1,999.9	8.2	6.1	6.1	67.5	0.3	0.3	3.5
Employment full-time	1,677.9	1,684.8	11.2	6.9	6.9	52.2	0.4	0.4	3.2
Unemployment	66.0	66.6	5.8	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.3
Participation rate	74.4	74.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.0	72.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	15.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	505.3	504.6	...	-0.7	-0.7	3.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	366.5	369.3	4.9	2.8	2.8	8.2	0.8	0.8	2.3
Employment	345.7	341.2	5.0	-4.5	-4.5	3.0	-1.3	-1.3	0.9
Unemployment	20.8	28.2	3.7	7.4	7.4	5.3	35.6	35.6	23.1
Participation rate	72.5	73.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	7.6	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	67.6	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	32.4	32.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,138.0	1,140.9	...	2.9	2.9	36.1	0.3	0.3	3.3
Labour force	939.7	941.8	3.8	2.1	2.1	38.5	0.2	0.2	4.3
Employment	916.3	920.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	38.9	0.4	0.4	4.4
Unemployment	23.4	21.4	3.3	-2.0	-2.0	-0.4	-8.5	-8.5	-1.8
Participation rate	82.6	82.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.5	2.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.5	80.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,126.2	1,127.5	...	1.3	1.3	30.1	0.1	0.1	2.7
Labour force	753.6	755.3	4.6	1.7	1.7	20.9	0.2	0.2	2.8
Employment	731.7	738.3	4.8	6.6	6.6	25.6	0.9	0.9	3.6
Unemployment	21.9	17.0	3.1	-4.9	-4.9	-4.7	-22.4	-22.4	-21.7
Participation rate	66.9	67.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	2.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.4	21.3	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	1,993.8	1,999.9	8.2	6.1	6.1	67.5	0.3	0.3	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	558.3	563.3	7.9	5.0	5.0	3.2	0.9	0.9	0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	52.0	56.6	2.8	4.6	4.6	5.1	8.8	8.8	9.9
Utilities	156.1	149.8	4.5	-6.3	-6.3	1.0	-4.0	-4.0	0.7
Construction	17.2	17.9	1.7	0.7	0.7	-2.3	4.1	4.1	-11.4
Manufacturing	198.6	201.1	5.3	2.5	2.5	16.3	1.3	1.3	8.8
	134.4	137.9	4.8	3.5	3.5	-16.9	2.6	2.6	-10.9
Services-producing sector									
	1,435.5	1,436.5	9.9	1.0	1.0	64.1	0.1	0.1	4.7
Trade	310.1	306.6	6.6	-3.5	-3.5	35.3	-1.1	-1.1	13.0
Transportation and warehousing	110.3	109.4	3.8	-0.9	-0.9	2.5	-0.8	-0.8	2.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	104.0	109.7	3.9	5.7	5.7	9.6	5.5	5.5	9.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	145.6	151.6	4.7	6.0	6.0	7.6	4.1	4.1	5.3
Business, building and other support services	76.3	70.0	3.8	-6.3	-6.3	0.2	-8.3	-8.3	0.3
Educational services	121.9	121.8	4.2	-0.1	-0.1	-19.2	-0.1	-0.1	-13.6
Health care and social assistance	196.0	195.9	4.8	-0.1	-0.1	18.6	-0.1	-0.1	10.5
Information, culture and recreation	79.6	79.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.1	3.7	-0.1	-0.1	4.9
Accommodation and food services	112.2	112.6	4.7	0.4	0.4	-6.8	0.4	0.4	-5.7
Other services	90.5	88.9	3.9	-1.6	-1.6	-0.1	-1.8	-1.8	-0.1
Public administration	89.0	90.7	3.2	1.7	1.7	12.8	1.9	1.9	16.4

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	3,602.7	3,609.5	...	6.8	6.8	65.8	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	2,393.5	2,402.9	9.8	9.4	9.4	50.8	0.4	0.4	2.2
Employment	2,292.9	2,305.2	9.8	12.3	12.3	53.4	0.5	0.5	2.4
Employment full-time	1,816.5	1,833.1	13.5	16.6	16.6	37.9	0.9	0.9	2.1
Unemployment	100.6	97.7	7.0	-2.9	-2.9	-2.6	-2.9	-2.9	-2.6
Participation rate	66.4	66.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	20.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	581.0	581.4	...	0.4	0.4	3.8	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	397.9	399.7	5.7	1.8	1.8	13.7	0.5	0.5	3.5
Employment	366.5	369.7	5.6	3.2	3.2	16.6	0.9	0.9	4.7
Unemployment	31.4	30.0	4.1	-1.4	-1.4	-3.0	-4.5	-4.5	-9.1
Participation rate	68.5	68.7	1.0	0.2	0.2	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.5	1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.6	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.5	44.7	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	5.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,478.1	1,481.3	...	3.2	3.2	31.4	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,077.1	1,079.2	5.0	2.1	2.1	27.5	0.2	0.2	2.6
Employment	1,038.8	1,042.9	5.2	4.1	4.1	21.2	0.4	0.4	2.1
Unemployment	38.4	36.3	3.8	-2.1	-2.1	6.2	-5.5	-5.5	20.6
Participation rate	72.9	72.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	70.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	7.4	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,543.6	1,546.8	...	3.2	3.2	30.5	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	918.4	923.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	9.6	0.6	0.6	1.0
Employment	887.6	892.6	5.9	5.0	5.0	15.6	0.6	0.6	1.8
Unemployment	30.8	31.3	4.0	0.5	0.5	-6.0	1.6	1.6	-16.1
Participation rate	59.5	59.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.6	25.8	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,292.9	2,305.2	9.8	12.3	12.3	53.4	0.5	0.5	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	39.7	43.2	2.6	3.5	3.5	8.0	8.8	8.8	22.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	50.6	47.8	2.7	-2.8	-2.8	-3.0	-5.5	-5.5	-5.9
Utilities	13.2	14.6	1.2	1.4	1.4	6.7	10.6	10.6	84.8
Construction	210.0	209.8	5.9	-0.2	-0.2	16.1	-0.1	-0.1	8.3
Manufacturing	190.2	193.9	5.9	3.7	3.7	-13.1	1.9	1.9	-6.3
Services-producing sector									
	1,789.4	1,795.9	11.5	6.5	6.5	38.8	0.4	0.4	2.2
Trade	365.7	355.9	7.5	-9.8	-9.8	0.0	-2.7	-2.7	0.0
Transportation and warehousing	136.0	129.1	4.8	-6.9	-6.9	7.8	-5.1	-5.1	6.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	141.9	145.1	4.8	3.2	3.2	7.5	2.3	2.3	5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	160.1	171.2	5.4	11.1	11.1	4.4	6.9	6.9	2.6
Business, building and other support services	105.8	108.2	4.5	2.4	2.4	0.5	2.3	2.3	0.5
Educational services	159.4	166.7	5.3	7.3	7.3	9.3	4.6	4.6	5.9
Health care and social assistance	235.9	246.3	5.6	10.4	10.4	12.4	4.4	4.4	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	123.7	116.9	4.8	-6.8	-6.8	2.7	-5.5	-5.5	2.4
Accommodation and food services	169.2	168.1	5.8	-1.1	-1.1	-10.5	-0.7	-0.7	-5.9
Other services	88.2	93.3	4.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.8	5.8	5.9
Public administration	103.5	95.1	3.4	-8.4	-8.4	-0.5	-8.1	-8.1	-0.5

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	152.4	152.7	...	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.6
Labour force	102.4	102.8	0.7	0.4	0.4	2.1	0.4	0.4	2.1
Employment	95.3	95.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	2.5	0.2	0.2	2.7
Unemployment	7.1	7.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.4	1.4	1.4	-5.3
Participation rate	67.2	67.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.2	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	314.3	314.6	...	0.3	0.3	2.4	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	221.2	220.2	1.1	-1.0	-1.0	2.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.1
Employment	211.3	210.2	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	2.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.2
Unemployment	9.9	10.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
Participation rate	70.4	70.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	66.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	104.1	104.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	71.2	70.2	0.7	-1.0	-1.0	4.1	-1.4	-1.4	6.2
Employment	67.7	67.0	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	4.7	-1.0	-1.0	7.5
Unemployment	3.5	3.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-8.6	-8.6	-15.8
Participation rate	68.4	67.4	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	4.1	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	125.3	125.2	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Labour force	75.9	75.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
Employment	69.9	69.3	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	1.0	-0.9	-0.9	1.5
Unemployment	6.0	6.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.9	5.0	5.0	-12.5
Participation rate	60.6	60.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	55.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	607.0	607.4	...	0.4	0.4	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	415.3	414.5	3.4	-0.8	-0.8	20.1	-0.2	-0.2	5.1
Employment	392.6	393.0	3.4	0.4	0.4	20.8	0.1	0.1	5.6
Unemployment	22.8	21.5	1.4	-1.3	-1.3	-0.7	-5.7	-5.7	-3.2
Participation rate	68.4	68.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	64.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.9	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	120.9	121.0	...	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	77.6	77.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	4.9
Employment	72.1	71.3	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	2.6	-1.1	-1.1	3.8
Unemployment	5.4	6.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	16.7	16.7	18.9
Participation rate	64.2	64.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	2.4
Unemployment rate	7.0	8.1	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.9
Employment rate	59.6	58.9	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	1.6

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	137.4	137.5	...	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	91.5	91.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.7
Employment	85.6	85.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	3.5
Unemployment	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-3.3	-3.3	-9.4
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.4	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,047.2	3,049.8	...	2.6	2.6	28.6	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	2,059.0	2,058.2	7.2	-0.8	-0.8	26.3	0.0	0.0	1.3
Employment	1,915.9	1,916.7	7.5	0.8	0.8	36.3	0.0	0.0	1.9
Unemployment	143.1	141.5	4.5	-1.6	-1.6	-10.0	-1.1	-1.1	-6.6
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	955.1	956.0	...	0.9	0.9	8.5	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	697.3	695.9	3.4	-1.4	-1.4	28.7	-0.2	-0.2	4.3
Employment	666.1	665.3	3.5	-0.8	-0.8	37.3	-0.1	-0.1	5.9
Unemployment	31.2	30.5	1.7	-0.7	-0.7	-8.7	-2.2	-2.2	-22.2
Participation rate	73.0	72.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	3.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	241.8	242.2	...	0.4	0.4	4.6	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	175.5	176.1	1.2	0.6	0.6	3.3	0.3	0.3	1.9
Employment	167.7	168.6	1.2	0.9	0.9	7.0	0.5	0.5	4.3
Unemployment	7.8	7.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-3.7	-3.8	-3.8	-33.0
Participation rate	72.6	72.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	69.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	713.3	713.9	...	0.6	0.6	4.0	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	521.7	519.8	3.2	-1.9	-1.9	25.4	-0.4	-0.4	5.1
Employment	498.3	496.7	3.2	-1.6	-1.6	30.3	-0.3	-0.3	6.5
Unemployment	23.4	23.1	1.6	-0.3	-0.3	-4.9	-1.3	-1.3	-17.5
Participation rate	73.1	72.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	3.9	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	125.9	125.9	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	80.9	81.2	0.8	0.3	0.3	-0.9	0.4	0.4	-1.1
Employment	76.8	77.0	0.8	0.2	0.2	-1.0	0.3	0.3	-1.3
Unemployment	4.1	4.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.4	2.4	0.0
Participation rate	64.3	64.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.7
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Employment rate	61.0	61.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.8

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	4,484.9	4,493.0	...	8.1	8.1	80.8	0.2	0.2	1.8
Labour force	3,093.0	3,096.0	9.2	3.0	3.0	53.6	0.1	0.1	1.8
Employment	2,885.2	2,887.5	9.5	2.3	2.3	44.5	0.1	0.1	1.6
Unemployment	207.8	208.5	5.6	0.7	0.7	9.1	0.3	0.3	4.6
Participation rate	69.0	68.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	594.2	594.5	...	0.3	0.3	4.0	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	396.5	396.8	2.9	0.3	0.3	5.3	0.1	0.1	1.4
Employment	373.0	373.3	2.9	0.3	0.3	6.4	0.1	0.1	1.7
Unemployment	23.4	23.5	1.4	0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.4	0.4	-4.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	379.4	379.9	...	0.5	0.5	5.9	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	269.8	270.5	2.2	0.7	0.7	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.8
Employment	255.4	256.1	2.2	0.7	0.7	3.2	0.3	0.3	1.3
Unemployment	14.3	14.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-7.1
Participation rate	71.1	71.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	382.5	382.8	...	0.3	0.3	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	264.0	262.0	1.9	-2.0	-2.0	-4.2	-0.8	-0.8	-1.6
Employment	246.8	244.5	1.9	-2.3	-2.3	-6.0	-0.9	-0.9	-2.4
Unemployment	17.2	17.5	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.8	1.7	1.7	11.5
Participation rate	69.0	68.4	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	63.9	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	284.6	285.1	...	0.5	0.5	6.9	0.2	0.2	2.5
Labour force	196.0	195.2	1.4	-0.8	-0.8	5.7	-0.4	-0.4	3.0
Employment	184.2	184.0	1.5	-0.2	-0.2	6.6	-0.1	-0.1	3.7
Unemployment	11.7	11.1	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-1.0	-5.1	-5.1	-8.3
Participation rate	68.9	68.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	64.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	328.6	328.7	...	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	211.7	212.8	1.6	1.1	1.1	12.5	0.5	0.5	6.2
Employment	198.0	199.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	11.8	0.8	0.8	6.3
Unemployment	13.8	13.2	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.6	-4.3	-4.3	4.8
Participation rate	64.4	64.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.7	0.5	0.4	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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	133.1	133.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	84.8	84.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5
Employment	80.8	80.6	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.5
Unemployment	4.0	4.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.8	5.0	5.0	-16.0
Participation rate	63.7	63.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.1	104.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	69.0	68.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	3.1	-0.6	-0.6	4.7
Employment	64.3	64.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	5.1
Unemployment	4.7	4.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-8.5	-8.5	-2.3
Participation rate	66.3	65.9	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.1	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	272.3	272.3	...	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	177.2	178.1	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.1
Employment	162.0	162.5	1.6	0.5	0.5	2.6	0.3	0.3	1.6
Unemployment	15.3	15.5	0.8	0.2	0.2	-2.5	1.3	1.3	-13.9
Participation rate	65.1	65.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	578.9	579.5	...	0.6	0.6	6.5	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	413.5	414.0	1.4	0.5	0.5	10.9	0.1	0.1	2.7
Employment	394.0	395.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	12.9	0.4	0.4	3.4
Unemployment	19.5	18.6	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-2.0	-4.6	-4.6	-9.7
Participation rate	71.4	71.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	68.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	164.6	165.0	...	0.4	0.4	3.5	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	115.2	115.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	-1.2	0.4	0.4	-1.0
Employment	110.1	110.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	-1.1	0.6	0.6	-1.0
Unemployment	5.0	4.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Participation rate	70.0	70.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	192.8	193.4	...	0.6	0.6	4.4	0.3	0.3	2.3
Labour force	143.4	142.9	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	4.0	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Employment	138.0	137.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	3.9	-0.1	-0.1	2.9
Unemployment	5.4	5.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	-7.4	-7.4	2.0
Participation rate	74.4	73.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	934.5	935.8	...	1.3	1.3	29.9	0.1	0.1	3.3
Labour force	705.2	706.7	3.1	1.5	1.5	12.5	0.2	0.2	1.8
Employment	684.5	686.2	3.3	1.7	1.7	11.0	0.2	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	20.8	20.5	1.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.6	-1.4	-1.4	8.5
Participation rate	75.5	75.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.2	73.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	874.0	874.8	...	0.8	0.8	21.5	0.1	0.1	2.5
Labour force	637.4	642.2	3.1	4.8	4.8	36.7	0.8	0.8	6.1
Employment	613.1	619.3	3.1	6.2	6.2	36.6	1.0	1.0	6.3
Unemployment	24.3	22.9	1.4	-1.4	-1.4	0.0	-5.8	-5.8	0.0
Participation rate	72.9	73.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	2.5	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	132.3	132.5	...	0.2	0.2	2.6	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	88.2	88.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.4
Employment	84.9	85.3	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2
Unemployment	3.3	3.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-3.0	-3.0	-15.8
Participation rate	66.7	66.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,914.1	1,918.0	...	3.9	3.9	40.0	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	1,293.8	1,300.8	4.7	7.0	7.0	43.5	0.5	0.5	3.5
Employment	1,239.2	1,248.9	4.7	9.7	9.7	50.5	0.8	0.8	4.2
Unemployment	54.6	52.0	2.2	-2.6	-2.6	-6.9	-4.8	-4.8	-11.7
Participation rate	67.6	67.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	284.5	284.8	...	0.3	0.3	3.8	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	193.3	194.2	1.5	0.9	0.9	9.0	0.5	0.5	4.9
Employment	187.7	188.2	1.5	0.5	0.5	9.0	0.3	0.3	5.0
Unemployment	5.6	6.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	7.1	7.1	1.7
Participation rate	67.9	68.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	3.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	66.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	2.3	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0090

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

	December 2007	January 2008	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	3,049.7	3,052.4	...	2.7	2.7	28.2	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	2,063.3	2,046.3	14.7	-17.0	-17.0	20.0	-0.8	-0.8	1.0
Employment	1,915.4	1,907.6	15.0	-7.8	-7.8	29.3	-0.4	-0.4	1.6
Unemployment	147.9	138.7	10.9	-9.2	-9.2	-9.3	-6.2	-6.2	-6.3
Participation rate	67.7	67.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.8	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,491.8	4,501.8	...	10.0	10.0	82.7	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	3,100.8	3,096.5	19.2	-4.3	-4.3	22.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Employment	2,890.3	2,894.2	19.4	3.9	3.9	19.8	0.1	0.1	0.7
Unemployment	210.6	202.4	13.7	-8.2	-8.2	2.2	-3.9	-3.9	1.1
Participation rate	69.0	68.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,917.5	1,922.1	...	4.6	4.6	41.0	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,293.0	1,302.5	10.0	9.5	9.5	40.9	0.7	0.7	3.2
Employment	1,238.7	1,253.1	9.7	14.4	14.4	45.0	1.2	1.2	3.7
Unemployment	54.4	49.4	5.6	-5.0	-5.0	-4.1	-9.2	-9.2	-7.7
Participation rate	67.4	67.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	65.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	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 table 282-0091

Table 6-1

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2007 and January 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Canada²							
2007	26,359.9	17,582.7	16,505.0	1,077.7	66.7	6.1	62.6
2008	26,721.6	17,928.6	16,883.5	1,045.1	67.1	5.8	63.2
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2007	426.4	246.2	208.9	37.3	57.7	15.2	49.0
2008	424.5	243.9	211.6	32.4	57.5	13.3	49.8
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2007	210.1	127.8	113.7	14.1	60.8	11.0	54.1
2008	210.4	129.5	116.3	13.2	61.5	10.2	55.3
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]							
2007	33.3	17.2	13.3	3.9	51.7	22.7	39.9
2008	32.7	15.9	13.1	2.8	48.6	17.6	40.1
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2007	88.0	52.7	42.6	10.2	59.9	19.4	48.4
2008	87.7	50.2	42.1	8.1	57.2	16.1	48.0
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]							
2007	95.0	48.4	39.3	9.1	50.9	18.8	41.4
2008	93.7	48.4	40.1	8.2	51.7	16.9	42.8
Prince Edward Island							
2007	112.7	75.9	66.1	9.8	67.3	12.9	58.7
2008	113.7	75.5	66.1	9.5	66.4	12.6	58.1
Nova Scotia							
2007	763.5	476.1	440.0	36.1	62.4	7.6	57.6
2008	765.8	482.1	445.4	36.7	63.0	7.6	58.2
Cape Breton [1210]							
2007	116.7	62.3	54.2	8.1	53.4	13.0	46.4
2008	115.9	63.8	55.0	8.8	55.0	13.8	47.5
North Shore [1220]							
2007	131.0	78.4	70.1	8.3	59.8	10.6	53.5
2008	131.1	77.6	70.0	7.5	59.2	9.7	53.4
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2007	99.9	60.3	56.7	3.6	60.4	6.0	56.8
2008	100.6	61.3	55.8	5.6	60.9	9.1	55.5
Southern [1240]							
2007	103.6	59.4	52.8	6.6	57.3	11.1	51.0
2008	103.6	61.5	56.1	5.4	59.4	8.8	54.2
Halifax [1250]							
2007	312.2	215.6	206.2	9.5	69.1	4.4	66.0
2008	314.6	217.9	208.5	9.4	69.3	4.3	66.3
New Brunswick							
2007	611.2	378.6	347.4	31.2	61.9	8.2	56.8
2008	615.3	390.0	359.2	30.8	63.4	7.9	58.4
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2007	136.0	77.0	66.5	10.6	56.6	13.8	48.9
2008	135.8	76.8	65.9	10.9	56.6	14.2	48.5
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2007	162.0	101.6	93.2	8.4	62.7	8.3	57.5
2008	164.2	107.8	100.5	7.3	65.7	6.8	61.2
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2007	141.4	86.2	81.0	5.2	61.0	6.0	57.3
2008	142.4	95.1	90.1	5.0	66.8	5.3	63.3

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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 January 2007 and January 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	103.8	69.5	65.4	4.1	67.0	5.9	63.0
2008	104.7	68.8	65.2	3.5	65.7	5.1	62.3
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.0	44.3	41.4	3.0	65.1	6.8	60.9
2008	68.2	41.5	37.4	4.0	60.9	9.6	54.8
Quebec							
2007	6,283.2	4,073.3	3,744.8	328.5	64.8	8.1	59.6
2008	6,340.4	4,140.4	3,839.8	300.6	65.3	7.3	60.6
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	38.7	30.9	7.9	47.8	20.4	38.2
2008	80.9	38.9	31.6	7.3	48.1	18.8	39.1
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.3	98.4	89.5	8.9	58.8	9.0	53.5
2008	167.5	95.4	86.9	8.5	57.0	8.9	51.9
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	562.2	350.6	325.8	24.8	62.4	7.1	58.0
2008	565.6	371.6	352.5	19.1	65.7	5.1	62.3
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	326.3	222.0	208.1	13.9	68.0	6.3	63.8
2008	328.5	218.0	203.8	14.2	66.4	6.5	62.0
Estrie [2430]							
2007	247.4	159.3	144.6	14.6	64.4	9.2	58.4
2008	249.8	158.2	148.1	10.1	63.3	6.4	59.3
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	184.6	128.4	118.1	10.3	69.6	8.0	64.0
2008	185.8	125.7	116.8	8.9	67.7	7.1	62.9
Montérégie [2435]							
2007	1,116.4	746.6	691.3	55.4	66.9	7.4	61.9
2008	1,132.4	741.9	694.2	47.7	65.5	6.4	61.3
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,589.9	1,033.5	942.9	90.6	65.0	8.8	59.3
2008	1,592.4	1,034.3	942.1	92.2	65.0	8.9	59.2
Laval [2445]							
2007	306.6	202.5	186.5	15.9	66.0	7.9	60.8
2008	311.3	218.3	203.9	14.3	70.1	6.6	65.5
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	347.7	237.1	224.6	12.5	68.2	5.3	64.6
2008	357.7	245.2	225.6	19.5	68.5	8.0	63.1
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	420.2	268.9	247.0	21.9	64.0	8.1	58.8
2008	430.0	301.3	284.6	16.6	70.1	5.5	66.2
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	287.3	199.6	185.3	14.3	69.5	7.2	64.5
2008	292.4	203.8	194.6	9.2	69.7	4.5	66.6
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.5	76.3	68.7	7.6	66.1	10.0	59.5
2008	115.6	72.1	66.8	5.4	62.4	7.5	57.8
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.0	122.2	112.6	9.6	56.3	7.9	51.9
2008	217.7	125.7	115.7	10.0	57.7	8.0	53.1

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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 January 2007 and January 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	224.3	134.7	119.9	14.8	60.1	11.0	53.5
2008	223.4	136.2	124.7	11.5	61.0	8.4	55.8
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.6	54.5	49.1	5.4	60.8	9.9	54.8
2008	89.2	54.0	47.9	6.1	60.5	11.3	53.7
Ontario							
2007	10,291.2	6,911.8	6,499.9	411.9	67.2	6.0	63.2
2008	10,427.4	7,027.7	6,605.6	422.1	67.4	6.0	63.3
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	981.3	657.9	619.5	38.4	67.0	5.8	63.1
2008	988.3	698.2	667.5	30.7	70.6	4.4	67.5
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	358.3	213.5	202.8	10.7	59.6	5.0	56.6
2008	359.6	227.0	212.6	14.4	63.1	6.3	59.1
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	307.5	193.2	182.2	11.0	62.8	5.7	59.3
2008	310.3	188.4	173.9	14.5	60.7	7.7	56.0
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,649.3	3,172.3	2,978.9	193.4	68.2	6.1	64.1
2008	4,740.1	3,236.6	3,034.4	202.3	68.3	6.3	64.0
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	958.0	690.1	659.0	31.1	72.0	4.5	68.8
2008	976.0	693.9	659.5	34.4	71.1	5.0	67.6
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,127.5	726.4	680.2	46.1	64.4	6.3	60.3
2008	1,137.4	747.4	701.9	45.5	65.7	6.1	61.7
London [3560]							
2007	508.2	355.9	336.8	19.1	70.0	5.4	66.3
2008	512.8	353.4	330.1	23.2	68.9	6.6	64.4
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	523.7	345.5	315.8	29.7	66.0	8.6	60.3
2008	525.6	342.7	316.7	25.9	65.2	7.6	60.3
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.1	161.3	155.7	5.6	65.3	3.5	63.0
2008	247.7	160.2	154.1	6.1	64.7	3.8	62.2
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.4	278.4	259.5	18.9	61.4	6.8	57.2
2008	454.0	269.7	251.8	17.9	59.4	6.6	55.5
Northwest [3595]							
2007	176.8	117.3	109.5	7.9	66.3	6.7	61.9
2008	175.6	110.3	103.2	7.1	62.8	6.4	58.8
Manitoba							
2007	893.8	611.4	583.9	27.5	68.4	4.5	65.3
2008	903.3	622.3	597.2	25.2	68.9	4.0	66.1
Southeast [4610]							
2007	75.4	49.8	47.2	2.5	66.0	5.0	62.6
2008	77.4	52.6	49.9	2.6	68.0	4.9	64.5
South Central [4620]							
2007	42.6	27.7	26.8	0.9	65.0	3.2	62.9
2008	43.4	29.3	28.6	0.7	67.5	2.4	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 January 2007 and January 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	81.8	55.7	53.8	1.9	68.1	3.4	65.8
2008	82.5	53.0	51.3	1.7	64.2	3.2	62.2
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.5	22.0	21.4	0.7	62.0	3.2	60.3
2008	35.7	23.7	22.7	0.9	66.4	3.8	63.6
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	530.0	369.4	351.3	18.1	69.7	4.9	66.3
2008	535.2	377.8	361.4	16.4	70.6	4.3	67.5
Interlake [4660]							
2007	69.0	45.6	44.1	1.5	66.1	3.3	63.9
2008	70.2	46.9	45.4	1.6	66.8	3.4	64.7
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.6	41.2	39.3	1.9	69.1	4.6	65.9
2008	59.0	39.0	37.8	1.2	66.1	3.1	64.1
Saskatchewan							
2007	746.5	516.9	496.2	20.7	69.2	4.0	66.5
2008	758.2	521.1	500.3	20.8	68.7	4.0	66.0
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	219.3	156.9	150.2	6.7	71.5	4.3	68.5
2008	223.4	156.9	151.0	5.8	70.2	3.7	67.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.4	55.7	53.9	1.8	67.6	3.2	65.4
2008	83.1	55.4	53.1	2.2	66.7	4.0	63.9
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	231.4	166.5	160.8	5.7	72.0	3.4	69.5
2008	236.1	169.1	163.8	5.3	71.6	3.1	69.4
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.2	40.9	39.2	1.7	63.7	4.2	61.1
2008	64.3	43.1	41.4	1.6	67.0	3.7	64.4
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	149.2	97.0	92.2	4.8	65.0	4.9	61.8
2008	151.3	96.7	91.0	5.7	63.9	5.9	60.1
Alberta							
2007	2,693.1	1,970.5	1,903.7	66.8	73.2	3.4	70.7
2008	2,769.7	2,042.4	1,971.9	70.6	73.7	3.5	71.2
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	203.8	141.3	135.5	5.9	69.3	4.2	66.5
2008	208.0	141.3	134.8	6.5	67.9	4.6	64.8
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	153.0	108.8	105.5	3.2	71.1	2.9	69.0
2008	155.4	113.3	110.4	2.9	72.9	2.6	71.0
Calgary [4830]							
2007	974.7	744.9	723.9	20.9	76.4	2.8	74.3
2008	1,008.6	756.6	733.5	23.2	75.0	3.1	72.7
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	67.0	53.1	51.5	1.6	79.3	3.0	76.9
2008	68.1	52.6	51.3	x	77.2	x	75.3
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	139.1	100.3	97.0	3.4	72.1	3.4	69.7
2008	144.3	108.7	104.9	3.8	75.3	3.5	72.7

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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 January 2007 and January 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	885.7	622.2	597.8	24.4	70.2	3.9	67.5
2008	908.5	660.8	637.2	23.6	72.7	3.6	70.1
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	180.4	133.4	128.6	4.7	73.9	3.5	71.3
2008	184.7	136.2	129.6	6.7	73.7	4.9	70.2
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	89.2	66.6	63.9	2.6	74.7	3.9	71.6
2008	92.0	72.8	70.3	2.5	79.1	3.4	76.4
British Columbia							
2007	3,538.5	2,322.0	2,214.1	107.9	65.6	4.6	62.6
2008	3,603.3	2,383.1	2,286.5	96.6	66.1	4.1	63.5
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	617.3	391.1	372.3	18.8	63.4	4.8	60.3
2008	627.9	393.4	375.8	17.6	62.7	4.5	59.9
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,138.0	1,416.1	1,354.5	61.6	66.2	4.3	63.4
2008	2,183.3	1,470.9	1,417.7	53.2	67.4	3.6	64.9
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	418.4	266.0	252.7	13.3	63.6	5.0	60.4
2008	426.7	266.7	253.9	12.9	62.5	4.8	59.5
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.0	79.6	73.9	5.7	65.2	7.2	60.6
2008	122.4	76.8	73.1	3.7	62.7	4.8	59.7
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	125.1	87.5	82.4	5.1	69.9	5.8	65.9
2008	125.5	92.8	88.0	4.8	73.9	5.2	70.1
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	66.7	45.2	42.6	2.7	67.8	6.0	63.9
2008	65.8	45.2	41.5	3.7	68.7	8.2	63.1
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.0	36.4	35.6	x	71.4	x	69.8
2008	51.6	37.4	36.5	x	72.5	x	70.7

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 January 2007 and January 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yukon Territory ¹							
2007	23.5	16.9	16.1	0.7	71.9	4.1	68.5
2008	23.5	17.5	16.5	1.0	74.5	5.7	70.2
Northwest Territories ²							
2007	30.8	24.1	22.8	1.2	78.2	5.0	74.0
2008	30.9	23.0	21.7	1.4	74.4	6.1	70.2
Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³							
2007	13.9	9.6	8.6	0.9	68.9	9.8	62.2
2008	14.3	10.0	9.1	1.0	70.4	9.8	63.6

1. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) has been conducted 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 the national totals. In 1995, the LFS in the Yukon underwent a sample redesign. One result of the redesign was that the covered population increased from 85% to 92%, which is reflected by the sharp increase in the three month moving averages estimates of January, February and March of 1995 for all the level estimates. Users are therefore warned to be cautious when comparing estimates before January 1995 to estimates for January 1995 and forward.
 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
January 2008										
15 years and over	14,122.0	35.1	770.02	21.09	11,473.1	39.3	888.13	2,648.9	17.0	258.49
15 to 24 years	2,339.6	26.7	348.76	12.08	1,153.2	38.8	551.89	1,186.4	14.8	151.34
25 years and over	11,782.4	36.8	853.67	22.88	10,319.9	39.4	925.70	1,462.5	18.8	345.41
Men	7,057.1	37.7	889.35	22.97	6,242.1	40.5	975.72	815.0	16.3	227.94
Women	7,064.9	32.6	650.82	19.22	5,231.0	38.0	783.61	1,833.9	17.4	272.06
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,496.6	35.6	869.19	24.10	3,825.9	38.6	954.96	670.8	18.6	379.98
No union coverage	9,625.4	34.9	723.69	19.69	7,647.2	39.7	854.69	1,978.1	16.5	217.29
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,616.4	36.1	802.07	21.58	10,679.0	39.3	897.72	1,937.4	18.0	274.86
Temporary	1,505.6	27.5	501.47	17.03	794.1	39.2	759.14	711.5	14.4	213.91
Occupation										
Management	1,000.7	39.8	1,301.52	32.84	966.4	40.5	1,330.59	34.3	20.0	482.55
Business, finance and administrative	2,823.8	35.0	719.99	20.11	2,383.2	38.2	800.04	440.6	17.7	286.97
Natural and applied sciences	1,058.9	38.4	1,142.61	29.63	1,020.8	39.2	1,169.83	38.1	16.6	413.82
Health	856.5	33.7	815.51	24.13	655.8	37.8	918.51	200.8	20.1	479.09
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,342.2	33.9	934.95	27.43	1,070.3	38.2	1,063.45	271.9	16.9	429.10
Art, culture, recreation and sport	323.2	29.9	717.73	21.88	216.7	38.5	972.34	106.5	12.4	199.69
Sales and service	3,627.9	30.2	453.10	13.92	2,249.6	38.5	620.36	1,378.4	16.7	180.11
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,003.8	40.1	844.29	20.87	1,887.8	41.5	880.51	116.0	17.0	254.96
Occupations unique to primary industry	227.5	42.1	857.23	19.76	201.2	45.7	945.75	26.3	14.6	180.63
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	857.4	39.2	714.66	18.07	821.3	40.2	734.78	36.0	17.5	256.18
January 2007										
15 years and over	13,839.2	35.1	732.40	20.10	11,208.1	39.4	846.00	2,631.1	16.9	248.48
15 to 24 years	2,294.8	26.7	331.17	11.45	1,130.2	39.1	524.38	1,164.6	14.8	143.65
25 years and over	11,544.5	36.8	812.15	21.82	10,077.9	39.4	882.07	1,466.6	18.6	331.71
Men	6,927.3	37.7	846.68	21.87	6,107.7	40.6	930.99	819.6	16.2	218.38
Women	6,912.0	32.5	617.86	18.32	5,100.4	37.9	744.22	1,811.6	17.2	262.10
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,373.7	35.7	837.47	23.21	3,730.8	38.6	915.94	642.8	18.9	382.03
No union coverage	9,465.6	34.8	683.85	18.66	7,477.3	39.8	811.10	1,988.3	16.3	205.30
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,253.3	36.1	764.95	20.57	10,366.8	39.4	855.76	1,886.5	18.0	265.93
Temporary	1,586.0	27.4	480.91	16.44	841.4	39.0	725.74	744.6	14.2	204.27
Occupation										
Management	994.3	39.9	1,240.19	31.14	968.2	40.5	1,262.79	26.0	18.9	400.07
Business, finance and administrative	2,666.3	35.0	682.04	19.03	2,251.7	38.3	759.44	414.6	17.4	261.63
Natural and applied sciences	1,025.1	38.6	1,096.03	28.43	994.4	39.2	1,115.77	30.6	18.8	455.43
Health	854.3	33.3	804.74	24.02	645.6	37.7	911.33	208.7	19.9	475.07
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,293.7	33.3	874.36	26.07	1,010.4	37.9	1,001.45	283.3	16.7	421.04
Art, culture, recreation and sport	290.6	30.2	656.29	20.26	197.3	38.7	872.16	93.4	12.2	200.11
Sales and service	3,597.7	30.2	434.50	13.36	2,221.0	38.5	595.61	1,376.7	16.6	174.59
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,921.7	39.9	808.04	20.02	1,790.3	41.6	850.51	131.4	17.0	229.35
Occupations unique to primary industry	248.5	42.0	781.70	18.07	215.7	46.0	869.57	32.8	15.4	204.11
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	947.1	39.3	676.89	17.06	913.5	40.2	694.53	33.6	16.5	197.39

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 February 10, 2008 to March 8, 2008
	Percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.0
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	16.9
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.8
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.4
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.2
06. Halifax	4.6
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.3
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	10.0
09. Restigouche-Albert	13.4
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	16.8
11. Québec	5.3
12. Trois-Rivières	8.3
13. South Central Quebec	6.4
14. Sherbrooke	6.4
15. Montérégie	7.8
16. Montréal	6.9
17. Central Quebec	7.5
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.7
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	11.1
20. Gatineau	4.2
21. Saguenay	8.2
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	4.5
23. Eastern Ontario	6.1
24. Kingston	5.6
25. Central Ontario	7.4
26. Oshawa	5.7
27. Toronto	6.7
28. Hamilton	5.9
29. St. Catharines	6.2
30. London	6.6
31. Niagara	8.6
32. Windsor	8.3
33. Kitchener	5.3
34. Huron	6.9
35. South Central Ontario	4.7
36. Sudbury	5.3
37. Thunder Bay	6.3
38. Northern Ontario	10.9
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.4
40. Southern Manitoba	4.7
41. Northern Manitoba	25.0
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.2
43. Saskatoon	3.7
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.9
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.0

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 February 10, 2008 to March 8, 2008
	Percent
Alberta	
46. Calgary	3.0
47. Edmonton	3.7
48. Northern Alberta	7.7
49. Southern Alberta	4.7
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.1
51. Abbotsford	3.7
52. Vancouver	4.1
53. Victoria	3.8
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.3
55. Northern British Columbia	8.8
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.

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*