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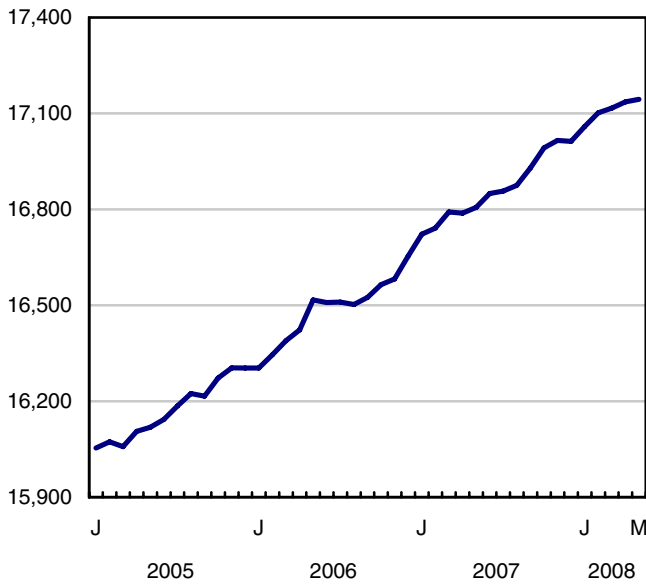
## May 2008

Following two months of small increases, employment was unchanged in May, and the unemployment rate remained at 6.1%. Over the past 12 months, employment in Canada has risen by 339,000 (+2.0%).

**Chart 1**  
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

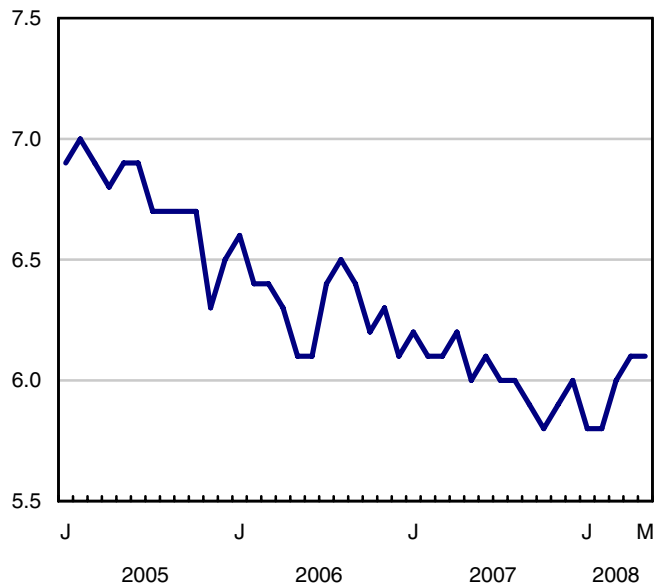
### Employment

thousands



### Unemployment rate

percentage



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Despite slower employment growth in recent months, the participation rate remained at its record high of 68.0% in May.

Women aged 25 and over entered the labour market in large numbers in May. Employment grew by 35,000 for this group, while it was unchanged for men of the same age and declined for all youths. The participation rate for adult women reached an all-time high of 62.4% in May.

Quebec was the only province with notable employment growth in May, while Manitoba and New Brunswick saw declines.

Manufacturing employment rose in May, mainly in Ontario and Quebec. Employment across the country in this industry has trended downward since November 2002, with losses of 344,000 over this period.

Health care and social assistance, as well as “other services” added employment in May, while agriculture and professional, scientific and technical services recorded losses.

Growth in part-time employment in May offset a decrease in full time and contributed to the 0.6% decline in the total number of hours worked. Over the past 12 months, total hours worked has increased by 0.9%, half the pace of overall employment growth.

In May, the average hourly wage was 4.8% higher than a year earlier, and well above the most recent increase of 1.7% in consumer prices. Since September 2007, year-over-year increases in average hourly wages have exceeded 4%.

### Employment gains in Quebec

In Quebec, after two consecutive months of declines, employment rose by 18,000 in May. With an increase in the number of Quebecers in the labour market, the unemployment rate was little changed at 7.5%. Employment growth over the last 12 months in that province stands at 1.2%, below the national rate of growth.

Employment in Quebec’s manufacturing industry increased in May (+14,000). While manufacturing employment has declined by 124,000 since November 2002, over the past 12 months, this sector has been stable with growth in transportation equipment offsetting losses in textile and clothing manufacturing.

With a slight increase in May, Ontario’s employment growth over the past 12 months was 2.2%. Losses in educational services in May were offset by gains in manufacturing. Manufacturing has been on a downward trend since November 2002 (-200,000).

In Newfoundland and Labrador, the employment rate rose to an all-time high of 52.8% in May. Over the past 12 months, employment growth was 2.9% (+6,000), one of the fastest rates of growth in the country.

Following strong gains the month before, employment in Manitoba declined in May, pushing the unemployment rate up to 4.2%, still among the lowest in Canada. Employment in this province has increased by 1.5% in the past 12 months.

In May, employment in New Brunswick declined (-4,400), bringing the unemployment rate up to 8.9%. In 2007, employment followed an upward trend; so far this year, however, growth has slowed.



Although unchanged in May, employment in Alberta has increased 3.3% over the past 12 months, the strongest growth rate in Canada. Due to increased participation in the labour market, the unemployment rate rose in May to 3.6%, still the lowest in Canada.

### **Strong employment growth for adult women**

In May, employment among adult women rose by 35,000 (+0.5%), mostly in part time. An increase of 52,000 women in the labour market boosted their participation rate to an all-time high of 62.4% in May.

Among youths aged 15 to 24, employment declined by 25,000 in May. The rate of employment growth among youth over the past 12 months (+0.8%), while lower than the rate of overall employment growth (+2.0%), is similar to their population rate of growth.

### **A fast start for students aged 20 to 24**

*From May to August, the Labour Force Survey collects labour market information about young people aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full-time in March and who intend to return to school in the fall. The May survey results provide the first indicators of the summer job market, especially for students aged 20 to 24. Many younger students, aged 15 to 19, were not yet out of school for the summer. The data for June, July and August will provide future insight into the summer job market. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted; therefore comparisons can only be made from one year to another.*

The summer job market has just started in May for students aged 20 to 24. Employment among these students grew by 29,000 compared with a year earlier, mainly in part time. A surge in students looking for work pushed their unemployment rate up 3.2 percentage points from its level in May 2007 to 15.4% in May 2008.

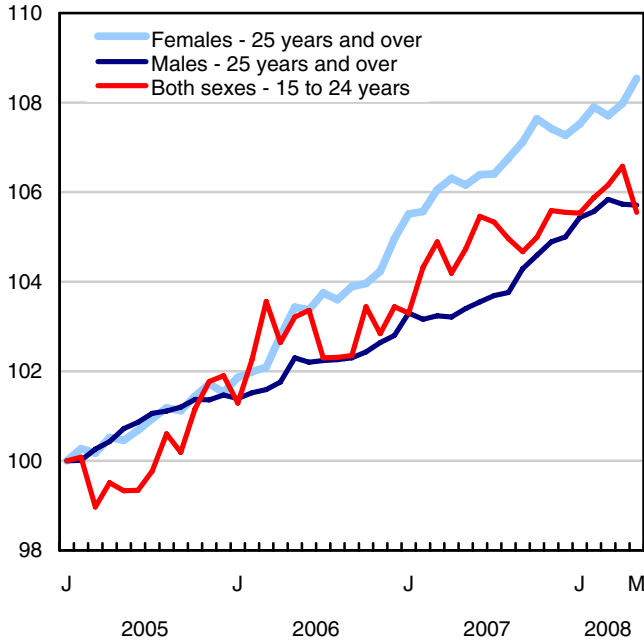
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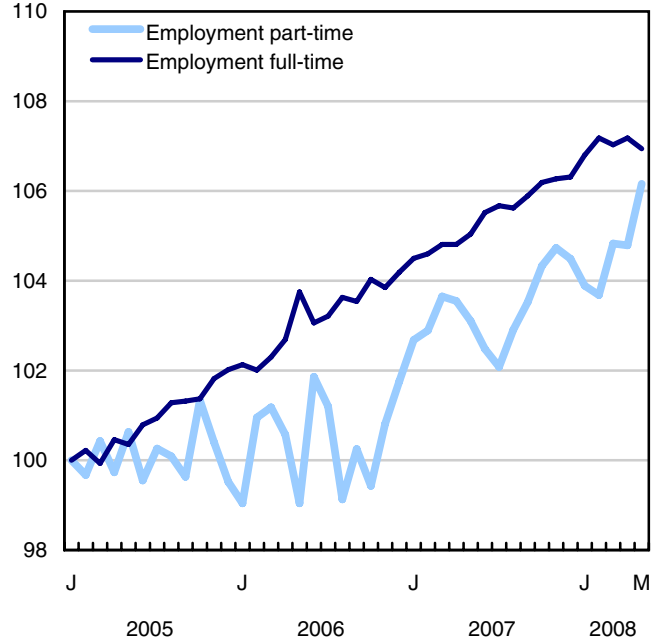
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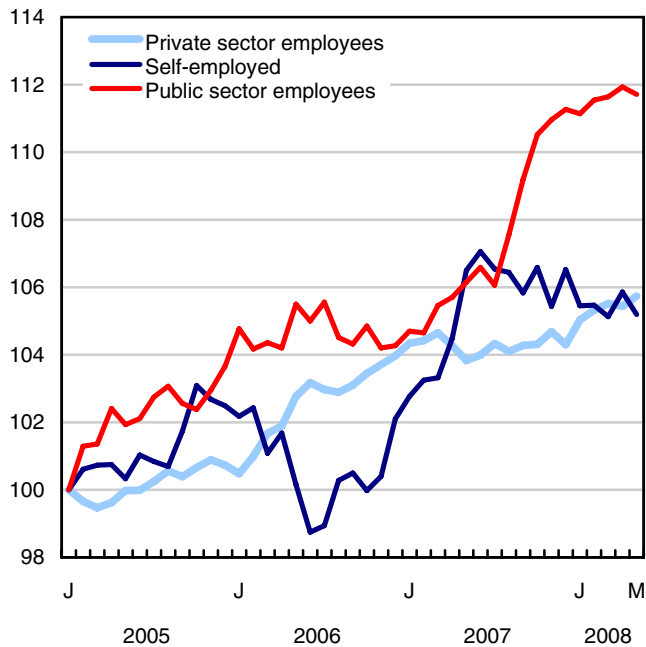
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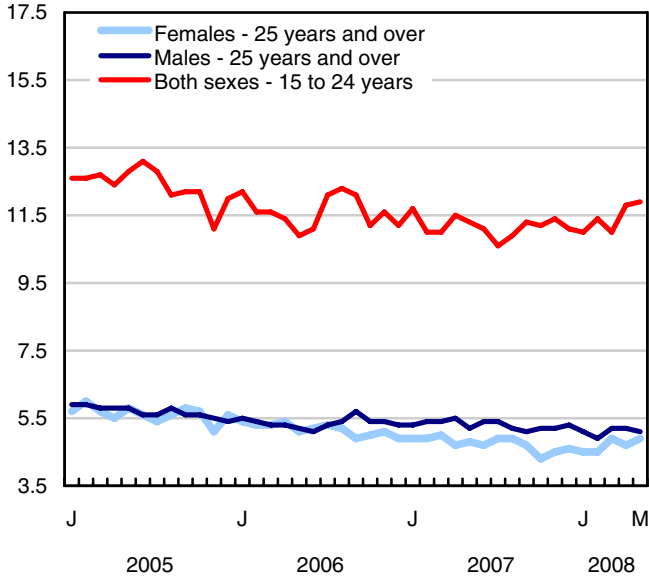


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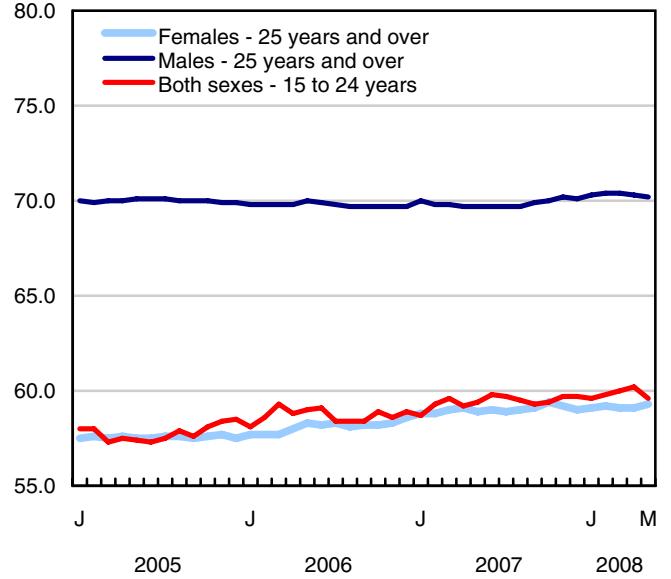


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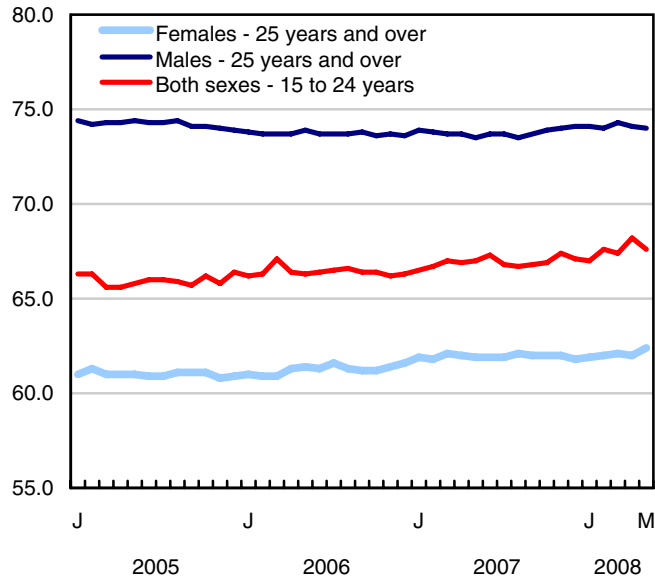
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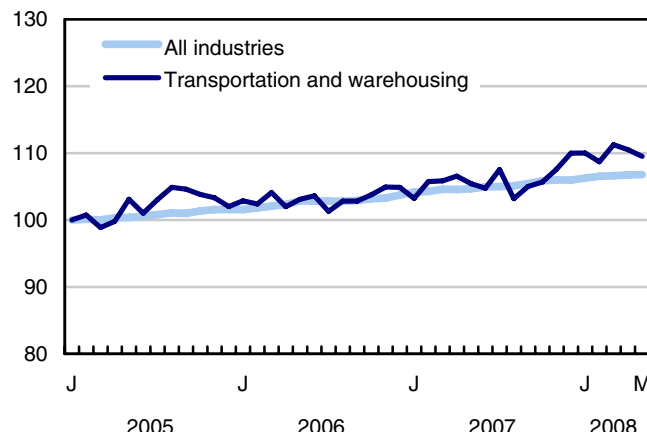
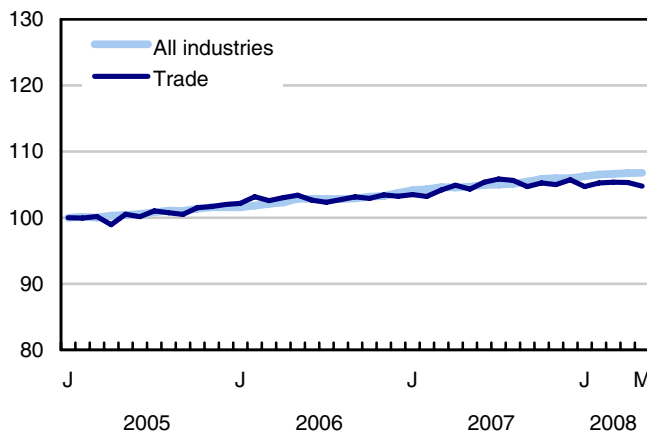
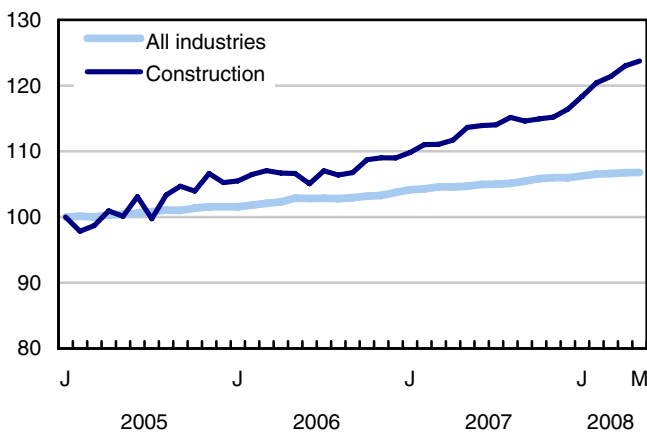
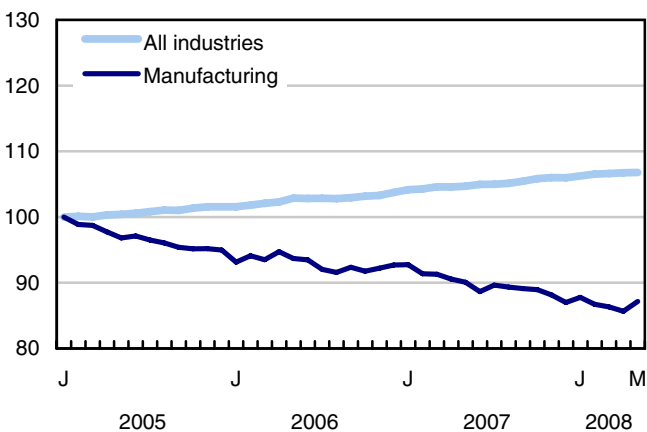
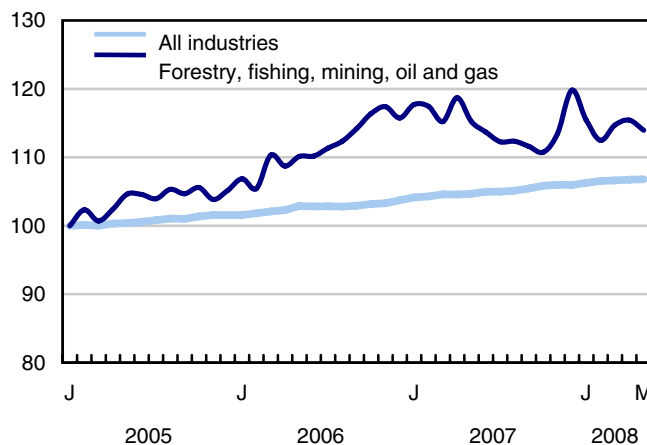
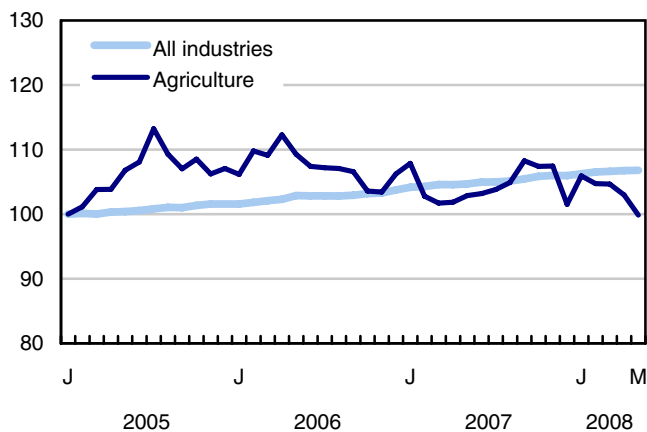
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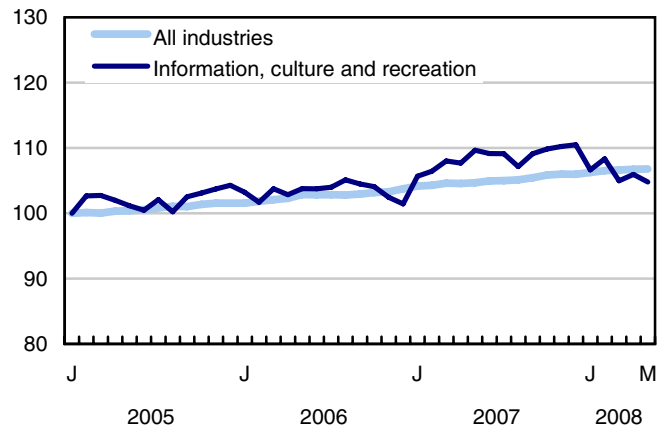
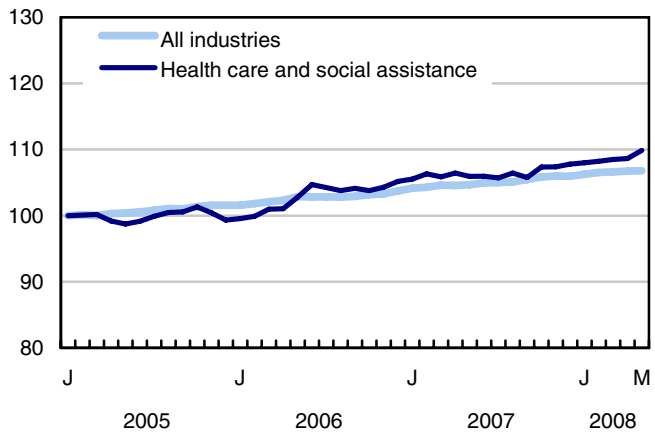
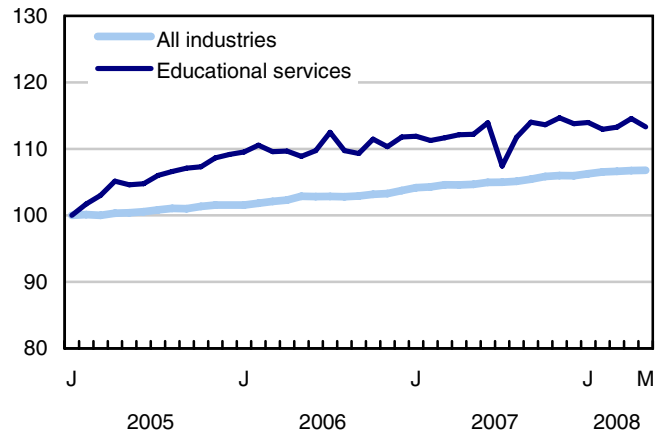
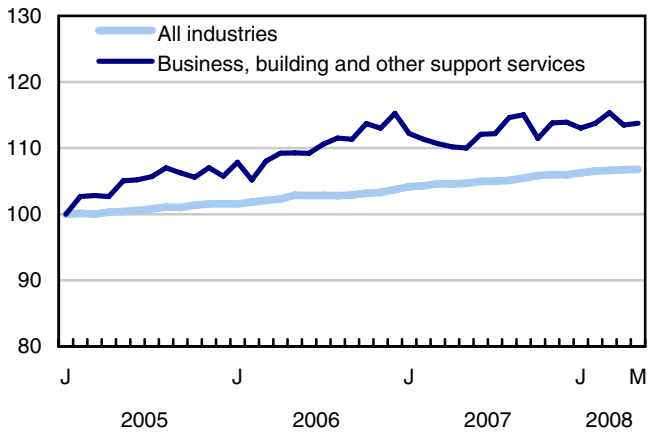
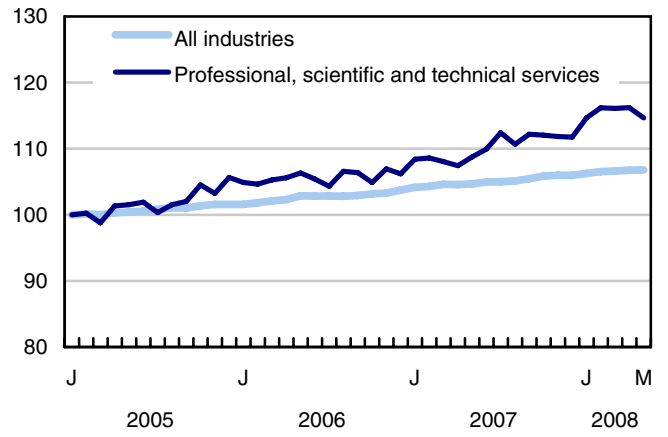
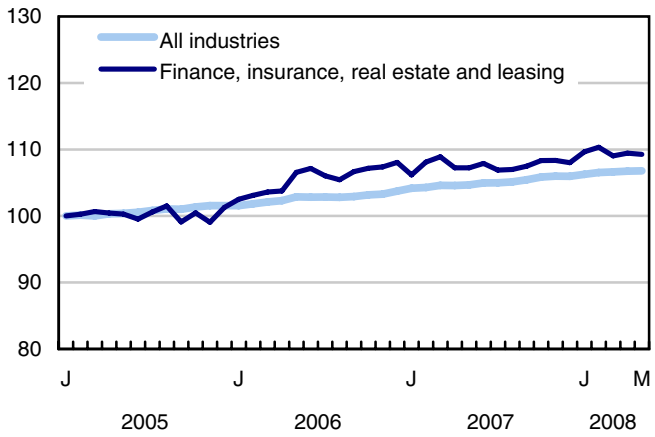
**Participation rate (%)**



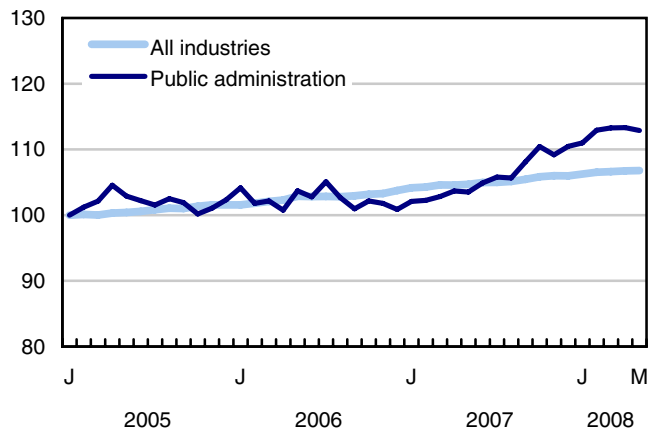
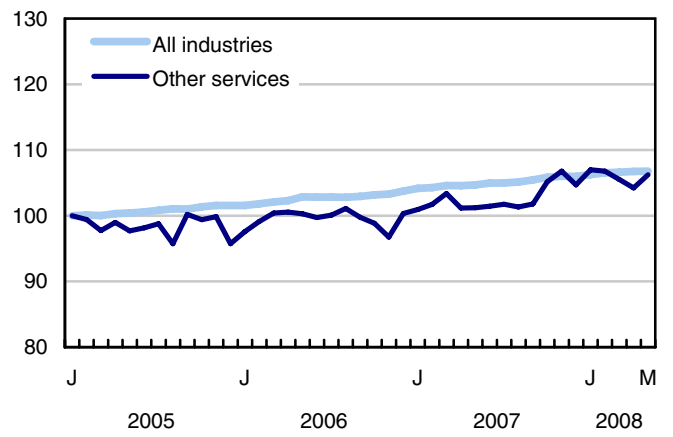
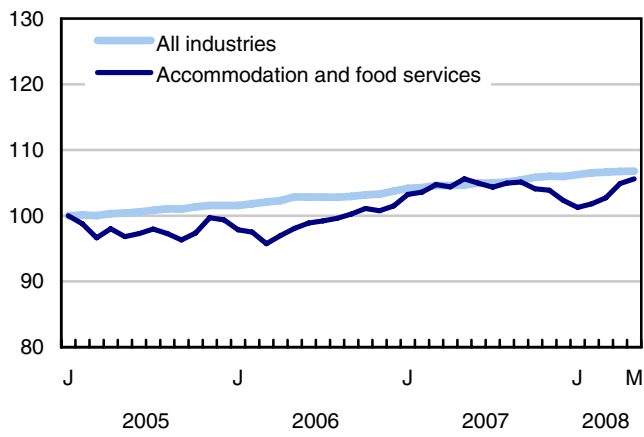
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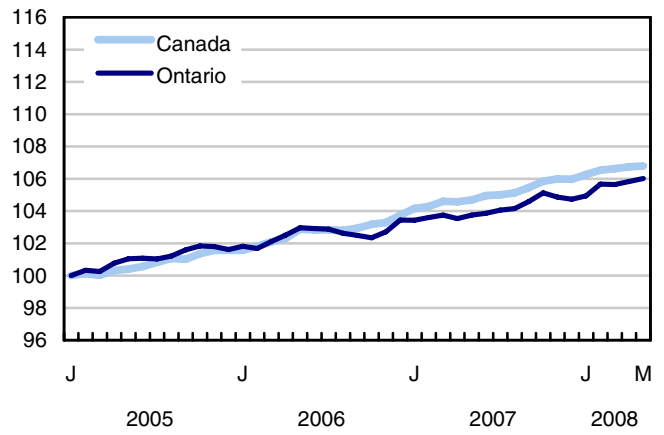
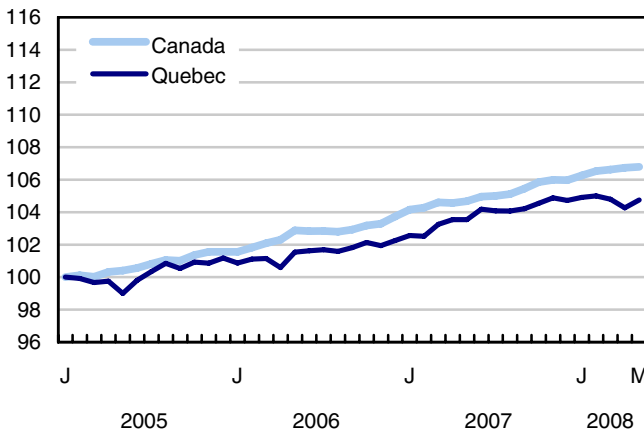
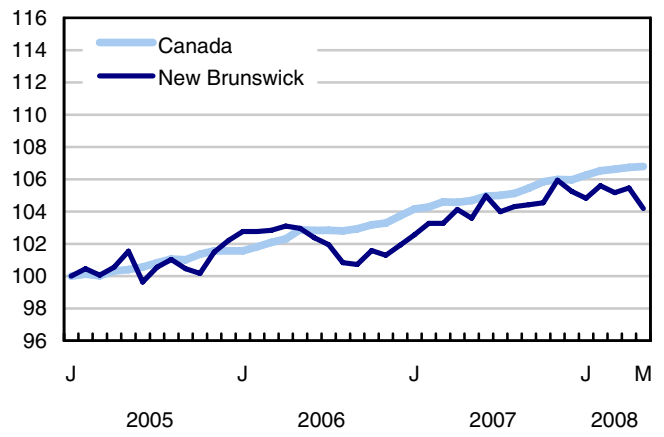
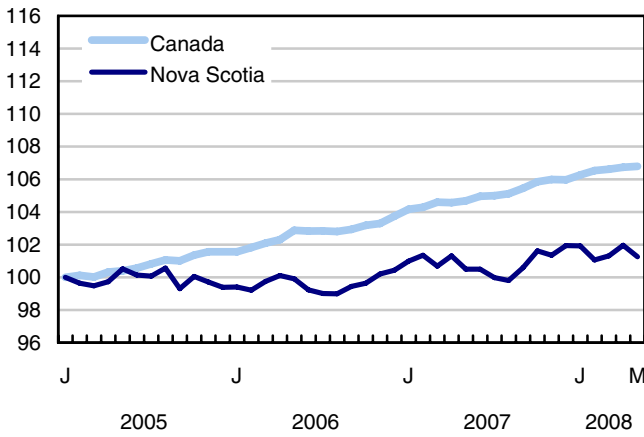
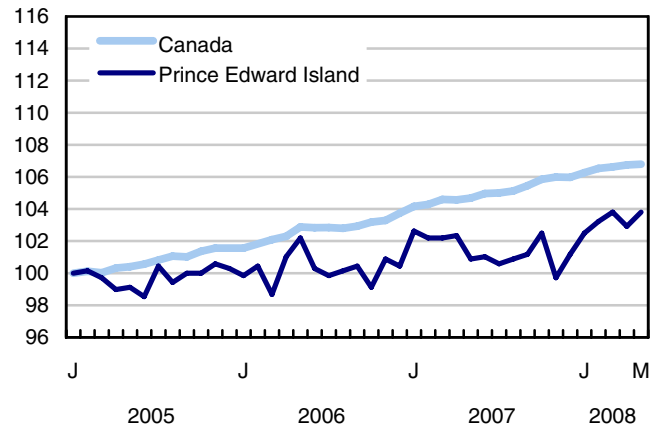
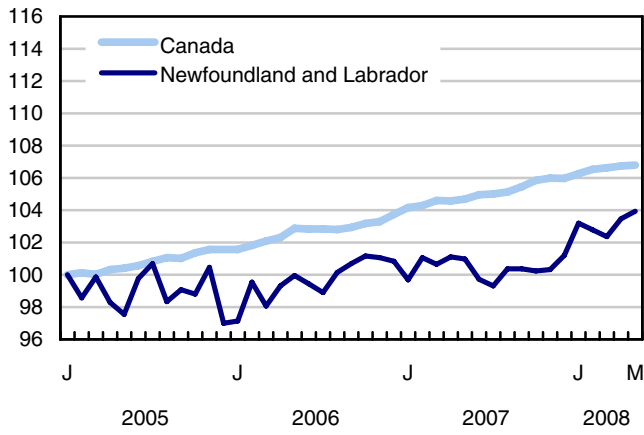
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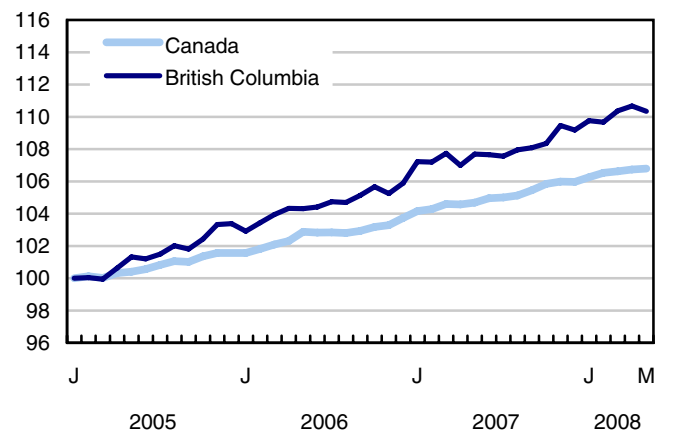
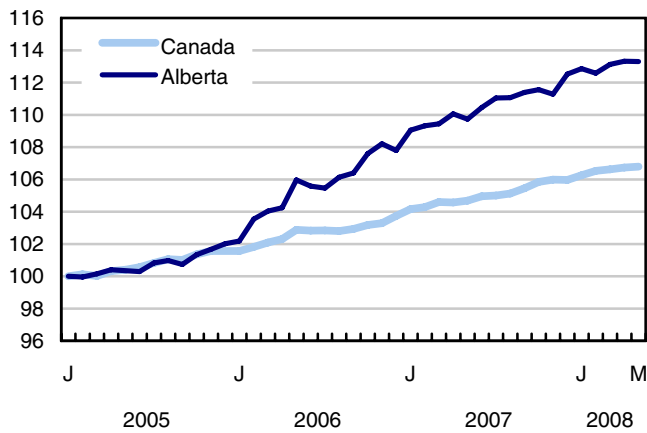
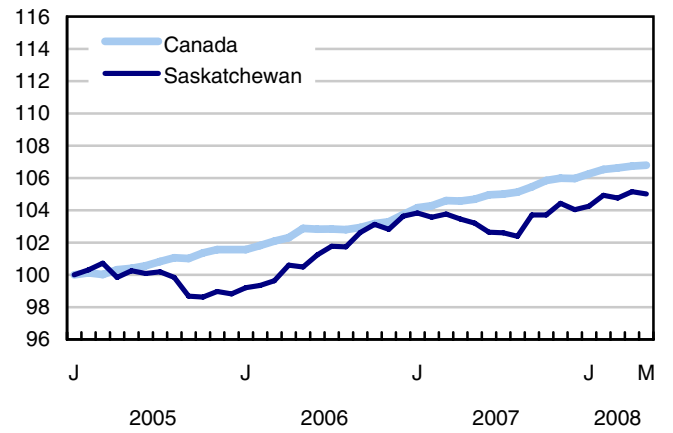
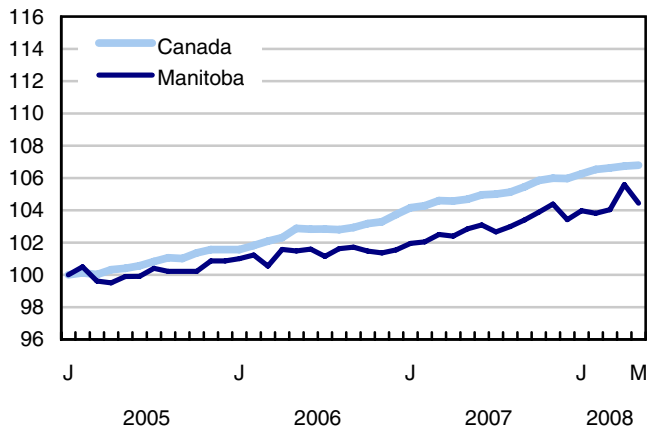
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**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100**



**Chart 6**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100**



**Chart 7**  
**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**

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	26,839.2	<b>26,870.6</b>	...	<b>31.4</b>	151.1	366.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.4
Labour force	18,239.8	<b>18,261.6</b>	27.0	<b>21.8</b>	171.4	377.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	2.1
Employment	17,136.0	<b>17,144.4</b>	27.4	<b>8.4</b>	131.9	338.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	2.0
Employment full-time	14,029.4	<b>13,997.2</b>	35.7	<b>-32.2</b>	82.6	247.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	1.8
Employment part-time	3,106.6	<b>3,147.2</b>	32.4	<b>40.6</b>	49.3	90.6	<b>1.3</b>	1.6	3.0
Unemployment	1,103.8	<b>1,117.2</b>	22.8	<b>13.4</b>	39.6	39.2	<b>1.2</b>	3.7	3.6
Participation rate	68.0	<b>68.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	<b>18.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,371.3	<b>4,372.9</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	6.1	24.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	2,982.8	<b>2,956.5</b>	16.2	<b>-26.3</b>	24.9	41.8	<b>-0.9</b>	0.8	1.4
Employment	2,631.0	<b>2,605.7</b>	15.8	<b>-25.3</b>	0.2	20.4	<b>-1.0</b>	0.0	0.8
Employment full-time	1,464.6	<b>1,446.6</b>	17.9	<b>-18.0</b>	24.7	0.1	<b>-1.2</b>	1.7	0.0
Employment part-time	1,166.3	<b>1,159.1</b>	18.5	<b>-7.2</b>	-24.6	20.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.1	1.8
Unemployment	351.8	<b>350.8</b>	13.5	<b>-1.0</b>	24.8	21.4	<b>-0.3</b>	7.6	6.5
Participation rate	68.2	<b>67.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	<b>11.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.3	<b>44.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,978.6	<b>10,993.5</b>	...	<b>14.9</b>	72.8	171.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.6
Labour force	8,134.2	<b>8,130.7</b>	13.9	<b>-3.5</b>	42.6	172.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	2.2
Employment	7,714.1	<b>7,712.5</b>	15.0	<b>-1.6</b>	52.3	168.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	2.2
Employment full-time	7,216.8	<b>7,197.0</b>	19.2	<b>-19.8</b>	31.7	135.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.9
Employment part-time	497.2	<b>515.4</b>	15.1	<b>18.2</b>	20.5	33.2	<b>3.7</b>	4.1	6.9
Unemployment	420.1	<b>418.2</b>	13.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-9.7	3.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.3	0.8
Participation rate	74.1	<b>74.0</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	<b>70.2</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	<b>6.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	11,489.3	<b>11,504.2</b>	...	<b>14.9</b>	72.2	171.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Labour force	7,122.8	<b>7,174.4</b>	15.5	<b>51.6</b>	103.9	163.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	2.3
Employment	6,791.0	<b>6,826.3</b>	15.5	<b>35.3</b>	79.5	149.3	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment full-time	5,347.9	<b>5,353.6</b>	23.0	<b>5.7</b>	26.2	112.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	2.1
Employment part-time	1,443.1	<b>1,472.7</b>	21.1	<b>29.6</b>	53.3	37.1	<b>2.1</b>	3.8	2.6
Unemployment	331.9	<b>348.1</b>	12.1	<b>16.2</b>	24.4	14.3	<b>4.9</b>	7.5	4.3
Participation rate	62.0	<b>62.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	<b>4.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	<b>59.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	<b>21.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,399.9	<b>14,409.4</b>	...	<b>9.5</b>	37.7	93.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	12,490.7	<b>12,512.0</b>	20.4	<b>21.3</b>	59.8	124.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.0
Employment	11,870.5	<b>11,890.6</b>	21.9	<b>20.1</b>	63.5	133.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.1
Unemployment	620.3	<b>621.4</b>	16.9	<b>1.1</b>	-3.7	-8.6	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.4
Participation rate	86.7	<b>86.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.4	<b>82.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	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 2**  
**Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted**

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	14,509.4	<b>14,534.6</b>	32.1	<b>25.2</b>	164.8	370.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	2.6
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,626.5	<b>2,609.8</b>	21.1	<b>-16.7</b>	-32.9	-32.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-1.2
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,420.8	<b>3,413.9</b>	20.3	<b>-6.9</b>	13.4	169.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	5.2
Private sector employees	11,088.7	<b>11,120.7</b>	33.1	<b>32.0</b>	151.4	201.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.8
<b>Industry</b>	17,136.0	<b>17,144.4</b>	27.4	<b>8.4</b>	131.9	338.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,004.4	<b>4,033.0</b>	23.3	<b>28.6</b>	64.3	33.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.6	0.8
Agriculture	332.3	<b>322.2</b>	6.9	<b>-10.1</b>	-5.4	-9.8	<b>-3.0</b>	-1.6	-3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	341.5	<b>337.1</b>	6.5	<b>-4.4</b>	-17.3	-3.7	<b>-1.3</b>	-4.9	-1.1
Utilities	149.0	<b>150.7</b>	4.1	<b>1.7</b>	9.9	12.5	<b>1.1</b>	7.0	9.0
Construction	1,229.5	<b>1,236.9</b>	14.3	<b>7.4</b>	73.5	101.2	<b>0.6</b>	6.3	8.9
Manufacturing	1,952.0	<b>1,986.2</b>	17.9	<b>34.2</b>	3.7	-66.4	<b>1.8</b>	0.2	-3.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,131.6	<b>13,111.4</b>	31.1	<b>-20.2</b>	67.6	304.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	2.4
Trade	2,695.8	<b>2,681.9</b>	20.4	<b>-13.9</b>	-24.5	12.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	0.5
Transportation and warehousing	859.0	<b>851.2</b>	11.8	<b>-7.8</b>	-3.7	31.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.4	3.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,078.4	<b>1,076.6</b>	13.0	<b>-1.8</b>	12.3	19.9	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,199.4	<b>1,183.3</b>	14.8	<b>-16.1</b>	30.0	61.0	<b>-1.3</b>	2.6	5.4
Business, building and other support services	709.4	<b>711.1</b>	12.7	<b>1.7</b>	-1.1	23.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	3.4
Educational services	1,204.6	<b>1,191.2</b>	13.8	<b>-13.4</b>	-5.1	11.5	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.4	1.0
Health care and social assistance	1,885.4	<b>1,907.1</b>	15.0	<b>21.7</b>	36.5	68.4	<b>1.2</b>	2.0	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	763.3	<b>754.9</b>	12.5	<b>-8.4</b>	-41.0	-35.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-5.2	-4.4
Accommodation and food services	1,075.9	<b>1,083.0</b>	14.3	<b>7.1</b>	33.6	-0.1	<b>0.7</b>	3.2	0.0
Other services	734.0	<b>748.1</b>	11.0	<b>14.1</b>	10.8	35.3	<b>1.9</b>	1.5	5.0
Public administration	926.5	<b>923.0</b>	10.2	<b>-3.5</b>	19.8	76.6	<b>-0.4</b>	2.2	9.1

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

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

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

**Table 3**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted**

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	425.6	<b>425.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.4
Labour force	257.6	<b>256.9</b>	2.2	<b>-0.7</b>	6.7	6.5	<b>-0.3</b>	2.7	2.6
Employment	223.7	<b>224.7</b>	2.2	<b>1.0</b>	5.9	6.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.7	2.9
Employment full-time	189.1	<b>192.3</b>	2.6	<b>3.2</b>	3.7	7.1	<b>1.7</b>	2.0	3.8
Employment part-time	34.6	<b>32.5</b>	1.8	<b>-2.1</b>	2.3	-0.6	<b>-6.1</b>	7.6	-1.8
Unemployment	33.9	<b>32.2</b>	2.1	<b>-1.7</b>	0.8	0.1	<b>-5.0</b>	2.5	0.3
Participation rate	60.5	<b>60.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	<b>12.5</b>	0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	<b>52.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.0	<b>114.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	79.4	<b>78.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	1.0	1.7	<b>-1.1</b>	1.3	2.2
Employment	70.4	<b>71.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	2.0	<b>0.9</b>	2.6	2.9
Employment full-time	59.4	<b>59.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	1.3	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	2.4
Employment part-time	11.0	<b>11.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.6	<b>7.3</b>	4.4	5.4
Unemployment	8.9	<b>7.5</b>	0.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.8	-0.3	<b>-15.7</b>	-9.6	-3.8
Participation rate	69.6	<b>68.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	<b>9.6</b>	0.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	<b>62.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	767.7	<b>768.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.2	4.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.6
Labour force	490.6	<b>489.7</b>	2.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	5.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	1.1
Employment	452.4	<b>449.3</b>	2.9	<b>-3.1</b>	-3.0	3.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	0.8
Employment full-time	369.1	<b>365.4</b>	3.6	<b>-3.7</b>	-1.3	0.2	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.4	0.1
Employment part-time	83.3	<b>83.9</b>	3.1	<b>0.6</b>	-1.7	3.1	<b>0.7</b>	-2.0	3.8
Unemployment	38.2	<b>40.4</b>	2.6	<b>2.2</b>	2.4	1.8	<b>5.8</b>	6.3	4.7
Participation rate	63.9	<b>63.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>58.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	617.0	<b>617.6</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	2.3	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	400.6	<b>398.3</b>	2.3	<b>-2.3</b>	0.5	6.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	1.7
Employment	367.3	<b>362.9</b>	2.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-3.7	2.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.6
Employment full-time	309.3	<b>305.5</b>	2.8	<b>-3.8</b>	-5.6	3.6	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.8	1.2
Employment part-time	57.9	<b>57.4</b>	2.4	<b>-0.5</b>	1.9	-1.5	<b>-0.9</b>	3.4	-2.5
Unemployment	33.3	<b>35.4</b>	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	4.2	4.7	<b>6.3</b>	13.5	15.3
Participation rate	64.9	<b>64.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>8.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>58.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,358.9	<b>6,363.7</b>	...	<b>4.8</b>	23.5	55.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	4,183.5	<b>4,198.6</b>	14.2	<b>15.1</b>	23.8	63.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.5
Employment	3,867.5	<b>3,885.4</b>	14.5	<b>17.9</b>	1.1	44.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.0	1.2
Employment full-time	3,154.2	<b>3,166.0</b>	19.1	<b>11.8</b>	16.8	22.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.7
Employment part-time	713.3	<b>719.4</b>	17.5	<b>6.1</b>	-15.7	22.4	<b>0.9</b>	-2.1	3.2
Unemployment	315.9	<b>313.2</b>	12.7	<b>-2.7</b>	22.7	18.5	<b>-0.9</b>	7.8	6.3
Participation rate	65.8	<b>66.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>61.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	10,474.4	<b>10,487.2</b>	...	<b>12.8</b>	60.8	145.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.4
Labour force	7,153.2	<b>7,167.5</b>	18.4	<b>14.3</b>	72.3	158.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3
Employment	6,700.4	<b>6,711.6</b>	18.5	<b>11.2</b>	80.7	142.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment full-time	5,481.4	<b>5,464.8</b>	23.4	<b>-16.6</b>	19.2	93.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.7
Employment part-time	1,219.0	<b>1,246.8</b>	20.9	<b>27.8</b>	61.5	49.2	<b>2.3</b>	5.2	4.1
Unemployment	452.8	<b>456.0</b>	15.9	<b>3.2</b>	-8.3	16.2	<b>0.7</b>	-1.8	3.7
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>64.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	907.3	<b>908.2</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	5.0	10.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.2
Labour force	636.0	<b>631.6</b>	2.7	<b>-4.4</b>	6.3	3.2	<b>-0.7</b>	1.0	0.5
Employment	611.7	<b>605.0</b>	2.7	<b>-6.7</b>	5.9	9.2	<b>-1.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Employment full-time	491.3	<b>494.1</b>	3.9	<b>2.8</b>	6.1	16.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	3.5
Employment part-time	120.4	<b>110.9</b>	3.6	<b>-9.5</b>	-0.2	-7.6	<b>-7.9</b>	-0.2	-6.4
Unemployment	24.3	<b>26.6</b>	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	0.4	-6.0	<b>9.5</b>	1.5	-18.4
Participation rate	70.1	<b>69.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	<b>66.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	763.7	<b>765.2</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	7.2	16.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.1
Labour force	533.0	<b>531.2</b>	2.3	<b>-1.8</b>	5.3	7.0	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	1.3
Employment	510.1	<b>509.4</b>	2.4	<b>-0.7</b>	4.7	8.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	1.8
Employment full-time	420.1	<b>416.6</b>	3.1	<b>-3.5</b>	3.9	13.9	<b>-0.8</b>	0.9	3.5
Employment part-time	90.0	<b>92.7</b>	2.9	<b>2.7</b>	0.8	-5.2	<b>3.0</b>	0.9	-5.3
Unemployment	22.8	<b>21.8</b>	1.8	<b>-1.0</b>	0.6	-1.7	<b>-4.4</b>	2.8	-7.2
Participation rate	69.8	<b>69.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	<b>66.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,783.8	<b>2,788.5</b>	...	<b>4.7</b>	19.0	56.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.1
Labour force	2,076.5	<b>2,083.6</b>	7.9	<b>7.1</b>	23.8	62.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	3.1
Employment	2,008.1	<b>2,007.7</b>	8.2	<b>-0.4</b>	13.9	63.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	3.3
Employment full-time	1,695.6	<b>1,682.8</b>	11.2	<b>-12.8</b>	4.9	50.9	<b>-0.8</b>	0.3	3.1
Employment part-time	312.5	<b>325.0</b>	10.0	<b>12.5</b>	9.1	12.5	<b>4.0</b>	2.9	4.0
Unemployment	68.5	<b>75.9</b>	5.8	<b>7.4</b>	9.9	-1.3	<b>10.8</b>	15.0	-1.7
Participation rate	74.6	<b>74.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>3.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	<b>72.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,626.9	<b>3,632.4</b>	...	<b>5.5</b>	29.7	70.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0
Labour force	2,429.4	<b>2,425.7</b>	9.8	<b>-3.7</b>	32.2	62.9	<b>-0.2</b>	1.3	2.7
Employment	2,324.3	<b>2,317.4</b>	9.8	<b>-6.9</b>	24.5	55.7	<b>-0.3</b>	1.1	2.5
Employment full-time	1,859.6	<b>1,850.9</b>	13.5	<b>-8.7</b>	34.4	38.2	<b>-0.5</b>	1.9	2.1
Employment part-time	464.7	<b>466.5</b>	12.7	<b>1.8</b>	-10.0	17.5	<b>0.4</b>	-2.1	3.9
Unemployment	105.1	<b>108.2</b>	7.0	<b>3.1</b>	7.6	7.1	<b>2.9</b>	7.6	7.0
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	<b>63.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	425.6	<b>425.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.4
Labour force	257.6	<b>256.9</b>	2.2	<b>-0.7</b>	6.7	6.5	<b>-0.3</b>	2.7	2.6
Employment	223.7	<b>224.7</b>	2.2	<b>1.0</b>	5.9	6.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.7	2.9
Employment full-time	189.1	<b>192.3</b>	2.6	<b>3.2</b>	3.7	7.1	<b>1.7</b>	2.0	3.8
Unemployment	33.9	<b>32.2</b>	2.1	<b>-1.7</b>	0.8	0.1	<b>-5.0</b>	2.5	0.3
Participation rate	60.5	<b>60.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	<b>12.5</b>	0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	<b>52.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	<b>14.5</b>	0.8	<b>-1.0</b>	0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	62.8	<b>62.6</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-2.2
Labour force	35.7	<b>34.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.9</b>	1.4	0.5	<b>-2.5</b>	4.2	1.5
Employment	28.8	<b>28.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	0.8	0.1	<b>-2.8</b>	2.9	0.4
Unemployment	6.9	<b>6.8</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	0.4	<b>-1.4</b>	9.7	6.2
Participation rate	56.8	<b>55.6</b>	1.7	<b>-1.2</b>	2.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	19.3	<b>19.5</b>	2.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	45.9	<b>44.7</b>	1.7	<b>-1.2</b>	1.5	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.4	<b>42.5</b>	3.5	<b>-1.9</b>	2.8	-4.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	175.2	<b>175.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	117.4	<b>116.6</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	2.2	4.4	<b>-0.7</b>	1.9	3.9
Employment	101.7	<b>104.7</b>	1.4	<b>3.0</b>	3.2	7.8	<b>2.9</b>	3.2	8.0
Unemployment	15.7	<b>11.9</b>	1.3	<b>-3.8</b>	-1.0	-3.4	<b>-24.2</b>	-7.8	-22.2
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	1.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	<b>10.2</b>	1.1	<b>-3.2</b>	-1.1	-3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	<b>59.7</b>	0.8	<b>1.7</b>	1.6	4.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.0	<b>4.9</b>	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	187.6	<b>187.8</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.0
Labour force	104.6	<b>105.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	3.1	1.7	<b>0.9</b>	3.0	1.6
Employment	93.2	<b>92.1</b>	1.2	<b>-1.1</b>	2.0	-1.3	<b>-1.2</b>	2.2	-1.4
Unemployment	11.3	<b>13.4</b>	1.2	<b>2.1</b>	1.1	3.0	<b>18.6</b>	8.9	28.8
Participation rate	55.8	<b>56.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	<b>12.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.9</b>	0.7	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.7	<b>49.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	0.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	<b>16.8</b>	1.3	<b>-2.2</b>	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	223.7	<b>224.7</b>	2.2	<b>1.0</b>	5.9	6.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.7	2.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	0.9	<b>1.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>22.2</b>	-21.4	-8.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.9	<b>15.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.5	-0.4	<b>-2.5</b>	-8.8	-2.5
Utilities	1.5	<b>1.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>6.7</b>	-15.8	-5.9
Construction	17.2	<b>17.7</b>	1.0	<b>0.5</b>	3.5	4.8	<b>2.9</b>	24.6	37.2
Manufacturing	15.6	<b>16.2</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	-0.3	<b>3.8</b>	6.6	-1.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	172.6	<b>172.8</b>	2.0	<b>0.2</b>	3.6	2.7	<b>0.1</b>	2.1	1.6
Trade	34.6	<b>37.8</b>	1.2	<b>3.2</b>	1.3	0.4	<b>9.2</b>	3.6	1.1
Transportation and warehousing	11.3	<b>11.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	1.1	1.6	<b>-0.9</b>	10.9	16.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.4	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.9</b>	0.0	1.2	<b>12.2</b>	0.0	16.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	9.3	<b>8.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	0.8	0.5	<b>-6.5</b>	10.1	6.1
Business, building and other support services	8.7	<b>7.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.1	0.1	<b>-9.2</b>	-12.2	1.3
Educational services	17.1	<b>16.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	1.1	-1.8	<b>-4.1</b>	7.2	-9.9
Health care and social assistance	32.4	<b>32.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	2.5
Information, culture and recreation	8.4	<b>7.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.4	-0.5	<b>-6.0</b>	-15.1	-6.0
Accommodation and food services	13.7	<b>12.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.4	-3.0	<b>-6.6</b>	-15.8	-19.0
Other services	11.2	<b>11.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	2.1	1.1	<b>-1.8</b>	23.6	11.1
Public administration	18.5	<b>18.8</b>	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	2.6	2.6	<b>1.6</b>	16.0	16.0

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

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

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	114.0	<b>114.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	79.4	<b>78.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	1.0	1.7	<b>-1.1</b>	1.3	2.2
Employment	70.4	<b>71.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	2.0	<b>0.9</b>	2.6	2.9
Employment full-time	59.4	<b>59.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	1.3	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	2.4
Unemployment	8.9	<b>7.5</b>	0.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.8	-0.3	<b>-15.7</b>	-9.6	-3.8
Participation rate	69.6	<b>68.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	<b>9.6</b>	0.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	<b>62.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.6	<b>16.6</b>	0.9	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.6	<b>19.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.0
Labour force	14.4	<b>13.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.3	0.1	<b>-4.9</b>	-2.1	0.7
Employment	11.9	<b>11.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	2.6	0.8
Unemployment	2.5	<b>1.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	0.0	<b>-28.0</b>	-25.0	0.0
Participation rate	73.5	<b>69.5</b>	1.8	<b>-4.0</b>	-1.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.4	<b>13.1</b>	2.2	<b>-4.3</b>	-4.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	<b>60.4</b>	1.8	<b>-0.3</b>	1.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.3	<b>36.1</b>	3.2	<b>-4.2</b>	-4.4	-5.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.2	<b>45.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.3
Labour force	32.8	<b>32.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.9	1.9
Employment	29.2	<b>29.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	0.8	<b>2.1</b>	2.4	2.8
Unemployment	3.6	<b>3.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.1	-0.2	<b>-16.7</b>	-3.2	-6.2
Participation rate	72.6	<b>72.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	<b>9.1</b>	1.1	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>65.8</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	<b>6.7</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.1	<b>49.1</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.0
Labour force	32.1	<b>32.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	3.2
Employment	29.2	<b>29.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	2.8	3.9
Unemployment	2.9	<b>2.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>-6.9</b>	-3.6	-3.6
Participation rate	65.4	<b>65.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	1.5	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	<b>8.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>59.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.1	<b>18.8</b>	1.4	<b>3.7</b>	1.9	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	70.4	<b>71.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	2.0	<b>0.9</b>	2.6	2.9
Agriculture	17.6	<b>16.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.3	-1.2	<b>-4.0</b>	-1.7	-6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.2	<b>2.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.7	<b>-9.4</b>	-12.1	-19.4
Utilities	2.7	<b>2.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>7.4</b>	20.8	20.8
Construction	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	-0.1	<b>-2.0</b>	8.7	-2.0
Manufacturing	6.3	<b>5.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	-0.9	<b>-7.9</b>	-13.4	-13.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	52.8	<b>54.1</b>	0.7	<b>1.3</b>	2.1	3.2	<b>2.5</b>	4.0	6.3
Trade	10.7	<b>10.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.1	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.9	1.0
Transportation and warehousing	3.1	<b>2.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	0.8	<b>-6.5</b>	20.8	38.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.5	<b>2.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.0	<b>12.0</b>	-3.4	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.9	<b>2.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.9	<b>-6.9</b>	17.4	50.0
Business, building and other support services	2.4	<b>3.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	0.3	<b>25.0</b>	7.1	11.1
Educational services	4.9	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>10.2</b>	14.9	14.9
Health care and social assistance	8.2	<b>8.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	5.1
Information, culture and recreation	2.2	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.2	<b>13.6</b>	-3.8	-7.4
Accommodation and food services	5.6	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	-1.2	<b>-10.7</b>	-7.4	-19.4
Other services	2.9	<b>3.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.2	<b>13.8</b>	10.0	6.5
Public administration	7.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.2	<b>5.4</b>	11.4	18.2

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

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

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	767.7	<b>768.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.2	4.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.6
Labour force	490.6	<b>489.7</b>	2.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	5.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	1.1
Employment	452.4	<b>449.3</b>	2.9	<b>-3.1</b>	-3.0	3.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	0.8
Employment full-time	369.1	<b>365.4</b>	3.6	<b>-3.7</b>	-1.3	0.2	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.4	0.1
Unemployment	38.2	<b>40.4</b>	2.6	<b>2.2</b>	2.4	1.8	<b>5.8</b>	6.3	4.7
Participation rate	63.9	<b>63.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>58.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	<b>18.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	121.7	<b>121.6</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.7
Labour force	81.7	<b>83.0</b>	1.6	<b>1.3</b>	-0.3	2.0	<b>1.6</b>	-0.4	2.5
Employment	70.4	<b>72.2</b>	1.6	<b>1.8</b>	1.3	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	1.8	3.7
Unemployment	11.4	<b>10.8</b>	1.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.6	-0.6	<b>-5.3</b>	-12.9	-5.3
Participation rate	67.1	<b>68.3</b>	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	0.0	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	<b>13.0</b>	1.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	<b>59.4</b>	1.3	<b>1.6</b>	1.3	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.6	<b>46.3</b>	2.4	<b>1.7</b>	0.8	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	308.0	<b>308.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	210.0	<b>210.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.2
Employment	194.9	<b>193.2</b>	1.7	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.8	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.4	0.4
Unemployment	15.1	<b>16.8</b>	1.6	<b>1.7</b>	2.1	-0.3	<b>11.3</b>	14.3	-1.8
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>8.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>62.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	<b>6.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	337.9	<b>338.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	3.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	198.8	<b>196.7</b>	1.5	<b>-2.1</b>	0.5	2.7	<b>-1.1</b>	0.3	1.4
Employment	187.1	<b>184.0</b>	1.5	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.4	0.1	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.8	0.1
Unemployment	11.7	<b>12.8</b>	1.3	<b>1.1</b>	1.9	2.7	<b>9.4</b>	17.4	26.7
Participation rate	58.8	<b>58.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	<b>54.4</b>	0.4	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>20.8</b>	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	452.4	<b>449.3</b>	2.9	<b>-3.1</b>	-3.0	3.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	0.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	93.8	<b>94.2</b>	2.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	6.9	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	7.9
Agriculture	6.9	<b>6.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	0.6	0.5	<b>-8.7</b>	10.5	8.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.1	<b>12.1</b>	1.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.6	-0.7	<b>-7.6</b>	-11.7	-5.5
Utilities	3.2	<b>3.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	1.7	<b>9.4</b>	34.6	94.4
Construction	31.7	<b>34.2</b>	1.4	<b>2.5</b>	6.2	8.2	<b>7.9</b>	22.1	31.5
Manufacturing	39.0	<b>38.1</b>	1.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.9	-2.8	<b>-2.3</b>	-9.3	-6.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	358.6	<b>355.1</b>	3.0	<b>-3.5</b>	-5.2	-3.5	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.4	-1.0
Trade	80.8	<b>77.8</b>	1.9	<b>-3.0</b>	2.9	-1.9	<b>-3.7</b>	3.9	-2.4
Transportation and warehousing	17.5	<b>17.6</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	-1.8	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	-9.3	6.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.1	<b>22.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	-1.3	<b>1.4</b>	4.2	-5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.6	<b>18.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	1.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.6	9.5
Business, building and other support services	28.5	<b>28.1</b>	1.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.0	2.2	<b>-1.4</b>	-9.6	8.5
Educational services	33.7	<b>31.9</b>	1.3	<b>-1.8</b>	-2.5	-6.8	<b>-5.3</b>	-7.3	-17.6
Health care and social assistance	59.3	<b>60.9</b>	1.5	<b>1.6</b>	-0.5	1.1	<b>2.7</b>	-0.8	1.8
Information, culture and recreation	20.1	<b>20.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-0.8	1.1	<b>1.5</b>	-3.8	5.7
Accommodation and food services	28.9	<b>28.1</b>	1.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-1.1	<b>-2.8</b>	-2.8	-3.8
Other services	19.3	<b>19.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	-1.8	<b>1.0</b>	2.1	-8.5
Public administration	29.8	<b>30.0</b>	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	9.1

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

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



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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	617.0	<b>617.6</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	2.3	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	400.6	<b>398.3</b>	2.3	<b>-2.3</b>	0.5	6.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	1.7
Employment	367.3	<b>362.9</b>	2.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-3.7	2.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.6
Employment full-time	309.3	<b>305.5</b>	2.8	<b>-3.8</b>	-5.6	3.6	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.8	1.2
Unemployment	33.3	<b>35.4</b>	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	4.2	4.7	<b>6.3</b>	13.5	15.3
Participation rate	64.9	<b>64.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>8.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>58.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	<b>15.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	94.9	<b>94.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.0
Labour force	62.5	<b>63.7</b>	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	1.2	0.4	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	0.6
Employment	53.0	<b>54.8</b>	1.3	<b>1.8</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>3.4</b>	-0.5	-0.2
Unemployment	9.5	<b>8.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	1.5	0.5	<b>-6.3</b>	20.3	6.0
Participation rate	65.9	<b>67.1</b>	1.4	<b>1.2</b>	1.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	<b>14.0</b>	1.7	<b>-1.2</b>	2.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	<b>57.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.1	<b>43.2</b>	2.4	<b>1.2</b>	3.3	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	252.2	<b>252.5</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	2.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	176.0	<b>172.5</b>	1.3	<b>-3.5</b>	-3.7	1.0	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.1	0.6
Employment	160.7	<b>155.6</b>	1.4	<b>-5.1</b>	-5.7	-2.4	<b>-3.2</b>	-3.5	-1.5
Unemployment	15.3	<b>16.9</b>	1.4	<b>1.6</b>	2.0	3.5	<b>10.5</b>	13.4	26.1
Participation rate	69.8	<b>68.3</b>	0.5	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>9.8</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>61.6</b>	0.6	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	<b>4.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	269.9	<b>270.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	2.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.1
Labour force	162.1	<b>162.0</b>	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	3.0	5.2	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	3.3
Employment	153.6	<b>152.4</b>	1.3	<b>-1.2</b>	2.2	4.5	<b>-0.8</b>	1.5	3.0
Unemployment	8.6	<b>9.6</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>11.6</b>	7.9	7.9
Participation rate	60.1	<b>60.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.9</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	<b>56.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	<b>17.3</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	0.1	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Goods-producing sector	367.3	<b>362.9</b>	2.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-3.7	2.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.6
Agriculture	81.6	<b>80.4</b>	1.9	<b>-1.2</b>	-3.3	-2.3	<b>-1.5</b>	-3.9	-2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.5	<b>5.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.8	-0.8	<b>-3.6</b>	-13.1	-13.1
Utilities	11.9	<b>12.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.7	<b>2.5</b>	5.2	6.1
Construction	5.0	<b>5.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	0.8	<b>2.0</b>	27.5	18.6
Manufacturing	24.8	<b>23.0</b>	1.1	<b>-1.8</b>	-2.3	0.7	<b>-7.3</b>	-9.1	3.1
Services-producing sector	34.4	<b>34.8</b>	1.3	<b>0.4</b>	-1.9	-3.7	<b>1.2</b>	-5.2	-9.6
Trade	285.7	<b>282.5</b>	2.4	<b>-3.2</b>	-0.4	4.4	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.1	1.6
Transportation and warehousing	59.2	<b>57.3</b>	1.5	<b>-1.9</b>	0.4	0.2	<b>-3.2</b>	0.7	0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	19.0	<b>19.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	0.0	<b>1.1</b>	-4.0	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.1	<b>15.6</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.5	-1.7	<b>-3.1</b>	-8.8	-9.8
Business, building and other support services	16.6	<b>17.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	-0.9	3.9	<b>3.6</b>	-5.0	29.3
Educational services	18.8	<b>19.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	-1.2	<b>3.7</b>	0.5	-5.8
Health care and social assistance	27.4	<b>23.9</b>	1.1	<b>-3.5</b>	-1.8	-3.4	<b>-12.8</b>	-7.0	-12.5
Information, culture and recreation	49.7	<b>49.6</b>	1.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	2.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	4.6
Accommodation and food services	13.9	<b>13.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	1.9	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	15.8	0.0
Other services	24.4	<b>26.0</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	2.8	0.9	<b>6.6</b>	12.1	3.6
Public administration	16.4	<b>15.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.8	0.1	<b>-3.7</b>	-10.2	0.6
Public administration	24.2	<b>24.6</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	3.5	<b>1.7</b>	5.6	16.6

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

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



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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,358.9	<b>6,363.7</b>	...	<b>4.8</b>	23.5	55.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	4,183.5	<b>4,198.6</b>	14.2	<b>15.1</b>	23.8	63.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.5
Employment	3,867.5	<b>3,885.4</b>	14.5	<b>17.9</b>	1.1	44.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.0	1.2
Employment full-time	3,154.2	<b>3,166.0</b>	19.1	<b>11.8</b>	16.8	22.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.7
Unemployment	315.9	<b>313.2</b>	12.7	<b>-2.7</b>	22.7	18.5	<b>-0.9</b>	7.8	6.3
Participation rate	65.8	<b>66.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>61.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	<b>18.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	958.7	<b>959.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.1	4.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	651.9	<b>654.9</b>	8.3	<b>3.0</b>	14.9	21.2	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	3.3
Employment	560.2	<b>567.5</b>	8.2	<b>7.3</b>	2.7	16.6	<b>1.3</b>	0.5	3.0
Unemployment	91.7	<b>87.3</b>	7.3	<b>-4.4</b>	12.1	4.6	<b>-4.8</b>	16.1	5.6
Participation rate	68.0	<b>68.3</b>	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	<b>13.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	1.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	<b>59.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.5	<b>48.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,638.3	<b>2,640.6</b>	...	<b>2.3</b>	10.8	25.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Labour force	1,879.7	<b>1,880.6</b>	7.9	<b>0.9</b>	-2.1	20.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	1.1
Employment	1,744.1	<b>1,749.6</b>	8.2	<b>5.5</b>	-0.1	11.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.6
Unemployment	135.6	<b>130.9</b>	7.9	<b>-4.7</b>	-2.1	9.3	<b>-3.5</b>	-1.6	7.6
Participation rate	71.2	<b>71.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	<b>66.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	<b>6.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,762.0	<b>2,764.2</b>	...	<b>2.2</b>	10.7	25.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	1,651.9	<b>1,663.2</b>	7.9	<b>11.3</b>	11.1	21.7	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	1.3
Employment	1,563.2	<b>1,568.2</b>	8.1	<b>5.0</b>	-1.6	17.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	1.1
Unemployment	88.7	<b>94.9</b>	6.5	<b>6.2</b>	12.6	4.5	<b>7.0</b>	15.3	5.0
Participation rate	59.8	<b>60.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	<b>56.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.6	<b>21.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,867.5	<b>3,885.4</b>	14.5	<b>17.9</b>	1.1	44.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.0	1.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	882.6	<b>891.4</b>	12.0	<b>8.8</b>	11.8	14.9	<b>1.0</b>	1.3	1.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	69.0	<b>62.0</b>	3.4	<b>-7.0</b>	-8.9	-0.4	<b>-10.1</b>	-12.6	-0.6
Utilities	32.5	<b>34.2</b>	2.2	<b>1.7</b>	-0.8	-2.9	<b>5.2</b>	-2.3	-7.8
Construction	32.9	<b>34.7</b>	2.0	<b>1.8</b>	3.0	0.4	<b>5.5</b>	9.5	1.2
Manufacturing	215.3	<b>214.0</b>	6.5	<b>-1.3</b>	4.4	15.6	<b>-0.6</b>	2.1	7.9
	532.9	<b>546.6</b>	9.8	<b>13.7</b>	14.3	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	2.7	0.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	2,985.0	<b>2,993.9</b>	16.1	<b>8.9</b>	-10.8	29.9	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	1.0
Trade	630.5	<b>629.1</b>	10.9	<b>-1.4</b>	-12.3	-2.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.9	-0.4
Transportation and warehousing	198.1	<b>192.2</b>	6.0	<b>-5.9</b>	3.6	18.5	<b>-3.0</b>	1.9	10.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	232.4	<b>231.1</b>	6.3	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.4	0.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.0	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	266.6	<b>268.8</b>	7.6	<b>2.2</b>	1.9	15.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	6.2
Business, building and other support services	130.5	<b>139.0</b>	6.3	<b>8.5</b>	4.1	-13.8	<b>6.5</b>	3.0	-9.0
Educational services	262.2	<b>265.9</b>	6.8	<b>3.7</b>	3.2	7.0	<b>1.4</b>	1.2	2.7
Health care and social assistance	456.5	<b>465.2</b>	7.9	<b>8.7</b>	4.2	11.1	<b>1.9</b>	0.9	2.4
Information, culture and recreation	169.2	<b>163.7</b>	6.6	<b>-5.5</b>	-0.9	-13.7	<b>-3.3</b>	-0.5	-7.7
Accommodation and food services	238.5	<b>239.2</b>	7.5	<b>0.7</b>	-6.8	-0.9	<b>0.3</b>	-2.8	-0.4
Other services	172.5	<b>178.5</b>	5.8	<b>6.0</b>	-4.0	4.5	<b>3.5</b>	-2.2	2.6
Public administration	227.9	<b>221.1</b>	5.5	<b>-6.8</b>	-1.4	3.4	<b>-3.0</b>	-0.6	1.6

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

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

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	10,474.4	<b>10,487.2</b>	...	<b>12.8</b>	60.8	145.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.4
Labour force	7,153.2	<b>7,167.5</b>	18.4	<b>14.3</b>	72.3	158.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3
Employment	6,700.4	<b>6,711.6</b>	18.5	<b>11.2</b>	80.7	142.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment full-time	5,481.4	<b>5,464.8</b>	23.4	<b>-16.6</b>	19.2	93.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.7
Unemployment	452.8	<b>456.0</b>	15.9	<b>3.2</b>	-8.3	16.2	<b>0.7</b>	-1.8	3.7
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>64.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>18.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,730.5	<b>1,731.4</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	3.2	13.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	1,138.3	<b>1,124.9</b>	11.3	<b>-13.4</b>	3.3	3.8	<b>-1.2</b>	0.3	0.3
Employment	982.8	<b>970.5</b>	10.8	<b>-12.3</b>	1.0	-8.9	<b>-1.3</b>	0.1	-0.9
Unemployment	155.5	<b>154.5</b>	9.5	<b>-1.0</b>	2.4	12.7	<b>-0.6</b>	1.6	9.0
Participation rate	65.8	<b>65.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	<b>13.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	<b>56.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	0.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.6	<b>49.4</b>	1.1	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,249.9	<b>4,255.3</b>	...	<b>5.4</b>	26.6	61.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Labour force	3,166.2	<b>3,170.9</b>	9.1	<b>4.7</b>	23.1	67.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.2
Employment	3,008.8	<b>3,012.1</b>	9.9	<b>3.3</b>	36.6	72.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	2.5
Unemployment	157.4	<b>158.7</b>	9.0	<b>1.3</b>	-13.6	-4.6	<b>0.8</b>	-7.9	-2.8
Participation rate	74.5	<b>74.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.8	<b>70.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	<b>6.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,494.0	<b>4,500.5</b>	...	<b>6.5</b>	31.0	70.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.6
Labour force	2,848.7	<b>2,871.7</b>	10.5	<b>23.0</b>	45.9	87.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	3.1
Employment	2,708.8	<b>2,729.0</b>	10.3	<b>20.2</b>	43.0	79.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.6	3.0
Unemployment	139.8	<b>142.8</b>	8.4	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	8.0	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	5.9
Participation rate	63.4	<b>63.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	<b>60.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.3	<b>20.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,527.4	<b>1,544.3</b>	15.4	<b>16.9</b>	36.2	-20.7	<b>1.1</b>	2.4	-1.3
Agriculture	80.2	<b>83.6</b>	4.0	<b>3.4</b>	-4.4	-12.9	<b>4.2</b>	-5.0	-13.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.9	<b>37.6</b>	2.2	<b>-1.3</b>	3.0	1.0	<b>-3.3</b>	8.7	2.7
Utilities	64.2	<b>63.8</b>	2.7	<b>-0.4</b>	4.1	3.7	<b>-0.6</b>	6.9	6.2
Construction	444.0	<b>443.8</b>	9.5	<b>-0.2</b>	38.6	26.5	<b>0.0</b>	9.5	6.4
Manufacturing	900.2	<b>915.5</b>	12.6	<b>15.3</b>	-5.0	-39.0	<b>1.7</b>	-0.5	-4.1
Services-producing sector	5,173.0	<b>5,167.3</b>	21.0	<b>-5.7</b>	44.4	163.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	3.3
Trade	1,021.9	<b>1,023.8</b>	13.4	<b>1.9</b>	-16.7	-2.7	<b>0.2</b>	-1.6	-0.3
Transportation and warehousing	314.1	<b>320.1</b>	7.7	<b>6.0</b>	13.2	11.3	<b>1.9</b>	4.3	3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	462.5	<b>464.6</b>	9.2	<b>2.1</b>	-6.0	-6.6	<b>0.5</b>	-1.3	-1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	497.6	<b>489.2</b>	10.2	<b>-8.4</b>	9.0	18.5	<b>-1.7</b>	1.9	3.9
Business, building and other support services	326.3	<b>320.3</b>	9.0	<b>-6.0</b>	17.2	34.3	<b>-1.8</b>	5.7	12.0
Educational services	495.1	<b>480.4</b>	9.5	<b>-14.7</b>	-14.2	26.0	<b>-3.0</b>	-2.9	5.7
Health care and social assistance	708.7	<b>707.4</b>	9.8	<b>-1.3</b>	24.8	38.0	<b>-0.2</b>	3.6	5.7
Information, culture and recreation	317.1	<b>311.6</b>	8.4	<b>-5.5</b>	-27.5	-17.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-8.1	-5.2
Accommodation and food services	390.8	<b>399.3</b>	9.1	<b>8.5</b>	20.7	-8.6	<b>2.2</b>	5.5	-2.1
Other services	271.5	<b>278.9</b>	7.2	<b>7.4</b>	1.6	18.7	<b>2.7</b>	0.6	7.2
Public administration	367.4	<b>371.6</b>	6.8	<b>4.2</b>	22.2	51.4	<b>1.1</b>	6.4	16.1

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	907.3	<b>908.2</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	5.0	10.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.2
Labour force	636.0	<b>631.6</b>	2.7	<b>-4.4</b>	6.3	3.2	<b>-0.7</b>	1.0	0.5
Employment	611.7	<b>605.0</b>	2.7	<b>-6.7</b>	5.9	9.2	<b>-1.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Employment full-time	491.3	<b>494.1</b>	3.9	<b>2.8</b>	6.1	16.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	3.5
Unemployment	24.3	<b>26.6</b>	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	0.4	-6.0	<b>9.5</b>	1.5	-18.4
Participation rate	70.1	<b>69.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	<b>66.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	<b>18.3</b>	0.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	158.1	<b>158.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.1
Labour force	116.7	<b>113.7</b>	1.7	<b>-3.0</b>	-0.1	-3.8	<b>-2.6</b>	-0.1	-3.2
Employment	105.9	<b>102.3</b>	1.6	<b>-3.6</b>	-0.9	-1.8	<b>-3.4</b>	-0.9	-1.7
Unemployment	10.8	<b>11.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	-1.9	<b>5.6</b>	8.6	-14.3
Participation rate	73.8	<b>71.9</b>	1.1	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.4	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	<b>10.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.7</b>	0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>64.7</b>	1.0	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.3	<b>40.6</b>	2.0	<b>-4.8</b>	-2.0	-7.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	366.2	<b>366.6</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.0	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.2
Labour force	278.5	<b>279.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	3.8	4.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.5
Employment	272.2	<b>271.6</b>	1.5	<b>-0.6</b>	3.7	7.7	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	2.9
Unemployment	6.2	<b>7.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	0.1	-3.6	<b>25.8</b>	1.3	-31.6
Participation rate	76.1	<b>76.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.2	<b>2.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.3	<b>74.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.6	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	382.9	<b>383.3</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	4.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.2
Labour force	240.8	<b>238.5</b>	1.6	<b>-2.3</b>	2.6	2.9	<b>-1.0</b>	1.1	1.2
Employment	233.6	<b>231.1</b>	1.6	<b>-2.5</b>	3.2	3.3	<b>-1.1</b>	1.4	1.4
Unemployment	7.2	<b>7.4</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.4	<b>2.8</b>	-6.3	-5.1
Participation rate	62.9	<b>62.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>3.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	<b>60.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	<b>22.1</b>	1.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	611.7	<b>605.0</b>	2.7	<b>-6.7</b>	5.9	9.2	<b>-1.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Agriculture	148.0	<b>148.3</b>	2.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	3.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	28.7	<b>29.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.3</b>	2.5	-0.7	<b>1.0</b>	9.4	-2.4
Utilities	6.4	<b>5.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	-0.7	<b>-7.8</b>	-11.9	-10.6
Construction	6.4	<b>6.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	1.3	<b>7.8</b>	35.3	23.2
Manufacturing	35.6	<b>36.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	2.6	<b>2.0</b>	0.3	7.7
Manufacturing	70.8	<b>70.2</b>	1.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.4	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-3.3	0.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	463.8	<b>456.7</b>	3.2	<b>-7.1</b>	4.7	6.1	<b>-1.5</b>	1.0	1.4
Trade	93.8	<b>94.6</b>	2.1	<b>0.8</b>	6.9	4.5	<b>0.9</b>	7.9	5.0
Transportation and warehousing	35.4	<b>34.2</b>	1.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.3	1.5	<b>-3.4</b>	-0.9	4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	38.9	<b>37.7</b>	1.3	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.2	3.5	<b>-3.1</b>	-3.1	10.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.5	<b>27.8</b>	1.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	3.4	<b>1.1</b>	7.3	13.9
Business, building and other support services	18.1	<b>17.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	2.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-6.8	13.3
Educational services	45.6	<b>46.2</b>	1.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	-0.5	<b>1.3</b>	1.5	-1.1
Health care and social assistance	80.1	<b>79.2</b>	1.9	<b>-0.9</b>	3.6	-3.1	<b>-1.1</b>	4.8	-3.8
Information, culture and recreation	24.1	<b>22.6</b>	1.2	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.8	-1.0	<b>-6.2</b>	-7.4	-4.2
Accommodation and food services	37.2	<b>34.3</b>	1.6	<b>-2.9</b>	-4.3	-3.9	<b>-7.8</b>	-11.1	-10.2
Other services	27.8	<b>27.3</b>	1.2	<b>-0.5</b>	1.8	3.1	<b>-1.8</b>	7.1	12.8
Public administration	35.3	<b>35.0</b>	1.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-3.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-3.3	-8.9

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

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

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	763.7	<b>765.2</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	7.2	16.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.1
Labour force	533.0	<b>531.2</b>	2.3	<b>-1.8</b>	5.3	7.0	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	1.3
Employment	510.1	<b>509.4</b>	2.4	<b>-0.7</b>	4.7	8.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	1.8
Employment full-time	420.1	<b>416.6</b>	3.1	<b>-3.5</b>	3.9	13.9	<b>-0.8</b>	0.9	3.5
Unemployment	22.8	<b>21.8</b>	1.8	<b>-1.0</b>	0.6	-1.7	<b>-4.4</b>	2.8	-7.2
Participation rate	69.8	<b>69.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	<b>66.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	<b>18.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.2	<b>139.4</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Labour force	102.3	<b>100.6</b>	1.4	<b>-1.7</b>	2.0	1.1	<b>-1.7</b>	2.0	1.1
Employment	93.8	<b>92.3</b>	1.5	<b>-1.5</b>	1.4	0.6	<b>-1.6</b>	1.5	0.7
Unemployment	8.5	<b>8.3</b>	1.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	0.5	<b>-2.4</b>	7.8	6.4
Participation rate	73.5	<b>72.2</b>	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>8.3</b>	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	<b>66.2</b>	1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.3	<b>33.6</b>	1.7	<b>-1.7</b>	-5.8	-6.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	305.2	<b>305.8</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	3.0	7.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3
Labour force	233.2	<b>231.7</b>	1.1	<b>-1.5</b>	0.2	3.0	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	1.3
Employment	226.0	<b>225.1</b>	1.2	<b>-0.9</b>	1.0	5.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	2.4
Unemployment	7.3	<b>6.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.9	-2.4	<b>-9.6</b>	-12.0	-26.7
Participation rate	76.4	<b>75.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	<b>2.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.0	<b>73.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	319.3	<b>320.0</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	3.4	7.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	2.2
Labour force	197.4	<b>198.8</b>	1.3	<b>1.4</b>	3.1	2.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.6	1.5
Employment	190.4	<b>191.9</b>	1.4	<b>1.5</b>	2.3	2.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.2	1.5
Unemployment	7.1	<b>6.9</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	0.1	<b>-2.8</b>	13.1	1.5
Participation rate	61.8	<b>62.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	<b>60.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	<b>24.4</b>	1.0	<b>2.4</b>	2.2	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	510.1	<b>509.4</b>	2.4	<b>-0.7</b>	4.7	8.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	1.8
Agriculture	138.8	<b>137.2</b>	2.2	<b>-1.6</b>	4.9	6.2	<b>-1.2</b>	3.7	4.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	41.0	<b>40.9</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-3.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-7.9
Utilities	24.8	<b>25.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.4	2.7	<b>0.8</b>	10.6	12.1
Construction	5.3	<b>6.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	2.4	<b>15.1</b>	19.6	64.9
Manufacturing	35.6	<b>34.2</b>	1.3	<b>-1.4</b>	1.8	4.6	<b>-3.9</b>	5.6	15.5
Manufacturing	32.2	<b>30.9</b>	1.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.1	-0.2	<b>-4.0</b>	-0.3	-0.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	371.3	<b>372.2</b>	2.8	<b>0.9</b>	-0.2	2.6	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.7
Trade	82.0	<b>83.3</b>	1.9	<b>1.3</b>	-0.1	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	-0.1	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	25.8	<b>25.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	0.2	0.0	<b>-2.3</b>	0.8	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.4	<b>28.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	2.6	<b>0.4</b>	3.6	10.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.7	<b>20.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.3	-2.5	<b>-3.4</b>	-6.1	-11.1
Business, building and other support services	11.2	<b>11.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.8	-7.5
Educational services	36.4	<b>35.9</b>	1.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.4	-4.3	<b>-1.4</b>	-8.7	-10.7
Health care and social assistance	61.6	<b>64.7</b>	1.4	<b>3.1</b>	2.8	2.0	<b>5.0</b>	4.5	3.2
Information, culture and recreation	21.3	<b>21.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	2.7	<b>-0.9</b>	0.0	14.7
Accommodation and food services	32.1	<b>31.4</b>	1.3	<b>-0.7</b>	0.5	0.0	<b>-2.2</b>	1.6	0.0
Other services	22.3	<b>22.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.1	<b>2.2</b>	4.1	5.1
Public administration	29.4	<b>28.3</b>	1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.4	0.9	<b>-3.7</b>	-1.4	3.3

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

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

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,783.8	<b>2,788.5</b>	...	<b>4.7</b>	19.0	56.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.1
Labour force	2,076.5	<b>2,083.6</b>	7.9	<b>7.1</b>	23.8	62.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	3.1
Employment	2,008.1	<b>2,007.7</b>	8.2	<b>-0.4</b>	13.9	63.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	3.3
Employment full-time	1,695.6	<b>1,682.8</b>	11.2	<b>-12.8</b>	4.9	50.9	<b>-0.8</b>	0.3	3.1
Unemployment	68.5	<b>75.9</b>	5.8	<b>7.4</b>	9.9	-1.3	<b>10.8</b>	15.0	-1.7
Participation rate	74.6	<b>74.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>3.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	<b>72.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.6	<b>16.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	503.4	<b>503.5</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	-1.8	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	0.1
Labour force	373.6	<b>368.0</b>	4.9	<b>-5.6</b>	1.5	6.8	<b>-1.5</b>	0.4	1.9
Employment	349.9	<b>342.1</b>	5.0	<b>-7.8</b>	-3.6	10.3	<b>-2.2</b>	-1.0	3.1
Unemployment	23.7	<b>25.9</b>	3.7	<b>2.2</b>	5.1	-3.4	<b>9.3</b>	24.5	-11.6
Participation rate	74.2	<b>73.1</b>	1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>7.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	<b>67.9</b>	1.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	31.5	<b>31.9</b>	1.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,148.7	<b>1,151.7</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	13.7	32.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	2.9
Labour force	949.1	<b>952.1</b>	3.8	<b>3.0</b>	12.4	38.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	4.2
Employment	926.6	<b>926.5</b>	4.3	<b>-0.1</b>	10.2	39.8	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	4.5
Unemployment	22.5	<b>25.6</b>	3.3	<b>3.1</b>	2.2	-1.3	<b>13.8</b>	9.4	-4.8
Participation rate	82.6	<b>82.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.4	<b>2.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.7	<b>80.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	<b>5.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,131.7	<b>1,133.3</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	7.1	23.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	2.1
Labour force	753.8	<b>763.5</b>	4.6	<b>9.7</b>	9.9	16.7	<b>1.3</b>	1.3	2.2
Employment	731.6	<b>739.1</b>	4.8	<b>7.5</b>	7.4	13.2	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	1.8
Unemployment	22.2	<b>24.4</b>	3.1	<b>2.2</b>	2.5	3.5	<b>9.9</b>	11.4	16.7
Participation rate	66.6	<b>67.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	<b>3.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>65.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>22.3</b>	0.9	<b>1.2</b>	1.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Goods-producing sector	2,008.1	<b>2,007.7</b>	8.2	<b>-0.4</b>	13.9	63.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	3.3
Agriculture	561.6	<b>561.9</b>	7.9	<b>0.3</b>	3.6	14.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	2.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	60.0	<b>59.7</b>	2.8	<b>-0.3</b>	7.7	13.1	<b>-0.5</b>	14.8	28.1
Utilities	145.9	<b>146.8</b>	4.5	<b>0.9</b>	-9.3	-5.0	<b>0.6</b>	-6.0	-3.3
Construction	17.1	<b>15.9</b>	1.7	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.3	-2.5	<b>-7.0</b>	-7.6	-13.6
Manufacturing	204.2	<b>203.4</b>	5.3	<b>-0.8</b>	4.8	15.0	<b>-0.4</b>	2.4	8.0
Services-producing sector	134.3	<b>136.1</b>	4.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.7	-5.8	<b>1.3</b>	1.3	-4.1
Trade	1,446.5	<b>1,445.8</b>	9.9	<b>-0.7</b>	10.3	48.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	3.5
Transportation and warehousing	325.8	<b>314.5</b>	6.6	<b>-11.3</b>	4.4	23.7	<b>-3.5</b>	1.4	8.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	102.9	<b>100.3</b>	3.8	<b>-2.6</b>	-10.0	-3.2	<b>-2.5</b>	-9.1	-3.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	118.7	<b>116.6</b>	3.9	<b>-2.1</b>	12.6	19.6	<b>-1.8</b>	12.1	20.2
Business, building and other support services	160.7	<b>163.1</b>	4.7	<b>2.4</b>	17.5	16.1	<b>1.5</b>	12.0	11.0
Educational services	65.2	<b>62.8</b>	3.8	<b>-2.4</b>	-13.5	-8.8	<b>-3.7</b>	-17.7	-12.3
Health care and social assistance	124.0	<b>124.7</b>	4.2	<b>0.7</b>	2.8	-7.9	<b>0.6</b>	2.3	-6.0
Information, culture and recreation	190.9	<b>197.1</b>	4.8	<b>6.2</b>	1.1	11.4	<b>3.2</b>	0.6	6.1
Accommodation and food services	65.4	<b>70.4</b>	3.6	<b>5.0</b>	-9.2	-6.4	<b>7.6</b>	-11.6	-8.3
Other services	117.7	<b>119.7</b>	4.7	<b>2.0</b>	7.5	1.5	<b>1.7</b>	6.7	1.3
Public administration	89.6	<b>96.2</b>	3.9	<b>6.6</b>	5.7	1.7	<b>7.4</b>	6.3	1.8
	85.4	<b>80.3</b>	3.2	<b>-5.1</b>	-8.7	0.8	<b>-6.0</b>	-9.8	1.0

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

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

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,626.9	<b>3,632.4</b>	...	<b>5.5</b>	29.7	70.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0
Labour force	2,429.4	<b>2,425.7</b>	9.8	<b>-3.7</b>	32.2	62.9	<b>-0.2</b>	1.3	2.7
Employment	2,324.3	<b>2,317.4</b>	9.8	<b>-6.9</b>	24.5	55.7	<b>-0.3</b>	1.1	2.5
Employment full-time	1,859.6	<b>1,850.9</b>	13.5	<b>-8.7</b>	34.4	38.2	<b>-0.5</b>	1.9	2.1
Unemployment	105.1	<b>108.2</b>	7.0	<b>3.1</b>	7.6	7.1	<b>2.9</b>	7.6	7.0
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	<b>63.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	<b>20.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	582.4	<b>582.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	4.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	405.5	<b>399.1</b>	5.7	<b>-6.4</b>	1.2	9.5	<b>-1.6</b>	0.3	2.4
Employment	374.2	<b>364.1</b>	5.6	<b>-10.1</b>	-2.4	1.0	<b>-2.7</b>	-0.7	0.3
Unemployment	31.3	<b>35.0</b>	4.1	<b>3.7</b>	3.6	8.5	<b>11.8</b>	11.5	32.1
Participation rate	69.6	<b>68.5</b>	1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>8.8</b>	1.0	<b>1.1</b>	0.9	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	<b>62.5</b>	1.0	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	<b>41.8</b>	1.8	<b>-1.0</b>	-3.7	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,489.5	<b>1,492.2</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	14.1	33.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3
Labour force	1,091.2	<b>1,084.1</b>	5.0	<b>-7.1</b>	7.0	32.0	<b>-0.7</b>	0.6	3.0
Employment	1,049.8	<b>1,044.2</b>	5.2	<b>-5.6</b>	5.4	25.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	2.5
Unemployment	41.4	<b>39.9</b>	3.8	<b>-1.5</b>	1.5	6.2	<b>-3.6</b>	3.9	18.4
Participation rate	73.3	<b>72.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.5	<b>70.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	<b>7.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,555.0	<b>1,557.6</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	14.0	32.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.1
Labour force	932.7	<b>942.4</b>	6.0	<b>9.7</b>	24.0	21.3	<b>1.0</b>	2.6	2.3
Employment	900.2	<b>909.1</b>	5.9	<b>8.9</b>	21.5	28.9	<b>1.0</b>	2.4	3.3
Unemployment	32.5	<b>33.3</b>	4.0	<b>0.8</b>	2.5	-7.5	<b>2.5</b>	8.1	-18.4
Participation rate	60.0	<b>60.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	<b>3.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	<b>58.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.6	<b>25.5</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,324.3	<b>2,317.4</b>	9.8	<b>-6.9</b>	24.5	55.7	<b>-0.3</b>	1.1	2.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	35.7	<b>29.5</b>	2.6	<b>-6.2</b>	-10.2	-5.7	<b>-17.4</b>	-25.7	-16.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	49.1	<b>46.2</b>	2.7	<b>-2.9</b>	-4.4	0.4	<b>-5.9</b>	-8.7	0.9
Utilities	13.2	<b>12.8</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	4.6	<b>-3.0</b>	-3.0	56.1
Construction	217.7	<b>221.1</b>	5.9	<b>3.4</b>	11.1	20.3	<b>1.6</b>	5.3	10.1
Manufacturing	182.3	<b>187.0</b>	5.9	<b>4.7</b>	-3.2	-18.2	<b>2.6</b>	-1.7	-8.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,826.3	<b>1,820.9</b>	11.5	<b>-5.4</b>	31.5	54.3	<b>-0.3</b>	1.8	3.1
Trade	363.8	<b>350.3</b>	7.5	<b>-13.5</b>	-15.4	-13.2	<b>-3.7</b>	-4.2	-3.6
Transportation and warehousing	133.4	<b>126.4</b>	4.8	<b>-7.0</b>	-9.6	1.4	<b>-5.2</b>	-7.1	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	142.2	<b>150.8</b>	4.8	<b>8.6</b>	8.9	1.4	<b>6.0</b>	6.3	0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	177.9	<b>175.5</b>	5.4	<b>-2.4</b>	15.4	2.8	<b>-1.3</b>	9.6	1.6
Business, building and other support services	102.0	<b>102.4</b>	4.5	<b>0.4</b>	-3.4	10.1	<b>0.4</b>	-3.2	10.9
Educational services	162.0	<b>164.6</b>	5.3	<b>2.6</b>	5.2	6.1	<b>1.6</b>	3.3	3.8
Health care and social assistance	233.1	<b>239.5</b>	5.6	<b>6.4</b>	3.6	5.1	<b>2.7</b>	1.5	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	120.0	<b>122.6</b>	4.8	<b>2.6</b>	-1.1	0.8	<b>2.2</b>	-0.9	0.7
Accommodation and food services	184.8	<b>185.1</b>	5.8	<b>0.3</b>	15.9	15.5	<b>0.2</b>	9.4	9.1
Other services	100.7	<b>97.0</b>	4.0	<b>-3.7</b>	8.8	10.5	<b>-3.7</b>	10.0	12.1
Public administration	106.3	<b>106.8</b>	3.4	<b>0.5</b>	3.3	14.0	<b>0.5</b>	3.2	15.1

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	153.5	<b>153.8</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	104.2	<b>104.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	4.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.1	4.4
Employment	95.2	<b>95.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	2.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	3.0
Unemployment	9.0	<b>8.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.6	1.5	<b>-3.3</b>	22.5	20.8
Participation rate	67.9	<b>68.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	<b>62.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	315.7	<b>316.1</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.8	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.1
Labour force	219.2	<b>218.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.6	-0.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	0.0
Employment	208.5	<b>207.6</b>	1.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.7	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.8	0.4
Unemployment	10.7	<b>11.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	-0.9	<b>3.7</b>	12.1	-7.5
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	<b>65.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.5	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	104.5	<b>104.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9
Labour force	69.3	<b>69.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.2	1.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.1	2.1
Employment	65.2	<b>64.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.0	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-4.4	0.5
Unemployment	4.1	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.0	<b>4.9</b>	22.9	30.3
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	<b>61.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.1	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	125.1	<b>125.1</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	75.1	<b>75.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	-3.0	<b>0.0</b>	-1.1	-3.8
Employment	67.9	<b>68.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-1.9	-2.7	<b>0.1</b>	-2.7	-3.8
Unemployment	7.3	<b>7.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	-0.4	<b>-4.1</b>	16.7	-5.4
Participation rate	60.0	<b>60.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	<b>9.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	1.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	<b>54.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-1.4	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	608.8	<b>609.3</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	4.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	406.6	<b>409.2</b>	3.4	<b>2.6</b>	-6.1	12.9	<b>0.6</b>	-1.5	3.3
Employment	387.5	<b>388.9</b>	3.4	<b>1.4</b>	-3.7	11.8	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	3.1
Unemployment	19.1	<b>20.3</b>	1.4	<b>1.2</b>	-2.5	1.0	<b>6.3</b>	-11.0	5.2
Participation rate	66.8	<b>67.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	-1.2	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	<b>63.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	121.2	<b>121.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	78.4	<b>78.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	1.3	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	1.7
Employment	71.1	<b>70.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.9	0.6
Unemployment	7.3	<b>7.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	2.0	1.1	<b>1.4</b>	37.0	17.5
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	<b>9.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	2.5	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	<b>58.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.3	-0.1	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	137.9	<b>138.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.2
Labour force	88.1	<b>87.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-4.1	-1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-4.5	-1.5
Employment	83.0	<b>82.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.5	-0.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-4.1	-1.1
Unemployment	5.1	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.5	<b>2.0</b>	-13.3	-8.8
Participation rate	63.9	<b>63.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.9	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,056.9	<b>3,059.6</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	12.4	29.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Labour force	2,058.9	<b>2,051.9</b>	7.2	<b>-7.0</b>	-7.1	21.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	1.1
Employment	1,904.5	<b>1,896.6</b>	7.5	<b>-7.9</b>	-19.3	1.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.0	0.1
Unemployment	154.4	<b>155.3</b>	4.5	<b>0.9</b>	12.2	20.0	<b>0.6</b>	8.5	14.8
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>7.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>62.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	959.0	<b>960.1</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	5.0	10.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.1
Labour force	697.1	<b>699.0</b>	3.4	<b>1.9</b>	1.7	19.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	2.9
Employment	663.1	<b>663.8</b>	3.5	<b>0.7</b>	-2.3	21.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	3.4
Unemployment	34.0	<b>35.2</b>	1.7	<b>1.2</b>	4.0	-1.9	<b>3.5</b>	12.8	-5.1
Participation rate	72.7	<b>72.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	<b>69.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	243.1	<b>243.4</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	4.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.8
Labour force	180.6	<b>182.8</b>	1.2	<b>2.2</b>	7.3	11.5	<b>1.2</b>	4.2	6.7
Employment	171.7	<b>173.2</b>	1.2	<b>1.5</b>	5.5	11.4	<b>0.9</b>	3.3	7.0
Unemployment	8.9	<b>9.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.8	0.1	<b>7.9</b>	23.1	1.1
Participation rate	74.3	<b>75.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	2.5	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	<b>71.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	3.5	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	715.9	<b>716.7</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	3.4	6.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9
Labour force	516.5	<b>516.2</b>	3.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-5.5	8.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	1.6
Employment	491.3	<b>490.7</b>	3.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-7.6	10.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.5	2.1
Unemployment	25.1	<b>25.6</b>	1.6	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	-2.0	<b>2.0</b>	9.4	-7.2
Participation rate	72.1	<b>72.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	<b>68.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	125.9	<b>125.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Labour force	84.4	<b>84.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	3.3	-0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	4.1	-0.2
Employment	79.8	<b>79.3</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	2.5	-0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	3.3	-1.1
Unemployment	4.5	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	0.8	<b>8.9</b>	19.5	19.5
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	2.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	2.0	-0.7	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.



Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,517.4	<b>4,526.2</b>	...	<b>8.8</b>	41.3	92.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.1
Labour force	3,137.0	<b>3,152.8</b>	9.2	<b>15.8</b>	59.8	87.9	<b>0.5</b>	1.9	2.9
Employment	2,936.3	<b>2,946.6</b>	9.5	<b>10.3</b>	61.4	94.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.1	3.3
Unemployment	200.7	<b>206.2</b>	5.6	<b>5.5</b>	-1.6	-6.5	<b>2.7</b>	-0.8	-3.1
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	<b>65.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	595.5	<b>595.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	4.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	402.2	<b>402.1</b>	2.9	<b>-0.1</b>	5.6	2.7	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	0.7
Employment	376.9	<b>377.6</b>	2.9	<b>0.7</b>	4.6	2.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	0.6
Unemployment	25.4	<b>24.5</b>	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	1.1	0.2	<b>-3.5</b>	4.7	0.8
Participation rate	67.5	<b>67.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>63.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	381.1	<b>381.6</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	5.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Labour force	265.5	<b>266.6</b>	2.2	<b>1.1</b>	-3.2	4.2	<b>0.4</b>	-1.2	1.6
Employment	252.8	<b>251.8</b>	2.2	<b>-1.0</b>	-3.6	4.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	1.7
Unemployment	12.7	<b>14.8</b>	0.9	<b>2.1</b>	0.5	0.0	<b>16.5</b>	3.5	0.0
Participation rate	69.7	<b>69.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>5.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	383.7	<b>384.1</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	3.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	262.4	<b>262.7</b>	1.9	<b>0.3</b>	-1.3	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	0.6
Employment	244.1	<b>243.9</b>	1.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.9	-1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.2	-0.6
Unemployment	18.3	<b>18.9</b>	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	3.3	<b>3.3</b>	9.9	21.2
Participation rate	68.4	<b>68.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>7.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	<b>63.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	286.5	<b>287.0</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	2.4	6.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.2
Labour force	196.7	<b>197.8</b>	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	1.8	4.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	2.3
Employment	181.8	<b>182.1</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-2.1	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-1.1	0.3
Unemployment	14.9	<b>15.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	4.0	4.0	<b>5.4</b>	34.2	34.2
Participation rate	68.7	<b>68.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	328.8	<b>328.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	214.9	<b>214.4</b>	1.6	<b>-0.5</b>	2.7	6.8	<b>-0.2</b>	1.3	3.3
Employment	200.8	<b>199.0</b>	1.6	<b>-1.8</b>	1.0	3.5	<b>-0.9</b>	0.5	1.8
Unemployment	14.1	<b>15.4</b>	0.8	<b>1.3</b>	1.6	3.2	<b>9.2</b>	11.6	26.2
Participation rate	65.4	<b>65.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>7.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	<b>60.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	0.2	0.9	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	133.3	<b>133.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	84.9	<b>84.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-1.9	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.7	-2.2
Employment	79.8	<b>79.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	-1.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.7	-2.1
Unemployment	5.1	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.8	-0.2	<b>-5.9</b>	20.0	-4.0
Participation rate	63.7	<b>63.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	<b>59.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.2	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	103.9	<b>103.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	67.7	<b>68.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	-1.3	1.3
Employment	64.3	<b>63.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	1.8
Unemployment	3.4	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.4	<b>20.6</b>	-12.8	-8.9
Participation rate	65.2	<b>65.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>6.0</b>	0.4	<b>1.0</b>	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>61.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	272.4	<b>272.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.3
Labour force	177.6	<b>174.9</b>	1.5	<b>-2.7</b>	-2.3	1.9	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.3	1.1
Employment	162.8	<b>160.5</b>	1.6	<b>-2.3</b>	-1.5	3.5	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.9	2.2
Unemployment	14.8	<b>14.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.6	<b>-2.7</b>	-5.9	-10.0
Participation rate	65.2	<b>64.2</b>	0.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	<b>58.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.6	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	581.5	<b>582.2</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	3.3	7.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.3
Labour force	415.3	<b>415.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.3</b>	2.1	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.2
Employment	398.1	<b>398.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.3</b>	4.4	8.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	2.0
Unemployment	17.2	<b>17.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-2.3	-3.0	<b>0.0</b>	-11.8	-14.9
Participation rate	71.4	<b>71.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.5	<b>68.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	166.2	<b>166.6</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.0	4.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	2.6
Labour force	117.6	<b>117.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	2.3	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	2.0	0.9
Employment	112.5	<b>112.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	2.4	1.5	<b>0.0</b>	2.2	1.4
Unemployment	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.5	<b>-2.0</b>	0.0	-9.1
Participation rate	70.8	<b>70.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	<b>67.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	195.0	<b>195.6</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	2.8	5.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	2.9
Labour force	143.0	<b>142.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	3.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	2.7
Employment	138.2	<b>137.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	3.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	2.7
Unemployment	4.8	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>14.6</b>	1.9	0.0
Participation rate	73.3	<b>73.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.9	<b>70.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.4	-0.2	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	939.8	<b>941.5</b>	...	<b>1.7</b>	7.0	24.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.6
Labour force	713.9	<b>718.1</b>	3.1	<b>4.2</b>	12.9	18.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	2.6
Employment	691.9	<b>695.8</b>	3.3	<b>3.9</b>	11.3	20.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	3.1
Unemployment	21.9	<b>22.3</b>	1.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.5	-2.3	<b>1.8</b>	7.2	-9.3
Participation rate	76.0	<b>76.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	<b>3.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.6	<b>73.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	877.9	<b>879.3</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	5.3	17.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	2.0
Labour force	647.4	<b>644.6</b>	3.1	<b>-2.8</b>	7.2	30.5	<b>-0.4</b>	1.1	5.0
Employment	621.8	<b>619.6</b>	3.1	<b>-2.2</b>	6.5	27.9	<b>-0.4</b>	1.1	4.7
Unemployment	25.6	<b>25.0</b>	1.4	<b>-0.6</b>	0.7	2.6	<b>-2.3</b>	2.9	11.6
Participation rate	73.7	<b>73.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	<b>3.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.8	<b>70.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	133.0	<b>133.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.7
Labour force	91.3	<b>92.4</b>	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	4.2	3.5	<b>1.2</b>	4.8	3.9
Employment	86.6	<b>88.0</b>	0.7	<b>1.4</b>	3.1	3.2	<b>1.6</b>	3.7	3.8
Unemployment	4.7	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	1.0	0.2	<b>-8.5</b>	30.3	4.9
Participation rate	68.6	<b>69.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	2.7	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	<b>66.1</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,929.1	<b>1,933.1</b>	...	<b>4.0</b>	19.0	44.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3
Labour force	1,297.8	<b>1,297.1</b>	4.7	<b>-0.7</b>	3.3	31.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	2.5
Employment	1,246.9	<b>1,244.6</b>	4.7	<b>-2.3</b>	5.4	30.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	2.5
Unemployment	50.8	<b>52.5</b>	2.2	<b>1.7</b>	-2.1	0.4	<b>3.3</b>	-3.8	0.8
Participation rate	67.3	<b>67.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>4.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>64.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	285.5	<b>285.7</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	197.1	<b>198.7</b>	1.5	<b>1.6</b>	5.4	12.7	<b>0.8</b>	2.8	6.8
Employment	190.9	<b>192.7</b>	1.5	<b>1.8</b>	5.0	13.3	<b>0.9</b>	2.7	7.4
Unemployment	6.1	<b>5.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-0.7	<b>-3.3</b>	5.4	-10.6
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	<b>3.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	<b>67.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	3.9	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0090

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

	April 2008	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,059.7	<b>3,062.2</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	12.5	29.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Labour force	2,043.9	<b>2,053.4</b>	14.7	<b>9.5</b>	-9.9	23.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.5	1.2
Employment	1,886.0	<b>1,898.0</b>	15.0	<b>12.0</b>	-17.4	4.8	<b>0.6</b>	-0.9	0.3
Unemployment	157.8	<b>155.4</b>	10.9	<b>-2.4</b>	7.5	18.8	<b>-1.5</b>	5.1	13.8
Participation rate	66.8	<b>67.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>62.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,526.8	<b>4,535.2</b>	...	<b>8.4</b>	43.4	95.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.2
Labour force	3,139.5	<b>3,170.5</b>	19.2	<b>31.0</b>	69.7	111.2	<b>1.0</b>	2.2	3.6
Employment	2,940.3	<b>2,958.4</b>	19.4	<b>18.1</b>	68.1	109.4	<b>0.6</b>	2.4	3.8
Unemployment	199.2	<b>212.1</b>	13.7	<b>12.9</b>	1.5	1.8	<b>6.5</b>	0.7	0.9
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	<b>65.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,933.3	<b>1,937.0</b>	...	<b>3.7</b>	19.5	44.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.4
Labour force	1,303.8	<b>1,290.7</b>	10.0	<b>-13.1</b>	-2.3	23.8	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.2	1.9
Employment	1,247.6	<b>1,240.2</b>	9.7	<b>-7.4</b>	1.5	26.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	2.2
Unemployment	56.2	<b>50.5</b>	5.6	<b>-5.7</b>	-3.9	-3.0	<b>-10.1</b>	-7.2	-5.6
Participation rate	67.4	<b>66.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	<b>64.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-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 282-0091

Table 6-1

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region <sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2007 and May 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2007	26,474.0	17,807.7	16,684.0	1,123.6	67.3	6.3	63.0
2008	26,837.7	18,161.8	17,016.8	1,144.9	67.7	6.3	63.4
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2007	424.9	248.6	211.2	37.4	58.5	15.0	49.7
2008	425.6	253.2	216.4	36.8	59.5	14.5	50.8
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2007	209.9	131.0	115.4	15.7	62.4	12.0	55.0
2008	211.5	135.9	120.8	15.1	64.3	11.1	57.1
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2007	33.0	17.7	13.6	4.1	53.6	23.2	41.2
2008	32.5	17.3	13.3	4.0	53.2	23.1	40.9
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2007	87.6	50.3	42.2	8.1	57.4	16.1	48.2
2008	87.8	48.3	40.2	8.1	55.0	16.8	45.8
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2007	94.4	49.6	40.1	9.5	52.5	19.2	42.5
2008	93.7	51.6	42.0	9.6	55.1	18.6	44.8
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2007	112.9	76.4	67.7	8.8	67.7	11.5	60.0
2008	114.0	78.5	69.1	9.4	68.9	12.0	60.6
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2007	763.7	485.5	443.5	42.0	63.6	8.7	58.1
2008	767.6	488.9	446.9	41.9	63.7	8.6	58.2
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2007	116.4	62.0	52.7	9.3	53.3	15.0	45.3
2008	115.8	66.0	56.0	10.0	57.0	15.2	48.4
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2007	130.9	77.9	69.3	8.6	59.5	11.0	52.9
2008	131.2	78.7	71.0	7.6	60.0	9.7	54.1
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2007	100.0	64.1	59.1	5.0	64.1	7.8	59.1
2008	100.9	62.2	56.6	5.6	61.6	9.0	56.1
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2007	103.5	62.4	56.1	6.4	60.3	10.3	54.2
2008	103.6	63.6	56.9	6.6	61.4	10.4	54.9
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2007	312.8	219.1	206.3	12.8	70.0	5.8	66.0
2008	316.1	218.5	206.5	12.0	69.1	5.5	65.3
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2007	612.4	386.7	354.2	32.6	63.1	8.4	57.8
2008	617.0	396.4	358.4	38.0	64.2	9.6	58.1
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2007	135.8	80.9	70.0	10.9	59.6	13.5	51.5
2008	135.8	80.8	68.1	12.8	59.5	15.8	50.1
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2007	162.7	104.1	95.6	8.6	64.0	8.3	58.8
2008	165.2	108.2	99.3	8.9	65.5	8.2	60.1
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2007	141.8	88.7	83.7	5.0	62.6	5.6	59.0
2008	142.8	94.3	87.2	7.1	66.0	7.5	61.1

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2007 and May 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.0	71.2	67.2	4.1	68.5	5.8	64.6
2008	105.0	71.3	66.7	4.7	67.9	6.6	63.5
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.0	41.7	37.7	4.0	61.3	9.6	55.4
2008	68.2	41.7	37.2	4.5	61.1	10.8	54.5
<b>Quebec</b>							
2007	6,303.0	4,111.8	3,800.3	311.5	65.2	7.6	60.3
2008	6,358.7	4,161.3	3,839.4	321.8	65.4	7.7	60.4
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	42.8	34.5	8.3	52.9	19.4	42.6
2008	80.8	42.8	34.3	8.4	53.0	19.6	42.5
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.3	101.3	90.1	11.2	60.5	11.1	53.9
2008	167.5	101.9	91.4	10.5	60.8	10.3	54.6
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	563.5	369.1	349.3	19.9	65.5	5.4	62.0
2008	566.9	380.0	360.1	19.9	67.0	5.2	63.5
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	327.1	218.0	203.8	14.2	66.6	6.5	62.3
2008	329.2	216.3	205.1	11.1	65.7	5.1	62.3
Estrie [2430]							
2007	248.1	160.1	147.4	12.7	64.5	7.9	59.4
2008	250.6	160.2	150.1	10.1	63.9	6.3	59.9
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	185.1	127.1	116.7	10.4	68.7	8.2	63.0
2008	186.2	123.1	112.9	10.2	66.1	8.3	60.6
Montréal [2435]							
2007	1,121.4	751.8	711.1	40.7	67.0	5.4	63.4
2008	1,138.7	752.8	700.5	52.3	66.1	6.9	61.5
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.3	1,017.8	932.0	85.8	63.9	8.4	58.5
2008	1,591.8	1,042.6	950.0	92.6	65.5	8.9	59.7
Laval [2445]							
2007	308.1	207.8	198.4	9.4	67.4	4.5	64.4
2008	312.9	215.5	201.3	14.2	68.9	6.6	64.3
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	350.7	230.6	215.8	14.8	65.8	6.4	61.5
2008	361.2	228.3	209.7	18.6	63.2	8.1	58.1
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	423.3	285.4	261.0	24.4	67.4	8.5	61.7
2008	433.2	296.6	274.0	22.6	68.5	7.6	63.3
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	288.9	196.0	181.9	14.1	67.8	7.2	63.0
2008	293.8	211.8	197.5	14.4	72.1	6.8	67.2
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	73.3	65.3	8.0	63.4	10.9	56.5
2008	115.7	70.6	65.1	5.6	61.0	7.9	56.3
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.2	134.3	119.0	15.4	61.8	11.5	54.8
2008	217.9	128.7	117.3	11.4	59.1	8.9	53.8

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2007 and May 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	224.0	141.7	124.9	16.8	63.3	11.9	55.8
2008	223.2	134.7	121.7	13.0	60.3	9.7	54.5
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.4	54.6	49.0	5.5	61.1	10.1	54.8
2008	89.0	55.3	48.4	6.9	62.1	12.5	54.4
<b>Ontario</b>							
2007	10,330.8	6,995.7	6,529.0	466.7	67.7	6.7	63.2
2008	10,473.8	7,131.7	6,663.4	468.3	68.1	6.6	63.6
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	982.9	686.3	645.2	41.0	69.8	6.0	65.6
2008	991.5	702.2	666.1	36.1	70.8	5.1	67.2
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	358.7	218.4	206.0	12.4	60.9	5.7	57.4
2008	359.7	227.0	213.6	13.4	63.1	5.9	59.4
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	308.3	196.1	182.7	13.4	63.6	6.8	59.3
2008	310.8	193.0	177.6	15.4	62.1	8.0	57.1
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,676.5	3,219.4	2,995.9	223.5	68.8	6.9	64.1
2008	4,773.9	3,320.2	3,096.7	223.5	69.5	6.7	64.9
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	963.6	684.2	644.6	39.5	71.0	5.8	66.9
2008	980.7	684.5	646.4	38.1	69.8	5.6	65.9
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,130.4	746.5	699.5	47.0	66.0	6.3	61.9
2008	1,140.1	761.1	708.2	52.9	66.8	7.0	62.1
London [3560]							
2007	509.5	350.5	328.3	22.2	68.8	6.3	64.4
2008	514.4	351.8	327.0	24.8	68.4	7.0	63.6
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	524.1	337.2	306.6	30.6	64.3	9.1	58.5
2008	525.8	340.0	311.8	28.2	64.7	8.3	59.3
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.2	159.5	151.2	8.3	64.5	5.2	61.2
2008	247.8	161.9	153.8	8.1	65.3	5.0	62.1
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.2	281.5	261.6	19.8	62.1	7.0	57.7
2008	454.1	279.0	261.2	17.8	61.4	6.4	57.5
Northwest [3595]							
2007	176.3	116.3	107.3	9.0	66.0	7.7	60.9
2008	174.9	111.0	101.0	10.0	63.5	9.0	57.7
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2007	896.6	622.4	592.4	30.0	69.4	4.8	66.1
2008	907.1	631.4	604.5	26.8	69.6	4.2	66.6
Southeast [4610]							
2007	76.0	51.8	49.4	2.3	68.2	4.4	65.0
2008	78.1	51.9	50.2	1.7	66.5	3.3	64.3
South Central [4620]							
2007	42.8	29.5	28.2	1.3	68.9	4.4	65.9
2008	43.8	30.4	29.3	1.0	69.4	3.3	66.9

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2007 and May 2008**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Southwest [4630]</b>							
2007	81.9	54.2	51.4	2.7	66.2	5.0	62.8
2008	82.5	56.4	53.9	2.5	68.4	4.4	65.3
<b>North Central [4640]</b>							
2007	35.6	23.2	22.7	x	65.2	x	63.8
2008	35.8	24.5	23.5	1.0	68.4	4.1	65.6
<b>Winnipeg [4650]</b>							
2007	531.6	377.9	358.4	19.5	71.1	5.2	67.4
2008	537.5	381.6	364.8	16.8	71.0	4.4	67.9
<b>Interlake [4660]</b>							
2007	69.4	46.0	44.3	1.6	66.3	3.5	63.8
2008	70.5	46.3	44.1	2.1	65.7	4.5	62.6
<b>Parklands and North [4670, 4680]</b>							
2007	59.3	39.9	37.9	2.0	67.3	5.0	63.9
2008	58.9	40.3	38.7	1.6	68.4	4.0	65.7
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2007	748.7	521.7	499.4	22.3	69.7	4.3	66.7
2008	763.7	529.5	506.9	22.6	69.3	4.3	66.4
<b>Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]</b>							
2007	220.1	156.0	149.7	6.3	70.9	4.0	68.0
2008	225.2	159.8	153.8	6.0	71.0	3.8	68.3
<b>Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]</b>							
2007	82.5	56.6	54.3	2.3	68.6	4.1	65.8
2008	83.4	55.4	52.8	2.5	66.4	4.5	63.3
<b>Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]</b>							
2007	232.5	168.2	161.7	6.4	72.3	3.8	69.5
2008	238.4	171.9	165.6	6.3	72.1	3.7	69.5
<b>Yorkton-Melville [4740]</b>							
2007	64.0	43.3	41.4	1.9	67.7	4.4	64.7
2008	64.4	39.8	38.2	1.6	61.8	4.0	59.3
<b>Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]</b>							
2007	149.5	97.7	92.4	5.3	65.4	5.4	61.8
2008	152.2	102.5	96.4	6.1	67.3	6.0	63.3
<b>Alberta</b>							
2007	2,724.2	2,009.4	1,937.7	71.6	73.8	3.6	71.1
2008	2,783.8	2,069.4	1,998.4	71.0	74.3	3.4	71.8
<b>Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]</b>							
2007	205.8	138.4	132.7	5.6	67.2	4.0	64.5
2008	208.5	148.5	143.5	5.0	71.2	3.4	68.8
<b>Camrose-Drumheller [4820]</b>							
2007	154.2	112.9	108.6	4.3	73.2	3.8	70.4
2008	155.4	114.3	111.3	2.9	73.6	2.5	71.6
<b>Calgary [4830]</b>							
2007	987.8	757.6	732.4	25.2	76.7	3.3	74.1
2008	1,015.2	771.7	748.8	22.9	76.0	3.0	73.8
<b>Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]</b>							
2007	67.6	54.3	52.6	1.7	80.3	3.1	77.8
2008	68.3	54.2	52.4	1.8	79.4	3.3	76.7
<b>Red Deer [4850]</b>							
2007	141.1	106.7	102.8	3.9	75.6	3.7	72.9
2008	145.3	105.0	100.7	4.3	72.3	4.1	69.3

See footnotes at the end of the table.



Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2007 and May 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	895.1	632.1	609.2	22.9	70.6	3.6	68.1
2008	913.2	664.2	639.0	25.2	72.7	3.8	70.0
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	182.2	138.7	133.2	5.5	76.1	4.0	73.1
2008	185.6	138.3	131.7	6.6	74.5	4.8	71.0
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	90.5	68.7	66.1	2.5	75.9	3.6	73.0
2008	92.4	73.3	71.0	2.3	79.3	3.1	76.8
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2007	3,556.9	2,349.4	2,248.8	100.7	66.1	4.3	63.2
2008	3,626.4	2,421.6	2,313.3	108.3	66.8	4.5	63.8
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	620.5	392.1	373.4	18.7	63.2	4.8	60.2
2008	630.7	408.9	391.4	17.5	64.8	4.3	62.1
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,150.9	1,438.3	1,379.8	58.5	66.9	4.1	64.1
2008	2,200.1	1,481.6	1,421.3	60.2	67.3	4.1	64.6
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	421.4	270.6	259.5	11.2	64.2	4.1	61.6
2008	429.3	281.5	265.6	15.9	65.6	5.6	61.9
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	121.9	82.7	79.2	3.5	67.8	4.2	65.0
2008	122.7	73.7	72.1	1.6	60.1	2.2	58.8
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	124.7	84.0	80.2	3.8	67.4	4.5	64.3
2008	126.0	89.7	82.7	7.1	71.2	7.9	65.6
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	66.2	44.0	40.3	3.7	66.5	8.4	60.9
2008	65.7	48.6	44.4	4.2	74.0	8.6	67.6
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.2	37.7	36.4	x	73.6	x	71.1
2008	52.0	37.7	35.8	1.9	72.5	5.0	68.8

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

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

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

**Table 6-2**  
**Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in May 2007 and May 2008**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Yukon Territory</b> <sup>1</sup>							
2007	23.4	16.8	15.9	0.9	71.8	5.4	67.9
2008	23.6	17.6	16.9	0.7	74.6	4.0	71.6
<b>Northwest Territories</b> <sup>2</sup>							
2007	30.7	24.0	22.6	1.3	78.2	5.4	73.6
2008	31.2	23.0	21.5	1.6	73.7	7.0	68.9
<b>Nunavut - 10 largest communities</b> <sup>3</sup>							
2007	14.1	10.2	9.3	0.9	72.2	8.6	66.0
2008	14.2	9.3	8.5	0.8	65.3	8.5	59.7

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
<b>May 2008</b>										
15 years and over	14,662.1	35.6	777.54	21.16	12,080.7	39.4	886.66	2,581.4	17.4	266.84
15 to 24 years	2,569.8	28.9	382.81	12.36	1,460.2	38.9	551.47	1,109.6	15.7	160.85
25 years and over	12,092.3	37.0	861.42	23.03	10,620.5	39.5	932.75	1,471.8	18.7	346.74
Men	7,391.8	38.2	900.70	23.05	6,634.0	40.7	976.04	757.8	16.9	241.12
Women	7,270.3	32.9	652.32	19.23	5,446.7	37.9	777.80	1,823.6	17.6	277.53
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,560.1	36.0	884.47	24.32	3,949.7	38.6	959.19	610.5	19.0	401.01
No union coverage	10,101.9	35.4	729.26	19.73	8,131.0	39.8	851.43	1,970.9	16.9	225.28
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,814.6	36.3	815.46	21.85	10,943.0	39.4	906.74	1,871.6	18.2	281.74
Temporary	1,847.5	30.5	514.51	16.37	1,137.7	39.8	693.57	709.8	15.5	227.53
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,069.2	39.6	1,289.80	32.61	1,031.5	40.3	1,320.52	37.7	19.1	449.71
Business, finance and administrative	2,847.0	35.4	729.35	20.18	2,439.6	38.3	802.93	407.4	18.0	288.76
Natural and applied sciences	1,098.7	38.6	1,130.19	29.35	1,061.0	39.2	1,148.78	37.7	20.8	607.52
Health	902.0	33.5	818.75	24.40	686.6	37.9	932.18	215.4	19.4	457.30
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,349.7	34.2	951.45	27.65	1,098.1	38.1	1,066.17	251.6	17.3	450.77
Art, culture, recreation and sport	313.8	31.6	712.31	21.43	224.4	38.9	907.15	89.3	13.3	222.65
Sales and service	3,693.6	30.7	467.38	14.17	2,354.8	38.5	626.22	1,338.8	17.1	188.02
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,163.5	40.3	851.44	20.91	2,043.2	41.7	886.77	120.4	17.5	251.56
Occupations unique to primary industry	325.3	41.9	747.92	17.37	283.6	45.6	829.92	41.7	16.8	190.59
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	899.1	39.1	717.30	18.18	857.9	40.1	740.72	41.2	18.1	230.22
<b>May 2007</b>										
15 years and over	14,307.8	35.6	743.89	20.19	11,771.0	39.5	848.65	2,536.8	17.6	257.78
15 to 24 years	2,543.4	29.1	368.36	11.79	1,462.2	38.9	526.73	1,081.2	15.8	154.19
25 years and over	11,764.5	37.0	825.07	22.01	10,308.8	39.6	894.31	1,455.7	19.0	334.71
Men	7,225.9	38.3	856.94	21.89	6,476.0	40.8	930.42	749.9	16.8	222.33
Women	7,082.0	32.9	628.54	18.46	5,295.0	38.0	748.64	1,786.9	18.0	272.65
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,561.7	36.1	854.36	23.38	3,948.9	38.7	927.66	612.8	19.4	382.04
No union coverage	9,746.1	35.4	692.18	18.70	7,822.1	39.9	808.76	1,924.0	17.1	218.20
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,324.1	36.4	780.73	20.88	10,511.7	39.5	868.00	1,812.4	18.5	274.61
Temporary	1,983.7	31.0	514.98	15.92	1,259.3	39.9	687.16	724.4	15.6	215.67
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	995.7	40.0	1,245.04	31.31	975.4	40.4	1,262.23	20.4	17.7	421.10
Business, finance and administrative	2,683.9	35.4	694.30	19.27	2,307.2	38.3	761.66	376.7	17.6	281.63
Natural and applied sciences	1,047.6	38.7	1,100.23	28.39	1,016.1	39.3	1,121.26	31.5	18.3	421.21
Health	868.2	33.6	820.64	24.42	651.4	38.0	931.33	216.8	20.6	487.98
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,305.0	34.4	906.18	26.08	1,065.6	38.1	1,014.33	239.4	17.9	424.73
Art, culture, recreation and sport	296.4	31.8	703.11	21.15	213.6	38.6	878.28	82.8	14.1	251.02
Sales and service	3,718.6	30.9	444.57	13.44	2,365.3	38.6	593.92	1,353.3	17.4	183.53
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,104.7	40.2	820.31	20.23	1,965.4	41.7	860.84	139.3	18.3	248.38
Occupations unique to primary industry	332.4	42.3	725.35	16.61	291.9	46.1	802.33	40.5	14.7	170.79
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	955.4	39.3	694.50	17.49	919.1	40.2	713.33	36.3	17.6	217.80

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM tables 282-0023, 282-0069, 282-0073

**Table 8**  
**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program, <sup>1</sup> seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

Region	Effective from June 8, 2008 to July 12, 2008
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	8.3
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	15.6
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.5
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	15.0
05. Western Nova Scotia	8.9
06. Halifax	5.0
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.6
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	10.6
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.1
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.0
11. Québec	5.1
12. Trois-Rivières	8.9
13. South Central Quebec	4.9
14. Sherbrooke	6.0
15. Montérégie	7.6
16. Montréal	7.7
17. Central Quebec	8.0
18. Northwestern Quebec	10.0
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	11.1
20. Gatineau	5.3
21. Saguenay	9.5
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	4.9
23. Eastern Ontario	5.9
24. Kingston	5.6
25. Central Ontario	6.6
26. Oshawa	8.0
27. Toronto	6.5
28. Hamilton	6.1
29. St. Catharines	7.2
30. London	7.1
31. Niagara	9.4
32. Windsor	7.9
33. Kitchener	5.6
34. Huron	8.4
35. South Central Ontario	4.6
36. Sudbury	6.0
37. Thunder Bay	6.1
38. Northern Ontario	10.4
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	4.3
40. Southern Manitoba	5.2
41. Northern Manitoba	25.6
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	4.3
43. Saskatoon	3.9
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.0
45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.9

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from June 8, 2008 to July 12, 2008
	percent
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	3.1
47. Edmonton	4.0
48. Northern Alberta	8.1
49. Southern Alberta	4.4
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.4
51. Abbotsford	4.8
52. Vancouver	4.2
53. Victoria	3.7
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.7
55. Northern British Columbia	9.6
<b>Territories</b>	
56. Yukon Territory <sup>4</sup>	25.0
57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

1. The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: <http://srv129.services.gc.ca/eiregions/en/geocont.aspx>.

2. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml).

3. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml).

4. This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

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

	May 2006	May 2007	May 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from		Percent change from	
					last year	two years ago	last year	two years ago
in thousands								
<b>Students 15 to 24 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	2,246.3	2,257.6	<b>2,292.3</b>	27.8	<b>34.7</b>	46.0	<b>1.5</b>	2.0
Labour force	1,230.6	1,256.2	<b>1,302.8</b>	29.3	<b>46.6</b>	72.2	<b>3.7</b>	5.9
Employment	1,032.5	1,065.0	<b>1,080.3</b>	28.1	<b>15.3</b>	47.8	<b>1.4</b>	4.6
Full-time employment	282.4	286.8	<b>290.4</b>	20.5	<b>3.6</b>	8.0	<b>1.3</b>	2.8
Part-time employment	750.1	778.2	<b>789.9</b>	22.5	<b>11.7</b>	39.8	<b>1.5</b>	5.3
Unemployment	198.1	191.2	<b>222.5</b>	13.2	<b>31.3</b>	24.4	<b>16.4</b>	12.3
Participation rate	54.8	55.6	<b>56.8</b>	1.0	<b>1.2</b>	2.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.1	15.2	<b>17.1</b>	0.9	<b>1.9</b>	1.0	...	...
Employment rate	46.0	47.2	<b>47.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	1.1	...	...
Part-time rate	72.6	73.1	<b>73.1</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	...	...
<b>Students 15 to 16 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	821.7	818.1	<b>805.1</b>	5.2	<b>-13.0</b>	-16.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.0
Labour force	294.2	312.7	<b>304.1</b>	13.4	<b>-8.6</b>	9.9	<b>-2.8</b>	3.4
Employment	223.4	245.2	<b>233.8</b>	12.4	<b>-11.4</b>	10.4	<b>-4.6</b>	4.7
Full-time employment	9.3	4.3	<b>5.2</b>	5.3	<b>0.9</b>	-4.1	<b>20.9</b>	-44.1
Part-time employment	214.1	240.9	<b>228.6</b>	11.6	<b>-12.3</b>	14.5	<b>-5.1</b>	6.8
Unemployment	70.8	67.6	<b>70.2</b>	7.8	<b>2.6</b>	-0.6	<b>3.8</b>	-0.8
Participation rate	35.8	38.2	<b>37.8</b>	1.6	<b>-0.4</b>	2.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	24.1	21.6	<b>23.1</b>	2.0	<b>1.5</b>	-1.0	...	...
Employment rate	27.2	30.0	<b>29.0</b>	1.5	<b>-1.0</b>	1.8	...	...
Part-time rate	95.8	98.2	<b>97.8</b>	1.7	<b>-0.5</b>	1.9	...	...
<b>Students 17 to 19 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	809.4	821.8	<b>836.1</b>	15.1	<b>14.3</b>	26.7	<b>1.7</b>	3.3
Labour force	498.1	504.5	<b>509.0</b>	16.5	<b>4.5</b>	10.9	<b>0.9</b>	2.2
Employment	428.5	434.5	<b>432.1</b>	16.3	<b>-2.4</b>	3.6	<b>-0.6</b>	0.8
Full-time employment	90.7	84.8	<b>85.1</b>	11.5	<b>0.3</b>	-5.6	<b>0.4</b>	-6.2
Part-time employment	337.8	349.7	<b>346.9</b>	14.3	<b>-2.8</b>	9.1	<b>-0.8</b>	2.7
Unemployment	69.6	70.0	<b>77.0</b>	8.2	<b>7.0</b>	7.4	<b>10.0</b>	10.6
Participation rate	61.5	61.4	<b>60.9</b>	1.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	13.9	<b>15.1</b>	1.4	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	52.9	52.9	<b>51.7</b>	1.6	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.2	...	...
Part-time rate	78.8	80.5	<b>80.3</b>	1.9	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	...	...
<b>Students 20 to 24 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	615.1	617.7	<b>651.1</b>	22.2	<b>33.4</b>	36.0	<b>5.4</b>	5.9
Labour force	438.3	438.9	<b>489.7</b>	19.8	<b>50.8</b>	51.4	<b>11.6</b>	11.7
Employment	380.6	385.4	<b>414.4</b>	19.3	<b>29.0</b>	33.8	<b>7.5</b>	8.9
Full-time employment	182.5	197.8	<b>200.0</b>	15.5	<b>2.2</b>	17.5	<b>1.1</b>	9.6
Part-time employment	198.1	187.6	<b>214.4</b>	12.5	<b>26.8</b>	16.3	<b>14.3</b>	8.2
Unemployment	57.7	53.6	<b>75.3</b>	6.0	<b>21.7</b>	17.6	<b>40.5</b>	30.5
Participation rate	71.3	71.1	<b>75.2</b>	1.8	<b>4.1</b>	3.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	12.2	<b>15.4</b>	1.2	<b>3.2</b>	2.2	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.4	<b>63.6</b>	1.9	<b>1.2</b>	1.7	...	...
Part-time rate	52.0	48.7	<b>51.7</b>	2.2	<b>3.1</b>	-0.3	...	...
<b>Other persons aged 15 to 24<sup>3</sup></b>								
Population	2,068.9	2,091.4	<b>2,080.6</b>	27.8	<b>-10.8</b>	11.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.6
Labour force	1,747.9	1,774.6	<b>1,761.3</b>	26.9	<b>-13.3</b>	13.4	<b>-0.7</b>	0.8
Employment	1,578.5	1,580.0	<b>1,571.4</b>	26.8	<b>-8.6</b>	-7.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4
Full-time employment	1,230.7	1,227.7	<b>1,210.2</b>	26.1	<b>-17.5</b>	-20.5	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.7
Part-time employment	347.8	352.3	<b>361.2</b>	15.6	<b>8.9</b>	13.4	<b>2.5</b>	3.9
Unemployment	169.4	194.5	<b>190.0</b>	12.5	<b>-4.5</b>	20.6	<b>-2.3</b>	12.2
Participation rate	84.5	84.9	<b>84.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	11.0	<b>10.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	76.3	75.5	<b>75.5</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	22.3	<b>23.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	...	...

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

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

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM table 282-0006

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

	Population		Labour force				Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
	Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment				
in thousands									
<b>Students<sup>1</sup></b>									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
May 2007	34.2	15.0	11.4	3.3	8.1	3.6	43.9	24.0	33.3
May 2008	34.9	16.8	12.2	4.4	7.8	4.6	48.1	27.4	35.0
Prince Edward Island									
May 2007	10.3	6.3	5.2	1.6	3.6	1.1	61.2	17.5	50.5
May 2008	9.1	6.0	4.9	1.9	3.0	1.1	65.9	18.3	53.8
Nova Scotia									
May 2007	65.3	37.2	28.9	8.2	20.6	8.3	57.0	22.3	44.3
May 2008	63.0	38.3	31.8	9.9	21.8	6.5	60.8	17.0	50.5
New Brunswick									
May 2007	48.0	28.1	21.8	5.6	16.3	6.3	58.5	22.4	45.4
May 2008	47.1	29.1	24.0	6.2	17.8	5.0	61.8	17.2	51.0
Quebec									
May 2007	524.0	272.1	225.4	40.8	184.6	46.7	51.9	17.2	43.0
May 2008	543.2	294.7	251.8	52.9	198.9	42.9	54.3	14.6	46.4
Ontario									
May 2007	961.9	547.4	461.3	135.0	326.2	86.1	56.9	15.7	48.0
May 2008	979.5	564.0	451.6	122.7	328.9	112.4	57.6	19.9	46.1
Manitoba									
May 2007	77.0	52.3	44.5	11.5	33.1	7.8	67.9	14.9	57.8
May 2008	74.1	48.0	41.7	11.8	29.8	6.4	64.8	13.3	56.3
Saskatchewan									
May 2007	61.3	38.2	34.3	10.2	24.0	4.0	62.3	10.5	56.0
May 2008	59.7	36.4	32.5	11.9	20.6	3.9	61.0	10.7	54.4
Alberta									
May 2007	199.9	118.6	105.1	40.1	65.0	13.5	59.3	11.4	52.6
May 2008	205.5	121.2	103.0	36.6	66.4	18.2	59.0	15.0	50.1
British Columbia									
May 2007	275.5	141.0	127.2	30.5	96.7	13.8	51.2	9.8	46.2
May 2008	276.1	148.3	126.9	32.0	94.9	21.4	53.7	14.4	46.0
<b>Other persons aged 15-24<sup>2</sup></b>									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
May 2007	29.8	20.6	16.4	11.3	5.1	x	69.1	x	55.0
May 2008	27.8	19.8	15.6	11.6	4.0	4.3	71.2	21.7	56.1
Prince Edward Island									
May 2007	9.4	8.1	7.1	5.7	1.4	1.0	86.2	12.3	75.5
May 2008	10.5	8.6	7.4	6.2	1.2	1.2	81.9	14.0	70.5
Nova Scotia									
May 2007	57.2	47.5	41.4	32.7	8.7	6.0	83.0	12.6	72.4
May 2008	58.6	48.9	41.5	30.5	10.9	7.4	83.4	15.1	70.8
New Brunswick									
May 2007	46.9	39.2	34.8	27.6	7.3	4.4	83.6	11.2	74.2
May 2008	47.8	38.4	32.4	25.0	7.4	6.0	80.3	15.6	67.8
Quebec									
May 2007	430.2	362.0	322.9	251.5	71.5	39.0	84.1	10.8	75.1
May 2008	415.7	356.4	310.0	236.7	73.4	46.3	85.7	13.0	74.6
Ontario									
May 2007	756.5	645.1	554.4	419.1	135.3	90.7	85.3	14.1	73.3
May 2008	751.9	633.4	552.9	407.1	145.8	80.5	84.2	12.7	73.5
Manitoba									
May 2007	79.6	70.0	64.8	46.1	18.6	5.3	87.9	7.6	81.4
May 2008	84.1	70.0	64.8	51.7	13.0	5.2	83.2	7.4	77.1
Saskatchewan									
May 2007	76.1	66.5	61.6	48.4	13.2	4.7	87.4	7.1	80.9
May 2008	79.6	69.1	63.7	53.4	10.4	x	86.8	x	80.0
Alberta									
May 2007	303.3	257.4	236.3	197.4	38.9	21.1	84.9	8.2	77.9
May 2008	298.0	256.2	243.1	203.5	39.5	13.1	86.0	5.1	81.6

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 9-2 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force				Unemployment	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment				
in thousands									
British Columbia									
May 2007	302.5	258.2	240.3	187.9	52.4	17.9	85.4	6.9	79.4
May 2008	306.5	260.6	240.1	184.5	55.5	20.6	85.0	7.9	78.3

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

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM table 282-0006



# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

## Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

A person is considered to be **full-time** if his/her usual hours at the main job are 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*