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- r revised
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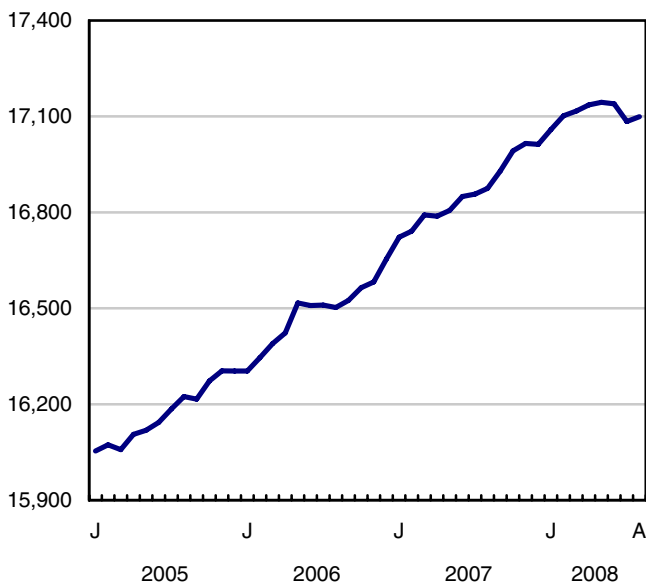
## August 2008

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

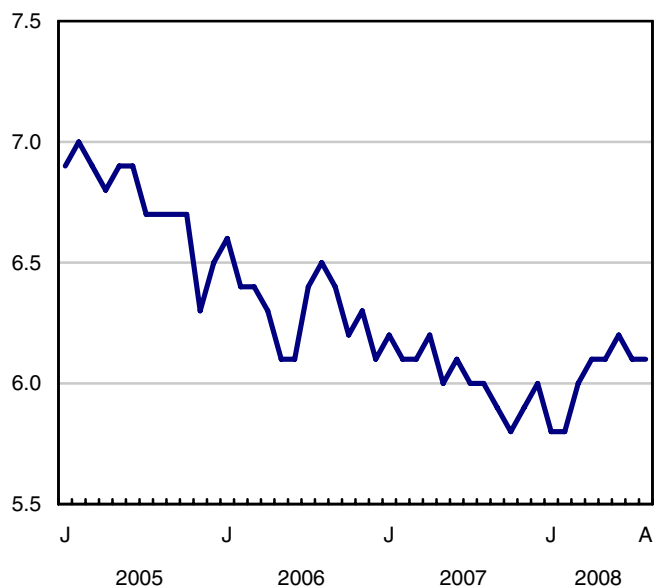
### Employment

thousands



### Unemployment rate

percentage



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Employment gains in August were all in full-time work. So far in 2008, increases have been a mix of both full and part-time employment compared to mostly full-time growth during the same period of 2007.

In August, there were employment gains in Saskatchewan and Ontario, partially offset by losses in Nova Scotia and Manitoba. Employment was virtually unchanged in the other provinces. For the first eight months of 2008, employment gains have been in Ontario and the western provinces.

In August, employment increased in educational services; construction; utilities; and accommodation and food services. These gains were partially offset by decreases in health care and social assistance; agriculture and public administration.

There was a slight increase in manufacturing employment in August. So far this year, this industry has declined by 14,000 (-0.7%), a smaller decrease compared to the same period in 2007 (-76,000 or -3.6%).

August's employment gains were primarily among private sector employees (+41,000), while there were fewer employees in the public sector (-24,000). Since the beginning of 2008, employment growth has been primarily among employees in the private sector, in contrast to strength in the public sector and in self-employment over the same period of 2007.

Most of the employment increases in August were among men and women aged 25 to 54 years, countered by declines among older women. In the first eight months of 2008, employment growth was stronger for older workers than core-aged workers and youth.

The year-over-year hourly wage growth for August was 3.8%, lower than the 4.9% increase observed at the start of 2008. August's average hourly wage growth, however, was slightly above the most recent increase of 3.4% in the Consumer Price Index.

### **Construction leading the way so far in 2008**

Employment in construction was up by 19,000 in August, continuing the strength seen over the past few years. August's gains bring employment in this industry up 86,000 (+7.4%) over the first eight months of 2008, making it the fastest growing industry. Most of the increases have been in Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta. According to the most recent Building Permits Survey, the value of building permits has increased in 2008, with all of the growth in non-residential construction.

Accommodation and food services added 16,000 workers in August. This industry is up by 60,000 (+5.7%) so far this year, the second fastest growing industry in 2008, with most of the increases in food services and drinking places. Ontario and the western provinces had the most notable increases in this industry so far this year.

Education employment increased by 30,000 in August, following a decline of similar magnitude the previous month. This leaves employment in this industry up 1.8% from 12 months ago.

Employment declined by 22,000 in health care and social assistance in August, mostly in Ontario and Alberta. Despite this decline, employment remains at a level similar to that of the start of 2008.

Agriculture employment was down 18,000 in August, primarily in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. Since the most recent peak of July 2005, employment in this industry has declined by 52,000 (-14.1%).



## Employment gains in Saskatchewan and Ontario

In August, employment in Saskatchewan increased by 6,000. Employment gains so far this year have mainly been in mining, oil and gas; construction; and health care and social assistance.

Following two months of declines, Ontario's employment level was up 14,000 in August, as large full-time gains were partially offset by part-time losses. The unemployment rate edged down to 6.3% in August. So far in 2008, employment in Ontario has increased by 0.8%, all in part time. Increases in construction and several service industries were dampened by declines in information, culture and recreation; manufacturing and trade over the year.

While Quebec's employment was little changed in August, the unemployment rate increased to 7.7%, a result of more people entering the labour force in search of work. So far this year, employment is down 0.6%, with declines in agriculture and several services industries.

There were employment declines in Nova Scotia and Manitoba in August, each with losses of 4,000. Manitoba's employment is up 1.2% so far this year while the employment level in Nova Scotia remains the same as in December 2007.

## Student labour market similar to last summer

The 2008 summer job market for students was among the best since the early 1990s. The average employment rate for students this summer was 54.6% (from May to August), similar to that of the summer of 2007. At the same time, the average unemployment rate was 13.6%; similar to the previous summer.

### Note to readers

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 intend to return to school in the fall. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted, therefore, comparisons can only be made on a year-over-year basis.

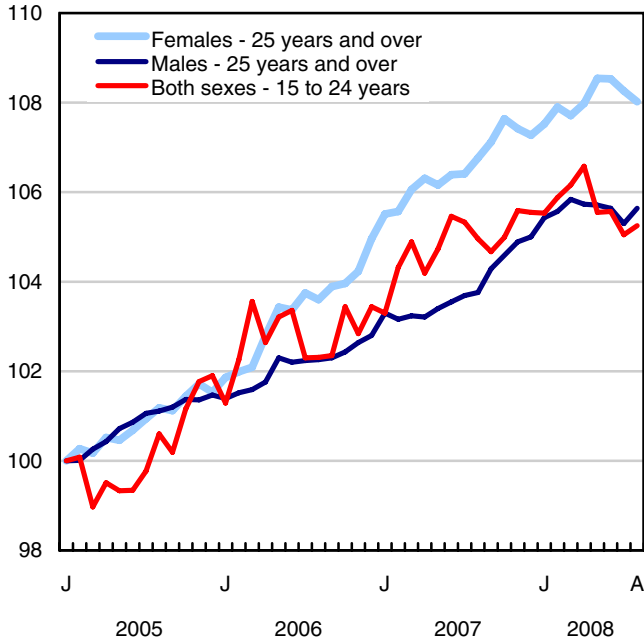
Please note that Table 1 in this publication has been extended to include labour force characteristics for men and women aged 25 to 54 years and 55 years and over at the Canada level.

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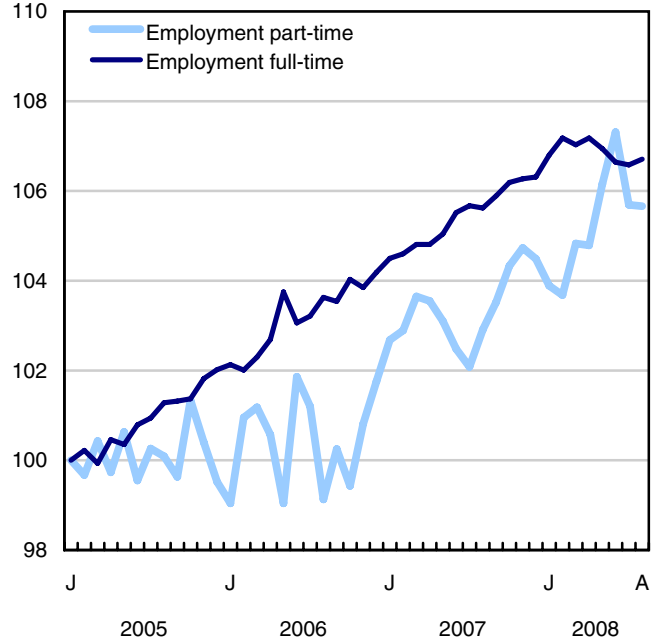
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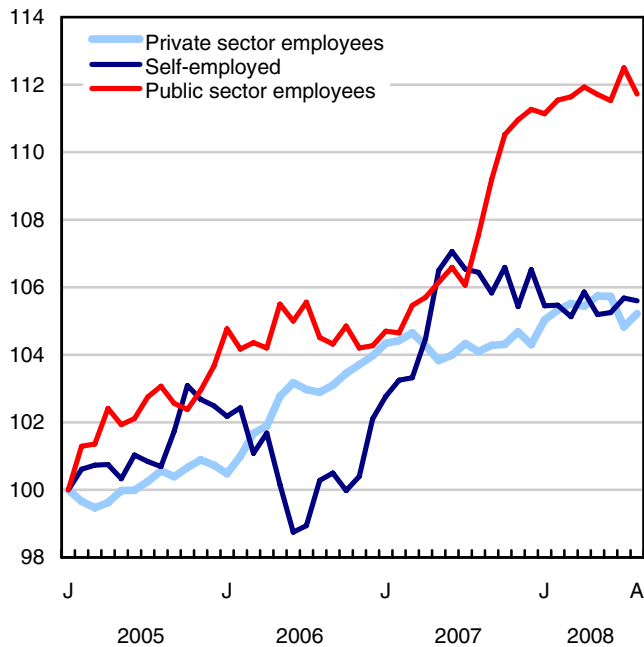
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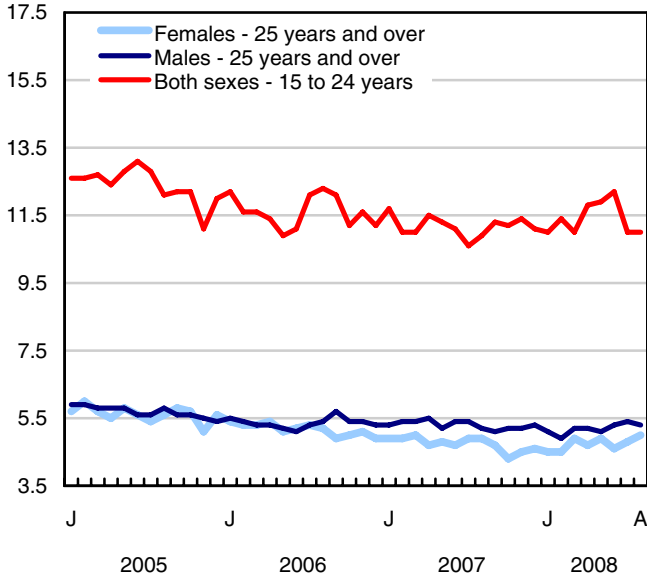


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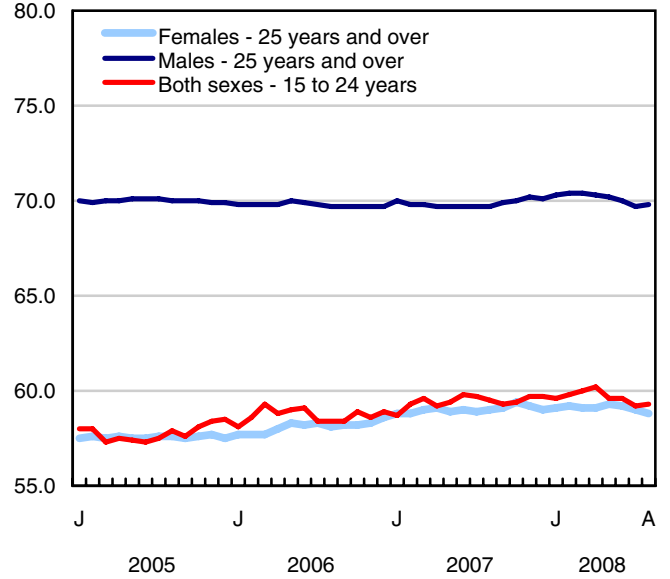


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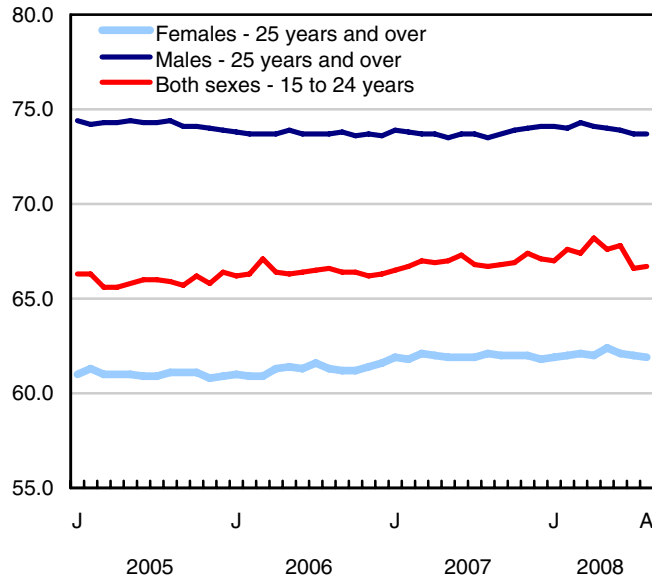
**Unemployment rate (%)**



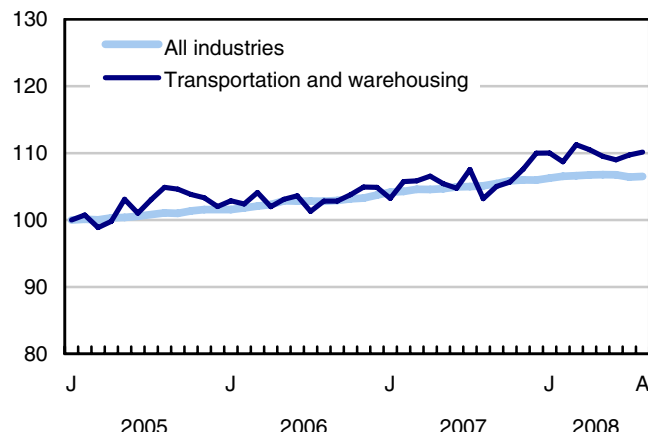
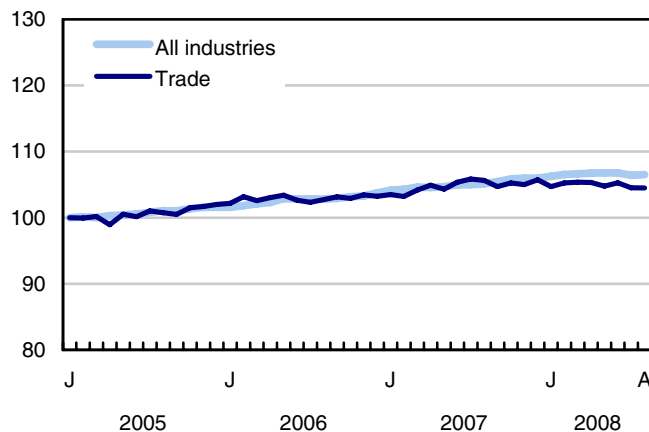
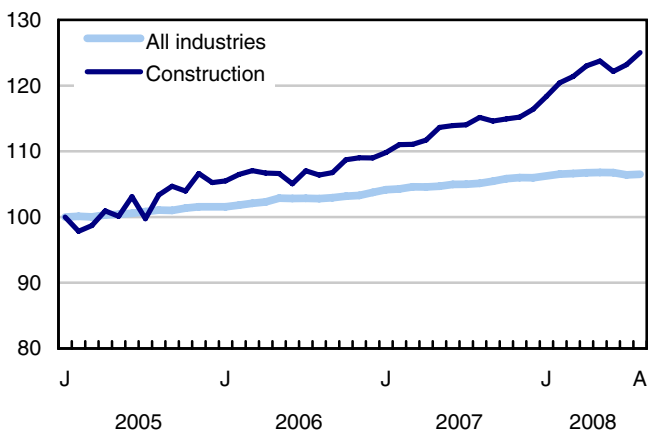
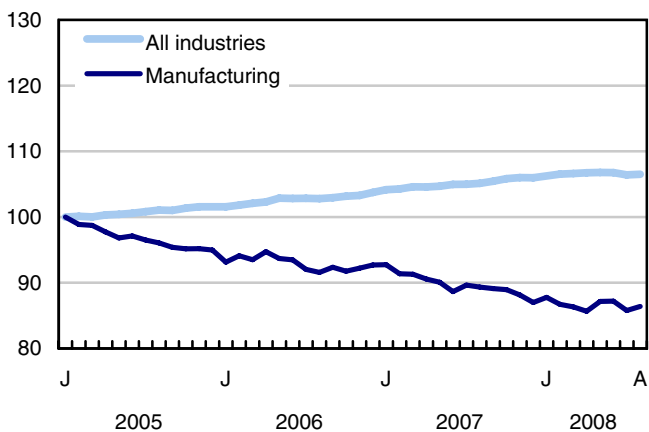
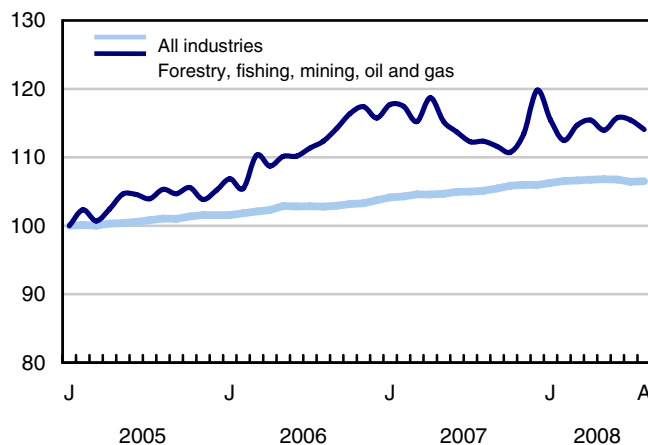
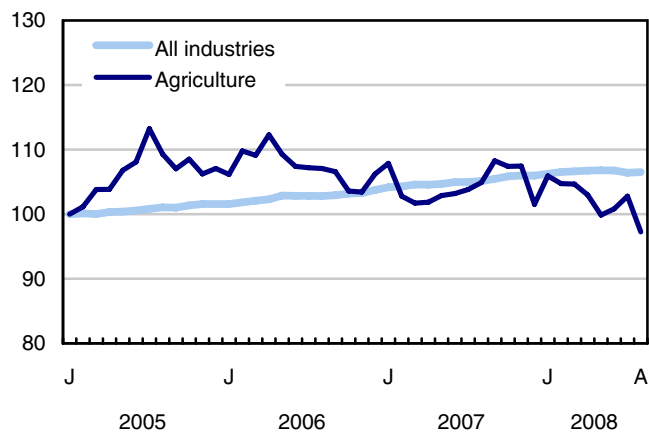
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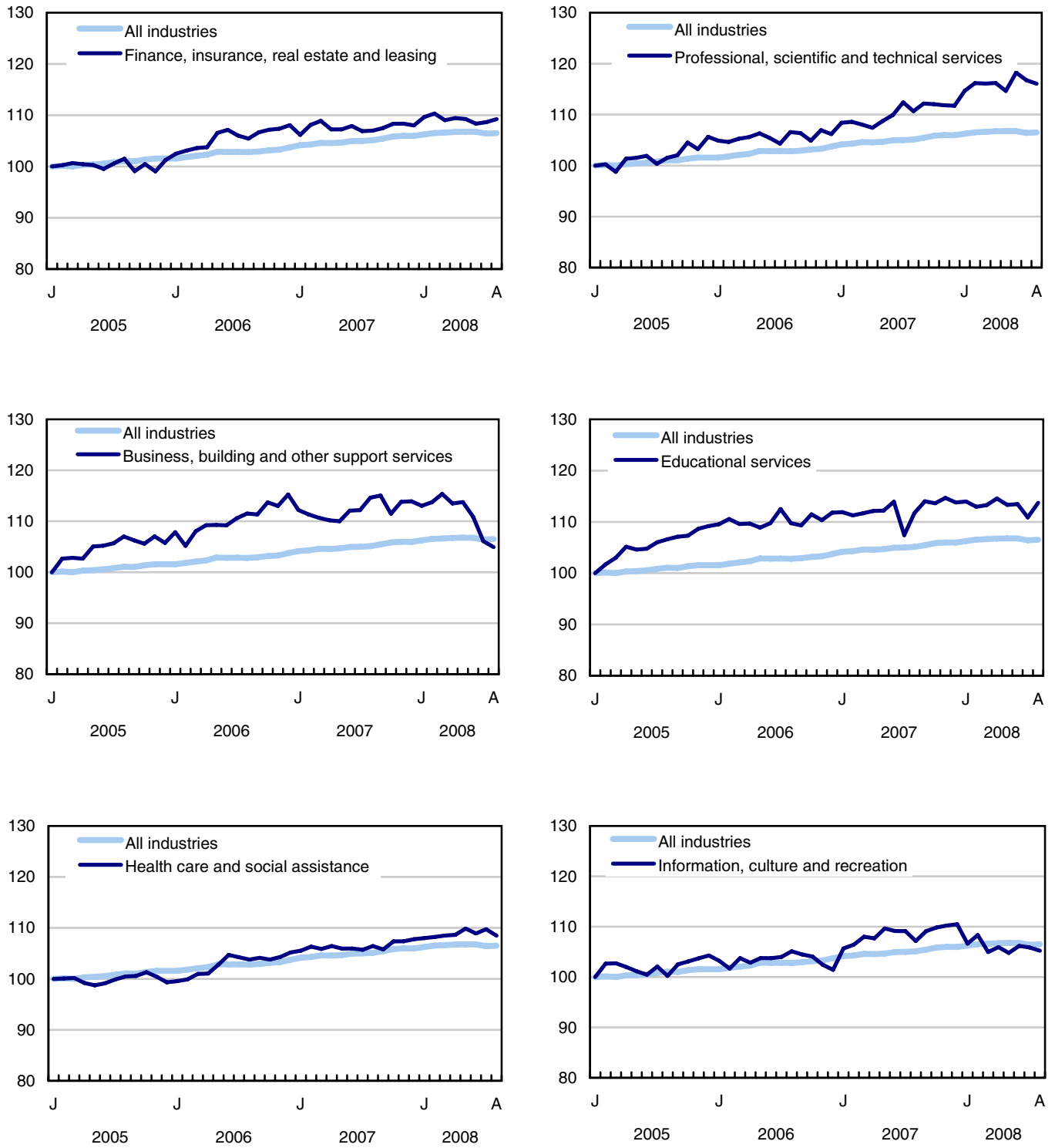
**Participation rate (%)**



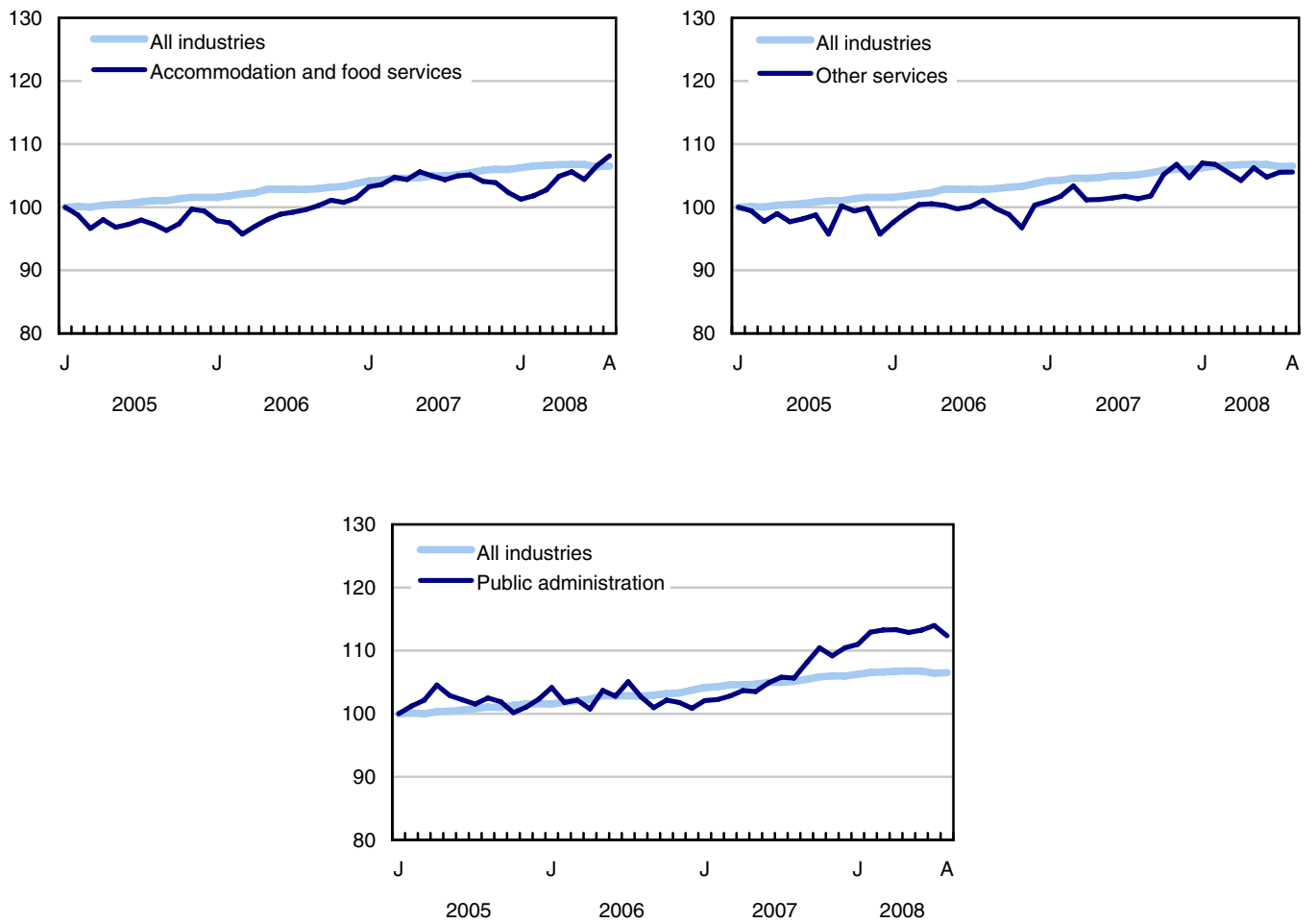
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**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2005=100**



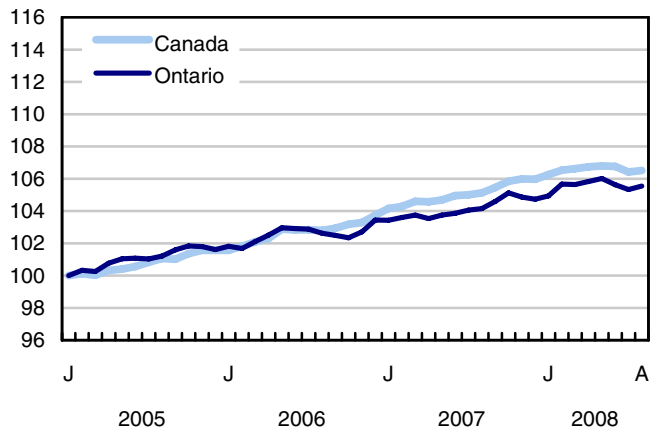
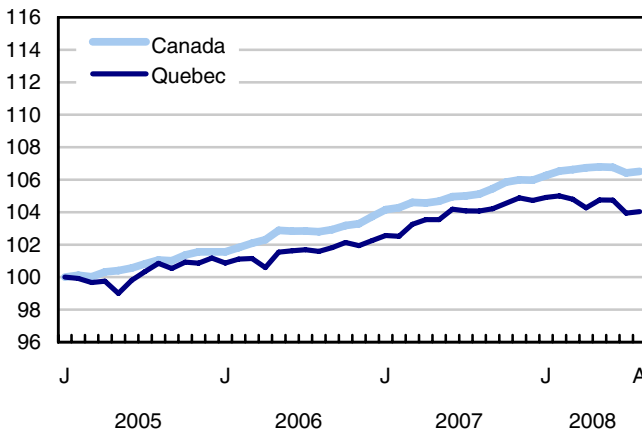
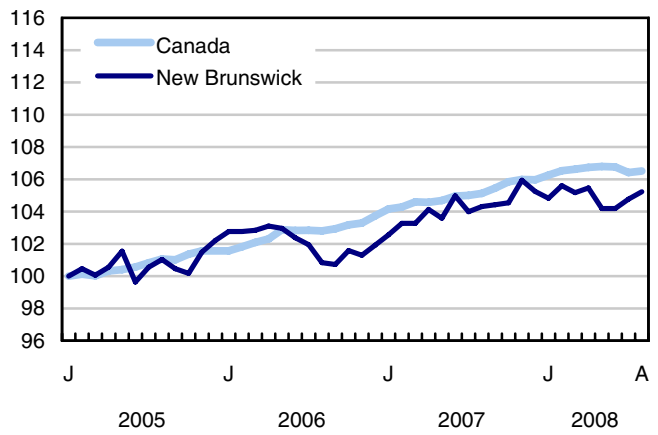
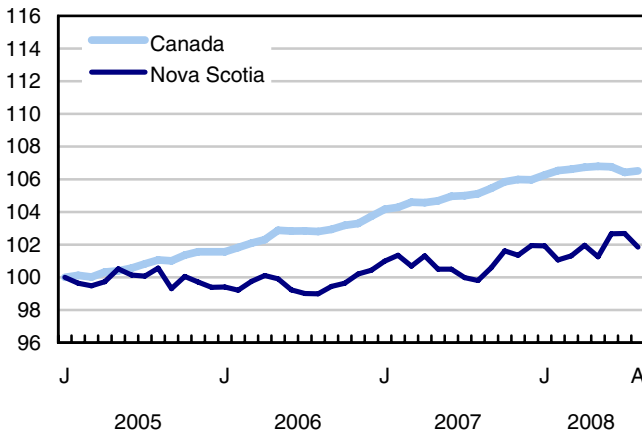
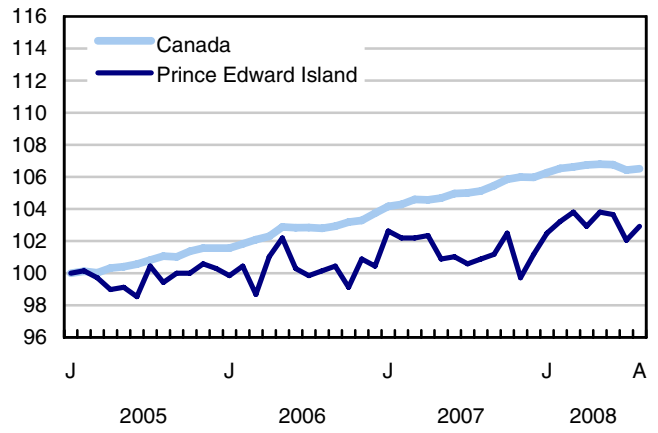
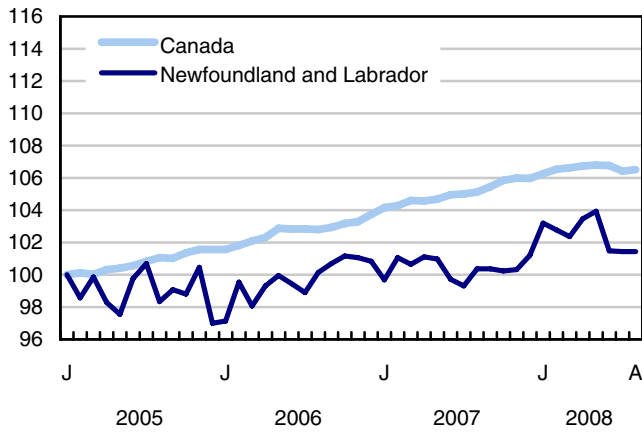
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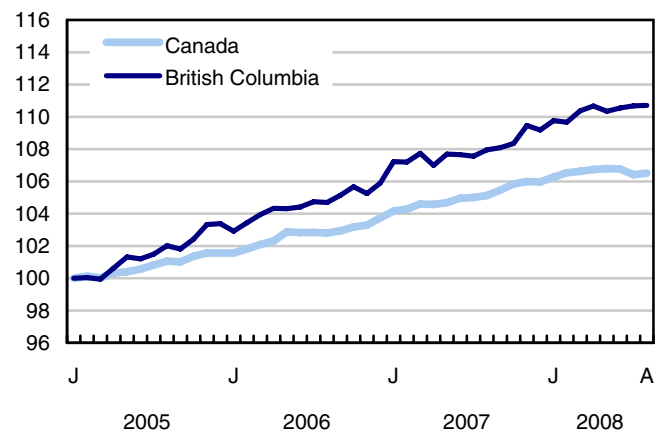
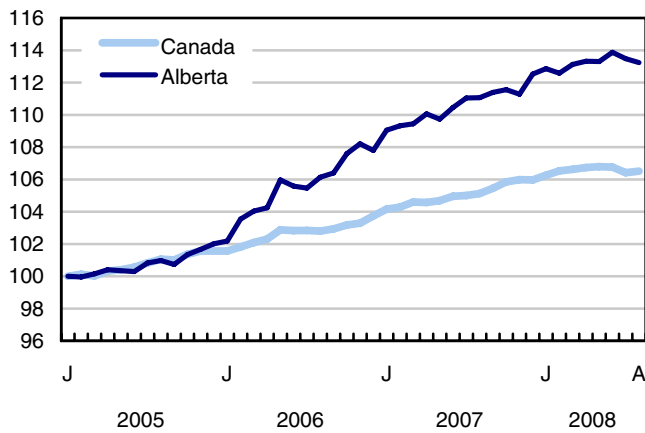
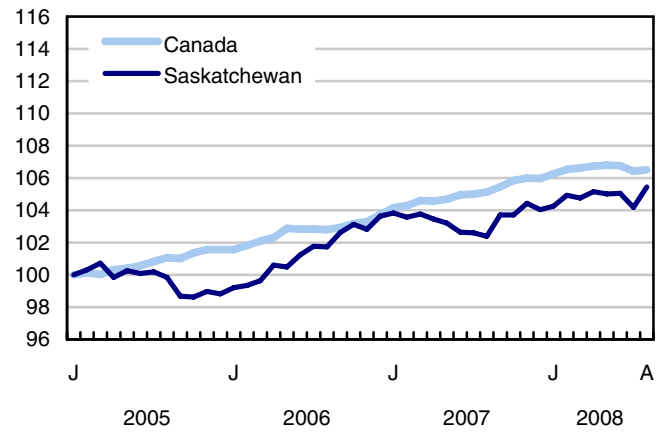
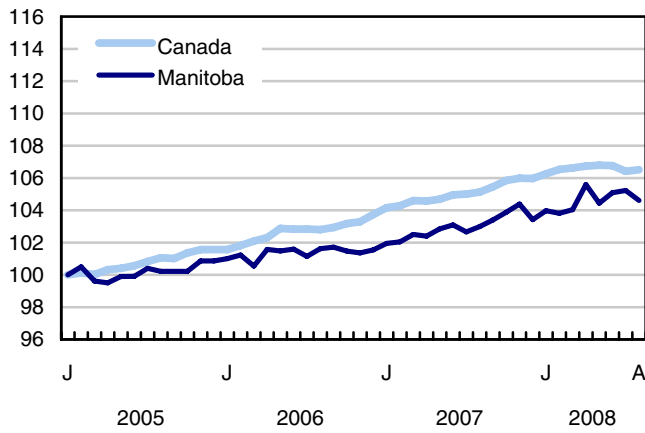
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**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100**



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

	July 2008	August 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>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	26,942.8	<b>26,974.3</b>	...	<b>31.5</b>	254.8	374.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.4
Labour force	18,189.4	<b>18,211.9</b>	27.1	<b>22.5</b>	121.7	255.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.4
Employment	17,084.2	<b>17,099.4</b>	27.7	<b>15.2</b>	86.9	224.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment full-time	13,950.9	<b>13,967.0</b>	36.1	<b>16.1</b>	52.4	142.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Employment part-time	3,133.3	<b>3,132.4</b>	33.0	<b>-0.9</b>	34.5	81.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	2.7
Unemployment	1,105.2	<b>1,112.5</b>	22.7	<b>7.3</b>	34.9	30.9	<b>0.7</b>	3.2	2.9
Participation rate	67.5	<b>67.5</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	<b>18.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,376.9	<b>4,378.5</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	11.7	21.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5
Labour force	2,914.0	<b>2,918.5</b>	16.3	<b>4.5</b>	-13.1	12.0	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.4
Employment	2,593.3	<b>2,598.2</b>	16.0	<b>4.9</b>	-7.3	7.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	0.3
Employment full-time	1,419.0	<b>1,431.1</b>	18.1	<b>12.1</b>	9.2	-16.2	<b>0.9</b>	0.6	-1.1
Employment part-time	1,174.3	<b>1,167.0</b>	18.9	<b>-7.3</b>	-16.7	23.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	2.0
Unemployment	320.7	<b>320.3</b>	13.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-5.7	4.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.7	1.6
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	<b>11.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.3	<b>44.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,028.1	<b>11,043.0</b>	...	<b>14.9</b>	122.3	177.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.6
Labour force	8,122.8	<b>8,141.1</b>	13.6	<b>18.3</b>	53.0	154.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.9
Employment	7,682.2	<b>7,707.4</b>	14.9	<b>25.2</b>	47.2	137.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	1.8
Employment full-time	7,158.5	<b>7,181.5</b>	19.2	<b>23.0</b>	16.2	97.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	1.4
Employment part-time	523.7	<b>525.9</b>	15.1	<b>2.2</b>	31.0	40.2	<b>0.4</b>	6.3	8.3
Unemployment	440.6	<b>433.7</b>	13.1	<b>-6.9</b>	5.8	16.8	<b>-1.6</b>	1.4	4.0
Participation rate	73.7	<b>73.7</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	<b>69.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	<b>6.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	11,537.9	<b>11,552.9</b>	...	<b>15.0</b>	120.9	175.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.5
Labour force	7,152.6	<b>7,152.3</b>	15.6	<b>-0.3</b>	81.8	88.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	1.3
Employment	6,808.6	<b>6,793.8</b>	15.7	<b>-14.8</b>	47.0	79.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	1.2
Employment full-time	5,373.4	<b>5,354.3</b>	23.5	<b>-19.1</b>	26.9	61.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.5	1.2
Employment part-time	1,435.3	<b>1,439.4</b>	21.6	<b>4.1</b>	20.0	17.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.3
Unemployment	344.0	<b>358.5</b>	12.3	<b>14.5</b>	34.8	9.2	<b>4.2</b>	10.8	2.6
Participation rate	62.0	<b>61.9</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>5.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>58.8</b>	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>21.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,430.4	<b>14,438.6</b>	...	<b>8.2</b>	66.9	98.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	12,485.6	<b>12,520.8</b>	20.2	<b>35.2</b>	68.6	116.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.9
Employment	11,836.8	<b>11,870.5</b>	21.8	<b>33.7</b>	43.4	97.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.8
Unemployment	648.8	<b>650.3</b>	16.7	<b>1.5</b>	25.2	18.2	<b>0.2</b>	4.0	2.9
Participation rate	86.5	<b>86.7</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.0	<b>82.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	July 2008	August 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>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,208.3	<b>7,212.4</b>	...	<b>4.1</b>	34.8	51.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	6,570.8	<b>6,582.7</b>	12.8	<b>11.9</b>	16.2	87.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.3
Employment	6,215.1	<b>6,232.9</b>	14.5	<b>17.8</b>	21.8	81.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	1.3
Unemployment	355.7	<b>349.8</b>	12.3	<b>-5.9</b>	-5.6	6.4	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.6	1.9
Participation rate	91.2	<b>91.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	86.2	<b>86.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,222.1	<b>7,226.2</b>	...	<b>4.1</b>	32.1	47.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.7
Labour force	5,914.7	<b>5,938.1</b>	15.1	<b>23.4</b>	52.4	28.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	0.5
Employment	5,621.6	<b>5,637.6</b>	15.5	<b>16.0</b>	21.5	17.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.3
Unemployment	293.1	<b>300.5</b>	11.4	<b>7.4</b>	30.8	11.8	<b>2.5</b>	11.4	4.1
Participation rate	81.9	<b>82.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.8	<b>78.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	8,135.5	<b>8,157.2</b>	...	<b>21.7</b>	176.2	254.7	<b>0.3</b>	2.2	3.2
Labour force	2,789.9	<b>2,772.6</b>	15.4	<b>-17.3</b>	66.2	126.9	<b>-0.6</b>	2.4	4.8
Employment	2,654.1	<b>2,630.7</b>	15.3	<b>-23.4</b>	50.8	119.1	<b>-0.9</b>	2.0	4.7
Unemployment	135.7	<b>141.9</b>	7.8	<b>6.2</b>	15.4	7.8	<b>4.6</b>	12.2	5.8
Participation rate	34.3	<b>34.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.6	<b>32.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	3,819.8	<b>3,830.6</b>	...	<b>10.8</b>	87.5	126.2	<b>0.3</b>	2.3	3.4
Labour force	1,552.0	<b>1,558.4</b>	10.2	<b>6.4</b>	36.8	67.1	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	4.5
Employment	1,467.1	<b>1,474.5</b>	10.2	<b>7.4</b>	25.4	56.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	4.0
Unemployment	84.9	<b>83.9</b>	5.6	<b>-1.0</b>	11.4	10.3	<b>-1.2</b>	15.7	14.0
Participation rate	40.6	<b>40.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.4	<b>38.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,315.7	<b>4,326.6</b>	...	<b>10.9</b>	88.6	128.4	<b>0.3</b>	2.1	3.1
Labour force	1,237.9	<b>1,214.2</b>	10.7	<b>-23.7</b>	29.4	59.8	<b>-1.9</b>	2.5	5.2
Employment	1,187.0	<b>1,156.2</b>	10.6	<b>-30.8</b>	25.5	62.4	<b>-2.6</b>	2.3	5.7
Unemployment	50.9	<b>58.0</b>	5.3	<b>7.1</b>	4.0	-2.6	<b>13.9</b>	7.4	-4.3
Participation rate	28.7	<b>28.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.5	<b>26.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	0.6	...	...	...

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**

	July 2008	August 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	14,462.4	<b>14,479.4</b>	32.6	<b>17.0</b>	109.6	245.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.7
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,621.8	<b>2,620.0</b>	21.7	<b>-1.8</b>	-22.7	-20.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.8
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,438.1	<b>3,414.2</b>	21.2	<b>-23.9</b>	13.7	127.4	<b>-0.7</b>	0.4	3.9
Private sector employees	11,024.3	<b>11,065.2</b>	33.7	<b>40.9</b>	95.9	117.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.1
<b>Industry</b>	17,084.2	<b>17,099.4</b>	27.7	<b>15.2</b>	86.9	224.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,015.5	<b>4,030.3</b>	23.5	<b>14.8</b>	61.6	22.9	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	0.6
Agriculture	331.7	<b>313.9</b>	7.1	<b>-17.8</b>	-13.7	-24.6	<b>-5.4</b>	-4.2	-7.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	341.5	<b>337.4</b>	6.7	<b>-4.1</b>	-17.0	5.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-4.8	1.5
Utilities	156.3	<b>160.8</b>	4.3	<b>4.5</b>	20.0	11.1	<b>2.9</b>	14.2	7.4
Construction	1,231.3	<b>1,249.8</b>	14.3	<b>18.5</b>	86.4	98.7	<b>1.5</b>	7.4	8.6
Manufacturing	1,954.7	<b>1,968.5</b>	17.9	<b>13.8</b>	-14.0	-67.3	<b>0.7</b>	-0.7	-3.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,068.7	<b>13,069.1</b>	31.3	<b>0.4</b>	25.3	201.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.6
Trade	2,675.5	<b>2,674.7</b>	20.7	<b>-0.8</b>	-31.7	-29.6	<b>0.0</b>	-1.2	-1.1
Transportation and warehousing	852.8	<b>856.1</b>	12.2	<b>3.3</b>	1.2	54.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	6.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,070.5	<b>1,076.4</b>	13.5	<b>5.9</b>	12.1	22.1	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,205.1	<b>1,198.1</b>	14.9	<b>-7.0</b>	44.8	55.8	<b>-0.6</b>	3.9	4.9
Business, building and other support services	663.2	<b>655.9</b>	12.7	<b>-7.3</b>	-56.3	-60.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-7.9	-8.5
Educational services	1,165.7	<b>1,195.7</b>	14.2	<b>30.0</b>	-0.6	20.8	<b>2.6</b>	-0.1	1.8
Health care and social assistance	1,904.5	<b>1,882.8</b>	15.4	<b>-21.7</b>	12.2	35.4	<b>-1.1</b>	0.7	1.9
Information, culture and recreation	762.8	<b>758.1</b>	12.5	<b>-4.7</b>	-37.8	-13.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-4.7	-1.8
Accommodation and food services	1,093.1	<b>1,109.0</b>	14.5	<b>15.9</b>	59.6	32.5	<b>1.5</b>	5.7	3.0
Other services	743.3	<b>743.5</b>	11.4	<b>0.2</b>	6.2	29.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	4.2
Public administration	932.1	<b>918.7</b>	10.8	<b>-13.4</b>	15.5	54.7	<b>-1.4</b>	1.7	6.3

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**

	July 2008	August 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	426.2	<b>426.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.8	3.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.7
Labour force	253.0	<b>254.3</b>	2.2	<b>1.3</b>	4.1	2.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	1.1
Employment	219.3	<b>219.3</b>	2.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	2.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.1
Employment full-time	191.4	<b>191.2</b>	2.6	<b>-0.2</b>	2.6	2.2	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	1.2
Employment part-time	27.9	<b>28.1</b>	1.9	<b>0.2</b>	-2.1	0.0	<b>0.7</b>	-7.0	0.0
Unemployment	33.7	<b>35.0</b>	2.1	<b>1.3</b>	3.6	0.5	<b>3.9</b>	11.5	1.4
Participation rate	59.4	<b>59.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	<b>13.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.5	<b>51.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.6	<b>114.8</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	1.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	1.1
Labour force	78.1	<b>78.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	1.7	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	2.2
Employment	69.8	<b>70.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	2.0
Employment full-time	58.8	<b>60.0</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.1	2.5	<b>2.0</b>	3.6	4.3
Employment part-time	11.0	<b>10.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.9	-1.1	<b>-5.5</b>	-8.0	-9.6
Unemployment	8.3	<b>8.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.2	2.5
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	<b>10.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>61.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	768.9	<b>769.5</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	3.7	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	488.4	<b>491.4</b>	2.8	<b>3.0</b>	1.2	5.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	1.1
Employment	455.6	<b>451.9</b>	2.9	<b>-3.7</b>	-0.4	9.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	2.1
Employment full-time	372.7	<b>375.6</b>	3.7	<b>2.9</b>	8.9	16.6	<b>0.8</b>	2.4	4.6
Employment part-time	82.9	<b>76.4</b>	3.1	<b>-6.5</b>	-9.2	-7.4	<b>-7.8</b>	-10.7	-8.8
Unemployment	32.8	<b>39.5</b>	2.6	<b>6.7</b>	1.5	-3.7	<b>20.4</b>	3.9	-8.6
Participation rate	63.5	<b>63.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>1.3</b>	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>58.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	618.3	<b>618.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	3.3	5.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	400.3	<b>400.0</b>	2.4	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	5.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Employment	364.9	<b>366.5</b>	2.4	<b>1.6</b>	-0.1	3.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	307.3	<b>307.9</b>	3.0	<b>0.6</b>	-3.2	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	-1.0	0.6
Employment part-time	57.6	<b>58.6</b>	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	3.1	1.5	<b>1.7</b>	5.6	2.6
Unemployment	35.4	<b>33.5</b>	2.2	<b>-1.9</b>	2.3	2.6	<b>-5.4</b>	7.4	8.4
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>59.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,374.3	<b>6,379.5</b>	...	<b>5.2</b>	39.3	57.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9
Labour force	4,164.5	<b>4,179.6</b>	14.3	<b>15.1</b>	4.8	21.9	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.5
Employment	3,855.3	<b>3,859.1</b>	14.7	<b>3.8</b>	-25.2	-1.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	0.0
Employment full-time	3,150.8	<b>3,144.5</b>	19.3	<b>-6.3</b>	-4.7	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.0
Employment part-time	704.5	<b>714.6</b>	17.5	<b>10.1</b>	-20.5	-2.3	<b>1.4</b>	-2.8	-0.3
Unemployment	309.2	<b>320.4</b>	12.8	<b>11.2</b>	29.9	23.0	<b>3.6</b>	10.3	7.7
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>60.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	July 2008	August 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	10,516.8	<b>10,529.9</b>	...	<b>13.1</b>	103.5	151.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Labour force	7,124.7	<b>7,132.6</b>	18.4	<b>7.9</b>	37.4	88.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment	6,668.8	<b>6,682.8</b>	18.8	<b>14.0</b>	51.9	88.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment full-time	5,394.9	<b>5,433.5</b>	23.8	<b>38.6</b>	-12.1	31.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.2	0.6
Employment part-time	1,273.9	<b>1,249.3</b>	21.8	<b>-24.6</b>	64.0	56.8	<b>-1.9</b>	5.4	4.8
Unemployment	455.9	<b>449.9</b>	15.7	<b>-6.0</b>	-14.4	0.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-3.1	0.0
Participation rate	67.7	<b>67.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	910.5	<b>911.3</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	8.1	11.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	633.4	<b>630.6</b>	2.7	<b>-2.8</b>	5.3	8.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment	609.6	<b>606.0</b>	2.7	<b>-3.6</b>	6.9	9.4	<b>-0.6</b>	1.2	1.6
Employment full-time	494.0	<b>491.4</b>	3.9	<b>-2.6</b>	3.4	8.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	1.8
Employment part-time	115.6	<b>114.6</b>	3.6	<b>-1.0</b>	3.5	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	3.2	0.7
Unemployment	23.8	<b>24.7</b>	2.2	<b>0.9</b>	-1.5	-1.2	<b>3.8</b>	-5.7	-4.6
Participation rate	69.6	<b>69.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	768.0	<b>769.2</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	11.2	17.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	2.3
Labour force	528.9	<b>535.4</b>	2.3	<b>6.5</b>	9.5	13.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.8	2.6
Employment	505.4	<b>511.5</b>	2.4	<b>6.1</b>	6.8	14.8	<b>1.2</b>	1.3	3.0
Employment full-time	418.5	<b>419.3</b>	3.2	<b>0.8</b>	6.6	11.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.9
Employment part-time	86.9	<b>92.2</b>	2.9	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	2.9	<b>6.1</b>	0.3	3.2
Unemployment	23.5	<b>23.9</b>	1.8	<b>0.4</b>	2.7	-1.0	<b>1.7</b>	12.7	-4.0
Participation rate	68.9	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>4.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,800.0	<b>2,803.7</b>	...	<b>3.7</b>	34.2	49.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.8
Labour force	2,086.0	<b>2,080.0</b>	8.1	<b>-6.0</b>	20.2	39.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	1.9
Employment	2,010.9	<b>2,006.7</b>	8.3	<b>-4.2</b>	12.9	38.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	2.0
Employment full-time	1,688.3	<b>1,689.0</b>	11.1	<b>0.7</b>	11.1	28.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.7
Employment part-time	322.6	<b>317.7</b>	10.0	<b>-4.9</b>	1.8	10.4	<b>-1.5</b>	0.6	3.4
Unemployment	75.1	<b>73.3</b>	5.9	<b>-1.8</b>	7.3	0.7	<b>-2.4</b>	11.1	1.0
Participation rate	74.5	<b>74.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	<b>71.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,645.3	<b>3,651.5</b>	...	<b>6.2</b>	48.8	73.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	2.0
Labour force	2,432.1	<b>2,429.3</b>	9.6	<b>-2.8</b>	35.8	67.9	<b>-0.1</b>	1.5	2.9
Employment	2,324.6	<b>2,325.1</b>	9.6	<b>0.5</b>	32.2	58.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	2.6
Employment full-time	1,874.2	<b>1,854.6</b>	13.7	<b>-19.6</b>	38.1	38.2	<b>-1.0</b>	2.1	2.1
Employment part-time	450.3	<b>470.5</b>	12.8	<b>20.2</b>	-6.0	19.8	<b>4.5</b>	-1.3	4.4
Unemployment	107.5	<b>104.2</b>	6.9	<b>-3.3</b>	3.6	9.9	<b>-3.1</b>	3.6	10.5
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	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**

	July 2008	August 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	426.2	<b>426.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.8	3.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.7
Labour force	253.0	<b>254.3</b>	2.2	<b>1.3</b>	4.1	2.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	1.1
Employment	219.3	<b>219.3</b>	2.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	2.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.1
Employment full-time	191.4	<b>191.2</b>	2.6	<b>-0.2</b>	2.6	2.2	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	1.2
Unemployment	33.7	<b>35.0</b>	2.1	<b>1.3</b>	3.6	0.5	<b>3.9</b>	11.5	1.4
Participation rate	59.4	<b>59.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	<b>13.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.5	<b>51.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	12.7	<b>12.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	62.4	<b>62.3</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-1.4
Labour force	35.1	<b>34.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	0.9	-0.2	<b>-2.3</b>	2.7	-0.6
Employment	27.7	<b>28.6</b>	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>3.2</b>	5.1	5.1
Unemployment	7.4	<b>5.8</b>	1.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-0.4	-1.5	<b>-21.6</b>	-6.5	-20.5
Participation rate	56.3	<b>55.1</b>	1.8	<b>-1.2</b>	2.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	21.1	<b>16.9</b>	2.7	<b>-4.2</b>	-1.7	-4.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	44.4	<b>45.9</b>	1.7	<b>1.5</b>	2.7	2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.8	<b>33.9</b>	3.6	<b>-2.9</b>	-5.8	5.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	175.6	<b>175.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9
Labour force	114.5	<b>117.1</b>	1.3	<b>2.6</b>	2.7	1.7	<b>2.3</b>	2.4	1.5
Employment	99.8	<b>99.6</b>	1.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.9	-1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.9	-1.0
Unemployment	14.7	<b>17.4</b>	1.3	<b>2.7</b>	4.5	2.6	<b>18.4</b>	34.9	17.6
Participation rate	65.2	<b>66.6</b>	0.7	<b>1.4</b>	1.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	<b>14.9</b>	1.1	<b>2.1</b>	3.6	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	<b>56.7</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.4	<b>3.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	188.2	<b>188.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	2.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	103.3	<b>102.9</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	0.5	1.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment	91.8	<b>91.1</b>	1.2	<b>-0.7</b>	1.0	1.9	<b>-0.8</b>	1.1	2.1
Unemployment	11.5	<b>11.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.7	<b>1.7</b>	-4.9	-5.6
Participation rate	54.9	<b>54.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	<b>11.4</b>	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.8	<b>48.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.6	<b>16.2</b>	1.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	219.3	<b>219.3</b>	2.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	2.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.1
Agriculture	49.4	<b>50.2</b>	1.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.6	0.4	<b>1.6</b>	1.2	0.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-1.1	<b>-14.3</b>	-57.1	-64.7
Utilities	15.1	<b>16.9</b>	1.0	<b>1.8</b>	-0.1	1.7	<b>11.9</b>	-0.6	11.2
Construction	1.8	<b>2.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.4	<b>16.7</b>	10.5	23.5
Manufacturing	17.4	<b>16.7</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	2.5	2.5	<b>-4.0</b>	17.6	17.6
Manufacturing	14.4	<b>13.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	-3.1	<b>-3.5</b>	-8.6	-18.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	169.9	<b>169.1</b>	2.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	1.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	1.1
Trade	33.6	<b>35.5</b>	1.3	<b>1.9</b>	-1.0	0.4	<b>5.7</b>	-2.7	1.1
Transportation and warehousing	10.7	<b>9.1</b>	0.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.0	-1.4	<b>-15.0</b>	-9.9	-13.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.9	<b>6.4</b>	0.6	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.9	-1.4	<b>-19.0</b>	-22.9	-17.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	9.0	<b>9.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.5	0.8	<b>4.4</b>	19.0	9.3
Business, building and other support services	8.1	<b>7.8</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-0.5	<b>-3.7</b>	-13.3	-6.0
Educational services	16.8	<b>15.7</b>	0.8	<b>-1.1</b>	0.4	0.0	<b>-6.5</b>	2.6	0.0
Health care and social assistance	31.2	<b>32.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.2	<b>2.6</b>	-1.2	-0.6
Information, culture and recreation	9.2	<b>8.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	1.5	<b>-4.3</b>	-5.4	20.5
Accommodation and food services	13.1	<b>13.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-1.8	-3.1	<b>2.3</b>	-11.8	-18.8
Other services	11.0	<b>11.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	2.9	<b>2.7</b>	27.0	34.5
Public administration	19.3	<b>19.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	3.5	3.0	<b>2.1</b>	21.6	18.0

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**

	July 2008	August 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	114.6	<b>114.8</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	1.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	1.1
Labour force	78.1	<b>78.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	1.7	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	2.2
Employment	69.8	<b>70.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	2.0
Employment full-time	58.8	<b>60.0</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.1	2.5	<b>2.0</b>	3.6	4.3
Unemployment	8.3	<b>8.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.2	2.5
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	<b>10.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>61.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	<b>14.8</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.6	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.7	<b>19.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	0.5
Labour force	13.5	<b>13.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.2	<b>0.7</b>	-2.9	-1.4
Employment	11.3	<b>11.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>1.8</b>	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-12.5	-4.5
Participation rate	68.5	<b>68.7</b>	1.9	<b>0.2</b>	-2.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	<b>15.4</b>	2.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	<b>58.1</b>	1.9	<b>0.7</b>	-1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.8	<b>38.3</b>	3.2	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.3	-4.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.6	<b>45.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.8
Labour force	32.5	<b>33.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	1.2	<b>1.8</b>	2.8	3.8
Employment	28.6	<b>29.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>2.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Unemployment	3.9	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	25.8	30.0
Participation rate	71.3	<b>72.4</b>	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	<b>11.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	2.2	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	<b>63.9</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.2	<b>4.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-1.4	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.3	<b>49.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	32.2	<b>32.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	2.2	1.9
Employment	29.9	<b>29.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	4.2	3.8
Unemployment	2.3	<b>2.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.6	<b>-4.3</b>	-21.4	-21.4
Participation rate	65.3	<b>64.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>6.9</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	<b>60.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	2.2	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	<b>15.8</b>	1.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Population	69.8	<b>70.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	3.3	<b>3.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.5	<b>-6.1</b>	-6.1	-13.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.9	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.9	<b>10.3</b>	33.3	39.1
Utilities	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-33.3	-33.3
Construction	5.0	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-0.1	<b>-2.0</b>	6.5	-2.0
Manufacturing	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-6.0	-4.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	10.6	<b>10.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.1	<b>2.8</b>	1.9	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	2.5	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	4.2	8.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.3	<b>3.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>-9.1</b>	3.4	11.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.6	<b>8.3</b>	13.0	30.0
Business, building and other support services	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.3	<b>8.3</b>	-7.1	-10.3
Educational services	4.9	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.2	<b>4.1</b>	8.5	4.1
Health care and social assistance	8.0	<b>8.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>3.8</b>	1.2	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	<b>2.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>-3.6</b>	3.8	0.0
Accommodation and food services	4.8	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.8	<b>2.1</b>	-9.3	-14.0
Other services	2.7	<b>2.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-10.0	0.0
Public administration	7.6	<b>7.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	1.4	<b>-1.3</b>	7.1	23.0

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

	July 2008	August 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	768.9	<b>769.5</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	3.7	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	488.4	<b>491.4</b>	2.8	<b>3.0</b>	1.2	5.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	1.1
Employment	455.6	<b>451.9</b>	2.9	<b>-3.7</b>	-0.4	9.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	2.1
Employment full-time	372.7	<b>375.6</b>	3.7	<b>2.9</b>	8.9	16.6	<b>0.8</b>	2.4	4.6
Unemployment	32.8	<b>39.5</b>	2.6	<b>6.7</b>	1.5	-3.7	<b>20.4</b>	3.9	-8.6
Participation rate	63.5	<b>63.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>1.3</b>	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>58.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>16.9</b>	0.7	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	121.4	<b>121.3</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.8
Labour force	77.4	<b>80.6</b>	1.7	<b>3.2</b>	-2.7	-1.9	<b>4.1</b>	-3.2	-2.3
Employment	69.3	<b>69.5</b>	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	-1.4	-0.7	<b>0.3</b>	-2.0	-1.0
Unemployment	8.1	<b>11.1</b>	1.5	<b>3.0</b>	-1.3	-1.2	<b>37.0</b>	-10.5	-9.8
Participation rate	63.8	<b>66.4</b>	1.4	<b>2.6</b>	-1.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	<b>13.8</b>	1.7	<b>3.3</b>	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	<b>57.3</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.5	<b>44.7</b>	2.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	-2.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	308.7	<b>309.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.8	2.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8
Labour force	212.0	<b>213.0</b>	1.5	<b>1.0</b>	2.3	4.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	2.3
Employment	197.3	<b>195.9</b>	1.7	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.1	4.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	2.5
Unemployment	14.8	<b>17.1</b>	1.6	<b>2.3</b>	2.4	0.0	<b>15.5</b>	16.3	0.0
Participation rate	68.7	<b>68.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>8.0</b>	0.7	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>63.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	<b>7.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	338.8	<b>339.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.5	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0
Labour force	198.9	<b>197.8</b>	1.5	<b>-1.1</b>	1.6	2.5	<b>-0.6</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment	189.0	<b>186.6</b>	1.5	<b>-2.4</b>	1.2	5.1	<b>-1.3</b>	0.6	2.8
Unemployment	9.9	<b>11.2</b>	1.3	<b>1.3</b>	0.3	-2.6	<b>13.1</b>	2.8	-18.8
Participation rate	58.7	<b>58.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	<b>55.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	<b>16.7</b>	1.0	<b>-2.7</b>	-4.4	-3.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	455.6	<b>451.9</b>	2.9	<b>-3.7</b>	-0.4	9.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	2.1
Agriculture	93.3	<b>90.4</b>	2.3	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.6	2.8	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.7	3.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.3	<b>5.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	-0.4	<b>-11.1</b>	-1.8	-6.7
Utilities	12.6	<b>12.9</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-0.8	2.5	<b>2.4</b>	-5.8	24.0
Construction	3.3	<b>3.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	26.9	65.0
Manufacturing	32.2	<b>29.5</b>	1.5	<b>-2.7</b>	1.5	0.9	<b>-8.4</b>	5.4	3.1
Manufacturing	38.9	<b>39.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	-3.0	-1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-7.1	-3.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	362.3	<b>361.6</b>	3.0	<b>-0.7</b>	1.3	6.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	1.8
Trade	79.8	<b>77.6</b>	1.9	<b>-2.2</b>	2.7	3.1	<b>-2.8</b>	3.6	4.2
Transportation and warehousing	19.2	<b>18.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	-0.1	<b>-3.1</b>	-4.1	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.8	<b>24.4</b>	1.0	<b>1.6</b>	2.9	1.4	<b>7.0</b>	13.5	6.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.8	<b>23.2</b>	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	4.4	3.8	<b>6.4</b>	23.4	19.6
Business, building and other support services	23.9	<b>24.9</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	-6.2	-1.3	<b>4.2</b>	-19.9	-5.0
Educational services	35.5	<b>34.6</b>	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	0.2	-2.2	<b>-2.5</b>	0.6	-6.0
Health care and social assistance	60.6	<b>62.0</b>	1.6	<b>1.4</b>	0.6	-0.2	<b>2.3</b>	1.0	-0.3
Information, culture and recreation	20.8	<b>19.7</b>	1.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.5	-0.7	<b>-5.3</b>	-7.1	-3.4
Accommodation and food services	28.5	<b>28.4</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.7	1.8
Other services	19.1	<b>18.4</b>	1.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	-1.5	<b>-3.7</b>	-3.7	-7.5
Public administration	30.2	<b>29.7</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	0.0	3.4	<b>-1.7</b>	0.0	12.9

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

	July 2008	August 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	618.3	<b>618.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	3.3	5.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	400.3	<b>400.0</b>	2.4	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	5.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	1.5
Employment	364.9	<b>366.5</b>	2.4	<b>1.6</b>	-0.1	3.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	307.3	<b>307.9</b>	3.0	<b>0.6</b>	-3.2	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	-1.0	0.6
Unemployment	35.4	<b>33.5</b>	2.2	<b>-1.9</b>	2.3	2.6	<b>-5.4</b>	7.4	8.4
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>59.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	<b>16.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	94.8	<b>94.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	63.6	<b>62.5</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	0.0	-0.5	<b>-1.7</b>	0.0	-0.8
Employment	52.8	<b>55.3</b>	1.3	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	-0.5	<b>4.7</b>	0.4	-0.9
Unemployment	10.8	<b>7.2</b>	1.1	<b>-3.6</b>	-0.2	0.0	<b>-33.3</b>	-2.7	0.0
Participation rate	67.1	<b>66.0</b>	1.4	<b>-1.1</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.0	<b>11.5</b>	1.7	<b>-5.5</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	<b>58.4</b>	1.4	<b>2.7</b>	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.0	<b>45.2</b>	2.5	<b>5.2</b>	5.3	5.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	252.8	<b>253.0</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	2.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9
Labour force	174.9	<b>175.4</b>	1.3	<b>0.5</b>	-0.8	3.0	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	1.7
Employment	160.0	<b>159.9</b>	1.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	1.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	1.2
Unemployment	14.8	<b>15.5</b>	1.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	1.1	<b>4.7</b>	4.0	7.6
Participation rate	69.2	<b>69.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>63.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.1	<b>5.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	270.7	<b>270.9</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	2.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.1
Labour force	161.9	<b>162.1</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	3.1	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.9	2.1
Employment	152.1	<b>151.3</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	1.1	1.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	1.2
Unemployment	9.8	<b>10.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	1.5	<b>10.2</b>	21.3	16.1
Participation rate	59.8	<b>59.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	<b>55.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	<b>16.1</b>	1.1	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.0	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	364.9	<b>366.5</b>	2.4	<b>1.6</b>	-0.1	3.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	0.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	5.7	<b>5.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.8	<b>1.8</b>	-4.9	-12.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.4	<b>12.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	9.5	23.3
Utilities	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.3	0.4	<b>-5.4</b>	32.5	8.2
Construction	22.6	<b>23.1</b>	1.2	<b>0.5</b>	-2.2	-3.0	<b>2.2</b>	-8.7	-11.5
Manufacturing	34.6	<b>37.0</b>	1.3	<b>2.4</b>	0.3	0.9	<b>6.9</b>	0.8	2.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	59.4	<b>60.0</b>	1.6	<b>0.6</b>	3.1	2.0	<b>1.0</b>	5.4	3.4
Transportation and warehousing	20.6	<b>20.3</b>	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	2.0	<b>-1.5</b>	1.5	10.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.9	<b>15.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-1.2	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-7.0	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.3	<b>16.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	-1.4	0.5	<b>2.5</b>	-7.7	3.1
Business, building and other support services	18.4	<b>19.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	-0.1	-1.6	<b>4.9</b>	-0.5	-7.7
Educational services	24.3	<b>23.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.1	-2.9	<b>-2.9</b>	-8.2	-10.9
Health care and social assistance	53.8	<b>52.5</b>	1.3	<b>-1.3</b>	2.7	5.0	<b>-2.4</b>	5.4	10.5
Information, culture and recreation	10.7	<b>10.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	-3.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-11.7	-25.4
Accommodation and food services	24.1	<b>24.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	4.7	3.4
Other services	15.9	<b>15.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.6	-2.8	<b>-5.7</b>	-14.8	-15.7
Public administration	24.4	<b>24.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	3.2	<b>0.0</b>	4.7	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 4-5**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Quebec**

	July 2008	August 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	6,374.3	<b>6,379.5</b>	...	<b>5.2</b>	39.3	57.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9
Labour force	4,164.5	<b>4,179.6</b>	14.3	<b>15.1</b>	4.8	21.9	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.5
Employment	3,855.3	<b>3,859.1</b>	14.7	<b>3.8</b>	-25.2	-1.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	0.0
Employment full-time	3,150.8	<b>3,144.5</b>	19.3	<b>-6.3</b>	-4.7	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment	309.2	<b>320.4</b>	12.8	<b>11.2</b>	29.9	23.0	<b>3.6</b>	10.3	7.7
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>60.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	<b>18.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	959.7	<b>960.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	3.1	4.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5
Labour force	644.0	<b>642.9</b>	8.1	<b>-1.1</b>	2.9	10.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	1.6
Employment	571.0	<b>571.9</b>	8.0	<b>0.9</b>	7.1	15.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	2.7
Unemployment	72.9	<b>71.1</b>	7.1	<b>-1.8</b>	-4.1	-5.0	<b>-2.5</b>	-5.5	-6.6
Participation rate	67.1	<b>67.0</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	<b>11.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>59.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.6	<b>46.6</b>	1.5	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.4	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,645.6	<b>2,648.0</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	18.2	26.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0
Labour force	1,861.7	<b>1,871.6</b>	7.7	<b>9.9</b>	-11.1	13.3	<b>0.5</b>	-0.6	0.7
Employment	1,721.4	<b>1,722.1</b>	8.4	<b>0.7</b>	-27.6	-15.1	<b>0.0</b>	-1.6	-0.9
Unemployment	140.3	<b>149.5</b>	7.8	<b>9.2</b>	16.5	28.4	<b>6.6</b>	12.4	23.5
Participation rate	70.4	<b>70.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>8.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	<b>7.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,769.0	<b>2,771.5</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	18.0	26.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0
Labour force	1,658.8	<b>1,665.0</b>	8.0	<b>6.2</b>	12.9	-1.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	-0.1
Employment	1,562.9	<b>1,565.1</b>	8.3	<b>2.2</b>	-4.7	-1.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment	96.0	<b>99.9</b>	6.8	<b>3.9</b>	17.6	-0.4	<b>4.1</b>	21.4	-0.4
Participation rate	59.9	<b>60.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>6.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	<b>56.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.5	<b>20.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	-1.4	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,855.3	<b>3,859.1</b>	14.7	<b>3.8</b>	-25.2	-1.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	0.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	882.5	<b>880.9</b>	11.9	<b>-1.6</b>	1.3	-0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	60.7	<b>56.1</b>	3.5	<b>-4.6</b>	-14.8	-11.0	<b>-7.6</b>	-20.9	-16.4
Utilities	30.9	<b>32.3</b>	2.3	<b>1.4</b>	-2.7	-1.6	<b>4.5</b>	-7.7	-4.7
Construction	30.4	<b>32.4</b>	2.3	<b>2.0</b>	0.7	-4.2	<b>6.6</b>	2.2	-11.5
Manufacturing	209.9	<b>216.4</b>	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	6.8	17.6	<b>3.1</b>	3.2	8.9
	550.5	<b>543.8</b>	9.6	<b>-6.7</b>	11.5	-1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	2.2	-0.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	2,972.8	<b>2,978.2</b>	16.1	<b>5.4</b>	-26.5	-0.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	0.0
Trade	622.4	<b>622.3</b>	11.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-19.1	-28.4	<b>0.0</b>	-3.0	-4.4
Transportation and warehousing	189.5	<b>190.6</b>	6.2	<b>1.1</b>	2.0	8.3	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	228.6	<b>238.0</b>	6.6	<b>9.4</b>	4.5	10.7	<b>4.1</b>	1.9	4.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	269.6	<b>254.6</b>	7.8	<b>-15.0</b>	-12.3	-1.9	<b>-5.6</b>	-4.6	-0.7
Business, building and other support services	135.2	<b>128.0</b>	6.0	<b>-7.2</b>	-6.9	-21.9	<b>-5.3</b>	-5.1	-14.6
Educational services	247.7	<b>252.1</b>	7.1	<b>4.4</b>	-10.6	7.8	<b>1.8</b>	-4.0	3.2
Health care and social assistance	463.3	<b>465.1</b>	8.1	<b>1.8</b>	4.1	13.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	2.9
Information, culture and recreation	174.3	<b>182.7</b>	6.4	<b>8.4</b>	18.1	9.7	<b>4.8</b>	11.0	5.6
Accommodation and food services	246.0	<b>251.6</b>	7.7	<b>5.6</b>	5.6	13.5	<b>2.3</b>	2.3	5.7
Other services	171.6	<b>166.6</b>	6.1	<b>-5.0</b>	-15.9	-14.4	<b>-2.9</b>	-8.7	-8.0
Public administration	224.8	<b>226.5</b>	5.8	<b>1.7</b>	4.0	2.5	<b>0.8</b>	1.8	1.1

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

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

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

	July 2008	August 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	10,516.8	<b>10,529.9</b>	...	<b>13.1</b>	103.5	151.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Labour force	7,124.7	<b>7,132.6</b>	18.4	<b>7.9</b>	37.4	88.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment	6,668.8	<b>6,682.8</b>	18.8	<b>14.0</b>	51.9	88.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment full-time	5,394.9	<b>5,433.5</b>	23.8	<b>38.6</b>	-12.1	31.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.2	0.6
Unemployment	455.9	<b>449.9</b>	15.7	<b>-6.0</b>	-14.4	0.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-3.1	0.0
Participation rate	67.7	<b>67.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	<b>18.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,733.7	<b>1,734.9</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	6.7	11.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.7
Labour force	1,108.0	<b>1,104.1</b>	11.6	<b>-3.9</b>	-17.5	-8.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.6	-0.7
Employment	964.0	<b>958.2</b>	11.1	<b>-5.8</b>	-11.3	-9.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-1.0
Unemployment	144.0	<b>145.9</b>	9.7	<b>1.9</b>	-6.2	1.3	<b>1.3</b>	-4.1	0.9
Participation rate	63.9	<b>63.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	<b>13.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	<b>55.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	51.3	<b>50.3</b>	1.1	<b>-1.0</b>	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,268.1	<b>4,273.6</b>	...	<b>5.5</b>	44.9	65.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.5
Labour force	3,165.2	<b>3,171.1</b>	8.8	<b>5.9</b>	23.3	48.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.6
Employment	2,991.9	<b>3,009.8</b>	9.7	<b>17.9</b>	34.3	59.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	2.0
Unemployment	173.3	<b>161.4</b>	8.7	<b>-11.9</b>	-10.9	-10.8	<b>-6.9</b>	-6.3	-6.3
Participation rate	74.2	<b>74.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,514.9	<b>4,521.5</b>	...	<b>6.6</b>	52.0	74.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.7
Labour force	2,851.6	<b>2,857.4</b>	10.6	<b>5.8</b>	31.6	47.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.7
Employment	2,712.9	<b>2,714.8</b>	10.4	<b>1.9</b>	28.8	38.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.4
Unemployment	138.6	<b>142.6</b>	8.4	<b>4.0</b>	2.8	9.6	<b>2.9</b>	2.0	7.2
Participation rate	63.2	<b>63.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>60.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>20.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	1.4	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	6,668.8	<b>6,682.8</b>	18.8	<b>14.0</b>	51.9	88.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	1,519.7	<b>1,526.5</b>	15.4	<b>6.8</b>	18.4	-24.9	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	-1.6
Agriculture	85.1	<b>77.7</b>	3.8	<b>-7.4</b>	-10.3	-15.9	<b>-8.7</b>	-11.7	-17.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	43.2	<b>39.0</b>	2.1	<b>-4.2</b>	4.4	6.6	<b>-9.7</b>	12.7	20.4
Utilities	68.8	<b>70.4</b>	2.7	<b>1.6</b>	10.7	9.5	<b>2.3</b>	17.9	15.6
Construction	442.5	<b>445.0</b>	9.2	<b>2.5</b>	39.8	30.1	<b>0.6</b>	9.8	7.3
Manufacturing	880.1	<b>894.5</b>	12.5	<b>14.4</b>	-26.0	-55.0	<b>1.6</b>	-2.8	-5.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	5,149.1	<b>5,156.2</b>	21.1	<b>7.1</b>	33.3	113.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.2
Trade	1,030.8	<b>1,014.7</b>	13.7	<b>-16.1</b>	-25.8	-13.7	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.5	-1.3
Transportation and warehousing	325.4	<b>327.9</b>	7.8	<b>2.5</b>	21.0	36.5	<b>0.8</b>	6.8	12.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	467.2	<b>476.6</b>	9.6	<b>9.4</b>	6.0	2.6	<b>2.0</b>	1.3	0.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	498.5	<b>510.9</b>	10.2	<b>12.4</b>	30.7	26.4	<b>2.5</b>	6.4	5.4
Business, building and other support services	287.1	<b>288.6</b>	9.0	<b>1.5</b>	-14.5	-23.0	<b>0.5</b>	-4.8	-7.4
Educational services	466.3	<b>492.0</b>	9.7	<b>25.7</b>	-2.6	17.9	<b>5.5</b>	-0.5	3.8
Health care and social assistance	708.0	<b>686.4</b>	9.9	<b>-21.6</b>	3.8	8.5	<b>-3.1</b>	0.6	1.3
Information, culture and recreation	308.9	<b>303.1</b>	8.6	<b>-5.8</b>	-36.0	-17.2	<b>-1.9</b>	-10.6	-5.4
Accommodation and food services	416.0	<b>422.6</b>	9.3	<b>6.6</b>	44.0	21.5	<b>1.6</b>	11.6	5.4
Other services	273.3	<b>274.9</b>	7.4	<b>1.6</b>	-2.4	19.0	<b>0.6</b>	-0.9	7.4
Public administration	367.6	<b>358.4</b>	7.3	<b>-9.2</b>	9.0	34.5	<b>-2.5</b>	2.6	10.7

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

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

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

	July 2008	August 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	910.5	<b>911.3</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	8.1	11.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	633.4	<b>630.6</b>	2.7	<b>-2.8</b>	5.3	8.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment	609.6	<b>606.0</b>	2.7	<b>-3.6</b>	6.9	9.4	<b>-0.6</b>	1.2	1.6
Employment full-time	494.0	<b>491.4</b>	3.9	<b>-2.6</b>	3.4	8.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	1.8
Unemployment	23.8	<b>24.7</b>	2.2	<b>0.9</b>	-1.5	-1.2	<b>3.8</b>	-5.7	-4.6
Participation rate	69.6	<b>69.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	<b>18.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	158.5	<b>158.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.1
Labour force	114.0	<b>113.3</b>	1.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	0.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.0
Employment	104.8	<b>104.0</b>	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	0.8	0.2	<b>-0.8</b>	0.8	0.2
Unemployment	9.2	<b>9.2</b>	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	-1.3	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-12.4	-3.2
Participation rate	71.9	<b>71.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>8.1</b>	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	<b>65.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.2	<b>41.7</b>	2.0	<b>0.5</b>	-0.8	-4.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	367.5	<b>367.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.3	4.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	279.8	<b>279.5</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	3.9	6.7	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	2.5
Employment	273.3	<b>272.5</b>	1.5	<b>-0.8</b>	4.6	8.3	<b>-0.3</b>	1.7	3.1
Unemployment	6.5	<b>7.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.7	-1.7	<b>7.7</b>	-9.1	-19.5
Participation rate	76.1	<b>76.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.3	<b>2.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.4	<b>74.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	<b>7.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	384.4	<b>384.8</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.7	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.3
Labour force	239.6	<b>237.9</b>	1.5	<b>-1.7</b>	2.0	1.5	<b>-0.7</b>	0.8	0.6
Employment	231.5	<b>229.4</b>	1.5	<b>-2.1</b>	1.5	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	0.7	0.3
Unemployment	8.1	<b>8.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.7	<b>4.9</b>	7.6	9.0
Participation rate	62.3	<b>61.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.1	<b>22.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.9	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	609.6	<b>606.0</b>	2.7	<b>-3.6</b>	6.9	9.4	<b>-0.6</b>	1.2	1.6
Agriculture	150.3	<b>146.9</b>	2.6	<b>-3.4</b>	-0.2	3.6	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.1	2.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	29.3	<b>29.0</b>	1.3	<b>-0.3</b>	2.5	0.6	<b>-1.0</b>	9.4	2.1
Utilities	6.6	<b>6.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-0.1	<b>-7.6</b>	-9.0	-1.6
Construction	7.3	<b>7.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.5	1.7	<b>4.1</b>	49.0	28.8
Manufacturing	39.8	<b>37.8</b>	1.5	<b>-2.0</b>	1.6	2.5	<b>-5.0</b>	4.4	7.1
Manufacturing	67.3	<b>66.5</b>	1.9	<b>-0.8</b>	-6.1	-1.0	<b>-1.2</b>	-8.4	-1.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	459.3	<b>459.0</b>	3.2	<b>-0.3</b>	7.0	5.7	<b>-0.1</b>	1.5	1.3
Trade	89.2	<b>91.1</b>	2.1	<b>1.9</b>	3.4	-0.2	<b>2.1</b>	3.9	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	35.0	<b>34.9</b>	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	1.2	2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	35.8	<b>34.7</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-4.2	-0.8	<b>-3.1</b>	-10.8	-2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.7	<b>25.4</b>	1.2	<b>0.7</b>	-0.5	-0.9	<b>2.8</b>	-1.9	-3.4
Business, building and other support services	18.8	<b>17.0</b>	1.2	<b>-1.8</b>	-2.2	0.2	<b>-9.6</b>	-11.5	1.2
Educational services	46.6	<b>44.3</b>	1.6	<b>-2.3</b>	-1.2	-3.1	<b>-4.9</b>	-2.6	-6.5
Health care and social assistance	85.7	<b>89.3</b>	1.8	<b>3.6</b>	13.7	10.5	<b>4.2</b>	18.1	13.3
Information, culture and recreation	21.7	<b>21.3</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.1	-2.6	<b>-1.8</b>	-12.7	-10.9
Accommodation and food services	36.4	<b>38.8</b>	1.6	<b>2.4</b>	0.2	1.4	<b>6.6</b>	0.5	3.7
Other services	29.7	<b>27.7</b>	1.3	<b>-2.0</b>	2.2	4.4	<b>-6.7</b>	8.6	18.9
Public administration	35.7	<b>34.5</b>	1.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.7	-4.0	<b>-3.4</b>	-4.7	-10.4

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

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

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

	July 2008	August 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	768.0	<b>769.2</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	11.2	17.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	2.3
Labour force	528.9	<b>535.4</b>	2.3	<b>6.5</b>	9.5	13.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.8	2.6
Employment	505.4	<b>511.5</b>	2.4	<b>6.1</b>	6.8	14.8	<b>1.2</b>	1.3	3.0
Employment full-time	418.5	<b>419.3</b>	3.2	<b>0.8</b>	6.6	11.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.9
Unemployment	23.5	<b>23.9</b>	1.8	<b>0.4</b>	2.7	-1.0	<b>1.7</b>	12.7	-4.0
Participation rate	68.9	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>4.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.2	<b>18.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.5	<b>139.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.3
Labour force	98.2	<b>100.1</b>	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	1.5	4.5	<b>1.9</b>	1.5	4.7
Employment	89.6	<b>91.9</b>	1.5	<b>2.3</b>	1.0	3.7	<b>2.6</b>	1.1	4.2
Unemployment	8.7	<b>8.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	0.9	<b>-4.6</b>	7.8	12.2
Participation rate	70.4	<b>71.7</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	0.6	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	<b>8.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	<b>65.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	0.2	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.0	<b>38.2</b>	1.7	<b>3.1</b>	-1.2	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	307.1	<b>307.6</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	4.8	7.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.5
Labour force	232.1	<b>233.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	2.2	3.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	1.4
Employment	224.0	<b>224.8</b>	1.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	3.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	1.6
Unemployment	8.0	<b>8.9</b>	1.0	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	-0.4	<b>11.2</b>	18.7	-4.3
Participation rate	75.6	<b>76.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.9	<b>73.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	<b>6.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	321.4	<b>322.0</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	5.4	7.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	2.5
Labour force	198.6	<b>201.6</b>	1.3	<b>3.0</b>	5.9	6.1	<b>1.5</b>	3.0	3.1
Employment	191.8	<b>194.8</b>	1.4	<b>3.0</b>	5.2	7.5	<b>1.6</b>	2.7	4.0
Unemployment	6.7	<b>6.8</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	-1.4	<b>1.5</b>	11.5	-17.1
Participation rate	61.8	<b>62.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	<b>60.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	<b>22.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	505.4	<b>511.5</b>	2.4	<b>6.1</b>	6.8	14.8	<b>1.2</b>	1.3	3.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	136.3	<b>138.9</b>	2.3	<b>2.6</b>	6.6	3.2	<b>1.9</b>	5.0	2.4
Agriculture	40.7	<b>41.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	-2.9	<b>0.7</b>	-0.5	-6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	25.2	<b>26.2</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	3.6	5.0	<b>4.0</b>	15.9	23.6
Utilities	5.7	<b>5.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.1	0.7	<b>-8.8</b>	2.0	15.6
Construction	35.1	<b>36.8</b>	1.4	<b>1.7</b>	4.4	2.5	<b>4.8</b>	13.6	7.3
Manufacturing	29.5	<b>29.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-1.3	-2.0	<b>0.7</b>	-4.2	-6.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	369.1	<b>372.6</b>	2.8	<b>3.5</b>	0.2	11.5	<b>0.9</b>	0.1	3.2
Trade	82.1	<b>82.5</b>	1.8	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	2.0	<b>0.5</b>	-1.1	2.5
Transportation and warehousing	23.1	<b>22.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.5	-1.9	<b>-2.6</b>	-10.0	-7.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.3	<b>29.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.8	2.8	<b>0.0</b>	6.5	10.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.5	<b>22.4</b>	0.9	<b>1.9</b>	1.1	2.4	<b>9.3</b>	5.2	12.0
Business, building and other support services	10.3	<b>10.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	-1.5	<b>1.9</b>	-7.1	-12.5
Educational services	34.4	<b>35.6</b>	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	-3.7	-3.1	<b>3.5</b>	-9.4	-8.0
Health care and social assistance	65.7	<b>64.8</b>	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	2.9	4.0	<b>-1.4</b>	4.7	6.6
Information, culture and recreation	19.8	<b>19.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.1	-0.9	<b>-4.0</b>	-10.0	-4.5
Accommodation and food services	32.7	<b>33.1</b>	1.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	3.9	<b>1.2</b>	7.1	13.4
Other services	22.9	<b>24.2</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	2.3	2.4	<b>5.7</b>	10.5	11.0
Public administration	28.3	<b>28.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	1.6	<b>1.8</b>	0.3	5.9

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

	July 2008	August 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	2,800.0	<b>2,803.7</b>	...	<b>3.7</b>	34.2	49.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.8
Labour force	2,086.0	<b>2,080.0</b>	8.1	<b>-6.0</b>	20.2	39.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	1.9
Employment	2,010.9	<b>2,006.7</b>	8.3	<b>-4.2</b>	12.9	38.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	2.0
Employment full-time	1,688.3	<b>1,689.0</b>	11.1	<b>0.7</b>	11.1	28.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.7
Unemployment	75.1	<b>73.3</b>	5.9	<b>-1.8</b>	7.3	0.7	<b>-2.4</b>	11.1	1.0
Participation rate	74.5	<b>74.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	<b>71.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	<b>15.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	503.9	<b>503.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-1.4	-1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	365.5	<b>366.6</b>	4.9	<b>1.1</b>	0.1	3.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.9
Employment	338.9	<b>339.7</b>	5.1	<b>0.8</b>	-6.0	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-1.7	0.1
Unemployment	26.7	<b>26.9</b>	3.7	<b>0.2</b>	6.1	3.0	<b>0.7</b>	29.3	12.6
Participation rate	72.5	<b>72.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	<b>67.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	-1.0	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	32.5	<b>32.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,158.6	<b>1,161.2</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	23.2	31.9	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	2.8
Labour force	954.5	<b>953.0</b>	3.8	<b>-1.5</b>	13.3	30.8	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	3.3
Employment	930.2	<b>932.5</b>	4.2	<b>2.3</b>	16.2	34.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	3.8
Unemployment	24.3	<b>20.4</b>	3.3	<b>-3.9</b>	-3.0	-3.4	<b>-16.0</b>	-12.8	-14.3
Participation rate	82.4	<b>82.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.5	<b>2.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.3	<b>80.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	<b>5.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,137.4	<b>1,138.6</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	12.4	18.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.7
Labour force	766.0	<b>760.5</b>	4.8	<b>-5.5</b>	6.9	5.3	<b>-0.7</b>	0.9	0.7
Employment	741.8	<b>734.5</b>	5.0	<b>-7.3</b>	2.8	4.3	<b>-1.0</b>	0.4	0.6
Unemployment	24.2	<b>26.0</b>	3.2	<b>1.8</b>	4.1	1.1	<b>7.4</b>	18.7	4.4
Participation rate	67.3	<b>66.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	<b>3.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>64.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	<b>21.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Population	2,010.9	<b>2,006.7</b>	8.3	<b>-4.2</b>	12.9	38.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	574.0	<b>586.2</b>	8.4	<b>12.2</b>	27.9	23.7	<b>2.1</b>	5.0	4.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	63.8	<b>59.7</b>	3.0	<b>-4.1</b>	7.7	8.6	<b>-6.4</b>	14.8	16.8
Utilities	147.0	<b>145.7</b>	4.7	<b>-1.3</b>	-10.4	-9.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-6.7	-5.8
Construction	18.4	<b>18.9</b>	1.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.7	-2.6	<b>2.7</b>	9.9	-12.1
Manufacturing	202.0	<b>211.6</b>	5.6	<b>9.6</b>	13.0	17.8	<b>4.8</b>	6.5	9.2
Manufacturing	142.7	<b>150.3</b>	4.9	<b>7.6</b>	15.9	8.9	<b>5.3</b>	11.8	6.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	1,436.9	<b>1,420.5</b>	10.1	<b>-16.4</b>	-15.0	14.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.0	1.1
Transportation and warehousing	317.5	<b>317.5</b>	6.9	<b>0.0</b>	7.4	24.1	<b>0.0</b>	2.4	8.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	95.5	<b>96.6</b>	4.1	<b>1.1</b>	-13.7	-2.2	<b>1.2</b>	-12.4	-2.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	107.8	<b>107.3</b>	4.1	<b>-0.5</b>	3.3	10.3	<b>-0.5</b>	3.2	10.6
Business, building and other support services	169.7	<b>163.9</b>	4.8	<b>-5.8</b>	18.3	15.7	<b>-3.4</b>	12.6	10.6
Educational services	61.8	<b>58.9</b>	4.0	<b>-2.9</b>	-17.4	-15.3	<b>-4.7</b>	-22.8	-20.6
Health care and social assistance	121.5	<b>119.4</b>	4.4	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.5	-8.8	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.1	-6.9
Information, culture and recreation	196.2	<b>189.6</b>	5.0	<b>-6.6</b>	-6.4	-12.1	<b>-3.4</b>	-3.3	-6.0
Accommodation and food services	69.7	<b>70.6</b>	3.6	<b>0.9</b>	-9.0	-1.7	<b>1.3</b>	-11.3	-2.4
Other services	115.4	<b>117.3</b>	4.6	<b>1.9</b>	5.1	1.4	<b>1.6</b>	4.5	1.2
Public administration	97.5	<b>96.2</b>	4.0	<b>-1.3</b>	5.7	0.4	<b>-1.3</b>	6.3	0.4
Public administration	84.4	<b>83.2</b>	3.3	<b>-1.2</b>	-5.8	3.1	<b>-1.4</b>	-6.5	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 tables 282-0087, 282-0088

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

	July 2008	August 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	3,645.3	<b>3,651.5</b>	...	<b>6.2</b>	48.8	73.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	2.0
Labour force	2,432.1	<b>2,429.3</b>	9.6	<b>-2.8</b>	35.8	67.9	<b>-0.1</b>	1.5	2.9
Employment	2,324.6	<b>2,325.1</b>	9.6	<b>0.5</b>	32.2	58.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	2.6
Employment full-time	1,874.2	<b>1,854.6</b>	13.7	<b>-19.6</b>	38.1	38.2	<b>-1.0</b>	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	107.5	<b>104.2</b>	6.9	<b>-3.3</b>	3.6	9.9	<b>-3.1</b>	3.6	10.5
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	<b>20.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.9</b>	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	583.2	<b>583.5</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.5	4.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	394.8	<b>400.3</b>	5.5	<b>5.5</b>	2.4	4.8	<b>1.4</b>	0.6	1.2
Employment	364.0	<b>367.6</b>	5.5	<b>3.6</b>	1.1	-2.9	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	-0.8
Unemployment	30.8	<b>32.7</b>	4.2	<b>1.9</b>	1.3	7.7	<b>6.2</b>	4.1	30.8
Participation rate	67.7	<b>68.6</b>	0.9	<b>0.9</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	<b>63.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	-0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.3	<b>43.7</b>	1.7	<b>2.3</b>	-1.9	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,498.4	<b>1,501.3</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	23.2	34.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.3
Labour force	1,095.6	<b>1,093.7</b>	5.0	<b>-1.9</b>	16.6	41.2	<b>-0.2</b>	1.5	3.9
Employment	1,055.7	<b>1,061.1</b>	5.2	<b>5.4</b>	22.3	41.2	<b>0.5</b>	2.1	4.0
Unemployment	40.0	<b>32.6</b>	3.9	<b>-7.4</b>	-5.8	0.0	<b>-18.5</b>	-15.1	0.0
Participation rate	73.1	<b>72.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.5	<b>70.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	<b>7.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,563.7	<b>1,566.7</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	23.1	33.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	2.2
Labour force	941.6	<b>935.3</b>	5.8	<b>-6.3</b>	16.9	22.0	<b>-0.7</b>	1.8	2.4
Employment	904.9	<b>896.4</b>	5.7	<b>-8.5</b>	8.8	19.8	<b>-0.9</b>	1.0	2.3
Unemployment	36.8	<b>38.9</b>	4.0	<b>2.1</b>	8.1	2.2	<b>5.7</b>	26.3	6.0
Participation rate	60.2	<b>59.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>4.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	<b>57.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.9	<b>26.1</b>	0.9	<b>2.1</b>	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,324.6	<b>2,325.1</b>	9.6	<b>0.5</b>	32.2	58.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	2.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	31.9	<b>34.2</b>	2.8	<b>2.3</b>	-5.5	-0.2	<b>7.2</b>	-13.9	-0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	44.4	<b>41.4</b>	2.9	<b>-3.0</b>	-9.2	-5.5	<b>-6.8</b>	-18.2	-11.7
Utilities	14.6	<b>15.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	2.1	3.9	<b>4.8</b>	15.9	34.2
Construction	221.7	<b>227.2</b>	6.2	<b>5.5</b>	17.2	30.0	<b>2.5</b>	8.2	15.2
Manufacturing	191.0	<b>187.1</b>	6.2	<b>-3.9</b>	-3.1	-14.2	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.6	-7.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,820.9	<b>1,819.8</b>	11.4	<b>-1.1</b>	30.4	43.8	<b>-0.1</b>	1.7	2.5
Trade	348.9	<b>360.5</b>	7.7	<b>11.6</b>	-5.2	-16.5	<b>3.3</b>	-1.4	-4.4
Transportation and warehousing	126.6	<b>132.1</b>	5.0	<b>5.5</b>	-3.9	8.1	<b>4.3</b>	-2.9	6.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	155.4	<b>142.0</b>	4.9	<b>-13.4</b>	0.1	-7.2	<b>-8.6</b>	0.1	-4.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	172.0	<b>175.1</b>	5.4	<b>3.1</b>	15.0	6.9	<b>1.8</b>	9.4	4.1
Business, building and other support services	99.9	<b>102.8</b>	4.6	<b>2.9</b>	-3.0	7.8	<b>2.9</b>	-2.8	8.2
Educational services	165.5	<b>161.7</b>	5.5	<b>-3.8</b>	2.3	17.8	<b>-2.3</b>	1.4	12.4
Health care and social assistance	245.9	<b>243.3</b>	5.9	<b>-2.6</b>	7.4	8.0	<b>-1.1</b>	3.1	3.4
Information, culture and recreation	122.7	<b>117.7</b>	4.8	<b>-5.0</b>	-6.0	0.1	<b>-4.1</b>	-4.9	0.1
Accommodation and food services	177.0	<b>177.3</b>	5.9	<b>0.3</b>	8.1	-5.1	<b>0.2</b>	4.8	-2.8
Other services	103.3	<b>106.7</b>	4.1	<b>3.4</b>	18.5	17.8	<b>3.3</b>	21.0	20.0
Public administration	103.6	<b>100.6</b>	3.7	<b>-3.0</b>	-2.9	6.2	<b>-2.9</b>	-2.8	6.6

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

	July 2008	August 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	154.3	<b>154.5</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	2.1	2.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	1.9
Labour force	106.0	<b>106.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	4.0	3.7	<b>0.4</b>	3.9	3.6
Employment	97.8	<b>98.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	3.0	2.1	<b>0.5</b>	3.1	2.2
Unemployment	8.2	<b>8.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	1.6	<b>-1.2</b>	14.1	24.6
Participation rate	68.7	<b>68.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	316.9	<b>317.3</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.0	4.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.3
Labour force	219.6	<b>218.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.3	-1.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.0	-0.8
Employment	207.6	<b>206.6</b>	1.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-4.7	-0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.2	-0.2
Unemployment	12.0	<b>12.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	-1.3	<b>2.5</b>	24.2	-9.6
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	<b>65.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.1	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	104.7	<b>104.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9
Labour force	69.9	<b>69.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.8	-0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.5	-1.1
Employment	65.5	<b>65.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.7	-2.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-4.0	-3.1
Unemployment	4.4	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	25.7	41.9
Participation rate	66.8	<b>66.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.0	-2.6	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	125.0	<b>125.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.4
Labour force	74.0	<b>74.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	-1.4	-3.1	<b>0.7</b>	-1.8	-4.0
Employment	67.3	<b>68.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	-1.9	-3.2	<b>1.0</b>	-2.7	-4.5
Unemployment	6.6	<b>6.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.0	<b>-3.0</b>	6.7	0.0
Participation rate	59.2	<b>59.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	-1.0	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	<b>8.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	<b>54.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	-1.4	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	610.3	<b>610.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	3.8	5.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9
Labour force	411.9	<b>410.6</b>	3.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-4.7	0.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.1	0.0
Employment	391.1	<b>391.4</b>	3.3	<b>0.3</b>	-1.2	-0.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.0
Unemployment	20.8	<b>19.2</b>	1.5	<b>-1.6</b>	-3.6	0.2	<b>-7.7</b>	-15.8	1.1
Participation rate	67.5	<b>67.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>4.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	<b>64.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	121.5	<b>121.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8
Labour force	76.8	<b>75.8</b>	0.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	-0.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.3	-0.8
Employment	70.7	<b>69.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.2	-0.4	<b>-1.1</b>	-3.1	-0.6
Unemployment	6.1	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	-0.2	<b>-3.3</b>	9.3	-3.3
Participation rate	63.2	<b>62.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>7.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	<b>57.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.1	-0.8	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.



Table 5-1 – continued

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

	July 2008	August 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	138.4	<b>138.5</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.2
Labour force	86.8	<b>87.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	-4.1	-1.8	<b>0.7</b>	-4.5	-2.0
Employment	81.9	<b>82.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	-3.4	-1.8	<b>0.4</b>	-4.0	-2.1
Unemployment	4.9	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.8	0.1	<b>6.1</b>	-13.3	2.0
Participation rate	62.7	<b>63.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-3.5	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-2.9	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,065.2	<b>3,068.1</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	20.9	30.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0
Labour force	2,043.7	<b>2,042.7</b>	7.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-16.3	-11.0	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	-0.5
Employment	1,890.6	<b>1,891.2</b>	7.7	<b>0.6</b>	-24.7	-18.6	<b>0.0</b>	-1.3	-1.0
Unemployment	153.1	<b>151.5</b>	4.5	<b>-1.6</b>	8.4	7.7	<b>-1.0</b>	5.9	5.4
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>7.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	<b>61.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	962.5	<b>963.6</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	8.5	12.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.3
Labour force	708.3	<b>711.2</b>	3.5	<b>2.9</b>	13.9	18.6	<b>0.4</b>	2.0	2.7
Employment	672.5	<b>675.1</b>	3.5	<b>2.6</b>	9.0	19.8	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	3.0
Unemployment	35.8	<b>36.1</b>	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	4.9	-1.2	<b>0.8</b>	15.7	-3.2
Participation rate	73.6	<b>73.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	<b>70.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	244.0	<b>244.3</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.5	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.7
Labour force	183.1	<b>181.7</b>	1.2	<b>-1.4</b>	6.2	10.6	<b>-0.8</b>	3.5	6.2
Employment	174.3	<b>173.0</b>	1.2	<b>-1.3</b>	5.3	11.8	<b>-0.7</b>	3.2	7.3
Unemployment	8.8	<b>8.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	-1.2	<b>0.0</b>	12.8	-12.0
Participation rate	75.0	<b>74.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	1.8	3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	<b>70.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	1.4	3.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	718.5	<b>719.3</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	6.0	7.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1
Labour force	525.2	<b>529.4</b>	3.3	<b>4.2</b>	7.7	7.9	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	1.5
Employment	498.2	<b>502.1</b>	3.3	<b>3.9</b>	3.8	8.0	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	1.6
Unemployment	27.0	<b>27.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	3.9	0.0	<b>1.1</b>	16.7	0.0
Participation rate	73.1	<b>73.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	<b>69.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.1	<b>126.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2
Labour force	83.8	<b>84.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	3.7	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	4.6	1.4
Employment	78.4	<b>79.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	2.2	1.1	<b>0.8</b>	2.9	1.4
Unemployment	5.4	<b>5.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	0.1	<b>3.7</b>	36.6	1.8
Participation rate	66.5	<b>67.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	2.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	<b>62.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	0.8	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	July 2008	August 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	4,545.4	<b>4,554.9</b>	...	<b>9.5</b>	70.0	100.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.3
Labour force	3,137.6	<b>3,119.5</b>	9.1	<b>-18.1</b>	26.5	46.4	<b>-0.6</b>	0.9	1.5
Employment	2,918.8	<b>2,901.0</b>	9.5	<b>-17.8</b>	15.8	42.6	<b>-0.6</b>	0.5	1.5
Unemployment	218.8	<b>218.6</b>	5.5	<b>-0.2</b>	10.8	3.9	<b>-0.1</b>	5.2	1.8
Participation rate	69.0	<b>68.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>7.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	<b>63.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	596.8	<b>597.3</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	3.1	4.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	399.6	<b>399.9</b>	3.1	<b>0.3</b>	3.4	-2.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	-0.6
Employment	377.5	<b>377.6</b>	3.2	<b>0.1</b>	4.6	-2.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	-0.7
Unemployment	22.1	<b>22.3</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	-1.1	0.0	<b>0.9</b>	-4.7	0.0
Participation rate	67.0	<b>67.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>63.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	382.6	<b>383.1</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	3.7	5.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Labour force	269.1	<b>269.7</b>	2.1	<b>0.6</b>	-0.1	6.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	2.5
Employment	252.3	<b>255.0</b>	2.1	<b>2.7</b>	-0.4	6.8	<b>1.1</b>	-0.2	2.7
Unemployment	16.8	<b>14.7</b>	0.9	<b>-2.1</b>	0.4	-0.1	<b>-12.5</b>	2.8	-0.7
Participation rate	70.3	<b>70.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>5.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	<b>66.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	-0.7	0.8	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	385.0	<b>385.4</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.9	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1
Labour force	262.5	<b>262.2</b>	1.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.8	-1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.4
Employment	244.0	<b>244.6</b>	1.9	<b>0.6</b>	-2.2	-2.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	-1.0
Unemployment	18.5	<b>17.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	0.4	1.4	<b>-4.9</b>	2.3	8.6
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	288.1	<b>288.6</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	4.0	6.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	2.2
Labour force	201.0	<b>201.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.4</b>	5.4	8.1	<b>0.2</b>	2.8	4.2
Employment	187.7	<b>188.9</b>	1.4	<b>1.2</b>	4.7	8.2	<b>0.6</b>	2.6	4.5
Unemployment	13.3	<b>12.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	0.8	-0.1	<b>-6.0</b>	6.8	-0.8
Participation rate	69.8	<b>69.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>65.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.5	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	329.2	<b>329.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.4
Labour force	213.0	<b>212.6</b>	1.8	<b>-0.4</b>	0.9	6.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	3.4
Employment	198.0	<b>198.0</b>	1.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	8.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	4.4
Unemployment	14.9	<b>14.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.9	-1.4	<b>-1.3</b>	6.5	-8.7
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>60.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	2.3	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	July 2008	August 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	133.6	<b>133.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	85.0	<b>86.4</b>	0.8	<b>1.4</b>	1.6	-1.1	<b>1.6</b>	1.9	-1.3
Employment	80.4	<b>81.5</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	0.7	-0.5	<b>1.4</b>	0.9	-0.6
Unemployment	4.5	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	-0.6	<b>8.9</b>	22.5	-10.9
Participation rate	63.6	<b>64.6</b>	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>61.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	103.8	<b>103.8</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	66.2	<b>65.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.2	-2.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-4.6	-3.2
Employment	62.0	<b>61.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.6	-1.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-4.0	-3.0
Unemployment	4.3	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.4	<b>-4.7</b>	-12.8	-8.9
Participation rate	63.8	<b>63.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	<b>59.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.4	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	272.6	<b>272.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	170.3	<b>170.4</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	-6.8	-3.1	<b>0.1</b>	-3.8	-1.8
Employment	155.0	<b>154.1</b>	1.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-7.9	-2.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-4.9	-1.5
Unemployment	15.3	<b>16.3</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	-0.8	<b>6.5</b>	6.5	-4.7
Participation rate	62.5	<b>62.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-2.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	<b>9.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	<b>56.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.0	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	583.7	<b>584.5</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	5.6	7.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.4
Labour force	413.9	<b>413.2</b>	1.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.3	5.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	1.2
Employment	396.6	<b>395.8</b>	1.4	<b>-0.8</b>	1.8	4.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	1.2
Unemployment	17.3	<b>17.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-2.1	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	-10.8	1.8
Participation rate	70.9	<b>70.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	<b>67.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	167.5	<b>167.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.3	4.8	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	2.9
Labour force	116.6	<b>117.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	2.1	3.1	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	2.7
Employment	112.2	<b>112.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	2.6	5.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	4.9
Unemployment	4.4	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-2.2	<b>4.5</b>	-8.0	-32.4
Participation rate	69.6	<b>69.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>67.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	196.8	<b>197.4</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	4.6	6.4	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	3.4
Labour force	142.7	<b>143.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	-0.1	2.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	1.8
Employment	136.3	<b>137.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.9</b>	-0.8	2.8	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	2.1
Unemployment	6.4	<b>6.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	-0.4	<b>-4.7</b>	13.0	-6.2
Participation rate	72.5	<b>72.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-1.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	<b>69.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-2.1	-0.9	...	...	...

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

	July 2008	August 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	945.7	<b>947.6</b>	...	<b>1.9</b>	13.1	21.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	2.3
Labour force	725.2	<b>729.4</b>	3.2	<b>4.2</b>	24.2	19.2	<b>0.6</b>	3.4	2.7
Employment	701.5	<b>703.6</b>	3.2	<b>2.1</b>	19.1	16.3	<b>0.3</b>	2.8	2.4
Unemployment	23.6	<b>25.9</b>	1.4	<b>2.3</b>	5.1	2.9	<b>9.7</b>	24.5	12.6
Participation rate	76.7	<b>77.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>3.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.2	<b>74.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	882.6	<b>884.2</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	10.2	15.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.8
Labour force	640.4	<b>638.3</b>	3.2	<b>-2.1</b>	0.9	16.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	2.7
Employment	616.6	<b>616.4</b>	3.2	<b>-0.2</b>	3.3	19.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	3.2
Unemployment	23.8	<b>22.0</b>	1.4	<b>-1.8</b>	-2.3	-2.2	<b>-7.6</b>	-9.5	-9.1
Participation rate	72.6	<b>72.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	<b>69.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	133.6	<b>133.9</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	2.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.8
Labour force	92.3	<b>93.4</b>	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	5.2	4.0	<b>1.2</b>	5.9	4.5
Employment	88.4	<b>89.4</b>	0.7	<b>1.0</b>	4.5	4.0	<b>1.1</b>	5.3	4.7
Unemployment	3.9	<b>3.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	18.2	-2.5
Participation rate	69.1	<b>69.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	3.1	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	<b>66.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	2.6	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,941.3	<b>1,945.3</b>	...	<b>4.0</b>	31.2	46.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.4
Labour force	1,292.9	<b>1,294.9</b>	4.6	<b>2.0</b>	1.1	25.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	2.0
Employment	1,239.3	<b>1,241.3</b>	4.7	<b>2.0</b>	2.1	19.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	53.6	<b>53.7</b>	2.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.9	6.0	<b>0.2</b>	-1.6	12.6
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	286.2	<b>286.5</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.0	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.2
Labour force	198.7	<b>198.2</b>	1.4	<b>-0.5</b>	4.9	8.1	<b>-0.3</b>	2.5	4.3
Employment	192.2	<b>191.9</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	4.2	8.7	<b>-0.2</b>	2.2	4.7
Unemployment	6.4	<b>6.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	-0.6	<b>-1.6</b>	12.5	-8.7
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.3	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	<b>67.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	2.3	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0090

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

	July 2008	August 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	3,068.0	<b>3,070.7</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	21.0	31.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0
Labour force	2,037.2	<b>2,050.3</b>	15.3	<b>13.1</b>	-13.0	-11.0	<b>0.6</b>	-0.6	-0.5
Employment	1,884.9	<b>1,899.7</b>	15.4	<b>14.8</b>	-15.7	-9.0	<b>0.8</b>	-0.8	-0.5
Unemployment	152.3	<b>150.6</b>	11.1	<b>-1.7</b>	2.7	-2.1	<b>-1.1</b>	1.8	-1.4
Participation rate	66.4	<b>66.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>7.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	<b>61.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,554.9	<b>4,563.8</b>	...	<b>8.9</b>	72.0	102.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.3
Labour force	3,112.1	<b>3,116.2</b>	19.1	<b>4.1</b>	15.4	39.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment	2,890.9	<b>2,904.9</b>	19.7	<b>14.0</b>	14.6	36.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.3
Unemployment	221.2	<b>211.3</b>	13.2	<b>-9.9</b>	0.7	2.2	<b>-4.5</b>	0.3	1.1
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>6.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,945.3	<b>1,949.2</b>	...	<b>3.9</b>	31.7	46.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	2.4
Labour force	1,293.2	<b>1,296.9</b>	9.8	<b>3.7</b>	3.9	30.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	2.4
Employment	1,237.5	<b>1,246.2</b>	9.6	<b>8.7</b>	7.5	23.1	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	1.9
Unemployment	55.7	<b>50.7</b>	5.6	<b>-5.0</b>	-3.7	7.4	<b>-9.0</b>	-6.8	17.1
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	<b>63.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.7	-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 282-0091

Table 6-1

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2007	26,567.9	18,303.4	17,194.6	1,108.8	68.9	6.1	64.7
2008	26,942.6	18,578.1	17,436.4	1,141.7	69.0	6.1	64.7
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2007	423.2	263.8	232.7	31.1	62.3	11.8	55.0
2008	426.2	268.0	236.8	31.1	62.9	11.6	55.6
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2007	209.4	138.6	126.7	11.9	66.2	8.6	60.5
2008	212.3	142.8	129.4	13.4	67.3	9.4	61.0
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2007	32.8	17.2	13.7	3.5	52.4	20.3	41.8
2008	32.4	18.4	15.6	2.8	56.8	15.2	48.1
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2007	87.3	55.1	48.1	7.0	63.1	12.7	55.1
2008	87.8	52.1	45.3	6.8	59.3	13.1	51.6
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2007	93.8	53.0	44.3	8.7	56.5	16.4	47.2
2008	93.6	54.7	46.5	8.2	58.4	15.0	49.7
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2007	113.4	80.9	74.4	6.5	71.3	8.0	65.6
2008	114.6	82.5	76.1	6.5	72.0	7.9	66.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2007	764.2	498.1	457.7	40.4	65.2	8.1	59.9
2008	769.0	502.8	467.6	35.2	65.4	7.0	60.8
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2007	116.2	64.2	56.3	7.9	55.2	12.3	48.5
2008	115.7	66.3	59.5	6.8	57.3	10.3	51.4
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2007	130.9	79.4	71.7	7.7	60.7	9.7	54.8
2008	131.3	82.5	75.9	6.6	62.8	8.0	57.8
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2007	100.2	65.7	60.9	4.8	65.6	7.3	60.8
2008	101.1	66.0	62.6	3.4	65.3	5.2	61.9
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2007	103.5	64.1	57.9	6.2	61.9	9.7	55.9
2008	103.6	65.2	59.7	5.4	62.9	8.3	57.6
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2007	313.3	224.7	210.8	13.9	71.7	6.2	67.3
2008	317.3	222.8	209.8	13.0	70.2	5.8	66.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2007	613.1	408.9	380.6	28.3	66.7	6.9	62.1
2008	618.3	416.7	381.8	34.8	67.4	8.4	61.7
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2007	135.8	84.5	74.1	10.4	62.2	12.3	54.6
2008	135.7	85.3	73.9	11.3	62.9	13.2	54.5
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2007	163.2	111.0	105.4	5.6	68.0	5.0	64.6
2008	165.8	116.7	108.2	8.4	70.4	7.2	65.3
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2007	142.0	95.0	89.9	5.1	66.9	5.4	63.3
2008	143.1	95.7	88.8	7.0	66.9	7.3	62.1

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 August 2007 and August 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.0	75.0	70.9	4.1	72.1	5.5	68.2
2008	105.3	74.1	70.1	4.1	70.4	5.5	66.6
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.1	43.3	40.1	3.2	63.6	7.4	58.9
2008	68.3	44.9	40.8	4.0	65.7	8.9	59.7
<b>Quebec</b>							
2007	6,317.3	4,233.6	3,957.4	276.2	67.0	6.5	62.6
2008	6,374.5	4,257.4	3,964.4	293.0	66.8	6.9	62.2
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	45.6	38.9	6.7	56.4	14.7	48.1
2008	80.8	50.6	44.3	6.4	62.6	12.6	54.8
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.4	102.8	95.7	7.0	61.4	6.8	57.2
2008	167.5	106.7	98.1	8.6	63.7	8.1	58.6
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	564.2	385.8	370.8	15.0	68.4	3.9	65.7
2008	568.1	387.7	371.6	16.0	68.2	4.1	65.4
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	327.7	221.6	212.0	9.7	67.6	4.4	64.7
2008	329.8	216.5	208.5	8.0	65.6	3.7	63.2
Estrie [2430]							
2007	248.8	164.4	153.8	10.6	66.1	6.4	61.8
2008	251.2	158.2	150.2	8.0	63.0	5.1	59.8
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	185.3	121.9	115.8	6.1	65.8	5.0	62.5
2008	186.6	128.1	119.2	8.9	68.6	6.9	63.9
Montérégie [2435]							
2007	1,125.9	779.6	734.9	44.7	69.2	5.7	65.3
2008	1,143.6	787.9	732.0	55.9	68.9	7.1	64.0
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.2	1,060.2	971.6	88.6	66.6	8.4	61.0
2008	1,592.1	1,059.2	971.9	87.3	66.5	8.2	61.0
Laval [2445]							
2007	309.3	218.9	209.8	9.1	70.8	4.2	67.8
2008	314.1	221.0	206.6	14.4	70.4	6.5	65.8
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	353.4	235.8	218.8	17.0	66.7	7.2	61.9
2008	363.8	237.1	223.0	14.1	65.2	5.9	61.3
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	425.8	296.6	277.3	19.4	69.7	6.5	65.1
2008	435.7	288.4	266.9	21.4	66.2	7.4	61.3
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	290.3	201.6	188.5	13.1	69.4	6.5	64.9
2008	294.9	214.9	204.3	10.6	72.9	4.9	69.3
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	74.7	67.7	6.9	64.6	9.2	58.6
2008	115.9	75.6	70.3	5.2	65.2	6.9	60.7
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.4	127.9	117.9	10.0	58.8	7.8	54.2
2008	218.2	131.7	119.7	12.1	60.4	9.2	54.9

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 August 2007 and August 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	223.8	141.6	132.3	9.3	63.3	6.6	59.1
2008	223.2	135.7	125.8	9.9	60.8	7.3	56.4
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.4	54.7	51.5	3.2	61.2	5.9	57.6
2008	89.0	58.1	52.0	6.1	65.3	10.5	58.4
<b>Ontario</b>							
2007	10,366.0	7,186.8	6,691.1	495.6	69.3	6.9	64.5
2008	10,516.7	7,283.1	6,780.9	502.2	69.3	6.9	64.5
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	984.8	713.3	669.5	43.8	72.4	6.1	68.0
2008	994.4	725.6	684.0	41.6	73.0	5.7	68.8
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	359.1	235.4	224.1	11.3	65.6	4.8	62.4
2008	360.4	243.2	227.5	15.7	67.5	6.5	63.1
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	309.1	198.8	186.5	12.2	64.3	6.1	60.3
2008	311.4	203.4	192.3	11.1	65.3	5.5	61.8
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,699.5	3,300.8	3,049.2	251.6	70.2	7.6	64.9
2008	4,803.0	3,357.7	3,100.2	257.6	69.9	7.7	64.5
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	968.4	700.9	659.8	41.0	72.4	5.8	68.1
2008	985.1	704.8	664.0	40.8	71.5	5.8	67.4
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,132.9	768.6	720.7	48.0	67.8	6.2	63.6
2008	1,143.0	781.2	734.1	47.1	68.3	6.0	64.2
London [3560]							
2007	510.7	359.7	337.0	22.8	70.4	6.3	66.0
2008	516.0	359.2	335.3	23.9	69.6	6.7	65.0
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	524.6	344.9	313.7	31.2	65.7	9.0	59.8
2008	526.3	343.4	312.4	30.9	65.2	9.0	59.4
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.4	165.1	159.0	6.1	66.7	3.7	64.3
2008	248.2	166.6	160.4	6.2	67.1	3.7	64.6
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.5	283.3	264.7	18.6	62.5	6.6	58.4
2008	454.5	285.4	267.5	17.9	62.8	6.3	58.9
Northwest [3595]							
2007	176.0	115.9	107.1	8.9	65.9	7.7	60.9
2008	174.5	112.6	103.2	9.4	64.5	8.3	59.1
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2007	899.2	632.6	604.9	27.7	70.4	4.4	67.3
2008	910.4	642.8	616.8	26.0	70.6	4.0	67.8
Southeast [4610]							
2007	76.5	54.9	52.8	2.1	71.8	3.8	69.0
2008	78.8	54.7	52.8	1.8	69.4	3.3	67.0
South Central [4620]							
2007	43.0	30.5	29.4	1.0	70.9	3.3	68.4
2008	44.0	31.8	30.6	1.3	72.3	4.1	69.5

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 August 2007 and August 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	82.1	53.4	50.8	2.6	65.0	4.9	61.9
2008	82.7	57.7	56.4	1.4	69.8	2.4	68.2
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.7	24.3	23.5	0.7	68.1	2.9	65.8
2008	35.9	24.9	24.3	0.6	69.4	2.4	67.7
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	533.0	380.4	363.1	17.3	71.4	4.5	68.1
2008	539.4	383.0	365.7	17.3	71.0	4.5	67.8
Interlake [4660]							
2007	69.7	47.7	45.5	2.1	68.4	4.4	65.3
2008	70.8	50.1	48.0	2.1	70.8	4.2	67.8
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.2	41.5	39.6	1.8	70.1	4.3	66.9
2008	58.9	40.6	39.1	1.5	68.9	3.7	66.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2007	751.0	533.0	507.7	25.3	71.0	4.7	67.6
2008	768.0	543.2	518.5	24.7	70.7	4.5	67.5
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	221.0	155.6	147.5	8.1	70.4	5.2	66.7
2008	226.7	161.4	155.6	5.7	71.2	3.5	68.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.6	57.2	54.7	2.5	69.2	4.4	66.2
2008	83.7	56.5	54.1	2.4	67.5	4.2	64.6
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	233.5	175.5	167.8	7.7	75.2	4.4	71.9
2008	240.2	178.8	171.3	7.5	74.4	4.2	71.3
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.0	44.5	42.5	2.0	69.5	4.5	66.4
2008	64.6	40.8	39.5	1.4	63.2	3.4	61.1
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	149.9	100.2	95.1	5.1	66.8	5.1	63.4
2008	152.8	105.8	98.0	7.8	69.2	7.4	64.1
<b>Alberta</b>							
2007	2,747.8	2,070.6	1,996.9	73.8	75.4	3.6	72.7
2008	2,799.6	2,117.9	2,042.7	75.2	75.7	3.6	73.0
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	207.2	137.7	132.9	4.8	66.5	3.5	64.1
2008	209.2	146.4	142.9	3.5	70.0	2.4	68.3
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	155.1	114.6	110.8	3.8	73.9	3.3	71.4
2008	155.5	117.0	114.1	2.9	75.2	2.5	73.4
Calgary [4830]							
2007	997.9	779.6	755.0	24.6	78.1	3.2	75.7
2008	1,022.3	799.3	771.5	27.8	78.2	3.5	75.5
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	67.9	55.0	53.7	x	81.0	x	79.1
2008	68.5	54.1	52.0	2.1	79.0	3.9	75.9
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	142.6	109.6	106.4	3.2	76.9	2.9	74.6
2008	146.4	110.9	106.2	4.8	75.8	4.3	72.5

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 August 2007 and August 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	902.2	657.8	630.8	27.0	72.9	4.1	69.9
2008	918.3	673.8	649.8	24.1	73.4	3.6	70.8
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	183.6	144.4	138.6	5.9	78.6	4.1	75.5
2008	186.6	143.6	136.4	7.2	77.0	5.0	73.1
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	91.3	71.8	68.7	3.1	78.6	4.3	75.2
2008	92.8	72.7	69.9	2.8	78.3	3.9	75.3
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2007	3,572.6	2,395.0	2,291.3	103.8	67.0	4.3	64.1
2008	3,645.4	2,463.7	2,350.7	113.0	67.6	4.6	64.5
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	623.0	399.7	383.6	16.0	64.2	4.0	61.6
2008	633.0	419.1	403.3	15.8	66.2	3.8	63.7
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,162.1	1,470.5	1,409.2	61.4	68.0	4.2	65.2
2008	2,213.8	1,499.8	1,433.3	66.4	67.7	4.4	64.7
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	423.2	269.5	257.0	12.6	63.7	4.7	60.7
2008	431.4	289.5	275.2	14.3	67.1	4.9	63.8
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.0	83.4	78.6	4.8	68.4	5.8	64.4
2008	122.9	74.3	70.5	3.8	60.5	5.1	57.4
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	124.9	88.0	83.0	5.0	70.5	5.7	66.5
2008	126.4	89.5	83.2	6.4	70.8	7.2	65.8
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	66.0	45.9	42.4	3.4	69.5	7.4	64.2
2008	65.6	50.2	46.5	3.8	76.5	7.6	70.9
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.3	38.1	37.5	x	74.3	x	73.1
2008	52.3	41.2	38.6	2.6	78.8	6.3	73.8

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 August 2007 and August 2008**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Yukon Territory</b> <sup>1</sup>							
2007	23.3	17.8	16.9	0.8	76.4	4.5	72.5
2008	23.8	18.6	17.7	0.9	78.2	4.8	74.4
<b>Northwest Territories</b> <sup>2</sup>							
2007	30.7	24.4	22.9	1.5	79.5	6.1	74.6
2008	31.4	24.1	22.7	1.4	76.8	5.8	72.3
<b>Nunavut - 10 largest communities</b> <sup>3</sup>							
2007	14.2	10.3	9.2	1.1	72.5	10.3	65.0
2008	14.2	10.0	8.7	1.4	70.8	13.5	61.2

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>August 2008</b>										
15 years and over	14,747.9	36.4	788.85	21.13	12,578.3	39.5	876.32	2,169.7	18.5	281.79
15 to 24 years	2,847.9	32.2	417.58	12.39	1,949.7	38.9	527.06	898.1	17.7	179.93
25 years and over	11,900.1	37.4	877.70	23.22	10,628.5	39.6	940.39	1,271.6	19.1	353.73
Men	7,547.3	38.7	901.85	22.90	6,907.9	40.7	962.18	639.3	17.9	250.04
Women	7,200.7	34.0	670.41	19.27	5,670.3	38.1	771.72	1,530.3	18.7	295.05
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,450.3	36.6	903.63	24.47	3,944.5	38.7	965.57	505.8	20.2	420.60
No union coverage	10,297.6	36.3	739.25	19.69	8,633.8	39.8	835.54	1,663.8	18.0	239.59
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,623.8	36.9	831.52	22.05	11,051.2	39.4	907.18	1,572.6	19.0	299.83
Temporary	2,124.1	33.4	535.28	15.62	1,527.1	39.8	652.98	597.1	17.2	234.25
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,093.3	40.0	1,339.44	33.53	1,060.0	40.6	1,366.75	33.3	20.5	469.32
Business, finance and administrative	2,888.9	35.8	728.05	20.09	2,528.1	38.3	790.23	360.8	18.1	292.26
Natural and applied sciences	1,087.2	38.7	1,144.82	29.63	1,053.6	39.3	1,164.68	33.7	20.2	523.60
Health	907.4	33.6	838.95	25.01	695.6	37.7	940.43	211.7	20.3	505.53
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,190.8	35.7	988.81	27.55	1,034.5	38.3	1,065.40	156.4	18.6	482.11
Art, culture, recreation and sport	371.0	34.7	686.88	19.72	300.5	39.0	785.51	70.5	16.3	266.48
Sales and service	3,695.9	32.3	482.94	14.18	2,552.7	38.5	608.20	1,143.2	18.4	203.27
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,281.3	40.9	856.51	20.83	2,191.0	41.8	881.03	90.2	18.8	261.22
Occupations unique to primary industry	362.1	41.7	730.56	17.22	323.1	44.9	795.33	39.0	15.3	193.90
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	870.2	39.5	717.95	18.04	839.2	40.2	734.93	31.0	19.6	258.22
<b>August 2007</b>										
15 years and over	14,510.6	36.5	761.97	20.36	12,387.7	39.5	845.28	2,122.9	18.8	275.86
15 to 24 years	2,836.8	32.2	396.55	11.75	1,954.0	38.6	498.52	882.8	17.9	170.85
25 years and over	11,673.7	37.5	850.77	22.46	10,433.6	39.6	910.22	1,240.1	19.5	350.62
Men	7,430.5	38.8	871.66	22.08	6,828.4	40.6	927.25	602.2	18.0	241.20
Women	7,080.1	34.0	646.86	18.56	5,559.3	38.0	744.59	1,520.8	19.2	289.59
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,404.2	36.7	873.56	23.60	3,911.6	38.8	932.61	492.6	20.3	404.67
No union coverage	10,106.4	36.3	713.34	18.95	8,476.1	39.8	804.98	1,630.4	18.4	236.95
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,346.2	37.0	806.94	21.35	10,845.5	39.5	876.97	1,500.8	19.5	300.87
Temporary	2,164.3	33.1	505.45	14.74	1,542.2	39.4	622.40	622.2	17.2	215.54
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,021.7	40.2	1,285.96	32.14	1,000.1	40.6	1,303.48	21.6	19.1	474.37
Business, finance and administrative	2,807.0	35.7	705.73	19.48	2,454.5	38.2	764.58	352.5	18.5	295.95
Natural and applied sciences	1,090.5	38.9	1,115.18	28.77	1,063.3	39.4	1,128.61	27.2	20.2	590.51
Health	873.1	33.9	831.36	24.50	667.7	37.9	926.52	205.4	21.0	521.94
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,158.1	35.6	938.06	26.21	991.4	38.5	1,022.20	166.7	18.6	437.84
Art, culture, recreation and sport	371.8	34.7	704.93	19.94	303.3	38.6	797.69	68.5	17.5	294.07
Sales and service	3,703.9	32.4	467.11	13.64	2,581.0	38.4	586.04	1,122.9	18.7	193.76
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,161.1	40.9	836.25	20.36	2,077.4	41.8	859.40	83.7	18.2	261.88
Occupations unique to primary industry	365.8	41.7	708.28	16.41	328.1	44.5	769.16	37.7	16.9	178.31
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	957.5	39.6	704.81	17.65	920.8	40.3	723.73	36.7	20.5	229.79

**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 September 7, 2008 to October 11, 2008
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	7.7
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	17.1
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.3
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	12.6
05. Western Nova Scotia	7.6
06. Halifax	5.6
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	6.1
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.0
09. Restigouche-Albert	15.0
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.4
11. Québec	4.7
12. Trois-Rivières	8.2
13. South Central Quebec	5.0
14. Sherbrooke	6.0
15. Montérégie	8.0
16. Montréal	7.5
17. Central Quebec	8.4
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	12.3
20. Gatineau	4.9
21. Saguenay	8.6
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	5.2
23. Eastern Ontario	6.0
24. Kingston	5.7
25. Central Ontario	6.3
26. Oshawa	6.3
27. Toronto	7.0
28. Hamilton	5.6
29. St. Catharines	6.9
30. London	6.6
31. Niagara	8.0
32. Windsor	9.6
33. Kitchener	5.5
34. Huron	7.3
35. South Central Ontario	5.0
36. Sudbury	5.6
37. Thunder Bay	6.3
38. Northern Ontario	10.4
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	4.2
40. Southern Manitoba	4.7
41. Northern Manitoba	25.5
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	4.0
43. Saskatoon	4.2
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.8
45. Northern Saskatchewan	16.4

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 September 7, 2008 to October 11, 2008
	percent
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	3.6
47. Edmonton	3.6
48. Northern Alberta	8.2
49. Southern Alberta	4.3
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.2
51. Abbotsford	4.2
52. Vancouver	4.2
53. Victoria	4.0
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.4
55. Northern British Columbia	10.1
<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**

	August 2006	August 2007	August 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	2,325.7	2,312.7	<b>2,320.4</b>	27.8	<b>7.7</b>	-5.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2
Labour force	1,500.5	1,521.4	<b>1,532.0</b>	29.3	<b>10.6</b>	31.5	<b>0.7</b>	2.1
Employment	1,306.6	1,347.3	<b>1,356.6</b>	28.1	<b>9.3</b>	50.0	<b>0.7</b>	3.8
Full-time employment	679.4	675.0	<b>682.6</b>	20.5	<b>7.6</b>	3.2	<b>1.1</b>	0.5
Part-time employment	627.2	672.3	<b>674.0</b>	22.5	<b>1.7</b>	46.8	<b>0.3</b>	7.5
Unemployment	194.0	174.2	<b>175.4</b>	13.2	<b>1.2</b>	-18.6	<b>0.7</b>	-9.6
Participation rate	64.5	65.8	<b>66.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	11.4	<b>11.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-1.5	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	58.3	<b>58.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.3	...	...
Part-time rate	48.0	49.9	<b>49.7</b>	1.3	<b>-0.2</b>	1.7	...	...
<b>Students 15 to 16 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	830.6	817.0	<b>808.6</b>	5.2	<b>-8.4</b>	-22.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.6
Labour force	399.3	396.8	<b>406.5</b>	13.4	<b>9.7</b>	7.2	<b>2.4</b>	1.8
Employment	308.5	314.2	<b>330.9</b>	12.4	<b>16.7</b>	22.4	<b>5.3</b>	7.3
Full-time employment	94.7	96.2	<b>93.9</b>	5.3	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.8	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.8
Part-time employment	213.8	218.0	<b>237.0</b>	11.6	<b>19.0</b>	23.2	<b>8.7</b>	10.9
Unemployment	90.7	82.7	<b>75.6</b>	7.8	<b>-7.1</b>	-15.1	<b>-8.6</b>	-16.6
Participation rate	48.1	48.6	<b>50.3</b>	1.6	<b>1.7</b>	2.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	22.7	20.8	<b>18.6</b>	2.0	<b>-2.2</b>	-4.1	...	...
Employment rate	37.1	38.5	<b>40.9</b>	1.5	<b>2.4</b>	3.8	...	...
Part-time rate	69.3	69.4	<b>71.6</b>	1.7	<b>2.2</b>	2.3	...	...
<b>Students 17 to 19 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	842.1	869.9	<b>869.8</b>	15.1	<b>-0.1</b>	27.7	<b>0.0</b>	3.3
Labour force	604.0	644.1	<b>636.3</b>	16.5	<b>-7.8</b>	32.3	<b>-1.2</b>	5.3
Employment	527.9	576.4	<b>558.8</b>	16.3	<b>-17.6</b>	30.9	<b>-3.1</b>	5.9
Full-time employment	257.3	279.9	<b>277.2</b>	11.5	<b>-2.7</b>	19.9	<b>-1.0</b>	7.7
Part-time employment	270.7	296.5	<b>281.6</b>	14.3	<b>-14.9</b>	10.9	<b>-5.0</b>	4.0
Unemployment	76.1	67.7	<b>77.6</b>	8.2	<b>9.9</b>	1.5	<b>14.6</b>	2.0
Participation rate	71.7	74.0	<b>73.2</b>	1.5	<b>-0.8</b>	1.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	10.5	<b>12.2</b>	1.4	<b>1.7</b>	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	66.3	<b>64.2</b>	1.6	<b>-2.1</b>	1.5	...	...
Part-time rate	51.3	51.4	<b>50.4</b>	1.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.9	...	...
<b>Students 20 to 24 years<sup>2</sup></b>								
Population	653.0	625.7	<b>642.0</b>	22.2	<b>16.3</b>	-11.0	<b>2.6</b>	-1.7
Labour force	497.3	480.5	<b>489.1</b>	19.8	<b>8.6</b>	-8.2	<b>1.8</b>	-1.6
Employment	470.1	456.7	<b>466.9</b>	19.3	<b>10.2</b>	-3.2	<b>2.2</b>	-0.7
Full-time employment	327.5	298.9	<b>311.5</b>	15.5	<b>12.6</b>	-16.0	<b>4.2</b>	-4.9
Part-time employment	142.6	157.8	<b>155.4</b>	12.5	<b>-2.4</b>	12.8	<b>-1.5</b>	9.0
Unemployment	27.2	23.8	<b>22.2</b>	6.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-5.0	<b>-6.7</b>	-18.4
Participation rate	76.2	76.8	<b>76.2</b>	1.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.0	<b>4.5</b>	1.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.0	...	...
Employment rate	72.0	73.0	<b>72.7</b>	1.9	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	...	...
Part-time rate	30.3	34.6	<b>33.3</b>	2.2	<b>-1.3</b>	2.9	...	...
<b>Other persons aged 15 to 24<sup>3</sup></b>								
Population	1,998.9	2,044.2	<b>2,058.1</b>	27.8	<b>13.9</b>	59.2	<b>0.7</b>	3.0
Labour force	1,730.2	1,747.2	<b>1,754.5</b>	26.9	<b>7.3</b>	24.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.4
Employment	1,547.0	1,584.6	<b>1,591.2</b>	26.8	<b>6.6</b>	44.2	<b>0.4</b>	2.9
Full-time employment	1,294.0	1,341.3	<b>1,327.1</b>	26.1	<b>-14.2</b>	33.1	<b>-1.1</b>	2.6
Part-time employment	252.9	243.3	<b>264.2</b>	15.6	<b>20.9</b>	11.3	<b>8.6</b>	4.5
Unemployment	183.1	162.6	<b>163.3</b>	12.5	<b>0.7</b>	-19.8	<b>0.4</b>	-10.8
Participation rate	86.6	85.5	<b>85.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	9.3	<b>9.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-1.3	...	...
Employment rate	77.4	77.5	<b>77.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	16.3	15.4	<b>16.6</b>	0.9	<b>1.2</b>	0.3	...	...

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									
August 2007	36.7	22.8	19.9	14.0	6.0	2.9	62.1	12.7	54.2
August 2008	34.4	22.6	21.0	13.8	7.2	1.6	65.7	7.1	61.0
Prince Edward Island									
August 2007	10.2	8.8	8.2	5.6	2.5	0.7	86.3	8.0	80.4
August 2008	9.5	8.0	7.3	5.3	2.0	0.6	84.2	7.5	76.8
Nova Scotia									
August 2007	65.6	45.5	39.7	22.2	17.6	5.8	69.4	12.7	60.5
August 2008	66.6	47.2	42.1	23.2	18.9	5.1	70.9	10.8	63.2
New Brunswick									
August 2007	48.2	34.9	31.2	20.0	11.3	3.6	72.4	10.3	64.7
August 2008	48.8	37.1	34.5	18.5	16.0	2.7	76.0	7.3	70.7
Quebec									
August 2007	536.6	347.9	302.2	147.5	154.7	45.7	64.8	13.1	56.3
August 2008	537.4	364.0	328.1	172.2	155.9	35.9	67.7	9.9	61.1
Ontario									
August 2007	986.4	647.6	560.4	263.1	297.3	87.1	65.7	13.4	56.8
August 2008	998.7	642.0	549.7	255.2	294.5	92.4	64.3	14.4	55.0
Manitoba									
August 2007	74.3	51.0	47.4	21.8	25.6	3.6	68.6	7.1	63.8
August 2008	75.1	52.4	48.4	26.2	22.2	4.1	69.8	7.8	64.4
Saskatchewan									
August 2007	63.2	42.6	38.5	20.0	18.5	4.1	67.4	9.6	60.9
August 2008	62.2	44.1	40.1	21.8	18.3	4.0	70.9	9.1	64.5
Alberta									
August 2007	217.8	150.1	140.7	85.5	55.3	9.3	68.9	6.2	64.6
August 2008	217.8	150.2	136.8	79.8	57.0	13.5	69.0	9.0	62.8
British Columbia									
August 2007	273.6	170.2	158.9	75.3	83.6	11.3	62.2	6.6	58.1
August 2008	269.9	164.3	148.6	66.7	81.9	15.7	60.9	9.6	55.1
<b>Other persons aged 15-24<sup>2</sup></b>									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
August 2007	26.5	20.7	15.5	13.7	1.9	5.2	78.1	25.1	58.5
August 2008	27.9	20.9	16.7	14.3	2.4	4.1	74.9	19.6	59.9
Prince Edward Island									
August 2007	9.5	8.2	7.3	6.5	x	x	86.3	x	76.8
August 2008	10.3	9.0	8.1	7.2	0.9	0.9	87.4	10.0	78.6
Nova Scotia									
August 2007	56.8	49.9	44.3	34.5	9.8	5.5	87.9	11.0	78.0
August 2008	54.7	46.3	40.7	34.9	5.8	5.5	84.6	11.9	74.4
New Brunswick									
August 2007	46.6	40.4	36.8	31.8	5.0	3.7	86.7	9.2	79.0
August 2008	45.9	38.3	34.0	30.3	3.7	4.3	83.4	11.2	74.1
Quebec									
August 2007	418.4	361.0	326.4	276.6	49.9	34.5	86.3	9.6	78.0
August 2008	422.5	359.4	321.8	269.0	52.7	37.5	85.1	10.4	76.2
Ontario									
August 2007	736.6	620.4	545.9	450.3	95.6	74.5	84.2	12.0	74.1
August 2008	736.2	616.1	546.1	439.3	106.8	70.0	83.7	11.4	74.2
Manitoba									
August 2007	82.6	73.1	67.5	55.4	12.1	5.6	88.5	7.7	81.7
August 2008	83.6	71.4	66.9	56.1	10.8	4.5	85.4	6.3	80.0
Saskatchewan									
August 2007	74.5	65.1	61.5	55.3	6.2	3.6	87.4	5.5	82.6
August 2008	77.4	68.3	63.7	55.0	8.7	4.6	88.2	6.7	82.3
Alberta									
August 2007	287.4	246.9	233.5	211.3	22.1	13.5	85.9	5.5	81.2
August 2008	286.0	252.9	240.0	218.9	21.1	12.9	88.4	5.1	83.9

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									
August 2007	305.2	261.4	245.9	206.0	39.8	15.5	85.6	5.9	80.6
August 2008	313.6	272.1	253.3	202.2	51.2	18.8	86.8	6.9	80.8

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*