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- r revised
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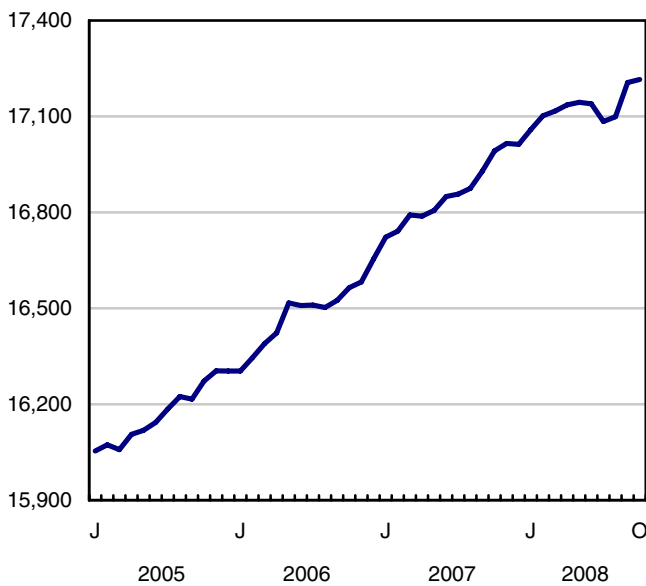
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Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

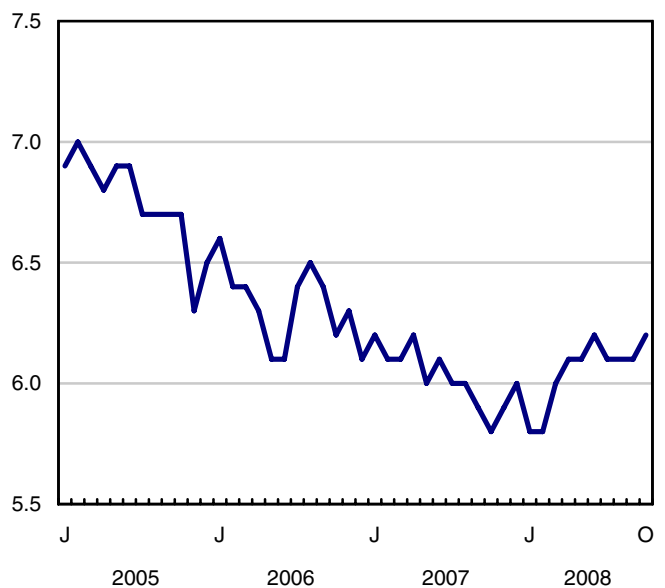
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



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Since the beginning of 2008, employment has increased 1.2% (+203,000), with gains in both full time and part time. Employment rose by 2.0% (+338,000) over the same period of 2007, most of which was full time.

In October, employment increased in Alberta, where the unemployment rate remained the lowest in the country, at 3.7%. There was little employment change in the other provinces.

Strong employment growth in public administration in October was spurred by hiring for the federal election. At the same time, employment declined in accommodation and food services. There was little change for all other industries.

In October, a large decline in youth employment was offset by strong gains among women aged 55 and over and men aged 25 to 54. So far this year, older women have had the fastest growth rate in employment.

The year-over-year growth in average hourly wage for October was 4.3%, above the most recent increase of 3.4% in the Consumer Price Index. Compared with a year earlier, average hourly wages were higher for all age groups, with growth being strongest for youths and older workers.

Public administration employment growth was strong in October

With the federal election in mid-October, there were large employment gains in public administration (+40,000), spread across most provinces. Most of the increase was among occupations related to the election process.

Also in October, employment in accommodation and food services declined by 27,000, mostly in food services and drinking places. The bulk of these losses were in Ontario and Quebec.

Solid employment gains in Alberta

In October, employment in Alberta rose by 15,000, pushing the employment rate to 72.5%, the highest on record. Since the beginning of 2008, industries with the largest gains were professional, scientific and technical services; manufacturing; construction; trade; and agriculture. So far this year, Alberta's employment growth has been 2.2%, compared with 3.5% over the first ten months of 2007.

In New Brunswick, employment edged up in October. However, the unemployment rate jumped 0.8 percentage points to 8.8% as a large increase in the number of people looking for work brought the participation rate to an all-time high of 65.4%.

With Quebec's overall employment little changed in October, the unemployment rate edged down to 7.2%. So far this year, employment growth has been negligible at 0.2% (+7,000), as increases in information, culture and recreation; health care and social assistance; construction; and manufacturing were offset by declines in agriculture; education; and other services.

Although Ontario's employment was unchanged in October, so far this year, it is up 1.5% (+101,000), slightly above the national growth rate of 1.2%. Gains over the first ten months of the year were in transportation and warehousing; construction; and public administration. Manufacturing is down 14,000 so far in 2008, compared with a decline

of 43,000 over the same period of 2007. The unemployment rate edged up to 6.5% in October, little changed from the beginning of 2008.

In British Columbia, employment edged down in October, pushing the unemployment rate up 0.5 percentage points to 5.1%, the highest since December 2006. So far this year, employment growth stands at 0.8%, below the national average.

Employment increases for core-age men and older women offset by a large drop in youth employment

Women aged 55 and older experienced a large gain in employment for October (+25,000). While these women represent less than one out of every 14 employed people, so far this year they account for a third of all employment gains. With year-to-date gains of 64,000, older women had a larger increase in employment than other demographic groups such as youth, core-age men, core-age women and men aged 55 and older.

Employment among men aged 25 to 54 rose by 20,000 in October. Following large gains the month before, youth employment fell by 34,000 in October, as losses in part-time work more than offset gains in full time.

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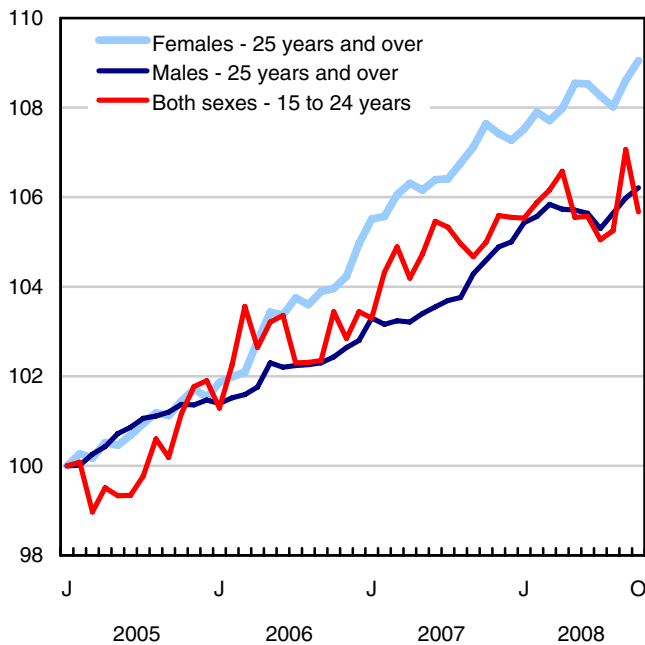
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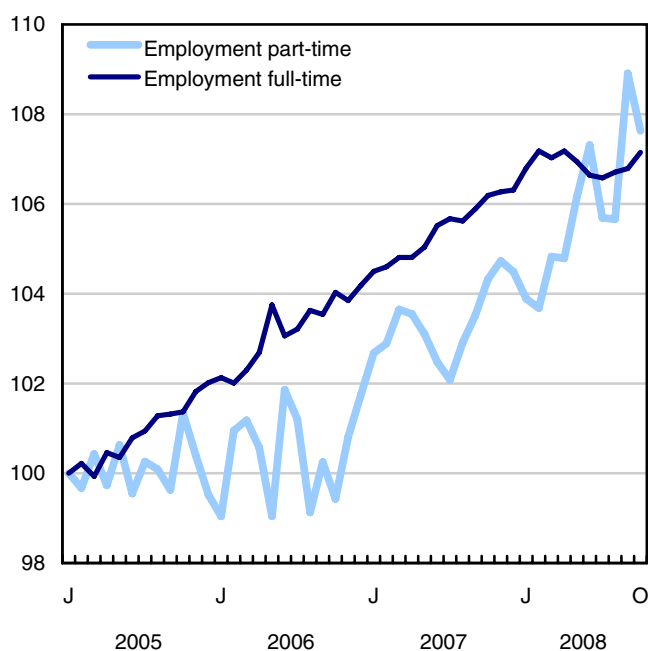
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Employment index, January 2005=100



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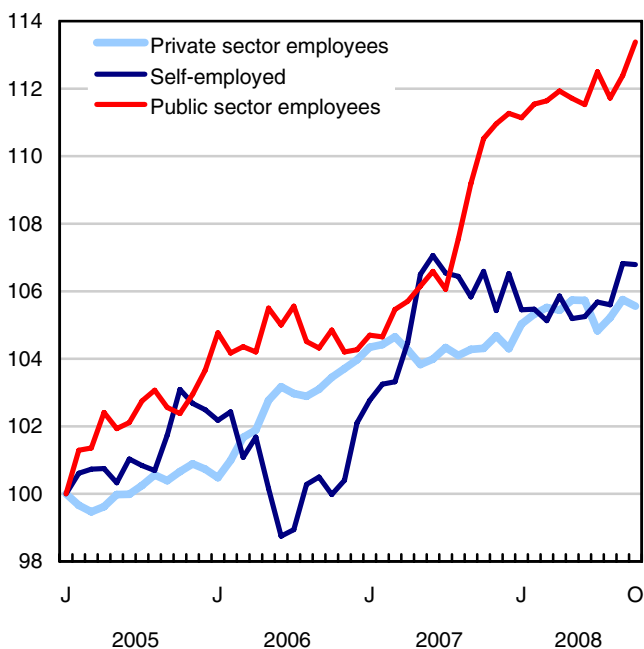
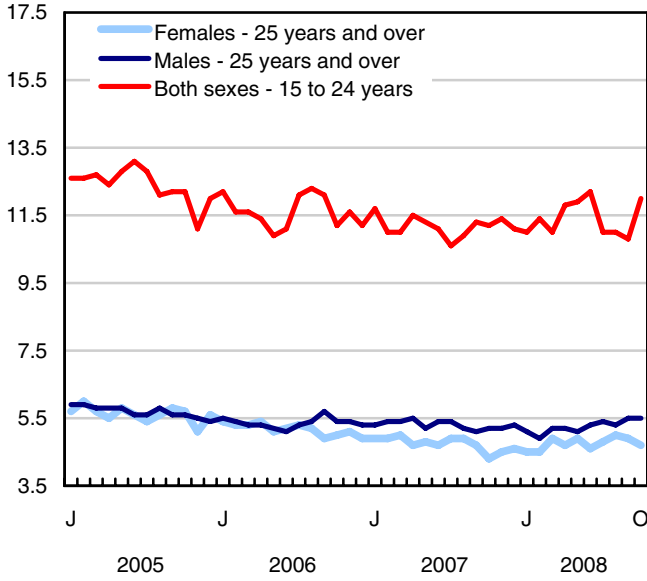
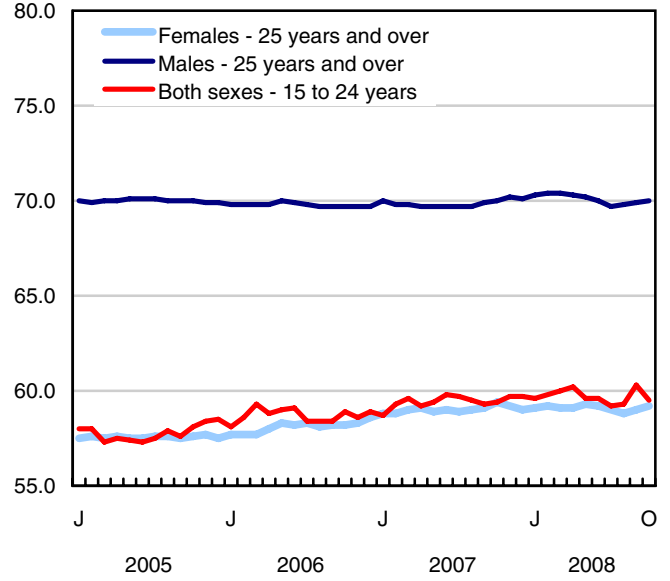


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Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

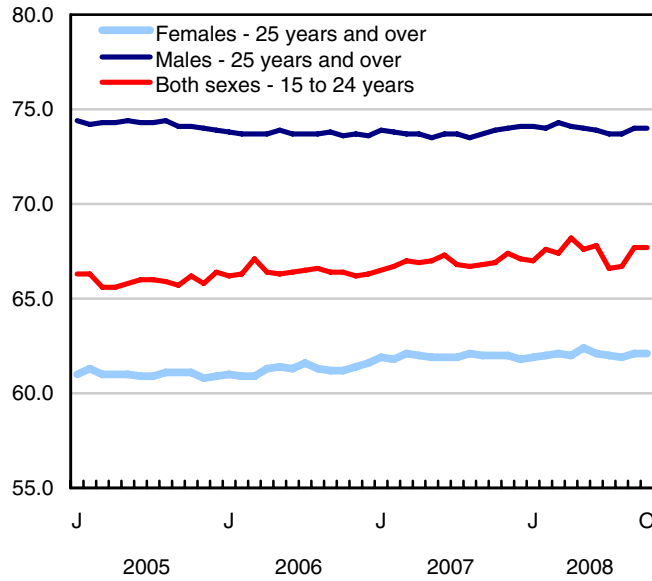


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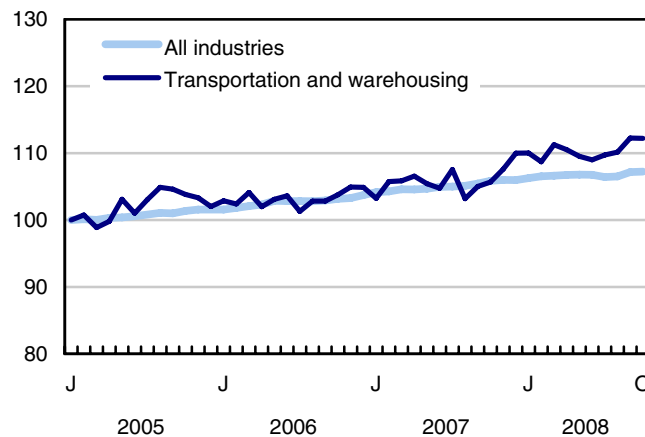
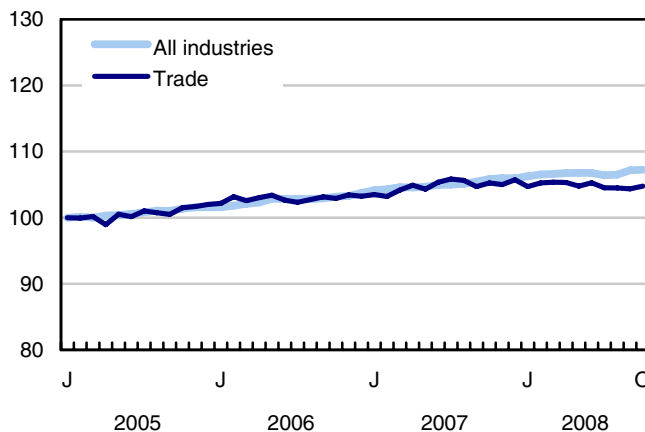
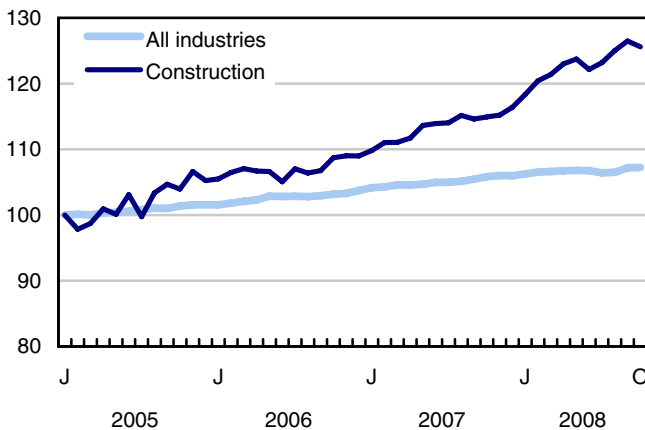
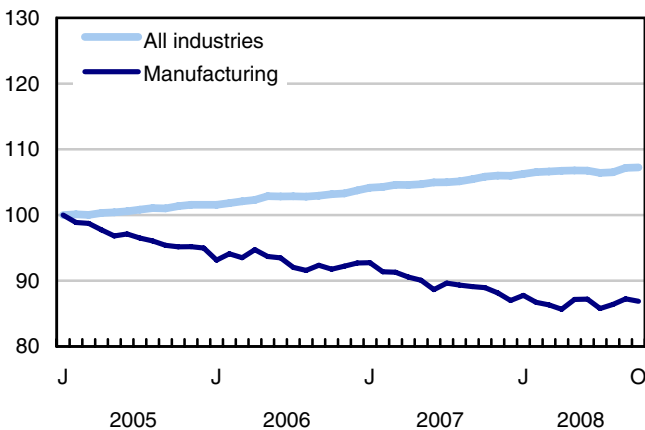
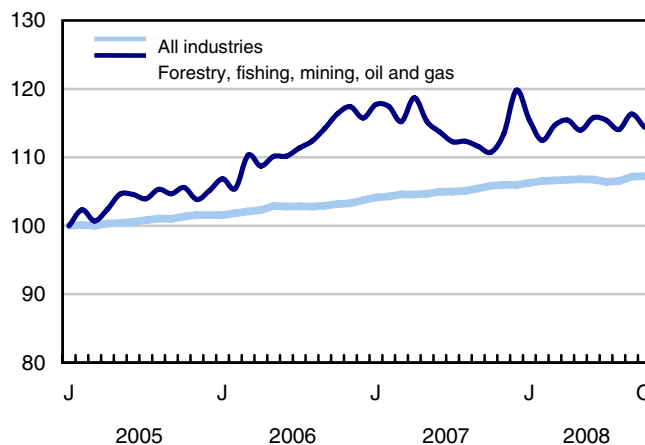
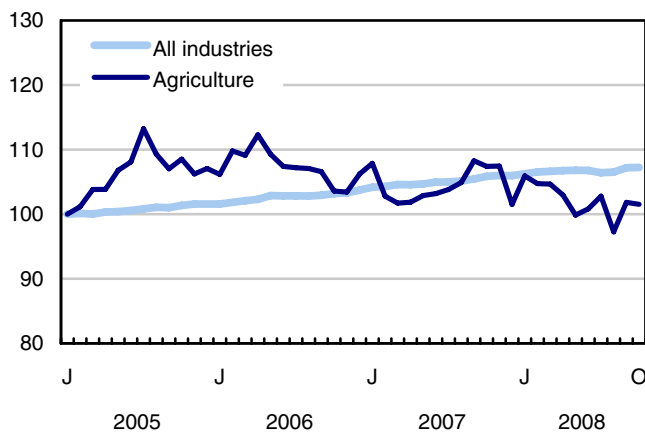


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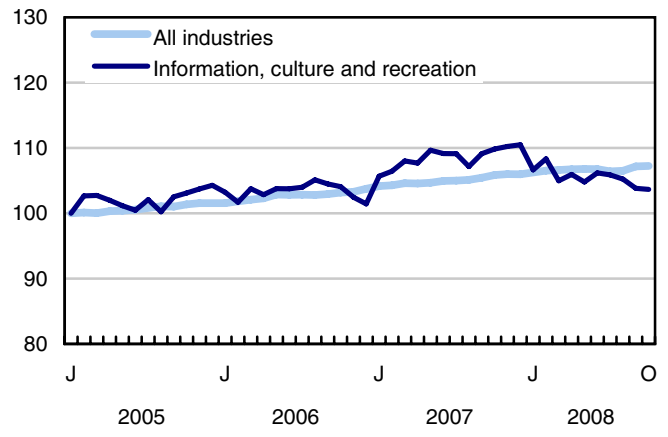
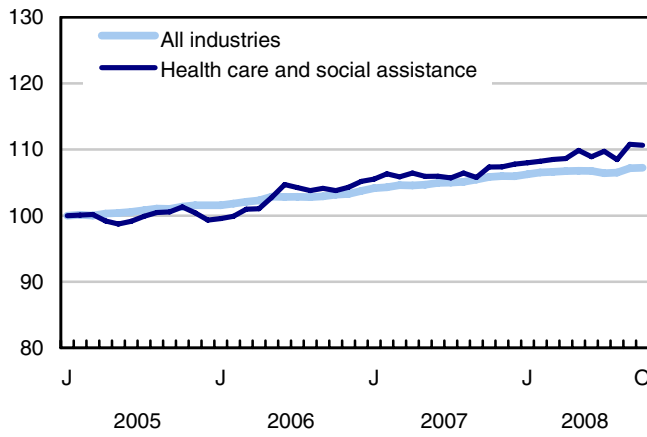
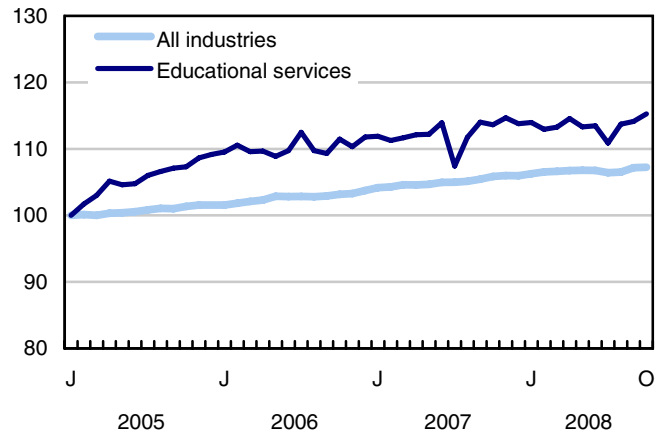
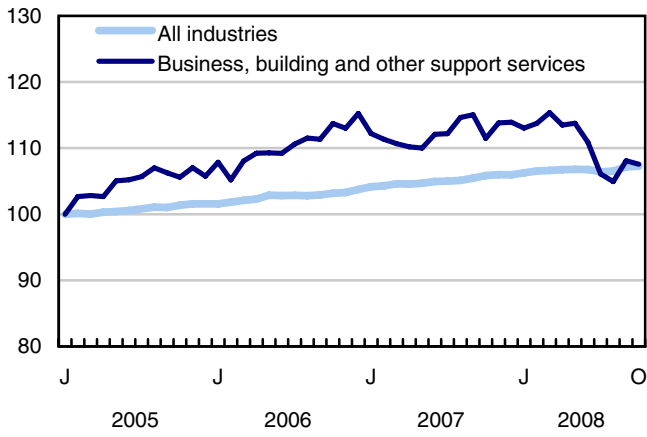
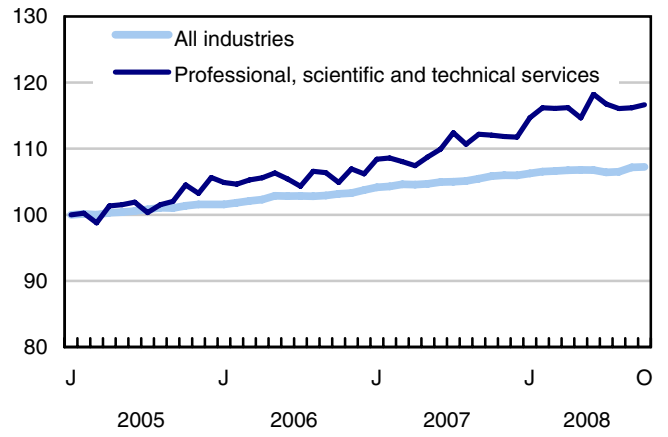
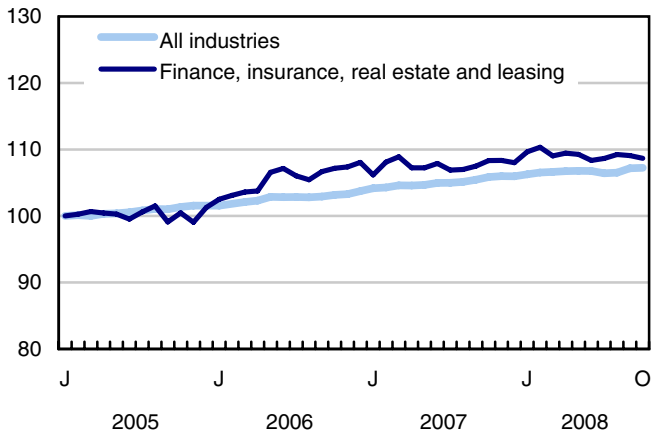


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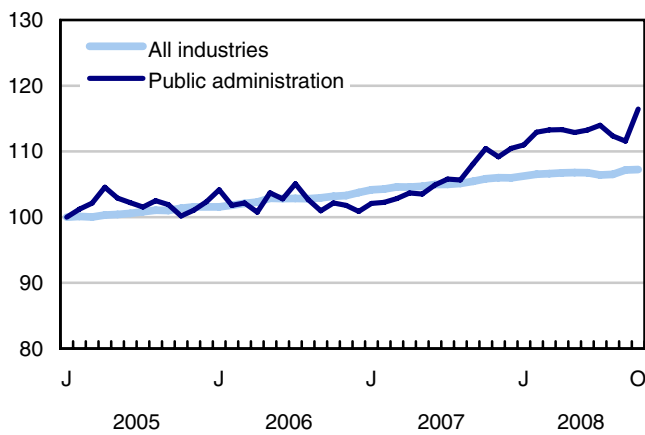
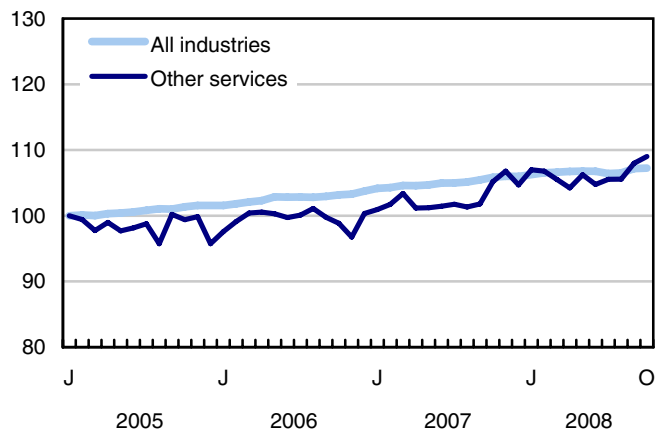
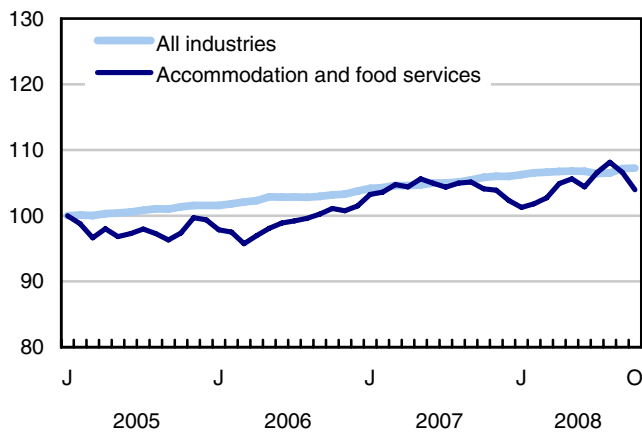


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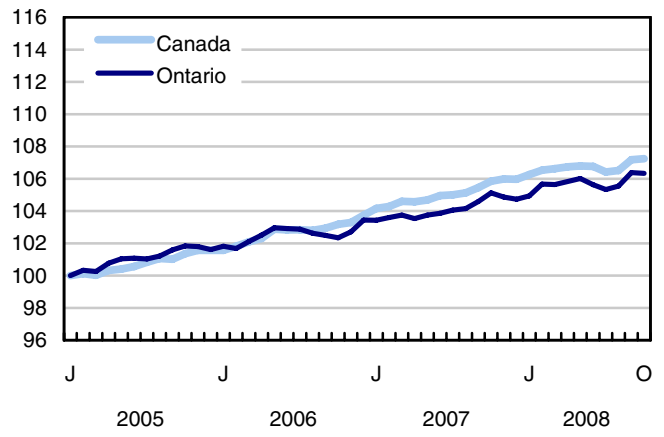
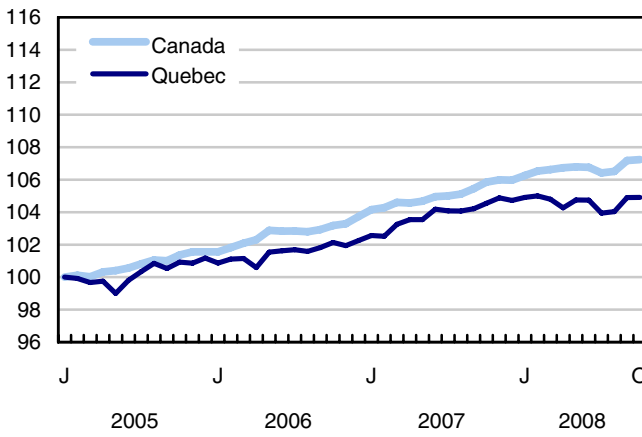
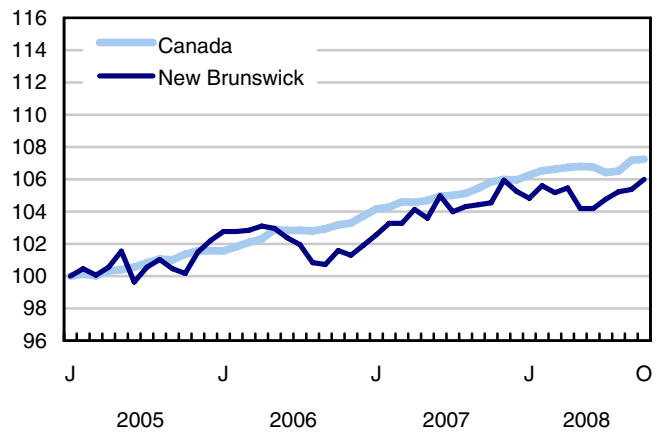
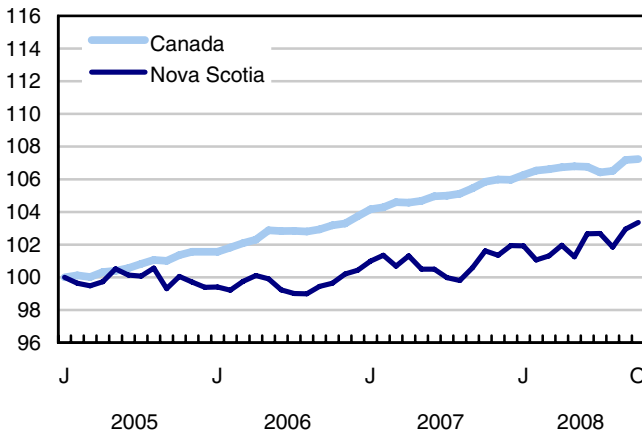
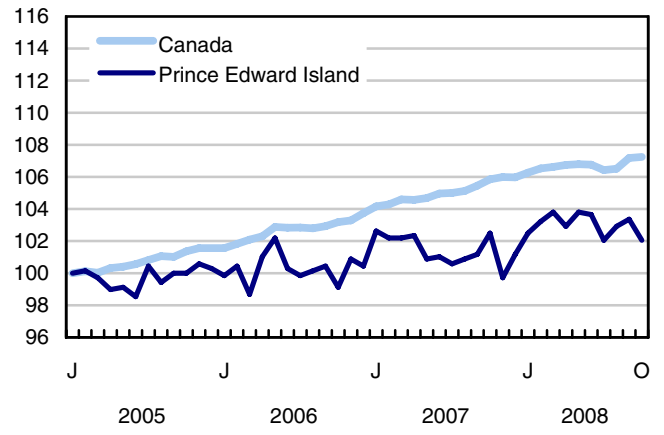
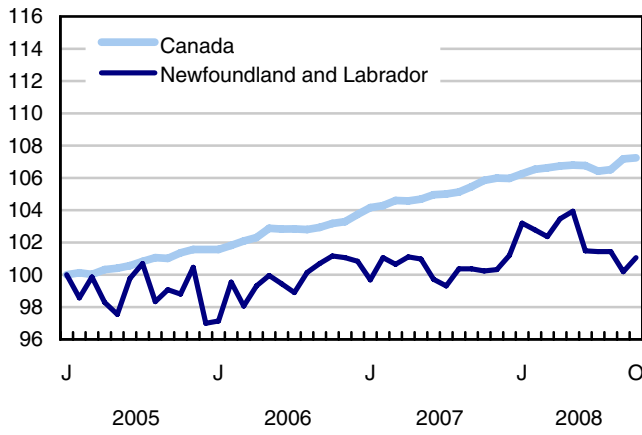
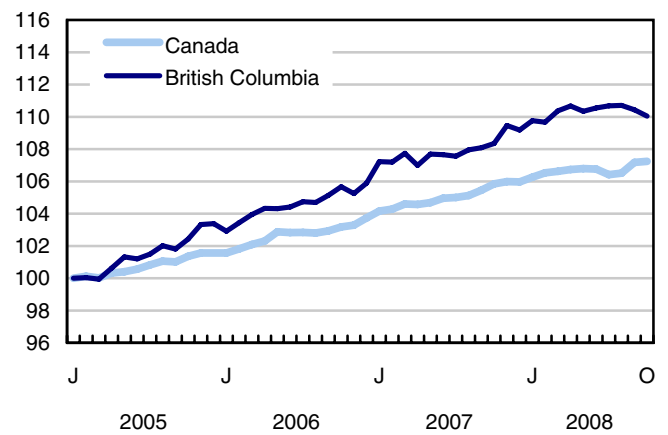
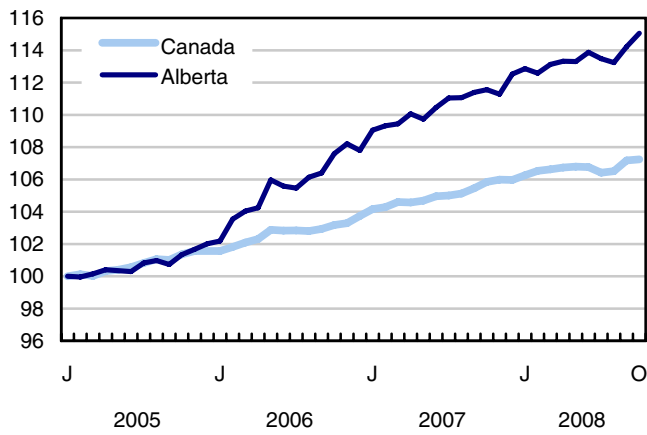
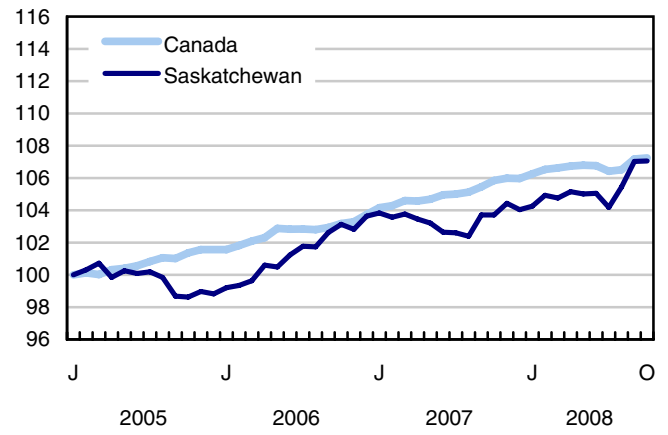
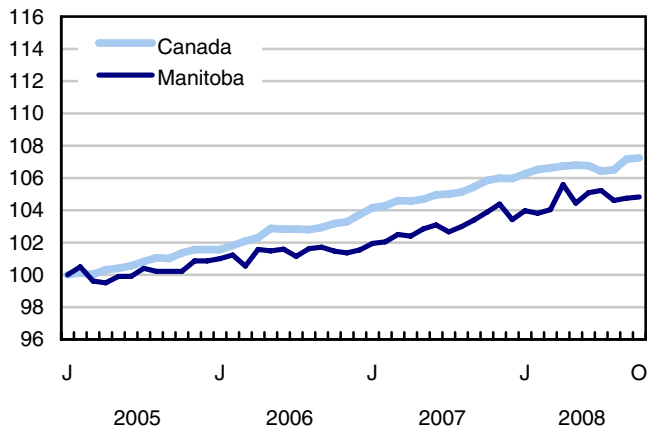


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100



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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	27,012.8	27,044.1	...	31.3	324.6	380.9	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	18,325.6	18,355.5	27.1	29.9	265.3	310.6	0.2	1.5	1.7
Employment	17,206.3	17,215.8	27.7	9.5	203.3	223.3	0.1	1.2	1.3
Employment full-time	13,977.3	14,024.8	36.1	47.5	110.2	125.4	0.3	0.8	0.9
Employment part-time	3,229.0	3,190.9	33.0	-38.1	93.0	97.8	-1.2	3.0	3.2
Unemployment	1,119.3	1,139.7	22.7	20.4	62.1	87.3	1.8	5.8	8.3
Participation rate	67.8	67.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.5	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,380.1	4,381.9	...	1.8	15.1	18.8	0.0	0.3	0.4
Labour force	2,963.8	2,965.4	16.3	1.6	33.8	45.9	0.1	1.2	1.6
Employment	2,643.0	2,608.6	16.0	-34.4	3.1	16.7	-1.3	0.1	0.6
Employment full-time	1,426.6	1,445.6	18.1	19.0	23.7	22.4	1.3	1.7	1.6
Employment part-time	1,216.3	1,163.0	18.9	-53.3	-20.7	-5.7	-4.4	-1.7	-0.5
Unemployment	320.8	356.9	13.5	36.1	30.9	29.2	11.3	9.5	8.9
Participation rate	67.7	67.7	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	12.0	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	59.5	0.4	-0.8	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	44.6	0.6	-1.4	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,061.5	11,076.6	...	15.1	155.9	182.5	0.1	1.4	1.7
Labour force	8,180.6	8,196.5	13.6	15.9	108.4	144.9	0.2	1.3	1.8
Employment	7,732.1	7,748.9	14.9	16.8	88.7	118.2	0.2	1.2	1.5
Employment full-time	7,185.0	7,179.9	19.2	-5.1	14.6	37.6	-0.1	0.2	0.5
Employment part-time	547.1	569.0	15.1	21.9	74.1	80.6	4.0	15.0	16.5
Unemployment	448.5	447.6	13.1	-0.9	19.7	26.7	-0.2	4.6	6.3
Participation rate	74.0	74.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	70.0	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	11,571.1	11,585.6	...	14.5	153.6	179.6	0.1	1.3	1.6
Labour force	7,181.3	7,193.6	15.6	12.3	123.1	119.8	0.2	1.7	1.7
Employment	6,831.2	6,858.3	15.7	27.1	111.5	88.4	0.4	1.7	1.3
Employment full-time	5,365.7	5,399.4	23.5	33.7	72.0	65.5	0.6	1.4	1.2
Employment part-time	1,465.5	1,458.9	21.6	-6.6	39.5	22.8	-0.5	2.8	1.6
Unemployment	350.1	335.3	12.3	-14.8	11.6	31.4	-4.2	3.6	10.3
Participation rate	62.1	62.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.7	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	21.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,447.3	14,455.0	...	7.7	83.3	97.0	0.1	0.6	0.7
Labour force	12,541.9	12,545.7	20.2	3.8	93.5	108.3	0.0	0.8	0.9
Employment	11,891.5	11,914.0	21.8	22.5	86.9	75.1	0.2	0.7	0.6
Unemployment	650.4	631.8	16.7	-18.6	6.7	33.2	-2.9	1.1	5.5
Participation rate	86.8	86.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.3	82.4	0.2	0.1	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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,217.0	7,221.2	...	4.2	43.6	50.7	0.1	0.6	0.7
Labour force	6,592.6	6,604.4	12.8	11.8	37.9	64.7	0.2	0.6	1.0
Employment	6,230.4	6,250.4	14.5	20.0	39.3	63.0	0.3	0.6	1.0
Unemployment	362.2	354.0	12.3	-8.2	-1.4	1.7	-2.3	-0.4	0.5
Participation rate	91.3	91.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	86.3	86.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,230.3	7,233.9	...	3.6	39.8	46.4	0.0	0.6	0.6
Labour force	5,949.3	5,941.3	15.1	-8.0	55.6	43.6	-0.1	0.9	0.7
Employment	5,661.1	5,663.6	15.5	2.5	47.5	12.1	0.0	0.8	0.2
Unemployment	288.2	277.7	11.4	-10.5	8.0	31.5	-3.6	3.0	12.8
Participation rate	82.3	82.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.7	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	8,185.4	8,207.2	...	21.8	226.2	265.1	0.3	2.8	3.3
Labour force	2,819.9	2,844.4	15.4	24.5	138.0	156.4	0.9	5.1	5.8
Employment	2,671.8	2,693.2	15.3	21.4	113.3	131.4	0.8	4.4	5.1
Unemployment	148.1	151.1	7.8	3.0	24.6	24.9	2.0	19.4	19.7
Participation rate	34.5	34.7	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.6	32.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	3,844.5	3,855.4	...	10.9	112.3	131.7	0.3	3.0	3.5
Labour force	1,588.0	1,592.0	10.2	4.0	70.4	80.1	0.3	4.6	5.3
Employment	1,501.8	1,498.5	10.2	-3.3	49.4	55.2	-0.2	3.4	3.8
Unemployment	86.2	93.5	5.6	7.3	21.0	24.9	8.5	29.0	36.3
Participation rate	41.3	41.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.9	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	39.1	38.9	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,340.8	4,351.8	...	11.0	113.8	133.3	0.3	2.7	3.2
Labour force	1,231.9	1,252.3	10.7	20.4	67.5	76.2	1.7	5.7	6.5
Employment	1,170.0	1,194.7	10.6	24.7	64.0	76.2	2.1	5.7	6.8
Unemployment	61.9	57.6	5.3	-4.3	3.6	0.0	-6.9	6.7	0.0
Participation rate	28.4	28.8	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.6	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.0	27.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.0	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
Class of worker									
Employees	14,556.2	14,566.2	32.6	10.0	196.4	218.3	0.1	1.4	1.5
Self-employed ²	2,650.1	2,649.5	21.7	-0.6	6.8	5.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,434.8	3,464.9	21.2	30.1	64.4	87.3	0.9	1.9	2.6
Private sector employees	11,121.4	11,101.3	33.7	-20.1	132.0	130.9	-0.2	1.2	1.2
Industry	17,206.3	17,215.8	27.7	9.5	203.3	223.3	0.1	1.2	1.3
Goods-producing sector	4,076.6	4,049.8	23.5	-26.8	81.1	53.4	-0.7	2.0	1.3
Agriculture	328.6	327.6	7.1	-1.0	0.0	-19.0	-0.3	0.0	-5.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	344.1	338.4	6.7	-5.7	-16.0	10.8	-1.7	-4.5	3.3
Utilities	151.5	148.6	4.3	-2.9	7.8	2.0	-1.9	5.5	1.4
Construction	1,264.2	1,255.4	14.3	-8.8	92.0	106.6	-0.7	7.9	9.3
Manufacturing	1,988.2	1,979.6	17.9	-8.6	-2.9	-47.3	-0.4	-0.1	-2.3
Services-producing sector	13,129.7	13,166.0	31.3	36.3	122.2	169.9	0.3	0.9	1.3
Trade	2,671.0	2,681.4	20.7	10.4	-25.0	-12.7	0.4	-0.9	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	872.4	872.2	12.2	-0.2	17.3	50.9	0.0	2.0	6.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,074.8	1,070.8	13.5	-4.0	6.5	3.5	-0.4	0.6	0.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,199.2	1,203.8	14.9	4.6	50.5	47.4	0.4	4.4	4.1
Business, building and other support services	675.7	672.4	12.7	-3.3	-39.8	-24.4	-0.5	-5.6	-3.5
Educational services	1,200.0	1,211.8	14.2	11.8	15.5	17.2	1.0	1.3	1.4
Health care and social assistance	1,922.8	1,920.6	15.4	-2.2	50.0	57.5	-0.1	2.7	3.1
Information, culture and recreation	747.9	746.8	12.5	-1.1	-49.1	-44.4	-0.1	-6.2	-5.6
Accommodation and food services	1,093.2	1,066.2	14.5	-27.0	16.8	-1.3	-2.5	1.6	-0.1
Other services	760.4	767.8	11.4	7.4	30.5	27.0	1.0	4.1	3.6
Public administration	912.4	952.2	10.8	39.8	49.0	49.1	4.4	5.4	5.4

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

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0088, 282-0089.

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	426.8	427.2	...	0.4	2.7	3.6	0.1	0.6	0.8
Labour force	249.8	253.1	2.2	3.3	2.9	2.2	1.3	1.2	0.9
Employment	216.6	218.5	2.3	1.9	-0.3	1.8	0.9	-0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	187.9	185.5	2.6	-2.4	-3.1	-1.9	-1.3	-1.6	-1.0
Employment part-time	28.7	33.0	1.9	4.3	2.8	3.7	15.0	9.3	12.6
Unemployment	33.2	34.6	2.1	1.4	3.2	0.4	4.2	10.2	1.2
Participation rate	58.5	59.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	13.7	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.7	51.1	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	115.2	115.3	...	0.1	1.5	1.6	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	79.8	78.9	0.6	-0.9	1.4	2.0	-1.1	1.8	2.6
Employment	70.7	69.8	0.7	-0.9	0.6	-0.3	-1.3	0.9	-0.4
Employment full-time	58.9	57.8	0.8	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	-1.9	-0.2	0.0
Employment part-time	11.8	12.0	0.7	0.2	0.7	-0.3	1.7	6.2	-2.4
Unemployment	9.1	9.1	0.6	0.0	0.8	2.3	0.0	9.6	33.8
Participation rate	69.3	68.4	0.5	-0.9	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	11.5	0.8	0.1	0.8	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	770.0	770.2	...	0.2	4.4	5.2	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	494.4	495.8	2.8	1.4	5.6	7.6	0.3	1.1	1.6
Employment	456.8	458.6	2.9	1.8	6.3	7.7	0.4	1.4	1.7
Employment full-time	374.1	373.6	3.7	-0.5	6.9	9.0	-0.1	1.9	2.5
Employment part-time	82.7	84.9	3.1	2.2	-0.7	-1.4	2.7	-0.8	-1.6
Unemployment	37.6	37.2	2.6	-0.4	-0.8	-0.1	-1.1	-2.1	-0.3
Participation rate	64.2	64.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	619.0	619.3	...	0.3	4.0	4.8	0.0	0.7	0.8
Labour force	399.0	405.0	2.4	6.0	7.2	10.8	1.5	1.8	2.7
Employment	367.0	369.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	5.1	0.6	0.7	1.4
Employment full-time	307.6	309.8	3.0	2.2	-1.3	2.6	0.7	-0.4	0.8
Employment part-time	59.4	59.5	2.4	0.1	4.0	2.6	0.2	7.2	4.6
Unemployment	32.0	35.7	2.2	3.7	4.5	5.5	11.6	14.4	18.2
Participation rate	64.5	65.4	0.4	0.9	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.8	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,385.4	6,390.7	...	5.3	50.5	60.4	0.1	0.8	1.0
Labour force	4,197.0	4,192.9	14.3	-4.1	18.1	23.8	-0.1	0.4	0.6
Employment	3,890.8	3,891.3	14.7	0.5	7.0	13.5	0.0	0.2	0.3
Employment full-time	3,151.9	3,142.2	19.3	-9.7	-7.0	-18.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6
Employment part-time	739.0	749.1	17.5	10.1	14.0	31.7	1.4	1.9	4.4
Unemployment	306.2	301.5	12.8	-4.7	11.0	10.3	-1.5	3.8	3.5
Participation rate	65.7	65.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.4

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Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Ontario									
Population	10,546.7	10,560.1	...	13.4	133.7	156.2	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	7,192.7	7,203.4	18.4	10.7	108.2	115.8	0.1	1.5	1.6
Employment	6,735.0	6,732.1	18.8	-2.9	101.2	76.5	0.0	1.5	1.1
Employment full-time	5,446.0	5,472.9	23.8	26.9	27.3	27.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Employment part-time	1,289.0	1,259.2	21.8	-29.8	73.9	48.9	-2.3	6.2	4.0
Unemployment	457.7	471.4	15.7	13.7	7.1	39.3	3.0	1.5	9.1
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.8	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	912.3	913.1	...	0.8	9.9	11.6	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	635.9	634.6	2.7	-1.3	9.3	7.1	-0.2	1.5	1.1
Employment	606.8	607.2	2.7	0.4	8.1	5.4	0.1	1.4	0.9
Employment full-time	488.8	494.8	3.9	6.0	6.8	8.4	1.2	1.4	1.7
Employment part-time	118.0	112.4	3.6	-5.6	1.3	-3.0	-4.7	1.2	-2.6
Unemployment	29.0	27.4	2.2	-1.6	1.2	1.7	-5.5	4.6	6.6
Participation rate	69.7	69.5	0.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	770.7	772.1	...	1.4	14.1	17.0	0.2	1.9	2.3
Labour force	541.4	540.8	2.3	-0.6	14.9	15.1	-0.1	2.8	2.9
Employment	519.2	519.3	2.4	0.1	14.6	16.2	0.0	2.9	3.2
Employment full-time	426.3	426.0	3.2	-0.3	13.3	10.1	-0.1	3.2	2.4
Employment part-time	92.9	93.3	2.9	0.4	1.4	6.1	0.4	1.5	7.0
Unemployment	22.2	21.5	1.8	-0.7	0.3	-1.1	-3.2	1.4	-4.9
Participation rate	70.2	70.0	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.3	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,808.2	2,812.3	...	4.1	42.8	48.2	0.1	1.5	1.7
Labour force	2,104.6	2,116.9	8.1	12.3	57.1	71.4	0.6	2.8	3.5
Employment	2,023.9	2,038.6	8.3	14.7	44.8	61.7	0.7	2.2	3.1
Employment full-time	1,689.4	1,706.5	11.1	17.1	28.6	51.2	1.0	1.7	3.1
Employment part-time	334.6	332.1	10.0	-2.5	16.2	10.5	-0.7	5.1	3.3
Unemployment	80.7	78.3	5.9	-2.4	12.3	9.7	-3.0	18.6	14.1
Participation rate	74.9	75.3	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.7	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	72.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,658.6	3,663.9	...	5.3	61.2	72.5	0.1	1.7	2.0
Labour force	2,431.1	2,434.2	9.6	3.1	40.7	54.8	0.1	1.7	2.3
Employment	2,319.4	2,311.1	9.6	-8.3	18.2	35.6	-0.4	0.8	1.6
Employment full-time	1,846.3	1,855.7	13.7	9.4	39.2	36.5	0.5	2.2	2.0
Employment part-time	473.1	455.5	12.8	-17.6	-21.0	-0.9	-3.7	-4.4	-0.2
Unemployment	111.7	123.0	6.9	11.3	22.4	19.1	10.1	22.3	18.4
Participation rate	66.4	66.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.1	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	426.8	427.2	...	0.4	2.7	3.6	0.1	0.6	0.8
Labour force	249.8	253.1	2.2	3.3	2.9	2.2	1.3	1.2	0.9
Employment	216.6	218.5	2.3	1.9	-0.3	1.8	0.9	-0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	187.9	185.5	2.6	-2.4	-3.1	-1.9	-1.3	-1.6	-1.0
Unemployment	33.2	34.6	2.1	1.4	3.2	0.4	4.2	10.2	1.2
Participation rate	58.5	59.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	13.7	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.7	51.1	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.3	15.1	0.8	1.9	1.3	1.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	62.2	62.1	...	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-0.2	-1.3	-1.4
Labour force	34.4	35.4	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.9	6.0	3.2
Employment	27.9	28.6	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	2.5	5.1	3.2
Unemployment	6.5	6.9	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.3	6.2	11.3	4.5
Participation rate	55.3	57.0	1.8	1.7	3.9	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.9	19.5	2.7	0.6	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	44.9	46.1	1.7	1.2	2.9	2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.5	45.5	3.6	5.0	5.7	10.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	175.9	176.1	...	0.2	1.3	1.7	0.1	0.7	1.0
Labour force	113.9	115.7	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.5
Employment	97.7	98.2	1.3	0.5	-3.3	-0.3	0.5	-3.3	-0.3
Unemployment	16.2	17.5	1.3	1.3	4.6	2.0	8.0	35.7	12.9
Participation rate	64.8	65.7	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	15.1	1.1	0.9	3.8	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	55.8	0.8	0.3	-2.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.9	6.0	0.8	2.1	1.7	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	188.7	188.9	...	0.2	2.2	2.7	0.1	1.2	1.5
Labour force	101.5	101.9	1.2	0.4	-0.5	-0.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.7
Employment	91.0	91.7	1.2	0.7	1.6	1.1	0.8	1.8	1.2
Unemployment	10.5	10.2	1.2	-0.3	-2.1	-1.8	-2.9	-17.1	-15.0
Participation rate	53.8	53.9	0.6	0.1	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.0	1.1	-0.3	-2.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.2	48.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.1	15.4	1.4	0.3	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	216.6	218.5	2.3	1.9	-0.3	1.8	0.9	-0.1	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.5	66.7	-64.3	-50.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.3	15.5	1.0	-1.8	-1.5	-0.8	-10.4	-8.8	-4.9
Utilities	1.9	1.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-10.5	-10.5	-22.7
Construction	15.5	16.5	1.0	1.0	2.3	3.1	6.5	16.2	23.1
Manufacturing	13.3	11.9	1.1	-1.4	-3.3	-4.3	-10.5	-21.7	-26.5
Services-producing sector									
	168.3	172.4	2.1	4.1	3.2	4.9	2.4	1.9	2.9
Trade	34.0	34.4	1.3	0.4	-2.1	-0.2	1.2	-5.8	-0.6
Transportation and warehousing	9.9	10.3	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.8	4.0	2.0	8.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.0	7.6	0.6	0.6	-0.7	0.2	8.6	-8.4	2.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.9	7.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-5.1	-5.1	-7.4
Business, building and other support services	7.6	8.2	0.8	0.6	-0.8	-1.1	7.9	-8.9	-11.8
Educational services	17.1	17.1	0.8	0.0	1.8	1.7	0.0	11.8	11.0
Health care and social assistance	31.8	34.4	1.0	2.6	2.0	1.3	8.2	6.2	3.9
Information, culture and recreation	8.3	8.2	0.7	-0.1	-1.1	0.3	-1.2	-11.8	3.8
Accommodation and food services	13.0	12.9	1.0	-0.1	-2.3	-2.8	-0.8	-15.1	-17.8
Other services	12.5	13.0	0.7	0.5	4.1	3.9	4.0	46.1	42.9
Public administration	19.1	18.7	0.9	-0.4	2.5	1.4	-2.1	15.4	8.1

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	115.2	115.3	...	0.1	1.5	1.6	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	79.8	78.9	0.6	-0.9	1.4	2.0	-1.1	1.8	2.6
Employment	70.7	69.8	0.7	-0.9	0.6	-0.3	-1.3	0.9	-0.4
Employment full-time	58.9	57.8	0.8	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	-1.9	-0.2	0.0
Unemployment	9.1	9.1	0.6	0.0	0.8	2.3	0.0	9.6	33.8
Participation rate	69.3	68.4	0.5	-0.9	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	11.5	0.8	0.1	0.8	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	17.2	0.9	0.5	0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.8	19.8	...	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.0
Labour force	14.3	14.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	2.1	1.4
Employment	11.8	11.8	0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.6	0.0	1.7	-4.8
Unemployment	2.5	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	4.2	47.1
Participation rate	72.2	72.2	1.9	0.0	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.5	17.5	2.3	0.0	0.4	5.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.6	1.9	0.0	0.4	-3.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.5	42.4	3.2	0.8	1.9	-2.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.9	46.0	...	0.1	0.9	1.1	0.2	2.0	2.4
Labour force	33.1	32.7	0.3	-0.4	0.5	1.0	-1.2	1.6	3.2
Employment	29.2	28.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7	-1.0
Unemployment	3.9	3.8	0.4	-0.1	0.7	1.4	-2.6	22.6	58.3
Participation rate	72.1	71.1	0.7	-1.0	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	11.6	1.1	-0.2	2.0	4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	62.8	0.8	-0.8	-1.7	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	6.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	49.5	49.5	...	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.8
Labour force	32.4	31.9	0.3	-0.5	0.6	0.7	-1.5	1.9	2.2
Employment	29.7	29.1	0.4	-0.6	0.6	0.6	-2.0	2.1	2.1
Unemployment	2.7	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.7	0.0	3.7
Participation rate	65.5	64.4	0.7	-1.1	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.8	1.0	0.5	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	58.8	0.8	-1.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	17.5	1.4	0.0	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	70.7	69.8	0.7	-0.9	0.6	-0.3	-1.3	0.9	-0.4
Agriculture	17.3	17.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.6	-2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.2	3.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-6.2	-9.1	-9.1
Utilities	2.9	2.7	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-6.9	12.5	0.0
Construction	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-33.3	0.0
Manufacturing	5.2	5.2	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	13.0	6.1
Manufacturing	5.7	6.1	0.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	7.0	-9.0	-7.6
Services-producing sector	53.5	52.5	0.7	-1.0	0.5	0.2	-1.9	1.0	0.4
Trade	10.9	10.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-3.7	-1.9	-1.9
Transportation and warehousing	2.6	2.4	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-7.7	0.0	-4.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.6	2.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-3.8	-13.8	-16.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.5	2.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	8.7	8.7
Business, building and other support services	2.6	2.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-7.1	-3.7
Educational services	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-3.9	4.3	-2.0
Health care and social assistance	8.6	8.6	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	4.9	4.9
Information, culture and recreation	2.2	2.5	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	13.6	-3.8	-3.8
Accommodation and food services	5.5	5.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-3.6	-1.9	-5.4
Other services	2.8	2.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-3.6	-10.0	-15.6
Public administration	8.1	8.1	0.3	0.0	1.1	1.5	0.0	15.7	22.7

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	770.0	770.2	...	0.2	4.4	5.2	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	494.4	495.8	2.8	1.4	5.6	7.6	0.3	1.1	1.6
Employment	456.8	458.6	2.9	1.8	6.3	7.7	0.4	1.4	1.7
Employment full-time	374.1	373.6	3.7	-0.5	6.9	9.0	-0.1	1.9	2.5
Unemployment	37.6	37.2	2.6	-0.4	-0.8	-0.1	-1.1	-2.1	-0.3
Participation rate	64.2	64.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.5	0.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	121.2	120.9	...	-0.3	-1.1	-1.3	-0.2	-0.9	-1.1
Labour force	82.0	83.2	1.7	1.2	-0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.1	0.1
Employment	70.5	71.1	1.7	0.6	0.2	-2.9	0.9	0.3	-3.9
Unemployment	11.5	12.1	1.5	0.6	-0.3	3.1	5.2	-2.4	34.4
Participation rate	67.7	68.8	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	14.5	1.7	0.5	-0.4	3.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.8	1.4	0.6	0.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.9	43.6	2.5	-4.3	-1.8	-2.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	309.3	309.5	...	0.2	2.3	2.8	0.1	0.7	0.9
Labour force	213.3	212.1	1.5	-1.2	1.4	1.8	-0.6	0.7	0.9
Employment	197.3	196.6	1.7	-0.7	0.6	2.4	-0.4	0.3	1.2
Unemployment	16.0	15.5	1.6	-0.5	0.8	-0.7	-3.1	5.4	-4.3
Participation rate	69.0	68.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.3	0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	7.9	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	339.5	339.7	...	0.2	3.0	3.6	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	199.1	200.5	1.5	1.4	4.3	5.7	0.7	2.2	2.9
Employment	189.0	190.8	1.5	1.8	5.4	8.1	1.0	2.9	4.4
Unemployment	10.1	9.7	1.3	-0.4	-1.2	-2.3	-4.0	-11.0	-19.2
Participation rate	58.6	59.0	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.8	0.7	-0.3	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	56.2	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	20.2	1.0	2.1	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
	456.8	458.6	2.9	1.8	6.3	7.7	0.4	1.4	1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	6.1	6.4	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.1	4.9	12.3	20.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.7	13.3	1.0	0.6	-0.4	2.6	4.7	-2.9	24.3
Utilities	3.2	2.8	0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.7	-12.5	7.7	33.3
Construction	31.3	29.6	1.5	-1.7	1.6	1.3	-5.4	5.7	4.6
Manufacturing	39.8	38.8	1.5	-1.0	-3.2	-2.9	-2.5	-7.6	-7.0
Services-producing sector									
	363.6	367.6	3.0	4.0	7.3	4.9	1.1	2.0	1.4
Trade	82.2	80.8	1.9	-1.4	5.9	4.3	-1.7	7.9	5.6
Transportation and warehousing	18.0	18.7	1.0	0.7	-0.7	-0.6	3.9	-3.6	-3.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.7	21.9	1.0	-0.8	0.4	-0.8	-3.5	1.9	-3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.4	23.1	1.0	-0.3	4.3	4.9	-1.3	22.9	26.9
Business, building and other support services	22.4	23.5	1.4	1.1	-7.6	-5.5	4.9	-24.4	-19.0
Educational services	34.0	34.7	1.4	0.7	0.3	-0.7	2.1	0.9	-2.0
Health care and social assistance	62.3	61.0	1.6	-1.3	-0.4	-2.4	-2.1	-0.7	-3.8
Information, culture and recreation	18.4	19.2	1.1	0.8	-2.0	-1.9	4.3	-9.4	-9.0
Accommodation and food services	29.5	31.1	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.2	5.4	7.6	7.6
Other services	20.1	20.4	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.5	1.5	6.8	2.5
Public administration	30.6	33.2	1.1	2.6	3.5	4.9	8.5	11.8	17.3

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	619.0	619.3	...	0.3	4.0	4.8	0.0	0.7	0.8
Labour force	399.0	405.0	2.4	6.0	7.2	10.8	1.5	1.8	2.7
Employment	367.0	369.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	5.1	0.6	0.7	1.4
Employment full-time	307.6	309.8	3.0	2.2	-1.3	2.6	0.7	-0.4	0.8
Unemployment	32.0	35.7	2.2	3.7	4.5	5.5	11.6	14.4	18.2
Participation rate	64.5	65.4	0.4	0.9	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.8	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.2	16.1	0.6	-0.1	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	94.6	94.5	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	64.9	66.2	1.3	1.3	3.7	3.0	2.0	5.9	4.7
Employment	55.7	55.9	1.3	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.4	1.5	2.2
Unemployment	9.2	10.3	1.1	1.1	2.9	1.8	12.0	39.2	21.2
Participation rate	68.6	70.1	1.4	1.5	4.2	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	15.6	1.7	1.4	3.8	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.2	1.4	0.3	1.1	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	44.0	2.5	-1.2	4.1	3.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	253.2	253.4	...	0.2	1.8	2.2	0.1	0.7	0.9
Labour force	175.3	176.8	1.3	1.5	0.6	4.3	0.9	0.3	2.5
Employment	159.7	160.4	1.4	0.7	-0.9	1.4	0.4	-0.6	0.9
Unemployment	15.6	16.4	1.4	0.8	1.5	2.9	5.1	10.1	21.5
Participation rate	69.2	69.8	0.5	0.6	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.3	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.3	0.6	0.2	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.2	0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	271.2	271.4	...	0.2	2.5	3.0	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	158.8	162.0	1.2	3.2	3.0	3.5	2.0	1.9	2.2
Employment	151.6	153.0	1.3	1.4	2.8	2.7	0.9	1.9	1.8
Unemployment	7.2	9.0	1.1	1.8	0.1	0.8	25.0	1.1	9.8
Participation rate	58.6	59.7	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.6	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	17.4	1.1	0.7	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	367.0	369.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	5.1	0.6	0.7	1.4
Agriculture	83.6	84.2	2.0	0.6	0.5	1.7	0.7	0.6	2.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.9	6.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4	5.1	1.6	6.9
Utilities	12.7	11.5	0.9	-1.2	-0.1	0.0	-9.4	-0.9	0.0
Construction	5.1	4.9	0.4	-0.2	0.9	1.1	-3.9	22.5	28.9
Manufacturing	21.8	25.1	1.2	3.3	-0.2	0.9	15.1	-0.8	3.7
Services-producing sector	38.1	36.6	1.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.6	-3.9	-0.3	-1.6
Trade	283.4	285.0	2.4	1.6	2.1	3.4	0.6	0.7	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	59.0	57.5	1.6	-1.5	0.6	-0.9	-2.5	1.1	-1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.0	21.8	1.0	-0.2	1.8	2.9	-0.9	9.0	15.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.5	15.8	0.8	-0.7	-1.3	-0.2	-4.2	-7.6	-1.2
Business, building and other support services	15.7	17.5	0.9	1.8	-0.6	1.2	11.5	-3.3	7.4
Educational services	19.0	19.6	1.1	0.6	0.2	-0.7	3.2	1.0	-3.4
Health care and social assistance	26.0	26.3	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.2	2.3	1.9
Information, culture and recreation	51.6	51.3	1.3	-0.3	1.5	2.2	-0.6	3.0	4.5
Accommodation and food services	10.3	10.7	0.9	0.4	-1.3	-3.5	3.9	-10.8	-24.6
Other services	22.0	21.3	1.1	-0.7	-1.9	-0.5	-3.2	-8.2	-2.3
Public administration	15.0	14.6	0.9	-0.4	-3.0	-4.2	-2.7	-17.0	-22.3
Public administration	26.5	28.6	0.9	2.1	5.3	6.7	7.9	22.7	30.6

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

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

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,385.4	6,390.7	...	5.3	50.5	60.4	0.1	0.8	1.0
Labour force	4,197.0	4,192.9	14.3	-4.1	18.1	23.8	-0.1	0.4	0.6
Employment	3,890.8	3,891.3	14.7	0.5	7.0	13.5	0.0	0.2	0.3
Employment full-time	3,151.9	3,142.2	19.3	-9.7	-7.0	-18.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6
Unemployment	306.2	301.5	12.8	-4.7	11.0	10.3	-1.5	3.8	3.5
Participation rate	65.7	65.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	960.2	960.7	...	0.5	3.8	4.9	0.1	0.4	0.5
Labour force	655.2	649.7	8.1	-5.5	9.7	10.4	-0.8	1.5	1.6
Employment	579.5	575.1	8.0	-4.4	10.3	19.5	-0.8	1.8	3.5
Unemployment	75.6	74.6	7.1	-1.0	-0.6	-9.2	-1.3	-0.8	-11.0
Participation rate	68.2	67.6	0.8	-0.6	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	11.5	1.0	0.0	-0.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	59.9	0.8	-0.5	0.9	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.4	51.3	1.5	0.9	3.3	1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,650.8	2,653.2	...	2.4	23.4	27.7	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	1,873.6	1,876.1	7.7	2.5	-6.6	6.0	0.1	-0.4	0.3
Employment	1,734.3	1,733.4	8.4	-0.9	-16.3	-10.1	-0.1	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment	139.3	142.7	7.8	3.4	9.7	16.1	2.4	7.3	12.7
Participation rate	70.7	70.7	0.3	0.0	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.3	0.3	-0.1	-1.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	7.7	0.5	-0.1	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,774.4	2,776.8	...	2.4	23.3	27.7	0.1	0.8	1.0
Labour force	1,668.2	1,667.0	8.0	-1.2	14.9	7.3	-0.1	0.9	0.4
Employment	1,577.0	1,582.8	8.3	5.8	13.0	4.0	0.4	0.8	0.3
Unemployment	91.2	84.2	6.8	-7.0	1.9	3.3	-7.7	2.3	4.1
Participation rate	60.1	60.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.1	0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.8	20.2	0.7	0.5	-1.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	3,890.8	3,891.3	14.7	0.5	7.0	13.5	0.0	0.2	0.3
Agriculture	893.5	885.8	11.9	-7.7	6.2	4.6	-0.9	0.7	0.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	57.8	56.5	3.5	-1.3	-14.4	-14.6	-2.2	-20.3	-20.5
Utilities	30.9	33.8	2.3	2.9	-1.2	-0.6	9.4	-3.4	-1.7
Construction	32.0	30.9	2.3	-1.1	-0.8	-5.7	-3.4	-2.5	-15.6
Manufacturing	223.6	222.5	6.4	-1.1	12.9	20.1	-0.5	6.2	9.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	549.1	542.1	9.6	-7.0	9.8	5.4	-1.3	1.8	1.0
Business, building and other support services	2,997.4	3,005.5	16.1	8.1	0.8	8.9	0.3	0.0	0.3
Trade	619.7	635.0	11.0	15.3	-6.4	-5.5	2.5	-1.0	-0.9
Transportation and warehousing	181.8	181.3	6.2	-0.5	-7.3	-2.8	-0.3	-3.9	-1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	233.7	228.2	6.6	-5.5	-5.3	-7.7	-2.4	-2.3	-3.3
Educational services	262.0	263.4	7.8	1.4	-3.5	3.3	0.5	-1.3	1.3
Health care and social assistance	138.5	131.4	6.0	-7.1	-3.5	-7.0	-5.1	-2.6	-5.1
Information, culture and recreation	258.2	252.1	7.1	-6.1	-10.6	-4.5	-2.4	-4.0	-1.8
Accommodation and food services	478.3	478.7	8.1	0.4	17.7	23.4	0.1	3.8	5.1
Other services	176.4	182.9	6.4	6.5	18.3	16.1	3.7	11.1	9.7
Public administration	252.3	244.3	7.7	-8.0	-1.7	0.4	-3.2	-0.7	0.2
Public administration	172.0	172.9	6.1	0.9	-9.6	-15.3	0.5	-5.3	-8.1
Public administration	224.6	235.3	5.8	10.7	12.8	8.4	4.8	5.8	3.7

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	10,546.7	10,560.1	...	13.4	133.7	156.2	0.1	1.3	1.5
Labour force	7,192.7	7,203.4	18.4	10.7	108.2	115.8	0.1	1.5	1.6
Employment	6,735.0	6,732.1	18.8	-2.9	101.2	76.5	0.0	1.5	1.1
Employment full-time	5,446.0	5,472.9	23.8	26.9	27.3	27.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	457.7	471.4	15.7	13.7	7.1	39.3	3.0	1.5	9.1
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.8	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	18.7	0.3	-0.4	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,736.2	1,737.4	...	1.2	9.2	11.0	0.1	0.5	0.6
Labour force	1,126.9	1,130.2	11.6	3.3	8.6	11.3	0.3	0.8	1.0
Employment	986.9	969.8	11.1	-17.1	0.3	-3.3	-1.7	0.0	-0.3
Unemployment	140.0	160.4	9.7	20.4	8.3	14.5	14.6	5.5	9.9
Participation rate	64.9	65.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	14.2	0.8	1.8	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	55.8	0.6	-1.0	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.0	46.0	1.1	-4.1	-4.0	-3.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,280.9	4,286.6	...	5.7	57.9	67.6	0.1	1.4	1.6
Labour force	3,191.0	3,200.9	8.8	9.9	53.1	55.1	0.3	1.7	1.8
Employment	3,017.8	3,030.3	9.7	12.5	54.8	48.3	0.4	1.8	1.6
Unemployment	173.2	170.6	8.7	-2.6	-1.7	6.8	-1.5	-1.0	4.2
Participation rate	74.5	74.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.5	70.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	7.7	0.3	0.5	1.6	1.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,529.6	4,536.0	...	6.4	66.5	77.5	0.1	1.5	1.7
Labour force	2,874.7	2,872.3	10.6	-2.4	46.5	49.5	-0.1	1.6	1.8
Employment	2,730.3	2,732.0	10.4	1.7	46.0	31.6	0.1	1.7	1.2
Unemployment	144.5	140.3	8.4	-4.2	0.5	17.9	-2.9	0.4	14.6
Participation rate	63.5	63.3	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.9	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	21.2	0.5	0.0	1.9	1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	6,735.0	6,732.1	18.8	-2.9	101.2	76.5	0.0	1.5	1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	85.5	88.8	3.8	3.3	0.8	-5.2	3.9	0.9	-5.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.6	39.0	2.1	0.4	4.4	7.3	1.0	12.7	23.0
Utilities	63.6	63.3	2.7	-0.3	3.6	6.1	-0.5	6.0	10.7
Construction	442.7	437.7	9.2	-5.0	32.5	26.2	-1.1	8.0	6.4
Manufacturing	904.3	906.7	12.5	2.4	-13.8	-34.6	0.3	-1.5	-3.7
Services-producing sector									
	5,200.4	5,196.7	21.1	-3.7	73.8	76.8	-0.1	1.4	1.5
Trade	1,025.2	1,021.8	13.7	-3.4	-18.7	-7.9	-0.3	-1.8	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing	349.7	345.8	7.8	-3.9	38.9	47.0	-1.1	12.7	15.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	475.0	470.2	9.6	-4.8	-0.4	-6.3	-1.0	-0.1	-1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	499.6	502.7	10.2	3.1	22.5	10.9	0.6	4.7	2.2
Business, building and other support services	292.8	297.9	9.0	5.1	-5.2	8.3	1.7	-1.7	2.9
Educational services	486.7	494.2	9.7	7.5	-0.4	2.7	1.5	-0.1	0.5
Health care and social assistance	709.4	697.4	9.9	-12.0	14.8	22.6	-1.7	2.2	3.3
Information, culture and recreation	301.7	298.8	8.6	-2.9	-40.3	-43.6	-1.0	-11.9	-12.7
Accommodation and food services	415.5	393.9	9.3	-21.6	15.3	-0.3	-5.2	4.0	-0.1
Other services	285.5	295.2	7.4	9.7	17.9	23.2	3.4	6.5	8.5
Public administration	359.2	378.7	7.3	19.5	29.3	20.2	5.4	8.4	5.6

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

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

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	912.3	913.1	...	0.8	9.9	11.6	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	635.9	634.6	2.7	-1.3	9.3	7.1	-0.2	1.5	1.1
Employment	606.8	607.2	2.7	0.4	8.1	5.4	0.1	1.4	0.9
Employment full-time	488.8	494.8	3.9	6.0	6.8	8.4	1.2	1.4	1.7
Unemployment	29.0	27.4	2.2	-1.6	1.2	1.7	-5.5	4.6	6.6
Participation rate	69.7	69.5	0.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	18.5	0.6	-0.9	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	158.7	158.8	...	0.1	1.3	1.6	0.1	0.8	1.0
Labour force	115.8	114.6	1.7	-1.2	0.8	-1.1	-1.0	0.7	-1.0
Employment	104.1	103.6	1.6	-0.5	0.4	-1.1	-0.5	0.4	-1.1
Unemployment	11.7	10.9	1.4	-0.8	0.4	-0.1	-6.8	3.8	-0.9
Participation rate	73.0	72.2	1.1	-0.8	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.5	1.2	-0.6	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.2	1.0	-0.4	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.0	41.1	2.0	-2.9	-1.4	-3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	368.4	368.7	...	0.3	4.1	4.7	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	281.4	280.3	1.4	-1.1	4.7	4.4	-0.4	1.7	1.6
Employment	272.3	271.3	1.5	-1.0	3.4	3.0	-0.4	1.3	1.1
Unemployment	9.2	9.0	1.2	-0.2	1.3	1.5	-2.2	16.9	20.0
Participation rate	76.4	76.0	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.2	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.9	73.6	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.3	7.2	0.6	-0.1	2.1	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	385.2	385.6	...	0.4	4.5	5.2	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	238.6	239.8	1.5	1.2	3.9	3.9	0.5	1.7	1.7
Employment	230.4	232.3	1.5	1.9	4.4	3.5	0.8	1.9	1.5
Unemployment	8.2	7.5	1.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.4	-8.5	-5.1	5.6
Participation rate	61.9	62.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.7	21.6	1.0	-1.1	-1.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	606.8	607.2	2.7	0.4	8.1	5.4	0.1	1.4	0.9
Agriculture	148.6	152.5	2.6	3.9	5.4	7.4	2.6	3.7	5.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	29.7	30.3	1.3	0.6	3.8	3.3	2.0	14.3	12.2
Utilities	6.7	6.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1	-9.0	-9.0	-1.6
Construction	7.0	6.7	0.5	-0.3	1.6	1.3	-4.3	31.4	24.1
Manufacturing	38.7	40.4	1.5	1.7	4.2	5.0	4.4	11.6	14.1
Services-producing sector	66.7	69.0	1.9	2.3	-3.6	-2.0	3.4	-5.0	-2.8
Trade	458.2	454.7	3.2	-3.5	2.7	-2.0	-0.8	0.6	-0.4
Transportation and warehousing	88.4	88.1	2.1	-0.3	0.4	0.8	-0.3	0.5	0.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	35.6	34.3	1.3	-1.3	-0.2	-0.3	-3.7	-0.6	-0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	36.6	35.2	1.3	-1.4	-3.7	-2.1	-3.8	-9.5	-5.6
Business, building and other support services	23.4	23.3	1.2	-0.1	-2.6	-4.0	-0.4	-10.0	-14.7
Educational services	17.1	15.4	1.2	-1.7	-3.8	-3.8	-9.9	-19.8	-19.8
Health care and social assistance	48.1	47.1	1.6	-1.0	1.6	1.2	-2.1	3.5	2.6
Information, culture and recreation	86.7	87.2	1.8	0.5	11.6	8.9	0.6	15.3	11.4
Accommodation and food services	21.5	22.0	1.2	0.5	-2.4	-2.7	2.3	-9.8	-10.9
Other services	37.2	36.9	1.6	-0.3	-1.7	-3.2	-0.8	-4.4	-8.0
Public administration	28.8	28.4	1.3	-0.4	2.9	3.9	-1.4	11.4	15.9
Public administration	34.7	36.8	1.2	2.1	0.6	-0.7	6.1	1.7	-1.9

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

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

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	770.7	772.1	...	1.4	14.1	17.0	0.2	1.9	2.3
Labour force	541.4	540.8	2.3	-0.6	14.9	15.1	-0.1	2.8	2.9
Employment	519.2	519.3	2.4	0.1	14.6	16.2	0.0	2.9	3.2
Employment full-time	426.3	426.0	3.2	-0.3	13.3	10.1	-0.1	3.2	2.4
Unemployment	22.2	21.5	1.8	-0.7	0.3	-1.1	-3.2	1.4	-4.9
Participation rate	70.2	70.0	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.3	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	18.0	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	139.6	139.6	...	0.0	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.9
Labour force	100.6	101.1	1.4	0.5	2.5	2.7	0.5	2.5	2.7
Employment	93.4	92.5	1.5	-0.9	1.6	2.5	-1.0	1.8	2.8
Unemployment	7.2	8.6	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.1	19.4	11.7	1.2
Participation rate	72.1	72.4	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	8.5	1.1	1.3	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.3	1.1	-0.6	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.9	35.5	1.7	-0.4	-3.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	308.3	309.0	...	0.7	6.2	7.5	0.2	2.0	2.5
Labour force	236.6	235.1	1.1	-1.5	3.6	3.3	-0.6	1.6	1.4
Employment	228.6	227.4	1.2	-1.2	3.3	3.7	-0.5	1.5	1.7
Unemployment	8.0	7.7	1.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.4	-3.8	2.7	-4.9
Participation rate	76.7	76.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.3	0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.1	73.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.9	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	322.8	323.5	...	0.7	6.9	8.2	0.2	2.2	2.6
Labour force	204.2	204.5	1.3	0.3	8.8	9.1	0.1	4.5	4.7
Employment	197.3	199.3	1.4	2.0	9.7	9.9	1.0	5.1	5.2
Unemployment	6.9	5.2	0.9	-1.7	-0.9	-0.8	-24.6	-14.8	-13.3
Participation rate	63.3	63.2	0.4	-0.1	1.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	2.5	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.6	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	22.4	0.9	-0.4	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	519.2	519.3	2.4	0.1	14.6	16.2	0.0	2.9	3.2
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	147.1	142.2	2.3	-4.9	9.9	7.9	-3.3	7.5	5.9
Agriculture	44.3	40.7	1.5	-3.6	-0.5	-1.7	-8.1	-1.2	-4.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	26.1	25.6	1.1	-0.5	3.0	3.0	-1.9	13.3	13.3
Utilities	5.8	5.9	0.4	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.7	15.7	20.4
Construction	37.7	38.9	1.4	1.2	6.5	5.4	3.2	20.1	16.1
Manufacturing	33.2	31.0	1.2	-2.2	0.0	0.1	-6.6	0.0	0.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	372.1	377.0	2.8	4.9	4.6	8.2	1.3	1.2	2.2
Trade	84.2	83.9	1.8	-0.3	0.5	1.7	-0.4	0.6	2.1
Transportation and warehousing	21.7	23.9	1.0	2.2	-1.1	-0.1	10.1	-4.4	-0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.7	28.4	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.6	2.5	3.3	2.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.8	21.6	0.9	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.4	-0.5
Business, building and other support services	11.7	12.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.7	6.0	9.7	6.0
Educational services	40.2	39.1	1.3	-1.1	-0.2	-1.8	-2.7	-0.5	-4.4
Health care and social assistance	66.1	63.6	1.4	-2.5	1.7	3.5	-3.8	2.7	5.8
Information, culture and recreation	17.7	18.7	1.1	1.0	-2.4	-1.1	5.6	-11.4	-5.6
Accommodation and food services	30.3	31.8	1.4	1.5	0.9	0.8	5.0	2.9	2.6
Other services	21.8	22.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.2	4.6	4.1	5.6
Public administration	29.1	30.9	1.0	1.8	2.2	2.9	6.2	7.7	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 4-9
Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Alberta

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,808.2	2,812.3	...	4.1	42.8	48.2	0.1	1.5	1.7
Labour force	2,104.6	2,116.9	8.1	12.3	57.1	71.4	0.6	2.8	3.5
Employment	2,023.9	2,038.6	8.3	14.7	44.8	61.7	0.7	2.2	3.1
Employment full-time	1,689.4	1,706.5	11.1	17.1	28.6	51.2	1.0	1.7	3.1
Unemployment	80.7	78.3	5.9	-2.4	12.3	9.7	-3.0	18.6	14.1
Participation rate	74.9	75.3	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.7	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	72.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	16.3	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	503.9	504.0	...	0.1	-1.3	-1.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	378.2	379.7	4.9	1.5	13.2	20.2	0.4	3.6	5.6
Employment	353.6	346.7	5.1	-6.9	1.0	10.2	-2.0	0.3	3.0
Unemployment	24.6	33.1	3.7	8.5	12.3	10.0	34.6	59.1	43.3
Participation rate	75.1	75.3	1.0	0.2	2.8	4.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	8.7	1.0	2.2	3.0	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	68.8	1.0	-1.4	0.4	2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.3	34.7	1.5	0.4	2.3	2.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,164.1	1,166.7	...	2.6	28.7	32.7	0.2	2.5	2.9
Labour force	968.4	970.0	3.8	1.6	30.3	41.1	0.2	3.2	4.4
Employment	939.4	946.8	4.2	7.4	30.5	45.9	0.8	3.3	5.1
Unemployment	28.9	23.3	3.3	-5.6	-0.1	-4.8	-19.4	-0.4	-17.1
Participation rate	83.2	83.1	0.3	-0.1	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	2.4	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.7	81.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,140.1	1,141.5	...	1.4	15.3	17.2	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	758.0	767.1	4.8	9.1	13.5	10.1	1.2	1.8	1.3
Employment	730.9	745.1	5.0	14.2	13.4	5.6	1.9	1.8	0.8
Unemployment	27.1	22.0	3.2	-5.1	0.1	4.5	-18.8	0.5	25.7
Participation rate	66.5	67.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	2.9	0.4	-0.7	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	65.3	0.4	1.2	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.5	21.9	0.9	-0.6	0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,023.9	2,038.6	8.3	14.7	44.8	61.7	0.7	2.2	3.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	598.3	601.0	8.4	2.7	42.7	37.2	0.5	7.6	6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	65.1	65.0	3.0	-0.1	13.0	6.6	-0.2	25.0	11.3
Utilities	151.5	148.5	4.7	-3.0	-7.6	2.1	-2.0	-4.9	1.4
Construction	18.2	17.1	1.7	-1.1	-0.1	-4.2	-6.0	-0.6	-19.7
Manufacturing	210.1	216.2	5.6	6.1	17.6	20.2	2.9	8.9	10.3
	153.5	154.1	4.9	0.6	19.7	12.3	0.4	14.7	8.7
Services-producing sector									
	1,425.6	1,437.6	10.1	12.0	2.1	24.5	0.8	0.1	1.7
Trade	317.2	323.7	6.9	6.5	13.6	21.5	2.0	4.4	7.1
Transportation and warehousing	106.0	104.5	4.1	-1.5	-5.8	-3.0	-1.4	-5.3	-2.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	104.9	111.3	4.1	6.4	7.3	12.3	6.1	7.0	12.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	168.0	167.1	4.8	-0.9	21.5	21.4	-0.5	14.8	14.7
Business, building and other support services	62.7	63.5	4.0	0.8	-12.8	-12.9	1.3	-16.8	-16.9
Educational services	135.7	131.3	4.4	-4.4	9.4	9.5	-3.2	7.7	7.8
Health care and social assistance	179.8	181.3	5.0	1.5	-14.7	-11.7	0.8	-7.5	-6.1
Information, culture and recreation	70.3	67.4	3.6	-2.9	-12.2	-8.4	-4.1	-15.3	-11.1
Accommodation and food services	118.6	116.5	4.6	-2.1	4.3	2.8	-1.8	3.8	2.5
Other services	85.6	91.8	4.0	6.2	1.3	-1.4	7.2	1.4	-1.5
Public administration	77.0	79.3	3.3	2.3	-9.7	-5.5	3.0	-10.9	-6.5

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,658.6	3,663.9	...	5.3	61.2	72.5	0.1	1.7	2.0
Labour force	2,431.1	2,434.2	9.6	3.1	40.7	54.8	0.1	1.7	2.3
Employment	2,319.4	2,311.1	9.6	-8.3	18.2	35.6	-0.4	0.8	1.6
Employment full-time	1,846.3	1,855.7	13.7	9.4	39.2	36.5	0.5	2.2	2.0
Unemployment	111.7	123.0	6.9	11.3	22.4	19.1	10.1	22.3	18.4
Participation rate	66.4	66.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.1	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	19.7	0.5	-0.7	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	583.9	584.0	...	0.1	3.0	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.7
Labour force	391.4	391.0	5.5	-0.4	-6.9	-1.9	-0.1	-1.7	-0.5
Employment	359.5	353.6	5.5	-5.9	-12.9	-9.7	-1.6	-3.5	-2.7
Unemployment	31.8	37.5	4.2	5.7	6.1	7.9	17.9	19.4	26.7
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.9	0.0	-1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	9.6	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	60.5	0.9	-1.1	-2.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.2	43.2	1.7	0.0	-2.3	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,504.7	1,507.4	...	2.7	29.3	34.6	0.2	2.0	2.3
Labour force	1,094.0	1,096.6	5.0	2.6	19.5	26.1	0.2	1.8	2.4
Employment	1,056.0	1,055.5	5.2	-0.5	16.7	24.2	0.0	1.6	2.3
Unemployment	38.0	41.1	3.9	3.1	2.7	1.8	8.2	7.0	4.6
Participation rate	72.7	72.7	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	70.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	8.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,570.0	1,572.6	...	2.6	29.0	34.1	0.2	1.9	2.2
Labour force	945.8	946.5	5.8	0.7	28.1	30.5	0.1	3.1	3.3
Employment	903.9	902.0	5.7	-1.9	14.4	21.1	-0.2	1.6	2.4
Unemployment	41.9	44.5	4.0	2.6	13.7	9.5	6.2	44.5	27.1
Participation rate	60.2	60.2	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.7	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.2	24.1	0.9	-2.1	-1.5	-2.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,319.4	2,311.1	9.6	-8.3	18.2	35.6	-0.4	0.8	1.6
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	512.4	499.9	8.8	-12.5	-3.6	1.4	-2.4	-0.7	0.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.3	31.2	2.8	-1.1	-8.5	-9.5	-3.4	-21.4	-23.3
Utilities	43.9	42.2	2.9	-1.7	-8.4	-4.9	-3.9	-16.6	-10.4
Construction	14.5	15.1	1.5	0.6	1.9	2.4	4.1	14.4	18.9
Manufacturing	235.3	228.8	6.2	-6.5	18.8	34.1	-2.8	9.0	17.5
	186.4	182.8	6.2	-3.6	-7.4	-20.6	-1.9	-3.9	-10.1
Services-producing sector									
	1,807.0	1,811.2	11.4	4.2	21.8	34.1	0.2	1.2	1.9
Trade	346.6	345.7	7.7	-0.9	-20.0	-27.0	-0.3	-5.5	-7.2
Transportation and warehousing	129.0	129.3	5.0	0.3	-6.7	5.5	0.2	-4.9	4.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	148.9	151.2	4.9	2.3	9.3	8.6	1.5	6.6	6.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	169.6	170.1	5.4	0.5	10.0	8.3	0.3	6.2	5.1
Business, building and other support services	100.1	97.1	4.6	-3.0	-8.7	-3.7	-3.0	-8.2	-3.7
Educational services	157.8	161.0	5.5	3.2	1.6	2.7	2.0	1.0	1.7
Health care and social assistance	253.0	255.3	5.9	2.3	19.4	11.6	0.9	8.2	4.8
Information, culture and recreation	120.8	114.9	4.8	-5.9	-8.8	0.5	-4.9	-7.1	0.4
Accommodation and food services	174.6	172.5	5.9	-2.1	3.3	1.1	-1.2	2.0	0.6
Other services	106.1	107.0	4.1	0.9	18.8	16.9	0.8	21.3	18.8
Public administration	100.4	107.2	3.7	6.8	3.7	9.9	6.8	3.6	10.2

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

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

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	154.8	155.1	...	0.3	2.7	3.2	0.2	1.8	2.1
Labour force	107.3	108.8	0.7	1.5	6.4	5.7	1.4	6.2	5.5
Employment	98.6	100.5	0.8	1.9	5.2	4.2	1.9	5.5	4.4
Unemployment	8.7	8.3	0.4	-0.4	1.2	1.5	-4.6	16.9	22.1
Participation rate	69.3	70.1	0.5	0.8	2.9	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.6	0.4	-0.5	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	64.8	0.5	1.1	2.3	1.4	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	317.7	318.1	...	0.4	3.8	4.3	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	219.4	220.8	1.1	1.4	-0.4	-1.8	0.6	-0.2	-0.8
Employment	207.7	209.0	1.1	1.3	-2.3	-1.6	0.6	-1.1	-0.8
Unemployment	11.7	11.8	0.6	0.1	1.9	-0.2	0.9	19.2	-1.7
Participation rate	69.1	69.4	0.3	0.3	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.7	0.4	0.3	-1.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	104.9	104.9	...	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.8	0.9
Labour force	69.0	68.3	0.7	-0.7	-2.9	-3.4	-1.0	-4.1	-4.7
Employment	64.8	64.1	0.7	-0.7	-3.6	-3.9	-1.1	-5.3	-5.7
Unemployment	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	20.0	10.5
Participation rate	65.8	65.1	0.7	-0.7	-3.3	-3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.5	0.0	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.1	0.6	-0.7	-3.9	-4.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	125.0	125.0	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	75.6	76.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.9	0.9
Employment	69.5	70.9	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.4	2.0	1.4	2.0
Unemployment	6.1	5.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-4.9	-3.3	-9.4
Participation rate	60.5	61.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	56.7	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	611.4	612.0	...	0.6	5.0	5.7	0.1	0.8	0.9
Labour force	409.5	409.1	3.2	-0.4	-6.2	-6.3	-0.1	-1.5	-1.5
Employment	391.2	391.1	3.3	-0.1	-1.5	-2.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment	18.3	18.0	1.5	-0.3	-4.8	-3.5	-1.6	-21.1	-16.3
Participation rate	67.0	66.8	0.5	-0.2	-1.6	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	0.4	-0.1	-1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	63.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	121.7	121.8	...	0.1	0.9	1.1	0.1	0.7	0.9
Labour force	74.7	74.7	0.7	0.0	-2.9	-3.4	0.0	-3.7	-4.4
Employment	69.1	69.2	0.7	0.1	-2.9	-3.1	0.1	-4.0	-4.3
Unemployment	5.6	5.6	0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	3.7	-1.8
Participation rate	61.4	61.3	0.6	-0.1	-2.9	-3.4
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.2
Employment rate	56.8	56.8	0.6	0.0	-2.8	-3.1

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	138.7	138.8	...	0.1	1.4	1.7	0.1	1.0	1.2
Labour force	88.9	89.9	0.7	1.0	-1.6	0.0	1.1	-1.7	0.0
Employment	83.3	84.0	0.8	0.7	-1.6	-0.5	0.8	-1.9	-0.6
Unemployment	5.5	5.8	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.4	5.5	-3.3	7.4
Participation rate	64.1	64.8	0.5	0.7	-1.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.5	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.5	0.6	0.4	-1.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,071.0	3,073.9	...	2.9	26.7	31.8	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	2,045.7	2,050.8	7.3	5.1	-8.2	-6.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.3
Employment	1,894.4	1,899.3	7.7	4.9	-16.6	-10.7	0.3	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment	151.3	151.5	4.5	0.2	8.4	4.3	0.1	5.9	2.9
Participation rate	66.6	66.7	0.2	0.1	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.8	0.3	0.1	-1.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	964.7	965.9	...	1.2	10.8	12.7	0.1	1.1	1.3
Labour force	709.8	712.0	3.5	2.2	14.7	14.9	0.3	2.1	2.1
Employment	675.6	677.5	3.5	1.9	11.4	14.7	0.3	1.7	2.2
Unemployment	34.2	34.6	1.6	0.4	3.4	0.3	1.2	10.9	0.9
Participation rate	73.6	73.7	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.9	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	70.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	244.7	245.0	...	0.3	3.2	4.0	0.1	1.3	1.7
Labour force	181.0	182.0	1.2	1.0	6.5	9.4	0.6	3.7	5.4
Employment	172.1	172.8	1.2	0.7	5.1	9.1	0.4	3.0	5.6
Unemployment	8.9	9.2	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.3	3.4	17.9	3.4
Participation rate	74.0	74.3	0.5	0.3	1.7	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	70.5	0.5	0.2	1.1	2.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	720.1	720.9	...	0.8	7.6	8.7	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	528.8	530.0	3.3	1.2	8.3	5.5	0.2	1.6	1.0
Employment	503.5	504.7	3.3	1.2	6.4	5.6	0.2	1.3	1.1
Unemployment	25.3	25.3	1.5	0.0	1.9	-0.1	0.0	8.1	-0.4
Participation rate	73.4	73.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.8	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	70.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.3	126.3	...	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
Labour force	85.1	84.9	0.8	-0.2	4.0	3.3	-0.2	4.9	4.0
Employment	79.6	80.0	0.8	0.4	3.2	3.2	0.5	4.2	4.2
Unemployment	5.5	4.9	0.3	-0.6	0.8	0.0	-10.9	19.5	0.0
Participation rate	67.4	67.2	0.6	-0.2	2.9	2.4
Unemployment rate	6.5	5.8	0.4	-0.7	0.7	-0.2
Employment rate	63.0	63.3	0.6	0.3	2.3	2.3

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,564.6	4,574.4	...	9.8	89.5	104.7	0.2	2.0	2.3
Labour force	3,127.0	3,139.2	9.1	12.2	46.2	64.3	0.4	1.5	2.1
Employment	2,911.2	2,925.3	9.5	14.1	40.1	53.8	0.5	1.4	1.9
Unemployment	215.7	213.9	5.5	-1.8	6.1	10.5	-0.8	2.9	5.2
Participation rate	68.5	68.6	0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	597.8	598.3	...	0.5	4.1	5.0	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	397.7	398.6	3.1	0.9	2.1	-0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.1
Employment	376.1	375.7	3.2	-0.4	2.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	-0.1
Unemployment	21.7	22.9	1.4	1.2	-0.5	0.0	5.5	-2.1	0.0
Participation rate	66.5	66.6	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.8	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	383.6	384.1	...	0.5	4.7	5.8	0.1	1.2	1.5
Labour force	272.9	276.3	2.1	3.4	6.5	11.0	1.2	2.4	4.1
Employment	258.4	261.7	2.1	3.3	6.3	10.9	1.3	2.5	4.3
Unemployment	14.5	14.6	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.7	2.1	0.7
Participation rate	71.1	71.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	68.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.8	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	385.8	386.2	...	0.4	3.7	4.3	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	262.3	262.9	1.9	0.6	-1.1	-3.4	0.2	-0.4	-1.3
Employment	244.2	245.0	1.9	0.8	-1.8	-5.3	0.3	-0.7	-2.1
Unemployment	18.2	17.9	0.9	-0.3	0.7	2.0	-1.6	4.1	12.6
Participation rate	68.0	68.1	0.5	0.1	-0.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.4	0.5	0.1	-1.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	289.1	289.6	...	0.5	5.0	6.1	0.2	1.8	2.2
Labour force	202.4	204.8	1.4	2.4	8.8	10.3	1.2	4.5	5.3
Employment	188.8	190.1	1.4	1.3	5.9	8.0	0.7	3.2	4.4
Unemployment	13.6	14.7	0.7	1.1	3.0	2.4	8.1	25.6	19.5
Participation rate	70.0	70.7	0.5	0.7	1.8	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.2	0.4	0.5	1.2	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.6	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	329.4	329.6	...	0.2	1.0	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
Labour force	210.7	211.6	1.8	0.9	-0.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.4
Employment	195.9	195.4	1.7	-0.5	-2.6	0.9	-0.3	-1.3	0.5
Unemployment	14.8	16.2	0.7	1.4	2.4	-0.1	9.5	17.4	-0.6
Participation rate	64.0	64.2	0.5	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.7	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.0
Employment rate	59.5	59.3	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	0.1

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	133.8	133.9	...	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.7
Labour force	87.2	88.2	0.8	1.0	3.4	1.4	1.1	4.0	1.6
Employment	82.3	83.1	0.8	0.8	2.3	1.2	1.0	2.8	1.5
Unemployment	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.2	4.1	27.5	4.1
Participation rate	65.2	65.9	0.6	0.7	2.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	62.1	0.6	0.6	1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	103.8	103.8	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	65.9	66.6	0.6	0.7	-2.4	-2.1	1.1	-3.5	-3.1
Employment	62.4	63.0	0.6	0.6	-1.3	-0.9	1.0	-2.0	-1.4
Unemployment	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.1	-1.1	-1.2	2.9	-23.4	-25.0
Participation rate	63.5	64.2	0.6	0.7	-2.1	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.4	0.4	0.1	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.7	0.6	0.6	-1.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	272.9	272.9	...	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	172.1	173.7	1.5	1.6	-3.5	-2.0	0.9	-2.0	-1.1
Employment	155.0	156.1	1.5	1.1	-5.9	-3.0	0.7	-3.6	-1.9
Unemployment	17.1	17.6	0.8	0.5	2.3	1.0	2.9	15.0	6.0
Participation rate	63.1	63.6	0.5	0.5	-1.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	10.1	0.4	0.2	1.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.2	0.5	0.4	-2.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	585.2	585.8	...	0.6	6.9	8.1	0.1	1.2	1.4
Labour force	412.4	411.7	1.3	-0.7	-1.8	2.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.5
Employment	394.2	392.8	1.4	-1.4	-1.2	1.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment	18.1	19.0	0.7	0.9	-0.5	0.8	5.0	-2.6	4.4
Participation rate	70.5	70.3	0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.6	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.1	0.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	168.2	168.6	...	0.4	4.0	4.8	0.2	2.4	2.9
Labour force	119.1	121.1	0.7	2.0	5.9	6.9	1.7	5.1	6.0
Employment	114.7	116.2	0.8	1.5	6.1	7.8	1.3	5.5	7.2
Unemployment	4.4	4.9	0.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.9	11.4	-2.0	-15.5
Participation rate	70.8	71.8	0.5	1.0	1.8	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.0	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.9	0.5	0.7	2.0	2.7	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	197.9	198.5	...	0.6	5.7	6.7	0.3	3.0	3.5
Labour force	143.9	145.0	0.8	1.1	1.6	2.8	0.8	1.1	2.0
Employment	137.3	139.0	0.8	1.7	1.0	2.5	1.2	0.7	1.8
Unemployment	6.6	6.0	0.4	-0.6	0.6	0.4	-9.1	11.1	7.1
Participation rate	72.7	73.0	0.4	0.3	-1.4	-1.1
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.1	0.3	-0.5	0.3	0.2
Employment rate	69.4	70.0	0.4	0.6	-1.6	-1.2

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	949.4	951.0	...	1.6	16.5	19.9	0.2	1.8	2.1
Labour force	735.5	741.9	3.2	6.4	36.7	34.3	0.9	5.2	4.8
Employment	708.1	713.4	3.2	5.3	28.9	27.2	0.7	4.2	4.0
Unemployment	27.4	28.5	1.4	1.1	7.7	7.1	4.0	37.0	33.2
Participation rate	77.5	78.0	0.3	0.5	2.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.8	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.6	75.0	0.3	0.4	1.8	1.3	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	885.6	886.9	...	1.3	12.9	14.8	0.1	1.5	1.7
Labour force	638.5	644.9	3.2	6.4	7.5	17.5	1.0	1.2	2.8
Employment	616.0	622.8	3.2	6.8	9.7	21.9	1.1	1.6	3.6
Unemployment	22.5	22.0	1.4	-0.5	-2.3	-4.5	-2.2	-9.5	-17.0
Participation rate	72.1	72.7	0.4	0.6	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	70.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	134.1	134.3	...	0.2	2.0	2.4	0.1	1.5	1.8
Labour force	93.7	94.4	0.7	0.7	6.2	6.4	0.7	7.0	7.3
Employment	89.6	89.9	0.7	0.3	5.0	6.0	0.3	5.9	7.2
Unemployment	4.1	4.5	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.4	9.8	36.4	9.8
Participation rate	69.9	70.3	0.5	0.4	3.6	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.8	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.9	0.6	0.1	2.7	3.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,949.4	1,953.3	...	3.9	39.2	46.7	0.2	2.0	2.4
Labour force	1,294.2	1,298.9	4.6	4.7	5.1	27.4	0.4	0.4	2.2
Employment	1,240.0	1,243.4	4.7	3.4	4.2	23.4	0.3	0.3	1.9
Unemployment	54.2	55.6	2.2	1.4	1.0	4.1	2.6	1.8	8.0
Participation rate	66.4	66.5	0.2	0.1	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.7	0.2	0.1	-1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	286.8	287.1	...	0.3	2.6	3.3	0.1	0.9	1.2
Labour force	198.3	198.0	1.4	-0.3	4.7	5.4	-0.2	2.4	2.8
Employment	192.0	191.7	1.5	-0.3	4.0	5.2	-0.2	2.1	2.8
Unemployment	6.3	6.3	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	12.5	3.3
Participation rate	69.1	69.0	0.5	-0.1	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.8	0.5	-0.1	0.8	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 Table 282-0090.

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

	September 2008	October 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,074.1	3,076.8	...	2.7	27.1	32.2	0.1	0.9	1.1
Labour force	2,049.6	2,052.6	15.3	3.0	-10.7	3.8	0.1	-0.5	0.2
Employment	1,898.6	1,899.7	15.4	1.1	-15.7	-5.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.3
Unemployment	151.1	152.9	11.1	1.8	5.0	9.3	1.2	3.4	6.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.7	0.5	0.0	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.7	0.5	-0.1	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,575.1	4,584.2	...	9.1	92.4	106.6	0.2	2.1	2.4
Labour force	3,152.6	3,148.9	19.1	-3.7	48.1	61.2	-0.1	1.6	2.0
Employment	2,937.9	2,933.2	19.7	-4.7	42.9	46.0	-0.2	1.5	1.6
Unemployment	214.7	215.7	13.2	1.0	5.1	15.3	0.5	2.4	7.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,953.6	1,957.0	...	3.4	39.5	46.6	0.2	2.1	2.4
Labour force	1,292.5	1,307.4	9.8	14.9	14.4	26.0	1.2	1.1	2.0
Employment	1,236.3	1,247.6	9.6	11.3	8.9	23.6	0.9	0.7	1.9
Unemployment	56.3	59.7	5.6	3.4	5.3	2.3	6.0	9.7	4.0
Participation rate	66.2	66.8	0.5	0.6	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.8	0.5	0.5	-0.8	-0.3	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Table 282-0091.

Table 6-1

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2007	26,631.6	18,095.4	17,063.5	1,031.8	67.9	5.7	64.1
2008	27,010.4	18,394.0	17,297.6	1,096.4	68.1	6.0	64.0
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2007	423.4	256.2	225.0	31.1	60.5	12.1	53.1
2008	426.8	257.4	226.2	31.3	60.3	12.2	53.0
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2007	209.6	133.7	121.8	11.9	63.8	8.9	58.1
2008	212.9	138.8	125.5	13.3	65.2	9.6	58.9
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]							
2007	32.7	16.1	13.1	3.0	49.2	18.6	40.1
2008	32.3	17.2	14.8	2.4	53.3	14.0	45.8
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2007	87.4	53.6	46.3	7.3	61.3	13.6	53.0
2008	87.9	49.1	41.9	7.2	55.9	14.7	47.7
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]							
2007	93.7	52.7	43.8	8.9	56.2	16.9	46.7
2008	93.6	52.3	43.9	8.4	55.9	16.1	46.9
Prince Edward Island							
2007	113.6	78.9	72.8	6.1	69.5	7.7	64.1
2008	115.1	80.3	73.2	7.0	69.8	8.7	63.6
Nova Scotia							
2007	764.8	489.7	452.9	36.8	64.0	7.5	59.2
2008	769.9	497.4	461.3	36.1	64.6	7.3	59.9
Cape Breton [1210]							
2007	116.1	61.2	54.1	7.1	52.7	11.6	46.6
2008	115.6	65.8	57.6	8.2	56.9	12.5	49.8
North Shore [1220]							
2007	131.0	80.4	72.7	7.7	61.4	9.6	55.5
2008	131.4	81.8	74.9	6.9	62.3	8.4	57.0
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2007	100.4	63.2	58.1	5.1	62.9	8.1	57.9
2008	101.3	63.9	60.1	3.8	63.1	5.9	59.3
Southern [1240]							
2007	103.5	61.4	56.1	5.3	59.3	8.6	54.2
2008	103.6	63.8	58.0	5.8	61.6	9.1	56.0
Halifax [1250]							
2007	313.8	223.4	211.9	11.5	71.2	5.1	67.5
2008	318.1	222.1	210.6	11.5	69.8	5.2	66.2
New Brunswick							
2007	614.0	400.6	371.3	29.3	65.2	7.3	60.5
2008	619.0	406.6	375.3	31.4	65.7	7.7	60.6
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2007	135.8	79.4	70.5	8.9	58.5	11.2	51.9
2008	135.6	81.8	71.0	10.7	60.3	13.1	52.4
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2007	163.6	109.9	103.7	6.2	67.2	5.6	63.4
2008	166.2	115.2	108.2	7.0	69.3	6.1	65.1
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2007	142.2	95.8	89.9	5.9	67.4	6.2	63.2
2008	143.2	93.2	87.1	6.1	65.1	6.5	60.8

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.3	72.8	67.5	5.3	69.8	7.3	64.7
2008	105.6	72.2	67.8	4.4	68.4	6.1	64.2
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.1	42.8	39.7	3.0	62.8	7.0	58.3
2008	68.3	44.2	41.2	3.1	64.7	7.0	60.3
Quebec							
2007	6,325.9	4,185.7	3,910.5	275.2	66.2	6.6	61.8
2008	6,385.2	4,212.1	3,922.7	289.5	66.0	6.9	61.4
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	42.4	36.7	5.7	52.4	13.4	45.4
2008	80.8	47.6	40.3	7.3	58.9	15.3	49.9
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.4	99.8	93.3	6.4	59.6	6.4	55.7
2008	167.5	103.7	95.7	8.0	61.9	7.7	57.1
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	564.8	378.4	362.3	16.1	67.0	4.3	64.1
2008	569.0	370.2	356.0	14.3	65.1	3.9	62.6
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	328.0	220.2	210.3	9.9	67.1	4.5	64.1
2008	330.2	222.3	212.3	10.0	67.3	4.5	64.3
Estrie [2430]							
2007	249.2	159.5	150.6	9.0	64.0	5.6	60.4
2008	251.6	157.2	148.0	9.2	62.5	5.9	58.8
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	185.5	119.8	113.7	6.1	64.6	5.1	61.3
2008	186.9	125.8	117.1	8.7	67.3	6.9	62.7
Montérégie [2435]							
2007	1,128.2	761.5	714.1	47.4	67.5	6.2	63.3
2008	1,146.6	786.6	734.1	52.5	68.6	6.7	64.0
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.2	1,055.8	968.6	87.1	66.3	8.2	60.8
2008	1,592.5	1,051.2	962.9	88.4	66.0	8.4	60.5
Laval [2445]							
2007	310.1	218.7	210.2	8.6	70.5	3.9	67.8
2008	315.0	219.6	206.7	12.9	69.7	5.9	65.6
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	355.1	236.8	216.9	19.9	66.7	8.4	61.1
2008	365.6	236.6	222.4	14.3	64.7	6.0	60.8
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	427.5	301.1	283.2	17.9	70.4	5.9	66.2
2008	437.4	282.9	261.8	21.1	64.7	7.5	59.9
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	291.1	202.3	190.8	11.5	69.5	5.7	65.5
2008	295.7	215.2	203.9	11.3	72.8	5.3	69.0
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	72.9	66.9	6.0	63.1	8.2	57.9
2008	115.9	76.4	70.9	5.5	65.9	7.2	61.2
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.5	126.0	115.8	10.2	57.9	8.1	53.2
2008	218.3	128.1	116.5	11.6	58.7	9.1	53.4

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 October 2007 and October 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	223.6	137.8	127.9	9.8	61.6	7.1	57.2
2008	223.2	134.6	125.0	9.6	60.3	7.1	56.0
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.3	52.7	49.1	3.6	59.0	6.8	55.0
2008	88.9	54.2	49.1	5.0	61.0	9.2	55.2
Ontario							
2007	10,391.1	7,095.9	6,661.4	434.5	68.3	6.1	64.1
2008	10,545.6	7,210.8	6,753.6	457.3	68.4	6.3	64.0
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	986.1	704.9	666.1	38.8	71.5	5.5	67.5
2008	996.4	713.5	678.7	34.8	71.6	4.9	68.1
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	359.4	235.3	224.3	11.0	65.5	4.7	62.4
2008	360.7	239.5	225.0	14.5	66.4	6.1	62.4
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	309.6	191.8	182.0	9.8	62.0	5.1	58.8
2008	311.8	198.9	189.1	9.8	63.8	4.9	60.6
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,715.9	3,248.0	3,030.2	217.8	68.9	6.7	64.3
2008	4,822.9	3,316.4	3,086.6	229.8	68.8	6.9	64.0
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	971.5	697.4	660.5	36.9	71.8	5.3	68.0
2008	987.8	708.5	670.2	38.3	71.7	5.4	67.8
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,134.8	761.4	715.7	45.7	67.1	6.0	63.1
2008	1,144.9	770.2	720.7	49.5	67.3	6.4	62.9
London [3560]							
2007	511.6	359.9	338.5	21.3	70.3	5.9	66.2
2008	517.0	354.6	331.7	22.9	68.6	6.5	64.2
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	525.1	344.9	321.3	23.6	65.7	6.8	61.2
2008	526.7	344.0	317.0	27.0	65.3	7.8	60.2
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.5	163.0	157.0	6.0	65.9	3.7	63.4
2008	248.4	167.6	160.1	7.5	67.5	4.5	64.5
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.8	277.0	261.7	15.3	61.0	5.5	57.7
2008	454.7	284.5	268.5	16.0	62.6	5.6	59.0
Northwest [3595]							
2007	175.9	112.4	103.9	8.5	63.9	7.6	59.1
2008	174.3	113.0	105.8	7.2	64.8	6.4	60.7
Manitoba							
2007	900.7	628.2	602.3	25.8	69.7	4.1	66.9
2008	912.2	636.8	609.5	27.3	69.8	4.3	66.8
Southeast [4610]							
2007	76.9	53.9	52.5	1.4	70.1	2.6	68.3
2008	79.1	52.9	50.8	2.1	66.9	4.0	64.2
South Central [4620]							
2007	43.2	29.7	29.0	0.7	68.7	2.4	67.1
2008	44.2	30.8	29.6	1.1	69.7	3.6	67.0

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 October 2007 and October 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	82.3	52.7	50.9	1.9	64.0	3.6	61.8
2008	82.7	59.5	58.4	1.1	71.9	1.8	70.6
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.7	23.7	22.9	0.8	66.4	3.4	64.1
2008	35.9	24.5	23.7	0.8	68.2	3.3	66.0
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	533.8	379.1	361.3	17.8	71.0	4.7	67.7
2008	540.5	379.8	360.9	18.9	70.3	5.0	66.8
Interlake [4660]							
2007	69.9	47.5	46.0	1.5	68.0	3.2	65.8
2008	71.0	49.0	47.6	1.5	69.0	3.1	67.0
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.1	41.5	39.8	1.7	70.2	4.1	67.3
2008	58.8	40.3	38.6	1.7	68.5	4.2	65.6
Saskatchewan							
2007	753.6	526.7	504.5	22.3	69.9	4.2	66.9
2008	770.7	543.6	521.2	22.3	70.5	4.1	67.6
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	221.9	155.3	148.3	7.0	70.0	4.5	66.8
2008	227.6	162.8	157.1	5.6	71.5	3.4	69.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.8	56.7	54.6	2.0	68.5	3.5	65.9
2008	83.8	56.4	54.3	2.2	67.3	3.9	64.8
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	234.4	172.4	166.2	6.2	73.5	3.6	70.9
2008	241.4	176.0	169.4	6.6	72.9	3.8	70.2
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.1	44.1	42.3	1.9	68.8	4.3	66.0
2008	64.7	42.9	41.8	1.1	66.3	2.6	64.6
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	150.4	98.2	93.1	5.1	65.3	5.2	61.9
2008	153.2	105.5	98.7	6.8	68.9	6.4	64.4
Alberta							
2007	2,759.5	2,051.8	1,980.3	71.6	74.4	3.5	71.8
2008	2,808.1	2,108.1	2,029.4	78.8	75.1	3.7	72.3
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	207.8	142.0	136.4	5.6	68.3	3.9	65.6
2008	209.5	140.4	136.0	4.4	67.0	3.1	64.9
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	155.4	115.7	113.0	2.8	74.5	2.4	72.7
2008	155.4	116.3	113.3	3.0	74.8	2.6	72.9
Calgary [4830]							
2007	1,003.2	764.8	740.7	24.0	76.2	3.1	73.8
2008	1,026.2	800.3	768.9	31.4	78.0	3.9	74.9
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	68.1	53.9	52.8	x	79.1	x	77.5
2008	68.6	53.9	51.6	2.3	78.6	4.3	75.2
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	143.4	109.9	106.7	3.1	76.6	2.8	74.4
2008	147.0	112.8	108.0	4.8	76.7	4.3	73.5

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 October 2007 and October 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	905.6	653.7	626.7	27.0	72.2	4.1	69.2
2008	921.2	671.1	647.9	23.1	72.9	3.4	70.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	184.3	138.7	133.9	4.8	75.3	3.5	72.7
2008	187.1	140.5	133.8	6.6	75.1	4.7	71.5
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	91.7	73.3	70.1	3.2	79.9	4.4	76.4
2008	93.1	72.8	69.8	3.0	78.2	4.1	75.0
British Columbia							
2007	3,585.0	2,381.6	2,282.5	99.1	66.4	4.2	63.7
2008	3,658.0	2,440.8	2,325.3	115.5	66.7	4.7	63.6
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	625.0	402.0	386.5	15.5	64.3	3.9	61.8
2008	634.7	419.0	401.0	18.0	66.0	4.3	63.2
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,170.6	1,451.6	1,390.9	60.7	66.9	4.2	64.1
2008	2,222.7	1,485.8	1,420.3	65.5	66.8	4.4	63.9
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	424.7	270.4	260.4	9.9	63.7	3.7	61.3
2008	432.8	282.6	267.3	15.3	65.3	5.4	61.8
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.2	84.3	79.5	4.9	69.0	5.8	65.1
2008	123.0	75.4	70.1	5.3	61.3	7.0	57.0
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	125.2	90.9	86.6	4.3	72.6	4.7	69.2
2008	126.6	88.1	82.5	5.6	69.6	6.4	65.2
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	65.9	45.5	42.3	3.3	69.0	7.3	64.2
2008	65.6	48.0	44.3	3.7	73.2	7.7	67.5
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.4	36.9	36.3	x	71.8	x	70.6
2008	52.5	41.9	39.8	2.1	79.8	5.0	75.8

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, 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
October 2007 and October 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yukon ¹							
2007	23.4	17.6	16.8	0.9	75.2	5.1	71.8
2008	23.8	18.4	17.5	0.8	77.3	4.3	73.5
Northwest Territories ²							
2007	30.7	24.1	22.7	1.3	78.5	5.4	73.9
2008	31.5	23.8	22.7	1.1	75.6	4.6	72.1
Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³							
2007	14.2	10.0	9.2	0.8	70.0	7.9	64.4
2008	14.2	9.8	8.7	1.1	69.1	10.9	61.6

1. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) has been conducted in the Yukon, 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
October 2008										
15 years and over	14,615.2	35.3	793.76	21.64	11,902.3	39.5	913.43	2,712.9	17.1	268.72
15 to 24 years	2,446.1	27.5	377.72	12.74	1,271.5	39.1	580.44	1,174.6	14.9	158.27
25 years and over	12,169.2	36.9	877.39	23.43	10,630.8	39.6	953.26	1,538.3	18.8	353.05
Men	7,389.3	37.9	913.74	23.47	6,529.4	40.8	1,001.81	860.0	16.5	245.03
Women	7,225.9	32.7	671.07	19.78	5,372.9	38.0	806.04	1,853.0	17.4	279.71
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,549.7	35.9	900.65	24.76	3,909.2	38.7	981.19	640.5	19.1	409.04
No union coverage	10,065.5	35.1	745.45	20.24	7,993.1	39.9	880.30	2,072.5	16.5	225.35
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,808.5	36.2	832.00	22.30	10,882.0	39.5	928.29	1,926.5	18.0	288.10
Temporary	1,806.8	29.0	522.69	16.99	1,020.3	40.0	755.04	786.4	14.8	221.23
Occupation										
Management	1,075.9	39.8	1,357.66	34.15	1,040.3	40.5	1,388.40	35.7	18.5	461.50
Business, finance and administrative	2,845.2	35.2	739.99	20.61	2,414.2	38.3	820.16	431.0	17.4	290.95
Natural and applied sciences	1,049.9	38.9	1,165.00	29.98	1,016.5	39.5	1,186.85	33.4	18.7	500.11
Health	901.7	33.7	860.41	25.51	685.3	38.0	971.20	216.4	20.2	509.52
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,365.5	33.9	950.64	27.62	1,093.1	38.2	1,083.30	272.3	16.7	418.12
Art, culture, recreation and sport	336.5	30.5	694.90	21.21	228.1	38.5	919.90	108.3	13.5	221.12
Sales and service	3,668.0	30.3	467.41	14.38	2,275.1	38.5	636.70	1,392.9	16.8	190.91
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,234.2	40.2	864.59	21.28	2,084.9	41.8	906.81	149.3	17.8	274.93
Occupations unique to primary industry	280.5	41.2	804.06	18.85	247.7	44.7	887.38	32.7	14.3	172.97
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	857.9	39.1	737.08	18.68	817.1	40.2	762.01	40.8	16.6	238.22
October 2007										
15 years and over	14,410.6	35.5	763.91	20.74	11,775.2	39.6	877.16	2,635.5	17.2	257.90
15 to 24 years	2,443.6	27.5	356.43	12.07	1,251.7	39.3	551.69	1,191.9	15.0	151.38
25 years and over	11,967.0	37.2	847.11	22.51	10,523.5	39.7	915.87	1,443.6	18.9	345.85
Men	7,287.9	38.2	880.88	22.49	6,483.3	40.9	962.03	804.5	16.3	226.94
Women	7,122.8	32.8	644.22	18.95	5,291.9	38.1	773.18	1,830.9	17.5	271.50
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,567.2	35.9	863.33	23.76	3,901.7	38.8	945.02	665.5	18.9	384.38
No union coverage	9,843.5	35.4	717.77	19.34	7,873.5	40.1	843.53	1,970.0	16.6	215.17
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,562.1	36.5	802.68	21.40	10,730.3	39.6	891.83	1,831.8	18.2	280.44
Temporary	1,848.6	28.9	500.44	16.28	1,044.9	39.8	726.50	803.7	14.7	206.53
Occupation										
Management	1,035.6	40.1	1,284.31	32.18	1,004.9	40.7	1,308.33	30.7	19.8	497.85
Business, finance and administrative	2,809.8	35.1	705.06	19.65	2,366.5	38.3	783.59	443.3	17.7	285.89
Natural and applied sciences	1,058.7	38.5	1,109.92	28.81	1,020.1	39.3	1,136.12	38.5	17.1	416.60
Health	861.5	33.6	833.01	24.65	657.0	37.8	941.66	204.5	20.1	483.84
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,304.7	34.2	919.70	26.67	1,047.0	38.4	1,042.93	257.8	16.9	419.15
Art, culture, recreation and sport	352.5	30.3	694.81	21.21	236.1	38.9	925.53	116.4	13.0	226.80
Sales and service	3,668.2	30.8	464.21	13.98	2,320.2	38.9	628.89	1,348.0	16.9	180.77
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,125.4	40.5	842.60	20.59	2,000.6	41.9	879.59	124.8	17.9	249.66
Occupations unique to primary industry	301.1	41.5	776.03	17.88	265.4	45.2	859.30	35.7	13.6	157.19
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	893.2	39.4	708.02	17.84	857.5	40.3	728.44	35.7	16.5	217.86

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0023, 282-0069, 282-0073.

Table 8
Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program ¹, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

Region	Effective from November 9, 2008 to December 6, 2008
	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	18.0
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.2
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.5
05. Western Nova Scotia	8.7
06. Halifax	5.3
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.6
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	10.6
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.7
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.3
11. Québec	4.5
12. Trois-Rivières	7.8
13. South Central Quebec	6.0
14. Sherbrooke	6.5
15. Montérégie	7.9
16. Montréal	7.5
17. Central Quebec	8.1
18. Northwestern Quebec	10.9
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	12.6
20. Gatineau	5.0
21. Saguenay	7.5
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	4.7
23. Eastern Ontario	5.3
24. Kingston	5.8
25. Central Ontario	6.2
26. Oshawa	7.3
27. Toronto	6.8
28. Hamilton	5.8
29. St. Catharines	7.6
30. London	6.6
31. Niagara	8.8
32. Windsor	10.4
33. Kitchener	5.3
34. Huron	6.9
35. South Central Ontario	5.2
36. Sudbury	5.6
37. Thunder Bay	5.5
38. Northern Ontario	10.1
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.6
40. Southern Manitoba	4.8
41. Northern Manitoba	25.3
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.0
43. Saskatoon	4.1
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.6
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.9

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from November 9, 2008 to December 6, 2008
	percent
Alberta	
46. Calgary	3.9
47. Edmonton	3.6
48. Northern Alberta	8.4
49. Southern Alberta	4.7
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	7.5
51. Abbotsford	4.8
52. Vancouver	4.4
53. Victoria	3.9
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.7
55. Northern British Columbia	9.9
Territories	
56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
58. Nunavut ⁴	25.0

1. The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: <http://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.

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

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

Data quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

A person is considered to be **full-time** if his/her usual hours at the main job are 30 or more hours per week. When the number of hours worked at the main job is usually less than 30 hours per week then he/she is considered to be **part-time**.

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with reference week), and were available for work;
- (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but were on temporary layoff and were available for work;
- (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Persons in the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were neither employed nor unemployed are classified as **not in the labour force**.

The **unemployment rate** represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

The **participation rate** represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **employment rate (formerly the employment/population ratio)** represents the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **part-time rate** represents the number of persons employed part-time expressed as a percentage of the employed. The part-time rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed part-time in that group expressed as a percentage of the employed for that group.

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

Seasonal adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. The seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

The seasonally adjusted series are revised each year to take into account current data and to generate new forecast factors for the next twelve months. The data are therefore subject to slight revisions in future issues of this publication.

Sampling variability of estimates

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

Interpretation based on standard error

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

Movements in estimates that are smaller than the sampling error are less likely to reflect a real change and more likely to be due to sampling variability. While the above is true for monthly movements, one can have more confidence in a series of consecutive movements in the same direction, even though some of the monthly movements may be smaller than the sampling error.

Interpretation based on confidence intervals

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

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

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

Documentation

For more detailed information about the Labour Force Survey, see the following documents:

- Overview of the Labour Force Survey
- Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)
- Data quality statement
- Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-X)
- LFS *geographical maps*