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- r revised
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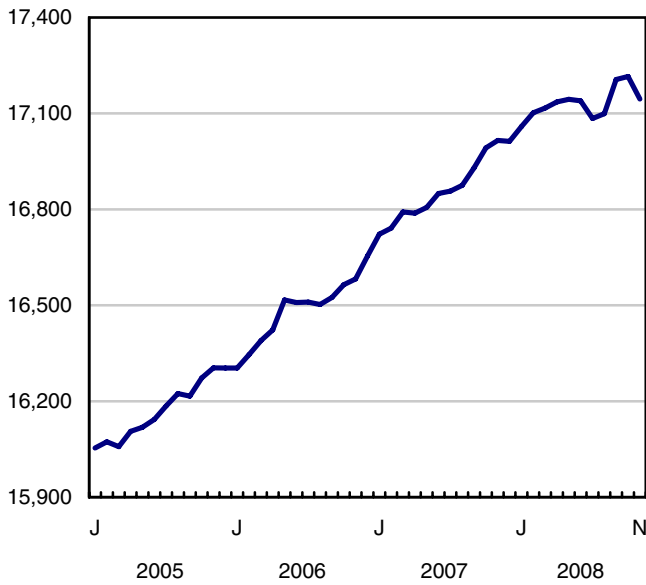
November 2008

Following little change in October, employment fell by 71,000 in November, with the decrease split between full-time and part-time work. The unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 6.3%.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

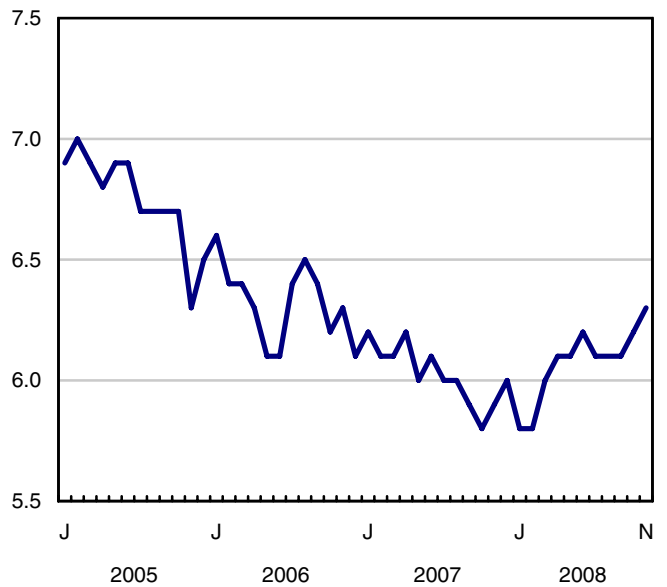
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



Analysis — November 2008

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In the first eleven months of 2008, employment increased by 0.8% (+133,000), a slower pace of growth compared with the 2.2% (+361,000) observed during the same period in 2007.

In November, the employment declines were concentrated in Ontario (-66,000), where there was a large drop in full-time work. Nova Scotia (-4,400) also experienced a decline in November, while employment remained relatively stable in the other provinces.

The manufacturing sector was hard hit in November, with an employment drop of 38,000. This brings manufacturing declines to 388,000 since the peak in 2002. In Ontario, the employment declines in this sector totalled 42,000 in November.

Following gains in October associated with hiring for the federal election, employment in public administration fell by 27,000 in November.

Other industries with employment decreases in November were transportation and warehousing; educational services; and agriculture. Employment gained ground, however, in health care and social assistance; and in professional, scientific and technical services.

Employment declines were spread out across most demographic groups, with the largest decreases among adult men and youth.

In November, year-over-year growth in the average hourly wage was 4.6%, well above the most recent increase in the Consumer Price Index (+2.6%).

Steep declines in Ontario

The largest employment declines in November were in Ontario, down 66,000. Full-time workers and men 25 and over were most affected. Ontario's unemployment rate jumped to 7.1% in November from 6.5% the month before. Since the start of the year, employment in Ontario has grown by 0.5%.

In Ontario, the steepest employment decline in November was in manufacturing. Since 2002, the start of the downward trend, this sector's share of employment in Ontario has fallen from 18.2% to 13.0%.

In Quebec, employment was unchanged in November, with gains in full-time work (+42,000) offsetting losses in part-time (-40,000). The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 7.1%.

Since the start of the year, employment in Quebec was little changed (+0.2%), as increases in health care and social assistance; manufacturing; and construction were offset by declines in transportation and warehousing; trade; and agriculture.

While Ontario's unemployment rate has been historically lower than Quebec's, the unemployment rates in these two provinces have been converging over the last few years. With the jump in unemployment in Ontario in November and no change in Quebec, the two rates are now the same for the first time in over 30 years. However, the share of the population who was employed in November remained lower in Quebec (60.9%) than in Ontario (63.1%).

Employment decreased in Nova Scotia by 4,400 in November, all in part time. This caused the unemployment rate to edge up to 7.8%.

While employment in the other provinces was little changed in November, the fastest pace of employment growth so far in 2008 has been in Saskatchewan (+3.2%), Alberta (+2.1%) and Manitoba (+1.8%).

Manufacturing employment down sharply

The manufacturing sector was hard hit in November, with an employment drop of 38,000.

Following gains in October associated with hiring for the federal election, employment in public administration fell by 27,000 in November. Even so, this industry has registered growth of 2.5% over the past eleven months.

In November, employment declines were also observed in transportation and warehousing (-26,000), educational services (-16,000) and agriculture (-10,000).

Employment in health care and social assistance grew by 18,000 in November, pushing gains since the beginning of the year to 68,000 (+3.6%). Professional, scientific and technical services also increased in November (+16,000), bringing increases so far this year to 67,000 (+5.8%).

The employment decrease in November was split between employees in the public and private sectors, while self-employment remained unchanged. Since the start of the year, employment in the private sector has risen 0.9% compared to 0.8% in the public sector and 0.4% among self-employed workers.

Men and youths most affected by the employment declines

Employment fell by 40,000 in November for men aged 25 and over. For youths aged 15 to 24, employment declined by 19,000, while it was little changed for adult women.

Since the start of the year, the increase in employment for women aged 25 and over (+99,000) has been twice that of men in the same age group (+49,000), while youth employment has showed little growth.

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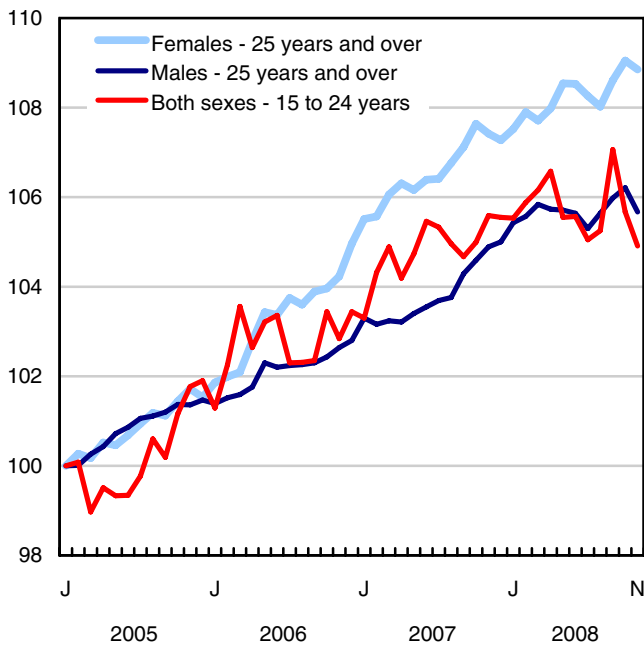
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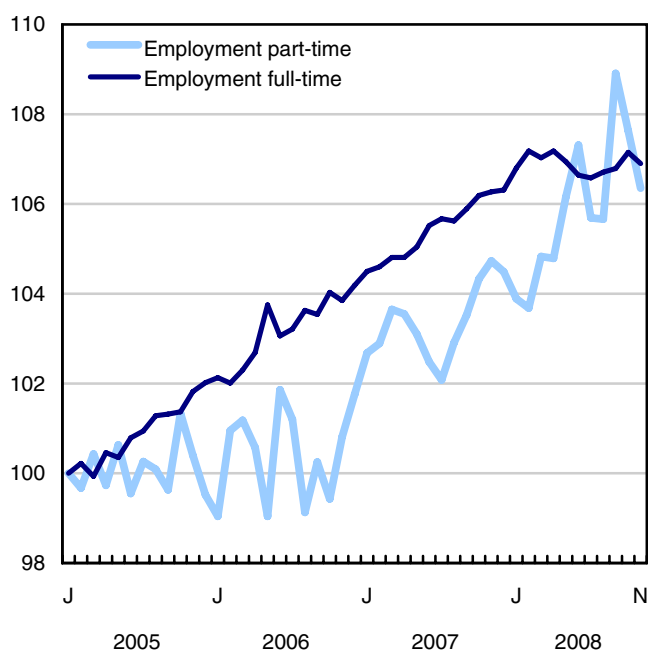
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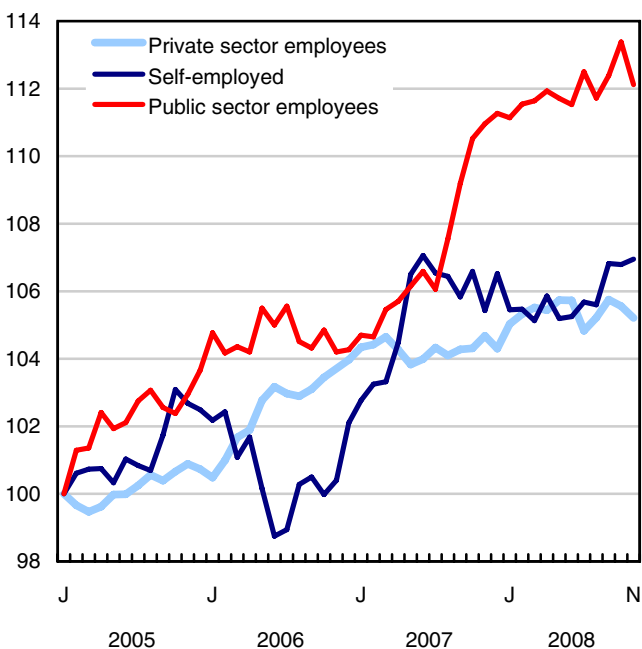
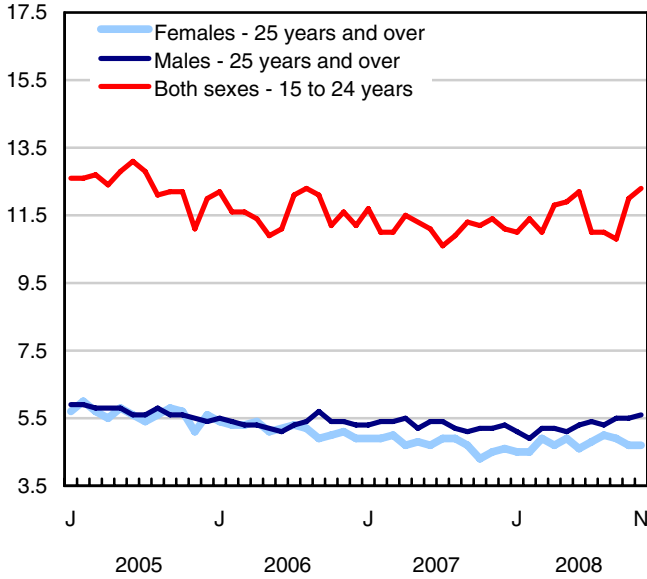
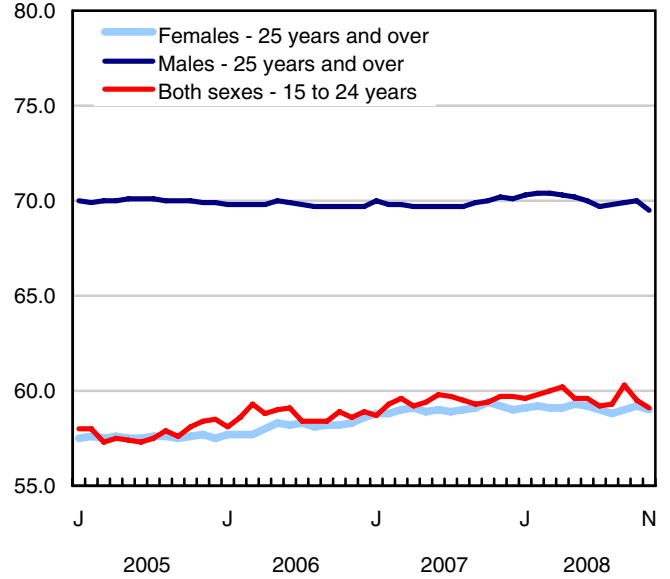


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Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

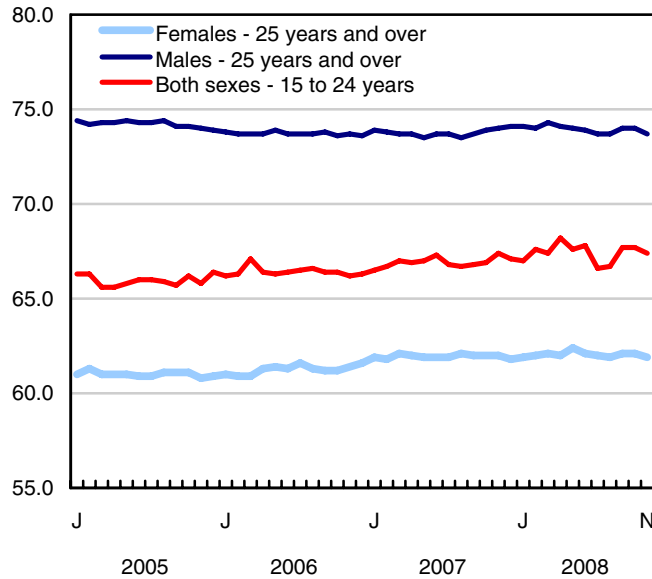


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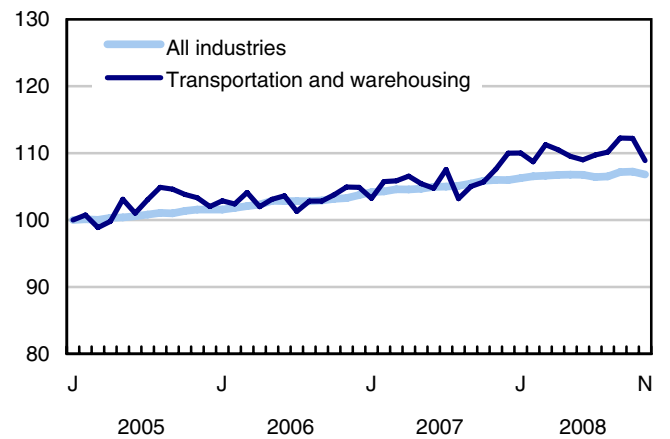
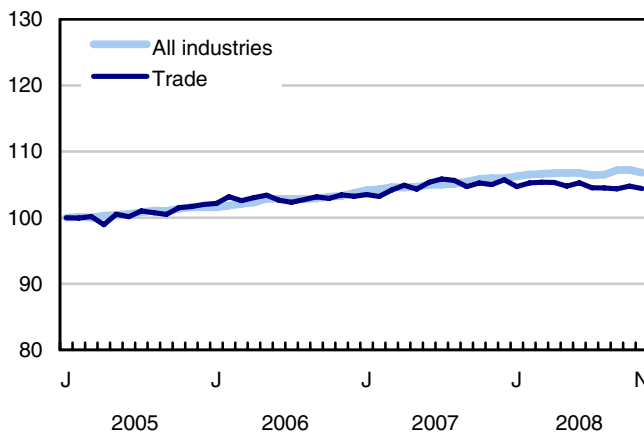
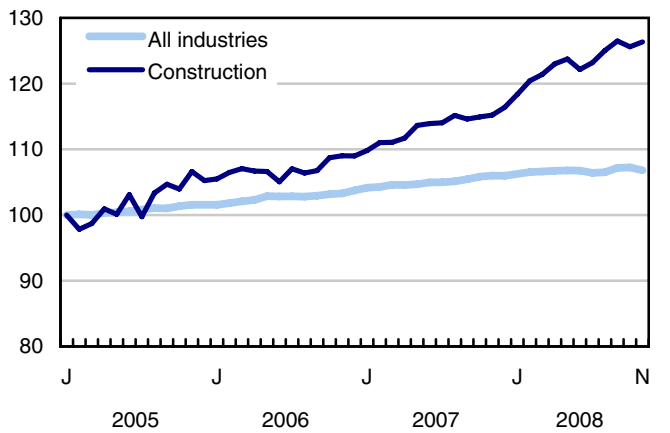
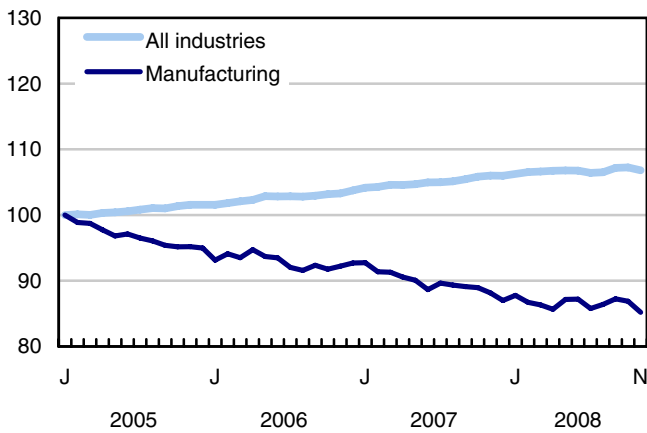
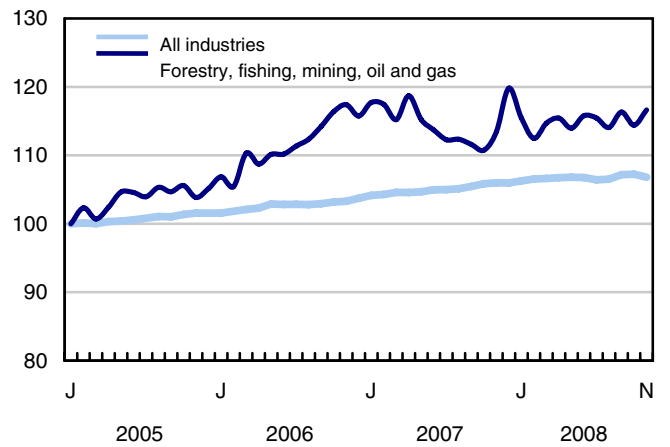
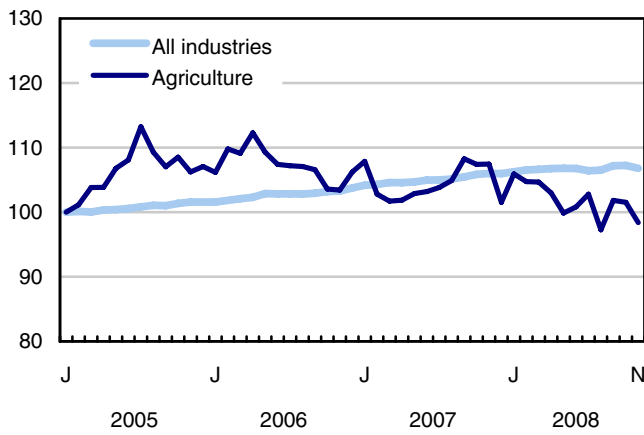


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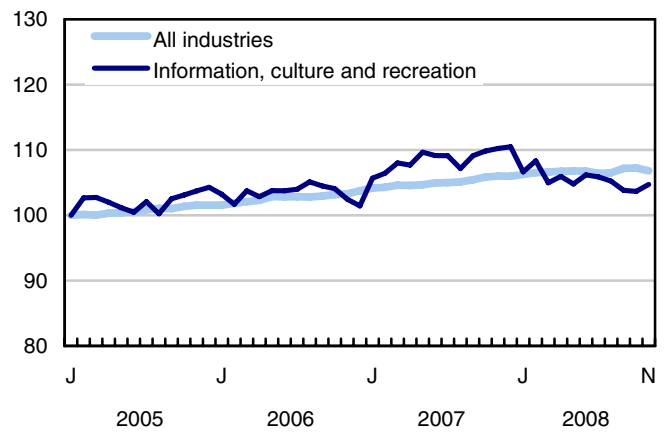
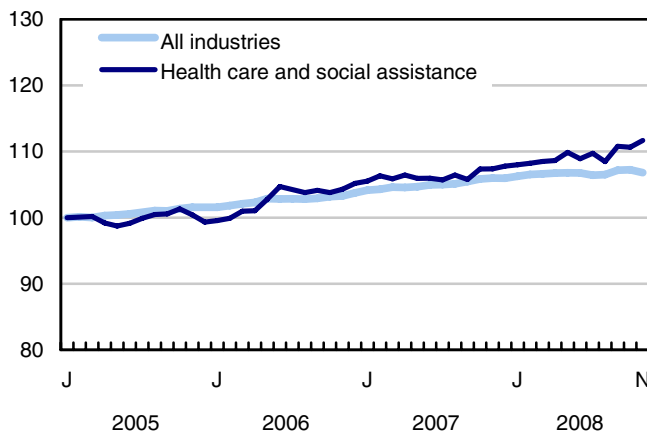
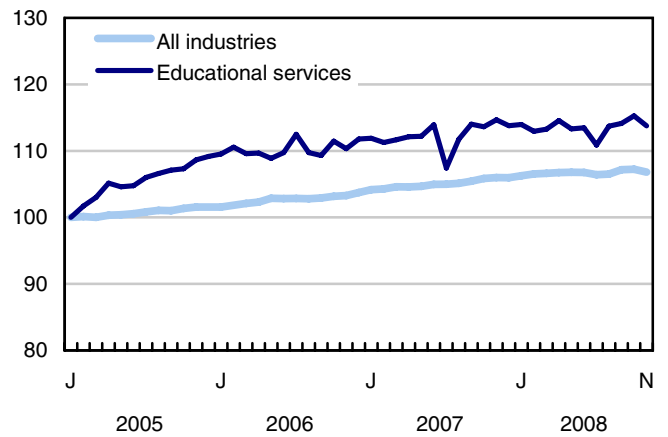
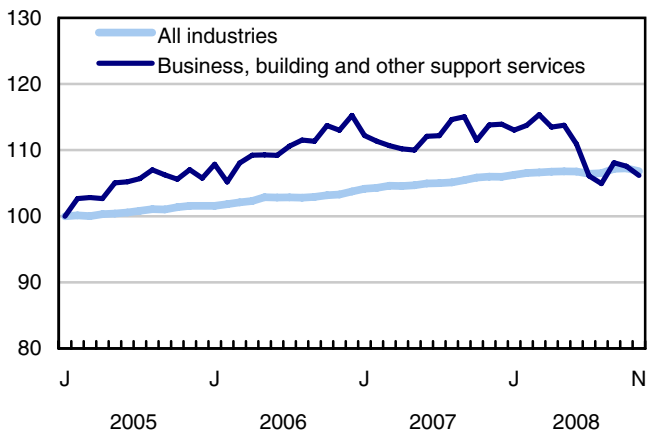
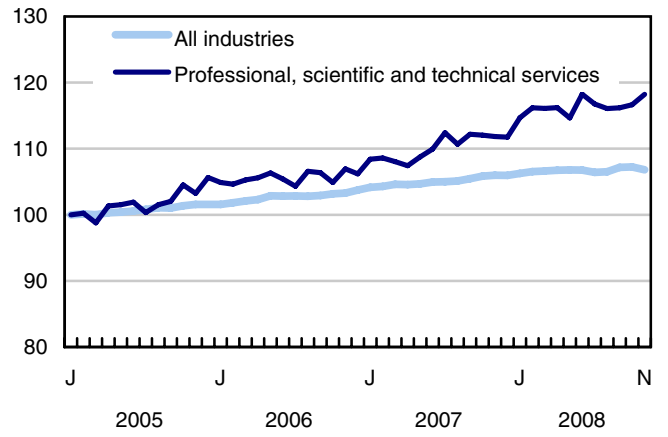
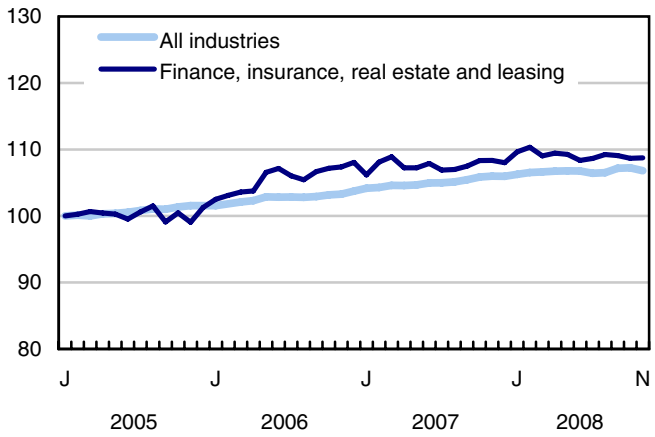


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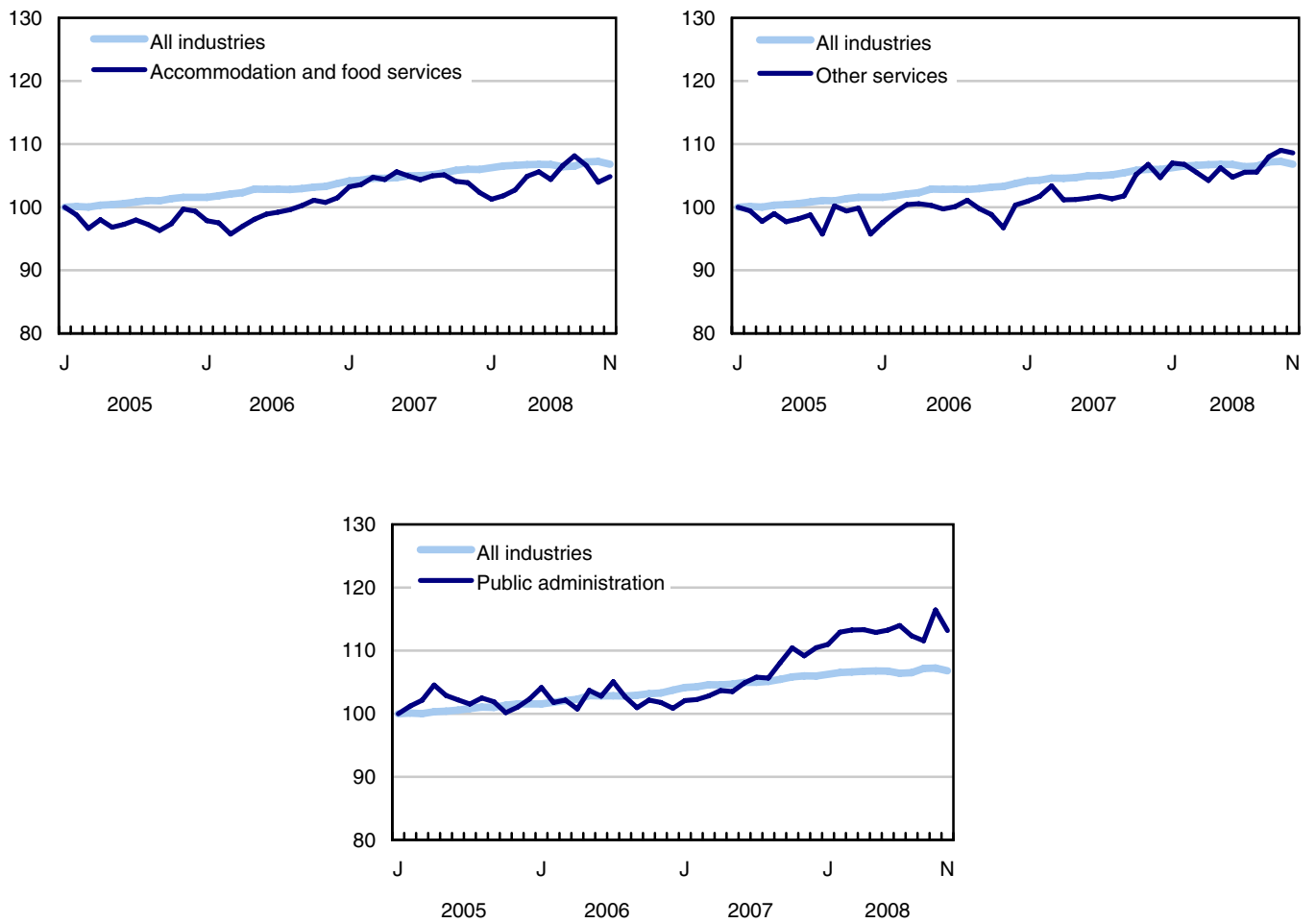


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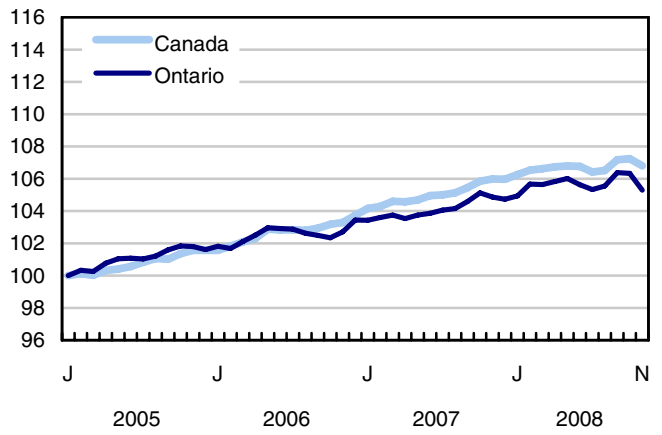
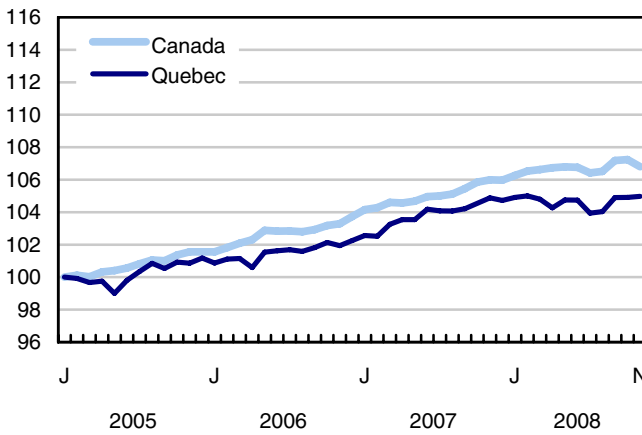
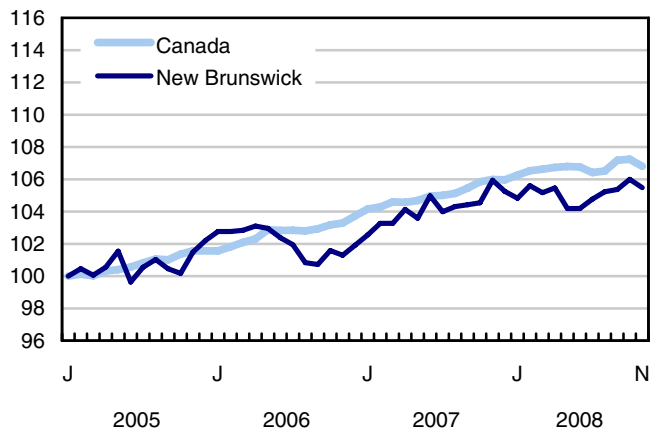
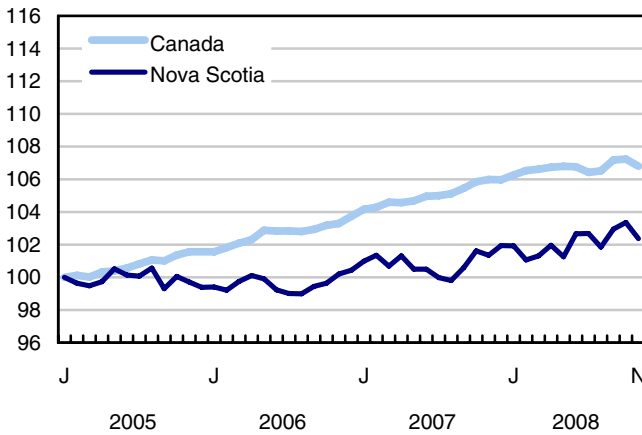
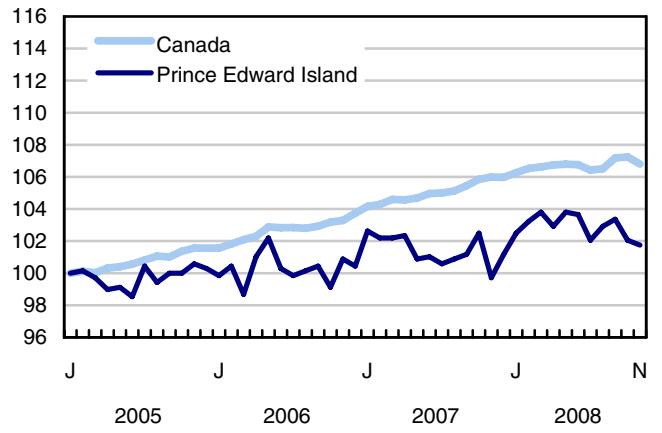
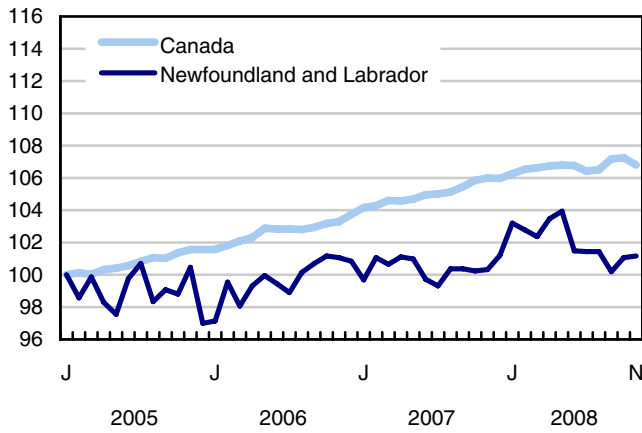
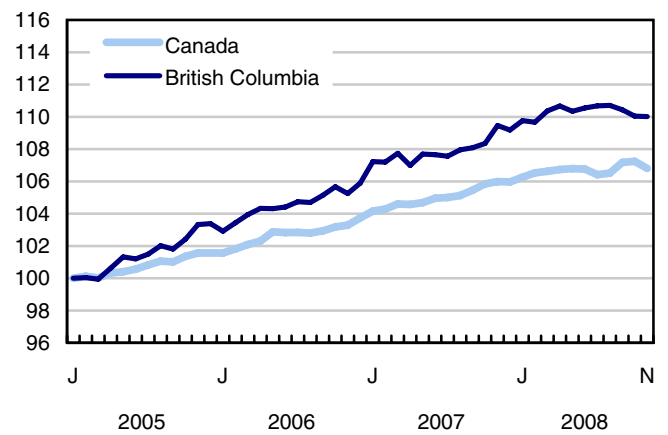
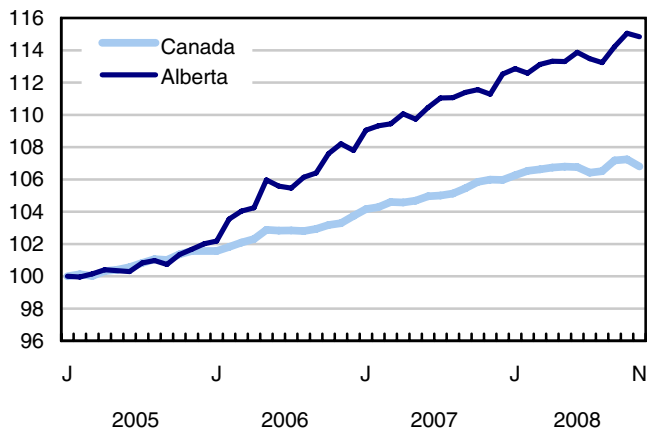
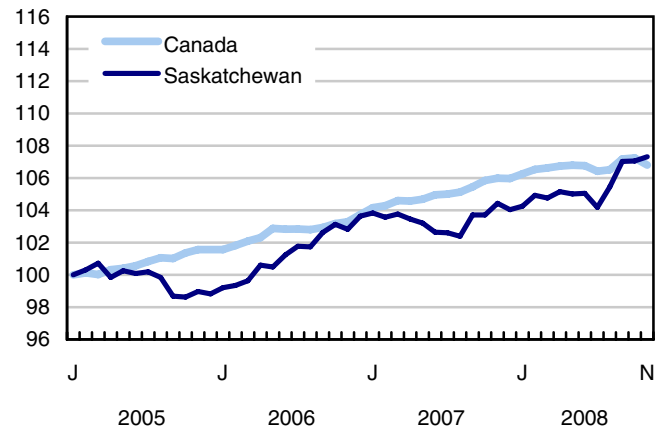
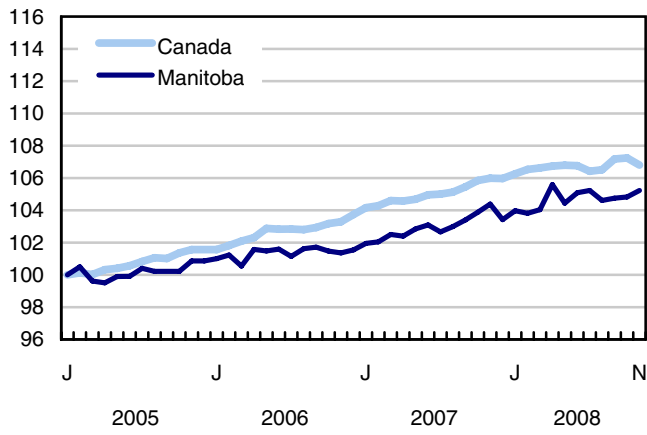


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100



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

	October 2008	November 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	27,044.1	27,072.6	...	28.5	353.1	379.1	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	18,355.5	18,307.2	27.1	-48.3	217.0	216.4	-0.3	1.2	1.2
Employment	17,215.8	17,145.2	27.7	-70.6	132.7	129.8	-0.4	0.8	0.8
Employment full-time	14,024.8	13,992.4	36.1	-32.4	77.8	82.1	-0.2	0.6	0.6
Employment part-time	3,190.9	3,152.9	33.0	-38.0	55.0	47.9	-1.2	1.8	1.5
Unemployment	1,139.7	1,162.0	22.7	22.3	84.4	86.6	2.0	7.8	8.1
Participation rate	67.9	67.6	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.4	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,381.9	4,383.0	...	1.1	16.2	17.4	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	2,965.4	2,953.6	16.3	-11.8	22.0	10.3	-0.4	0.8	0.3
Employment	2,608.6	2,589.8	16.0	-18.8	-15.7	-16.9	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6
Employment full-time	1,445.6	1,430.2	18.1	-15.4	8.3	6.2	-1.1	0.6	0.4
Employment part-time	1,163.0	1,159.6	18.9	-3.4	-24.1	-23.1	-0.3	-2.0	-2.0
Unemployment	356.9	363.8	13.5	6.9	37.8	27.2	1.9	11.6	8.1
Participation rate	67.7	67.4	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	12.3	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.6	44.8	0.6	0.2	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,076.6	11,090.3	...	13.7	169.6	182.1	0.1	1.6	1.7
Labour force	8,196.5	8,168.2	13.6	-28.3	80.1	96.5	-0.3	1.0	1.2
Employment	7,748.9	7,709.2	14.9	-39.7	49.0	56.7	-0.5	0.6	0.7
Employment full-time	7,179.9	7,175.1	19.2	-4.8	9.8	23.5	-0.1	0.1	0.3
Employment part-time	569.0	534.1	15.1	-34.9	39.2	33.2	-6.1	7.9	6.6
Unemployment	447.6	459.0	13.1	11.4	31.1	39.7	2.5	7.3	9.5
Participation rate	74.0	73.7	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	69.5	0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.3	6.9	0.2	-0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	11,585.6	11,599.4	...	13.8	167.4	179.8	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	7,193.6	7,185.3	15.6	-8.3	114.8	109.5	-0.1	1.6	1.5
Employment	6,858.3	6,846.2	15.7	-12.1	99.4	90.0	-0.2	1.5	1.3
Employment full-time	5,399.4	5,387.1	23.5	-12.3	59.7	52.3	-0.2	1.1	1.0
Employment part-time	1,458.9	1,459.1	21.6	0.2	39.7	37.7	0.0	2.8	2.7
Unemployment	335.3	339.2	12.3	3.9	15.5	19.6	1.2	4.8	6.1
Participation rate	62.1	61.9	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,455.0	14,461.6	...	6.6	89.9	95.9	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	12,545.7	12,543.2	20.2	-2.5	91.0	82.9	0.0	0.7	0.7
Employment	11,914.0	11,895.0	21.8	-19.0	67.9	51.0	-0.2	0.6	0.4
Unemployment	631.8	648.3	16.7	16.5	23.2	31.9	2.6	3.7	5.2
Participation rate	86.8	86.7	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.4	82.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	October 2008	November 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	7,221.2	7,224.7	...	3.5	47.1	50.2	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	6,604.4	6,608.6	12.8	4.2	42.1	47.0	0.1	0.6	0.7
Employment	6,250.4	6,235.6	14.5	-14.8	24.5	24.9	-0.2	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	354.0	373.0	12.3	19.0	17.6	22.1	5.4	5.0	6.3
Participation rate	91.5	91.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	86.6	86.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,233.9	7,236.9	...	3.0	42.8	45.7	0.0	0.6	0.6
Labour force	5,941.3	5,934.7	15.1	-6.6	49.0	35.9	-0.1	0.8	0.6
Employment	5,663.6	5,659.4	15.5	-4.2	43.3	26.1	-0.1	0.8	0.5
Unemployment	277.7	275.2	11.4	-2.5	5.5	9.7	-0.9	2.0	3.7
Participation rate	82.1	82.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.6	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	8,207.2	8,228.1	...	20.9	247.1	266.0	0.3	3.1	3.3
Labour force	2,844.4	2,810.4	15.4	-34.0	104.0	123.3	-1.2	3.8	4.6
Employment	2,693.2	2,660.4	15.3	-32.8	80.5	95.8	-1.2	3.1	3.7
Unemployment	151.1	149.9	7.8	-1.2	23.4	27.4	-0.8	18.5	22.4
Participation rate	34.7	34.2	0.2	-0.5	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.8	32.3	0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	3,855.4	3,865.6	...	10.2	122.5	132.0	0.3	3.3	3.5
Labour force	1,592.0	1,559.7	10.2	-32.3	38.1	49.5	-2.0	2.5	3.3
Employment	1,498.5	1,473.7	10.2	-24.8	24.6	31.9	-1.7	1.7	2.2
Unemployment	93.5	86.0	5.6	-7.5	13.5	17.6	-8.0	18.6	25.7
Participation rate	41.3	40.3	0.3	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.5	0.4	-0.4	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.9	38.1	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,351.8	4,362.5	...	10.7	124.5	134.0	0.2	2.9	3.2
Labour force	1,252.3	1,250.7	10.7	-1.6	65.9	73.7	-0.1	5.6	6.3
Employment	1,194.7	1,186.7	10.6	-8.0	56.0	63.8	-0.7	5.0	5.7
Unemployment	57.6	63.9	5.3	6.3	9.9	9.8	10.9	18.3	18.1
Participation rate	28.8	28.7	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.5	27.2	0.3	-0.3	0.5	0.6	...	...	...

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	14,566.2	14,491.7	32.6	-74.5	121.9	92.0	-0.5	0.8	0.6
Self-employed ²	2,649.5	2,653.5	21.7	4.0	10.8	37.8	0.2	0.4	1.4
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,464.9	3,426.6	21.2	-38.3	26.1	35.4	-1.1	0.8	1.0
Private sector employees	11,101.3	11,065.1	33.7	-36.2	95.8	56.6	-0.3	0.9	0.5
Industry	17,215.8	17,145.2	27.7	-70.6	132.7	129.8	-0.4	0.8	0.8
Goods-producing sector	4,049.8	4,017.0	23.5	-32.8	48.3	32.2	-0.8	1.2	0.8
Agriculture	327.6	317.5	7.1	-10.1	-10.1	-29.2	-3.1	-3.1	-8.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	338.4	345.0	6.7	6.6	-9.4	9.4	2.0	-2.7	2.8
Utilities	148.6	150.4	4.3	1.8	9.6	7.9	1.2	6.8	5.5
Construction	1,255.4	1,262.7	14.3	7.3	99.3	111.3	0.6	8.5	9.7
Manufacturing	1,979.6	1,941.3	17.9	-38.3	-41.2	-67.4	-1.9	-2.1	-3.4
Services-producing sector	13,166.0	13,128.2	31.3	-37.8	84.4	97.6	-0.3	0.6	0.7
Trade	2,681.4	2,672.5	20.7	-8.9	-33.9	-14.8	-0.3	-1.3	-0.6
Transportation and warehousing	872.2	846.2	12.2	-26.0	-8.7	9.9	-3.0	-1.0	1.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,070.8	1,071.3	13.5	0.5	7.0	3.6	0.0	0.7	0.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,203.8	1,220.1	14.9	16.3	66.8	65.8	1.4	5.8	5.7
Business, building and other support services	672.4	663.6	12.7	-8.8	-48.6	-47.8	-1.3	-6.8	-6.7
Educational services	1,211.8	1,196.2	14.2	-15.6	-0.1	-9.4	-1.3	0.0	-0.8
Health care and social assistance	1,920.6	1,938.3	15.4	17.7	67.7	74.7	0.9	3.6	4.0
Information, culture and recreation	746.8	754.4	12.5	7.6	-41.5	-39.6	1.0	-5.2	-5.0
Accommodation and food services	1,066.2	1,075.4	14.5	9.2	26.0	9.9	0.9	2.5	0.9
Other services	767.8	764.8	11.4	-3.0	27.5	12.7	-0.4	3.7	1.7
Public administration	952.2	925.5	10.8	-26.7	22.3	32.7	-2.8	2.5	3.7

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

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

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

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	October 2008	November 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	427.2	427.4	...	0.2	2.9	3.3	0.0	0.7	0.8
Labour force	253.1	253.3	2.2	0.2	3.1	3.5	0.1	1.2	1.4
Employment	218.5	218.7	2.3	0.2	-0.1	1.8	0.1	0.0	0.8
Employment full-time	185.5	186.0	2.6	0.5	-2.6	0.4	0.3	-1.4	0.2
Employment part-time	33.0	32.7	1.9	-0.3	2.5	1.4	-0.9	8.3	4.5
Unemployment	34.6	34.6	2.1	0.0	3.2	1.7	0.0	10.2	5.2
Participation rate	59.2	59.3	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	13.7	0.8	0.0	1.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.1	51.2	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	115.3	115.4	...	0.1	1.6	1.7	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	78.9	77.9	0.6	-1.0	0.4	0.9	-1.3	0.5	1.2
Employment	69.8	69.6	0.7	-0.2	0.4	1.4	-0.3	0.6	2.1
Employment full-time	57.8	58.4	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.7	1.0	0.9	3.0
Employment part-time	12.0	11.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-6.7	-0.9	-2.6
Unemployment	9.1	8.3	0.6	-0.8	0.0	-0.5	-8.8	0.0	-5.7
Participation rate	68.4	67.5	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	10.7	0.8	-0.8	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	770.2	770.4	...	0.2	4.6	5.0	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	495.8	492.4	2.8	-3.4	2.2	4.1	-0.7	0.4	0.8
Employment	458.6	454.2	2.9	-4.4	1.9	4.5	-1.0	0.4	1.0
Employment full-time	373.6	373.6	3.7	0.0	6.9	9.3	0.0	1.9	2.6
Employment part-time	84.9	80.6	3.1	-4.3	-5.0	-4.8	-5.1	-5.8	-5.6
Unemployment	37.2	38.2	2.6	1.0	0.2	-0.4	2.7	0.5	-1.0
Participation rate	64.4	63.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	619.3	619.4	...	0.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	405.0	402.3	2.4	-2.7	4.5	4.6	-0.7	1.1	1.2
Employment	369.2	367.4	2.4	-1.8	0.8	-1.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.4
Employment full-time	309.8	309.4	3.0	-0.4	-1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
Employment part-time	59.5	58.0	2.4	-1.5	2.5	-1.5	-2.5	4.5	-2.5
Unemployment	35.7	34.9	2.2	-0.8	3.7	6.1	-2.2	11.9	21.2
Participation rate	65.4	64.9	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.7	0.5	-0.1	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,390.7	6,395.8	...	5.1	55.6	60.2	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	4,192.9	4,193.4	14.3	0.5	18.6	10.2	0.0	0.4	0.2
Employment	3,891.3	3,893.8	14.7	2.5	9.5	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.1
Employment full-time	3,142.2	3,184.2	19.3	42.0	35.0	35.7	1.3	1.1	1.1
Employment part-time	749.1	709.6	17.5	-39.5	-25.5	-32.3	-5.3	-3.5	-4.4
Unemployment	301.5	299.6	12.8	-1.9	9.1	6.7	-0.6	3.1	2.3
Participation rate	65.6	65.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.5

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Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	October 2008	November 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	10,560.1	10,571.3	...	11.2	144.9	154.8	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	7,203.4	7,174.4	18.4	-29.0	79.2	83.8	-0.4	1.1	1.2
Employment	6,732.1	6,666.1	18.8	-66.0	35.2	26.8	-1.0	0.5	0.4
Employment full-time	5,472.9	5,422.7	23.8	-50.2	-22.9	-11.0	-0.9	-0.4	-0.2
Employment part-time	1,259.2	1,243.4	21.8	-15.8	58.1	37.8	-1.3	4.9	3.1
Unemployment	471.4	508.4	15.7	37.0	44.1	57.1	7.8	9.5	12.7
Participation rate	68.2	67.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	913.1	913.8	...	0.7	10.6	11.4	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	634.6	636.6	2.7	2.0	11.3	5.2	0.3	1.8	0.8
Employment	607.2	609.6	2.7	2.4	10.5	4.9	0.4	1.8	0.8
Employment full-time	494.8	490.0	3.9	-4.8	2.0	0.4	-1.0	0.4	0.1
Employment part-time	112.4	119.6	3.6	7.2	8.5	4.6	6.4	7.7	4.0
Unemployment	27.4	27.0	2.2	-0.4	0.8	0.3	-1.5	3.1	1.1
Participation rate	69.5	69.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	772.1	773.1	...	1.0	15.1	16.4	0.1	2.0	2.2
Labour force	540.8	540.6	2.3	-0.2	14.7	12.7	0.0	2.8	2.4
Employment	519.3	520.6	2.4	1.3	15.9	14.0	0.3	3.2	2.8
Employment full-time	426.0	427.7	3.2	1.7	15.0	15.0	0.4	3.6	3.6
Employment part-time	93.3	92.9	2.9	-0.4	1.0	-1.0	-0.4	1.1	-1.1
Unemployment	21.5	19.9	1.8	-1.6	-1.3	-1.4	-7.4	-6.1	-6.6
Participation rate	70.0	69.9	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.3	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,812.3	2,818.0	...	5.7	48.5	51.5	0.2	1.8	1.9
Labour force	2,116.9	2,107.0	8.1	-9.9	47.2	61.3	-0.5	2.3	3.0
Employment	2,038.6	2,034.9	8.3	-3.7	41.1	63.1	-0.2	2.1	3.2
Employment full-time	1,706.5	1,697.6	11.1	-8.9	19.7	35.7	-0.5	1.2	2.1
Employment part-time	332.1	337.3	10.0	5.2	21.4	27.4	1.6	6.8	8.8
Unemployment	78.3	72.1	5.9	-6.2	6.1	-1.8	-7.9	9.2	-2.4
Participation rate	75.3	74.8	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.4	0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.5	72.2	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,663.9	3,668.1	...	4.2	65.4	70.5	0.1	1.8	2.0
Labour force	2,434.2	2,429.3	9.6	-4.9	35.8	30.1	-0.2	1.5	1.3
Employment	2,311.1	2,310.4	9.6	-0.7	17.5	11.6	0.0	0.8	0.5
Employment full-time	1,855.7	1,841.8	13.7	-13.9	25.3	-5.8	-0.7	1.4	-0.3
Employment part-time	455.5	468.6	12.8	13.1	-7.9	17.4	2.9	-1.7	3.9
Unemployment	123.0	119.0	6.9	-4.0	18.4	18.6	-3.3	18.3	18.5
Participation rate	66.4	66.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	427.2	427.4	...	0.2	2.9	3.3	0.0	0.7	0.8
Labour force	253.1	253.3	2.2	0.2	3.1	3.5	0.1	1.2	1.4
Employment	218.5	218.7	2.3	0.2	-0.1	1.8	0.1	0.0	0.8
Employment full-time	185.5	186.0	2.6	0.5	-2.6	0.4	0.3	-1.4	0.2
Unemployment	34.6	34.6	2.1	0.0	3.2	1.7	0.0	10.2	5.2
Participation rate	59.2	59.3	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	13.7	0.8	0.0	1.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.1	51.2	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.1	15.0	0.8	-0.2	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	62.1	62.0	...	-0.1	-0.9	-1.0	-0.2	-1.4	-1.6
Labour force	35.4	34.2	1.1	-1.2	0.8	-0.3	-3.4	2.4	-0.9
Employment	28.6	27.3	1.1	-1.3	0.1	0.0	-4.5	0.4	0.0
Unemployment	6.9	6.9	1.0	0.0	0.7	-0.3	0.0	11.3	-4.2
Participation rate	57.0	55.2	1.8	-1.8	2.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	19.5	20.2	2.7	0.7	1.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	46.1	44.0	1.7	-2.1	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.5	44.7	3.6	-0.8	5.0	1.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	176.1	176.3	...	0.2	1.5	1.7	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	115.7	115.3	1.3	-0.4	0.9	2.6	-0.3	0.8	2.3
Employment	98.2	98.3	1.3	0.1	-3.2	-2.8	0.1	-3.2	-2.8
Unemployment	17.5	17.0	1.3	-0.5	4.1	5.5	-2.9	31.8	47.8
Participation rate	65.7	65.4	0.7	-0.3	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.1	14.7	1.1	-0.4	3.4	4.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	55.8	0.8	0.0	-2.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	5.0	0.8	-1.0	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	188.9	189.1	...	0.2	2.4	2.6	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	101.9	103.8	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.1
Employment	91.7	93.1	1.2	1.4	3.0	4.6	1.5	3.3	5.2
Unemployment	10.2	10.7	1.2	0.5	-1.6	-3.5	4.9	-13.0	-24.6
Participation rate	53.9	54.9	0.6	1.0	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.3	1.1	0.3	-1.7	-3.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.5	49.2	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	16.8	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	218.5	218.7	2.3	0.2	-0.1	1.8	0.1	0.0	0.8
Agriculture	46.1	46.7	1.8	0.6	-2.9	-1.7	1.3	-5.8	-3.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.2	-1.1	-1.0	-40.0	-78.6	-76.9
Utilities	15.5	15.8	1.0	0.3	-1.2	-1.7	1.9	-7.1	-9.7
Construction	1.7	1.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	-11.8	-21.1	7.1
Manufacturing	16.5	16.7	1.0	0.2	2.5	2.7	1.2	17.6	19.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	11.9	12.4	1.1	0.5	-2.8	-1.8	4.2	-18.4	-12.7
Services-producing sector	172.4	172.0	2.1	-0.4	2.8	3.5	-0.2	1.7	2.1
Trade	34.4	34.4	1.3	0.0	-2.1	-2.7	0.0	-5.8	-7.3
Transportation and warehousing	10.3	10.4	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.0	3.0	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.6	6.8	0.6	-0.8	-1.5	-0.7	-10.5	-18.1	-9.3
Business, building and other support services	7.5	8.1	0.6	0.6	0.2	-0.8	8.0	2.5	-9.0
Educational services	8.2	7.7	0.8	-0.5	-1.3	-1.5	-6.1	-14.4	-16.3
Health care and social assistance	17.1	17.7	0.8	0.6	2.4	2.5	3.5	15.7	16.4
Information, culture and recreation	34.4	34.8	1.0	0.4	2.4	2.6	1.2	7.4	8.1
Accommodation and food services	8.2	8.2	0.7	0.0	-1.1	-0.4	0.0	-11.8	-4.7
Other services	12.9	12.4	1.0	-0.5	-2.8	-2.4	-3.9	-18.4	-16.2
Public administration	13.0	13.2	0.7	0.2	4.3	4.5	1.5	48.3	51.7
Public administration	18.7	18.3	0.9	-0.4	2.1	2.5	-2.1	13.0	15.8

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	115.3	115.4	...	0.1	1.6	1.7	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	78.9	77.9	0.6	-1.0	0.4	0.9	-1.3	0.5	1.2
Employment	69.8	69.6	0.7	-0.2	0.4	1.4	-0.3	0.6	2.1
Employment full-time	57.8	58.4	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.7	1.0	0.9	3.0
Unemployment	9.1	8.3	0.6	-0.8	0.0	-0.5	-8.8	0.0	-5.7
Participation rate	68.4	67.5	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	10.7	0.8	-0.8	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.2	16.1	0.9	-1.1	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
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	13.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	-3.5	-1.4	0.7
Employment	11.8	11.8	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.7	3.5
Unemployment	2.5	2.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-16.0	-12.5	-8.7
Participation rate	72.2	69.7	1.9	-2.5	-1.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.5	15.2	2.3	-2.3	-1.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.6	1.9	0.0	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.4	37.3	3.2	-5.1	-3.2	-7.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	46.0	46.0	...	0.0	0.9	1.0	0.0	2.0	2.2
Labour force	32.7	32.0	0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1	-0.6	-0.6
Employment	28.9	28.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	-1.0	-1.7	0.4
Unemployment	3.8	3.4	0.4	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	-10.5	9.7	-8.1
Participation rate	71.1	69.6	0.7	-1.5	-1.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	10.6	1.1	-1.0	1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.2	0.8	-0.6	-2.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	5.9	1.0	-0.3	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	49.5	49.6	...	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.0	1.0
Labour force	31.9	32.0	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.3	2.2	2.6
Employment	29.1	29.2	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.3	2.5	3.2
Unemployment	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-3.4
Participation rate	64.4	64.5	0.7	0.1	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.8	1.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.9	0.8	0.1	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	17.5	1.4	-0.1	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	69.8	69.6	0.7	-0.2	0.4	1.4	-0.3	0.6	2.1
Agriculture	17.3	17.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	2.3	2.9	6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-9.1	0.0
Utilities	2.7	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	11.1	25.0	25.0
Construction	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	50.0	0.0	-25.0
Manufacturing	5.2	5.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.8	3.8	17.4	17.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.1	6.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-1.6	-10.4	-3.2
Services-producing sector	52.5	51.9	0.7	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	-1.1	-0.2	0.6
Trade	10.5	9.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-0.7	-6.7	-8.4	-6.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.4	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	12.5	12.5	17.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.5	2.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	8.0	-6.9	-3.6
Business, building and other support services	2.5	2.3	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-8.0	0.0	0.0
Educational services	2.6	2.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-7.1	0.0
Health care and social assistance	4.9	4.8	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-2.0	2.1	4.3
Information, culture and recreation	8.6	8.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2	-1.2	3.7	2.4
Accommodation and food services	2.5	2.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-4.0	-7.7	-7.7
Other services	5.3	5.8	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	9.4	7.4	7.4
Public administration	2.7	2.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-7.4	-16.7	-19.4
Public administration	8.1	8.0	0.3	-0.1	1.0	1.0	-1.2	14.3	14.3

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

	October 2008	November 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	770.2	770.4	...	0.2	4.6	5.0	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	495.8	492.4	2.8	-3.4	2.2	4.1	-0.7	0.4	0.8
Employment	458.6	454.2	2.9	-4.4	1.9	4.5	-1.0	0.4	1.0
Employment full-time	373.6	373.6	3.7	0.0	6.9	9.3	0.0	1.9	2.6
Unemployment	37.2	38.2	2.6	1.0	0.2	-0.4	2.7	0.5	-1.0
Participation rate	64.4	63.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	17.7	0.7	-0.8	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	120.9	120.8	...	-0.1	-1.2	-1.3	-0.1	-1.0	-1.1
Labour force	83.2	80.5	1.7	-2.7	-2.8	-1.7	-3.2	-3.4	-2.1
Employment	71.1	69.5	1.7	-1.6	-1.4	-2.1	-2.3	-2.0	-2.9
Unemployment	12.1	11.0	1.5	-1.1	-1.4	0.4	-9.1	-11.3	3.8
Participation rate	68.8	66.6	1.4	-2.2	-1.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.5	13.7	1.7	-0.8	-1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	57.5	1.4	-1.3	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.6	41.2	2.5	-2.4	-4.3	-5.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	309.5	309.6	...	0.1	2.4	2.6	0.0	0.8	0.8
Labour force	212.1	211.2	1.5	-0.9	0.5	0.6	-0.4	0.2	0.3
Employment	196.6	195.7	1.7	-0.9	-0.3	1.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.8
Unemployment	15.5	15.5	1.6	0.0	0.8	-0.9	0.0	5.4	-5.5
Participation rate	68.5	68.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.3	0.7	0.0	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	7.5	0.7	-0.4	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	339.7	340.0	...	0.3	3.3	3.6	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	200.5	200.7	1.5	0.2	4.5	5.2	0.1	2.3	2.7
Employment	190.8	189.0	1.5	-1.8	3.6	5.1	-0.9	1.9	2.8
Unemployment	9.7	11.7	1.3	2.0	0.8	0.1	20.6	7.3	0.9
Participation rate	59.0	59.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.8	0.7	1.0	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	55.6	0.5	-0.6	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	19.7	1.0	-0.4	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	458.6	454.2	2.9	-4.4	1.9	4.5	-1.0	0.4	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	6.4	6.9	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.6	7.8	21.1	30.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.3	12.7	1.0	-0.6	-1.0	0.8	-4.5	-7.3	6.7
Utilities	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0	7.7	33.3
Construction	29.6	31.6	1.5	2.0	3.6	4.0	6.8	12.9	14.5
Manufacturing	38.8	38.0	1.5	-0.8	-4.0	-4.6	-2.1	-9.5	-10.8
Services-producing sector									
Trade	80.8	81.3	1.9	0.5	6.4	8.2	0.6	8.5	11.2
Transportation and warehousing	18.7	17.6	1.0	-1.1	-1.8	-2.3	-5.9	-9.3	-11.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.9	20.3	1.0	-1.6	-1.2	-1.6	-7.3	-5.6	-7.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.1	23.6	1.0	0.5	4.8	4.7	2.2	25.5	24.9
Business, building and other support services	23.5	24.7	1.4	1.2	-6.4	-5.3	5.1	-20.6	-17.7
Educational services	34.7	34.4	1.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.8	-0.9	0.0	-2.3
Health care and social assistance	61.0	61.0	1.6	0.0	-0.4	-1.2	0.0	-0.7	-1.9
Information, culture and recreation	19.2	19.3	1.1	0.1	-1.9	-2.3	0.5	-9.0	-10.6
Accommodation and food services	31.1	30.0	1.5	-1.1	1.1	0.9	-3.5	3.8	3.1
Other services	20.4	19.5	1.2	-0.9	0.4	0.5	-4.4	2.1	2.6
Public administration	33.2	30.7	1.1	-2.5	1.0	1.4	-7.5	3.4	4.8

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	619.3	619.4	...	0.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	405.0	402.3	2.4	-2.7	4.5	4.6	-0.7	1.1	1.2
Employment	369.2	367.4	2.4	-1.8	0.8	-1.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.4
Employment full-time	309.8	309.4	3.0	-0.4	-1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
Unemployment	35.7	34.9	2.2	-0.8	3.7	6.1	-2.2	11.9	21.2
Participation rate	65.4	64.9	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.7	0.5	-0.1	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.1	15.8	0.6	-0.3	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	94.5	94.4	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4
Labour force	66.2	66.8	1.3	0.6	4.3	3.9	0.9	6.9	6.2
Employment	55.9	57.3	1.3	1.4	2.2	0.1	2.5	4.0	0.2
Unemployment	10.3	9.5	1.1	-0.8	2.1	3.8	-7.8	28.4	66.7
Participation rate	70.1	70.8	1.4	0.7	4.9	4.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	14.2	1.7	-1.4	2.4	5.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	60.7	1.4	1.5	2.6	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.0	42.6	2.5	-1.4	2.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	253.4	253.5	...	0.1	1.9	2.1	0.0	0.8	0.8
Labour force	176.8	176.4	1.3	-0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Employment	160.4	160.1	1.4	-0.3	-1.2	-2.0	-0.2	-0.7	-1.2
Unemployment	16.4	16.3	1.4	-0.1	1.4	2.2	-0.6	9.4	15.6
Participation rate	69.8	69.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.2	0.8	-0.1	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	271.4	271.6	...	0.2	2.7	2.9	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	162.0	159.1	1.2	-2.9	0.1	0.4	-1.8	0.1	0.3
Employment	153.0	150.0	1.3	-3.0	-0.2	0.3	-2.0	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment	9.0	9.1	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.1	2.2	2.2
Participation rate	59.7	58.6	0.5	-1.1	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	55.2	0.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	16.9	1.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	369.2	367.4	2.4	-1.8	0.8	-1.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.4
Agriculture	6.2	6.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	4.8	6.6	10.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.5	11.1	0.9	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-3.5	-4.3	-4.3
Utilities	4.9	5.3	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.5	8.2	32.5	39.5
Construction	25.1	25.4	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.2	0.4	2.0
Manufacturing	36.6	34.5	1.3	-2.1	-2.2	-2.3	-5.7	-6.0	-6.2
Services-producing sector	285.0	284.6	2.4	-0.4	1.7	-1.3	-0.1	0.6	-0.5
Trade	57.5	55.7	1.6	-1.8	-1.2	-2.5	-3.1	-2.1	-4.3
Transportation and warehousing	21.8	21.3	1.0	-0.5	1.3	1.7	-2.3	6.5	8.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.8	15.0	0.8	-0.8	-2.1	-1.4	-5.1	-12.3	-8.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.5	17.4	0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-1.0	-0.6	-3.9	-5.4
Business, building and other support services	19.6	20.0	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.8	2.0	3.1	4.2
Educational services	26.3	27.3	1.1	1.0	1.6	0.8	3.8	6.2	3.0
Health care and social assistance	51.3	51.6	1.3	0.3	1.8	2.6	0.6	3.6	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	10.7	10.5	0.9	-0.2	-1.5	-3.6	-1.9	-12.5	-25.5
Accommodation and food services	21.3	22.5	1.1	1.2	-0.7	-0.9	5.6	-3.0	-3.8
Other services	14.6	15.7	0.9	1.1	-1.9	-2.5	7.5	-10.8	-13.7
Public administration	28.6	27.6	0.9	-1.0	4.3	4.6	-3.5	18.5	20.0

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	6,390.7	6,395.8	...	5.1	55.6	60.2	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	4,192.9	4,193.4	14.3	0.5	18.6	10.2	0.0	0.4	0.2
Employment	3,891.3	3,893.8	14.7	2.5	9.5	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.1
Employment full-time	3,142.2	3,184.2	19.3	42.0	35.0	35.7	1.3	1.1	1.1
Unemployment	301.5	299.6	12.8	-1.9	9.1	6.7	-0.6	3.1	2.3
Participation rate	65.6	65.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	18.2	0.4	-1.0	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	960.7	960.8	...	0.1	3.9	4.3	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	649.7	655.1	8.1	5.4	15.1	14.6	0.8	2.4	2.3
Employment	575.1	574.7	8.0	-0.4	9.9	14.6	-0.1	1.8	2.6
Unemployment	74.6	80.3	7.1	5.7	5.1	-0.1	7.6	6.8	-0.1
Participation rate	67.6	68.2	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	12.3	1.0	0.8	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	59.8	0.8	-0.1	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	51.3	49.4	1.5	-1.9	1.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,653.2	2,655.7	...	2.5	25.9	28.0	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	1,876.1	1,866.2	7.7	-9.9	-16.5	-12.7	-0.5	-0.9	-0.7
Employment	1,733.4	1,735.7	8.4	2.3	-14.0	-12.1	0.1	-0.8	-0.7
Unemployment	142.7	130.5	7.8	-12.2	-2.5	-0.6	-8.5	-1.9	-0.5
Participation rate	70.7	70.3	0.3	-0.4	-1.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.0	0.4	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.4	0.3	0.1	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	6.4	0.5	-1.3	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,776.8	2,779.3	...	2.5	25.8	27.9	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	1,667.0	1,672.1	8.0	5.1	20.0	8.3	0.3	1.2	0.5
Employment	1,582.8	1,583.4	8.3	0.6	13.6	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.1
Unemployment	84.2	88.7	6.8	4.5	6.4	7.4	5.3	7.8	9.1
Participation rate	60.0	60.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	57.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	19.9	0.7	-0.4	-1.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	3,891.3	3,893.8	14.7	2.5	9.5	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	885.8	896.3	11.9	10.5	16.7	23.0	1.2	1.9	2.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	56.5	54.9	3.5	-1.6	-16.0	-21.1	-2.8	-22.6	-27.8
Utilities	33.8	33.3	2.3	-0.5	-1.7	-0.3	-1.5	-4.9	-0.9
Construction	30.9	30.4	2.3	-0.5	-1.3	-3.8	-1.6	-4.1	-11.1
Manufacturing	222.5	227.0	6.4	4.5	17.4	23.2	2.0	8.3	11.4
	542.1	550.6	9.6	8.5	18.3	24.7	1.6	3.4	4.7
Services-producing sector									
	3,005.5	2,997.5	16.1	-8.0	-7.2	-19.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6
Trade	635.0	623.0	11.0	-12.0	-18.4	-23.3	-1.9	-2.9	-3.6
Transportation and warehousing	181.3	167.1	6.2	-14.2	-21.5	-21.4	-7.8	-11.4	-11.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	228.2	223.9	6.6	-4.3	-9.6	-7.9	-1.9	-4.1	-3.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	263.4	262.2	7.8	-1.2	-4.7	0.2	-0.5	-1.8	0.1
Business, building and other support services	131.4	140.9	6.0	9.5	6.0	3.6	7.2	4.4	2.6
Educational services	252.1	249.5	7.1	-2.6	-13.2	-16.0	-1.0	-5.0	-6.0
Health care and social assistance	478.7	490.4	8.1	11.7	29.4	30.3	2.4	6.4	6.6
Information, culture and recreation	182.9	179.2	6.4	-3.7	14.6	16.0	-2.0	8.9	9.8
Accommodation and food services	244.3	251.2	7.7	6.9	5.2	3.8	2.8	2.1	1.5
Other services	172.9	178.5	6.1	5.6	-4.0	-10.9	3.2	-2.2	-5.8
Public administration	235.3	231.6	5.8	-3.7	9.1	6.1	-1.6	4.1	2.7

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

	October 2008	November 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	10,560.1	10,571.3	...	11.2	144.9	154.8	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	7,203.4	7,174.4	18.4	-29.0	79.2	83.8	-0.4	1.1	1.2
Employment	6,732.1	6,666.1	18.8	-66.0	35.2	26.8	-1.0	0.5	0.4
Employment full-time	5,472.9	5,422.7	23.8	-50.2	-22.9	-11.0	-0.9	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployment	471.4	508.4	15.7	37.0	44.1	57.1	7.8	9.5	12.7
Participation rate	68.2	67.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.7	0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,737.4	1,738.3	...	0.9	10.1	10.7	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	1,130.2	1,127.7	11.6	-2.5	6.1	-1.6	-0.2	0.5	-0.1
Employment	969.8	958.6	11.1	-11.2	-10.9	-15.1	-1.2	-1.1	-1.6
Unemployment	160.4	169.1	9.7	8.7	17.0	13.6	5.4	11.2	8.7
Participation rate	65.1	64.9	0.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	15.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	55.1	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	47.4	1.1	1.5	-2.5	-2.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,286.6	4,291.6	...	5.0	62.9	67.2	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	3,200.9	3,190.7	8.8	-10.2	42.9	44.5	-0.3	1.4	1.4
Employment	3,030.3	2,994.6	9.7	-35.7	19.1	13.5	-1.2	0.6	0.5
Unemployment	170.6	196.1	8.7	25.5	23.8	31.0	14.9	13.8	18.8
Participation rate	74.7	74.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.1	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.7	69.8	0.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	7.4	0.3	-0.3	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,536.0	4,541.4	...	5.4	71.9	76.9	0.1	1.6	1.7
Labour force	2,872.3	2,856.1	10.6	-16.2	30.3	41.0	-0.6	1.1	1.5
Employment	2,732.0	2,712.8	10.4	-19.2	26.8	28.3	-0.7	1.0	1.1
Unemployment	140.3	143.2	8.4	2.9	3.4	12.6	2.1	2.4	9.6
Participation rate	63.3	62.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	59.7	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	20.9	0.5	-0.3	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
	6,732.1	6,666.1	18.8	-66.0	35.2	26.8	-1.0	0.5	0.4
Goods-producing sector									
	1,535.4	1,503.4	15.4	-32.0	-4.7	-23.2	-2.1	-0.3	-1.5
Agriculture	88.8	86.8	3.8	-2.0	-1.2	-3.4	-2.3	-1.4	-3.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.0	36.7	2.1	-2.3	2.1	5.1	-5.9	6.1	16.1
Utilities	63.3	67.6	2.7	4.3	7.9	9.7	6.8	13.2	16.8
Construction	437.7	447.9	9.2	10.2	42.7	43.4	2.3	10.5	10.7
Manufacturing	906.7	864.5	12.5	-42.2	-56.0	-77.8	-4.7	-6.1	-8.3
Services-producing sector									
	5,196.7	5,162.6	21.1	-34.1	39.7	49.9	-0.7	0.8	1.0
Trade	1,021.8	1,018.9	13.7	-2.9	-21.6	-5.3	-0.3	-2.1	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	345.8	346.9	7.8	1.1	40.0	44.6	0.3	13.0	14.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	470.2	473.0	9.6	2.8	2.4	-8.1	0.6	0.5	-1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	502.7	508.6	10.2	5.9	28.4	31.7	1.2	5.9	6.6
Business, building and other support services	297.9	277.4	9.0	-20.5	-25.7	-24.4	-6.9	-8.5	-8.1
Educational services	494.2	482.0	9.7	-12.2	-12.6	-14.3	-2.5	-2.5	-2.9
Health care and social assistance	697.4	697.1	9.9	-0.3	14.5	20.3	0.0	2.1	3.0
Information, culture and recreation	298.8	304.3	8.6	5.5	-34.8	-34.9	1.8	-10.3	-10.3
Accommodation and food services	393.9	400.4	9.3	6.5	21.8	12.1	1.7	5.8	3.1
Other services	295.2	294.0	7.4	-1.2	16.7	10.2	-0.4	6.0	3.6
Public administration	378.7	360.0	7.3	-18.7	10.6	18.0	-4.9	3.0	5.3

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	913.1	913.8	...	0.7	10.6	11.4	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	634.6	636.6	2.7	2.0	11.3	5.2	0.3	1.8	0.8
Employment	607.2	609.6	2.7	2.4	10.5	4.9	0.4	1.8	0.8
Employment full-time	494.8	490.0	3.9	-4.8	2.0	0.4	-1.0	0.4	0.1
Unemployment	27.4	27.0	2.2	-0.4	0.8	0.3	-1.5	3.1	1.1
Participation rate	69.5	69.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	19.6	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	158.8	158.8	...	0.0	1.3	1.5	0.0	0.8	1.0
Labour force	114.6	114.2	1.7	-0.4	0.4	-3.4	-0.3	0.4	-2.9
Employment	103.6	104.3	1.6	0.7	1.1	-3.9	0.7	1.1	-3.6
Unemployment	10.9	9.8	1.4	-1.1	-0.7	0.4	-10.1	-6.7	4.3
Participation rate	72.2	71.9	1.1	-0.3	-0.4	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	8.6	1.2	-0.9	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.7	1.0	0.5	0.2	-3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.1	44.9	2.0	3.8	2.3	1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	368.7	369.0	...	0.3	4.4	4.7	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	280.3	281.3	1.4	1.0	5.7	4.9	0.4	2.1	1.8
Employment	271.3	271.1	1.5	-0.2	3.2	2.4	-0.1	1.2	0.9
Unemployment	9.0	10.2	1.2	1.2	2.5	2.4	13.3	32.5	30.8
Participation rate	76.0	76.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.6	73.5	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	8.4	0.6	1.1	3.2	2.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	385.6	386.0	...	0.4	4.9	5.2	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	239.8	241.1	1.5	1.3	5.2	3.8	0.5	2.2	1.6
Employment	232.3	234.1	1.5	1.8	6.2	6.3	0.8	2.7	2.8
Unemployment	7.5	7.0	1.1	-0.5	-0.9	-2.5	-6.7	-11.4	-26.3
Participation rate	62.2	62.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	2.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.6	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	21.4	1.0	-0.2	-2.0	-1.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	607.2	609.6	2.7	2.4	10.5	4.9	0.4	1.8	0.8
Agriculture	152.5	149.7	2.6	-2.8	2.6	1.4	-1.8	1.8	0.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	30.3	30.1	1.3	-0.2	3.6	1.7	-0.7	13.6	6.0
Utilities	6.1	5.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.8	-0.5	-3.3	-11.9	-7.8
Construction	6.7	7.3	0.5	0.6	2.2	2.0	9.0	43.1	37.7
Manufacturing	40.4	38.4	1.5	-2.0	2.2	2.2	-5.0	6.1	6.1
Services-producing sector	69.0	68.0	1.9	-1.0	-4.6	-4.0	-1.4	-6.3	-5.6
Trade	454.7	459.9	3.2	5.2	7.9	3.5	1.1	1.7	0.8
Transportation and warehousing	88.1	91.0	2.1	2.9	3.3	5.6	3.3	3.8	6.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	34.3	36.8	1.3	2.5	2.3	2.1	7.3	6.7	6.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	35.2	34.1	1.3	-1.1	-4.8	-4.2	-3.1	-12.3	-11.0
Business, building and other support services	23.3	23.7	1.2	0.4	-2.2	-5.1	1.7	-8.5	-17.7
Educational services	15.4	17.7	1.2	2.3	-1.5	-1.1	14.9	-7.8	-5.9
Health care and social assistance	47.1	47.4	1.6	0.3	1.9	1.1	0.6	4.2	2.4
Information, culture and recreation	87.2	86.1	1.8	-1.1	10.5	10.8	-1.3	13.9	14.3
Accommodation and food services	22.0	22.8	1.2	0.8	-1.6	-2.7	3.6	-6.6	-10.6
Other services	36.9	35.0	1.6	-1.9	-3.6	-3.5	-5.1	-9.3	-9.1
Public administration	28.4	28.8	1.3	0.4	3.3	1.3	1.4	12.9	4.7
	36.8	36.6	1.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.8	-0.5	1.1	-2.1

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	772.1	773.1	...	1.0	15.1	16.4	0.1	2.0	2.2
Labour force	540.8	540.6	2.3	-0.2	14.7	12.7	0.0	2.8	2.4
Employment	519.3	520.6	2.4	1.3	15.9	14.0	0.3	3.2	2.8
Employment full-time	426.0	427.7	3.2	1.7	15.0	15.0	0.4	3.6	3.6
Unemployment	21.5	19.9	1.8	-1.6	-1.3	-1.4	-7.4	-6.1	-6.6
Participation rate	70.0	69.9	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.3	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	17.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	139.6	139.7	...	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
Labour force	101.1	101.0	1.4	-0.1	2.4	1.9	-0.1	2.4	1.9
Employment	92.5	93.7	1.5	1.2	2.8	2.5	1.3	3.1	2.7
Unemployment	8.6	7.2	1.1	-1.4	-0.5	-0.8	-16.3	-6.5	-10.0
Participation rate	72.4	72.3	1.0	-0.1	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	7.1	1.1	-1.4	-0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	67.1	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.5	39.3	1.7	3.8	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	309.0	309.5	...	0.5	6.7	7.3	0.2	2.2	2.4
Labour force	235.1	235.1	1.1	0.0	3.6	2.9	0.0	1.6	1.2
Employment	227.4	228.3	1.2	0.9	4.2	3.2	0.4	1.9	1.4
Unemployment	7.7	6.8	1.0	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3	-11.7	-9.3	-4.2
Participation rate	76.1	76.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	2.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.6	73.8	0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	6.7	0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	323.5	324.0	...	0.5	7.4	8.0	0.2	2.3	2.5
Labour force	204.5	204.5	1.3	0.0	8.8	7.9	0.0	4.5	4.0
Employment	199.3	198.6	1.4	-0.7	9.0	8.2	-0.4	4.7	4.3
Unemployment	5.2	5.9	0.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	13.5	-3.3	-4.8
Participation rate	63.2	63.1	0.4	-0.1	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.5	2.9	0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.3	0.4	-0.3	1.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	20.6	0.9	-1.8	-1.6	-3.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	519.3	520.6	2.4	1.3	15.9	14.0	0.3	3.2	2.8
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	142.2	144.4	2.3	2.2	12.1	7.9	1.5	9.1	5.8
Agriculture	40.7	43.0	1.5	2.3	1.8	-0.2	5.7	4.4	-0.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	25.6	25.4	1.1	-0.2	2.8	2.6	-0.8	12.4	11.4
Utilities	5.9	6.1	0.4	0.2	1.0	1.1	3.4	19.6	22.0
Construction	38.9	40.6	1.4	1.7	8.2	7.2	4.4	25.3	21.6
Manufacturing	31.0	29.3	1.2	-1.7	-1.7	-2.7	-5.5	-5.5	-8.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	377.0	376.3	2.8	-0.7	3.9	6.2	-0.2	1.0	1.7
Trade	83.9	83.5	1.8	-0.4	0.1	2.8	-0.5	0.1	3.5
Transportation and warehousing	23.9	23.2	1.0	-0.7	-1.8	-0.7	-2.9	-7.2	-2.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.4	28.9	1.0	0.5	1.4	0.8	1.8	5.1	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.6	21.0	0.9	-0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-2.8	-1.4	-3.2
Business, building and other support services	12.4	11.1	0.8	-1.3	-0.2	-1.4	-10.5	-1.8	-11.2
Educational services	39.1	39.2	1.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.8
Health care and social assistance	63.6	63.6	1.4	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.0	2.7	2.7
Information, culture and recreation	18.7	19.5	1.1	0.8	-1.6	-1.3	4.3	-7.6	-6.2
Accommodation and food services	31.8	31.8	1.4	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.6
Other services	22.8	23.6	1.0	0.8	1.7	2.2	3.5	7.8	10.3
Public administration	30.9	30.9	1.0	0.0	2.2	2.9	0.0	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

	October 2008	November 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	2,812.3	2,818.0	...	5.7	48.5	51.5	0.2	1.8	1.9
Labour force	2,116.9	2,107.0	8.1	-9.9	47.2	61.3	-0.5	2.3	3.0
Employment	2,038.6	2,034.9	8.3	-3.7	41.1	63.1	-0.2	2.1	3.2
Employment full-time	1,706.5	1,697.6	11.1	-8.9	19.7	35.7	-0.5	1.2	2.1
Unemployment	78.3	72.1	5.9	-6.2	6.1	-1.8	-7.9	9.2	-2.4
Participation rate	75.3	74.8	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.4	0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.5	72.2	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.3	16.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	504.0	504.6	...	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	379.7	368.1	4.9	-11.6	1.6	7.4	-3.1	0.4	2.1
Employment	346.7	339.2	5.1	-7.5	-6.5	3.5	-2.2	-1.9	1.0
Unemployment	33.1	28.8	3.7	-4.3	8.0	3.8	-13.0	38.5	15.2
Participation rate	75.3	72.9	1.0	-2.4	0.4	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.8	1.0	-0.9	2.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.8	67.2	1.0	-1.6	-1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.7	35.1	1.5	0.4	2.7	3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,166.7	1,169.6	...	2.9	31.6	33.7	0.2	2.8	3.0
Labour force	970.0	970.6	3.8	0.6	30.9	36.8	0.1	3.3	3.9
Employment	946.8	950.0	4.2	3.2	33.7	42.3	0.3	3.7	4.7
Unemployment	23.3	20.6	3.3	-2.7	-2.8	-5.5	-11.6	-12.0	-21.1
Participation rate	83.1	83.0	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.4	2.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.2	0.4	0.0	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.1	5.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,141.5	1,143.8	...	2.3	17.6	18.7	0.2	1.6	1.7
Labour force	767.1	768.4	4.8	1.3	14.8	17.2	0.2	2.0	2.3
Employment	745.1	745.7	5.0	0.6	14.0	17.4	0.1	1.9	2.4
Unemployment	22.0	22.7	3.2	0.7	0.8	-0.2	3.2	3.7	-0.9
Participation rate	67.2	67.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	3.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.2	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	22.6	0.9	0.7	1.3	0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,038.6	2,034.9	8.3	-3.7	41.1	63.1	-0.2	2.1	3.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	601.0	588.3	8.4	-12.7	30.0	28.1	-2.1	5.4	5.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	65.0	57.1	3.0	-7.9	5.1	0.6	-12.2	9.8	1.1
Utilities	148.5	158.0	4.7	9.5	1.9	8.8	6.4	1.2	5.9
Construction	17.1	15.1	1.7	-2.0	-2.1	-4.8	-11.7	-12.2	-24.1
Manufacturing	216.2	207.8	5.6	-8.4	9.2	10.4	-3.9	4.6	5.3
	154.1	150.2	4.9	-3.9	15.8	13.1	-2.5	11.8	9.6
Services-producing sector									
	1,437.6	1,446.6	10.1	9.0	11.1	35.0	0.6	0.8	2.5
Trade	323.7	324.8	6.9	1.1	14.7	27.9	0.3	4.7	9.4
Transportation and warehousing	104.5	103.0	4.1	-1.5	-7.3	-3.1	-1.4	-6.6	-2.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	111.3	113.4	4.1	2.1	9.4	14.9	1.9	9.0	15.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	167.1	170.5	4.8	3.4	24.9	20.4	2.0	17.1	13.6
Business, building and other support services	63.5	60.2	4.0	-3.3	-16.1	-15.5	-5.2	-21.1	-20.5
Educational services	131.3	133.0	4.4	1.7	11.1	14.6	1.3	9.1	12.3
Health care and social assistance	181.3	191.0	5.0	9.7	-5.0	-2.7	5.4	-2.6	-1.4
Information, culture and recreation	67.4	71.9	3.6	4.5	-7.7	-4.6	6.7	-9.7	-6.0
Accommodation and food services	116.5	109.4	4.6	-7.1	-2.8	-3.3	-6.1	-2.5	-2.9
Other services	91.8	87.3	4.0	-4.5	-3.2	-7.6	-4.9	-3.5	-8.0
Public administration	79.3	82.1	3.3	2.8	-6.9	-6.0	3.5	-7.8	-6.8

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	3,663.9	3,668.1	...	4.2	65.4	70.5	0.1	1.8	2.0
Labour force	2,434.2	2,429.3	9.6	-4.9	35.8	30.1	-0.2	1.5	1.3
Employment	2,311.1	2,310.4	9.6	-0.7	17.5	11.6	0.0	0.8	0.5
Employment full-time	1,855.7	1,841.8	13.7	-13.9	25.3	-5.8	-0.7	1.4	-0.3
Unemployment	123.0	119.0	6.9	-4.0	18.4	18.6	-3.3	18.3	18.5
Participation rate	66.4	66.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	20.3	0.5	0.6	-0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	584.0	583.8	...	-0.2	2.8	3.1	0.0	0.5	0.5
Labour force	391.0	392.3	5.5	1.3	-5.6	-10.6	0.3	-1.4	-2.6
Employment	353.6	353.2	5.5	-0.4	-13.3	-17.1	-0.1	-3.6	-4.6
Unemployment	37.5	39.1	4.2	1.6	7.7	6.6	4.3	24.5	20.3
Participation rate	67.0	67.2	0.9	0.2	-1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	10.0	1.0	0.4	2.1	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.5	0.9	0.0	-2.6	-3.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.2	42.4	1.7	-0.9	-3.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,507.4	1,509.5	...	2.1	31.4	33.8	0.1	2.1	2.3
Labour force	1,096.6	1,089.5	5.0	-7.1	12.4	17.0	-0.6	1.2	1.6
Employment	1,055.5	1,046.9	5.2	-8.6	8.1	10.7	-0.8	0.8	1.0
Unemployment	41.1	42.6	3.9	1.5	4.2	6.2	3.6	10.9	17.0
Participation rate	72.7	72.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.9	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	69.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	8.1	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,572.6	1,574.8	...	2.2	31.2	33.6	0.1	2.0	2.2
Labour force	946.5	947.5	5.8	1.0	29.1	23.7	0.1	3.2	2.6
Employment	902.0	910.2	5.7	8.2	22.6	17.9	0.9	2.5	2.0
Unemployment	44.5	37.3	4.0	-7.2	6.5	5.8	-16.2	21.1	18.4
Participation rate	60.2	60.2	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	3.9	0.4	-0.8	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.8	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.1	25.8	0.9	1.7	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	2,311.1	2,310.4	9.6	-0.7	17.5	11.6	0.0	0.8	0.5
Agriculture	499.9	493.3	8.8	-6.6	-10.2	-14.9	-1.3	-2.0	-2.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.2	29.9	2.8	-1.3	-9.8	-9.9	-4.2	-24.7	-24.9
Utilities	42.2	44.5	2.9	2.3	-6.1	-3.5	5.5	-12.1	-7.3
Construction	15.1	13.9	1.5	-1.2	0.7	1.4	-7.9	5.3	11.2
Manufacturing	228.8	220.3	6.2	-8.5	10.3	13.6	-3.7	4.9	6.6
Manufacturing	182.8	184.6	6.2	1.8	-5.6	-16.6	1.0	-2.9	-8.3
Services-producing sector	1,811.2	1,817.1	11.4	5.9	27.7	26.5	0.3	1.5	1.5
Trade	345.7	349.9	7.7	4.2	-15.8	-19.6	1.2	-4.3	-5.3
Transportation and warehousing	129.3	115.6	5.0	-13.7	-20.4	-13.5	-10.6	-15.0	-10.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	151.2	155.4	4.9	4.2	13.5	12.7	2.8	9.5	8.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	170.1	178.0	5.4	7.9	17.9	14.8	4.6	11.2	9.1
Business, building and other support services	97.1	101.6	4.6	4.5	-4.2	-2.4	4.6	-4.0	-2.3
Educational services	161.0	160.8	5.5	-0.2	1.4	1.2	-0.1	0.9	0.8
Health care and social assistance	255.3	254.8	5.9	-0.5	18.9	12.9	-0.2	8.0	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	114.9	116.4	4.8	1.5	-7.3	-5.0	1.3	-5.9	-4.1
Accommodation and food services	172.5	177.2	5.9	4.7	8.0	5.6	2.7	4.7	3.3
Other services	107.0	105.0	4.1	-2.0	16.8	16.3	-1.9	19.0	18.4
Public administration	107.2	102.4	3.7	-4.8	-1.1	3.5	-4.5	-1.1	3.5

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

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

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

	October 2008	November 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	155.1	155.4	...	0.3	3.0	3.3	0.2	2.0	2.2
Labour force	108.8	109.4	0.7	0.6	7.0	6.5	0.6	6.8	6.3
Employment	100.5	101.2	0.8	0.7	5.9	5.3	0.7	6.2	5.5
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	0.4	0.0	1.2	1.3	0.0	16.9	18.6
Participation rate	70.1	70.4	0.5	0.3	3.2	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	65.1	0.5	0.3	2.6	2.0	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	318.1	318.4	...	0.3	4.1	4.3	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	220.8	224.2	1.1	3.4	3.0	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.1
Employment	209.0	212.5	1.1	3.5	1.2	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.9
Unemployment	11.8	11.7	0.6	-0.1	1.8	0.6	-0.8	18.2	5.4
Participation rate	69.4	70.4	0.3	1.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	66.7	0.4	1.0	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	104.9	105.0	...	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.9
Labour force	68.3	69.1	0.7	0.8	-2.1	-2.8	1.2	-2.9	-3.9
Employment	64.1	64.9	0.7	0.8	-2.8	-3.2	1.2	-4.1	-4.7
Unemployment	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	20.0	10.5
Participation rate	65.1	65.8	0.7	0.7	-2.6	-3.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.5	0.0	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.8	0.6	0.7	-3.2	-3.6	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	125.0	125.0	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	76.6	77.1	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.6	1.3
Employment	70.9	71.5	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.5	0.8	2.3	2.1
Unemployment	5.8	5.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-3.4	-6.7	-8.2
Participation rate	61.3	61.7	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.2	0.7	0.5	1.4	1.4	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	612.0	612.6	...	0.6	5.6	5.9	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	409.1	409.2	3.2	0.1	-6.1	-6.2	0.0	-1.5	-1.5
Employment	391.1	391.8	3.3	0.7	-0.8	-0.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment	18.0	17.4	1.5	-0.6	-5.4	-5.7	-3.3	-23.7	-24.7
Participation rate	66.8	66.8	0.5	0.0	-1.6	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.3	0.4	-0.1	-1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.0	0.6	0.1	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	121.8	121.9	...	0.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.9
Labour force	74.7	74.0	0.7	-0.7	-3.6	-3.7	-0.9	-4.6	-4.8
Employment	69.2	69.1	0.7	-0.1	-3.0	-3.4	-0.1	-4.2	-4.7
Unemployment	5.6	4.9	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-12.5	-9.3	-5.8
Participation rate	61.3	60.7	0.6	-0.6	-3.5	-3.6
Unemployment rate	7.5	6.6	0.5	-0.9	-0.4	-0.1
Employment rate	56.8	56.7	0.6	-0.1	-2.9	-3.3

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	October 2008	November 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	138.8	139.0	...	0.2	1.6	1.8	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	89.9	89.4	0.7	-0.5	-2.1	-1.8	-0.6	-2.3	-2.0
Employment	84.0	83.6	0.8	-0.4	-2.0	-1.7	-0.5	-2.3	-2.0
Unemployment	5.8	5.8	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-3.3	-1.7
Participation rate	64.8	64.3	0.5	-0.5	-2.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.5	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.1	0.6	-0.4	-2.2	-2.1	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,073.9	3,076.9	...	3.0	29.7	32.2	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	2,050.8	2,058.0	7.3	7.2	-1.0	-0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Employment	1,899.3	1,904.3	7.7	5.0	-11.6	-11.8	0.3	-0.6	-0.6
Unemployment	151.5	153.7	4.5	2.2	10.6	11.4	1.5	7.4	8.0
Participation rate	66.7	66.9	0.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.9	0.3	0.1	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	965.9	967.2	...	1.3	12.1	13.0	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	712.0	711.8	3.5	-0.2	14.5	12.9	0.0	2.1	1.8
Employment	677.5	678.4	3.5	0.9	12.3	12.0	0.1	1.8	1.8
Unemployment	34.6	33.4	1.6	-1.2	2.2	0.9	-3.5	7.1	2.8
Participation rate	73.7	73.6	0.4	-0.1	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.7	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	245.0	245.3	...	0.3	3.5	3.9	0.1	1.4	1.6
Labour force	182.0	180.0	1.2	-2.0	4.5	5.9	-1.1	2.6	3.4
Employment	172.8	171.6	1.2	-1.2	3.9	6.0	-0.7	2.3	3.6
Unemployment	9.2	8.5	0.5	-0.7	0.7	0.0	-7.6	9.0	0.0
Participation rate	74.3	73.4	0.5	-0.9	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.7	0.3	-0.4	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.5	70.0	0.5	-0.5	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	720.9	721.9	...	1.0	8.6	9.1	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	530.0	531.7	3.3	1.7	10.0	7.0	0.3	1.9	1.3
Employment	504.7	506.8	3.3	2.1	8.5	6.0	0.4	1.7	1.2
Unemployment	25.3	24.9	1.5	-0.4	1.5	0.9	-1.6	6.4	3.8
Participation rate	73.5	73.7	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.7	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	70.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.3	126.2	...	-0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Labour force	84.9	84.5	0.8	-0.4	3.6	3.7	-0.5	4.4	4.6
Employment	80.0	80.5	0.8	0.5	3.7	3.8	0.6	4.8	5.0
Unemployment	4.9	4.0	0.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-18.4	-2.4	-2.4
Participation rate	67.2	67.0	0.6	-0.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployment rate	5.8	4.7	0.4	-1.1	-0.4	-0.4
Employment rate	63.3	63.8	0.6	0.5	2.8	2.9

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

	October 2008	November 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	4,574.4	4,583.9	...	9.5	99.0	106.3	0.2	2.2	2.4
Labour force	3,139.2	3,147.8	9.1	8.6	54.8	68.4	0.3	1.8	2.2
Employment	2,925.3	2,927.8	9.5	2.5	42.6	52.9	0.1	1.5	1.8
Unemployment	213.9	220.1	5.5	6.2	12.3	15.6	2.9	5.9	7.6
Participation rate	68.6	68.7	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	598.3	598.8	...	0.5	4.6	5.0	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	398.6	398.6	3.1	0.0	2.1	2.2	0.0	0.5	0.6
Employment	375.7	372.6	3.2	-3.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment	22.9	26.0	1.4	3.1	2.6	2.2	13.5	11.1	9.2
Participation rate	66.6	66.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.2	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	384.1	384.6	...	0.5	5.2	5.7	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	276.3	281.8	2.1	5.5	12.0	14.5	2.0	4.4	5.4
Employment	261.7	263.6	2.1	1.9	8.2	10.5	0.7	3.2	4.1
Unemployment	14.6	18.2	0.9	3.6	3.9	4.0	24.7	27.3	28.2
Participation rate	71.9	73.3	0.6	1.4	2.2	2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.5	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	68.5	0.5	0.4	1.2	1.7	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	386.2	386.7	...	0.5	4.2	4.4	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	262.9	263.1	1.9	0.2	-0.9	-2.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.8
Employment	245.0	244.9	1.9	-0.1	-1.9	-4.3	0.0	-0.8	-1.7
Unemployment	17.9	18.2	0.9	0.3	1.0	2.1	1.7	5.8	13.0
Participation rate	68.1	68.0	0.5	-0.1	-1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.3	0.5	-0.1	-1.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	289.6	290.1	...	0.5	5.5	6.1	0.2	1.9	2.1
Labour force	204.8	204.6	1.4	-0.2	8.6	9.6	-0.1	4.4	4.9
Employment	190.1	188.7	1.4	-1.4	4.5	4.7	-0.7	2.4	2.6
Unemployment	14.7	15.9	0.7	1.2	4.2	4.9	8.2	35.9	44.5
Participation rate	70.7	70.5	0.5	-0.2	1.6	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.8	0.4	0.6	1.8	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.0	0.5	-0.6	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	329.6	329.7	...	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.4
Labour force	211.6	211.6	1.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Employment	195.4	194.3	1.7	-1.1	-3.7	-3.2	-0.6	-1.9	-1.6
Unemployment	16.2	17.3	0.7	1.1	3.5	2.7	6.8	25.4	18.5
Participation rate	64.2	64.2	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.2	0.3	0.5	1.7	1.3
Employment rate	59.3	58.9	0.5	-0.4	-1.4	-1.2

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

	October 2008	November 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	133.9	134.0	...	0.1	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.8
Labour force	88.2	88.2	0.8	0.0	3.4	2.8	0.0	4.0	3.3
Employment	83.1	83.3	0.8	0.2	2.5	2.3	0.2	3.1	2.8
Unemployment	5.1	5.0	0.3	-0.1	1.0	0.6	-2.0	25.0	13.6
Participation rate	65.9	65.8	0.6	-0.1	2.1	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.7	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.2	0.6	0.1	1.5	1.3	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	103.8	103.7	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4
Labour force	66.6	66.1	0.6	-0.5	-2.9	-2.8	-0.8	-4.2	-4.1
Employment	63.0	62.3	0.6	-0.7	-2.0	-1.8	-1.1	-3.1	-2.8
Unemployment	3.6	3.8	0.3	0.2	-0.9	-1.0	5.6	-19.1	-20.8
Participation rate	64.2	63.7	0.6	-0.5	-2.6	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.7	0.4	0.3	-1.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.1	0.6	-0.6	-1.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	272.9	273.0	...	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	173.7	174.8	1.5	1.1	-2.4	-2.2	0.6	-1.4	-1.2
Employment	156.1	157.2	1.5	1.1	-4.8	-3.9	0.7	-3.0	-2.4
Unemployment	17.6	17.6	0.8	0.0	2.3	1.8	0.0	15.0	11.4
Participation rate	63.6	64.0	0.5	0.4	-1.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.1	0.4	0.0	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	57.6	0.5	0.4	-1.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	585.8	586.5	...	0.7	7.6	8.2	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	411.7	412.6	1.3	0.9	-0.9	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Employment	392.8	393.7	1.4	0.9	-0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment	19.0	19.0	0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-2.6	0.0
Participation rate	70.3	70.3	0.2	0.0	-1.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	67.1	0.2	0.0	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	168.6	169.0	...	0.4	4.4	4.8	0.2	2.7	2.9
Labour force	121.1	121.7	0.7	0.6	6.5	6.8	0.5	5.6	5.9
Employment	116.2	117.3	0.8	1.1	7.2	8.0	0.9	6.5	7.3
Unemployment	4.9	4.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-1.3	-10.2	-12.0	-22.8
Participation rate	71.8	72.0	0.5	0.2	2.0	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	69.4	0.5	0.5	2.5	2.8	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	198.5	199.0	...	0.5	6.2	6.7	0.3	3.2	3.5
Labour force	145.0	144.9	0.8	-0.1	1.5	1.9	-0.1	1.0	1.3
Employment	139.0	139.1	0.8	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.1	0.8	1.0
Unemployment	6.0	5.9	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.6	-1.7	9.3	11.3
Participation rate	73.0	72.8	0.4	-0.2	-1.6	-1.6
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4
Employment rate	70.0	69.9	0.4	-0.1	-1.7	-1.7

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	October 2008	November 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
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in thousands (except rates)									
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	951.0	952.8	...	1.8	18.3	19.9	0.2	2.0	2.1
Labour force	741.9	745.3	3.2	3.4	40.1	40.1	0.5	5.7	5.7
Employment	713.4	718.0	3.2	4.6	33.5	34.3	0.6	4.9	5.0
Unemployment	28.5	27.3	1.4	-1.2	6.5	5.8	-4.2	31.2	27.0
Participation rate	78.0	78.2	0.3	0.2	2.7	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.7	0.2	-0.1	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	75.0	75.4	0.3	0.4	2.2	2.1	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	886.9	888.4	...	1.5	14.4	15.2	0.2	1.6	1.7
Labour force	644.9	650.8	3.2	5.9	13.4	19.8	0.9	2.1	3.1
Employment	622.8	627.3	3.2	4.5	14.2	22.7	0.7	2.3	3.8
Unemployment	22.0	23.5	1.4	1.5	-0.8	-2.9	6.8	-3.3	-11.0
Participation rate	72.7	73.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.6	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	70.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.4	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	134.3	134.4	...	0.1	2.1	2.3	0.1	1.6	1.7
Labour force	94.4	93.6	0.7	-0.8	5.4	6.4	-0.8	6.1	7.3
Employment	89.9	88.7	0.7	-1.2	3.8	5.0	-1.3	4.5	6.0
Unemployment	4.5	4.9	0.3	0.4	1.6	1.4	8.9	48.5	40.0
Participation rate	70.3	69.6	0.5	-0.7	2.9	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.3	0.4	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.0	0.6	-0.9	1.8	2.6	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,953.3	1,956.8	...	3.5	42.7	46.3	0.2	2.2	2.4
Labour force	1,298.9	1,302.3	4.6	3.4	8.5	17.3	0.3	0.7	1.3
Employment	1,243.4	1,244.8	4.7	1.4	5.6	14.2	0.1	0.5	1.2
Unemployment	55.6	57.5	2.2	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	5.3	5.7
Participation rate	66.5	66.6	0.2	0.1	-1.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	-1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	287.1	287.3	...	0.2	2.8	3.1	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	198.0	198.0	1.4	0.0	4.7	4.1	0.0	2.4	2.1
Employment	191.7	191.6	1.5	-0.1	3.9	3.1	-0.1	2.1	1.6
Unemployment	6.3	6.5	0.5	0.2	0.9	1.0	3.2	16.1	18.2
Participation rate	69.0	68.9	0.5	-0.1	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.7	0.5	-0.1	0.7	0.4	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Table 282-0090.

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

	October 2008	November 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	3,076.8	3,079.7	...	2.9	30.0	32.4	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	2,052.6	2,071.9	15.3	19.3	8.6	7.0	0.9	0.4	0.3
Employment	1,899.7	1,914.7	15.4	15.0	-0.7	-12.3	0.8	0.0	-0.6
Unemployment	152.9	157.1	11.1	4.2	9.2	19.2	2.7	6.2	13.9
Participation rate	66.7	67.3	0.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	62.2	0.5	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,584.2	4,592.5	...	8.3	100.7	107.1	0.2	2.2	2.4
Labour force	3,148.9	3,142.1	19.1	-6.8	41.3	51.5	-0.2	1.3	1.7
Employment	2,933.2	2,912.2	19.7	-21.0	21.9	34.1	-0.7	0.8	1.2
Unemployment	215.7	229.8	13.2	14.1	19.2	17.3	6.5	9.1	8.1
Participation rate	68.7	68.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	63.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,957.0	1,959.9	...	2.9	42.4	45.6	0.1	2.2	2.4
Labour force	1,307.4	1,306.9	9.8	-0.5	13.9	-0.1	0.0	1.1	0.0
Employment	1,247.6	1,250.5	9.6	2.9	11.8	-4.4	0.2	1.0	-0.4
Unemployment	59.7	56.5	5.6	-3.2	2.1	4.4	-5.4	3.9	8.4
Participation rate	66.8	66.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.8	0.5	0.0	-0.8	-1.8	...	...	...

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

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

Table 6-1

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2007	26,662.8	17,988.7	17,009.0	979.7	67.5	5.4	63.8
2008	27,043.2	18,274.4	17,206.2	1,068.2	67.6	5.8	63.6
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2007	423.7	250.1	219.8	30.3	59.0	12.1	51.9
2008	427.1	251.4	220.1	31.3	58.9	12.5	51.5
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2007	209.8	130.7	119.2	11.4	62.3	8.7	56.8
2008	213.2	136.7	124.2	12.5	64.1	9.1	58.3
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2007	32.7	16.0	13.2	2.8	48.9	17.5	40.4
2008	32.3	16.5	14.1	2.4	51.1	14.5	43.7
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2007	87.5	52.3	44.9	7.5	59.8	14.3	51.3
2008	87.9	47.6	39.8	7.9	54.2	16.6	45.3
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2007	93.7	51.2	42.5	8.6	54.6	16.8	45.4
2008	93.6	50.6	42.0	8.5	54.1	16.8	44.9
Prince Edward Island							
2007	113.6	76.9	70.0	6.9	67.7	9.0	61.6
2008	115.3	78.0	70.2	7.9	67.6	10.1	60.9
Nova Scotia							
2007	765.1	485.5	450.2	35.3	63.5	7.3	58.8
2008	770.2	493.0	457.6	35.4	64.0	7.2	59.4
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2007	116.0	61.0	53.8	7.2	52.6	11.8	46.4
2008	115.5	65.1	56.9	8.3	56.4	12.7	49.3
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2007	131.0	79.6	72.2	7.4	60.8	9.3	55.1
2008	131.4	81.3	74.5	6.8	61.9	8.4	56.7
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2007	100.5	63.1	57.9	5.2	62.8	8.2	57.6
2008	101.3	61.5	57.8	3.7	60.7	6.0	57.1
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2007	103.5	61.1	55.6	5.5	59.0	9.0	53.7
2008	103.5	61.2	55.1	6.1	59.1	10.0	53.2
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2007	314.1	220.7	210.7	10.0	70.3	4.5	67.1
2008	318.4	223.8	213.3	10.5	70.3	4.7	67.0
New Brunswick							
2007	614.5	394.5	367.3	27.2	64.2	6.9	59.8
2008	619.2	400.0	369.7	30.3	64.6	7.6	59.7
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2007	135.8	76.8	69.3	7.5	56.6	9.8	51.0
2008	135.6	78.1	67.0	11.0	57.6	14.1	49.4
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2007	163.8	108.5	101.9	6.6	66.2	6.1	62.2
2008	166.4	114.1	107.6	6.4	68.6	5.6	64.7
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2007	142.2	95.9	90.4	5.6	67.4	5.8	63.6
2008	143.3	93.3	87.6	5.6	65.1	6.0	61.1

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.4	71.3	66.9	4.4	68.3	6.2	64.1
2008	105.8	71.0	67.1	4.0	67.1	5.6	63.4
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.2	41.9	38.8	3.1	61.4	7.4	56.9
2008	68.2	43.5	40.3	3.2	63.8	7.4	59.1
Quebec							
2007	6,330.6	4,166.2	3,892.7	273.5	65.8	6.6	61.5
2008	6,390.6	4,190.2	3,906.2	283.9	65.6	6.8	61.1
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	41.3	35.0	6.3	51.1	15.3	43.3
2008	80.8	44.7	36.8	7.9	55.3	17.7	45.5
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.5	97.8	90.5	7.2	58.4	7.4	54.0
2008	167.6	102.9	95.4	7.5	61.4	7.3	56.9
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	565.1	374.6	358.2	16.4	66.3	4.4	63.4
2008	569.5	364.7	351.3	13.3	64.0	3.6	61.7
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	328.2	216.9	206.2	10.7	66.1	4.9	62.8
2008	330.4	221.1	210.4	10.7	66.9	4.8	63.7
Estrie [2430]							
2007	249.4	159.5	150.1	9.4	64.0	5.9	60.2
2008	251.8	156.6	147.0	9.6	62.2	6.1	58.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	185.6	121.1	114.9	6.1	65.2	5.0	61.9
2008	187.0	125.3	116.4	9.0	67.0	7.2	62.2
Montérégie [2435]							
2007	1,129.4	745.4	700.1	45.3	66.0	6.1	62.0
2008	1,148.1	783.1	735.5	47.6	68.2	6.1	64.1
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.4	1,057.6	971.2	86.4	66.4	8.2	61.0
2008	1,592.8	1,053.1	964.2	89.0	66.1	8.5	60.5
Laval [2445]							
2007	310.5	219.4	208.9	10.5	70.7	4.8	67.3
2008	315.4	218.0	204.8	13.1	69.1	6.0	64.9
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	355.9	240.1	220.2	19.9	67.5	8.3	61.9
2008	366.5	240.7	224.8	15.9	65.7	6.6	61.3
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	428.3	300.9	285.4	15.5	70.3	5.2	66.6
2008	438.2	280.3	261.0	19.3	64.0	6.9	59.6
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	291.5	203.1	192.7	10.4	69.7	5.1	66.1
2008	296.1	212.2	201.7	10.4	71.7	4.9	68.1
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	71.9	66.4	5.5	62.2	7.6	57.4
2008	116.0	77.1	71.2	5.9	66.5	7.7	61.4
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.6	126.4	116.9	9.5	58.1	7.5	53.7
2008	218.4	125.3	115.5	9.8	57.4	7.8	52.9

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	223.5	137.6	127.4	10.2	61.6	7.4	57.0
2008	223.1	132.9	122.7	10.1	59.6	7.6	55.0
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.2	52.7	48.6	4.1	59.1	7.8	54.5
2008	88.9	52.2	47.4	4.7	58.7	9.0	53.3
Ontario							
2007	10,403.8	7,047.6	6,647.2	400.4	67.7	5.7	63.9
2008	10,559.3	7,160.1	6,712.9	447.2	67.8	6.2	63.6
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	986.9	699.6	667.2	32.5	70.9	4.6	67.6
2008	997.4	708.7	677.0	31.7	71.1	4.5	67.9
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	359.4	231.2	221.8	9.4	64.3	4.1	61.7
2008	360.8	232.9	219.9	12.9	64.6	5.5	60.9
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	309.8	188.5	178.8	9.6	60.8	5.1	57.7
2008	312.0	194.2	185.4	8.8	62.2	4.5	59.4
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,724.1	3,231.2	3,028.9	202.3	68.4	6.3	64.1
2008	4,832.6	3,300.0	3,076.9	223.2	68.3	6.8	63.7
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	973.0	697.4	664.8	32.5	71.7	4.7	68.3
2008	989.0	712.2	673.9	38.4	72.0	5.4	68.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,135.8	754.4	711.1	43.3	66.4	5.7	62.6
2008	1,145.8	759.8	708.1	51.7	66.3	6.8	61.8
London [3560]							
2007	512.1	356.5	335.6	20.9	69.6	5.9	65.5
2008	517.5	350.9	327.6	23.4	67.8	6.7	63.3
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	525.4	343.7	322.1	21.6	65.4	6.3	61.3
2008	526.8	343.6	317.1	26.5	65.2	7.7	60.2
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.6	162.3	157.1	5.2	65.5	3.2	63.4
2008	248.5	166.2	158.2	8.0	66.9	4.8	63.7
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.9	273.0	257.5	15.5	60.1	5.7	56.7
2008	454.8	279.9	264.6	15.3	61.5	5.5	58.2
Northwest [3595]							
2007	175.8	109.9	102.3	7.6	62.5	6.9	58.2
2008	174.1	111.6	104.2	7.4	64.1	6.6	59.9
Manitoba							
2007	901.5	626.2	602.5	23.7	69.5	3.8	66.8
2008	913.1	634.0	608.4	25.6	69.4	4.0	66.6
Southeast [4610]							
2007	77.0	53.2	51.9	1.4	69.1	2.6	67.4
2008	79.3	52.7	50.3	2.4	66.5	4.6	63.4
South Central [4620]							
2007	43.3	29.7	29.3	x	68.6	x	67.7
2008	44.3	30.3	29.2	1.1	68.4	3.6	65.9

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	82.3	52.4	51.0	1.4	63.7	2.7	62.0
2008	82.7	58.9	57.8	1.0	71.2	1.7	69.9
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.7	23.4	22.6	0.8	65.5	3.4	63.3
2008	35.9	24.4	23.6	0.8	68.0	3.3	65.7
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	534.2	378.9	361.7	17.2	70.9	4.5	67.7
2008	541.0	380.1	362.5	17.6	70.3	4.6	67.0
Interlake [4660]							
2007	70.0	48.2	46.8	1.3	68.9	2.7	66.9
2008	71.0	48.0	46.8	1.2	67.6	2.5	65.9
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.0	40.4	39.2	1.2	68.5	3.0	66.4
2008	58.8	39.7	38.2	1.5	67.5	3.8	65.0
Saskatchewan							
2007	755.1	523.8	504.9	18.8	69.4	3.6	66.9
2008	772.0	539.8	521.6	18.2	69.9	3.4	67.6
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	222.4	155.9	149.7	6.3	70.1	4.0	67.3
2008	228.0	163.0	158.0	5.0	71.5	3.1	69.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.9	56.6	54.8	1.8	68.3	3.2	66.1
2008	83.9	55.8	54.1	1.7	66.5	3.0	64.5
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	234.9	171.1	166.3	4.8	72.8	2.8	70.8
2008	242.0	173.7	168.6	5.1	71.8	2.9	69.7
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.2	43.3	42.0	1.3	67.4	3.0	65.4
2008	64.7	42.6	41.7	0.9	65.8	2.1	64.5
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	150.7	96.9	92.2	4.7	64.3	4.9	61.2
2008	153.4	104.8	99.3	5.6	68.3	5.3	64.7
Alberta							
2007	2,763.5	2,039.3	1,969.6	69.7	73.8	3.4	71.3
2008	2,812.8	2,101.7	2,026.9	74.8	74.7	3.6	72.1
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	207.9	141.5	135.7	5.8	68.1	4.1	65.3
2008	209.7	137.1	133.0	4.1	65.4	3.0	63.4
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	155.4	115.5	112.6	2.9	74.3	2.5	72.5
2008	155.4	115.4	112.1	3.3	74.3	2.9	72.1
Calgary [4830]							
2007	1,005.3	757.5	734.0	23.6	75.4	3.1	73.0
2008	1,028.3	798.4	770.0	28.4	77.6	3.6	74.9
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	68.1	53.2	52.1	x	78.1	x	76.5
2008	68.7	54.0	52.1	1.9	78.6	3.5	75.8
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	143.8	110.0	106.5	3.5	76.5	3.2	74.1
2008	147.3	112.5	107.6	4.9	76.4	4.4	73.0

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 November 2007 and November 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	906.8	652.3	626.9	25.4	71.9	3.9	69.1
2008	922.7	672.7	648.8	24.0	72.9	3.6	70.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	184.5	136.1	131.0	5.0	73.8	3.7	71.0
2008	187.4	138.6	133.4	5.2	74.0	3.8	71.2
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	91.8	73.3	70.7	2.6	79.8	3.5	77.0
2008	93.2	73.0	70.0	3.0	78.3	4.1	75.1
British Columbia							
2007	3,591.4	2,378.6	2,284.7	93.9	66.2	3.9	63.6
2008	3,663.6	2,426.2	2,312.5	113.7	66.2	4.7	63.1
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	626.0	398.1	384.5	13.6	63.6	3.4	61.4
2008	635.4	417.8	399.0	18.9	65.8	4.5	62.8
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,174.9	1,453.1	1,396.1	57.1	66.8	3.9	64.2
2008	2,226.7	1,478.8	1,414.9	63.9	66.4	4.3	63.5
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	425.4	271.3	261.1	10.2	63.8	3.8	61.4
2008	433.5	276.7	260.7	16.0	63.8	5.8	60.1
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.3	81.0	76.4	4.6	66.2	5.7	62.5
2008	123.1	76.7	72.1	4.6	62.3	6.0	58.6
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	125.3	92.0	88.0	3.9	73.4	4.2	70.2
2008	126.7	87.2	82.4	4.8	68.8	5.5	65.0
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	65.9	45.5	41.8	3.7	69.0	8.1	63.4
2008	65.6	46.9	43.3	3.6	71.5	7.7	66.0
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.5	37.5	36.9	x	72.8	x	71.7
2008	52.6	42.0	40.2	1.9	79.8	4.5	76.4

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
November 2007 and November 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yukon ¹							
2007	23.4	17.5	16.5	1.0	74.8	5.7	70.5
2008	23.9	18.3	17.4	0.9	76.6	4.9	72.8
Northwest Territories ²							
2007	30.7	23.7	22.2	1.4	77.2	5.9	72.3
2008	31.5	23.7	22.3	1.3	75.2	5.5	70.8
Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³							
2007	14.2	10.1	9.4	0.6	70.9	6.4	66.3
2008	14.2	9.4	8.4	1.0	66.2	10.4	59.3

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
November 2008										
15 years and over	14,462.4	35.2	797.73	21.82	11,742.4	39.4	920.43	2,720.1	16.9	268.00
15 to 24 years	2,440.9	27.0	370.71	12.69	1,228.3	39.1	581.61	1,212.6	14.7	157.07
25 years and over	12,021.5	36.9	884.43	23.68	10,514.1	39.5	960.02	1,507.5	18.7	357.23
Men	7,287.2	37.8	919.06	23.64	6,430.5	40.7	1,009.75	856.7	16.3	238.39
Women	7,175.3	32.6	674.50	19.98	5,311.9	37.9	812.32	1,863.4	17.2	281.61
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,553.5	35.6	897.43	24.84	3,885.4	38.6	984.10	668.1	18.5	393.42
No union coverage	9,908.9	35.0	751.91	20.43	7,857.0	39.9	888.95	2,051.9	16.4	227.16
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,778.0	36.1	833.18	22.41	10,786.7	39.4	933.80	1,991.4	17.8	288.12
Temporary	1,684.4	28.6	528.79	17.36	955.7	39.4	769.55	728.7	14.4	213.01
Occupation										
Management	1,058.6	39.9	1,362.37	34.15	1,026.5	40.5	1,390.54	32.1	19.1	461.12
Business, finance and administrative	2,789.9	35.2	743.92	20.73	2,378.1	38.3	823.33	411.8	17.2	285.40
Natural and applied sciences	1,054.4	38.6	1,179.87	30.57	1,021.3	39.3	1,200.98	33.1	19.1	528.79
Health	914.4	33.2	852.00	25.60	676.1	37.8	974.94	238.3	19.9	503.20
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,374.6	33.6	954.20	27.91	1,093.1	38.2	1,097.52	281.5	16.1	397.62
Art, culture, recreation and sport	343.0	30.5	691.46	21.12	231.5	38.8	915.22	111.5	13.2	226.89
Sales and service	3,670.3	30.2	471.41	14.51	2,265.3	38.6	645.55	1,405.1	16.6	190.66
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,187.4	40.2	867.61	21.38	2,049.4	41.7	907.35	138.0	18.0	277.22
Occupations unique to primary industry	235.9	42.1	863.72	19.84	209.7	45.6	949.85	26.2	13.9	173.00
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	833.9	38.9	738.28	18.77	791.4	40.1	763.64	42.5	17.9	266.34
November 2007										
15 years and over	14,393.4	35.3	764.36	20.86	11,691.2	39.5	882.18	2,702.2	16.9	254.60
15 to 24 years	2,458.1	26.8	352.41	12.11	1,224.9	39.1	557.40	1,233.2	14.7	148.79
25 years and over	11,935.3	37.0	849.20	22.66	10,466.3	39.6	920.18	1,469.0	18.8	343.43
Men	7,256.1	37.9	883.76	22.71	6,409.4	40.8	971.52	846.7	15.9	219.43
Women	7,137.3	32.6	642.96	18.97	5,281.8	38.0	773.75	1,855.5	17.4	270.65
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,551.0	35.8	866.18	23.87	3,880.1	38.7	950.16	670.9	18.7	380.54
No union coverage	9,842.4	35.1	717.27	19.46	7,811.1	39.9	848.40	2,031.3	16.3	213.01
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,690.3	36.2	799.50	21.40	10,778.5	39.5	892.87	1,911.8	17.9	273.07
Temporary	1,703.1	28.0	502.47	16.77	912.7	39.7	755.84	790.4	14.5	209.93
Occupation										
Management	1,042.9	39.9	1,298.87	32.83	1,011.0	40.5	1,323.72	31.9	19.3	511.29
Business, finance and administrative	2,839.3	35.1	715.09	19.89	2,410.9	38.2	791.51	428.4	17.8	285.08
Natural and applied sciences	1,041.2	38.5	1,134.28	29.40	1,005.8	39.3	1,160.58	35.4	16.7	387.39
Health	865.6	33.4	815.17	24.23	646.4	37.8	927.73	219.2	20.4	483.27
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,333.7	34.1	910.15	26.49	1,054.5	38.6	1,042.45	279.1	16.9	410.33
Art, culture, recreation and sport	339.6	29.9	677.98	20.86	225.3	38.5	908.75	114.4	13.0	223.31
Sales and service	3,686.0	30.2	454.84	13.93	2,287.4	38.6	625.13	1,398.6	16.5	176.35
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,105.6	40.3	840.91	20.65	1,977.4	41.8	880.15	128.1	16.9	235.18
Occupations unique to primary industry	259.8	41.5	812.37	18.70	226.1	45.5	908.61	33.7	14.2	166.57
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	879.9	39.4	713.67	17.98	846.5	40.3	733.02	33.4	16.3	222.47

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 December 7, 2008 to January 10, 2009
	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	18.4
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.5
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.7
05. Western Nova Scotia	8.7
06. Halifax	5.2
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.5
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	10.8
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.8
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.3
11. Québec	4.3
12. Trois-Rivières	7.5
13. South Central Quebec	6.6
14. Sherbrooke	6.4
15. Montérégie	7.1
16. Montréal	7.6
17. Central Quebec	7.8
18. Northwestern Quebec	11.2
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	12.2
20. Gatineau	4.7
21. Saguenay	7.3
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	4.7
23. Eastern Ontario	5.4
24. Kingston	5.6
25. Central Ontario	6.4
26. Oshawa	7.8
27. Toronto	7.0
28. Hamilton	6.5
29. St. Catharines	8.2
30. London	6.8
31. Niagara	8.8
32. Windsor	10.3
33. Kitchener	6.4
34. Huron	7.8
35. South Central Ontario	5.7
36. Sudbury	5.9
37. Thunder Bay	5.9
38. Northern Ontario	10.3
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.6
40. Southern Manitoba	4.9
41. Northern Manitoba	26.0
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	3.6
43. Saskatoon	4.0
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.5
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.5

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 December 7, 2008 to January 10, 2009
	percent
Alberta	
46. Calgary	3.7
47. Edmonton	3.8
48. Northern Alberta	8.5
49. Southern Alberta	4.8
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	7.8
51. Abbotsford	5.2
52. Vancouver	4.5
53. Victoria	4.0
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.4
55. Northern British Columbia	9.5
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*