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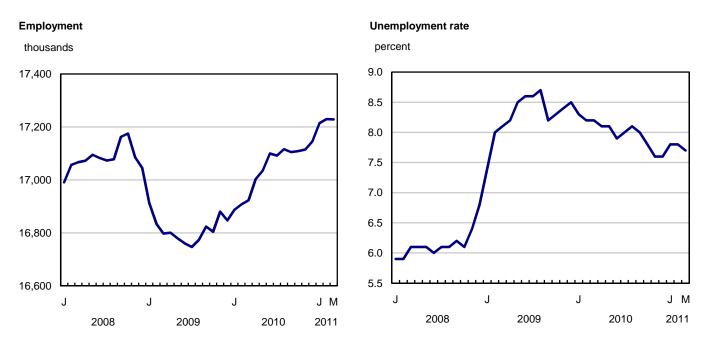
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Highlights

March 2011

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Chart 1 Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted



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Full-time employment rose by 91,000 in March, and was offset by a decline of 92,000 in part time. This large full-time increase in March brought gains in full-time employment to 251,000 (+1.8%) over the past 12 months, while part time increased by 54,000 (+1.7%).

In March, there were employment gains in accommodation and food services as well as construction, and losses in health care and social assistance and in public administration.

The number of public sector employees fell in March. Compared with 12 months earlier, public sector growth (+2.4%) was slightly faster than that of private sector employees (+2.1%), while self-employment was unchanged.

In March, employment declined in Quebec and increased in Prince Edward Island. There were no notable changes in overall employment in the other provinces.

Employment increased for men aged 25 and over in March, while it declined among youths aged 15 to 24 and women 55 and over.

Gains in accommodation and food services as well as construction

In March, the number of workers in accommodation and food services increased by 36,000. This monthly gain brought employment in this industry to roughly the same level as 12 months earlier.

Employment in construction rose by 24,000 in March, continuing an upward trend that began in July 2009. Over the past 12 months, employment in this industry has increased by 5.3% (+64,000), one of the highest rates of growth among all industries.

There were small losses in health care and social assistance (-17,000) and in public administration (-13,000). Over the past 12 months, employment in these industries increased by 2.9% and 2.1% respectively.

Little employment change across provinces

Employment in Quebec edged down 15,000 in March, and the unemployment rate held steady at 7.7%. Over the past 12 months, employment growth in the province was 1.6% (+62,000).

In March, employment in Prince Edward Island increased by 1,400 and the unemployment rate was 11.2%. This increase brought employment just above levels of one year earlier.

In Ontario, total employment was little changed, as full-time gains of 63,000 were offset by part-time losses of 58,000. The unemployment rate was 8.1%. Over the past 12 months, employment grew by 2.1% in this province.

While there was little change in employment in British Columbia, the unemployment rate fell from 8.8% to 8.1% as fewer people looked for work.

Gains among adult men offset by losses among youths, women 55 and over

In March, employment for men aged 25 and over was up 32,000, with increases in full time. This month's gains were shared between men 25 to 54 and 55 and over. Employment growth over the past 12 months among core-age men was 2.1%, while that of men 55 and over was 4.9%.

Employment in March was unchanged for core-age women and fell by 17,000 for women aged 55 and over. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment was unchanged for core-age women, while it increased by 6.6% for women 55 and over.

The number of employed 15- to 24- year-olds fell by 17,000 in March, with losses in part-time work. The unemployment rate was little changed at 14.4%. Compared with 12 months earlier, youth employment increased by 0.5%.

Quarterly update for the territories

The Labour Force Survey also collects labour market information about the territories. This information is produced monthly in the form of three-month moving averages. Not all estimates are seasonally adjusted; therefore, comparisons should only be made on a year-over-year basis.

All three territories saw employment gains in the first quarter of 2011 compared with the same quarter of 2010.

In Yukon, employment increased by 2,500 in the three months ending in March 2011 compared with the same period in 2010. In the first quarter of 2011, the unemployment rate was 5.1%.

Employment in the Northwest Territories rose by 1,700 from the first quarter of 2010 to the same period in 2011, pushing the unemployment rate down to 6.3%.

In Nunavut, employment increased by 500 in the first quarter of 2011 compared with the first quarter of 2010. However, the number of people searching for work also increased, bringing the unemployment rate up to 17.3%.

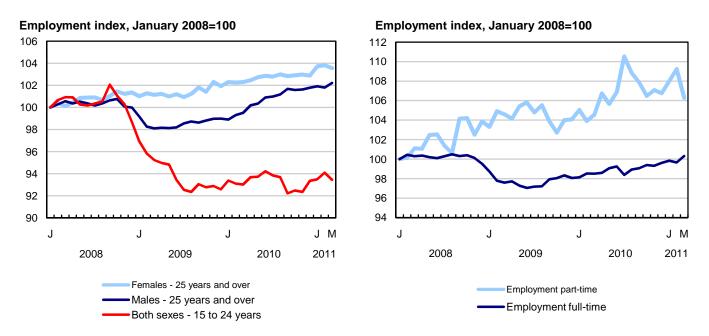
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Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations.

The 2010 Labour Force Historical Review on DVD-ROM (71F0004X, \$209) will be available on April 11, 2011.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted



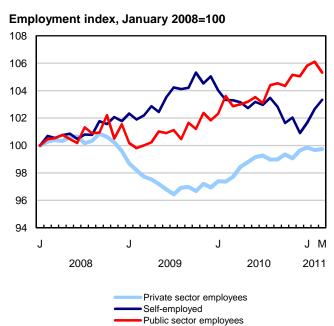
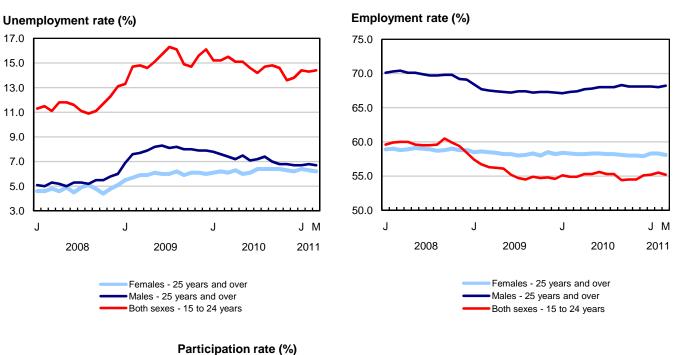
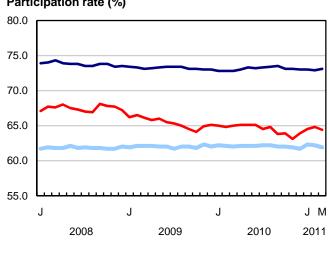


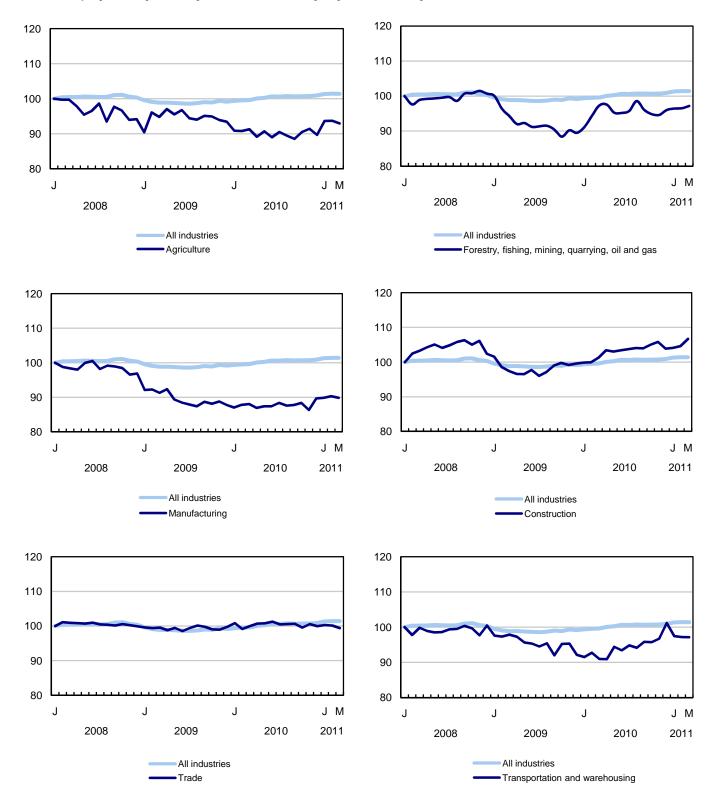
Chart 2 Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted





Females - 25 years and over Males - 25 years and over Both sexes - 15 to 24 years

Chart 3 Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2008=100





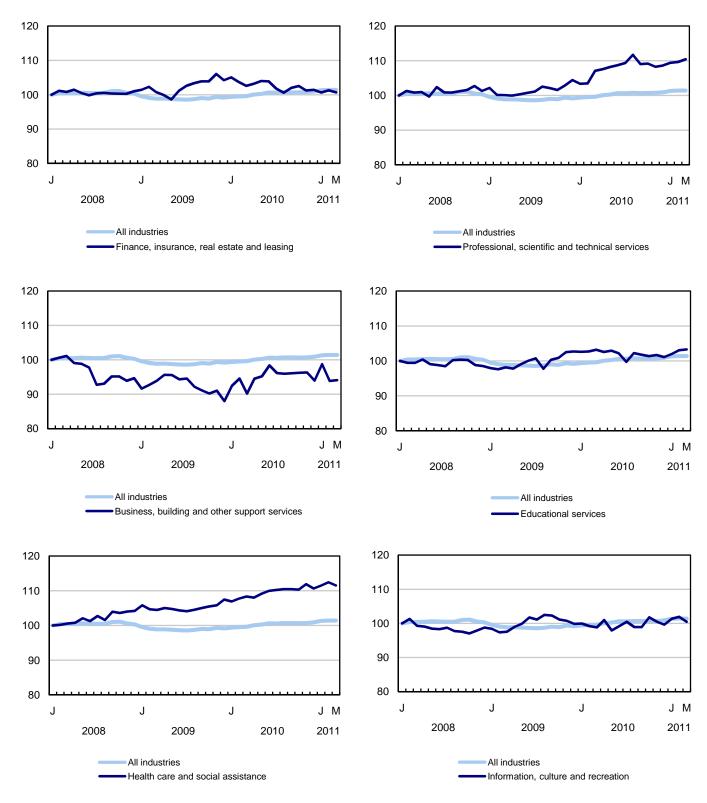
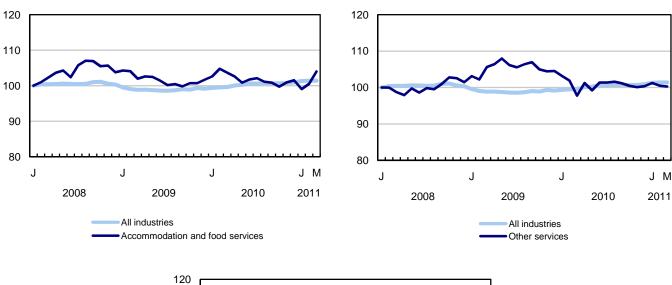
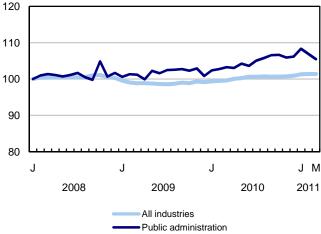


Chart 5 Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2008=100







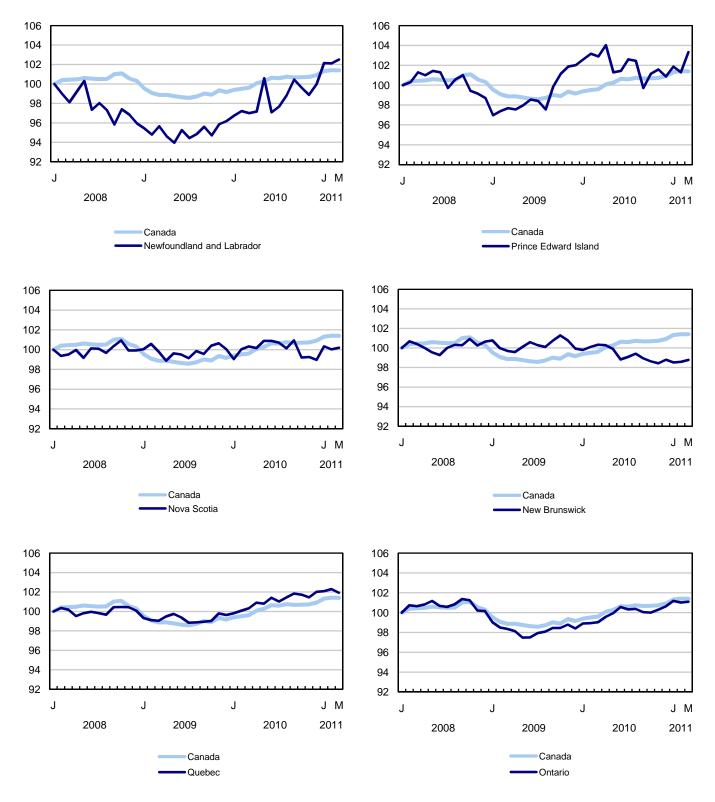
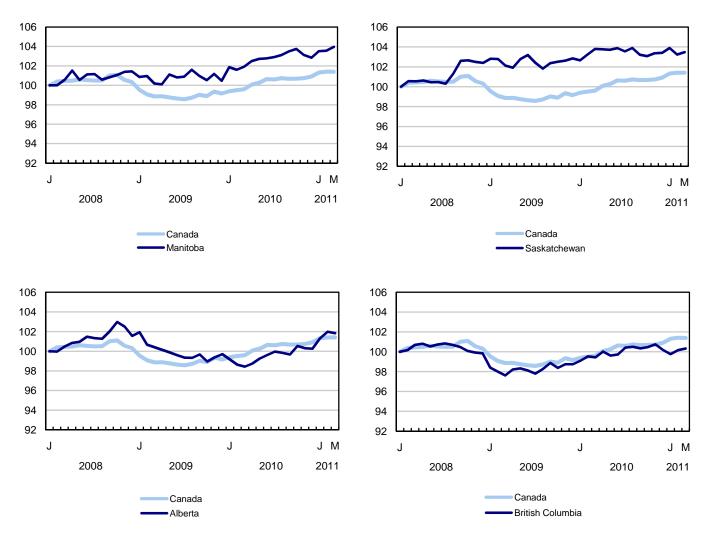


Chart 7 Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2008=100



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282-0120	Labour force survey estimates (LFS), employment by urban and rural areas based on 2006 census boundaries, class of worker and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), unadjusted for seasonality, monthly
282-0121	Labour force survey estimates (LFS), employment by urban and rural areas based on 2006 census boundaries, class of worker and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), annual

Selected surveys from Statistics Canada

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Selected summary tables from Statistics Canada

- · Labour force characteristics
- · Employment by industry
- Days lost per worker due to illness or disability, by sex, by province
- Economic indicators, by province and territory (monthly and quarterly)
- Labour force and participation rates by sex and age group
- · Labour force, employed and unemployed, numbers and rates, by province
- · Employment by industry and sex
- Full-time and part-time employment by sex and age group
- Labour force characteristics by age and sex
- · Distribution of employed people, by industry, by province
- · Labour force characteristics, population 15 years and older, by census metropolitan area
- Labour force characteristics, population 15 years and older, by economic region, by province
- · Days lost per worker by cause, by provinces
- · Days lost per worker by industry and sex
- · People employed, by educational attainment
- · Reasons for part-time work by sex and age group
- Self-employment, historical summary
- Employment by age, sex, type of work, class of worker and province (monthly)
- Employment by major industry groups, seasonally adjusted, by province (monthly)
- Actual hours worked per week by industry, seasonally adjusted (monthly)
- Average hourly wages of employees by selected characteristics and profession, unadjusted data, by province (monthly)
- Labour force characteristics, seasonally adjusted, by province (monthly)
- Labour force characteristics, unadjusted, by province (monthly)
- Labour force characteristics, seasonally adjusted, by census metropolitan area (3 month moving average)
- Labour force characteristics, unadjusted, by census metropolitan area (3 month moving average)
- Labour force characteristics, unadjusted, by economic region (3 month moving average)

- · Labour force characteristics by immigrant status of population aged 25 to 54, by province
- · Labour force characteristics by immigrant status of population aged 25 to 54, by educational attainment
- · Labour force characteristics by immigrant status, by detailed age group
- Labour force characteristics by immigrant status of population aged 25 to 54, by country of birth

Statistical tables

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

	February	March	S.E.¹	(Change from		Perc	cent change from	
	2011	2011	_	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in the	ousands (e	except rate	es)				
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	27,866.5	27,889.2		22.7	74.4	338.5 231.3	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force Employment	18,678.0 17,229.6	18,663.1 17,228.1	28.7 28.2	-14.9 -1.5	105.3 82.8	231.3 304.6	-0.1 0.0	0.6 0.5	1.3 1.8
Employment full-time	13,843.1	13,933.7	37.3	90.6	97.9	250.8	0.7	0.7	1.8
Employment part-time	3,386.5	3,294.4	34.4	-92.1	-15.2	53.8	-2.7	-0.5	1.7
Unemployment	1,448.5	1,435.0	25.3	-13.5	22.5	-73.3	-0.9	1.6	-4.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	67.0 7.8	66.9 7.7	0.1 0.1	-0.1 -0.1	0.2 0.1	0.0 -0.5			
Employment rate	61.8	61.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4			
Part-time rate	19.7	19.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.0			
15 to 24 years, both sexes	4,458.8	4,458.6		-0.2	-1.4	-1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Population Labour force	2,888.5	4,456.6 2,873.5	16.8	-0.2 -15.0	22.3	-1.3 -24.7	-0.5	0.0	-0.9
Employment	2,475.8	2,459.2	15.5	-16.6	2.7	11.7	-0.7	0.1	0.5
Employment full-time	1,286.1	1,298.8	18.1	12.7	13.0	22.6	1.0	1.0	1.8
Employment part-time	1,189.7	1,160.4	18.8	-29.3	-10.3	-10.9	-2.5	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment Participation rate	412.7 64.8	414.3 64.4	14.7 0.4	1.6 -0.4	19.6 0.5	-36.3 -0.6	0.4	5.0	-8.1
Unemployment rate	14.3	14.4	0.5	0.1	0.6	-1.1		•••	
Employment rate	55.5	55.2	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.3			
Part-time rate	48.1	47.2	0.7	-0.9	-0.5	-0.7		•••	
25 years and over, men Population	11,451.1	11,462.6		11.5	38.0	168.4	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	8,351.0	8,377.8	14.9	26.8	34.6	157.6	0.1	0.3	1.9
Employment	7,783.1	7,815.5	16.0	32.4	34.3	207.7	0.4	0.4	2.7
Employment full-time	7,155.0	7,204.9	21.0	49.9	30.7	157.9	0.7	0.4	2.2
Employment part-time Unemployment	628.2 567.9	610.5 562.3	17.0 14.8	-17.7 -5.6	3.5 0.3	49.7 -50.1	-2.8 -1.0	0.6 0.1	8.9 -8.2
Participation rate	72.9	73.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3			
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.7			
Employment rate Part-time rate	68.0 8.1	68.2 7.8	0.1 0.2	0.2 -0.3	0.1 0.0	0.8 0.4			
	0.1	1.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.4			
25 years and over, women Population	11,956.5	11,968.0		11.5	37.7	171.4	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	7,438.6	7.411.8	16.3	-26.8	48.4	98.3	-0.4		1.3
Employment	6,970.6	6,953.4	16.0	-17.2	45.8	85.2	-0.2	0.7	1.2
Employment full-time	5,402.0	5,429.9	24.3	27.9	54.2	70.2	0.5	1.0	1.3
Employment part-time Unemployment	1,568.7 467.9	1,523.5 458.4	22.7 13.1	-45.2 -9.5	-8.4 2.6	15.0 13.1	-2.9 -2.0	-0.5 0.6	1.0 2.9
Participation rate	62.2	61.9	0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-2.0	0.0	2.0
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1			
Employment rate Part-time rate	58.3	58.1 21.9	0.1 0.3	-0.2 -0.6	0.2 -0.3	-0.1			
Fait-time rate	22.5	21.9	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1			
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,515.5	14,518.5		3.0	7.8	59.5	0.0		0.4
Labour force	12,542.7	12,549.3	21.6	6.6	60.8	67.8	0.1	0.5	0.5
Employment Unemployment	11,724.7 818.0	11,743.8 805.5	22.9 18.5	19.1 -12.5	65.4 -4.6	129.7 -61.9	0.2 -1.5		1.1 -7.1
Participation rate	86.4	86.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	-1.0		-7.1
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5			
Employment rate	80.8	80.9	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.6			

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change f	rom
	2011	2011	_	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in the	ousands (e	xcept rate	es)				
25 to 54 years, men Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	7,260.4 6,572.4 6,132.9 439.5 90.5 6.7 84.5	7,262.1 6,587.7 6,152.8 434.9 90.7 6.6 84.7	13.7 15.3 13.5 0.2 0.2 0.2	1.7 15.3 19.9 -4.6 0.2 -0.1 0.2	4.5 23.9 22.4 1.5 0.3 0.0	30.2 71.6 129.4 -57.8 0.6 -1.0	0.0 0.2 0.3 -1.0 	0.1 0.4 0.4 0.3 	0.4 1.1 2.1 -11.7
25 to 54 years, women Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	7,255.1 5,970.3 5,591.8 378.5 82.3 6.3 77.1	7,256.4 5,961.6 5,591.1 370.5 82.2 6.2 77.1	15.9 16.1 12.3 0.2 0.2 0.2	1.3 -8.7 -0.7 -8.0 -0.1 -0.1	3.3 36.9 43.1 -6.2 0.5 -0.2 0.6	29.3 -3.8 0.4 -4.1 -0.3 -0.1	0.0 -0.1 0.0 -2.1 	0.0 0.6 0.8 -1.6 	0.4 -0.1 0.0 -1.1
55 years and over, both sexes Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	8,892.2 3,246.9 3,029.1 217.8 36.5 6.7 34.1	8,912.1 3,240.3 3,025.1 215.2 36.4 6.6 33.9	16.7 16.7 9.2 0.2 0.3 0.2	19.9 -6.6 -4.0 -2.6 -0.1 -0.1	67.9 22.2 14.7 7.5 0.0 0.1 -0.1	280.3 188.1 163.3 24.8 1.0 0.4 0.7	0.2 -0.2 -0.1 -1.2 	0.8 0.7 0.5 3.6 	3.2 6.2 5.7 13.0
55 years and over, men Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	4,190.8 1,778.6 1,650.2 128.4 42.4 7.2 39.4	4,200.5 1,790.1 1,662.7 127.4 42.6 7.1 39.6	11.2 11.3 7.1 0.3 0.4 0.3	9.7 11.5 12.5 -1.0 0.2 -0.1 0.2	33.5 10.7 11.9 -1.2 -0.1 -0.1	138.2 86.1 78.3 7.8 0.7 0.1	0.2 0.6 0.8 -0.8 	0.8 0.6 0.7 -0.9 	3.4 5.1 4.9 6.5
55 years and over, women Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	4,701.5 1,468.3 1,378.9 89.4 31.2 6.1 29.3	4,711.6 1,450.2 1,362.4 87.8 30.8 6.1 28.9	11.3 11.3 5.7 0.2 0.4 0.2	10.1 -18.1 -16.5 -1.6 -0.4 0.0	34.4 11.5 2.8 8.7 0.0 0.6 -0.2	142.1 102.0 84.9 17.1 1.3 0.9 0.9	0.2 -1.2 -1.2 -1.8 	0.7 0.8 0.2 11.0 	3.1 7.6 6.6 24.2

^{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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	C	Change from		Perc	ent change f	rom
	2011	2011	_	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
			in thous	ands					
Class of worker Employees Self-employed ²	14,563.8 2,665.8	14,544.9 2,683.2	34.0 24.5	-18.9 17.4	19.8 63.0	303.7 0.9	-0.1 0.7	0.1 2.4	2.1 0.0
Public/private sector employees Public sector employees Private sector employees	3,590.5 10,973.3	3,563.3 10,981.6	23.9 35.8	-27.2 8.3	8.8 11.0	82.9 220.8	-0.8 0.1	0.2 0.1	2.4 2.1
Industry	17,229.6	17,228.1	28.2	-1.5	82.8	304.6	0.0	0.5	1.8
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil	3,822.4 312.6	3,841.5 310.0	25.2 6.7	19.1 -2.6	52.7 10.8	106.4 5.5	0.5 -0.8	1.4 3.6	2.8 1.8
and gas extraction Utilities Construction Manufacturing	333.3 144.4 1,236.0 1,796.1	335.6 148.9 1,260.3 1,786.7	6.9 4.7 16.2 18.8	2.3 4.5 24.3 -9.4	4.1 1.1 33.1 3.6	-0.4 1.8 63.8 35.8	0.7 3.1 2.0 -0.5	1.2 0.7 2.7 0.2	-0.1 1.2 5.3 2.0
Services-producing sector Trade Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and	13,407.1 2,673.1 830.7	13,386.6 2,653.2 830.0	33.2 22.8 12.9	-20.5 -19.9 -0.7	30.0 -15.2 -34.8	198.2 -15.9 52.9	-0.2 -0.7 -0.1	0.2 -0.6 -4.0	1.5 -0.6 6.8
leasing	1,081.6	1,075.0	15.2	-6.6	-7.9	-20.2	-0.6	-0.7	-1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services Business, building and other support	1,287.8	1,296.9	16.9	9.1	20.9	39.1	0.7	1.6	3.1
services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	664.0 1,229.0 2,085.3 783.4 1,044.4 750.6 977.2	665.7 1,231.8 2,068.0 772.2 1,080.6 749.0 964.2	13.8 15.7 17.7 14.3 16.1 13.0 12.5	1.7 2.8 -17.3 -11.2 36.2 -1.6 -13.0	0.9 26.0 15.7 6.3 25.6 -0.8 -6.6	27.8 1.1 58.8 12.6 3.4 18.6 20.0	0.3 0.2 -0.8 -1.4 3.5 -0.2 -1.3	0.1 2.2 0.8 0.8 2.4 -0.1 -0.7	4.4 0.1 2.9 1.7 0.3 2.5 2.1

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

business without pay.

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

^{2.} Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family

Table 3 Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Percent change from		
	2011	2011	_	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in the	ousands (e	except rate	es)				
Newfoundland and Labrador Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	429.2 260.9 227.7 195.9 31.8 33.3 60.8 12.8 53.1	429.2 260.7 228.6 196.9 31.7 32.2 60.7 12.4 53.3	2.1 2.2 2.5 1.9 2.0 0.5 0.7	0.0 -0.2 0.9 1.0 -0.1 -1.1 -0.1 -0.4 0.2	0.2 1.5 5.7 5.8 -0.1 -4.1 0.3 -1.6 1.3	1.4 5.1 12.3 12.3 0.1 -7.2 1.0 -3.0 2.7	0.0 -0.1 0.4 0.5 -0.3 -3.3	0.0 0.6 2.6 3.0 -0.3 -11.3	0.3 2.0 5.7 6.7 0.3 -18.3
Prince Edward Island Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	118.5 79.6 70.2 59.1 11.2 9.3 67.2 11.7 59.2	118.6 80.6 71.6 59.4 12.2 9.0 68.0 11.2 60.4	0.6 0.7 0.9 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.8	0.1 1.0 1.4 0.3 1.0 -0.3 0.8 -0.5	0.7 1.2 1.7 1.5 0.2 -0.4 0.7 -0.6 1.1	2.0 0.9 0.3 0.9 -0.5 0.6 -0.4 0.7 -0.7	0.1 1.3 2.0 0.5 8.9 -3.2	0.6 1.5 2.4 2.6 1.7 -4.3 	1.7 1.1 0.4 1.5 -3.9 7.1
Nova Scotia Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	779.1 500.0 452.4 369.8 82.6 47.6 64.2 9.5 58.1	779.0 498.1 453.1 369.2 83.9 45.0 63.9 9.0 58.2	2.7 2.9 3.6 3.2 2.6 0.4 0.5 0.4	-0.1 -1.9 0.7 -0.6 1.3 -2.6 -0.3 -0.5	0.1 -1.3 5.5 2.4 3.0 -6.8 -0.2 -1.4 0.7	3.1 3.0 -0.6 -1.6 1.0 3.6 0.1 0.6 -0.3	0.0 -0.4 0.2 -0.2 1.6 -5.5	0.0 -0.3 1.2 0.7 3.7 -13.1 	0.4 0.6 -0.1 -0.4 1.2 8.7
New Brunswick Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	618.7 391.9 353.3 295.9 57.3 38.6 63.3 9.8 57.1	618.9 391.5 354.0 297.5 56.5 37.6 63.3 9.6 57.2	2.3 2.4 2.9 2.4 2.1 0.4 0.5	0.2 -0.4 0.7 1.6 -0.8 -1.0 0.0 -0.2	0.7 0.5 -0.1 -1.9 1.8 0.7 0.1 0.2 -0.1	3.1 -2.0 -5.6 -10.4 4.8 3.6 -0.6 1.0 -1.2	0.0 -0.1 0.2 0.5 -1.4 -2.6	0.1 0.1 0.0 -0.6 3.3 1.9	0.5 -0.5 -1.6 -3.4 9.3 10.6
Quebec Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	6,550.5 4,293.5 3,964.8 3,169.0 795.8 328.8 65.5 7.7 60.5	6,555.6 4,281.7 3,950.1 3,187.3 762.9 331.5 65.3 7.7 60.3	14.5 14.4 19.1 17.5 13.0 0.2 0.3 0.2	5.1 -11.8 -14.7 18.3 -32.9 2.7 -0.2 0.0 -0.2	16.3 7.7 -3.6 -18.6 15.1 11.2 -0.1 0.2 -0.2	69.9 57.6 61.8 43.5 18.4 -4.3 0.2 -0.2	0.1 -0.3 -0.4 0.6 -4.1 0.8	0.2 0.2 -0.1 -0.6 2.0 3.5 	1.1 1.4 1.6 1.4 2.5 -1.3

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	February	March 2011	S.E. ¹	С	hange from		Perc	ent change f	rom
	2011	2011	_	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in the	ousands (e	except rate	s)				
Ontario Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	10,873.9 7,267.9 6,685.2 5,389.2 1,296.0 582.7 66.8 8.0 61.5	10,883.6 7,280.5 6,690.8 5,452.5 1,238.3 589.8 66.9 8.1 61.5	19.9 19.3 24.9 23.3 17.7 0.2 0.2 0.2	9.7 12.6 5.6 63.3 -57.7 7.1 0.1 0.1	29.1 31.0 31.2 78.2 -47.0 -0.1 0.1 0.0 0.1	137.2 92.9 136.9 153.2 -16.3 -43.8 0.0 -0.7 0.5	0.1 0.2 0.1 1.2 -4.5 1.2	0.3 0.4 0.5 1.5 -3.7 0.0	1.3 1.3 2.1 2.9 -1.3 -6.9
Manitoba Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	949.1 659.7 624.9 500.9 124.0 34.8 69.5 5.3 65.8	949.9 664.1 627.3 504.1 123.2 36.8 69.9 5.5 66.0	2.6 2.7 3.8 3.5 2.1 0.3 0.3	0.8 4.4 2.4 3.2 -0.8 2.0 0.4 0.2	2.9 9.5 6.8 2.5 4.3 2.7 0.8 0.3 0.5	12.8 15.1 12.4 11.3 1.1 2.7 0.6 0.2 0.4	0.1 0.7 0.4 0.6 -0.6 5.7	0.3 1.5 1.1 0.5 3.6 7.9	1.4 2.3 2.0 2.3 0.9 7.9
Saskatchewan Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	796.7 554.7 523.2 433.4 89.8 31.5 69.6 5.7 65.7	797.2 553.3 524.4 430.0 94.3 29.0 69.4 5.2 65.8	2.4 2.5 3.2 3.0 1.9 0.3 0.3	0.5 -1.4 1.2 -3.4 4.5 -2.5 -0.2 -0.5 0.1	1.8 -1.2 0.3 -1.1 1.3 -1.5 -0.3 -0.3	9.7 -1.5 -1.6 -0.3 -1.4 0.2 -1.1 0.0 -1.0	0.1 -0.3 0.2 -0.8 5.0 -7.9	0.2 -0.2 0.1 -0.3 1.4 -4.9 	1.2 -0.3 -0.3 -0.1 -1.5 0.7
Alberta Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	2,987.2 2,191.7 2,067.5 1,687.1 380.4 124.2 73.4 5.7 69.2	2,990.1 2,188.5 2,064.3 1,698.0 366.3 124.2 73.2 5.7 69.0	9.0 9.2 12.0 10.5 7.5 0.3 0.3	2.9 -3.2 -3.2 10.9 -14.1 0.0 -0.2 0.0 -0.2	10.7 37.9 32.1 22.7 9.4 5.8 1.0 0.2 0.8	43.2 34.1 68.8 53.9 15.0 -34.7 0.1 -1.7 1.3	0.1 -0.1 -0.2 0.6 -3.7 0.0	0.4 1.8 1.6 1.4 2.6 4.9	1.5 1.6 3.4 3.3 4.3 -21.8
British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	3,763.8 2,478.2 2,260.5 1,742.8 517.7 217.6 65.8 8.8 60.1	3,767.2 2,464.0 2,264.0 1,738.9 525.1 200.0 65.4 8.1 60.1	10.2 10.1 14.3 13.5 8.9 0.3 0.3	3.4 -14.2 3.5 -3.9 7.4 -17.6 -0.4 -0.7 0.0	11.9 18.4 3.3 6.5 -3.2 15.1 0.3 0.5 -0.1	56.2 26.0 19.9 -11.7 31.6 6.1 -0.3 0.1 -0.4	0.1 -0.6 0.2 -0.2 1.4 -8.1		1.5 1.1 0.9 -0.7 6.4 3.1

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

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	m
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (e	xcept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	400.0	400.0			0.0	4.4		0.0	0.0
Population Labour force	429.2 260.9	429.2 260.7	2.1	0.0 -0.2	0.2 1.5	1.4 5.1	0.0 -0.1	0.0 0.6	0.3 2.0
Employment	227.7	228.6	2.2	0.9	5.7	12.3	0.4	2.6	5.7
Employment full-time	195.9 33.3	196.9 32.2	2.5 2.0	1.0 -1.1	5.8 -4.1	12.3 -7.2	0.5 -3.3	3.0 -11.3	6.7 -18.3
Unemployment Participation rate	33.3 60.8	32.2 60.7	0.5	-1.1 -0.1	-4.1 0.3	-7.2 1.0	-3.3	-11.3	-10.3
Unemployment rate	12.8	12.4	0.7	-0.4	-1.6	-3.0			
Employment rate	53.1	53.3	0.5	0.2	1.3	2.7			
Part-time rate	14.0	13.9	8.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	61.5	61.4		-0.1	-0.2	-1.0	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6
Labour force Employment	35.4 28.5	36.5 29.0	1.0 1.0	1.1 0.5	0.9 0.1	0.1 1.9	3.1 1.8	2.5 0.3	0.3 7.0
Unemployment	6.8	7.5	0.9	0.3	0.8	-1.8	10.3	11.9	-19.4
Participation rate	57.6	59.4	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.1			
Unemployment rate	19.2	20.5	2.4	1.3	1.7	-5.0			
Employment rate	46.3	47.2	1.7	0.9 1.4	0.3	3.8			
Part-time rate	39.3	40.7	3.5	1.4	4.0	1.6			
Men, 25 years and over	177.6	177.6		0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.5
Population Labour force	117.8	117.8	1.2	0.0	2.0	3.5	0.0	1.7	3.1
Employment	102.2	103.1	1.3	0.9	5.0	6.5	0.9	5.1	6.7
Unemployment	15.7	14.7	1.3	-1.0	-2.9	-3.0	-6.4	-16.5	-16.9
Participation rate	66.3	66.3	0.7	0.0	1.1	1.6			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	13.3 57.5	12.5 58.1	1.1 0.8	-0.8 0.6	-2.7 2.8	-3.0 3.4			
Part-time rate	4.9	4.5	0.9	-0.4	-0.7	-1.3			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	190.1	190.1		0.0	0.2	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	107.8	106.5	1.2	-1.3	-1.3	1.6	-1.2	-1.2	1.5
Employment	97.0	96.5	1.2	-0.5	0.6	3.9	-0.5	0.6	4.2
Unemployment Participation rate	10.8 56.7	10.0 56.0	1.0 0.6	-0.8 -0.7	-2.0 -0.8	-2.3 0.4	-7.4	-16.7	-18.7
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.4	0.6	-0.7 -0.6	-0.6 -1.7	-2.3			
Employment rate	51.0	50.8	0.6	-0.2	0.3	1.7			
Part-time rate	16.1	15.9	1.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.9			
Industry	227.7	228.6	2.2	0.9	5.7	12.3	0.4	2.6	5.7
Goods-producing sector	48.8	49.1	1.7	0.3	2.9	4.9	0.6	6.3	11.1
Agriculture	2.0	1.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.7	0.5	-20.0	-30.4	45.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and									
gas extraction Utilities	15.2 2.2	16.5 2.2	1.0 0.3	1.3 0.0	0.1 0.4	0.6 0.3	8.6 0.0	0.6 22.2	3.8 15.8
Construction	17.9	18.2	1.1	0.0	1.6	3.4	1.7	9.6	23.0
Manufacturing	11.5	10.5	0.9	-1.0	1.4	0.1	-8.7	15.4	1.0
Services-producing sector	178.9	179.5	2.1	0.6	2.8	7.4	0.3	1.6	4.3
Trade	40.4	39.3	1.4	-1.1	1.1	3.5	-2.7	2.9	9.8
Transportation and warehousing	11.4	11.4	0.7	0.0	0.7	-1.0	0.0	6.5	-8.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	6.2	7.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	-1.0	12.9	14.8	-12.5
services	8.4	8.7	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.6	3.6	10.1	22.5
Business, building and other support									
services	5.8	6.2	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	6.9	1.6	12.7
Educational services Health care and social assistance	18.0 36.3	18.4 36.3	0.9 1.1	0.4 0.0	0.2 0.2	1.0 0.5	2.2 0.0	1.1 0.6	5.7 1.4
Information, culture and recreation	36.3 8.1	36.3 8.3	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.5	2.5	0.0	10.7
Accommodation and food services	12.4	12.2	0.9	-0.2	-1.6	-2.0	-1.6	-11.6	-14.1
Other services	11.8	11.4	0.8	-0.4	0.2	0.8	-3.4	1.8	7.5
Public administration	20.1	20.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	2.6	2.0	1.5	14.5

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (e	xcept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	440.5	440.0			0.7	0.0		0.0	4.7
Population Labour force	118.5 79.6	118.6 80.6	0.6	0.1 1.0	0.7 1.2	2.0 0.9	0.1 1.3	0.6 1.5	1.7 1.1
Employment	70.2	71.6	0.7	1.4	1.7	0.3	2.0	2.4	0.4
Employment full-time	59.1	59.4	0.9	0.3	1.5	0.9	0.5	2.6	1.5
Unemployment	9.3	9.0	0.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.6	-3.2	-4.3	7.1
Participation rate	67.2	68.0	0.5	0.8	0.7	-0.4			
Unemployment rate	11.7	11.2	0.8	-0.5	-0.6	0.7			
Employment rate Part-time rate	59.2 16.0	60.4 17.0	0.6 1.0	1.2 1.1	1.1 -0.1	-0.7 -0.8			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.7	19.8		0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.5
Labour force	13.9	13.9	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	4.5	0.7
Employment	11.8	11.7	0.4	-0.1	0.8	0.2	-0.8	7.3	1.7
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-12.5	-8.7
Participation rate	70.6	70.2	2.0	-0.4	2.3	-0.6			
Unemployment rate	15.1 59.9	15.1 59.1	2.4 2.0	0.0 -0.8	-2.9 3.5	-1.6 0.1		***	
Employment rate Part-time rate	38.1	39.3	3.4	-0.6 1.2	3.5 0.8	-2.4			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	47.7	47.7		0.0	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.6	1.9
Labour force	34.5	35.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.3	3.2
Employment	30.0	31.1	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.8	3.7	3.7	2.6
Unemployment	4.5	3.9	0.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.3	-13.3	-4.9	8.3
Participation rate Unemployment rate	72.3 13.0	73.4 11.1	0.7 1.1	1.1 -1.9	1.2 -0.9	1.0 0.5			•••
Employment rate	62.9	65.2	0.8	2.3	1.9	0.5			
Part-time rate	9.7	9.3	1.1	-0.3	0.3	2.1			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	51.1	51.1		0.0	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.6	1.8
Labour force	31.1	31.8	0.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.2	2.3	-0.3	-0.6
Employment	28.4	28.8	0.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	1.4	-0.7	-2.4
Unemployment Participation rate	2.7 60.9	3.0 62.2	0.3 0.7	0.3 1.3	0.1 -0.6	0.5 -1.5	11.1	3.4	20.0
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.4	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.6			
Employment rate	55.6	56.4	0.8	0.7	-0.7	-2.4			
Part-time rate	13.0	16.7	1.5	3.6	-0.9	-3.0			
Industry	70.2	71.6	0.7	1.4	1.7	0.3	2.0	2.4	0.4
Goods-producing sector	16.9	17.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	3.6	3.6	2.9
Agriculture	3.6	3.6	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	9.1	2.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	2.0	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	40.7	2.2	10.0
gas extraction Utilities	2.8 0.4	0.3	0.3 0.0	0.3 -0.1	0.1 -0.1	0.5 0.0	10.7 -25.0	3.3 -25.0	19.2 0.0
Construction	5.0	5.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.1	6.0	10.4	-1.9
Manufacturing	5.2	5.2	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-3.7	2.0
Services-producing sector	53.3	54.1	0.7	0.8	1.0	-0.2	1.5	1.9	-0.4
Trade	9.7	10.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	-0.5	6.2	7.3	-4.6
Transportation and warehousing	2.0	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	5.0	10.5	-4.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	20.0	-4.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.7	3.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	22.2	13.8	26.9
Business, building and other support	2.1	3.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.7	22.2	13.0	20.5
services	2.7	2.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	-7.4	-16.7	8.7
Educational services	6.3	6.1	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-3.2	0.0	0.0
Health care and social assistance	8.7	8.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	2.9	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	26.1
Accommodation and food services	5.0	5.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	16.0	9.4	9.4
Other services	2.9 7.9	2.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-10.3	-10.3 5.1	-25.7 5.1
Public administration	1.9	7.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-5.1	-5.1	-5.1

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (ex	cept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population	779.1	779.0	•••	-0.1	0.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	500.0	498.1	2.7	-1.9	-1.3	3.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.6
Employment Employment full-time	452.4 369.8	453.1 369.2	2.9 3.6	0.7 -0.6	5.5 2.4	-0.6 -1.6	0.2 -0.2	1.2 0.7	-0.1 -0.4
Unemployment	47.6	45.0	2.6	-2.6	-6.8	3.6	-5.5	-13.1	8.7
Participation rate	64.2	63.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.1			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	9.5 58.1	9.0 58.2	0.5 0.4	-0.5 0.1	-1.4 0.7	0.6 -0.3			
Part-time rate	18.3	18.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years	400.5	400.4			0.4	0.7		0.4	0.0
Population Labour force	120.5 81.0	120.4 77.2	 1.5	-0.1 -3.8	-0.1 -3.4	-0.7 -3.1	-0.1 -4.7	-0.1 -4.2	-0.6 -3.9
Employment	68.0	64.4	1.5	-3.6	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-2.1	-5.8
Unemployment	13.0	12.8	1.4	-0.2	-2.0	0.8	-1.5	-13.5	6.7
Participation rate Unemployment rate	67.2 16.0	64.1 16.6	1.3 1.7	-3.1 0.6	-2.8 -1.8	-2.2 1.7			
Employment rate	56.4	53.5	1.3	-2.9	-1.1	-3.0			
Part-time rate	41.8	43.5	2.4	1.7	0.9	-0.8			
Men, 25 years and over	311.9	311.9		0.0	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Population Labour force	214.1	216.4	1.5	2.3	3.9	4.8	1.1	1.8	2.3
Employment	195.4	199.4	1.7	4.0	7.6	3.0	2.0	4.0	1.5
Unemployment	18.7	17.0 69.4	1.6	-1.7	-3.7 1.2	1.9 1.2	-9.1	-17.9	12.6
Participation rate Unemployment rate	68.6 8.7	7.9	0.5 0.7	0.8 -0.8	-1.8	0.8			
Employment rate	62.6	63.9	0.5	1.3	2.4	0.6			
Part-time rate	8.2	8.9	0.7	0.7	0.9	2.1			
Women, 25 years and over Population	346.7	346.7		0.0	0.2	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	204.8	204.5	1.5	-0.3	-1.8	1.3	-0.1	-0.9	0.7
Employment	188.9	189.3	1.6	0.4	-0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.2
Unemployment Participation rate	15.9 59.1	15.2 59.0	1.3 0.4	-0.7 -0.1	-1.0 -0.5	0.9 0.0	-4.4	-6.2	6.3
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5 -0.5	0.4			
Employment rate	54.5	54.6	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.2			
Part-time rate	20.2	20.2	1.1	0.0	0.4	-0.6		•••	
Industry	452.4	453.1	2.9	0.7	5.5	-0.6	0.2	1.2	-0.1
Goods-producing sector	85.9	88.1	2.2	2.2	2.5	-1.7	2.6	2.9	-1.9
Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	6.0	6.5	0.6	0.5	1.0	-0.2	8.3	18.2	-3.0
gas extraction	11.7	11.9	1.1	0.2	0.3	-0.4	1.7	2.6	-3.3
Utilities	3.9	4.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	12.8	12.8	2.3
Construction Manufacturing	31.3 33.0	32.1 33.1	1.4 1.3	0.8 0.1	0.0 0.6	-1.0 -0.2	2.6 0.3	0.0 1.8	-3.0 -0.6
Services-producing sector	366.5	365.1	2.9	-1.4	3.1	1.2	-0.4	0.9	0.3
Trade	78.4	77.9	1.9	-0.5	2.4	3.5	-0.6	3.2	4.7
Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	18.3 23.0	20.1 22.1	1.0 1.1	1.8 -0.9	2.4 -1.7	1.0 -2.2	9.8 -3.9	13.6 -7.1	5.2 -9.1
Professional, scientific and technical	20.0			0.0	***		0.0		0.1
services Business, building and other support	23.3	22.9	1.1	-0.4	1.0	-1.8	-1.7	4.6	-7.3
services	22.9	22.0	1.2	-0.9	-1.4	-1.7	-3.9	-6.0	-7.2
Educational services	33.7	33.7	1.3	0.0	0.6	-1.6	0.0	1.8	-4.5
Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation	66.5 20.4	68.1 19.9	1.6 1.2	1.6 -0.5	0.0 0.5	0.5 0.9	2.4 -2.5	0.0 2.6	0.7 4.7
Accommodation and food services	30.4	28.2	1.3	-2.2	-0.5	0.4	-7.2	-1.7	1.4
Other services	18.0	18.9	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	5.0	1.6	5.6
Public administration	31.7	31.1	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	1.0	-1.9	-1.9	3.3

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

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

	February 2011	March 2011	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 Labour force	618.7 391.9	618.9 391.5	2.3	0.2 -0.4	0.7 0.5	3.1 -2.0	0.0 -0.1	0.1 0.1	0.5 -0.5
Employment	353.3	354.0	2.4	0.7	-0.1	-2.0 -5.6	0.2	0.0	-1.6
Employment full-time	295.9	297.5	2.9	1.6	-1.9	-10.4	0.5	-0.6	-3.4
Unemployment	38.6	37.6	2.1	-1.0	0.7	3.6	-2.6	1.9	10.6
Participation rate	63.3	63.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.6			
Unemployment rate	9.8	9.6	0.5	-0.2	0.2	1.0			
Employment rate Part-time rate	57.1 16.2	57.2 16.0	0.4 0.7	0.1 -0.3	-0.1 0.5	-1.2 1.6			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	91.6	91.5		-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8
Labour force	58.3	58.7	1.3	0.4	3.1	-0.9	0.7	5.6	-1.5
Employment	48.5	48.5	1.3	0.0	1.7	-1.6	0.0	3.6	-3.2
Unemployment	9.8	10.2	1.2	0.4	1.4	0.7	4.1	15.9	7.4
Participation rate	63.6	64.2	1.4	0.6	3.6	-0.4			
Unemployment rate	16.8 52.9	17.4 53.0	1.9 1.4	0.6 0.1	1.6 2.0	1.5 -1.3		•••	•••
Employment rate Part-time rate	39.4	36.1	2.6	-3.3	-3.2	-0.8			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	252.8	252.9		0.1	0.3	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	172.1	172.1	1.3	0.0	-2.2	0.1	0.0	-1.3	0.1
Employment	154.5	155.5	1.4	1.0	-1.7	-2.0	0.6	-1.1	-1.3
Unemployment Participation rate	17.5	16.6 68.1	1.3	-0.9 0.0	-0.5 -0.9	2.1	-5.1	-2.9	14.5
Participation rate	68.1 10.2	68.1 9.6	0.5 0.7	-0.6	-0.9 -0.2	-0.4 1.2		•••	
Unemployment rate Employment rate	61.1	61.5	0.7	0.4	-0.2 -0.7	-1.2			
Part-time rate	7.1	7.0	0.7	-0.1	0.6	1.1			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	274.3	274.4		0.1	0.4	1.9	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	161.6	160.8	1.3	-0.8	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7
Employment	150.2	150.0	1.3	-0.2	-0.1	-1.9	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3
Unemployment	11.3	10.8	1.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.8	-4.4	-0.9	8.0
Participation rate	58.9	58.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.8		•••	
Unemployment rate	7.0 54.8	6.7 54.7	0.7 0.5	-0.3 -0.1	-0.1 -0.1	0.5 -1.0			
Employment rate Part-time rate	18.2	18.8	1.0	0.6	1.3	3.1			
Industry	353.3	354.0	2.4	0.7	-0.1	-5.6	0.2	0.0	-1.6
Industry		84.2	1.9			-5.0 4.2			-1.0 5.2
Goods-producing sector Agriculture	83.0 6.0	6.0	0.6	1.2 0.0	0.1 0.8	-0.1	1.4 0.0	0.1 15.4	-1.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and									
gas extraction	11.1	10.8	0.8	-0.3	-1.1	1.4	-2.7	-9.2	14.9
Utilities	4.4	4.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-6.8	-2.4	-6.8
Construction Manufacturing	29.4 32.0	29.6 33.6	1.3 1.2	0.2 1.6	0.3 0.1	1.5 1.6	0.7 5.0	1.0 0.3	5.3 5.0
Services-producing sector	270.3	269.8	2.4	-0.5	-0.2	-9.7	-0.2	-0.1	-3.5
Trade	50.3	51.9	1.6	1.6	-1.8	-5.7	3.2	-3.4	-9.9
Transportation and warehousing	18.1	17.1	0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-2.4	-5.5	-6.6	-12.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	18.0	18.3	0.8	0.3	1.5	2.7	1.7	8.9	17.3
services Business, building and other support	16.7	16.4	0.9	-0.3	0.5	1.1	-1.8	3.1	7.2
services	15.8	16.3	1.1	0.5	0.8	-3.5	3.2	5.2	-17.7
Educational services	24.3	25.5	1.1	1.2	-0.5	-2.1	4.9	-1.9	-7.6
Health care and social assistance	50.9	49.7	1.3	-1.2	-0.5	0.7	-2.4	-1.0	1.4
Information, culture and recreation	12.2	11.6	0.9	-0.6	1.3	-2.0	-4.9	12.6	-14.7
Accommodation and food services	19.7	19.6	1.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5	-3.4	-3.9
Other services	16.4	16.3	0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-1.0	-0.6	-1.8	-5.8
Public administration	28.0	27.1	1.0	-0.9	0.6	3.3	-3.2	2.3	13.9

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

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

	February 2011	March 2011	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	0.550.5			- 4	40.0	20.0		0.0	
Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Unemployment	6,550.5 4,293.5 3,964.8 3,169.0 328.8	6,555.6 4,281.7 3,950.1 3,187.3 331.5	14.5 14.4 19.1 13.0	5.1 -11.8 -14.7 18.3 2.7	16.3 7.7 -3.6 -18.6 11.2	69.9 57.6 61.8 43.5 -4.3	0.1 -0.3 -0.4 0.6 0.8	0.2 0.2 -0.1 -0.6 3.5	1.1 1.4 1.6 1.4 -1.3
Participation rate Unemployment rate	65.5 7.7	65.3 7.7	0.2 0.3	-0.2 0.0	-0.1 0.2	0.2 -0.2			
Employment rate Part-time rate	60.5 20.1	60.3 19.3	0.2 0.4	-0.2 -0.8	-0.2 0.4	0.3 0.2			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years	980.1	980.3		0.2	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	960.1 666.0 581.0 84.9 68.0 12.7 59.3 51.2	980.3 656.4 570.2 86.2 67.0 13.1 58.2 48.5	8.3 7.7 7.5 0.8 1.1 0.8 1.5	-9.6 -10.8 1.3 -1.0 0.4 -1.1	-17.3 -16.9 -0.4 -1.7 0.2 -1.7 -0.9	1.3 3.9 16.9 -13.0 0.4 -2.1 1.7 -2.7	-1.4 -1.9 1.5 	-2.6 -2.9 -0.5 	0.1 0.6 3.1 -13.1
Men, 25 years and over	01.2	40.0	1.0	-2.7	0.5	2.7	•••		•••
Population Labour force Employment Unemployment	2,737.0 1,916.4 1,780.6 135.8	2,739.7 1,927.7 1,786.5 141.3	8.1 8.4 8.0	2.7 11.3 5.9 5.5	8.6 14.8 7.1 7.9	35.9 34.5 38.0 -3.4	0.1 0.6 0.3 4.1	0.3 0.8 0.4 5.9	1.3 1.8 2.2 -2.3
Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	70.0 7.1 65.1 9.4	70.4 7.3 65.2 9.0	0.3 0.4 0.3 0.5	0.4 0.2 0.1 -0.4	0.4 0.3 0.0 0.6	0.4 -0.3 0.5 1.4	 	 	
Women, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	2,833.3 1,711.1 1,603.1 108.0 60.4 6.3 56.6	2,835.6 1,697.5 1,593.5 104.0 59.9 6.1 56.2	8.0 8.1 6.5 0.3 0.4 0.3	2.3 -13.6 -9.6 -4.0 -0.5 -0.2	7.5 10.0 6.3 3.7 0.2 0.2	32.7 19.0 7.0 12.1 0.0 0.6 -0.4	0.1 -0.8 -0.6 -3.7 	0.3 0.6 0.4 3.7 	1.2 1.1 0.4 13.2
Part-time rate	20.6	20.4	0.7	-0.2	0.9	-0.2			
Industry	3,964.8	3,950.1	14.4	-14.7	-3.6	61.8	-0.4	-0.1	1.6
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	855.0 57.1	860.3 57.1	12.8 3.1	5.3 0.0	5.1 -2.8	3.7 5.1	0.6 0.0	0.6 -4.7	0.4 9.8
gas extraction Utilities Construction Manufacturing	30.0 32.3 237.7 497.7	30.4 36.3 236.9 499.7	2.3 2.2 7.5 10.5	0.4 4.0 -0.8 2.0	1.4 3.0 -3.5 7.0	-0.5 2.7 7.4 -10.9	1.3 12.4 -0.3 0.4	4.8 9.0 -1.5 1.4	-1.6 8.0 3.2 -2.1
Services-producing sector	3,109.8	3,089.8	16.7	-20.0	-8.7	58.1	-0.6	-0.3	1.9
Trade Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	632.2 180.2 228.2	623.6 174.8 224.5	11.6 6.0 7.0	-8.6 -5.4 -3.7	-2.0 -11.6 -9.3	-19.6 19.7 -10.6	-1.4 -3.0 -1.6	-0.3 -6.2 -4.0	-3.0 12.7 -4.5
services Business, building and other support	303.4	296.9	8.2	-6.5	-8.8	6.1	-2.1	-2.9	2.1
services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	144.8 274.9 526.4 169.3 237.9 168.4 243.9	146.8 276.4 518.1 169.7 242.6 166.8 249.6	6.7 7.9 9.4 7.2 8.2 6.3 6.5	2.0 1.5 -8.3 0.4 4.7 -1.6 5.7	5.0 12.4 8.1 1.6 -4.9 -3.4 4.0	8.7 16.0 19.4 -8.5 6.6 8.0 12.4	1.4 0.5 -1.6 0.2 2.0 -1.0 2.3	3.5 4.7 1.6 1.0 -2.0 -2.0	6.3 6.1 3.9 -4.8 2.8 5.0 5.2

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	m
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (ex	cept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population	10,873.9	10,883.6		9.7	29.1	137.2	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	7,267.9	7,280.5	19.9	12.6	31.0	92.9	0.2	0.4	1.3
Employment Employment full-time	6,685.2 5,389.2	6,690.8 5,452.5	19.3 24.9	5.6 63.3	31.2 78.2	136.9 153.2	0.1 1.2	0.5 1.5	2.1 2.9
Unemployment	582.7	589.8	17.7	7.1	-0.1	-43.8	1.2	0.0	-6.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	66.8 8.0	66.9 8.1	0.2 0.2	0.1 0.1	0.1 0.0	0.0 -0.7		•••	
Employment rate	61.5	61.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5			
Part-time rate	19.4	18.5	0.3	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years	4 704 0	4 = 0.4 =			0.7	4.0		0.0	0.0
Population Labour force	1,781.3 1,100.8	1,781.7 1,102.3	11.8	0.4 1.5	0.7 26.0	4.2 -10.0	0.0 0.1	0.0 2.4	0.2 -0.9
Labour force Employment	924.0	924.0	10.8	0.0	23.9	-10.0 7.7	0.1	2.4 2.7	0.8
Unemployment	176.8	178.3	10.3	1.5	2.0	-17.7	0.8	1.1	-9.0
Participation rate	61.8	61.9	0.7	0.1	1.5	-0.7			
Unemployment rate	16.1	16.2	0.9	0.1	-0.2	-1.4			
Employment rate Part-time rate	51.9 51.6	51.9 51.1	0.6 1.2	0.0 -0.5	1.4 -0.6	0.4 -1.7			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,409.3	4,413.9		4.6	14.0	63.1	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	3,224.5	3,235.4	9.9	10.9	-10.1	63.0	0.3	-0.3	2.0
Employment	3,011.0	3,018.1	10.6	7.1	-6.2	97.1	0.2	-0.2	3.3
Unemployment Participation rate	213.5 73.1	217.3 73.3	9.9 0.2	3.8 0.2	-3.9 -0.5	-34.0 0.4	1.8	-1.8	-13.5
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-1.2			
Employment rate	68.3	68.4	0.2	0.1	-0.3	1.3			
Part-time rate	7.6	6.9	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3			
Women, 25 years and over	4 000 0	4 000 0			44.4	00.0		0.0	4.5
Population Labour force	4,683.2 2,942.5	4,688.0 2,942.9	11.4	4.8 0.4	14.4 15.3	69.8 40.0	0.1 0.0	0.3 0.5	1.5 1.4
Employment	2,750.2	2,748.6	10.9	-1.6	13.4	31.9	-0.1	0.5	1.4
Unemployment	192.3	194.2	9.3	1.9	1.8	7.9	1.0	0.9	4.2
Participation rate	62.8	62.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	-0.1			
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2			
Employment rate Part-time rate	58.7 21.5	58.6 20.3	0.2 0.5	-0.1 -1.2	0.1 -1.3	-0.2 -0.3			
Tart time rate	21.0	20.0	0.0	-1.2	1.0	0.0	•••		•••
Industry	6,685.2	6,690.8	19.3	5.6	31.2	136.9	0.1	0.5	2.1
Goods-producing sector Agriculture	1,431.8 95.9	1,427.6 89.2	17.1 3.8	-4.2 -6.7	19.0 5.9	32.8 1.0	-0.3 -7.0	1.3 7.1	2.4 1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	93.9	09.2	3.0	-0.1	5.9	1.0	-7.0	7.1	1.1
gas extraction	42.8	39.7	2.8	-3.1	2.5	-0.5	-7.2	6.7	-1.2
Utilities	50.2	52.8	3.2	2.6	-3.7	-5.2	5.2	-6.5	-9.0
Construction	426.6 816.4	439.4 806.5	10.5 13.4	12.8 -9.9	14.5 -0.3	26.3 11.1	3.0 -1.2	3.4 0.0	6.4 1.4
Manufacturing									
Services-producing sector Trade	5,253.4 1,013.6	5,263.2 992.3	22.8 15.8	9.8 -21.3	12.2 -21.7	104.1 -15.2	0.2 -2.1	0.2 -2.1	2.0 -1.5
Transportation and warehousing	324.9	323.5	8.9	-1.4	-0.7	30.4	-0.4	-0.2	10.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	500.9	501.1	11.2	0.2	-2.6	1.3	0.0	-0.5	0.3
services Business, building and other support	548.2	557.8	12.2	9.6	23.4	6.0	1.8	4.4	1.1
services	270.5	280.1	10.0	9.6	-8.5	21.1	3.5	-2.9	8.1
Educational services	472.3	485.7	10.8	13.4	6.1	-11.1	2.8	1.3	-2.2
Health care and social assistance	746.9	751.7	11.7	4.8	18.3	41.9	0.6	2.5	5.9
Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services	349.8 371.0	334.6 388.7	10.2 10.7	-15.2 17.7	-3.1 4.6	35.5 -20.3	-4.3 4.8	-0.9 1.2	11.9 -5.0
Other services	273.6	277.5	9.1	3.9	9.6	7.3	1.4	3.6	2.7
Public administration	381.7	370.2	8.7	-11.5	-13.1	7.2	-3.0	-3.4	2.0

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (ex	cept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population	949.1	949.9		0.8	2.9	12.8	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	659.7	664.1	2.6	4.4	9.5	15.1	0.1	1.5	2.3
Employment	624.9	627.3	2.7	2.4	6.8	12.4	0.4	1.1	2.0
Employment full-time	500.9	504.1	3.8	3.2	2.5	11.3	0.6	0.5	2.3
Unemployment Participation rate	34.8	36.8	2.1	2.0	2.7	2.7	5.7	7.9	7.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	69.5 5.3	69.9 5.5	0.3 0.3	0.4 0.2	0.8 0.3	0.6 0.2			
Employment rate	65.8	66.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4			
Part-time rate	19.8	19.6	0.6	-0.2	0.5	-0.2			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	164.7	164.7		0.0	0.3	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.9
Labour force	113.9	115.1	1.6	1.2 1.7	2.5	4.4 3.1	1.1	2.2	4.0
Employment Unemployment	100.3 13.6	102.0 13.0	1.6 1.4	-0.6	1.6 0.8	1.3	1.7 -4.4	1.6 6.6	3.1 11.1
Participation rate	69.2	69.9	1.4	0.7	1.4	2.1	-4.4	0.0	11.1
Unemployment rate	11.9	11.3	1.2	-0.6	0.5	0.7			
Employment rate	60.9	61.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.3			
Part-time rate	42.2	43.2	1.8	1.1	-1.1	0.8			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	384.3	384.7		0.4	1.3	5.8	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	292.9 281.6	294.4 279.9	1.3 1.5	1.5 -1.7	2.7	6.5 3.5	0.5	0.9	2.3
Employment Unemployment	11.4	279.9 14.5	1.5	-1.7 3.1	0.5 2.3	3.5 3.0	-0.6 27.2	0.2 18.9	1.3 26.1
Participation rate	76.2	76.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5		10.9	20.1
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.9	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.9			
Employment rate	73.3	72.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1			
Part-time rate	7.9	8.4	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.2			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	400.1	400.5		0.4	1.4	5.6	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	252.9 243.0	254.6 245.3	1.5 1.5	1.7 2.3	4.2 4.6	4.1 5.7	0.7 0.9	1.7 1.9	1.6 2.4
Employment Unemployment	9.9	9.3	1.1	-0.6	-0.4	-1.6	-6.1	-4.1	-14.7
Participation rate	63.2	63.6	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.2	-0.1	4.1	14.7
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7			
Employment rate	60.7	61.2	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.5			
Part-time rate	24.4	22.7	0.9	-1.7	0.0	-1.3			
Industry	624.9	627.3	2.7	2.4	6.8	12.4	0.4	1.1	2.0
Goods-producing sector	153.3	151.6	2.4	-1.7	0.1	12.8	-1.1	0.1	9.2
Agriculture	24.2	22.7	1.2	-1.5	-2.5	-2.3	-6.2	-9.9	-9.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.7		44.0	0.7
gas extraction Utilities	6.3 8.8	6.5 8.7	0.6 0.6	0.2 -0.1	-0.8 -0.3	-0.7 0.9	3.2 -1.1	-11.0 -3.3	-9.7 11.5
Construction	40.8	46.2	1.5	5.4	4.3	9.1	13.2	10.3	24.5
Manufacturing	73.3	67.5	1.6	-5.8	-0.7	5.8	-7.9	-1.0	9.4
Services-producing sector	471.5	475.7	3.1	4.2	6.7	-0.4	0.9	1.4	-0.1
Trade	94.2	95.1	2.1	0.9	1.4	2.3	1.0	1.5	2.5
Transportation and warehousing	33.5	33.1	1.3	-0.4	-1.6	-3.5	-1.2	-4.6	-9.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	34.3	34.6	1.3	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.9	0.9	-0.6
services Business, building and other support	26.6	26.9	1.3	0.3	-0.3	1.0	1.1	-1.1	3.9
services	17.8	18.2	1.2	0.4	1.9	-2.6	2.2	11.7	-12.5
Educational services	49.5	47.4	1.5	-2.1	-1.9	-3.2	-4.2	-3.9	-6.3
Health care and social assistance	95.2	96.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	10.3	1.8	1.9	11.9
Information, culture and recreation	22.6	25.0	1.2	2.4	1.9	2.2	10.6	8.2	9.6
Accommodation and food services	37.8	39.3	1.6	1.5	2.5	-1.9	4.0	6.8	-4.6
Other services	25.5	24.5	1.2	-1.0	1.4	-3.7	-3.9	6.1	-13.1
Public administration	34.6	34.8	1.2	0.2	-0.7	-1.1	0.6	-2.0	-3.1

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perd	ent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (e	xcept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	796.7	797.2		0.5	1.8	9.7	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force Employment	554.7 523.2	553.3 524.4	2.4 2.5	-1.4 1.2	-1.2 0.3	-1.5 -1.6	-0.3 0.2	-0.2 0.1	-0.3 -0.3
Employment full-time	433.4	430.0	3.2	-3.4	-1.1	-0.3	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment	31.5	29.0	1.9	-2.5	-1.5	0.2	-7.9	-4.9	0.7
Participation rate	69.6	69.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.1			
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.0			
Employment rate Part-time rate	65.7 17.2	65.8 18.0	0.3 0.5	0.1 0.8	-0.1 0.2	-1.0 -0.2			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	137.4	137.3		-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7
Labour force	93.5	92.6	1.4	-0.9	-0.1	-5.4	-1.0	-0.1	-5.5
Employment	81.8	82.1	1.5	0.3	-1.0	-6.6	0.4	-1.2	-7.4
Unemployment Participation rate	11.7	10.5	1.1	-1.2	1.0	1.2	-10.3	10.5	12.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	68.0 12.5	67.4 11.3	1.0 1.2	-0.6 -1.2	0.1 1.1	-3.5 1.8			
Employment rate	59.5	59.8	1.1	0.3	-0.5	-4.4			
Part-time rate	36.1	37.3	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.1			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	323.9	324.2		0.3	1.1	5.8	0.1	0.3	1.8
Labour force Employment	248.2 236.8	248.1 238.1	1.1 1.3	-0.1 1.3	-0.9 1.2	3.2 4.4	0.0 0.5	-0.4 0.5	1.3 1.9
Unemployment	11.4	10.1	1.3	-1.3	-2.1	-1.1	-11.4	-17.2	-9.8
Participation rate	76.6	76.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-11.4	-17.2	-3.0
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.1	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5			
Employment rate	73.1	73.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0			
Part-time rate	5.6	6.4	0.6	0.8	0.1	-0.4			
Women, 25 years and over	225.2	225.7		0.4	4.4	4.0	0.4	0.0	4.5
Population Labour force	335.3 213.0	335.7 212.5	 1.4	0.4 -0.5	1.1 -0.3	4.8 0.5	0.1 -0.2	0.3 -0.1	1.5 0.2
Employment	204.5	204.2	1.5	-0.3	0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Unemployment	8.5	8.4	1.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-1.2	-4.5	0.0
Participation rate	63.5	63.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.8			
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.0	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
Employment rate	61.0	60.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7			
Part-time rate	23.0	23.8	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8		•••	•••
Industry	523.2	524.3	2.5	1.1	0.2	-1.7	0.2	0.0	-0.3
Goods-producing sector	140.4	142.6	2.3	2.2	4.9	-2.7	1.6	3.6	-1.9
Agriculture	39.6	42.6	1.4	3.0	3.8	-1.2	7.6	9.8	-2.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction	23.9	23.6	1.2	-0.3	-0.2	-3.8	-1.3	-0.8	-13.9
Utilities	6.0	6.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	1.2	5.0	10.5	23.5
Construction	41.6	41.2	1.5	-0.4	2.2	1.9	-1.0	5.6	4.8
Manufacturing	29.2	28.8	1.2	-0.4	-1.6	-0.9	-1.4	-5.3	-3.0
Services-producing sector	382.8	381.7	2.9	-1.1	-4.7	1.0	-0.3	-1.2	0.3
Trade Transportation and warehousing	81.9 25.3	79.8 25.4	1.9 1.1	-2.1 0.1	-2.0 -1.6	0.4 -0.6	-2.6	-2.4 5.0	0.5 -2.3
Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	25.3 31.6	25.4 30.9	1.1	-0.7	-1.6 0.8	-0.6 0.0	0.4 -2.2	-5.9 2.7	-2.3 0.0
Professional, scientific and technical									
services Business, building and other support	22.1	23.3	1.1	1.2	1.9	-0.9	5.4	8.9	-3.7
services	11.3	11.2	8.0	-0.1	0.7	-1.7	-0.9	6.7	-13.2
Educational services	39.0	39.3	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.1
Health care and social assistance	65.1	65.3	1.6	0.2	-2.1	-2.5	0.3	-3.1	-3.7
Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services	20.3 30.0	19.4 31.1	1.0 1.3	-0.9 1.1	-1.6 -1.1	1.1 1.0	-4.4 3.7	-7.6 -3.4	6.0 3.3
Other services	26.0	25.8	1.1	-0.2	-1.1 -1.4	2.6	-0.8	-5.4 -5.1	11.2
Public administration	30.2	30.2	1.0	0.0	1.3	0.7	0.0	4.5	2.4

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (e	xcept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	0.007.0	0.000.4			40.7	40.0	0.4	0.4	4.5
Population Labour force	2,987.2 2,191.7	2,990.1 2,188.5	9.0	2.9 -3.2	10.7 37.9	43.2 34.1	0.1 -0.1	0.4 1.8	1.5 1.6
Employment	2,067.5	2,064.3	9.2	-3.2	32.1	68.8	-0.2	1.6	3.4
Employment full-time	1,687.1	1,698.0	12.0	10.9	22.7	53.9	0.6	1.4	3.3
Unemployment	124.2	124.2	7.5	0.0	5.8	-34.7	0.0	4.9	-21.8
Participation rate Unemployment rate	73.4 5.7	73.2 5.7	0.3 0.3	-0.2 0.0	1.0 0.2	0.1 -1.7			•••
Employment rate	69.2	69.0	0.3	-0.2	0.8	1.3			
Part-time rate	18.4	17.7	0.5	-0.7	0.2	0.1			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	509.9	509.2		-0.7	-2.2	-6.2	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2
Labour force	349.9	350.1	5.2	0.2	3.5	-8.4	0.1	1.0	-2.3
Employment	310.4 39.5	312.7 37.3	5.1 4.4	2.3 -2.2	-0.9 4.3	3.0 -11.6	0.7 -5.6	-0.3 13.0	1.0 -23.7
Unemployment Participation rate	68.6	68.8	1.0	0.2	1.0	-0.8	-5.6	13.0	-23.1
Unemployment rate	11.3	10.7	1.2	-0.6	1.2	-2.9			
Employment rate	60.9	61.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	1.3			
Part-time rate	39.3	38.8	1.7	-0.5	0.9	2.5			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,259.4	1,261.2		1.8	6.4	25.5	0.1	0.5	2.1
Labour force	1,018.2 968.2	1,023.7 973.2	4.6 5.3	5.5 5.0	13.1 11.7	32.6 39.7	0.5 0.5	1.3 1.2	3.3 4.3
Employment Unemployment	50.0	50.5	5.5 4.6	0.5	1.4	-7.1	1.0	2.9	-12.3
Participation rate	80.8	81.2	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.0		2.9	-12.5
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.9			
Employment rate	76.9	77.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.7			
Part-time rate	6.2	6.0	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.2			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,217.9	1,219.7		1.8	6.4 21.4	23.8	0.1	0.5	2.0
Labour force Employment	823.7 788.9	814.8 778.4	5.2 5.1	-8.9 -10.5	21.4	10.0 26.1	-1.1 -1.3	2.7 2.8	1.2 3.5
Unemployment	34.8	36.3	3.7	1.5	0.0	-16.1	4.3	0.0	-30.7
Participation rate	67.6	66.8	0.4	-0.8	1.4	-0.5			
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.5	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-2.0			
Employment rate	64.8	63.8	0.4	-1.0	1.4	0.9			
Part-time rate	25.1	23.9	0.9	-1.2	0.3	-0.6			
Industry	2,067.5	2,064.3	9.2	-3.2	32.1	68.8	-0.2	1.6	3.4
Goods-producing sector	573.3	580.1	8.8	6.8	23.7	49.4	1.2	4.3	9.3
Agriculture	51.7	52.5	3.1	0.8	8.9	6.8	1.5	20.4	14.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	150 5	452.2	4.6	20	0.3	0.4	4.0	0.2	E 0
gas extraction Utilities	150.5 19.4	153.3 18.3	4.6 1.7	2.8 -1.1	0.3 -0.8	8.4 1.0	1.9 -5.7	0.2 -4.2	5.8 5.8
Construction	208.1	207.3	6.4	-0.8	-8.1	9.4	-0.4	-3.8	4.7
Manufacturing	143.5	148.8	4.9	5.3	23.5	23.8	3.7	18.8	19.0
Services-producing sector	1,494.2	1,484.2	10.9	-10.0	8.4	19.4	-0.7	0.6	1.3
Trade	311.5	323.0	7.3	11.5	9.9	26.2	3.7	3.2	8.8
Transportation and warehousing	98.7	100.7	4.2	2.0	-6.8	-3.7	2.0	-6.3	-3.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	91.3	90.1	4.5	-1.2	-8.7	-12.4	-1.3	-8.8	-12.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	160.5	164.4	5.1	3.9	5.7	17.4	2.4	3.6	11.8
Business, building and other support	100.5	.54.4	J. I	3.3	5.1	17.7	2.4	3.0	11.0
services	74.8	74.7	4.2	-0.1	1.4	5.7	-0.1	1.9	8.3
Educational services	135.9	126.8	5.0	-9.1	5.4	0.8	-6.7	4.4	0.6
Health care and social assistance	226.7	210.3	5.6	-16.4	-9.7	-9.4	-7.2	-4.4	-4.3
Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services	73.3 126.2	74.6 134.0	4.1 5.6	1.3 7.8	3.3 15.2	-8.1 1.2	1.8 6.2	4.6 12.8	-9.8 0.9
Other services	108.0	107.7	4.2	-0.3	3.0	9.7	-0.3	2.9	9.9
Public administration	87.4	77.9	3.6	-9.5	-10.2	-7.9	-10.9	-11.6	-9.2

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

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	(Change from		Perc	ent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in th	nousands (e	xcept rates)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population Labour force	3,763.8 2,478.2	3,767.2 2,464.0	10.2	3.4 -14.2	11.9 18.4	56.2 26.0	0.1 -0.6	0.3 0.8	1.5 1.1
Employment	2,260.5	2,264.0	10.2	3.5	3.3	19.9	0.2	0.0	0.9
Employment full-time	1,742.8	1,738.9	14.3	-3.9	6.5	-11.7	-0.2	0.4	-0.7
Unemployment	217.6	200.0	8.9	-17.6	15.1	6.1	-8.1	8.2	3.1
Participation rate Unemployment rate	65.8 8.8	65.4 8.1	0.3 0.3	-0.4 -0.7	0.3 0.5	-0.3 0.1		***	
Employment rate	60.1	60.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.4			
Part-time rate	22.9	23.2	0.6	0.3	-0.2	1.2			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	592.2	592.2		0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	375.9	370.8	6.0	-5.1	6.6	-5.3	-1.4	1.8	-1.4
Employment Unemployment	321.3 54.5	314.5 56.3	5.5 5.1	-6.8 1.8	-5.4 11.9	-9.2 3.9	-2.1 3.3	-1.7 26.8	-2.8 7.4
Participation rate	63.5	62.6	1.0	-0.9	1.1	-1.0		20.0	
Unemployment rate	14.5	15.2	1.3	0.7	3.0	1.3			
Employment rate	54.3	53.1	0.9	-1.2	-0.9	-1.7			
Part-time rate	49.3	49.1	2.0	-0.2	-1.3	1.8			
Men, 25 years and over	4 5 4 7 4	4.540.0		4-		07.4		0.4	4.0
Population Labour force	1,547.1 1,112.2	1,548.8 1,107.2	5.3	1.7 -5.0	5.7 10.4	27.1 8.3	0.1 -0.4	0.4 0.9	1.8 0.8
Employment	1,022.8	1,030.7	5.7	7.9	8.2	16.8	0.8	0.8	1.7
Unemployment	89.4	76.5	5.1	-12.9	2.3	-8.6	-14.4	3.1	-10.1
Participation rate	71.9	71.5	0.3	-0.4	0.4	-0.7			
Unemployment rate	8.0	6.9	0.4	-1.1	0.1	-0.8			
Employment rate Part-time rate	66.1 9.9	66.5 10.5	0.4 0.6	0.4 0.6	0.2 0.6	-0.1 1.3			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,624.5	1,626.2		1.7	6.0	28.1	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	990.1	986.0	5.9	-4.1	1.4	23.1	-0.4	0.1	2.4
Employment	916.4	918.8	5.8	2.4	0.5	12.3	0.3	0.1	1.4
Unemployment	73.7	67.2	4.6 0.4	-6.5	0.9 -0.2	10.8	-8.8	1.4	19.1
Participation rate Unemployment rate	60.9 7.4	60.6 6.8	0.4	-0.3 -0.6	-0.2 0.1	0.3 0.9			
Employment rate	56.4	56.5	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.2			
Part-time rate	28.2	28.6	1.0	0.4	-0.3	1.3			
Industry	2,260.5	2,264.0	10.1	3.5	3.3	19.9	0.2	0.1	0.9
Goods-producing sector	443.1	449.4	8.9	6.3	4.4	6.1	1.4	1.0	1.4
Agriculture	27.6	28.1	2.6	0.5	-4.2	-3.8	1.8	-13.0	-11.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and	20.4	20.4	0.7		0.5	5 4		4.0	40.4
gas extraction Utilities	38.1 15.3	38.1 16.9	2.7 1.7	0.0 1.6	0.5 3.0	-5.4 1.5	0.0 10.5	1.3 21.6	-12.4 9.7
Construction	197.3	201.2	6.6	3.9	18.9	5.9	2.0	10.4	3.0
Manufacturing	164.7	165.2	5.8	0.5	-13.8	8.0	0.3	-7.7	5.1
Services-producing sector	1,817.5	1,814.5	11.9	-3.0	-1.2	13.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.8
Trade	359.8	360.8	8.2	1.0	-4.7	-11.9	0.3	-1.3	-3.2
Transportation and warehousing	122.2	121.8	5.2	-0.4	-7.8	14.8	-0.3	-6.0	13.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	145.7	142.4	5.3	-3.3	6.9	5.1	-2.3	5.1	3.7
services	172.6	175.5	6.2	2.9	0.4	5.8	1.7	0.2	3.4
Business, building and other support	., 2.0		V. <u>L</u>		0.1	0.0	•••	J. <u>L</u>	0.4
services	92.6	90.0	4.8	-2.6	-3.0	7.2	-2.8	-3.2	8.7
Educational services	170.8	169.9	5.8	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4
Health care and social assistance	260.8	260.0	6.8	-0.8	2.4	-6.4 7.0	-0.3	0.9	-2.4
Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services	105.2 169.5	106.0 173.8	5.1 6.1	0.8 4.3	0.5 10.9	-7.9 11.7	0.8 2.5	0.5 6.7	-6.9 7.2
Other services	102.9	100.6	4.7	-2.3	-6.6	-4.9	-2.2	-6.2	-4.6
Public administration	115.4	113.6	4.5	-1.8	0.5	0.7	-1.6	0.4	0.6

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

	February	March	S.E.1		Change from		Per	cent change fro	om
	2011	2011	•	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in tho	usands (e	xcept rates)				
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	160.5	160.6		0.1	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	111.2	112.1	0.8	0.9	2.8	3.1	0.8	2.6	2.8
Employment	103.7	104.8	0.8	1.1	3.2	4.5	1.1	3.1	4.5
Unemployment	7.5	7.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-1.5	-2.7	-6.4	-17.0
Participation rate Unemployment rate	69.3 6.7	69.8 6.5	0.5 0.4	0.5 -0.2	1.6 -0.6	1.2 -1.6			
Employment rate	64.6	65.3	0.5	0.7	1.9	2.2			
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	337.2	337.6		0.4	1.3	5.2	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	237.2	238.0	1.1	0.8	4.1	1.0	0.3	1.8	0.4
Employment	221.3	222.3	1.2	1.0	4.5	0.2	0.5	2.1	0.1
Unemployment Participation rate	15.9 70.3	15.7 70.5	0.6 0.3	-0.2 0.2	-0.3 0.9	0.7 -0.8	-1.3	-1.9	4.7
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3			
Employment rate	65.6	65.8	0.4	0.2	1.0	-1.0			
Moncton, New Brunswick									
Population	114.3	114.5		0.2	0.5	1.8	0.2	0.4	1.6
Labour force Employment	76.1 69.9	76.5 70.3	0.7 0.7	0.4 0.4	0.1 0.0	1.6 0.5	0.5 0.6	0.1 0.0	2.1 0.7
Unemployment	6.2	6.2	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	21.6
Participation rate	66.6	66.8	0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.3		0.0	21.0
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.3			
Employment rate	61.2	61.4	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.5			
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.9	105.9		0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.2	8.0
Labour force Employment	68.3 63.8	68.3 63.9	0.8 0.8	0.0 0.1	-0.5 -0.5	-1.8 -0.7	0.0 0.2	-0.7 -0.8	-2.6 -1.1
Unemployment	4.5	4.4	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	-2.2	0.0	-18.5
Participation rate	64.5	64.5	0.7	0.0	-0.6	-2.2			
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.5	-0.2	0.0	-1.3			
Employment rate	60.2	60.3	0.7	0.1	-0.6	-1.2			
Saguenay, Quebec	400.5								
Population Labour force	126.5	126.5		0.0	0.0	0.1 -0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force Employment	75.9 69.7	76.1 70.2	0.8 0.8	0.2 0.5	2.4 2.2	-0.7 -0.6	0.3 0.7	3.3 3.2	-0.9 -0.8
Unemployment	6.2	5.9	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-4.8	1.7	-1.7
Participation rate	60.0	60.2	0.6	0.2	1.9	-0.6		•••	
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.8	0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.0			
Employment rate	55.1	55.5	0.7	0.4	1.7	-0.5			
Québec, Quebec	000.4	coo 7		0.0	4.0	7.0	0.4	0.0	4.0
Population Labour force	633.1	633.7	3.3	0.6	1.9	7.9	0.1 -0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force Employment	439.4 416.7	438.9 411.1	3.3 3.4	-0.5 -5.6	-6.5 -12.7	24.3 15.0	-0.1 -1.3	-1.5 -3.0	5.9 3.8
Unemployment	22.7	27.8	1.4	5.1	6.2	9.2	22.5	28.7	49.5
Participation rate	69.4	69.3	0.5	-0.1	-1.2	3.0			
Unemployment rate	5.2	6.3	0.3	1.1	1.5	1.8			
Employment rate	65.8	64.9	0.5	-0.9	-2.2	1.6			
Sherbrooke, Quebec	404.4	404.0		• •	0.5	0.0		0.0	4.4
Population Labour force	164.1 106.3	164.3 106.3	0.8	0.2 0.0	0.5 2.3	2.2 9.9	0.1 0.0	0.3 2.2	1.4 10.3
	iun a				2.3	9.9 9.5	-0.1	2.2 2.4	
Employment		92.5	n ×						
Employment Unemployment	98.6	98.5 7.8	0.8 0.4	-0.1 0.1					10.7 5.4
Employment Unemployment Participation rate		98.5 7.8 64.7	0.8 0.4 0.5	-0.1 0.1 -0.1	0.1 1.2	0.4 5.2	1.3	1.3	5.4
Unemployment	98.6 7.7	7.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.3	1.3	5.4

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

	February	March	S.E.1		Change from		Per	cent change fro	m
	2011	2011	•	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in tho	usands (e	except rates	s)				
Trois-Rivières, Quebec Population	124.2	124.3		0.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	75.4	75.6	0.8	0.1	1.9	4.9	0.3	2.6	6.9
Employment	69.1	69.2	0.8	0.1	1.7	5.6	0.1	2.5	8.8
Unemployment Participation rate	6.3 60.7	6.4 60.8	0.4 0.6	0.1 0.1	0.2 1.4	-0.7 3.4	1.6	3.2	-9.9
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	-1.5			
Employment rate	55.6	55.7	0.6	0.1	1.3	4.0			
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,204.8	3,208.2		3.4	10.3	41.3	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	2,126.3	2,134.7	7.4	8.4	19.5	-12.5	0.4	0.9	-0.6
Employment	1,953.5	1,962.2	7.6	8.7	26.1	9.7	0.4	1.3	0.5
Unemployment Participation rate	172.8 66.3	172.5 66.5	4.7 0.2	-0.3 0.2	-6.6 0.4	-22.2 -1.3	-0.2 	-3.7 	-11.4
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.1	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-1.0			
Employment rate	61.0	61.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	-0.5			
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	1,025.9	1,027.4		1.5	4.4	18.8	0.1	0.4	1.9
Labour force	733.7	738.3	3.6	4.6	6.4	7.6	0.6	0.9	1.0
Employment Unemployment	685.4 48.2	689.9 48.5	3.7 1.8	4.5 0.3	6.0 0.4	4.5 3.3	0.7 0.6	0.9 0.8	0.7 7.3
Participation rate	71.5	71.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.5		0.0	7.5
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4			
Employment rate	66.8	67.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.8			
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	256.0	256.4		0.4	1.3	5.5	0.2	0.5	2.2
Labour force	181.1	181.9	1.5	8.0	4.7	-1.1	0.4	2.7	-0.6
Employment Unemployment	169.6 11.5	169.6 12.3	1.5 0.6	0.0 0.8	3.5 1.2	-2.0 0.9	0.0 7.0	2.1 10.8	-1.2 7.9
Participation rate	70.7	70.9	0.6	0.2	1.4	-2.0		10.0	
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6			
Employment rate	66.3	66.1	0.6	-0.2	1.0	-2.3			
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	769.9	770.9		1.0	3.0	13.1	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	552.5	556.4	3.3	3.9	1.7	8.8	0.7	0.3	1.6
Employment Unemployment	515.8 36.8	520.2 36.2	3.4 1.7	4.4 -0.6	2.4 -0.7	6.4 2.4	0.9 -1.6	0.5 -1.9	1.2 7.1
Participation rate	71.8	72.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	-0.1			
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.3			
Employment rate	67.0	67.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.3			
Kingston, Ontario									
Population Labour force	131.4 82.8	131.5 83.4	0.8	0.1 0.6	0.3 2.0	1.0 -0.4	0.1 0.7	0.2 2.5	0.8 -0.5
Employment	77.6	77.7	0.8	0.0	1.8	-1.0	0.7	2.4	-1.3
Unemployment	5.2	5.7	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.6	9.6	3.6	11.8
Participation rate	63.0	63.4	0.6	0.4	1.4	-0.8			
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.8	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.7			
Employment rate	59.1	59.1	0.6	0.0	1.2	-1.2		•••	
Peterborough, Ontario Population	102.3	102.3		0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	62.9	63.9	1.2	1.0	2.6	-0.1	1.6	4.2	-0.2
Employment	57.1	57.7	1.2	0.6	1.6	0.6	1.1	2.9	1.1
Unemployment	5.8	6.2	0.5	0.4	1.0	-0.7	6.9	19.2	-10.1
Participation rate	61.5	62.5 9.7	1.3	1.0	2.5	-0.4			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	9.2 55.8	9.7 56.4	0.9 1.3	0.5 0.6	1.2 1.5	-1.1 0.3			
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Table 5-1 – continued Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — 3 month moving average

	February	March	S.E. ¹		Change from		Per	cent change fro	om
	2011	2011		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in tho	usands (e	xcept rates	·)				
Oshawa, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	301.5 206.9 188.5 18.4 68.6 8.9 62.5	302.0 205.4 187.2 18.2 68.0 8.9 62.0	1.4 1.5 0.9 0.5 0.4 0.5	0.5 -1.5 -1.3 -0.2 -0.6 0.0 -0.5	1.4 -5.6 -4.0 -1.6 -2.2 -0.5 -1.6	6.3 1.6 4.1 -2.5 -0.9 -1.3 0.1	0.2 -0.7 -0.7 -1.1 	0.5 -2.7 -2.1 -8.1 	2.1 0.8 2.2 -12.1
Toronto, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	4,743.5 3,245.4 2,976.2 269.1 68.4 8.3 62.7	4,750.4 3,235.6 2,959.6 276.0 68.1 8.5 62.3	10.0 10.1 6.4 0.2 0.2 0.2	6.9 -9.8 -16.6 6.9 -0.3 0.2 -0.4	20.2 7.8 0.2 7.6 -0.1 0.2 -0.3	87.3 57.6 81.0 -23.4 -0.1 -0.9 0.6	0.1 -0.3 -0.6 2.6 	0.4 0.2 0.0 2.8 	1.9 1.8 2.8 -7.8
Hamilton, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	615.4 404.1 377.1 26.9 65.7 6.7 61.3	615.9 401.2 377.2 24.0 65.1 6.0 61.2	3.3 3.4 1.6 0.5 0.4 0.6	0.5 -2.9 0.1 -2.9 -0.6 -0.7 -0.1	1.4 -2.3 1.6 -3.9 -0.6 -0.9 0.1	7.3 -2.6 5.2 -7.8 -1.2 -1.9 0.1	0.1 -0.7 0.0 -10.8 	0.2 -0.6 0.4 -14.0 	1.2 -0.6 1.4 -24.5
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	338.3 215.2 194.5 20.7 63.6 9.6 57.5	338.3 216.4 195.8 20.6 64.0 9.5 57.9	1.6 1.7 0.9 0.5 0.4 0.5	0.0 1.2 1.3 -0.1 0.4 -0.1	0.0 4.4 3.9 0.6 1.3 0.1 1.2	1.1 2.3 3.8 -1.4 0.5 -0.8 1.0	0.0 0.6 0.7 -0.5	0.0 2.1 2.0 3.0 	0.3 1.1 2.0 -6.4
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	405.7 290.4 271.3 19.1 71.6 6.6 66.9	406.1 295.8 276.0 19.9 72.8 6.7 68.0	1.9 2.1 1.1 0.5 0.4 0.5	0.4 5.4 4.7 0.8 1.2 0.1 1.1	1.3 13.5 14.5 -0.8 3.1 -0.6 3.4	6.1 13.0 20.2 -7.1 2.1 -2.8 4.0	0.1 1.9 1.7 4.2 	0.3 4.8 5.5 -3.9 	1.5 4.6 7.9 -26.3
Brantford, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	107.5 74.8 67.8 6.9 69.6 9.2 63.1	107.5 74.7 67.8 6.9 69.5 9.2 63.1	0.6 0.6 0.3 0.7 0.6 0.7	0.0 -0.1 0.0 0.0 -0.1 0.0 0.0	0.1 -0.2 -0.6 0.4 -0.2 0.5 -0.6	0.8 -0.4 -0.1 -0.3 -0.9 -0.4 -0.5	0.0 -0.1 0.0 0.0 	0.1 -0.3 -0.9 6.2 	0.7 -0.5 -0.1 -4.2
Guelph, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	112.7 77.6 72.3 5.2 68.9 6.7 64.2	112.8 79.1 73.3 5.8 70.1 7.3 65.0	0.9 1.0 0.5 0.8 0.6 0.9	0.1 1.5 1.0 0.6 1.2 0.6 0.8	0.3 2.1 2.1 0.0 1.7 -0.2 1.7	1.4 -6.1 -4.6 -1.5 -6.4 -1.3 -4.9	0.1 1.9 1.4 11.5 	0.3 2.7 2.9 0.0 	1.3 -7.2 -5.9 -20.5

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

	February	March	S.E.1		Change from		Per	cent change fro	m
	2011	2011	,	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in tho	usands (e	xcept rates	;)				
London, Ontario	440.0	440.0			0.0	4.0		0.0	4.4
Population Labour force	410.3 264.4	410.6 267.3	2.0	0.3 2.9	0.9 4.6	4.6 -6.1	0.1 1.1	0.2 1.8	1.1 -2.2
Employment	242.3	245.2	2.0	2.9	4.8	-3.2	1.2	2.0	-1.3
Unemployment	22.1	22.1	1.1	0.0	-0.1	-2.9	0.0	-0.5	-11.6
Participation rate Unemployment rate	64.4 8.4	65.1 8.3	0.5 0.4	0.7 -0.1	1.0 -0.2	-2.2 -0.8			
Employment rate	59.1	59.7	0.5	0.6	1.0	-1.5			
Windsor, Ontario	227.2							• •	
Population Labour force	267.8 165.9	267.6 167.0	 1.5	-0.2 1.1	-0.5 3.0	-1.1 -2.9	-0.1 0.7	-0.2 1.8	-0.4 -1.7
Employment	150.1	150.9	1.4	0.8	4.6	2.0	0.7	3.1	1.3
Unemployment	15.9	16.2	0.9	0.3	-1.6	-4.8	1.9	-9.0	-22.9
Participation rate	61.9	62.4	0.5	0.5	1.2	-0.8			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	9.6 56.0	9.7 56.4	0.5 0.5	0.1 0.4	-1.2 1.8	-2.7 1.0			
Barrie, Ontario									
Population	160.1	160.3		0.2	0.6	2.7	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	110.9 101.7	115.1 104.8	1.4 1.4	4.2 3.1	3.3 2.4	2.2 4.0	3.8 3.0	3.0 2.3	1.9 4.0
Employment Unemployment	9.2	104.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	-1.8	12.0	9.6	-14.9
Participation rate	69.3	71.8	1.0	2.5	1.8	0.2			
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	-1.8			
Employment rate	63.5	65.4	0.9	1.9	1.3	1.4			
Greater Sudbury, Ontario Population	139.1	139.1		0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	89.6	89.8	0.8	0.2	0.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.0
Employment	83.0	83.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	4.9	0.0	1.0	6.3
Unemployment Participation rate	6.6 64.4	6.8 64.6	0.4 0.6	0.2 0.2	-0.7 0.1	-2.3 1.5	3.0	-9.3	-25.3
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.6	0.5	0.2	-0.8	-2.8			
Employment rate	59.7	59.7	0.6	0.0	0.6	3.2			
Thunder Bay, Ontario	400 5								
Population Labour force	102.5 64.5	102.5 64.0	0.6	0.0 -0.5	-0.1 -1.4	-0.2 0.5	0.0 -0.8	-0.1 -2.1	-0.2 0.8
Employment	60.3	59.5	0.6	-0.5	-1. 4 -1.4	0.3	-1.3	-2.3	0.5
Unemployment	4.2	4.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	7.1	2.3	4.7
Participation rate	62.9	62.4	0.6	-0.5	-1.3	0.6			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	6.5 58.8	7.0 58.0	0.4 0.6	0.5 -0.8	0.3 -1.4	0.2 0.4			
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	619.8	620.5		0.7	2.5	10.2	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	433.2	435.1	1.3	1.9	2.4	7.3	0.4	0.6	1.7
Employment Unemployment	409.1 24.2	410.3 24.8	1.3 0.7	1.2 0.6	0.8 1.6	6.9 0.4	0.3 2.5	0.2 6.9	1.7 1.6
Participation rate	69.9	70.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0			
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0			
Employment rate	66.0	66.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0			
Regina, Saskatchewan Population	175.4	175.6		0.2	0.6	2.8	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	125.8	125.7	8.0	-0.1	-1.4	4.4	-0.1	-1.1	3.6
Employment	119.4	118.7	0.8	-0.7	-2.5	3.8	-0.6	-2.1	3.3
Unemployment Participation rate	6.4 71.7	7.0 71.6	0.3 0.4	0.6 -0.1	1.1 -1.0	0.6 1.4	9.4	18.6	9.4
Unemployment rate	7 1.7 5.1	5.6	0.4	0.5	-1.0 1.0	0.3			
Employment rate	68.1	67.6	0.5	-0.5	-1.7	1.1			

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹		Change from		Per	cent change fro	m
	2011	2011	•	last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in tho	usands (e	xcept rates)				
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	240.0	240.4		0.4	4.0	F 4	0.0	0.6	2.5
Population Labour force	218.0 152.9	218.4 153.4	1.0	0.4 0.5	1.3 2.2	5.4 -2.7	0.2 0.3	0.6 1.5	2.5 -1.7
Employment	144.5	144.6	1.0	0.1	1.8	-4.3	0.1	1.3	-2.9
Unemployment	8.4	8.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.7	4.8	4.8	23.9
Participation rate	70.1	70.2	0.5	0.1	0.6	-3.1			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	5.5 66.3	5.7 66.2	0.3 0.5	0.2 -0.1	0.1 0.4	1.2 -3.7			
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	1,024.0	1,025.6		1.6	4.7	19.2	0.2	0.5	1.9
Labour force	758.3	763.5	3.5	5.2	15.3	1.4	0.7	2.0	0.2
Employment	710.9	716.8	3.7	5.9	13.5	9.9	0.8	1.9	1.4
Unemployment	47.4	46.7	2.1	-0.7	1.8	-8.6	-1.5	4.0	-15.6
Participation rate Unemployment rate	74.1 6.3	74.4 6.1	0.3 0.3	0.3 -0.2	1.1 0.1	-1.3 -1.2		•••	
Employment rate	69.4	69.9	0.4	0.5	1.0	-0.3			
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	956.8	958.0		1.2	3.5	14.4	0.1	0.4	1.5
Labour force Employment	697.4 656.9	699.3 658.9	3.3 3.6	1.9 2.0	14.2 13.3	28.3 36.9	0.3 0.3	2.1 2.1	4.2 5.9
Unemployment	40.5	40.4	1.9	-0.1	0.9	-8.6	-0.2	2.3	-17.6
Participation rate	72.9	73.0	0.4	0.1	1.2	1.9			
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.5			
Employment rate	68.7	68.8	0.4	0.1	1.2	2.9			
Kelowna, British Columbia Population	148.7	148.9		0.2	0.7	3.3	0.1	0.5	2.3
Labour force	101.2	146.9	1.6	-0.2 -0.1	-3.4	-0.7	-0.1	-3.3	-0.7
Employment	93.4	93.2	1.5	-0.2	-3.5	-1.0	-0.2	-3.6	-1.1
Unemployment	7.8	7.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.3	1.3	3.9
Participation rate	68.1	67.9	1.0	-0.2	-2.6	-2.0			
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.3			
Employment rate	62.8	62.6	0.9	-0.2	-2.6	-2.1			•••
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia Population	143.4	143.6		0.2	0.7	2.8	0.1	0.5	2.0
Labour force	94.3	94.9	0.8	0.6	-1.0	-2.3	0.6	-1.0	-2.4
Employment	84.9	85.2	0.8	0.3	-1.0	-6.0	0.4	-1.2	-6.6
Unemployment	9.5	9.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	3.7	2.1	0.0	61.7
Participation rate	65.8	66.1	0.6	0.3	-1.0	-2.9			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	10.1 59.2	10.2 59.3	0.4 0.6	0.1 0.1	0.1 -1.0	4.0 -5.5			
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population [*]	2,011.9	2,014.8		2.9	8.8	37.4	0.1	0.4	1.9
Labour force	1,334.2	1,335.7	5.1	1.5	8.2	28.5	0.1	0.6	2.2
Employment	1,225.7	1,226.0	5.2	0.3	-5.2	20.9	0.0	-0.4	1.7
Unemployment Participation rate	108.5	109.7 66.3	3.0 0.3	1.2 0.0	13.4 0.1	7.6 0.2	1.1	13.9	7.4
Unemployment rate	66.3 8.1	8.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	•••		•••
Employment rate	60.9	60.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1			
Victoria, British Columbia	200 =				^ -				
Population	299.7	299.9		0.2	0.7	3.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force Employment	193.9 181.8	194.5 182.4	1.5 1.5	0.6 0.6	1.3 0.5	-7.9 -6.1	0.3 0.3	0.7 0.3	-3.9 -3.2
Unemployment	12.1	12.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	-0.1 -1.7	0.3	8.0	-3.2 -12.2
Participation rate	64.7	64.9	0.5	0.1	0.3	-3.4		0.0	-12.2
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	-0.6			
Employment rate	60.7	60.8	0.5	0.1	0.0	-2.8			

^{1.} Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations). **Note(s):** Estimates from this table are based on 2006 census population counts. Related CANSIM Table 282-0116.

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

	February	March	S.E. ¹	Cha	ange from		Percent	change f	rom
	2011	2011	_	last month D	last ecember	twelve months ago	last month De	last ecember	twelve months ago
		in the	ousands (e	xcept rates))				
Montréal, Quebec Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	3,208.3 2,135.1 1,963.5 171.6 66.5 8.0 61.2	3,211.4 2,136.8 1,970.4 166.5 66.5 7.8 61.4	15.5 15.3 11.2 0.5 0.5	3.1 1.7 6.9 -5.1 0.0 -0.2 0.2	10.3 25.2 26.3 -1.0 0.5 -0.1	41.4 -15.2 11.7 -26.8 -1.4 -1.2 -0.4	0.1 0.1 0.4 -3.0 	0.3 1.2 1.4 -0.6 	1.3 -0.7 0.6 -13.9
Toronto, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	4,750.6 3,222.9 2,961.3 261.6 67.8 8.1 62.3	4,757.1 3,214.9 2,931.2 283.7 67.6 8.8 61.6	20.9 20.5 15.7 0.4 0.5 0.4	6.5 -8.0 -30.1 22.1 -0.2 0.7 -0.7	20.6 -29.2 -49.8 20.6 -0.9 0.7 -1.3	87.1 41.9 54.6 -12.7 -0.3 -0.5 0.0	0.1 -0.2 -1.0 8.4 	0.4 -0.9 -1.7 7.8 	1.9 1.3 1.9 -4.3
Vancouver, British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	2,015.1 1,346.9 1,223.4 123.5 66.8 9.2 60.7	2,017.4 1,334.4 1,229.2 105.1 66.1 7.9 60.9	10.7 10.5 7.6 0.5 0.5 0.5	2.3 -12.5 5.8 -18.4 -0.7 -1.3 0.2	8.6 4.6 0.8 3.7 -0.1 0.3 -0.3	36.8 33.9 30.2 3.6 0.4 0.1 0.4	0.1 -0.9 0.5 -14.9	0.4 0.3 0.1 3.6 	1.9 2.6 2.5 3.5

^{1.} Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations). **Note(s):** Estimates from this table are based on 2006 census population counts. Related CANSIM Table 282-0117.

Table 6-1 Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2010 and March 2011

	Population		Labour force			Unemployment	Employment
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in thous	sands				
Canada ² 2010 2011	27,523.9 27,865.5	18,176.8 18,413.3	16,596.4 16,917.4	1,580.4 1,495.9	66.0 66.1	8.7 8.1	60.3 60.7
Newfoundland and Labrador 2010 2011	427.8 429.2	245.2 249.3	202.7 214.5	42.4 34.8	57.3 58.1	17.3 14.0	47.4 50.0
Avalon Peninsula <i>[1010]</i> 2010 2011	217.9 220.3	136.2 140.6	119.1 127.9	17.1 12.7	62.5 63.8	12.6 9.0	54.7 58.1
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020] 2010 2011	31.2 30.8	14.7 17.4	11.4 13.6	3.3 3.9	47.1 56.5	22.4 22.4	36.5 44.2
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2010 2011	87.4 87.1	48.2 47.6	38.8 38.3	9.4 9.3	55.1 54.6	19.5 19.5	44.4 44.0
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040] 2010 2011	91.4 91.0	46.0 43.7	33.4 34.8	12.6 8.9	50.3 48.0	27.4 20.4	36.5 38.2
Prince Edward Island 2010 2011	116.5 118.4	76.3 76.9	66.6 66.2	9.6 10.7	65.5 64.9	12.6 13.9	57.2 55.9
Nova Scotia 2010 2011	775.9 779.0	485.1 488.8	436.0 438.7	49.1 50.1	62.5 62.7	10.1 10.2	56.2 56.3
Cape Breton [1210] 2010 2011	113.6 112.6	58.6 60.6	49.2 49.8	9.4 10.9	51.6 53.8	16.0 18.0	43.3 44.2
North Shore <i>[1220]</i> 2010 2011	130.3 130.1	75.2 76.5	65.6 67.7	9.6 8.9	57.7 58.8	12.8 11.6	50.3 52.0
Annapolis Valley [1230] 2010 2011	100.1 99.9	59.8 60.2	54.4 52.7	5.4 7.5	59.7 60.3	9.0 12.5	54.3 52.8
Southern [1240] 2010 2011	99.4 98.7	57.4 56.0	47.5 48.9	9.8 7.1	57.7 56.7	17.1 12.7	47.8 49.5
Halifax <i>[1250]</i> 2010 2011	332.4 337.6	234.2 235.5	219.2 219.7	14.9 15.8	70.5 69.8	6.4 6.7	65.9 65.1
New Brunswick 2010 2011	615.6 618.7	383.0 379.7	344.9 339.4	38.2 40.3	62.2 61.4	10.0 10.6	56.0 54.9
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310] 2010 2011	131.2 129.9	68.7 68.2	57.8 56.6	10.9 11.6	52.4 52.5	15.9 17.0	44.1 43.6
Moncton-Richibucto [1320] 2010 2011	168.8 171.2	108.2 109.8	99.7 98.2	8.5 11.6	64.1 64.1	7.9 10.6	59.1 57.4
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330] 2010 2011	143.0 144.0	90.8 92.6	82.3 85.2		63.5 64.3	9.5 8.0	57.6 59.2

Table 6-1 – continued Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2010 and March 2011

	Population Labour force		Participation	Unemployment	Employment		
	_	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in thous	sands				
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340] 2010 2011	107.1 108.5	75.4 71.7	69.8 66.2	5.6 5.5	70.4 66.1	7.4 7.7	65.2 61.0
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350] 2010 2011	65.6 65.2	39.9 37.4	35.4 33.3	4.5 4.1	60.8 57.4	11.3 11.0	54.0 51.1
Quebec 2010 2011	6,480.9 6,550.5	4,157.6 4,224.2	3,785.1 3,862.9	372.5 361.3	64.2 64.5	9.0 8.6	58.4 59.0
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410] 2010 2011	78.7 78.6	39.2 42.4	32.8 35.9	6.4 6.5	49.8 53.9	16.3 15.3	41.7 45.7
Bas-Saint-Laurent <i>[2415]</i> 2010 2011	167.0 166.8	95.5 97.5	85.5 86.9	10.1 10.6	57.2 58.5	10.6 10.9	51.2 52.1
Capitale-Nationale <i>[2420]</i> 2010 2011	578.8 585.8	368.7 386.4	347.9 355.3	20.8 31.0	63.7 66.0	5.6 8.0	60.1 60.7
Chaudière-Appalaches <i>[2425]</i> 2010 2011	331.4 332.8	220.0 219.7	204.5 207.7	15.5 12.0	66.4 66.0	7.0 5.5	61.7 62.4
Estrie [2430] 2010 2011	255.1 257.4	147.8 165.0	133.7 151.6	14.1 13.4	57.9 64.1	9.5 8.1	52.4 58.9
Centre-du-Québec [2433] 2010 2011	188.4 189.9	113.3 112.6	102.5 105.0	10.8 7.6	60.1 59.3	9.5 6.7	54.4 55.3
Montérégie <i>[2435]</i> 2010 2011	1,167.0 1,183.3	783.5 777.9	715.0 718.3	68.4 59.6	67.1 65.7	8.7 7.7	61.3 60.7
Montréal [2440] 2010 2011	1,607.7 1,619.1	1,030.0 1,025.8	924.0 925.3	106.0 100.5	64.1 63.4	10.3 9.8	57.5 57.1
Laval <i>[2445]</i> 2010 2011	324.5 330.7	225.7 223.5	204.8 207.4	20.9 16.0	69.6 67.6	9.3 7.2	63.1 62.7
Lanaudière <i>[2450]</i> 2010 2011	380.3 388.1	252.3 246.4	229.5 226.0	22.8 20.4	66.3 63.5	9.0 8.3	60.3 58.2
Laurentides [2455] 2010 2011	450.4 459.6	298.9 313.1	274.5 285.1	24.4 28.0	66.4 68.1	8.2 8.9	60.9 62.0
Outaouais <i>[2460]</i> 2010 2011	298.4 304.0	208.1 203.5	191.9 186.7	16.2 16.9	69.7 66.9	7.8 8.3	64.3 61.4
Abitibi-Témiscamingue <i>[2465]</i> 2010 2011	116.9 117.4	71.2 75.8	65.0 69.1	6.2 6.7	60.9 64.6	8.7 8.8	55.6 58.9
Mauricie <i>[2470]</i> 2010 2011	220.0 221.1	116.5 136.3	104.4 124.9	12.2 11.4	53.0 61.6	10.5 8.4	47.5 56.5

Table 6-1 - continued Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2010 and March 2011

	Population	Labour force		Participation	Unemployment	Employment	
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
_		in thou	sands				
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean <i>[2475]</i> 2010 2011	225.3 225.2	131.0 139.2	118.2 124.5	12.8 14.6	58.1 61.8	9.8 10.5	52.5 55.3
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490] 2010 2011	90.9 90.7	55.8 59.2	50.9 53.2	5.0 6.0	61.4 65.3	9.0 10.1	56.0 58.7
Ontario 2010 2011	10,735.5 10,873.8	7,103.8 7,184.9	6,448.9 6,593.3	654.9 591.7	66.2 66.1	9.2 8.2	60.1 60.6
Ottawa <i>[3510]</i> 2010 2011	1,029.3 1,043.1	717.9 715.3	669.6 668.0	48.2 47.3	69.7 68.6	6.7 6.6	65.1 64.0
Kingston-Pembroke <i>[3515]</i> 2010 2011	368.0 369.4	217.0 224.7	196.4 207.0	20.6 17.7	59.0 60.8	9.5 7.9	53.4 56.0
Muskoka-Kawarthas <i>[3520]</i> 2010 2011	316.3 318.2	195.7 186.2	175.4 166.4	20.4 19.8	61.9 58.5	10.4 10.6	55.5 52.3
Toronto <i>[3530]</i> 2010 2011	4,913.2 5,006.3	3,304.3 3,364.8	3,000.4 3,083.6	303.8 281.2	67.3 67.2	9.2 8.4	61.1 61.6
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540] 2010 2011	1,015.3 1,031.1	708.4 731.9	639.5 671.2	68.9 60.7	69.8 71.0	9.7 8.3	63.0 65.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550] 2010 2011	1,155.9 1,165.5	744.8 745.0	672.4 684.6	72.3 60.4	64.4 63.9	9.7 8.1	58.2 58.7
London <i>[3560]</i> 2010 2011	533.3 538.6	350.6 349.8	318.1 321.1	32.5 28.7	65.7 64.9	9.3 8.2	59.6 59.6
Windsor-Sarnia <i>[3570]</i> 2010 2011	522.0 520.2	323.3 323.0	285.9 291.7	37.5 31.3	61.9 62.1	11.6 9.7	54.8 56.1
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580] 2010 2011	245.6 245.7	161.6 162.4	146.9 150.6	14.8 11.8	65.8 66.1	9.2 7.3	59.8 61.3
Northeast [3590] 2010 2011	462.0 461.9	270.1 279.7	242.3 257.0	27.8 22.8	58.5 60.6	10.3 8.2	52.4 55.6
Northwest [3595] 2010 2011	174.6 173.7	110.1 102.2	102.0 92.2	8.1 10.0	63.1 58.8	7.4 9.8	58.4 53.1
Manitoba 2010 2011	936.0 949.0	640.1 651.6	604.1 615.7	35.9 35.9	68.4 68.7	5.6 5.5	64.5 64.9
Southeast [4610] 2010 2011	80.2 82.1	57.4 57.3	53.6 54.3	3.8 3.1	71.6 69.8	6.6 5.4	66.8 66.1
South Central <i>[4620]</i> 2010 2011	45.7 46.9	31.6 32.0	30.4 30.4	1.1 1.6	69.1 68.2	3.5 5.0	66.5 64.8

Table 6-1 – continued Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2010 and March 2011

	Population L		Labour force			Unemployment	Employment
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
-		in thous	sands				
Southwest [4630] 2010 2011	83.3 83.6	54.5 56.6	52.3 54.6	2.2 2.0	65.4 67.7	4.0 3.5	62.8 65.3
North Central [4640] 2010 2011	35.8 36.4	25.1 24.2	23.6 22.7	1.5 1.5	70.1 66.5	6.0 6.2	65.9 62.4
Winnipeg <i>[4650]</i> 2010 2011	558.7 567.5	382.6 390.2	360.1 367.3	22.5 22.9	68.5 68.8	5.9 5.9	64.5 64.7
Interlake <i>[4660]</i> 2010 2011	71.6 72.3	48.7 49.2	46.3 46.4	2.4 2.8	68.0 68.0	4.9 5.7	64.7 64.2
Parklands and North [4670, 4680] 2010 2011	60.6 60.2	40.2 42.0	37.8 40.0	2.4 2.1	66.3 69.8	6.0 5.0	62.4 66.4
Saskatchewan 2010 2011	786.6 796.6	542.9 548.3	514.7 516.6	28.2 31.7	69.0 68.8	5.2 5.8	65.4 64.9
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710] 2010 2011	233.0 236.4	162.1 166.5	154.3 157.8	7.7 8.6	69.6 70.4	4.8 5.2	66.2 66.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720] 2010 2011	81.0 81.1	53.1 53.1	50.3 50.7	2.8 2.3	65.6 65.5	5.3 4.3	62.1 62.5
Saskatoon-Biggar <i>[4730]</i> 2010 2011	257.2 262.8	184.1 181.8	175.9 171.8	8.1 10.0	71.6 69.2	4.4 5.5	68.4 65.4
Yorkton-Melville <i>[4740]</i> 2010 2011	63.3 63.1	41.7 40.9	39.8 38.6	1.9 2.3	65.9 64.8	4.6 5.6	62.9 61.2
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760] 2010 2011	152.1 153.2	102.0 106.0	94.4 97.7	7.6 8.3	67.1 69.2	7.5 7.8	62.1 63.8
Alberta 2010 2011	2,943.0 2,986.9	2,131.9 2,170.2	1,980.2 2,042.3	151.6 127.9	72.4 72.7	7.1 5.9	67.3 68.4
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat <i>[4810]</i> 2010 2011	216.4 218.3	140.3 142.6	129.9 134.6	10.4 8.1	64.8 65.3	7.4 5.7	60.0 61.7
Camrose-Drumheller <i>[4820]</i> 2010 2011	155.2 155.7	110.7 112.6	105.2 107.2	5.5 5.4	71.3 72.3	5.0 4.8	67.8 68.9
Calgary <i>[4830]</i> 2010 2011	1,081.5 1,102.2	802.6 804.9	743.6 755.7	59.0 49.2	74.2 73.0	7.4 6.1	68.8 68.6
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House <i>[4840]</i> 2010 2011	71.4 71.7	55.1 56.5	52.5 53.9	2.6 2.6	77.2 78.8	4.7 4.6	73.5 75.2
Red Deer [4850] 2010 2011	151.6 153.4	109.0 112.4	101.4 105.4	7.6 7.0	71.9 73.3	7.0 6.2	66.9 68.7

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2010 and March 2011

	Population	Labour force				Unemployment	Employment
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in thous	sands				
Edmonton [4860] 2010 2011	978.8 993.7	691.6 721.1	640.6 677.6	50.9 43.5	70.7 72.6	7.4 6.0	65.4 68.2
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2010 2011	189.4 190.1	144.0 139.5	131.9 131.3	12.1 8.2	76.0 73.4	8.4 5.9	69.6 69.1
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake <i>[4880]</i> 2010 2011	98.7 101.8	78.5 80.7	75.0 76.7	3.5 4.0	79.5 79.3	4.5 5.0	76.0 75.3
British Columbia 2010 2011	3,706.0 3,763.4	2,411.2 2,439.2	2,213.2 2,227.7	198.0 211.5	65.1 64.8	8.2 8.7	59.7 59.2
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910] 2010 2011	646.0 654.0	411.3 407.8	380.4 370.9	30.9 37.0	63.7 62.4	7.5 9.1	58.9 56.7
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920] 2010 2011	2,256.5 2,299.6	1,474.2 1,503.0	1,357.3 1,375.6	116.9 127.4	65.3 65.4	7.9 8.5	60.2 59.8
Thompson-Okanagan [5930] 2010 2011	430.9 436.9	280.3 279.4	254.0 253.3	26.2 26.0	65.0 64.0	9.3 9.3	58.9 58.0
Kootenay [5940] 2010 2011	126.0 127.1	79.1 77.5	70.6 70.2	8.5 7.3	62.8 61.0	10.7 9.4	56.0 55.2
Cariboo [5950] 2010 2011	127.7 127.5	83.7 85.9	75.0 79.4	8.7 6.5	65.5 67.4	10.4 7.6	58.7 62.3
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970] 2010 2011	67.1 66.8	43.6 45.1	38.5 41.0	5.0 4.1	65.0 67.5	11.5 9.1	57.4 61.4
Northeast [5980] 2010 2011	51.7 51.4	39.0 40.6	37.3 37.2	1.8 3.3	75.4 79.0	4.6 8.1	72.1 72.4

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

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

Table 6-2 Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2010 and March 2011

	Population		Labour force		Participation	Unemployment	Employment
		Labour force		Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in thous	ands			percent	
Yukon 1 2010 2011	25.7 26.1	17.9 19.5	16.0 18.5	1.8 1.0	69.6 74.7	10.1 5.1	62.3 70.9
Northwest Territories ² 2010 2011	32.2 32.1	22.2 23.8	20.5 22.2	1.8 1.5	68.9 74.1	8.1 6.3	63.7 69.2
Nunavut ³ 2010 2011	20.6 21.2	13.0 14.4	11.4 11.9	1.6 2.5	63.2 67.7	11.9 17.3	55.7 56.0

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.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0100.

Since 2001, the Labour force survey (LFS) 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 (LFS) has been administered in Nunavut, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are 3-month moving averages and are not included in national totals. From January 2004 to December 2007, estimates represent about 70% of all Nunavut residents aged 15 and over. Starting in January 2008, coverage was extended to 92%, so that by March 2008, the 3-month moving average is completely based on the extended coverage. Because of the large difference in coverage, users are recommended not to compare estimates prior to January 2008 with data afterwards. The January and February 2008 3-month moving average estimates are based on a mix of both coverages, since the extended coverage was introduced in January 2008. Estimates from January 2004 to December 2007 are based on the 10 largest communities in Nunavut: Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Baker Lake, Arviat, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Igloolik. Estimates from March 2008 to present cover the above communities as well as: Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay, Qikiqtarjuaq, Arctic Bay, Hall Beach, Clyde River.

Table 7
Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada, unadjusted for seasonality

		Employees Full-time Part-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		current (dollars	thousands		current dollars	thousands		current dollars
March 2011		•				•			•	
15 years and over	14,283.5	34.8	836.77	23.06	11,478.3	39.2	972.04	2,805.2	16.8	283.29
15 to 24 years 25 years and over	2,230.4 12,053.1	25.7 36.5	371.09 922.95	13.40 24.84	1,038.7 10,439.5	38.6 39.3	605.07 1,008.55	1,191.6 1.613.6	14.4 18.7	167.13 369.07
Men	7,076.7	37.4	960.70	24.89	6,197.7	40.4	1,061.78	879.0	16.7	248.04
Women	7,206.8	32.3	715.08	21.26	5,280.6	37.8	866.72	1,926.2	17.1	299.37
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,545.0	35.4	950.51	26.45	3,830.6	38.5	1,051.18	714.4	18.6	410.68
No union coverage	9,738.5	34.6	783.69	21.47	7,647.7	39.6	932.40	2,090.8	16.2	239.76
Job permanency	12,541.6	35.8	874.08	23.63	10,511.4	39.2	984.98	2,030.2	17.8	299.95
Permanent Temporary	12,541.6	28.2	568.11	18.97	966.9	39.2 39.2	831.39	2,030.2 775.0	17.6	299.95
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Occupation Management	956.8	39.9	1,421.27	35.64	933.5	40.4	1,444.40	23.3	19.9	494.61
Business, finance and administrative	2,795.3	35.1	780.10	21.70	2,376.3	38.3	863.91	419.0	17.4	304.81
Natural and applied sciences	1,101.6	38.6	1,248.30	32.23	1,068.2	39.3	1,273.49	33.3	18.6	440.94
Health Social science, education, government	987.7	33.0	894.58	26.94	725.6	37.8	1,031.49	262.1	19.8	515.61
service and religion	1,434.7	33.1	1,001.68	29.61	1,122.6	37.8	1,159.55	312.2	16.5	433.94
Art, culture, recreation and sport	328.5	30.1	730.02	22.92	223.8	38.1	947.40	104.7	13.1	265.37
Sales and service	3,734.6	29.9	499.92	15.50	2,284.1	38.5	690.95	1,450.5	16.4	199.08
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,991.7	39.8	923.72	22.91	1,856.9	41.4	969.85	134.8	17.5	288.33
Occupations unique to primary industry	208.9	41.7	945.14	21.27	175.9	46.7	1,084.17	33.0	15.2	203.35
Occupations unique to processing,										
manufacturing and utilities	743.7	39.0	768.73	19.50	711.4	40.0	792.42	32.3	17.2	247.61
March 2010										
15 years and over	13,982.5	34.7	813.06	22.46	11,205.4	39.2	946.75	2,777.2	16.8	273.64
15 to 24 years	2,211.4	25.5	351.06	12.81	1,009.8	38.7	576.04	1,201.6	14.4	162.00
25 years and over Men	11,771.2 6,868.0	36.4 37.3	899.85 938.48	24.27 24.40	10,195.6 6,013.1	39.2 40.3	983.47 1,037.42	1,575.6 854.9	18.6 15.9	358.77 242.61
Women	7,114.6	32.2	691.98	20.58	5,192.3	37.8	841.76	1,922.3	17.2	287.43
Union coverage	,				,			,		
Union coverage	4,446.2	35.3	927.22	25.84	3,749.8	38.5	1,025.64	696.4	18.3	397.32
No union coverage	9,536.3	34.4	759.83	20.89	7,455.6	39.5	907.08	2,080.8	16.2	232.24
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,300.8	35.7	849.89	23.03	10,279.9	39.2	959.64	2,020.8	17.7	291.61
Temporary	1,681.8	27.8	543.65	18.29	925.4	38.9	803.59	756.4	14.2	225.60
Occupation										
Management	1,014.2	39.9	1,357.02	34.02	977.7	40.6	1,390.31	36.5	21.2	464.80
Business, finance and administrative Natural and applied sciences	2,689.9 1,103.0	35.0 38.3	752.17 1,191.68	21.02 31.10	2,265.4 1,055.3	38.2 39.1	837.56 1.222.59	424.5 47.7	17.6 19.6	296.47 507.61
Health	957.1	33.0	862.99	25.90	709.5	37.7	992.08	247.6	19.6	493.14
Social science, education, government										
service and religion	1,425.7	33.6	984.55	28.83	1,138.8	38.0	1,129.20	286.9	16.3	410.51
Art, culture, recreation and sport Sales and service	322.3 3,655.9	29.5 29.8	707.70 486.83	22.15 15.06	212.7 2,233.5	38.1 38.4	959.98 674.63	109.5 1,422.3	12.8 16.2	217.68 191.94
Trades, transport and equipment	0,000.9	20.0	₹00.00	10.00	2,200.0	JU. T	074.00	1,722.0	10.2	101.04
operators	1,892.8	39.2	893.73	22.46	1,750.2	41.0	943.06	142.6	17.2	288.26
Occupations unique to primary industry	194.7	41.4	904.42	21.09	166.3	45.9	1,021.90	28.4	15.1	216.30
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	727.0	38.9	755.72	19.23	695.9	39.8	776.66	31.1	18.5	287.21

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 April 10, 2011 to May 7, 2011	
	percent	
Newfoundland and Labrador 01. St.John's 02. Newfoundland and Labrador	6.6 17.0	
Prince Edward Island 03. Prince Edward Island	11.5	
Nova Scotia 04. Eastern Nova Scotia 05. Western Nova Scotia 06. Halifax	16.6 10.3 6.7	
New Brunswick 07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John 08. Madawaska-Charlotte ² 09. Restigouche-Albert	7.0 11.6 15.0	
Quebec 10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine 11. Québec 12. Trois-Rivières 13. South Central Quebec 14. Sherbrooke 15. Montérégie 16. Montréal 17. Central Quebec 18. Northwestern Quebec 19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³ 20. Gatineau 21. Saguenay	14.4 6.5 8.4 4.7 7.6 7.7 8.2 7.7 9.9 11.0 6.9 7.8	
Ontario 22. Ottawa 23. Eastern Ontario 24. Kingston 25. Central Ontario 26. Oshawa 27. Toronto 28. Hamilton 29. St. Catharines 30. London 31. Niagara 32. Windsor 33. Kitchener 34. Huron 35. South Central Ontario 36. Sudbury 37. Thunder Bay 38. Northern Ontario	6.4 7.6 6.7 9.5 8.9 8.5 6.1 9.6 8.2 9.8 9.8 6.7 9.1 7.0 7.6 7.3	
Manitoba 39. Winnipeg 40. Southern Manitoba 41. Northern Manitoba	5.7 5.6 26.3	
Saskatchewan 42. Regina 43. Saskatoon 44. Southern Saskatchewan 45. Northern Saskatchewan	5.5 5.9 6.5 18.7	

Table 8 - continued

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

Region	Effective from April 10, 2011 to May 7, 2011	
_	percent	
Alberta 46. Calgary 47. Edmonton 48. Northern Alberta 49. Southern Alberta	5.9 6.2 8.6 6.9	
British Columbia 50. Southern Interior British Columbia 51. Abbotsford 52. Vancouver 53. Victoria 54. Southern Coastal British Columbia 55. Northern British Columbia	9.2 10.5 8.3 6.8 10.6 11.6	
Territories 56. Yukon ⁴ 57. Northwest Territories ⁴ 58. Nunavut ⁴	25.0 25.0 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.

This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the El Regulations. For further information, see:

Note(s): All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml.

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

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 56,000 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 2006 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 56,000 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