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- r revised
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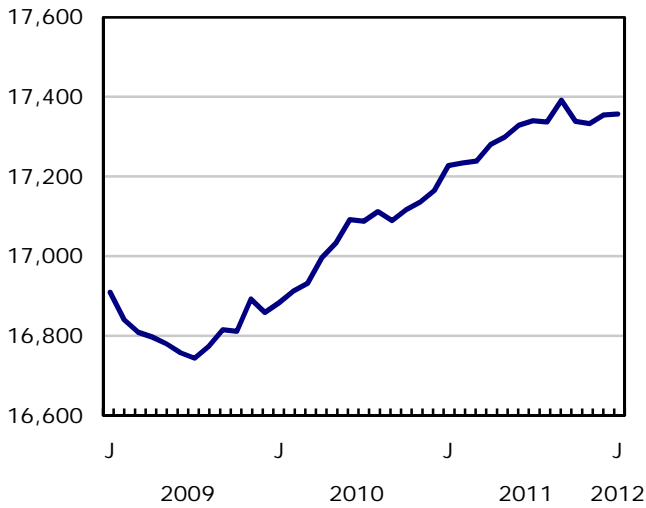
January 2012

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Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

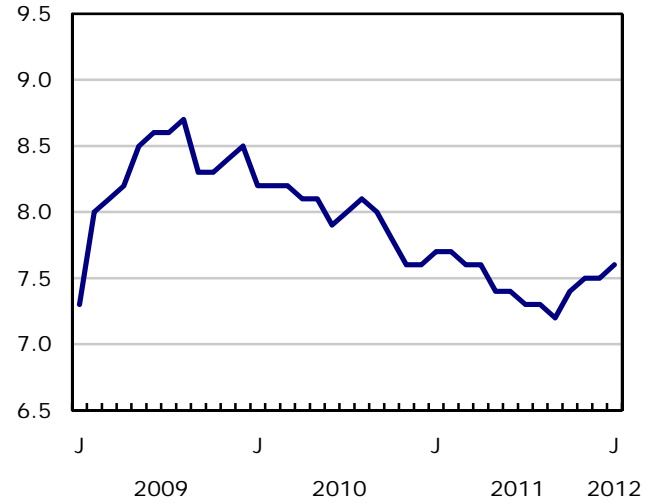
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



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Both full-time and part-time employment were essentially unchanged in January. Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of full-time workers was up 1.2% (+170,000), while part-time employment declined by 1.2% (-41,000). At the same time, the total number of hours worked grew by 1.4%, with all of the increase in the first half of the period.

Employment decreased in Prince Edward Island in January and was little changed in the other provinces.

Employment increased in educational services; information, culture and recreation as well as in 'other services', such as personal and household services. There were declines, however, in professional, scientific and technical services; and in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing.

The number of employees increased by 39,000 in January, with the gains shared between private and public sector workers. At the same time, the number of self-employed fell by 37,000. Compared with 12 months earlier, all of the employment gains have been among private sector employees (+1.3%), while both self-employment and public sector employment were virtually unchanged.

Employment increased in January among women aged 55 and over and was little changed for the other demographic age groups.

Industry perspective

In January, employment in education increased by 23,000. At the same time, employment increased by 19,000 in information, culture and recreation.

Employment in 'other services' rose by 14,000, bringing growth over the past 12 months to 5.5% (+42,000), one of the highest rates of all industries.

There were fewer people employed in January in professional, scientific and technical services, down 45,000. Despite this decline, employment in the industry remained 23,000 (+1.8%) above the level of 12 months earlier.

Employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing fell for the fifth consecutive month, down 23,000 in January. This left employment in the industry 50,000 (-4.6%) below its level of January 2011.

While employment in natural resources was little changed in January, it has posted the highest 12-month rate of growth of all industries, up 8.5% or 28,000 since January 2011.

Employment in January edged up in manufacturing, bringing gains over the last two months to 36,000. Despite the recent increase, the number of factory workers was down 2.5% (-44,000) from the level of 12 months earlier.

Provincial summary

Employment in Quebec edged up in January and the unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 8.4%. Compared with January 2011, employment in the province was down 1.1% (-45,000) as a result of losses in the final quarter of 2011.

While employment in Alberta was little changed in January, the province posted the highest growth rate (+3.9% or +80,000) compared with 12 months earlier. The unemployment rate, at 4.9%, remained the lowest among all provinces.

In Ontario, employment was little changed in January. However, an increase in the number of people searching for work pushed the unemployment rate up 0.4 percentage points to 8.1%. In the 12 months to January 2012, employment in the province increased by 0.7% (+44,000), with all the growth occurring in the first half of the period.

Employment in Prince Edward Island fell by 1,000 and the unemployment rate rose by one percentage point to 12.2%.

More women aged 55 and over working

Employment increased by 19,000 in January among women aged 55 and over. Employment for this age group grew by 3.5% (+49,000) compared with 12 months earlier, due in large part to aging of the population.

Men aged 55 and over saw little employment change in January. Their 12-month employment growth rate of 3.1% (+52,000) was all attributable to aging of the population.

Among people aged 25 to 54, there was little employment change in January. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment for this age group was up 0.5% (+59,000).

Employment among youths aged 15 to 24 edged down for the fourth consecutive month. As a result, youth employment was 31,000 below its level of January 2011 (-1.2%) and the unemployment rate was 14.5%.

Note to readers

Every January, seasonally adjusted estimates from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) are revised using the latest seasonal factors. Seasonally adjusted series have been revised going back three years, starting January 2009. These series became available on CANSIM on January 27, 2012 (tables 282-0087 to 282-0094, 282-0100, 282-0116 and 282-0117) and are now available for download free of charge.

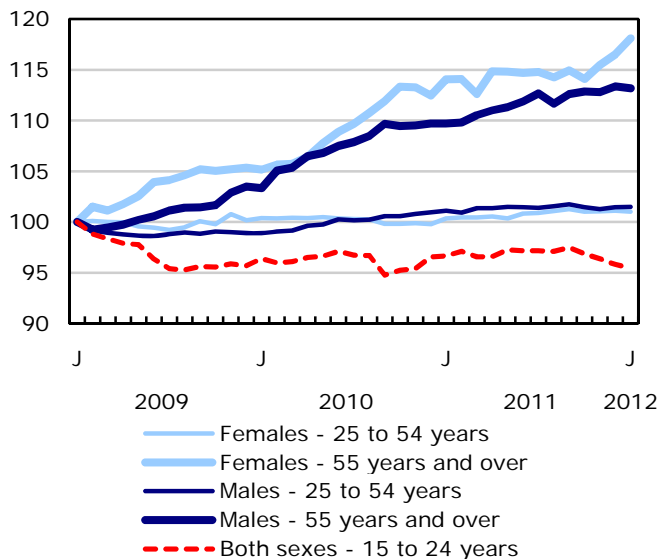
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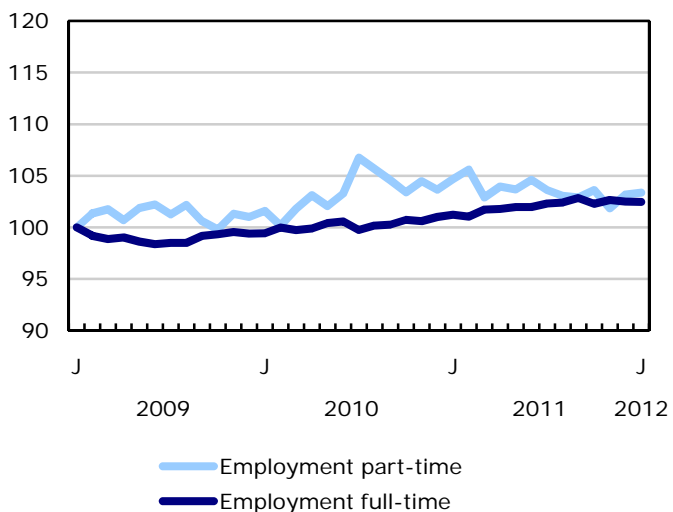
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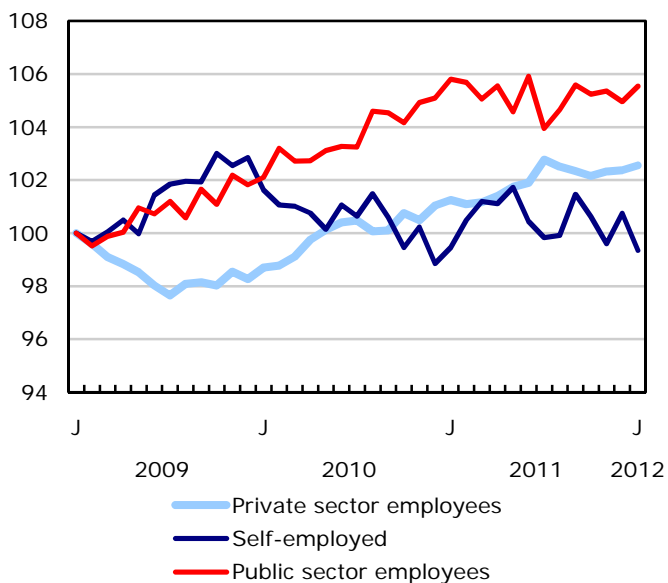
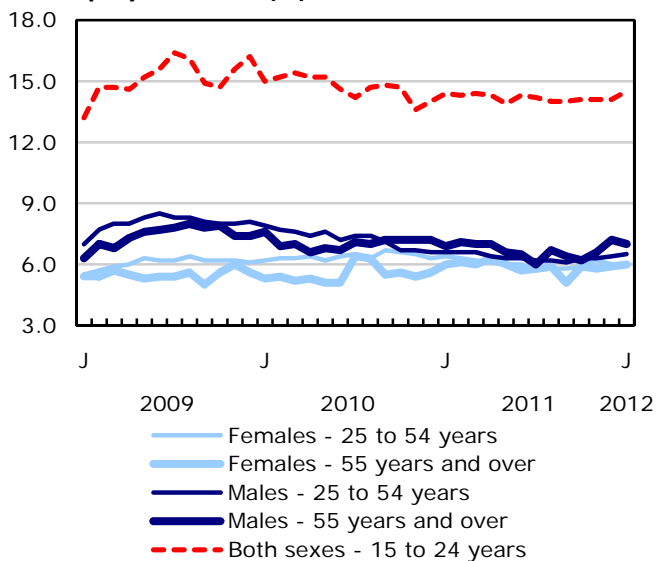
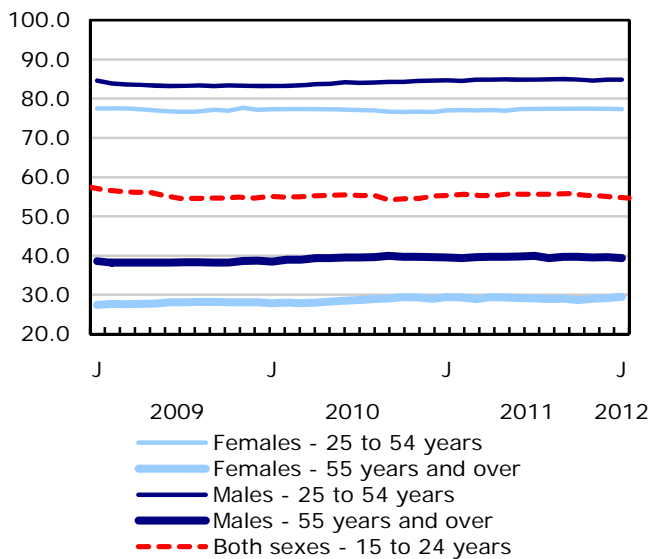


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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

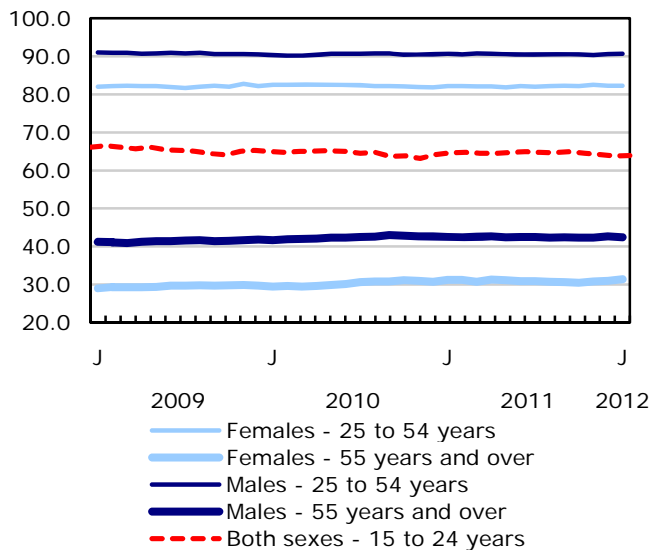


Chart 3
Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100

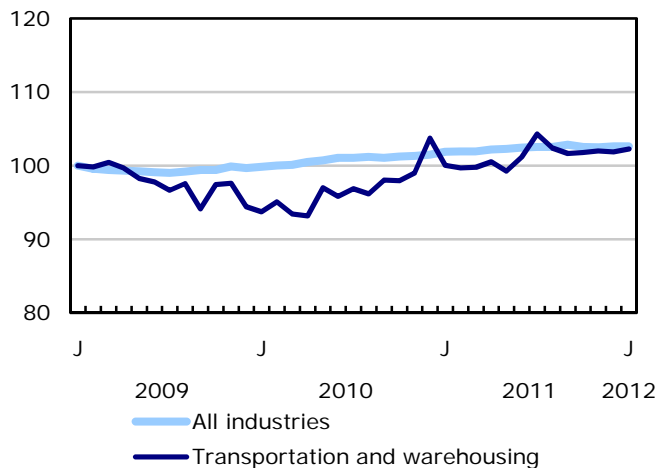
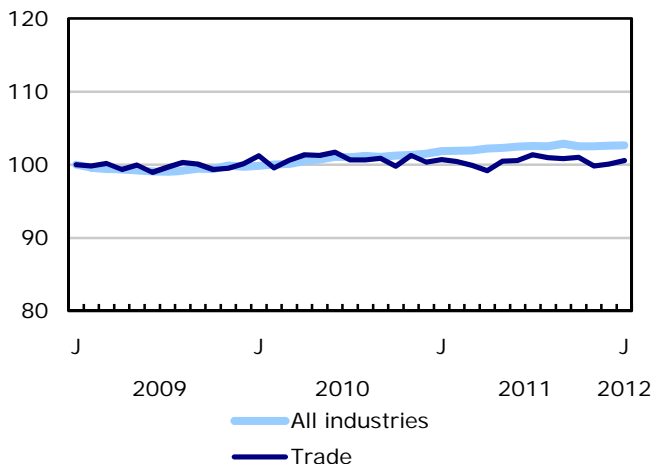
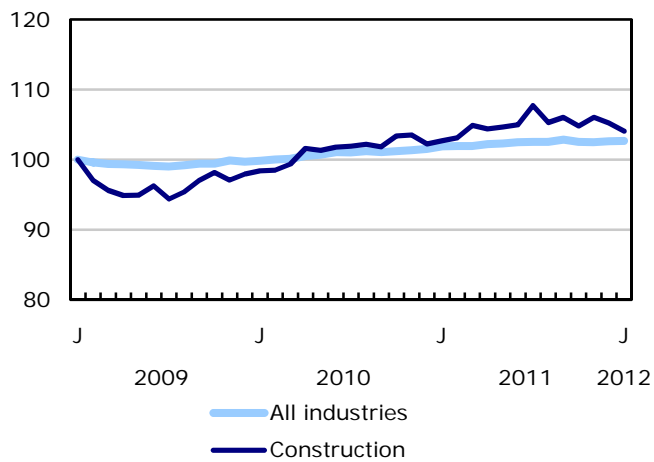
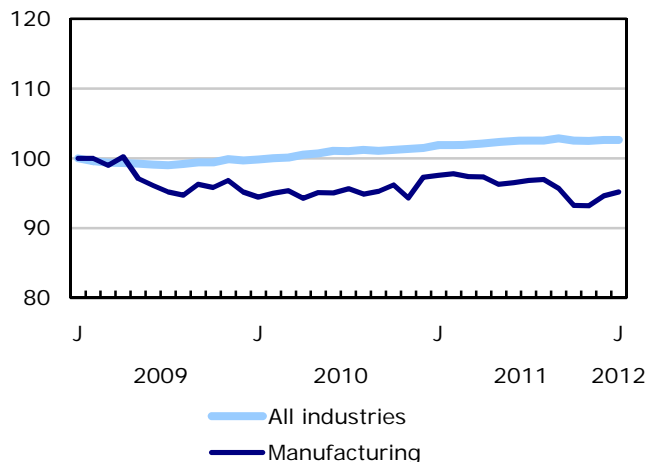
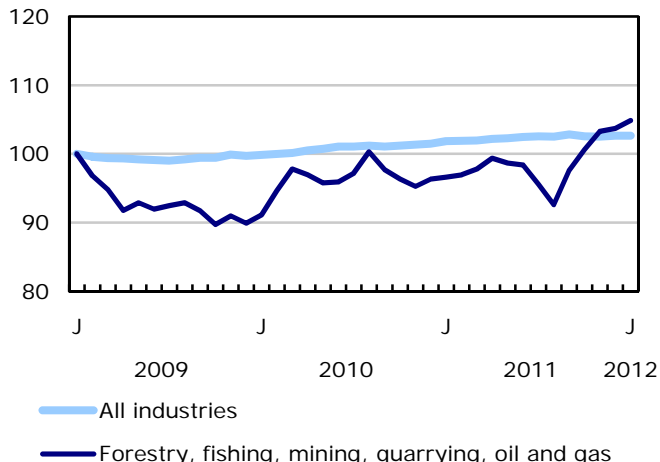
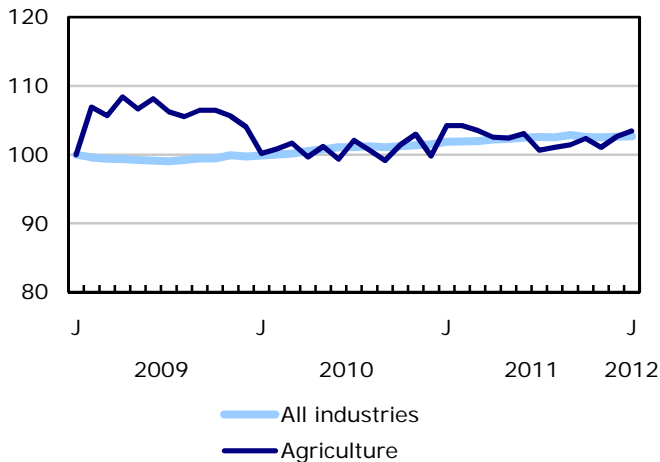


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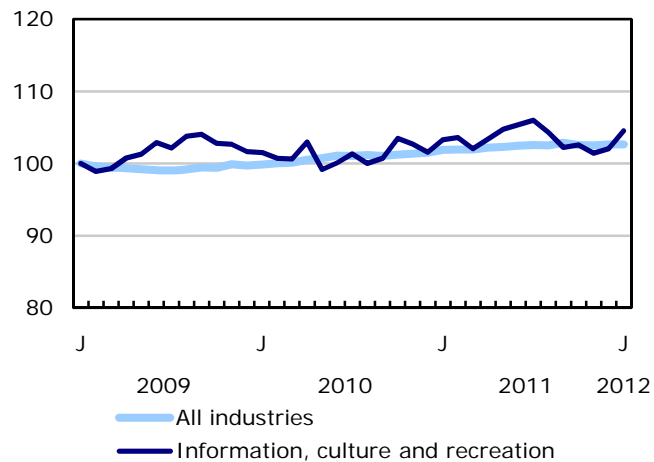
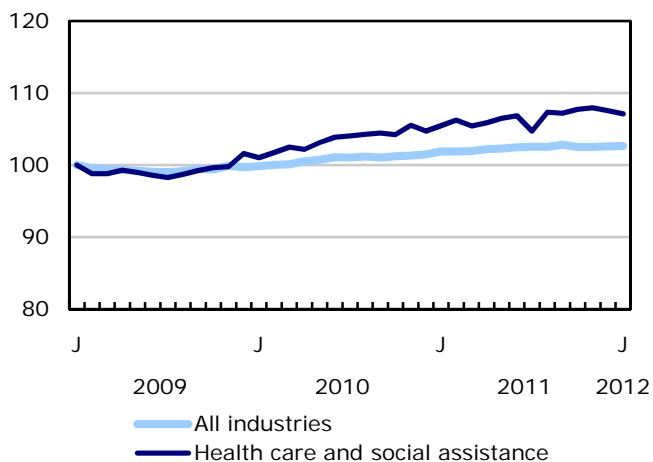
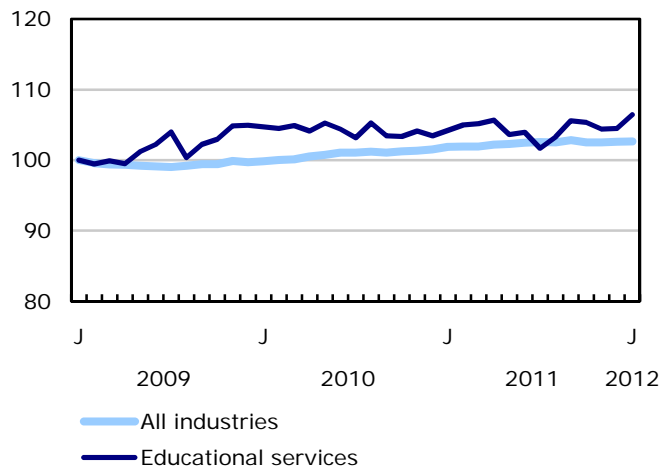
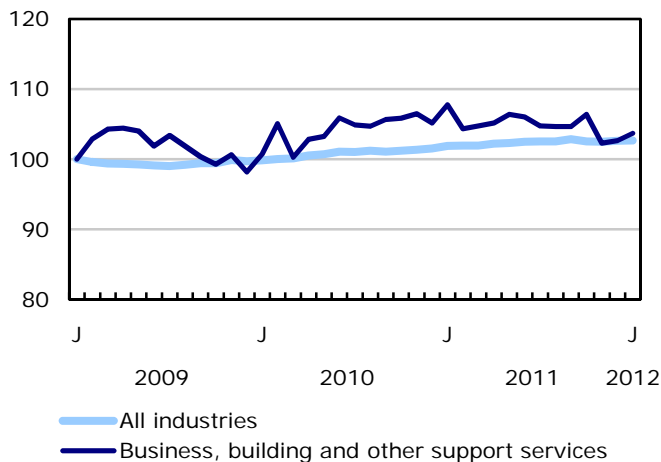
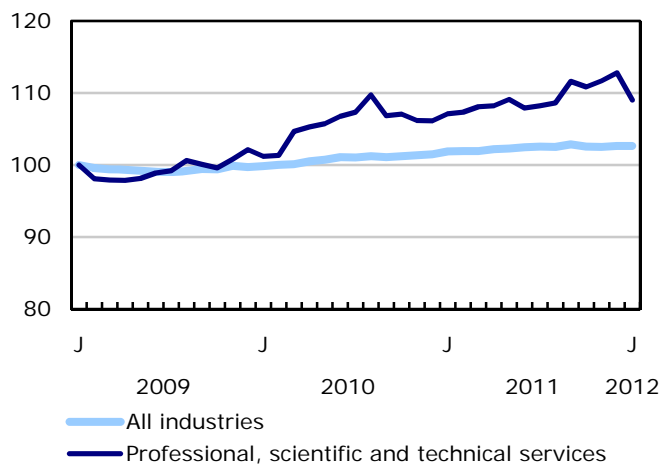
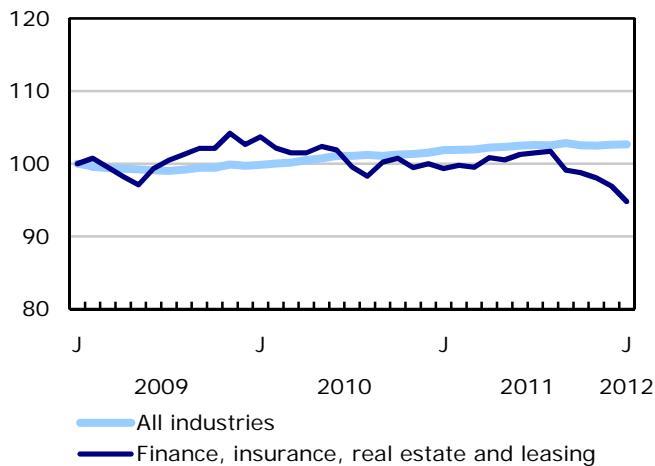


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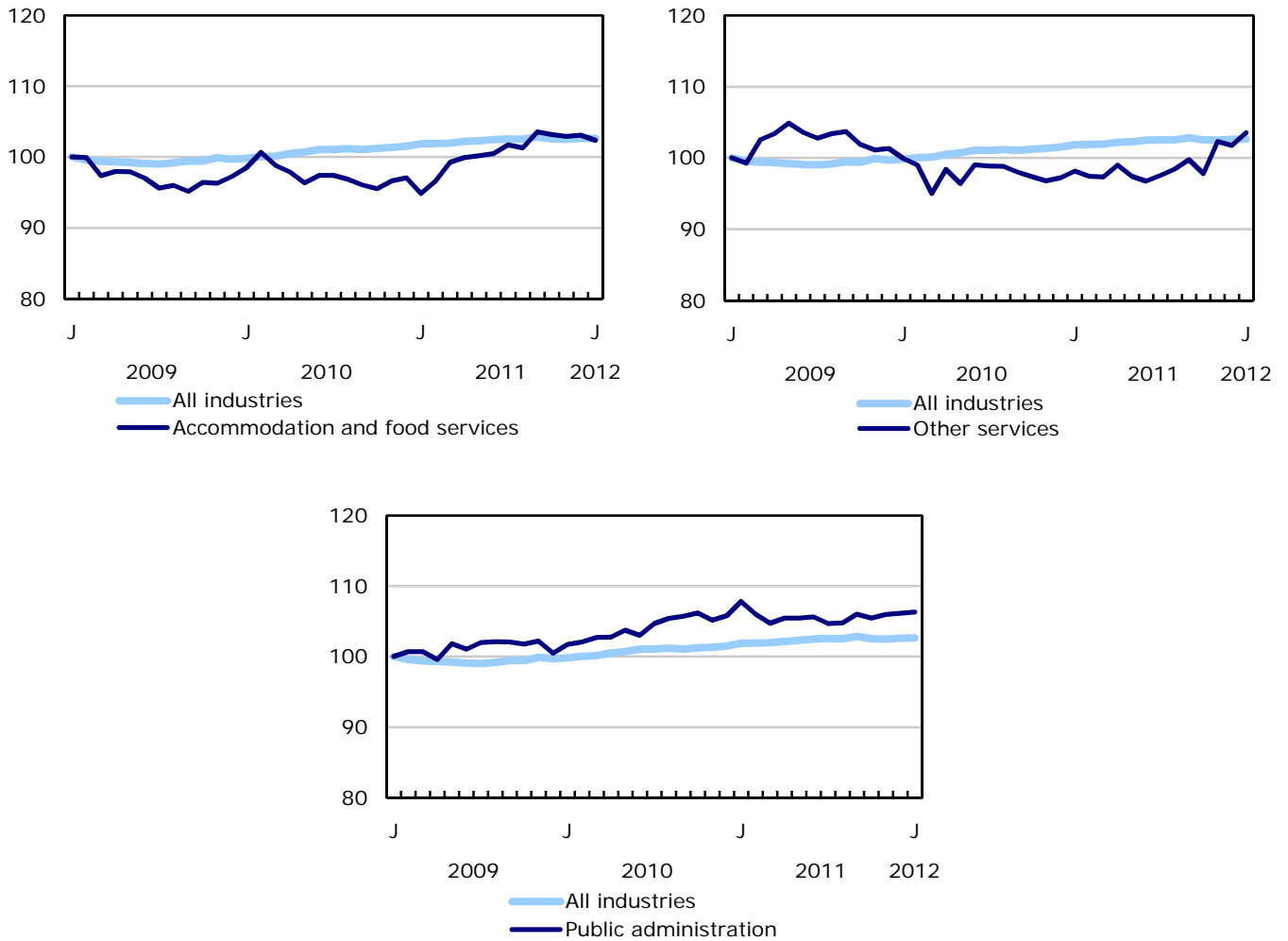


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100

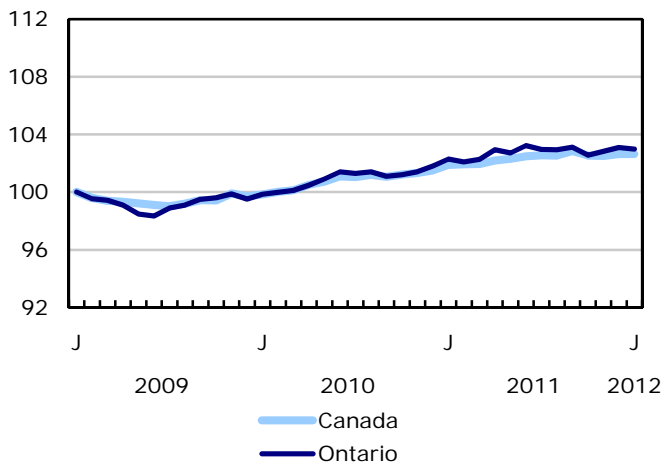
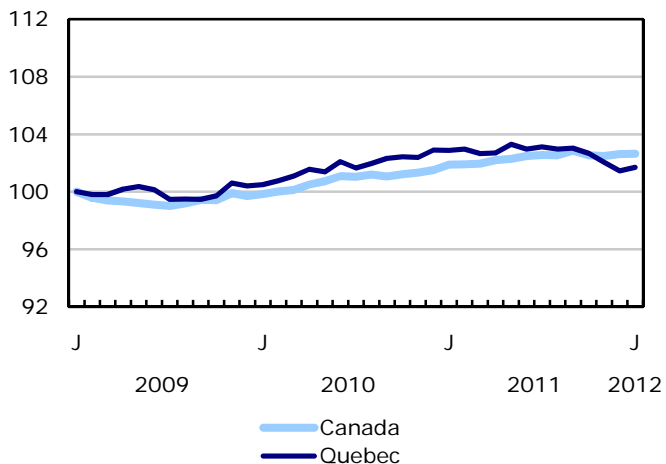
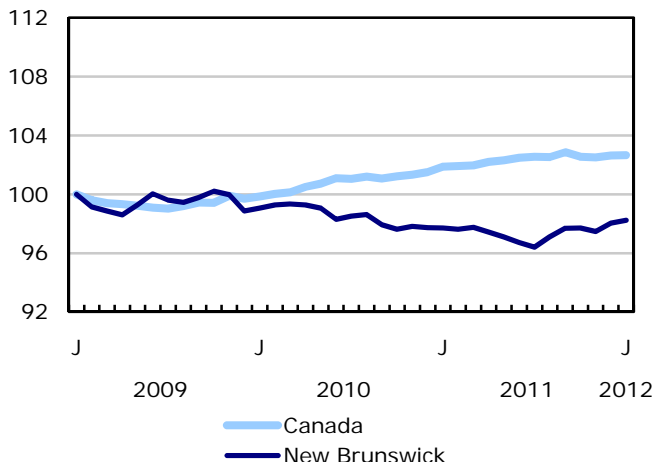
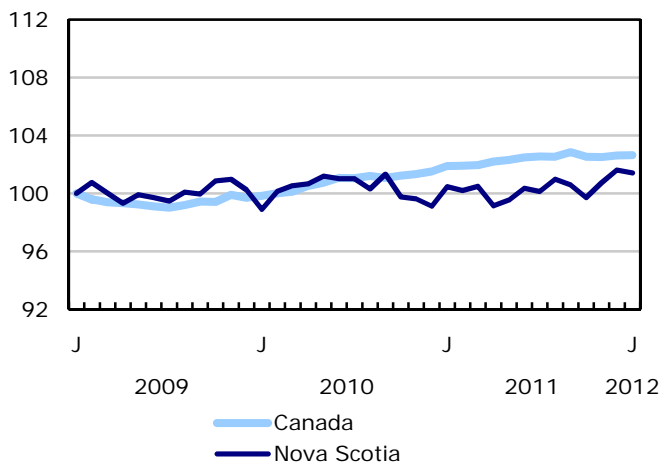
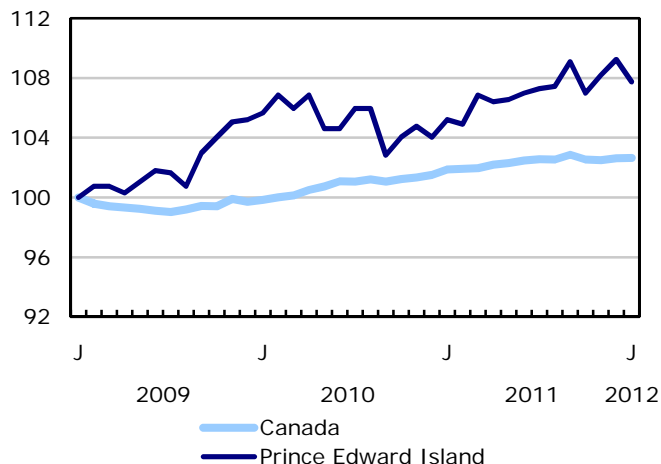
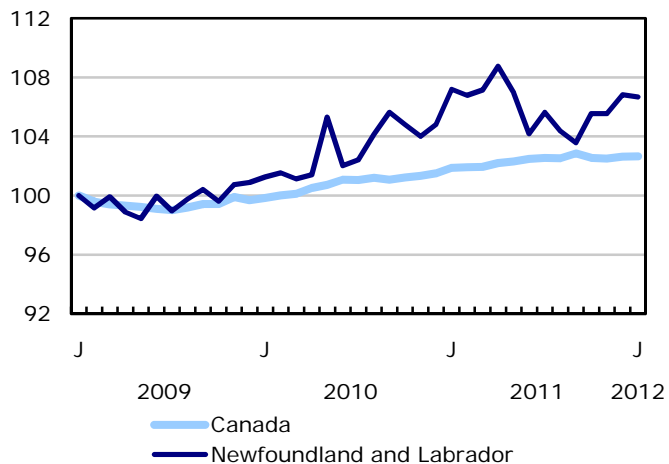
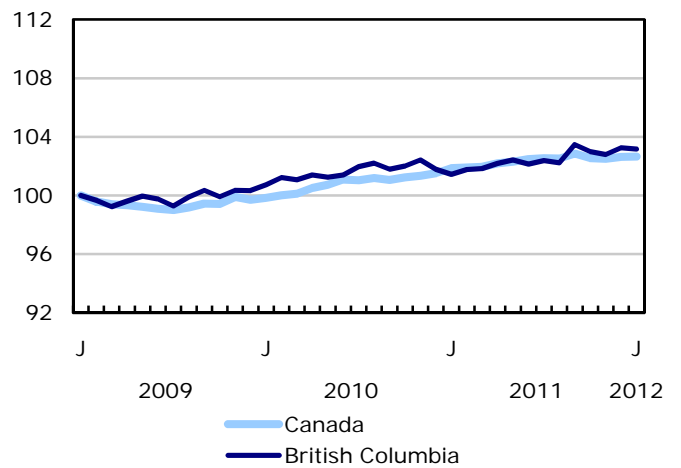
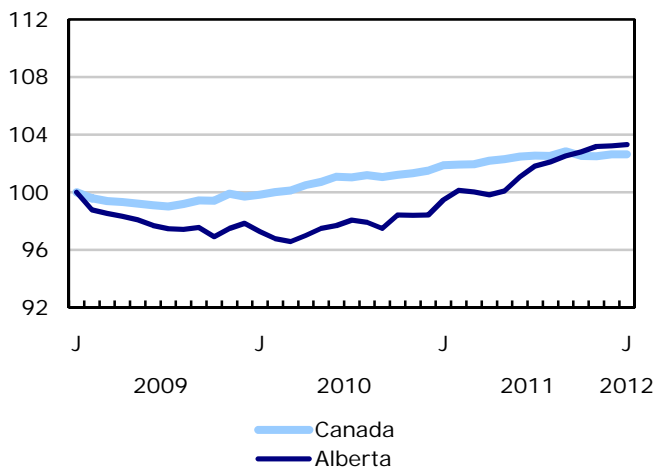
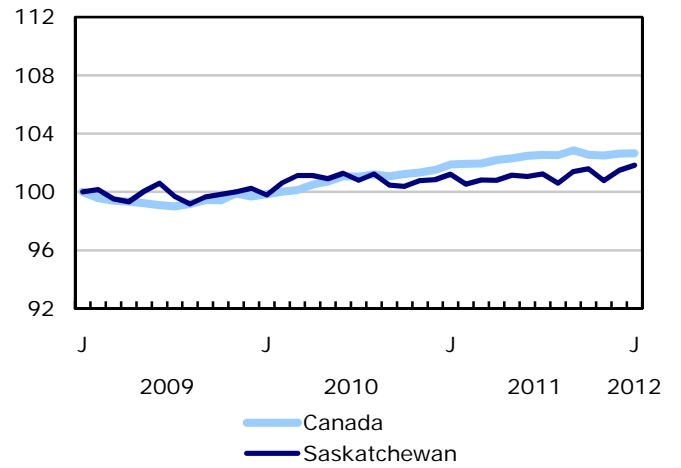
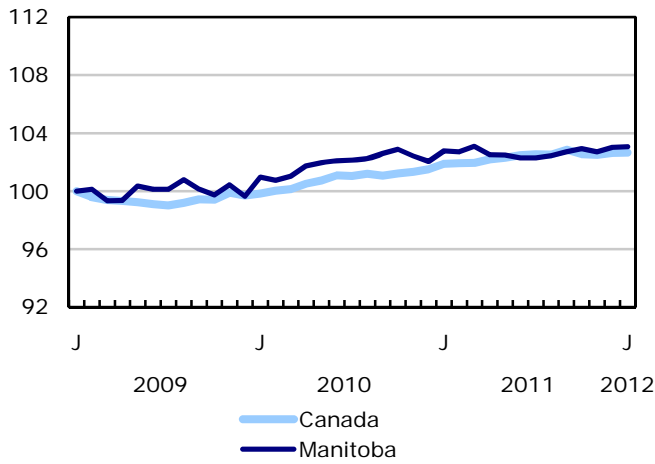


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100



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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	28,130.8	28,156.4	...	25.6	25.6	315.6	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	18,754.5	18,778.2	29.1	23.7	23.7	106.6	0.1	0.1	0.6
Employment	17,354.7	17,357.0	28.6	2.3	2.3	129.1	0.0	0.0	0.7
Employment full-time	14,052.5	14,048.9	37.7	-3.6	-3.6	170.4	0.0	0.0	1.2
Employment part-time	3,302.2	3,308.1	34.7	5.9	5.9	-41.4	0.2	0.2	-1.2
Unemployment	1,399.8	1,421.2	25.0	21.4	21.4	-22.5	1.5	1.5	-1.6
Participation rate	66.7	66.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,457.3	4,457.0	...	-0.3	-0.3	-2.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	2,845.6	2,847.8	17.0	2.2	2.2	-33.9	0.1	0.1	-1.2
Employment	2,444.9	2,435.9	15.6	-9.0	-9.0	-30.7	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2
Employment full-time	1,303.0	1,270.0	18.6	-33.0	-33.0	-16.3	-2.5	-2.5	-1.3
Employment part-time	1,141.9	1,165.9	19.4	24.0	24.0	-14.4	2.1	2.1	-1.2
Unemployment	400.6	411.9	14.6	11.3	11.3	-3.2	2.8	2.8	-0.8
Participation rate	63.8	63.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	14.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	54.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.7	47.9	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.0	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,583.7	11,596.5	...	12.8	12.8	158.6	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	8,429.3	8,431.8	15.3	2.5	2.5	72.4	0.0	0.0	0.9
Employment	7,875.5	7,873.7	16.1	-1.8	-1.8	75.1	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	7,272.1	7,261.9	21.1	-10.2	-10.2	83.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.2
Employment part-time	603.4	611.9	17.1	8.5	8.5	-8.2	1.4	1.4	-1.3
Unemployment	553.8	558.1	14.3	4.3	4.3	-2.6	0.8	0.8	-0.5
Participation rate	72.8	72.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	67.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	7.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	12,089.8	12,102.9	...	13.1	13.1	159.3	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,479.6	7,498.6	16.6	19.0	19.0	68.0	0.3	0.3	0.9
Employment	7,034.3	7,047.3	16.3	13.0	13.0	84.6	0.2	0.2	1.2
Employment full-time	5,477.4	5,517.0	24.4	39.6	39.6	103.4	0.7	0.7	1.9
Employment part-time	1,556.9	1,530.3	22.7	-26.6	-26.6	-18.8	-1.7	-1.7	-1.2
Unemployment	445.4	451.3	13.4	5.9	5.9	-16.5	1.3	1.3	-3.5
Participation rate	61.9	62.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	21.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,547.2	14,545.7	...	-1.5	-1.5	32.5	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	12,575.1	12,582.4	22.1	7.3	7.3	31.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Employment	11,796.7	11,792.2	23.1	-4.5	-4.5	59.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Unemployment	778.3	790.2	18.4	11.9	11.9	-28.1	1.5	1.5	-3.4
Participation rate	86.4	86.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.1	81.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,277.1	7,276.2	...	-0.9	-0.9	17.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	6,590.2	6,600.5	14.3	10.3	10.3	15.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Employment	6,169.2	6,170.5	15.6	1.3	1.3	23.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Unemployment	421.0	430.0	13.0	9.0	9.0	-7.9	2.1	2.1	-1.8
Participation rate	90.6	90.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	84.8	84.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,270.1	7,269.4	...	-0.7	-0.7	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	5,984.9	5,982.0	16.0	-2.9	-2.9	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
Employment	5,627.5	5,621.7	16.1	-5.8	-5.8	36.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
Unemployment	357.3	360.2	12.5	2.9	2.9	-20.2	0.8	0.8	-5.3
Participation rate	82.3	82.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.4	77.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	9,126.2	9,153.7	...	27.5	27.5	285.4	0.3	0.3	3.2
Labour force	3,333.9	3,348.0	17.4	14.1	14.1	109.3	0.4	0.4	3.4
Employment	3,113.0	3,128.9	17.2	15.9	15.9	100.5	0.5	0.5	3.3
Unemployment	220.8	219.1	9.6	-1.7	-1.7	8.8	-0.8	-0.8	4.2
Participation rate	36.5	36.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	34.1	34.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	4,306.6	4,320.2	...	13.6	13.6	141.3	0.3	0.3	3.4
Labour force	1,839.1	1,831.3	11.5	-7.8	-7.8	57.1	-0.4	-0.4	3.2
Employment	1,706.3	1,703.3	11.4	-3.0	-3.0	52.0	-0.2	-0.2	3.1
Unemployment	132.8	128.1	7.0	-4.7	-4.7	5.2	-3.5	-3.5	4.2
Participation rate	42.7	42.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	39.6	39.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,819.7	4,833.4	...	13.7	13.7	144.0	0.3	0.3	3.1
Labour force	1,494.8	1,516.6	11.9	21.8	21.8	52.1	1.5	1.5	3.6
Employment	1,406.7	1,425.6	11.8	18.9	18.9	48.5	1.3	1.3	3.5
Unemployment	88.0	91.0	6.2	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.4	3.4	4.1
Participation rate	31.0	31.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	29.2	29.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...

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

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
Class of worker									
Employees	14,679.8	14,719.0	34.6	39.2	39.2	131.7	0.3	0.3	0.9
Self-employed ²	2,674.9	2,637.9	24.7	-37.0	-37.0	-2.8	-1.4	-1.4	-0.1
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,555.3	3,574.9	24.0	19.6	19.6	-9.2	0.6	0.6	-0.3
Private sector employees	11,124.5	11,144.2	36.2	19.7	19.7	141.0	0.2	0.2	1.3
Industry	17,354.7	17,357.0	28.6	2.3	2.3	129.1	0.0	0.0	0.7
Goods-producing sector	3,793.9	3,803.2	24.8	9.3	9.3	-7.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Agriculture	306.3	308.8	6.8	2.5	2.5	-2.4	0.8	0.8	-0.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ³	355.3	359.2	7.0	3.9	3.9	28.1	1.1	1.1	8.5
Utilities	133.8	140.2	4.9	6.4	6.4	-6.1	4.8	4.8	-4.2
Construction	1,264.9	1,251.2	16.1	-13.7	-13.7	16.6	-1.1	-1.1	1.3
Manufacturing	1,733.6	1,743.7	18.6	10.1	10.1	-43.9	0.6	0.6	-2.5
Services-producing sector	13,560.8	13,553.8	32.9	-7.0	-7.0	136.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.0
Trade	2,662.1	2,674.1	22.6	12.0	12.0	-4.2	0.5	0.5	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	849.5	852.7	13.4	3.2	3.2	18.2	0.4	0.4	2.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,052.3	1,029.1	15.1	-23.2	-23.2	-49.7	-2.2	-2.2	-4.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,352.3	1,307.5	17.3	-44.8	-44.8	22.9	-3.3	-3.3	1.8
Business, building and other support services	661.0	667.8	13.5	6.8	6.8	-26.3	1.0	1.0	-3.8
Educational services	1,220.3	1,243.1	15.3	22.8	22.8	25.9	1.9	1.9	2.1
Health care and social assistance	2,111.8	2,102.3	18.1	-9.5	-9.5	31.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.5
Information, culture and recreation	772.6	791.4	14.2	18.8	18.8	9.3	2.4	2.4	1.2
Accommodation and food services	1,120.3	1,112.3	15.9	-8.0	-8.0	81.7	-0.7	-0.7	7.9
Other services	782.7	796.4	12.5	13.7	13.7	41.6	1.8	1.8	5.5
Public administration	975.9	977.1	12.3	1.2	1.2	-14.2	0.1	0.1	-1.4

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

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

3. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	428.6	428.5	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	260.5	262.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.7	0.8	0.8	1.0
Employment	227.2	226.9	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Employment full-time	195.4	197.2	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.2	0.9	0.9	1.6
Employment part-time	31.8	29.7	1.9	-2.1	-2.1	-4.3	-6.6	-6.6	-12.6
Unemployment	33.2	35.5	2.0	2.3	2.3	3.7	6.9	6.9	11.6
Participation rate	60.8	61.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	13.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	119.8	120.0	...	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.5
Labour force	82.8	82.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	-0.4	-0.4	3.6
Employment	73.4	72.4	0.7	-1.0	-1.0	1.7	-1.4	-1.4	2.4
Employment full-time	61.5	60.3	0.8	-1.2	-1.2	1.7	-2.0	-2.0	2.9
Employment part-time	11.9	12.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.0
Unemployment	9.3	10.1	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	8.6	8.6	12.2
Participation rate	69.1	68.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	12.2	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	60.3	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	779.6	779.6	...	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	497.3	499.3	2.7	2.0	2.0	-1.1	0.4	0.4	-0.2
Employment	458.4	457.5	2.8	-0.9	-0.9	4.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Employment full-time	369.5	370.1	3.5	0.6	0.6	4.1	0.2	0.2	1.1
Employment part-time	88.9	87.4	3.1	-1.5	-1.5	0.2	-1.7	-1.7	-0.2
Unemployment	38.9	41.8	2.5	2.9	2.9	-5.4	7.5	7.5	-11.4
Participation rate	63.8	64.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	620.2	620.4	...	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	391.1	392.6	2.3	1.5	1.5	3.7	0.4	0.4	1.0
Employment	354.5	355.2	2.4	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Employment full-time	297.9	297.7	2.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Employment part-time	56.6	57.5	2.3	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.5
Unemployment	36.6	37.4	2.1	0.8	0.8	1.8	2.2	2.2	5.1
Participation rate	63.1	63.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	57.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,605.2	6,610.1	...	4.9	4.9	64.7	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	4,276.8	4,273.8	15.0	-3.0	-3.0	-23.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Employment	3,906.0	3,915.5	15.1	9.5	9.5	-45.1	0.2	0.2	-1.1
Employment full-time	3,165.3	3,164.8	19.7	-0.5	-0.5	-27.3	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Employment part-time	740.7	750.8	18.2	10.1	10.1	-17.7	1.4	1.4	-2.3
Unemployment	370.8	358.3	13.3	-12.5	-12.5	21.2	-3.4	-3.4	6.3
Participation rate	64.7	64.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Ontario									
Population	10,991.5	11,003.7	...	12.2	12.2	139.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,318.1	7,339.4	20.2	21.3	21.3	44.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Employment	6,753.5	6,746.0	19.2	-7.5	-7.5	44.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Employment full-time	5,456.2	5,441.7	25.4	-14.5	-14.5	36.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.7
Employment part-time	1,297.3	1,304.3	23.2	7.0	7.0	8.1	0.5	0.5	0.6
Unemployment	564.6	593.4	17.2	28.8	28.8	-0.2	5.1	5.1	0.0
Participation rate	66.6	66.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2011	January 2012	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)									
Manitoba									
Population	958.0	958.8	...	0.8	0.8	10.7	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	662.5	662.7	2.7	0.2	0.2	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.7
Employment	626.5	626.8	2.6	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Employment full-time	508.1	504.4	3.7	-3.7	-3.7	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.1
Employment part-time	118.5	122.3	3.5	3.8	3.8	1.2	3.2	3.2	1.0
Unemployment	36.0	35.9	2.2	-0.1	-0.1	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	9.1
Participation rate	69.2	69.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	804.3	805.0	...	0.7	0.7	9.0	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	557.2	557.3	2.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Employment	528.0	529.8	2.5	1.8	1.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Employment full-time	435.3	435.1	3.3	-0.2	-0.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Employment part-time	92.6	94.7	3.0	2.1	2.1	0.4	2.3	2.3	0.4
Unemployment	29.2	27.6	1.9	-1.6	-1.6	-2.0	-5.5	-5.5	-6.8
Participation rate	69.3	69.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	3,028.8	3,032.9	...	4.1	4.1	49.4	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	2,242.8	2,246.0	8.7	3.2	3.2	61.3	0.1	0.1	2.8
Employment	2,133.2	2,135.1	9.0	1.9	1.9	79.5	0.1	0.1	3.9
Employment full-time	1,777.1	1,799.0	11.9	21.9	21.9	115.6	1.2	1.2	6.9
Employment part-time	356.0	336.1	10.6	-19.9	-19.9	-36.1	-5.6	-5.6	-9.7
Unemployment	109.7	110.9	7.0	1.2	1.2	-18.2	1.1	1.1	-14.1
Participation rate	74.0	74.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,794.8	3,797.5	...	2.7	2.7	38.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	2,465.5	2,462.1	10.5	-3.4	-3.4	10.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Employment	2,293.9	2,291.7	10.3	-2.2	-2.2	38.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.7
Employment full-time	1,786.1	1,778.7	14.1	-7.4	-7.4	33.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.9
Employment part-time	507.8	513.1	13.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	171.6	170.4	8.7	-1.2	-1.2	-27.5	-0.7	-0.7	-13.9
Participation rate	65.0	64.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...

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

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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	428.6	428.5	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	260.5	262.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.7	0.8	0.8	1.0
Employment	227.2	226.9	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Employment full-time	195.4	197.2	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.2	0.9	0.9	1.6
Unemployment	33.2	35.5	2.0	2.3	2.3	3.7	6.9	6.9	11.6
Participation rate	60.8	61.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	13.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.0	13.1	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-1.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	60.3	60.2	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1
Labour force	35.8	35.2	1.0	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1	-1.7	-1.7	-0.3
Employment	29.3	28.1	1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-0.8	-4.1	-4.1	-2.8
Unemployment	6.5	7.1	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	9.2	9.2	10.9
Participation rate	59.4	58.5	1.7	-0.9	-0.9	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.2	20.2	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.6	46.7	1.7	-1.9	-1.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.7	40.6	3.7	-4.1	-4.1	0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	177.8	177.8	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	117.6	119.3	1.2	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.8
Employment	101.9	102.5	1.3	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment	15.7	16.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	2.3	7.0	7.0	15.9
Participation rate	66.1	67.1	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	14.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.6	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.2	0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	190.5	190.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	107.1	108.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
Employment	96.1	96.4	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0
Unemployment	11.0	11.6	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	5.5	5.5	6.4
Participation rate	56.2	56.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.4	50.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.2	13.5	1.2	0.3	0.3	-3.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	227.2	226.9	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	51.0	49.7	1.6	-1.3	-1.3	0.8	-2.5	-2.5	1.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	1.2	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	25.0	25.0	-31.8
Utilities	15.0	14.5	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-2.3	-3.3	-3.3	-13.7
Construction	2.5	2.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	4.0	4.0	13.0
Manufacturing	20.3	20.2	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	2.8	-0.5	-0.5	16.1
Manufacturing	12.0	10.9	0.9	-1.1	-1.1	0.5	-9.2	-9.2	4.8
Services-producing sector									
Trade	176.3	177.3	2.0	1.0	1.0	-1.8	0.6	0.6	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	37.4	36.0	1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-2.1	-3.7	-3.7	-5.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	10.1	11.4	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.0	12.9	12.9	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	9.2	8.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	2.5	-3.3	-3.3	39.1
Business, building and other support services	9.2	10.1	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	9.8	9.8	21.7
Educational services	6.0	5.8	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-3.3	-3.3	-1.7
Health care and social assistance	17.6	17.7	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6
Information, culture and recreation	34.3	34.9	1.1	0.6	0.6	-3.3	1.7	1.7	-8.6
Accommodation and food services	7.2	7.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	-1.0	5.6	5.6	-11.6
Other services	13.2	13.5	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.8	2.3	2.3	6.3
Public administration	12.3	11.8	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	-4.1	-4.1	3.5
Public administration	19.7	19.6	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-4.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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	119.8	120.0	...	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.5
Labour force	82.8	82.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	-0.4	-0.4	3.6
Employment	73.4	72.4	0.7	-1.0	-1.0	1.7	-1.4	-1.4	2.4
Employment full-time	61.5	60.3	0.8	-1.2	-1.2	1.7	-2.0	-2.0	2.9
Unemployment	9.3	10.1	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	8.6	8.6	12.2
Participation rate	69.1	68.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	12.2	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	60.3	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.2	16.7	1.0	0.5	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.9	20.0	...	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.5
Labour force	14.2	14.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	4.4
Employment	12.3	11.5	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-0.1	-6.5	-6.5	-0.9
Unemployment	1.9	2.6	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	36.8	36.8	30.0
Participation rate	71.4	70.5	1.9	-0.9	-0.9	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	18.4	2.4	5.0	5.0	3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	57.5	2.0	-4.3	-4.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.8	40.0	3.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	48.2	48.3	...	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.5
Labour force	35.1	35.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	1.7
Employment	30.8	30.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	2.0
Unemployment	4.4	4.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-9.1	-9.1	-2.4
Participation rate	72.8	72.5	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.5	11.4	1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	7.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	51.7	51.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.6
Labour force	33.5	33.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	5.7
Employment	30.4	30.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	1.2	-1.3	-1.3	4.2
Unemployment	3.1	3.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	12.9	12.9	20.7
Participation rate	64.8	64.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	10.4	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.0	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	17.3	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	73.4	72.4	0.7	-1.0	-1.0	1.7	-1.4	-1.4	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	18.5	18.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.9	-2.7	-2.7	5.3
Agriculture	4.0	4.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	8.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	3.5	3.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-2.9	-2.9	13.3
Utilities	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-25.0	-25.0	-25.0
Construction	5.3	5.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-5.7	-5.7	0.0
Manufacturing	5.3	5.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-1.9	-1.9	2.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	55.0	54.4	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	-1.1	1.7
Trade	9.3	9.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.1	4.3	4.3	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	2.4	2.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	4.2	4.2	31.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.7	2.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	12.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.0	2.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-6.7	-6.7	0.0
Business, building and other support services	2.4	2.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-8.3	-8.3	-18.5
Educational services	5.6	5.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-5.4	-5.4	-14.5
Health care and social assistance	10.1	9.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	-2.0	-2.0	15.1
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	2.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-3.6	-3.6	-10.0
Accommodation and food services	5.8	5.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-5.2	-5.2	3.8
Other services	2.7	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	11.1	11.1	7.1
Public administration	8.2	8.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-2.4	-2.4	-1.2

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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	779.6	779.6	...	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	497.3	499.3	2.7	2.0	2.0	-1.1	0.4	0.4	-0.2
Employment	458.4	457.5	2.8	-0.9	-0.9	4.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Employment full-time	369.5	370.1	3.5	0.6	0.6	4.1	0.2	0.2	1.1
Unemployment	38.9	41.8	2.5	2.9	2.9	-5.4	7.5	7.5	-11.4
Participation rate	63.8	64.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	19.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	119.2	119.0	...	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2
Labour force	75.3	77.5	1.6	2.2	2.2	-3.9	2.9	2.9	-4.8
Employment	64.6	64.2	1.5	-0.4	-0.4	-3.8	-0.6	-0.6	-5.6
Unemployment	10.7	13.3	1.5	2.6	2.6	-0.1	24.3	24.3	-0.7
Participation rate	63.2	65.1	1.4	1.9	1.9	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	17.2	1.8	3.0	3.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	53.9	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.0	49.4	2.6	-0.6	-0.6	8.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	312.6	312.8	...	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	214.4	213.8	1.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.3
Employment	197.9	197.1	1.6	-0.8	-0.8	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	1.0
Unemployment	16.5	16.7	1.5	0.2	0.2	-1.2	1.2	1.2	-6.7
Participation rate	68.6	68.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	8.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	-2.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	347.8	347.9	...	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	207.6	208.0	1.5	0.4	0.4	2.1	0.2	0.2	1.0
Employment	195.9	196.2	1.6	0.3	0.3	6.2	0.2	0.2	3.3
Unemployment	11.7	11.8	1.4	0.1	0.1	-4.1	0.9	0.9	-25.8
Participation rate	59.7	59.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	56.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	20.4	1.0	-1.3	-1.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	458.4	457.5	2.8	-0.9	-0.9	4.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	84.6	86.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.9	2.2	2.2	3.5
Agriculture	4.9	6.4	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.2	30.6	30.6	3.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	11.6	10.8	0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-6.9	-6.9	-6.9
Utilities	3.3	4.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.9	33.3	33.3	25.7
Construction	31.6	31.7	1.4	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.2
Manufacturing	33.2	33.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	9.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	373.8	371.0	2.8	-2.8	-2.8	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.4
Trade	76.6	75.8	1.9	-0.8	-0.8	-4.1	-1.0	-1.0	-5.1
Transportation and warehousing	22.3	21.3	1.1	-1.0	-1.0	2.7	-4.5	-4.5	14.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	23.3	22.6	1.1	-0.7	-0.7	-2.3	-3.0	-3.0	-9.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.2	24.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	1.8	0.4	0.4	8.0
Business, building and other support services	19.8	19.7	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	-3.9	-0.5	-0.5	-16.5
Educational services	38.6	37.8	1.5	-0.8	-0.8	3.7	-2.1	-2.1	10.9
Health care and social assistance	68.5	67.8	1.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.4	-1.0	-1.0	0.6
Information, culture and recreation	20.6	21.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.7	4.4	4.4	8.6
Accommodation and food services	28.0	27.7	1.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-6.4
Other services	20.9	21.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	2.6	1.0	1.0	14.1
Public administration	31.0	31.3	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.0	2.3

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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	620.2	620.4	...	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	391.1	392.6	2.3	1.5	1.5	3.7	0.4	0.4	1.0
Employment	354.5	355.2	2.4	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Employment full-time	297.9	297.7	2.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment	36.6	37.4	2.1	0.8	0.8	1.8	2.2	2.2	5.1
Participation rate	63.1	63.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	57.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	90.9	90.8	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9
Labour force	59.6	59.4	1.3	-0.2	-0.2	4.0	-0.3	-0.3	7.2
Employment	48.4	49.1	1.2	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.4	1.4	3.6
Unemployment	11.2	10.3	1.2	-0.9	-0.9	2.4	-8.0	-8.0	30.4
Participation rate	65.6	65.4	1.5	-0.2	-0.2	4.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.8	17.3	1.8	-1.5	-1.5	3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.2	54.1	1.3	0.9	0.9	2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.4	40.9	2.6	-2.5	-2.5	3.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	254.0	254.1	...	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	170.4	171.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	-1.1	0.8	0.8	-0.6
Employment	155.1	155.8	1.4	0.7	0.7	-0.3	0.5	0.5	-0.2
Unemployment	15.3	15.9	1.3	0.6	0.6	-0.8	3.9	3.9	-4.8
Participation rate	67.1	67.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	275.4	275.5	...	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	161.1	161.4	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4
Employment	151.0	150.3	1.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.3
Unemployment	10.0	11.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.1	12.0	12.0	0.9
Participation rate	58.5	58.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	54.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	19.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
	354.5	355.2	2.4	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	76.9	78.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	-5.0	2.5	2.5	-6.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	3.8	4.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	-1.7	10.5	10.5	-28.8
Utilities	10.1	11.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	-1.1	8.9	8.9	-9.1
Construction	4.6	4.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	-4.3	-4.3	15.8
Manufacturing	28.1	28.9	1.2	0.8	0.8	-0.8	2.8	2.8	-2.7
	30.4	30.3	1.3	-0.1	-0.1	-2.0	-0.3	-0.3	-6.2
Services-producing sector									
	277.6	276.4	2.4	-1.2	-1.2	6.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.6
Trade	56.6	56.2	1.5	-0.4	-0.4	4.3	-0.7	-0.7	8.3
Transportation and warehousing	15.8	16.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	-2.6	4.4	4.4	-13.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	16.4	15.5	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-2.2	-5.5	-5.5	-12.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.6	15.9	0.8	0.3	0.3	-0.5	1.9	1.9	-3.0
Business, building and other support services	16.1	17.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	7.5	7.5	7.5
Educational services	26.4	25.9	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	1.9	-1.9	-1.9	7.9
Health care and social assistance	51.6	51.4	1.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	-0.4	-0.4	2.8
Information, culture and recreation	12.8	13.1	0.8	0.3	0.3	1.5	2.3	2.3	12.9
Accommodation and food services	23.8	22.3	1.1	-1.5	-1.5	2.3	-6.3	-6.3	11.5
Other services	14.9	15.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.3	5.4	5.4	-1.9
Public administration	27.6	26.7	1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	-3.3	-3.3	-0.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,605.2	6,610.1	...	4.9	4.9	64.7	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	4,276.8	4,273.8	15.0	-3.0	-3.0	-23.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Employment	3,906.0	3,915.5	15.1	9.5	9.5	-45.1	0.2	0.2	-1.1
Employment full-time	3,165.3	3,164.8	19.7	-0.5	-0.5	-27.3	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Unemployment	370.8	358.3	13.3	-12.5	-12.5	21.2	-3.4	-3.4	6.3
Participation rate	64.7	64.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	982.2	982.6	...	0.4	0.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	637.0	639.9	8.4	2.9	2.9	-29.9	0.5	0.5	-4.5
Employment	546.0	547.0	8.3	1.0	1.0	-33.8	0.2	0.2	-5.8
Unemployment	91.1	92.9	7.5	1.8	1.8	3.9	2.0	2.0	4.4
Participation rate	64.9	65.1	0.9	0.2	0.2	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	14.5	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	55.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	-3.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	51.3	52.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,764.6	2,767.0	...	2.4	2.4	32.8	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	1,935.8	1,924.0	8.2	-11.8	-11.8	2.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.1
Employment	1,762.8	1,767.6	8.6	4.8	4.8	-16.0	0.3	0.3	-0.9
Unemployment	172.9	156.4	7.8	-16.5	-16.5	18.5	-9.5	-9.5	13.4
Participation rate	70.0	69.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.1	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.6	8.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,858.4	2,860.5	...	2.1	2.1	29.6	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	1,704.0	1,709.9	8.4	5.9	5.9	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.2
Employment	1,597.2	1,600.9	8.5	3.7	3.7	4.7	0.2	0.2	0.3
Unemployment	106.8	108.9	7.2	2.1	2.1	-1.3	2.0	2.0	-1.2
Participation rate	59.6	59.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	19.7	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	3,906.0	3,915.5	15.1	9.5	9.5	-45.1	0.2	0.2	-1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	823.2	821.1	12.3	-2.1	-2.1	-41.4	-0.3	-0.3	-4.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	55.6	51.9	3.1	-3.7	-3.7	-7.7	-6.7	-6.7	-12.9
Utilities	37.6	37.4	2.5	-0.2	-0.2	5.2	-0.5	-0.5	16.1
Construction	28.1	28.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	-5.0	0.0	0.0	-15.1
Manufacturing	227.4	221.1	7.5	-6.3	-6.3	-18.3	-2.8	-2.8	-7.6
	474.5	482.6	9.8	8.1	8.1	-15.6	1.7	1.7	-3.1
Services-producing sector									
	3,082.8	3,094.4	16.7	11.6	11.6	-3.7	0.4	0.4	-0.1
Trade	635.1	641.1	12.2	6.0	6.0	9.0	0.9	0.9	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	179.2	185.9	6.3	6.7	6.7	12.7	3.7	3.7	7.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	220.3	212.2	7.0	-8.1	-8.1	-13.2	-3.7	-3.7	-5.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	300.6	296.2	8.6	-4.4	-4.4	-12.0	-1.5	-1.5	-3.9
Business, building and other support services	138.8	142.6	6.7	3.8	3.8	-5.4	2.7	2.7	-3.6
Educational services	280.4	285.9	7.8	5.5	5.5	12.3	2.0	2.0	4.5
Health care and social assistance	491.9	489.9	9.4	-2.0	-2.0	-26.6	-0.4	-0.4	-5.2
Information, culture and recreation	155.4	168.5	7.0	13.1	13.1	0.3	8.4	8.4	0.2
Accommodation and food services	258.7	257.9	8.4	-0.8	-0.8	21.1	-0.3	-0.3	8.9
Other services	184.7	180.3	6.2	-4.4	-4.4	9.1	-2.4	-2.4	5.3
Public administration	237.7	234.0	6.2	-3.7	-3.7	-10.9	-1.6	-1.6	-4.5

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	10,991.5	11,003.7	...	12.2	12.2	139.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,318.1	7,339.4	20.2	21.3	21.3	44.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Employment	6,753.5	6,746.0	19.2	-7.5	-7.5	44.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Employment full-time	5,456.2	5,441.7	25.4	-14.5	-14.5	36.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.7
Unemployment	564.6	593.4	17.2	28.8	28.8	-0.2	5.1	5.1	0.0
Participation rate	66.6	66.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,786.2	1,786.6	...	0.4	0.4	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	1,075.1	1,079.8	12.1	4.7	4.7	-18.7	0.4	0.4	-1.7
Employment	907.5	900.6	10.5	-6.9	-6.9	-15.3	-0.8	-0.8	-1.7
Unemployment	167.7	179.3	10.3	11.6	11.6	-3.3	6.9	6.9	-1.8
Participation rate	60.2	60.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	16.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.8	50.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.2	51.0	1.3	1.9	1.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,464.4	4,470.1	...	5.7	5.7	65.7	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	3,264.0	3,278.4	10.4	14.4	14.4	43.1	0.4	0.4	1.3
Employment	3,064.8	3,063.2	10.8	-1.6	-1.6	34.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.1
Unemployment	199.2	215.2	9.7	16.0	16.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	4.4
Participation rate	73.1	73.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	68.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	8.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,740.9	4,747.0	...	6.1	6.1	68.6	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	2,979.0	2,981.2	11.5	2.2	2.2	19.8	0.1	0.1	0.7
Employment	2,781.3	2,782.3	11.0	1.0	1.0	25.7	0.0	0.0	0.9
Unemployment	197.8	198.9	9.3	1.1	1.1	-5.9	0.6	0.6	-2.9
Participation rate	62.8	62.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	21.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	6,753.5	6,746.0	19.2	-7.5	-7.5	44.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	1,414.9	1,422.2	16.8	7.3	7.3	-12.7	0.5	0.5	-0.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	93.2	108.1	4.1	14.9	14.9	12.1	16.0	16.0	12.6
Utilities	36.7	39.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.4	6.8	6.8	9.5
Utilities	56.0	54.6	3.3	-1.4	-1.4	-2.3	-2.5	-2.5	-4.0
Construction	444.3	439.7	10.5	-4.6	-4.6	6.2	-1.0	-1.0	1.4
Manufacturing	784.7	780.5	13.4	-4.2	-4.2	-32.3	-0.5	-0.5	-4.0
Services-producing sector									
	5,338.7	5,323.8	22.5	-14.9	-14.9	57.1	-0.3	-0.3	1.1
Trade	979.7	986.8	14.8	7.1	7.1	-17.3	0.7	0.7	-1.7
Transportation and warehousing	314.7	311.5	9.6	-3.2	-3.2	-10.1	-1.0	-1.0	-3.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	483.0	480.0	11.4	-3.0	-3.0	-22.4	-0.6	-0.6	-4.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	586.3	567.4	12.3	-18.9	-18.9	24.9	-3.2	-3.2	4.6
Business, building and other support services	292.2	288.4	9.7	-3.8	-3.8	-8.1	-1.3	-1.3	-2.7
Educational services	479.9	495.2	10.5	15.3	15.3	11.0	3.2	3.2	2.3
Health care and social assistance	771.4	757.7	12.3	-13.7	-13.7	17.0	-1.8	-1.8	2.3
Information, culture and recreation	343.3	344.0	10.5	0.7	0.7	-5.2	0.2	0.2	-1.5
Accommodation and food services	407.0	407.7	10.3	0.7	0.7	44.8	0.2	0.2	12.3
Other services	281.6	288.4	8.3	6.8	6.8	16.7	2.4	2.4	6.1
Public administration	399.6	396.7	8.7	-2.9	-2.9	5.9	-0.7	-0.7	1.5

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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	958.0	958.8	...	0.8	0.8	10.7	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	662.5	662.7	2.7	0.2	0.2	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.7
Employment	626.5	626.8	2.6	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Employment full-time	508.1	504.4	3.7	-3.7	-3.7	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.1
Unemployment	36.0	35.9	2.2	-0.1	-0.1	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	9.1
Participation rate	69.2	69.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	19.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	164.9	165.0	...	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	113.4	114.0	1.7	0.6	0.6	1.5	0.5	0.5	1.3
Employment	100.8	101.4	1.5	0.6	0.6	3.0	0.6	0.6	3.0
Unemployment	12.6	12.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	-10.6
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.5	0.9	0.4	0.4	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.1	42.4	1.8	1.3	1.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	388.7	389.1	...	0.4	0.4	5.2	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	295.7	296.6	1.4	0.9	0.9	3.0	0.3	0.3	1.0
Employment	284.2	284.2	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Unemployment	11.6	12.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.3	6.9	6.9	11.7
Participation rate	76.1	76.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.1	73.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	404.4	404.8	...	0.4	0.4	5.2	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	253.3	252.1	1.5	-1.2	-1.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.1
Employment	241.6	241.2	1.5	-0.4	-0.4	-3.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.3
Unemployment	11.7	10.9	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	3.3	-6.8	-6.8	43.4
Participation rate	62.6	62.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.6	24.0	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	626.5	626.8	2.6	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	140.5	141.9	2.4	1.4	1.4	-10.5	1.0	1.0	-6.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	21.2	21.0	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-3.8	-0.9	-0.9	-15.3
Utilities	6.5	6.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-5.8
Construction	8.2	7.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.0	-3.7	-3.7	-11.2
Manufacturing	43.0	45.1	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.9	4.9	4.9	6.9
	61.5	61.4	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-8.2	-0.2	-0.2	-11.8
Services-producing sector									
Trade	486.0	484.8	3.1	-1.2	-1.2	12.1	-0.2	-0.2	2.6
Transportation and warehousing	93.7	94.1	2.1	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.4	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	36.2	37.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	4.1	3.0	3.0	12.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	36.7	34.5	1.3	-2.2	-2.2	-0.5	-6.0	-6.0	-1.4
Business, building and other support services	26.0	26.4	1.2	0.4	0.4	-0.7	1.5	1.5	-2.6
Educational services	18.3	17.3	1.1	-1.0	-1.0	0.3	-5.5	-5.5	1.8
Health care and social assistance	46.8	47.3	1.4	0.5	0.5	-3.2	1.1	1.1	-6.3
Information, culture and recreation	95.7	95.5	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Accommodation and food services	23.4	22.2	1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-0.8	-5.1	-5.1	-3.5
Other services	44.3	43.4	1.6	-0.9	-0.9	6.5	-2.0	-2.0	17.6
Public administration	26.1	27.8	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.7	6.5	6.5	6.5
	38.8	39.0	1.2	0.2	0.2	3.7	0.5	0.5	10.5

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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	804.3	805.0	...	0.7	0.7	9.0	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	557.2	557.3	2.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Employment	528.0	529.8	2.5	1.8	1.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Employment full-time	435.3	435.1	3.3	-0.2	-0.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Unemployment	29.2	27.6	1.9	-1.6	-1.6	-2.0	-5.5	-5.5	-6.8
Participation rate	69.3	69.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	17.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	136.5	136.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Labour force	95.9	96.3	1.5	0.4	0.4	3.2	0.4	0.4	3.4
Employment	85.8	87.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	4.1	2.0	2.0	4.9
Unemployment	10.2	8.7	1.2	-1.5	-1.5	-0.9	-14.7	-14.7	-9.4
Participation rate	70.3	70.6	1.1	0.3	0.3	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	9.0	1.2	-1.6	-1.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	64.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.3	34.2	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-4.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	328.6	329.0	...	0.4	0.4	5.5	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	249.0	248.4	1.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	240.7	239.4	1.3	-1.3	-1.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.5
Unemployment	8.2	9.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	-1.9	9.8	9.8	-17.4
Participation rate	75.8	75.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.3	72.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	7.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	339.2	339.5	...	0.3	0.3	4.5	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	212.3	212.6	1.4	0.3	0.3	-1.5	0.1	0.1	-0.7
Employment	201.5	202.8	1.4	1.3	1.3	-2.3	0.6	0.6	-1.1
Unemployment	10.8	9.8	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	0.8	-9.3	-9.3	8.9
Participation rate	62.6	62.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	59.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.6	23.4	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	528.0	529.8	2.5	1.8	1.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	134.9	132.0	2.3	-2.9	-2.9	-6.1	-2.1	-2.1	-4.4
Agriculture	38.1	36.1	1.5	-2.0	-2.0	-4.3	-5.2	-5.2	-10.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	23.1	22.4	1.1	-0.7	-0.7	-2.0	-3.0	-3.0	-8.2
Utilities	5.3	5.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	5.7	5.7	0.0
Construction	42.4	40.0	1.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.3	-5.7	-5.7	-0.7
Manufacturing	26.0	27.9	1.1	1.9	1.9	0.5	7.3	7.3	1.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	393.1	397.8	2.8	4.7	4.7	9.3	1.2	1.2	2.4
Trade	84.2	83.9	1.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	2.4
Transportation and warehousing	25.8	27.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.4	5.0	5.0	1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.9	30.0	1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-2.9	-2.9	-2.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.2	25.1	1.0	-1.1	-1.1	2.1	-4.2	-4.2	9.1
Business, building and other support services	12.3	12.4	0.9	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.8	0.8	10.7
Educational services	38.9	39.7	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.2	2.1	2.1	3.1
Health care and social assistance	70.5	69.6	1.5	-0.9	-0.9	1.3	-1.3	-1.3	1.9
Information, culture and recreation	17.4	18.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	-3.2	4.6	4.6	-15.0
Accommodation and food services	33.0	34.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	4.0	5.2	5.2	13.0
Other services	26.2	26.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.8	-0.8	0.8
Public administration	27.6	31.1	1.1	3.5	3.5	0.8	12.7	12.7	2.6

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,028.8	3,032.9	...	4.1	4.1	49.4	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	2,242.8	2,246.0	8.7	3.2	3.2	61.3	0.1	0.1	2.8
Employment	2,133.2	2,135.1	9.0	1.9	1.9	79.5	0.1	0.1	3.9
Employment full-time	1,777.1	1,799.0	11.9	21.9	21.9	115.6	1.2	1.2	6.9
Unemployment	109.7	110.9	7.0	1.2	1.2	-18.2	1.1	1.1	-14.1
Participation rate	74.0	74.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	15.7	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-2.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	506.7	506.1	...	-0.6	-0.6	-4.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9
Labour force	364.2	363.3	5.0	-0.9	-0.9	9.1	-0.2	-0.2	2.6
Employment	327.1	328.2	4.9	1.1	1.1	14.5	0.3	0.3	4.6
Unemployment	37.2	35.1	4.2	-2.1	-2.1	-5.4	-5.6	-5.6	-13.3
Participation rate	71.9	71.8	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	9.7	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.8	1.0	0.2	0.2	3.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.9	34.1	1.7	-0.8	-0.8	-6.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,281.8	1,283.9	...	2.1	2.1	26.7	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	1,042.9	1,042.3	4.4	-0.6	-0.6	24.6	-0.1	-0.1	2.4
Employment	1,003.6	998.9	4.9	-4.7	-4.7	30.9	-0.5	-0.5	3.2
Unemployment	39.3	43.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	-6.3	10.4	10.4	-12.7
Participation rate	81.4	81.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	77.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	4.9	0.5	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,240.3	1,242.9	...	2.6	2.6	27.2	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	835.7	840.4	5.2	4.7	4.7	27.6	0.6	0.6	3.4
Employment	802.5	808.1	5.2	5.6	5.6	34.1	0.7	0.7	4.4
Unemployment	33.2	32.4	3.7	-0.8	-0.8	-6.5	-2.4	-2.4	-16.7
Participation rate	67.4	67.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.7	21.7	0.9	-1.0	-1.0	-2.5	...	...	...
Industry	2,133.2	2,135.1	9.0	1.9	1.9	79.5	0.1	0.1	3.9
Goods-producing sector	591.4	592.4	8.9	1.0	1.0	34.2	0.2	0.2	6.1
Agriculture	55.5	56.9	3.2	1.4	1.4	7.7	2.5	2.5	15.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	166.6	171.8	5.0	5.2	5.2	20.9	3.1	3.1	13.9
Utilities	14.6	19.1	1.8	4.5	4.5	-0.5	30.8	30.8	-2.6
Construction	218.2	214.0	6.4	-4.2	-4.2	8.2	-1.9	-1.9	4.0
Manufacturing	136.4	130.5	5.4	-5.9	-5.9	-2.2	-4.3	-4.3	-1.7
Services-producing sector	1,541.8	1,542.7	10.8	0.9	0.9	45.3	0.1	0.1	3.0
Trade	335.4	336.0	7.8	0.6	0.6	19.9	0.2	0.2	6.3
Transportation and warehousing	109.1	108.2	4.3	-0.9	-0.9	-1.6	-0.8	-0.8	-1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	100.1	94.2	4.1	-5.9	-5.9	-3.9	-5.9	-5.9	-4.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	164.2	158.6	5.2	-5.6	-5.6	-2.8	-3.4	-3.4	-1.7
Business, building and other support services	72.6	71.8	3.9	-0.8	-0.8	-8.2	-1.1	-1.1	-10.2
Educational services	126.9	123.6	4.8	-3.3	-3.3	-0.7	-2.6	-2.6	-0.6
Health care and social assistance	233.2	241.9	5.8	8.7	8.7	22.2	3.7	3.7	10.1
Information, culture and recreation	78.5	81.1	3.9	2.6	2.6	9.2	3.3	3.3	12.8
Accommodation and food services	125.7	128.3	5.2	2.6	2.6	3.9	2.1	2.1	3.1
Other services	110.1	108.9	4.6	-1.2	-1.2	4.9	-1.1	-1.1	4.7
Public administration	85.9	90.1	3.8	4.2	4.2	2.4	4.9	4.9	2.7

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,794.8	3,797.5	...	2.7	2.7	38.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	2,465.5	2,462.1	10.5	-3.4	-3.4	10.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Employment	2,293.9	2,291.7	10.3	-2.2	-2.2	38.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.7
Employment full-time	1,786.1	1,778.7	14.1	-7.4	-7.4	33.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.9
Unemployment	171.6	170.4	8.7	-1.2	-1.2	-27.5	-0.7	-0.7	-13.9
Participation rate	65.0	64.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	22.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	590.5	590.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	375.0	368.3	6.0	-6.7	-6.7	0.2	-1.8	-1.8	0.1
Employment	323.4	318.4	5.4	-5.0	-5.0	-0.2	-1.5	-1.5	-0.1
Unemployment	51.6	49.9	5.0	-1.7	-1.7	0.3	-3.3	-3.3	0.6
Participation rate	63.5	62.4	1.0	-1.1	-1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	13.5	1.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	53.9	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	51.8	2.0	2.7	2.7	4.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,563.0	1,564.4	...	1.4	1.4	19.4	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	1,104.4	1,102.3	5.6	-2.1	-2.1	-2.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	1,033.7	1,034.2	5.9	0.5	0.5	21.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
Unemployment	70.7	68.1	4.9	-2.6	-2.6	-23.6	-3.7	-3.7	-25.7
Participation rate	70.7	70.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	66.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.1	9.7	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,641.2	1,642.6	...	1.4	1.4	20.3	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	986.1	991.5	6.1	5.4	5.4	13.3	0.5	0.5	1.4
Employment	936.8	939.1	5.9	2.3	2.3	17.5	0.2	0.2	1.9
Unemployment	49.2	52.3	4.8	3.1	3.1	-4.3	6.3	6.3	-7.6
Participation rate	60.1	60.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.2	26.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,293.9	2,291.7	10.3	-2.2	-2.2	38.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	456.6	461.4	8.7	4.8	4.8	30.6	1.1	1.1	7.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	26.7	24.4	2.3	-2.3	-2.3	-4.0	-8.6	-8.6	-14.1
Utilities	43.5	40.9	2.7	-2.6	-2.6	3.2	-6.0	-6.0	8.5
Construction	10.5	13.7	1.6	3.2	3.2	0.7	30.5	30.5	5.4
Manufacturing	207.1	203.7	6.4	-3.4	-3.4	19.6	-1.6	-1.6	10.6
	168.8	178.7	5.7	9.9	9.9	11.1	5.9	5.9	6.6
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,837.3	1,830.4	11.9	-6.9	-6.9	7.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.4
Transportation and warehousing	357.9	350.2	8.1	-7.7	-7.7	-17.6	-2.2	-2.2	-4.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	127.5	133.2	5.0	5.7	5.7	10.1	4.5	4.5	8.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	132.8	140.8	5.3	8.0	8.0	-4.8	6.0	6.0	-3.3
Business, building and other support services	194.0	168.4	6.3	-25.6	-25.6	4.9	-13.2	-13.2	3.0
Educational services	82.3	95.8	4.8	13.5	13.5	0.1	16.4	16.4	0.1
Health care and social assistance	162.3	168.4	5.6	6.1	6.1	-0.2	3.8	3.8	-0.1
Information, culture and recreation	278.8	274.9	6.4	-3.9	-3.9	15.3	-1.4	-1.4	5.9
Accommodation and food services	113.7	113.7	4.7	0.0	0.0	8.2	0.0	0.0	7.8
Other services	178.7	169.7	6.3	-9.0	-9.0	-2.3	-5.0	-5.0	-1.3
Public administration	104.3	117.1	4.6	12.8	12.8	8.3	12.3	12.3	7.6
	105.1	98.3	4.1	-6.8	-6.8	-14.1	-6.5	-6.5	-12.5

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	161.5	161.7	...	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	115.1	115.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	5.8	0.3	0.3	5.3
Employment	106.5	106.6	0.7	0.1	0.1	4.4	0.1	0.1	4.3
Unemployment	8.6	9.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.5	4.7	4.7	20.0
Participation rate	71.3	71.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	340.8	341.2	...	0.4	0.4	4.4	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	237.5	238.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.9
Employment	224.6	225.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	4.9	0.4	0.4	2.2
Unemployment	12.9	13.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	-2.8	0.8	0.8	-17.7
Participation rate	69.7	69.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	66.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Moncton, New Brunswick									
Population	115.7	115.9	...	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.6
Labour force	79.7	80.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	3.5	0.4	0.4	4.6
Employment	73.7	74.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	4.2	0.8	0.8	6.0
Unemployment	6.0	5.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-5.0	-5.0	-10.9
Participation rate	68.9	69.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	64.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	2.7	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	106.4	106.5	...	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	67.2	66.8	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-2.0	-0.6	-0.6	-2.9
Employment	62.2	61.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-2.9	-0.8	-0.8	-4.5
Unemployment	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	21.4
Participation rate	63.2	62.7	0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	57.9	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-3.2	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	126.7	126.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	72.6	73.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	-0.2	1.7	1.7	-0.3
Employment	68.3	69.7	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.5
Unemployment	4.2	4.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.9	-2.4	-2.4	-31.7
Participation rate	57.3	58.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.9	55.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	639.4	639.8	...	0.4	0.4	7.4	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	449.2	445.2	3.4	-4.0	-4.0	2.9	-0.9	-0.9	0.7
Employment	428.1	422.9	3.5	-5.2	-5.2	3.3	-1.2	-1.2	0.8
Unemployment	21.1	22.3	1.6	1.2	1.2	-0.4	5.7	5.7	-1.8
Participation rate	70.3	69.6	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	66.1	0.6	-0.9	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	165.7	165.9	...	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	106.5	107.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.1	1.1	1.1	2.0
Employment	99.4	100.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.6	1.0	1.0	2.7
Unemployment	7.1	7.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	2.8	2.8	-6.4
Participation rate	64.3	64.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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)									
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	125.1	125.2	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	78.9	78.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	4.4	-0.1	-0.1	5.9
Employment	71.8	72.2	0.8	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.6	0.6	6.3
Unemployment	7.2	6.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	-6.9	-6.9	1.5
Participation rate	63.1	62.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.5	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	3.0	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,235.4	3,237.8	...	2.4	2.4	36.5	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,099.3	2,100.3	7.7	1.0	1.0	-18.7	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Employment	1,914.1	1,911.9	7.8	-2.2	-2.2	-33.8	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7
Unemployment	185.3	188.4	4.8	3.1	3.1	15.2	1.7	1.7	8.8
Participation rate	64.9	64.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	1,041.1	1,042.6	...	1.5	1.5	18.2	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	743.3	750.4	3.8	7.1	7.1	17.9	1.0	1.0	2.4
Employment	696.6	705.9	3.9	9.3	9.3	20.7	1.3	1.3	3.0
Unemployment	46.7	44.5	1.8	-2.2	-2.2	-2.9	-4.7	-4.7	-6.1
Participation rate	71.4	72.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	260.1	260.4	...	0.3	0.3	4.9	0.1	0.1	1.9
Labour force	188.1	187.6	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	7.7	-0.3	-0.3	4.3
Employment	174.8	175.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	6.4	0.2	0.2	3.8
Unemployment	13.3	12.4	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	1.3	-6.8	-6.8	11.7
Participation rate	72.3	72.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	781.0	782.2	...	1.2	1.2	13.3	0.2	0.2	1.7
Labour force	555.2	562.8	3.6	7.6	7.6	10.2	1.4	1.4	1.8
Employment	521.8	530.7	3.6	8.9	8.9	14.4	1.7	1.7	2.8
Unemployment	33.4	32.1	1.6	-1.3	-1.3	-4.2	-3.9	-3.9	-11.6
Participation rate	71.1	72.0	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	67.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	132.8	133.0	...	0.2	0.2	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	85.5	87.4	0.8	1.9	1.9	4.9	2.2	2.2	5.9
Employment	80.1	81.5	0.8	1.4	1.4	4.0	1.7	1.7	5.2
Unemployment	5.4	5.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	7.4	7.4	16.0
Participation rate	64.4	65.7	0.6	1.3	1.3	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	61.3	0.6	1.0	1.0	2.3	...	...	...
Peterborough, Ontario									
Population	102.6	102.6	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	66.7	69.1	1.1	2.4	2.4	6.6	3.6	3.6	10.6
Employment	61.7	64.1	1.1	2.4	2.4	6.9	3.9	3.9	12.1
Unemployment	4.9	5.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.3	2.0	2.0	-5.7
Participation rate	65.0	67.3	1.1	2.3	2.3	6.2
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3
Employment rate	60.1	62.5	1.1	2.4	2.4	6.6

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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)									
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	306.3	306.7	...	0.4	0.4	5.6	0.1	0.1	1.9
Labour force	212.9	214.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	4.2	0.6	0.6	2.0
Employment	197.3	198.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	6.9	0.5	0.5	3.6
Unemployment	15.5	15.8	0.9	0.3	0.3	-2.7	1.9	1.9	-14.6
Participation rate	69.5	69.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,820.4	4,828.7	...	8.3	8.3	92.0	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	3,222.2	3,222.1	10.3	-0.1	-0.1	-17.6	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Employment	2,946.1	2,944.2	10.5	-1.9	-1.9	-26.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9
Unemployment	276.1	277.9	6.6	1.8	1.8	8.9	0.7	0.7	3.3
Participation rate	66.8	66.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	620.8	621.3	...	0.5	0.5	6.3	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	417.3	419.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	17.3	0.5	0.5	4.3
Employment	390.8	393.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	17.3	0.8	0.8	4.6
Unemployment	26.5	25.3	1.5	-1.2	-1.2	0.0	-4.5	-4.5	0.0
Participation rate	67.2	67.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	2.2	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	339.1	339.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	211.4	211.0	1.7	-0.4	-0.4	-3.8	-0.2	-0.2	-1.8
Employment	195.8	195.6	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	1.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.8
Unemployment	15.7	15.4	0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-5.3	-1.9	-1.9	-25.6
Participation rate	62.3	62.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario									
Population	410.4	410.9	...	0.5	0.5	5.6	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	292.2	297.0	1.9	4.8	4.8	8.8	1.6	1.6	3.1
Employment	272.8	276.4	2.1	3.6	3.6	8.3	1.3	1.3	3.1
Unemployment	19.4	20.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	6.2	6.2	2.5
Participation rate	71.2	72.3	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	67.3	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Brantford, Ontario									
Population	108.2	108.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	71.2	70.8	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-4.5	-0.6	-0.6	-6.0
Employment	65.9	65.0	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-3.4	-1.4	-1.4	-5.0
Unemployment	5.3	5.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.2	7.5	7.5	-17.4
Participation rate	65.8	65.4	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	-4.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	8.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.1	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-3.5	...	...	...
Guelph, Ontario									
Population	114.0	114.1	...	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	86.7	86.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	9.4	0.1	0.1	12.1
Employment	82.2	82.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	10.4	-0.2	-0.2	14.5
Unemployment	4.5	4.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.0	6.7	6.7	-17.2
Participation rate	76.1	76.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	7.4
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	-2.0
Employment rate	72.1	71.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	8.3

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	December 2011	January 2012	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)									
London, Ontario									
Population	413.8	414.1	...	0.3	0.3	4.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	266.3	265.8	2.1	-0.5	-0.5	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Employment	240.8	241.8	2.1	1.0	1.0	-0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1
Unemployment	25.5	24.0	1.1	-1.5	-1.5	1.5	-5.9	-5.9	6.7
Participation rate	64.4	64.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.0	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	267.1	267.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	165.4	164.7	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6
Employment	147.9	146.8	1.5	-1.1	-1.1	-3.0	-0.7	-0.7	-2.0
Unemployment	17.4	17.9	0.8	0.5	0.5	2.0	2.9	2.9	12.6
Participation rate	61.9	61.7	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	55.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Barrie, Ontario									
Population	162.0	162.2	...	0.2	0.2	2.3	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	116.5	115.0	1.4	-1.5	-1.5	3.7	-1.3	-1.3	3.3
Employment	104.6	104.2	1.4	-0.4	-0.4	1.8	-0.4	-0.4	1.8
Unemployment	12.0	10.9	0.8	-1.1	-1.1	2.0	-9.2	-9.2	22.5
Participation rate	71.9	70.9	0.9	-1.0	-1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	9.5	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.2	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Greater Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	139.5	139.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	88.4	88.0	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	-1.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.8
Employment	83.4	82.4	0.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.2	-1.2	-1.2	-0.2
Unemployment	5.0	5.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	-1.4	12.0	12.0	-20.0
Participation rate	63.4	63.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.1	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	102.4	102.5	...	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Labour force	67.1	67.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.5	1.0	1.0	5.4
Employment	62.4	63.6	0.7	1.2	1.2	3.6	1.9	1.9	6.0
Unemployment	4.7	4.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-10.6	-10.6	-4.5
Participation rate	65.5	66.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.2	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	62.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	3.5	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	627.4	628.0	...	0.6	0.6	9.1	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	437.3	439.4	1.3	2.1	2.1	8.6	0.5	0.5	2.0
Employment	412.5	413.9	1.3	1.4	1.4	6.5	0.3	0.3	1.6
Unemployment	24.8	25.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	2.0	2.4	2.4	8.5
Participation rate	69.7	70.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	177.8	178.1	...	0.3	0.3	2.9	0.2	0.2	1.7
Labour force	130.2	130.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	4.5	0.5	0.5	3.6
Employment	125.1	125.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	4.5	0.1	0.1	3.7
Unemployment	5.2	5.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	9.6	9.6	-1.7
Participation rate	73.2	73.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.4	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2011	January 2012	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)									
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	222.4	222.9	...	0.5	0.5	5.4	0.2	0.2	2.5
Labour force	154.4	156.4	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.7	1.3	1.3	2.4
Employment	145.9	147.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.8	0.8	0.8	1.9
Unemployment	8.4	9.3	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	10.7	10.7	10.7
Participation rate	69.4	70.2	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	66.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	1,041.3	1,042.8	...	1.5	1.5	20.4	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	775.8	780.7	3.5	4.9	4.9	27.9	0.6	0.6	3.7
Employment	733.4	738.7	3.8	5.3	5.3	32.8	0.7	0.7	4.6
Unemployment	42.4	41.9	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	-5.0	-1.2	-1.2	-10.7
Participation rate	74.5	74.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.8	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	971.8	973.3	...	1.5	1.5	17.7	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	716.9	714.0	3.6	-2.9	-2.9	21.2	-0.4	-0.4	3.1
Employment	681.5	678.0	3.7	-3.5	-3.5	26.4	-0.5	-0.5	4.1
Unemployment	35.4	36.0	1.7	0.6	0.6	-5.1	1.7	1.7	-12.4
Participation rate	73.8	73.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	69.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Kelowna, British Columbia									
Population	150.0	150.0	...	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.0
Labour force	101.9	101.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Employment	93.7	93.2	1.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.6
Unemployment	8.2	8.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	6.1	6.1	8.8
Participation rate	67.9	67.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.1	1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
Population	144.9	145.0	...	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	96.0	96.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.3	0.9	0.9	2.4
Employment	87.4	87.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.6	-0.3	-0.3	1.9
Unemployment	8.7	9.8	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.7	12.6	12.6	7.7
Participation rate	66.3	66.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	10.1	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,037.5	2,039.9	...	2.4	2.4	31.0	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	1,356.7	1,351.0	4.9	-5.7	-5.7	26.2	-0.4	-0.4	2.0
Employment	1,263.1	1,256.9	5.1	-6.2	-6.2	29.7	-0.5	-0.5	2.4
Unemployment	93.6	94.1	3.0	0.5	0.5	-3.4	0.5	0.5	-3.5
Participation rate	66.6	66.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	61.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	301.3	301.4	...	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	190.4	193.2	1.4	2.8	2.8	-1.2	1.5	1.5	-0.6
Employment	179.2	182.0	1.4	2.8	2.8	-0.3	1.6	1.6	-0.2
Unemployment	11.2	11.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-8.3
Participation rate	63.2	64.1	0.5	0.9	0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	60.4	0.5	0.9	0.9	-0.5	...	...	...

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 282-0116.

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

	December 2011	January 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,237.8	3,239.9	...	2.1	2.1	35.0	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,097.4	2,115.8	15.7	18.4	18.4	-22.0	0.9	0.9	-1.0
Employment	1,907.5	1,924.3	15.9	16.8	16.8	-36.1	0.9	0.9	-1.8
Unemployment	189.9	191.5	11.4	1.6	1.6	14.1	0.8	0.8	7.9
Participation rate	64.8	65.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,828.3	4,837.4	...	9.1	9.1	93.9	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	3,213.9	3,232.1	21.9	18.2	18.2	-32.0	0.6	0.6	-1.0
Employment	2,944.2	2,937.6	21.4	-6.6	-6.6	-45.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5
Unemployment	269.7	294.5	15.3	24.8	24.8	13.3	9.2	9.2	4.7
Participation rate	66.6	66.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	60.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,039.7	2,042.4	...	2.7	2.7	30.6	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	1,350.4	1,345.9	10.6	-4.5	-4.5	18.1	-0.3	-0.3	1.4
Employment	1,257.2	1,255.3	10.5	-1.9	-1.9	28.2	-0.2	-0.2	2.3
Unemployment	93.1	90.6	7.2	-2.5	-2.5	-10.1	-2.7	-2.7	-10.0
Participation rate	66.2	65.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...

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 January 2011 and January 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2011	27,815.4	18,398.7	17,030.7	1,368.0	66.1	7.4	61.2
2012	28,131.4	18,543.7	17,194.9	1,348.8	65.9	7.3	61.1
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2011	428.9	250.8	216.1	34.7	58.5	13.8	50.4
2012	428.6	254.1	218.7	35.4	59.3	13.9	51.0
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2011	219.9	138.9	126.2	12.8	63.2	9.2	57.4
2012	221.3	143.9	129.5	14.4	65.0	10.0	58.5
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2011	30.8	17.9	13.8	4.1	58.1	22.9	44.8
2012	30.3	16.4	12.5	3.9	54.1	23.8	41.3
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2011	87.2	49.7	40.9	8.8	57.0	17.7	46.9
2012	86.5	48.3	40.1	8.2	55.8	17.0	46.4
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2011	91.0	44.2	35.2	9.0	48.6	20.4	38.7
2012	90.4	45.4	36.6	8.8	50.2	19.4	40.5
Prince Edward Island							
2011	117.9	77.5	67.0	10.5	65.7	13.5	56.8
2012	119.9	80.0	69.3	10.7	66.7	13.4	57.8
Nova Scotia							
2011	778.8	492.9	444.8	48.2	63.3	9.8	57.1
2012	779.5	492.3	451.7	40.6	63.2	8.2	57.9
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2011	112.9	61.7	51.7	10.0	54.7	16.2	45.8
2012	111.5	62.2	52.4	9.8	55.8	15.8	47.0
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2011	130.2	77.9	68.2	9.7	59.8	12.5	52.4
2012	129.6	78.0	69.1	9.0	60.2	11.5	53.3
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2011	100.0	61.1	54.0	7.0	61.1	11.5	54.0
2012	99.6	57.2	52.9	4.3	57.4	7.5	53.1
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2011	98.9	57.7	51.0	6.7	58.3	11.6	51.6
2012	97.8	57.9	52.3	5.6	59.2	9.7	53.5
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2011	336.8	234.5	219.8	14.8	69.6	6.3	65.3
2012	341.2	236.8	224.9	11.9	69.4	5.0	65.9
New Brunswick							
2011	618.2	382.4	345.9	36.4	61.9	9.5	56.0
2012	620.2	382.9	346.6	36.3	61.7	9.5	55.9
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2011	130.1	68.7	56.2	12.5	52.8	18.2	43.2
2012	128.6	67.9	57.6	10.3	52.8	15.2	44.8
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2011	170.7	110.2	99.8	10.3	64.6	9.3	58.5
2012	172.7	113.4	104.9	8.5	65.7	7.5	60.7
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2011	143.8	91.5	86.1	5.4	63.6	5.9	59.9
2012	144.5	91.1	83.6	7.5	63.0	8.2	57.9

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2011 and January 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2011	108.3	73.9	69.1	4.8	68.2	6.5	63.8
2012	109.8	71.4	65.3	6.0	65.0	8.4	59.5
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2011	65.3	38.2	34.8	3.4	58.5	8.9	53.3
2012	64.7	39.1	35.1	4.0	60.4	10.2	54.3
Quebec							
2011	6,539.5	4,230.5	3,901.6	329.0	64.7	7.8	59.7
2012	6,605.2	4,218.1	3,860.3	357.8	63.9	8.5	58.4
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2011	78.7	42.0	36.0	6.0	53.4	14.3	45.7
2012	78.6	38.8	34.0	4.7	49.4	12.1	43.3
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2011	166.9	96.9	85.8	11.1	58.1	11.5	51.4
2012	166.7	93.9	85.7	8.2	56.3	8.7	51.4
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2011	584.7	391.5	368.5	23.0	67.0	5.9	63.0
2012	591.4	396.9	374.1	22.8	67.1	5.7	63.3
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2011	332.6	224.1	214.2	9.8	67.4	4.4	64.4
2012	334.4	229.1	216.1	13.0	68.5	5.7	64.6
Estrie [2430]							
2011	257.1	168.2	156.8	11.4	65.4	6.8	61.0
2012	259.3	158.4	147.1	11.3	61.1	7.1	56.7
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2011	189.7	114.2	107.9	6.3	60.2	5.5	56.9
2012	191.3	112.2	102.1	10.1	58.7	9.0	53.4
Montérégie [2435]							
2011	1,180.6	783.3	728.1	55.2	66.3	7.0	61.7
2012	1,196.2	770.2	709.6	60.6	64.4	7.9	59.3
Montréal [2440]							
2011	1,617.0	1,023.2	926.1	97.1	63.3	9.5	57.3
2012	1,626.1	1,020.6	909.4	111.2	62.8	10.9	55.9
Laval [2445]							
2011	329.7	212.6	196.0	16.6	64.5	7.8	59.4
2012	335.8	218.4	199.0	19.5	65.0	8.9	59.3
Lanaudière [2450]							
2011	386.8	251.4	232.3	19.0	65.0	7.6	60.1
2012	394.4	274.6	249.6	24.9	69.6	9.1	63.3
Laurentides [2455]							
2011	458.1	313.0	285.8	27.2	68.3	8.7	62.4
2012	466.9	307.4	284.3	23.1	65.8	7.5	60.9
Outaouais [2460]							
2011	303.1	201.8	188.8	13.0	66.6	6.4	62.3
2012	308.3	213.2	199.0	14.3	69.2	6.7	64.5
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2011	117.3	77.0	71.8	5.3	65.6	6.9	61.2
2012	117.8	74.1	69.0	5.1	62.9	6.9	58.6
Mauricie [2470]							
2011	221.0	137.6	126.3	11.3	62.3	8.2	57.1
2012	221.9	131.0	118.9	12.1	59.0	9.2	53.6

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2011 and January 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2011	225.3	133.3	121.3	12.0	59.2	9.0	53.8
2012	225.4	124.4	113.7	10.7	55.2	8.6	50.4
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2011	90.8	60.5	55.6	4.8	66.6	7.9	61.2
2012	90.7	54.8	48.7	6.2	60.4	11.3	53.7
Ontario							
2011	10,854.5	7,184.2	6,637.6	546.7	66.2	7.6	61.2
2012	10,991.6	7,242.6	6,708.6	534.0	65.9	7.4	61.0
Ottawa [3510]							
2011	1,041.1	714.8	668.4	46.5	68.7	6.5	64.2
2012	1,054.8	731.0	687.9	43.0	69.3	5.9	65.2
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2011	369.3	222.7	208.0	14.7	60.3	6.6	56.3
2012	371.4	232.6	219.0	13.6	62.6	5.8	59.0
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2011	318.0	183.9	163.7	20.2	57.8	11.0	51.5
2012	319.4	194.5	179.8	14.7	60.9	7.6	56.3
Toronto [3530]							
2011	4,991.8	3,382.6	3,122.3	260.3	67.8	7.7	62.5
2012	5,087.8	3,365.0	3,093.4	271.5	66.1	8.1	60.8
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2011	1,028.8	716.3	663.9	52.4	69.6	7.3	64.5
2012	1,043.6	733.7	684.2	49.5	70.3	6.7	65.6
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2011	1,164.4	751.3	692.1	59.3	64.5	7.9	59.4
2012	1,173.4	764.4	712.3	52.1	65.1	6.8	60.7
London [3560]							
2011	537.9	348.9	321.7	27.2	64.9	7.8	59.8
2012	542.4	350.2	322.2	28.1	64.6	8.0	59.4
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2011	520.8	326.0	296.5	29.5	62.6	9.0	56.9
2012	518.9	323.0	291.7	31.3	62.2	9.7	56.2
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2011	245.9	157.3	146.4	10.8	64.0	6.9	59.5
2012	245.7	163.4	156.4	7.0	66.5	4.3	63.7
Northeast [3590]							
2011	462.3	277.1	259.3	17.7	59.9	6.4	56.1
2012	461.1	273.8	257.0	16.8	59.4	6.1	55.7
Northwest [3595]							
2011	174.0	103.4	95.3	8.1	59.4	7.8	54.8
2012	173.2	110.9	104.5	6.3	64.0	5.7	60.3
Manitoba							
2011	947.0	649.3	617.5	31.8	68.6	4.9	65.2
2012	958.1	654.2	620.4	33.7	68.3	5.2	64.8
Southeast [4610]							
2011	81.8	56.5	53.5	2.9	69.1	5.1	65.4
2012	83.4	57.1	54.3	2.8	68.5	4.9	65.1
South Central [4620]							
2011	46.7	31.4	30.1	1.3	67.2	4.1	64.5
2012	47.9	30.8	29.8	1.0	64.3	3.2	62.2

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2011 and January 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2011	83.6	55.4	53.6	1.8	66.3	3.2	64.1
2012	83.8	57.1	54.5	2.6	68.1	4.6	65.0
North Central [4640]							
2011	36.3	23.5	22.4	1.1	64.7	4.7	61.7
2012	36.7	23.1	22.2	0.8	62.9	3.5	60.5
Winnipeg [4650]							
2011	566.1	390.3	369.7	20.6	68.9	5.3	65.3
2012	574.0	396.5	374.2	22.3	69.1	5.6	65.2
Interlake [4660]							
2011	72.2	49.1	47.1	2.1	68.0	4.3	65.2
2012	72.8	50.5	48.2	2.3	69.4	4.6	66.2
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2011	60.3	43.0	41.0	2.0	71.3	4.7	68.0
2012	59.5	39.1	37.2	1.9	65.7	4.9	62.5
Saskatchewan							
2011	795.4	548.9	520.7	28.2	69.0	5.1	65.5
2012	804.3	549.4	522.7	26.6	68.3	4.8	65.0
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2011	235.9	168.3	162.2	6.1	71.3	3.6	68.8
2012	239.2	172.9	167.0	5.9	72.3	3.4	69.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2011	81.2	53.2	50.4	2.7	65.5	5.1	62.1
2012	81.1	50.0	48.0	2.0	61.7	4.0	59.2
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2011	262.0	180.8	172.0	8.9	69.0	4.9	65.6
2012	267.4	183.3	173.9	9.4	68.5	5.1	65.0
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2011	63.1	40.6	38.2	2.4	64.3	5.9	60.5
2012	62.8	42.1	40.1	1.9	67.0	4.5	63.9
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2011	153.2	106.0	98.0	8.0	69.2	7.5	64.0
2012	153.9	101.1	93.7	7.4	65.7	7.3	60.9
Alberta							
2011	2,979.8	2,150.2	2,029.6	120.6	72.2	5.6	68.1
2012	3,029.1	2,227.7	2,121.6	106.1	73.5	4.8	70.0
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2011	218.0	140.9	134.9	6.0	64.6	4.3	61.9
2012	220.1	151.0	144.7	6.4	68.6	4.2	65.7
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2011	155.7	111.2	105.7	5.6	71.4	5.0	67.9
2012	156.3	111.2	107.0	4.2	71.1	3.8	68.5
Calgary [4830]							
2011	1,098.8	801.7	754.2	47.6	73.0	5.9	68.6
2012	1,120.8	836.7	795.8	40.9	74.7	4.9	71.0
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2011	71.7	56.1	52.8	3.3	78.2	5.9	73.6
2012	71.9	54.1	51.8	2.3	75.2	4.3	72.0

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2011 and January 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Red Deer [4850]							
2011	153.1	112.2	106.4	5.8	73.3	5.2	69.5
2012	155.3	118.1	111.0	7.1	76.0	6.0	71.5
Edmonton [4860]							
2011	991.2	712.2	671.8	40.4	71.9	5.7	67.8
2012	1,009.2	734.3	699.8	34.5	72.8	4.7	69.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2011	190.0	135.2	126.9	8.3	71.2	6.1	66.8
2012	191.1	138.9	132.0	6.9	72.7	5.0	69.1
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2011	101.3	80.7	77.1	3.6	79.7	4.5	76.1
2012	104.1	83.3	79.6	3.7	80.0	4.4	76.5
British Columbia							
2011	3,755.4	2,431.9	2,250.0	182.0	64.8	7.5	59.9
2012	3,794.9	2,442.5	2,275.0	167.6	64.4	6.9	59.9
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2011	653.0	402.6	374.7	27.9	61.7	6.9	57.4
2012	657.2	386.8	361.3	25.5	58.9	6.6	55.0
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2011	2,292.9	1,500.5	1,391.4	109.0	65.4	7.3	60.7
2012	2,327.8	1,526.0	1,423.1	102.9	65.6	6.7	61.1
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2011	436.3	280.9	255.5	25.4	64.4	9.0	58.6
2012	437.5	273.2	252.3	20.9	62.4	7.7	57.7
Kootenay [5940]							
2011	127.0	75.6	69.3	6.3	59.5	8.3	54.6
2012	127.2	81.1	76.1	5.0	63.8	6.2	59.8
Cariboo [5950]							
2011	127.7	86.9	80.6	6.3	68.1	7.2	63.1
2012	127.2	88.2	81.6	6.6	69.3	7.5	64.2
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2011	66.9	45.4	42.0	3.4	67.9	7.5	62.8
2012	66.4	47.6	42.0	5.5	71.7	11.6	63.3
Northeast [5980]							
2011	51.5	40.1	36.5	3.6	77.9	9.0	70.9
2012	51.5	39.6	38.6	x	76.9	x	75.0

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

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

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

Table 6-2
Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in
January 2011 and January 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands			percent		
Yukon ¹							
2011	26.1	19.0	18.3	0.8	72.8	4.2	70.1
2012	26.7	20.4	19.1	1.3	76.4	6.4	71.5
Northwest Territories ²							
2011	32.2	23.5	21.8	1.8	73.0	7.7	67.7
2012	32.1	23.9	22.0	1.9	74.5	7.9	68.5
Nunavut ³							
2011	21.3	14.2	11.8	2.4	66.8	17.1	55.4
2012	20.9	13.5	11.5	2.0	64.7	15.1	54.9

1. Since 1992, the Labour force survey (LFS) has been conducted in the Yukon, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in the national totals. In 1995, the LFS in the Yukon underwent a sample redesign. One result of the redesign was that the covered population increased from 85% to 92%, which is reflected by the sharp increase in the three month moving averages estimates of January, February and March of 1995 for all the level estimates. Users are therefore warned to be cautious when comparing estimates before January 1995 to estimates for January 1995 and forward.
2. Since 2001, the Labour force survey (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.

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

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
	thousands		current dollars		thousands		current dollars	thousands		current dollars
January 2012										
15 years and over	14,381.5	34.9	855.15	23.56	11,556.6	39.3	994.09	2,824.9	16.9	286.77
15 to 24 years	2,175.1	25.8	380.43	13.66	991.8	39.0	628.47	1,183.3	14.7	172.54
25 years and over	12,206.4	36.5	939.74	25.32	10,564.8	39.3	1,028.41	1,641.6	18.5	369.11
Men	7,134.9	37.4	977.97	25.38	6,237.2	40.5	1,082.34	897.7	16.1	252.82
Women	7,246.6	32.4	734.23	21.77	5,319.4	37.9	890.61	1,927.2	17.3	302.58
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,546.6	35.4	969.21	26.94	3,848.1	38.5	1,068.63	698.5	18.6	421.45
No union coverage	9,834.9	34.6	802.42	21.99	7,708.5	39.7	956.87	2,126.4	16.4	242.53
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,661.4	35.9	895.54	24.15	10,651.8	39.3	1,006.33	2,009.6	18.1	308.30
Temporary	1,720.1	27.3	557.87	19.23	904.8	39.2	849.96	815.3	14.1	233.69
Occupation										
Management	980.4	39.5	1,456.97	37.04	947.5	40.2	1,487.21	33.0	18.7	587.59
Business, finance and administrative	2,771.2	35.0	793.77	22.15	2,336.5	38.2	882.81	434.7	17.7	315.24
Natural and applied sciences	1,105.3	38.5	1,285.48	33.29	1,064.6	39.3	1,316.31	40.7	17.9	479.40
Health	1,022.2	33.4	906.76	27.00	772.3	37.7	1,027.56	249.9	20.2	533.52
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,434.3	33.7	1,034.31	30.26	1,152.0	37.9	1,182.47	282.3	16.3	429.64
Art, culture, recreation and sport	357.0	30.2	766.45	23.77	248.8	38.1	1,006.60	108.3	11.9	214.62
Sales and service	3,717.0	29.9	501.42	15.58	2,258.6	38.5	693.21	1,458.4	16.6	204.39
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,043.2	39.7	933.54	23.20	1,893.8	41.4	984.44	149.4	17.7	288.48
Occupations unique to primary industry	227.8	43.2	1,009.51	22.69	201.5	47.1	1,116.29	26.3	13.6	191.20
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	722.9	38.8	780.22	19.88	681.0	40.2	813.45	42.0	16.4	240.91
January 2011										
15 years and over	14,254.1	34.8	835.31	23.09	11,415.9	39.2	972.33	2,838.2	16.9	284.16
15 to 24 years	2,207.0	25.4	363.43	13.28	1,016.8	38.3	594.65	1,190.2	14.4	165.88
25 years and over	12,047.1	36.5	921.75	24.89	10,399.1	39.3	1,009.26	1,648.0	18.6	369.58
Men	7,075.3	37.4	958.12	24.91	6,189.0	40.4	1,059.27	886.3	16.1	251.80
Women	7,178.8	32.2	714.26	21.30	5,226.9	37.8	869.39	1,951.9	17.2	298.86
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,540.3	35.4	950.68	26.56	3,826.0	38.5	1,049.10	714.2	18.6	423.48
No union coverage	9,713.8	34.5	781.38	21.47	7,589.9	39.6	933.63	2,123.9	16.3	237.31
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,618.4	35.7	872.49	23.63	10,553.6	39.2	984.49	2,064.8	17.8	300.03
Temporary	1,635.7	27.4	548.47	18.93	862.4	39.1	823.49	773.4	14.3	241.81
Occupation										
Management	992.3	39.7	1,409.69	35.50	968.1	40.2	1,432.61	24.2	19.9	493.23
Business, finance and administrative	2,801.6	35.0	782.22	21.82	2,376.1	38.2	868.87	425.6	17.4	298.40
Natural and applied sciences	1,071.9	38.4	1,217.44	31.62	1,036.4	39.1	1,245.54	35.4	16.7	395.12
Health	985.2	33.2	884.29	26.67	735.0	37.7	1,004.92	250.2	19.8	529.89
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,440.0	33.7	1,018.20	29.97	1,137.0	38.1	1,164.89	303.0	17.1	467.75
Art, culture, recreation and sport	323.2	29.3	734.95	23.33	212.5	38.1	991.96	110.7	12.5	241.64
Sales and service	3,697.2	29.6	496.57	15.53	2,208.4	38.4	696.37	1,488.8	16.4	200.18
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,965.4	39.9	920.66	22.84	1,836.8	41.4	965.25	128.6	17.5	283.97
Occupations unique to primary industry	228.4	41.4	947.05	21.70	197.2	45.6	1,062.53	31.2	15.1	217.27
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	749.0	38.9	767.34	19.54	708.5	40.1	795.42	40.5	17.9	276.36

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 February 5, 2012 to March 10, 2012
	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.3
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	18.3
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.6
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	16.0
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.5
06. Halifax	5.5
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.2
08. Madawaska-Charlotte	11.8
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.4
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	12.9
11. Québec	5.1
12. Trois-Rivières	8.3
13. South Central Quebec	4.6
14. Sherbrooke	6.8
15. Montérégie	9.7
16. Montréal	9.0
17. Central Quebec	9.4
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.8
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord	10.5
20. Gatineau	6.6
21. Saguenay	5.4
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	5.7
23. Eastern Ontario	8.7
24. Kingston	6.6
25. Central Ontario	8.0
26. Oshawa	7.5
27. Toronto	8.7
28. Hamilton	6.1
29. St. Catharines	7.4
30. London	9.0
31. Niagara	10.0
32. Windsor	11.3
33. Kitchener	7.2
34. Huron	9.7
35. South Central Ontario	5.5
36. Sudbury	6.3
37. Thunder Bay	6.2
38. Northern Ontario	11.4
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	5.8
40. Southern Manitoba	5.9
41. Northern Manitoba	28.7
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.4
43. Saskatoon	5.9
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.3
45. Northern Saskatchewan	18.7
Alberta	
46. Calgary	5.3
47. Edmonton	5.4
48. Northern Alberta	8.8
49. Southern Alberta	6.0

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from February 5, 2012 to March 10, 2012
	percent
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.0
51. Abbotsford	10.5
52. Vancouver	7.0
53. Victoria	6.4
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	7.7
55. Northern British Columbia	11.6
Territories	
56. Yukon ²	25.0
57. Northwest Territories ²	25.0
58. Nunavut ²	25.0

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

2. All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.

Note(s):

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*