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- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
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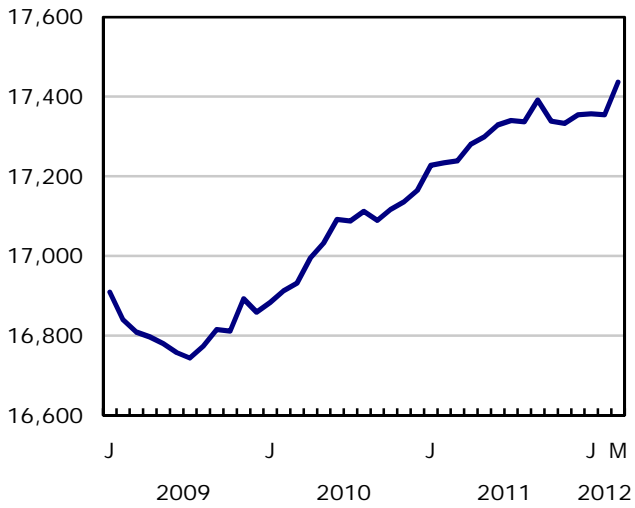
# Highlights

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

## Employment

thousands



## Unemployment rate

percent



## Analysis — March 2012

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Following four months of little change, employment increased by 82,000 in March, mostly in full-time work. This brought the unemployment rate down 0.2 percentage points to 7.2%.

Compared to 12 months earlier, employment was up 1.1% or 197,000. Almost all of this growth was in full time, up 181,000 (+1.3%), while part-time employment edged up. The total number of hours worked rose by 1.6% over the same period.

Employment gains in March were spread across several industries, including health care and social assistance; information, culture and recreation; and public administration. There was a decline in educational services.

Employment increased in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, while it declined in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

In March, employment rose among people aged 55 and over and among youths, while it was little changed for those aged 25 to 54.

Employment in March increased notably among private sector employees, and edged up for public sector employees and the self-employed. Over the past 12 months, the number of private sector employees grew by 1.7%, while public sector and self-employment were little changed.

### Employment increases in services

Following three months of small declines, employment in health care and social assistance increased by 32,000 in March. With these gains, employment in this industry was up 2.0% (+42,000) compared with March 2011.

There were gains of 28,000 in information, culture and recreation in March. Employment over the past 12 months increased by 6.7% (+52,000) in this industry, with all of the growth occurring in the past four months.

Employment rose by 15,000 in public administration in March, following a decline of similar magnitude the previous month. Compared to 12 months earlier, employment in this industry was little changed.

Natural resources employment edged up in March. Total growth over the previous 12 months reached 11.0% (+37,000), the fastest growth rate of all industries.

Following increases in the previous two months, employment declined by 25,000 in educational services. Employment in the industry remains little changed compared to March 2011.

Manufacturing employment edged up in March, the fourth consecutive month of modest increases. However, compared to 12 months earlier, the number of factory workers was down slightly.

### Gains in Central Canada

Following four months of little change, Ontario posted employment gains of 46,000, all in full-time work. The unemployment rate in the province declined by 0.2 percentage points to 7.4%, its lowest level in three years. With this month's gain, employment in Ontario was up 1.3% (+89,000) since March 2011.

Employment in Quebec increased by 36,000 in March, pushing the unemployment rate down 0.5 percentage points to 7.9%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province was unchanged.

Employment rose by 6,100 in Manitoba, bringing the unemployment rate down 0.3 percentage points to 5.3%. With this increase, employment in the province was up slightly compared to 12 months earlier.



In March, employment fell by 5,700 in New Brunswick, bringing employment down by 6,600 (-1.9%) from 12 months earlier. While Nova Scotia showed declines in March (-2,900), the employment level in the province was slightly up from 12 months earlier (+0.7%).

While employment in Alberta was little changed in March, employment growth continued to be the highest among the provinces for the 12-month period, at 3.1% (+65,000). With more people participating in the labour market in March, the unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 5.3%.

### **Increases among people aged 55 and over and youths**

Employment among those aged 55 and over continued on an upward trend in March, up 47,000. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment among men and women of this age group increased by 5.8% or 176,000, partly due to population aging.

Employment rose by 39,000 among youths aged 15 to 24 in March, pushing their unemployment rate down 0.8 percentage points to 13.9%. Despite the increase in March, the number of youths employed has changed little since July 2009—the lowest point of the last labour market downturn.

Employment was unchanged among people aged 25 to 54 in March. Compared to 12 months earlier, employment for this age group was up slightly, with gains among both men and women.

### **Quarterly update for the territories**

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

Employment levels in all three territories were little changed from the first quarter of 2011 to the first quarter of 2012.

Over the same period, the unemployment rate increased from 5.1% to 9.0% in Yukon and rose from 6.3% to 8.7% in the Northwest Territories, as more people were looking for work. During the same period, the unemployment rate in Nunavut declined from 17.3% to 15.3%, as fewer people participated in the labour market.

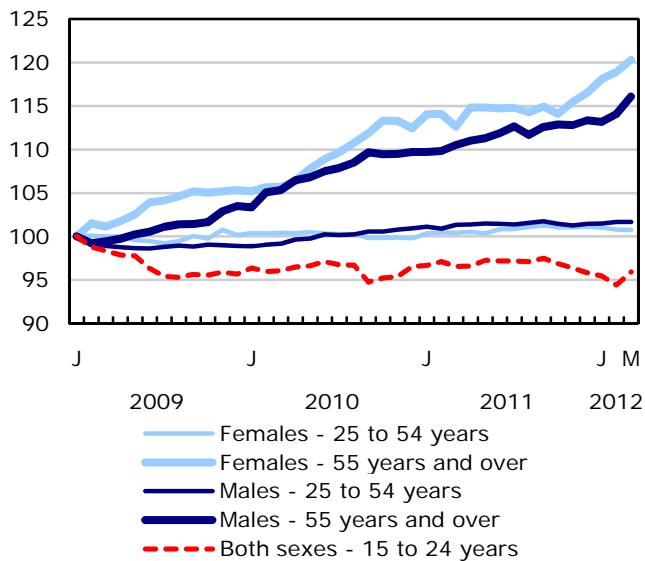
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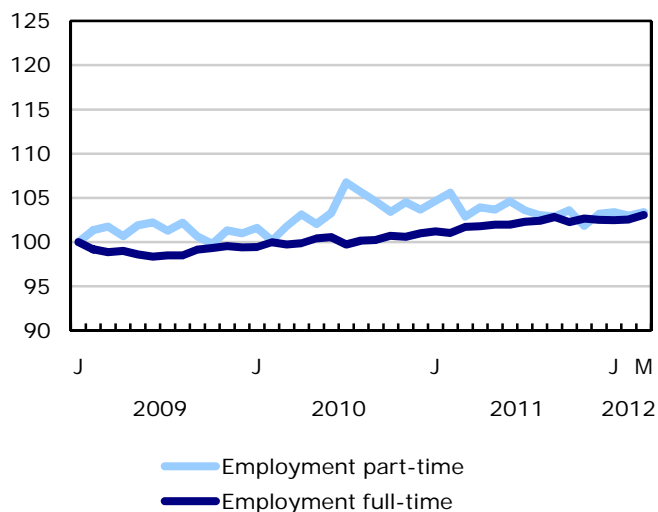
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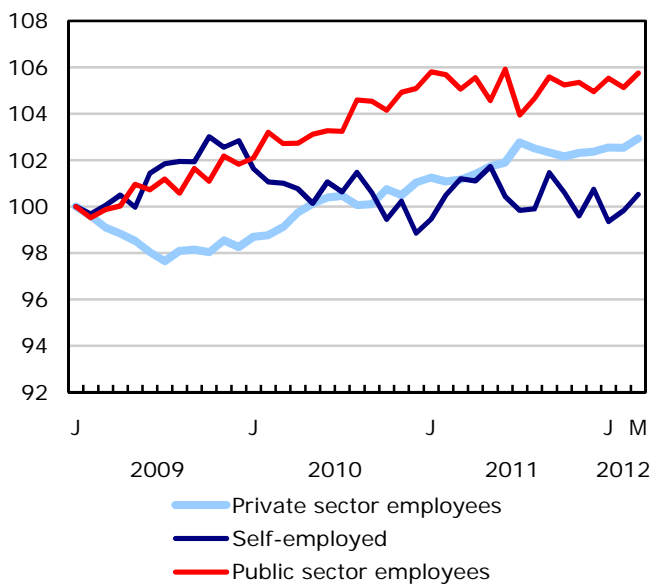
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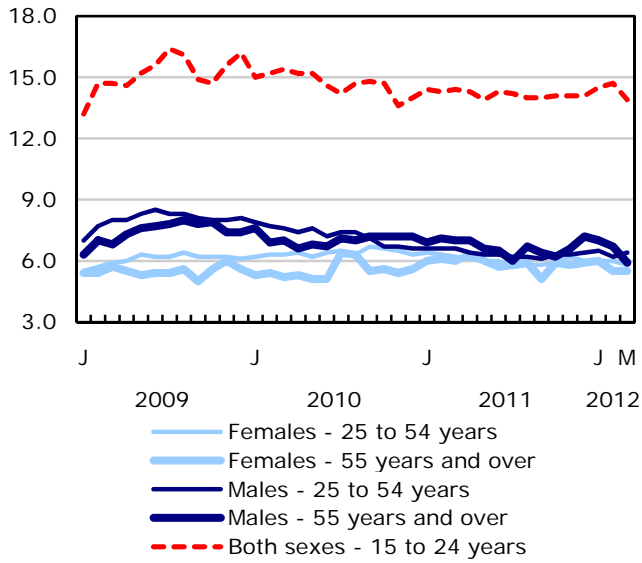


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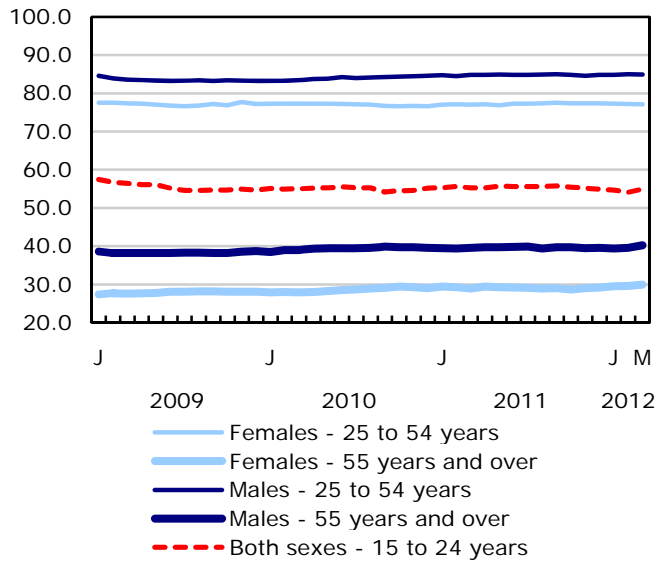


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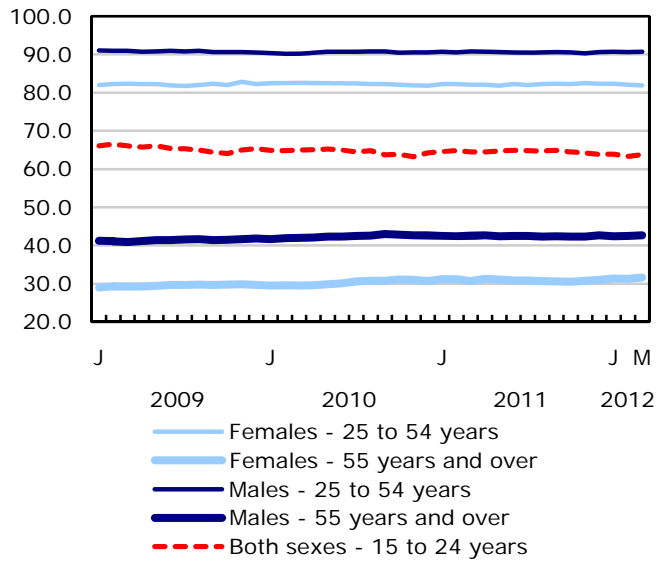
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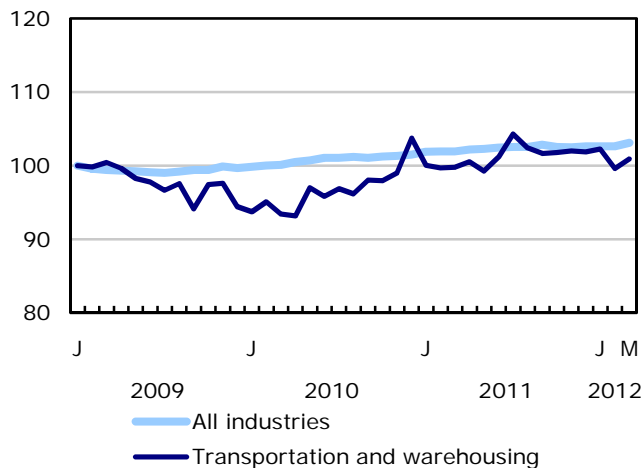
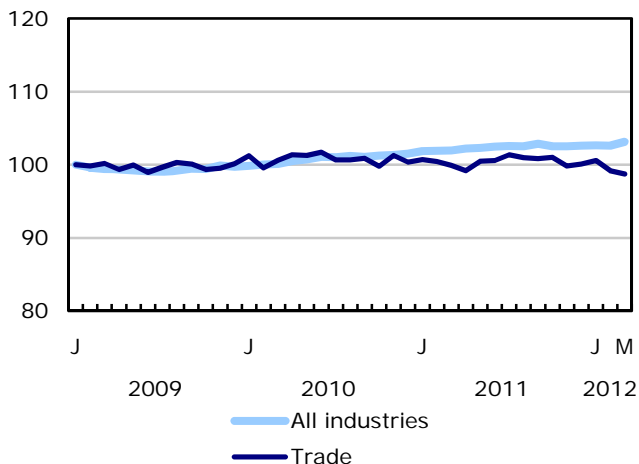
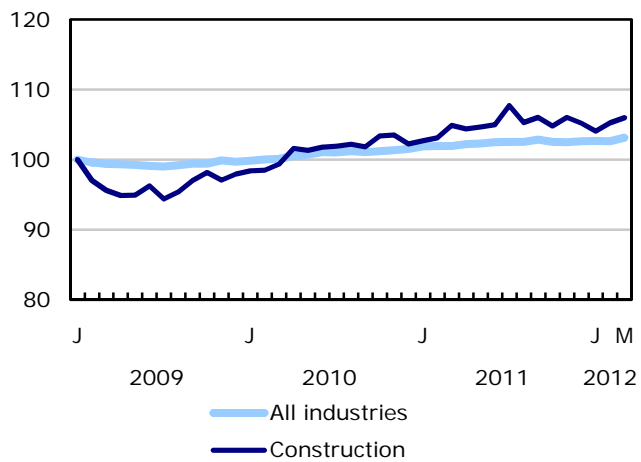
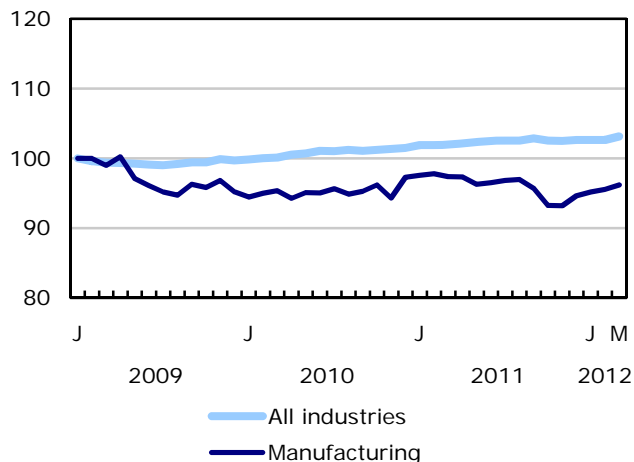
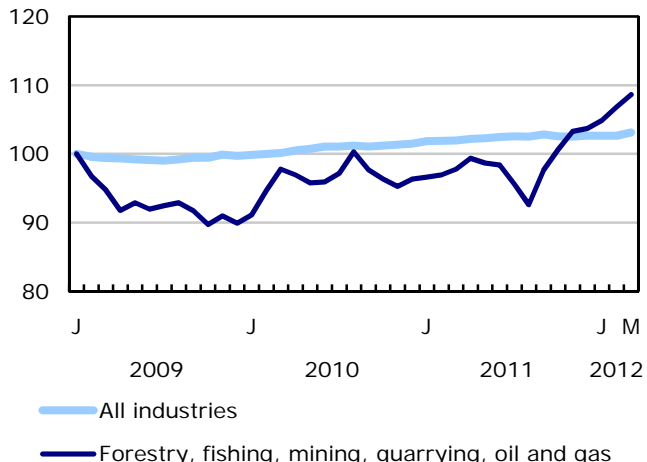
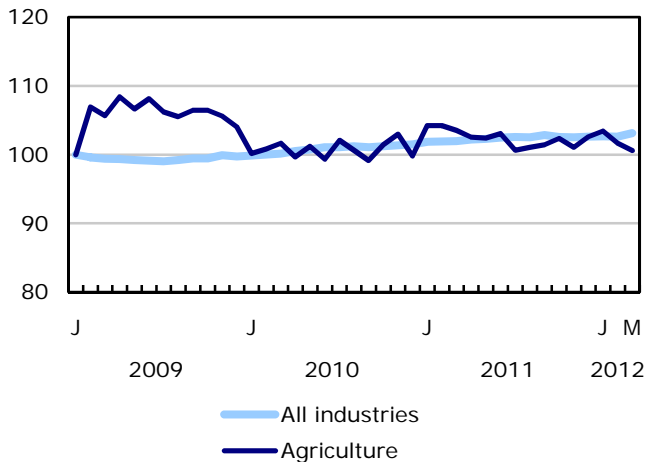
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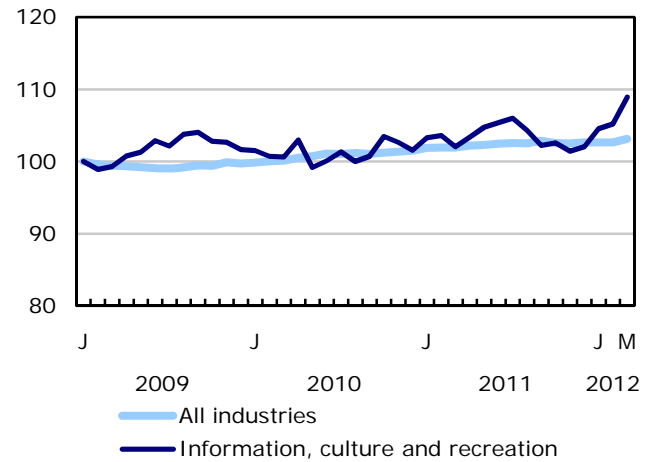
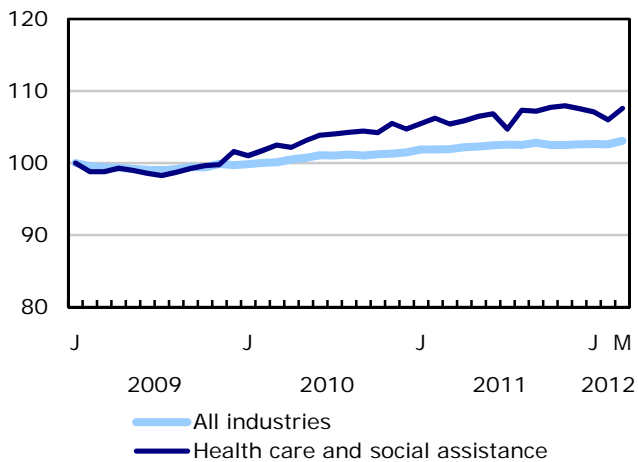
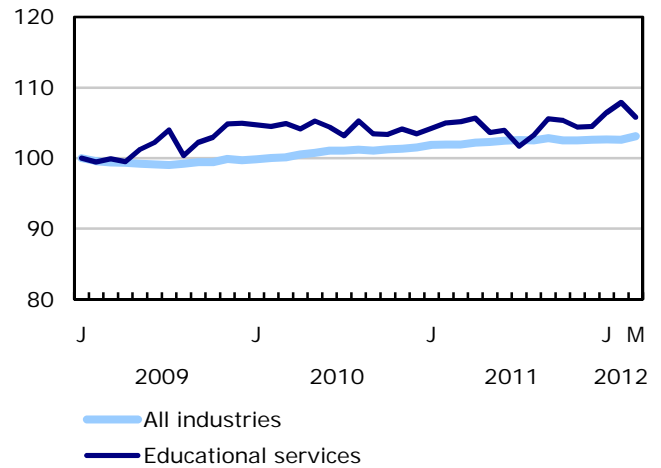
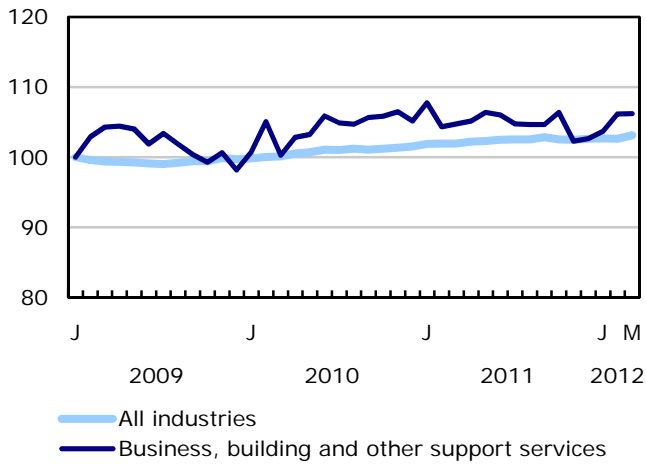
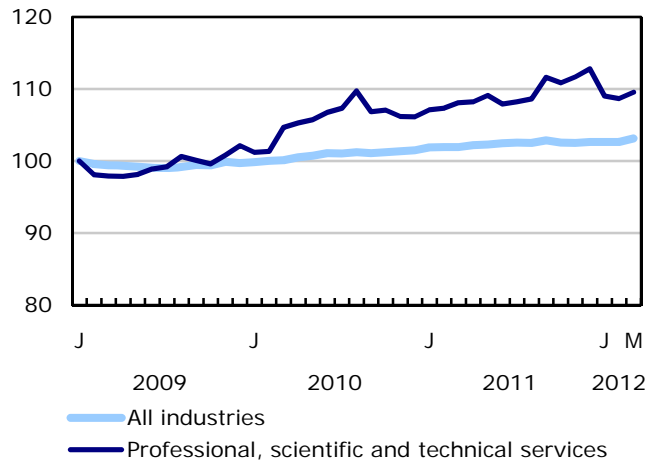
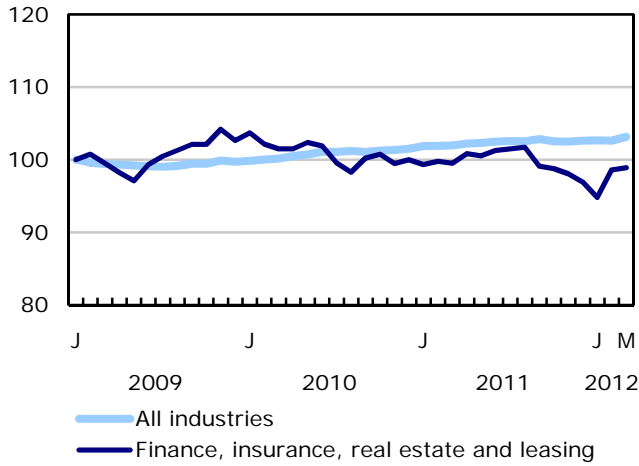
**Participation rate (%)**



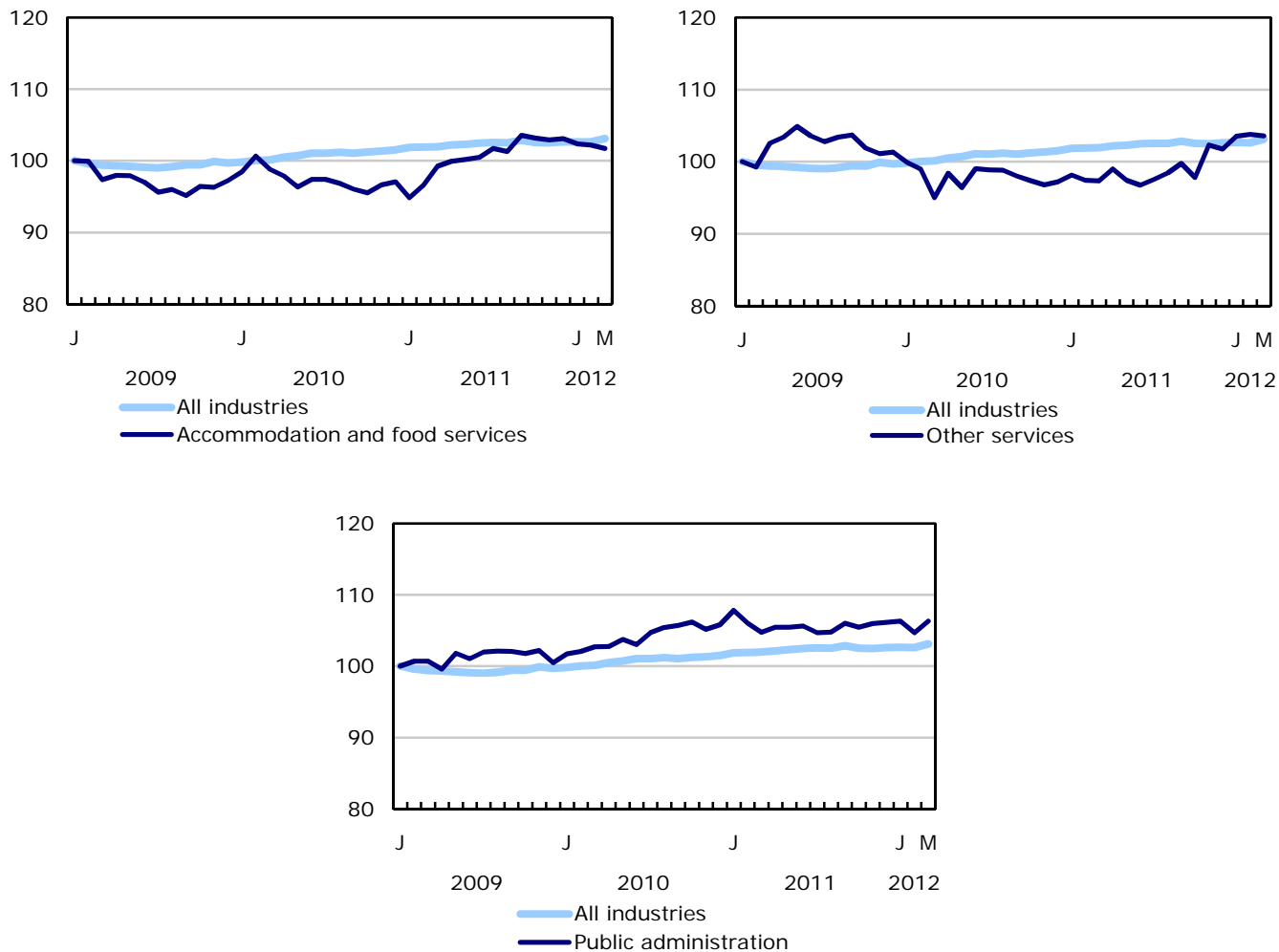
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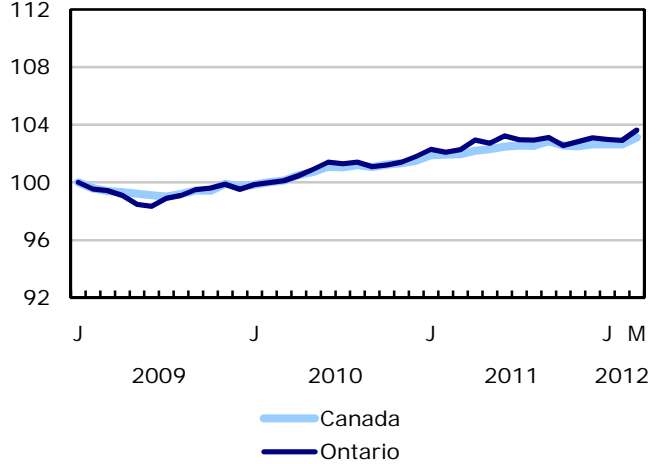
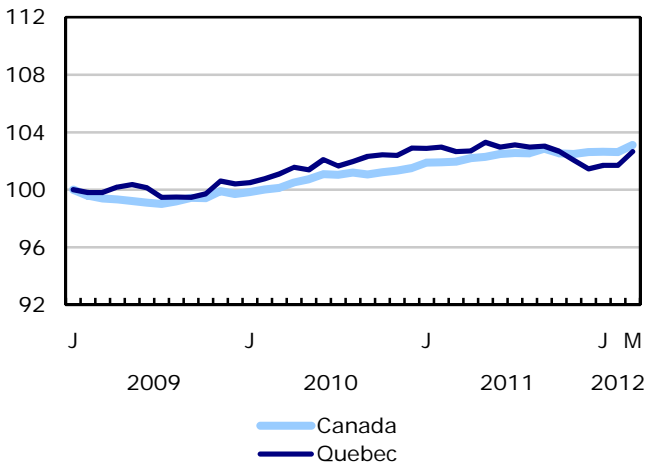
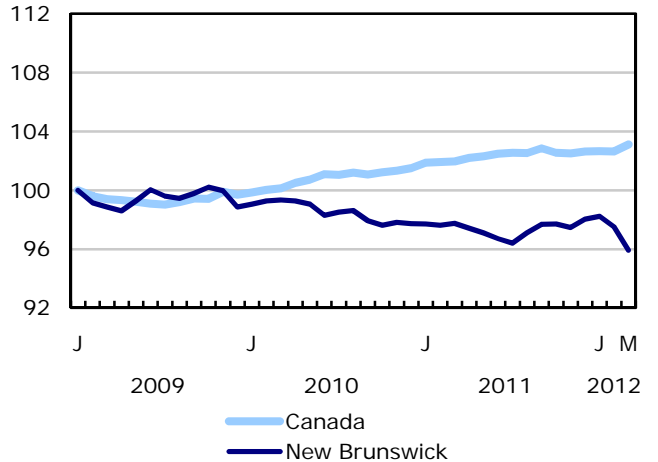
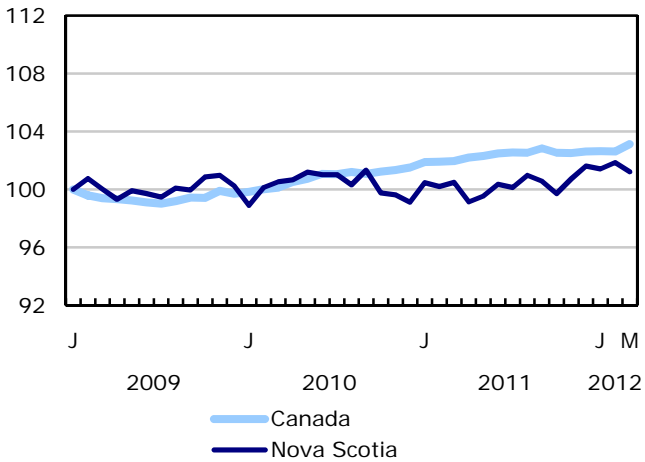
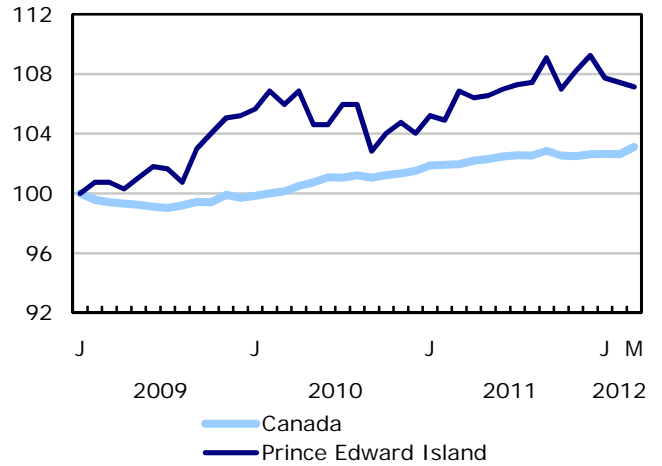
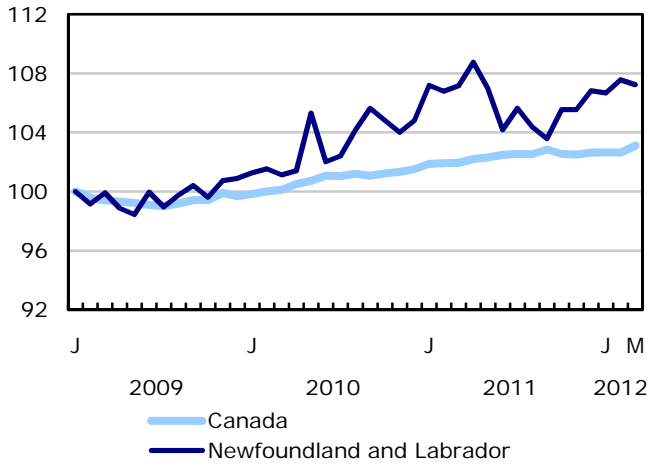
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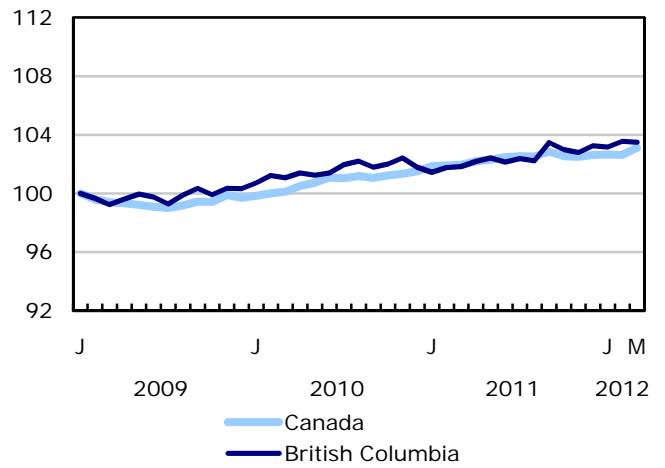
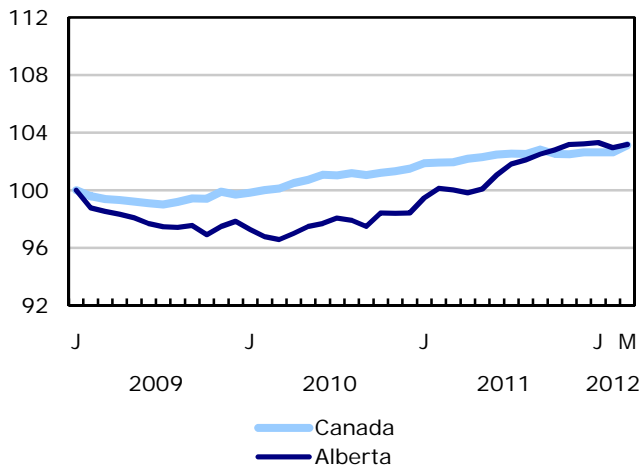
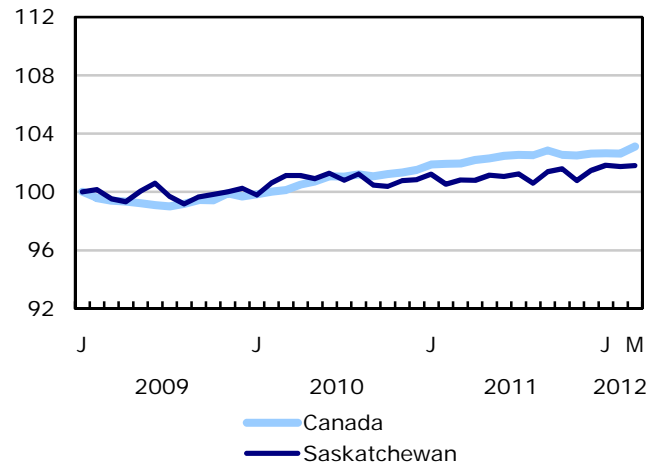
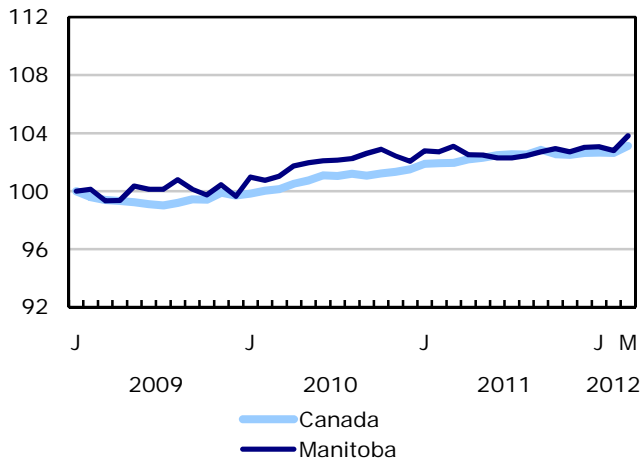
**Chart 5**  
**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100**



**Chart 6**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100**



**Chart 7**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100**





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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	28,180.9	<b>28,208.1</b>	...	<b>27.2</b>	77.3	318.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	18,740.3	<b>18,792.8</b>	29.1	<b>52.5</b>	38.3	128.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.7
Employment	17,354.2	<b>17,436.5</b>	28.6	<b>82.3</b>	81.8	197.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.1
Employment full-time	14,058.0	<b>14,128.0</b>	37.7	<b>70.0</b>	75.5	181.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment part-time	3,296.1	<b>3,308.5</b>	34.7	<b>12.4</b>	6.3	15.9	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.5
Unemployment	1,386.2	<b>1,356.2</b>	25.0	<b>-30.0</b>	-43.6	-68.4	<b>-2.2</b>	-3.1	-4.8
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.6</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.2</b>	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>61.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	<b>19.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,456.2	<b>4,456.7</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	-0.6	-1.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Labour force	2,822.8	<b>2,843.3</b>	17.0	<b>20.5</b>	-2.3	-33.7	<b>0.7</b>	-0.1	-1.2
Employment	2,409.1	<b>2,448.3</b>	15.6	<b>39.2</b>	3.4	-15.7	<b>1.6</b>	0.1	-0.6
Employment full-time	1,268.8	<b>1,302.0</b>	18.6	<b>33.2</b>	-1.0	1.5	<b>2.6</b>	-0.1	0.1
Employment part-time	1,140.3	<b>1,146.3</b>	19.4	<b>6.0</b>	4.4	-17.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	-1.5
Unemployment	413.7	<b>395.0</b>	14.6	<b>-18.7</b>	-5.6	-18.1	<b>-4.5</b>	-1.4	-4.4
Participation rate	63.3	<b>63.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	<b>13.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.1	<b>54.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.3	<b>46.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,609.3	<b>11,622.2</b>	...	<b>12.9</b>	38.5	159.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.4
Labour force	8,429.3	<b>8,460.2</b>	15.3	<b>30.9</b>	30.9	76.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.9
Employment	7,899.5	<b>7,927.9</b>	16.1	<b>28.4</b>	52.4	102.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	1.3
Employment full-time	7,281.3	<b>7,305.2</b>	21.1	<b>23.9</b>	33.1	88.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	1.2
Employment part-time	618.2	<b>622.6</b>	17.1	<b>4.4</b>	19.2	13.2	<b>0.7</b>	3.2	2.2
Unemployment	529.8	<b>532.3</b>	14.3	<b>2.5</b>	-21.5	-25.4	<b>0.5</b>	-3.9	-4.6
Participation rate	72.6	<b>72.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	<b>68.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	<b>7.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	12,115.4	<b>12,129.2</b>	...	<b>13.8</b>	39.4	161.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	7,488.2	<b>7,489.3</b>	16.6	<b>1.1</b>	9.7	85.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	1.2
Employment	7,045.6	<b>7,060.4</b>	16.3	<b>14.8</b>	26.1	110.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.6
Employment full-time	5,508.0	<b>5,520.8</b>	24.4	<b>12.8</b>	43.4	90.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.7
Employment part-time	1,537.6	<b>1,539.6</b>	22.7	<b>2.0</b>	-17.3	19.9	<b>0.1</b>	-1.1	1.3
Unemployment	442.6	<b>428.9</b>	13.4	<b>-13.7</b>	-16.5	-24.9	<b>-3.1</b>	-3.7	-5.5
Participation rate	61.8	<b>61.7</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>5.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	<b>58.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	<b>21.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,545.0	<b>14,549.2</b>	...	<b>4.2</b>	2.0	30.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	12,558.5	<b>12,555.7</b>	22.1	<b>-2.8</b>	-19.4	5.0	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.0
Employment	11,792.6	<b>11,788.7</b>	23.1	<b>-3.9</b>	-8.0	36.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.3
Employment full-time	765.8	<b>767.0</b>	18.4	<b>1.2</b>	-11.3	-31.9	<b>0.2</b>	-1.5	-4.0
Employment part-time	86.3	<b>86.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment	61.8	<b>61.7</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Participation rate	86.3	<b>86.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.1	<b>81.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,276.2	<b>7,278.0</b>	...	<b>1.8</b>	0.9	15.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	6,588.9	<b>6,603.7</b>	14.3	<b>14.8</b>	13.5	9.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.1
Employment	6,182.6	<b>6,180.7</b>	15.6	<b>-1.9</b>	11.5	18.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.3
Employment full-time	406.3	<b>423.0</b>	13.0	<b>16.7</b>	2.0	-9.1	<b>4.1</b>	0.5	-2.1
Employment part-time	90.6	<b>90.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment	62.2	<b>63.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Participation rate	90.6	<b>90.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	85.0	<b>84.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,268.9	<b>7,271.2</b>	...	<b>2.3</b>	1.1	14.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	5,969.6	<b>5,951.9</b>	16.0	<b>-17.7</b>	-33.0	-4.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.1
Employment	5,610.0	<b>5,608.0</b>	16.1	<b>-2.0</b>	-19.5	17.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment	359.5	<b>344.0</b>	12.5	<b>-15.5</b>	-13.3	-22.8	<b>-4.3</b>	-3.7	-6.2
Participation rate	82.1	<b>81.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.2	<b>77.1</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	9,179.6	<b>9,202.1</b>	...	<b>22.5</b>	75.9	290.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	3.3
Labour force	3,359.1	<b>3,393.8</b>	17.4	<b>34.7</b>	59.9	157.6	<b>1.0</b>	1.8	4.9
Employment	3,152.5	<b>3,199.6</b>	17.2	<b>47.1</b>	86.6	176.1	<b>1.5</b>	2.8	5.8
Unemployment	206.7	<b>194.2</b>	9.6	<b>-12.5</b>	-26.6	-18.5	<b>-6.0</b>	-12.0	-8.7
Participation rate	36.6	<b>36.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	34.3	<b>34.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	4,333.2	<b>4,344.2</b>	...	<b>11.0</b>	37.6	143.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	3.4
Labour force	1,840.4	<b>1,856.4</b>	11.5	<b>16.0</b>	17.3	66.8	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	3.7
Employment	1,716.9	<b>1,747.1</b>	11.4	<b>30.2</b>	40.8	83.2	<b>1.8</b>	2.4	5.0
Unemployment	123.5	<b>109.3</b>	7.0	<b>-14.2</b>	-23.5	-16.3	<b>-11.5</b>	-17.7	-13.0
Participation rate	42.5	<b>42.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	39.6	<b>40.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,846.5	<b>4,858.0</b>	...	<b>11.5</b>	38.3	146.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	3.1
Labour force	1,518.7	<b>1,537.4</b>	11.9	<b>18.7</b>	42.6	90.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.8	6.3
Employment	1,435.6	<b>1,452.5</b>	11.8	<b>16.9</b>	45.8	92.9	<b>1.2</b>	3.3	6.8
Unemployment	83.1	<b>84.9</b>	6.2	<b>1.8</b>	-3.1	-2.2	<b>2.2</b>	-3.5	-2.5
Participation rate	31.3	<b>31.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	29.6	<b>29.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.0	...	...	...

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

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

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	14,703.9	<b>14,767.5</b>	34.6	<b>63.6</b>	87.7	215.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.5
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,650.2	<b>2,669.0</b>	24.7	<b>18.8</b>	-5.9	-17.9	<b>0.7</b>	-0.2	-0.7
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,561.5	<b>3,582.4</b>	24.0	<b>20.9</b>	27.1	23.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.7
Private sector employees	11,142.5	<b>11,185.1</b>	36.2	<b>42.6</b>	60.6	191.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	1.7
<b>Industry</b>	17,354.2	<b>17,436.5</b>	28.6	<b>82.3</b>	81.8	197.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,821.0	<b>3,845.9</b>	24.8	<b>24.9</b>	52.0	8.0	<b>0.7</b>	1.4	0.2
Agriculture	303.5	<b>300.3</b>	6.8	<b>-3.2</b>	-6.0	-8.8	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.0	-2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>3</sup>	366.0	<b>372.1</b>	7.0	<b>6.1</b>	16.8	37.0	<b>1.7</b>	4.7	11.0
Utilities	135.8	<b>137.4</b>	4.9	<b>1.6</b>	3.6	-10.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.7	-7.3
Construction	1,265.2	<b>1,273.9</b>	16.1	<b>8.7</b>	9.0	12.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	1.0
Manufacturing	1,750.5	<b>1,762.3</b>	18.6	<b>11.8</b>	28.7	-22.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.7	-1.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,533.1	<b>13,590.6</b>	32.9	<b>57.5</b>	29.8	189.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	1.4
Trade	2,636.7	<b>2,625.9</b>	22.6	<b>-10.8</b>	-36.2	-30.9	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	830.8	<b>841.5</b>	13.4	<b>10.7</b>	-8.0	9.2	<b>1.3</b>	-0.9	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,070.3	<b>1,073.6</b>	15.1	<b>3.3</b>	21.3	-7.1	<b>0.3</b>	2.0	-0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,303.2	<b>1,313.7</b>	17.3	<b>10.5</b>	-38.6	17.6	<b>0.8</b>	-2.9	1.4
Business, building and other support services	683.6	<b>683.9</b>	13.5	<b>0.3</b>	22.9	9.3	<b>0.0</b>	3.5	1.4
Educational services	1,259.9	<b>1,235.3</b>	15.3	<b>-24.6</b>	15.0	7.3	<b>-2.0</b>	1.2	0.6
Health care and social assistance	2,080.6	<b>2,112.1</b>	18.1	<b>31.5</b>	0.3	42.1	<b>1.5</b>	0.0	2.0
Information, culture and recreation	796.5	<b>824.8</b>	14.2	<b>28.3</b>	52.2	52.1	<b>3.6</b>	6.8	6.7
Accommodation and food services	1,110.7	<b>1,105.7</b>	15.9	<b>-5.0</b>	-14.6	26.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	2.5
Other services	798.4	<b>796.7</b>	12.5	<b>-1.7</b>	14.0	48.0	<b>-0.2</b>	1.8	6.4
Public administration	962.4	<b>977.4</b>	12.3	<b>15.0</b>	1.5	14.8	<b>1.6</b>	0.2	1.5

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**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	428.6	<b>428.5</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	262.7	<b>262.3</b>	2.0	<b>-0.4</b>	1.8	2.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.9
Employment	228.8	<b>228.1</b>	2.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.9	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.1
Employment full-time	198.1	<b>196.6</b>	2.4	<b>-1.5</b>	1.2	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	0.6	0.2
Employment part-time	30.7	<b>31.5</b>	1.9	<b>0.8</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>2.6</b>	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment	33.9	<b>34.2</b>	2.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	2.1	<b>0.9</b>	3.0	6.5
Participation rate	61.3	<b>61.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	<b>13.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.4	<b>53.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	120.1	<b>120.3</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	80.9	<b>81.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-1.7	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-2.1	0.2
Employment	72.2	<b>72.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	0.3
Employment full-time	60.1	<b>58.8</b>	0.8	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.7	-0.8	<b>-2.2</b>	-4.4	-1.3
Employment part-time	12.1	<b>13.2</b>	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	1.0	<b>9.1</b>	10.9	8.2
Unemployment	8.7	<b>9.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>5.7</b>	-1.1	1.1
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-1.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	<b>11.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>59.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	779.8	<b>779.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.1
Labour force	500.4	<b>498.0</b>	2.7	<b>-2.4</b>	0.7	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	0.1	0.0
Employment	459.5	<b>456.6</b>	2.8	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.8	3.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.7
Employment full-time	367.0	<b>368.9</b>	3.5	<b>1.9</b>	-0.6	-0.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.2	-0.1
Employment part-time	92.5	<b>87.7</b>	3.1	<b>-4.8</b>	-1.2	3.5	<b>-5.2</b>	-1.3	4.2
Unemployment	40.9	<b>41.4</b>	2.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.5	-3.1	<b>1.2</b>	6.4	-7.0
Participation rate	64.2	<b>63.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>58.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	620.5	<b>620.4</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	1.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	392.3	<b>386.5</b>	2.3	<b>-5.8</b>	-4.6	-4.5	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.2	-1.2
Employment	352.6	<b>346.9</b>	2.4	<b>-5.7</b>	-7.6	-6.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.1	-1.9
Employment full-time	296.6	<b>293.8</b>	2.8	<b>-2.8</b>	-4.1	-3.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.4	-1.0
Employment part-time	55.9	<b>53.1</b>	2.3	<b>-2.8</b>	-3.5	-3.6	<b>-5.0</b>	-6.2	-6.3
Unemployment	39.7	<b>39.6</b>	2.1	<b>-0.1</b>	3.0	2.1	<b>-0.3</b>	8.2	5.6
Participation rate	63.2	<b>62.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	<b>10.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	<b>55.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.3	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,614.2	<b>6,618.4</b>	...	<b>4.2</b>	13.2	62.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,274.1	<b>4,289.7</b>	15.0	<b>15.6</b>	12.9	8.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.2
Employment	3,915.7	<b>3,952.1</b>	15.1	<b>36.4</b>	46.1	0.2	<b>0.9</b>	1.2	0.0
Employment full-time	3,180.3	<b>3,204.2</b>	19.7	<b>23.9</b>	38.9	11.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.2	0.3
Employment part-time	735.3	<b>747.9</b>	18.2	<b>12.6</b>	7.2	-10.9	<b>1.7</b>	1.0	-1.4
Unemployment	358.4	<b>337.5</b>	13.3	<b>-20.9</b>	-33.3	8.2	<b>-5.8</b>	-9.0	2.5
Participation rate	64.6	<b>64.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>7.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	11,014.9	<b>11,027.1</b>	...	<b>12.2</b>	35.6	143.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	7,298.9	<b>7,329.6</b>	20.2	<b>30.7</b>	11.5	45.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.6
Employment	6,742.1	<b>6,788.2</b>	19.2	<b>46.1</b>	34.7	88.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment full-time	5,436.3	<b>5,484.2</b>	25.4	<b>47.9</b>	28.0	28.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	0.5
Employment part-time	1,305.8	<b>1,304.0</b>	23.2	<b>-1.8</b>	6.7	60.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	4.9
Unemployment	556.8	<b>541.5</b>	17.2	<b>-15.3</b>	-23.1	-42.6	<b>-2.7</b>	-4.1	-7.3
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>61.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	959.6	<b>960.6</b>	...	<b>1.0</b>	2.6	10.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	662.6	<b>666.7</b>	2.7	<b>4.1</b>	4.2	3.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.5
Employment	625.3	<b>631.4</b>	2.6	<b>6.1</b>	4.9	4.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.8	0.7
Employment full-time	502.3	<b>508.9</b>	3.7	<b>6.6</b>	0.8	5.2	<b>1.3</b>	0.2	1.0
Employment part-time	123.0	<b>122.5</b>	3.5	<b>-0.5</b>	4.0	-0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	3.4	-0.6
Unemployment	37.4	<b>35.2</b>	2.2	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.8	-1.4	<b>-5.9</b>	-2.2	-3.8
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>65.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	805.8	<b>806.6</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	9.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2
Labour force	557.1	<b>556.4</b>	2.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	3.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.6
Employment	529.4	<b>529.7</b>	2.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.7	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Employment full-time	436.2	<b>438.2</b>	3.3	<b>2.0</b>	2.9	8.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	2.0
Employment part-time	93.2	<b>91.5</b>	3.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.1	-3.5	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.2	-3.7
Unemployment	27.7	<b>26.6</b>	1.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.6	-2.0	<b>-4.0</b>	-8.9	-7.0
Participation rate	69.1	<b>69.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>65.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	3,037.1	<b>3,042.4</b>	...	<b>5.3</b>	13.6	52.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.7
Labour force	2,239.0	<b>2,250.6</b>	8.7	<b>11.6</b>	7.8	58.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	2.7
Employment	2,127.9	<b>2,132.3</b>	9.0	<b>4.4</b>	-0.9	64.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	3.1
Employment full-time	1,780.8	<b>1,783.0</b>	11.9	<b>2.2</b>	5.9	79.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	4.6
Employment part-time	347.1	<b>349.3</b>	10.6	<b>2.2</b>	-6.7	-14.3	<b>0.6</b>	-1.9	-3.9
Unemployment	111.1	<b>118.2</b>	7.0	<b>7.1</b>	8.5	-6.3	<b>6.4</b>	7.7	-5.1
Participation rate	73.7	<b>74.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,800.4	<b>3,803.9</b>	...	<b>3.5</b>	9.1	36.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	2,472.4	<b>2,471.8</b>	10.5	<b>-0.6</b>	6.3	11.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5
Employment	2,300.8	<b>2,299.1</b>	10.3	<b>-1.7</b>	5.2	36.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	1.6
Employment full-time	1,800.3	<b>1,791.4</b>	14.1	<b>-8.9</b>	5.3	52.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.3	3.0
Employment part-time	500.5	<b>507.7</b>	13.5	<b>7.2</b>	-0.1	-15.9	<b>1.4</b>	0.0	-3.0
Unemployment	171.5	<b>172.7</b>	8.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	-25.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	-12.9
Participation rate	65.1	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>7.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>60.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...

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

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

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	428.6	<b>428.5</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	262.7	<b>262.3</b>	2.0	<b>-0.4</b>	1.8	2.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.9
Employment	228.8	<b>228.1</b>	2.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.9	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.1
Employment full-time	198.1	<b>196.6</b>	2.4	<b>-1.5</b>	1.2	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	0.6	0.2
Unemployment	33.9	<b>34.2</b>	2.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	2.1	<b>0.9</b>	3.0	6.5
Participation rate	61.3	<b>61.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	<b>13.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.4	<b>53.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.4	<b>13.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	60.2	<b>60.2</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-1.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-2.0
Labour force	35.6	<b>36.6</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	0.8	0.0	<b>2.8</b>	2.2	0.0
Employment	29.3	<b>29.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	2.1
Unemployment	6.3	<b>7.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	0.6	-0.6	<b>12.7</b>	9.2	-7.8
Participation rate	59.1	<b>60.8</b>	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.7	<b>19.4</b>	2.6	<b>1.7</b>	1.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.7	<b>49.0</b>	1.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.6	<b>42.4</b>	3.7	<b>1.8</b>	-2.3	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	177.9	<b>177.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	118.4	<b>117.8</b>	1.2	<b>-0.6</b>	0.2	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	0.6
Employment	101.8	<b>101.4</b>	1.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-1.2
Unemployment	16.7	<b>16.4</b>	1.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	1.9	<b>-1.8</b>	4.5	13.1
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	<b>13.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	<b>57.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.1	<b>4.7</b>	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	190.5	<b>190.5</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	108.6	<b>107.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.8	1.7	<b>-0.6</b>	0.7	1.6
Employment	97.7	<b>97.2</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	1.1	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	1.1	0.8
Unemployment	10.9	<b>10.7</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.9	<b>-1.8</b>	-2.7	9.2
Participation rate	57.0	<b>56.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	<b>9.9</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.3	<b>51.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.9	<b>14.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	228.8	<b>228.1</b>	2.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.9	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	49.6	<b>49.6</b>	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	-1.4	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-2.7	1.4
Agriculture	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.5	<b>-25.0</b>	-25.0	-35.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	14.3	<b>14.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-1.9	<b>0.7</b>	-4.0	-11.7
Utilities	2.9	<b>2.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.6	<b>-3.4</b>	12.0	27.3
Construction	19.7	<b>20.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	0.4	2.3	<b>5.1</b>	2.0	12.5
Manufacturing	11.5	<b>10.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.2	0.3	<b>-6.1</b>	-10.0	2.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	179.2	<b>178.5</b>	2.0	<b>-0.7</b>	2.2	-0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	1.2	-0.3
Trade	36.3	<b>36.3</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-1.1	-3.1	<b>0.0</b>	-2.9	-7.9
Transportation and warehousing	9.6	<b>10.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	-1.0	<b>7.3</b>	2.0	-8.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.6	<b>8.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	1.7	<b>1.2</b>	-5.4	24.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	10.5	<b>10.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	1.6	<b>-2.9</b>	10.9	18.6
Business, building and other support services	6.8	<b>6.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	0.3	0.2	<b>-7.4</b>	5.0	3.3
Educational services	17.2	<b>18.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	0.4	-0.3	<b>4.7</b>	2.3	-1.6
Health care and social assistance	34.7	<b>35.0</b>	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	-1.1	<b>0.9</b>	2.0	-3.0
Information, culture and recreation	8.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	0.6	-0.4	<b>-7.1</b>	8.3	-4.9
Accommodation and food services	15.5	<b>14.3</b>	0.9	<b>-1.2</b>	1.1	2.2	<b>-7.7</b>	8.3	18.2
Other services	11.5	<b>11.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	0.2	<b>1.7</b>	-4.9	1.7
Public administration	20.0	<b>19.9</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	1.0	-2.5

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	120.1	<b>120.3</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	80.9	<b>81.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	-1.7	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-2.1	0.2
Employment	72.2	<b>72.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	0.3
Employment full-time	60.1	<b>58.8</b>	0.8	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.7	-0.8	<b>-2.2</b>	-4.4	-1.3
Unemployment	8.7	<b>9.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>5.7</b>	-1.1	1.1
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-1.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	<b>11.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>59.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.8	<b>18.3</b>	1.0	<b>1.6</b>	2.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.0	<b>20.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	1.0
Labour force	13.4	<b>13.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.3	<b>1.5</b>	-4.2	-2.2
Employment	11.1	<b>11.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-1.1	-0.5	<b>0.9</b>	-8.9	-4.3
Unemployment	2.3	<b>2.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	21.1	4.5
Participation rate	67.0	<b>68.0</b>	1.9	<b>1.0</b>	-3.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.2	<b>16.9</b>	2.4	<b>-0.3</b>	3.5	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	<b>56.0</b>	2.0	<b>0.5</b>	-5.8	-3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.4	<b>49.1</b>	3.3	<b>7.7</b>	9.3	9.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.3	<b>48.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.5
Labour force	34.2	<b>34.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>1.5</b>	-1.1	-1.1
Employment	30.9	<b>30.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	-1.0
Unemployment	3.3	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	-0.5	0.0	<b>18.2</b>	-11.4	0.0
Participation rate	70.8	<b>71.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	-1.1	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	<b>11.2</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	-1.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>63.8</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	<b>8.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	51.8	<b>51.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.6
Labour force	33.3	<b>32.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	0.9	<b>-1.5</b>	-2.1	2.8
Employment	30.3	<b>29.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.6	3.5
Unemployment	3.1	<b>3.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.0	<b>-3.2</b>	-3.2	0.0
Participation rate	64.3	<b>63.2</b>	0.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.6	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	<b>9.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	<b>57.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.2	<b>17.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	72.2	<b>72.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	0.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	17.7	<b>17.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-4.9	0.6
Agriculture	3.7	<b>3.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-7.5	5.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	3.3	<b>3.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.4	<b>6.1</b>	0.0	12.9
Utilities	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-25.0	0.0
Construction	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-3.8	-3.8
Manufacturing	5.4	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>-7.4</b>	-5.7	-3.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	54.5	<b>54.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	0.2
Trade	10.3	<b>9.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	0.1	-0.9	<b>-8.7</b>	1.1	-8.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.3	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.5	<b>13.0</b>	8.3	23.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.7	<b>2.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>3.7</b>	3.7	12.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.1	<b>3.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.0	<b>6.5</b>	10.0	0.0
Business, building and other support services	2.5	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	4.2	4.2
Educational services	5.5	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.9	<b>-5.5</b>	-7.1	-14.8
Health care and social assistance	9.8	<b>9.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	1.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-4.0	11.5
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	<b>2.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-10.7	-13.8
Accommodation and food services	5.4	<b>5.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>3.7</b>	-3.4	-3.4
Other services	2.8	<b>3.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>10.7</b>	14.8	14.8
Public administration	7.6	<b>7.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	0.2	<b>1.3</b>	-6.1	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 4-3**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	779.8	<b>779.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.1
Labour force	500.4	<b>498.0</b>	2.7	<b>-2.4</b>	0.7	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	0.1	0.0
Employment	459.5	<b>456.6</b>	2.8	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.8	3.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.7
Employment full-time	367.0	<b>368.9</b>	3.5	<b>1.9</b>	-0.6	-0.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment	40.9	<b>41.4</b>	2.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.5	-3.1	<b>1.2</b>	6.4	-7.0
Participation rate	64.2	<b>63.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>58.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	<b>19.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	118.8	<b>118.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-1.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-1.4
Labour force	76.2	<b>76.1</b>	1.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	-1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	1.1	-1.7
Employment	63.7	<b>62.4</b>	1.5	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.2	-2.1	<b>-2.0</b>	-3.4	-3.3
Unemployment	12.6	<b>13.7</b>	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	3.0	0.8	<b>8.7</b>	28.0	6.2
Participation rate	64.1	<b>64.1</b>	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	<b>18.0</b>	1.8	<b>1.5</b>	3.8	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	<b>52.6</b>	1.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	52.4	<b>50.3</b>	2.6	<b>-2.1</b>	0.3	6.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	313.0	<b>313.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.4
Labour force	214.9	<b>214.0</b>	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.4	-2.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-1.1
Employment	199.6	<b>198.8</b>	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	0.9	-0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.5	-0.4
Unemployment	15.3	<b>15.2</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-7.9	-10.1
Participation rate	68.7	<b>68.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.0	<b>8.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	348.0	<b>348.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	209.2	<b>208.0</b>	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	0.4	4.0	<b>-0.6</b>	0.2	2.0
Employment	196.2	<b>195.4</b>	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.5	6.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	3.2
Unemployment	13.1	<b>12.5</b>	1.4	<b>-0.6</b>	0.8	-2.2	<b>-4.6</b>	6.8	-15.0
Participation rate	60.1	<b>59.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	<b>56.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.9	<b>20.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	459.5	<b>456.6</b>	2.8	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.8	3.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	88.7	<b>87.1</b>	2.1	<b>-1.6</b>	2.5	-0.4	<b>-1.8</b>	3.0	-0.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	5.7	<b>5.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	-0.1	<b>1.8</b>	18.4	-1.7
Utilities	11.9	<b>11.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-0.1	<b>-0.8</b>	1.7	-0.8
Construction	4.4	<b>4.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	33.3	-2.2
Manufacturing	31.8	<b>30.5</b>	1.4	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.1	-1.5	<b>-4.1</b>	-3.5	-4.7
Manufacturing	34.9	<b>34.6</b>	1.3	<b>-0.3</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	4.2	4.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	370.8	<b>369.5</b>	2.8	<b>-1.3</b>	-4.3	3.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.2	1.0
Transportation and warehousing	72.9	<b>71.1</b>	1.9	<b>-1.8</b>	-5.5	-7.0	<b>-2.5</b>	-7.2	-9.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.9	<b>20.3</b>	1.1	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.0	-0.1	<b>-7.3</b>	-9.0	-0.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.0	<b>23.7</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	1.7	6.8
Business, building and other support services	23.4	<b>23.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	0.3	<b>-0.9</b>	-4.1	1.3
Educational services	18.1	<b>19.1</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	-0.7	-2.6	<b>5.5</b>	-3.5	-12.0
Health care and social assistance	41.6	<b>40.0</b>	1.5	<b>-1.6</b>	1.4	6.1	<b>-3.8</b>	3.6	18.0
Information, culture and recreation	70.2	<b>71.4</b>	1.7	<b>1.2</b>	2.9	3.1	<b>1.7</b>	4.2	4.5
Accommodation and food services	19.3	<b>19.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.6	-0.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-7.8	-4.0
Other services	27.6	<b>28.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.4	0.1	<b>2.9</b>	1.4	0.4
Public administration	21.8	<b>22.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	3.7	<b>4.6</b>	9.1	19.4
Public administration	30.1	<b>30.6</b>	1.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.5	<b>1.7</b>	-1.3	-1.6

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	620.5	<b>620.4</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	1.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	392.3	<b>386.5</b>	2.3	<b>-5.8</b>	-4.6	-4.5	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.2	-1.2
Employment	352.6	<b>346.9</b>	2.4	<b>-5.7</b>	-7.6	-6.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.1	-1.9
Employment full-time	296.6	<b>293.8</b>	2.8	<b>-2.8</b>	-4.1	-3.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.4	-1.0
Unemployment	39.7	<b>39.6</b>	2.1	<b>-0.1</b>	3.0	2.1	<b>-0.3</b>	8.2	5.6
Participation rate	63.2	<b>62.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	<b>10.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	<b>55.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.9	<b>15.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	90.8	<b>90.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.9
Labour force	59.1	<b>57.5</b>	1.3	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.1	-1.2	<b>-2.7</b>	-3.5	-2.0
Employment	49.5	<b>47.6</b>	1.2	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.8	-0.7	<b>-3.8</b>	-1.7	-1.4
Unemployment	9.6	<b>9.9</b>	1.2	<b>0.3</b>	-1.3	-0.5	<b>3.1</b>	-11.6	-4.8
Participation rate	65.1	<b>63.4</b>	1.5	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.2	<b>17.2</b>	1.8	<b>1.0</b>	-1.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	<b>52.5</b>	1.3	<b>-2.0</b>	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.8	<b>38.7</b>	2.6	<b>-2.2</b>	-4.7	2.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	254.2	<b>254.1</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.5
Labour force	172.3	<b>170.0</b>	1.3	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.4	-1.5	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.2	-0.9
Employment	153.6	<b>152.6</b>	1.4	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.5	-2.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.6	-1.7
Unemployment	18.8	<b>17.4</b>	1.3	<b>-1.4</b>	2.1	1.1	<b>-7.4</b>	13.7	6.7
Participation rate	67.8	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	<b>10.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>60.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	<b>6.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	275.5	<b>275.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	160.8	<b>158.9</b>	1.2	<b>-1.9</b>	-2.2	-1.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.4	-1.1
Employment	149.4	<b>146.6</b>	1.3	<b>-2.8</b>	-4.4	-3.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-2.9	-2.3
Unemployment	11.4	<b>12.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	2.3	1.5	<b>7.9</b>	23.0	13.9
Participation rate	58.4	<b>57.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	<b>53.2</b>	0.5	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>17.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>352.6</b>	<b>346.9</b>	2.4	<b>-5.7</b>	-7.6	-6.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.1	-1.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>73.6</b>	1.9	<b>-3.1</b>	-3.3	-10.0	<b>-4.0</b>	-4.3	-12.0
Agriculture	3.7	<b>3.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	-2.1	<b>5.4</b>	2.6	-35.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	10.8	<b>11.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	0.7	<b>5.6</b>	12.9	6.5
Utilities	4.7	<b>4.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5	0.0	<b>-12.8</b>	-10.9	0.0
Construction	27.6	<b>25.7</b>	1.2	<b>-1.9</b>	-2.4	-3.7	<b>-6.9</b>	-8.5	-12.6
Manufacturing	29.9	<b>28.5</b>	1.3	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.9	-4.9	<b>-4.7</b>	-6.2	-14.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>275.9</b>	<b>273.3</b>	2.4	<b>-2.6</b>	-4.3	3.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.5	1.3
Trade	54.2	<b>53.0</b>	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-3.6	1.0	<b>-2.2</b>	-6.4	1.9
Transportation and warehousing	16.8	<b>16.5</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	-0.8	<b>-1.8</b>	4.4	-4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.1	<b>16.1</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	-0.3	-2.0	<b>6.6</b>	-1.8	-11.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.3	<b>14.7</b>	0.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.9	-1.7	<b>-3.9</b>	-5.8	-10.4
Business, building and other support services	17.3	<b>15.7</b>	1.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-0.4	-0.8	<b>-9.2</b>	-2.5	-4.8
Educational services	27.1	<b>26.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.4	<b>-1.1</b>	1.5	5.5
Health care and social assistance	51.3	<b>52.4</b>	1.3	<b>1.1</b>	0.8	2.6	<b>2.1</b>	1.6	5.2
Information, culture and recreation	11.8	<b>11.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-1.0	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-7.8	0.9
Accommodation and food services	23.3	<b>22.2</b>	1.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.6	2.5	<b>-4.7</b>	-6.7	12.7
Other services	17.1	<b>16.5</b>	0.8	<b>-0.6</b>	1.6	0.3	<b>-3.5</b>	10.7	1.9
Public administration	26.5	<b>27.5</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	-0.1	0.8	<b>3.8</b>	-0.4	3.0

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**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,614.2	<b>6,618.4</b>	...	<b>4.2</b>	13.2	62.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,274.1	<b>4,289.7</b>	15.0	<b>15.6</b>	12.9	8.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.2
Employment	3,915.7	<b>3,952.1</b>	15.1	<b>36.4</b>	46.1	0.2	<b>0.9</b>	1.2	0.0
Employment full-time	3,180.3	<b>3,204.2</b>	19.7	<b>23.9</b>	38.9	11.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.2	0.3
Unemployment	358.4	<b>337.5</b>	13.3	<b>-20.9</b>	-33.3	8.2	<b>-5.8</b>	-9.0	2.5
Participation rate	64.6	<b>64.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>7.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	<b>18.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	982.7	<b>982.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	2.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	645.2	<b>655.7</b>	8.4	<b>10.5</b>	18.7	-0.6	<b>1.6</b>	2.9	-0.1
Employment	546.8	<b>561.5</b>	8.3	<b>14.7</b>	15.5	-9.3	<b>2.7</b>	2.8	-1.6
Unemployment	98.4	<b>94.1</b>	7.5	<b>-4.3</b>	3.0	8.6	<b>-4.4</b>	3.3	10.1
Participation rate	65.7	<b>66.7</b>	0.9	<b>1.0</b>	1.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.3	<b>14.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.9</b>	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	<b>57.1</b>	0.8	<b>1.5</b>	1.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	51.7	<b>50.7</b>	1.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.6	2.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,769.1	<b>2,771.3</b>	...	<b>2.2</b>	6.7	31.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.2
Labour force	1,918.4	<b>1,922.2</b>	8.2	<b>3.8</b>	-13.6	-6.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.3
Employment	1,768.6	<b>1,779.3</b>	8.6	<b>10.7</b>	16.5	-9.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	-0.5
Unemployment	149.8	<b>142.9</b>	7.8	<b>-6.9</b>	-30.0	3.0	<b>-4.6</b>	-17.4	2.1
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>64.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,862.4	<b>2,864.3</b>	...	<b>1.9</b>	5.9	28.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	1,710.5	<b>1,711.8</b>	8.4	<b>1.3</b>	7.8	15.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9
Employment	1,600.3	<b>1,611.3</b>	8.5	<b>11.0</b>	14.1	18.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	1.2
Unemployment	110.3	<b>100.5</b>	7.2	<b>-9.8</b>	-6.3	-3.4	<b>-8.9</b>	-5.9	-3.3
Participation rate	59.8	<b>59.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	<b>56.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.8	<b>19.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,915.7	<b>3,952.1</b>	15.1	<b>36.4</b>	46.1	0.2	<b>0.9</b>	1.2	0.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	826.1	<b>827.0</b>	12.3	<b>0.9</b>	3.8	-33.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-3.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	57.2	<b>52.9</b>	3.1	<b>-4.3</b>	-2.7	-4.1	<b>-7.5</b>	-4.9	-7.2
Utilities	37.1	<b>39.4</b>	2.5	<b>2.3</b>	1.8	8.8	<b>6.2</b>	4.8	28.8
Construction	24.6	<b>21.7</b>	2.3	<b>-2.9</b>	-6.4	-14.7	<b>-11.8</b>	-22.8	-40.4
Manufacturing	230.1	<b>229.6</b>	7.5	<b>-0.5</b>	2.2	-8.1	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	-3.4
	477.2	<b>483.3</b>	9.8	<b>6.1</b>	8.8	-15.4	<b>1.3</b>	1.9	-3.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	3,089.6	<b>3,125.2</b>	16.7	<b>35.6</b>	42.4	33.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.4	1.1
Trade	616.0	<b>623.8</b>	12.2	<b>7.8</b>	-11.3	-1.8	<b>1.3</b>	-1.8	-0.3
Transportation and warehousing	178.0	<b>186.6</b>	6.3	<b>8.6</b>	7.4	11.6	<b>4.8</b>	4.1	6.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	217.2	<b>212.7</b>	7.0	<b>-4.5</b>	-7.6	-11.7	<b>-2.1</b>	-3.4	-5.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	296.0	<b>297.5</b>	8.6	<b>1.5</b>	-3.1	-0.6	<b>0.5</b>	-1.0	-0.2
Business, building and other support services	154.5	<b>147.9</b>	6.7	<b>-6.6</b>	9.1	0.5	<b>-4.3</b>	6.6	0.3
Educational services	284.8	<b>292.8</b>	7.8	<b>8.0</b>	12.4	17.7	<b>2.8</b>	4.4	6.4
Health care and social assistance	486.6	<b>515.4</b>	9.4	<b>28.8</b>	23.5	-1.7	<b>5.9</b>	4.8	-0.3
Information, culture and recreation	180.7	<b>184.2</b>	7.0	<b>3.5</b>	28.8	15.0	<b>1.9</b>	18.5	8.9
Accommodation and food services	259.9	<b>252.9</b>	8.4	<b>-7.0</b>	-5.8	8.8	<b>-2.7</b>	-2.2	3.6
Other services	181.9	<b>175.8</b>	6.2	<b>-6.1</b>	-8.9	9.3	<b>-3.4</b>	-4.8	5.6
Public administration	234.0	<b>235.8</b>	6.2	<b>1.8</b>	-1.9	-13.3	<b>0.8</b>	-0.8	-5.3

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last	last	twelve	last	last	twelve
				month	December	months ago	month	December	months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	11,014.9	<b>11,027.1</b>	...	<b>12.2</b>	35.6	143.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	7,298.9	<b>7,329.6</b>	20.2	<b>30.7</b>	11.5	45.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.6
Employment	6,742.1	<b>6,788.2</b>	19.2	<b>46.1</b>	34.7	88.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	1.3
Employment full-time	5,436.3	<b>5,484.2</b>	25.4	<b>47.9</b>	28.0	28.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	556.8	<b>541.5</b>	17.2	<b>-15.3</b>	-23.1	-42.6	<b>-2.7</b>	-4.1	-7.3
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>61.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	<b>19.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,786.8	<b>1,787.5</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	5.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	1,075.6	<b>1,074.0</b>	12.1	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.1	-29.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-2.6
Employment	893.1	<b>910.9</b>	10.5	<b>17.8</b>	3.4	-15.6	<b>2.0</b>	0.4	-1.7
Unemployment	182.5	<b>163.1</b>	10.3	<b>-19.4</b>	-4.6	-13.5	<b>-10.6</b>	-2.7	-7.6
Participation rate	60.2	<b>60.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.0	<b>15.2</b>	0.9	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.0	<b>51.0</b>	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.3	<b>50.4</b>	1.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,475.6	<b>4,481.2</b>	...	<b>5.6</b>	16.8	67.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.5
Labour force	3,266.5	<b>3,292.2</b>	10.4	<b>25.7</b>	28.2	50.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.9	1.6
Employment	3,072.2	<b>3,087.8</b>	10.8	<b>15.6</b>	23.0	61.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	2.0
Unemployment	194.3	<b>204.4</b>	9.7	<b>10.1</b>	5.2	-11.2	<b>5.2</b>	2.6	-5.2
Participation rate	73.0	<b>73.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	<b>68.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	<b>7.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,752.4	<b>4,758.4</b>	...	<b>6.0</b>	17.5	70.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.5
Labour force	2,956.8	<b>2,963.4</b>	11.5	<b>6.6</b>	-15.6	24.6	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	0.8
Employment	2,776.8	<b>2,789.4</b>	11.0	<b>12.6</b>	8.1	42.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	1.5
Unemployment	180.0	<b>174.0</b>	9.3	<b>-6.0</b>	-23.8	-17.9	<b>-3.3</b>	-12.0	-9.3
Participation rate	62.2	<b>62.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>5.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	<b>58.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	<b>21.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	6,742.1	<b>6,788.2</b>	19.2	<b>46.1</b>	34.7	88.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	1,427.2	<b>1,453.8</b>	16.8	<b>26.6</b>	38.9	28.8	<b>1.9</b>	2.7	2.0
Agriculture	94.6	<b>98.3</b>	4.1	<b>3.7</b>	5.1	9.2	<b>3.9</b>	5.5	10.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	39.5	<b>39.4</b>	2.4	<b>-0.1</b>	2.7	-0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	7.4	-0.8
Utilities	54.2	<b>58.8</b>	3.3	<b>4.6</b>	2.8	5.7	<b>8.5</b>	5.0	10.7
Construction	449.0	<b>450.9</b>	10.5	<b>1.9</b>	6.6	9.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.5	2.1
Manufacturing	789.9	<b>806.4</b>	13.4	<b>16.5</b>	21.7	4.7	<b>2.1</b>	2.8	0.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	5,315.0	<b>5,334.3</b>	22.5	<b>19.3</b>	-4.4	59.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	1.1
Trade	978.6	<b>984.7</b>	14.8	<b>6.1</b>	5.0	-8.1	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing	305.4	<b>307.4</b>	9.6	<b>2.0</b>	-7.3	-16.5	<b>0.7</b>	-2.3	-5.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	505.4	<b>496.0</b>	11.4	<b>-9.4</b>	13.0	-2.3	<b>-1.9</b>	2.7	-0.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	564.9	<b>580.2</b>	12.3	<b>15.3</b>	-6.1	17.5	<b>2.7</b>	-1.0	3.1
Business, building and other support services	291.7	<b>287.4</b>	9.7	<b>-4.3</b>	-4.8	4.0	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.6	1.4
Educational services	494.9	<b>472.5</b>	10.5	<b>-22.4</b>	-7.4	-13.0	<b>-4.5</b>	-1.5	-2.7
Health care and social assistance	762.7	<b>756.3</b>	12.3	<b>-6.4</b>	-15.1	1.9	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.0	0.3
Information, culture and recreation	343.1	<b>354.6</b>	10.5	<b>11.5</b>	11.3	24.4	<b>3.4</b>	3.3	7.4
Accommodation and food services	389.3	<b>404.3</b>	10.3	<b>15.0</b>	-2.7	10.9	<b>3.9</b>	-0.7	2.8
Other services	285.6	<b>293.8</b>	8.3	<b>8.2</b>	12.2	14.7	<b>2.9</b>	4.3	5.3
Public administration	393.3	<b>397.2</b>	8.7	<b>3.9</b>	-2.4	26.2	<b>1.0</b>	-0.6	7.1

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**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	959.6	<b>960.6</b>	...	<b>1.0</b>	2.6	10.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	662.6	<b>666.7</b>	2.7	<b>4.1</b>	4.2	3.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.5
Employment	625.3	<b>631.4</b>	2.6	<b>6.1</b>	4.9	4.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.8	0.7
Employment full-time	502.3	<b>508.9</b>	3.7	<b>6.6</b>	0.8	5.2	<b>1.3</b>	0.2	1.0
Unemployment	37.4	<b>35.2</b>	2.2	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.8	-1.4	<b>-5.9</b>	-2.2	-3.8
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>65.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	<b>19.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	165.0	<b>165.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	113.3	<b>114.7</b>	1.7	<b>1.4</b>	1.3	-0.2	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	-0.2
Employment	100.2	<b>101.4</b>	1.5	<b>1.2</b>	0.6	-0.6	<b>1.2</b>	0.6	-0.6
Unemployment	13.1	<b>13.3</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	0.4	<b>1.5</b>	5.6	3.1
Participation rate	68.7	<b>69.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	<b>11.6</b>	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	<b>61.5</b>	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	<b>42.2</b>	1.8	<b>-0.5</b>	1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	389.5	<b>389.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	5.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.4
Labour force	295.2	<b>298.2</b>	1.4	<b>3.0</b>	2.5	3.7	<b>1.0</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment	283.0	<b>287.2</b>	1.5	<b>4.2</b>	3.0	7.2	<b>1.5</b>	1.1	2.6
Unemployment	12.2	<b>11.0</b>	1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.6	-3.5	<b>-9.8</b>	-5.2	-24.1
Participation rate	75.8	<b>76.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>3.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.7	<b>73.7</b>	0.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	<b>7.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	405.2	<b>405.7</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	5.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	254.1	<b>253.7</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	-0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	-0.2
Employment	242.0	<b>242.9</b>	1.5	<b>0.9</b>	1.3	-2.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-0.9
Unemployment	12.1	<b>10.9</b>	1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.8	1.6	<b>-9.9</b>	-6.8	17.2
Participation rate	62.7	<b>62.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	<b>59.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	<b>24.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	625.3	<b>631.4</b>	2.6	<b>6.1</b>	4.9	4.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.8	0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	139.8	<b>141.2</b>	2.4	<b>1.4</b>	0.7	-9.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.5	-6.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	21.2	<b>18.9</b>	1.0	<b>-2.3</b>	-2.3	-3.4	<b>-10.8</b>	-10.8	-15.2
Utilities	6.8	<b>7.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.6	<b>4.4</b>	9.2	9.2
Construction	6.9	<b>6.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-1.3	-1.8	<b>0.0</b>	-15.9	-20.7
Manufacturing	41.5	<b>44.1</b>	1.5	<b>2.6</b>	1.1	-2.0	<b>6.3</b>	2.6	-4.3
	63.4	<b>64.3</b>	1.7	<b>0.9</b>	2.8	-2.7	<b>1.4</b>	4.6	-4.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	485.5	<b>490.2</b>	3.1	<b>4.7</b>	4.2	13.8	<b>1.0</b>	0.9	2.9
Trade	94.1	<b>94.8</b>	2.1	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	-0.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.2	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	37.4	<b>37.2</b>	1.3	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	4.0	<b>-0.5</b>	2.8	12.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	35.5	<b>34.4</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.3	-0.5	<b>-3.1</b>	-6.3	-1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.1	<b>28.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	2.0	1.0	<b>3.3</b>	7.7	3.7
Business, building and other support services	17.9	<b>19.6</b>	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	1.3	1.6	<b>9.5</b>	7.1	8.9
Educational services	48.5	<b>47.6</b>	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	0.8	0.5	<b>-1.9</b>	1.7	1.1
Health care and social assistance	94.4	<b>96.3</b>	1.9	<b>1.9</b>	0.6	-0.8	<b>2.0</b>	0.6	-0.8
Information, culture and recreation	21.9	<b>22.8</b>	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	-0.6	-2.0	<b>4.1</b>	-2.6	-8.1
Accommodation and food services	41.6	<b>40.5</b>	1.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-3.8	1.2	<b>-2.6</b>	-8.6	3.1
Other services	28.5	<b>29.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.5</b>	2.9	4.3	<b>1.8</b>	11.1	17.4
Public administration	38.5	<b>40.0</b>	1.2	<b>1.5</b>	1.2	5.1	<b>3.9</b>	3.1	14.6

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	805.8	<b>806.6</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	9.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2
Labour force	557.1	<b>556.4</b>	2.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	3.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.6
Employment	529.4	<b>529.7</b>	2.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.7	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Employment full-time	436.2	<b>438.2</b>	3.3	<b>2.0</b>	2.9	8.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	2.0
Unemployment	27.7	<b>26.6</b>	1.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.6	-2.0	<b>-4.0</b>	-8.9	-7.0
Participation rate	69.1	<b>69.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>65.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	<b>17.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	136.4	<b>136.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	95.9	<b>94.1</b>	1.5	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.8	1.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.9	1.5
Employment	87.7	<b>86.4</b>	1.5	<b>-1.3</b>	0.6	4.0	<b>-1.5</b>	0.7	4.9
Unemployment	8.2	<b>7.7</b>	1.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.5	-2.7	<b>-6.1</b>	-24.5	-26.0
Participation rate	70.3	<b>69.0</b>	1.1	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.2</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.4	-3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	<b>63.3</b>	1.1	<b>-1.0</b>	0.4	3.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.1	<b>34.4</b>	1.9	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.9	-3.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	329.5	<b>330.0</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	5.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.8
Labour force	249.3	<b>250.3</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	1.3	2.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.8
Employment	239.5	<b>240.5</b>	1.3	<b>1.0</b>	-0.2	2.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	0.9
Unemployment	9.7	<b>9.8</b>	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	-0.2	<b>1.0</b>	19.5	-2.0
Participation rate	75.7	<b>75.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.7	<b>72.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.3	<b>7.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	339.8	<b>340.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	211.9	<b>212.0</b>	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1
Employment	202.2	<b>202.9</b>	1.4	<b>0.7</b>	1.4	-1.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	-0.5
Unemployment	9.8	<b>9.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.6	1.0	<b>-6.1</b>	-14.8	12.2
Participation rate	62.4	<b>62.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>59.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	<b>21.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	529.4	<b>529.7</b>	2.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.7	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	134.3	<b>136.6</b>	2.3	<b>2.3</b>	1.7	-5.4	<b>1.7</b>	1.3	-3.8
Agriculture	35.5	<b>36.6</b>	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	-1.5	-5.9	<b>3.1</b>	-3.9	-13.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	23.7	<b>25.8</b>	1.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.7	2.0	<b>8.9</b>	11.7	8.4
Utilities	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-1.0	<b>0.0</b>	-1.9	-16.1
Construction	40.8	<b>41.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	-0.8	0.7	<b>2.0</b>	-1.9	1.7
Manufacturing	29.1	<b>27.4</b>	1.1	<b>-1.7</b>	1.4	-1.2	<b>-5.8</b>	5.4	-4.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	395.1	<b>393.1</b>	2.8	<b>-2.0</b>	0.0	10.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.0	2.7
Trade	78.8	<b>79.4</b>	1.8	<b>0.6</b>	-4.8	-0.6	<b>0.8</b>	-5.7	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing	25.5	<b>25.8</b>	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.2	<b>1.2</b>	0.0	0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.7	<b>30.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>2.7</b>	-1.3	-1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.2	<b>25.7</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	2.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.9	10.3
Business, building and other support services	12.2	<b>12.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	1.2	<b>1.6</b>	0.8	10.7
Educational services	42.2	<b>42.7</b>	1.3	<b>0.5</b>	3.8	3.2	<b>1.2</b>	9.8	8.1
Health care and social assistance	70.1	<b>68.9</b>	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.6	3.5	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.3	5.4
Information, culture and recreation	19.2	<b>17.7</b>	1.0	<b>-1.5</b>	0.3	-1.7	<b>-7.8</b>	1.7	-8.8
Accommodation and food services	34.4	<b>33.9</b>	1.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.9	2.8	<b>-1.5</b>	2.7	9.0
Other services	26.1	<b>25.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	0.0	<b>-1.9</b>	-2.3	0.0
Public administration	30.8	<b>30.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	3.0	0.0	<b>-0.6</b>	10.9	0.0

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**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,037.1	<b>3,042.4</b>	...	<b>5.3</b>	13.6	52.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.7
Labour force	2,239.0	<b>2,250.6</b>	8.7	<b>11.6</b>	7.8	58.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	2.7
Employment	2,127.9	<b>2,132.3</b>	9.0	<b>4.4</b>	-0.9	64.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	3.1
Employment full-time	1,780.8	<b>1,783.0</b>	11.9	<b>2.2</b>	5.9	79.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	4.6
Unemployment	111.1	<b>118.2</b>	7.0	<b>7.1</b>	8.5	-6.3	<b>6.4</b>	7.7	-5.1
Participation rate	73.7	<b>74.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.3	<b>16.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	505.3	<b>505.1</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.6	-4.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.8
Labour force	348.9	<b>358.9</b>	5.0	<b>10.0</b>	-5.3	7.3	<b>2.9</b>	-1.5	2.1
Employment	319.6	<b>326.2</b>	4.9	<b>6.6</b>	-0.9	11.9	<b>2.1</b>	-0.3	3.8
Unemployment	29.2	<b>32.7</b>	4.2	<b>3.5</b>	-4.5	-4.6	<b>12.0</b>	-12.1	-12.3
Participation rate	69.0	<b>71.1</b>	1.0	<b>2.1</b>	-0.8	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>9.1</b>	1.1	<b>0.7</b>	-1.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	<b>64.6</b>	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	0.0	2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	33.6	<b>34.5</b>	1.7	<b>0.9</b>	-0.4	-4.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,286.2	<b>1,288.8</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	7.0	27.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.2
Labour force	1,046.9	<b>1,049.4</b>	4.4	<b>2.5</b>	6.5	24.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	2.4
Employment	1,003.8	<b>1,002.0</b>	4.9	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.6	27.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	2.9
Unemployment	43.1	<b>47.4</b>	4.1	<b>4.3</b>	8.1	-3.1	<b>10.0</b>	20.6	-6.1
Participation rate	81.4	<b>81.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.0	<b>77.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	<b>5.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,245.6	<b>1,248.6</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	8.3	28.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.4
Labour force	843.2	<b>842.3</b>	5.2	<b>-0.9</b>	6.6	26.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	3.2
Employment	804.4	<b>804.1</b>	5.2	<b>-0.3</b>	1.6	25.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	3.2
Unemployment	38.8	<b>38.2</b>	3.7	<b>-0.6</b>	5.0	1.4	<b>-1.5</b>	15.1	3.8
Participation rate	67.7	<b>67.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>64.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	<b>22.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,127.9	<b>2,132.3</b>	9.0	<b>4.4</b>	-0.9	64.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	3.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	604.7	<b>608.8</b>	8.9	<b>4.1</b>	17.4	28.6	<b>0.7</b>	2.9	4.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	57.1	<b>53.6</b>	3.2	<b>-3.5</b>	-1.9	1.5	<b>-6.1</b>	-3.4	2.9
Utilities	176.1	<b>175.9</b>	5.0	<b>-0.2</b>	9.3	23.2	<b>-0.1</b>	5.6	15.2
Construction	16.9	<b>20.7</b>	1.8	<b>3.8</b>	6.1	2.7	<b>22.5</b>	41.8	15.0
Manufacturing	223.7	<b>228.3</b>	6.4	<b>4.6</b>	10.1	20.1	<b>2.1</b>	4.6	9.7
	130.9	<b>130.3</b>	5.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-6.1	-18.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-4.5	-12.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	1,523.1	<b>1,523.6</b>	10.8	<b>0.5</b>	-18.2	36.3	<b>0.0</b>	-1.2	2.4
Transportation and warehousing	332.4	<b>330.5</b>	7.8	<b>-1.9</b>	-4.9	5.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.5	1.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	111.8	<b>111.2</b>	4.3	<b>-0.6</b>	2.1	10.0	<b>-0.5</b>	1.9	9.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	93.7	<b>96.5</b>	4.1	<b>2.8</b>	-3.6	6.7	<b>3.0</b>	-3.6	7.5
Business, building and other support services	150.4	<b>158.8</b>	5.2	<b>8.4</b>	-5.4	-6.2	<b>5.6</b>	-3.3	-3.8
Educational services	71.1	<b>75.0</b>	3.9	<b>3.9</b>	2.4	1.1	<b>5.5</b>	3.3	1.5
Health care and social assistance	121.1	<b>120.9</b>	4.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-6.0	-5.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-4.7	-4.7
Information, culture and recreation	234.7	<b>232.9</b>	5.8	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.3	20.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	9.6
Accommodation and food services	74.1	<b>76.6</b>	3.9	<b>2.5</b>	-1.9	1.4	<b>3.4</b>	-2.4	1.9
Other services	138.7	<b>128.9</b>	5.2	<b>-9.8</b>	3.2	-4.8	<b>-7.1</b>	2.5	-3.6
Public administration	106.2	<b>104.1</b>	4.6	<b>-2.1</b>	-6.0	-2.3	<b>-2.0</b>	-5.4	-2.2
	88.7	<b>88.1</b>	3.8	<b>-0.6</b>	2.2	10.2	<b>-0.7</b>	2.6	13.1

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**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,800.4	<b>3,803.9</b>	...	<b>3.5</b>	9.1	36.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	2,472.4	<b>2,471.8</b>	10.5	<b>-0.6</b>	6.3	11.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5
Employment	2,300.8	<b>2,299.1</b>	10.3	<b>-1.7</b>	5.2	36.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	1.6
Employment full-time	1,800.3	<b>1,791.4</b>	14.1	<b>-8.9</b>	5.3	52.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.3	3.0
Unemployment	171.5	<b>172.7</b>	8.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	-25.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	-12.9
Participation rate	65.1	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>7.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>60.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	<b>22.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	590.3	<b>590.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-1.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	359.4	<b>362.0</b>	6.0	<b>2.6</b>	-13.0	-9.7	<b>0.7</b>	-3.5	-2.6
Employment	308.0	<b>311.0</b>	5.4	<b>3.0</b>	-12.4	-3.6	<b>1.0</b>	-3.8	-1.1
Unemployment	51.5	<b>51.0</b>	5.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-6.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.2	-10.7
Participation rate	60.9	<b>61.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	-2.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	<b>14.1</b>	1.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.2	<b>52.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.5</b>	-2.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.7	<b>48.2</b>	2.0	<b>-2.5</b>	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,566.0	<b>1,567.7</b>	...	<b>1.7</b>	4.7	18.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2
Labour force	1,113.3	<b>1,111.4</b>	5.6	<b>-1.9</b>	7.0	5.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	0.5
Employment	1,046.5	<b>1,047.3</b>	5.9	<b>0.8</b>	13.6	17.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.7
Unemployment	66.7	<b>64.1</b>	4.9	<b>-2.6</b>	-6.6	-11.5	<b>-3.9</b>	-9.3	-15.2
Participation rate	71.1	<b>70.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	<b>66.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.1	<b>10.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,644.2	<b>1,646.0</b>	...	<b>1.8</b>	4.8	19.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2
Labour force	999.7	<b>998.4</b>	6.1	<b>-1.3</b>	12.3	15.2	<b>-0.1</b>	1.2	1.5
Employment	946.3	<b>940.8</b>	5.9	<b>-5.5</b>	4.0	23.1	<b>-0.6</b>	0.4	2.5
Unemployment	53.3	<b>57.6</b>	4.8	<b>4.3</b>	8.4	-7.9	<b>8.1</b>	17.1	-12.1
Participation rate	60.8	<b>60.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	<b>57.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.2	<b>26.5</b>	0.9	<b>1.3</b>	0.3	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>2,300.8</b>	<b>2,299.1</b>	10.3	<b>-1.7</b>	5.2	36.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>458.4</b>	<b>454.8</b>	8.7	<b>-3.6</b>	-1.8	4.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.4	1.0
Agriculture	23.6	<b>23.9</b>	2.3	<b>0.3</b>	-2.8	-3.7	<b>1.3</b>	-10.5	-13.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	42.3	<b>41.6</b>	2.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.9	3.3	<b>-1.7</b>	-4.4	8.6
Utilities	14.4	<b>14.2</b>	1.6	<b>-0.2</b>	3.7	-2.8	<b>-1.4</b>	35.2	-16.5
Construction	196.1	<b>198.4</b>	6.4	<b>2.3</b>	-8.7	-4.1	<b>1.2</b>	-4.2	-2.0
Manufacturing	182.0	<b>176.6</b>	5.7	<b>-5.4</b>	7.8	11.7	<b>-3.0</b>	4.6	7.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>1,842.4</b>	<b>1,844.3</b>	11.9	<b>1.9</b>	7.0	32.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.8
Trade	362.3	<b>343.2</b>	8.1	<b>-19.1</b>	-14.7	-15.2	<b>-5.3</b>	-4.1	-4.2
Transportation and warehousing	125.7	<b>124.1</b>	5.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-3.4	1.3	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.7	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	142.7	<b>143.8</b>	5.3	<b>1.1</b>	11.0	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	8.3	1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	176.4	<b>173.8</b>	6.3	<b>-2.6</b>	-20.2	-1.7	<b>-1.5</b>	-10.4	-1.0
Business, building and other support services	87.0	<b>100.7</b>	4.8	<b>13.7</b>	18.4	10.3	<b>15.7</b>	22.4	11.4
Educational services	177.5	<b>168.1</b>	5.6	<b>-9.4</b>	5.8	-1.3	<b>-5.3</b>	3.6	-0.8
Health care and social assistance	268.3	<b>275.4</b>	6.4	<b>7.1</b>	-3.4	17.5	<b>2.6</b>	-1.2	6.8
Information, culture and recreation	116.4	<b>119.0</b>	4.7	<b>2.6</b>	5.3	12.7	<b>2.2</b>	4.7	11.9
Accommodation and food services	169.6	<b>178.2</b>	6.3	<b>8.6</b>	-0.5	2.6	<b>5.1</b>	-0.3	1.5
Other services	120.3	<b>117.6</b>	4.6	<b>-2.7</b>	13.3	17.2	<b>-2.2</b>	12.8	17.1
Public administration	96.1	<b>100.5</b>	4.1	<b>4.4</b>	-4.6	-12.5	<b>4.6</b>	-4.4	-11.1

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**

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	161.9	<b>162.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.9
Labour force	116.2	<b>116.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.9	4.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	3.6
Employment	107.4	<b>106.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.4	2.1	<b>-0.5</b>	0.4	2.0
Unemployment	8.8	<b>9.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	1.9	<b>3.4</b>	5.8	26.4
Participation rate	71.8	<b>71.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>65.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	341.5	<b>341.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	4.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	239.8	<b>240.0</b>	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	2.5	2.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	0.8
Employment	226.1	<b>225.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	1.2	3.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	1.5
Unemployment	13.8	<b>14.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	-1.4	<b>2.9</b>	10.1	-9.0
Participation rate	70.2	<b>70.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	<b>66.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Moncton, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	116.1	<b>116.3</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.6
Labour force	80.1	<b>80.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	4.4
Employment	74.8	<b>75.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	4.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.8	6.2
Unemployment	5.3	<b>5.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.9	-1.1	<b>-3.8</b>	-15.0	-17.7
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	<b>64.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	106.5	<b>106.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.7
Labour force	67.0	<b>67.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-1.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-2.8
Employment	61.9	<b>61.5</b>	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.7	-2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-4.5
Unemployment	5.2	<b>5.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>5.8</b>	7.8	22.2
Participation rate	62.9	<b>62.9</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	<b>57.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.8	-3.1	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	126.7	<b>126.7</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	74.8	<b>75.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	2.8	-0.3	<b>0.8</b>	3.9	-0.4
Employment	70.2	<b>70.8</b>	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	2.5	0.9	<b>0.9</b>	3.7	1.3
Unemployment	4.7	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	-1.2	<b>-2.1</b>	9.5	-20.7
Participation rate	59.0	<b>59.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	<b>55.9</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	640.3	<b>640.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	6.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	446.8	<b>449.4</b>	3.4	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	10.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	2.4
Employment	424.1	<b>426.5</b>	3.5	<b>2.4</b>	-1.6	15.8	<b>0.6</b>	-0.4	3.8
Unemployment	22.7	<b>23.0</b>	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	-5.3	<b>1.3</b>	9.0	-18.7
Participation rate	69.8	<b>70.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	<b>66.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	166.0	<b>166.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2
Labour force	109.1	<b>109.0</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	2.5	2.7	<b>-0.1</b>	2.3	2.5
Employment	101.4	<b>101.3</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	2.6	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	2.6
Unemployment	7.6	<b>7.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.1	<b>1.3</b>	8.5	1.3
Participation rate	65.7	<b>65.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>7.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	<b>61.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	0.9	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	125.3	<b>125.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.9
Labour force	78.6	<b>78.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	2.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.0	3.3
Employment	72.2	<b>72.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	2.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	4.2
Unemployment	6.4	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	-0.5	<b>-7.8</b>	-18.1	-7.8
Participation rate	62.7	<b>62.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>7.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	<b>57.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,240.1	<b>3,242.5</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	7.1	34.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,110.4	<b>2,122.7</b>	7.7	<b>12.3</b>	23.4	-15.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	-0.7
Employment	1,916.1	<b>1,927.0</b>	7.8	<b>10.9</b>	12.9	-39.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	-2.0
Unemployment	194.4	<b>195.7</b>	4.8	<b>1.3</b>	10.4	23.7	<b>0.7</b>	5.6	13.8
Participation rate	65.1	<b>65.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	<b>9.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	<b>59.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	1,044.1	<b>1,045.6</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	4.5	18.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.8
Labour force	754.8	<b>758.6</b>	3.8	<b>3.8</b>	15.3	21.1	<b>0.5</b>	2.1	2.9
Employment	709.6	<b>713.0</b>	3.9	<b>3.4</b>	16.4	22.9	<b>0.5</b>	2.4	3.3
Unemployment	45.1	<b>45.7</b>	1.8	<b>0.6</b>	-1.0	-1.7	<b>1.3</b>	-2.1	-3.6
Participation rate	72.3	<b>72.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	<b>68.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	260.7	<b>261.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	4.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.8
Labour force	186.2	<b>185.1</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-3.0	3.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.6	1.6
Employment	175.0	<b>175.0</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	5.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	3.1
Unemployment	11.3	<b>10.1</b>	0.7	<b>-1.2</b>	-3.2	-2.3	<b>-10.6</b>	-24.1	-18.5
Participation rate	71.4	<b>70.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	<b>67.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	783.4	<b>784.6</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	3.6	13.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.8
Labour force	568.5	<b>573.6</b>	3.6	<b>5.1</b>	18.4	18.2	<b>0.9</b>	3.3	3.3
Employment	534.7	<b>538.0</b>	3.6	<b>3.3</b>	16.2	17.6	<b>0.6</b>	3.1	3.4
Unemployment	33.9	<b>35.6</b>	1.6	<b>1.7</b>	2.2	0.6	<b>5.0</b>	6.6	1.7
Participation rate	72.6	<b>73.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	<b>68.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.8	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	133.1	<b>133.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.3
Labour force	88.9	<b>89.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	4.1	5.8	<b>0.8</b>	4.8	6.9
Employment	82.7	<b>83.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	2.9	5.0	<b>0.4</b>	3.6	6.4
Unemployment	6.3	<b>6.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	0.8	<b>4.8</b>	22.2	13.8
Participation rate	66.8	<b>67.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	2.9	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	<b>62.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	3.0	...	...	...
<b>Peterborough, Ontario</b>									
Population	102.7	<b>102.7</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	69.6	<b>70.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	4.0	6.8	<b>1.6</b>	6.0	10.6
Employment	64.4	<b>64.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	2.3	6.3	<b>-0.6</b>	3.7	10.9
Unemployment	5.2	<b>6.8</b>	0.5	<b>1.6</b>	1.9	0.6	<b>30.8</b>	38.8	9.7
Participation rate	67.8	<b>68.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	3.8	6.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>9.6</b>	0.8	<b>2.1</b>	2.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	<b>62.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	2.2	5.9	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	307.2	<b>307.6</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	5.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.9
Labour force	217.2	<b>218.3</b>	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	5.4	12.3	<b>0.5</b>	2.5	6.0
Employment	201.1	<b>201.2</b>	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	3.9	13.3	<b>0.0</b>	2.0	7.1
Unemployment	16.1	<b>17.1</b>	0.9	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	-1.0	<b>6.2</b>	10.3	-5.5
Participation rate	70.7	<b>71.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	<b>65.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	3.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,836.9	<b>4,845.3</b>	...	<b>8.4</b>	24.9	94.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.0
Labour force	3,217.4	<b>3,219.3</b>	10.3	<b>1.9</b>	-2.9	-14.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.4
Employment	2,939.5	<b>2,944.0</b>	10.5	<b>4.5</b>	-2.1	-14.7	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment	277.9	<b>275.3</b>	6.6	<b>-2.6</b>	-0.8	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.3	0.1
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>60.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	621.9	<b>622.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	6.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	420.9	<b>417.6</b>	3.3	<b>-3.3</b>	0.3	17.2	<b>-0.8</b>	0.1	4.3
Employment	396.2	<b>392.5</b>	3.3	<b>-3.7</b>	1.7	15.9	<b>-0.9</b>	0.4	4.2
Unemployment	24.7	<b>25.1</b>	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	-1.4	1.4	<b>1.6</b>	-5.3	5.9
Participation rate	67.7	<b>67.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>63.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	0.1	2.0	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	339.2	<b>339.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	213.3	<b>213.8</b>	1.7	<b>0.5</b>	2.4	-2.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	-1.0
Employment	197.1	<b>197.9</b>	1.7	<b>0.8</b>	2.1	2.1	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.1
Unemployment	16.2	<b>16.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-4.3	<b>-1.2</b>	1.9	-21.2
Participation rate	62.9	<b>63.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>7.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	<b>58.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario</b>									
Population	411.3	<b>411.7</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	5.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.4
Labour force	301.3	<b>303.4</b>	1.9	<b>2.1</b>	11.2	6.5	<b>0.7</b>	3.8	2.2
Employment	281.2	<b>283.1</b>	2.1	<b>1.9</b>	10.3	6.4	<b>0.7</b>	3.8	2.3
Unemployment	20.2	<b>20.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.1	<b>0.5</b>	4.6	0.5
Participation rate	73.3	<b>73.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	<b>68.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Brantford, Ontario</b>									
Population	108.3	<b>108.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	71.6	<b>71.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	-3.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	-4.1
Employment	65.6	<b>65.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-2.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-3.8
Unemployment	5.9	<b>6.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	-0.6	<b>6.8</b>	18.9	-8.7
Participation rate	66.1	<b>66.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	-3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>8.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	<b>60.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-2.9	...	...	...
<b>Guelph, Ontario</b>									
Population	114.3	<b>114.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	86.5	<b>85.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.9	6.2	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0	7.8
Employment	81.7	<b>81.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	7.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.3	9.7
Unemployment	4.8	<b>4.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-1.1	<b>-4.2</b>	2.2	-19.3
Participation rate	75.7	<b>75.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.1	4.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	<b>70.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	5.4	...	...	...

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	414.4	<b>414.7</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	265.1	<b>265.5</b>	2.1	<b>0.4</b>	-0.8	-1.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.7
Employment	241.7	<b>242.8</b>	2.1	<b>1.1</b>	2.0	-2.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	23.4	<b>22.7</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.8	0.2	<b>-3.0</b>	-11.0	0.9
Participation rate	64.0	<b>64.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	<b>58.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	267.1	<b>267.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	-0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	165.2	<b>167.1</b>	1.5	<b>1.9</b>	1.7	0.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.0	0.4
Employment	147.4	<b>149.4</b>	1.5	<b>2.0</b>	1.5	-0.9	<b>1.4</b>	1.0	-0.6
Unemployment	17.7	<b>17.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.7	<b>0.6</b>	2.3	10.6
Participation rate	61.8	<b>62.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	<b>10.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	<b>55.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Barrie, Ontario</b>									
Population	162.4	<b>162.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	2.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	113.4	<b>113.5</b>	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	-3.0	-1.7	<b>0.1</b>	-2.6	-1.5
Employment	103.5	<b>103.1</b>	1.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.5	-1.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	-1.7
Unemployment	9.9	<b>10.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	-1.6	0.1	<b>5.1</b>	-13.3	1.0
Participation rate	69.8	<b>69.8</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-2.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>9.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	-1.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>63.4</b>	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	139.4	<b>139.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.2
Labour force	88.4	<b>88.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	-0.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	-1.0
Employment	82.6	<b>82.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.2	-0.7
Unemployment	5.8	<b>6.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	-0.3	<b>10.3</b>	28.0	-4.5
Participation rate	63.4	<b>63.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>7.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>59.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	102.5	<b>102.5</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.0
Labour force	67.3	<b>66.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	2.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.7	4.6
Employment	63.5	<b>63.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.7	3.9	<b>-0.6</b>	1.1	6.6
Unemployment	3.8	<b>3.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-1.0	<b>-7.9</b>	-25.5	-22.2
Participation rate	65.7	<b>65.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	<b>61.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.7	3.8	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	628.7	<b>629.5</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	2.1	9.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.5
Labour force	441.1	<b>442.7</b>	1.3	<b>1.6</b>	5.4	8.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	1.9
Employment	415.5	<b>417.2</b>	1.3	<b>1.7</b>	4.7	7.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.8
Unemployment	25.6	<b>25.5</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	2.8	3.2
Participation rate	70.2	<b>70.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	<b>66.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	178.3	<b>178.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	3.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.7
Labour force	130.9	<b>130.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	4.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	3.6
Employment	125.2	<b>125.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	6.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	5.4
Unemployment	5.7	<b>5.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.1	-1.9	<b>-10.5</b>	-1.9	-27.1
Participation rate	73.4	<b>73.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>3.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	<b>70.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	2.4	...	...	...

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	223.3	<b>223.9</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	5.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	2.5
Labour force	157.5	<b>158.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	3.7	4.4	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	2.9
Employment	148.0	<b>148.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	2.9	4.2	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	2.9
Unemployment	9.5	<b>9.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	0.3	<b>-1.1</b>	11.9	3.3
Participation rate	70.5	<b>70.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	1,044.3	<b>1,046.0</b>	...	<b>1.7</b>	4.7	20.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.0
Labour force	782.8	<b>787.2</b>	3.5	<b>4.4</b>	11.4	22.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	2.9
Employment	741.8	<b>747.1</b>	3.8	<b>5.3</b>	13.7	29.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.9	4.1
Unemployment	41.0	<b>40.1</b>	2.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.3	-6.8	<b>-2.2</b>	-5.4	-14.5
Participation rate	75.0	<b>75.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	<b>71.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	975.1	<b>977.1</b>	...	<b>2.0</b>	5.3	19.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.0
Labour force	710.9	<b>708.7</b>	3.6	<b>-2.2</b>	-8.2	7.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.1	1.1
Employment	673.5	<b>668.3</b>	3.7	<b>-5.2</b>	-13.2	8.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.9	1.2
Unemployment	37.4	<b>40.4</b>	1.7	<b>3.0</b>	5.0	-0.1	<b>8.0</b>	14.1	-0.2
Participation rate	72.9	<b>72.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	<b>68.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.7	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Kelowna, British Columbia</b>									
Population	150.0	<b>150.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.7
Labour force	102.6	<b>101.1</b>	1.4	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.8	-0.3	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.8	-0.3
Employment	94.2	<b>92.2</b>	1.5	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.5	-1.0	<b>-2.1</b>	-1.6	-1.1
Unemployment	8.4	<b>8.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.8	<b>6.0</b>	8.5	9.9
Participation rate	68.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>8.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	<b>61.5</b>	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia</b>									
Population	145.1	<b>145.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	97.9	<b>98.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	2.8	4.2	<b>0.9</b>	2.9	4.4
Employment	87.6	<b>88.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	3.2	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	3.8
Unemployment	10.3	<b>10.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	1.0	<b>1.9</b>	20.7	10.5
Participation rate	67.5	<b>68.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.7	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	<b>10.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>60.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,042.5	<b>2,045.6</b>	...	<b>3.1</b>	8.1	30.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.5
Labour force	1,350.8	<b>1,352.4</b>	4.9	<b>1.6</b>	-4.3	15.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	1.2
Employment	1,259.9	<b>1,263.3</b>	5.1	<b>3.4</b>	0.2	34.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	2.8
Unemployment	90.8	<b>89.1</b>	3.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-4.5	-19.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-4.8	-17.9
Participation rate	66.1	<b>66.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	<b>61.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	301.5	<b>301.7</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	198.7	<b>200.6</b>	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	10.2	6.1	<b>1.0</b>	5.4	3.1
Employment	188.1	<b>190.0</b>	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	10.8	7.6	<b>1.0</b>	6.0	4.2
Unemployment	10.6	<b>10.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-1.5	<b>0.0</b>	-5.4	-12.4
Participation rate	65.9	<b>66.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	3.3	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	<b>63.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	3.5	2.2	...	...	...

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

**Note(s):** Estimates from this table are based on 2006 census population counts. Related CANSIM Table 282-0116.

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

	February 2012	March 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,242.5	<b>3,245.1</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	7.3	33.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	2,118.1	<b>2,134.3</b>	15.7	<b>16.2</b>	36.9	-4.0	<b>0.8</b>	1.8	-0.2
Employment	1,916.4	<b>1,940.2</b>	15.9	<b>23.8</b>	32.7	-31.0	<b>1.2</b>	1.7	-1.6
Unemployment	201.7	<b>194.1</b>	11.4	<b>-7.6</b>	4.2	27.0	<b>-3.8</b>	2.2	16.2
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	<b>9.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	<b>59.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,845.1	<b>4,853.5</b>	...	<b>8.4</b>	25.2	96.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.0
Labour force	3,206.2	<b>3,219.6</b>	21.9	<b>13.4</b>	5.7	8.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.3
Employment	2,936.7	<b>2,957.7</b>	21.4	<b>21.0</b>	13.5	27.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	269.5	<b>261.9</b>	15.3	<b>-7.6</b>	-7.8	-19.5	<b>-2.8</b>	-2.9	-6.9
Participation rate	66.2	<b>66.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>8.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	<b>60.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,045.5	<b>2,048.8</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	9.1	31.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.6
Labour force	1,356.0	<b>1,355.4</b>	10.6	<b>-0.6</b>	5.0	19.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	1.5
Employment	1,267.3	<b>1,267.5</b>	10.5	<b>0.2</b>	10.3	35.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	2.9
Unemployment	88.7	<b>87.9</b>	7.2	<b>-0.8</b>	-5.2	-15.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-5.6	-14.9
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	<b>6.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	<b>61.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.8	...	...	...

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

**Note(s):** Estimates from this table are based on 2006 census population counts. Related CANSIM Table 282-0117.

Table 6-1

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, <sup>1</sup> unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2011 and March 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2011	27,865.5	18,413.3	16,917.4	1,495.9	66.1	8.1	60.7
2012	28,181.8	18,512.0	17,069.7	1,442.3	65.7	7.8	60.6
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2011	429.2	249.3	214.5	34.8	58.1	14.0	50.0
2012	428.5	252.8	215.6	37.3	59.0	14.8	50.3
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2011	220.3	140.6	127.9	12.7	63.8	9.0	58.1
2012	221.6	144.4	129.0	15.4	65.2	10.7	58.2
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2011	30.8	17.4	13.6	3.9	56.5	22.4	44.2
2012	30.3	15.7	12.3	3.4	51.8	21.7	40.6
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2011	87.1	47.6	38.3	9.3	54.6	19.5	44.0
2012	86.4	47.9	39.1	8.7	55.4	18.2	45.3
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2011	91.0	43.7	34.8	8.9	48.0	20.4	38.2
2012	90.3	44.9	35.1	9.8	49.7	21.8	38.9
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2011	118.4	76.9	66.2	10.7	64.9	13.9	55.9
2012	120.1	78.0	67.3	10.8	64.9	13.8	56.0
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2011	779.0	488.8	438.7	50.1	62.7	10.2	56.3
2012	779.8	489.0	444.0	44.9	62.7	9.2	56.9
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2011	112.6	60.6	49.8	10.9	53.8	18.0	44.2
2012	111.3	60.9	52.6	8.3	54.7	13.6	47.3
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2011	130.1	76.5	67.7	8.9	58.8	11.6	52.0
2012	129.5	79.6	69.7	9.8	61.5	12.3	53.8
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2011	99.9	60.2	52.7	7.5	60.3	12.5	52.8
2012	99.5	55.7	50.0	5.6	56.0	10.1	50.3
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2011	98.7	56.0	48.9	7.1	56.7	12.7	49.5
2012	97.6	55.0	48.7	6.4	56.4	11.6	49.9
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2011	337.6	235.5	219.7	15.8	69.8	6.7	65.1
2012	341.9	237.8	223.0	14.9	69.6	6.3	65.2
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2011	618.7	379.7	339.4	40.3	61.4	10.6	54.9
2012	620.4	379.8	337.6	42.2	61.2	11.1	54.4
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2011	129.9	68.2	56.6	11.6	52.5	17.0	43.6
2012	128.3	67.5	54.7	12.8	52.6	19.0	42.6
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2011	171.2	109.8	98.2	11.6	64.1	10.6	57.4
2012	173.0	112.8	103.0	9.8	65.2	8.7	59.5
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2011	144.0	92.6	85.2	7.4	64.3	8.0	59.2
2012	144.6	90.5	81.6	8.9	62.6	9.8	56.4

See notes at the end of the table.



Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, <sup>1</sup> unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2011 and March 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2011	108.5	71.7	66.2	5.5	66.1	7.7	61.0
2012	109.9	70.4	64.5	5.9	64.1	8.4	58.7
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2011	65.2	37.4	33.3	4.1	57.4	11.0	51.1
2012	64.6	38.6	33.8	4.8	59.8	12.4	52.3
<b>Quebec</b>							
2011	6,550.5	4,224.2	3,862.9	361.3	64.5	8.6	59.0
2012	6,614.2	4,215.8	3,833.7	382.1	63.7	9.1	58.0
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2011	78.6	42.4	35.9	6.5	53.9	15.3	45.7
2012	78.6	39.2	33.8	5.5	49.9	14.0	43.0
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2011	166.8	97.5	86.9	10.6	58.5	10.9	52.1
2012	166.6	99.3	89.9	9.3	59.6	9.4	54.0
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2011	585.8	386.4	355.3	31.0	66.0	8.0	60.7
2012	592.2	401.3	374.3	27.0	67.8	6.7	63.2
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2011	332.8	219.7	207.7	12.0	66.0	5.5	62.4
2012	334.7	220.2	206.6	13.5	65.8	6.1	61.7
Estrie [2430]							
2011	257.4	165.0	151.6	13.4	64.1	8.1	58.9
2012	259.7	153.6	139.9	13.7	59.1	8.9	53.9
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2011	189.9	112.6	105.0	7.6	59.3	6.7	55.3
2012	191.5	106.1	94.8	11.3	55.4	10.7	49.5
Montréal [2435]							
2011	1,183.3	777.9	718.3	59.6	65.7	7.7	60.7
2012	1,198.5	776.5	713.1	63.4	64.8	8.2	59.5
Montréal [2440]							
2011	1,619.1	1,025.8	925.3	100.5	63.4	9.8	57.1
2012	1,627.1	1,027.7	911.1	116.6	63.2	11.3	56.0
Laval [2445]							
2011	330.7	223.5	207.4	16.0	67.6	7.2	62.7
2012	336.8	226.0	205.7	20.4	67.1	9.0	61.1
Lanaudière [2450]							
2011	388.1	246.4	226.0	20.4	63.5	8.3	58.2
2012	395.5	268.3	241.0	27.3	67.8	10.2	60.9
Laurentides [2455]							
2011	459.6	313.1	285.1	28.0	68.1	8.9	62.0
2012	468.1	307.2	284.2	23.1	65.6	7.5	60.7
Outaouais [2460]							
2011	304.0	203.5	186.7	16.9	66.9	8.3	61.4
2012	309.1	208.4	194.2	14.1	67.4	6.8	62.8
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2011	117.4	75.8	69.1	6.7	64.6	8.8	58.9
2012	117.8	71.0	65.9	5.1	60.3	7.2	55.9
Mauricie [2470]							
2011	221.1	136.3	124.9	11.4	61.6	8.4	56.5
2012	222.0	130.5	117.1	13.4	58.8	10.3	52.7

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, <sup>1</sup> unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2011 and March 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2011	225.2	139.2	124.5	14.6	61.8	10.5	55.3
2012	225.3	127.4	115.4	11.9	56.5	9.3	51.2
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2011	90.7	59.2	53.2	6.0	65.3	10.1	58.7
2012	90.7	53.0	46.7	6.3	58.4	11.9	51.5
<b>Ontario</b>							
2011	10,873.8	7,184.9	6,593.3	591.7	66.1	8.2	60.6
2012	11,015.2	7,224.4	6,656.4	568.0	65.6	7.9	60.4
Ottawa [3510]							
2011	1,043.1	715.3	668.0	47.3	68.6	6.6	64.0
2012	1,057.2	740.8	690.9	49.9	70.1	6.7	65.4
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2011	369.4	224.7	207.0	17.7	60.8	7.9	56.0
2012	371.6	229.6	214.4	15.2	61.8	6.6	57.7
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2011	318.2	186.2	166.4	19.8	58.5	10.6	52.3
2012	319.5	192.6	176.0	16.7	60.3	8.7	55.1
Toronto [3530]							
2011	5,006.3	3,364.8	3,083.6	281.2	67.2	8.4	61.6
2012	5,104.6	3,355.9	3,073.8	282.2	65.7	8.4	60.2
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2011	1,031.1	731.9	671.2	60.7	71.0	8.3	65.1
2012	1,045.9	731.6	680.8	50.8	69.9	6.9	65.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2011	1,165.5	745.0	684.6	60.4	63.9	8.1	58.7
2012	1,175.0	758.6	702.8	55.8	64.6	7.4	59.8
London [3560]							
2011	538.6	349.8	321.1	28.7	64.9	8.2	59.6
2012	543.1	346.2	318.0	28.2	63.7	8.1	58.6
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2011	520.2	323.0	291.7	31.3	62.1	9.7	56.1
2012	518.9	324.1	289.4	34.8	62.5	10.7	55.8
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2011	245.7	162.4	150.6	11.8	66.1	7.3	61.3
2012	245.7	163.8	156.3	7.5	66.7	4.6	63.6
Northeast [3590]							
2011	461.9	279.7	257.0	22.8	60.6	8.2	55.6
2012	460.6	271.8	251.8	19.9	59.0	7.3	54.7
Northwest [3595]							
2011	173.7	102.2	92.2	10.0	58.8	9.8	53.1
2012	173.1	109.5	102.3	7.2	63.3	6.6	59.1
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2011	949.0	651.6	615.7	35.9	68.7	5.5	64.9
2012	959.7	654.8	618.0	36.8	68.2	5.6	64.4
Southeast [4610]							
2011	82.1	57.3	54.3	3.1	69.8	5.4	66.1
2012	83.6	58.6	55.3	3.3	70.1	5.6	66.1
South Central [4620]							
2011	46.9	32.0	30.4	1.6	68.2	5.0	64.8
2012	48.0	30.2	29.5	0.8	62.9	2.6	61.5

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, <sup>1</sup> unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2011 and March 2012**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Southwest [4630]</b>							
2011	83.6	56.6	54.6	2.0	67.7	3.5	65.3
2012	83.8	56.5	53.8	2.7	67.4	4.8	64.2
<b>North Central [4640]</b>							
2011	36.4	24.2	22.7	1.5	66.5	6.2	62.4
2012	36.7	23.6	22.7	0.9	64.3	3.8	61.9
<b>Winnipeg [4650]</b>							
2011	567.5	390.2	367.3	22.9	68.8	5.9	64.7
2012	575.2	396.6	372.3	24.3	68.9	6.1	64.7
<b>Interlake [4660]</b>							
2011	72.3	49.2	46.4	2.8	68.0	5.7	64.2
2012	72.9	51.2	48.8	2.3	70.2	4.5	66.9
<b>Parklands and North [4670, 4680]</b>							
2011	60.2	42.0	40.0	2.1	69.8	5.0	66.4
2012	59.4	38.1	35.6	2.6	64.1	6.8	59.9
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2011	796.6	548.3	516.6	31.7	68.8	5.8	64.9
2012	805.8	550.0	521.4	28.6	68.3	5.2	64.7
<b>Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]</b>							
2011	236.4	166.5	157.8	8.6	70.4	5.2	66.8
2012	239.8	172.1	165.6	6.5	71.8	3.8	69.1
<b>Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]</b>							
2011	81.1	53.1	50.7	2.3	65.5	4.3	62.5
2012	81.0	49.1	46.8	2.3	60.6	4.7	57.8
<b>Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]</b>							
2011	262.8	181.8	171.8	10.0	69.2	5.5	65.4
2012	268.3	184.6	174.5	10.1	68.8	5.5	65.0
<b>Yorkton-Melville [4740]</b>							
2011	63.1	40.9	38.6	2.3	64.8	5.6	61.2
2012	62.7	41.5	39.4	2.1	66.2	5.1	62.8
<b>Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]</b>							
2011	153.2	106.0	97.7	8.3	69.2	7.8	63.8
2012	153.9	102.6	95.1	7.6	66.7	7.4	61.8
<b>Alberta</b>							
2011	2,986.9	2,170.2	2,042.3	127.9	72.7	5.9	68.4
2012	3,037.5	2,221.9	2,108.7	113.2	73.1	5.1	69.4
<b>Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]</b>							
2011	218.3	142.6	134.6	8.1	65.3	5.7	61.7
2012	220.5	153.5	146.4	7.0	69.6	4.6	66.4
<b>Camrose-Drumheller [4820]</b>							
2011	155.7	112.6	107.2	5.4	72.3	4.8	68.9
2012	156.4	112.6	108.7	3.9	72.0	3.5	69.5
<b>Calgary [4830]</b>							
2011	1,102.2	804.9	755.7	49.2	73.0	6.1	68.6
2012	1,124.4	838.1	795.4	42.6	74.5	5.1	70.7
<b>Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]</b>							
2011	71.7	56.5	53.9	2.6	78.8	4.6	75.2
2012	71.9	55.0	52.9	2.1	76.5	3.8	73.6

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, <sup>1</sup> unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in March 2011 and March 2012

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Red Deer [4850]							
2011	153.4	112.4	105.4	7.0	73.3	6.2	68.7
2012	155.7	115.3	109.1	6.2	74.1	5.4	70.1
Edmonton [4860]							
2011	993.7	721.1	677.6	43.5	72.6	6.0	68.2
2012	1,013.0	729.9	688.8	41.1	72.1	5.6	68.0
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2011	190.1	139.5	131.3	8.2	73.4	5.9	69.1
2012	191.1	133.8	127.3	6.5	70.0	4.9	66.6
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2011	101.8	80.7	76.7	4.0	79.3	5.0	75.3
2012	104.4	83.9	80.0	3.9	80.4	4.6	76.6
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2011	3,763.4	2,439.2	2,227.7	211.5	64.8	8.7	59.2
2012	3,800.6	2,445.4	2,267.0	178.5	64.3	7.3	59.6
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2011	654.0	407.8	370.9	37.0	62.4	9.1	56.7
2012	657.5	395.8	370.0	25.8	60.2	6.5	56.3
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2011	2,299.6	1,503.0	1,375.6	127.4	65.4	8.5	59.8
2012	2,334.0	1,517.9	1,410.0	107.9	65.0	7.1	60.4
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2011	436.9	279.4	253.3	26.0	64.0	9.3	58.0
2012	436.9	276.1	250.0	26.1	63.2	9.5	57.2
Kootenay [5940]							
2011	127.1	77.5	70.2	7.3	61.0	9.4	55.2
2012	127.1	80.1	74.9	5.2	63.0	6.5	58.9
Cariboo [5950]							
2011	127.5	85.9	79.4	6.5	67.4	7.6	62.3
2012	127.1	88.5	81.9	6.6	69.6	7.5	64.4
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2011	66.8	45.1	41.0	4.1	67.5	9.1	61.4
2012	66.3	45.9	40.5	5.4	69.2	11.8	61.1
Northeast [5980]							
2011	51.4	40.6	37.2	3.3	79.0	8.1	72.4
2012	51.6	41.1	39.7	1.5	79.7	3.6	76.9

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**  
**March 2011 and March 2012**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands			percent		
<b>Yukon <sup>1</sup></b>							
2011	26.1	19.5	18.5	1.0	74.7	5.1	70.9
2012	26.8	20.1	18.3	1.8	75.0	9.0	68.3
<b>Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup></b>							
2011	32.1	23.8	22.2	1.5	74.1	6.3	69.2
2012	32.1	24.2	22.1	2.1	75.4	8.7	68.8
<b>Nunavut <sup>3</sup></b>							
2011	21.2	14.4	11.9	2.5	67.7	17.3	56.0
2012	20.9	13.6	11.5	2.1	64.8	15.3	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
<b>March 2012</b>										
15 years and over	14,509.7	35.0	859.73	23.65	11,704.2	39.3	995.35	2,805.5	16.9	293.94
15 to 24 years	2,212.6	26.1	383.70	13.67	1,045.3	38.9	619.21	1,167.4	14.6	172.82
25 years and over	12,297.1	36.6	945.38	25.45	10,658.9	39.3	1,032.23	1,638.1	18.6	380.25
Men	7,230.6	37.6	984.90	25.47	6,364.9	40.5	1,083.31	865.7	16.1	261.38
Women	7,279.1	32.3	735.39	21.85	5,339.3	37.8	890.50	1,939.8	17.3	308.47
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,617.7	35.4	969.30	26.96	3,909.1	38.5	1,066.02	708.6	18.9	435.74
No union coverage	9,892.0	34.7	808.58	22.10	7,795.1	39.7	959.91	2,096.9	16.3	246.02
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,728.4	36.0	900.53	24.23	10,757.9	39.3	1,008.10	1,970.5	18.0	313.22
Temporary	1,781.3	27.4	568.20	19.52	946.3	38.9	850.35	835.0	14.4	248.44
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	957.9	39.7	1,485.94	37.57	931.3	40.3	1,512.26	26.6	18.9	564.32
Business, finance and administrative	2,799.1	34.9	794.48	22.20	2,366.7	38.1	884.49	432.3	17.3	301.68
Natural and applied sciences	1,085.1	38.5	1,281.60	33.26	1,047.1	39.1	1,306.65	38.1	19.5	592.79
Health	1,026.7	33.7	916.15	26.94	786.2	37.8	1,036.62	240.6	20.2	522.46
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,472.7	33.5	1,038.69	30.58	1,167.8	37.8	1,185.42	304.8	17.0	476.55
Art, culture, recreation and sport	363.3	29.9	765.78	23.97	242.7	38.4	1,014.80	120.6	13.0	264.60
Sales and service	3,734.2	30.1	509.38	15.73	2,298.9	38.6	699.51	1,435.2	16.4	204.82
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,084.7	40.0	944.04	23.36	1,947.3	41.5	989.11	137.4	17.7	305.44
Occupations unique to primary industry	222.7	43.5	1,012.80	22.54	196.0	47.3	1,117.78	26.8	15.0	243.78
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	763.2	38.8	775.95	19.76	720.1	40.1	806.67	43.1	17.6	262.56
<b>March 2011</b>										
15 years and over	14,283.5	34.8	836.77	23.06	11,478.3	39.2	972.04	2,805.2	16.8	283.29
15 to 24 years	2,230.4	25.7	371.09	13.40	1,038.7	38.6	605.07	1,191.6	14.4	167.13
25 years and over	12,053.1	36.5	922.95	24.84	10,439.5	39.3	1,008.55	1,613.6	18.7	369.07
Men	7,076.7	37.4	960.70	24.89	6,197.7	40.4	1,061.78	879.0	16.3	248.04
Women	7,206.8	32.3	715.08	21.26	5,280.6	37.8	866.72	1,926.2	17.1	299.37
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,545.0	35.4	950.51	26.45	3,830.6	38.5	1,051.18	714.4	18.6	410.68
No union coverage	9,738.5	34.6	783.69	21.47	7,647.7	39.6	932.40	2,090.8	16.2	239.76
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,541.6	35.8	874.08	23.63	10,511.4	39.2	984.98	2,030.2	17.8	299.95
Temporary	1,741.9	28.2	568.11	18.97	966.9	39.2	831.39	775.0	14.4	239.62
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	956.8	39.9	1,421.27	35.64	933.5	40.4	1,444.40	23.3	19.9	494.61
Business, finance and administrative	2,795.3	35.1	780.10	21.70	2,376.3	38.3	863.91	419.0	17.4	304.81
Natural and applied sciences	1,101.6	38.6	1,248.30	32.23	1,068.2	39.3	1,273.49	33.3	18.6	440.94
Health	987.7	33.0	894.58	26.94	725.6	37.8	1,031.49	262.1	19.8	515.61
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,434.7	33.1	1,001.68	29.61	1,122.6	37.8	1,159.55	312.2	16.5	433.94
Art, culture, recreation and sport	328.5	30.1	730.02	22.92	223.8	38.1	947.40	104.7	13.1	265.37
Sales and service	3,734.6	29.9	499.92	15.50	2,284.1	38.5	690.95	1,450.5	16.4	199.08
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,991.7	39.8	923.72	22.91	1,856.9	41.4	969.85	134.8	17.5	288.33
Occupations unique to primary industry	208.9	41.7	945.14	21.27	175.9	46.7	1,084.17	33.0	15.2	203.35
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	743.7	39.0	768.73	19.50	711.4	40.0	792.42	32.3	17.2	247.61

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

**Table 8**  
**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program, <sup>1</sup> seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

Region	Effective from April 8, 2012 to May 12, 2012
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	7.4
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	17.5
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.5
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.3
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.0
06. Halifax	5.8
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.2
08. Madawaska-Charlotte	11.3
09. Restigouche-Albert	15.7
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	13.3
11. Québec	5.3
12. Trois-Rivières	7.4
13. South Central Quebec	4.9
14. Sherbrooke	6.5
15. Montérégie	7.9
16. Montréal	9.4
17. Central Quebec	9.3
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.4
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord	9.7
20. Gatineau	5.4
21. Saguenay	6.1
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	6.3
23. Eastern Ontario	8.3
24. Kingston	7.2
25. Central Ontario	7.2
26. Oshawa	7.9
27. Toronto	8.6
28. Hamilton	6.0
29. St. Catharines	7.6
30. London	8.6
31. Niagara	10.0
32. Windsor	10.9
33. Kitchener	6.7
34. Huron	9.7
35. South Central Ontario	5.2
36. Sudbury	7.2
37. Thunder Bay	5.2
38. Northern Ontario	11.0
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	5.8
40. Southern Manitoba	5.7
41. Northern Manitoba	28.8
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	4.0
43. Saskatoon	5.8
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.4
45. Northern Saskatchewan	18.1
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	5.0
47. Edmonton	6.0
48. Northern Alberta	8.7
49. Southern Alberta	5.8

See notes at the end of the table.

**Table 8 – continued**

**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program, <sup>1</sup> seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

Region	Effective from April 8, 2012 to May 12, 2012
	percent
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.8
51. Abbotsford	10.8
52. Vancouver	6.7
53. Victoria	6.0
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	8.1
55. Northern British Columbia	11.6
<b>Territories</b>	
56. Yukon <sup>2</sup>	25.0
57. Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup>	25.0
58. Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	25.0

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

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

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



# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of 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*