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- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
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- F too unreliable to be published
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Highlights

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Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



Analysis — February 2015

Employment was unchanged in February, while the unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points to 6.8%, as more people searched for work.

In the 12 months to February, employment increased by 130,000 (+0.7%) with most of the growth in the second half of the period.

Compared with February 2014, full-time employment rose by 121,000 (+0.8%), while there was little change in part-time work. Over the same period, the total number of hours worked was up slightly (+0.2%).

In February, employment increased among men aged 55 and older, and there was little change in the other demographic groups.

Provincially, employment declined in Alberta, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador, while it increased in Quebec.

There were fewer people working in manufacturing; natural resources; information, culture and recreation; as well as in 'other services'. However, there were gains in construction and educational services in February.

The number of public sector workers increased in February. There was little change in the number of private sector employees and the self-employed.

Adjusted to the concepts used in the United States, the unemployment rate in Canada was 5.9% in February, an increase of 0.3 percentage points compared with January. At the same time, the U.S. unemployment rate declined 0.2 percentage points to 5.5%.

More employed men aged 55 and older

There were 17,000 more men aged 55 and older working in February and their unemployment rate was 6.3%. Employment for women in the same age group was little changed. However, their unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage points to 5.2% as more of them were searching for work.

While youth employment was virtually unchanged in February, their unemployment rate rose 0.5 percentage points to 13.3% as more youths looked for work.

For men and women aged 25 to 54, employment was little changed in February. However, the unemployment rate for men went up 0.5 percentage points to 6.1%, as more of them searched for work. The unemployment rate for women in this age group was 5.1% in February, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.

In the 12 months to February, most of the increase in employment was among men aged 25 and older, up 91,000 or 1.1%. These gains were entirely in full-time work.

Provincial summary

Employment in Alberta fell by 14,000 in February, pushing the unemployment rate in the province up 0.8 percentage points to 5.3%, the highest since September 2011. Employment losses were in a number of industries, most notably retail and wholesale trade; natural resources; professional, scientific and technical services; as well as in manufacturing. In the province's natural resources sector, employment has decreased by 20,000 (-11.0%) since the most recent peak in September 2014.

In Nova Scotia, employment fell by 4,400 and the unemployment rate increased 0.7 percentage points to 9.1%. Despite fewer people working in February, employment in the province was virtually unchanged on a year-over-year basis.

Employment in Newfoundland and Labrador declined by 3,000 in February, bringing losses over the past 12 months to 6,900 (-2.9%). In February, the unemployment rate in the province increased by 1.2 percentage points to 12.6%.

In Quebec, employment increased for the second consecutive month, up 17,000 in February and all in part-time work. In the 12 months to February, overall employment in the province increased by 44,000 or 1.1%. Despite more employment in February, the unemployment rate remained at 7.4% as more people participated in the labour force.

In Ontario, gains in full-time employment were largely offset by declines in part-time work, leaving overall employment little changed. The unemployment rate in the province remained at 6.9%. Compared with a year earlier, employment increased by 39,000 or 0.6%.

Employment in the remaining provinces was little changed between January and February.

Industry perspective

The number of people employed in manufacturing fell by 20,000 in February, the first decline since August 2014. The bulk of the losses in February occurred in Ontario and Alberta.

Employment in natural resources decreased by 17,000 in February, bringing losses over the past two months to 26,000 (-6.8%). Most of the declines for the month were in British Columbia and Alberta.

The number of people employed in information, culture and recreation declined by 12,000 in February. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in this industry was little changed.

In February, employment declined by 12,000 in 'other services' industries, such as repair and maintenance, bringing losses over the past 12 months to 44,000 (-5.5%).

More people were working in construction in February, up 16,000, bringing gains over the past 12 months to 56,000 (+4.1%).

Employment also rose in educational services (+15,000) in February. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the industry increased by 61,000 or 5.0%.

Between January and February, the number of public sector employees rose by 24,000, while there was little change in the number of private sector employees and the self-employed.

On a year-over-year basis, self-employment grew by 60,000 or 2.2% and the number of public sector employees was up by 43,000 or 1.2%. Over the same period, the number of private sector employees was little changed.

Canada-United States comparison

Adjusted to US concepts, the unemployment rate in Canada was 5.9%, while the rate in the United States was 5.5%. Compared with February 2014, the unemployment rate in Canada edged down 0.1 percentage points, while the US rate fell by 1.2 percentage points.

In February, the employment rate in Canada (adjusted to US concepts) was 62.0%, compared with 59.3% in the United States. On a year-over-year basis, the employment rate declined by 0.2 percentage points in Canada, while it increased by 0.5 percentage points in the United States.

Note to readers

The LFS estimates for February 2015 are for the week of February 15 to 21.

The LFS estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability. As a result, monthly estimates will show more variability than trends observed over longer time periods. For more information, see "*Interpreting Monthly Changes in Employment from the Labour Force Survey*." Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries also have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the "Data quality" section of the publication *Labour Force Information (71-001-X)*.

This analysis focuses on differences between estimates that are statistically significant at the 68% confidence level.

The **employment rate** is the number of employed persons as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The rate for a particular group (for example, youths aged 15 to 24) is the number employed in that group as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **unemployment rate** is the number unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed).

The **participation rate** is the number of employed and unemployed as a percentage of the population. For more detailed information, see the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)*.

Seasonal adjustment

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted estimates, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see *Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions*.

Sample redesign

Every 10 years, the LFS undergoes a sample redesign to reflect changes in population and labour market characteristics, as well as new definitions of geographical boundaries. The redesigned sample was introduced starting in January 2015 and will be fully implemented by June 2015.

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Employment indexes, Canada, seasonally adjusted

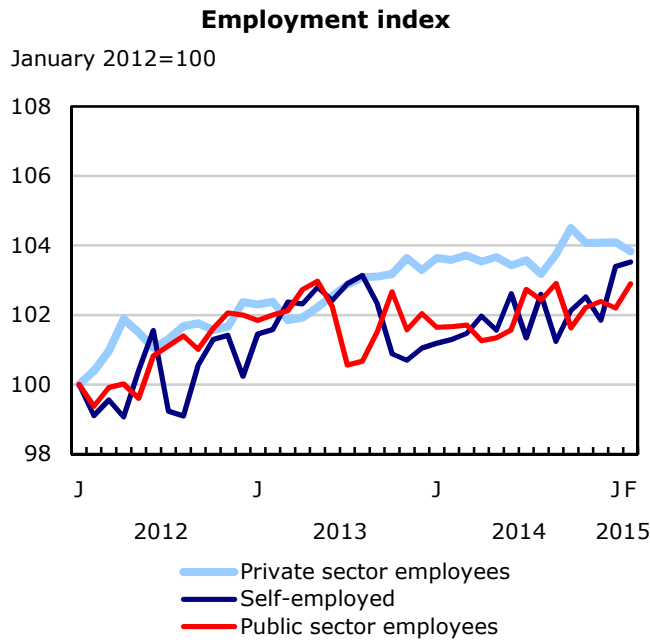
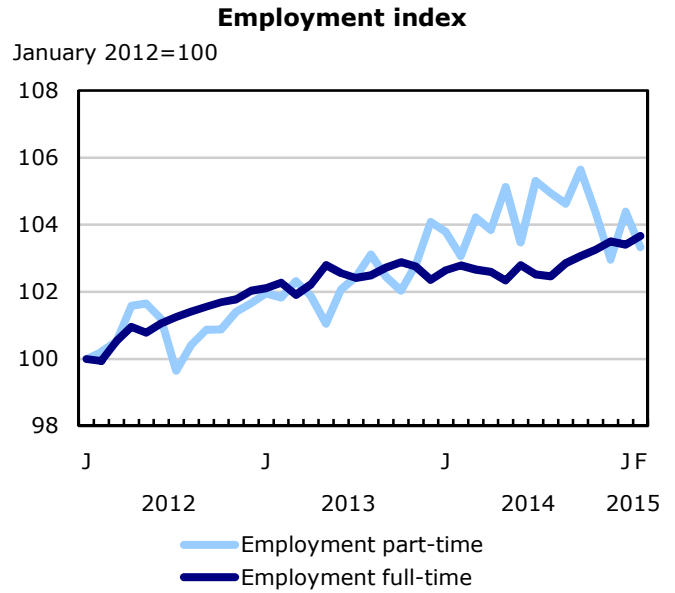
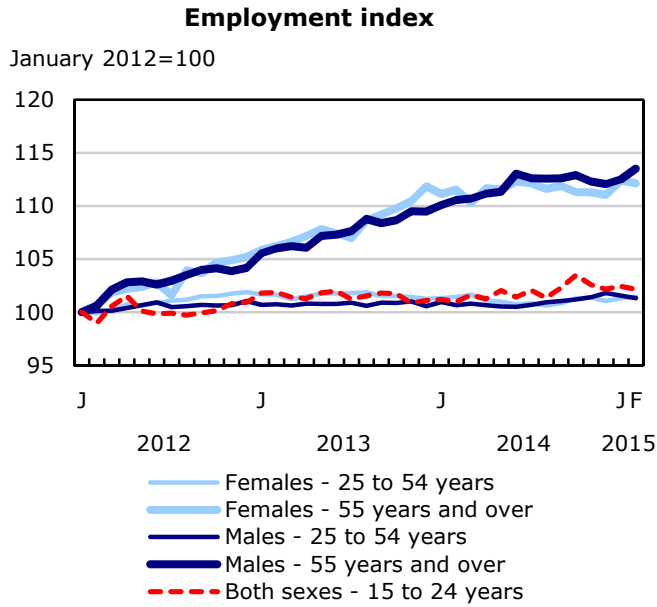


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Employment, unemployment, and participation rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

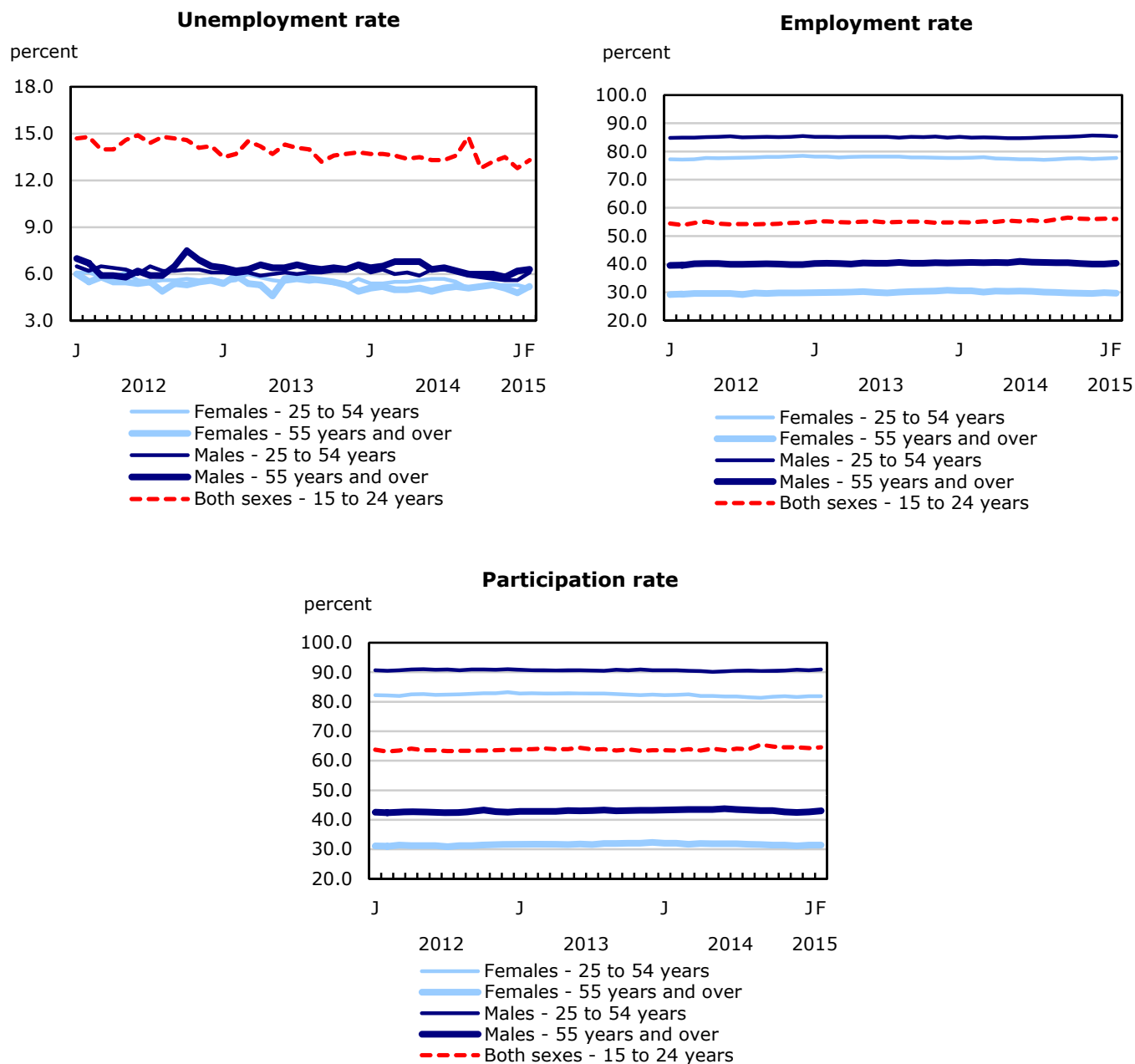


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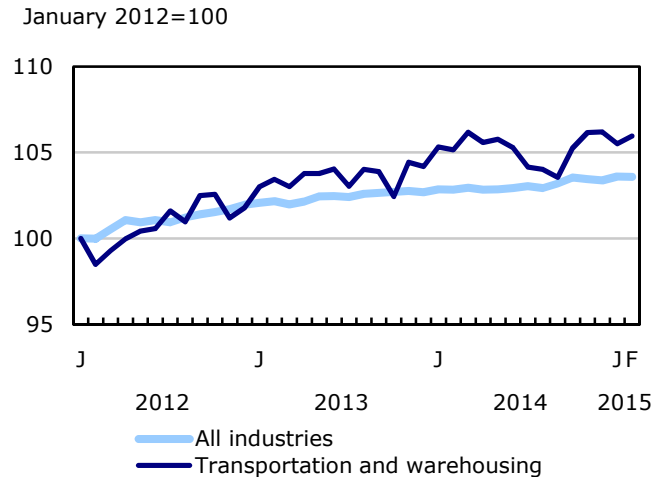
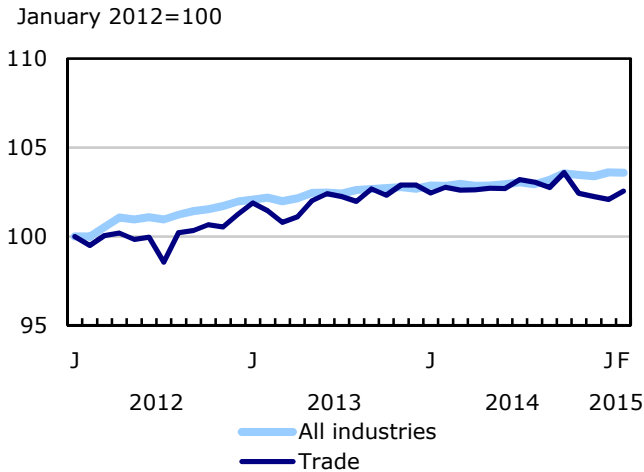
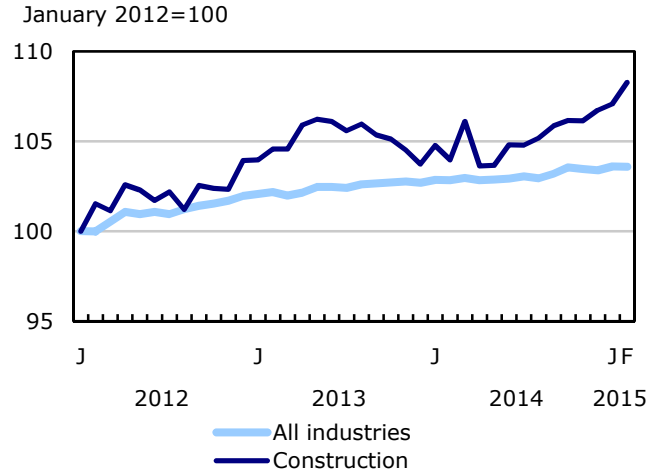
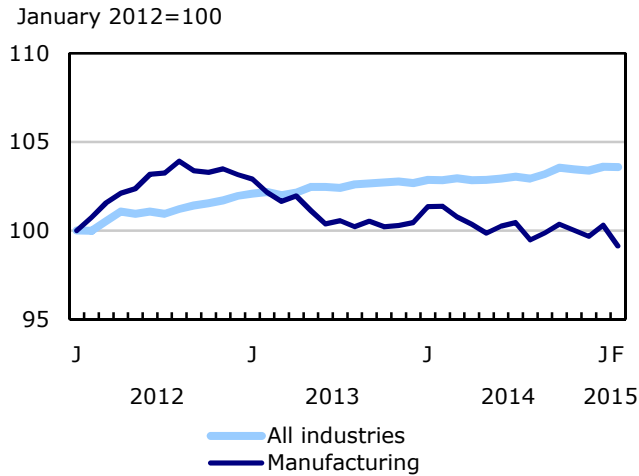
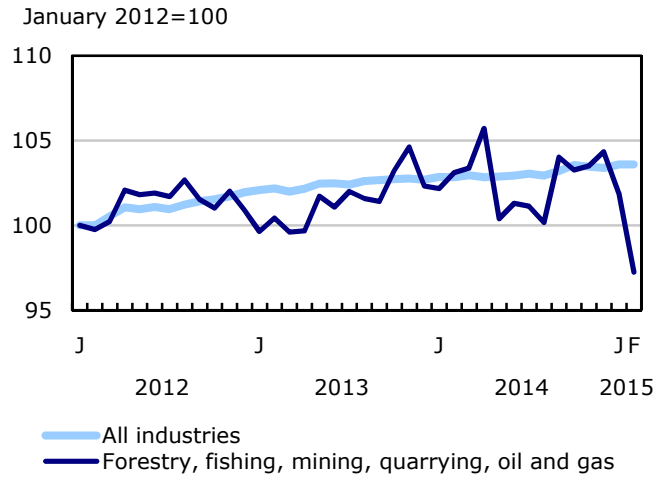
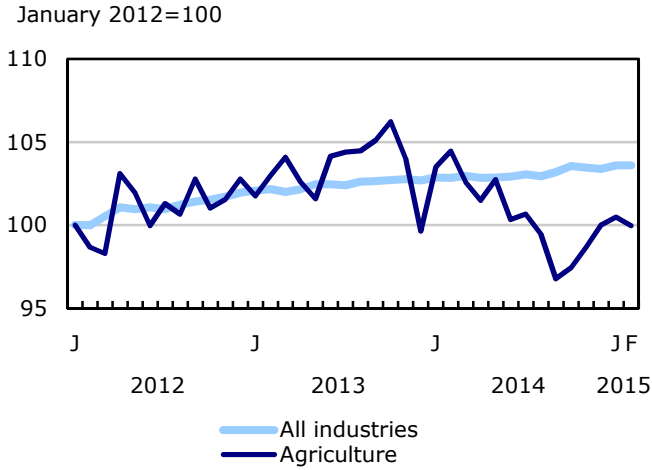


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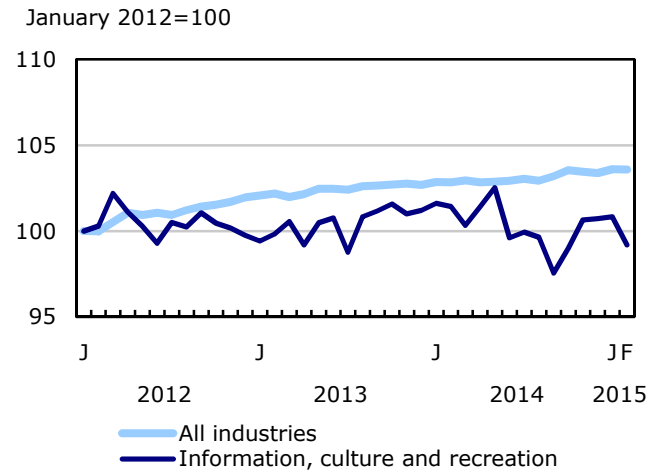
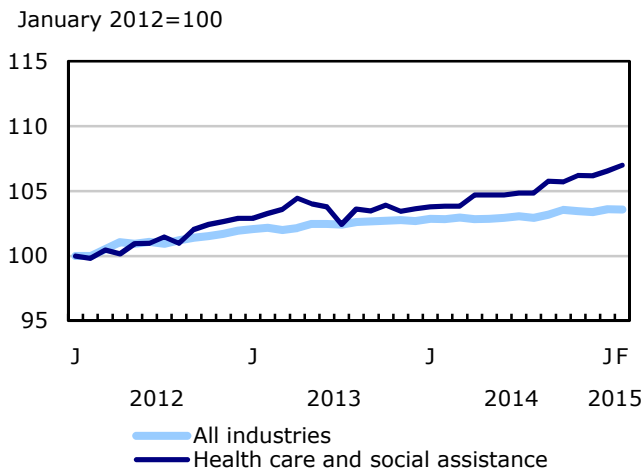
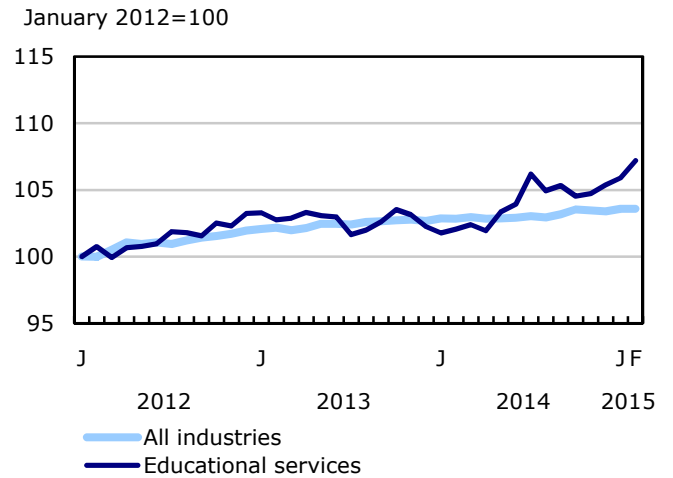
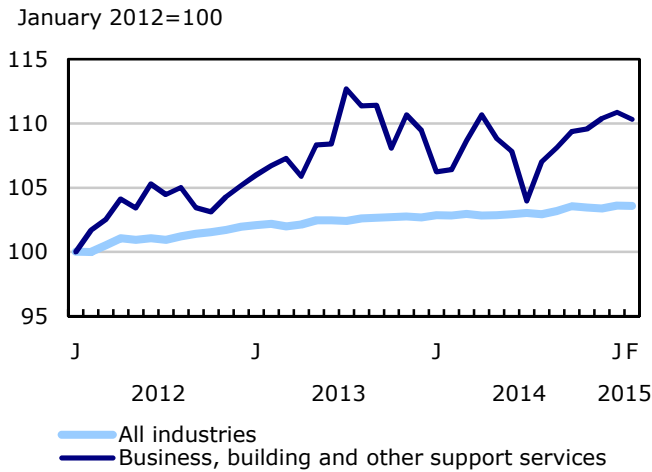
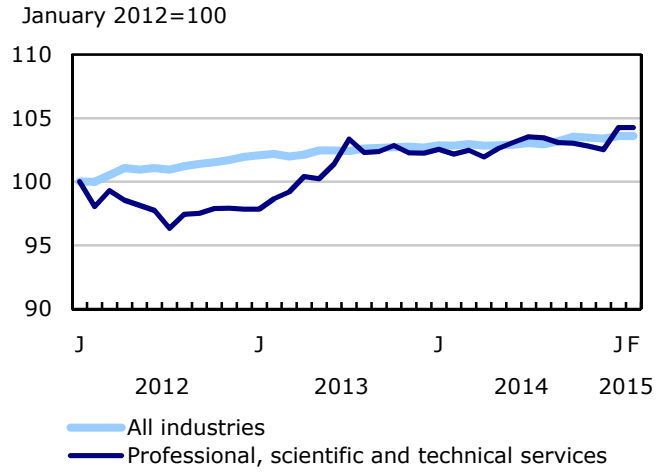
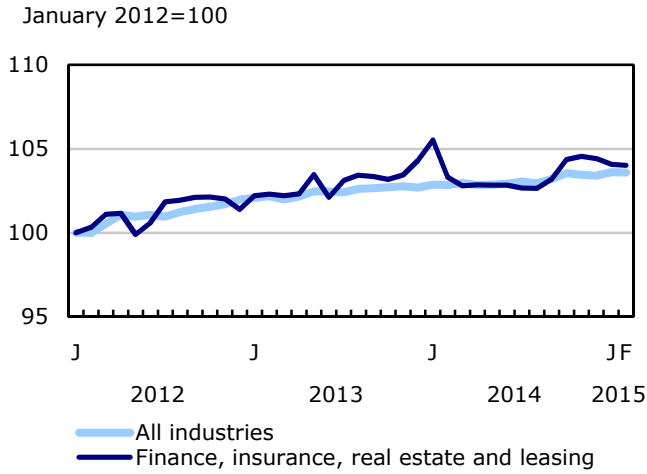


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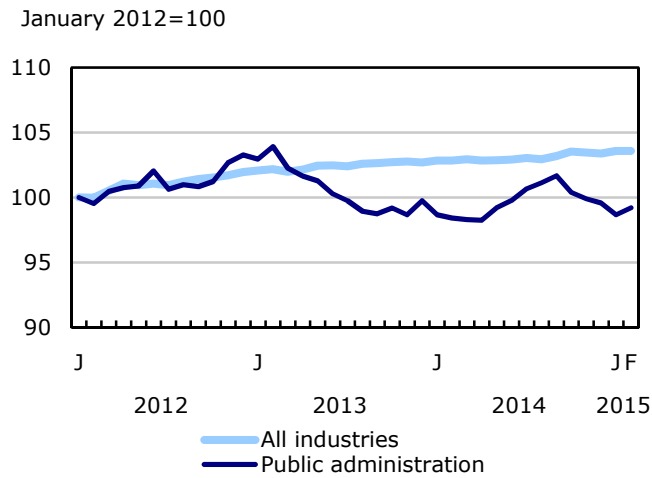
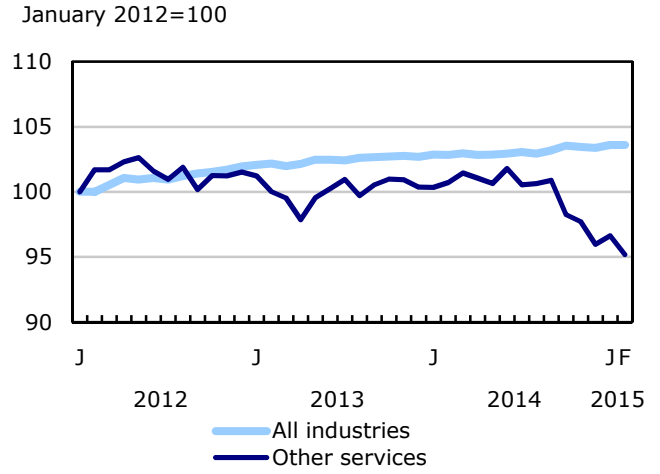
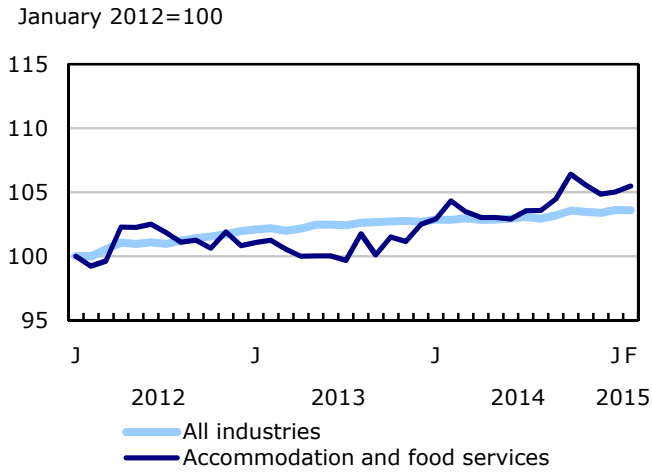


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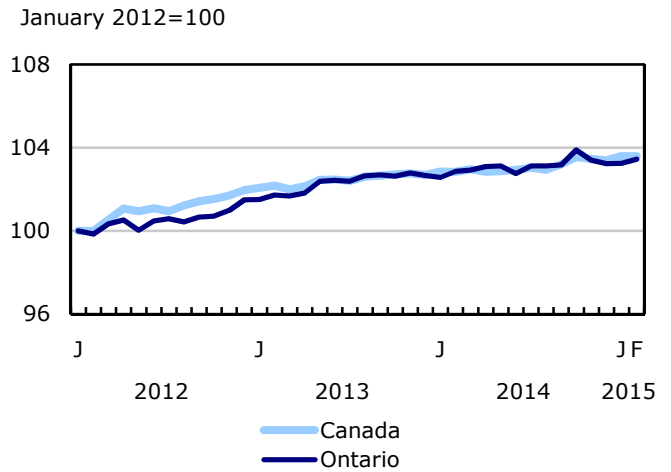
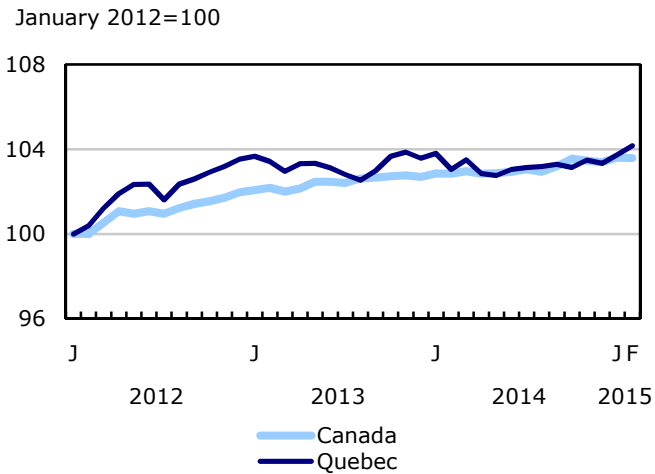
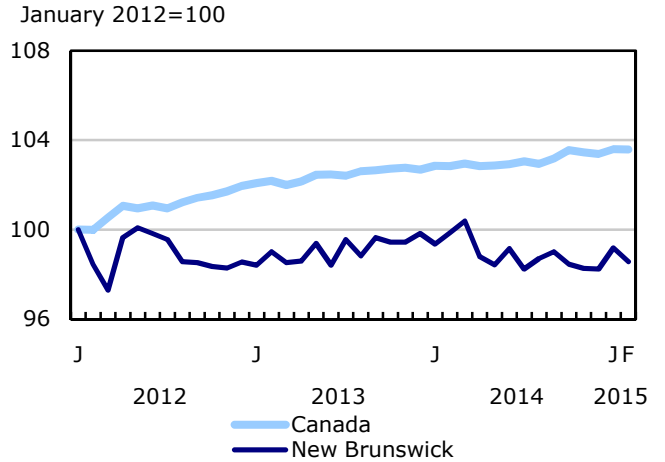
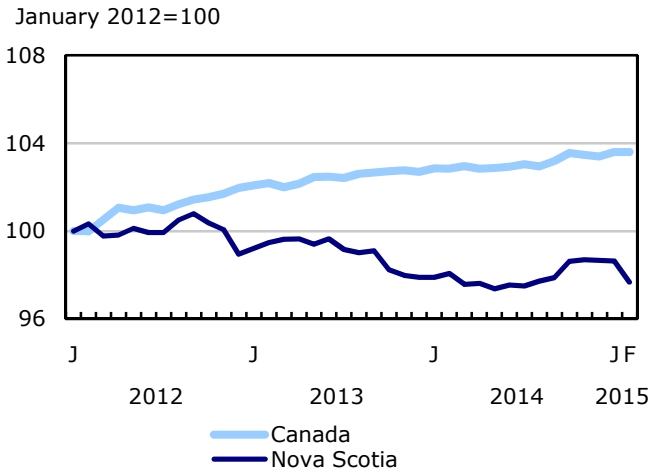
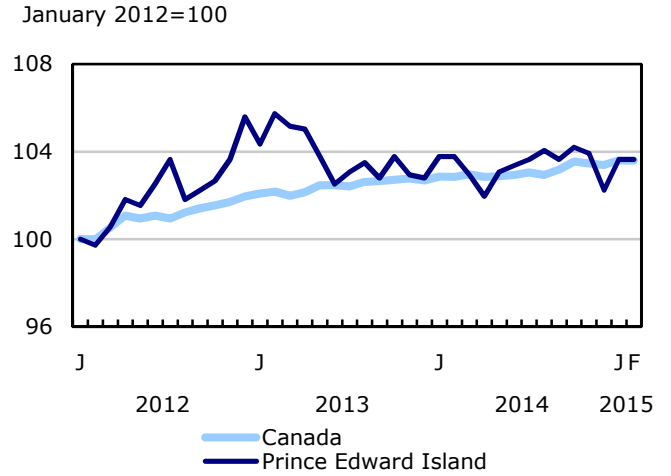
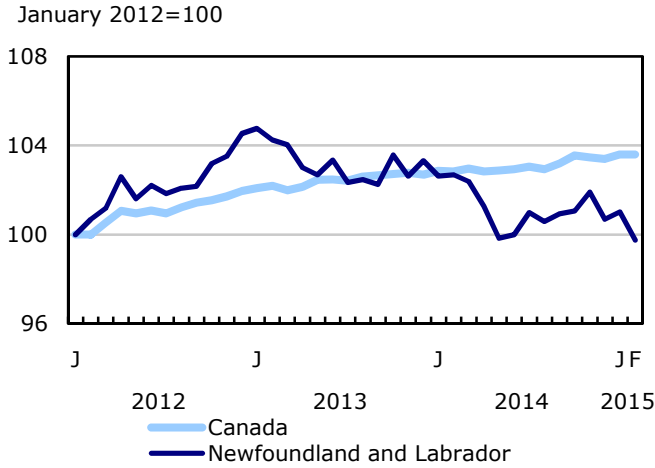
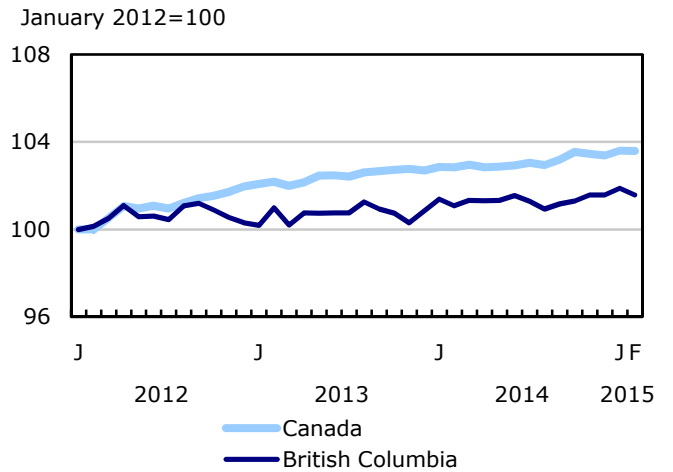
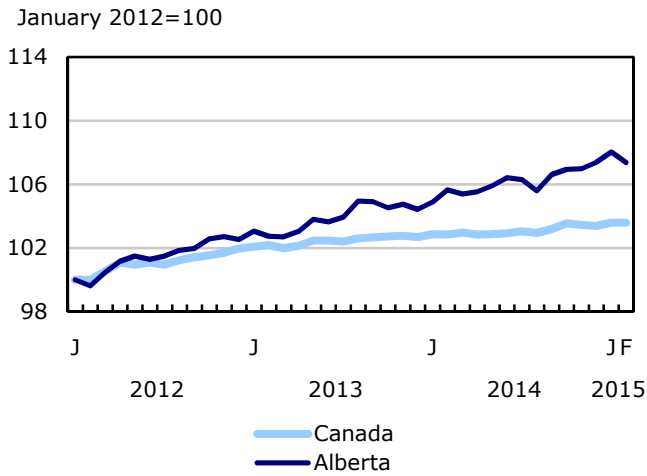
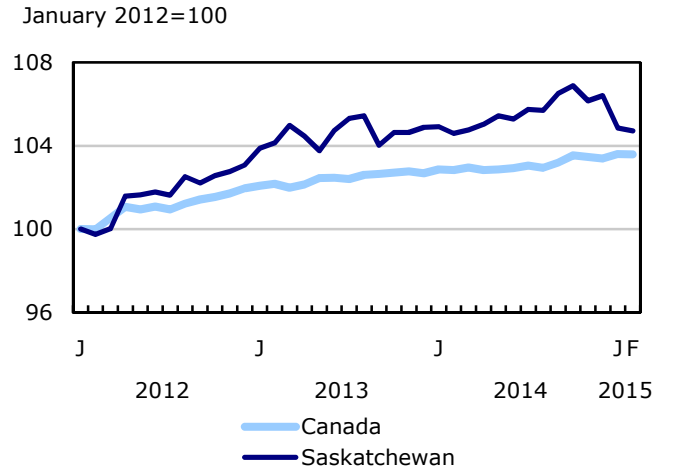
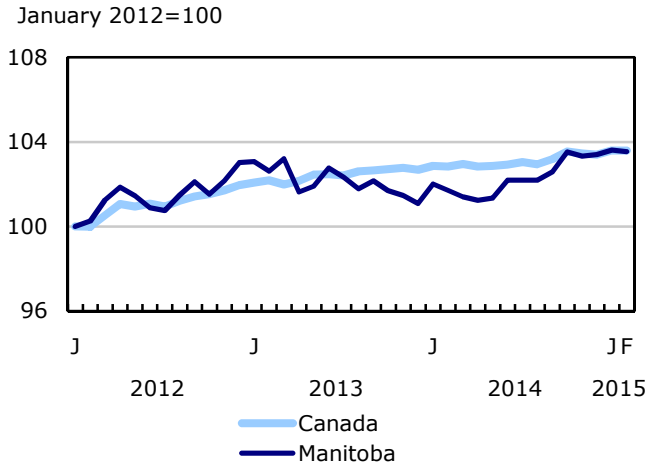


Chart 7
Employment indexes by province, Canada, seasonally adjusted



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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	29,139.2	29,160.7	...	21.5	44.1	305.6	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	19,148.4	19,197.6	29.0	49.2	69.9	91.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Employment	17,886.9	17,885.9	28.7	-1.0	34.4	129.9	0.0	0.2	0.7
Employment full-time	14,454.2	14,488.2	39.2	34.0	22.2	121.1	0.2	0.2	0.8
Employment part-time	3,432.7	3,397.8	36.1	-34.9	12.3	8.9	-1.0	0.4	0.3
Unemployment	1,261.5	1,311.7	24.6	50.2	35.5	-38.6	4.0	2.8	-2.9
Participation rate	65.7	65.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.8	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,451.4	4,446.9	...	-4.5	-8.1	-42.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9
Labour force	2,860.5	2,870.9	16.9	10.4	-4.9	19.7	0.4	-0.2	0.7
Employment	2,495.6	2,488.4	15.6	-7.2	-0.5	28.4	-0.3	0.0	1.2
Employment full-time	1,286.5	1,266.2	18.8	-20.3	-23.3	-16.9	-1.6	-1.8	-1.3
Employment part-time	1,209.1	1,222.1	19.8	13.0	22.8	45.2	1.1	1.9	3.8
Unemployment	364.9	382.6	14.5	17.7	-4.4	-8.6	4.9	-1.1	-2.2
Participation rate	64.3	64.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	13.3	0.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	56.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.4	49.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	12,074.8	12,087.5	...	12.7	25.9	169.9	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	8,636.1	8,674.0	15.3	37.9	42.3	78.8	0.4	0.5	0.9
Employment	8,137.5	8,139.5	16.5	2.0	-4.0	91.1	0.0	0.0	1.1
Employment full-time	7,455.4	7,497.2	21.9	41.8	-5.0	90.1	0.6	-0.1	1.2
Employment part-time	682.1	642.3	17.9	-39.8	1.0	1.0	-5.8	0.2	0.2
Unemployment	498.6	534.5	14.3	35.9	46.3	-12.3	7.2	9.5	-2.2
Participation rate	71.5	71.8	0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.4	7.9	0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	12,613.1	12,626.2	...	13.1	26.3	178.1	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	7,651.7	7,652.7	16.5	1.0	32.5	-7.2	0.0	0.4	-0.1
Employment	7,253.7	7,258.1	16.0	4.4	38.9	10.5	0.1	0.5	0.1
Employment full-time	5,712.2	5,724.7	24.9	12.5	50.5	47.8	0.2	0.9	0.8
Employment part-time	1,541.5	1,533.4	23.7	-8.1	-11.5	-37.3	-0.5	-0.7	-2.4
Unemployment	398.0	394.6	13.2	-3.4	-6.4	-17.7	-0.9	-1.6	-4.3
Participation rate	60.7	60.6	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,567.7	14,566.5	...	-1.2	-2.9	28.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	12,567.0	12,582.7	22.1	15.7	20.8	11.8	0.1	0.2	0.1
Employment	11,877.6	11,871.0	23.5	-6.6	-5.3	42.3	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Unemployment	689.3	711.7	17.9	22.4	26.1	-30.6	3.2	3.8	-4.1
Participation rate	86.3	86.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.5	81.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,255.5	7,254.7	...	-0.8	-1.7	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	6,579.1	6,596.8	14.3	17.7	5.4	28.7	0.3	0.1	0.4
Employment	6,208.0	6,193.2	15.9	-14.8	-29.0	40.4	-0.2	-0.5	0.7
Unemployment	371.0	403.6	13.1	32.6	34.4	-11.7	8.8	9.3	-2.8
Participation rate	90.7	90.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	85.6	85.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,312.3	7,311.8	...	-0.5	-1.2	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	5,987.9	5,985.9	16.0	-2.0	15.4	-16.9	0.0	0.3	-0.3
Employment	5,669.6	5,677.8	16.3	8.2	23.7	2.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
Unemployment	318.3	308.1	12.2	-10.2	-8.3	-18.9	-3.2	-2.6	-5.8
Participation rate	81.9	81.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.5	77.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	10,120.1	10,147.2	...	27.1	55.1	319.0	0.3	0.5	3.2
Labour force	3,720.9	3,744.0	17.9	23.1	54.0	59.8	0.6	1.5	1.6
Employment	3,513.6	3,526.6	18.0	13.0	40.2	59.3	0.4	1.2	1.7
Unemployment	207.2	217.4	9.4	10.2	13.8	0.5	4.9	6.8	0.2
Participation rate	36.8	36.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	34.7	34.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	4,819.3	4,832.9	...	13.6	27.7	159.4	0.3	0.6	3.4
Labour force	2,057.1	2,077.2	11.8	20.1	36.9	50.1	1.0	1.8	2.5
Employment	1,929.5	1,946.3	12.1	16.8	25.0	50.7	0.9	1.3	2.7
Unemployment	127.6	130.8	7.0	3.2	11.8	-0.7	2.5	9.9	-0.5
Participation rate	42.7	43.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.0	40.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	5,300.8	5,314.3	...	13.5	27.4	159.6	0.3	0.5	3.1
Labour force	1,663.8	1,666.8	12.2	3.0	17.1	9.7	0.2	1.0	0.6
Employment	1,584.1	1,580.3	12.2	-3.8	15.2	8.6	-0.2	1.0	0.5
Unemployment	79.7	86.6	6.2	6.9	2.0	1.2	8.7	2.4	1.4
Participation rate	31.4	31.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	29.9	29.7	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
Class of worker									
Employees	15,120.6	15,116.0	34.8	-4.6	-10.3	70.5	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Self-employed ²	2,766.3	2,769.9	24.8	3.6	44.7	59.5	0.1	1.6	2.2
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,554.7	3,579.0	19.6	24.3	17.6	42.8	0.7	0.5	1.2
Private sector employees	11,566.0	11,537.0	34.8	-29.0	-27.9	27.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.2
Industry	17,886.9	17,885.9	28.7	-1.0	34.4	129.9	0.0	0.2	0.7
Goods-producing sector	3,917.2	3,893.1	16.2	-24.1	-14.4	-19.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5
Agriculture	304.8	303.2	5.7	-1.6	-0.1	-13.6	-0.5	0.0	-4.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ³	368.7	351.8	5.5	-16.9	-25.7	-21.3	-4.6	-6.8	-5.7
Utilities	139.8	138.7	2.4	-1.1	0.4	-2.7	-0.8	0.3	-1.9
Construction	1,393.2	1,408.7	10.9	15.5	20.2	56.1	1.1	1.5	4.1
Manufacturing	1,710.6	1,690.7	10.3	-19.9	-9.2	-38.1	-1.2	-0.5	-2.2
Services-producing sector	13,969.6	13,992.8	27.2	23.2	48.9	149.7	0.2	0.4	1.1
Trade	2,711.3	2,723.7	14.2	12.4	8.2	-5.7	0.5	0.3	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	898.3	902.1	7.7	3.8	-2.1	6.8	0.4	-0.2	0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,090.3	1,089.7	8.1	-0.6	-4.1	7.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,351.2	1,351.1	10.5	-0.1	22.3	27.0	0.0	1.7	2.0
Business, building and other support services	754.3	750.6	9.6	-3.7	-0.6	26.6	-0.5	-0.1	3.7
Educational services	1,262.5	1,277.9	10.3	15.4	21.5	61.2	1.2	1.7	5.0
Health care and social assistance	2,253.0	2,262.7	10.5	9.7	17.5	67.0	0.4	0.8	3.1
Information, culture and recreation	761.0	748.6	9.5	-12.4	-11.5	-17.0	-1.6	-1.5	-2.2
Accommodation and food services	1,218.2	1,223.4	11.2	5.2	7.2	13.2	0.4	0.6	1.1
Other services	767.8	756.3	8.1	-11.5	-6.3	-43.9	-1.5	-0.8	-5.5
Public administration	901.8	906.7	6.9	4.9	-3.4	7.2	0.5	-0.4	0.8

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	443.4	443.2	...	-0.2	-0.1	-1.6	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	268.5	268.7	1.9	0.2	0.0	-5.5	0.1	0.0	-2.0
Employment	237.9	234.9	2.1	-3.0	-2.2	-6.9	-1.3	-0.9	-2.9
Employment full-time	200.9	200.4	2.5	-0.5	-3.2	-7.6	-0.2	-1.6	-3.7
Employment part-time	37.0	34.5	2.0	-2.5	1.0	0.7	-6.8	3.0	2.1
Unemployment	30.6	33.9	1.9	3.3	2.3	1.5	10.8	7.3	4.6
Participation rate	60.6	60.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	12.6	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	53.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	120.8	120.7	...	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	82.5	82.4	0.6	-0.1	0.2	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	-1.2
Employment	74.1	74.1	0.7	0.0	1.0	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.1
Employment full-time	62.4	61.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3	-0.6
Employment part-time	11.7	12.3	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.3	5.1	10.8	2.5
Unemployment	8.4	8.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-1.2	-8.8	-9.8
Participation rate	68.3	68.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.1	0.7	-0.1	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	784.1	784.2	...	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	492.0	491.2	2.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	450.9	446.5	2.6	-4.4	-4.5	-1.8	-1.0	-1.0	-0.4
Employment full-time	369.2	367.4	3.5	-1.8	-1.6	5.1	-0.5	-0.4	1.4
Employment part-time	81.7	79.0	3.1	-2.7	-3.0	-7.0	-3.3	-3.7	-8.1
Unemployment	41.1	44.8	2.4	3.7	3.7	0.9	9.0	9.0	2.1
Participation rate	62.7	62.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	56.9	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	622.0	622.1	...	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	394.0	393.4	2.3	-0.6	3.2	-2.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.5
Employment	354.6	352.4	2.4	-2.2	1.2	-4.6	-0.6	0.3	-1.3
Employment full-time	298.9	296.8	3.0	-2.1	1.3	-4.4	-0.7	0.4	-1.5
Employment part-time	55.7	55.6	2.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment	39.4	41.0	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.5	4.1	5.1	6.5
Participation rate	63.3	63.2	0.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.6	0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,825.0	6,827.5	...	2.5	5.2	44.3	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	4,400.7	4,420.3	14.7	19.6	30.8	20.6	0.4	0.7	0.5
Employment	4,077.1	4,093.9	14.5	16.8	32.8	44.4	0.4	0.8	1.1
Employment full-time	3,257.3	3,257.1	19.9	-0.2	-4.6	10.5	0.0	-0.1	0.3
Employment part-time	819.8	836.8	18.3	17.0	37.4	33.9	2.1	4.7	4.2
Unemployment	323.6	326.4	13.0	2.8	-2.0	-23.8	0.9	-0.6	-6.8
Participation rate	64.5	64.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Ontario									
Population	11,329.1	11,338.1	...	9.0	17.7	113.9	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	7,393.3	7,414.1	20.0	20.8	6.9	-3.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Employment	6,886.3	6,900.1	19.2	13.8	15.1	39.0	0.2	0.2	0.6
Employment full-time	5,516.9	5,577.1	26.6	60.2	37.0	12.0	1.1	0.7	0.2
Employment part-time	1,369.3	1,323.1	24.3	-46.2	-21.8	27.1	-3.4	-1.6	2.1
Unemployment	507.1	514.0	16.9	6.9	-8.2	-42.2	1.4	-1.6	-7.6
Participation rate	65.3	65.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Manitoba									
Population	982.5	983.1	...	0.6	1.6	11.4	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	675.3	671.9	2.6	-3.4	1.9	13.5	-0.5	0.3	2.1
Employment	635.0	634.6	2.6	-0.4	0.8	11.2	-0.1	0.1	1.8
Employment full-time	518.1	518.7	3.7	0.6	3.8	16.7	0.1	0.7	3.3
Employment part-time	116.9	115.9	3.5	-1.0	-3.0	-5.5	-0.9	-2.5	-4.5
Unemployment	40.3	37.3	2.1	-3.0	1.1	2.4	-7.4	3.0	6.9
Participation rate	68.7	68.3	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.6	0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	857.8	858.4	...	0.6	1.4	10.7	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	593.1	595.7	2.6	2.6	-1.6	6.6	0.4	-0.3	1.1
Employment	566.6	565.9	2.6	-0.7	-9.1	0.7	-0.1	-1.6	0.1
Employment full-time	468.2	470.0	3.5	1.8	-9.7	2.9	0.4	-2.0	0.6
Employment part-time	98.4	96.0	3.3	-2.4	0.7	-2.0	-2.4	0.7	-2.0
Unemployment	26.5	29.8	1.8	3.3	7.5	5.9	12.5	33.6	24.7
Participation rate	69.1	69.4	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.0	0.3	0.5	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.9	0.3	-0.2	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	3,323.0	3,327.8	...	4.8	10.6	82.4	0.1	0.3	2.5
Labour force	2,423.5	2,429.2	9.5	5.7	15.8	62.8	0.2	0.7	2.7
Employment	2,313.9	2,299.9	10.1	-14.0	-0.3	36.7	-0.6	0.0	1.6
Employment full-time	1,934.4	1,927.5	13.3	-6.9	3.2	34.2	-0.4	0.2	1.8
Employment part-time	379.5	372.4	12.0	-7.1	-3.5	2.5	-1.9	-0.9	0.7
Unemployment	109.7	129.3	7.6	19.6	16.1	26.1	17.9	14.2	25.3
Participation rate	72.9	73.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,851.6	3,855.5	...	3.9	7.1	42.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,425.5	2,430.6	10.1	5.1	13.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.0
Employment	2,290.6	2,283.6	9.9	-7.0	-0.3	11.2	-0.3	0.0	0.5
Employment full-time	1,827.9	1,811.4	14.1	-16.5	-3.7	52.1	-0.9	-0.2	3.0
Employment part-time	462.7	472.3	13.4	9.6	3.5	-40.8	2.1	0.7	-8.0
Unemployment	134.9	147.0	7.9	12.1	13.8	-10.7	9.0	10.4	-6.8
Participation rate	63.0	63.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.0	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Table 282-0087. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	443.4	443.2	...	-0.2	-0.1	-1.6	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	268.5	268.7	1.9	0.2	0.0	-5.5	0.1	0.0	-2.0
Employment	237.9	234.9	2.1	-3.0	-2.2	-6.9	-1.3	-0.9	-2.9
Employment full-time	200.9	200.4	2.5	-0.5	-3.2	-7.6	-0.2	-1.6	-3.7
Unemployment	30.6	33.9	1.9	3.3	2.3	1.5	10.8	7.3	4.6
Participation rate	60.6	60.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	12.6	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	53.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.6	14.7	0.8	-0.9	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	57.2	57.0	...	-0.2	-0.3	-2.3	-0.3	-0.5	-3.9
Labour force	36.1	36.0	1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.6	0.0
Employment	31.3	30.0	0.9	-1.3	-0.1	0.6	-4.2	-0.3	2.0
Unemployment	4.8	5.9	0.9	1.1	0.2	-0.7	22.9	3.5	-10.6
Participation rate	63.1	63.2	1.7	0.1	0.7	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	16.4	2.4	3.1	0.5	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	52.6	1.6	-2.1	0.1	3.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.3	41.7	3.5	-4.7	0.8	2.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	188.2	188.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	122.6	123.8	1.1	1.2	0.4	-2.1	1.0	0.3	-1.7
Employment	106.7	106.0	1.4	-0.7	-1.5	-5.6	-0.7	-1.4	-5.0
Unemployment	15.9	17.8	1.3	1.9	1.8	3.6	11.9	11.2	25.4
Participation rate	65.1	65.8	0.6	0.7	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	14.4	1.0	1.4	1.4	3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.9	-3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.3	0.8	-0.4	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	198.0	198.0	...	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	109.8	109.0	1.1	-0.8	-0.5	-3.4	-0.7	-0.5	-3.0
Employment	99.9	98.9	1.1	-1.0	-0.6	-1.9	-1.0	-0.6	-1.9
Unemployment	9.9	10.1	1.0	0.2	0.1	-1.5	2.0	1.0	-12.9
Participation rate	55.5	55.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.3	0.8	0.3	0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.5	49.9	0.6	-0.6	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	16.6	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	237.9	234.9	2.1	-3.0	-2.2	-6.9	-1.3	-0.9	-2.9
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	55.4	54.4	1.4	-1.0	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-3.4	-3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	1.9	1.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-26.3	-12.5	-6.7
Utilities	16.4	17.1	0.8	0.7	-0.1	-3.1	4.3	-0.6	-15.3
Construction	2.4	2.6	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.0	8.3	-13.3	0.0
Manufacturing	22.6	22.7	1.0	0.1	-0.9	1.7	0.4	-3.8	8.1
Services-producing sector	12.1	10.6	0.7	-1.5	-0.3	-0.4	-12.4	-2.8	-3.6
Services-producing sector									
Trade	182.5	180.4	1.8	-2.1	-0.4	-5.1	-1.2	-0.2	-2.7
Transportation and warehousing	40.4	40.8	0.9	0.4	1.6	1.4	1.0	4.1	3.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	11.0	10.7	0.6	-0.3	0.9	-1.3	-2.7	9.2	-10.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.7	7.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-1.5	-1.3	-5.0	-16.5
Business, building and other support services	10.9	11.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.7	2.8	3.7	17.9
Educational services	7.1	6.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	-5.6	-2.9	9.8
Health care and social assistance	16.7	16.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-2.1	-1.8	-1.8	-11.4
Information, culture and recreation	37.7	36.6	0.8	-1.1	-0.9	-0.7	-2.9	-2.4	-1.9
Accommodation and food services	7.0	7.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	7.1	1.4	5.6
Other services	16.1	15.7	0.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.8	-2.5	-1.3	5.4
Public administration	11.2	11.3	0.6	0.1	-0.8	-1.7	0.9	-6.6	-13.1
Public administration	16.7	16.1	0.6	-0.6	-0.4	-2.5	-3.6	-2.4	-13.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	120.8	120.7	...	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	82.5	82.4	0.6	-0.1	0.2	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	-1.2
Employment	74.1	74.1	0.7	0.0	1.0	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.1
Employment full-time	62.4	61.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3	-0.6
Unemployment	8.4	8.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-1.2	-8.8	-9.8
Participation rate	68.3	68.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.1	0.7	-0.1	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	16.6	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	18.5	18.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-2.6
Labour force	12.3	12.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.4	1.6	0.8	-3.1
Employment	10.3	10.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.4	1.9	2.9	-3.7
Unemployment	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-13.0	0.0
Participation rate	66.5	67.9	1.9	1.4	0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.3	16.0	2.5	-0.3	-2.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	57.1	1.9	1.4	2.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	43.8	3.6	1.1	-1.3	0.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	49.0	49.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	35.8	35.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.6	-0.6
Employment	32.4	32.3	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.6	-0.3	0.6	1.9
Unemployment	3.4	3.6	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.8	5.9	0.0	-18.2
Participation rate	73.1	73.3	0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	10.0	1.0	0.5	-0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.9	0.8	-0.2	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	6.5	1.0	0.6	1.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	53.3	53.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	34.4	34.1	0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.9	0.0	-0.9
Employment	31.3	31.4	0.4	0.1	0.6	-0.1	0.3	1.9	-0.3
Unemployment	3.1	2.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-9.7	-12.5	-3.4
Participation rate	64.5	64.0	0.6	-0.5	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.2	1.0	-0.8	-1.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.9	0.7	0.2	1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.3	17.8	1.5	0.6	1.9	1.3	...	...	...
Industry	74.1	74.1	0.7	0.0	1.0	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.1
Goods-producing sector	17.6	17.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-2.8	-1.2	-1.7
Agriculture	3.2	2.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-12.5	-3.4	-24.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-20.7
Utilities	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-25.0
Construction	5.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-1.8	0.0
Manufacturing	6.2	6.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	-1.6	-1.6	22.0
Services-producing sector	56.5	57.1	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.4	1.1	2.3	0.7
Trade	10.9	11.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	5.5	4.5	4.5
Transportation and warehousing	2.8	2.8	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-9.7	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1	4.3	9.1	-4.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.0	2.9	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-3.3	0.0	-6.5
Business, building and other support services	2.9	2.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	-10.3	-3.7	18.2
Educational services	5.3	5.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-1.9	-1.9	-10.3
Health care and social assistance	10.0	9.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-1.1	-2.0	-1.0	-10.1
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	2.9	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	16.0	20.8	3.6
Accommodation and food services	5.6	5.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.8	1.8	5.6
Other services	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	5.6	5.6	22.6
Public administration	7.4	7.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	2.8	2.8

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	784.1	784.2	...	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	492.0	491.2	2.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Employment	450.9	446.5	2.6	-4.4	-4.5	-1.8	-1.0	-1.0	-0.4
Employment full-time	369.2	367.4	3.5	-1.8	-1.6	5.1	-0.5	-0.4	1.4
Unemployment	41.1	44.8	2.4	3.7	3.7	0.9	9.0	9.0	2.1
Participation rate	62.7	62.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	56.9	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	17.7	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	112.6	112.4	...	-0.2	-0.4	-2.4	-0.2	-0.4	-2.1
Labour force	74.0	75.0	1.6	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.4	2.0	0.9
Employment	63.8	64.0	1.4	0.2	1.3	4.2	0.3	2.1	7.0
Unemployment	10.2	11.0	1.5	0.8	0.2	-3.5	7.8	1.9	-24.1
Participation rate	65.7	66.7	1.4	1.0	1.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	14.7	1.9	0.9	0.0	-4.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.9	1.3	0.2	1.3	4.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.1	46.2	2.8	0.2	0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	321.4	321.6	...	0.2	0.4	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	213.1	211.8	1.4	-1.3	-1.8	-2.1	-0.6	-0.8	-1.0
Employment	196.0	191.3	1.6	-4.7	-5.7	-4.4	-2.4	-2.9	-2.2
Unemployment	17.1	20.5	1.5	3.4	3.9	2.3	19.9	23.5	12.6
Participation rate	66.3	65.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	9.7	0.7	1.7	1.9	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	59.5	0.5	-1.5	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.9	7.2	0.8	-1.7	-0.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	350.1	350.3	...	0.2	0.3	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	204.9	204.4	1.4	-0.5	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Employment	191.1	191.2	1.4	0.1	-0.1	-1.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Unemployment	13.8	13.3	1.2	-0.5	-0.4	2.0	-3.6	-2.9	17.7
Participation rate	58.5	58.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.6	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.7	1.1	0.5	-0.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Population	450.9	446.4	2.6	-4.5	-4.6	-1.9	-1.0	-1.0	-0.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	82.8	78.6	1.7	-4.2	-3.0	-7.8	-5.1	-3.7	-9.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	5.0	5.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.2	2.0	10.9	4.1
Utilities	12.2	10.3	0.9	-1.9	-2.3	0.2	-15.6	-18.3	2.0
Utilities	3.6	3.6	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	-10.0	-12.2
Construction	33.7	31.8	1.1	-1.9	0.2	-3.8	-5.6	0.6	-10.7
Manufacturing	28.2	27.8	0.9	-0.4	-1.0	-3.8	-1.4	-3.5	-12.0
Services-producing sector									
Trade	368.1	367.8	2.4	-0.3	-1.6	5.9	-0.1	-0.4	1.6
Trade	73.7	72.7	1.3	-1.0	-1.8	-1.7	-1.4	-2.4	-2.3
Transportation and warehousing	21.8	20.9	0.8	-0.9	-1.7	0.7	-4.1	-7.5	3.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.3	22.6	0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.5	1.3	-1.7	2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.3	27.8	0.8	0.5	1.6	2.5	1.8	6.1	9.9
Business, building and other support services	20.0	21.7	0.9	1.7	3.0	1.1	8.5	16.0	5.3
Educational services	36.0	36.2	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.6	1.1	2.5
Health care and social assistance	70.9	70.5	1.0	-0.4	0.0	1.8	-0.6	0.0	2.6
Information, culture and recreation	19.0	19.4	0.8	0.4	-0.6	0.1	2.1	-3.0	0.5
Accommodation and food services	32.9	32.7	1.1	-0.2	0.0	1.6	-0.6	0.0	5.1
Other services	17.0	16.5	0.7	-0.5	-1.3	-1.9	-2.9	-7.3	-10.3
Public administration	27.1	26.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.6	0.4	-0.7	-2.2	1.5

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	622.0	622.1	...	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	394.0	393.4	2.3	-0.6	3.2	-2.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.5
Employment	354.6	352.4	2.4	-2.2	1.2	-4.6	-0.6	0.3	-1.3
Employment full-time	298.9	296.8	3.0	-2.1	1.3	-4.4	-0.7	0.4	-1.5
Unemployment	39.4	41.0	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.5	4.1	5.1	6.5
Participation rate	63.3	63.2	0.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.6	0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.7	15.8	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	85.3	85.3	...	0.0	-0.1	-2.0	0.0	-0.1	-2.3
Labour force	54.2	55.4	1.3	1.2	2.2	-2.0	2.2	4.1	-3.5
Employment	45.2	45.2	1.2	0.0	1.6	-3.5	0.0	3.7	-7.2
Unemployment	9.0	10.2	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.5	13.3	7.4	17.2
Participation rate	63.5	64.9	1.5	1.4	2.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.6	18.4	1.9	1.8	0.5	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.0	1.4	0.0	1.9	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.6	42.7	2.9	5.1	-0.9	3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	260.0	260.0	...	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	177.2	176.3	1.3	-0.9	0.5	0.3	-0.5	0.3	0.2
Employment	157.3	157.3	1.5	0.0	0.2	-0.8	0.0	0.1	-0.5
Unemployment	19.8	19.0	1.4	-0.8	0.3	1.1	-4.0	1.6	6.1
Participation rate	68.2	67.8	0.5	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	10.8	0.8	-0.4	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	6.4	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	276.7	276.8	...	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	162.6	161.7	1.2	-0.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.3	-0.2
Employment	152.1	149.9	1.3	-2.2	-0.6	-0.3	-1.4	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployment	10.5	11.8	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.0	12.4	10.3	0.0
Participation rate	58.8	58.4	0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.0	54.2	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	17.5	1.1	-0.6	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	354.6	352.4	2.4	-2.2	1.2	-4.6	-0.6	0.3	-1.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	73.1	73.0	1.6	-0.1	-1.1	-6.7	-0.1	-1.5	-8.4
Agriculture	4.0	3.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-7.5	-9.8	-7.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	10.4	10.7	0.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.5	2.9	-2.7	-12.3
Utilities	3.6	3.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-8.3	-5.7	-17.5
Construction	25.6	24.7	1.1	-0.9	-1.8	-7.1	-3.5	-6.8	-22.3
Manufacturing	29.6	30.5	0.8	0.9	1.4	2.8	3.0	4.8	10.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	281.5	279.4	2.1	-2.1	2.3	2.1	-0.7	0.8	0.8
Trade	56.4	55.1	1.0	-1.3	0.6	-4.3	-2.3	1.1	-7.2
Transportation and warehousing	17.2	17.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.8	5.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.7	15.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	4.8	2.7	2.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.7	17.8	0.6	0.1	-0.5	2.4	0.6	-2.7	15.6
Business, building and other support services	19.9	21.6	0.8	1.7	1.3	2.9	8.5	6.4	15.5
Educational services	27.9	27.2	0.7	-0.7	0.1	3.1	-2.5	0.4	12.9
Health care and social assistance	51.7	51.3	0.9	-0.4	0.8	-2.2	-0.8	1.6	-4.1
Information, culture and recreation	11.7	11.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-3.4	-2.6	0.0
Accommodation and food services	23.7	23.2	0.9	-0.5	1.0	-1.7	-2.1	4.5	-6.8
Other services	15.9	15.2	0.6	-0.7	-1.1	-1.8	-4.4	-6.7	-10.6
Public administration	24.7	24.0	0.7	-0.7	-0.4	2.6	-2.8	-1.6	12.1

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2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,825.0	6,827.5	...	2.5	5.2	44.3	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	4,400.7	4,420.3	14.7	19.6	30.8	20.6	0.4	0.7	0.5
Employment	4,077.1	4,093.9	14.5	16.8	32.8	44.4	0.4	0.8	1.1
Employment full-time	3,257.3	3,257.1	19.9	-0.2	-4.6	10.5	0.0	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment	323.6	326.4	13.0	2.8	-2.0	-23.8	0.9	-0.6	-6.8
Participation rate	64.5	64.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	20.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	969.3	967.0	...	-2.3	-4.2	-19.3	-0.2	-0.4	-2.0
Labour force	649.2	655.1	8.3	5.9	0.3	-1.3	0.9	0.0	-0.2
Employment	566.9	567.1	7.8	0.2	3.7	1.4	0.0	0.7	0.2
Unemployment	82.3	88.0	7.2	5.7	-3.5	-2.8	6.9	-3.8	-3.1
Participation rate	67.0	67.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	13.4	1.0	0.7	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.6	0.8	0.1	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	55.7	56.5	1.6	0.8	2.7	3.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,887.8	2,890.2	...	2.4	4.7	32.2	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,990.1	1,999.9	8.3	9.8	17.3	9.4	0.5	0.9	0.5
Employment	1,854.4	1,859.1	8.9	4.7	11.4	29.5	0.3	0.6	1.6
Unemployment	135.8	140.8	8.1	5.0	5.8	-20.2	3.7	4.3	-12.5
Participation rate	68.9	69.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.2	9.0	0.5	-0.2	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,967.9	2,970.3	...	2.4	4.7	31.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,761.4	1,765.3	8.0	3.9	13.2	12.6	0.2	0.8	0.7
Employment	1,655.8	1,667.7	7.9	11.9	17.6	13.4	0.7	1.1	0.8
Unemployment	105.5	97.6	6.7	-7.9	-4.4	-0.8	-7.5	-4.3	-0.8
Participation rate	59.3	59.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	56.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	20.9	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Industry	4,077.1	4,093.9	14.5	16.8	32.8	44.4	0.4	0.8	1.1
Goods-producing sector	859.2	851.9	8.2	-7.3	-16.9	-17.7	-0.8	-1.9	-2.0
Agriculture	58.0	57.4	2.6	-0.6	1.7	0.0	-1.0	3.1	0.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	32.3	30.7	2.1	-1.6	-2.6	-4.6	-5.0	-7.8	-13.0
Utilities	29.1	28.0	1.2	-1.1	-2.0	-1.2	-3.8	-6.7	-4.1
Construction	260.4	253.9	5.2	-6.5	-17.1	8.7	-2.5	-6.3	3.5
Manufacturing	479.4	481.8	5.7	2.4	2.9	-20.6	0.5	0.6	-4.1
Services-producing sector	3,217.9	3,242.0	13.7	24.1	49.7	62.1	0.7	1.6	2.0
Trade	649.7	661.4	7.2	11.7	10.8	21.5	1.8	1.7	3.4
Transportation and warehousing	187.1	191.8	3.8	4.7	6.0	4.9	2.5	3.2	2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	219.0	218.0	3.6	-1.0	3.6	1.8	-0.5	1.7	0.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	303.6	311.0	5.4	7.4	16.3	8.3	2.4	5.5	2.7
Business, building and other support services	161.9	160.3	4.5	-1.6	-1.5	7.3	-1.0	-0.9	4.8
Educational services	280.4	283.6	5.2	3.2	9.4	6.2	1.1	3.4	2.2
Health care and social assistance	562.2	573.6	5.7	11.4	9.2	8.6	2.0	1.6	1.5
Information, culture and recreation	182.1	181.0	5.0	-1.1	8.5	-1.3	-0.6	4.9	-0.7
Accommodation and food services	283.7	283.1	5.7	-0.6	-1.9	24.8	-0.2	-0.7	9.6
Other services	159.5	150.0	4.1	-9.5	-14.4	-39.6	-6.0	-8.8	-20.9
Public administration	228.6	228.3	3.5	-0.3	3.8	19.7	-0.1	1.7	9.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	11,329.1	11,338.1	...	9.0	17.7	113.9	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	7,393.3	7,414.1	20.0	20.8	6.9	-3.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Employment	6,886.3	6,900.1	19.2	13.8	15.1	39.0	0.2	0.2	0.6
Employment full-time	5,516.9	5,577.1	26.6	60.2	37.0	12.0	1.1	0.7	0.2
Unemployment	507.1	514.0	16.9	6.9	-8.2	-42.2	1.4	-1.6	-7.6
Participation rate	65.3	65.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.2	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,802.0	1,801.1	...	-0.9	-1.8	-13.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	1,121.5	1,120.2	12.2	-1.3	-4.4	13.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.2
Employment	950.4	953.6	10.7	3.2	7.7	21.1	0.3	0.8	2.3
Unemployment	171.1	166.6	10.6	-4.5	-12.1	-7.6	-2.6	-6.8	-4.4
Participation rate	62.2	62.2	0.7	0.0	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.3	14.9	0.9	-0.4	-1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.7	52.9	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	52.1	52.5	1.3	0.4	-0.3	3.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,595.1	4,599.8	...	4.7	9.3	59.0	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	3,289.0	3,307.4	9.9	18.4	-2.3	30.7	0.6	-0.1	0.9
Employment	3,104.6	3,113.1	10.5	8.5	-11.1	43.5	0.3	-0.4	1.4
Unemployment	184.4	194.3	9.4	9.9	8.8	-12.8	5.4	4.7	-6.2
Participation rate	71.6	71.9	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.7	0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.5	7.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,932.0	4,937.2	...	5.2	10.2	68.2	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	2,982.8	2,986.5	11.4	3.7	13.6	-47.4	0.1	0.5	-1.6
Employment	2,831.3	2,833.4	10.8	2.1	18.5	-25.5	0.1	0.7	-0.9
Unemployment	151.6	153.0	9.4	1.4	-5.0	-22.0	0.9	-3.2	-12.6
Participation rate	60.5	60.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	20.4	0.6	-1.1	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry	6,886.3	6,900.1	19.2	13.8	15.1	39.0	0.2	0.2	0.6
Goods-producing sector	1,383.2	1,389.8	10.0	6.6	3.8	5.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
Agriculture	81.3	78.0	2.8	-3.3	-4.0	-7.5	-4.1	-4.9	-8.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	33.0	38.1	1.6	5.1	-1.3	5.1	15.5	-3.3	15.5
Utilities	51.6	51.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	-1.1	0.4	1.8	-2.1
Construction	476.0	490.0	6.6	14.0	21.6	34.5	2.9	4.6	7.6
Manufacturing	741.4	731.9	7.2	-9.5	-13.4	-25.6	-1.3	-1.8	-3.4
Services-producing sector	5,503.0	5,510.3	18.4	7.3	11.3	33.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
Trade	1,038.9	1,054.4	9.5	15.5	11.8	9.4	1.5	1.1	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	312.3	313.8	4.9	1.5	-2.2	-26.4	0.5	-0.7	-7.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	523.4	524.8	6.0	1.4	2.4	14.1	0.3	0.5	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	570.4	567.8	7.3	-2.6	14.1	12.5	-0.5	2.5	2.3
Business, building and other support services	347.0	337.5	7.0	-9.5	-5.3	8.1	-2.7	-1.5	2.5
Educational services	513.3	518.0	7.0	4.7	11.3	40.0	0.9	2.2	8.4
Health care and social assistance	813.9	810.4	6.6	-3.5	0.3	26.2	-0.4	0.0	3.3
Information, culture and recreation	316.9	308.0	6.4	-8.9	-20.3	-14.1	-2.8	-6.2	-4.4
Accommodation and food services	441.3	448.9	7.2	7.6	6.8	-5.0	1.7	1.5	-1.1
Other services	271.6	270.7	5.2	-0.9	0.6	-22.1	-0.3	0.2	-7.5
Public administration	354.2	356.1	4.8	1.9	-8.1	-8.9	0.5	-2.2	-2.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	982.5	983.1	...	0.6	1.6	11.4	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	675.3	671.9	2.6	-3.4	1.9	13.5	-0.5	0.3	2.1
Employment	635.0	634.6	2.6	-0.4	0.8	11.2	-0.1	0.1	1.8
Employment full-time	518.1	518.7	3.7	0.6	3.8	16.7	0.1	0.7	3.3
Unemployment	40.3	37.3	2.1	-3.0	1.1	2.4	-7.4	3.0	6.9
Participation rate	68.7	68.3	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.6	0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	163.3	163.2	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	112.7	111.8	1.6	-0.9	0.6	5.6	-0.8	0.5	5.3
Employment	99.5	98.7	1.5	-0.8	-0.6	2.5	-0.8	-0.6	2.6
Unemployment	13.2	13.1	1.3	-0.1	1.2	3.1	-0.8	10.1	31.0
Participation rate	69.0	68.5	1.0	-0.5	0.4	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	11.7	1.1	0.0	1.0	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.5	0.9	-0.4	-0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.0	42.5	1.9	0.4	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	401.5	401.9	...	0.4	1.0	6.4	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	299.1	299.2	1.4	0.1	-1.0	5.3	0.0	-0.3	1.8
Employment	285.3	286.3	1.5	1.0	-0.4	5.4	0.4	-0.1	1.9
Unemployment	13.8	12.9	1.2	-0.9	-0.6	0.0	-6.5	-4.4	0.0
Participation rate	74.5	74.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.1	71.2	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	7.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	417.7	418.1	...	0.4	0.8	5.6	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	263.4	260.9	1.5	-2.5	2.2	2.6	-0.9	0.9	1.0
Employment	250.2	249.6	1.4	-0.6	1.7	3.3	-0.2	0.7	1.3
Unemployment	13.2	11.3	1.1	-1.9	0.5	-0.7	-14.4	4.6	-5.8
Participation rate	63.1	62.4	0.4	-0.7	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.3	0.4	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	59.7	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	21.4	0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-2.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	149.0	147.0	1.6	-2.0	-2.2	3.7	-1.3	-1.5	2.6
Agriculture	23.4	23.0	0.9	-0.4	0.5	-1.8	-1.7	2.2	-7.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	6.5	6.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-1.5	-3.0	-1.5
Utilities	7.7	7.8	0.3	0.1	0.4	-0.4	1.3	5.4	-4.9
Construction	45.7	43.1	1.1	-2.6	-4.5	2.0	-5.7	-9.5	4.9
Manufacturing	65.6	66.8	0.9	1.2	1.7	4.1	1.8	2.6	6.5
Services-producing sector	486.0	487.6	2.5	1.6	3.0	7.5	0.3	0.6	1.6
Trade	95.0	95.1	1.4	0.1	0.3	1.9	0.1	0.3	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	38.1	38.4	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	34.2	33.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	0.0	-1.8	-1.5	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.8	24.9	0.7	2.1	2.2	-1.2	9.2	9.7	-4.6
Business, building and other support services	16.6	16.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.4	-2.8	-1.8	-2.4	-14.7
Educational services	51.6	52.0	1.1	0.4	1.9	3.0	0.8	3.8	6.1
Health care and social assistance	101.9	101.8	1.2	-0.1	1.3	4.5	-0.1	1.3	4.6
Information, culture and recreation	22.4	22.4	0.8	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0
Accommodation and food services	40.1	39.8	1.0	-0.3	-1.7	0.5	-0.7	-4.1	1.3
Other services	29.2	29.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.7	1.1	-0.7	-2.4	3.9
Public administration	34.2	34.4	0.7	0.2	-0.8	0.5	0.6	-2.3	1.5

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	857.8	858.4	...	0.6	1.4	10.7	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	593.1	595.7	2.6	2.6	-1.6	6.6	0.4	-0.3	1.1
Employment	566.6	565.9	2.6	-0.7	-9.1	0.7	-0.1	-1.6	0.1
Employment full-time	468.2	470.0	3.5	1.8	-9.7	2.9	0.4	-2.0	0.6
Unemployment	26.5	29.8	1.8	3.3	7.5	5.9	12.5	33.6	24.7
Participation rate	69.1	69.4	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.0	0.3	0.5	1.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.9	0.3	-0.2	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	17.0	0.6	-0.4	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	137.8	137.6	...	-0.2	-0.4	-1.6	-0.1	-0.3	-1.1
Labour force	91.2	94.3	1.4	3.1	1.9	1.7	3.4	2.1	1.8
Employment	83.2	84.9	1.4	1.7	-0.9	0.7	2.0	-1.0	0.8
Unemployment	8.0	9.5	1.1	1.5	2.8	1.1	18.8	41.8	13.1
Participation rate	66.2	68.5	1.0	2.3	1.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	10.1	1.1	1.3	2.8	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	61.7	1.0	1.3	-0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.2	39.6	1.8	3.4	2.6	2.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	360.1	360.6	...	0.5	1.0	6.6	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	272.6	274.3	1.3	1.7	-1.8	-0.2	0.6	-0.7	-0.1
Employment	262.5	262.2	1.4	-0.3	-5.0	-4.1	-0.1	-1.9	-1.5
Unemployment	10.2	12.1	1.1	1.9	3.2	3.9	18.6	36.0	47.6
Participation rate	75.7	76.1	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.4	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.9	72.7	0.4	-0.2	-1.6	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	6.4	0.6	-0.9	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	359.8	360.2	...	0.4	0.9	5.7	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	229.3	227.2	1.5	-2.1	-1.6	5.2	-0.9	-0.7	2.3
Employment	220.9	218.8	1.5	-2.1	-3.3	4.1	-1.0	-1.5	1.9
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	1.0	0.0	1.6	1.0	0.0	23.9	13.7
Participation rate	63.7	63.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.7	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.7	0.4	-0.7	-1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	20.8	1.0	-1.4	0.1	-2.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	566.6	565.9	2.6	-0.7	-9.1	0.7	-0.1	-1.6	0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	158.7	156.3	1.8	-2.4	-7.4	-3.3	-1.5	-4.5	-2.1
Agriculture	41.7	41.4	1.2	-0.3	-2.4	-3.4	-0.7	-5.5	-7.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	27.7	25.9	0.8	-1.8	-2.8	-0.4	-6.5	-9.8	-1.5
Utilities	6.4	6.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	-1.6	-1.6	8.6
Construction	56.3	58.0	1.2	1.7	0.8	2.7	3.0	1.4	4.9
Manufacturing	26.5	24.7	0.7	-1.8	-2.8	-2.7	-6.8	-10.2	-9.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	407.9	409.6	2.5	1.7	-1.7	4.0	0.4	-0.4	1.0
Trade	81.5	83.5	1.4	2.0	0.1	-1.0	2.5	0.1	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	28.0	28.1	0.8	0.1	-0.5	-2.4	0.4	-1.7	-7.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.9	31.5	0.7	0.6	-0.1	3.4	1.9	-0.3	12.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.9	25.2	0.8	0.3	-1.0	-0.7	1.2	-3.8	-2.7
Business, building and other support services	14.6	14.3	0.7	-0.3	0.3	1.7	-2.1	2.1	13.5
Educational services	44.8	43.5	1.0	-1.3	-1.2	1.3	-2.9	-2.7	3.1
Health care and social assistance	74.1	74.1	1.1	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.7	1.4
Information, culture and recreation	16.5	17.3	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	4.8	2.4	1.2
Accommodation and food services	36.4	36.2	1.1	-0.2	-1.0	0.1	-0.5	-2.7	0.3
Other services	24.9	24.5	0.8	-0.4	0.3	-1.1	-1.6	1.2	-4.3
Public administration	31.2	31.3	0.7	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.3	1.3	4.7

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,323.0	3,327.8	...	4.8	10.6	82.4	0.1	0.3	2.5
Labour force	2,423.5	2,429.2	9.5	5.7	15.8	62.8	0.2	0.7	2.7
Employment	2,313.9	2,299.9	10.1	-14.0	-0.3	36.7	-0.6	0.0	1.6
Employment full-time	1,934.4	1,927.5	13.3	-6.9	3.2	34.2	-0.4	0.2	1.8
Unemployment	109.7	129.3	7.6	19.6	16.1	26.1	17.9	14.2	25.3
Participation rate	72.9	73.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	16.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	524.6	523.8	...	-0.8	-1.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0
Labour force	355.3	354.6	5.1	-0.7	-6.8	5.9	-0.2	-1.9	1.7
Employment	328.6	318.9	5.3	-9.7	-11.2	1.2	-3.0	-3.4	0.4
Unemployment	26.7	35.6	4.3	8.9	4.4	4.6	33.3	14.1	14.8
Participation rate	67.7	67.7	1.0	0.0	-1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	10.0	1.2	2.5	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	60.9	1.0	-1.7	-2.0	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.0	35.7	1.8	0.6	2.6	-3.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,415.4	1,418.3	...	2.9	6.2	42.8	0.2	0.4	3.1
Labour force	1,143.5	1,146.5	4.9	3.0	15.0	26.9	0.3	1.3	2.4
Employment	1,098.3	1,093.3	5.7	-5.0	2.9	17.8	-0.5	0.3	1.7
Unemployment	45.2	53.2	4.5	8.0	12.1	9.1	17.7	29.4	20.6
Participation rate	80.8	80.8	0.4	0.0	0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.6	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.6	77.1	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,383.0	1,385.7	...	2.7	5.8	39.7	0.2	0.4	2.9
Labour force	924.8	928.1	5.7	3.3	7.6	30.0	0.4	0.8	3.3
Employment	887.0	887.6	5.7	0.6	8.0	17.6	0.1	0.9	2.0
Unemployment	37.8	40.5	4.0	2.7	-0.4	12.4	7.1	-1.0	44.1
Participation rate	66.9	67.0	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.1	0.4	0.0	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	21.3	0.9	-0.7	-1.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,313.9	2,299.9	10.1	-14.0	-0.3	36.7	-0.6	0.0	1.6
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	666.5	665.1	6.9	-1.4	1.9	7.6	-0.2	0.3	1.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	63.8	68.2	3.0	4.4	5.2	5.7	6.9	8.3	9.1
Utilities	171.9	164.9	3.8	-7.0	-8.0	-13.4	-4.1	-4.6	-7.5
Construction	261.9	268.9	4.9	7.0	5.4	16.9	2.7	2.0	6.7
Manufacturing	149.6	143.5	3.0	-6.1	-2.1	-1.0	-4.1	-1.4	-0.7
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,647.4	1,634.8	9.3	-12.6	-2.2	29.2	-0.8	-0.1	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	311.6	301.2	4.9	-10.4	-10.8	-27.0	-3.3	-3.5	-8.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	146.8	147.3	3.3	0.5	5.1	25.4	0.3	3.6	20.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	101.4	100.5	2.6	-0.9	-3.5	-5.7	-0.9	-3.4	-5.4
Business, building and other support services	178.7	172.1	3.6	-6.6	-10.3	-9.5	-3.7	-5.6	-5.2
Educational services	81.8	80.7	3.2	-1.1	0.6	2.5	-1.3	0.7	3.2
Health care and social assistance	126.6	130.6	3.2	4.0	-1.6	11.6	3.2	-1.2	9.7
Information, culture and recreation	255.4	261.3	3.7	5.9	8.5	29.2	2.3	3.4	12.6
Accommodation and food services	74.0	71.8	2.8	-2.2	-0.3	-0.7	-3.0	-0.4	-1.0
Other services	156.9	157.6	3.9	0.7	2.8	2.3	0.4	1.8	1.5
Public administration	127.5	124.5	3.4	-3.0	3.7	4.3	-2.4	3.1	3.6
	86.8	87.2	2.1	0.4	3.8	-3.2	0.5	4.6	-3.5

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,851.6	3,855.5	...	3.9	7.1	42.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,425.5	2,430.6	10.1	5.1	13.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.0
Employment	2,290.6	2,283.6	9.9	-7.0	-0.3	11.2	-0.3	0.0	0.5
Employment full-time	1,827.9	1,811.4	14.1	-16.5	-3.7	52.1	-0.9	-0.2	3.0
Unemployment	134.9	147.0	7.9	12.1	13.8	-10.7	9.0	10.4	-6.8
Participation rate	63.0	63.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.0	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	20.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	580.9	581.2	...	0.3	0.7	-0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Labour force	354.1	356.2	5.7	2.1	-0.3	-3.8	0.6	-0.1	-1.1
Employment	316.4	315.5	5.3	-0.9	-2.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.7	0.2
Unemployment	37.7	40.6	4.6	2.9	1.8	-4.4	7.7	4.6	-9.8
Participation rate	61.0	61.3	1.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	11.4	1.2	0.8	0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	54.3	0.9	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	46.2	2.0	0.2	-0.7	-3.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,596.3	1,598.0	...	1.7	3.0	19.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	1,093.1	1,098.9	5.5	5.8	15.7	10.8	0.5	1.4	1.0
Employment	1,040.1	1,038.6	5.6	-1.5	5.0	9.3	-0.1	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	53.0	60.4	4.6	7.4	10.9	1.6	14.0	22.0	2.7
Participation rate	68.5	68.8	0.3	0.3	0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.5	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.0	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.7	8.9	0.6	-0.7	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,674.4	1,676.3	...	1.9	3.4	23.5	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	978.3	975.5	5.9	-2.8	-1.9	-6.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7
Employment	934.0	929.6	5.7	-4.4	-2.8	1.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.2
Unemployment	44.2	46.0	4.3	1.8	1.1	-7.9	4.1	2.4	-14.7
Participation rate	58.4	58.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	55.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	25.1	0.9	1.9	0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,290.6	2,283.6	9.9	-7.0	-0.3	11.2	-0.3	0.0	0.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	465.4	457.7	5.6	-7.7	8.7	6.5	-1.7	1.9	1.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	21.6	21.4	2.2	-0.2	-1.4	-4.5	-0.9	-6.1	-17.4
Utilities	54.6	47.4	2.4	-7.2	-4.1	-1.1	-13.2	-8.0	-2.3
Construction	16.4	15.1	0.9	-1.3	0.4	1.4	-7.9	2.7	10.2
Manufacturing	202.0	203.9	3.9	1.9	7.6	-2.6	0.9	3.9	-1.3
	170.7	169.8	3.2	-0.9	6.2	13.2	-0.5	3.8	8.4
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,825.2	1,825.9	9.4	0.7	-9.0	4.8	0.0	-0.5	0.3
Transportation and warehousing	349.6	348.2	4.8	-1.4	-5.8	-7.3	-0.4	-1.6	-2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	134.8	132.1	2.8	-2.7	-8.3	5.3	-2.0	-5.9	4.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	133.4	131.9	2.9	-1.5	-5.3	-7.8	-1.1	-3.9	-5.6
Business, building and other support services	188.9	190.5	3.6	1.6	4.0	9.1	0.8	2.1	5.0
Educational services	85.1	87.1	3.1	2.0	0.7	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.9
Health care and social assistance	162.1	167.4	3.5	5.3	3.1	-0.6	3.3	1.9	-0.4
Information, culture and recreation	275.6	275.0	3.8	-0.6	3.7	3.2	-0.2	1.4	1.2
Accommodation and food services	110.3	109.5	3.4	-0.8	-1.1	-2.6	-0.7	-1.0	-2.3
Other services	181.8	178.4	4.6	-3.4	-1.4	-10.7	-1.9	-0.8	-5.7
Public administration	110.3	110.2	2.9	-0.1	2.0	15.1	-0.1	1.8	15.9
	93.3	95.6	2.2	2.3	-0.7	-0.5	2.5	-0.7	-0.5

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2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

Note(s): Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	177.6	177.8	...	0.2	0.4	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	125.6	125.5	0.8	-0.1	1.1	2.9	-0.1	0.9	2.4
Employment	118.5	118.2	0.9	-0.3	0.7	2.7	-0.3	0.6	2.3
Unemployment	7.1	7.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.8	4.3	2.8
Participation rate	70.7	70.6	0.5	-0.1	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.5	0.5	-0.2	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	346.0	346.4	...	0.4	0.7	4.3	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	243.0	242.3	1.2	-0.7	-0.6	5.1	-0.3	-0.2	2.2
Employment	228.2	227.1	1.2	-1.1	-0.7	5.1	-0.5	-0.3	2.3
Unemployment	14.8	15.1	0.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	2.0	0.7	-0.7
Participation rate	70.2	69.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	65.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Moncton, New Brunswick									
Population	122.9	123.0	...	0.1	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	81.4	82.5	0.8	1.1	2.2	-0.3	1.4	2.7	-0.4
Employment	76.2	77.1	0.8	0.9	2.4	0.4	1.2	3.2	0.5
Unemployment	5.2	5.4	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	3.8	-1.8	-11.5
Participation rate	66.2	67.1	0.7	0.9	1.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.5	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.7	0.6	0.7	1.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.6	105.6	...	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	70.3	69.5	0.6	-0.8	-1.0	-1.2	-1.1	-1.4	-1.7
Employment	64.0	63.2	0.7	-0.8	-1.6	-2.6	-1.2	-2.5	-4.0
Unemployment	6.3	6.3	0.4	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.0	10.5	28.6
Participation rate	66.6	65.8	0.6	-0.8	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.1	0.6	0.1	1.0	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	59.8	0.6	-0.8	-1.6	-2.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	135.2	135.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	86.8	85.8	0.9	-1.0	-1.9	5.1	-1.2	-2.2	6.3
Employment	79.1	78.6	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	5.0	-0.6	-0.6	6.8
Unemployment	7.7	7.2	0.4	-0.5	-1.4	0.1	-6.5	-16.3	1.4
Participation rate	64.2	63.5	0.7	-0.7	-1.3	3.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.4	0.5	-0.5	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	3.7	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	667.5	667.8	...	0.3	0.5	4.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	450.6	451.2	3.6	0.6	1.2	-12.3	0.1	0.3	-2.7
Employment	425.6	425.8	3.6	0.2	0.2	-17.3	0.0	0.0	-3.9
Unemployment	25.1	25.4	1.6	0.3	1.0	4.9	1.2	4.1	23.9
Participation rate	67.5	67.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	-3.0	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	178.3	178.5	...	0.2	0.3	1.9	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	110.4	110.4	1.1	0.0	0.2	3.5	0.0	0.2	3.3
Employment	101.8	101.8	1.2	0.0	-0.3	2.7	0.0	-0.3	2.7
Unemployment	8.5	8.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.2	4.9	10.3
Participation rate	61.9	61.8	0.6	-0.1	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	132.6	132.6	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	76.4	76.0	0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.1
Employment	71.4	71.1	0.9	-0.3	0.0	1.2	-0.4	0.0	1.7
Unemployment	4.9	4.9	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-1.2	0.0	-2.0	-19.7
Participation rate	57.6	57.3	0.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	53.6	0.7	-0.2	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,337.4	3,339.5	...	2.1	4.0	28.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	2,200.4	2,202.1	7.4	1.7	-2.7	3.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Employment	2,028.4	2,037.3	7.5	8.9	10.7	17.8	0.4	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	172.0	164.8	4.7	-7.2	-13.4	-14.6	-4.2	-7.5	-8.1
Participation rate	65.9	65.9	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	1,091.3	1,092.3	...	1.0	2.0	13.3	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	759.1	762.0	3.9	2.9	2.2	11.0	0.4	0.3	1.5
Employment	706.9	707.4	4.0	0.5	-5.1	5.7	0.1	-0.7	0.8
Unemployment	52.2	54.6	1.9	2.4	7.3	5.2	4.6	15.4	10.5
Participation rate	69.6	69.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.2	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	64.8	0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	271.7	271.8	...	0.1	0.3	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.9
Labour force	186.7	188.5	1.3	1.8	3.5	1.3	1.0	1.9	0.7
Employment	172.5	173.8	1.4	1.3	2.0	-1.2	0.8	1.2	-0.7
Unemployment	14.2	14.7	0.7	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	11.4	20.5
Participation rate	68.7	69.4	0.5	0.7	1.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.8	0.4	0.2	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	819.6	820.5	...	0.9	1.7	10.9	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	572.4	573.5	3.6	1.1	-1.3	9.7	0.2	-0.2	1.7
Employment	534.4	533.6	3.8	-0.8	-7.1	6.9	-0.1	-1.3	1.3
Unemployment	37.9	39.9	1.8	2.0	5.8	2.8	5.3	17.0	7.5
Participation rate	69.8	69.9	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.0	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.0	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	137.7	137.8	...	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	85.5	85.8	0.8	0.3	0.6	-2.0	0.4	0.7	-2.3
Employment	79.9	80.0	0.8	0.1	0.6	-2.2	0.1	0.8	-2.7
Unemployment	5.6	5.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	3.6	1.8	5.5
Participation rate	62.1	62.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	58.1	0.6	0.1	0.4	-2.1	...	...	...
Peterborough, Ontario									
Population	104.2	104.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	67.6	66.5	1.0	-1.1	-1.6	4.5	-1.6	-2.3	7.3
Employment	62.9	61.4	1.1	-1.5	-2.0	5.3	-2.4	-3.2	9.4
Unemployment	4.7	5.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	-0.8	8.5	8.5	-13.6
Participation rate	64.9	63.8	1.0	-1.1	-1.6	4.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	58.9	1.0	-1.5	-1.9	4.9	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	318.7	319.2	...	0.5	0.9	5.7	0.2	0.3	1.8
Labour force	222.4	221.3	1.6	-1.1	-1.0	11.8	-0.5	-0.4	5.6
Employment	207.3	205.9	1.5	-1.4	-1.1	13.0	-0.7	-0.5	6.7
Unemployment	15.2	15.4	0.8	0.2	0.1	-1.2	1.3	0.7	-7.2
Participation rate	69.8	69.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	3.0	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	5,059.6	5,066.5	...	6.9	13.3	80.6	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	3,330.4	3,332.2	10.6	1.8	-6.4	-54.7	0.1	-0.2	-1.6
Employment	3,070.5	3,079.3	10.7	8.8	6.7	-27.4	0.3	0.2	-0.9
Unemployment	259.9	252.8	6.5	-7.1	-13.2	-27.4	-2.7	-5.0	-9.8
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	639.1	639.6	...	0.5	0.9	6.4	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	401.7	399.7	3.2	-2.0	-2.4	-3.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8
Employment	378.6	377.1	3.3	-1.5	-3.3	-1.8	-0.4	-0.9	-0.5
Unemployment	23.0	22.5	1.4	-0.5	0.8	-1.6	-2.2	3.7	-6.6
Participation rate	62.9	62.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.6	0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.0	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	342.7	342.7	...	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	211.3	211.3	1.7	0.0	-0.4	-3.2	0.0	-0.2	-1.5
Employment	196.7	196.6	1.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
Unemployment	14.6	14.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2	-3.7	0.0	-1.4	-20.2
Participation rate	61.7	61.7	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario									
Population	419.6	419.9	...	0.3	0.7	4.6	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	308.5	306.4	2.1	-2.1	-1.3	3.5	-0.7	-0.4	1.2
Employment	290.8	289.6	2.2	-1.2	-0.4	7.5	-0.4	-0.1	2.7
Unemployment	17.7	16.8	1.0	-0.9	-1.0	-3.9	-5.1	-5.6	-18.8
Participation rate	73.5	73.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	69.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Brantford, Ontario									
Population	111.4	111.4	...	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	75.2	76.9	0.8	1.7	2.7	4.6	2.3	3.6	6.4
Employment	70.7	72.7	0.8	2.0	3.1	5.5	2.8	4.5	8.2
Unemployment	4.5	4.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.9	-6.7	-8.7	-17.6
Participation rate	67.5	69.0	0.7	1.5	2.3	3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	65.3	0.7	1.8	2.8	4.7	...	...	...
Guelph, Ontario									
Population	128.0	128.1	...	0.1	0.3	2.1	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	90.6	92.4	1.0	1.8	2.5	8.3	2.0	2.8	9.9
Employment	86.0	87.9	1.0	1.9	2.6	9.3	2.2	3.0	11.8
Unemployment	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-16.4
Participation rate	70.8	72.1	0.8	1.3	1.8	5.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	68.6	0.8	1.4	1.9	6.2	...	...	...

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
London, Ontario									
Population	420.3	420.6	...	0.3	0.6	4.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	268.2	268.7	2.1	0.5	3.0	9.5	0.2	1.1	3.7
Employment	248.8	250.0	2.1	1.2	3.8	11.3	0.5	1.5	4.7
Unemployment	19.4	18.7	1.0	-0.7	-0.8	-1.8	-3.6	-4.1	-8.8
Participation rate	63.8	63.9	0.5	0.1	0.6	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.4	0.5	0.2	0.8	2.1	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	278.7	278.9	...	0.2	0.3	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	175.3	177.5	1.6	2.2	2.3	8.9	1.3	1.3	5.3
Employment	158.9	160.5	1.6	1.6	2.4	4.4	1.0	1.5	2.8
Unemployment	16.4	17.0	0.8	0.6	0.0	4.5	3.7	0.0	36.0
Participation rate	62.9	63.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.6	0.5	0.2	-0.1	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	57.5	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.1	...	...	...
Barrie, Ontario									
Population	165.7	166.0	...	0.3	0.4	2.7	0.2	0.2	1.7
Labour force	121.6	121.2	1.1	-0.4	-0.2	7.2	-0.3	-0.2	6.3
Employment	114.9	113.4	1.2	-1.5	-1.7	6.3	-1.3	-1.5	5.9
Unemployment	6.7	7.8	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.9	16.4	25.8	13.0
Participation rate	73.4	73.0	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	6.4	0.5	0.9	1.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	68.3	0.7	-1.0	-1.2	2.7	...	...	...
Greater Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	139.8	139.8	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	89.6	89.9	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.8
Employment	84.4	84.2	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	1.3
Unemployment	5.3	5.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.4	7.5	5.6	-6.6
Participation rate	64.1	64.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.7	104.6	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	63.7	63.1	0.7	-0.6	-0.9	-2.5	-0.9	-1.4	-3.8
Employment	60.3	60.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-1.8	-0.3	-0.7	-2.9
Unemployment	3.4	3.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-11.8	-16.7	-18.9
Participation rate	60.8	60.3	0.6	-0.5	-0.8	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	4.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	647.9	648.8	...	0.9	1.7	10.6	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	443.0	444.6	1.3	1.6	4.2	10.2	0.4	1.0	2.3
Employment	416.1	416.9	1.3	0.8	1.8	6.9	0.2	0.4	1.7
Unemployment	26.9	27.7	0.8	0.8	2.4	3.3	3.0	9.5	13.5
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	196.2	196.6	...	0.4	0.7	4.8	0.2	0.4	2.5
Labour force	143.5	144.5	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.8	0.7	1.0	1.3
Employment	137.6	137.8	0.8	0.2	-0.1	1.0	0.1	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment	5.9	6.8	0.4	0.9	1.7	0.9	15.3	33.3	15.3
Participation rate	73.1	73.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.7	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.4	0.0	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	248.9	249.5	...	0.6	1.2	7.9	0.2	0.5	3.3
Labour force	178.7	179.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	5.0	0.2	0.2	2.9
Employment	170.8	170.1	1.0	-0.7	-1.6	3.9	-0.4	-0.9	2.3
Unemployment	7.9	8.9	0.4	1.0	1.9	1.1	12.7	27.1	14.1
Participation rate	71.8	71.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	5.0	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	68.2	0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	1,163.4	1,166.1	...	2.7	5.4	38.5	0.2	0.5	3.4
Labour force	855.9	860.6	3.9	4.7	10.2	29.2	0.5	1.2	3.5
Employment	815.8	817.9	4.0	2.1	8.0	26.1	0.3	1.0	3.3
Unemployment	40.1	42.7	2.1	2.6	2.2	3.1	6.5	5.4	7.8
Participation rate	73.6	73.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	1,088.0	1,090.0	...	2.0	4.0	29.9	0.2	0.4	2.8
Labour force	786.8	792.0	3.9	5.2	6.4	13.8	0.7	0.8	1.8
Employment	749.3	754.1	3.9	4.8	6.3	14.3	0.6	0.8	1.9
Unemployment	37.5	37.9	2.2	0.4	0.1	-0.5	1.1	0.3	-1.3
Participation rate	72.3	72.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	69.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Kelowna, British Columbia									
Population	151.1	151.2	...	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	96.0	96.7	1.6	0.7	2.2	3.1	0.7	2.3	3.3
Employment	93.3	93.8	1.6	0.5	2.8	5.7	0.5	3.1	6.5
Unemployment	2.7	2.9	0.6	0.2	-0.6	-2.6	7.4	-17.1	-47.3
Participation rate	63.5	64.0	1.0	0.5	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.8	3.0	0.7	0.2	-0.7	-2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	62.0	1.0	0.3	1.7	3.3	...	...	...
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
Population	144.0	144.1	...	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	92.1	93.7	0.8	1.6	1.4	-2.8	1.7	1.5	-2.9
Employment	86.4	88.2	0.8	1.8	1.8	-0.2	2.1	2.1	-0.2
Unemployment	5.7	5.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-2.6	-3.5	-6.8	-32.1
Participation rate	64.0	65.0	0.6	1.0	0.9	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	61.2	0.6	1.2	1.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,109.4	2,112.6	...	3.2	6.1	34.2	0.2	0.3	1.6
Labour force	1,364.0	1,363.2	5.0	-0.8	-1.4	9.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Employment	1,284.3	1,282.4	5.1	-1.9	-0.8	12.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.0
Unemployment	79.7	80.9	2.7	1.2	-0.6	-2.4	1.5	-0.7	-2.9
Participation rate	64.7	64.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	301.6	301.8	...	0.2	0.4	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	180.7	179.7	1.6	-1.0	-2.3	-9.5	-0.6	-1.3	-5.0
Employment	172.4	171.2	1.6	-1.2	-1.7	-7.6	-0.7	-1.0	-4.3
Unemployment	8.3	8.5	0.6	0.2	-0.6	-1.9	2.4	-6.6	-18.3
Participation rate	59.9	59.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.9	-3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.7	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	56.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-3.0	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Estimates in this table are based on 2011 census boundaries. Related CANSIM Table 282-0135. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

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

	January 2015	February 2015	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,339.3	3,341.9	...	2.6	4.5	28.6	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	2,195.3	2,211.4	15.3	16.1	11.7	16.8	0.7	0.5	0.8
Employment	2,030.2	2,051.6	15.0	21.4	21.4	36.3	1.1	1.1	1.8
Unemployment	165.1	159.8	11.3	-5.3	-9.7	-19.5	-3.2	-5.7	-10.9
Participation rate	65.7	66.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	5,066.5	5,073.4	...	6.9	14.0	81.1	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	3,321.9	3,350.7	22.0	28.8	26.8	-47.6	0.9	0.8	-1.4
Employment	3,078.7	3,102.0	21.6	23.3	44.7	-21.3	0.8	1.5	-0.7
Unemployment	243.2	248.6	15.2	5.4	-18.0	-26.4	2.2	-6.8	-9.6
Participation rate	65.6	66.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.4	0.4	0.1	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,112.6	2,115.7	...	3.1	6.2	34.4	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	1,366.0	1,362.0	10.6	-4.0	0.2	16.6	-0.3	0.0	1.2
Employment	1,284.6	1,278.8	10.4	-5.8	-4.9	18.3	-0.5	-0.4	1.5
Unemployment	81.4	83.2	6.7	1.8	5.2	-1.7	2.2	6.7	-2.0
Participation rate	64.7	64.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.4	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Estimates in this table are based on 2011 census boundaries. Related CANSIM Table 282-0136. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.

Table 6-1
Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2014 and February 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada							
2014	28,832.5	18,864.7	17,509.3	1,355.4	65.4	7.2	60.7
2015	29,138.8	18,913.8	17,629.3	1,284.5	64.9	6.8	60.5
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2014	444.9	267.7	233.2	34.5	60.2	12.9	52.4
2015	443.3	261.2	227.6	33.6	58.9	12.9	51.3
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2014	231.9	151.0	138.2	12.8	65.1	8.5	59.6
2015	232.3	153.0	140.0	13.0	65.9	8.5	60.3
South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]							
2014	124.8	66.6	52.5	14.2	53.4	21.3	42.1
2015	123.4	60.7	47.9	12.9	49.2	21.3	38.8
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2014	88.2	50.0	42.5	7.6	56.7	15.2	48.2
2015	87.5	47.5	39.7	7.8	54.3	16.4	45.4
Prince Edward Island							
2014	120.4	81.1	70.0	11.0	67.4	13.6	58.1
2015	120.8	80.1	69.8	10.3	66.3	12.9	57.8
Nova Scotia							
2014	782.4	483.0	436.8	46.2	61.7	9.6	55.8
2015	784.1	482.7	439.0	43.7	61.6	9.1	56.0
Cape Breton [1210]							
2014	108.9	57.8	48.7	9.1	53.1	15.7	44.7
2015	107.5	58.6	50.0	8.6	54.5	14.7	46.5
North Shore [1220]							
2014	129.8	74.3	66.2	8.1	57.2	10.9	51.0
2015	129.1	71.6	62.6	9.0	55.5	12.6	48.5
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2014	102.5	61.3	55.0	6.3	59.8	10.3	53.7
2015	102.5	56.9	51.9	5.0	55.5	8.8	50.6
Southern [1240]							
2014	99.2	54.7	47.4	7.3	55.1	13.3	47.8
2015	98.6	55.6	49.7	5.9	56.4	10.6	50.4
Halifax [1250]							
2014	342.1	235.0	219.5	15.5	68.7	6.6	64.2
2015	346.4	240.1	224.8	15.3	69.3	6.4	64.9
New Brunswick							
2014	622.4	386.6	345.4	41.2	62.1	10.7	55.5
2015	622.0	383.4	341.5	41.9	61.6	10.9	54.9
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2014	130.8	72.2	57.2	15.0	55.2	20.8	43.7
2015	129.5	69.8	56.2	13.6	53.9	19.5	43.4
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2014	174.7	114.2	104.2	10.1	65.4	8.8	59.6
2015	176.2	113.7	104.1	9.6	64.5	8.4	59.1
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2014	143.1	92.3	85.2	7.1	64.5	7.7	59.5
2015	142.4	88.6	80.8	7.8	62.2	8.8	56.7
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2014	109.0	69.8	65.0	4.8	64.0	6.9	59.6
2015	109.5	70.8	64.6	6.2	64.7	8.8	59.0

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2014 and February 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2014	64.8	38.1	33.9	4.2	58.8	11.0	52.3
2015	64.3	40.5	35.8	4.7	63.0	11.6	55.7
Quebec							
2014	6,780.8	4,351.4	3,993.2	358.2	64.2	8.2	58.9
2015	6,824.9	4,340.8	4,003.9	336.9	63.6	7.8	58.7
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2014	79.0	42.0	33.4	8.6	53.2	20.5	42.3
2015	78.5	39.7	31.3	8.3	50.6	20.9	39.9
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2014	170.5	94.6	81.3	13.4	55.5	14.2	47.7
2015	170.3	88.6	79.4	9.2	52.0	10.4	46.6
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2014	610.9	417.3	395.5	21.8	68.3	5.2	64.7
2015	614.8	404.0	379.4	24.6	65.7	6.1	61.7
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2014	347.9	233.7	222.7	11.0	67.2	4.7	64.0
2015	349.1	231.3	218.4	12.9	66.3	5.6	62.6
Estrie [2430]							
2014	267.0	162.5	150.1	12.4	60.9	7.6	56.2
2015	268.6	170.5	158.3	12.2	63.5	7.2	58.9
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2014	198.8	113.8	105.1	8.7	57.2	7.6	52.9
2015	200.1	120.0	108.7	11.3	60.0	9.4	54.3
Montérégie [2435]							
2014	1,236.1	810.9	749.8	61.1	65.6	7.5	60.7
2015	1,247.3	806.5	761.0	45.5	64.7	5.6	61.0
Montréal [2440]							
2014	1,647.8	1,042.6	943.4	99.2	63.3	9.5	57.3
2015	1,657.3	1,043.6	944.9	98.7	63.0	9.5	57.0
Laval [2445]							
2014	346.3	245.0	227.9	17.1	70.7	7.0	65.8
2015	350.3	242.3	228.0	14.2	69.2	5.9	65.1
Lanaudière [2450]							
2014	405.9	270.2	244.4	25.8	66.6	9.5	60.2
2015	410.0	270.9	248.3	22.5	66.1	8.3	60.6
Laurentides [2455]							
2014	484.7	311.8	286.3	25.6	64.3	8.2	59.1
2015	490.4	318.2	294.2	24.0	64.9	7.5	60.0
Outaouais [2460]							
2014	315.4	209.5	195.0	14.5	66.4	6.9	61.8
2015	317.5	208.5	190.2	18.2	65.7	8.7	59.9
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2014	120.0	82.0	75.5	6.5	68.3	7.9	62.9
2015	120.5	76.8	70.1	6.8	63.7	8.9	58.2
Mauricie [2470]							
2014	226.0	124.9	112.0	12.9	55.3	10.3	49.6
2015	225.9	125.7	116.6	9.1	55.6	7.2	51.6
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2014	232.5	135.0	120.3	14.7	58.1	10.9	51.7
2015	232.3	139.5	126.7	12.8	60.1	9.2	54.5

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2014 and February 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2014	92.1	55.5	50.6	4.8	60.3	8.6	54.9
2015	92.0	54.7	48.1	6.6	59.5	12.1	52.3
Ontario							
2014	11,215.7	7,312.7	6,772.3	540.4	65.2	7.4	60.4
2015	11,329.2	7,305.3	6,810.3	495.0	64.5	6.8	60.1
Ottawa [3510]							
2014	1,083.5	732.1	683.8	48.3	67.6	6.6	63.1
2015	1,092.6	735.4	685.1	50.3	67.3	6.8	62.7
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2014	376.1	223.0	202.4	20.6	59.3	9.2	53.8
2015	376.7	220.6	203.8	16.8	58.6	7.6	54.1
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2014	323.4	181.8	168.8	13.0	56.2	7.2	52.2
2015	325.3	203.6	187.9	15.7	62.6	7.7	57.8
Toronto [3530]							
2014	5,238.3	3,505.9	3,229.7	276.1	66.9	7.9	61.7
2015	5,318.5	3,457.3	3,213.9	243.4	65.0	7.0	60.4
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2014	1,058.2	725.5	682.3	43.2	68.6	6.0	64.5
2015	1,071.1	740.1	700.1	40.0	69.1	5.4	65.4
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2014	1,185.5	749.7	697.2	52.5	63.2	7.0	58.8
2015	1,193.7	741.4	696.7	44.7	62.1	6.0	58.4
London [3560]							
2014	547.1	343.2	318.9	24.3	62.7	7.1	58.3
2015	551.7	341.3	320.2	21.1	61.9	6.2	58.0
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2014	524.3	319.3	294.8	24.5	60.9	7.7	56.2
2015	524.2	328.4	300.6	27.7	62.6	8.4	57.3
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2014	246.4	155.8	145.7	10.2	63.2	6.5	59.1
2015	245.7	161.7	152.5	9.1	65.8	5.6	62.1
Northeast [3590]							
2014	459.7	270.8	250.1	20.6	58.9	7.6	54.4
2015	457.7	272.4	252.0	20.3	59.5	7.5	55.1
Northwest [3595]							
2014	173.2	105.7	98.7	7.0	61.0	6.6	57.0
2015	171.9	103.2	97.4	5.8	60.0	5.6	56.7
Manitoba							
2014	970.8	652.7	617.0	35.7	67.2	5.5	63.6
2015	982.4	665.8	629.2	36.7	67.8	5.5	64.0
Southeast [4610]							
2014	86.4	59.0	55.7	3.3	68.3	5.6	64.5
2015	88.2	59.9	56.5	3.3	67.9	5.5	64.1
South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]							
2014	83.1	53.6	51.0	2.6	64.5	4.9	61.4
2015	83.9	58.6	56.7	1.8	69.8	3.1	67.6

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, 1 unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2014 and February 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2014	87.3	60.7	58.4	2.4	69.5	4.0	66.9
2015	87.8	59.4	57.2	2.2	67.7	3.7	65.1
Winnipeg [4650]							
2014	582.4	393.1	370.7	22.3	67.5	5.7	63.7
2015	591.2	402.9	378.2	24.6	68.1	6.1	64.0
Interlake [4660]							
2014	73.7	49.8	47.0	2.8	67.6	5.6	63.8
2015	74.5	47.3	44.9	2.3	63.5	4.9	60.3
Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]							
2014	57.9	36.6	34.2	2.4	63.2	6.6	59.1
2015	56.7	37.9	35.5	2.4	66.8	6.3	62.6
Saskatchewan							
2014	846.7	584.7	560.7	24.1	69.1	4.1	66.2
2015	857.7	589.8	562.6	27.2	68.8	4.6	65.6
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2014	256.0	183.3	177.4	6.0	71.6	3.3	69.3
2015	261.2	187.8	180.1	7.8	71.9	4.2	69.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2014	82.9	54.5	52.3	2.2	65.7	4.0	63.1
2015	82.6	54.8	53.4	1.5	66.3	2.7	64.6
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2014	285.3	202.8	194.0	8.8	71.1	4.3	68.0
2015	292.6	204.8	194.4	10.3	70.0	5.0	66.4
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2014	63.7	41.7	39.8	1.9	65.5	4.6	62.5
2015	62.8	40.3	39.0	1.3	64.2	3.2	62.1
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2014	158.8	102.3	97.2	5.1	64.4	5.0	61.2
2015	158.5	102.0	95.8	6.3	64.4	6.2	60.4
Alberta							
2014	3,238.7	2,335.1	2,230.1	105.0	72.1	4.5	68.9
2015	3,322.7	2,404.4	2,285.2	119.2	72.4	5.0	68.8
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2014	227.4	140.3	133.8	6.5	61.7	4.6	58.8
2015	229.6	150.0	142.4	7.6	65.3	5.1	62.0
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2014	160.5	107.4	102.6	4.8	66.9	4.5	63.9
2015	161.6	109.0	103.1	5.9	67.5	5.4	63.8
Calgary [4830]							
2014	1,211.2	882.2	840.8	41.4	72.8	4.7	69.4
2015	1,251.4	916.6	871.4	45.2	73.2	4.9	69.6
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]							
2014	272.9	204.2	197.1	7.1	74.8	3.5	72.2
2015	276.3	205.5	196.8	8.7	74.4	4.2	71.2
Red Deer [4850]							
2014	164.3	119.3	115.3	4.0	72.6	3.4	70.2
2015	168.7	127.9	121.6	6.3	75.8	4.9	72.1

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region, ¹ unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2014 and February 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2014	1,090.1	793.8	756.4	37.5	72.8	4.7	69.4
2015	1,118.7	804.7	765.3	39.5	71.9	4.9	68.4
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2014	112.2	87.8	84.2	3.6	78.3	4.1	75.0
2015	116.3	90.6	84.6	6.0	77.9	6.6	72.7
British Columbia							
2014	3,809.7	2,409.6	2,250.6	159.0	63.2	6.6	59.1
2015	3,851.8	2,400.3	2,260.2	140.0	62.3	5.8	58.7
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2014	647.9	379.1	355.2	23.9	58.5	6.3	54.8
2015	652.3	372.6	351.9	20.8	57.1	5.6	53.9
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2014	2,362.3	1,513.9	1,419.2	94.7	64.1	6.3	60.1
2015	2,399.0	1,518.1	1,429.9	88.2	63.3	5.8	59.6
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2014	429.1	270.3	247.9	22.4	63.0	8.3	57.8
2015	429.8	261.6	242.9	18.7	60.9	7.1	56.5
Kootenay [5940]							
2014	122.7	73.2	67.2	5.9	59.7	8.1	54.8
2015	121.9	73.4	69.0	4.4	60.2	6.0	56.6
Cariboo [5950]							
2014	126.7	88.9	83.3	5.6	70.2	6.3	65.7
2015	127.1	86.2	81.9	4.3	67.8	5.0	64.4
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2014	66.7	40.7	37.5	3.3	61.0	8.1	56.2
2015	66.4	45.8	43.3	2.5	69.0	5.5	65.2
Northeast [5980]							
2014	54.4	43.5	40.3	3.2	80.0	7.4	74.1
2015	55.5	42.6	41.4	x	76.8	x	74.6

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

Note(s): Estimates in this table are based on 2011 census boundaries. Related CANSIM table 282-0122.

Table 6-2
Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2014 and February 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands			percent		
Yukon ¹							
2014	27.6	20.7	19.6	1.2	75.0	5.8	71.0
2015	27.9	20.4	19.1	1.4	73.1	6.9	68.5
Northwest Territories ²							
2014	32.5	24.0	22.1	1.9	73.8	7.9	68.0
2015	32.2	23.6	21.8	1.8	73.3	7.6	67.7
Nunavut ³							
2014	22.9	14.5	12.5	2.0	63.4	13.8	54.6
2015	23.4	14.3	12.5	1.8	61.0	12.3	53.5

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
February 2015										
15 years and over	14,844.7	34.8	908.32	24.96	11,981.3	39.2	1,055.05	2,863.4	16.8	294.37
15 to 24 years	2,248.8	24.9	388.36	14.46	996.2	38.4	650.56	1,252.7	14.2	179.84
25 years and over	12,595.8	36.6	1,001.16	26.83	10,985.1	39.2	1,091.73	1,610.7	18.8	383.44
Men	7,415.6	37.2	1,032.17	26.77	6,469.9	40.3	1,145.87	945.6	16.0	254.26
Women	7,429.1	32.5	784.70	23.15	5,511.4	37.8	948.44	1,917.7	17.1	314.15
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,567.3	35.5	1,031.72	28.51	3,900.3	38.4	1,132.09	667.0	18.8	444.78
No union coverage	10,277.4	34.5	853.49	23.38	8,081.0	39.5	1,017.87	2,196.4	16.1	248.69
Job permanency										
Permanent	13,057.7	35.9	950.00	25.61	11,030.5	39.2	1,066.48	2,027.2	17.8	316.20
Temporary	1,787.0	27.4	603.82	20.19	950.8	39.0	922.47	836.2	14.2	241.46
Occupation										
Management	876.7	39.6	1,572.32	39.61	856.4	40.1	1,597.12	20.3	19.1	525.76
Business, finance and administrative	2,862.2	35.3	870.95	24.09	2,461.5	38.3	959.54	400.7	17.3	326.75
Natural and applied sciences	1,158.1	38.6	1,325.19	34.27	1,125.7	39.2	1,349.89	32.5	17.5	469.26
Health	1,020.8	33.7	978.13	28.70	786.2	37.8	1,109.99	234.6	20.1	536.17
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,545.0	33.6	1,076.23	31.43	1,238.0	37.8	1,229.51	307.0	16.7	458.06
Art, culture, recreation and sport	350.2	28.9	813.25	25.57	224.9	38.4	1,137.96	125.3	11.9	230.26
Sales and service	3,960.4	29.9	543.22	16.81	2,440.0	38.3	747.17	1,520.4	16.4	215.93
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,112.0	39.7	1,012.42	25.03	1,951.4	41.5	1,071.51	160.7	17.8	294.72
Occupations unique to primary industry	228.7	40.9	997.20	23.44	198.4	45.0	1,116.06	30.3	14.5	219.67
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	730.5	39.1	840.46	21.26	698.8	40.0	866.39	31.7	18.2	268.56
February 2014										
15 years and over	14,792.3	34.8	890.32	24.51	11,878.9	39.2	1,035.45	2,913.4	17.0	298.56
15 to 24 years	2,238.0	25.5	390.48	14.14	1,018.0	38.6	645.25	1,220.0	14.5	177.91
25 years and over	12,554.3	36.5	979.42	26.36	10,860.9	39.3	1,072.03	1,693.4	18.8	385.48
Men	7,359.3	37.3	1,019.48	26.46	6,432.2	40.4	1,127.97	927.1	16.2	266.78
Women	7,433.0	32.4	762.44	22.58	5,446.7	37.8	926.20	1,986.3	17.4	313.39
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,546.6	35.5	1,014.02	28.16	3,853.9	38.5	1,115.81	692.6	18.8	447.70
No union coverage	10,245.7	34.5	835.42	22.89	8,025.0	39.6	996.87	2,220.8	16.4	252.04
Job permanency										
Permanent	13,044.8	35.9	933.70	25.17	10,999.5	39.2	1,048.05	2,045.3	18.0	318.72
Temporary	1,747.4	26.9	566.46	19.60	879.3	39.1	877.85	868.1	14.6	251.05
Occupation										
Management	954.6	39.5	1,521.51	38.64	931.2	40.0	1,544.64	23.4	19.9	601.19
Business, finance and administrative	2,863.2	35.4	843.16	23.30	2,448.7	38.3	931.16	414.4	18.0	323.26
Natural and applied sciences	1,148.8	38.6	1,334.38	34.48	1,108.3	39.3	1,364.74	40.5	17.9	503.26
Health	1,061.1	33.5	953.55	28.21	812.1	37.8	1,082.04	249.1	19.6	534.66
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,437.1	33.6	1,067.31	31.40	1,148.2	37.8	1,214.92	288.9	17.1	480.68
Art, culture, recreation and sport	367.2	27.8	685.87	22.49	216.0	38.2	1,002.71	151.2	12.9	233.40
Sales and service	3,872.8	29.7	523.19	16.32	2,348.2	38.3	722.65	1,524.6	16.6	215.98
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,098.4	39.9	989.24	24.47	1,946.7	41.7	1,042.17	151.7	17.7	310.18
Occupations unique to primary industry	257.3	41.5	1,074.31	24.49	224.4	45.6	1,200.19	32.9	13.7	215.24
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	731.9	38.8	812.20	20.70	695.2	39.9	839.73	36.7	18.4	290.18

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

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

Region	Effective from March 15, 2015 to April 11, 2015
	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	5.7
02. Newfoundland and Labrador ²	17.1
Prince Edward Island ³	
65. Charlottetown	8.6
66. Prince Edward Island ⁴	12.2
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.7
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.9
06. Halifax	6.0
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton—Moncton—Saint John	7.3
08. Madawaska—Charlotte	10.8
09. Restigouche—Albert	16.3
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.0
11. Québec	5.8
12. Trois-Rivières	6.8
13. South Central Quebec	6.0
14. Sherbrooke	7.1
15. Montérégie	6.7
16. Montréal	7.6
17. Central Quebec	7.6
18. North Western Quebec	11.0
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent—Côte-Nord	9.8
20. Hull	7.6
21. Chicoutimi—Jonquière	8.3
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	6.9
23. Eastern Ontario	8.1
24. Kingston	6.6
25. Central Ontario	7.0
26. Oshawa	6.8
27. Toronto	7.5
28. Hamilton	5.5
29. St. Catharines	6.9
30. London	7.0
31. Niagara	8.3
32. Windsor	9.7
33. Kitchener	5.6
34. Huron	6.8
35. South Central Ontario	5.4
36. Sudbury	5.9
37. Thunder Bay	4.7
38. Northern Ontario	12.4
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	6.3
40. Southern Manitoba	5.5
41. Northern Manitoba	31.9
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.2
43. Saskatoon	5.0
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.6
45. Northern Saskatchewan	17.0
Alberta	
46. Calgary	5.0
47. Edmonton	4.9
48. Northern Alberta	9.2
49. Southern Alberta	5.9

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from March 15, 2015 to April 11, 2015
	percent
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	7.4
51. Abbotsford	5.9
52. Vancouver	6.0
53. Victoria	5.5
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.5
55. Northern British Columbia	8.5
Territories 3, 5	
59. Whitehorse	5.8
60. Yukon 6	9.8
61. Yellowknife	3.6
62. Northwest Territories 7	13.2
63. Iqaluit	5.0
64. Nunavut 8	16.8

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

2. This region excludes St. John's.

3. Prince Edward Island as well as the territories are each comprised of two regions effective October 12, 2014.

4. This region excludes Charlottetown.

5. The monthly regional unemployment rates for EI purposes in the territories are subject to the greater of a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average or 12 month moving average.

6. This region excludes Whitehorse.

7. This region excludes Yellowknife.

8. This region excludes Iqaluit.

Note(s): All regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries, with the exception of those in Prince Edward Island and in the territories, which respect the 2011 Census boundaries.

Data quality

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 (employed and unemployed). 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** 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 2011 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.

For more information on seasonal adjustment, see *Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions*.

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. They are based on 12-month averages and are updated twice a year, in February and August.

Interpretation based on standard error

Approximately 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% confidence level, the change in the estimate must be greater than twice the sampling error in order to ensure that change is real.

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 17,800,000. The associated standard error for the movement estimate is 28,800. 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 -12,800 to +44,800 (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 -30,100 to +62,100 (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 -41,600 to +73,600 (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).

Documentation

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

- Overview of the Labour Force Survey 3701
- Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)
- Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-X)
- LFS *geographical maps*