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

Employment increased by 29,000 in March, driven by gains in part-time work. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.8%.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



Analysis — March 2015

Employment increased by 29,000 in March, driven by gains in part-time work. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.8%.

Over the first quarter, employment gains totalled 63,000 (+0.4%), the result of more part-time work.

In the 12 months to March, employment increased by 138,000 (+0.8%), with most of the growth in full-time work. Over the same period, the total number of hours worked was little changed (+0.1%).

In March, employment rose in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and was little changed in the other provinces.

There were more people working in retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, educational services, and natural resources in March. At the same time, there were fewer people working in construction, public administration, as well as agriculture.

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

In March, employment rose among women aged 55 and older, while there was little change among the other demographic groups.

Adjusted to concepts used in the United States, the unemployment rate in Canada was 5.9% in March, unchanged from February. At the same time, the U.S. unemployment rate was 5.5%, also unchanged from a month earlier.

Provincial summary

Employment in Saskatchewan rose by 7,000 in March, the first notable increase since last September. The unemployment rate fell 0.6 percentage points to 4.4% in March, the lowest among the provinces. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in Saskatchewan increased by 6,700 (+1.2%).

In March, employment in Manitoba increased by 6,100, bringing year-over-year growth to 19,000 or 3.1%, the highest growth rate among the provinces.

Employment in Alberta was little changed in March, as gains in part-time work were offset by losses in full time. Despite no growth in the first quarter, employment in the province was up 1.9% (+44,000) on a year-over-year basis.

In March, employment was also little changed in both Quebec and Ontario. In Quebec, year-over-year growth was 0.8%, with all of the gains in the first two months of 2015. In Ontario, employment edged up 0.5% compared with 12 months earlier.

Industry perspective

There were 20,000 more people working in retail and wholesale trade in March, the first gain in this industry since October. However, employment in this industry was little changed compared with March 2014.

Employment in transportation and warehousing was up 16,000 in March. Employment in this industry was little changed compared with 12 months earlier, as losses in the first six months of the period were offset by gains in the second half.

Following two months of losses totalling 26,000, employment in natural resources increased by 6,300 in March. Over the past 12 months, employment in this industry was down 16,000 (-4.3%).

In March, there were 12,000 more people working in educational services. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in this industry was up 69,000 or 5.7%, the largest year-over-year growth rate of all sectors.

Employment in construction was down 12,000 in March. Despite this loss, employment in this industry has been on an upward trend since May 2014.

There were 11,000 fewer people employed in public administration in March. Employment in the industry was little changed compared with 12 months earlier, as gains in the first six months of the period were followed by losses in the second half.

Agriculture employment declined by 6,100 in March, contributing to a year-over-year employment loss of 14,000 (-4.5%).

While there was little employment change in 'other services' in March, employment has been declining in this industry group since July 2014. Compared with 12 months earlier, there were 45,000 fewer people working in 'other services', the largest decline of all industries. Most of the declines were in repair and maintenance, and private household services such as those provided by nannies and home support workers.

Employment up for women aged 55 and older

There were 18,000 more women aged 55 and older working in March and their unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.2%. Employment for men in the same age group was little changed, but their unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points to 5.8% as fewer of them searched for work.

In the 12 months to March, most of the increase in total employment was among people aged 55 and older, up 96,000 or 2.8%.

Youth employment was virtually unchanged in March, as was the case for men and women aged 25 to 54.

Canada-United States comparison

Adjusted to US concepts, the unemployment rate in Canada was 5.9% in March, while the rate in the United States was 5.5%. Compared with March 2014, the unemployment rate in Canada edged down 0.2 percentage points, while the US rate fell by 1.1 percentage points.

In March, 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 edged down 0.1 percentage points in Canada, while it increased by 0.3 percentage points in the United States.

Quarterly update for the territories

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) also collects labour market information about the territories. This information is produced monthly in the form of three-month moving averages. With this release, data for the territories are now seasonally adjusted, allowing comparisons with consecutive time periods.

In the first quarter of 2015, employment in Yukon and Northwest Territories was little changed compared with the fourth quarter of 2014, and their unemployment rates were 5.3% and 7.9%, respectively. Employment in Nunavut increased by 400 in the first quarter of 2015, and the unemployment rate fell from 12.9% to 12.0%. Employment in all three territories was little changed compared with the first quarter of 2014.

Note to readers

The LFS estimates for March are for the week of March 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

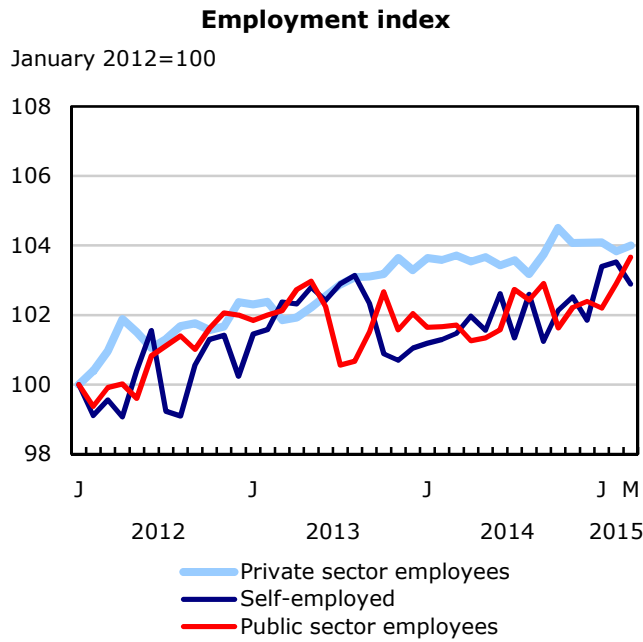
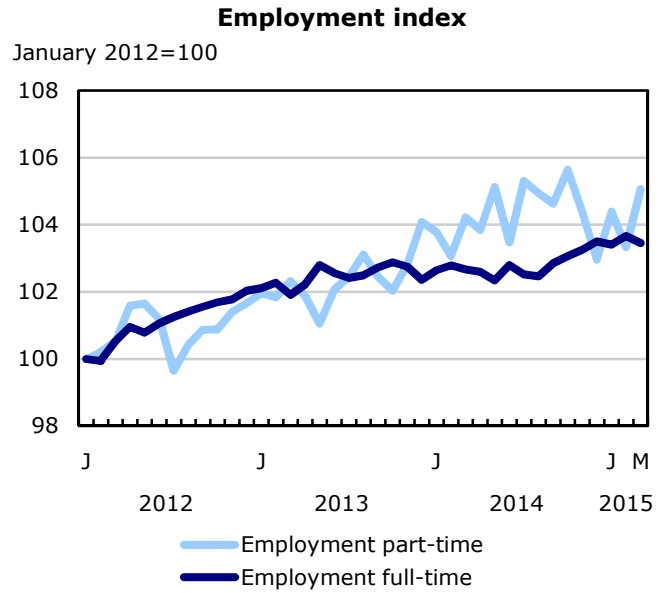
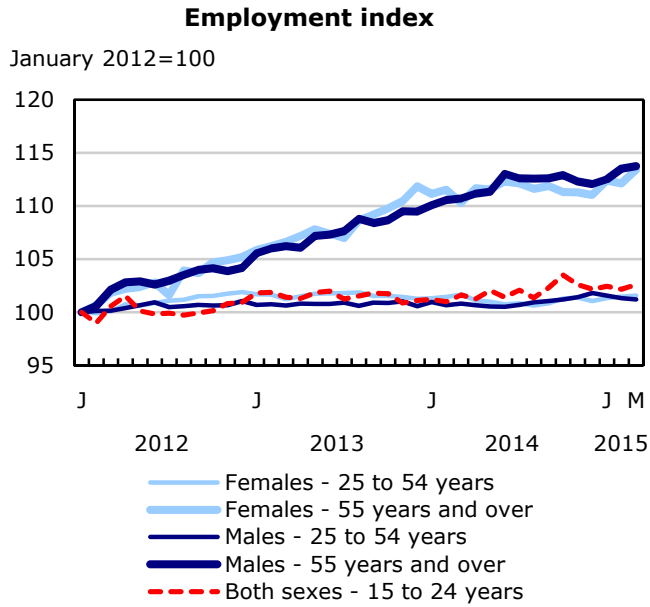


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Employment, unemployment, and participation rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

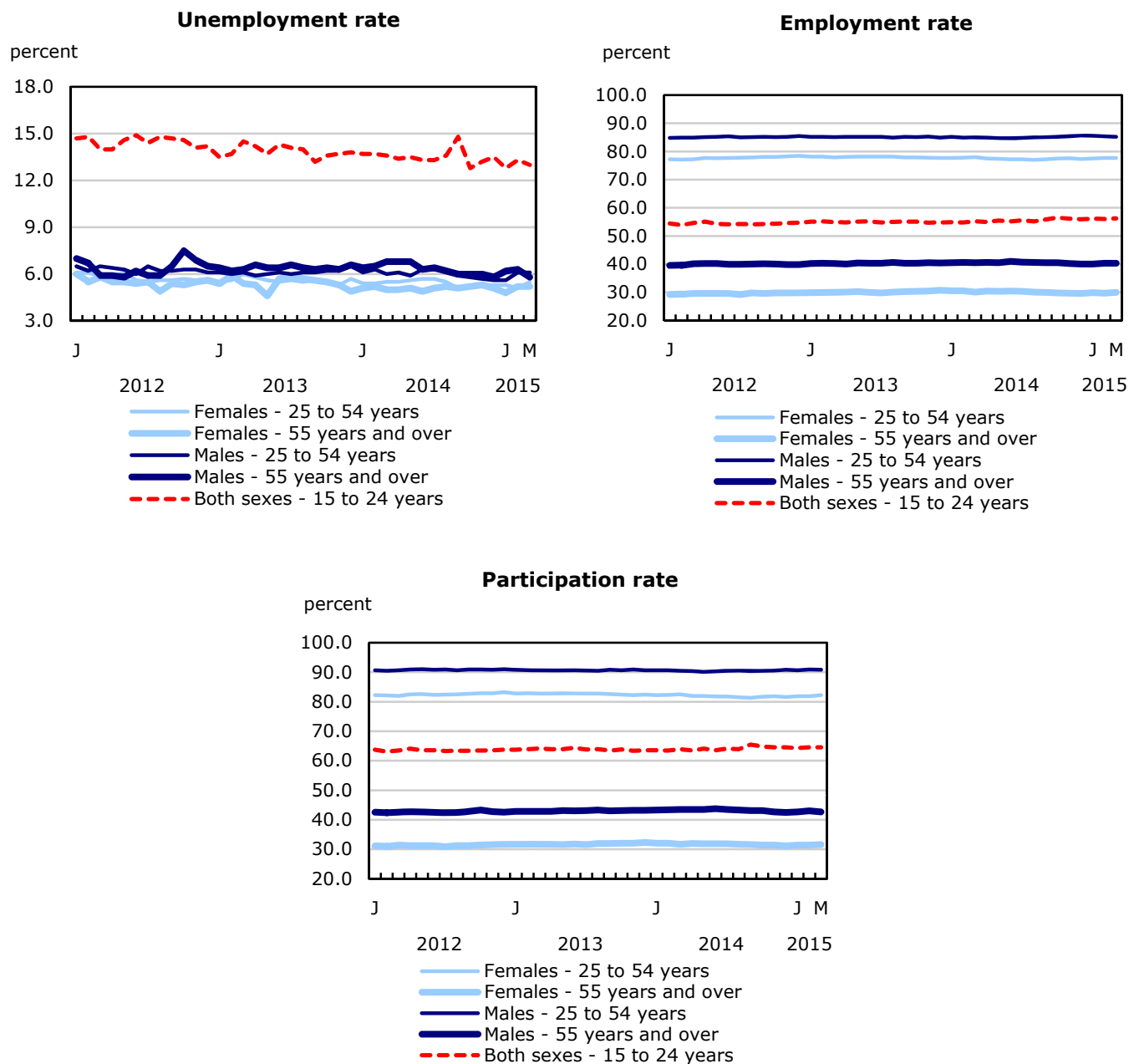


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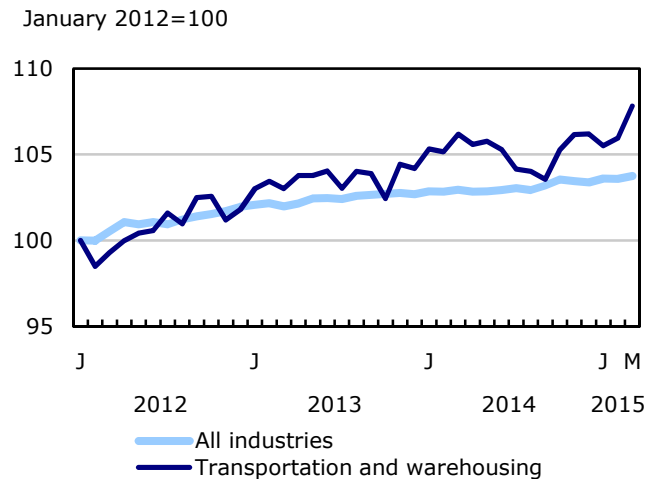
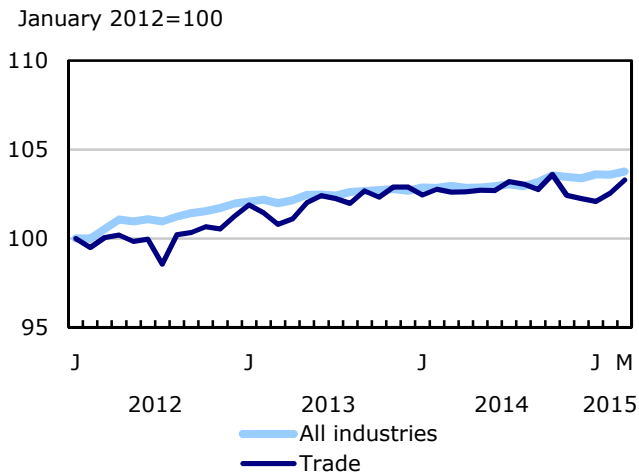
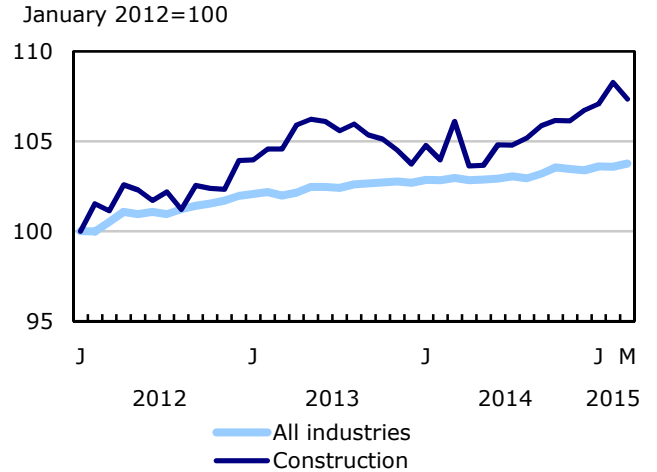
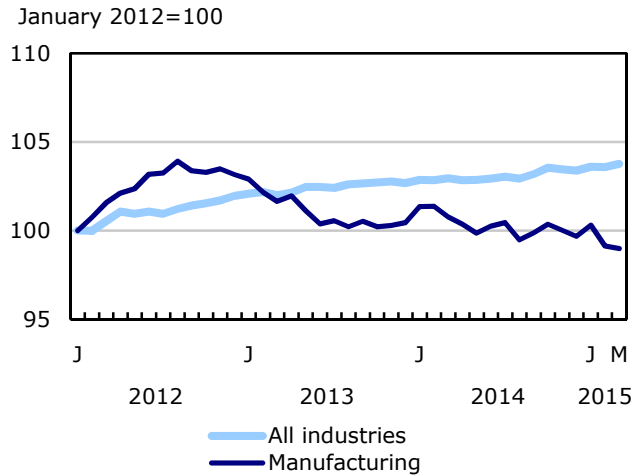
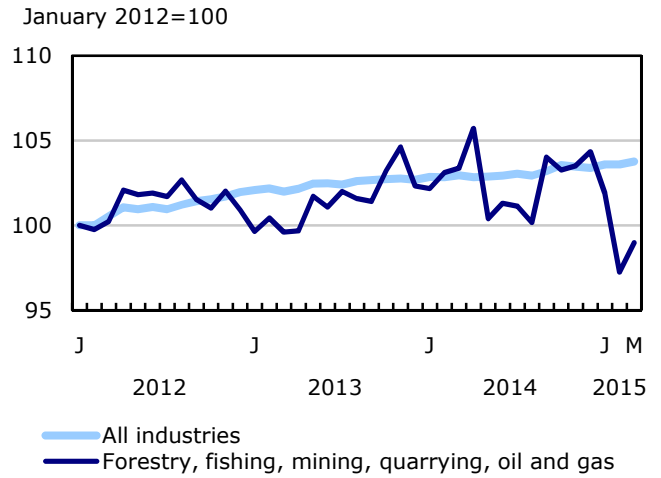
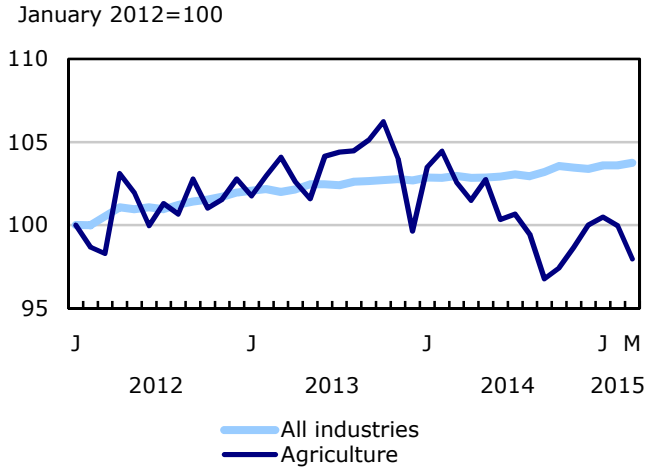


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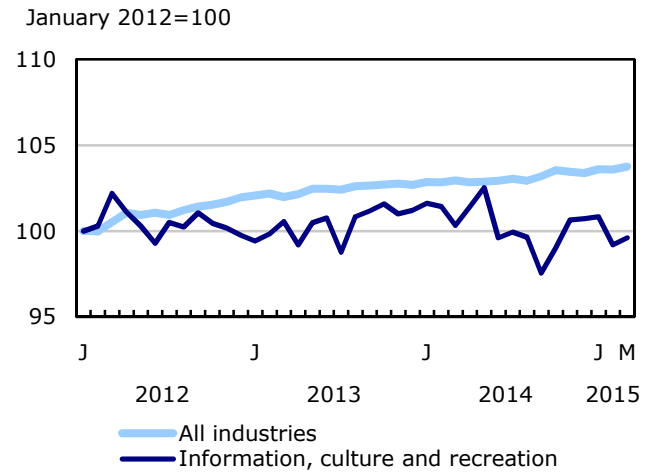
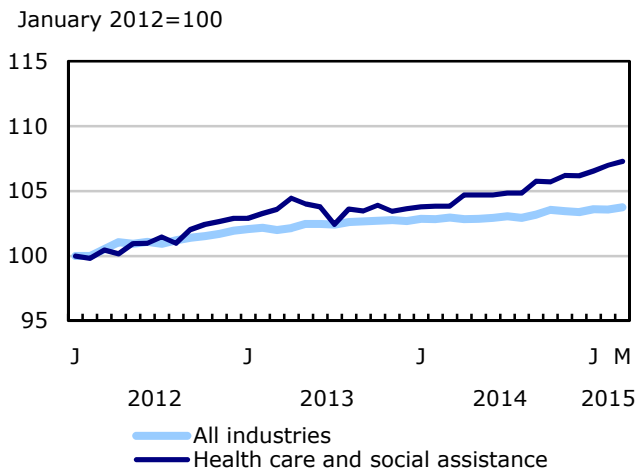
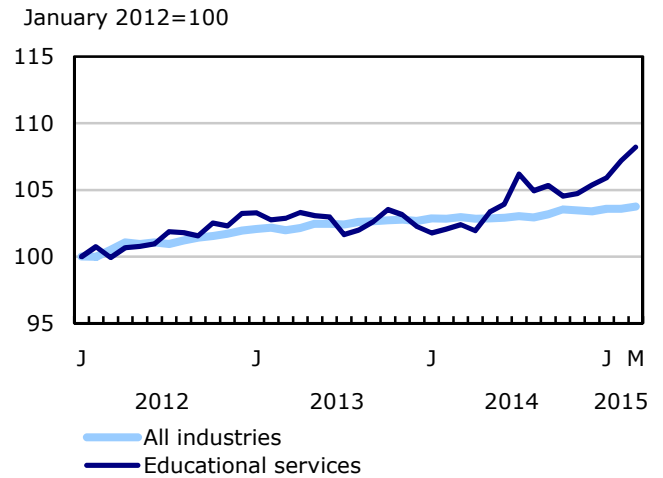
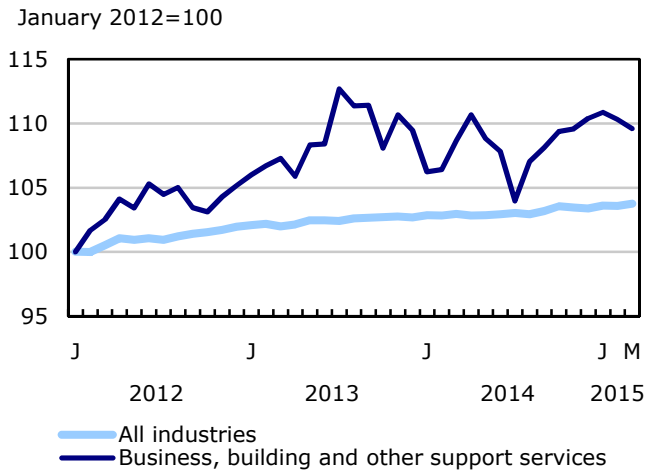
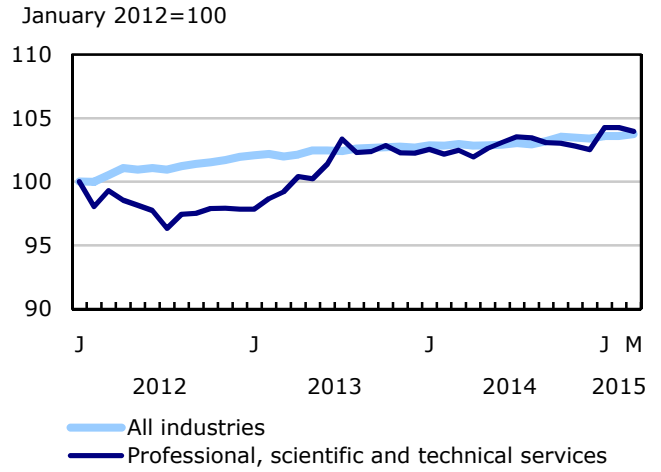
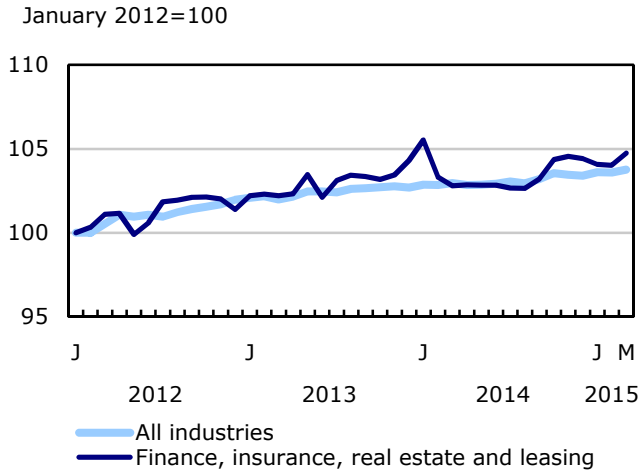


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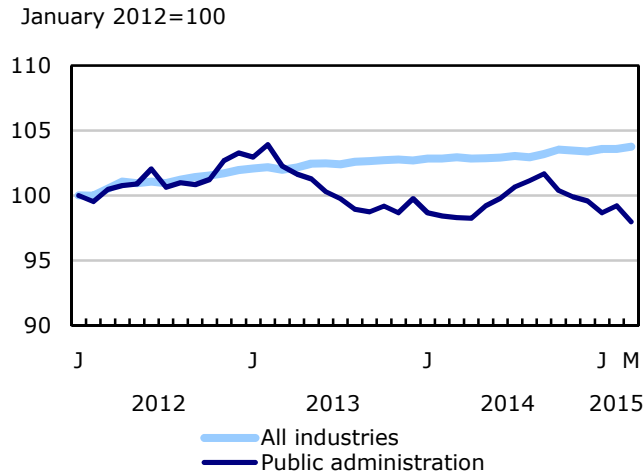
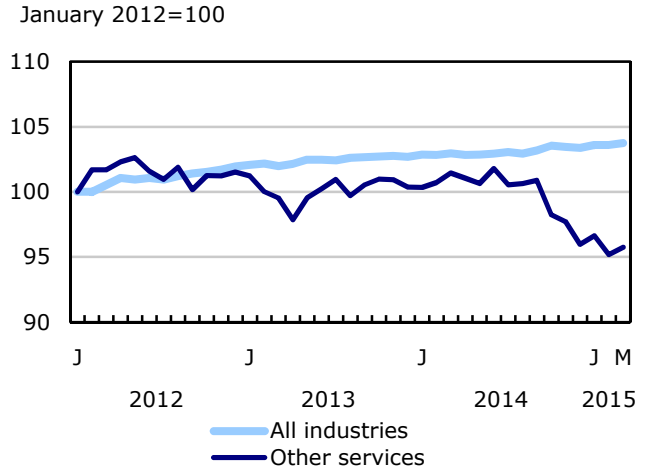
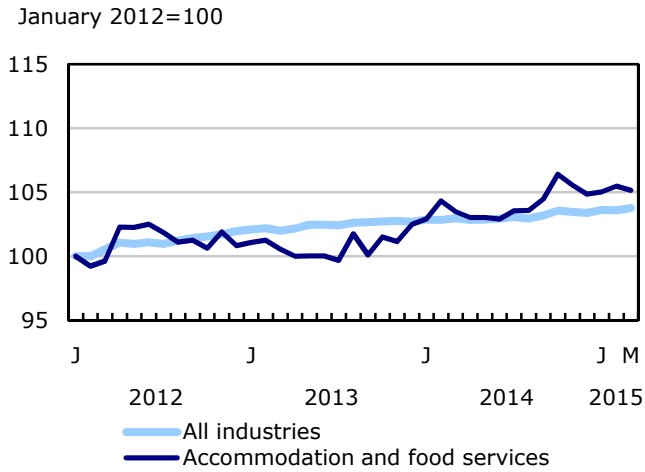


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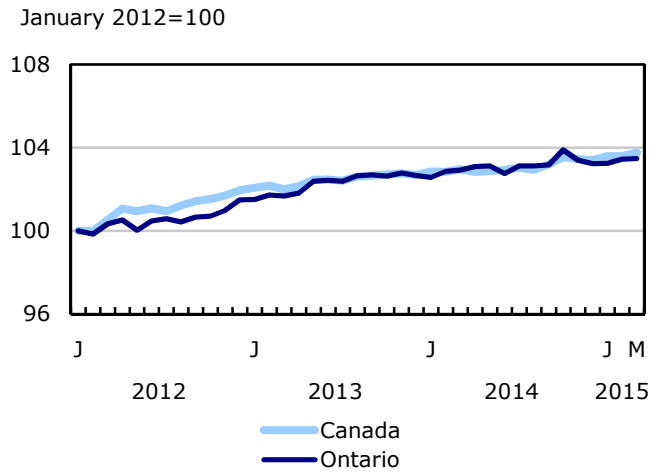
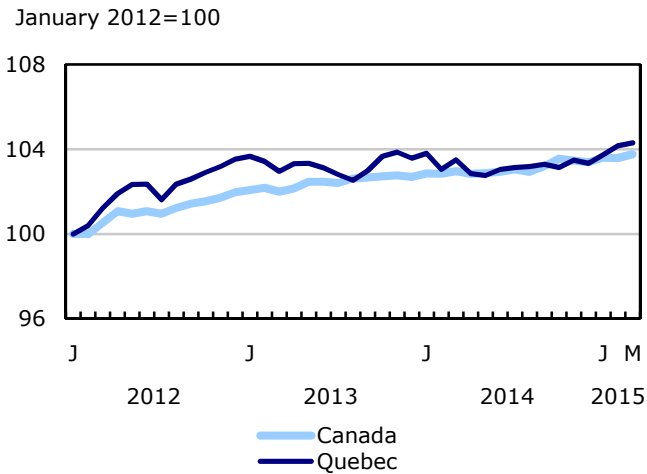
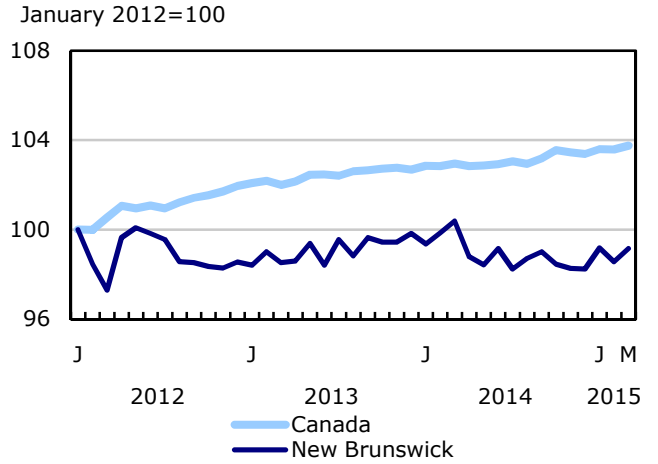
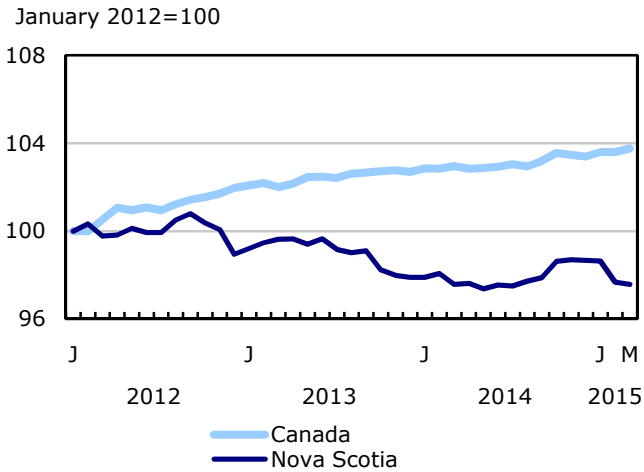
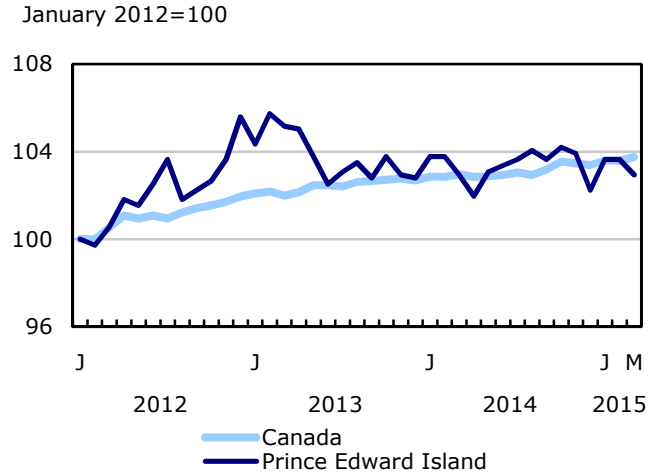
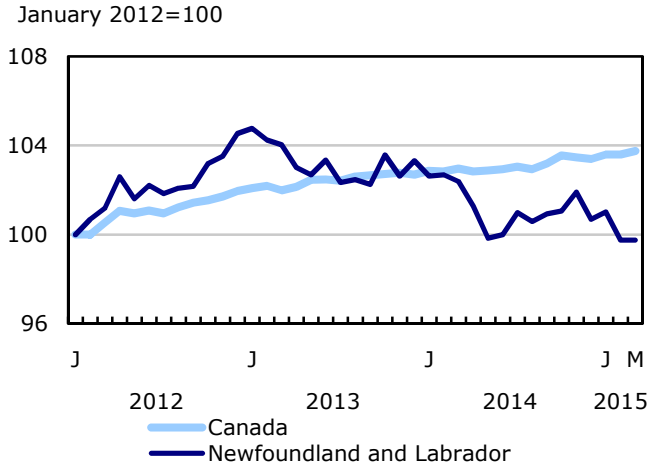
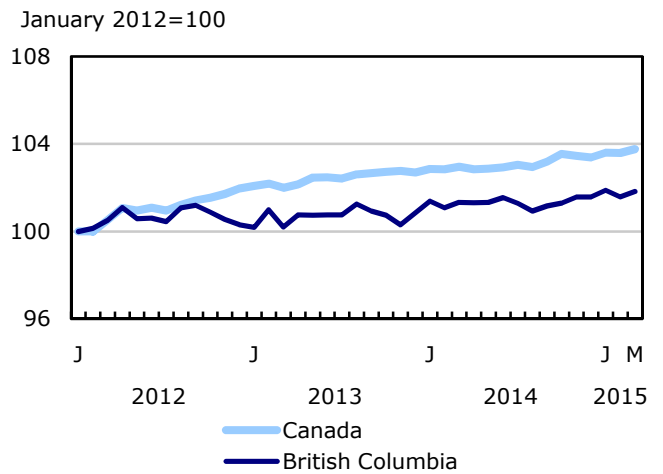
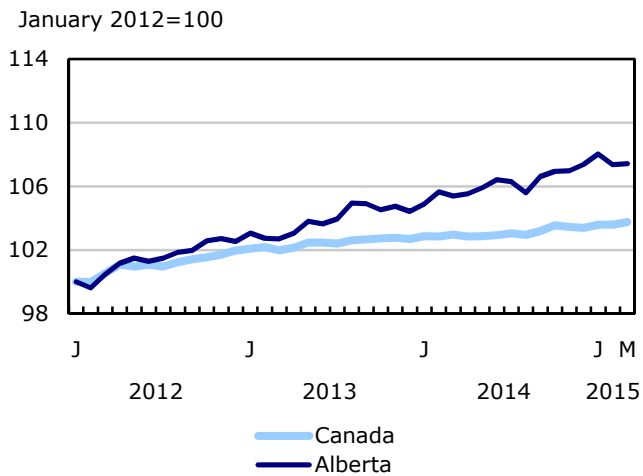
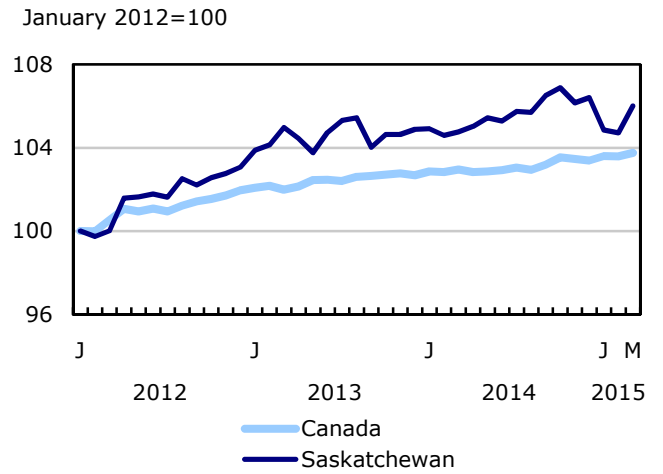
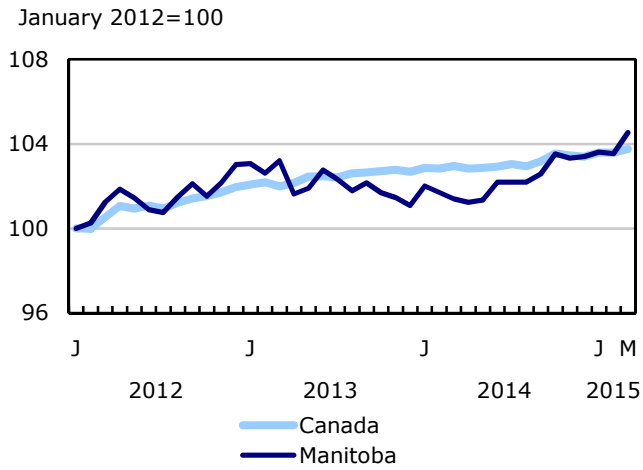


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Employment indexes by province, Canada, seasonally adjusted



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

	February 2015	March 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)									
15 years and over, both sexes									
Population	29,160.7	29,183.3	...	22.6	66.7	303.8	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	19,197.6	19,224.0	29.0	26.4	96.3	111.9	0.1	0.5	0.6
Employment	17,885.9	17,914.6	28.7	28.7	63.1	138.1	0.2	0.4	0.8
Employment full-time	14,488.2	14,460.0	39.2	-28.2	-6.0	110.5	-0.2	0.0	0.8
Employment part-time	3,397.8	3,454.6	36.1	56.8	69.1	27.6	1.7	2.0	0.8
Unemployment	1,311.7	1,309.3	24.6	-2.4	33.1	-26.3	-0.2	2.6	-2.0
Participation rate	65.8	65.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	19.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,446.9	4,443.8	...	-3.1	-11.2	-43.2	-0.1	-0.3	-1.0
Labour force	2,870.9	2,872.4	16.9	1.5	-3.4	6.8	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Employment	2,488.4	2,499.0	15.6	10.6	10.1	23.3	0.4	0.4	0.9
Employment full-time	1,266.2	1,262.7	18.8	-3.5	-26.8	-14.6	-0.3	-2.1	-1.1
Employment part-time	1,222.1	1,236.3	19.8	14.2	37.0	37.9	1.2	3.1	3.2
Unemployment	382.6	373.3	14.5	-9.3	-13.7	-16.6	-2.4	-3.5	-4.3
Participation rate	64.6	64.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	13.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	56.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	49.5	0.7	0.4	1.3	1.1	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	12,087.5	12,099.8	...	12.3	38.2	168.9	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	8,674.0	8,655.8	15.3	-18.2	24.1	63.0	-0.2	0.3	0.7
Employment	8,139.5	8,135.2	16.5	-4.3	-8.3	76.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.9
Employment full-time	7,497.2	7,486.7	21.9	-10.5	-15.5	102.2	-0.1	-0.2	1.4
Employment part-time	642.3	648.5	17.9	6.2	7.2	-25.9	1.0	1.1	-3.8
Unemployment	534.5	520.6	14.3	-13.9	32.4	-13.3	-2.6	6.6	-2.5
Participation rate	71.8	71.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.0	0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	8.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	12,626.2	12,639.8	...	13.6	39.9	178.2	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	7,652.7	7,695.8	16.5	43.1	75.6	42.1	0.6	1.0	0.6
Employment	7,258.1	7,280.4	16.0	22.3	61.2	38.5	0.3	0.8	0.5
Employment full-time	5,724.7	5,710.6	24.9	-14.1	36.4	22.8	-0.2	0.6	0.4
Employment part-time	1,533.4	1,569.8	23.7	36.4	24.9	15.7	2.4	1.6	1.0
Unemployment	394.6	415.4	13.2	20.8	14.4	3.6	5.3	3.6	0.9
Participation rate	60.6	60.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	21.6	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,566.5	14,569.6	...	3.1	0.2	28.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	12,582.7	12,596.5	22.1	13.8	34.6	22.8	0.1	0.3	0.2
Employment	11,871.0	11,866.7	23.5	-4.3	-9.6	18.5	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment	711.7	729.8	17.9	18.1	44.2	4.4	2.5	6.4	0.6
Participation rate	86.4	86.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.5	81.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, men									
Population	7,254.7	7,255.7	...	1.0	-0.7	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	6,596.8	6,586.3	14.3	-10.5	-5.1	30.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.5
Employment	6,193.2	6,184.8	15.9	-8.4	-37.4	24.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.4
Unemployment	403.6	401.5	13.1	-2.1	32.3	6.0	-0.5	8.7	1.5
Participation rate	90.9	90.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	85.4	85.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	February 2015	March 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	7,311.8	7,314.0	...	2.2	1.0	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	5,985.9	6,010.2	16.0	24.3	39.7	-7.4	0.4	0.7	-0.1
Employment	5,677.8	5,681.9	16.3	4.1	27.8	-5.8	0.1	0.5	-0.1
Unemployment	308.1	328.3	12.2	20.2	11.9	-1.7	6.6	3.8	-0.5
Participation rate	81.9	82.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.7	77.7	0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	10,147.2	10,170.0	...	22.8	77.9	319.0	0.2	0.8	3.2
Labour force	3,744.0	3,755.2	17.9	11.2	65.2	82.4	0.3	1.8	2.2
Employment	3,526.6	3,548.9	18.0	22.3	62.5	96.4	0.6	1.8	2.8
Unemployment	217.4	206.2	9.4	-11.2	2.6	-14.1	-5.2	1.3	-6.4
Participation rate	36.9	36.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.5	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	34.8	34.9	0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	4,832.9	4,844.2	...	11.3	39.0	159.2	0.2	0.8	3.4
Labour force	2,077.2	2,069.6	11.8	-7.6	29.3	32.8	-0.4	1.4	1.6
Employment	1,946.3	1,950.4	12.1	4.1	29.1	52.1	0.2	1.5	2.7
Unemployment	130.8	119.1	7.0	-11.7	0.1	-19.3	-8.9	0.1	-13.9
Participation rate	43.0	42.7	0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.8	0.3	-0.5	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.3	40.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	5,314.3	5,325.8	...	11.5	38.9	159.8	0.2	0.7	3.1
Labour force	1,666.8	1,685.6	12.2	18.8	35.9	49.6	1.1	2.2	3.0
Employment	1,580.3	1,598.5	12.2	18.2	33.4	44.3	1.2	2.1	2.9
Unemployment	86.6	87.1	6.2	0.5	2.5	5.3	0.6	3.0	6.5
Participation rate	31.4	31.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	29.7	30.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...

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

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

	February 2015	March 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	15,116.0	15,161.8	34.8	45.8	35.5	100.2	0.3	0.2	0.7
Self-employed ²	2,769.9	2,752.9	24.8	-17.0	27.7	38.0	-0.6	1.0	1.4
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,579.0	3,605.5	19.6	26.5	44.1	67.7	0.7	1.2	1.9
Private sector employees	11,537.0	11,556.3	34.8	19.3	-8.6	32.6	0.2	-0.1	0.3
Industry	17,885.9	17,914.6	28.7	28.7	63.1	138.1	0.2	0.4	0.8
Goods-producing sector	3,893.1	3,876.6	16.2	-16.5	-30.9	-47.1	-0.4	-0.8	-1.2
Agriculture	303.2	297.1	5.7	-6.1	-6.2	-14.0	-2.0	-2.0	-4.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ³	351.8	358.1	5.5	6.3	-19.4	-15.9	1.8	-5.1	-4.3
Utilities	138.7	136.5	2.4	-2.2	-1.8	-3.0	-1.6	-1.3	-2.2
Construction	1,408.7	1,396.6	10.9	-12.1	8.1	16.2	-0.9	0.6	1.2
Manufacturing	1,690.7	1,688.3	10.3	-2.4	-11.6	-30.3	-0.1	-0.7	-1.8
Services-producing sector	13,992.8	14,038.1	27.2	45.3	94.2	185.3	0.3	0.7	1.3
Trade	2,723.7	2,743.5	14.2	19.8	28.0	18.3	0.7	1.0	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	902.1	918.0	7.7	15.9	13.8	14.0	1.8	1.5	1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,089.7	1,097.4	8.1	7.7	3.6	20.6	0.7	0.3	1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,351.1	1,347.1	10.5	-4.0	18.3	18.9	-0.3	1.4	1.4
Business, building and other support services	750.6	745.7	9.6	-4.9	-5.5	6.2	-0.7	-0.7	0.8
Educational services	1,277.9	1,290.0	10.3	12.1	33.6	69.2	0.9	2.7	5.7
Health care and social assistance	2,262.7	2,268.9	10.5	6.2	23.7	72.9	0.3	1.1	3.3
Information, culture and recreation	748.6	751.7	9.5	3.1	-8.4	-5.6	0.4	-1.1	-0.7
Accommodation and food services	1,223.4	1,219.7	11.2	-3.7	3.5	19.3	-0.3	0.3	1.6
Other services	756.3	760.7	8.1	4.4	-1.9	-45.4	0.6	-0.2	-5.6
Public administration	906.7	895.4	6.9	-11.3	-14.7	-3.1	-1.2	-1.6	-0.3

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

	February 2015	March 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	443.2	443.1	...	-0.1	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	268.7	271.0	1.9	2.3	2.3	-1.6	0.9	0.9	-0.6
Employment	234.9	234.9	2.1	0.0	-2.2	-6.2	0.0	-0.9	-2.6
Employment full-time	200.4	202.0	2.5	1.6	-1.6	-3.7	0.8	-0.8	-1.8
Employment part-time	34.5	33.0	2.0	-1.5	-0.5	-2.3	-4.3	-1.5	-6.5
Unemployment	33.9	36.0	1.9	2.1	4.4	4.5	6.2	13.9	14.3
Participation rate	60.6	61.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	13.3	0.7	0.7	1.5	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	120.7	120.8	...	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	82.4	82.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.7	-0.1
Employment	74.1	73.6	0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.7	0.7	0.0
Employment full-time	61.8	61.8	0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.2
Employment part-time	12.3	11.9	0.7	-0.4	0.8	0.2	-3.3	7.2	1.7
Unemployment	8.3	9.1	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2	9.6	0.0	-2.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	11.0	0.7	0.9	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.9	0.5	-0.5	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	784.2	784.4	...	0.2	0.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	491.2	491.8	2.6	0.6	-0.3	1.7	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Employment	446.5	446.0	2.6	-0.5	-5.0	0.0	-0.1	-1.1	0.0
Employment full-time	367.4	361.6	3.5	-5.8	-7.4	0.9	-1.6	-2.0	0.2
Employment part-time	79.0	84.4	3.1	5.4	2.4	-0.9	6.8	2.9	-1.1
Unemployment	44.8	45.8	2.4	1.0	4.7	1.6	2.2	11.4	3.6
Participation rate	62.6	62.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.3	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.9	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	622.1	622.3	...	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	393.4	394.5	2.3	1.1	4.3	-2.8	0.3	1.1	-0.7
Employment	352.4	354.5	2.4	2.1	3.3	-4.4	0.6	0.9	-1.2
Employment full-time	296.8	297.9	3.0	1.1	2.4	-1.7	0.4	0.8	-0.6
Employment part-time	55.6	56.6	2.5	1.0	0.9	-2.7	1.8	1.6	-4.6
Unemployment	41.0	40.0	2.1	-1.0	1.0	1.6	-2.4	2.6	4.2
Participation rate	63.2	63.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.1	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	57.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,827.5	6,830.3	...	2.8	8.0	44.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	4,420.3	4,431.2	14.7	10.9	41.7	23.1	0.2	0.9	0.5
Employment	4,093.9	4,099.2	14.5	5.3	38.1	31.3	0.1	0.9	0.8
Employment full-time	3,257.1	3,270.9	19.9	13.8	9.2	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.0
Employment part-time	836.8	828.3	18.3	-8.5	28.9	30.3	-1.0	3.6	3.8
Unemployment	326.4	332.0	13.0	5.6	3.6	-8.2	1.7	1.1	-2.4
Participation rate	64.7	64.9	0.2	0.2	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Ontario									
Population	11,338.1	11,347.5	...	9.4	27.1	114.9	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	7,414.1	7,411.8	20.0	-2.3	4.6	3.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Employment	6,900.1	6,902.1	19.2	2.0	17.1	37.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
Employment full-time	5,577.1	5,551.4	26.6	-25.7	11.3	21.0	-0.5	0.2	0.4
Employment part-time	1,323.1	1,350.6	24.3	27.5	5.7	15.9	2.1	0.4	1.2
Unemployment	514.0	509.8	16.9	-4.2	-12.4	-33.6	-0.8	-2.4	-6.2
Participation rate	65.4	65.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	February 2015	March 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	983.1	984.0	...	0.9	2.5	11.5	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	671.9	677.3	2.6	5.4	7.3	20.0	0.8	1.1	3.0
Employment	634.6	640.7	2.6	6.1	6.9	19.2	1.0	1.1	3.1
Employment full-time	518.7	521.3	3.7	2.6	6.4	16.2	0.5	1.2	3.2
Employment part-time	115.9	119.4	3.5	3.5	0.5	3.0	3.0	0.4	2.6
Unemployment	37.3	36.6	2.1	-0.7	0.4	0.8	-1.9	1.1	2.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.8	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	65.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	858.4	859.0	...	0.6	2.0	10.3	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	595.7	599.1	2.6	3.4	1.8	5.7	0.6	0.3	1.0
Employment	565.9	572.9	2.6	7.0	-2.1	6.7	1.2	-0.4	1.2
Employment full-time	470.0	478.3	3.5	8.3	-1.4	12.0	1.8	-0.3	2.6
Employment part-time	96.0	94.6	3.3	-1.4	-0.7	-5.3	-1.5	-0.7	-5.3
Unemployment	29.8	26.1	1.8	-3.7	3.8	-1.0	-12.4	17.0	-3.7
Participation rate	69.4	69.7	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.4	0.3	-0.6	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	66.7	0.3	0.8	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	3,327.8	3,332.6	...	4.8	15.4	78.8	0.1	0.5	2.4
Labour force	2,429.2	2,434.1	9.5	4.9	20.7	55.3	0.2	0.9	2.3
Employment	2,299.9	2,301.4	10.1	1.5	1.2	43.5	0.1	0.1	1.9
Employment full-time	1,927.5	1,909.1	13.3	-18.4	-15.2	19.0	-1.0	-0.8	1.0
Employment part-time	372.4	392.3	12.0	19.9	16.4	24.6	5.3	4.4	6.7
Unemployment	129.3	132.7	7.6	3.4	19.5	11.8	2.6	17.2	9.8
Participation rate	73.0	73.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,855.5	3,859.3	...	3.8	10.9	42.8	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	2,430.6	2,430.5	10.1	-0.1	13.4	7.3	0.0	0.6	0.3
Employment	2,283.6	2,289.3	9.9	5.7	5.4	10.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Employment full-time	1,811.4	1,805.7	14.1	-5.7	-9.4	45.9	-0.3	-0.5	2.6
Employment part-time	472.3	483.6	13.4	11.3	14.8	-35.1	2.4	3.2	-6.8
Unemployment	147.0	141.2	7.9	-5.8	8.0	-3.5	-3.9	6.0	-2.4
Participation rate	63.0	63.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	-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

	February 2015	March 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	443.2	443.1	...	-0.1	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	268.7	271.0	1.9	2.3	2.3	-1.6	0.9	0.9	-0.6
Employment	234.9	234.9	2.1	0.0	-2.2	-6.2	0.0	-0.9	-2.6
Employment full-time	200.4	202.0	2.5	1.6	-1.6	-3.7	0.8	-0.8	-1.8
Unemployment	33.9	36.0	1.9	2.1	4.4	4.5	6.2	13.9	14.3
Participation rate	60.6	61.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	13.3	0.7	0.7	1.5	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.7	14.0	0.8	-0.6	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	57.0	56.9	...	-0.1	-0.4	-2.2	-0.2	-0.7	-3.7
Labour force	36.0	36.4	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.9	1.1	1.7	5.5
Employment	30.0	30.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	1.6	0.7	0.3	5.6
Unemployment	5.9	6.2	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.3	5.1	8.8	5.1
Participation rate	63.2	64.0	1.7	0.8	1.5	5.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	17.0	2.4	0.6	1.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	53.1	1.6	0.5	0.6	4.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.7	45.7	3.5	4.0	4.8	5.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	188.2	188.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	123.8	124.3	1.1	0.5	0.9	-0.8	0.4	0.7	-0.6
Employment	106.0	106.6	1.4	0.6	-0.9	-3.9	0.6	-0.8	-3.5
Unemployment	17.8	17.7	1.3	-0.1	1.7	3.1	-0.6	10.6	21.2
Participation rate	65.8	66.0	0.6	0.2	0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	14.2	1.0	-0.2	1.2	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	56.6	0.7	0.3	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	6.0	0.8	0.7	1.5	1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	198.0	198.0	...	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	109.0	110.3	1.1	1.3	0.8	-2.7	1.2	0.7	-2.4
Employment	98.9	98.1	1.1	-0.8	-1.4	-3.9	-0.8	-1.4	-3.8
Unemployment	10.1	12.2	1.0	2.1	2.2	1.2	20.8	22.0	10.9
Participation rate	55.1	55.7	0.5	0.6	0.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	11.1	0.8	1.8	2.0	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.9	49.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.8	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	12.9	1.3	-3.6	-3.4	-5.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	234.9	234.9	2.1	0.0	-2.2	-6.2	0.0	-0.9	-2.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	54.4	53.8	1.4	-0.6	-2.5	-1.4	-1.1	-4.4	-2.5
Agriculture	1.4	1.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	28.6	12.5	12.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	17.1	16.7	0.8	-0.4	-0.5	-2.1	-2.3	-2.9	-11.2
Utilities	2.6	2.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-3.8	-16.7	4.2
Construction	22.7	22.1	1.0	-0.6	-1.5	0.7	-2.6	-6.4	3.3
Manufacturing	10.6	10.7	0.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.9	-1.8	-3.6
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	180.4	181.2	1.8	0.8	0.4	-4.7	0.4	0.2	-2.5
Trade	40.8	40.9	0.9	0.1	1.7	1.9	0.2	4.3	4.9
Transportation and warehousing	10.7	10.1	0.6	-0.6	0.3	-2.4	-5.6	3.1	-19.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.6	7.9	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	3.9	-1.2	-11.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	11.2	11.1	0.5	-0.1	0.3	1.1	-0.9	2.8	11.0
Business, building and other support services	6.7	6.7	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.5	0.0	-2.9	8.1
Educational services	16.4	16.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-3.0	-1.8	-3.6	-15.7
Health care and social assistance	36.6	36.6	0.8	0.0	-0.9	-0.6	0.0	-2.4	-1.6
Information, culture and recreation	7.5	7.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-6.7	-5.4	-5.4
Accommodation and food services	15.7	16.2	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.1	3.2	1.9	7.3
Other services	11.3	12.2	0.6	0.9	0.1	-0.4	8.0	0.8	-3.2
Public administration	16.1	16.3	0.6	0.2	-0.2	-1.5	1.2	-1.2	-8.4

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

	February 2015	March 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	120.7	120.8	...	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	82.4	82.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.7	-0.1
Employment	74.1	73.6	0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.7	0.7	0.0
Employment full-time	61.8	61.8	0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment	8.3	9.1	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2	9.6	0.0	-2.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	11.0	0.7	0.9	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	60.9	0.5	-0.5	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	16.2	1.0	-0.4	1.0	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	18.4	18.4	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-2.1
Labour force	12.5	12.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.8	1.6	-1.6
Employment	10.5	10.2	0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.6	-2.9	0.0	-5.6
Unemployment	2.0	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	20.0	4.3	20.0
Participation rate	67.9	68.5	1.9	0.6	1.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.0	19.0	2.5	3.0	0.5	3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	55.4	1.9	-1.7	0.3	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.8	44.1	3.6	0.3	-1.0	0.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	49.0	49.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	35.9	36.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.1
Employment	32.3	32.1	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.7	-0.6	0.0	2.2
Unemployment	3.6	4.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.2	11.1	11.1	-4.8
Participation rate	73.3	73.5	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	11.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.5	0.8	-0.4	0.0	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	5.3	1.0	-1.2	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	53.3	53.4	...	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.9
Labour force	34.1	34.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.9
Employment	31.4	31.4	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0
Unemployment	2.8	2.8	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-12.5	-9.7
Participation rate	64.0	64.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.2	1.0	0.0	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	58.8	0.7	-0.1	1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	17.8	1.5	0.0	1.9	1.6	...	...	...
Industry	74.1	73.6	0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.7	0.7	0.0
Goods-producing sector	17.1	17.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.3	1.2	0.0	-1.7
Agriculture	2.8	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.7	10.7	6.9	-18.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	2.3	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	17.4	17.4	0.0
Utilities	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-25.0
Construction	5.5	5.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-7.3	-8.9	-10.5
Manufacturing	6.1	6.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	1.0	-1.6	-3.2	20.0
Services-producing sector	57.1	56.4	0.6	-0.7	0.6	0.4	-1.2	1.1	0.7
Trade	11.5	11.2	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.1	-2.6	1.8	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	3.6	-6.5	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.9	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.4	3.4	0.0
Business, building and other support services	2.6	2.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	-3.8	-7.4	19.0
Educational services	5.2	5.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.3	1.9	0.0	-5.4
Health care and social assistance	9.8	9.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.4	1.0	0.0	-12.4
Information, culture and recreation	2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-6.9	12.5	0.0
Accommodation and food services	5.7	5.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	-5.3	-3.6	10.2
Other services	3.8	3.6	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.6	-5.3	0.0	20.0
Public administration	7.4	7.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.4	4.2	7.1

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

	February 2015	March 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	784.2	784.4	...	0.2	0.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	491.2	491.8	2.6	0.6	-0.3	1.7	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Employment	446.5	446.0	2.6	-0.5	-5.0	0.0	-0.1	-1.1	0.0
Employment full-time	367.4	361.6	3.5	-5.8	-7.4	0.9	-1.6	-2.0	0.2
Unemployment	44.8	45.8	2.4	1.0	4.7	1.6	2.2	11.4	3.6
Participation rate	62.6	62.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.3	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.9	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	18.9	0.7	1.2	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	112.4	112.3	...	-0.1	-0.5	-2.3	-0.1	-0.4	-2.0
Labour force	75.0	75.2	1.6	0.2	1.7	1.9	0.3	2.3	2.6
Employment	64.0	64.8	1.4	0.8	2.1	5.5	1.2	3.3	9.3
Unemployment	11.0	10.4	1.5	-0.6	-0.4	-3.6	-5.5	-3.7	-25.7
Participation rate	66.7	67.0	1.4	0.3	1.8	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	13.8	1.9	-0.9	-0.9	-5.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	57.7	1.3	0.8	2.1	6.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.2	48.1	2.8	1.9	2.4	2.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	321.6	321.7	...	0.1	0.5	2.4	0.0	0.2	0.8
Labour force	211.8	213.0	1.4	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.1
Employment	191.3	191.0	1.6	-0.3	-6.0	-2.9	-0.2	-3.0	-1.5
Unemployment	20.5	22.0	1.5	1.5	5.4	2.7	7.3	32.5	14.0
Participation rate	65.9	66.2	0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	10.3	0.7	0.6	2.5	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.4	0.5	-0.1	-1.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	8.6	0.8	1.4	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	350.3	350.4	...	0.1	0.4	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	204.4	203.5	1.4	-0.9	-1.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	0.0
Employment	191.2	190.1	1.4	-1.1	-1.2	-2.6	-0.6	-0.6	-1.3
Unemployment	13.3	13.4	1.2	0.1	-0.3	2.5	0.8	-2.2	22.9
Participation rate	58.3	58.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.6	0.6	0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	19.3	1.1	0.6	-0.2	-2.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	446.4	446.0	2.6	-0.4	-5.0	0.0	-0.1	-1.1	0.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	78.6	79.1	1.7	0.5	-2.5	-6.1	0.6	-3.1	-7.2
Agriculture	5.1	5.0	0.6	-0.1	0.4	-0.6	-2.0	8.7	-10.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	10.3	11.3	0.9	1.0	-1.3	0.5	9.7	-10.3	4.6
Utilities	3.6	3.9	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	8.3	-2.5	-2.5
Construction	31.8	31.9	1.1	0.1	0.3	-3.0	0.3	0.9	-8.6
Manufacturing	27.8	27.1	0.9	-0.7	-1.7	-2.8	-2.5	-5.9	-9.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	367.8	366.8	2.4	-1.0	-2.6	6.0	-0.3	-0.7	1.7
Trade	72.7	73.2	1.3	0.5	-1.3	-1.9	0.7	-1.7	-2.5
Transportation and warehousing	20.9	20.4	0.8	-0.5	-2.2	1.0	-2.4	-9.7	5.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.6	22.0	0.7	-0.6	-1.0	0.2	-2.7	-4.3	0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.8	26.4	0.8	-1.4	0.2	-0.2	-5.0	0.8	-0.8
Business, building and other support services	21.7	22.3	0.9	0.6	3.6	2.1	2.8	19.3	10.4
Educational services	36.2	35.8	1.1	-0.4	0.0	0.9	-1.1	0.0	2.6
Health care and social assistance	70.5	71.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.4	0.7	0.7	3.5
Information, culture and recreation	19.4	19.2	0.8	-0.2	-0.8	1.2	-1.0	-4.0	6.7
Accommodation and food services	32.7	33.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	1.8	1.2	1.2	5.8
Other services	16.5	16.3	0.7	-0.2	-1.5	-2.2	-1.2	-8.4	-11.9
Public administration	26.9	27.1	0.7	0.2	-0.4	0.8	0.7	-1.5	3.0

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

	February 2015	March 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	622.1	622.3	...	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	393.4	394.5	2.3	1.1	4.3	-2.8	0.3	1.1	-0.7
Employment	352.4	354.5	2.4	2.1	3.3	-4.4	0.6	0.9	-1.2
Employment full-time	296.8	297.9	3.0	1.1	2.4	-1.7	0.4	0.8	-0.6
Unemployment	41.0	40.0	2.1	-1.0	1.0	1.6	-2.4	2.6	4.2
Participation rate	63.2	63.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.1	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	57.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	16.0	0.7	0.2	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	85.3	85.2	...	-0.1	-0.2	-1.9	-0.1	-0.2	-2.2
Labour force	55.4	56.3	1.3	0.9	3.1	-1.7	1.6	5.8	-2.9
Employment	45.2	47.0	1.2	1.8	3.4	-2.0	4.0	7.8	-4.1
Unemployment	10.2	9.3	1.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.3	-8.8	-2.1	3.3
Participation rate	64.9	66.1	1.5	1.2	3.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.4	16.5	1.9	-1.9	-1.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	55.2	1.4	2.2	4.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	41.9	2.9	-0.8	-1.7	0.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	260.0	260.1	...	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	176.3	176.5	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
Employment	157.3	156.7	1.5	-0.6	-0.4	-2.1	-0.4	-0.3	-1.3
Unemployment	19.0	19.7	1.4	0.7	1.0	2.0	3.7	5.3	11.3
Participation rate	67.8	67.9	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	11.2	0.8	0.4	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	276.8	276.9	...	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	161.7	161.8	1.2	0.1	0.6	-1.0	0.1	0.4	-0.6
Employment	149.9	150.8	1.3	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.6	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment	11.8	11.0	1.1	-0.8	0.3	-0.7	-6.8	2.8	-6.0
Participation rate	58.4	58.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	6.8	0.7	-0.5	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	17.9	1.1	0.4	0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
	352.4	354.5	2.4	2.1	3.3	-4.4	0.6	0.9	-1.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	73.0	72.0	1.6	-1.0	-2.1	-5.9	-1.4	-2.8	-7.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	3.7	4.0	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3	8.1	-2.4	8.1
Utilities	10.7	10.6	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-1.8	-0.9	-3.6	-14.5
Construction	3.3	3.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	-3.0	-8.6	-22.0
Manufacturing	24.7	24.6	1.1	-0.1	-1.9	-5.0	-0.4	-7.2	-16.9
	30.5	29.5	0.8	-1.0	0.4	1.5	-3.3	1.4	5.4
Services-producing sector									
	279.4	282.5	2.1	3.1	5.4	1.5	1.1	1.9	0.5
Trade	55.1	55.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	-4.1	0.5	1.7	-6.9
Transportation and warehousing	17.3	18.4	0.6	1.1	1.4	2.0	6.4	8.2	12.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.4	14.8	0.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.5	-3.9	-1.3	-3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.8	17.3	0.6	-0.5	-1.0	1.4	-2.8	-5.5	8.8
Business, building and other support services	21.6	21.1	0.8	-0.5	0.8	1.5	-2.3	3.9	7.7
Educational services	27.2	28.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	3.5	2.9	3.3	14.3
Health care and social assistance	51.3	50.7	0.9	-0.6	0.2	-2.9	-1.2	0.4	-5.4
Information, culture and recreation	11.3	12.0	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	6.2	3.4	0.8
Accommodation and food services	23.2	24.7	0.9	1.5	2.5	-0.7	6.5	11.3	-2.8
Other services	15.2	15.6	0.6	0.4	-0.7	-2.1	2.6	-4.3	-11.9
Public administration	24.0	24.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	3.3	2.5	0.8	15.5

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

	February 2015	March 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	6 827.5	6 830.3	...	2.8	8.0	44.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	4 420.3	4 431.2	14.7	10.9	41.7	23.1	0.2	0.9	0.5
Employment	4 093.9	4 099.2	14.5	5.3	38.1	31.3	0.1	0.9	0.8
Employment full-time	3 257.1	3 270.9	19.9	13.8	9.2	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.0
Unemployment	326.4	332.0	13.0	5.6	3.6	-8.2	1.7	1.1	-2.4
Participation rate	64.7	64.9	0.2	0.2	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	20.2	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	967.0	965.2	...	-1.8	-6.0	-19.9	-0.2	-0.6	-2.0
Labour force	655.1	658.9	8.3	3.8	4.1	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.2
Employment	567.1	574.6	7.8	7.5	11.2	0.0	1.3	2.0	0.0
Unemployment	88.0	84.3	7.2	-3.7	-7.2	1.2	-4.2	-7.9	1.4
Participation rate	67.7	68.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	12.8	1.0	-0.6	-1.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	59.5	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	56.5	54.7	1.6	-1.8	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2 890.2	2 892.6	...	2.4	7.1	32.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1 999.9	1 994.4	8.3	-5.5	11.8	4.3	-0.3	0.6	0.2
Employment	1 859.1	1 853.1	8.9	-6.0	5.4	21.8	-0.3	0.3	1.2
Unemployment	140.8	141.3	8.1	0.5	6.3	-17.6	0.4	4.7	-11.1
Participation rate	69.2	68.9	0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.0	8.9	0.5	-0.1	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2 970.3	2 972.6	...	2.3	7.0	31.7	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1 765.3	1 777.9	8.0	12.6	25.8	17.7	0.7	1.5	1.0
Employment	1 667.7	1 671.4	7.9	3.7	21.3	9.4	0.2	1.3	0.6
Unemployment	97.6	106.4	6.7	8.8	4.4	8.2	9.0	4.3	8.4
Participation rate	59.4	59.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	6.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	56.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.9	20.9	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Industry	4 093.9	4 099.2	14.5	5.3	38.1	31.3	0.1	0.9	0.8
Goods-producing sector	851.9	841.4	8.2	-10.5	-27.4	-31.8	-1.2	-3.2	-3.6
Agriculture	57.4	53.6	2.6	-3.8	-2.1	-3.9	-6.6	-3.8	-6.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	30.7	29.9	2.1	-0.8	-3.4	-4.0	-2.6	-10.2	-11.8
Utilities	28.0	26.4	1.2	-1.6	-3.6	-3.2	-5.7	-12.0	-10.8
Construction	253.9	249.7	5.2	-4.2	-21.3	-3.6	-1.7	-7.9	-1.4
Manufacturing	481.8	481.9	5.7	0.1	3.0	-17.1	0.0	0.6	-3.4
Services-producing sector	3 242.0	3 257.8	13.7	15.8	65.5	63.1	0.5	2.1	2.0
Trade	661.4	667.5	7.2	6.1	16.9	29.4	0.9	2.6	4.6
Transportation and warehousing	191.8	193.7	3.8	1.9	7.9	1.0	1.0	4.3	0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	218.0	217.9	3.6	-0.1	3.5	3.8	0.0	1.6	1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	311.0	312.3	5.4	1.3	17.6	13.9	0.4	6.0	4.7
Business, building and other support services	160.3	164.0	4.5	3.7	2.2	7.8	2.3	1.4	5.0
Educational services	283.6	282.7	5.2	-0.9	8.5	7.7	-0.3	3.1	2.8
Health care and social assistance	573.6	577.7	5.7	4.1	13.3	7.0	0.7	2.4	1.2
Information, culture and recreation	181.0	177.0	5.0	-4.0	4.5	-10.6	-2.2	2.6	-5.7
Accommodation and food services	283.1	278.9	5.7	-4.2	-6.1	16.9	-1.5	-2.1	6.5
Other services	150.0	160.5	4.1	10.5	-3.9	-27.0	7.0	-2.4	-14.4
Public administration	228.3	225.5	3.5	-2.8	1.0	13.2	-1.2	0.4	6.2

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

	February 2015	March 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	11,338.1	11,347.5	...	9.4	27.1	114.9	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	7,414.1	7,411.8	20.0	-2.3	4.6	3.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Employment	6,900.1	6,902.1	19.2	2.0	17.1	37.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
Employment full-time	5,577.1	5,551.4	26.6	-25.7	11.3	21.0	-0.5	0.2	0.4
Unemployment	514.0	509.8	16.9	-4.2	-12.4	-33.6	-0.8	-2.4	-6.2
Participation rate	65.4	65.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.9	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.6	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,801.1	1,800.4	...	-0.7	-2.5	-13.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	1,120.2	1,111.1	12.2	-9.1	-13.5	-2.6	-0.8	-1.2	-0.2
Employment	953.6	945.8	10.7	-7.8	-0.1	4.4	-0.8	0.0	0.5
Unemployment	166.6	165.3	10.6	-1.3	-13.4	-7.1	-0.8	-7.5	-4.1
Participation rate	62.2	61.7	0.7	-0.5	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	14.9	0.9	0.0	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.9	52.5	0.6	-0.4	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	52.5	53.5	1.3	1.0	0.7	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,599.8	4,604.3	...	4.5	13.8	59.2	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	3,307.4	3,289.1	9.9	-18.3	-20.6	4.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.1
Employment	3,113.1	3,107.7	10.5	-5.4	-16.5	23.9	-0.2	-0.5	0.8
Unemployment	194.3	181.4	9.4	-12.9	-4.1	-19.2	-6.6	-2.2	-9.6
Participation rate	71.9	71.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	7.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,937.2	4,942.9	...	5.7	15.9	68.8	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	2,986.5	3,011.6	11.4	25.1	38.7	1.3	0.8	1.3	0.0
Employment	2,833.4	2,848.6	10.8	15.2	33.7	8.7	0.5	1.2	0.3
Unemployment	153.0	163.1	9.4	10.1	5.1	-7.4	6.6	3.2	-4.3
Participation rate	60.5	60.9	0.2	0.4	0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	21.3	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Industry	6,900.1	6,902.1	19.2	2.0	17.1	37.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
Goods-producing sector	1,389.8	1,383.0	10.0	-6.8	-3.0	-10.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7
Agriculture	78.0	76.5	2.8	-1.5	-5.5	-9.2	-1.9	-6.7	-10.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	38.1	40.2	1.6	2.1	0.8	6.2	5.5	2.0	18.2
Utilities	51.8	51.7	1.4	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	1.6	-0.4
Construction	490.0	481.9	6.6	-8.1	13.5	16.2	-1.7	2.9	3.5
Manufacturing	731.9	732.7	7.2	0.8	-12.6	-23.1	0.1	-1.7	-3.1
Services-producing sector	5,510.3	5,519.0	18.4	8.7	20.0	47.0	0.2	0.4	0.9
Trade	1,054.4	1,057.9	9.5	3.5	15.3	17.8	0.3	1.5	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	313.8	322.2	4.9	8.4	6.2	-16.5	2.7	2.0	-4.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	524.8	527.0	6.0	2.2	4.6	19.8	0.4	0.9	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	567.8	570.7	7.3	2.9	17.0	9.4	0.5	3.1	1.7
Business, building and other support services	337.5	325.8	7.0	-11.7	-17.0	-11.6	-3.5	-5.0	-3.4
Educational services	518.0	525.3	7.0	7.3	18.6	43.3	1.4	3.7	9.0
Health care and social assistance	810.4	810.8	6.6	0.4	0.7	28.8	0.0	0.1	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	308.0	311.3	6.4	3.3	-17.0	-2.5	1.1	-5.2	-0.8
Accommodation and food services	448.9	447.3	7.2	-1.6	5.2	-2.7	-0.4	1.2	-0.6
Other services	270.7	272.8	5.2	2.1	2.7	-22.2	0.8	1.0	-7.5
Public administration	356.1	347.9	4.8	-8.2	-16.3	-16.4	-2.3	-4.5	-4.5

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2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

	February 2015	March 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	983.1	984.0	...	0.9	2.5	11.5	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	671.9	677.3	2.6	5.4	7.3	20.0	0.8	1.1	3.0
Employment	634.6	640.7	2.6	6.1	6.9	19.2	1.0	1.1	3.1
Employment full-time	518.7	521.3	3.7	2.6	6.4	16.2	0.5	1.2	3.2
Unemployment	37.3	36.6	2.1	-0.7	0.4	0.8	-1.9	1.1	2.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.8	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	65.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.6	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	163.2	163.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	111.8	111.5	1.6	-0.3	0.3	3.2	-0.3	0.3	3.0
Employment	98.7	99.3	1.5	0.6	0.0	3.0	0.6	0.0	3.1
Unemployment	13.1	12.2	1.3	-0.9	0.3	0.3	-6.9	2.5	2.5
Participation rate	68.5	68.3	1.0	-0.2	0.2	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	10.9	1.1	-0.8	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.8	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.5	42.8	1.9	0.3	0.8	-1.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	401.9	402.3	...	0.4	1.4	6.3	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	299.2	301.0	1.4	1.8	0.8	9.4	0.6	0.3	3.2
Employment	286.3	288.1	1.5	1.8	1.4	7.2	0.6	0.5	2.6
Unemployment	12.9	12.9	1.2	0.0	-0.6	2.1	0.0	-4.4	19.4
Participation rate	74.4	74.8	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.3	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.2	71.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	7.7	0.6	0.5	-0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	418.1	418.5	...	0.4	1.2	5.7	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	260.9	264.7	1.5	3.8	6.0	7.3	1.5	2.3	2.8
Employment	249.6	253.3	1.4	3.7	5.4	9.1	1.5	2.2	3.7
Unemployment	11.3	11.5	1.1	0.2	0.7	-1.6	1.8	6.5	-12.2
Participation rate	62.4	63.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.5	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.4	21.6	0.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Industry									
	634.6	640.7	2.6	6.1	6.9	19.2	1.0	1.1	3.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	147.0	147.4	1.6	0.4	-1.8	4.3	0.3	-1.2	3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	23.0	23.3	0.9	0.3	0.8	-1.3	1.3	3.6	-5.3
Utilities	6.4	6.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-6.2	-9.1	-7.7
Construction	7.8	7.8	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.4	0.0	5.4	-4.9
Manufacturing	43.1	45.7	1.1	2.6	-1.9	5.6	6.0	-4.0	14.0
	66.8	64.6	0.9	-2.2	-0.5	0.9	-3.3	-0.8	1.4
Services-producing sector									
	487.6	493.3	2.5	5.7	8.7	14.9	1.2	1.8	3.1
Trade	95.1	94.1	1.4	-1.0	-0.7	1.4	-1.1	-0.7	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	38.4	39.1	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.8	2.4	2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	33.6	34.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.9	1.8	0.3	2.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.9	25.2	0.7	0.3	2.5	0.5	1.2	11.0	2.0
Business, building and other support services	16.3	17.4	0.8	1.1	0.7	-1.3	6.7	4.2	-7.0
Educational services	52.0	52.4	1.1	0.4	2.3	3.8	0.8	4.6	7.8
Health care and social assistance	101.8	103.9	1.2	2.1	3.4	5.6	2.1	3.4	5.7
Information, culture and recreation	22.4	22.9	0.8	0.5	1.9	0.9	2.2	9.0	4.1
Accommodation and food services	39.8	41.8	1.0	2.0	0.3	3.0	5.0	0.7	7.7
Other services	29.0	28.6	0.8	-0.4	-1.1	0.4	-1.4	-3.7	1.4
Public administration	34.4	33.7	0.7	-0.7	-1.5	-1.0	-2.0	-4.3	-2.9

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

	February 2015	March 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	858.4	859.0	...	0.6	2.0	10.3	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	595.7	599.1	2.6	3.4	1.8	5.7	0.6	0.3	1.0
Employment	565.9	572.9	2.6	7.0	-2.1	6.7	1.2	-0.4	1.2
Employment full-time	470.0	478.3	3.5	8.3	-1.4	12.0	1.8	-0.3	2.6
Unemployment	29.8	26.1	1.8	-3.7	3.8	-1.0	-12.4	17.0	-3.7
Participation rate	69.4	69.7	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.4	0.3	-0.6	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	66.7	0.3	0.8	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	16.5	0.6	-0.5	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	137.6	137.4	...	-0.2	-0.6	-1.8	-0.1	-0.4	-1.3
Labour force	94.3	94.7	1.4	0.4	2.3	1.4	0.4	2.5	1.5
Employment	84.9	86.6	1.4	1.7	0.8	2.3	2.0	0.9	2.7
Unemployment	9.5	8.1	1.1	-1.4	1.4	-0.9	-14.7	20.9	-10.0
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	1.0	0.4	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	8.6	1.1	-1.5	1.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	63.0	1.0	1.3	0.8	2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.6	40.1	1.8	0.5	3.1	2.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	360.6	361.0	...	0.4	1.4	6.5	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	274.3	274.7	1.3	0.4	-1.4	-1.0	0.1	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	262.2	264.2	1.4	2.0	-3.0	-2.3	0.8	-1.1	-0.9
Unemployment	12.1	10.5	1.1	-1.6	1.6	1.3	-13.2	18.0	14.1
Participation rate	76.1	76.1	0.4	0.0	-0.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	3.8	0.4	-0.6	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.7	73.2	0.4	0.5	-1.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	5.4	0.6	-1.0	-1.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	360.2	360.6	...	0.4	1.3	5.7	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	227.2	229.6	1.5	2.4	0.8	5.2	1.1	0.3	2.3
Employment	218.8	222.1	1.5	3.3	0.0	6.7	1.5	0.0	3.1
Unemployment	8.3	7.5	1.0	-0.8	0.8	-1.4	-9.6	11.9	-15.7
Participation rate	63.1	63.7	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.3	0.4	-0.4	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	61.6	0.4	0.9	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	20.6	1.0	-0.2	0.0	-3.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	565.9	572.9	2.6	7.0	-2.1	6.7	1.2	-0.4	1.2
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	156.3	157.3	1.8	1.0	-6.4	-4.5	0.6	-3.9	-2.8
Agriculture	41.4	42.1	1.2	0.7	-1.7	-1.3	1.7	-3.9	-3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	25.9	26.6	0.8	0.7	-2.1	-0.6	2.7	-7.3	-2.2
Utilities	6.3	6.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.7	3.2	1.6	12.1
Construction	58.0	56.1	1.2	-1.9	-1.1	-0.1	-3.3	-1.9	-0.2
Manufacturing	24.7	26.1	0.7	1.4	-1.4	-3.0	5.7	-5.1	-10.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	409.6	415.6	2.5	6.0	4.3	11.2	1.5	1.0	2.8
Trade	83.5	83.8	1.4	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5	-0.1
Transportation and warehousing	28.1	29.1	0.8	1.0	0.5	-1.1	3.6	1.7	-3.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	31.5	30.7	0.7	-0.8	-0.9	1.9	-2.5	-2.8	6.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.2	25.1	0.8	-0.1	-1.1	-0.8	-0.4	-4.2	-3.1
Business, building and other support services	14.3	15.4	0.7	1.1	1.4	2.8	7.7	10.0	22.2
Educational services	43.5	44.9	1.0	1.4	0.2	1.8	3.2	0.4	4.2
Health care and social assistance	74.1	75.6	1.1	1.5	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.7	2.6
Information, culture and recreation	17.3	17.8	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.1	2.9	5.3	6.6
Accommodation and food services	36.2	36.4	1.1	0.2	-0.8	0.9	0.6	-2.2	2.5
Other services	24.5	25.7	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.7	4.9	6.2	7.1
Public administration	31.3	31.2	0.7	-0.1	0.3	1.2	-0.3	1.0	4.0

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

	February 2015	March 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	3,327.8	3,332.6	...	4.8	15.4	78.8	0.1	0.5	2.4
Labour force	2,429.2	2,434.1	9.5	4.9	20.7	55.3	0.2	0.9	2.3
Employment	2,299.9	2,301.4	10.1	1.5	1.2	43.5	0.1	0.1	1.9
Employment full-time	1,927.5	1,909.1	13.3	-18.4	-15.2	19.0	-1.0	-0.8	1.0
Unemployment	129.3	132.7	7.6	3.4	19.5	11.8	2.6	17.2	9.8
Participation rate	73.0	73.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.2	17.0	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	523.8	523.3	...	-0.5	-1.9	-1.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2
Labour force	354.6	358.8	5.1	4.2	-2.6	4.1	1.2	-0.7	1.2
Employment	318.9	322.0	5.3	3.1	-8.1	10.5	1.0	-2.5	3.4
Unemployment	35.6	36.8	4.3	1.2	5.6	-6.4	3.4	17.9	-14.8
Participation rate	67.7	68.6	1.0	0.9	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.3	1.2	0.3	1.7	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	61.5	1.0	0.6	-1.4	2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.7	36.5	1.8	0.8	3.5	0.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,418.3	1,420.9	...	2.6	8.8	41.3	0.2	0.6	3.0
Labour force	1,146.5	1,147.5	4.9	1.0	16.0	29.9	0.1	1.4	2.7
Employment	1,093.3	1,095.1	5.7	1.8	4.7	19.9	0.2	0.4	1.9
Unemployment	53.2	52.3	4.5	-0.9	11.2	9.9	-1.7	27.3	23.3
Participation rate	80.8	80.8	0.4	0.0	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.1	77.1	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,385.7	1,388.4	...	2.7	8.5	38.7	0.2	0.6	2.9
Labour force	928.1	927.8	5.7	-0.3	7.3	21.3	0.0	0.8	2.3
Employment	887.6	884.2	5.7	-3.4	4.6	13.1	-0.4	0.5	1.5
Unemployment	40.5	43.5	4.0	3.0	2.6	8.1	7.4	6.4	22.9
Participation rate	67.0	66.8	0.4	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.7	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	23.0	0.9	1.6	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,299.9	2,301.4	10.1	1.5	1.2	43.5	0.1	0.1	1.9
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	665.1	654.7	6.9	-10.4	-8.5	3.7	-1.6	-1.3	0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	68.2	64.3	3.0	-3.9	1.3	3.2	-5.7	2.1	5.2
Utilities	164.9	167.8	3.8	2.9	-5.1	-8.8	1.8	-2.9	-5.0
Construction	19.7	19.7	0.9	0.0	1.6	0.7	0.0	8.8	3.7
Manufacturing	268.9	261.2	4.9	-7.7	-2.3	7.8	-2.9	-0.9	3.1
	143.5	141.7	3.0	-1.8	-3.9	0.7	-1.3	-2.7	0.5
Services-producing sector									
	1,634.8	1,646.7	9.3	11.9	9.7	39.9	0.7	0.6	2.5
Trade	301.2	309.6	4.9	8.4	-2.4	-17.0	2.8	-0.8	-5.2
Transportation and warehousing	147.3	149.3	3.3	2.0	7.1	24.3	1.4	5.0	19.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	100.5	103.0	2.6	2.5	-1.0	-0.6	2.5	-1.0	-0.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	172.1	169.1	3.6	-3.0	-13.3	-14.0	-1.7	-7.3	-7.6
Business, building and other support services	80.7	83.5	3.2	2.8	3.4	4.4	3.5	4.2	5.6
Educational services	130.6	133.5	3.2	2.9	1.3	13.7	2.2	1.0	11.4
Health care and social assistance	261.3	263.3	3.7	2.0	10.5	32.2	0.8	4.2	13.9
Information, culture and recreation	71.8	69.4	2.8	-2.4	-2.7	-5.0	-3.3	-3.7	-6.7
Accommodation and food services	157.6	155.9	3.9	-1.7	1.1	5.6	-1.1	0.7	3.7
Other services	124.5	118.6	3.4	-5.9	-2.2	-6.0	-4.7	-1.8	-4.8
Public administration	87.2	91.5	2.1	4.3	8.1	2.3	4.9	9.7	2.6

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

	February 2015	March 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	3,855.5	3,859.3	...	3.8	10.9	42.8	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	2,430.6	2,430.5	10.1	-0.1	13.4	7.3	0.0	0.6	0.3
Employment	2,283.6	2,289.3	9.9	5.7	5.4	10.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Employment full-time	1,811.4	1,805.7	14.1	-5.7	-9.4	45.9	-0.3	-0.5	2.6
Unemployment	147.0	141.2	7.9	-5.8	8.0	-3.5	-3.9	6.0	-2.4
Participation rate	63.0	63.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	21.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	581.2	581.6	...	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Labour force	356.2	356.8	5.7	0.6	0.3	-2.5	0.2	0.1	-0.7
Employment	315.5	318.3	5.3	2.8	0.5	-1.6	0.9	0.2	-0.5
Unemployment	40.6	38.4	4.6	-2.2	-0.4	-1.0	-5.4	-1.0	-2.5
Participation rate	61.3	61.3	1.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	10.8	1.2	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	54.7	0.9	0.4	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.2	47.8	2.0	1.6	0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,598.0	1,599.6	...	1.6	4.6	19.4	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	1,098.9	1,099.4	5.5	0.5	16.2	16.5	0.0	1.5	1.5
Employment	1,038.6	1,040.6	5.6	2.0	7.0	14.0	0.2	0.7	1.4
Unemployment	60.4	58.8	4.6	-1.6	9.3	2.4	-2.6	18.8	4.3
Participation rate	68.8	68.7	0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.3	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.9	9.8	0.6	0.9	1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,676.3	1,678.1	...	1.8	5.2	23.4	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	975.5	974.3	5.9	-1.2	-3.1	-6.7	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7
Employment	929.6	930.4	5.7	0.8	-2.0	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Unemployment	46.0	44.0	4.3	-2.0	-0.9	-5.0	-4.3	-2.0	-10.2
Participation rate	58.2	58.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	55.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.1	24.6	0.9	-0.5	0.1	-2.8	...	...	...
Industry	2,283.6	2,289.3	9.9	5.7	5.4	10.9	0.2	0.2	0.5
Goods-producing sector	457.7	461.8	5.6	4.1	12.8	9.7	0.9	2.9	2.1
Agriculture	21.4	22.6	2.2	1.2	-0.2	-0.9	5.6	-0.9	-3.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	47.4	47.4	2.4	0.0	-4.1	-3.4	0.0	-8.0	-6.7
Utilities	15.1	14.5	0.9	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	-4.0	-1.4	1.4
Construction	203.9	205.4	3.9	1.5	9.1	-1.7	0.7	4.6	-0.8
Manufacturing	169.8	171.9	3.2	2.1	8.3	15.5	1.2	5.1	9.9
Services-producing sector	1,825.9	1,827.5	9.4	1.6	-7.4	1.1	0.1	-0.4	0.1
Trade	348.2	347.3	4.8	-0.9	-6.7	-12.1	-0.3	-1.9	-3.4
Transportation and warehousing	132.1	137.0	2.8	4.9	-3.4	9.7	3.7	-2.4	7.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	131.9	134.6	2.9	2.7	-2.6	-3.6	2.0	-1.9	-2.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	190.5	190.7	3.6	0.2	4.2	5.1	0.1	2.3	2.7
Business, building and other support services	87.1	87.5	3.1	0.4	1.1	-1.7	0.5	1.3	-1.9
Educational services	167.4	168.5	3.5	1.1	4.2	-1.2	0.7	2.6	-0.7
Health care and social assistance	275.0	269.1	3.8	-5.9	-2.2	-2.1	-2.1	-0.8	-0.8
Information, culture and recreation	109.5	112.4	3.4	2.9	1.8	8.4	2.6	1.6	8.1
Accommodation and food services	178.4	180.0	4.6	1.6	0.2	-8.7	0.9	0.1	-4.6
Other services	110.2	107.0	2.9	-3.2	-1.2	10.9	-2.9	-1.1	11.3
Public administration	95.6	93.5	2.2	-2.1	-2.8	-3.5	-2.2	-2.9	-3.6

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

	February 2015	March 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	177.8	178.0	...	0.2	0.6	1.6	0.1	0.3	0.9
Labour force	125.5	126.0	0.8	0.5	1.6	2.9	0.4	1.3	2.4
Employment	118.2	118.2	0.9	0.0	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.6	1.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.8	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.2	6.8	11.4	18.2
Participation rate	70.6	70.8	0.5	0.2	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.4	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	346.4	346.7	...	0.3	1.0	4.4	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	242.3	240.4	1.2	-1.9	-2.5	4.5	-0.8	-1.0	1.9
Employment	227.1	224.9	1.2	-2.2	-2.9	3.6	-1.0	-1.3	1.6
Unemployment	15.1	15.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	1.0	2.6	3.3	6.9
Participation rate	69.9	69.3	0.4	-0.6	-1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	64.9	0.4	-0.7	-1.0	0.2	...	...	...
Moncton, New Brunswick									
Population	123.0	123.2	...	0.2	0.5	1.8	0.2	0.4	1.5
Labour force	82.5	83.1	0.8	0.6	2.8	-0.7	0.7	3.5	-0.8
Employment	77.1	77.6	0.8	0.5	2.9	-0.7	0.6	3.9	-0.9
Unemployment	5.4	5.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	67.1	67.5	0.7	0.4	2.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.6	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	63.0	0.6	0.3	2.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.6	105.6	...	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	69.5	69.4	0.6	-0.1	-1.1	-0.2	-0.1	-1.6	-0.3
Employment	63.2	63.0	0.7	-0.2	-1.8	-1.6	-0.3	-2.8	-2.5
Unemployment	6.3	6.4	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.4	1.6	12.3	28.0
Participation rate	65.8	65.7	0.6	-0.1	-1.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.2	0.6	0.1	1.1	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.7	0.6	-0.1	-1.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	135.2	135.1	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	85.8	85.2	0.9	-0.6	-2.5	4.9	-0.7	-2.9	6.1
Employment	78.6	78.2	0.9	-0.4	-0.9	5.6	-0.5	-1.1	7.7
Unemployment	7.2	6.9	0.4	-0.3	-1.7	-0.8	-4.2	-19.8	-10.4
Participation rate	63.5	63.1	0.7	-0.4	-1.7	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.1	0.5	-0.3	-1.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	57.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.6	4.2	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	667.8	668.1	...	0.3	0.8	4.2	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	451.2	456.6	3.6	5.4	6.6	-7.1	1.2	1.5	-1.5
Employment	425.8	432.4	3.6	6.6	6.8	-10.1	1.6	1.6	-2.3
Unemployment	25.4	24.2	1.6	-1.2	-0.2	2.9	-4.7	-0.8	13.6
Participation rate	67.6	68.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	64.7	0.5	0.9	0.9	-2.0	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	178.5	178.6	...	0.1	0.4	1.9	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	110.4	109.7	1.1	-0.7	-0.5	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	1.2
Employment	101.8	101.6	1.2	-0.2	-0.5	1.4	-0.2	-0.5	1.4
Unemployment	8.6	8.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-5.8	-1.2	-1.2
Participation rate	61.8	61.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.9	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...

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

	February 2015	March 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	76.0	76.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.5
Employment	71.1	72.2	0.9	1.1	1.1	2.6	1.5	1.5	3.7
Unemployment	4.9	4.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-1.5	-4.1	-6.0	-24.2
Participation rate	57.3	58.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	54.4	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.8	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,339.5	3,341.8	...	2.3	6.3	28.4	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	2,202.1	2,209.2	7.4	7.1	4.4	14.7	0.3	0.2	0.7
Employment	2,037.3	2,042.6	7.5	5.3	16.0	22.0	0.3	0.8	1.1
Unemployment	164.8	166.6	4.7	1.8	-11.6	-7.4	1.1	-6.5	-4.3
Participation rate	65.9	66.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	1,092.3	1,093.3	...	1.0	3.0	13.3	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	762.0	762.0	3.9	0.0	2.2	7.7	0.0	0.3	1.0
Employment	707.4	707.0	4.0	-0.4	-5.5	3.0	-0.1	-0.8	0.4
Unemployment	54.6	54.9	1.9	0.3	7.6	4.6	0.5	16.1	9.1
Participation rate	69.8	69.7	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	64.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	271.8	272.0	...	0.2	0.5	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	188.5	188.8	1.3	0.3	3.8	0.7	0.2	2.1	0.4
Employment	173.8	174.4	1.4	0.6	2.6	-1.2	0.3	1.5	-0.7
Unemployment	14.7	14.5	0.7	-0.2	1.3	2.0	-1.4	9.8	16.0
Participation rate	69.4	69.4	0.5	0.0	1.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.7	0.4	-0.1	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.1	0.5	0.2	0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	820.5	821.3	...	0.8	2.5	10.8	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	573.5	573.1	3.6	-0.4	-1.7	6.9	-0.1	-0.3	1.2
Employment	533.6	532.6	3.8	-1.0	-8.1	4.3	-0.2	-1.5	0.8
Unemployment	39.9	40.5	1.8	0.6	6.4	2.7	1.5	18.8	7.1
Participation rate	69.9	69.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.1	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.8	0.5	-0.2	-1.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	137.8	137.9	...	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	85.8	86.1	0.8	0.3	0.9	-1.9	0.3	1.1	-2.2
Employment	80.0	80.3	0.8	0.3	0.9	-2.2	0.4	1.1	-2.7
Unemployment	5.8	5.8	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.8	5.5
Participation rate	62.3	62.4	0.6	0.1	0.5	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	58.2	0.6	0.1	0.5	-2.2	...	...	...
Peterborough, Ontario									
Population	104.2	104.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	66.5	65.2	1.0	-1.3	-2.9	2.8	-2.0	-4.3	4.5
Employment	61.4	60.1	1.1	-1.3	-3.3	4.0	-2.1	-5.2	7.1
Unemployment	5.1	5.1	0.6	0.0	0.4	-1.2	0.0	8.5	-19.0
Participation rate	63.8	62.6	1.0	-1.2	-2.8	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.9	0.1	0.9	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	57.7	1.0	-1.2	-3.1	3.7	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	February 2015	March 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	319.2	319.6	...	0.4	1.3	5.7	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	221.3	219.8	1.6	-1.5	-2.5	9.6	-0.7	-1.1	4.6
Employment	205.9	203.3	1.5	-2.6	-3.7	9.2	-1.3	-1.8	4.7
Unemployment	15.4	16.5	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.4	7.1	7.8	2.5
Participation rate	69.3	68.8	0.5	-0.5	-1.0	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	63.6	0.5	-0.9	-1.4	1.8	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	5,066.5	5,073.4	...	6.9	20.2	81.0	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	3,332.2	3,342.5	10.6	10.3	3.9	-37.2	0.3	0.1	-1.1
Employment	3,079.3	3,097.8	10.7	18.5	25.2	-14.1	0.6	0.8	-0.5
Unemployment	252.8	244.7	6.5	-8.1	-21.3	-23.1	-3.2	-8.0	-8.6
Participation rate	65.8	65.9	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	639.6	640.1	...	0.5	1.4	6.4	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	399.7	400.2	3.2	0.5	-1.9	-4.8	0.1	-0.5	-1.2
Employment	377.1	377.7	3.3	0.6	-2.7	-3.8	0.2	-0.7	-1.0
Unemployment	22.5	22.6	1.4	0.1	0.9	-0.9	0.4	4.1	-3.8
Participation rate	62.5	62.5	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.0	0.5	0.0	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	342.7	342.8	...	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Labour force	211.3	212.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	-2.4	0.7	0.5	-1.1
Employment	196.6	198.4	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6
Unemployment	14.6	14.4	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-3.4	-1.4	-2.7	-19.1
Participation rate	61.7	62.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario									
Population	419.9	420.2	...	0.3	1.0	4.6	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	306.4	304.6	2.1	-1.8	-3.1	4.5	-0.6	-1.0	1.5
Employment	289.6	287.9	2.2	-1.7	-2.1	8.6	-0.6	-0.7	3.1
Unemployment	16.8	16.7	1.0	-0.1	-1.1	-4.1	-0.6	-6.2	-19.7
Participation rate	73.0	72.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.0	68.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Brantford, Ontario									
Population	111.4	111.5	...	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	76.9	78.3	0.8	1.4	4.1	4.8	1.8	5.5	6.5
Employment	72.7	74.1	0.8	1.4	4.5	6.1	1.9	6.5	9.0
Unemployment	4.2	4.2	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-1.3	0.0	-8.7	-23.6
Participation rate	69.0	70.2	0.7	1.2	3.5	3.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	66.5	0.7	1.2	4.0	5.1	...	...	...
Guelph, Ontario									
Population	128.1	128.2	...	0.1	0.4	2.0	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	92.4	94.1	1.0	1.7	4.2	10.0	1.8	4.7	11.9
Employment	87.9	89.6	1.0	1.7	4.3	10.8	1.9	5.0	13.7
Unemployment	4.6	4.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-2.2	-2.2	-15.1
Participation rate	72.1	73.4	0.8	1.3	3.1	6.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	69.9	0.8	1.3	3.2	7.5	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	February 2015	March 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	420.6	420.8	...	0.2	0.8	4.0	0.0	0.2	1.0
Labour force	268.7	267.1	2.1	-1.6	1.4	7.5	-0.6	0.5	2.9
Employment	250.0	248.8	2.1	-1.2	2.6	9.6	-0.5	1.1	4.0
Unemployment	18.7	18.3	1.0	-0.4	-1.2	-2.1	-2.1	-6.2	-10.3
Participation rate	63.9	63.5	0.5	-0.4	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	59.1	0.5	-0.3	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	278.9	279.0	...	0.1	0.4	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	177.5	179.8	1.6	2.3	4.6	11.5	1.3	2.6	6.8
Employment	160.5	159.9	1.6	-0.6	1.8	4.4	-0.4	1.1	2.8
Unemployment	17.0	19.9	0.8	2.9	2.9	7.1	17.1	17.1	55.5
Participation rate	63.6	64.4	0.6	0.8	1.5	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	11.1	0.5	1.5	1.4	3.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.3	0.6	-0.2	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Barrie, Ontario									
Population	166.0	166.2	...	0.2	0.6	2.7	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	121.2	120.3	1.1	-0.9	-1.1	4.9	-0.7	-0.9	4.2
Employment	113.4	112.3	1.2	-1.1	-2.8	4.5	-1.0	-2.4	4.2
Unemployment	7.8	8.0	0.6	0.2	1.8	0.4	2.6	29.0	5.3
Participation rate	73.0	72.4	0.7	-0.6	-0.9	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	0.5	0.3	1.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	67.6	0.7	-0.7	-1.9	1.7	...	...	...
Greater Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	139.8	139.8	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	89.9	89.9	0.8	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.1	1.8
Employment	84.2	84.2	0.8	0.0	-0.1	1.8	0.0	-0.1	2.2
Unemployment	5.7	5.7	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.0	5.6	-3.4
Participation rate	64.3	64.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.6	104.6	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	63.1	63.5	0.7	0.4	-0.5	-1.6	0.6	-0.8	-2.5
Employment	60.1	60.8	0.7	0.7	0.3	-0.6	1.2	0.5	-1.0
Unemployment	3.0	2.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-1.0	-10.0	-25.0	-27.0
Participation rate	60.3	60.7	0.6	0.4	-0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.3	0.4	-0.5	-1.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	58.1	0.6	0.6	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	648.8	649.6	...	0.8	2.5	10.5	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	444.6	447.4	1.3	2.8	7.0	13.8	0.6	1.6	3.2
Employment	416.9	419.2	1.3	2.3	4.1	10.0	0.6	1.0	2.4
Unemployment	27.7	28.2	0.8	0.5	2.9	3.8	1.8	11.5	15.6
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	196.6	196.9	...	0.3	1.0	4.7	0.2	0.5	2.4
Labour force	144.5	145.4	0.8	0.9	2.4	3.3	0.6	1.7	2.3
Employment	137.8	138.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	2.0	0.4	0.3	1.5
Unemployment	6.8	7.1	0.4	0.3	2.0	1.3	4.4	39.2	22.4
Participation rate	73.5	73.8	0.4	0.3	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.9	0.3	0.2	1.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.2	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	February 2015	March 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	249.5	250.1	...	0.6	1.8	7.8	0.2	0.7	3.2
Labour force	179.0	178.4	1.0	-0.6	-0.3	4.2	-0.3	-0.2	2.4
Employment	170.1	169.1	1.0	-1.0	-2.6	3.2	-0.6	-1.5	1.9
Unemployment	8.9	9.3	0.4	0.4	2.3	0.9	4.5	32.9	10.7
Participation rate	71.7	71.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.3	0.2	1.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	67.6	0.4	-0.6	-1.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	1,166.1	1,168.7	...	2.6	8.0	37.8	0.2	0.7	3.3
Labour force	860.6	865.3	3.9	4.7	14.9	31.8	0.5	1.8	3.8
Employment	817.9	819.9	4.0	2.0	10.0	29.7	0.2	1.2	3.8
Unemployment	42.7	45.4	2.1	2.7	4.9	2.1	6.3	12.1	4.8
Participation rate	73.8	74.0	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	1,090.0	1,092.1	...	2.1	6.1	29.4	0.2	0.6	2.8
Labour force	792.0	797.7	3.9	5.7	12.1	17.6	0.7	1.5	2.3
Employment	754.1	755.6	3.9	1.5	7.8	12.5	0.2	1.0	1.7
Unemployment	37.9	42.0	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.0	10.8	11.1	13.5
Participation rate	72.7	73.0	0.4	0.3	0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	69.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Kelowna, British Columbia									
Population	151.2	151.4	...	0.2	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	96.7	96.1	1.6	-0.6	1.6	1.4	-0.6	1.7	1.5
Employment	93.8	92.6	1.6	-1.2	1.6	2.3	-1.3	1.8	2.5
Unemployment	2.9	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.0	-0.9	20.7	0.0	-20.5
Participation rate	64.0	63.5	1.0	-0.5	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	3.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	61.2	1.0	-0.8	0.9	1.1	...	...	...
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
Population	144.1	144.2	...	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	93.7	95.7	0.8	2.0	3.4	-0.1	2.1	3.7	-0.1
Employment	88.2	90.2	0.8	2.0	3.8	1.8	2.3	4.4	2.0
Unemployment	5.5	5.6	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-1.7	1.8	-5.1	-23.3
Participation rate	65.0	66.4	0.6	1.4	2.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.9	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	62.6	0.6	1.4	2.6	0.8	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,112.6	2,115.7	...	3.1	9.2	34.5	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	1,363.2	1,361.9	5.0	-1.3	-2.7	13.1	-0.1	-0.2	1.0
Employment	1,282.4	1,280.3	5.1	-2.1	-2.9	11.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment	80.9	81.6	2.7	0.7	0.1	1.4	0.9	0.1	1.7
Participation rate	64.5	64.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	301.8	302.0	...	0.2	0.6	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	179.7	181.8	1.6	2.1	-0.2	-7.3	1.2	-0.1	-3.9
Employment	171.2	172.7	1.6	1.5	-0.2	-6.0	0.9	-0.1	-3.4
Unemployment	8.5	9.1	0.6	0.6	0.0	-1.3	7.1	0.0	-12.5
Participation rate	59.5	60.2	0.5	0.7	-0.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.2	0.5	0.5	-0.2	-2.5	...	...	...

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

	February 2015	March 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	3,341.9	3,344.3	...	2.4	6.9	29.0	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	2,211.4	2,220.9	15.3	9.5	21.2	22.5	0.4	1.0	1.0
Employment	2,051.6	2,046.1	15.0	-5.5	15.9	24.6	-0.3	0.8	1.2
Unemployment	159.8	174.8	11.3	15.0	5.3	-2.1	9.4	3.1	-1.2
Participation rate	66.2	66.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.2	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	5,073.4	5,080.2	...	6.8	20.8	81.9	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	3,350.7	3,354.9	22.0	4.2	31.0	-26.5	0.1	0.9	-0.8
Employment	3,102.0	3,112.8	21.6	10.8	55.5	-9.6	0.3	1.8	-0.3
Unemployment	248.6	242.1	15.2	-6.5	-24.5	-16.9	-2.6	-9.2	-6.5
Participation rate	66.0	66.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.3	0.4	0.2	0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	2,115.7	2,118.7	...	3.0	9.2	34.7	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	1,362.0	1,357.7	10.6	-4.3	-4.1	9.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.7
Employment	1,278.8	1,277.6	10.4	-1.2	-6.1	7.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.6
Unemployment	83.2	80.1	6.7	-3.1	2.1	2.6	-3.7	2.7	3.4
Participation rate	64.4	64.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.9	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...

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 March 2014 and March 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada							
2014	28,856.1	18,854.8	17,455.6	1,399.3	65.3	7.4	60.5
2015	29,161.1	18,926.3	17,565.3	1,361.0	64.9	7.2	60.2
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2014	444.8	266.9	230.9	35.9	60.0	13.5	51.9
2015	443.2	262.5	224.9	37.6	59.2	14.3	50.7
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2014	231.9	150.7	137.8	13.0	65.0	8.6	59.4
2015	232.5	153.4	138.9	14.5	66.0	9.5	59.7
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1020, 1040]</i>							
2014	124.7	65.8	51.0	14.8	52.8	22.5	40.9
2015	123.3	62.2	47.5	14.7	50.4	23.6	38.5
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2014	88.2	50.3	42.1	8.2	57.0	16.3	47.7
2015	87.5	46.9	38.5	8.4	53.6	17.9	44.0
Prince Edward Island							
2014	120.5	80.9	69.8	11.1	67.1	13.7	57.9
2015	120.8	79.7	69.4	10.4	66.0	13.0	57.5
Nova Scotia							
2014	782.3	481.0	432.5	48.5	61.5	10.1	55.3
2015	784.2	481.0	433.7	47.3	61.3	9.8	55.3
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2014	108.7	57.5	48.0	9.6	52.9	16.7	44.2
2015	107.4	59.8	50.1	9.7	55.7	16.2	46.6
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2014	129.7	74.9	66.6	8.3	57.7	11.1	51.3
2015	129.0	72.7	63.4	9.3	56.4	12.8	49.1
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2014	102.4	60.3	53.3	7.0	58.9	11.6	52.1
2015	102.5	57.6	51.5	6.1	56.2	10.6	50.2
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2014	99.1	55.5	47.1	8.3	56.0	15.0	47.5
2015	98.5	54.1	47.5	6.6	54.9	12.2	48.2
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2014	342.3	232.9	217.5	15.4	68.0	6.6	63.5
2015	346.7	236.9	221.3	15.7	68.3	6.6	63.8
New Brunswick							
2014	622.3	386.7	343.9	42.8	62.1	11.1	55.3
2015	622.1	384.5	340.1	44.4	61.8	11.5	54.7
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2014	130.7	72.3	56.7	15.5	55.3	21.4	43.4
2015	129.5	69.6	55.5	14.1	53.7	20.3	42.9
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2014	174.8	115.5	105.6	9.9	66.1	8.6	60.4
2015	176.4	113.9	103.6	10.3	64.6	9.0	58.7
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2014	143.0	91.4	84.0	7.4	63.9	8.1	58.7
2015	142.4	88.6	79.9	8.7	62.2	9.8	56.1
<i>Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]</i>							
2014	109.1	69.2	63.5	5.8	63.4	8.4	58.2
2015	109.6	71.4	64.9	6.4	65.1	9.0	59.2

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2014	64.7	38.3	34.1	4.2	59.2	11.0	52.7
2015	64.2	40.9	36.1	4.8	63.7	11.7	56.2
Quebec							
2014	6,783.5	4,351.7	3,974.4	377.3	64.2	8.7	58.6
2015	6,827.6	4,351.6	3,997.5	354.0	63.7	8.1	58.5
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2014	78.9	42.6	33.3	9.3	54.0	21.8	42.2
2015	78.4	38.9	30.6	8.3	49.6	21.3	39.0
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2014	170.5	95.4	82.3	13.1	56.0	13.7	48.3
2015	170.3	88.5	79.0	9.4	52.0	10.6	46.4
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2014	611.1	417.2	393.6	23.6	68.3	5.7	64.4
2015	615.1	412.8	387.8	25.0	67.1	6.1	63.0
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2014	348.0	233.2	221.8	11.4	67.0	4.9	63.7
2015	349.1	228.6	215.3	13.3	65.5	5.8	61.7
Estrie [2430]							
2014	267.1	162.8	149.2	13.7	61.0	8.4	55.9
2015	268.7	166.6	154.1	12.6	62.0	7.6	57.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2014	198.9	115.8	106.9	8.9	58.2	7.7	53.7
2015	200.2	122.5	111.9	10.5	61.2	8.6	55.9
Montréal [2435]							
2014	1,236.8	821.9	755.2	66.7	66.5	8.1	61.1
2015	1,247.8	800.8	752.8	48.0	64.2	6.0	60.3
Montréal [2440]							
2014	1,648.4	1,037.1	938.7	98.3	62.9	9.5	56.9
2015	1,658.3	1,045.9	939.9	105.9	63.1	10.1	56.7
Laval [2445]							
2014	346.6	242.7	222.8	19.9	70.0	8.2	64.3
2015	350.6	240.6	225.4	15.2	68.6	6.3	64.3
Lanaudière [2450]							
2014	406.2	264.6	237.7	26.9	65.1	10.2	58.5
2015	410.2	274.1	250.8	23.3	66.8	8.5	61.1
Laurentides [2455]							
2014	485.1	310.2	284.4	25.8	63.9	8.3	58.6
2015	490.8	324.5	298.4	26.2	66.1	8.1	60.8
Outaouais [2460]							
2014	315.5	209.0	194.1	14.9	66.2	7.1	61.5
2015	317.6	208.9	190.5	18.4	65.8	8.8	60.0
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2014	120.0	81.4	73.8	7.6	67.8	9.3	61.5
2015	120.5	77.0	70.6	6.4	63.9	8.3	58.6
Mauricie [2470]							
2014	226.0	127.3	112.7	14.6	56.3	11.5	49.9
2015	225.8	127.5	116.4	11.2	56.5	8.8	51.6
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2014	232.5	136.1	118.8	17.2	58.5	12.6	51.1
2015	232.2	140.2	126.6	13.6	60.4	9.7	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 March 2014 and March 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	54.4	49.1	5.3	59.1	9.7	53.3
2015	92.0	54.2	47.4	6.8	58.9	12.5	51.5
Ontario							
2014	11,224.4	7,304.7	6,751.3	553.3	65.1	7.6	60.1
2015	11,338.2	7,298.7	6,783.7	515.1	64.4	7.1	59.8
Ottawa [3510]							
2014	1,084.2	735.3	685.1	50.3	67.8	6.8	63.2
2015	1,093.3	731.9	680.3	51.6	66.9	7.1	62.2
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2014	376.1	223.6	199.8	23.8	59.5	10.6	53.1
2015	376.7	218.5	199.6	18.9	58.0	8.6	53.0
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2014	323.5	186.6	171.7	14.9	57.7	8.0	53.1
2015	325.4	204.7	187.0	17.7	62.9	8.6	57.5
Toronto [3530]							
2014	5,244.7	3,492.9	3,218.4	274.5	66.6	7.9	61.4
2015	5,325.4	3,459.4	3,212.2	247.2	65.0	7.1	60.3
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2014	1,059.2	725.1	680.2	44.9	68.5	6.2	64.2
2015	1,072.1	740.9	698.3	42.5	69.1	5.7	65.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2014	1,186.1	752.2	698.1	54.1	63.4	7.2	58.9
2015	1,194.4	741.5	695.0	46.5	62.1	6.3	58.2
London [3560]							
2014	547.5	343.5	317.4	26.1	62.7	7.6	58.0
2015	552.0	340.0	317.6	22.4	61.6	6.6	57.5
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2014	524.3	317.9	291.9	25.9	60.6	8.1	55.7
2015	524.1	329.6	298.6	31.0	62.9	9.4	57.0
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2014	246.3	153.9	144.1	9.8	62.5	6.4	58.5
2015	245.6	161.8	152.2	9.6	65.9	5.9	62.0
Northeast [3590]							
2014	459.5	269.2	247.3	21.9	58.6	8.1	53.8
2015	457.4	268.9	247.1	21.9	58.8	8.1	54.0
Northwest [3595]							
2014	173.1	104.4	97.3	7.1	60.3	6.8	56.2
2015	171.8	101.7	95.8	5.9	59.2	5.8	55.8
Manitoba							
2014	971.7	651.7	615.2	36.5	67.1	5.6	63.3
2015	983.2	667.0	629.2	37.8	67.8	5.7	64.0
Southeast [4610]							
2014	86.6	59.2	56.1	3.0	68.4	5.1	64.8
2015	88.4	59.2	56.0	3.3	67.0	5.6	63.3
South Central and North Central [4620, 4640]							
2014	83.2	53.3	50.8	2.4	64.1	4.5	61.1
2015	84.0	57.5	55.7	1.8	68.5	3.1	66.3
Southwest [4630]							
2014	87.3	60.4	57.6	2.8	69.2	4.6	66.0
2015	87.8	59.0	57.0	2.1	67.2	3.6	64.9

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Winnipeg [4650]							
2014	583.1	392.1	368.8	23.2	67.2	5.9	63.2
2015	591.8	406.1	380.1	26.0	68.6	6.4	64.2
Interlake [4660]							
2014	73.8	50.1	47.3	2.9	67.9	5.8	64.1
2015	74.6	46.8	44.5	2.3	62.7	4.9	59.7
Parklands and Northern [4670, 4680]							
2014	57.8	36.7	34.6	2.1	63.5	5.7	59.9
2015	56.6	38.3	35.9	2.4	67.7	6.3	63.4
Saskatchewan							
2014	847.7	584.9	558.5	26.4	69.0	4.5	65.9
2015	858.4	590.4	560.3	30.1	68.8	5.1	65.3
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2014	256.5	183.8	177.2	6.6	71.7	3.6	69.1
2015	261.6	188.1	179.1	9.0	71.9	4.8	68.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2014	82.9	55.0	52.2	2.8	66.3	5.1	63.0
2015	82.6	55.8	53.8	2.1	67.6	3.8	65.1
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2014	285.9	201.8	192.2	9.6	70.6	4.8	67.2
2015	293.1	203.6	192.6	11.0	69.5	5.4	65.7
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2014	63.6	41.9	39.7	2.1	65.9	5.0	62.4
2015	62.7	39.9	38.7	1.3	63.6	3.3	61.7
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2014	158.8	102.5	97.1	5.3	64.5	5.2	61.1
2015	158.4	102.9	96.0	6.9	65.0	6.7	60.6
Alberta							
2014	3,246.0	2,339.9	2,229.2	110.6	72.1	4.7	68.7
2015	3,327.8	2,408.0	2,274.7	133.3	72.4	5.5	68.4
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2014	227.7	142.2	135.5	6.7	62.5	4.7	59.5
2015	229.7	149.5	142.2	7.3	65.1	4.9	61.9
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2014	160.6	106.5	102.6	3.9	66.3	3.7	63.9
2015	161.6	107.6	101.4	6.2	66.6	5.8	62.7
Calgary [4830]							
2014	1,214.7	883.4	836.8	46.6	72.7	5.3	68.9
2015	1,254.0	920.3	869.5	50.8	73.4	5.5	69.3
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4840, 4870]							
2014	273.2	204.4	196.8	7.5	74.8	3.7	72.0
2015	276.4	203.6	193.2	10.4	73.7	5.1	69.9
Red Deer [4850]							
2014	164.7	121.0	116.1	5.0	73.5	4.1	70.5
2015	168.9	127.7	121.7	6.0	75.6	4.7	72.1
Edmonton [4860]							
2014	1,092.5	793.6	756.4	37.2	72.6	4.7	69.2
2015	1,120.7	808.4	762.4	46.0	72.1	5.7	68.0
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2014	112.6	88.8	85.0	3.8	78.9	4.3	75.5
2015	116.5	91.0	84.3	6.7	78.1	7.4	72.4

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 March 2014 and March 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
British Columbia							
2014	3,813.1	2,406.5	2,249.8	156.7	63.1	6.5	59.0
2015	3,855.5	2,402.8	2,251.9	150.9	62.3	6.3	58.4
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2014	648.2	376.7	353.2	23.5	58.1	6.2	54.5
2015	652.6	375.1	352.3	22.8	57.5	6.1	54.0
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2014	2,365.3	1,515.7	1,421.7	93.9	64.1	6.2	60.1
2015	2,402.2	1,518.9	1,425.3	93.6	63.2	6.2	59.3
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2014	429.1	270.2	249.1	21.1	63.0	7.8	58.1
2015	429.9	261.1	241.0	20.0	60.7	7.7	56.1
Kootenay [5940]							
2014	122.6	71.2	65.4	5.8	58.1	8.1	53.3
2015	121.8	73.4	68.1	5.3	60.3	7.2	55.9
Cariboo [5950]							
2014	126.7	88.4	82.9	5.5	69.8	6.2	65.4
2015	127.1	85.0	80.3	4.7	66.9	5.5	63.2
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2014	66.7	41.6	38.3	3.3	62.4	7.9	57.4
2015	66.4	46.4	43.7	2.7	69.9	5.8	65.8
Northeast [5980]							
2014	54.5	42.8	39.2	3.5	78.5	8.2	71.9
2015	55.6	42.9	41.1	1.8	77.2	4.2	73.9

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
March 2014 and March 2015

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands			percent		
Yukon ¹							
2014	27.6	20.5	19.2	1.2	74.3	5.9	69.6
2015	27.9	20.3	18.9	1.4	72.8	6.9	67.7
Northwest Territories ²							
2014	32.5	24.0	22.1	1.8	73.8	7.5	68.0
2015	32.2	23.6	21.7	1.9	73.3	8.1	67.4
Nunavut ³							
2014	22.9	14.2	12.3	1.9	61.9	13.1	53.8
2015	23.5	14.3	12.6	1.7	61.1	12.0	53.8

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
March 2015										
15 years and over	14,851.8	34.8	910.45	25.03	11,977.1	39.2	1,057.12	2,874.7	16.8	299.35
15 to 24 years	2,260.7	25.2	394.69	14.50	1,015.2	38.6	653.27	1,245.5	14.4	183.93
25 years and over	12,591.1	36.6	1,003.05	26.92	10,962.0	39.2	1,094.52	1,629.1	18.6	387.59
Men	7,403.3	37.3	1,036.42	26.86	6,471.7	40.4	1,148.26	931.7	15.9	259.56
Women	7,448.5	32.4	785.24	23.20	5,505.5	37.8	949.98	1,943.0	17.2	318.42
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,593.3	35.6	1,040.73	28.72	3,926.7	38.5	1,140.64	666.7	18.6	452.21
No union coverage	10,258.4	34.5	852.11	23.37	8,050.4	39.5	1,016.38	2,208.0	16.2	253.19
Job permanency										
Permanent	13,066.3	35.9	952.24	25.68	11,027.1	39.2	1,069.41	2,039.3	17.7	318.66
Temporary	1,785.4	27.4	604.60	20.22	950.0	38.9	914.48	835.4	14.4	252.21
Occupation										
Management	890.7	39.7	1,583.87	40.01	869.5	40.2	1,610.16	21.2	18.4	504.61
Business, finance and administrative	2,817.1	35.4	872.47	24.06	2,429.8	38.3	959.94	387.2	17.4	323.57
Natural and applied sciences	1,159.5	38.6	1,327.41	34.38	1,131.9	39.1	1,346.81	27.6	18.0	531.28
Health	1,052.0	33.6	975.15	28.83	803.2	37.8	1,106.94	248.8	19.9	549.62
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,574.3	33.4	1,069.77	31.18	1,250.1	37.8	1,232.24	324.2	16.6	443.33
Art, culture, recreation and sport	353.8	29.7	826.04	25.47	230.2	38.7	1,122.61	123.5	13.0	273.33
Sales and service	3,965.2	29.9	547.68	16.93	2,443.0	38.4	753.68	1,522.2	16.3	217.08
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,091.0	39.6	1,010.75	25.05	1,929.2	41.5	1,069.70	161.8	17.3	308.03
Occupations unique to primary industry	219.3	42.2	1,022.56	23.58	194.7	45.6	1,122.79	24.5	15.2	227.42
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	728.9	39.0	826.47	20.96	695.4	40.0	852.28	33.5	18.8	291.34
March 2014										
15 years and over	14,790.4	34.9	894.24	24.55	11,893.1	39.3	1,038.67	2,897.2	17.1	301.38
15 to 24 years	2,261.6	25.7	392.74	14.10	1,036.3	38.7	645.32	1,225.3	14.6	179.12
25 years and over	12,528.7	36.6	984.77	26.44	10,856.8	39.3	1,076.21	1,671.9	19.0	390.98
Men	7,363.2	37.3	1,021.85	26.51	6,409.7	40.5	1,133.41	953.5	16.4	271.98
Women	7,427.1	32.6	767.73	22.61	5,483.4	37.9	927.92	1,943.7	17.5	315.81
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,560.2	35.6	1,016.99	28.14	3,864.7	38.6	1,119.72	695.5	19.1	446.09
No union coverage	10,230.2	34.6	839.53	22.95	8,028.4	39.6	999.65	2,201.8	16.5	255.67
Job permanency										
Permanent	13,012.3	36.0	937.18	25.21	10,960.5	39.3	1,052.16	2,051.8	18.2	322.98
Temporary	1,778.0	27.3	580.02	19.73	932.6	38.8	880.13	845.4	14.7	248.97
Occupation										
Management	942.3	39.8	1,543.84	38.93	923.9	40.3	1,564.61	18.3	18.9	496.42
Business, finance and administrative	2,858.7	35.4	851.73	23.53	2,439.6	38.3	940.97	419.1	18.2	332.22
Natural and applied sciences	1,159.6	38.4	1,333.37	34.63	1,117.3	39.2	1,361.66	42.3	18.2	586.44
Health	1,054.3	33.5	954.39	28.27	809.4	37.7	1,080.21	244.8	19.5	538.37
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,447.4	33.9	1,060.33	30.91	1,165.6	37.9	1,203.93	281.9	17.1	466.51
Art, culture, recreation and sport	369.8	28.2	725.28	23.43	225.5	38.1	1,036.84	144.3	12.7	238.57
Sales and service	3,882.8	29.9	524.29	16.28	2,354.9	38.5	721.53	1,527.9	16.8	220.30
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,083.5	40.0	995.68	24.58	1,937.2	41.7	1,047.75	146.3	18.2	306.43
Occupations unique to primary industry	250.6	42.6	1,088.79	24.38	221.6	46.2	1,198.18	29.0	15.8	252.25
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	741.4	38.8	806.93	20.59	698.1	40.0	837.50	43.2	18.1	313.33

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

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

Region	Effective from April 12, 2015 to May 9, 2015
	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	6.1
02. Newfoundland and Labrador ²	17.5
Prince Edward Island ³	
65. Charlottetown	8.3
66. Prince Edward Island ⁴	12.4
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	15.0
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.0
06. Halifax	6.2
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton—Moncton—Saint John	7.2
08. Madawaska—Charlotte	10.4
09. Restigouche—Albert	16.5
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine	17.7
11. Québec	5.3
12. Trois-Rivières	6.4
13. South Central Quebec	5.2
14. Sherbrooke	6.8
15. Montérégie	6.6
16. Montréal	7.7
17. Central Quebec	7.9
18. North Western Quebec	10.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent—Côte-Nord	9.7
20. Hull	7.6
21. Chicoutimi—Jonquière	8.0
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	7.0
23. Eastern Ontario	8.2
24. Kingston	6.5
25. Central Ontario	7.2
26. Oshawa	7.2
27. Toronto	7.2
28. Hamilton	5.5
29. St. Catharines	6.7
30. London	6.8
31. Niagara	8.0
32. Windsor	10.9
33. Kitchener	5.6
34. Huron	6.6
35. South Central Ontario	5.2
36. Sudbury	6.1
37. Thunder Bay	4.4
38. Northern Ontario	12.6
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	6.3
40. Southern Manitoba	5.7
41. Northern Manitoba	30.9
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.4
43. Saskatoon	5.2
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.5
45. Northern Saskatchewan	17.3
Alberta	
46. Calgary	5.3
47. Edmonton	5.3
48. Northern Alberta	9.3
49. Southern Alberta	5.7

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 April 12, 2015 to May 9, 2015
	percent
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	7.7
51. Abbotsford	5.8
52. Vancouver	6.0
53. Victoria	5.7
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.5
55. Northern British Columbia	8.5
Territories ^{3, 5}	
59. Whitehorse	5.8
60. Yukon ⁶	9.9
61. Yellowknife	3.7
62. Northwest Territories ⁷	13.7
63. Iqaluit	4.3
64. Nunavut ⁸	17.4

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*