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- r revised
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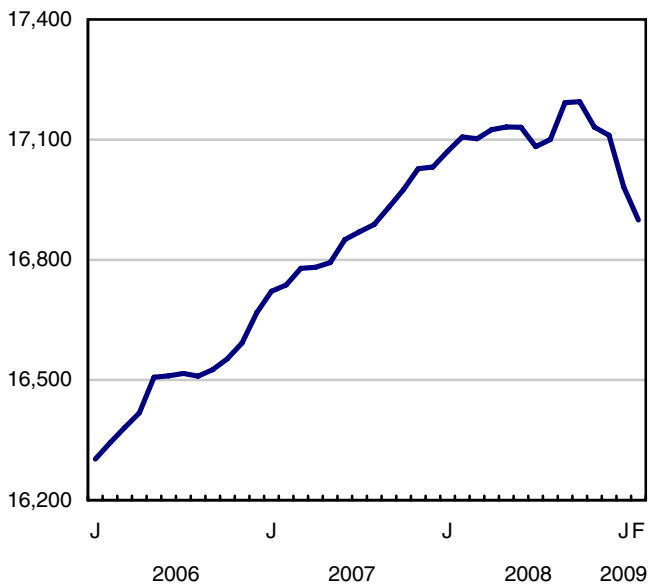
## February 2009

Employment fell for the fourth consecutive month in February (-83,000), bringing total losses since the peak in October to 295,000 (-1.7%). The February employment decrease pushed the unemployment rate up 0.5 percentage points to 7.7%.

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

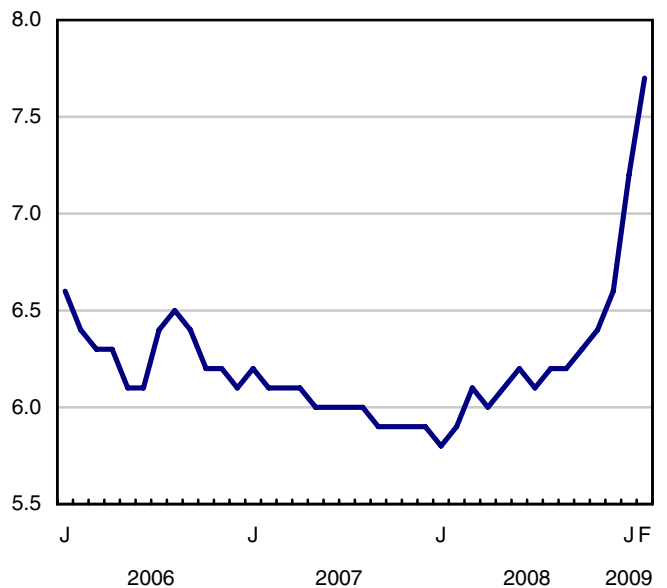
### Employment

thousands



### Unemployment rate

percent



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All of the employment losses in February were in full-time (-111,000), while part-time employment edged up slightly. This continues the downward trend in full-time employment observed since October. Part-time employment has shown only a marginal increase over the same period.

In February, the largest decline in employment occurred in Ontario (-35,000), followed by Alberta (-24,000) and Quebec (-18,000).

Men aged 25 to 54 were particularly hard hit by February's employment decline (-66,000). Since the start of the labour market downturn, employment among core-age men has fallen by 170,000 (-2.7%).

Employment among 15 to 24 year-olds also continued to trend down in February (-29,000). This latest decline brings total losses since October to 104,000 (-4.0%), the fastest rate of decline of all age groups. The unemployment rate for youths was 14.2% in February, up two percentage points from last October.

A decrease of 43,000 in construction accounted for over half of the employment decline in February. There were also losses in professional, scientific and technical services; educational services; and natural resources. The only industries with gains in February were manufacturing and agriculture.

In February, the increase in average hourly wages was 3.9% compared with 12 months earlier. The most recent year-over year increase in the Consumer Price Index was 1.1%.

### Sharp decline in construction employment

In February, employment decreased by 43,000 in construction, the second large decline in three months. While the construction industry had the fastest growth from January to October 2008 (+4.9%), it has since experienced the steepest decline (-6.4%). The downward trend coincides with the recent weakness in building permits and housing starts.

Employment in February fell in professional, scientific and technical services, down 31,000 (-2.6%), mostly in legal services and in architecture, engineering and design services.

In February, employment edged down in educational services (-15,000) bringing declines since October to 44,000.

Employment in natural resources also declined in February (-8,000), all in mining, oil and gas extraction, with most of the decrease observed in Alberta.

In February, employment rose by 25,000 in manufacturing, with the largest gain in food products manufacturing. Transportation equipment manufacturing was little changed following declines the month before. Despite the overall increase in February, manufacturing employment is down 5.3% (-104,000) from 12 months ago.

The number of workers employed in agriculture as their main job increased in February. However, over the last 12-months, employment in this industry is down 13,000 (-3.7%).

Employment losses in February were almost equally split among private sector employees, public sector employees and the self-employed.

## Continued losses in Ontario

Employment in Ontario fell by 35,000 in February, mostly in construction and finance, insurance, real estate and leasing. This pushed the unemployment rate up 0.7 percentage points to 8.7%, the highest since April 1997. Since last October, the province's unemployment rate has risen by two full percentage points, with increases concentrated in southwestern Ontario.

Since last October, just over half of the country's total employment losses have occurred in Ontario, well beyond the province's 39% share of the total working-age population. Employment in the province fell by 160,000 during this period, with the largest decreases in manufacturing; business, building and other support services; and construction.

In Quebec, employment declined by 18,000 in February, while the unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points to 7.9%. The unemployment rate in Quebec has risen by 0.7 percentage points since last October.

Employment fell by 24,000 in Alberta in February, the second notable decline in three months. February's drop in employment pushed the unemployment rate for the province up by a full percentage point to 5.4%, the highest in almost six years. Since last October, losses have been mostly in construction and manufacturing.

The only other province with a notable employment decline in February was New Brunswick, down 2,900.

## Employment decline for men aged 25 to 54 and youths

In February, employment fell by 66,000 among core-aged men (25 to 54) while it was unchanged for women of the same age group. Since October, employment among core-aged men has fallen by 170,000 (-2.7%) while it edged down 37,000 (-0.7%) among core-aged women.

With employment losses heavily concentrated among men aged 25 to 54 in recent months, their unemployment rate increased from 5.5% last October to 7.3% in February. For core-age women the rate rose from 4.7% to 5.5% over the same period.

Employment among youths aged 15 to 24 continued to trend down in February (-29,000), pushing their unemployment rate up 1.5 percentage points to 14.2%, the highest since December 2001. The employment decline in February brings total losses since October to 104,000 (-4.0%), the fastest rate of decline among all age groups.

Among workers aged 55 and over, employment in February increased by 17,000 for women, while it was little changed for men. Since October, employment increased by 1.9% among older women while it edged down among older men.

### Note to readers

Revision schedule: Seasonally adjusted estimates from the Labour Force Survey have been revised using the latest seasonal factors, going back three years (January 2006 onwards). They are now available on CANSIM (tables 282-0087 to 282-0094).

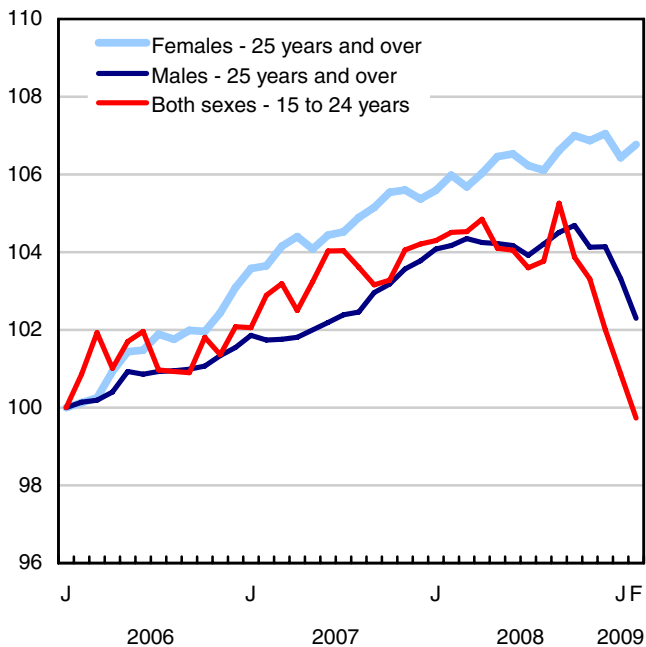
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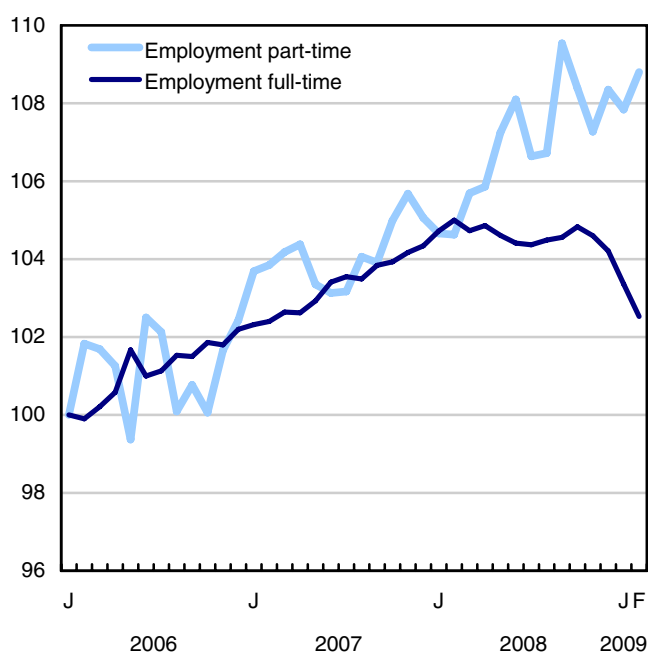
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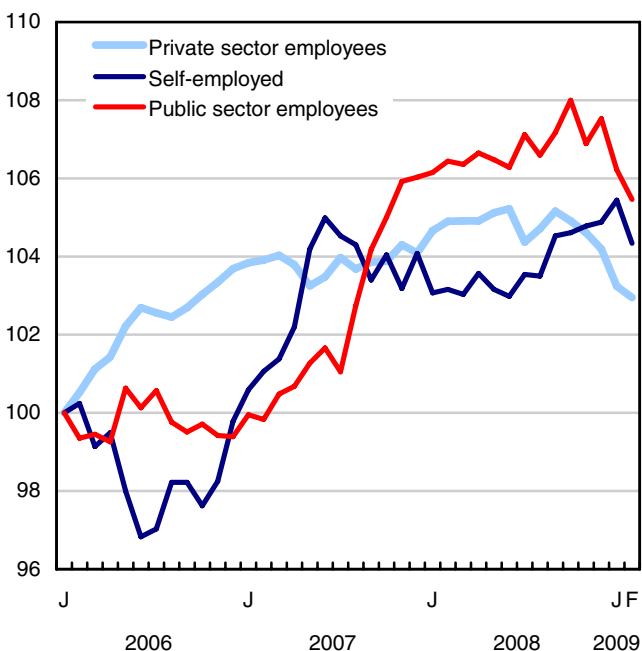
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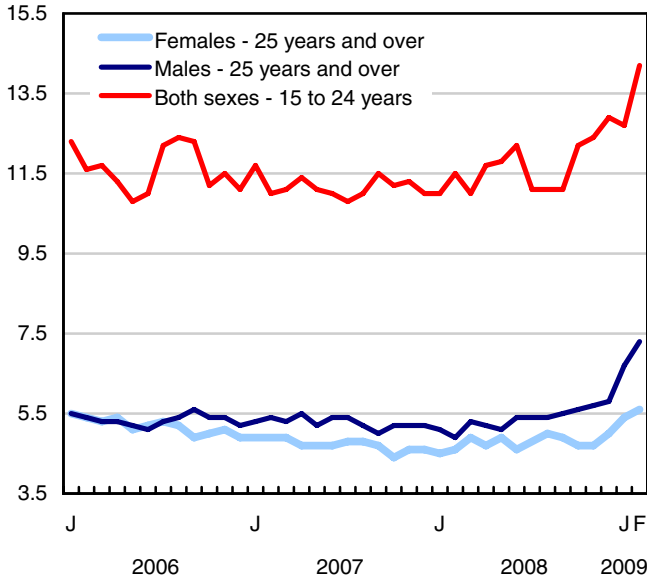


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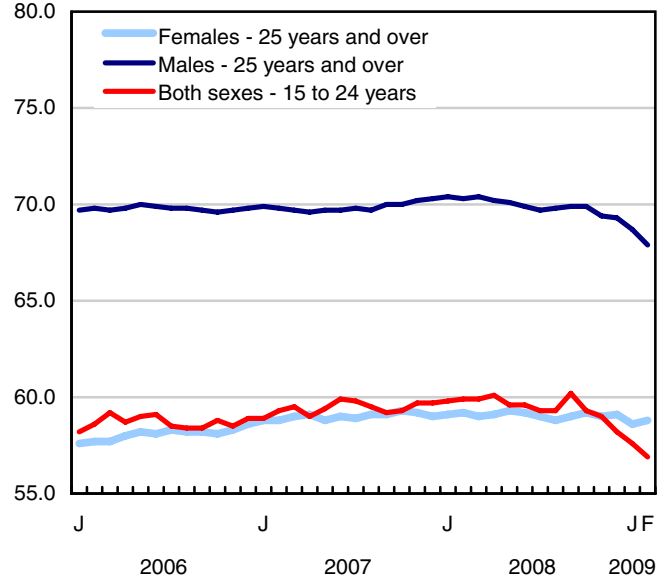


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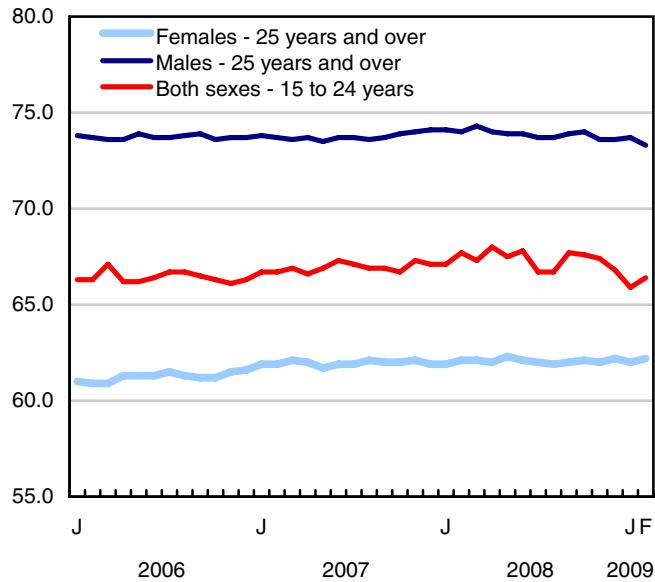
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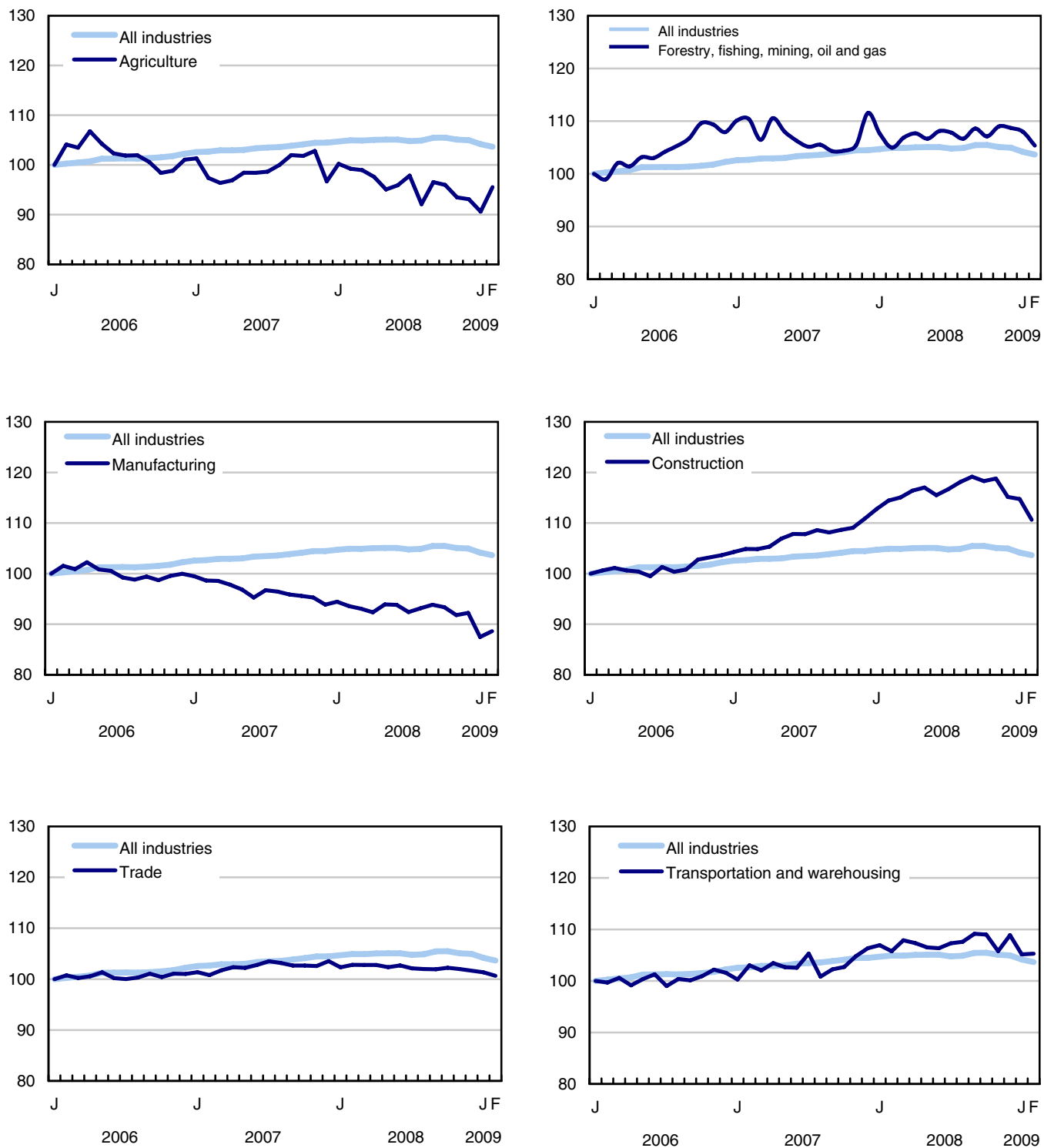
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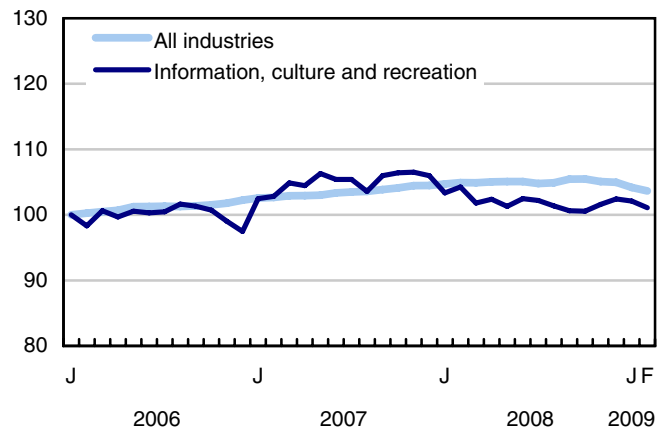
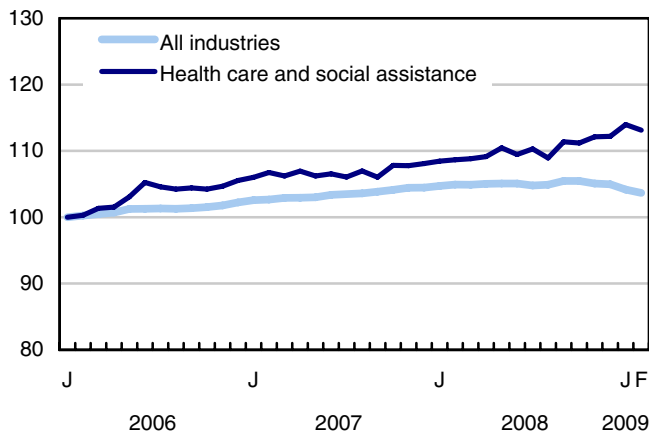
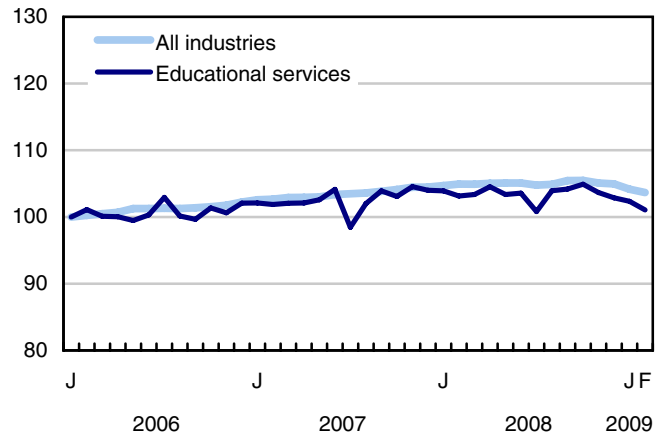
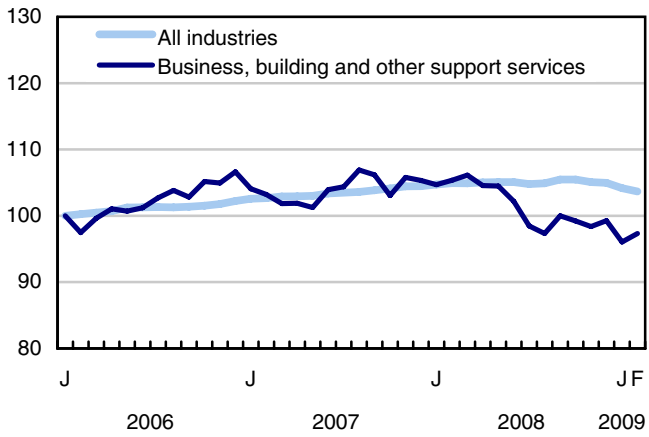
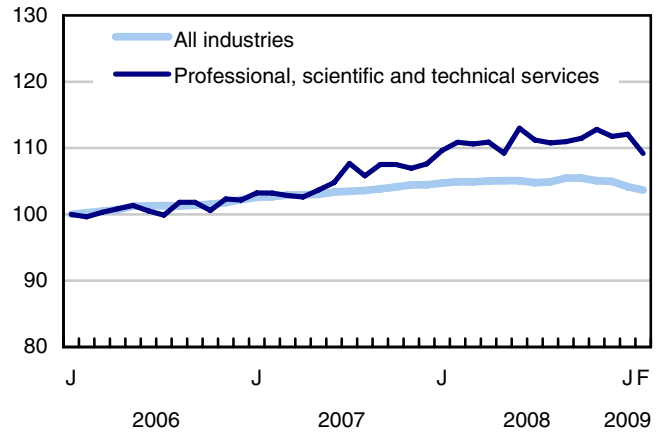
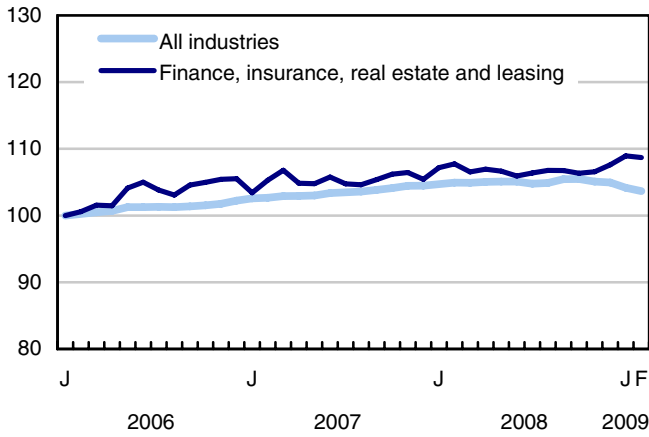
**Participation rate (%)**



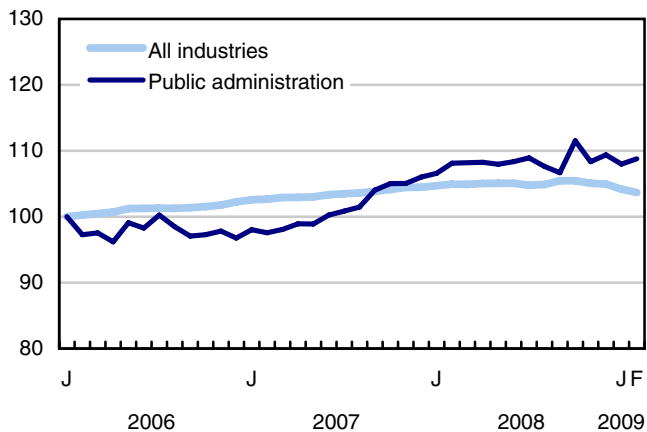
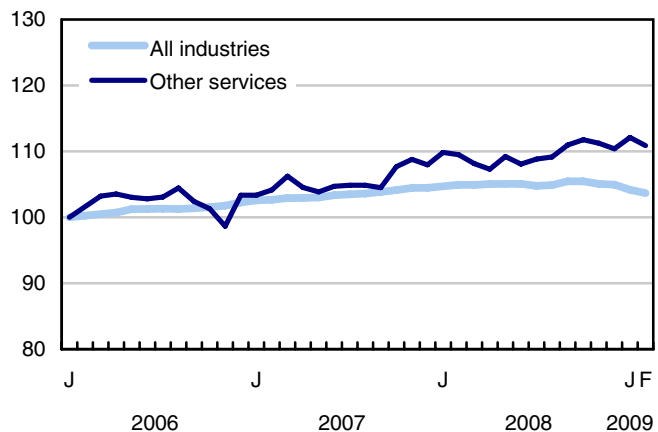
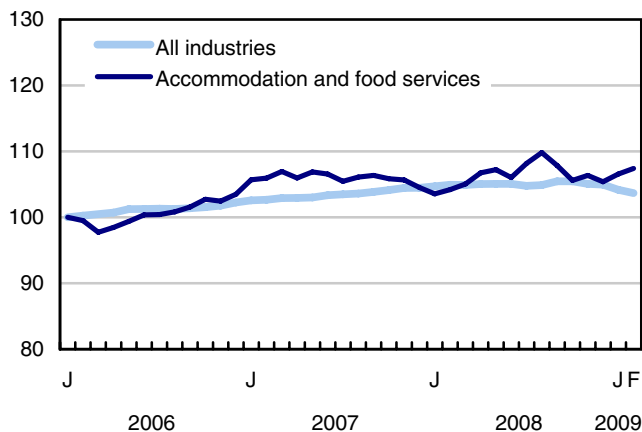
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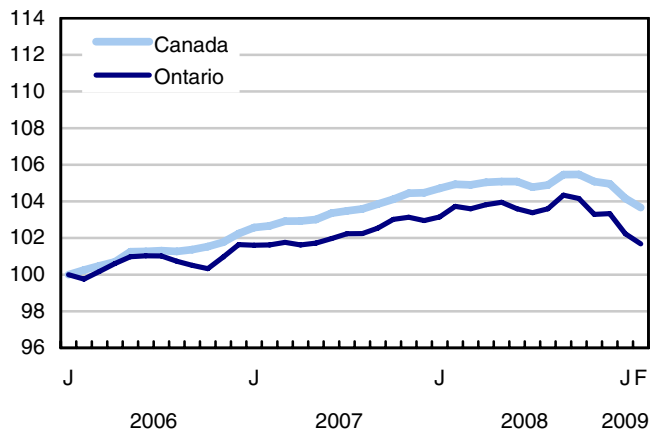
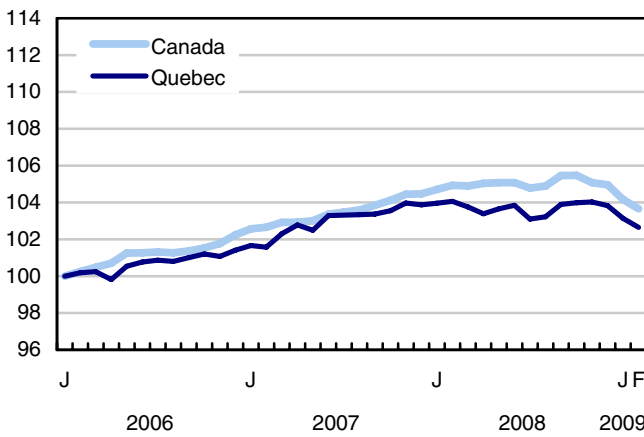
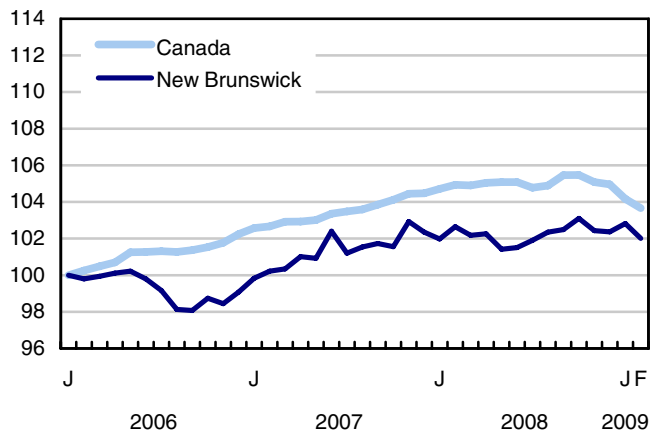
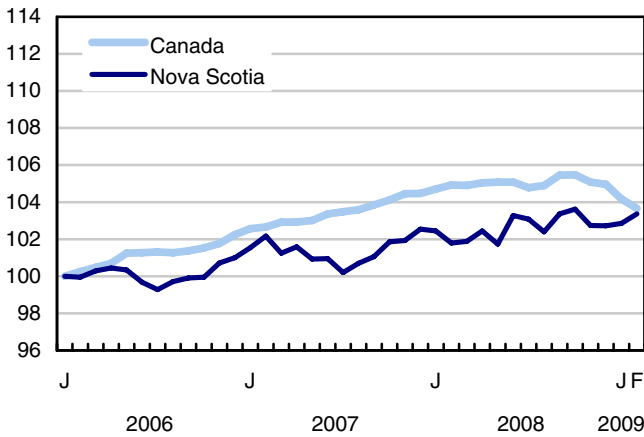
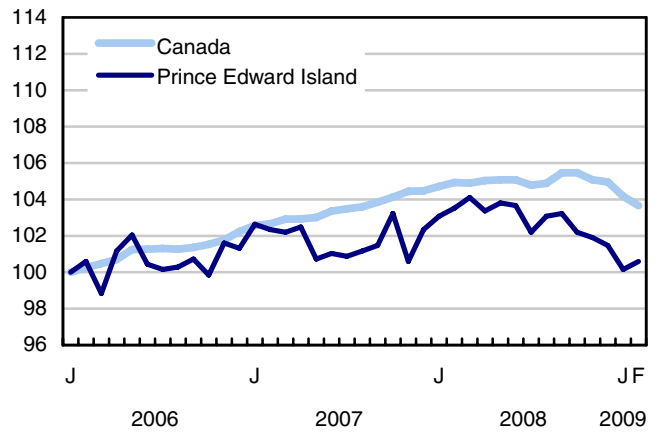
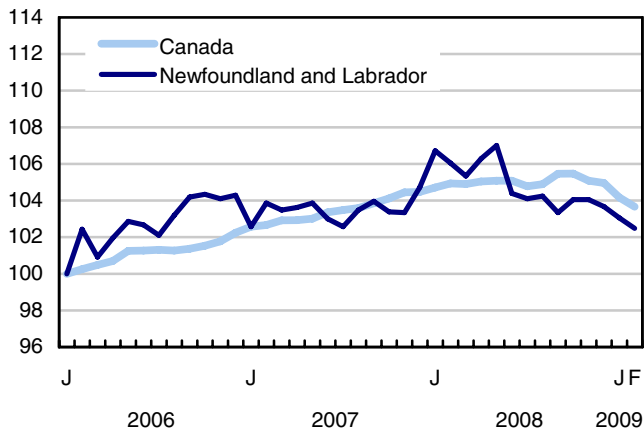
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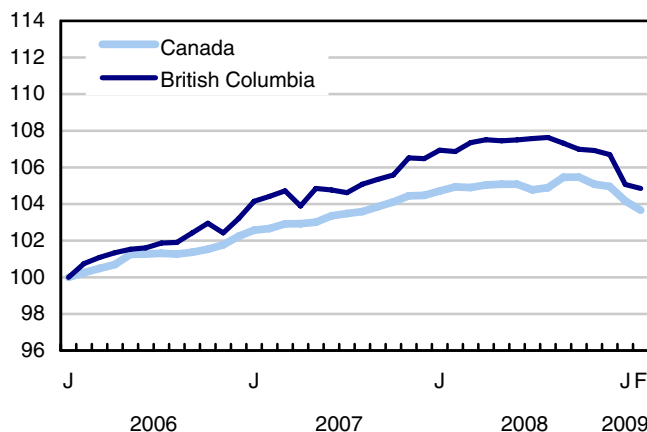
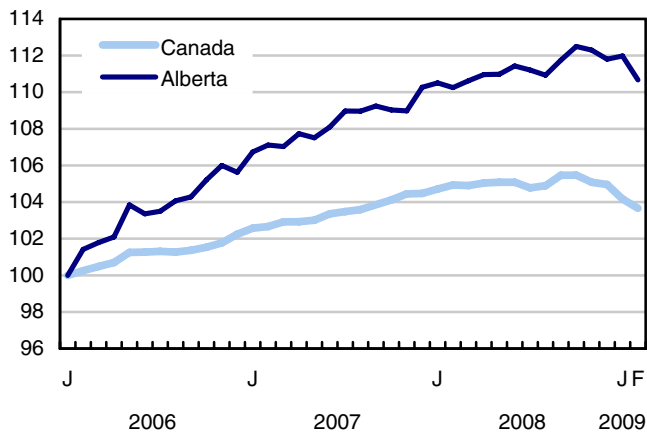
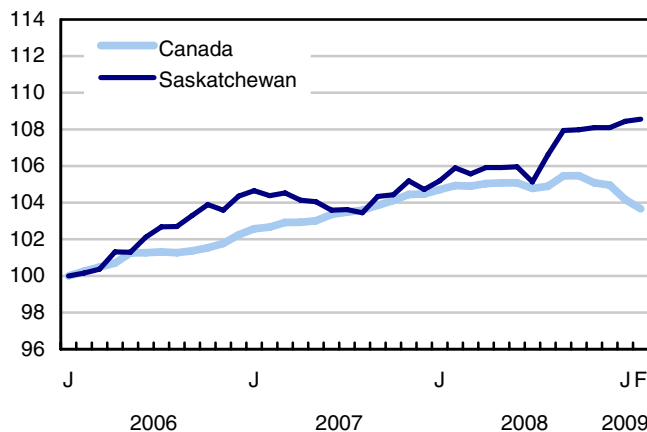
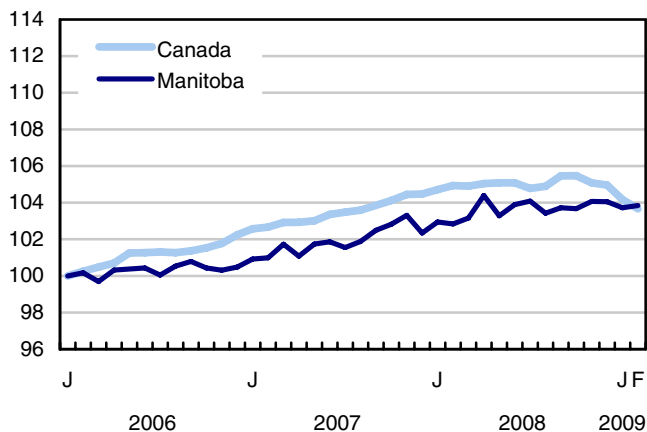
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**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2006=100**



**Chart 6**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2006=100**



**Chart 7**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2006=100**



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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	27,128.1	<b>27,161.2</b>	...	<b>33.1</b>	62.5	386.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	18,292.1	<b>18,315.2</b>	27.1	<b>23.1</b>	-6.0	142.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.8
Employment	16,982.0	<b>16,899.4</b>	27.8	<b>-82.6</b>	-211.6	-207.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.2
Employment full-time	13,807.8	<b>13,696.9</b>	36.2	<b>-110.9</b>	-224.8	-329.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.6	-2.4
Employment part-time	3,174.2	<b>3,202.5</b>	33.1	<b>28.3</b>	13.2	122.7	<b>0.9</b>	0.4	4.0
Unemployment	1,310.1	<b>1,415.9</b>	22.9	<b>105.8</b>	205.8	350.0	<b>8.1</b>	17.0	32.8
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.7</b>	0.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.2</b>	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	<b>19.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,385.8	<b>4,387.4</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	3.0	19.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	2,892.4	<b>2,911.8</b>	16.2	<b>19.4</b>	-18.7	-45.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	-1.5
Employment	2,525.6	<b>2,496.9</b>	15.8	<b>-28.7</b>	-57.0	-119.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.2	-4.6
Employment full-time	1,373.7	<b>1,360.7</b>	18.2	<b>-13.0</b>	-30.2	-105.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.2	-7.2
Employment part-time	1,151.9	<b>1,136.2</b>	18.9	<b>-15.7</b>	-26.8	-14.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-2.3	-1.3
Unemployment	366.8	<b>414.9</b>	13.6	<b>48.1</b>	38.2	74.3	<b>13.1</b>	10.1	21.8
Participation rate	65.9	<b>66.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	<b>14.2</b>	0.4	<b>1.5</b>	1.3	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	<b>56.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.3	-3.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.6	<b>45.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,116.6	<b>11,132.7</b>	...	<b>16.1</b>	30.0	184.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.7
Labour force	8,188.9	<b>8,158.7</b>	13.6	<b>-30.2</b>	-14.0	59.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	0.7
Employment	7,638.5	<b>7,563.0</b>	15.2	<b>-75.5</b>	-136.3	-138.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	-1.8
Employment full-time	7,095.1	<b>6,986.1</b>	19.7	<b>-109.0</b>	-172.8	-232.9	<b>-1.5</b>	-2.4	-3.2
Employment part-time	543.3	<b>576.9</b>	15.5	<b>33.6</b>	36.5	94.7	<b>6.2</b>	6.8	19.6
Unemployment	550.5	<b>595.7</b>	13.2	<b>45.2</b>	122.3	197.7	<b>8.2</b>	25.8	49.7
Participation rate	73.7	<b>73.3</b>	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>7.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.7	<b>67.9</b>	0.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	<b>7.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	11,625.7	<b>11,641.1</b>	...	<b>15.4</b>	29.5	182.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.6
Labour force	7,210.8	<b>7,244.7</b>	15.7	<b>33.9</b>	26.8	128.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	1.8
Employment	6,817.9	<b>6,839.5</b>	15.8	<b>21.6</b>	-18.3	50.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	0.7
Employment full-time	5,339.0	<b>5,350.1</b>	23.5	<b>11.1</b>	-21.8	8.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.2
Employment part-time	1,478.9	<b>1,489.4</b>	21.7	<b>10.5</b>	3.5	42.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	2.9
Unemployment	392.9	<b>405.2</b>	12.3	<b>12.3</b>	45.2	77.9	<b>3.1</b>	12.6	23.8
Participation rate	62.0	<b>62.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	<b>58.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	<b>21.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,470.2	<b>14,476.9</b>	...	<b>6.7</b>	10.4	95.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	12,528.7	<b>12,508.0</b>	20.1	<b>-20.7</b>	-34.9	33.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.3
Employment	11,757.7	<b>11,696.7</b>	21.8	<b>-61.0</b>	-171.8	-179.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.4	-1.5
Unemployment	771.0	<b>811.3</b>	16.9	<b>40.3</b>	136.9	212.7	<b>5.2</b>	20.3	35.5
Participation rate	86.6	<b>86.4</b>	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.5</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.3	<b>80.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.8	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,229.3	<b>7,233.3</b>	...	<b>4.0</b>	6.0	50.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	6,590.1	<b>6,555.4</b>	12.7	<b>-34.7</b>	-35.9	-13.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.2
Employment	6,139.2	<b>6,073.7</b>	14.7	<b>-65.5</b>	-134.1	-169.5	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.2	-2.7
Unemployment	450.9	<b>481.8</b>	12.2	<b>30.9</b>	98.3	156.2	<b>6.9</b>	25.6	48.0
Participation rate	91.2	<b>90.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	<b>7.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	84.9	<b>84.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.9	-2.9	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,240.8	<b>7,243.6</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	4.5	45.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	5,938.6	<b>5,952.6</b>	15.0	<b>14.0</b>	1.1	46.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.8
Employment	5,618.5	<b>5,623.1</b>	15.5	<b>4.6</b>	-37.6	-10.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.2
Unemployment	320.1	<b>329.5</b>	11.5	<b>9.4</b>	38.6	56.5	<b>2.9</b>	13.3	20.7
Participation rate	82.0	<b>82.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.6	<b>77.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	8,272.2	<b>8,296.9</b>	...	<b>24.7</b>	49.1	271.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.4
Labour force	2,871.1	<b>2,895.4</b>	15.8	<b>24.3</b>	47.7	155.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.7	5.7
Employment	2,698.7	<b>2,705.8</b>	15.8	<b>7.1</b>	17.1	92.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.5
Unemployment	172.4	<b>189.6</b>	8.0	<b>17.2</b>	30.6	62.9	<b>10.0</b>	19.2	49.6
Participation rate	34.7	<b>34.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.6	<b>32.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	3,887.3	<b>3,899.4</b>	...	<b>12.1</b>	24.1	134.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.6
Labour force	1,598.9	<b>1,603.3</b>	10.4	<b>4.4</b>	21.9	72.9	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	4.8
Employment	1,499.3	<b>1,489.3</b>	10.5	<b>-10.0</b>	-2.2	31.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	2.1
Unemployment	99.6	<b>114.0</b>	5.8	<b>14.4</b>	24.1	41.6	<b>14.5</b>	26.8	57.5
Participation rate	41.1	<b>41.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>7.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.6	<b>38.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,384.9	<b>4,397.5</b>	...	<b>12.6</b>	25.0	137.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.2
Labour force	1,272.2	<b>1,292.1</b>	10.9	<b>19.9</b>	25.8	82.1	<b>1.6</b>	2.0	6.8
Employment	1,199.4	<b>1,216.4</b>	10.9	<b>17.0</b>	19.2	60.7	<b>1.4</b>	1.6	5.3
Unemployment	72.8	<b>75.7</b>	5.4	<b>2.9</b>	6.5	21.4	<b>4.0</b>	9.4	39.4
Participation rate	29.0	<b>29.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.4	<b>27.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	14,309.4	<b>14,254.7</b>	32.9	<b>-54.7</b>	-197.9	-237.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	-1.6
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,672.6	<b>2,644.6</b>	22.2	<b>-28.0</b>	-13.8	30.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.5	1.1
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,404.7	<b>3,380.5</b>	21.5	<b>-24.2</b>	-66.2	-31.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.9	-0.9
Private sector employees	10,904.7	<b>10,874.3</b>	33.6	<b>-30.4</b>	-131.6	-206.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-1.9
<b>Industry</b>	16,982.0	<b>16,899.4</b>	27.8	<b>-82.6</b>	-211.6	-207.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,856.6	<b>3,845.3</b>	23.6	<b>-11.3</b>	-131.8	-162.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.3	-4.0
Agriculture	307.8	<b>324.5</b>	7.3	<b>16.7</b>	8.3	-12.6	<b>5.4</b>	2.6	-3.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	341.7	<b>333.4</b>	6.9	<b>-8.3</b>	-10.5	1.3	<b>-2.4</b>	-3.1	0.4
Utilities	144.4	<b>143.1</b>	4.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-5.9	-6.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-4.0	-4.4
Construction	1,213.1	<b>1,169.9</b>	14.8	<b>-43.2</b>	-47.6	-40.0	<b>-3.6</b>	-3.9	-3.3
Manufacturing	1,849.6	<b>1,874.3</b>	17.7	<b>24.7</b>	-76.2	-104.3	<b>1.3</b>	-3.9	-5.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,125.3	<b>13,054.1</b>	31.2	<b>-71.2</b>	-79.8	-45.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-0.3
Trade	2,653.6	<b>2,635.9</b>	20.8	<b>-17.7</b>	-25.8	-55.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	-2.1
Transportation and warehousing	839.8	<b>841.0</b>	12.5	<b>1.2</b>	-28.7	-3.7	<b>0.1</b>	-3.3	-0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,097.2	<b>1,094.7</b>	14.0	<b>-2.5</b>	11.0	9.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,210.6	<b>1,179.5</b>	15.0	<b>-31.1</b>	-27.6	-18.0	<b>-2.6</b>	-2.3	-1.5
Business, building and other support services	648.5	<b>657.0</b>	12.7	<b>8.5</b>	-13.1	-54.2	<b>1.3</b>	-2.0	-7.6
Educational services	1,178.5	<b>1,163.8</b>	14.2	<b>-14.7</b>	-20.7	-24.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.7	-2.0
Health care and social assistance	1,970.3	<b>1,955.7</b>	15.7	<b>-14.6</b>	16.2	77.0	<b>-0.7</b>	0.8	4.1
Information, culture and recreation	760.2	<b>752.8</b>	12.5	<b>-7.4</b>	-9.8	-23.4	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.3	-3.0
Accommodation and food services	1,075.2	<b>1,083.8</b>	15.2	<b>8.6</b>	20.4	32.5	<b>0.8</b>	1.9	3.1
Other services	768.6	<b>760.2</b>	11.6	<b>-8.4</b>	3.3	9.5	<b>-1.1</b>	0.4	1.3
Public administration	922.8	<b>929.6</b>	11.2	<b>6.8</b>	-5.1	5.7	<b>0.7</b>	-0.5	0.6

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.

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

**Table 3**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	427.8	<b>427.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	2.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	252.2	<b>253.3</b>	2.2	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	-2.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-1.0
Employment	216.2	<b>215.0</b>	2.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.5	-7.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-3.4
Employment full-time	186.6	<b>183.6</b>	2.5	<b>-3.0</b>	-2.0	-5.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.1	-2.7
Employment part-time	29.6	<b>31.4</b>	1.9	<b>1.8</b>	-0.4	-2.5	<b>6.1</b>	-1.3	-7.4
Unemployment	36.0	<b>38.3</b>	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	3.8	5.0	<b>6.4</b>	11.0	15.0
Participation rate	59.0	<b>59.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	<b>15.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.4	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.5	<b>50.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	115.3	<b>115.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.2
Labour force	77.5	<b>78.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>0.9</b>	-0.4	-0.3
Employment	68.3	<b>68.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-2.0	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-2.8
Employment full-time	57.4	<b>58.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	-1.5	<b>1.6</b>	0.9	-2.5
Employment part-time	10.9	<b>10.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-0.5	<b>-5.5</b>	-9.6	-4.6
Unemployment	9.2	<b>9.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	1.8	<b>4.3</b>	4.3	23.1
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.9	<b>12.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	-2.5	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	770.9	<b>771.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	4.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	497.8	<b>500.4</b>	2.8	<b>2.6</b>	6.4	13.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	2.8
Employment	454.1	<b>456.4</b>	2.9	<b>2.3</b>	2.9	7.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.6
Employment full-time	370.7	<b>372.3</b>	3.6	<b>1.6</b>	0.7	6.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	1.7
Employment part-time	83.4	<b>84.1</b>	3.1	<b>0.7</b>	2.1	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	2.6	0.8
Unemployment	43.7	<b>44.0</b>	2.6	<b>0.3</b>	3.5	6.7	<b>0.7</b>	8.6	18.0
Participation rate	64.6	<b>64.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>59.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	620.0	<b>620.4</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	4.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	403.4	<b>400.6</b>	2.4	<b>-2.8</b>	-0.4	-0.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	0.0
Employment	368.2	<b>365.3</b>	2.5	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.3	-2.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.6
Employment full-time	309.2	<b>310.6</b>	3.0	<b>1.4</b>	-0.2	-1.9	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.6
Employment part-time	58.9	<b>54.6</b>	2.4	<b>-4.3</b>	-1.2	-0.5	<b>-7.3</b>	-2.2	-0.9
Unemployment	35.2	<b>35.4</b>	2.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3	<b>0.6</b>	2.9	6.9
Participation rate	65.1	<b>64.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>8.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,405.0	<b>6,411.2</b>	...	<b>6.2</b>	11.1	62.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,181.9	<b>4,169.3</b>	14.2	<b>-12.6</b>	-22.3	-17.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	3,858.5	<b>3,840.1</b>	14.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-44.2	-52.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.4
Employment full-time	3,142.7	<b>3,114.2</b>	19.0	<b>-28.5</b>	-20.6	-70.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	-2.2
Employment part-time	715.8	<b>725.9</b>	17.4	<b>10.1</b>	-23.6	17.6	<b>1.4</b>	-3.1	2.5
Unemployment	323.4	<b>329.2</b>	12.7	<b>5.8</b>	22.0	35.1	<b>1.8</b>	7.2	11.9
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	10,591.9	<b>10,604.6</b>	...	<b>12.7</b>	23.8	156.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.5
Labour force	7,164.3	<b>7,185.6</b>	18.4	<b>21.3</b>	3.6	58.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.8
Employment	6,594.2	<b>6,558.9</b>	18.8	<b>-35.3</b>	-106.3	-131.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.6	-2.0
Employment full-time	5,372.6	<b>5,316.7</b>	23.8	<b>-55.9</b>	-104.4	-172.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.9	-3.1
Employment part-time	1,221.6	<b>1,242.2</b>	22.1	<b>20.6</b>	-1.9	40.2	<b>1.7</b>	-0.2	3.3
Unemployment	570.1	<b>626.7</b>	15.9	<b>56.6</b>	109.9	190.0	<b>9.9</b>	21.3	43.5
Participation rate	67.6	<b>67.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>8.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>61.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	915.6	<b>916.8</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	2.0	11.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.3
Labour force	636.5	<b>638.4</b>	2.7	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	10.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	1.6
Employment	607.2	<b>607.9</b>	2.8	<b>0.7</b>	-1.2	5.9	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	1.0
Employment full-time	492.5	<b>494.2</b>	3.9	<b>1.7</b>	1.1	4.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.8
Employment part-time	114.7	<b>113.7</b>	3.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.3	1.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.0	1.6
Unemployment	29.3	<b>30.5</b>	2.2	<b>1.2</b>	3.1	4.1	<b>4.1</b>	11.3	15.5
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	774.7	<b>775.6</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	1.6	14.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.0
Labour force	544.1	<b>548.3</b>	2.3	<b>4.2</b>	5.3	16.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	3.2
Employment	521.9	<b>522.5</b>	2.4	<b>0.6</b>	2.2	12.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	2.5
Employment full-time	423.7	<b>424.2</b>	3.2	<b>0.5</b>	-2.2	4.7	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	1.1
Employment part-time	98.2	<b>98.3</b>	2.9	<b>0.1</b>	4.4	8.1	<b>0.1</b>	4.7	9.0
Unemployment	22.1	<b>25.8</b>	1.8	<b>3.7</b>	3.1	4.0	<b>16.7</b>	13.7	18.3
Participation rate	70.2	<b>70.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,830.1	<b>2,836.1</b>	...	<b>6.0</b>	12.4	60.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.2
Labour force	2,119.3	<b>2,116.5</b>	8.0	<b>-2.8</b>	6.3	47.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	2.3
Employment	2,025.8	<b>2,002.1</b>	8.4	<b>-23.7</b>	-20.4	7.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.4
Employment full-time	1,680.6	<b>1,652.6</b>	11.3	<b>-28.0</b>	-28.2	-25.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.7	-1.5
Employment part-time	345.3	<b>349.5</b>	9.8	<b>4.2</b>	7.8	32.5	<b>1.2</b>	2.3	10.3
Unemployment	93.5	<b>114.5</b>	5.8	<b>21.0</b>	26.7	39.6	<b>22.5</b>	30.4	52.9
Participation rate	74.9	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>1.0</b>	1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	<b>70.6</b>	0.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,676.8	<b>3,681.8</b>	...	<b>5.0</b>	9.6	67.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,415.1	<b>2,424.4</b>	9.8	<b>9.3</b>	-8.1	17.3	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	0.7
Employment	2,267.6	<b>2,262.7</b>	9.9	<b>-4.9</b>	-40.0	-43.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-1.9
Employment full-time	1,771.5	<b>1,769.9</b>	14.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-69.7	-68.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-3.8	-3.7
Employment part-time	496.1	<b>492.9</b>	12.8	<b>-3.2</b>	29.7	25.3	<b>-0.6</b>	6.4	5.4
Unemployment	147.5	<b>161.7</b>	7.2	<b>14.2</b>	32.0	61.0	<b>9.6</b>	24.7	60.6
Participation rate	65.7	<b>65.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	<b>61.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.2	-2.3	...	...	...

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	427.8	<b>427.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	2.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	252.2	<b>253.3</b>	2.2	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	-2.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-1.0
Employment	216.2	<b>215.0</b>	2.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.5	-7.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-3.4
Employment full-time	186.6	<b>183.6</b>	2.5	<b>-3.0</b>	-2.0	-5.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.1	-2.7
Unemployment	36.0	<b>38.3</b>	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	3.8	5.0	<b>6.4</b>	11.0	15.0
Participation rate	59.0	<b>59.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	<b>15.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.4	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.5	<b>50.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.7	<b>14.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.9</b>	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	61.7	<b>61.6</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-2.1
Labour force	34.5	<b>35.1</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.7	<b>1.7</b>	2.3	2.0
Employment	27.0	<b>25.4</b>	1.1	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.3	-2.4	<b>-5.9</b>	-4.9	-8.6
Unemployment	7.5	<b>9.6</b>	1.0	<b>2.1</b>	2.0	3.0	<b>28.0</b>	26.3	45.5
Participation rate	55.9	<b>57.0</b>	1.8	<b>1.1</b>	1.6	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	21.7	<b>27.4</b>	2.6	<b>5.7</b>	5.2	8.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	43.8	<b>41.2</b>	1.8	<b>-2.6</b>	-1.9	-3.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.7	<b>45.7</b>	3.7	<b>2.0</b>	-3.8	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	176.6	<b>176.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.9
Labour force	114.4	<b>113.9</b>	1.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.2	-3.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-3.1
Employment	96.9	<b>96.2</b>	1.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.8	-6.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.8	-6.1
Unemployment	17.4	<b>17.7</b>	1.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	2.6	<b>1.7</b>	9.9	17.2
Participation rate	64.8	<b>64.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	-2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	<b>15.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	<b>54.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-4.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.3</b>	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	189.5	<b>189.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	2.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.3
Labour force	103.4	<b>104.3</b>	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.4	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.4
Employment	92.2	<b>93.3</b>	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	0.5	1.1	<b>1.2</b>	0.5	1.2
Unemployment	11.1	<b>11.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	1.9	-6.0
Participation rate	54.6	<b>55.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	<b>10.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.7	<b>49.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	<b>16.5</b>	1.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.6	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	216.2	<b>215.0</b>	2.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.5	-7.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-3.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	47.3	<b>45.2</b>	1.7	<b>-2.1</b>	-3.2	-5.6	<b>-4.4</b>	-6.6	-11.0
Agriculture	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	-0.3	<b>57.1</b>	120.0	-21.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	16.9	<b>15.8</b>	1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.5	-0.1	<b>-6.5</b>	-3.1	-0.6
Utilities	1.7	<b>2.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.7	<b>23.5</b>	16.7	50.0
Construction	15.0	<b>14.0</b>	1.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-3.3	-2.4	<b>-6.7</b>	-19.1	-14.6
Manufacturing	13.0	<b>12.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.3	-3.3	<b>-5.4</b>	-2.4	-21.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	168.8	<b>169.7</b>	2.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.7	-2.1	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	-1.2
Trade	34.4	<b>34.4</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-4.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-11.1
Transportation and warehousing	10.6	<b>10.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>1.9</b>	-0.9	0.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	6.8	<b>7.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	-0.6	<b>7.4</b>	4.3	-7.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	-1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-9.9	-15.1
Business, building and other support services	7.7	<b>8.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	-0.1	<b>11.7</b>	10.3	-1.1
Educational services	18.5	<b>17.2</b>	0.9	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.3	1.5	<b>-7.0</b>	-1.7	9.6
Health care and social assistance	34.8	<b>34.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	0.9	2.8	<b>-2.0</b>	2.7	8.9
Information, culture and recreation	7.6	<b>9.7</b>	0.7	<b>2.1</b>	2.0	1.4	<b>27.6</b>	26.0	16.9
Accommodation and food services	12.2	<b>11.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-2.2	<b>-7.4</b>	-4.2	-16.3
Other services	12.2	<b>11.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.6	1.3	<b>-2.5</b>	-11.9	12.3
Public administration	16.6	<b>17.3</b>	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	-0.6	<b>4.2</b>	0.6	-3.4

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	115.3	<b>115.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.2
Labour force	77.5	<b>78.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>0.9</b>	-0.4	-0.3
Employment	68.3	<b>68.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-2.0	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-2.8
Employment full-time	57.4	<b>58.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	-1.5	<b>1.6</b>	0.9	-2.5
Unemployment	9.2	<b>9.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	1.8	<b>4.3</b>	4.3	23.1
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.9	<b>12.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	<b>15.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.5	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.7	<b>19.7</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	0.5
Labour force	12.9	<b>13.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>6.2</b>	-2.1	-1.4
Employment	10.6	<b>11.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>5.7</b>	-1.8	-1.8
Unemployment	2.3	<b>2.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.0	<b>8.7</b>	-3.8	0.0
Participation rate	65.5	<b>69.5</b>	2.0	<b>4.0</b>	-1.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.8	<b>18.2</b>	2.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	<b>56.9</b>	1.9	<b>3.1</b>	-0.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.6	<b>36.6</b>	3.3	<b>-4.0</b>	-7.3	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	46.0	<b>46.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.8
Labour force	33.0	<b>32.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.1	<b>-0.9</b>	0.0	0.3
Employment	29.1	<b>28.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-1.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.7	-3.7
Unemployment	3.9	<b>4.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.3	<b>2.6</b>	17.6	48.1
Participation rate	71.7	<b>71.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	<b>12.2</b>	1.1	<b>0.4</b>	1.8	3.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>62.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.1	-3.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	<b>4.9</b>	1.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.6	<b>49.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.0
Labour force	31.6	<b>31.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	-0.6
Employment	28.7	<b>28.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	-2.4
Unemployment	3.0	<b>3.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.5	<b>3.3</b>	-3.1	19.2
Participation rate	63.7	<b>63.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	<b>9.8</b>	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	<b>57.7</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.1	<b>16.8</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	68.3	<b>68.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-2.0	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-2.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	3.2	<b>3.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.1	<b>3.1</b>	6.5	-2.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.1	<b>3.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.8	<b>9.7</b>	0.0	30.8
Utilities	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Construction	5.3	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.2	<b>1.9</b>	10.2	-3.6
Manufacturing	5.9	<b>5.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.8	<b>-1.7</b>	0.0	-12.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	50.5	<b>50.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.5	-3.3
Trade	9.3	<b>8.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	-2.0	<b>-6.5</b>	-6.5	-18.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.7	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>-7.4</b>	-13.8	-13.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	-0.4	<b>4.2</b>	4.2	-13.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-11.1	-4.0
Business, building and other support services	2.5	<b>2.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	-0.2	<b>8.0</b>	17.4	-6.9
Educational services	4.8	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.1	<b>4.2</b>	6.4	2.0
Health care and social assistance	7.8	<b>7.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-10.3	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	3.0	<b>2.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.9	<b>-3.3</b>	11.5	45.0
Accommodation and food services	5.0	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.1	<b>4.0</b>	-8.8	-1.9
Other services	2.8	<b>2.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.5	<b>0.0</b>	3.7	-15.2
Public administration	7.8	<b>7.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	1.3	13.0

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	770.9	<b>771.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	4.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	497.8	<b>500.4</b>	2.8	<b>2.6</b>	6.4	13.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	2.8
Employment	454.1	<b>456.4</b>	2.9	<b>2.3</b>	2.9	7.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.6
Employment full-time	370.7	<b>372.3</b>	3.6	<b>1.6</b>	0.7	6.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	1.7
Unemployment	43.7	<b>44.0</b>	2.6	<b>0.3</b>	3.5	6.7	<b>0.7</b>	8.6	18.0
Participation rate	64.6	<b>64.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	<b>59.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	<b>18.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	120.6	<b>120.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-1.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-1.0
Labour force	81.8	<b>84.5</b>	1.8	<b>2.7</b>	3.1	3.4	<b>3.3</b>	3.8	4.2
Employment	68.3	<b>68.5</b>	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-0.9	-1.4
Unemployment	13.5	<b>16.0</b>	1.5	<b>2.5</b>	3.6	4.4	<b>18.5</b>	29.0	37.9
Participation rate	67.8	<b>70.1</b>	1.4	<b>2.3</b>	2.7	3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	<b>18.9</b>	1.7	<b>2.4</b>	3.7	4.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	<b>56.8</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.7	<b>44.8</b>	2.5	<b>0.2</b>	2.1	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	309.9	<b>310.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	2.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.8
Labour force	214.5	<b>215.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.7	4.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	2.2
Employment	196.4	<b>197.7</b>	1.6	<b>1.3</b>	2.6	3.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	1.9
Unemployment	18.1	<b>17.3</b>	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	1.0	<b>-4.4</b>	0.0	6.1
Participation rate	69.2	<b>69.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>8.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	<b>7.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	340.3	<b>340.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.0
Labour force	201.5	<b>201.0</b>	1.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	5.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	3.0
Employment	189.4	<b>190.2</b>	1.5	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	4.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	2.4
Unemployment	12.1	<b>10.8</b>	1.3	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.1	1.4	<b>-10.7</b>	-0.9	14.9
Participation rate	59.2	<b>59.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	<b>55.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	<b>20.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	454.1	<b>456.4</b>	2.9	<b>2.3</b>	2.9	7.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	-3.9	19.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.8	<b>13.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	0.6	<b>2.3</b>	7.4	4.8
Utilities	2.4	<b>2.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.7	<b>-8.3</b>	-18.5	-24.1
Construction	30.7	<b>30.6</b>	1.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.2	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.8	3.0
Manufacturing	39.0	<b>37.4</b>	1.5	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.3	-3.9	<b>-4.1</b>	-3.4	-9.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	361.8	<b>365.9</b>	3.0	<b>4.1</b>	5.2	9.0	<b>1.1</b>	1.4	2.5
Trade	76.5	<b>76.0</b>	2.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.4	-2.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-4.3	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	19.2	<b>19.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.7	<b>1.6</b>	0.0	3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.6	<b>21.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-1.1	<b>-2.3</b>	-2.3	-5.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.8	<b>24.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.7</b>	0.3	4.9	<b>2.9</b>	1.2	25.0
Business, building and other support services	25.3	<b>25.7</b>	1.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	-2.0	<b>1.6</b>	3.2	-7.2
Educational services	36.7	<b>36.4</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.4	2.9	<b>-0.8</b>	4.0	8.7
Health care and social assistance	60.8	<b>60.0</b>	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	0.7	0.6	<b>-1.3</b>	1.2	1.0
Information, culture and recreation	17.1	<b>18.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	0.3	-1.2	<b>9.9</b>	1.6	-6.0
Accommodation and food services	29.9	<b>31.4</b>	1.5	<b>1.5</b>	1.5	2.5	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	8.7
Other services	19.7	<b>19.7</b>	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	1.3	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	7.1	2.1
Public administration	31.3	<b>32.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.5</b>	2.8	3.5	<b>4.8</b>	9.3	11.9

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	620.0	<b>620.4</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	4.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	403.4	<b>400.6</b>	2.4	<b>-2.8</b>	-0.4	-0.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	0.0
Employment	368.2	<b>365.3</b>	2.5	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.3	-2.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.6
Employment full-time	309.2	<b>310.6</b>	3.0	<b>1.4</b>	-0.2	-1.9	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployment	35.2	<b>35.4</b>	2.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.3	<b>0.6</b>	2.9	6.9
Participation rate	65.1	<b>64.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>8.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	<b>14.9</b>	0.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	94.3	<b>94.2</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	66.2	<b>64.9</b>	1.3	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.9	1.3	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.4	2.0
Employment	56.8	<b>55.9</b>	1.3	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.6	1.3	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.1	2.4
Unemployment	9.4	<b>9.0</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	0.0	<b>-4.3</b>	-4.3	0.0
Participation rate	70.2	<b>68.9</b>	1.4	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.9	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	<b>13.9</b>	1.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.3</b>	1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.3	<b>36.7</b>	2.5	<b>-3.6</b>	-1.7	-3.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	253.7	<b>254.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	2.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	176.0	<b>173.8</b>	1.4	<b>-2.2</b>	0.3	-1.4	<b>-1.2</b>	0.2	-0.8
Employment	160.8	<b>158.3</b>	1.5	<b>-2.5</b>	0.0	-2.3	<b>-1.6</b>	0.0	-1.4
Unemployment	15.1	<b>15.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.0	<b>3.3</b>	3.3	6.8
Participation rate	69.4	<b>68.4</b>	0.6	<b>-1.0</b>	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>9.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>62.3</b>	0.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	<b>5.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	272.0	<b>272.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.0
Labour force	161.2	<b>161.9</b>	1.2	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	0.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.0
Employment	150.6	<b>151.1</b>	1.3	<b>0.5</b>	-0.7	-1.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.9
Unemployment	10.7	<b>10.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	10.2	12.5
Participation rate	59.3	<b>59.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	<b>55.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	<b>16.8</b>	1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	368.2	<b>365.3</b>	2.5	<b>-2.9</b>	-1.3	-2.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	7.8	<b>7.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.3	1.7	<b>-7.7</b>	-4.0	30.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	10.2	<b>10.1</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	-1.6	<b>-1.0</b>	6.3	-13.7
Utilities	5.2	<b>5.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.9	<b>-3.8</b>	4.2	22.0
Construction	24.2	<b>25.4</b>	1.2	<b>1.2</b>	1.5	-0.1	<b>5.0</b>	6.3	-0.4
Manufacturing	32.6	<b>32.3</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-3.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.6	-10.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	288.2	<b>285.3</b>	2.4	<b>-2.9</b>	-2.2	0.4	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.8	0.1
Trade	56.2	<b>55.8</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.1	-1.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.9	-2.4
Transportation and warehousing	20.2	<b>19.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.9	-1.3	<b>-4.5</b>	-4.5	-6.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.5	<b>16.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	0.5	<b>3.2</b>	1.9	3.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.2	<b>17.1</b>	0.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.3	-1.5	<b>-6.0</b>	-1.7	-8.1
Business, building and other support services	21.2	<b>20.7</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	1.7	<b>-2.4</b>	-1.4	8.9
Educational services	29.1	<b>26.7</b>	1.1	<b>-2.4</b>	-2.8	0.7	<b>-8.2</b>	-9.5	2.7
Health care and social assistance	50.5	<b>51.9</b>	1.3	<b>1.4</b>	1.9	1.8	<b>2.8</b>	3.8	3.6
Information, culture and recreation	10.6	<b>10.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-2.2	<b>0.0</b>	-3.6	-17.2
Accommodation and food services	23.3	<b>24.3</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	1.5	-0.9	<b>4.3</b>	6.6	-3.6
Other services	15.4	<b>14.4</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.7	-2.1	<b>-6.5</b>	-4.6	-12.7
Public administration	28.0	<b>28.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	5.0	<b>1.8</b>	2.2	21.3

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,405.0	<b>6,411.2</b>	...	<b>6.2</b>	11.1	62.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,181.9	<b>4,169.3</b>	14.2	<b>-12.6</b>	-22.3	-17.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	3,858.5	<b>3,840.1</b>	14.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-44.2	-52.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.4
Employment full-time	3,142.7	<b>3,114.2</b>	19.0	<b>-28.5</b>	-20.6	-70.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	-2.2
Unemployment	323.4	<b>329.2</b>	12.7	<b>5.8</b>	22.0	35.1	<b>1.8</b>	7.2	11.9
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	<b>18.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	961.2	<b>961.6</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	3.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	634.3	<b>639.3</b>	8.0	<b>5.0</b>	-4.2	-10.7	<b>0.8</b>	-0.7	-1.6
Employment	550.5	<b>548.4</b>	7.9	<b>-2.1</b>	-10.6	-24.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.9	-4.3
Unemployment	83.8	<b>90.9</b>	7.0	<b>7.1</b>	6.4	13.7	<b>8.5</b>	7.6	17.7
Participation rate	66.0	<b>66.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	<b>14.2</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	1.1	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	<b>57.0</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.6	<b>50.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.2</b>	-1.5	5.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,660.2	<b>2,663.2</b>	...	<b>3.0</b>	5.4	29.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,870.0	<b>1,853.7</b>	7.7	<b>-16.3</b>	-12.6	-26.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	-1.4
Employment	1,724.0	<b>1,711.3</b>	8.7	<b>-12.7</b>	-17.1	-40.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	-2.3
Unemployment	146.0	<b>142.4</b>	7.8	<b>-3.6</b>	4.5	14.4	<b>-2.5</b>	3.3	11.2
Participation rate	70.3	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	<b>64.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	<b>7.7</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,783.6	<b>2,786.3</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	5.1	28.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	1,677.6	<b>1,676.4</b>	8.0	<b>-1.2</b>	-5.4	19.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	1.2
Employment	1,583.9	<b>1,580.4</b>	8.2	<b>-3.5</b>	-16.6	12.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	0.8
Unemployment	93.7	<b>96.0</b>	6.7	<b>2.3</b>	11.2	7.1	<b>2.5</b>	13.2	8.0
Participation rate	60.3	<b>60.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	<b>56.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.3	<b>20.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,858.5	<b>3,840.1</b>	14.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-44.2	-52.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-1.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	847.9	<b>868.1</b>	11.9	<b>20.2</b>	-5.3	-15.3	<b>2.4</b>	-0.6	-1.7
Agriculture	54.6	<b>60.6</b>	3.6	<b>6.0</b>	8.5	-10.2	<b>11.0</b>	16.3	-14.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	30.1	<b>29.8</b>	2.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.1	-2.8	<b>-1.0</b>	-6.6	-8.6
Utilities	33.8	<b>33.1</b>	2.2	<b>-0.7</b>	2.2	-2.8	<b>-2.1</b>	7.1	-7.8
Construction	209.4	<b>210.4</b>	7.0	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	-3.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	-1.6
Manufacturing	520.0	<b>534.2</b>	9.5	<b>14.2</b>	-15.8	4.0	<b>2.7</b>	-2.9	0.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	3,010.6	<b>2,972.0</b>	16.2	<b>-38.6</b>	-39.0	-37.5	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	-1.2
Trade	615.5	<b>616.3</b>	10.7	<b>0.8</b>	10.4	-22.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.7	-3.5
Transportation and warehousing	175.6	<b>172.1</b>	6.2	<b>-3.5</b>	-9.0	-18.4	<b>-2.0</b>	-5.0	-9.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	214.8	<b>225.6</b>	7.0	<b>10.8</b>	2.5	-5.0	<b>5.0</b>	1.1	-2.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	274.5	<b>264.3</b>	7.8	<b>-10.2</b>	4.7	-7.3	<b>-3.7</b>	1.8	-2.7
Business, building and other support services	145.0	<b>141.0</b>	5.9	<b>-4.0</b>	-6.0	10.1	<b>-2.8</b>	-4.1	7.7
Educational services	247.5	<b>242.7</b>	7.1	<b>-4.8</b>	-2.6	-22.7	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.1	-8.6
Health care and social assistance	508.4	<b>497.3</b>	8.4	<b>-11.1</b>	-1.5	35.5	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.3	7.7
Information, culture and recreation	170.6	<b>162.6</b>	6.5	<b>-8.0</b>	-17.0	-6.1	<b>-4.7</b>	-9.5	-3.6
Accommodation and food services	252.5	<b>245.0</b>	8.0	<b>-7.5</b>	2.0	3.5	<b>-3.0</b>	0.8	1.4
Other services	177.4	<b>178.5</b>	6.1	<b>1.1</b>	7.1	-7.8	<b>0.6</b>	4.1	-4.2
Public administration	228.6	<b>226.8</b>	5.8	<b>-1.8</b>	-29.4	3.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-11.5	1.6

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	10,591.9	<b>10,604.6</b>	...	<b>12.7</b>	23.8	156.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.5
Labour force	7,164.3	<b>7,185.6</b>	18.4	<b>21.3</b>	3.6	58.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.8
Employment	6,594.2	<b>6,558.9</b>	18.8	<b>-35.3</b>	-106.3	-131.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.6	-2.0
Employment full-time	5,372.6	<b>5,316.7</b>	23.8	<b>-55.9</b>	-104.4	-172.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.9	-3.1
Unemployment	570.1	<b>626.7</b>	15.9	<b>56.6</b>	109.9	190.0	<b>9.9</b>	21.3	43.5
Participation rate	67.6	<b>67.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>8.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>61.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	<b>18.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,740.1	<b>1,741.2</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	2.1	12.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	1,100.6	<b>1,115.4</b>	11.3	<b>14.8</b>	-6.9	-13.7	<b>1.3</b>	-0.6	-1.2
Employment	936.4	<b>929.6</b>	10.9	<b>-6.8</b>	-20.2	-44.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.1	-4.5
Unemployment	164.2	<b>185.8</b>	9.8	<b>21.6</b>	13.3	30.3	<b>13.2</b>	7.7	19.5
Participation rate	63.2	<b>64.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	<b>16.7</b>	0.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.3	2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	<b>53.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.7	<b>48.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,300.5	<b>4,306.1</b>	...	<b>5.6</b>	10.4	67.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.6
Labour force	3,196.9	<b>3,187.0</b>	8.9	<b>-9.9</b>	-6.4	34.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	1.1
Employment	2,959.9	<b>2,925.1</b>	10.1	<b>-34.8</b>	-79.8	-83.7	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.7	-2.8
Unemployment	237.0	<b>261.9</b>	8.9	<b>24.9</b>	73.4	117.8	<b>10.5</b>	38.9	81.7
Participation rate	74.3	<b>74.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>8.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.8	<b>67.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.1	-3.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,551.3	<b>4,557.3</b>	...	<b>6.0</b>	11.3	76.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.7
Labour force	2,866.8	<b>2,883.2</b>	10.7	<b>16.4</b>	16.9	37.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	1.3
Employment	2,697.9	<b>2,704.3</b>	10.6	<b>6.4</b>	-6.2	-4.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Unemployment	168.9	<b>179.0</b>	8.5	<b>10.1</b>	23.2	42.0	<b>6.0</b>	14.9	30.7
Participation rate	63.0	<b>63.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>59.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.6	<b>20.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	6,594.2	<b>6,558.9</b>	18.8	<b>-35.3</b>	-106.3	-131.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.6	-2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	1,453.0	<b>1,444.7</b>	15.4	<b>-8.3</b>	-49.2	-98.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.3	-6.4
Agriculture	81.2	<b>90.0</b>	3.9	<b>8.8</b>	2.6	2.7	<b>10.8</b>	3.0	3.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.3	<b>33.7</b>	2.4	<b>-2.6</b>	-0.6	-2.6	<b>-7.2</b>	-1.7	-7.2
Utilities	59.6	<b>58.9</b>	3.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-5.0	-4.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-7.8	-6.7
Construction	440.6	<b>412.7</b>	9.2	<b>-27.9</b>	-24.3	-29.1	<b>-6.3</b>	-5.6	-6.6
Manufacturing	835.4	<b>849.4</b>	12.3	<b>14.0</b>	-21.8	-64.8	<b>1.7</b>	-2.5	-7.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	5,141.1	<b>5,114.2</b>	20.9	<b>-26.9</b>	-57.1	-33.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.1	-0.7
Trade	1,014.8	<b>1,008.7</b>	13.9	<b>-6.1</b>	-18.4	-19.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.8	-1.9
Transportation and warehousing	321.6	<b>330.8</b>	8.3	<b>9.2</b>	-16.2	20.4	<b>2.9</b>	-4.7	6.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	513.2	<b>494.3</b>	9.9	<b>-18.9</b>	-0.5	21.1	<b>-3.7</b>	-0.1	4.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	496.3	<b>490.7</b>	10.2	<b>-5.6</b>	-15.8	-8.7	<b>-1.1</b>	-3.1	-1.7
Business, building and other support services	258.9	<b>264.0</b>	8.9	<b>5.1</b>	-12.2	-53.7	<b>2.0</b>	-4.4	-16.9
Educational services	465.2	<b>469.6</b>	9.5	<b>4.4</b>	0.2	-13.0	<b>0.9</b>	0.0	-2.7
Health care and social assistance	710.1	<b>700.2</b>	10.2	<b>-9.9</b>	0.1	8.6	<b>-1.4</b>	0.0	1.2
Information, culture and recreation	312.3	<b>303.5</b>	8.5	<b>-8.8</b>	-9.8	-15.9	<b>-2.8</b>	-3.1	-5.0
Accommodation and food services	387.5	<b>396.3</b>	9.9	<b>8.8</b>	7.5	17.4	<b>2.3</b>	1.9	4.6
Other services	305.5	<b>293.6</b>	7.5	<b>-11.9</b>	-2.2	12.6	<b>-3.9</b>	-0.7	4.5
Public administration	355.6	<b>362.6</b>	7.6	<b>7.0</b>	10.2	-3.5	<b>2.0</b>	2.9	-1.0

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	915.6	<b>916.8</b>	...	<b>1.2</b>	2.0	11.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.3
Labour force	636.5	<b>638.4</b>	2.7	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	10.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	1.6
Employment	607.2	<b>607.9</b>	2.8	<b>0.7</b>	-1.2	5.9	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	1.0
Employment full-time	492.5	<b>494.2</b>	3.9	<b>1.7</b>	1.1	4.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.8
Unemployment	29.3	<b>30.5</b>	2.2	<b>1.2</b>	3.1	4.1	<b>4.1</b>	11.3	15.5
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	<b>18.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	159.2	<b>159.4</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	112.5	<b>113.7</b>	1.7	<b>1.2</b>	-1.0	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	-0.9	1.3
Employment	103.8	<b>104.1</b>	1.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	3.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	3.1
Unemployment	8.7	<b>9.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	-0.3	-1.5	<b>11.5</b>	-3.0	-13.4
Participation rate	70.7	<b>71.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	-0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>8.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.8</b>	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>65.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.2	<b>41.5</b>	1.9	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.4	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	369.7	<b>370.3</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	4.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.3
Labour force	280.9	<b>281.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.7</b>	1.4	2.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.8
Employment	270.1	<b>270.1</b>	1.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-1.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployment	10.8	<b>11.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.7	3.6	<b>6.5</b>	17.3	45.6
Participation rate	76.0	<b>76.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.1	<b>72.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	<b>6.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	386.7	<b>387.2</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	5.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	243.1	<b>243.1</b>	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	6.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	2.7
Employment	233.3	<b>233.7</b>	1.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	4.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	1.9
Unemployment	9.9	<b>9.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	1.8	2.1	<b>-5.1</b>	23.7	28.8
Participation rate	62.9	<b>62.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>3.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	<b>60.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	<b>22.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Population	607.2	<b>607.9</b>	2.8	<b>0.7</b>	-1.2	5.9	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	1.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	27.9	<b>27.9</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-1.5	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-5.1	1.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.3	<b>1.6</b>	8.5	4.9
Utilities	6.8	<b>7.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	1.5	<b>2.9</b>	1.4	27.3
Construction	41.0	<b>41.6</b>	1.5	<b>0.6</b>	3.4	6.1	<b>1.5</b>	8.9	17.2
Manufacturing	60.9	<b>62.6</b>	1.8	<b>1.7</b>	-3.2	-8.6	<b>2.8</b>	-4.9	-12.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	93.1	<b>90.2</b>	2.0	<b>-2.9</b>	0.9	3.3	<b>-3.1</b>	1.0	3.8
Transportation and warehousing	38.1	<b>38.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	2.9	<b>1.3</b>	4.0	8.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	34.5	<b>34.4</b>	1.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-3.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.1	-9.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.9	<b>25.0</b>	1.2	<b>1.1</b>	0.8	-3.2	<b>4.6</b>	3.3	-11.3
Business, building and other support services	18.0	<b>18.8</b>	1.2	<b>0.8</b>	1.3	0.2	<b>4.4</b>	7.4	1.1
Educational services	46.4	<b>45.2</b>	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.7	0.6	<b>-2.6</b>	-5.6	1.3
Health care and social assistance	88.9	<b>86.9</b>	1.9	<b>-2.0</b>	-0.3	10.7	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.3	14.0
Information, culture and recreation	22.5	<b>23.3</b>	1.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	-2.6	<b>3.6</b>	3.1	-10.0
Accommodation and food services	35.8	<b>35.0</b>	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.0	-3.0	<b>-2.2</b>	-5.4	-7.9
Other services	27.7	<b>29.3</b>	1.4	<b>1.6</b>	0.4	2.6	<b>5.8</b>	1.4	9.7
Public administration	35.3	<b>35.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.7	-1.4	<b>1.1</b>	-1.9	-3.8

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	774.7	<b>775.6</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	1.6	14.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.0
Labour force	544.1	<b>548.3</b>	2.3	<b>4.2</b>	5.3	16.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	3.2
Employment	521.9	<b>522.5</b>	2.4	<b>0.6</b>	2.2	12.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	2.5
Employment full-time	423.7	<b>424.2</b>	3.2	<b>0.5</b>	-2.2	4.7	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	1.1
Unemployment	22.1	<b>25.8</b>	1.8	<b>3.7</b>	3.1	4.0	<b>16.7</b>	13.7	18.3
Participation rate	70.2	<b>70.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	<b>18.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.7	<b>139.6</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.5
Labour force	100.2	<b>101.5</b>	1.5	<b>1.3</b>	0.1	0.7	<b>1.3</b>	0.1	0.7
Employment	92.4	<b>90.7</b>	1.5	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.8	-3.4	<b>-1.8</b>	-3.0	-3.6
Unemployment	7.9	<b>10.8</b>	1.2	<b>2.9</b>	2.9	4.0	<b>36.7</b>	36.7	58.8
Participation rate	71.7	<b>72.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>10.6</b>	1.1	<b>2.7</b>	2.8	3.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	<b>65.0</b>	1.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.9	-2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.7	<b>36.6</b>	1.7	<b>-3.1</b>	-0.5	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	310.3	<b>310.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	6.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.3
Labour force	236.7	<b>236.9</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9
Employment	228.6	<b>227.9</b>	1.2	<b>-0.7</b>	0.3	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	0.5
Unemployment	8.1	<b>9.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.9</b>	1.3	1.0	<b>11.1</b>	16.9	12.5
Participation rate	76.3	<b>76.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.7	<b>73.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	<b>7.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	324.8	<b>325.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	7.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.3
Labour force	207.1	<b>210.0</b>	1.3	<b>2.9</b>	3.8	14.2	<b>1.4</b>	1.8	7.3
Employment	201.0	<b>203.9</b>	1.4	<b>2.9</b>	4.7	15.1	<b>1.4</b>	2.4	8.0
Unemployment	6.2	<b>6.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-1.0	<b>-3.2</b>	-14.3	-14.3
Participation rate	63.8	<b>64.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>2.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>62.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.3	3.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	<b>24.2</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	2.2	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	521.9	<b>522.5</b>	2.4	<b>0.6</b>	2.2	12.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	2.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	142.6	<b>141.3</b>	2.3	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.3	5.3	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.9	3.9
Agriculture	41.9	<b>42.4</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	3.2	1.6	<b>1.2</b>	8.2	3.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	25.2	<b>24.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	0.2	<b>-3.2</b>	-3.2	0.8
Utilities	5.2	<b>4.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	0.0	<b>-7.7</b>	-22.6	0.0
Construction	38.1	<b>38.0</b>	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.6	3.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-6.4	9.2
Manufacturing	32.2	<b>31.6</b>	1.2	<b>-0.6</b>	0.3	0.2	<b>-1.9</b>	1.0	0.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	379.3	<b>381.3</b>	2.8	<b>2.0</b>	3.6	7.6	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	2.0
Trade	83.9	<b>83.5</b>	1.8	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	22.7	<b>23.8</b>	1.0	<b>1.1</b>	0.5	-2.8	<b>4.8</b>	2.1	-10.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.9	<b>30.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	1.3	3.5	<b>-2.3</b>	4.5	13.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.5	<b>21.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	1.6	<b>3.4</b>	3.4	8.2
Business, building and other support services	12.5	<b>11.7</b>	0.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0	0.2	<b>-6.4</b>	-7.9	1.7
Educational services	40.0	<b>39.2</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.6	0.5	<b>-2.0</b>	1.6	1.3
Health care and social assistance	63.0	<b>64.4</b>	1.3	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	3.6	<b>2.2</b>	2.2	5.9
Information, culture and recreation	21.0	<b>21.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.1	<b>2.4</b>	3.4	0.5
Accommodation and food services	30.7	<b>31.2</b>	1.4	<b>0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.9	<b>1.6</b>	-3.7	-5.7
Other services	24.3	<b>23.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	0.8	<b>-2.9</b>	-2.1	3.5
Public administration	29.9	<b>31.1</b>	1.0	<b>1.2</b>	1.0	2.4	<b>4.0</b>	3.3	8.4

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,830.1	<b>2,836.1</b>	...	<b>6.0</b>	12.4	60.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.2
Labour force	2,119.3	<b>2,116.5</b>	8.0	<b>-2.8</b>	6.3	47.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	2.3
Employment	2,025.8	<b>2,002.1</b>	8.4	<b>-23.7</b>	-20.4	7.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.4
Employment full-time	1,680.6	<b>1,652.6</b>	11.3	<b>-28.0</b>	-28.2	-25.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.7	-1.5
Unemployment	93.5	<b>114.5</b>	5.8	<b>21.0</b>	26.7	39.6	<b>22.5</b>	30.4	52.9
Participation rate	74.9	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>1.0</b>	1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	<b>70.6</b>	0.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	<b>17.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	505.3	<b>505.3</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	369.0	<b>370.4</b>	4.9	<b>1.4</b>	3.1	-0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	-0.2
Employment	337.0	<b>333.0</b>	5.0	<b>-4.0</b>	-1.3	-9.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.4	-2.9
Unemployment	32.0	<b>37.4</b>	3.7	<b>5.4</b>	4.5	9.1	<b>16.9</b>	13.7	32.2
Participation rate	73.0	<b>73.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>10.1</b>	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	1.1	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	<b>65.9</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.7	<b>35.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,175.9	<b>1,179.1</b>	...	<b>3.2</b>	6.6	36.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.1
Labour force	975.7	<b>966.4</b>	3.8	<b>-9.3</b>	-2.6	26.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.3	2.8
Employment	943.5	<b>921.0</b>	4.2	<b>-22.5</b>	-19.7	6.2	<b>-2.4</b>	-2.1	0.7
Unemployment	32.2	<b>45.5</b>	3.1	<b>13.3</b>	17.2	20.6	<b>41.3</b>	60.8	82.7
Participation rate	83.0	<b>82.0</b>	0.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>1.4</b>	1.8	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.2	<b>78.1</b>	0.4	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.1	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	<b>6.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,148.9	<b>1,151.6</b>	...	<b>2.7</b>	5.5	23.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.0
Labour force	774.7	<b>779.7</b>	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	5.8	21.1	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	2.8
Employment	745.4	<b>748.1</b>	5.1	<b>2.7</b>	0.7	11.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	1.5
Unemployment	29.3	<b>31.6</b>	3.3	<b>2.3</b>	5.1	9.9	<b>7.8</b>	19.2	45.6
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	<b>65.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	<b>23.3</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,025.8	<b>2,002.1</b>	8.4	<b>-23.7</b>	-20.4	7.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	57.1	<b>55.9</b>	3.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-6.5	-2.4	<b>-2.1</b>	-10.4	-4.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	155.2	<b>149.5</b>	4.7	<b>-5.7</b>	-5.6	6.3	<b>-3.7</b>	-3.6	4.4
Utilities	16.7	<b>19.1</b>	1.7	<b>2.4</b>	0.2	1.9	<b>14.4</b>	1.1	11.0
Construction	202.6	<b>193.7</b>	5.9	<b>-8.9</b>	-10.8	-3.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-5.3	-1.7
Manufacturing	144.6	<b>134.5</b>	5.2	<b>-10.1</b>	-16.3	-9.1	<b>-7.0</b>	-10.8	-6.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,449.6	<b>1,449.4</b>	10.3	<b>-0.2</b>	18.7	14.2	<b>0.0</b>	1.3	1.0
Trade	320.2	<b>312.6</b>	7.0	<b>-7.6</b>	-2.3	-0.5	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.7	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	103.5	<b>108.2</b>	4.1	<b>4.7</b>	5.4	4.8	<b>4.5</b>	5.3	4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	114.1	<b>111.6</b>	4.0	<b>-2.5</b>	-0.4	-4.1	<b>-2.2</b>	-0.4	-3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	163.0	<b>161.4</b>	5.0	<b>-1.6</b>	1.5	-0.1	<b>-1.0</b>	0.9	-0.1
Business, building and other support services	63.2	<b>62.2</b>	4.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.1	-7.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.7	-10.1
Educational services	136.2	<b>122.8</b>	4.5	<b>-13.4</b>	-15.8	2.1	<b>-9.8</b>	-11.4	1.7
Health care and social assistance	183.8	<b>190.3</b>	4.8	<b>6.5</b>	4.9	-0.6	<b>3.5</b>	2.6	-0.3
Information, culture and recreation	73.3	<b>77.8</b>	3.6	<b>4.5</b>	1.2	2.5	<b>6.1</b>	1.6	3.3
Accommodation and food services	122.0	<b>124.7</b>	4.6	<b>2.7</b>	15.5	18.0	<b>2.2</b>	14.2	16.9
Other services	87.2	<b>92.5</b>	3.8	<b>5.3</b>	5.0	2.6	<b>6.1</b>	5.7	2.9
Public administration	83.2	<b>85.2</b>	3.5	<b>2.0</b>	4.7	-3.7	<b>2.4</b>	5.8	-4.2

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,676.8	<b>3,681.8</b>	...	<b>5.0</b>	9.6	67.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,415.1	<b>2,424.4</b>	9.8	<b>9.3</b>	-8.1	17.3	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	0.7
Employment	2,267.6	<b>2,262.7</b>	9.9	<b>-4.9</b>	-40.0	-43.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-1.9
Employment full-time	1,771.5	<b>1,769.9</b>	14.0	<b>-1.6</b>	-69.7	-68.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-3.8	-3.7
Unemployment	147.5	<b>161.7</b>	7.2	<b>14.2</b>	32.0	61.0	<b>9.6</b>	24.7	60.6
Participation rate	65.7	<b>65.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	<b>61.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.2	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	<b>21.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	584.0	<b>584.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.4
Labour force	380.4	<b>373.3</b>	5.7	<b>-7.1</b>	-12.5	-27.8	<b>-1.9</b>	-3.2	-6.9
Employment	342.8	<b>330.1</b>	5.7	<b>-12.7</b>	-18.8	-38.9	<b>-3.7</b>	-5.4	-10.5
Unemployment	37.6	<b>43.2</b>	4.4	<b>5.6</b>	6.3	11.1	<b>14.9</b>	17.1	34.6
Participation rate	65.1	<b>63.9</b>	1.0	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.2	-5.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	<b>11.6</b>	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	2.0	3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	<b>56.5</b>	1.0	<b>-2.2</b>	-3.3	-6.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.2	<b>44.5</b>	1.8	<b>-1.7</b>	1.2	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,513.8	<b>1,516.3</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	4.8	32.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,091.0	<b>1,097.7</b>	4.8	<b>6.7</b>	1.7	21.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	2.0
Employment	1,029.2	<b>1,026.7</b>	5.2	<b>-2.5</b>	-20.1	-13.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.9	-1.3
Unemployment	61.8	<b>71.0</b>	3.9	<b>9.2</b>	21.8	34.6	<b>14.9</b>	44.3	95.1
Participation rate	72.1	<b>72.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>6.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	2.0	3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	<b>67.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.6	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.2	<b>9.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,579.1	<b>1,581.5</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	4.7	32.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.1
Labour force	943.7	<b>953.4</b>	5.9	<b>9.7</b>	2.7	23.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	2.5
Employment	895.6	<b>905.9</b>	5.8	<b>10.3</b>	-1.1	8.3	<b>1.2</b>	-0.1	0.9
Unemployment	48.1	<b>47.5</b>	4.2	<b>-0.6</b>	3.9	15.3	<b>-1.2</b>	8.9	47.5
Participation rate	59.8	<b>60.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	<b>57.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.2	<b>27.5</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,267.6	<b>2,262.7</b>	9.9	<b>-4.9</b>	-40.0	-43.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-1.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	460.2	<b>460.3</b>	8.8	<b>0.1</b>	-33.9	-39.5	<b>0.0</b>	-6.9	-7.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	27.6	<b>30.1</b>	2.8	<b>2.5</b>	-0.5	-7.6	<b>9.1</b>	-1.6	-20.2
Utilities	46.6	<b>45.7</b>	3.1	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.8	-0.5	<b>-1.9</b>	-7.7	-1.1
Construction	12.8	<b>10.5</b>	1.6	<b>-2.3</b>	-2.1	-3.9	<b>-18.0</b>	-16.7	-27.1
Manufacturing	203.3	<b>203.8</b>	6.4	<b>0.5</b>	-9.7	-12.2	<b>0.2</b>	-4.5	-5.6
	169.9	<b>170.2</b>	5.9	<b>0.3</b>	-17.8	-15.3	<b>0.2</b>	-9.5	-8.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,807.4	<b>1,802.4</b>	11.5	<b>-5.0</b>	-6.2	-4.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.2
Trade	351.3	<b>350.6</b>	7.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-7.4	-8.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.1	-2.3
Transportation and warehousing	120.8	<b>118.0</b>	5.1	<b>-2.8</b>	-8.2	-10.8	<b>-2.3</b>	-6.5	-8.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	151.2	<b>148.2</b>	5.2	<b>-3.0</b>	-0.8	0.3	<b>-2.0</b>	-0.5	0.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	177.8	<b>173.4</b>	5.6	<b>-4.4</b>	3.4	-1.6	<b>-2.5</b>	2.0	-0.9
Business, building and other support services	95.7	<b>98.2</b>	4.8	<b>2.5</b>	-0.6	-3.9	<b>2.6</b>	-0.6	-3.8
Educational services	157.2	<b>160.6</b>	5.6	<b>3.4</b>	-1.1	3.7	<b>2.2</b>	-0.7	2.4
Health care and social assistance	255.3	<b>259.4</b>	6.2	<b>4.1</b>	9.6	18.5	<b>1.6</b>	3.8	7.7
Information, culture and recreation	121.1	<b>120.5</b>	4.8	<b>-0.6</b>	6.4	-1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	5.6	-0.8
Accommodation and food services	180.6	<b>176.4</b>	6.0	<b>-4.2</b>	-6.6	-1.2	<b>-2.3</b>	-3.6	-0.7
Other services	93.1	<b>96.1</b>	4.5	<b>3.0</b>	0.2	1.6	<b>3.2</b>	0.2	1.7
Public administration	103.4	<b>101.0</b>	4.0	<b>-2.4</b>	-1.2	-1.5	<b>-2.3</b>	-1.2	-1.5

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

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

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	155.9	<b>156.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	3.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.1
Labour force	109.2	<b>109.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	5.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	5.2
Employment	101.4	<b>101.0</b>	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	5.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	5.8
Unemployment	7.8	<b>8.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.0	<b>3.8</b>	2.5	0.0
Participation rate	70.0	<b>69.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	<b>64.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	319.0	<b>319.4</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	227.0	<b>228.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	3.4	9.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	4.2
Employment	214.2	<b>215.1</b>	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	1.9	5.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	2.7
Unemployment	12.8	<b>13.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	3.7	<b>6.2</b>	13.3	37.4
Participation rate	71.2	<b>71.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	<b>67.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	105.1	<b>105.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.9
Labour force	69.9	<b>70.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.6	1.6
Employment	65.4	<b>66.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	1.2	0.2	<b>1.2</b>	1.8	0.3
Unemployment	4.6	<b>4.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.9	<b>-2.2</b>	-2.2	25.0
Participation rate	66.5	<b>67.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	<b>62.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	124.9	<b>124.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	76.5	<b>75.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.9	0.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.2	0.9
Employment	70.0	<b>69.0</b>	0.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	0.8	<b>-1.4</b>	-2.5	1.2
Unemployment	6.5	<b>6.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	-0.1	<b>3.1</b>	13.6	-1.5
Participation rate	61.2	<b>60.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	<b>55.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.5	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	613.6	<b>614.1</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	6.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	415.4	<b>419.3</b>	3.5	<b>3.9</b>	6.3	9.6	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	2.3
Employment	399.9	<b>403.1</b>	3.4	<b>3.2</b>	6.4	13.5	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	3.5
Unemployment	15.6	<b>16.2</b>	1.5	<b>0.6</b>	-0.1	-3.9	<b>3.8</b>	-0.6	-19.4
Participation rate	67.7	<b>68.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	<b>65.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	122.0	<b>122.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.9
Labour force	72.3	<b>72.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	-6.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.9	-7.8
Employment	67.1	<b>66.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.4	-5.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-3.5	-7.4
Unemployment	5.1	<b>5.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	-0.9	<b>13.7</b>	20.8	-13.4
Participation rate	59.3	<b>59.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	-5.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.0	<b>54.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.0	-4.9	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	139.2	<b>139.4</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.2
Labour force	87.8	<b>88.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	-1.0	-1.9	<b>0.2</b>	-1.1	-2.1
Employment	81.9	<b>82.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	-0.6	-2.3	<b>0.6</b>	-0.7	-2.7
Unemployment	5.9	<b>5.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	0.5	<b>-5.1</b>	-6.7	9.8
Participation rate	63.1	<b>63.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	<b>59.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.6	-2.4	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,082.3	<b>3,085.2</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	5.7	33.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,056.1	<b>2,043.7</b>	7.2	<b>-12.4</b>	-16.0	-14.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	-0.7
Employment	1,894.9	<b>1,878.9</b>	7.5	<b>-16.0</b>	-25.7	-31.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.3	-1.6
Unemployment	161.2	<b>164.7</b>	4.5	<b>3.5</b>	9.6	17.0	<b>2.2</b>	6.2	11.5
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.2</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	<b>60.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	969.2	<b>970.3</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	2.1	13.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	703.5	<b>697.1</b>	3.6	<b>-6.4</b>	-11.2	-0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.6	-0.1
Employment	670.5	<b>663.3</b>	3.8	<b>-7.2</b>	-13.0	-1.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.9	-0.3
Unemployment	33.1	<b>33.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.8	1.3	<b>2.1</b>	5.6	4.0
Participation rate	72.6	<b>71.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	<b>4.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	<b>68.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.5	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	245.9	<b>246.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.5
Labour force	175.9	<b>174.6</b>	1.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.0	-4.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.1	-2.4
Employment	166.7	<b>164.8</b>	1.3	<b>-1.9</b>	-4.0	-6.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.4	-3.7
Unemployment	9.1	<b>9.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	2.0	2.0	<b>7.7</b>	25.6	25.6
Participation rate	71.5	<b>70.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.0	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.8	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.8	-3.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	723.3	<b>724.1</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	9.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.3
Labour force	527.7	<b>522.5</b>	3.4	<b>-5.2</b>	-9.2	3.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.7	0.7
Employment	503.8	<b>498.5</b>	3.5	<b>-5.3</b>	-9.0	4.4	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.8	0.9
Unemployment	23.9	<b>24.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.7	<b>0.4</b>	-0.8	-2.8
Participation rate	73.0	<b>72.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	<b>68.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.2	<b>126.2</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	84.2	<b>83.6</b>	0.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5	1.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	1.6
Employment	80.1	<b>79.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	1.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.2	1.9
Unemployment	4.1	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.2	<b>2.4</b>	13.5	-4.5
Participation rate	66.7	<b>66.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>62.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	1.0	...	...	...

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,600.4	<b>4,608.9</b>	...	<b>8.5</b>	16.7	108.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.4
Labour force	3,165.6	<b>3,177.2</b>	8.9	<b>11.6</b>	22.1	71.1	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	2.3
Employment	2,919.2	<b>2,912.3</b>	9.3	<b>-6.9</b>	-13.6	7.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment	246.4	<b>264.9</b>	5.5	<b>18.5</b>	35.7	64.0	<b>7.5</b>	15.6	31.9
Participation rate	68.8	<b>68.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.2</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	599.4	<b>599.7</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	4.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.8
Labour force	397.7	<b>399.6</b>	3.0	<b>1.9</b>	3.5	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	0.3
Employment	365.9	<b>365.9</b>	3.1	<b>0.0</b>	-2.4	-9.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-2.5
Unemployment	31.8	<b>33.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	5.9	10.3	<b>6.0</b>	21.2	44.0
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>8.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	<b>61.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	385.4	<b>385.8</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	5.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	278.8	<b>278.9</b>	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	11.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	4.1
Employment	255.3	<b>253.4</b>	1.9	<b>-1.9</b>	-4.2	-0.9	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.6	-0.4
Unemployment	23.5	<b>25.5</b>	0.9	<b>2.0</b>	3.5	12.0	<b>8.5</b>	15.9	88.9
Participation rate	72.3	<b>72.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>9.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.2	4.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	<b>65.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	387.3	<b>387.6</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.2
Labour force	265.6	<b>265.2</b>	1.9	<b>-0.4</b>	1.4	3.7	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	1.4
Employment	244.8	<b>242.8</b>	2.0	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.7	-1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.7	-0.4
Unemployment	20.7	<b>22.4</b>	0.9	<b>1.7</b>	3.1	4.7	<b>8.2</b>	16.1	26.6
Participation rate	68.6	<b>68.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	<b>62.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	290.9	<b>291.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	5.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.0
Labour force	199.5	<b>197.3</b>	1.4	<b>-2.2</b>	-5.0	0.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.5	0.1
Employment	183.5	<b>181.2</b>	1.4	<b>-2.3</b>	-5.4	-3.4	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.9	-1.8
Unemployment	15.9	<b>16.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	3.5	<b>1.3</b>	1.9	27.8
Participation rate	68.6	<b>67.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.9	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>8.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	<b>62.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.0	-2.4	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	329.8	<b>329.8</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.3
Labour force	213.4	<b>213.0</b>	1.8	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.4
Employment	194.7	<b>192.8</b>	1.7	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.9	-7.2	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.0	-3.6
Unemployment	18.7	<b>20.2</b>	0.7	<b>1.5</b>	1.4	6.3	<b>8.0</b>	7.4	45.3
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>9.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>58.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-2.3	...	...	...

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	134.1	<b>134.1</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	87.3	<b>87.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	2.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	2.6
Employment	82.3	<b>81.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.3	0.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.6	1.1
Unemployment	5.1	<b>6.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	1.4	<b>17.6</b>	22.4	30.4
Participation rate	65.1	<b>65.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>6.9</b>	0.4	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	<b>60.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	103.6	<b>103.5</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	65.0	<b>64.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.8	-3.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-4.9
Employment	60.5	<b>59.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.4	-4.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.3	-7.2
Unemployment	4.5	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.3	<b>8.9</b>	14.0	36.1
Participation rate	62.7	<b>62.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>7.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	<b>57.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.2	-4.1	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	273.1	<b>273.1</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.3
Labour force	175.3	<b>176.6</b>	1.5	<b>1.3</b>	0.7	-0.8	<b>0.7</b>	0.4	-0.5
Employment	156.2	<b>154.2</b>	1.5	<b>-2.0</b>	-3.8	-7.9	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.4	-4.9
Unemployment	19.1	<b>22.3</b>	0.8	<b>3.2</b>	4.5	7.0	<b>16.8</b>	25.3	45.8
Participation rate	64.2	<b>64.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	<b>12.6</b>	0.4	<b>1.7</b>	2.5	4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	<b>56.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.4	-3.0	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	587.7	<b>588.4</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	8.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	415.6	<b>417.1</b>	1.3	<b>1.5</b>	3.3	4.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.1
Employment	396.8	<b>397.2</b>	1.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.3	2.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.6
Unemployment	18.8	<b>19.8</b>	0.7	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	2.1	<b>5.3</b>	5.3	11.9
Participation rate	70.7	<b>70.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.5	<b>67.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	169.7	<b>170.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	4.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.8
Labour force	121.3	<b>121.9</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	5.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	4.7
Employment	117.4	<b>117.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	5.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	5.1
Unemployment	3.9	<b>4.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.1	-0.2	<b>15.4</b>	2.3	-4.3
Participation rate	71.5	<b>71.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	<b>3.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	<b>69.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	199.9	<b>200.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	6.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	3.4
Labour force	147.3	<b>148.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.3</b>	2.2	6.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	4.3
Employment	141.1	<b>141.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	1.4	4.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	3.0
Unemployment	6.2	<b>6.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	2.0	<b>9.7</b>	15.3	41.7
Participation rate	73.7	<b>74.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	<b>70.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...

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	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	957.1	<b>959.4</b>	...	<b>2.3</b>	4.6	22.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.4
Labour force	745.5	<b>746.3</b>	3.2	<b>0.8</b>	1.9	36.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	5.1
Employment	715.3	<b>711.0</b>	3.2	<b>-4.3</b>	-4.4	20.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	3.0
Unemployment	30.2	<b>35.3</b>	1.5	<b>5.1</b>	6.3	15.6	<b>16.9</b>	21.7	79.2
Participation rate	77.9	<b>77.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.7	<b>74.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	891.9	<b>893.8</b>	...	<b>1.9</b>	3.8	18.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.1
Labour force	651.5	<b>652.7</b>	3.3	<b>1.2</b>	-0.3	7.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	1.1
Employment	626.6	<b>624.0</b>	3.4	<b>-2.6</b>	-5.4	2.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	0.4
Unemployment	24.9	<b>28.6</b>	1.3	<b>3.7</b>	4.9	4.8	<b>14.9</b>	20.7	20.2
Participation rate	73.0	<b>73.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	<b>69.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	134.7	<b>134.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.6
Labour force	93.4	<b>93.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	4.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	4.8
Employment	88.0	<b>87.8</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	2.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	3.1
Unemployment	5.4	<b>5.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	1.7	<b>7.4</b>	13.7	41.5
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	<b>65.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,962.8	<b>1,966.0</b>	...	<b>3.2</b>	6.2	44.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	2.3
Labour force	1,294.1	<b>1,295.6</b>	4.8	<b>1.5</b>	-3.4	-2.0	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.2
Employment	1,228.8	<b>1,224.7</b>	4.9	<b>-4.1</b>	-12.4	-24.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.0	-2.0
Unemployment	65.4	<b>71.0</b>	2.3	<b>5.6</b>	9.1	22.5	<b>8.6</b>	14.7	46.4
Participation rate	65.9	<b>65.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-2.7	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	287.5	<b>287.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.9
Labour force	195.6	<b>195.2</b>	1.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.9	0.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	0.0
Employment	187.8	<b>185.9</b>	1.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-3.8	-2.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.0	-1.4
Unemployment	7.8	<b>9.2</b>	0.5	<b>1.4</b>	1.9	2.6	<b>17.9</b>	26.0	39.4
Participation rate	68.0	<b>67.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	<b>4.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	<b>64.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Table 282-0090.

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

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,085.0	<b>3,088.4</b>	...	<b>3.4</b>	6.3	34.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1
Labour force	2,044.0	<b>2,031.6</b>	15.0	<b>-12.4</b>	-23.7	-34.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-1.7
Employment	1,872.0	<b>1,864.5</b>	15.2	<b>-7.5</b>	-35.7	-47.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.9	-2.5
Unemployment	172.1	<b>167.1</b>	10.8	<b>-5.0</b>	12.1	13.0	<b>-2.9</b>	7.8	8.4
Participation rate	66.3	<b>65.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	<b>60.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,608.7	<b>4,618.1</b>	...	<b>9.4</b>	18.2	109.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.4
Labour force	3,180.2	<b>3,181.8</b>	19.2	<b>1.6</b>	12.1	58.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.9
Employment	2,909.6	<b>2,894.8</b>	19.8	<b>-14.8</b>	-37.7	-31.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.3	-1.1
Unemployment	270.6	<b>287.0</b>	13.5	<b>16.4</b>	49.8	89.7	<b>6.1</b>	21.0	45.5
Participation rate	69.0	<b>68.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>9.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	<b>62.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.1	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,966.0	<b>1,969.5</b>	...	<b>3.5</b>	6.9	44.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	2.3
Labour force	1,287.8	<b>1,302.5</b>	9.9	<b>14.7</b>	6.0	8.7	<b>1.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Employment	1,216.6	<b>1,228.1</b>	9.9	<b>11.5</b>	-1.2	-19.3	<b>0.9</b>	-0.1	-1.5
Unemployment	71.2	<b>74.5</b>	5.8	<b>3.3</b>	7.3	28.1	<b>4.6</b>	10.9	60.6
Participation rate	65.5	<b>66.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>62.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-0.2	-2.4	...	...	...

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Table 282-0091.

**Table 6-1**  
**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2008 and February 2009**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2008	26,748.7	17,890.6	16,817.0	1,073.6	66.9	6.0	62.9
2009	27,129.4	18,082.0	16,729.9	1,352.1	66.7	7.5	61.7
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2008	424.9	242.8	209.1	33.7	57.1	13.9	49.2
2009	427.8	242.3	202.8	39.4	56.6	16.3	47.4
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2008	210.8	130.2	115.9	14.4	61.8	11.1	55.0
2009	214.0	132.9	118.5	14.4	62.1	10.8	55.4
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2008	32.7	15.6	12.8	2.7	47.7	17.3	39.1
2009	32.2	16.3	12.3	4.0	50.6	24.5	38.2
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2008	87.7	48.9	40.8	8.1	55.8	16.6	46.5
2009	88.0	46.6	36.1	10.6	53.0	22.7	41.0
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2008	93.7	48.1	39.6	8.5	51.3	17.7	42.3
2009	93.6	46.4	35.9	10.5	49.6	22.6	38.4
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2008	113.8	75.2	65.7	9.5	66.1	12.6	57.7
2009	115.3	76.0	64.5	11.5	65.9	15.1	55.9
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2008	766.2	477.7	440.0	37.7	62.3	7.9	57.4
2009	771.0	488.6	444.3	44.3	63.4	9.1	57.6
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2008	115.9	64.0	54.8	9.2	55.2	14.4	47.3
2009	115.3	61.4	51.8	9.7	53.3	15.8	44.9
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2008	131.1	76.6	68.7	7.9	58.4	10.3	52.4
2009	131.4	76.9	68.9	8.0	58.5	10.4	52.4
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2008	100.7	59.8	53.5	6.3	59.4	10.5	53.1
2009	101.4	63.0	56.5	6.5	62.1	10.3	55.7
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2008	103.6	60.9	56.2	4.8	58.8	7.9	54.2
2009	103.5	60.9	54.1	6.8	58.8	11.2	52.3
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2008	314.9	216.5	206.9	9.6	68.8	4.4	65.7
2009	319.4	226.4	213.0	13.4	70.9	5.9	66.7
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2008	615.7	388.4	354.8	33.6	63.1	8.7	57.6
2009	620.0	391.5	355.0	36.5	63.1	9.3	57.3
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2008	135.8	77.4	65.2	12.2	57.0	15.8	48.0
2009	135.4	71.4	58.5	12.9	52.7	18.1	43.2
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2008	164.5	107.6	99.6	8.0	65.4	7.4	60.5
2009	166.9	111.6	103.5	8.0	66.9	7.2	62.0
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2008	142.5	94.3	88.7	5.6	66.2	5.9	62.2
2009	143.4	95.0	89.1	5.9	66.2	6.2	62.1

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2008 and February 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2008	104.7	68.2	64.3	3.8	65.1	5.6	61.4
2009	106.0	70.0	65.0	4.9	66.0	7.0	61.3
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2008	68.2	41.0	37.0	4.0	60.1	9.8	54.3
2009	68.2	43.5	38.8	4.7	63.8	10.8	56.9
<b>Quebec</b>							
2008	6,344.8	4,125.5	3,815.8	309.7	65.0	7.5	60.1
2009	6,405.4	4,130.3	3,782.6	347.7	64.5	8.4	59.1
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2008	80.8	37.4	30.2	7.3	46.3	19.5	37.4
2009	80.8	38.3	30.5	7.8	47.4	20.4	37.7
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2008	167.5	96.1	87.6	8.4	57.4	8.7	52.3
2009	167.5	104.9	93.3	11.6	62.6	11.1	55.7
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2008	565.9	368.1	348.5	19.6	65.0	5.3	61.6
2009	570.6	373.9	354.5	19.5	65.5	5.2	62.1
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2008	328.7	217.3	202.8	14.5	66.1	6.7	61.7
2009	330.9	215.8	200.1	15.7	65.2	7.3	60.5
Estrie [2430]							
2008	250.0	156.8	147.7	9.1	62.7	5.8	59.1
2009	252.3	162.5	147.9	14.6	64.4	9.0	58.6
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2008	185.9	125.4	115.4	10.0	67.5	8.0	62.1
2009	187.3	125.4	114.4	11.1	67.0	8.9	61.1
Montérégie [2435]							
2008	1,134.0	740.9	694.0	46.9	65.3	6.3	61.2
2009	1,152.6	771.9	716.2	55.8	67.0	7.2	62.1
Montréal [2440]							
2008	1,592.1	1,035.0	937.9	97.1	65.0	9.4	58.9
2009	1,593.5	1,018.5	920.4	98.1	63.9	9.6	57.8
Laval [2445]							
2008	311.7	215.8	201.2	14.6	69.2	6.8	64.5
2009	316.6	211.3	193.5	17.8	66.7	8.4	61.1
Lanaudière [2450]							
2008	358.6	244.4	224.6	19.8	68.2	8.1	62.6
2009	369.0	238.2	220.7	17.6	64.6	7.4	59.8
Laurentides [2455]							
2008	430.8	298.2	279.9	18.2	69.2	6.1	65.0
2009	440.6	288.8	263.0	25.9	65.5	9.0	59.7
Outaouais [2460]							
2008	292.8	204.5	194.2	10.3	69.8	5.0	66.3
2009	297.1	202.6	188.9	13.7	68.2	6.8	63.6
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2008	115.6	71.1	65.8	5.3	61.5	7.5	56.9
2009	116.1	75.5	68.4	7.1	65.0	9.4	58.9
Mauricie [2470]							
2008	217.8	125.5	115.3	10.3	57.6	8.2	52.9
2009	218.6	120.6	111.0	9.6	55.2	8.0	50.8

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Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2008 and February 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2008	223.3	135.3	123.2	12.1	60.6	8.9	55.2
2009	223.0	131.7	117.4	14.3	59.1	10.9	52.6
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2008	89.2	53.8	47.5	6.4	60.3	11.9	53.3
2009	88.8	50.3	42.8	7.6	56.6	15.1	48.2
<b>Ontario</b>							
2008	10,438.1	7,015.4	6,585.2	430.2	67.2	6.1	63.1
2009	10,592.4	7,082.4	6,520.6	561.8	66.9	7.9	61.6
Ottawa [3510]							
2008	989.0	696.9	665.7	31.3	70.5	4.5	67.3
2009	999.7	696.2	661.1	35.1	69.6	5.0	66.1
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2008	359.6	226.1	209.4	16.7	62.9	7.4	58.2
2009	360.8	231.1	215.4	15.7	64.1	6.8	59.7
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2008	310.4	188.3	172.4	15.9	60.7	8.4	55.5
2009	312.2	182.1	171.2	10.9	58.3	6.0	54.8
Toronto [3530]							
2008	4,748.0	3,238.3	3,037.9	200.4	68.2	6.2	64.0
2009	4,857.9	3,299.1	3,031.3	267.8	67.9	8.1	62.4
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2008	977.2	689.9	654.2	35.7	70.6	5.2	66.9
2009	992.1	703.9	645.9	58.0	71.0	8.2	65.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2008	1,138.0	745.2	697.7	47.6	65.5	6.4	61.3
2009	1,147.6	748.3	681.5	66.8	65.2	8.9	59.4
London [3560]							
2008	513.2	350.9	328.3	22.7	68.4	6.5	64.0
2009	518.6	347.6	317.1	30.5	67.0	8.8	61.1
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2008	525.6	341.2	314.1	27.0	64.9	7.9	59.8
2009	526.9	336.2	297.6	38.7	63.8	11.5	56.5
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2008	247.7	158.2	151.1	7.1	63.9	4.5	61.0
2009	248.5	159.5	148.4	11.0	64.2	6.9	59.7
Northeast [3590]							
2008	454.0	270.7	252.8	17.9	59.6	6.6	55.7
2009	454.7	267.9	249.9	17.9	58.9	6.7	55.0
Northwest [3595]							
2008	175.4	109.7	101.8	7.9	62.5	7.2	58.0
2009	173.5	110.5	101.1	9.4	63.7	8.5	58.3
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2008	904.2	619.9	593.6	26.3	68.6	4.2	65.6
2009	915.7	630.4	600.1	30.3	68.8	4.8	65.5
Southeast [4610]							
2008	77.6	51.6	48.7	2.9	66.5	5.6	62.8
2009	79.8	53.1	50.3	2.7	66.5	5.1	63.0
South Central [4620]							
2008	43.5	29.2	28.3	0.9	67.1	3.1	65.1
2009	44.5	29.2	27.6	1.6	65.6	5.5	62.0

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2008 and February 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2008	82.5	53.9	52.3	1.6	65.3	3.0	63.4
2009	82.8	60.0	57.7	2.3	72.5	3.8	69.7
North Central [4640]							
2008	35.7	24.3	23.1	1.3	68.1	5.3	64.7
2009	36.0	23.8	23.1	0.6	66.1	2.5	64.2
Winnipeg [4650]							
2008	535.7	376.2	359.9	16.3	70.2	4.3	67.2
2009	542.6	380.9	362.4	18.5	70.2	4.9	66.8
Interlake [4660]							
2008	70.3	45.5	43.7	1.9	64.7	4.2	62.2
2009	71.3	46.1	43.7	2.4	64.7	5.2	61.3
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2008	58.9	39.1	37.6	1.5	66.4	3.8	63.8
2009	58.7	37.4	35.3	2.1	63.7	5.6	60.1
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2008	759.5	520.2	498.3	21.9	68.5	4.2	65.6
2009	774.8	539.0	514.3	24.7	69.6	4.6	66.4
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2008	223.8	156.9	151.3	5.6	70.1	3.6	67.6
2009	229.1	161.8	155.6	6.2	70.6	3.8	67.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2008	83.2	54.2	51.9	2.3	65.1	4.2	62.4
2009	84.0	54.8	53.0	1.8	65.2	3.3	63.1
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2008	236.7	167.9	162.2	5.7	70.9	3.4	68.5
2009	243.3	176.3	168.7	7.6	72.5	4.3	69.3
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2008	64.3	42.7	40.9	1.8	66.4	4.2	63.6
2009	64.7	40.8	38.6	2.2	63.1	5.4	59.7
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2008	151.5	98.5	92.1	6.4	65.0	6.5	60.8
2009	153.7	105.3	98.4	6.9	68.5	6.6	64.0
<b>Alberta</b>							
2008	2,772.8	2,045.5	1,975.5	70.0	73.8	3.4	71.2
2009	2,830.0	2,098.5	1,994.4	104.1	74.2	5.0	70.5
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2008	208.1	142.6	136.0	6.7	68.5	4.7	65.4
2009	210.5	140.3	133.7	6.6	66.7	4.7	63.5
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2008	155.4	113.8	110.8	3.0	73.2	2.6	71.3
2009	155.6	113.9	110.2	3.7	73.2	3.2	70.8
Calgary [4830]							
2008	1,010.2	756.3	734.1	22.2	74.9	2.9	72.7
2009	1,035.7	792.8	752.8	40.1	76.5	5.1	72.7
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2008	68.2	53.1	51.6	1.5	77.9	2.8	75.7
2009	69.0	55.1	52.3	2.8	79.9	5.1	75.8
Red Deer [4850]							
2008	144.5	107.2	103.5	3.7	74.2	3.5	71.6
2009	148.5	114.2	107.2	7.1	76.9	6.2	72.2

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2008 and February 2009**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2008	909.5	663.8	639.5	24.2	73.0	3.6	70.3
2009	928.4	669.9	637.0	32.9	72.2	4.9	68.6
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2008	184.9	135.8	129.4	6.4	73.4	4.7	70.0
2009	188.5	141.0	133.3	7.7	74.8	5.5	70.7
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2008	92.1	73.0	70.6	2.3	79.3	3.2	76.7
2009	93.8	71.3	68.1	3.3	76.0	4.6	72.6
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2008	3,608.8	2,379.9	2,278.9	101.0	65.9	4.2	63.1
2009	3,677.0	2,402.9	2,251.1	151.8	65.3	6.3	61.2
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2008	628.6	397.9	378.0	19.9	63.3	5.0	60.1
2009	636.8	408.5	384.4	24.1	64.1	5.9	60.4
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2008	2,187.3	1,464.8	1,411.1	53.7	67.0	3.7	64.5
2009	2,237.0	1,468.0	1,381.8	86.2	65.6	5.9	61.8
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2008	427.3	267.9	253.6	14.2	62.7	5.3	59.3
2009	434.9	277.0	255.3	21.7	63.7	7.8	58.7
Kootenay [5940]							
2008	122.5	75.1	71.8	3.3	61.3	4.4	58.6
2009	123.1	77.6	70.8	6.8	63.0	8.8	57.5
Cariboo [5950]							
2008	125.6	91.8	86.5	5.3	73.1	5.8	68.9
2009	127.0	85.5	78.8	6.7	67.3	7.8	62.0
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2008	65.8	45.3	42.1	3.3	68.8	7.3	64.0
2009	65.4	45.0	40.5	4.4	68.8	9.8	61.9
Northeast [5980]							
2008	51.7	37.0	35.8	x	71.6	x	69.2
2009	52.9	41.4	39.5	1.9	78.3	4.6	74.7

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

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

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

**Table 6-2**  
**Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2008 and February 2009**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Yukon</b> <sup>1</sup>							
2008	23.5	17.6	16.7	1.0	74.9	5.7	71.1
2009	24.1	17.4	16.2	1.2	72.2	6.9	67.2
<b>Northwest Territories</b> <sup>2</sup>							
2008	31.0	23.3	21.8	1.5	75.2	6.4	70.3
2009	31.4	22.2	21.5	0.7	70.7	3.2	68.5
<b>Nunavut - 10 largest communities</b> <sup>3</sup>							
2008	14.3	10.0	9.0	1.0	69.8	10.2	62.7
2009	14.1	8.8	8.1	0.7	62.1	8.0	57.2

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 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 has been administered in Nunavut, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals. The 10 largest communities are Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake, Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Kugluktuk, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Igloolik.

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

**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		dollars		thousands		dollars	thousands		dollars
<b>February 2009</b>										
15 years and over	13,955.5	34.9	797.78	21.97	11,222.9	39.3	926.34	2,732.7	16.9	269.82
15 to 24 years	2,249.7	26.1	360.98	12.67	1,074.0	38.9	587.57	1,175.7	14.4	154.00
25 years and over	11,705.8	36.6	881.73	23.75	10,148.9	39.3	962.19	1,556.9	18.7	357.28
Men	6,861.2	37.4	922.34	23.92	5,997.1	40.5	1,021.31	864.1	16.0	235.44
Women	7,094.4	32.5	677.32	20.07	5,225.8	37.9	817.35	1,868.6	17.3	285.72
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,444.8	35.4	899.81	25.08	3,754.0	38.4	990.38	690.8	18.8	407.67
No union coverage	9,510.8	34.6	750.10	20.51	7,468.9	39.7	894.15	2,041.9	16.2	223.18
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,457.9	35.8	831.05	22.47	10,444.6	39.3	936.10	2,013.3	17.7	286.05
Temporary	1,497.7	27.3	521.09	17.76	778.3	39.1	795.32	719.4	14.5	224.40
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,034.5	39.7	1,327.00	33.46	998.5	40.4	1,358.21	35.9	18.7	459.19
Business, finance and administrative	2,776.8	35.3	757.99	20.94	2,372.7	38.3	837.64	404.1	17.6	290.31
Natural and applied sciences	1,029.0	38.3	1,171.91	30.57	994.9	39.0	1,196.41	34.1	18.3	456.28
Health	906.1	33.1	851.21	25.59	671.1	37.7	971.65	235.0	19.9	507.21
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,378.1	33.6	943.43	27.83	1,089.0	37.9	1,077.72	289.2	17.1	437.72
Art, culture, recreation and sport	327.2	30.4	689.53	21.38	220.8	38.9	910.70	106.3	12.9	230.11
Sales and service	3,610.2	29.8	471.53	14.62	2,186.1	38.5	658.35	1,424.1	16.3	184.72
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,919.6	39.7	883.95	22.02	1,789.6	41.3	926.97	130.0	17.8	291.82
Occupations unique to primary industry	210.3	41.8	879.14	20.28	177.5	47.0	1,007.22	32.7	13.7	184.78
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	763.9	38.7	745.04	18.99	722.6	39.9	772.82	41.3	18.7	259.35
<b>February 2008</b>										
15 years and over	14,213.5	35.1	770.29	21.14	11,506.7	39.4	889.80	2,706.9	16.9	262.23
15 to 24 years	2,369.8	26.5	346.54	12.05	1,168.2	38.8	550.32	1,201.6	14.6	148.44
25 years and over	11,843.7	36.8	855.07	22.96	10,338.5	39.4	928.16	1,505.2	18.8	353.07
Men	7,088.3	37.7	893.26	23.05	6,257.4	40.6	981.59	830.8	16.1	228.02
Women	7,125.3	32.5	647.95	19.24	5,249.3	37.9	780.38	1,876.0	17.3	277.38
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,490.1	35.7	877.75	24.26	3,837.3	38.6	960.41	652.8	18.7	391.89
No union coverage	9,723.4	34.8	720.66	19.70	7,669.4	39.7	854.47	2,054.1	16.4	221.03
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,676.2	36.0	801.75	21.62	10,675.2	39.4	899.45	2,001.0	17.9	280.51
Temporary	1,537.4	27.8	510.85	17.16	831.5	39.3	765.89	705.9	14.3	210.43
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,016.6	39.7	1,292.07	32.64	980.5	40.4	1,321.14	36.0	20.1	500.87
Business, finance and administrative	2,837.1	35.0	722.34	20.19	2,389.3	38.2	801.17	447.8	18.2	301.75
Natural and applied sciences	1,054.8	38.5	1,147.75	29.72	1,015.7	39.2	1,175.62	39.1	18.2	423.30
Health	863.4	33.6	825.18	24.49	663.2	37.8	924.73	200.2	19.8	495.47
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,362.7	33.8	922.89	27.15	1,080.9	38.2	1,051.03	281.8	17.0	431.45
Art, culture, recreation and sport	356.6	29.8	691.14	21.24	239.6	38.9	942.21	117.0	11.2	177.06
Sales and service	3,634.0	30.0	453.38	13.99	2,232.1	38.5	624.56	1,401.9	16.5	180.82
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,019.1	40.2	850.58	20.98	1,901.3	41.6	887.21	117.9	17.4	259.69
Occupations unique to primary industry	208.9	42.1	845.94	19.42	181.8	46.3	944.91	27.1	14.2	180.79
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	860.4	39.1	716.84	18.17	822.3	40.1	738.34	38.1	17.4	252.32

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

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

Region	Effective from March 15, 2009 to April 11, 2009
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	7.4
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	19.9
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	12.2
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.6
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.7
06. Halifax	5.9
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.6
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.2
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.9
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.9
11. Québec	4.0
12. Trois-Rivières	7.8
13. South Central Quebec	6.8
14. Sherbrooke	6.3
15. Montérégie	7.7
16. Montréal	8.2
17. Central Quebec	8.0
18. Northwestern Quebec	11.3
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	12.8
20. Gatineau	5.6
21. Saguenay	8.8
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	4.7
23. Eastern Ontario	6.9
24. Kingston	5.4
25. Central Ontario	7.4
26. Oshawa	8.0
27. Toronto	8.3
28. Hamilton	8.4
29. St. Catharines	9.5
30. London	8.5
31. Niagara	9.5
32. Windsor	12.1
33. Kitchener	9.1
34. Huron	9.9
35. South Central Ontario	7.5
36. Sudbury	7.0
37. Thunder Bay	7.6
38. Northern Ontario	10.4
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	4.8
40. Southern Manitoba	5.3
41. Northern Manitoba	26.9
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	3.5
43. Saskatoon	4.6
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.3
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.5

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from March 15, 2009 to April 11, 2009
	percent
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	4.8
47. Edmonton	4.6
48. Northern Alberta	8.6
49. Southern Alberta	6.4
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.5
51. Abbotsford	6.1
52. Vancouver	5.6
53. Victoria	5.5
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	7.6
55. Northern British Columbia	9.9
<b>Territories</b>	
56. Yukon 4	25.0
57. Northwest Territories 4	25.0
58. Nunavut 4	25.0

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

2. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml).

3. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml).

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

# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of 53,000 representative households across the country. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals until November 1952. It has been carried out monthly since then. The information generated by the survey has expanded considerably over the years with a major redesign of the survey content in 1976 and again in 1997, and provides a rich and detailed picture of the Canadian labour market.

The sample used in the Labour Force Survey has been designed to represent all persons in the population 15 years of age and over residing in the provinces of Canada, with the exception of the following: persons living on Indian reserves, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions (for example, inmates of penal institutions and patients in hospitals or nursing homes who have resided in the institution for more than six months). Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

## Definitions and explanations

The **labour force** is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- (a) did any work at all
- (b) had a job but were not at work

A person is considered to be **full-time** if his/her usual hours at the main job are 30 or more hours per week. When the number of hours worked at the main job is usually less than 30 hours per week then he/she is considered to be **part-time**.

**Unemployed** persons are those who, during the reference week:

- (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with reference week), and were available for work;
- (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but were on temporary layoff and were available for work;
- (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Persons in the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were neither employed nor unemployed are classified as **not in the labour force**.

The **unemployment rate** represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

The **participation rate** represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **employment rate (formerly the employment/population ratio)** represents the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **part-time rate** represents the number of persons employed part-time expressed as a percentage of the employed. The part-time rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed part-time in that group expressed as a percentage of the employed for that group.

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

## Seasonal adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. The seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

The seasonally adjusted series are revised each year to take into account current data and to generate new forecast factors for the next twelve months. The data are therefore subject to slight revisions in future issues of this publication.

## Sampling variability of estimates

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 53,000 households across Canada. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the estimates are subject to sampling error. While the published estimate is the best available indicator of the real value, changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. The sampling error can be estimated by calculating the standard error for the published estimate or statistic. These standard errors have been included in the publication tables, in order to assist users in interpreting the data.

### Interpretation based on standard error

Two thirds of the time (68%), a change greater than the sampling error indicates a real change. The larger the change compared to the standard error, the better the chance that we are observing a real change, as opposed to a change due to sampling variability. At the 95% level, in order to ensure that change is real, the change in the estimate must be greater than twice the sampling error.

Movements in estimates that are smaller than the sampling error are less likely to reflect a real change and more likely to be due to sampling variability. While the above is true for monthly movements, one can have more confidence in a series of consecutive movements in the same direction, even though some of the monthly movements may be smaller than the sampling error.

### Interpretation based on confidence intervals

Confidence intervals provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates of sample surveys. To illustrate how to calculate the confidence interval, let us say that one month the published estimate for total employment rose by 16,000 to reach 16,500,000. The associated standard error for the movement estimate is 27,200. The standard error used to interpret the movement estimate indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three (68%) that the real value of the movement between the two months falls within the range -11,200 to +43,200 (16,000 + or – one standard error).
- There are approximately nine chances in ten (90%) that the real value of the movement between the two months falls within the range -27,520 to +59,520 (16,000 + or – 1.6 times the standard error).
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty (95%) that the real value of the movement between the two months falls within the range -38,400 to +70,400 (16,000 + or – two standard errors).

For more detailed explanations on sampling variability of estimates, and in particular for information on how to assess the variability of level estimates, consult the Data quality section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey*, (71-543-G) on page 27.

## Documentation

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

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