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## Highlights

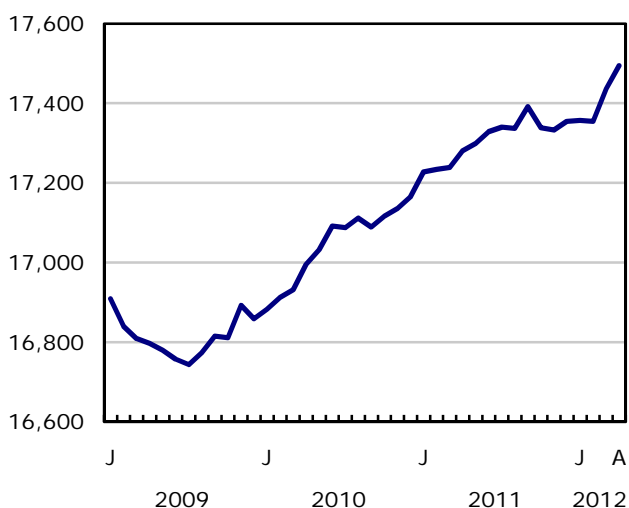
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**Chart 1**  
**Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted**

### Employment

thousands



### Unemployment rate

percent



## Analysis — April 2012

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Compared with 12 months earlier, employment was up 1.2% or 214,000. All of the growth over the 12 months was in full-time work, up 217,000 (+1.6%), while part-time employment was unchanged. The total number of hours worked rose by 1.5% over the same period.

The employment gain in April was primarily in the goods sector, with increases in construction, manufacturing, natural resources and agriculture. Among service industries, education employment increased, while public administration declined.

Employment increased in Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island. There was little change in the other three provinces.

In April, employment rose among people aged 25 to 54 and those aged 55 and over, while there was little change among youths.

Employment increased in April only among private sector employees. Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of private sector employees was up 2.3%, while public sector and self-employment were little changed.

### Employment up in goods-producing industries

In April, construction employment was up 25,000. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in this industry rose 3.5%, with notable growth since January.

Employment in manufacturing increased 24,000 in April, continuing an upward trend that started in December 2011. These recent gains offset declines in previous months, leaving employment in manufacturing little changed from 12 months earlier.

There was an employment gain of 17,000 in educational services. Education employment in April 2012 was similar to that of 12 months earlier.

Natural resources employment continued on an upward trend that started in September 2011, with gains of 11,000 in April. This industry remains the fastest growing of all industries, posting year-over-year employment growth of 12.5%.

Agriculture employment increased by 10,000 in April. Employment in this industry is little changed over the past two years.

Following little change from April 2011 to March 2012, employment in public administration declined by 32,000 in April.

### Gains in most provinces

In Quebec, employment increased for the second consecutive month, up 23,000 in April, and the unemployment rate was 8.0%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province was little changed.

Continuing an upward trend which began in February 2011, employment in British Columbia increased by 20,000 in April. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment growth was 2.1%, the third highest of all provinces. Since the unemployment rate peaked at 8.7% in February 2011, it has gradually declined, reaching 6.2% in April.



Following four months of little change, employment in Alberta increased by 11,000 in April, and the unemployment rate declined 0.4 percentage points to 4.9%. Employment in the province increased by 3.9% over the previous 12 months, the fastest growth of all provinces.

Employment in Saskatchewan increased by 6,800 in April, following three months of little change. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment grew by 2.3%, the second highest growth rate among the provinces.

Employment increased by 4,500 in New Brunswick, but was little changed from 12 months earlier.

Employment also increased in Newfoundland and Labrador, up 3,900 in April. Employment has been on an upward trend since October 2011, after declining over the previous five months. This leaves the number of employed in the province unchanged over the 12-month period.

Employment in Ontario was little changed in April, but with more people searching for work, the unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points to 7.8%. While employment is up compared with 12 months earlier, it is all due to notable gains in March.

### Employment up among people aged 25 and over

Following five months of little change, employment increased by 33,000 among people aged 25 to 54. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment for this age group was up 0.5%, with gains among both men and women.

Employment among those aged 55 and over continued on an upward trend, up 26,000 in April. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment among men and women of this age group increased by 5.5%, partly due to population aging.

Following a gain in March, employment for youths in April was little changed, and their unemployment rate remained at 13.9%. Youth employment has been little changed since July 2009.

### Canada-U.S. comparison

The number of employed as a percentage of the working-age population in Canada, that is the employment rate—when adjusted to U.S. concepts—was markedly lower than that of the United States from the early 1990s until 2002. Since 2002, the adjusted employment rate in Canada has been higher, with the gap between the two countries widening since late 2006.

In April, the employment rate was 62.6% in Canada when adjusted to U.S. concepts. This was 4.2 percentage points higher than the comparable rate of 58.4% in the United States. The gap in the employment rates between the two countries has been around 4 percentage points since June 2010.

From the early 1980s until 2008, the adjusted Canadian unemployment rate was higher than the rate in the United States. However, since that time, the Canadian rate has been lower, with a gap of around 2.5 percentage points since late 2009.

In April, the adjusted unemployment rate in Canada was 6.4%, compared with 8.1% in the United States, for a gap of 1.7 percentage points. The gap has narrowed slightly in recent months, mainly due to a decline in the number of people actively searching for work in the United States.

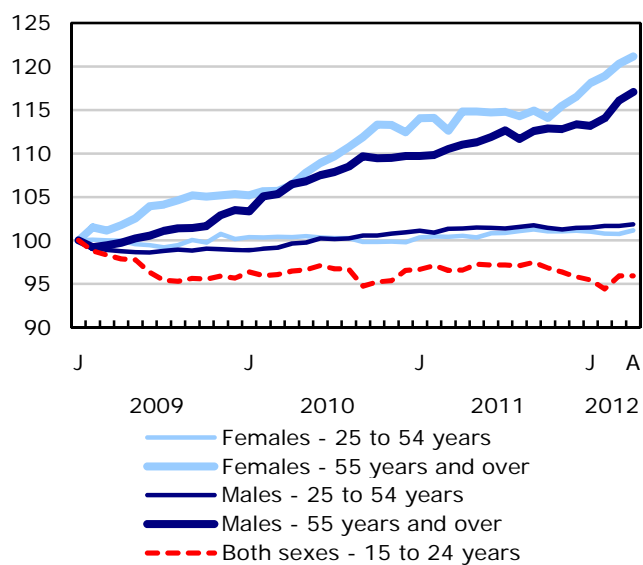
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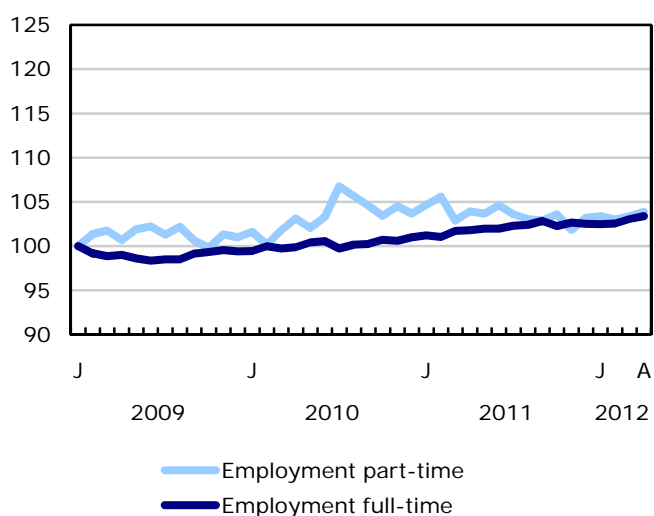
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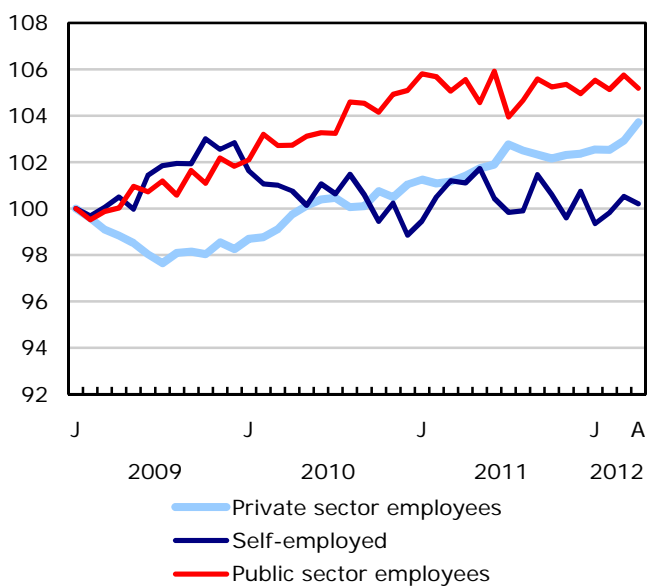
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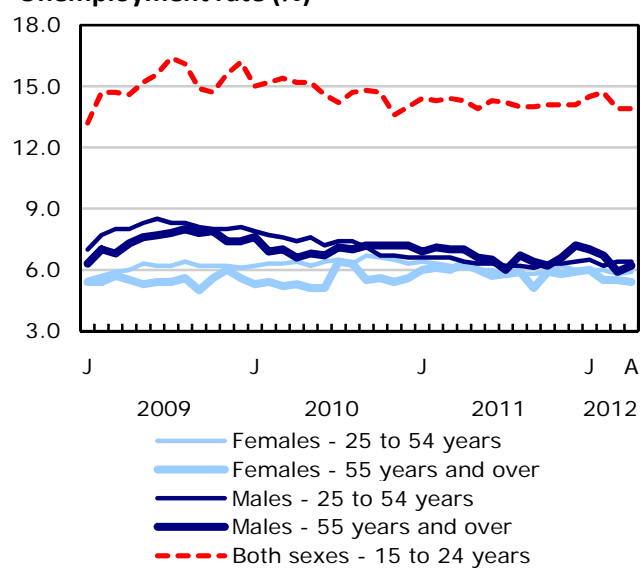


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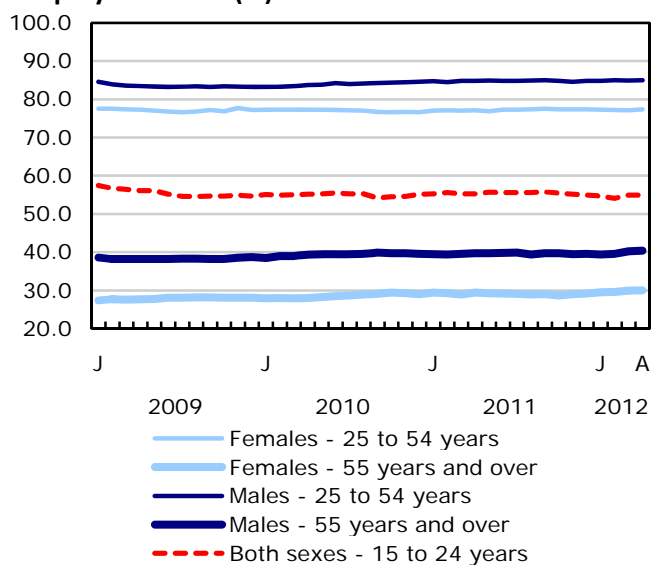


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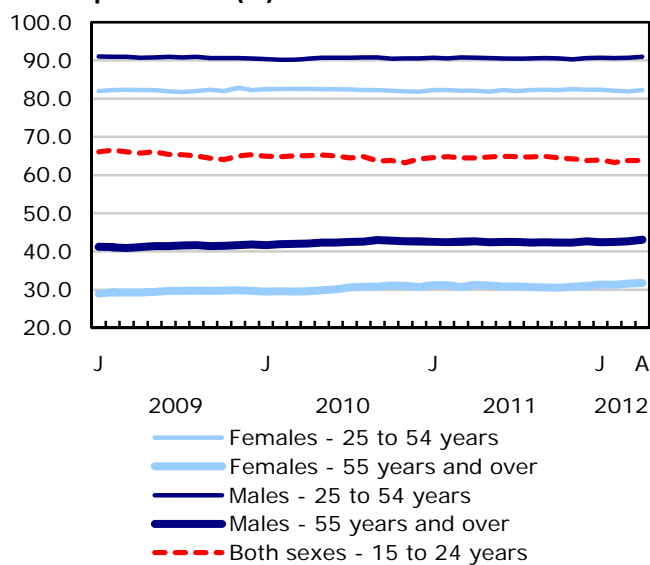
### Unemployment rate (%)



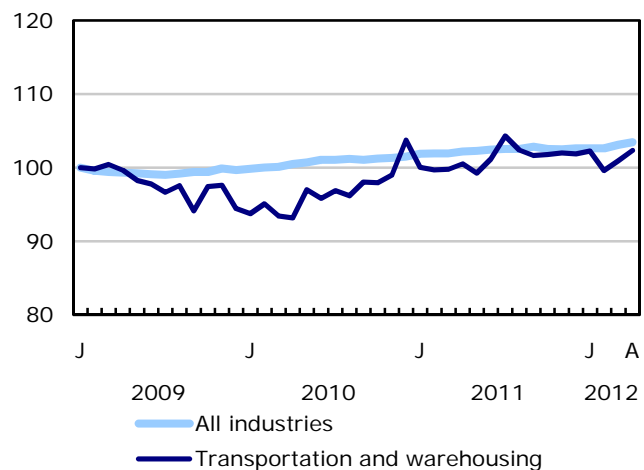
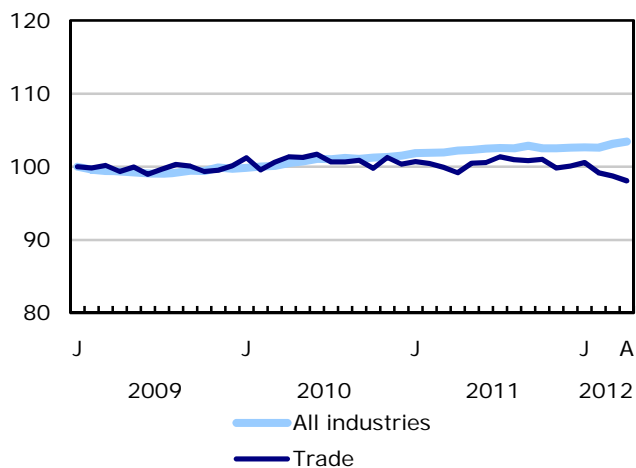
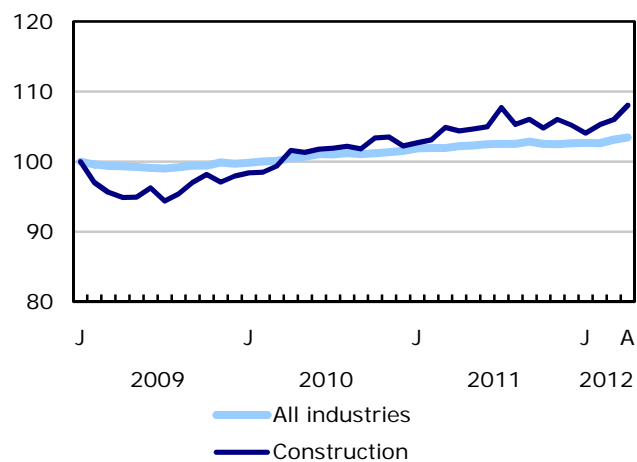
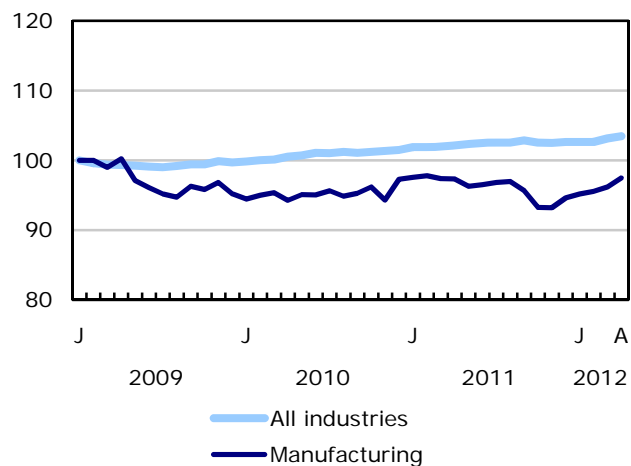
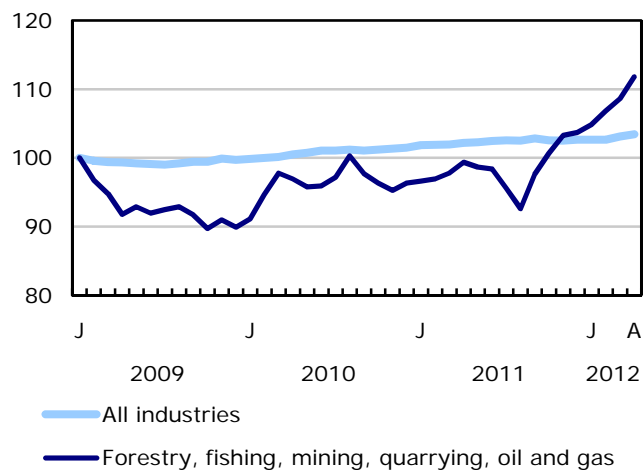
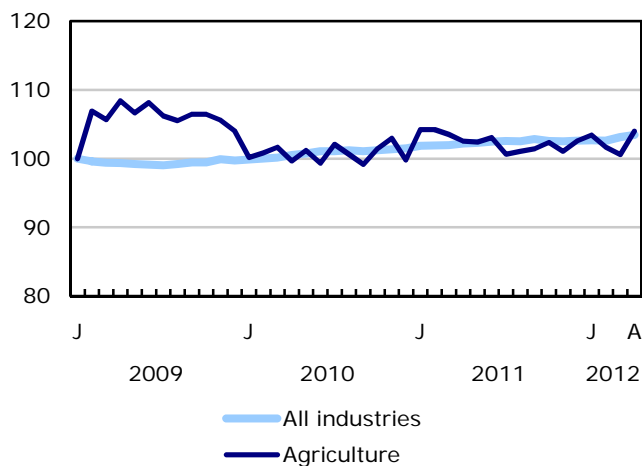
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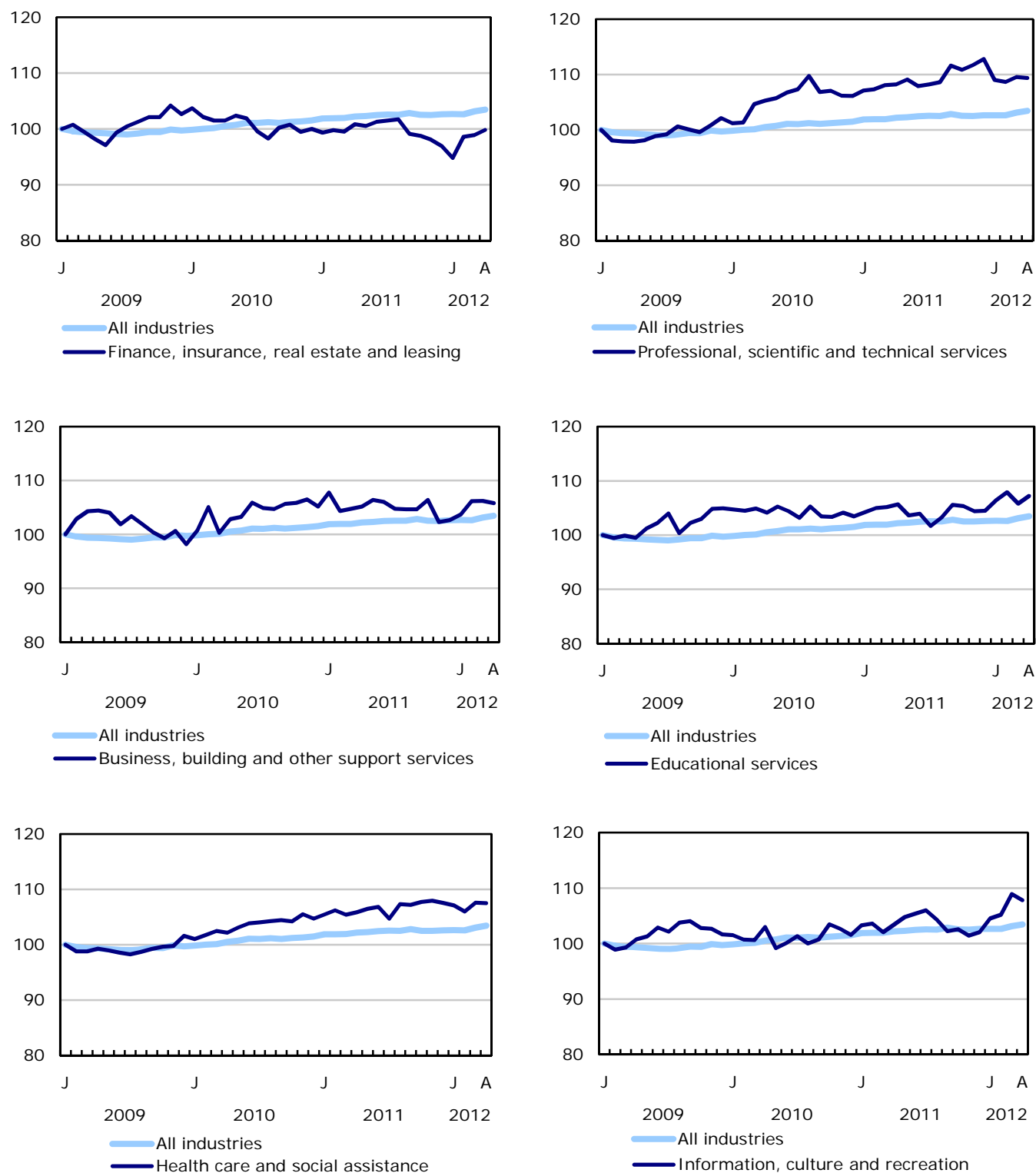
### Participation rate (%)



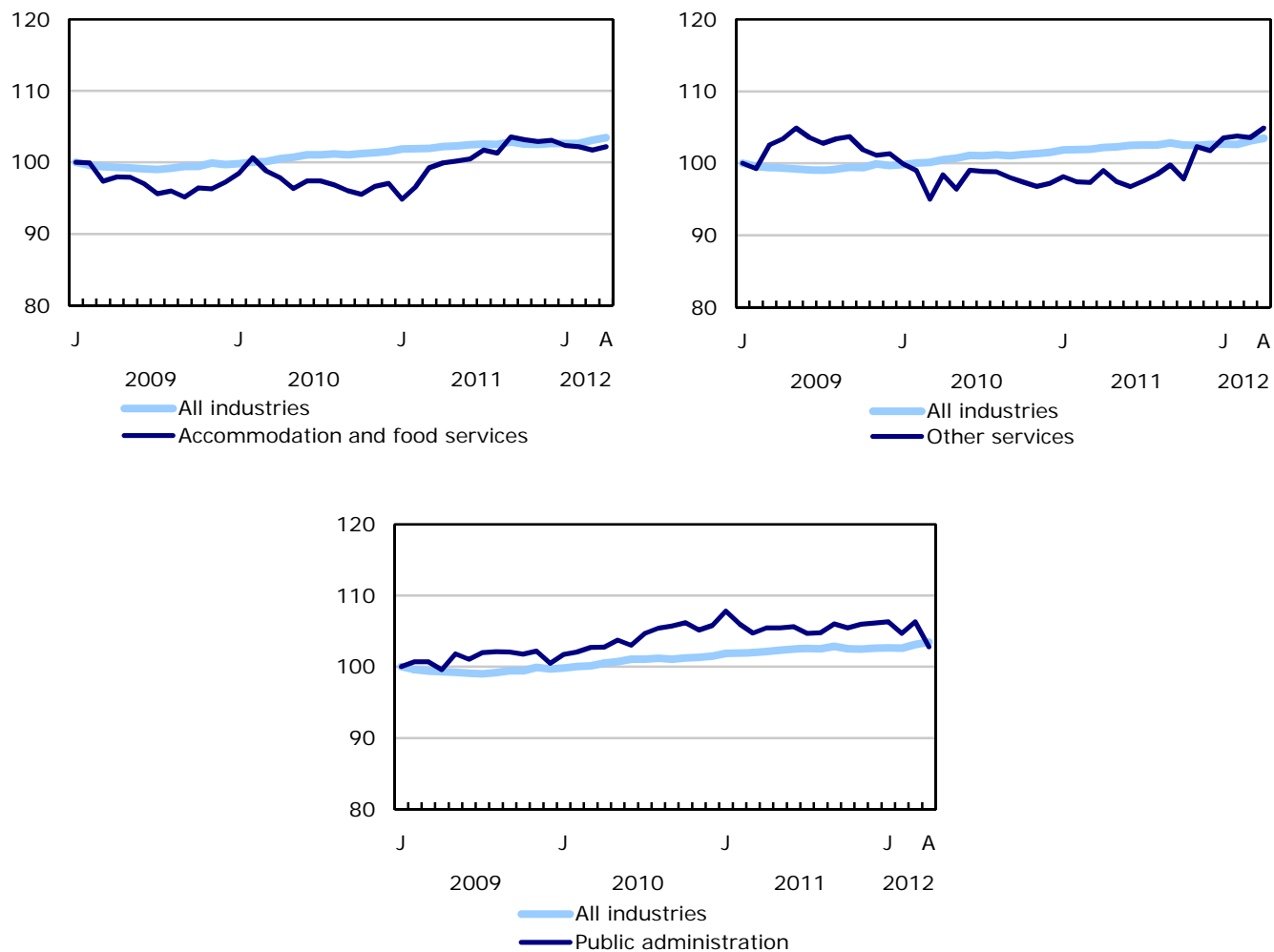
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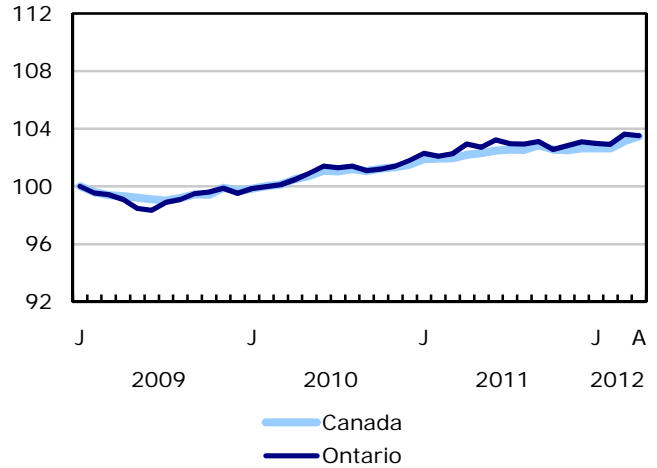
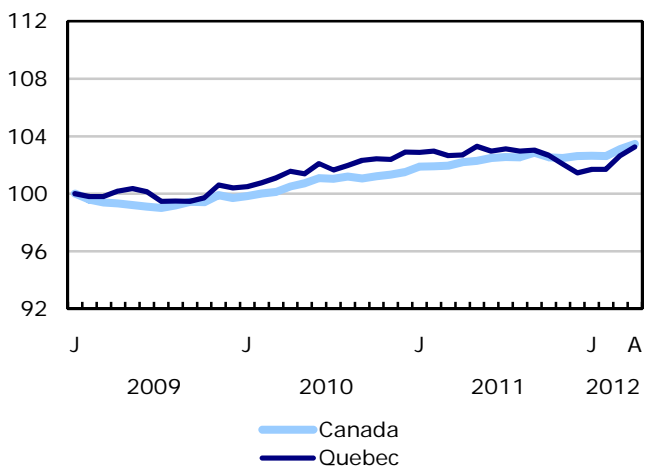
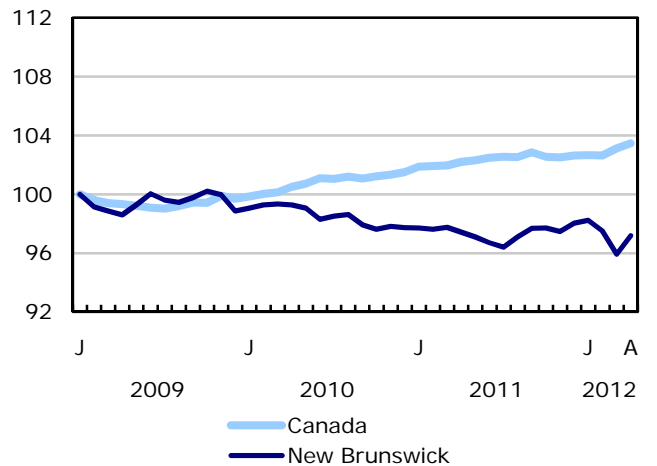
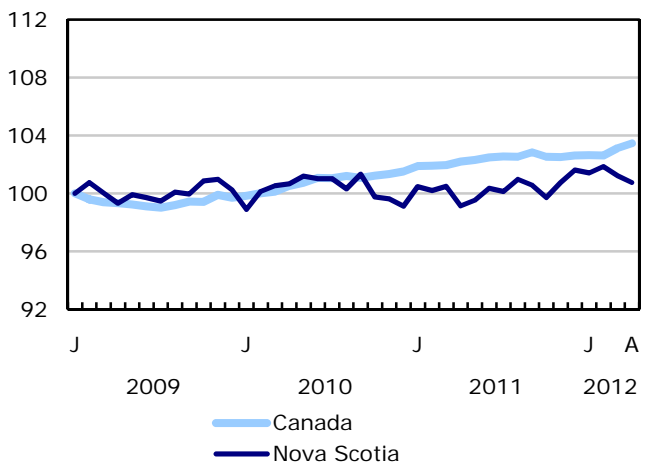
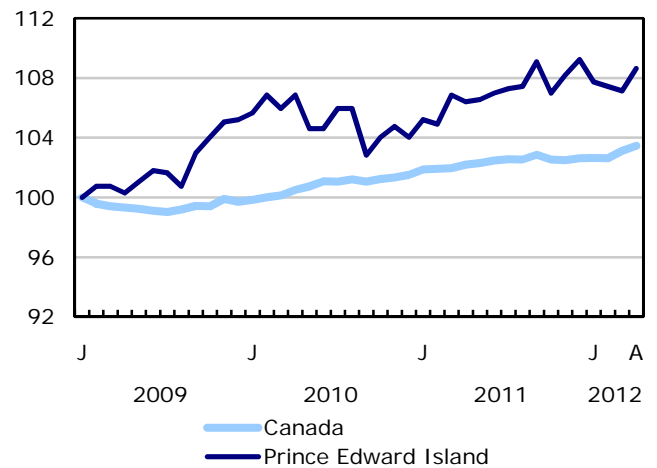
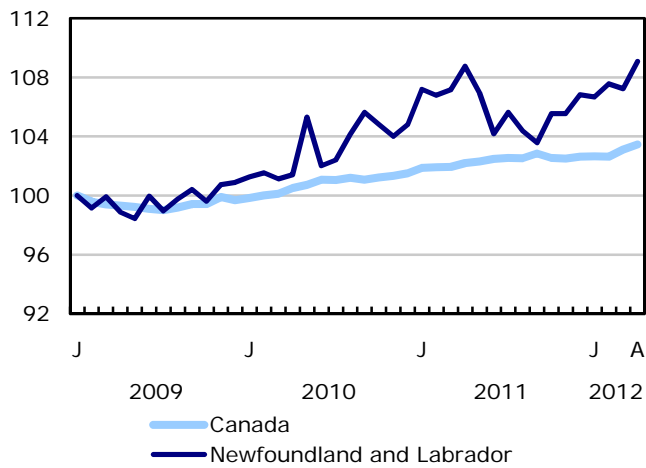
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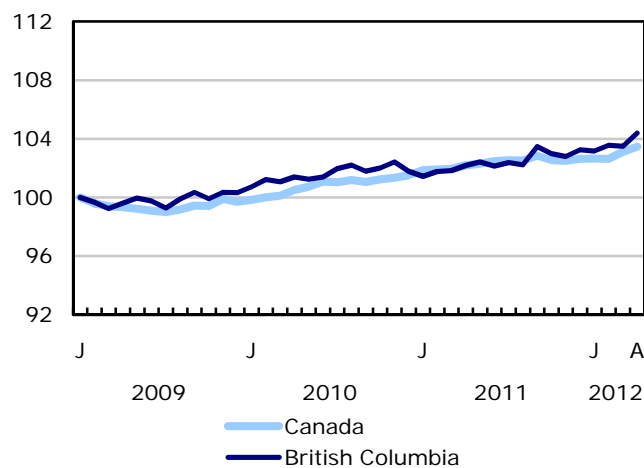
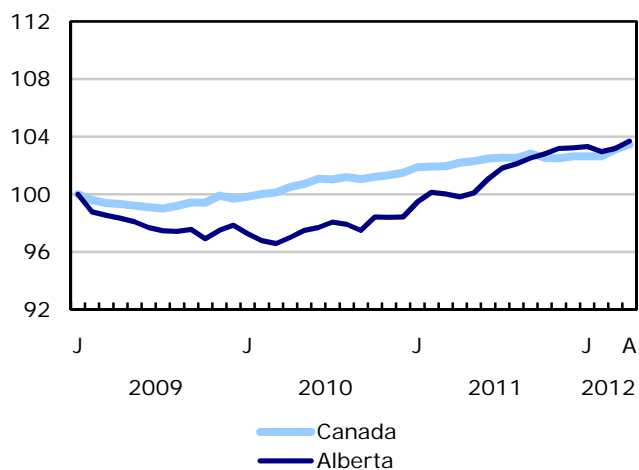
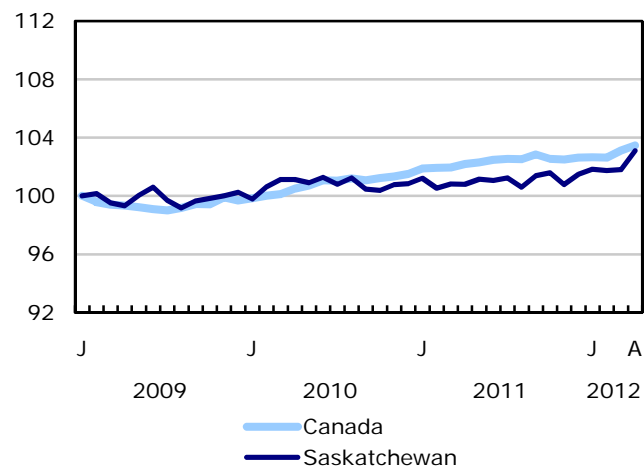
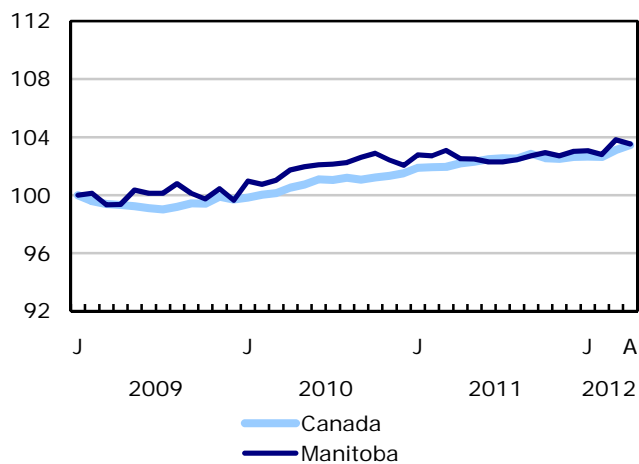
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**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2009=100**



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



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





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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	28,208.1	<b>28,242.0</b>	...	<b>33.9</b>	111.2	327.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	18,792.8	<b>18,865.3</b>	29.1	<b>72.5</b>	110.8	166.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.9
Employment	17,436.5	<b>17,494.7</b>	28.6	<b>58.2</b>	140.0	213.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.2
Employment full-time	14,128.0	<b>14,171.9</b>	37.7	<b>43.9</b>	119.4	217.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.6
Employment part-time	3,308.5	<b>3,322.8</b>	34.7	<b>14.3</b>	20.6	-3.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	-0.1
Unemployment	1,356.2	<b>1,370.6</b>	25.0	<b>14.4</b>	-29.2	-47.6	<b>1.1</b>	-2.1	-3.4
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	<b>61.9</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	<b>19.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,456.7	<b>4,457.2</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Labour force	2,843.3	<b>2,842.2</b>	17.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-3.4	-33.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-1.2
Employment	2,448.3	<b>2,448.0</b>	15.6	<b>-0.3</b>	3.1	-17.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.7
Employment full-time	1,302.0	<b>1,291.7</b>	18.6	<b>-10.3</b>	-11.3	0.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.9	0.1
Employment part-time	1,146.3	<b>1,156.4</b>	19.4	<b>10.1</b>	14.5	-17.9	<b>0.9</b>	1.3	-1.5
Unemployment	395.0	<b>394.2</b>	14.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-6.4	-16.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.6	-3.9
Participation rate	63.8	<b>63.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	<b>13.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	<b>54.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.8	<b>47.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,622.2	<b>11,639.1</b>	...	<b>16.9</b>	55.4	163.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	8,460.2	<b>8,495.0</b>	15.3	<b>34.8</b>	65.7	111.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.3
Employment	7,927.9	<b>7,954.6</b>	16.1	<b>26.7</b>	79.1	120.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	1.5
Employment full-time	7,305.2	<b>7,343.1</b>	21.1	<b>37.9</b>	71.0	135.2	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	1.9
Employment part-time	622.6	<b>611.5</b>	17.1	<b>-11.1</b>	8.1	-14.8	<b>-1.8</b>	1.3	-2.4
Unemployment	532.3	<b>540.3</b>	14.3	<b>8.0</b>	-13.5	-9.4	<b>1.5</b>	-2.4	-1.7
Participation rate	72.8	<b>73.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	<b>68.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	<b>7.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	12,129.2	<b>12,145.7</b>	...	<b>16.5</b>	55.9	164.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,489.3	<b>7,528.1</b>	16.6	<b>38.8</b>	48.5	88.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.2
Employment	7,060.4	<b>7,092.0</b>	16.3	<b>31.6</b>	57.7	110.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.6
Employment full-time	5,520.8	<b>5,537.1</b>	24.4	<b>16.3</b>	59.7	81.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	1.5
Employment part-time	1,539.6	<b>1,554.9</b>	22.7	<b>15.3</b>	-2.0	29.3	<b>1.0</b>	-0.1	1.9
Unemployment	428.9	<b>436.1</b>	13.4	<b>7.2</b>	-9.3	-22.2	<b>1.7</b>	-2.1	-4.8
Participation rate	61.7	<b>62.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	<b>58.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	<b>21.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,549.2	<b>14,555.0</b>	...	<b>5.8</b>	7.8	31.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	12,555.7	<b>12,597.1</b>	22.1	<b>41.4</b>	22.0	50.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.4
Employment	11,788.7	<b>11,821.5</b>	23.1	<b>32.8</b>	24.8	63.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.5
Unemployment	767.0	<b>775.5</b>	18.4	<b>8.5</b>	-2.8	-12.2	<b>1.1</b>	-0.4	-1.5
Participation rate	86.3	<b>86.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.0	<b>81.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,278.0	<b>7,281.2</b>	...	<b>3.2</b>	4.1	16.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	6,603.7	<b>6,616.0</b>	14.3	<b>12.3</b>	25.8	29.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.4
Employment	6,180.7	<b>6,192.2</b>	15.6	<b>11.5</b>	23.0	28.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.5
Unemployment	423.0	<b>423.7</b>	13.0	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.1
Participation rate	90.7	<b>90.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	84.9	<b>85.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,271.2	<b>7,273.8</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	3.7	15.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	5,951.9	<b>5,981.1</b>	16.0	<b>29.2</b>	-3.8	21.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	0.4
Employment	5,608.0	<b>5,629.3</b>	16.1	<b>21.3</b>	1.8	34.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	0.6
Unemployment	344.0	<b>351.8</b>	12.5	<b>7.8</b>	-5.5	-12.6	<b>2.3</b>	-1.5	-3.5
Participation rate	81.9	<b>82.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.1	<b>77.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	9,202.1	<b>9,229.8</b>	...	<b>27.7</b>	103.6	296.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	3.3
Labour force	3,393.8	<b>3,426.0</b>	17.4	<b>32.2</b>	92.1	148.6	<b>0.9</b>	2.8	4.5
Employment	3,199.6	<b>3,225.1</b>	17.2	<b>25.5</b>	112.1	167.9	<b>0.8</b>	3.6	5.5
Unemployment	194.2	<b>200.9</b>	9.6	<b>6.7</b>	-19.9	-19.4	<b>3.5</b>	-9.0	-8.8
Participation rate	36.9	<b>37.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	34.8	<b>34.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	4,344.2	<b>4,357.9</b>	...	<b>13.7</b>	51.3	147.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	3.5
Labour force	1,856.4	<b>1,879.0</b>	11.5	<b>22.6</b>	39.9	81.7	<b>1.2</b>	2.2	4.5
Employment	1,747.1	<b>1,762.4</b>	11.4	<b>15.3</b>	56.1	91.5	<b>0.9</b>	3.3	5.5
Unemployment	109.3	<b>116.6</b>	7.0	<b>7.3</b>	-16.2	-9.7	<b>6.7</b>	-12.2	-7.7
Participation rate	42.7	<b>43.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.2	<b>40.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,858.0	<b>4,871.9</b>	...	<b>13.9</b>	52.2	149.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	3.2
Labour force	1,537.4	<b>1,547.0</b>	11.9	<b>9.6</b>	52.2	66.9	<b>0.6</b>	3.5	4.5
Employment	1,452.5	<b>1,462.7</b>	11.8	<b>10.2</b>	56.0	76.5	<b>0.7</b>	4.0	5.5
Unemployment	84.9	<b>84.3</b>	6.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.7	-9.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-4.2	-10.2
Participation rate	31.6	<b>31.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	29.9	<b>30.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	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**

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	14,767.5	<b>14,834.1</b>	34.6	<b>66.6</b>	154.3	237.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	1.6
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,669.0	<b>2,660.6</b>	24.7	<b>-8.4</b>	-14.3	-24.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.9
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,582.4	<b>3,563.2</b>	24.0	<b>-19.2</b>	7.9	-12.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	-0.3
Private sector employees	11,185.1	<b>11,270.9</b>	36.2	<b>85.8</b>	146.4	250.3	<b>0.8</b>	1.3	2.3
<b>Industry</b>	17,436.5	<b>17,494.7</b>	28.6	<b>58.2</b>	140.0	213.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,845.9	<b>3,915.9</b>	24.8	<b>70.0</b>	122.0	91.9	<b>1.8</b>	3.2	2.4
Agriculture	300.3	<b>310.5</b>	6.8	<b>10.2</b>	4.2	4.3	<b>3.4</b>	1.4	1.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>3</sup>	372.1	<b>383.1</b>	7.0	<b>11.0</b>	27.8	42.7	<b>3.0</b>	7.8	12.5
Utilities	137.4	<b>137.7</b>	4.9	<b>0.3</b>	3.9	-1.4	<b>0.2</b>	2.9	-1.0
Construction	1,273.9	<b>1,298.5</b>	16.1	<b>24.6</b>	33.6	43.6	<b>1.9</b>	2.7	3.5
Manufacturing	1,762.3	<b>1,786.1</b>	18.6	<b>23.8</b>	52.5	2.6	<b>1.4</b>	3.0	0.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,590.6	<b>13,578.8</b>	32.9	<b>-11.8</b>	18.0	121.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.9
Trade	2,625.9	<b>2,607.5</b>	22.6	<b>-18.4</b>	-54.6	-29.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.1	-1.1
Transportation and warehousing	841.5	<b>853.5</b>	13.4	<b>12.0</b>	4.0	15.1	<b>1.4</b>	0.5	1.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,073.6	<b>1,083.8</b>	15.1	<b>10.2</b>	31.5	-10.9	<b>1.0</b>	3.0	-1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,313.7	<b>1,311.3</b>	17.3	<b>-2.4</b>	-41.0	13.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-3.0	1.0
Business, building and other support services	683.9	<b>681.2</b>	13.5	<b>-2.7</b>	20.2	3.9	<b>-0.4</b>	3.1	0.6
Educational services	1,235.3	<b>1,252.1</b>	15.3	<b>16.8</b>	31.8	18.3	<b>1.4</b>	2.6	1.5
Health care and social assistance	2,112.1	<b>2,110.4</b>	18.1	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.4	31.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	1.5
Information, culture and recreation	824.8	<b>816.3</b>	14.2	<b>-8.5</b>	43.7	33.6	<b>-1.0</b>	5.7	4.3
Accommodation and food services	1,105.7	<b>1,110.8</b>	15.9	<b>5.1</b>	-9.5	24.9	<b>0.5</b>	-0.8	2.3
Other services	796.7	<b>806.9</b>	12.5	<b>10.2</b>	24.2	45.6	<b>1.3</b>	3.1	6.0
Public administration	977.4	<b>945.0</b>	12.3	<b>-32.4</b>	-30.9	-24.3	<b>-3.3</b>	-3.2	-2.5

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

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

3. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	428.5	<b>428.0</b>	...	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	262.3	<b>264.5</b>	2.0	<b>2.2</b>	4.0	3.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	1.5
Employment	228.1	<b>232.0</b>	2.1	<b>3.9</b>	4.8	0.7	<b>1.7</b>	2.1	0.3
Employment full-time	196.6	<b>201.9</b>	2.4	<b>5.3</b>	6.5	4.1	<b>2.7</b>	3.3	2.1
Employment part-time	31.5	<b>30.1</b>	1.9	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.7	-3.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-5.3	-10.1
Unemployment	34.2	<b>32.5</b>	2.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.7	3.1	<b>-5.0</b>	-2.1	10.5
Participation rate	61.2	<b>61.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	<b>12.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.2	<b>54.2</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	120.3	<b>120.5</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.4
Labour force	81.1	<b>82.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	-0.8	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	-1.0	1.7
Employment	72.0	<b>73.0</b>	0.7	<b>1.0</b>	-0.4	1.5	<b>1.4</b>	-0.5	2.1
Employment full-time	58.8	<b>60.0</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	-1.5	0.7	<b>2.0</b>	-2.4	1.2
Employment part-time	13.2	<b>12.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	0.7	<b>-2.3</b>	8.4	5.7
Unemployment	9.2	<b>9.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>-2.2</b>	-3.2	-1.1
Participation rate	67.4	<b>68.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	-1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	<b>11.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	<b>60.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	779.9	<b>780.0</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1
Labour force	498.0	<b>499.2</b>	2.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.9	7.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.4
Employment	456.6	<b>454.5</b>	2.8	<b>-2.1</b>	-3.9	7.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	1.6
Employment full-time	368.9	<b>369.9</b>	3.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.4	11.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	3.2
Employment part-time	87.7	<b>84.6</b>	3.1	<b>-3.1</b>	-4.3	-3.9	<b>-3.5</b>	-4.8	-4.4
Unemployment	41.4	<b>44.7</b>	2.5	<b>3.3</b>	5.8	-0.2	<b>8.0</b>	14.9	-0.4
Participation rate	63.9	<b>64.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>9.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	<b>58.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	0.9	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	620.4	<b>620.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	386.5	<b>389.4</b>	2.3	<b>2.9</b>	-1.7	-1.8	<b>0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.5
Employment	346.9	<b>351.4</b>	2.4	<b>4.5</b>	-3.1	-0.9	<b>1.3</b>	-0.9	-0.3
Employment full-time	293.8	<b>298.2</b>	2.8	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	3.4	<b>1.5</b>	0.1	1.2
Employment part-time	53.1	<b>53.2</b>	2.3	<b>0.1</b>	-3.4	-4.3	<b>0.2</b>	-6.0	-7.5
Unemployment	39.6	<b>38.0</b>	2.1	<b>-1.6</b>	1.4	-0.9	<b>-4.0</b>	3.8	-2.3
Participation rate	62.3	<b>62.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	<b>9.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	<b>56.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,618.4	<b>6,624.1</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	18.9	62.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	4,289.7	<b>4,319.0</b>	15.0	<b>29.3</b>	42.2	30.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	0.7
Employment	3,952.1	<b>3,975.4</b>	15.1	<b>23.3</b>	69.4	20.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	0.5
Employment full-time	3,204.2	<b>3,195.2</b>	19.7	<b>-9.0</b>	29.9	-3.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.9	-0.1
Employment part-time	747.9	<b>780.2</b>	18.2	<b>32.3</b>	39.5	24.1	<b>4.3</b>	5.3	3.2
Unemployment	337.5	<b>343.6</b>	13.3	<b>6.1</b>	-27.2	9.4	<b>1.8</b>	-7.3	2.8
Participation rate	64.8	<b>65.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>8.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	<b>60.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	11,027.1	<b>11,041.9</b>	...	<b>14.8</b>	50.4	147.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,329.6	<b>7,354.8</b>	20.2	<b>25.2</b>	36.7	33.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	0.5
Employment	6,788.2	<b>6,780.5</b>	19.2	<b>-7.7</b>	27.0	37.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.6
Employment full-time	5,484.2	<b>5,507.3</b>	25.4	<b>23.1</b>	51.1	43.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	0.8
Employment part-time	1,304.0	<b>1,273.2</b>	23.2	<b>-30.8</b>	-24.1	-6.0	<b>-2.4</b>	-1.9	-0.5
Unemployment	541.5	<b>574.3</b>	17.2	<b>32.8</b>	9.7	-4.2	<b>6.1</b>	1.7	-0.7
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>61.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	960.6	<b>961.7</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	3.7	11.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	666.7	<b>664.7</b>	2.7	<b>-2.0</b>	2.2	6.8	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	1.0
Employment	631.4	<b>629.6</b>	2.6	<b>-1.8</b>	3.1	6.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	1.0
Employment full-time	508.9	<b>507.5</b>	3.7	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.6	3.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.7
Employment part-time	122.5	<b>122.0</b>	3.5	<b>-0.5</b>	3.5	2.6	<b>-0.4</b>	3.0	2.2
Unemployment	35.2	<b>35.1</b>	2.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.5	2.0
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>65.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	806.6	<b>807.7</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	3.4	10.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.3
Labour force	556.4	<b>564.0</b>	2.5	<b>7.6</b>	6.8	12.2	<b>1.4</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment	529.7	<b>536.5</b>	2.5	<b>6.8</b>	8.5	12.1	<b>1.3</b>	1.6	2.3
Employment full-time	438.2	<b>444.4</b>	3.3	<b>6.2</b>	9.1	16.9	<b>1.4</b>	2.1	4.0
Employment part-time	91.5	<b>92.0</b>	3.0	<b>0.5</b>	-0.6	-4.8	<b>0.5</b>	-0.6	-5.0
Unemployment	26.6	<b>27.6</b>	1.9	<b>1.0</b>	-1.6	0.2	<b>3.8</b>	-5.5	0.7
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>66.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	3,042.4	<b>3,050.5</b>	...	<b>8.1</b>	21.7	56.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.9
Labour force	2,250.6	<b>2,254.6</b>	8.7	<b>4.0</b>	11.8	62.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.9
Employment	2,132.3	<b>2,143.0</b>	9.0	<b>10.7</b>	9.8	79.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	3.9
Employment full-time	1,783.0	<b>1,779.2</b>	11.9	<b>-3.8</b>	2.1	67.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	3.9
Employment part-time	349.3	<b>363.8</b>	10.6	<b>14.5</b>	7.8	12.3	<b>4.2</b>	2.2	3.5
Unemployment	118.2	<b>111.6</b>	7.0	<b>-6.6</b>	1.9	-17.4	<b>-5.6</b>	1.7	-13.5
Participation rate	74.0	<b>73.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	1.4	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,803.9	<b>3,807.2</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	12.4	36.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,471.8	<b>2,473.1</b>	10.5	<b>1.3</b>	7.6	10.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.4
Employment	2,299.1	<b>2,318.8</b>	10.3	<b>19.7</b>	24.9	48.7	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	2.1
Employment full-time	1,791.4	<b>1,808.1</b>	14.1	<b>16.7</b>	22.0	69.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.2	4.0
Employment part-time	507.7	<b>510.7</b>	13.5	<b>3.0</b>	2.9	-20.7	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	-3.9
Unemployment	172.7	<b>154.3</b>	8.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-17.3	-38.2	<b>-10.7</b>	-10.1	-19.8
Participation rate	65.0	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>60.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...

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**

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	428.5	<b>428.0</b>	...	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.6	-1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	262.3	<b>264.5</b>	2.0	<b>2.2</b>	4.0	3.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	1.5
Employment	228.1	<b>232.0</b>	2.1	<b>3.9</b>	4.8	0.7	<b>1.7</b>	2.1	0.3
Employment full-time	196.6	<b>201.9</b>	2.4	<b>5.3</b>	6.5	4.1	<b>2.7</b>	3.3	2.1
Unemployment	34.2	<b>32.5</b>	2.0	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.7	3.1	<b>-5.0</b>	-2.1	10.5
Participation rate	61.2	<b>61.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	<b>12.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.2	<b>54.2</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.8	<b>13.0</b>	0.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	60.2	<b>59.9</b>	...	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-1.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	-2.3
Labour force	36.6	<b>36.7</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	2.5	2.5
Employment	29.5	<b>29.3</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.2	<b>-0.7</b>	0.0	-0.7
Unemployment	7.1	<b>7.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	1.1	<b>4.2</b>	13.8	17.5
Participation rate	60.8	<b>61.3</b>	1.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.9	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	19.4	<b>20.2</b>	2.6	<b>0.8</b>	2.0	2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.0	<b>48.9</b>	1.7	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.4	<b>39.6</b>	3.7	<b>-2.8</b>	-5.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	177.9	<b>177.7</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	117.8	<b>119.3</b>	1.2	<b>1.5</b>	1.7	1.6	<b>1.3</b>	1.4	1.4
Employment	101.4	<b>104.4</b>	1.3	<b>3.0</b>	2.5	0.8	<b>3.0</b>	2.5	0.8
Unemployment	16.4	<b>14.9</b>	1.3	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.8	0.8	<b>-9.1</b>	-5.1	5.7
Participation rate	66.2	<b>67.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	<b>12.5</b>	1.1	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	<b>58.8</b>	0.7	<b>1.8</b>	1.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	<b>4.2</b>	0.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	190.5	<b>190.3</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	107.9	<b>108.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	1.2	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	1.1
Employment	97.2	<b>98.3</b>	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	2.2	0.0	<b>1.1</b>	2.3	0.0
Unemployment	10.7	<b>10.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	1.2	<b>-4.7</b>	-7.3	13.3
Participation rate	56.6	<b>57.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	<b>9.4</b>	0.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.0	<b>51.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.7	<b>14.3</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	1.1	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	228.1	<b>232.0</b>	2.1	<b>3.9</b>	4.8	0.7	<b>1.7</b>	2.1	0.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	49.6	<b>53.5</b>	1.6	<b>3.9</b>	2.5	0.7	<b>7.9</b>	4.9	1.3
Agriculture	0.9	<b>1.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	-0.3	<b>88.9</b>	41.7	-15.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	14.4	<b>14.1</b>	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-3.6	<b>-2.1</b>	-6.0	-20.3
Utilities	2.8	<b>2.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.1	<b>-10.7</b>	0.0	4.2
Construction	20.7	<b>20.7</b>	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	2.0	<b>0.0</b>	2.0	10.7
Manufacturing	10.8	<b>14.5</b>	0.9	<b>3.7</b>	2.5	2.5	<b>34.3</b>	20.8	20.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	178.5	<b>178.5</b>	2.0	<b>0.0</b>	2.2	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	-0.1
Trade	36.3	<b>36.5</b>	1.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	-3.3	<b>0.6</b>	-2.4	-8.3
Transportation and warehousing	10.3	<b>10.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	-0.6	<b>0.0</b>	2.0	-5.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.7	<b>8.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-5.4	17.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	10.2	<b>9.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	1.7	<b>-2.9</b>	7.6	20.7
Business, building and other support services	6.3	<b>6.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	1.1	<b>7.9</b>	13.3	19.3
Educational services	18.0	<b>17.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	-1.4	<b>-1.1</b>	1.1	-7.3
Health care and social assistance	35.0	<b>36.6</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	2.3	0.3	<b>4.6</b>	6.7	0.8
Information, culture and recreation	7.8	<b>6.8</b>	0.7	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.4	-1.3	<b>-12.8</b>	-5.6	-16.0
Accommodation and food services	14.3	<b>14.2</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	2.3	<b>-0.7</b>	7.6	19.3
Other services	11.7	<b>11.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	-4.1	5.4
Public administration	19.9	<b>19.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.7	-1.0	<b>-4.5</b>	-3.6	-5.0

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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



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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	120.3	120.5	...	0.2	0.7	1.7	0.2	0.6	1.4
Labour force	81.1	82.0	0.6	0.9	-0.8	1.4	1.1	-1.0	1.7
Employment	72.0	73.0	0.7	1.0	-0.4	1.5	1.4	-0.5	2.1
Employment full-time	58.8	60.0	0.8	1.2	-1.5	0.7	2.0	-2.4	1.2
Unemployment	9.2	9.0	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-2.2	-3.2	-1.1
Participation rate	67.4	68.0	0.5	0.6	-1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.6	0.6	0.7	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	17.7	1.0	-0.7	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.0	20.1	...	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.5
Labour force	13.6	13.8	0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.1	1.5	-2.8	0.7
Employment	11.2	11.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.2	-0.3	-0.9	-9.8	-2.6
Unemployment	2.3	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4	17.4	42.1	17.4
Participation rate	68.0	68.7	1.9	0.7	-2.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.9	19.6	2.4	2.7	6.2	2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.0	55.2	2.0	-0.8	-6.6	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.1	43.2	3.3	-5.9	3.4	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.4	48.4	...	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	1.3
Labour force	34.7	34.9	0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.6	-0.6	0.9
Employment	30.9	31.7	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.9	2.6	2.9	2.9
Unemployment	3.9	3.2	0.4	-0.7	-1.2	-0.7	-17.9	-27.3	-17.9
Participation rate	71.7	72.1	0.7	0.4	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	9.2	1.1	-2.0	-3.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	65.5	0.8	1.7	1.6	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	7.6	1.0	-0.5	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	51.9	52.0	...	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.6	1.6
Labour force	32.8	33.3	0.3	0.5	-0.2	1.1	1.5	-0.6	3.4
Employment	29.9	30.2	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.9	1.0	-0.7	3.1
Unemployment	3.0	3.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.3	0.0	6.9
Participation rate	63.2	64.0	0.6	0.8	-0.8	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.3	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	58.1	0.7	0.5	-0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	18.9	1.4	1.5	2.4	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	72.0	73.0	0.7	1.0	-0.4	1.5	1.4	-0.5	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	17.6	17.8	0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.1	1.1	-3.8	0.6
Agriculture	3.7	3.8	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1	2.7	-5.0	2.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	3.5	3.0	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-14.3	-14.3	-3.2
Utilities	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	33.3	0.0	33.3
Construction	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-3.8	-3.8
Manufacturing	5.0	5.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	12.0	5.7	5.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	54.4	55.2	0.7	0.8	0.2	1.5	1.5	0.4	2.8
Trade	9.4	9.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.1	2.1	3.2	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	2.6	2.9	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	11.5	20.8	38.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	3.6	7.4	16.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.3	3.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.0	13.3	3.0
Business, building and other support services	2.5	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	4.0	8.3	4.0
Educational services	5.2	5.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-1.3	-3.8	-10.7	-20.6
Health care and social assistance	9.7	9.9	0.3	0.2	-0.2	1.3	2.1	-2.0	15.1
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	2.5	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-10.7	-10.7
Accommodation and food services	5.6	5.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	-7.1	-10.3	-3.7
Other services	3.1	3.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.6	12.9	29.6	20.7
Public administration	7.7	7.8	0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.3	1.3	-4.9	4.0

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

Table 4-3

## Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	779.9	<b>780.0</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.1
Labour force	498.0	<b>499.2</b>	2.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.9	7.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.4
Employment	456.6	<b>454.5</b>	2.8	<b>-2.1</b>	-3.9	7.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	1.6
Employment full-time	368.9	<b>369.9</b>	3.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.4	11.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	3.2
Unemployment	41.4	<b>44.7</b>	2.5	<b>3.3</b>	5.8	-0.2	<b>8.0</b>	14.9	-0.4
Participation rate	63.9	<b>64.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>9.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	<b>58.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	<b>18.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	118.7	<b>118.5</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-1.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.6
Labour force	76.1	<b>77.1</b>	1.6	<b>1.0</b>	1.8	-1.7	<b>1.3</b>	2.4	-2.2
Employment	62.4	<b>62.0</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.6	-2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-4.0	-4.5
Unemployment	13.7	<b>15.1</b>	1.5	<b>1.4</b>	4.4	1.3	<b>10.2</b>	41.1	9.4
Participation rate	64.1	<b>65.1</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.0	<b>19.6</b>	1.8	<b>1.6</b>	5.4	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	<b>52.3</b>	1.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.3	<b>49.0</b>	2.6	<b>-1.3</b>	-1.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	313.1	<b>313.4</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.5
Labour force	214.0	<b>214.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	2.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	1.1
Employment	198.8	<b>199.0</b>	1.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	4.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	2.2
Unemployment	15.2	<b>15.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	-1.2	-2.0	<b>0.7</b>	-7.3	-11.6
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.2	<b>8.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	1.1	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	348.1	<b>348.1</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	208.0	<b>207.7</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	6.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	3.2
Employment	195.4	<b>193.5</b>	1.6	<b>-1.9</b>	-2.4	6.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.2	3.2
Unemployment	12.5	<b>14.2</b>	1.4	<b>1.7</b>	2.5	0.4	<b>13.6</b>	21.4	2.9
Participation rate	59.8	<b>59.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	<b>55.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	<b>19.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.1	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	456.6	<b>454.5</b>	2.8	<b>-2.1</b>	-3.9	7.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	87.1	<b>84.8</b>	2.1	<b>-2.3</b>	0.2	-0.5	<b>-2.6</b>	0.2	-0.6
Agriculture	5.8	<b>5.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	0.2	<b>-5.2</b>	12.2	3.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	11.8	<b>10.6</b>	0.9	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	-2.0	<b>-10.2</b>	-8.6	-15.9
Utilities	4.4	<b>3.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	0.4	-0.5	<b>-15.9</b>	12.1	-11.9
Construction	30.5	<b>31.6</b>	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	0.0	0.9	<b>3.6</b>	0.0	2.9
Manufacturing	34.6	<b>33.4</b>	1.3	<b>-1.2</b>	0.2	0.9	<b>-3.5</b>	0.6	2.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	369.5	<b>369.7</b>	2.8	<b>0.2</b>	-4.1	7.8	<b>0.1</b>	-1.1	2.2
Trade	71.1	<b>71.8</b>	1.9	<b>0.7</b>	-4.8	-6.5	<b>1.0</b>	-6.3	-8.3
Transportation and warehousing	20.3	<b>20.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	-1.8	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	-8.1	13.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	23.7	<b>25.4</b>	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	2.1	2.8	<b>7.2</b>	9.0	12.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.2	<b>25.0</b>	1.0	<b>1.8</b>	0.8	1.3	<b>7.8</b>	3.3	5.5
Business, building and other support services	19.1	<b>19.9</b>	1.2	<b>0.8</b>	0.1	-0.6	<b>4.2</b>	0.5	-2.9
Educational services	40.0	<b>38.9</b>	1.5	<b>-1.1</b>	0.3	6.4	<b>-2.8</b>	0.8	19.7
Health care and social assistance	71.4	<b>71.8</b>	1.7	<b>0.4</b>	3.3	4.4	<b>0.6</b>	4.8	6.5
Information, culture and recreation	19.0	<b>17.8</b>	1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.8	-1.3	<b>-6.3</b>	-13.6	-6.8
Accommodation and food services	28.4	<b>28.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	-1.5	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	-5.0
Other services	22.8	<b>22.9</b>	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	2.0	3.8	<b>0.4</b>	9.6	19.9
Public administration	30.6	<b>27.3</b>	1.2	<b>-3.3</b>	-3.7	-3.3	<b>-10.8</b>	-11.9	-10.8

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	620.4	<b>620.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	386.5	<b>389.4</b>	2.3	<b>2.9</b>	-1.7	-1.8	<b>0.8</b>	-0.4	-0.5
Employment	346.9	<b>351.4</b>	2.4	<b>4.5</b>	-3.1	-0.9	<b>1.3</b>	-0.9	-0.3
Employment full-time	293.8	<b>298.2</b>	2.8	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	3.4	<b>1.5</b>	0.1	1.2
Unemployment	39.6	<b>38.0</b>	2.1	<b>-1.6</b>	1.4	-0.9	<b>-4.0</b>	3.8	-2.3
Participation rate	62.3	<b>62.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	<b>9.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	<b>56.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.3	<b>15.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	90.7	<b>90.6</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.0
Labour force	57.5	<b>59.1</b>	1.3	<b>1.6</b>	-0.5	1.0	<b>2.8</b>	-0.8	1.7
Employment	47.6	<b>48.8</b>	1.2	<b>1.2</b>	0.4	0.8	<b>2.5</b>	0.8	1.7
Unemployment	9.9	<b>10.4</b>	1.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.8	0.4	<b>5.1</b>	-7.1	4.0
Participation rate	63.4	<b>65.2</b>	1.5	<b>1.8</b>	-0.4	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.2	<b>17.6</b>	1.8	<b>0.4</b>	-1.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.5	<b>53.9</b>	1.3	<b>1.4</b>	0.7	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.7	<b>37.9</b>	2.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-5.5	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	254.1	<b>254.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	170.0	<b>170.4</b>	1.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	-0.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.4
Employment	152.6	<b>153.9</b>	1.4	<b>1.3</b>	-1.2	0.1	<b>0.9</b>	-0.8	0.1
Unemployment	17.4	<b>16.5</b>	1.3	<b>-0.9</b>	1.2	-0.8	<b>-5.2</b>	7.8	-4.6
Participation rate	66.9	<b>67.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	<b>9.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>60.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	<b>5.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	275.6	<b>275.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	158.9	<b>159.9</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	-1.2	-2.1	<b>0.6</b>	-0.7	-1.3
Employment	146.6	<b>148.8</b>	1.3	<b>2.2</b>	-2.2	-1.7	<b>1.5</b>	-1.5	-1.1
Unemployment	12.3	<b>11.1</b>	1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	1.1	-0.4	<b>-9.8</b>	11.0	-3.5
Participation rate	57.7	<b>58.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>6.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.2	<b>54.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	<b>17.6</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	346.9	<b>351.4</b>	2.4	<b>4.5</b>	-3.1	-0.9	<b>1.3</b>	-0.9	-0.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	73.6	<b>76.3</b>	1.9	<b>2.7</b>	-0.6	-5.2	<b>3.7</b>	-0.8	-6.4
Agriculture	3.9	<b>3.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-2.2	<b>-10.3</b>	-7.9	-38.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	11.4	<b>12.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	2.1	1.5	<b>7.0</b>	20.8	14.0
Utilities	4.1	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.7	-0.1	<b>-4.9</b>	-15.2	-2.5
Construction	25.7	<b>26.7</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	-1.4	-1.8	<b>3.9</b>	-5.0	-6.3
Manufacturing	28.5	<b>30.0</b>	1.3	<b>1.5</b>	-0.4	-2.6	<b>5.3</b>	-1.3	-8.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	273.3	<b>275.2</b>	2.4	<b>1.9</b>	-2.4	4.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.9	1.6
Trade	53.0	<b>52.7</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.9	-0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-6.9	-0.9
Transportation and warehousing	16.5	<b>17.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	1.8	0.4	<b>6.7</b>	11.4	2.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	16.1	<b>18.0</b>	0.8	<b>1.9</b>	1.6	0.7	<b>11.8</b>	9.8	4.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.7	<b>14.6</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-2.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-6.4	-15.6
Business, building and other support services	15.7	<b>15.9</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-2.1	<b>1.3</b>	-1.2	-11.7
Educational services	26.8	<b>27.1</b>	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	2.7	5.4
Health care and social assistance	52.4	<b>51.5</b>	1.3	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.1	0.6	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.2	1.2
Information, culture and recreation	11.8	<b>12.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	-0.3	1.0	<b>5.9</b>	-2.3	8.7
Accommodation and food services	22.2	<b>22.1</b>	1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.7	2.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-7.1	13.3
Other services	16.5	<b>16.8</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	2.3	<b>1.8</b>	12.8	15.9
Public administration	27.5	<b>26.4</b>	1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.2	0.6	<b>-4.0</b>	-4.3	2.3

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,618.4	<b>6,624.1</b>	...	<b>5.7</b>	18.9	62.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	4,289.7	<b>4,319.0</b>	15.0	<b>29.3</b>	42.2	30.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	0.7
Employment	3,952.1	<b>3,975.4</b>	15.1	<b>23.3</b>	69.4	20.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	0.5
Employment full-time	3,204.2	<b>3,195.2</b>	19.7	<b>-9.0</b>	29.9	-3.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.9	-0.1
Unemployment	337.5	<b>343.6</b>	13.3	<b>6.1</b>	-27.2	9.4	<b>1.8</b>	-7.3	2.8
Participation rate	64.8	<b>65.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>8.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	<b>60.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	<b>19.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	982.8	<b>982.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	655.7	<b>661.7</b>	8.4	<b>6.0</b>	24.7	-0.9	<b>0.9</b>	3.9	-0.1
Employment	561.5	<b>569.7</b>	8.3	<b>8.2</b>	23.7	-4.7	<b>1.5</b>	4.3	-0.8
Unemployment	94.1	<b>92.1</b>	7.5	<b>-2.0</b>	1.0	3.9	<b>-2.1</b>	1.1	4.4
Participation rate	66.7	<b>67.3</b>	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	2.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	<b>13.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	<b>58.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.9</b>	2.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.7	<b>53.4</b>	1.6	<b>2.8</b>	2.2	3.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,771.3	<b>2,774.2</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	9.6	31.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.2
Labour force	1,922.2	<b>1,938.1</b>	8.2	<b>15.9</b>	2.3	14.6	<b>0.8</b>	0.1	0.8
Employment	1,779.3	<b>1,792.2</b>	8.6	<b>12.9</b>	29.4	6.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.7	0.4
Unemployment	142.9	<b>145.8</b>	7.8	<b>2.9</b>	-27.1	8.1	<b>2.0</b>	-15.7	5.9
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-1.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	<b>64.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.2	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,864.3	<b>2,866.9</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	8.5	28.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	1,711.8	<b>1,719.2</b>	8.4	<b>7.4</b>	15.2	16.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.0
Employment	1,611.3	<b>1,613.5</b>	8.5	<b>2.2</b>	16.3	19.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.2
Unemployment	100.5	<b>105.7</b>	7.2	<b>5.2</b>	-1.1	-2.6	<b>5.2</b>	-1.0	-2.4
Participation rate	59.8	<b>60.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	<b>56.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	<b>20.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	3,952.1	<b>3,975.4</b>	15.1	<b>23.3</b>	69.4	20.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	0.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	827.0	<b>867.3</b>	12.3	<b>40.3</b>	44.1	8.9	<b>4.9</b>	5.4	1.0
Agriculture	52.9	<b>58.5</b>	3.1	<b>5.6</b>	2.9	-2.2	<b>10.6</b>	5.2	-3.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	39.4	<b>37.0</b>	2.5	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.6	5.8	<b>-6.1</b>	-1.6	18.6
Utilities	21.7	<b>23.9</b>	2.3	<b>2.2</b>	-4.2	-7.1	<b>10.1</b>	-14.9	-22.9
Construction	229.6	<b>251.5</b>	7.5	<b>21.9</b>	24.1	14.3	<b>9.5</b>	10.6	6.0
Manufacturing	483.3	<b>496.5</b>	9.8	<b>13.2</b>	22.0	-1.7	<b>2.7</b>	4.6	-0.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	3,125.2	<b>3,108.1</b>	16.7	<b>-17.1</b>	25.3	12.0	<b>-0.5</b>	0.8	0.4
Trade	623.8	<b>614.7</b>	12.2	<b>-9.1</b>	-20.4	-22.4	<b>-1.5</b>	-3.2	-3.5
Transportation and warehousing	186.6	<b>183.4</b>	6.3	<b>-3.2</b>	4.2	10.5	<b>-1.7</b>	2.3	6.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	212.7	<b>209.2</b>	7.0	<b>-3.5</b>	-11.1	-12.3	<b>-1.6</b>	-5.0	-5.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	297.5	<b>298.2</b>	8.6	<b>0.7</b>	-2.4	-3.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	-1.0
Business, building and other support services	147.9	<b>148.7</b>	6.7	<b>0.8</b>	9.9	3.4	<b>0.5</b>	7.1	2.3
Educational services	292.8	<b>298.2</b>	7.8	<b>5.4</b>	17.8	22.6	<b>1.8</b>	6.3	8.2
Health care and social assistance	515.4	<b>505.6</b>	9.4	<b>-9.8</b>	13.7	-9.5	<b>-1.9</b>	2.8	-1.8
Information, culture and recreation	184.2	<b>189.3</b>	7.0	<b>5.1</b>	33.9	21.7	<b>2.8</b>	21.8	12.9
Accommodation and food services	252.9	<b>257.6</b>	8.4	<b>4.7</b>	-1.1	-1.2	<b>1.9</b>	-0.4	-0.5
Other services	175.8	<b>172.6</b>	6.2	<b>-3.2</b>	-12.1	9.5	<b>-1.8</b>	-6.6	5.8
Public administration	235.8	<b>230.6</b>	6.2	<b>-5.2</b>	-7.1	-7.2	<b>-2.2</b>	-3.0	-3.0

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	11,027.1	<b>11,041.9</b>	...	<b>14.8</b>	50.4	147.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,329.6	<b>7,354.8</b>	20.2	<b>25.2</b>	36.7	33.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	0.5
Employment	6,788.2	<b>6,780.5</b>	19.2	<b>-7.7</b>	27.0	37.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.6
Employment full-time	5,484.2	<b>5,507.3</b>	25.4	<b>23.1</b>	51.1	43.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	0.8
Unemployment	541.5	<b>574.3</b>	17.2	<b>32.8</b>	9.7	-4.2	<b>6.1</b>	1.7	-0.7
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>61.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	<b>18.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,787.5	<b>1,788.3</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	2.1	6.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	1,074.0	<b>1,072.6</b>	12.1	<b>-1.4</b>	-2.5	-24.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-2.2
Employment	910.9	<b>897.1</b>	10.5	<b>-13.8</b>	-10.4	-24.7	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.1	-2.7
Unemployment	163.1	<b>175.6</b>	10.3	<b>12.5</b>	7.9	0.1	<b>7.7</b>	4.7	0.1
Participation rate	60.1	<b>60.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	<b>16.4</b>	0.9	<b>1.2</b>	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.0	<b>50.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.4	<b>48.7</b>	1.3	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.5	-4.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,481.2	<b>4,488.3</b>	...	<b>7.1</b>	23.9	69.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.6
Labour force	3,292.2	<b>3,294.8</b>	10.4	<b>2.6</b>	30.8	37.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.1
Employment	3,087.8	<b>3,074.7</b>	10.8	<b>-13.1</b>	9.9	30.0	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	1.0
Unemployment	204.4	<b>220.1</b>	9.7	<b>15.7</b>	20.9	7.0	<b>7.7</b>	10.5	3.3
Participation rate	73.5	<b>73.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	<b>68.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	<b>7.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,758.4	<b>4,765.4</b>	...	<b>7.0</b>	24.5	72.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.5
Labour force	2,963.4	<b>2,987.4</b>	11.5	<b>24.0</b>	8.4	21.0	<b>0.8</b>	0.3	0.7
Employment	2,789.4	<b>2,808.7</b>	11.0	<b>19.3</b>	27.4	32.1	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	1.2
Unemployment	174.0	<b>178.7</b>	9.3	<b>4.7</b>	-19.1	-11.2	<b>2.7</b>	-9.7	-5.9
Participation rate	62.3	<b>62.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	<b>58.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	<b>21.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.8	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	6,788.2	<b>6,780.5</b>	19.2	<b>-7.7</b>	27.0	37.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	0.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	1,453.8	<b>1,448.3</b>	16.8	<b>-5.5</b>	33.4	33.8	<b>-0.4</b>	2.4	2.4
Agriculture	98.3	<b>97.2</b>	4.1	<b>-1.1</b>	4.0	10.5	<b>-1.1</b>	4.3	12.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	39.4	<b>40.4</b>	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	3.7	3.0	<b>2.5</b>	10.1	8.0
Utilities	58.8	<b>60.7</b>	3.3	<b>1.9</b>	4.7	8.9	<b>3.2</b>	8.4	17.2
Construction	450.9	<b>457.4</b>	10.5	<b>6.5</b>	13.1	18.2	<b>1.4</b>	2.9	4.1
Manufacturing	806.4	<b>792.7</b>	13.4	<b>-13.7</b>	8.0	-6.6	<b>-1.7</b>	1.0	-0.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	5,334.3	<b>5,332.1</b>	22.5	<b>-2.2</b>	-6.6	3.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1
Trade	984.7	<b>970.4</b>	14.8	<b>-14.3</b>	-9.3	-11.5	<b>-1.5</b>	-0.9	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	307.4	<b>313.3</b>	9.6	<b>5.9</b>	-1.4	-18.5	<b>1.9</b>	-0.4	-5.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	496.0	<b>511.8</b>	11.4	<b>15.8</b>	28.8	0.2	<b>3.2</b>	6.0	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	580.2	<b>572.5</b>	12.3	<b>-7.7</b>	-13.8	20.8	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.4	3.8
Business, building and other support services	287.4	<b>286.8</b>	9.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-5.4	-9.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.8	-3.2
Educational services	472.5	<b>476.2</b>	10.5	<b>3.7</b>	-3.7	-13.6	<b>0.8</b>	-0.8	-2.8
Health care and social assistance	756.3	<b>763.5</b>	12.3	<b>7.2</b>	-7.9	-1.0	<b>1.0</b>	-1.0	-0.1
Information, culture and recreation	354.6	<b>344.6</b>	10.5	<b>-10.0</b>	1.3	-4.3	<b>-2.8</b>	0.4	-1.2
Accommodation and food services	404.3	<b>409.0</b>	10.3	<b>4.7</b>	2.0	38.8	<b>1.2</b>	0.5	10.5
Other services	293.8	<b>299.0</b>	8.3	<b>5.2</b>	17.4	3.7	<b>1.8</b>	6.2	1.3
Public administration	397.2	<b>385.1</b>	8.7	<b>-12.1</b>	-14.5	-1.6	<b>-3.0</b>	-3.6	-0.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	960.6	<b>961.7</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	3.7	11.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	666.7	<b>664.7</b>	2.7	<b>-2.0</b>	2.2	6.8	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	1.0
Employment	631.4	<b>629.6</b>	2.6	<b>-1.8</b>	3.1	6.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	1.0
Employment full-time	508.9	<b>507.5</b>	3.7	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.6	3.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment	35.2	<b>35.1</b>	2.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.5	2.0
Participation rate	69.4	<b>69.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>65.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	<b>19.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	165.0	<b>165.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	114.7	<b>114.7</b>	1.7	<b>0.0</b>	1.3	3.1	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	2.8
Employment	101.4	<b>101.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	2.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	2.4
Unemployment	13.3	<b>13.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	6.3	5.5
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	<b>11.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	<b>61.4</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.2	<b>42.8</b>	1.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	3.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	389.9	<b>390.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.7	5.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	298.2	<b>296.7</b>	1.4	<b>-1.5</b>	1.0	3.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.3	1.3
Employment	287.2	<b>286.1</b>	1.5	<b>-1.1</b>	1.9	6.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.7	2.2
Unemployment	11.0	<b>10.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.0	-2.4	<b>-3.6</b>	-8.6	-18.5
Participation rate	76.5	<b>76.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.7	<b>73.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	<b>7.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	405.7	<b>406.2</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	5.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.3
Labour force	253.7	<b>253.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	-0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.0
Employment	242.9	<b>242.2</b>	1.5	<b>-0.7</b>	0.6	-2.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	-1.0
Unemployment	10.9	<b>11.1</b>	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	2.4	<b>1.8</b>	-5.1	27.6
Participation rate	62.5	<b>62.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	<b>59.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.0	<b>24.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Population	631.4	<b>629.6</b>	2.6	<b>-1.8</b>	3.1	6.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	1.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	141.2	<b>141.9</b>	2.4	<b>0.7</b>	1.4	-7.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	-5.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	18.9	<b>20.1</b>	1.0	<b>1.2</b>	-1.1	-3.7	<b>6.3</b>	-5.2	-15.5
Utilities	7.1	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	0.8	<b>-5.6</b>	3.1	13.6
Construction	6.9	<b>7.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.9	<b>10.1</b>	-7.3	-10.6
Manufacturing	44.1	<b>44.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	0.0	<b>0.5</b>	3.0	0.0
	64.3	<b>63.3</b>	1.7	<b>-1.0</b>	1.8	-3.4	<b>-1.6</b>	2.9	-5.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	490.2	<b>487.7</b>	3.1	<b>-2.5</b>	1.7	13.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.3	2.8
Transportation and warehousing	94.8	<b>95.3</b>	2.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	2.0	<b>0.5</b>	1.7	2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	37.2	<b>36.8</b>	1.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	1.9	<b>-1.1</b>	1.7	5.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	34.4	<b>35.1</b>	1.3	<b>0.7</b>	-1.6	1.0	<b>2.0</b>	-4.4	2.9
Business, building and other support services	28.0	<b>28.3</b>	1.2	<b>0.3</b>	2.3	1.8	<b>1.1</b>	8.8	6.8
Educational services	19.6	<b>19.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	1.0	2.2	<b>-1.5</b>	5.5	12.9
Health care and social assistance	47.6	<b>45.9</b>	1.4	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.9	-1.9	<b>-3.6</b>	-1.9	-4.0
Information, culture and recreation	96.3	<b>95.9</b>	1.9	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-2.2	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-2.2
Accommodation and food services	22.8	<b>23.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>0.9</b>	-1.7	-1.7
Other services	40.5	<b>41.3</b>	1.6	<b>0.8</b>	-3.0	1.9	<b>2.0</b>	-6.8	4.8
Public administration	29.0	<b>28.9</b>	1.2	<b>-0.1</b>	2.8	4.5	<b>-0.3</b>	10.7	18.4
	40.0	<b>37.9</b>	1.2	<b>-2.1</b>	-0.9	2.6	<b>-5.2</b>	-2.3	7.4

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	806.6	<b>807.7</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	3.4	10.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.3
Labour force	556.4	<b>564.0</b>	2.5	<b>7.6</b>	6.8	12.2	<b>1.4</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment	529.7	<b>536.5</b>	2.5	<b>6.8</b>	8.5	12.1	<b>1.3</b>	1.6	2.3
Employment full-time	438.2	<b>444.4</b>	3.3	<b>6.2</b>	9.1	16.9	<b>1.4</b>	2.1	4.0
Unemployment	26.6	<b>27.6</b>	1.9	<b>1.0</b>	-1.6	0.2	<b>3.8</b>	-5.5	0.7
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>66.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.3	<b>17.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	136.4	<b>136.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	94.1	<b>94.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	-1.1	3.1	<b>0.7</b>	-1.1	3.4
Employment	86.4	<b>86.0</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	4.2	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	5.1
Unemployment	7.7	<b>8.8</b>	1.2	<b>1.1</b>	-1.4	-1.2	<b>14.3</b>	-13.7	-12.0
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	-0.8	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>9.3</b>	1.2	<b>1.1</b>	-1.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	<b>63.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	3.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.4	<b>35.0</b>	1.9	<b>0.6</b>	-0.3	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	330.0	<b>330.6</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	2.0	6.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.8
Labour force	250.3	<b>255.5</b>	1.2	<b>5.2</b>	6.5	7.6	<b>2.1</b>	2.6	3.1
Employment	240.5	<b>246.6</b>	1.3	<b>6.1</b>	5.9	8.2	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	3.4
Unemployment	9.8	<b>8.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.9</b>	0.7	-0.7	<b>-9.2</b>	8.5	-7.3
Participation rate	75.8	<b>77.3</b>	0.4	<b>1.5</b>	1.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>3.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.9	<b>74.6</b>	0.4	<b>1.7</b>	1.3	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	<b>6.3</b>	0.6	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	340.2	<b>340.7</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	4.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	212.0	<b>213.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.7</b>	1.4	1.6	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	0.8
Employment	202.9	<b>203.8</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	2.3	-0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	-0.2
Unemployment	9.2	<b>9.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	-1.0	1.9	<b>6.5</b>	-9.3	24.1
Participation rate	62.3	<b>62.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	<b>59.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	<b>22.7</b>	1.0	<b>1.1</b>	0.1	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	529.7	<b>536.5</b>	2.5	<b>6.8</b>	8.5	12.1	<b>1.3</b>	1.6	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	136.6	<b>142.6</b>	2.3	<b>6.0</b>	7.7	4.3	<b>4.4</b>	5.7	3.1
Agriculture	36.6	<b>37.1</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	-1.0	-3.3	<b>1.4</b>	-2.6	-8.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	25.8	<b>27.6</b>	1.1	<b>1.8</b>	4.5	2.3	<b>7.0</b>	19.5	9.1
Utilities	5.2	<b>5.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	0.1	<b>9.6</b>	7.5	1.8
Construction	41.6	<b>45.2</b>	1.4	<b>3.6</b>	2.8	5.8	<b>8.7</b>	6.6	14.7
Manufacturing	27.4	<b>27.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	1.0	-0.7	<b>-1.5</b>	3.8	-2.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	393.1	<b>393.9</b>	2.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	7.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	2.0
Trade	79.4	<b>80.6</b>	1.8	<b>1.2</b>	-3.6	-2.1	<b>1.5</b>	-4.3	-2.5
Transportation and warehousing	25.8	<b>27.2</b>	1.1	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	1.5	<b>5.4</b>	5.4	5.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.5	<b>29.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.1	-0.7	<b>-2.3</b>	-3.6	-2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.7	<b>23.6</b>	1.0	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.6	-0.4	<b>-8.2</b>	-9.9	-1.7
Business, building and other support services	12.4	<b>12.1</b>	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	0.7	<b>-2.4</b>	-1.6	6.1
Educational services	42.7	<b>43.2</b>	1.3	<b>0.5</b>	4.3	3.6	<b>1.2</b>	11.1	9.1
Health care and social assistance	68.9	<b>70.0</b>	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	-0.5	3.7	<b>1.6</b>	-0.7	5.6
Information, culture and recreation	17.7	<b>20.2</b>	1.0	<b>2.5</b>	2.8	1.8	<b>14.1</b>	16.1	9.8
Accommodation and food services	33.9	<b>33.6</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	3.4	<b>-0.9</b>	1.8	11.3
Other services	25.6	<b>23.6</b>	1.1	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.6	-2.0	<b>-7.8</b>	-9.9	-7.8
Public administration	30.6	<b>30.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	2.4	-1.6	<b>-2.0</b>	8.7	-5.1

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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



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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,042.4	<b>3,050.5</b>	...	<b>8.1</b>	21.7	56.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.9
Labour force	2,250.6	<b>2,254.6</b>	8.7	<b>4.0</b>	11.8	62.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.9
Employment	2,132.3	<b>2,143.0</b>	9.0	<b>10.7</b>	9.8	79.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	3.9
Employment full-time	1,783.0	<b>1,779.2</b>	11.9	<b>-3.8</b>	2.1	67.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	3.9
Unemployment	118.2	<b>111.6</b>	7.0	<b>-6.6</b>	1.9	-17.4	<b>-5.6</b>	1.7	-13.5
Participation rate	74.0	<b>73.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	<b>17.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	505.1	<b>505.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	-1.5	-3.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.7
Labour force	358.9	<b>353.8</b>	5.0	<b>-5.1</b>	-10.4	5.2	<b>-1.4</b>	-2.9	1.5
Employment	326.2	<b>322.7</b>	4.9	<b>-3.5</b>	-4.4	10.8	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.3	3.5
Unemployment	32.7	<b>31.1</b>	4.2	<b>-1.6</b>	-6.1	-5.6	<b>-4.9</b>	-16.4	-15.3
Participation rate	71.1	<b>70.0</b>	1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.9	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	<b>8.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>63.9</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.5	<b>36.8</b>	1.7	<b>2.3</b>	1.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,288.8	<b>1,292.5</b>	...	<b>3.7</b>	10.7	29.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	2.3
Labour force	1,049.4	<b>1,059.5</b>	4.4	<b>10.1</b>	16.6	36.6	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	3.6
Employment	1,002.0	<b>1,014.4</b>	4.9	<b>12.4</b>	10.8	43.2	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	4.4
Unemployment	47.4	<b>45.1</b>	4.1	<b>-2.3</b>	5.8	-6.6	<b>-4.9</b>	14.8	-12.8
Participation rate	81.4	<b>82.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.7	<b>78.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	<b>5.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,248.6	<b>1,252.8</b>	...	<b>4.2</b>	12.5	30.9	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	2.5
Labour force	842.3	<b>841.3</b>	5.2	<b>-1.0</b>	5.6	20.7	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	2.5
Employment	804.1	<b>806.0</b>	5.2	<b>1.9</b>	3.5	26.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	3.3
Unemployment	38.2	<b>35.4</b>	3.7	<b>-2.8</b>	2.2	-5.2	<b>-7.3</b>	6.6	-12.8
Participation rate	67.5	<b>67.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	<b>64.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.8	<b>23.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	2,132.3	<b>2,143.0</b>	9.0	<b>10.7</b>	9.8	79.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	3.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	608.8	<b>624.1</b>	8.9	<b>15.3</b>	32.7	54.4	<b>2.5</b>	5.5	9.5
Agriculture	53.6	<b>54.9</b>	3.2	<b>1.3</b>	-0.6	5.3	<b>2.4</b>	-1.1	10.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	175.9	<b>186.8</b>	5.0	<b>10.9</b>	20.2	33.4	<b>6.2</b>	12.1	21.8
Utilities	20.7	<b>18.5</b>	1.8	<b>-2.2</b>	3.9	0.4	<b>-10.6</b>	26.7	2.2
Construction	228.3	<b>227.0</b>	6.4	<b>-1.3</b>	8.8	18.9	<b>-0.6</b>	4.0	9.1
Manufacturing	130.3	<b>136.8</b>	5.4	<b>6.5</b>	0.4	-3.8	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	-2.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	1,523.6	<b>1,519.0</b>	10.8	<b>-4.6</b>	-22.8	25.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.5	1.7
Trade	330.5	<b>325.4</b>	7.8	<b>-5.1</b>	-10.0	9.9	<b>-1.5</b>	-3.0	3.1
Transportation and warehousing	111.2	<b>112.7</b>	4.3	<b>1.5</b>	3.6	10.3	<b>1.3</b>	3.3	10.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	96.5	<b>100.1</b>	4.1	<b>3.6</b>	0.0	1.4	<b>3.7</b>	0.0	1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	158.8	<b>154.7</b>	5.2	<b>-4.1</b>	-9.5	-9.0	<b>-2.6</b>	-5.8	-5.5
Business, building and other support services	75.0	<b>70.3</b>	3.9	<b>-4.7</b>	-2.3	-0.6	<b>-6.3</b>	-3.2	-0.8
Educational services	120.9	<b>126.4</b>	4.8	<b>5.5</b>	-0.5	-2.6	<b>4.5</b>	-0.4	-2.0
Health care and social assistance	232.9	<b>229.2</b>	5.8	<b>-3.7</b>	-4.0	13.9	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.7	6.5
Information, culture and recreation	76.6	<b>73.1</b>	3.9	<b>-3.5</b>	-5.4	0.3	<b>-4.6</b>	-6.9	0.4
Accommodation and food services	128.9	<b>131.9</b>	5.2	<b>3.0</b>	6.2	-6.1	<b>2.3</b>	4.9	-4.4
Other services	104.1	<b>107.4</b>	4.6	<b>3.3</b>	-2.7	4.7	<b>3.2</b>	-2.5	4.6
Public administration	88.1	<b>87.7</b>	3.8	<b>-0.4</b>	1.8	3.3	<b>-0.5</b>	2.1	3.9

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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



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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,803.9	<b>3,807.2</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	12.4	36.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,471.8	<b>2,473.1</b>	10.5	<b>1.3</b>	7.6	10.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.4
Employment	2,299.1	<b>2,318.8</b>	10.3	<b>19.7</b>	24.9	48.7	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	2.1
Employment full-time	1,791.4	<b>1,808.1</b>	14.1	<b>16.7</b>	22.0	69.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.2	4.0
Unemployment	172.7	<b>154.3</b>	8.7	<b>-18.4</b>	-17.3	-38.2	<b>-10.7</b>	-10.1	-19.8
Participation rate	65.0	<b>65.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>60.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.1	<b>22.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	590.3	<b>590.2</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	362.0	<b>357.8</b>	6.0	<b>-4.2</b>	-17.2	-19.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-4.6	-5.2
Employment	311.0	<b>320.1</b>	5.4	<b>9.1</b>	-3.3	-2.6	<b>2.9</b>	-1.0	-0.8
Unemployment	51.0	<b>37.7</b>	5.0	<b>-13.3</b>	-13.9	-16.9	<b>-26.1</b>	-26.9	-31.0
Participation rate	61.3	<b>60.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.9	-3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	<b>10.5</b>	1.2	<b>-3.6</b>	-3.3	-4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.7	<b>54.2</b>	0.9	<b>1.5</b>	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.2	<b>49.3</b>	2.0	<b>1.1</b>	0.3	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,567.7	<b>1,569.3</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	6.3	18.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	1,111.4	<b>1,111.4</b>	5.6	<b>0.0</b>	7.0	8.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.7
Employment	1,047.3	<b>1,051.6</b>	5.9	<b>4.3</b>	17.9	20.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	2.0
Unemployment	64.1	<b>59.8</b>	4.9	<b>-4.3</b>	-10.9	-12.4	<b>-6.7</b>	-15.4	-17.2
Participation rate	70.9	<b>70.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	<b>67.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	10.4	<b>9.2</b>	0.7	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.8	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,646.0	<b>1,647.7</b>	...	<b>1.7</b>	6.5	19.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	998.4	<b>1,003.9</b>	6.1	<b>5.5</b>	17.8	21.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	2.2
Employment	940.8	<b>947.1</b>	5.9	<b>6.3</b>	10.3	30.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	3.4
Unemployment	57.6	<b>56.8</b>	4.8	<b>-0.8</b>	7.6	-8.9	<b>-1.4</b>	15.4	-13.5
Participation rate	60.7	<b>60.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	<b>57.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.5	<b>27.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	2,299.1	<b>2,318.8</b>	10.3	<b>19.7</b>	24.9	48.7	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	454.8	<b>469.8</b>	8.7	<b>15.0</b>	13.2	11.8	<b>3.3</b>	2.9	2.6
Agriculture	23.9	<b>26.2</b>	2.3	<b>2.3</b>	-0.5	-1.1	<b>9.6</b>	-1.9	-4.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	41.6	<b>48.0</b>	2.7	<b>6.4</b>	4.5	5.8	<b>15.4</b>	10.3	13.7
Utilities	14.2	<b>12.7</b>	1.6	<b>-1.5</b>	2.2	-2.7	<b>-10.6</b>	21.0	-17.5
Construction	198.4	<b>196.1</b>	6.4	<b>-2.3</b>	-11.0	-10.1	<b>-1.2</b>	-5.3	-4.9
Manufacturing	176.6	<b>186.8</b>	5.7	<b>10.2</b>	18.0	19.9	<b>5.8</b>	10.7	11.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	1,844.3	<b>1,849.0</b>	11.9	<b>4.7</b>	11.7	36.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	2.0
Trade	343.2	<b>352.0</b>	8.1	<b>8.8</b>	-5.9	5.0	<b>2.6</b>	-1.6	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	124.1	<b>128.6</b>	5.0	<b>4.5</b>	1.1	5.4	<b>3.6</b>	0.9	4.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	143.8	<b>142.1</b>	5.3	<b>-1.7</b>	9.3	-2.1	<b>-1.2</b>	7.0	-1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	173.8	<b>173.5</b>	6.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-20.5	-1.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-10.6	-1.0
Business, building and other support services	100.7	<b>97.1</b>	4.8	<b>-3.6</b>	14.8	5.8	<b>-3.6</b>	18.0	6.4
Educational services	168.1	<b>173.5</b>	5.6	<b>5.4</b>	11.2	5.3	<b>3.2</b>	6.9	3.2
Health care and social assistance	275.4	<b>274.2</b>	6.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-4.6	19.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.6	7.4
Information, culture and recreation	119.0	<b>122.9</b>	4.7	<b>3.9</b>	9.2	17.1	<b>3.3</b>	8.1	16.2
Accommodation and food services	178.2	<b>168.7</b>	6.3	<b>-9.5</b>	-10.0	-18.6	<b>-5.3</b>	-5.6	-9.9
Other services	117.6	<b>117.9</b>	4.6	<b>0.3</b>	13.6	15.6	<b>0.3</b>	13.0	15.2
Public administration	100.5	<b>98.7</b>	4.1	<b>-1.8</b>	-6.4	-13.7	<b>-1.8</b>	-6.1	-12.2

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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

Table 5-1

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	162.1	<b>162.3</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.0
Labour force	116.0	<b>116.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	4.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	3.8
Employment	106.9	<b>107.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.6
Unemployment	9.1	<b>8.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	2.5	<b>-2.2</b>	3.5	39.1
Participation rate	71.6	<b>71.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	<b>66.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	341.9	<b>342.3</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.5	4.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.3
Labour force	240.0	<b>239.7</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	2.2	2.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	1.1
Employment	225.8	<b>225.1</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.5	3.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	14.2	<b>14.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	-1.0	<b>2.8</b>	13.2	-6.4
Participation rate	70.2	<b>70.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	<b>65.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Moncton, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	116.3	<b>116.5</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.7
Labour force	80.2	<b>80.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	3.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	4.0
Employment	75.0	<b>74.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	1.1	3.6	<b>-0.3</b>	1.5	5.1
Unemployment	5.1	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.5	<b>7.8</b>	-8.3	-8.3
Participation rate	69.0	<b>68.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	<b>64.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	106.6	<b>106.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.6
Labour force	67.0	<b>67.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	-1.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-2.6
Employment	61.5	<b>61.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-2.8	<b>0.2</b>	-1.0	-4.3
Unemployment	5.5	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.0	<b>3.6</b>	11.8	21.3
Participation rate	62.9	<b>63.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>8.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	<b>57.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-3.0	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	126.7	<b>126.7</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2
Labour force	75.4	<b>76.4</b>	0.9	<b>1.0</b>	3.8	1.1	<b>1.3</b>	5.2	1.5
Employment	70.8	<b>71.8</b>	0.9	<b>1.0</b>	3.5	2.2	<b>1.4</b>	5.1	3.2
Unemployment	4.6	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	-1.1	<b>0.0</b>	9.5	-19.3
Participation rate	59.5	<b>60.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	3.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	<b>56.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	2.8	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	640.6	<b>641.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	6.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	449.4	<b>456.5</b>	3.4	<b>7.1</b>	7.3	20.3	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	4.7
Employment	426.5	<b>433.5</b>	3.5	<b>7.0</b>	5.4	26.9	<b>1.6</b>	1.3	6.6
Unemployment	23.0	<b>23.0</b>	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.9	-6.5	<b>0.0</b>	9.0	-22.0
Participation rate	70.2	<b>71.2</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.9	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	<b>67.6</b>	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.6	3.5	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	166.2	<b>166.4</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	109.0	<b>108.4</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	1.9	2.4	<b>-0.6</b>	1.8	2.3
Employment	101.3	<b>100.9</b>	1.0	<b>-0.4</b>	1.5	2.0	<b>-0.4</b>	1.5	2.0
Unemployment	7.7	<b>7.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.3	<b>-2.6</b>	5.6	4.2
Participation rate	65.6	<b>65.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>6.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	<b>60.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	125.4	<b>125.4</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	78.1	<b>78.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	3.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.9	4.3
Employment	72.2	<b>71.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	3.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	5.0
Unemployment	5.9	<b>6.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	-0.2	<b>6.8</b>	-12.5	-3.1
Participation rate	62.3	<b>62.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>8.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	<b>57.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	2.2	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,242.5	<b>3,245.3</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	9.9	33.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	2,122.7	<b>2,146.8</b>	7.7	<b>24.1</b>	47.5	5.4	<b>1.1</b>	2.3	0.3
Employment	1,927.0	<b>1,949.2</b>	7.8	<b>22.2</b>	35.1	-20.4	<b>1.2</b>	1.8	-1.0
Unemployment	195.7	<b>197.6</b>	4.8	<b>1.9</b>	12.3	25.8	<b>1.0</b>	6.6	15.0
Participation rate	65.5	<b>66.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	1.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	<b>9.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>60.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	1,045.6	<b>1,047.0</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	5.9	18.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.8
Labour force	758.6	<b>762.8</b>	3.8	<b>4.2</b>	19.5	24.3	<b>0.6</b>	2.6	3.3
Employment	713.0	<b>716.6</b>	3.9	<b>3.6</b>	20.0	24.6	<b>0.5</b>	2.9	3.6
Unemployment	45.7	<b>46.2</b>	1.8	<b>0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.3	<b>1.1</b>	-1.1	-0.6
Participation rate	72.6	<b>72.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	<b>68.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	261.0	<b>261.3</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	4.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.7
Labour force	185.1	<b>185.3</b>	1.3	<b>0.2</b>	-2.8	2.5	<b>0.1</b>	-1.5	1.4
Employment	175.0	<b>175.1</b>	1.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	4.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	2.8
Unemployment	10.1	<b>10.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-3.1	-2.3	<b>1.0</b>	-23.3	-18.4
Participation rate	70.9	<b>70.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-1.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-1.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>67.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	784.6	<b>785.7</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	4.7	13.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.8
Labour force	573.6	<b>577.5</b>	3.6	<b>3.9</b>	22.3	21.8	<b>0.7</b>	4.0	3.9
Employment	538.0	<b>541.5</b>	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	19.7	19.8	<b>0.7</b>	3.8	3.8
Unemployment	35.6	<b>36.0</b>	1.6	<b>0.4</b>	2.6	2.0	<b>1.1</b>	7.8	5.9
Participation rate	73.1	<b>73.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	<b>68.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	133.2	<b>133.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	89.6	<b>89.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	3.7	4.3	<b>-0.4</b>	4.3	5.1
Employment	83.0	<b>82.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	2.8	4.1	<b>-0.1</b>	3.5	5.2
Unemployment	6.6	<b>6.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.9	0.2	<b>-4.5</b>	16.7	3.3
Participation rate	67.3	<b>66.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	2.5	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>62.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	2.4	...	...	...
<b>Peterborough, Ontario</b>									
Population	102.7	<b>102.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	70.7	<b>71.6</b>	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	4.9	7.1	<b>1.3</b>	7.3	11.0
Employment	64.0	<b>64.6</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	2.9	6.3	<b>0.9</b>	4.7	10.8
Unemployment	6.8	<b>6.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	2.0	0.7	<b>1.5</b>	40.8	11.3
Participation rate	68.8	<b>69.6</b>	1.1	<b>0.8</b>	4.6	6.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	<b>9.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	2.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>62.8</b>	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	2.7	5.8	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	307.6	<b>308.1</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	5.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.9
Labour force	218.3	<b>217.1</b>	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	4.2	10.9	<b>-0.5</b>	2.0	5.3
Employment	201.2	<b>199.9</b>	1.6	<b>-1.3</b>	2.6	13.9	<b>-0.6</b>	1.3	7.5
Unemployment	17.1	<b>17.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.7	-3.0	<b>0.6</b>	11.0	-14.9
Participation rate	71.0	<b>70.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	1.0	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	<b>64.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	3.4	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,845.3	<b>4,854.0</b>	...	<b>8.7</b>	33.6	96.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.0
Labour force	3,219.3	<b>3,222.6</b>	10.3	<b>3.3</b>	0.4	-4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.1
Employment	2,944.0	<b>2,951.5</b>	10.5	<b>7.5</b>	5.4	-4.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment	275.3	<b>271.1</b>	6.6	<b>-4.2</b>	-5.0	0.0	<b>-1.5</b>	-1.8	0.0
Participation rate	66.4	<b>66.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>60.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	622.4	<b>623.0</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	2.2	6.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.1
Labour force	417.6	<b>416.6</b>	3.3	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.7	16.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	4.1
Employment	392.5	<b>390.2</b>	3.3	<b>-2.3</b>	-0.6	12.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.2	3.2
Unemployment	25.1	<b>26.3</b>	1.5	<b>1.2</b>	-0.2	4.0	<b>4.8</b>	-0.8	17.9
Participation rate	67.1	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	<b>62.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	1.3	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	339.3	<b>339.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	213.8	<b>215.8</b>	1.7	<b>2.0</b>	4.4	-0.9	<b>0.9</b>	2.1	-0.4
Employment	197.9	<b>199.1</b>	1.7	<b>1.2</b>	3.3	2.0	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	1.0
Unemployment	16.0	<b>16.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	-2.8	<b>4.4</b>	6.4	-14.4
Participation rate	63.0	<b>63.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	<b>7.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	<b>58.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario</b>									
Population	411.7	<b>412.1</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	5.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	303.4	<b>304.3</b>	1.9	<b>0.9</b>	12.1	3.7	<b>0.3</b>	4.1	1.2
Employment	283.1	<b>284.1</b>	2.1	<b>1.0</b>	11.3	4.4	<b>0.4</b>	4.1	1.6
Unemployment	20.3	<b>20.2</b>	1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	-0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	4.1	-3.3
Participation rate	73.7	<b>73.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	2.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.8	<b>68.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	2.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Brantford, Ontario</b>									
Population	108.3	<b>108.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.7
Labour force	71.8	<b>72.8</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	-1.6	<b>1.4</b>	2.2	-2.2
Employment	65.4	<b>66.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	0.7	-1.2	<b>1.8</b>	1.1	-1.8
Unemployment	6.3	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	-0.4	<b>-1.6</b>	17.0	-6.1
Participation rate	66.3	<b>67.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	1.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>61.4</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	0.5	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Guelph, Ontario</b>									
Population	114.4	<b>114.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.5
Labour force	85.8	<b>85.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.4	5.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.6	6.9
Employment	81.1	<b>80.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.5	6.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.8	8.9
Unemployment	4.6	<b>4.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-1.0	<b>0.0</b>	2.2	-17.9
Participation rate	75.0	<b>74.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.7	3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.9	<b>70.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.7	4.8	...	...	...

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	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	414.7	<b>415.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	265.5	<b>269.1</b>	2.1	<b>3.6</b>	2.8	1.1	<b>1.4</b>	1.1	0.4
Employment	242.8	<b>246.3</b>	2.1	<b>3.5</b>	5.5	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	2.3	0.4
Unemployment	22.7	<b>22.7</b>	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	-2.8	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-11.0	0.0
Participation rate	64.0	<b>64.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	<b>59.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	267.2	<b>267.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.1
Labour force	167.1	<b>167.6</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	2.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment	149.4	<b>150.6</b>	1.5	<b>1.2</b>	2.7	2.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.8	1.9
Unemployment	17.8	<b>16.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-0.8	<b>-5.1</b>	-2.9	-4.5
Participation rate	62.5	<b>62.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	<b>10.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	<b>56.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Barrie, Ontario</b>									
Population	162.6	<b>162.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	113.5	<b>113.5</b>	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	-3.0	-2.9	<b>0.0</b>	-2.6	-2.5
Employment	103.1	<b>103.2</b>	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	-1.4	-3.0	<b>0.1</b>	-1.3	-2.8
Unemployment	10.4	<b>10.3</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.7	0.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-14.2	1.0
Participation rate	69.8	<b>69.8</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-2.1	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	<b>9.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-1.2	-2.8	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	139.4	<b>139.3</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	88.8	<b>89.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	-0.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	-0.3
Employment	82.4	<b>83.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	-0.4	0.2	<b>0.7</b>	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.4	-0.6	<b>0.0</b>	28.0	-8.6
Participation rate	63.7	<b>64.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	<b>59.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	102.5	<b>102.6</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2
Labour force	66.6	<b>65.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.4	2.5	<b>-1.4</b>	-2.1	4.0
Employment	63.1	<b>62.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	3.7	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.2	6.3
Unemployment	3.5	<b>3.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.2	<b>-2.9</b>	-27.7	-26.1
Participation rate	65.0	<b>64.0</b>	0.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.5	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.8	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>60.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.2	3.5	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	629.5	<b>630.4</b>	...	<b>0.9</b>	3.0	9.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.5
Labour force	442.7	<b>444.2</b>	1.3	<b>1.5</b>	6.9	10.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	2.3
Employment	417.2	<b>419.1</b>	1.3	<b>1.9</b>	6.6	9.6	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	2.3
Unemployment	25.5	<b>25.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	0.5	<b>-1.6</b>	1.2	2.0
Participation rate	70.3	<b>70.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	178.6	<b>179.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	3.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.8
Labour force	130.5	<b>130.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.1	3.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	2.7
Employment	125.4	<b>125.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	5.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	4.9
Unemployment	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-2.2	<b>-2.0</b>	-3.8	-30.6
Participation rate	73.1	<b>72.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>3.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	<b>69.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	223.9	<b>224.5</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	2.1	5.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	2.6
Labour force	158.1	<b>157.8</b>	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	3.4	4.4	<b>-0.2</b>	2.2	2.9
Employment	148.8	<b>148.7</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	2.8	4.7	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	3.3
Unemployment	9.4	<b>9.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	-0.3	<b>-3.2</b>	8.3	-3.2
Participation rate	70.6	<b>70.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>5.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>66.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	1,046.0	<b>1,048.1</b>	...	<b>2.1</b>	6.8	21.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.0
Labour force	787.2	<b>788.3</b>	3.5	<b>1.1</b>	12.5	23.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	3.1
Employment	747.1	<b>748.4</b>	3.8	<b>1.3</b>	15.0	28.6	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	4.0
Unemployment	40.1	<b>39.9</b>	2.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.5	-4.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-5.9	-10.7
Participation rate	75.3	<b>75.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	<b>71.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	977.1	<b>979.6</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	7.8	20.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	2.1
Labour force	708.7	<b>712.2</b>	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	-4.7	10.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.7	1.5
Employment	668.3	<b>674.6</b>	3.7	<b>6.3</b>	-6.9	13.0	<b>0.9</b>	-1.0	2.0
Unemployment	40.4	<b>37.6</b>	1.7	<b>-2.8</b>	2.2	-2.4	<b>-6.9</b>	6.2	-6.0
Participation rate	72.5	<b>72.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-1.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	<b>68.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Kelowna, British Columbia</b>									
Population	150.0	<b>150.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.6
Labour force	101.1	<b>100.5</b>	1.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	-1.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	-1.2
Employment	92.2	<b>91.5</b>	1.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.2	-1.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.3	-1.9
Unemployment	8.9	<b>9.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	9.8	8.4
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>9.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	<b>61.0</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.5	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia</b>									
Population	145.2	<b>145.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	98.8	<b>99.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	3.5	6.2	<b>0.7</b>	3.6	6.6
Employment	88.3	<b>90.0</b>	0.7	<b>1.7</b>	2.6	5.3	<b>1.9</b>	3.0	6.3
Unemployment	10.5	<b>9.5</b>	0.5	<b>-1.0</b>	0.8	0.9	<b>-9.5</b>	9.2	10.5
Participation rate	68.0	<b>68.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	<b>9.5</b>	0.5	<b>-1.1</b>	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>61.9</b>	0.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.6	3.0	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,045.6	<b>2,048.9</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	11.4	31.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.6
Labour force	1,352.4	<b>1,356.5</b>	4.9	<b>4.1</b>	-0.2	13.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	1.0
Employment	1,263.3	<b>1,272.5</b>	5.1	<b>9.2</b>	9.4	39.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	3.2
Unemployment	89.1	<b>84.1</b>	3.0	<b>-5.0</b>	-9.5	-26.0	<b>-5.6</b>	-10.1	-23.6
Participation rate	66.1	<b>66.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.2</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.7	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	<b>62.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	301.7	<b>301.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.6
Labour force	200.6	<b>200.8</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	10.4	6.1	<b>0.1</b>	5.5	3.1
Employment	190.0	<b>190.8</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	11.6	8.1	<b>0.4</b>	6.5	4.4
Unemployment	10.6	<b>10.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-2.0	<b>-5.7</b>	-10.7	-16.7
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	3.3	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	<b>63.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	3.7	2.3	...	...	...

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

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

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

	March 2012	April 2012	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,245.1	<b>3,248.4</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	10.6	33.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.1
Labour force	2,134.3	<b>2,188.0</b>	15.7	<b>53.7</b>	90.6	40.7	<b>2.5</b>	4.3	1.9
Employment	1,940.2	<b>1,990.9</b>	15.9	<b>50.7</b>	83.4	20.3	<b>2.6</b>	4.4	1.0
Unemployment	194.1	<b>197.1</b>	11.4	<b>3.0</b>	7.2	20.4	<b>1.5</b>	3.8	11.5
Participation rate	65.8	<b>67.4</b>	0.5	<b>1.6</b>	2.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	<b>9.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	<b>61.3</b>	0.5	<b>1.5</b>	2.4	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,853.5	<b>4,863.5</b>	...	<b>10.0</b>	35.2	99.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.1
Labour force	3,219.6	<b>3,242.0</b>	21.9	<b>22.4</b>	28.1	-2.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.9	-0.1
Employment	2,957.7	<b>2,960.0</b>	21.4	<b>2.3</b>	15.8	-14.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.5
Unemployment	261.9	<b>282.0</b>	15.3	<b>20.1</b>	12.3	12.3	<b>7.7</b>	4.6	4.6
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>8.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	<b>60.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	2,048.8	<b>2,052.3</b>	...	<b>3.5</b>	12.6	32.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.6
Labour force	1,355.4	<b>1,358.2</b>	10.6	<b>2.8</b>	7.8	12.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.9
Employment	1,267.5	<b>1,282.6</b>	10.5	<b>15.1</b>	25.4	42.1	<b>1.2</b>	2.0	3.4
Unemployment	87.9	<b>75.6</b>	7.2	<b>-12.3</b>	-17.5	-29.9	<b>-14.0</b>	-18.8	-28.3
Participation rate	66.2	<b>66.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	<b>5.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>62.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	1.1	...	...	...

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

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

Table 6-1

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2011	27,890.2	18,476.6	16,988.0	1,488.6	66.2	8.1	60.9
2012	28,210.3	18,606.7	17,183.7	1,423.0	66.0	7.6	60.9
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2011	429.2	251.8	217.3	34.5	58.7	13.7	50.6
2012	428.4	256.1	220.2	35.8	59.8	14.0	51.4
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2011	220.4	140.9	129.4	11.5	63.9	8.2	58.7
2012	221.6	145.9	131.6	14.4	65.8	9.9	59.4
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]							
2011	30.7	17.3	13.3	4.0	56.4	23.1	43.3
2012	30.2	15.5	12.5	3.0	51.3	19.4	41.4
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2011	87.1	48.5	38.3	10.2	55.7	21.0	44.0
2012	86.3	48.8	40.0	8.8	56.5	18.0	46.3
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]							
2011	90.9	45.1	36.3	8.8	49.6	19.5	39.9
2012	90.2	45.9	36.2	9.7	50.9	21.1	40.1
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2011	118.6	77.8	66.9	10.9	65.6	14.0	56.4
2012	120.3	78.6	68.1	10.6	65.3	13.5	56.6
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2011	779.0	487.8	438.5	49.3	62.6	10.1	56.3
2012	779.9	490.6	444.2	46.3	62.9	9.4	57.0
Cape Breton [1210]							
2011	112.5	60.4	49.4	10.9	53.7	18.0	43.9
2012	111.2	61.3	52.7	8.7	55.1	14.2	47.4
North Shore [1220]							
2011	130.0	76.5	67.9	8.6	58.8	11.2	52.2
2012	129.4	79.7	70.3	9.4	61.6	11.8	54.3
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2011	99.9	59.3	52.2	7.1	59.4	12.0	52.3
2012	99.5	56.3	50.6	5.7	56.6	10.1	50.9
Southern [1240]							
2011	98.6	56.6	49.4	7.2	57.4	12.7	50.1
2012	97.5	55.2	47.9	7.4	56.6	13.4	49.1
Halifax [1250]							
2011	338.0	235.0	219.6	15.5	69.5	6.6	65.0
2012	342.3	238.1	222.8	15.2	69.6	6.4	65.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2011	618.9	383.1	340.7	42.3	61.9	11.0	55.0
2012	620.4	382.4	339.2	43.2	61.6	11.3	54.7
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2011	129.7	69.7	56.9	12.8	53.7	18.4	43.9
2012	128.2	68.3	54.9	13.4	53.3	19.6	42.8
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2011	171.3	110.8	99.1	11.7	64.7	10.6	57.9
2012	173.2	114.2	103.9	10.3	65.9	9.0	60.0
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2011	144.0	93.6	86.0	7.7	65.0	8.2	59.7
2012	144.6	91.2	82.2	9.0	63.1	9.9	56.8

See notes at the end of the table.



Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2011	108.6	71.1	65.0	6.1	65.5	8.6	59.9
2012	109.9	69.9	64.6	5.3	63.6	7.6	58.8
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2011	65.2	37.8	33.7	4.1	58.0	10.8	51.7
2012	64.5	38.7	33.6	5.2	60.0	13.4	52.1
<b>Quebec</b>							
2011	6,555.8	4,240.7	3,879.4	361.3	64.7	8.5	59.2
2012	6,618.9	4,256.1	3,878.7	377.4	64.3	8.9	58.6
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2011	78.6	43.0	36.6	6.3	54.7	14.7	46.6
2012	78.6	40.6	34.4	6.2	51.7	15.3	43.8
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2011	166.8	98.4	89.2	9.2	59.0	9.3	53.5
2012	166.6	102.1	91.2	10.9	61.3	10.7	54.7
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2011	586.3	386.9	355.0	31.9	66.0	8.2	60.5
2012	592.5	411.8	384.5	27.3	69.5	6.6	64.9
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2011	332.8	222.2	208.9	13.2	66.8	5.9	62.8
2012	334.8	218.0	206.4	11.6	65.1	5.3	61.6
Estrie [2430]							
2011	257.6	164.4	151.9	12.5	63.8	7.6	59.0
2012	259.9	150.4	137.3	13.1	57.9	8.7	52.8
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2011	190.0	114.0	106.3	7.7	60.0	6.8	55.9
2012	191.6	105.9	94.5	11.5	55.3	10.9	49.3
Montréal [2435]							
2011	1,184.6	777.7	719.0	58.8	65.7	7.6	60.7
2012	1,199.6	782.9	722.0	60.9	65.3	7.8	60.2
Montréal [2440]							
2011	1,620.0	1,031.2	933.7	97.5	63.7	9.5	57.6
2012	1,628.1	1,038.1	920.7	117.5	63.8	11.3	56.6
Laval [2445]							
2011	331.2	225.8	208.9	16.9	68.2	7.5	63.1
2012	337.2	230.7	211.6	19.1	68.4	8.3	62.8
Lanaudière [2450]							
2011	388.7	251.9	227.9	23.9	64.8	9.5	58.6
2012	395.9	267.7	241.3	26.4	67.6	9.9	60.9
Laurentides [2455]							
2011	460.3	314.9	287.0	27.8	68.4	8.8	62.4
2012	468.7	313.4	289.9	23.5	66.9	7.5	61.9
Outaouais [2460]							
2011	304.4	205.0	187.4	17.5	67.3	8.5	61.6
2012	309.4	209.1	194.6	14.5	67.6	6.9	62.9
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2011	117.4	75.4	68.2	7.2	64.2	9.5	58.1
2012	117.8	71.2	66.0	5.1	60.4	7.2	56.0
Mauricie [2470]							
2011	221.2	132.2	121.5	10.7	59.8	8.1	54.9
2012	222.0	129.6	116.6	13.0	58.4	10.0	52.5

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2011	225.2	139.2	124.4	14.8	61.8	10.6	55.2
2012	225.3	131.0	120.2	10.9	58.1	8.3	53.4
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2011	90.6	58.6	53.2	5.4	64.7	9.2	58.7
2012	90.7	53.4	47.6	5.8	58.9	10.9	52.5
<b>Ontario</b>							
2011	10,884.1	7,214.3	6,625.9	588.4	66.3	8.2	60.9
2012	11,028.0	7,251.6	6,690.9	560.8	65.8	7.7	60.7
Ottawa [3510]							
2011	1,044.1	717.3	670.8	46.5	68.7	6.5	64.2
2012	1,058.5	749.5	699.1	50.4	70.8	6.7	66.0
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2011	369.5	228.9	210.7	18.3	61.9	8.0	57.0
2012	371.6	228.4	213.1	15.3	61.5	6.7	57.3
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2011	318.2	187.2	168.6	18.6	58.8	9.9	53.0
2012	319.6	190.8	173.7	17.1	59.7	9.0	54.3
Toronto [3530]							
2011	5,013.7	3,368.0	3,086.7	281.3	67.2	8.4	61.6
2012	5,113.4	3,367.0	3,088.8	278.2	65.8	8.3	60.4
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2011	1,032.3	740.9	679.9	60.9	71.8	8.2	65.9
2012	1,047.2	733.5	682.9	50.7	70.0	6.9	65.2
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2011	1,166.1	747.6	691.5	56.2	64.1	7.5	59.3
2012	1,176.0	760.4	704.9	55.5	64.7	7.3	59.9
London [3560]							
2011	539.0	353.8	324.5	29.3	65.6	8.3	60.2
2012	543.5	350.9	323.3	27.5	64.6	7.8	59.5
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2011	520.0	323.5	291.3	32.2	62.2	10.0	56.0
2012	519.0	324.3	293.1	31.2	62.5	9.6	56.5
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2011	245.7	164.4	153.2	11.2	66.9	6.8	62.4
2012	245.7	162.8	155.4	7.4	66.3	4.5	63.2
Northeast [3590]							
2011	461.8	280.4	256.0	24.4	60.7	8.7	55.4
2012	460.4	275.3	255.7	19.6	59.8	7.1	55.5
Northwest [3595]							
2011	173.6	102.3	92.7	9.6	58.9	9.4	53.4
2012	173.1	108.7	100.8	7.9	62.8	7.3	58.2
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2011	949.9	654.1	617.6	36.5	68.9	5.6	65.0
2012	960.6	658.1	621.6	36.4	68.5	5.5	64.7
Southeast [4610]							
2011	82.2	58.0	55.1	3.0	70.6	5.2	67.0
2012	83.8	57.9	54.9	3.0	69.1	5.2	65.5
South Central [4620]							
2011	47.0	32.4	30.8	1.6	68.9	4.9	65.5
2012	48.1	30.5	29.6	0.8	63.4	2.6	61.5

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands					
<b>Southwest [4630]</b>							
2011	83.6	58.1	56.1	2.0	69.5	3.4	67.1
2012	83.8	56.9	54.2	2.7	67.9	4.7	64.7
<b>North Central [4640]</b>							
2011	36.4	24.7	22.9	1.8	67.9	7.3	62.9
2012	36.7	24.2	23.2	1.0	65.9	4.1	63.2
<b>Winnipeg [4650]</b>							
2011	568.1	389.7	366.9	22.9	68.6	5.9	64.6
2012	576.0	398.6	374.6	24.0	69.2	6.0	65.0
<b>Interlake [4660]</b>							
2011	72.4	49.7	46.8	2.9	68.6	5.8	64.6
2012	72.9	51.7	49.5	2.3	70.9	4.4	67.9
<b>Parklands and North [4670, 4680]</b>							
2011	60.1	41.4	39.2	2.2	68.9	5.3	65.2
2012	59.3	38.2	35.6	2.6	64.4	6.8	60.0
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2011	797.2	548.8	517.1	31.7	68.8	5.8	64.9
2012	806.7	554.5	525.2	29.3	68.7	5.3	65.1
<b>Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]</b>							
2011	236.6	167.9	159.1	8.9	71.0	5.3	67.2
2012	240.2	173.1	166.4	6.7	72.1	3.9	69.3
<b>Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]</b>							
2011	81.1	53.0	50.7	2.2	65.4	4.2	62.5
2012	81.0	50.9	48.4	2.6	62.8	5.1	59.8
<b>Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]</b>							
2011	263.2	181.4	171.0	10.4	68.9	5.7	65.0
2012	268.9	185.1	174.7	10.4	68.8	5.6	65.0
<b>Yorkton-Melville [4740]</b>							
2011	63.0	41.0	38.9	2.1	65.1	5.1	61.7
2012	62.7	41.0	39.1	1.8	65.4	4.4	62.4
<b>Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]</b>							
2011	153.2	105.4	97.4	8.0	68.8	7.6	63.6
2012	153.9	104.4	96.6	7.7	67.8	7.4	62.8
<b>Alberta</b>							
2011	2,990.4	2,171.8	2,044.1	127.7	72.6	5.9	68.4
2012	3,043.3	2,224.5	2,111.4	113.1	73.1	5.1	69.4
<b>Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]</b>							
2011	218.4	145.6	135.9	9.6	66.7	6.6	62.2
2012	220.8	152.1	144.8	7.3	68.9	4.8	65.6
<b>Camrose-Drumheller [4820]</b>							
2011	155.8	112.0	106.6	5.3	71.9	4.7	68.4
2012	156.5	113.7	109.2	4.6	72.7	4.0	69.8
<b>Calgary [4830]</b>							
2011	1,103.8	804.4	756.5	47.9	72.9	6.0	68.5
2012	1,126.8	839.3	795.4	43.9	74.5	5.2	70.6
<b>Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]</b>							
2011	71.8	56.2	54.6	1.6	78.3	2.8	76.0
2012	71.9	55.2	53.3	1.9	76.8	3.4	74.1

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Red Deer [4850]							
2011	153.5	112.6	105.0	7.6	73.4	6.7	68.4
2012	156.0	114.3	108.6	5.7	73.3	5.0	69.6
Edmonton [4860]							
2011	994.9	718.9	675.2	43.7	72.3	6.1	67.9
2012	1,015.5	732.9	693.5	39.4	72.2	5.4	68.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2011	190.2	140.4	132.8	7.6	73.8	5.4	69.8
2012	191.2	133.1	126.4	6.8	69.6	5.1	66.1
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2011	102.1	81.7	77.5	4.2	80.0	5.1	75.9
2012	104.6	83.9	80.2	3.7	80.2	4.4	76.7
British Columbia							
2011	3,767.2	2,446.5	2,240.5	206.0	64.9	8.4	59.5
2012	3,803.9	2,454.3	2,284.2	170.1	64.5	6.9	60.0
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2011	654.4	408.4	373.7	34.7	62.4	8.5	57.1
2012	657.7	398.6	374.6	24.0	60.6	6.0	57.0
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2011	2,302.7	1,507.8	1,380.9	126.9	65.5	8.4	60.0
2012	2,337.5	1,526.2	1,425.0	101.2	65.3	6.6	61.0
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2011	437.3	280.8	256.2	24.6	64.2	8.8	58.6
2012	436.7	275.0	249.7	25.3	63.0	9.2	57.2
Kootenay [5940]							
2011	127.1	78.3	70.4	7.9	61.6	10.1	55.4
2012	127.1	79.0	73.3	5.7	62.2	7.2	57.7
Cariboo [5950]							
2011	127.5	85.5	79.5	6.1	67.1	7.1	62.4
2012	127.0	89.4	82.4	6.9	70.4	7.7	64.9
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2011	66.8	45.2	41.5	3.7	67.7	8.2	62.1
2012	66.3	45.2	40.0	5.1	68.2	11.3	60.3
Northeast [5980]							
2011	51.4	40.5	38.3	2.2	78.8	5.4	74.5
2012	51.6	40.9	39.2	1.7	79.3	4.2	76.0

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

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

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

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands			percent		
<b>Yukon <sup>1</sup></b>							
2011	26.2	19.8	18.3	1.5	75.6	7.6	69.8
2012	26.9	19.9	18.1	1.9	74.0	9.5	67.3
<b>Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup></b>							
2011	32.1	24.4	22.6	1.8	76.0	7.4	70.4
2012	32.1	24.3	22.1	2.2	75.7	9.1	68.8
<b>Nunavut <sup>3</sup></b>							
2011	21.2	14.1	11.8	2.3	66.4	16.2	55.6
2012	21.0	13.7	11.7	2.0	65.4	14.8	55.7

1. Since 1992, the Labour force survey (LFS) has been conducted in the Yukon, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in the national totals. In 1995, the LFS in the Yukon underwent a sample redesign. One result of the redesign was that the covered population increased from 85% to 92%, which is reflected by the sharp increase in the three month moving averages estimates of January, February and March of 1995 for all the level estimates. Users are therefore warned to be cautious when comparing estimates before January 1995 to estimates for January 1995 and forward.
2. Since 2001, the Labour force survey (LFS) has been administered in the Northwest Territories, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.
3. Since 2004, the Labour force survey (LFS) has been administered in Nunavut, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are 3-month moving averages and are not included in national totals. From January 2004 to December 2007, estimates represent about 70% of all Nunavut residents aged 15 and over. Starting in January 2008, coverage was extended to 92%, so that by March 2008, the 3-month moving average is completely based on the extended coverage. Because of the large difference in coverage, users are recommended not to compare estimates prior to January 2008 with data afterwards. The January and February 2008 3-month moving average estimates are based on a mix of both coverages, since the extended coverage was introduced in January 2008. Estimates from January 2004 to December 2007 are based on the 10 largest communities in Nunavut: Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Baker Lake, Arviat, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Igloolik. Estimates from March 2008 to present cover the above communities as well as: Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Coral Harbour, Repulse Bay, Qikiqtarjuaq, Arctic Bay, Hall Beach, Clyde River.

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

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
	thousands		current dollars		thousands		current dollars	thousands		current dollars
<b>April 2012</b>										
15 years and over	14,677.8	35.0	859.11	23.59	11,864.7	39.3	993.74	2,813.1	17.1	291.29
15 to 24 years	2,244.4	26.3	386.35	13.61	1,063.4	38.9	621.13	1,181.0	14.8	174.94
25 years and over	12,433.4	36.6	944.45	25.39	10,801.3	39.3	1,030.43	1,632.1	18.8	375.48
Men	7,344.6	37.6	982.31	25.40	6,464.7	40.5	1,081.15	879.9	16.3	256.16
Women	7,333.2	32.5	735.73	21.77	5,400.1	37.8	889.11	1,933.2	17.5	307.28
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,660.3	35.5	973.66	27.02	3,941.8	38.5	1,072.86	718.5	19.0	429.50
No union coverage	10,017.5	34.8	805.82	21.99	7,923.0	39.6	954.38	2,094.5	16.5	243.88
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,793.6	36.0	899.94	24.22	10,796.4	39.3	1,009.60	1,997.2	18.1	307.16
Temporary	1,884.2	28.6	581.92	19.31	1,068.3	39.1	833.53	815.9	14.8	252.45
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	963.1	39.6	1,485.77	37.55	937.2	40.1	1,512.39	25.9	19.5	521.82
Business, finance and administrative	2,785.3	35.2	802.77	22.29	2,380.2	38.2	886.44	405.1	17.7	311.16
Natural and applied sciences	1,098.1	38.8	1,301.87	33.53	1,063.7	39.4	1,327.47	34.4	19.3	509.17
Health	1,029.1	33.7	913.56	26.94	779.0	38.0	1,043.15	250.2	20.2	510.07
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,442.9	33.7	1,046.97	30.70	1,151.5	37.8	1,190.02	291.4	17.4	481.76
Art, culture, recreation and sport	347.1	30.0	760.98	23.78	234.8	38.2	1,002.11	112.3	12.8	256.58
Sales and service	3,829.7	30.0	506.40	15.69	2,346.7	38.5	695.97	1,483.0	16.6	206.41
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,156.0	39.8	936.11	23.25	2,006.2	41.4	983.41	149.9	17.9	303.01
Occupations unique to primary industry	261.6	41.6	935.69	21.59	228.6	45.6	1,043.63	33.0	14.2	189.00
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	764.9	39.4	779.31	19.64	737.0	40.2	798.31	28.0	18.9	279.06
<b>April 2011</b>										
15 years and over	14,406.6	34.9	837.75	23.06	11,588.0	39.3	972.04	2,818.6	17.0	285.63
15 to 24 years	2,240.1	25.8	368.29	13.23	1,052.5	38.6	595.41	1,187.5	14.5	166.98
25 years and over	12,166.6	36.6	924.18	24.87	10,535.5	39.3	1,009.67	1,631.1	18.8	372.01
Men	7,186.6	37.4	956.78	24.83	6,265.9	40.4	1,060.69	920.7	16.3	249.60
Women	7,220.0	32.5	719.26	21.30	5,322.1	37.9	867.67	1,897.9	17.3	303.11
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,611.8	35.5	950.12	26.40	3,892.6	38.5	1,048.76	719.2	18.7	416.22
No union coverage	9,794.8	34.7	784.84	21.49	7,695.4	39.6	933.23	2,099.4	16.4	240.89
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,589.2	35.9	876.55	23.66	10,561.6	39.3	986.73	2,027.6	17.9	302.59
Temporary	1,817.5	28.3	568.99	18.88	1,026.4	38.8	820.87	791.1	14.7	242.17
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,001.3	39.7	1,422.33	35.75	975.4	40.3	1,449.69	25.9	17.6	393.55
Business, finance and administrative	2,848.7	35.1	774.34	21.58	2,412.6	38.3	859.46	436.1	17.3	303.39
Natural and applied sciences	1,100.7	38.5	1,241.71	32.14	1,066.1	39.2	1,266.38	34.6	18.8	480.57
Health	977.7	33.4	900.01	26.86	734.0	37.9	1,021.41	243.7	19.9	534.36
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,438.4	33.2	994.67	29.39	1,122.5	37.9	1,151.59	315.8	16.7	436.99
Art, culture, recreation and sport	352.2	30.7	766.98	23.52	242.7	38.5	998.14	109.5	13.2	254.81
Sales and service	3,709.7	30.0	500.88	15.48	2,261.1	38.5	692.26	1,448.6	16.7	202.16
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,011.2	39.9	928.58	23.01	1,874.4	41.5	974.17	136.9	17.8	304.16
Occupations unique to primary industry	228.5	41.0	873.77	20.54	196.5	45.2	983.86	32.0	14.9	198.64
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	738.3	39.0	766.90	19.43	702.7	40.1	792.87	35.5	17.5	253.18

**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 May 13, 2012 to June 9, 2012
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	7.4
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	16.7
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.0
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.2
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.3
06. Halifax	6.0
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.3
08. Madawaska-Charlotte	11.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	15.8
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	14.5
11. Québec	5.2
12. Trois-Rivières	8.0
13. South Central Quebec	4.8
14. Sherbrooke	6.3
15. Montérégie	6.7
16. Montréal	9.4
17. Central Quebec	9.0
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.2
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord	9.5
20. Gatineau	5.1
21. Saguenay	5.9
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	6.4
23. Eastern Ontario	8.0
24. Kingston	7.1
25. Central Ontario	7.3
26. Oshawa	8.0
27. Toronto	8.4
28. Hamilton	6.4
29. St. Catharines	7.9
30. London	8.5
31. Niagara	9.7
32. Windsor	10.3
33. Kitchener	6.5
34. Huron	8.8
35. South Central Ontario	5.2
36. Sudbury	7.1
37. Thunder Bay	5.3
38. Northern Ontario	10.9
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	5.7
40. Southern Manitoba	5.8
41. Northern Manitoba	28.6
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	3.9
43. Saskatoon	5.7
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.6
45. Northern Saskatchewan	18.0
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	5.1
47. Edmonton	5.7
48. Northern Alberta	8.4
49. Southern Alberta	5.9

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from May 13, 2012 to June 9, 2012
	percent
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	9.1
51. Abbotsford	9.6
52. Vancouver	6.3
53. Victoria	5.8
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	8.1
55. Northern British Columbia	11.8
<b>Territories</b>	
56. Yukon <sup>2</sup>	25.0
57. Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup>	25.0
58. Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	25.0

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

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

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



# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of 56,000 representative households across the country. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals until November 1952. It has been carried out monthly since then. The information generated by the survey has expanded considerably over the years with a major redesign of the survey content in 1976 and again in 1997, and provides a rich and detailed picture of the Canadian labour market.

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

## Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All geographic regions are based on the 2006 Census boundaries.

## Seasonal adjustment

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

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

## Sampling variability of estimates

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 56,000 households across Canada. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the estimates are subject to sampling error. While the published estimate is the best available indicator of the real value, changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. The sampling error can be estimated by calculating the standard error for the published estimate or statistic. These standard errors have been included in the publication tables, in order to assist users in interpreting the data.

## Interpretation based on standard error

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

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

### Interpretation based on confidence intervals

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

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

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

### Documentation

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

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