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- r revised
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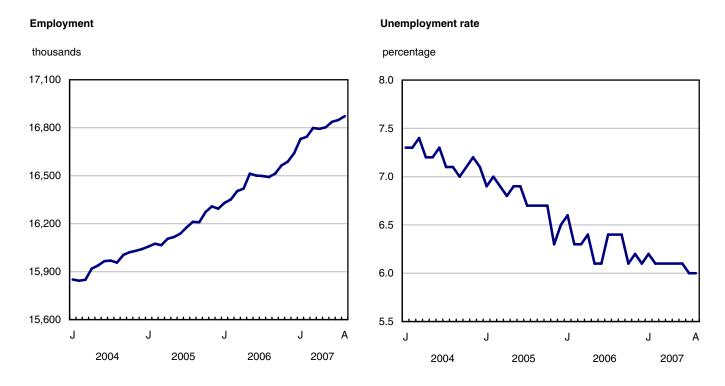
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## **Highlights**

## August 2007

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Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted



## Analysis — August 2007

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The added employment in August brought overall gains for the first eight months of the year to an estimated 232,000 or 1.4%, slightly higher than the growth observed over the same period last year (+1.2%).

Older workers, particularly women, experienced strong employment growth in August, bringing total gains for the 55+ to 4.6% since the start of the year.

Gains in the goods sector in August came primarily from construction. This industry continues to be one of the strongest sources of employment growth in 2007, up 5.8% so far this year.

Strength in student employment continued in August, particularly for those aged 15 to 19. The average employment rate for students aged 15 to 24 this summer was the highest since 1991.

## Construction employment continues to rise

Construction employment grew by 16,000 in August, with employment growth of 63,000 since the start of the year (+5.8%). Employment in the utilities industry grew by 3,900 in August. Since December 2006, employment in this relatively small industry has risen by 20.1% (+25,000). Manufacturing was unchanged in August following modest gains in July.

Employment in educational services jumped by an estimated 33,000 in August, partially offsetting last month's decline. Most of the increase was in Ontario's primary and secondary education sector.

Transportation and warehousing employment fell by an estimated 31,000 in August with losses evenly divided between the two industries. Despite this decline, employment in transportation and warehousing remains unchanged from a year ago.

In August, employment increased by 15,000 in both business, building and other support services and in health care and social assistance. Employment in business, building and other support services is down 1.1% from the beginning of the year, while health care and social assistance is up by 1.4%.

Employment in professional, scientific and technical services declined by an estimated 14,000 in August. Most of the August employment losses in this industry were equally shared by Ontario and British Columbia. Growth in this industry, however, is up 4.7% since December 2006.

In August, public-sector employment grew by an estimated 44,000, with gains of 2.6% since the start of the year. The growth in August was strongly influenced by the employment increases in the educational services and health care and social assistance industries. The number of private-sector employees has shown little growth so far this year (+0.3%). Despite a small decline in self-employment in August, growth among this group is up 4.5% since last December.

### **Employment booming for older workers**

In August, almost all of the employment growth for adult men and women came from those aged 55 and over. An estimated 34,000 older workers found employment in August. Since the beginning of this year, employment among the 55+ has increased by 4.6%, the fastest pace of all age groups, with stronger growth for women (+5.5%) than

men (+3.9%). The August employment rate for older men was its highest since 1985; the rate for women was near the all-time high set in April of this year.

Added employment in August was largely driven by full-time growth for adult men (+22,000) and part-time gains for adult women (+30,000). The employment rate for adult women reached 59.0%, just shy of the record high set in April 2007.

## **Employment gains in Newfoundland and Labrador**

The number of employed Newfoundland and Labrador residents grew by 3,000 in August, its largest month-to-month increase in 18 months. While their employment rate rose by 0.8 percentage points in August to 51.3%, it stands at the same level as it was in December 2006. Virtually all of the August employment gains were in full-time positions for adult men.

Ontario's overall employment picture showed little growth in August. Gains in a number of service industries was somewhat dampened by a large decline in transportation and warehousing. Employment in the province's goods sector fell by 20,000 in August, about half of which was in manufacturing. At the same time, the unemployment rate edged down by 0.2 percentage points to 6.4%. So far this year, employment in the province is up 0.7%, half the national growth rate.

Overall employment was little changed in Quebec in August, with gains in the goods-producing sector offset by losses in the services industries. The unemployment rate remains near its 33-year low, and the employment rate remains at its record high of 61.1%.

There was little change in overall labour market estimates for British Columbia in August. However, there were a number of ongoing labour disputes in the province, including members of unions in 31 coastal forestry companies and municipal workers in Vancouver. Workers on strike or locked out are considered employed according to Labour Force Survey definitions. The number of hours lost from work due to labour disputes in British Columbia were substantial. During the week of August 12th, there were an estimated 14,000 employees who were not at work because of labour disputes, resulting in a loss of about 517,000 hours or 37.4 hours per affected employee.

## Wage growth continued in August

August marks the fourth consecutive month with a year-over-year average hourly wage increase above 3%. Employees, on average, made 4.0% more per hour in August than they did in August 2006, exceeding the most recent year-over-year Consumer Price Index increase of 2.2%.

## Student summer labour market hottest since the early 90s

From May to August, the Labour Force Survey collects labour market information about young people aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full-time in March and intend to return to school in the fall. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, comparisons can only be made on a year-over-year basis.

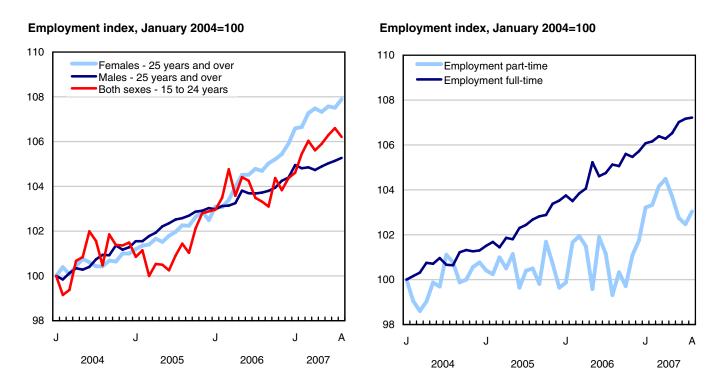
Favourable labour market conditions allowed students to experience their best summer job market in more than 15 years. The average employment rate for students this summer (May to August) was 54.6%, the highest since 1991. At the same time, the average unemployment rate was 12.9%, the lowest since the summer of 1990.

## Note to readers

The Labour Force Survey estimates are based on a sample, and are therefore subject to sampling variability. Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries will have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates, and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the Data Quality section in this publication.

The 2006 Labour Force Historical Review on CD-ROM (71F0004XCB, \$209) is now available.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted



## Employment index, January 2004=100

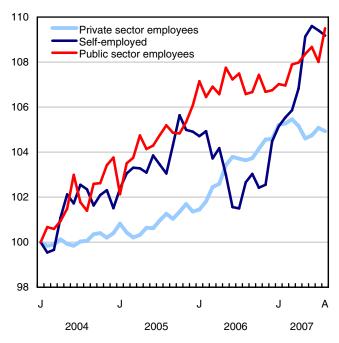
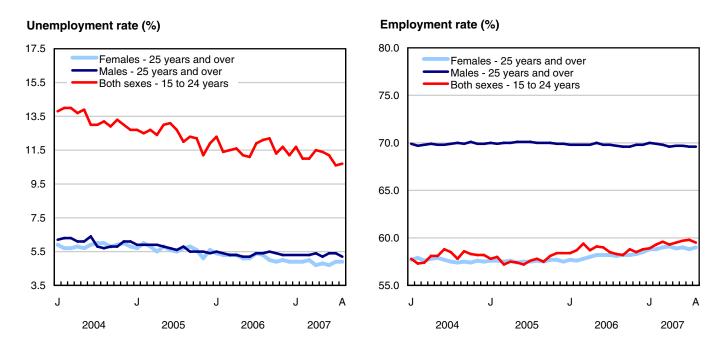


Chart 2
Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted



## Participation rate (%)

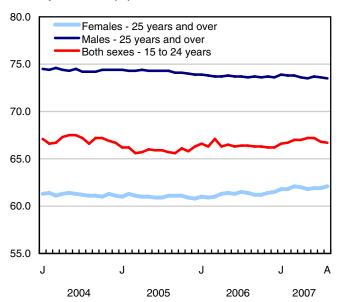


Chart 3 Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2004=100

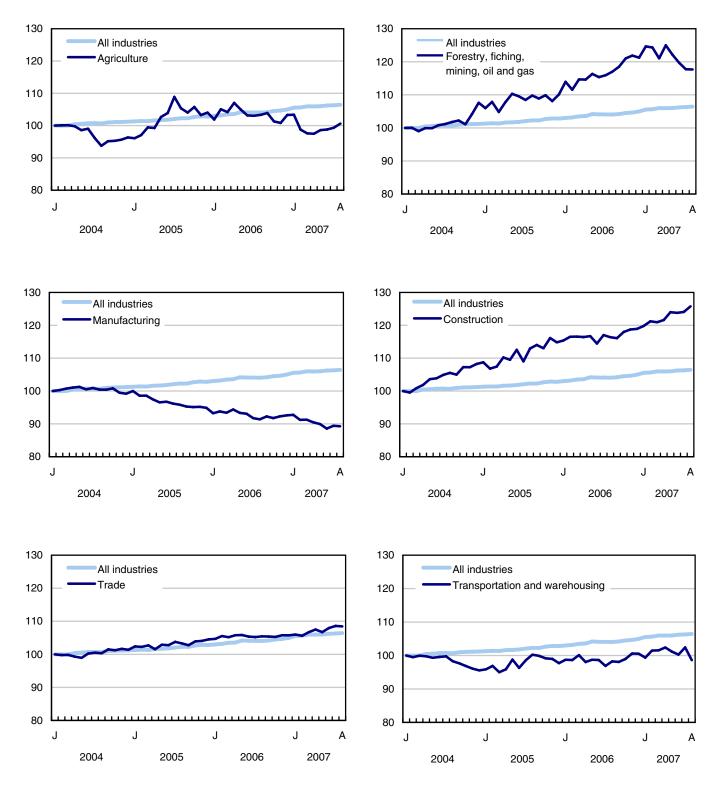


Chart 4 Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2004 = 100

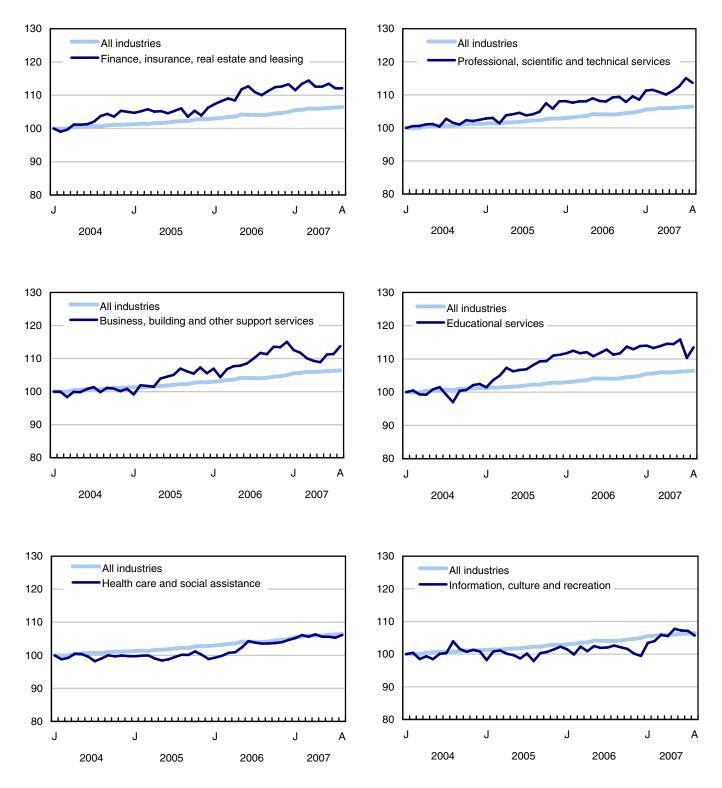
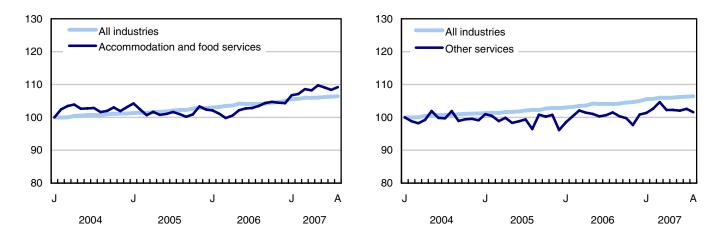


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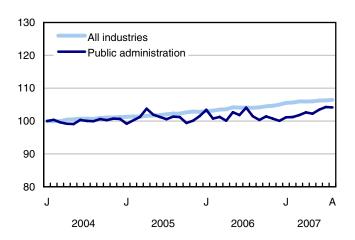
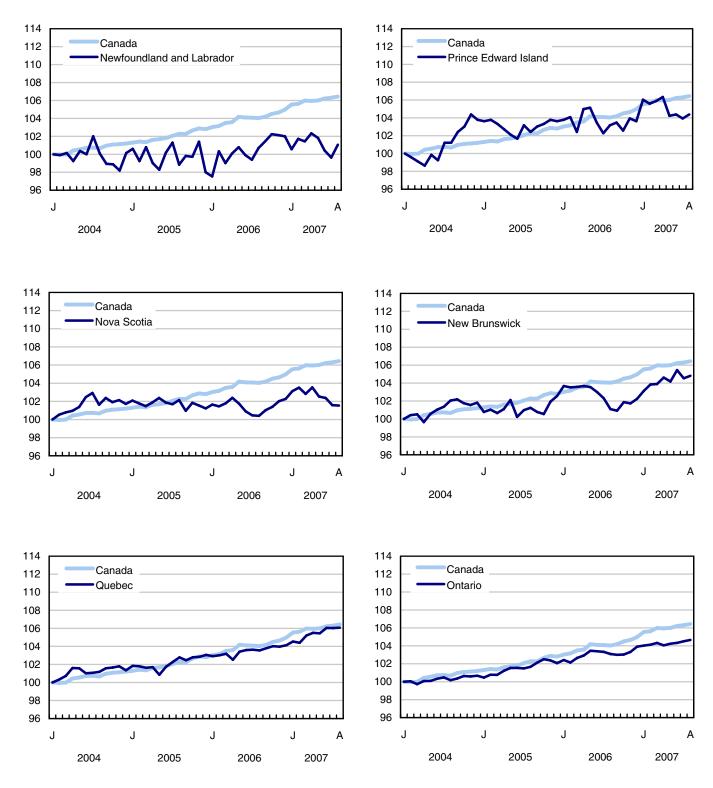
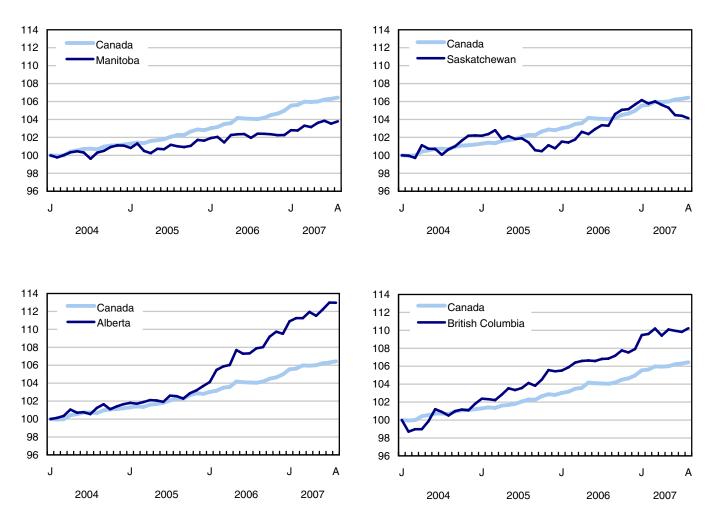


Chart 6 Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2004 = 100







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	July	August 2007	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
	2007			last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	26,569.9	26,599.8		29.9	242.2	367.3	0.1	0.9	1.4
Labour force Employment	17,928.3 16,848.6	17,947.5 16,871.9	27.1 27.4	19.2 23.3	231.8 231.5	320.1 380.4	0.1 0.1	1.3 1.4	1.8 2.3
Employment full-time	13,824.2	13,830.7	35.2	6.5	193.5	270.3	0.0	1.4	2.0
Employment part-time	3,024.4	3,041.2	32.0	16.8	38.0	110.2	0.6	1.3	3.8
Unemployment	1,079.8	1,075.6	23.1	-4.2	0.3	-60.4	-0.4	0.0	-5.3
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3			
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.4			
Employment rate Part-time rate	63.4 18.0	63.4 18.0	0.1 0.2	0.0 0.1	0.3 0.0	0.5 0.3			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,354.0	4,356.8	40.0	2.8	18.8	32.2	0.1	0.4	0.7
Labour force Employment	2,910.5 2,603.3	2,905.2 2,593.8	16.3 15.7	-5.3 -9.5	34.8 44.9	33.9 70.5	-0.2 -0.4	1.2 1.8	1.2 2.8
Employment full-time	1,467.0	1.457.5	17.8	-9.5 -9.5	30.7	25.0	-0.4	2.2	1.7
Employment part-time	1,136.3	1,136.3	18.2	0.0	14.2	45.5	0.0	1.3	4.2
Unemployment	307.2	311.4	13.7	4.2	-10.1	-36.6	1.4	-3.1	-10.5
Participation rate	66.8	66.7	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.3			
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.7	0.4	0.1	-0.5	-1.4		•••	
Employment rate Part-time rate	59.8 43.6	59.5 43.8	0.4 0.6	-0.3 0.2	0.7 -0.2	1.2 0.6	•••		•••
	43.0	43.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0	•••		
Men, 25 years and over Population	10,852.4	10,865.7		13.3	110.7	166.6	0.1	1.0	1.6
Labour force	7,988.1	7,982.0	13.9	-6.1	62.3	103.9	-0.1	0.8	1.3
Employment	7,557.8	7,566.7	15.0	8.9	63.0	111.1	0.1	0.8	1.5
Employment full-time	7,057.7	7,079.4	19.1	21.7	61.9	106.0	0.3	0.9	1.5
Employment part-time	500.1	487.2	15.1	-12.9	1.0	5.0	-2.6	0.2	1.0
Unemployment	430.3	415.3	13.3	-15.0	-0.8	-7.1	-3.5	-0.2	-1.7
Participation rate Unemployment rate	73.6 5.4	73.5 5.2	0.1 0.2	-0.1 -0.2	-0.1 -0.1	-0.1 -0.2		•••	
Employment rate	69.6	69.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2			
Part-time rate	6.6	6.4	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	11,363.5	11,377.3		13.8	112.7	168.5	0.1	1.0	1.5
Labour force	7,029.7	7,060.4	15.3	30.7	134.8	182.3	0.4	1.9	2.7
Employment	6,687.4 5.299.4	6,711.4 5.293.8	15.5 22.4	24.0 -5.6	123.5 100.9	198.9 139.3	0.4 -0.1	1.9 1.9	3.1 2.7
Employment full-time Employment part-time	1,388.0	5,293.6 1,417.6	20.8	29.6	22.7	59.6	2.1	1.9	4.4
Unemployment	342.3	349.0	12.2	6.7	11.3	-16.6	2.0	3.3	-4.5
Participation rate	61.9	62.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.7			
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4			
Employment rate Part-time rate	58.8 20.8	59.0 21.1	0.1 0.3	0.2 0.4	0.5 -0.1	0.9 0.3			
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,332.8	14,340.5		7.7	59.4	95.9	0.1	0.4	0.7
Labour force	12,416.8	12,401.6	20.4	-15.2	73.1	130.4	-0.1	0.6	1.1
Employment	11,773.0	11,771.7	21.8	-1.3	75.9	141.9	0.0	0.6	1.2
Unemployment	643.8 86.6	629.8 86.5	16.9	-14.0	-2.9 0.2	-11.6	-2.2	-0.5	-1.8
Participation rate Unemployment rate	5.2	86.5 5.1	0.1 0.1	-0.1 -0.1	0.2	0.4 -0.1			•••
Employment rate	82.1	82.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5			
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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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Percent change from		
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		i	n thous	ands					
Class of worker Employees Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	14,200.6 2,647.9	14,229.6 2,642.3	31.4 20.6	29.0 -5.6	117.7 113.8	222.6 157.9	0.2 -0.2	0.8 4.5	1.6 6.4
Public/private sector employees Public sector employees Private sector employees	3,229.2 10,971.5	3,273.5 10,956.1	19.3 32.4	44.3 -15.4	82.0 35.6	87.1 135.4	1.4 -0.1	2.6 0.3	2.7 1.3
Industry	16,848.6	16,871.9	27.4	23.3	231.5	380.4	0.1	1.4	2.3
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas Utilities Construction Manufacturing	3,988.9 332.5 332.5 145.8 1,136.6 2,041.5	4,009.3 336.8 332.3 149.7 1,152.1 2,038.3	22.4 6.7 6.3 3.7 13.6 17.4	20.4 4.3 -0.2 3.9 15.5 -3.2	-6.4 -9.0 -10.1 25.1 62.8 -75.3	56.3 -9.1 1.9 25.7 85.9 -48.2	0.5 1.3 -0.1 2.7 1.4 -0.2	-0.2 -2.6 -2.9 20.1 5.8 -3.6	1.4 -2.6 0.6 20.7 8.1 -2.3
Services-producing sector Trade Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	12,859.7 2,712.4 831.2 1,053.7	12,862.6 2,709.1 800.2 1,053.8	30.3 19.5 11.4 12.5	2.9 -3.3 -31.0 0.1	237.9 67.3 -15.7 -11.4	324.2 75.2 3.0 19.3	0.0 -0.1 -3.7 0.0	1.9 2.5 -1.9 -1.1	2.6 2.9 0.4 1.9
services Business, building and other support	1,156.5	1,142.1	14.2	-14.4	51.2	44.2	-1.2	4.7	4.0
services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	700.2 1,138.6 1,833.2 786.7 1,070.6 716.4 860.1	714.9 1,171.4 1,847.7 776.1 1,078.9 709.2 859.1	12.4 13.0 14.5 12.1 13.7 10.8 9.6	14.7 32.8 14.5 -10.6 8.3 -7.2 -1.0	-8.3 -4.1 26.1 45.7 48.2 5.0 33.7	12.9 22.6 45.1 22.4 56.6 0.6 22.3	2.1 2.9 0.8 -1.3 0.8 -1.0 -0.1	-1.1 -0.3 1.4 6.3 4.7 0.7 4.1	1.8 2.0 2.5 3.0 5.5 0.1 2.7

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

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

Table 3 Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	ı	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Newfoundland and Labrador Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	423.1 247.2 213.8 185.7 28.1 33.5 58.4 13.6 50.5	423.2 251.3 216.9 188.7 28.2 34.4 59.4 13.7 51.3	2.2 2.3 2.6 1.8 2.2 0.5 0.8 0.5	0.1 4.1 3.1 3.0 0.1 0.9 1.0 0.1	-3.2 -2.6 -2.0 4.0 -6.0 -0.1 -0.1	-4.1 -3.0 0.8 -0.4 1.2 -3.8 -0.1 -1.3 0.7	0.0 1.7 1.4 1.6 0.4 2.7	-0.8 -1.0 -0.9 2.2 -17.5 -1.7	-1.0 -1.2 0.4 -0.2 4.4 -9.9
Prince Edward Island Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	113.4 76.9 68.8 57.9 10.9 8.1 67.8 10.5 60.7	113.5 77.1 69.1 57.6 11.5 7.9 67.9 10.2 60.9	0.6 0.6 0.8 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.7	0.1 0.2 0.3 -0.3 0.6 -0.2 0.1 -0.3	0.8 -1.2 0.5 1.0 -0.5 -1.8 -1.6 -2.2	1.1 0.4 0.8 0.1 0.7 -0.5 -0.3 -0.8	0.1 0.3 0.4 -0.5 5.5 -2.5	0.7 -1.5 0.7 1.8 -4.2 -18.6	1.0 0.5 1.2 0.2 6.5 -6.0
Nova Scotia Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	764.2 485.0 442.4 362.2 80.2 42.6 63.5 8.8 57.9	764.5 485.3 442.2 359.2 83.0 43.1 63.5 8.9 57.8	2.7 2.9 3.6 3.1 2.5 0.4 0.5 0.4	0.3 0.3 -0.2 -3.0 2.8 0.5 0.0 0.1 -0.1	1.0 4.8 -3.2 -4.8 1.6 8.0 0.6 1.6 -0.5	1.4 8.4 4.9 2.8 2.1 3.5 1.0 0.6 0.5	0.0 0.1 0.0 -0.8 3.5 1.2	0.1 1.0 -0.7 -1.3 2.0 22.8 	0.2 1.8 1.1 0.8 2.6 8.8 
New Brunswick Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	613.1 390.4 362.2 304.2 57.9 28.2 63.7 7.2 59.1	613.5 393.5 363.2 306.0 57.2 30.3 64.1 7.7 59.2	2.4 2.4 2.8 2.4 2.1 0.4 0.5	0.4 3.1 1.0 1.8 -0.7 2.1 0.4 0.5	2.3 6.4 8.9 8.2 0.7 -2.5 0.8 -0.8	2.2 8.6 12.9 11.2 1.7 -4.4 1.1 -1.3	0.1 0.8 0.3 0.6 -1.2 7.4	0.4 1.7 2.5 2.8 1.2 -7.6	0.4 2.2 3.7 3.8 3.1 -12.7 
Quebec Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	6,317.7 4,143.7 3,858.5 3,151.8 706.7 285.2 65.6 6.9 61.1	6,321.7 4,152.6 3,859.9 3,146.8 713.1 292.6 65.7 7.0 61.1	14.2 14.8 18.9 17.5 13.2 0.2 0.3 0.2	4.0 8.9 1.4 -5.0 6.4 7.4 0.1 0.1	38.9 56.9 70.5 36.3 34.2 -13.7 0.5 -0.5 0.8	61.2 60.6 91.8 56.3 35.6 -31.4 0.3 -0.9	0.1 0.2 0.0 -0.2 0.9 2.6	0.6 1.4 1.9 1.2 5.0 -4.5	1.0 1.5 2.4 1.8 5.3 -9.7

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	ites)				
Ontario Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	10,366.6 7,049.9 6,584.7 5,408.5 1,176.2 465.2 68.0 6.6 63.5	10,378.4 7,043.6 6,594.0 5,403.3 1,190.7 449.5 67.9 6.4 63.5	18.5 18.1 22.8 20.7 15.9 0.2 0.2	11.8 -6.3 9.3 -5.2 14.5 -15.7 -0.1 -0.2	87.5 75.0 47.4 48.7 -1.2 27.5 0.2 0.3 -0.1	130.0 104.4 99.0 50.9 48.1 5.3 0.2 0.0	0.1 -0.1 0.1 -0.1 1.2 -3.4	0.9 1.1 0.7 0.9 -0.1 6.5 	1.3 1.5 1.5 1.0 4.2 1.2
Manitoba Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	899.2 621.0 594.9 481.6 113.4 26.1 69.1 4.2 66.2	900.0 622.6 596.4 482.7 113.7 26.2 69.2 4.2 66.3	2.9 2.8 3.8 3.7 2.1 0.3 0.3	0.8 1.6 1.5 1.1 0.3 0.1 0.1 0.0	6.2 10.0 8.8 10.3 -1.5 1.2 0.7 0.1 0.6	7.1 6.7 7.9 12.3 -4.4 -1.2 0.2 -0.2	0.1 0.3 0.3 0.2 0.3 0.4	0.7 1.6 1.5 2.2 -1.3 4.8 	0.8 1.1 1.3 2.6 -3.7 -4.4 
Saskatchewan Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	751.1 521.9 496.8 406.5 90.3 25.1 69.5 4.8 66.1	752.1 521.1 495.5 406.5 89.0 25.6 69.3 4.9 65.9	2.4 2.4 3.2 2.9 1.8 0.3 0.3	1.0 -0.8 -1.3 0.0 -1.3 0.5 -0.2 0.1 -0.2	5.8 -2.9 -7.3 -1.2 -6.1 4.4 -0.9 0.9 -1.5	6.0 2.1 4.0 0.9 3.1 -2.0 -0.3 -0.4 0.0	0.1 -0.2 -0.3 0.0 -1.4 2.0	0.8 -0.6 -1.5 -0.3 -6.4 20.8 	0.8 0.4 0.8 0.2 3.6 -7.2
Alberta Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	2,748.8 2,037.0 1,968.9 1,658.4 310.5 68.1 74.1 3.3 71.6	2,754.5 2,040.8 1,968.7 1,663.4 305.3 72.0 74.1 3.5 71.5	7.7 8.0 11.0 9.9 5.6 0.3 0.3	5.7 3.8 -0.2 5.0 -5.2 3.9 0.0 0.2 -0.1	62.4 66.4 60.3 47.9 12.4 6.0 0.8 0.2	103.1 80.2 88.7 83.3 5.4 -8.6 0.2 -0.6	0.2 0.2 0.0 0.3 -1.7 5.7	2.3 3.4 3.2 3.0 4.2 9.1 	3.9 4.1 4.7 5.3 1.8 -10.7
British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Employment part-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	3,572.6 2,355.3 2,257.6 1,807.4 450.2 97.7 65.9 4.1 63.2	3,578.4 2,359.8 2,265.9 1,816.5 449.4 93.9 65.9 4.0 63.3	10.0 10.1 13.5 12.3 7.2 0.3 0.3	5.8 4.5 8.3 9.1 -0.8 -3.8 0.0 -0.1	40.4 19.1 47.4 43.3 4.1 -28.3 -0.3 -1.2 0.6	59.2 52.1 69.4 52.8 16.6 -17.4 0.3 -0.8 0.9	0.2 0.2 0.4 0.5 -0.2 -3.9	1.1 0.8 2.1 2.4 0.9 -23.2 	1.7 2.3 3.2 3.0 3.8 -15.6 

<sup>1.</sup> 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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	ands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	423.1	423.2		0.4	2.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	1.0
Population Labour force	423.1 247.2	423.2 251.3	2.2	0.1 4.1	-3.2 -2.6	-4.1 -3.0	0.0 1.7	-0.8 -1.0	-1.0 -1.2
Employment	213.8	216.9	2.3	3.1	-2.0	0.8	1.4	-0.9	0.4
Employment full-time Unemployment	185.7 33.5	188.7 34.4	2.6 2.2	3.0 0.9	4.0 -0.6	-0.4 -3.8	1.6 2.7	2.2 -1.7	-0.2 -9.9
Participation rate	58.4	59.4	0.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	<b>2.</b> 1	-1.7	-9.9
Unemployment rate	13.6	13.7	8.0	0.1	-0.1	-1.3			
Employment rate Part-time rate	50.5 13.1	51.3 13.0	0.5 0.8	0.8 -0.1	0.0 -2.6	0.7 0.5			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	63.3	63.2		-0.1	-2.2	-3.2	-0.2	-3.4	-4.8
Labour force Employment	32.8 26.5	34.6 27.3	1.1 1.1	1.8 0.8	-1.8 -1.1	-2.3 -0.7	5.5 3.0	-4.9 -3.9	-6.2 -2.5
Unemployment	6.3	7.4	1.0	1.1	-0.5	-1.5	17.5	-6.3	-16.9
Participation rate	51.8	54.7	1.6	2.9	-1.0	-0.9			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	19.2 41.9	21.4 43.2	2.7 1.6	2.2 1.3	-0.3 -0.2	-2.7 1.0		•••	
Part-time rate	35.5	28.6	3.5	-6.9	-13.0	0.0			
Men, 25 years and over									
Population Labour force	174.0 112.8	174.1 115.3	1.2	0.1 2.5	-0.6 0.3	-0.6 2.6	0.1 2.2	-0.3 0.3	-0.3 2.3
Employment	97.6	100.5	1.4	2.9	1.7	4.8	3.0	1.7	5.0
Unemployment	15.3	14.8	1.4	-0.5	-1.4	-2.2	-3.3	-8.6	-12.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	64.8 13.6	66.2 12.8	0.7 1.2	1.4 -0.8	0.4 -1.3	1.7 -2.3	•••	•••	•••
Employment rate	56.1	57.7	0.8	1.6	1.1	2.9			
Part-time rate	5.0	5.3	8.0	0.3	0.1	-0.2			
Women, 25 years and over Population	185.8	185.9		0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	101.6	101.4	1.2	-0.2	-0. <del>4</del> -1.1	-3.4	-0.2	-0.2 -1.1	-3.2
Employment	89.7	89.1	1.2	-0.6	-2.6	-3.3	-0.7	-2.8	-3.6
Unemployment	11.9 54.7	12.2 54.5	1.2 0.6	0.3 -0.2	1.3 -0.5	-0.2 -1.8	2.5	11.9	-1.6
Participation rate Unemployment rate	11.7	12.0	1.1	0.3	-0.5 1.4	0.2			
Employment rate	48.3	47.9	0.7	-0.4	-1.3	-1.7		•••	
Part-time rate	15.3	16.9	1.3	1.7	-1.8	2.0			
Industry	213.8	216.9	2.3	3.1	-2.0	0.8	1.4	-0.9	0.4
Goods-producing sector	47.9	49.7	1.8	1.8	-0.7	2.4	3.8	-1.4	5.1
Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	1.1 15.4	1.7 14.8	0.3 1.1	0.6 -0.6	0.0 -3.1	0.0 -0.1	54.5 -3.9	0.0 -17.3	0.0 -0.7
Utilities	1.9	1.7	0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.6	-10.5	21.4	-26.1
Construction	13.8 15.8	14.3 17.1	1.0 1.1	0.5 1.3	0.7 1.3	1.1 1.9	3.6 8.2	5.1 8.2	8.3 12.5
Manufacturing									
Services-producing sector Trade	165.8 36.2	167.2 35.2	2.0 1.2	1.4 -1.0	-1.3 -2.9	-1.6 -3.0	0.8 -2.8	-0.8 -7.6	-0.9 -7.9
Transportation and warehousing	11.0	10.6	0.7	-0.4	-0.7	-1.0	-3.6	-6.2	-8.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	7.6	7.9	0.4	0.3	1.5	2.0	3.9	23.4	33.9
services Business, building and other support	8.9	8.6	0.5	-0.3	2.8	1.9	-3.4	48.3	28.4
services	8.9	8.2	0.7	-0.7	-1.1	-0.7	-7.9	-11.8	-7.9
Educational services Health care and social assistance	15.5 30.6	15.7 32.0	0.8	0.2 1.4	-2.9 2.3	-0.9 1.9	1.3 4.6	-15.6 7.7	-5.4
Information, culture and recreation	8.1	32.0 7.2	0.9 0.7	-0.9	∠.s -1.9	-2.5	4.6 -11.1	7.7 -20.9	6.3 -25.8
Accommodation and food services	14.5	16.6	0.9	2.1	4.2	2.6	14.5	33.9	18.6
Other services Public administration	8.4 16.3	8.5 16.7	0.7 0.8	0.1 0.4	-2.9 0.4	-3.0 1.0	1.2 2.5	-25.4 2.5	-26.1 6.4
i ubile autilitiotration	10.3	10.7	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.3	∠.5	0.4

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

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	112.4	442.5		0.4	0.0	1 1	0.4	0.7	1.0
Population Labour force	113.4 76.9	113.5 77.1	0.6	0.1 0.2	0.8 -1.2	1.1 0.4	0.1 0.3	0.7 -1.5	1.0 0.5
Employment	68.8	69.1	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.2
Employment full-time Unemployment	57.9 8.1	57.6 7.9	0.8 0.6	-0.3 -0.2	1.0 -1.8	0.1 -0.5	-0.5 -2.5	1.8 -18.6	0.2 -6.0
Participation rate	67.8	67.9	0.5	0.1	-1.6	-0.3	-2.5	-10.0	-0.0
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.2	0.7	-0.3	-2.2	-0.8			
Employment rate Part-time rate	60.7 15.8	60.9 16.6	0.6 0.9	0.2 0.8	0.0 -0.9	0.1 0.8			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population Labour force	19.7	19.7 13.7	0.3	0.0 0.2	-0.1 -0.6	-0.2	0.0 1.5	-0.5 -4.2	-1.0
Labour force Employment	13.5 11.7	11.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.0 -0.2	0.2 0.0	-0.9	-4.2 -1.7	1.5 0.0
Unemployment	1.7	2.1	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.3	23.5	-16.0	16.7
Participation rate	68.5	69.5	1.7	1.0	-2.7	1.7			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	12.6 59.4	15.3 58.9	2.1 1.7	2.7 -0.5	-2.2 -0.7	2.0 0.6			
Part-time rate	41.9	42.2	3.0	0.4	0.7	1.7			
Men, 25 years and over	44.8	44.9		0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.9	1.1
Population Labour force	32.4	31.9	0.3	-0.5	-1.2	-0.6	-1.5	-3.6	-1.8
Employment	28.8	28.9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.3
Unemployment Participation rate	3.6	3.0	0.4	-0.6	-1.3	-0.7	-16.7	-30.2	-18.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	72.3 11.1	71.0 9.4	0.8 1.1	-1.3 -1.7	-3.4 -3.6	-2.2 -2.0			
Employment rate Part-time rate	64.3 5.2	64.4 6.6	0.9 1.0	0.1 1.4	-0.1 0.7	-0.5 1.4			
Women, 25 years and over	40.0	40.0			0.5	0.0		4.0	4.7
Population Labour force	48.9 31.1	48.9 31.4	0.3	0.0 0.3	0.5 0.4	0.8 0.6	0.0 1.0	1.0 1.3	1.7 1.9
Employment	28.3	28.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.8	2.5
Unemployment	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-3.4	-3.4
Participation rate Unemployment rate	63.6 9.0	64.2 8.9	0.7 1.0	0.6 -0.1	0.2 -0.5	0.2 -0.5			
Employment rate	57.9	58.5	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5			
Part-time rate	15.5	16.4	1.5	0.9	-2.8	-0.1			
Industry	68.8	69.1	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.2
Goods-producing sector	17.7	17.9	0.6	0.2	-0.6	-0.7	1.1	-3.2	-3.8
Agriculture	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	2.9	-10.0	-5.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas Utilities	2.2 0.2	2.2 0.3	0.2 0.0	0.0 0.1	0.0 0.1	-0.1 0.0	0.0 50.0	0.0 50.0	-4.3 0.0
Construction	4.8	5.1	0.3	0.3	-0.6	-0.7	6.2	-10.5	-12.1
Manufacturing	6.9	6.6	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-4.3	1.5	1.5
Services-producing sector Trade	51.2 11.2	51.2 10.9	0.6 0.3	0.0 -0.3	1.1 1.1	1.5 1.0	0.0 -2.7	2.2 11.2	3.0 10.1
Transportation and warehousing	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.2	4.8	-8.3	10.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	12.5	17.4
services Business, building and other support	2.2	2.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9	-9.1	-20.0	-31.0
services	2.7	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.1	7.4	11.5	-3.3
Educational services Health care and social assistance	4.6 8.4	4.9 8.3	0.3 0.3	0.3 -0.1	0.1 0.4	0.3 0.6	6.5 -1.2	2.1 5.1	6.5 7.8
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	8.0	8.0	3.8
Accommodation and food services	5.8	5.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-1.7	-1.7	3.6
Other services Public administration	2.4 6.5	2.6 6.1	0.2 0.3	0.2 -0.4	0.0 -0.7	0.0 -0.4	8.3 -6.2	0.0 -10.3	0.0 -6.2
i dono administration	0.5	0.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-0.2	-10.3	-0.2

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	ands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	704.0	7045			4.0			0.4	0.0
Population Labour force	764.2 485.0	764.5 485.3	2.7	0.3 0.3	1.0 4.8	1.4 8.4	0.0 0.1	0.1 1.0	0.2 1.8
Employment	442.4	442.2	2.9	-0.2	-3.2	4.9	0.0	-0.7	1.1
Employment full-time	362.2	359.2	3.6	-3.0	-4.8	2.8	-0.8	-1.3	0.8
Unemployment Participation rate	42.6 63.5	43.1 63.5	2.5 0.4	0.5 0.0	8.0 0.6	3.5 1.0	1.2	22.8	8.8
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.9	0.5	0.1	1.6	0.6			
Employment rate Part-time rate	57.9 18.1	57.8 18.8	0.4 0.7	-0.1 0.6	-0.5 0.5	0.5 0.3			
	10.1	10.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years Population	122.4	122.3		-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6
Labour force	80.6	81.9	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.8	1.6	1.1	2.2
Employment	70.7	70.0	1.6	-0.7	-1.0	0.2	-1.0	-1.4	0.3
Unemployment Participation rate	9.9 65.8	12.0 67.0	1.4 1.3	2.1 1.2	2.0 1.0	1.7 1.9	21.2	20.0	16.5
Unemployment rate	12.3	14.7	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.8			
Employment rate	57.8	57.2	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	0.5			
Part-time rate	44.3	47.0	2.4	2.7	1.1	4.9	•••		•••
Men, 25 years and over	306.2	306.4		0.2	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.3
Population Labour force	208.9	207.9	1.5	-1.0	1.0	2.6	-0.5	0.2	0.3 1.3
Employment	190.5	190.7	1.7	0.2	-0.2	1.3	0.1	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment	18.4	17.2	1.5	-1.2	1.2	1.3	-6.5	7.5	8.2
Participation rate Unemployment rate	68.2 8.8	67.9 8.3	0.5 0.7	-0.3 -0.5	0.2 0.6	0.7 0.6			
Employment rate	62.2	62.2	0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
Part-time rate	6.9	6.8	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4			
Women, 25 years and over	005.0								0.4
Population Labour force	335.6 195.5	335.8 195.5	1.4	0.2 0.0	0.9 2.9	1.4 4.0	0.1 0.0	0.3 1.5	0.4 2.1
Employment	181.1	181.5	1.5	0.4	-2.1	3.5	0.0	-1.1	2.0
Unemployment	14.4	14.0	1.2	-0.4	4.9	0.5	-2.8	53.8	3.7
Participation rate	58.3	58.2	0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.9	•••		
Unemployment rate Employment rate	7.4 54.0	7.2 54.1	0.6 0.4	-0.2 0.1	2.5 -0.7	0.2 0.9			
Part-time rate	19.8	20.4	1.1	0.7	1.2	-0.9			
Industry	442.4	442.2	2.9	-0.2	-3.2	4.9	0.0	-0.7	1.1
Goods-producing sector	87.3	87.2	2.2	-0.1	0.9	4.9	-0.1	1.0	6.0
Agriculture	5.6	6.3	0.6	0.7	1.8	1.1	12.5	40.0	21.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.6	10.2	1.0	-1.4	-1.5	-2.0	-12.1	-12.8	-16.4
Utilities Construction	1.5 28.5	2.0 28.6	0.2 1.4	0.5 0.1	-0.2 0.7	0.2 2.0	33.3 0.4	-9.1 2.5	11.1 7.5
Manufacturing	40.2	40.0	1.4	-0.2	0.0	3.4	-0.5	0.0	9.3
Services-producing sector	355.1	355.0	2.9	-0.1	-4.1	0.1	0.0	-1.1	0.0
Trade	77.1	74.3	1.9	-2.8	-4.5	-3.8	-3.6	-5.7	-4.9
Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	17.7 22.5	18.6 23.1	1.0 0.9	0.9 0.6	0.5 -1.4	0.4 1.6	5.1 2.7	2.8 -5.7	2.2 7.4
Professional, scientific and technical									
services Business, building and other support	17.6	19.4	1.0	1.8	2.6	1.9	10.2	15.5	10.9
services	26.5	25.8	1.3	-0.7	-3.2	-3.2	-2.6	-11.0	-11.0
Educational services	34.4	37.1	1.4	2.7	2.2	3.8	7.8	6.3	11.4
Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation	61.3 20.3	62.3 20.4	1.3 1.0	1.0 0.1	1.5 4.1	4.0 3.0	1.6 0.5	2.5 25.2	6.9 17.2
Accommodation and food services	30.7	27.9	1.4	-2.8	-3.6	-3.2	-9.1	-11.4	-10.3
Other services	20.6	20.0	1.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	-2.9	0.0	-1.0
Public administration	26.5	26.1	1.1	-0.4	-2.5	-4.3	-1.5	-8.7	-14.1

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population Labour force Employment	613.1 390.4 362.2	613.5 393.5 363.2	 2.4 2.4	0.4 3.1 1.0	2.3 6.4 8.9	2.2 8.6 12.9	0.1 0.8 0.3	0.4 1.7 2.5	0.4 2.2 3.7
Employment full-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	304.2 28.2 63.7 7.2 59.1 16.0	306.0 30.3 64.1 7.7 59.2 15.7	2.8 2.1 0.4 0.5 0.4 0.6	1.8 2.1 0.4 0.5 0.1 -0.2	8.2 -2.5 0.8 -0.8 1.2 -0.2	11.2 -4.4 1.1 -1.3 1.9 -0.1	0.6 7.4  	2.8 -7.6 	3.8 -12.7  
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years	10.0	15.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	•••	•••	
Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	94.8 61.4 55.3 6.1 64.8 9.9 58.3 39.4	94.8 62.7 55.9 6.9 66.1 11.0 59.0 39.2	1.3 1.4 1.1 1.4 1.7 1.4 2.3	0.0 1.3 0.6 0.8 1.3 1.1 0.7 -0.2	-0.4 1.8 3.0 -1.1 2.1 -2.1 3.4 3.8	-1.0 -0.1 2.7 -2.7 0.5 -4.3 3.5 1.8	0.0 2.1 1.1 13.1 	-0.4 3.0 5.7 -13.8 	-1.0 -0.2 5.1 -28.1 
Men, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate	250.6 171.4 157.5 13.9 68.4	250.7 172.1 157.9 14.2 68.6 8.3	1.3 1.4 1.4 0.5	0.1 0.7 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2	1.2 2.5 3.0 -0.5 0.6 -0.4	1.5 2.5 3.8 -1.4 0.5	0.0 0.4 0.3 2.2	0.5 1.5 1.9 -3.4	0.6 1.5 2.5 -9.0
Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	8.1 62.8 4.6	63.0 4.7	0.8 0.6 0.7	0.2 0.1	0.9 -1.2	-0.9 1.2 -0.4			
Women, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	267.7 157.5 149.3 8.2 58.8 5.2 55.8 19.3	268.0 158.6 149.4 9.2 59.2 5.8 55.7 18.7	1.3 1.3 1.1 0.5 0.7 0.5 1.1	0.3 1.1 0.1 1.0 0.4 0.6 -0.1 -0.6	1.5 2.0 2.9 -0.9 0.4 -0.6 0.7 -0.8	1.7 6.1 6.4 -0.3 1.9 -0.4 2.0 -0.8	0.1 0.7 0.1 12.2 	0.6 1.3 2.0 -8.9 	0.6 4.0 4.5 -3.2 
Industry	362.2	363.2	2.4	1.0	8.9	12.9	0.3	2.5	3.7
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas Utilities Construction Manufacturing	82.8 6.6 10.1 4.1 25.3 36.7	83.8 6.8 10.3 4.9 25.9 36.0	1.8 0.6 0.8 0.3 1.2 1.3	1.0 0.2 0.2 0.8 0.6 -0.7	3.7 0.8 0.3 1.8 3.2 -2.3	11.1 1.4 0.9 1.6 5.5 1.9	1.2 3.0 2.0 19.5 2.4 -1.9	4.6 13.3 3.0 58.1 14.1 -6.0	15.3 25.9 9.6 48.5 27.0 5.6
Services-producing sector Trade Transportation and warehousing	279.4 57.2 18.6	279.4 58.1 17.9	2.3 1.4 0.8	0.0 0.9 -0.7	5.2 0.1 -2.3	1.8 3.5 -2.3	0.0 1.6 -3.8	1.9 0.2 -11.4	0.6 6.4 -11.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical services	16.6 15.8	15.3 16.2	0.8	-1.3 0.4	-2.4 2.3	-2.5 1.1	-7.8 2.5	-13.6 16.5	-14.0 7.3
Business, building and other support services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation	21.3 26.0 48.7 14.7	21.3 26.6 47.5 14.2	1.1 1.0 1.1 0.7	0.0 0.6 -1.2 -0.5	1.6 0.6 1.3 2.8	0.3 -2.0 2.4 1.6	0.0 2.3 -2.5 -3.4	8.1 2.3 2.8 24.6	1.4 -7.0 5.3 12.7
Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	23.1 16.6 20.8	23.6 17.7 21.0	1.1 0.9 0.8	0.5 1.1 0.2	0.4 0.3 0.6	0.0 0.9 -1.2	2.2 6.6 1.0	1.7 1.7 2.9	0.0 5.4 -5.4

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	6,317.7 4,143.7 3,858.5 3,151.8 285.2 65.6 6.9 61.1	6,321.7 4,152.6 3,859.9 3,146.8 292.6 65.7 7.0 61.1	14.2 14.8 18.9 13.2 0.2	4.0 8.9 1.4 -5.0 7.4 0.1 0.1	38.9 56.9 70.5 36.3 -13.7 0.5 -0.5	61.2 60.6 91.8 56.3 -31.4 0.3 -0.9	0.1 0.2 0.0 -0.2 2.6	0.6 1.4 1.9 1.2 -4.5	1.0 1.5 2.4 1.8 -9.7
Employment rate Part-time rate	18.3	18.5	0.2 0.4	0.0	0.8 0.6	0.9 0.5			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	955.0 628.6 559.0 69.6 65.8 11.1 58.5 45.8	955.1 631.2 556.9 74.2 66.1 11.8 58.3 46.5	8.4 8.3 7.6 0.9 1.1 0.9 1.6	0.1 2.6 -2.1 4.6 0.3 0.7 -0.2	2.8 4.2 6.8 -2.7 0.3 -0.5 0.5	4.4 2.3 14.2 -12.0 -0.1 -1.9 1.2 -0.6	0.0 0.4 -0.4 6.6	0.3 0.7 1.2 -3.5 	0.5 0.4 2.6 -13.9 
Men, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate Part-time rate	2,619.5 1,862.0 1,737.7 124.4 71.1 6.7 66.3 7.5	2,621.5 1,857.8 1,738.5 119.3 70.9 6.4 66.3 7.2	7.9 8.5 8.1 0.3 0.4 0.3 0.5	2.0 -4.2 0.8 -5.1 -0.2 -0.3 0.0 -0.3	18.3 -2.4 17.3 -19.7 -0.6 -1.1 0.2 0.5	28.7 2.4 16.0 -13.7 -0.7 -0.8 -0.1 0.6	0.1 -0.2 0.0 -4.1 	0.7 -0.1 1.0 -14.2 	1.1 0.1 0.9 -10.3 
Women, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	2,743.2 1,653.1 1,561.9 91.2 60.3 5.5 56.9 20.5	2,745.2 1,663.6 1,564.5 99.1 60.6 6.0 57.0 21.0	7.7 8.1 6.8 0.3 0.4 0.3 0.7	2.0 10.5 2.6 7.9 0.3 0.5 0.1	17.9 55.1 46.3 8.8 1.6 0.4 1.3	28.2 55.9 61.6 -5.7 1.4 -0.5 1.7 0.5	0.1 0.6 0.2 8.7 	0.7 3.4 3.0 9.7 	1.0 3.5 4.1 -5.4 
Industry	3,858.5	3,859.9	14.8	1.4	70.5	91.8	0.0	1.9	2.4
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas Utilities Construction Manufacturing	863.9 59.1 36.2 35.9 192.4 540.3	881.6 66.2 33.8 36.6 198.4 546.6	11.9 3.5 2.2 1.8 6.4 9.7	17.7 7.1 -2.4 0.7 6.0 6.3	1.4 -0.3 -0.8 11.1 20.2 -28.7	-9.9 0.1 -4.0 6.9 12.0 -24.9	2.0 12.0 -6.6 1.9 3.1 1.2	0.2 -0.5 -2.3 43.5 11.3 -5.0	-1.1 0.2 -10.6 23.2 6.4 -4.4
Services-producing sector Trade Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2,994.7 656.2 182.4 230.6	2,978.4 652.4 181.5 226.8	16.0 10.4 5.7 6.1	-16.3 -3.8 -0.9 -3.8	69.1 16.1 7.6 -4.1	101.8 28.3 19.7 8.9	-0.5 -0.6 -0.5 -1.6	2.4 2.5 4.4 -1.8	3.5 4.5 12.2 4.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	257.3	254.8	7.5	-2.5	0.4	5.0	-1.0	0.2	2.0
Business, building and other support services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	142.2 251.6 455.6 184.2 238.6 174.3 221.7	150.4 244.4 452.0 175.0 237.3 180.0 223.9	6.3 6.8 7.9 6.4 7.2 5.6 5.3	8.2 -7.2 -3.6 -9.2 -1.3 5.7 2.2	0.4 -12.6 -2.3 14.7 17.2 20.7 11.2	6.9 -16.1 -2.0 9.6 16.1 17.9 7.6	5.8 -2.9 -0.8 -5.0 -0.5 3.3 1.0	0.3 -4.9 -0.5 9.2 7.8 13.0 5.3	4.8 -6.2 -0.4 5.8 7.3 11.0 3.5

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	ands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population Labour force	10,366.6 7,049.9	10,378.4 7.043.6	18.5	11.8 -6.3	87.5 75.0	130.0 104.4	0.1 -0.1	0.9 1.1	1.3 1.5
Employment	6,584.7	6,594.0	18.1	9.3	47.4	99.0	0.1	0.7	1.5
Employment full-time	5,408.5	5,403.3	22.8	-5.2	48.7	50.9	-0.1	0.9	1.0
Unemployment Participation rate	465.2 68.0	449.5 67.9	15.9 0.2	-15.7 -0.1	27.5 0.2	5.3 0.2	-3.4	6.5	1.2
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.2			
Employment rate Part-time rate	63.5 17.9	63.5 18.1	0.2 0.3	0.0 0.2	-0.1 -0.1	0.1 0.5			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,721.3	1,723.0		1.7	10.5	16.4	0.1	0.6	1.0
Labour force Employment	1,125.5 978.4	1,111.7 968.7	11.2 10.5	-13.8 -9.7	13.7 10.8	15.0 24.4	-1.2 -1.0	1.2 1.1	1.4 2.6
Unemployment	147.1	142.9	9.5	-4.2	2.8	-9.5	-2.9	2.0	-6.2
Participation rate	65.4	64.5	0.7	-0.9	0.4	0.2			
Unemployment rate	13.1	12.9	8.0	-0.2	0.1	-1.0	•••		
Employment rate Part-time rate	56.8 48.4	56.2 48.8	0.6 1.1	-0.6 0.4	0.3 -1.1	0.9 0.9			
Men, 25 years and over	4 202 0	4 000 5		4.0	25.0	50.0	0.4	0.0	4.0
Population Labour force	4,203.9 3,126.3	4,208.5 3,121.0	9.2	4.6 -5.3	35.6 19.3	52.8 28.8	0.1 -0.2	0.9 0.6	1.3 0.9
Employment	2,952.5	2,948.2	9.8	-4.3	-4.3	8.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment	173.8	172.8	8.8	-1.0	23.5	20.5	-0.6	15.7	13.5
Participation rate	74.4 5.6	74.2	0.2	-0.2 -0.1	-0.1	-0.2 0.6			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	70.2	5.5 70.1	0.3 0.2	-0.1 -0.1	0.7 -0.7	-0.6			
Part-time rate	6.7	6.5	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0			
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b> Population	4,441.5	4,446.9		5.4	41.4	60.8	0.1	0.9	1.4
Labour force	2,798.0	2,810.9	10.4	12.9	42.0	60.6	0.5	1.5	2.2
Employment	2,653.8	2,677.1	10.3	23.3	40.8	66.3	0.9	1.5	2.5
Unemployment	144.2	133.8	8.4	-10.4	1.1	-5.7	-7.2	8.0	-4.1
Participation rate Unemployment rate	63.0 5.2	63.2 4.8	0.2 0.3	0.2 -0.4	0.3 0.0	0.5 -0.3			•••
Employment rate	59.8	60.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.7			
Part-time rate	19.0	19.7	0.5	0.7	-0.5	0.5		•••	
Industry	6,584.7	6,594.0	18.1	9.3	47.4	99.0	0.1	0.7	1.5
Goods-producing sector	1,577.0	1,557.2	14.7	-19.8	-40.8	-35.4	-1.3	-2.6	-2.2
Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	96.9 34.7	94.1 32.5	3.8 2.3	-2.8 -2.2	-10.7 -10.3	-7.8 -7.1	-2.9 -6.3	-10.2 -24.1	-7.7 -17.9
Utilities	59.5	60.9	2.5	1.4	8.1	12.9	2.4	15.3	26.9
Construction	423.4	417.2	9.0	-6.2	5.3	14.4	-1.5	1.3	3.6
Manufacturing	962.6	952.5	12.2	-10.1	-33.2	-47.8	-1.0	-3.4	-4.8
Services-producing sector Trade	5,007.7 1,026.9	5,036.8 1,030.5	20.2 13.0	29.1 3.6	88.2 3.9	134.4 6.0	0.6 0.4	1.8 0.4	2.7 0.6
Transportation and warehousing	310.1	290.4	7.7	-19.7	-14.9	-12.2	-6.4	-4.9	-4.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	464.9	474.9	8.9	10.0	0.2	-1.6	2.2	0.0	-0.3
services	492.5	484.9	9.6	-7.6	35.1	42.5	-1.5	7.8	9.6
Business, building and other support									
services Educational services	296.9 438.7	312.7 463.3	8.7 8.7	15.8 24.6	9.0	17.7 33.0	5.3	3.0 2.8	6.0
Educational services Health care and social assistance	438.7 667.5	463.3 679.2	8.7 9.5	24.6 11.7	12.8 20.4	29.4	5.6 1.8	2.8 3.1	7.7 4.5
Information, culture and recreation	322.0	320.6	8.2	-1.4	4.2	-3.5	-0.4	1.3	-1.1
Accommodation and food services	404.9	403.7	8.7	-1.2	20.6	28.9	-0.3	5.4	7.7
Other services	262.1 321.3	254.1 322.4	7.2 6.3	-8.0 1.1	-12.6	-13.2 7.3	-3.1 0.3	-4.7 3.0	-4.9 2.3
Public administration	321.3	322.4	0.3	1.1	9.3	1.3	0.3	3.0	2.3

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

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

-	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population Labour force Employment	899.2 621.0 594.9	900.0 622.6 596.4	 2.9 2.8	0.8 1.6 1.5	6.2 10.0 8.8	7.1 6.7 7.9	0.1 0.3 0.3	0.7 1.6 1.5	0.8 1.1 1.3
Employment full-time Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	481.6 26.1 69.1 4.2 66.2 19.1	482.7 26.2 69.2 4.2 66.3 19.1	3.8 2.1 0.3 0.3 0.3 0.6	1.1 0.1 0.1 0.0 0.1 0.0	10.3 1.2 0.7 0.1 0.6 -0.5	12.3 -1.2 0.2 -0.2 0.4 -1.0	0.2 0.4  	2.2 4.8  	2.6 -4.4  
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years  Population    Labour force    Employment    Unemployment  Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	156.7 113.9 106.0 7.9 72.7 6.9 67.6 46.5	156.9 113.3 103.9 9.4 72.2 8.3 66.2 46.1	1.8 1.7 1.4 1.1 1.2 1.1	0.2 -0.6 -2.1 1.5 -0.5 1.4 -1.4	1.1 3.7 2.5 1.2 1.9 0.8 1.1 4.1	1.0 1.1 2.1 -1.0 0.2 -1.0 0.9	0.1 -0.5 -2.0 19.0	0.7 3.4 2.5 14.6 	0.6 1.0 2.1 -9.6 
Men, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	362.9 272.2 262.1 10.0 75.0 3.7 72.2 6.1	363.3 272.8 263.8 9.0 75.1 3.3 72.6 6.2	1.4 1.4 1.2 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.6	0.4 0.6 1.7 -1.0 0.1 -0.4 0.4	2.9 2.5 2.2 0.4 0.1 0.0 -0.2	3.6 2.7 2.9 -0.2 0.0 -0.1 0.1	0.1 0.2 0.6 -10.0 	0.8 0.9 0.8 4.7 	1.0 1.0 1.1 -2.2 
Women, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	379.5 234.9 226.8 8.1 61.9 3.4 59.8 21.3	379.8 236.4 228.7 7.7 62.2 3.3 60.2 21.6	1.7 1.6 1.1 0.4 0.5 0.4 1.0	0.3 1.5 1.9 -0.4 0.3 -0.1 0.4 0.3	2.2 3.6 4.1 -0.5 0.5 -0.2 0.7 -3.3	2.5 2.8 2.9 -0.1 0.3 0.0 0.4 -3.3	0.1 0.6 0.8 -4.9	0.6 1.5 1.8 -6.1 	0.7 1.2 1.3 -1.3 
Industry	594.9	596.4	2.8	1.5	8.8	7.9	0.3	1.5	1.3
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas Utilities Construction Manufacturing	140.1 28.4 5.6 5.3 32.1 68.7	142.8 28.5 6.2 5.9 35.1 67.1	2.4 1.2 0.6 0.4 1.4 1.7	2.7 0.1 0.6 0.6 3.0 -1.6	1.5 -1.0 -0.5 0.9 4.6 -2.5	3.4 -1.2 0.0 0.6 4.7 -0.8	1.9 0.4 10.7 11.3 9.3 -2.3	1.1 -3.4 -7.5 18.0 15.1 -3.6	2.4 -4.0 0.0 11.3 15.5 -1.2
Services-producing sector Trade Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	454.8 92.0 34.6 35.3	453.6 91.7 33.8 35.5	3.2 2.1 1.2 1.2	-1.2 -0.3 -0.8 0.2	7.3 -1.1 -1.3 3.1	4.5 0.3 0.8 1.6	-0.3 -0.3 -2.3 0.6	1.6 -1.2 -3.7 9.6	1.0 0.3 2.4 4.7
Professional, scientific and technical services Business, building and other support	25.8	26.3	1.1	0.5	5.2	1.9	1.9	24.6	7.8
services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	14.7 46.4 80.0 26.0 37.8 23.6 38.5	16.3 48.1 78.8 23.8 37.1 23.3 38.7	1.1 1.5 1.8 1.1 1.5 1.2 1.3	1.6 1.7 -1.2 -2.2 -0.7 -0.3 0.2	-2.2 0.6 -3.3 1.4 2.1 -1.6 4.2	-2.7 4.2 -0.3 -2.2 0.8 -2.6 2.7	10.9 3.7 -1.5 -8.5 -1.9 -1.3 0.5	-11.9 1.3 -4.0 6.2 6.0 -6.4 12.2	-14.2 9.6 -0.4 -8.5 2.2 -10.0 7.5

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	ands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over	754.4	750 4		4.0	E 0	6.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Population Labour force	751.1 521.9	752.1 521.1	2.4	1.0 -0.8	5.8 -2.9	6.0 2.1	0.1 -0.2	0.8 -0.6	0.8 0.4
Employment	496.8	495.5	2.4	-1.3	-7.3	4.0	-0.3	-1.5	0.8
Employment full-time Unemployment	406.5 25.1	406.5 25.6	3.2 1.8	0.0 0.5	-1.2 4.4	0.9 -2.0	0.0 2.0	-0.3 20.8	0.2 -7.2
Participation rate	69.5	69.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3	2.0	20.0	-1.2
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.9	0.3	0.1	0.9	-0.4			
Employment rate Part-time rate	66.1 18.2	65.9 18.0	0.3 0.6	-0.2 -0.2	-1.5 -1.0	0.0 0.5			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	137.6	137.8	4	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
Labour force Employment	96.1 88.6	95.1 87.8	1.5 1.5	-1.0 -0.8	-7.2 -6.4	-3.8 -3.0	-1.0 -0.9	-7.0 -6.8	-3.8 -3.3
Unemployment	7.5	7.3	1.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7	-2.7	-9.9	-8.8
Participation rate	69.8	69.0	1.1	-0.8	-5.5	-2.8			
Unemployment rate Employment rate	7.8 64.4	7.7 63.7	1.1 1.1	-0.1 -0.7	-0.2 -4.9	-0.4 -2.2			
Part-time rate	35.7	36.8	1.7	1.1	-0.6	1.2			
Men, 25 years and over	200.7	300.2		0.5	2.0	2.5	0.2	1.0	1.0
Population Labour force	299.7 230.1	230.4	1.1	0.5 0.3	3.0 2.7	3.5 6.4	0.2 0.1	1.0 1.2	1.2 2.9
Employment	220.1	220.6	1.3	0.5	0.1	6.9	0.2	0.0	3.2
Unemployment	9.9	9.8	1.0	-0.1	2.5	-0.5	-1.0	34.2	-4.9
Participation rate Unemployment rate	76.8 4.3	76.7 4.3	0.4 0.4	-0.1 0.0	0.1 1.1	1.2 -0.3			
Employment rate Part-time rate	73.4 6.0	73.5 5.3	0.4 0.6	0.1 -0.8	-0.7 -1.7	1.5 -0.7			
Women, 25 years and over	040.7	0444		0.4	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.0
Population Labour force	313.7 195.7	314.1 195.6	1.3	0.4 -0.1	2.3 1.7	2.5 -0.6	0.1 -0.1	0.7 0.9	0.8 -0.3
Employment	188.0	187.1	1.3	-0.9	-1.0	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	0.1
Unemployment	7.7	8.5	0.9	0.8	2.7	-0.7	10.4	46.6	-7.6
Participation rate Unemployment rate	62.4 3.9	62.3 4.3	0.4 0.5	-0.1 0.4	0.1 1.3	-0.7 -0.4		•••	
Employment rate	59.9	59.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.4			
Part-time rate	24.1	24.1	1.0	0.0	0.5	2.2			
Industry	496.8	495.5	2.4	-1.3	-7.3	4.0	-0.3	-1.5	0.8
Goods-producing sector	131.2	135.9	2.2	4.7	2.5	2.1	3.6	1.9	1.6
Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	44.6 21.0	44.2 21.0	1.5 1.0	-0.4 0.0	-3.3 -1.5	-4.3 -0.9	-0.9 0.0	-6.9 -6.7	-8.9 -4.1
Utilities	4.3	4.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	-0.5	4.7	12.5	-10.0
Construction Manufacturing	30.6 30.7	34.4 31.8	1.3 1.1	3.8 1.1	3.7 3.2	5.0 2.9	12.4 3.6	12.1 11.2	17.0 10.0
Services-producing sector	365.6	359.7	2.7	-5.9	-9.7	2.0	-1.6	-2.6	0.6
Trade	78.8	80.2	1.8	1.4	-5.7	2.7	1.8	-6.6	3.5
Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing Professional, scientific and technical	25.2 25.7	24.5 26.1	1.0 0.9	-0.7 0.4	-0.7 -1.0	-0.4 0.8	-2.8 1.6	-2.8 -3.7	-1.6 3.2
services Business, building and other support	20.7	20.0	0.9	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	-3.4	0.5	-0.5
services	12.0	12.1	0.8	0.1	0.3	-0.9	0.8	2.5	-6.9
Educational services Health care and social assistance	40.2 62.3	38.0 60.8	1.3 1.4	-2.2 -1.5	-0.8 -0.3	2.1 1.6	-5.5 -2.4	-2.1 -0.5	5.8 2.7
Information, culture and recreation	20.0	19.8	0.9	-0.2	-0.6	-1.6	-1.0	-2.9	-7.5
Accommodation and food services	30.0	29.2	1.2	-0.8	-1.6	-0.6	-2.7	-5.2	-2.0
Other services Public administration	23.3 27.4	21.8 27.1	1.1 0.9	-1.5 -0.3	0.1 0.4	-1.7 -0.2	-6.4 -1.1	0.5 1.5	-7.2 -0.7

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Percent change from		
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	ands (e	xcept ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population Labour force	2,748.8 2,037.0	2,754.5 2,040.8	7.7	5.7 3.8	62.4 66.4	103.1 80.2	0.2 0.2	2.3 3.4	3.9 4.1
Employment	1,968.9	1,968.7	8.0	-0.2	60.3	88.7	0.2	3.2	4.7
Employment full-time	1,658.4	1,663.4	11.0	5.0	47.9	83.3	0.3	3.0	5.3
Unemployment	68.1	72.0	5.6	3.9	6.0	-8.6	5.7	9.1	-10.7
Participation rate	74.1	74.1	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.2			
Inemployment rate	3.3	3.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.6			
Employment rate Part-time rate	71.6 15.8	71.5 15.5	0.3 0.5	-0.1 -0.3	0.6 0.2	0.6 -0.4			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	504.8	505.2		0.4	5.7	13.4	0.1	1.1	2.7
Labour force	366.2	365.4	4.9	-0.8	9.1	4.2	-0.2	2.6	1.2
Employment	341.9	341.0	5.0	-0.9	7.3	9.5	-0.3	2.2	2.9
Unemployment	24.3 72.5	24.5 72.3	3.8 1.0	0.2 -0.2	1.9 1.0	-5.1 -1.1	0.8	8.4	-17.2
Participation rate Jnemployment rate	6.6	6.7	1.0	0.1	0.4	-1.1			
Employment rate	67.7	67.5	1.0	-0.2	0.7	0.1			
Part-time rate	32.6	31.5	1.7	-1.1	-0.5	-1.3			
Men, 25 years and over	4 400 0	4 400 0			00.5	40.0		0.7	4
Population Labour force	1,126.6 917.3	1,129.3 921.5	3.5	2.7 4.2	29.5 29.1	46.8 36.3	0.2 0.5	2.7 3.3	4.: 4.
Employment	895.6	898.4	4.0	2.8	28.0	37.8	0.5	3.2	4. 4.
Unemployment	21.7	23.1	3.0	1.4	1.1	-1.4	6.5	5.0	-5.
Participation rate	81.4	81.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.2			
Jnemployment rate	2.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.3			
Employment rate Part-time rate	79.5 4.9	79.6 5.0	0.4 0.5	0.1 0.1	0.5 0.7	0.1 0.2			
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,117.5	1,120.0		2.5	27.2	42.9	0.2	2.5	4.0
Labour force	753.5	753.8	4.6	0.3	28.1	39.5	0.0	3.9	5.
Employment	731.4	729.4	4.7	-2.0	25.0	41.6	-0.3	3.5	6.0
Unemployment	22.1 67.4	24.5 67.3	3.0 0.4	2.4 -0.1	3.1 0.9	-2.0 1.0	10.9	14.5	-7.5
Participation rate Unemployment rate	2.9	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	-0.4			
Employment rate	65.4	65.1	0.4	-0.3	0.6	1.2			
Part-time rate	21.3	21.0	0.9	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9			
Industry	1,968.9	1,968.7	8.0	-0.2	60.3	88.7	0.0	3.2	4.7
Goods-producing sector	551.3	563.4	7.5	12.1	20.1	50.6	2.2	3.7	9.9
Agriculture	46.4	50.2	2.5	3.8	2.3	1.0	8.2	4.8	2.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	149.1	153.9	4.1	4.8	10.5	13.8	3.2	7.3	9.9
Utilities Construction	21.4	21.5	1.4	0.1	0.5	2.3	0.5	2.4	12.0
Manufacturing	196.2 138.3	196.0 141.7	5.0 4.5	-0.2 3.4	14.3 -7.7	28.3 5.1	-0.1 2.5	7.9 -5.2	16.9 3.
Services-producing sector	1,417.6	1,405.3	9.5	-12.3	40.2	38.1	-0.9	2.9	2.8
Trade	298.7	292.3	6.2	-6.4	21.0	9.8	-2.1	7.7	3.
Transportation and warehousing	104.6	98.9	3.6	-5.7	-7.2	-8.8	-5.4	-6.8	-8.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	97.0	96.3	3.5	-0.7	-8.1	3.9	-0.7	-7.8	4.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	147.3	148.2	4.5	0.9	5.6	-2.1	0.6	3.9	-1.4
Business, building and other support	177.5	140.2	7.3	0.3	5.0	-2.1	0.0	5.5	-1.*
services	76.7	74.0	3.5	-2.7	3.7	9.7	-3.5	5.3	15.
Educational services	130.5	129.6	3.9	-0.9	-9.3	-3.3	-0.7	-6.7	-2.
Health care and social assistance	195.0	201.7	4.4	6.7	20.8	18.7	3.4	11.5	10.
nformation, culture and recreation	76.7	72.4	3.6	-4.3	5.7	5.6	-5.6	8.5	8.
Accommodation and food services	117.5	117.0	4.5	-0.5	-1.2	1.5	-0.4	-1.0	1.
Other services	97.1 76.5	95.8 79.1	3.5 3.0	-1.3	6.8 2.4	5.4 -2.3	-1.3	7.6 3.1	6. 2
Public administration	10.5	79.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	-2.3	3.4	ა. I	-2.

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
_		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Both sexes, 15 years and over Population Labour force Employment Employment full-time Unemployment Participation rate	3,572.6 2,355.3 2,257.6 1,807.4 97.7 65.9	3,578.4 2,359.8 2,265.9 1,816.5 93.9 65.9	10.0 10.1 13.5 7.2 0.3	5.8 4.5 8.3 9.1 -3.8 0.0	40.4 19.1 47.4 43.3 -28.3 -0.3	59.2 52.1 69.4 52.8 -17.4 0.3	0.2 0.2 0.4 0.5 -3.9	1.1 0.8 2.1 2.4 -23.2	1.7 2.3 3.2 3.0 -15.6
Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	4.1 63.2 19.9	4.0 63.3 19.8	0.3 0.3 0.5	-0.1 0.1 -0.1	-1.2 0.6 -0.2	-0.8 0.9 0.1			
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	578.3 391.9 365.2 26.7 67.8 6.8 63.2 40.3	578.8 395.4 370.8 24.7 68.3 6.2 64.1 40.3	5.7 5.7 4.2 1.0 1.0 1.8	0.5 3.5 5.6 -2.0 0.5 -0.6 0.9	1.4 10.8 23.2 -12.3 1.7 -3.4 3.9 2.2	2.1 15.1 21.2 -6.1 2.4 -1.9 3.5 2.0	0.1 0.9 1.5 -7.5 	0.2 2.8 6.7 -33.2 	0.4 4.0 6.1 -19.8 
Men, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	1,464.3 1,054.7 1,015.4 39.3 72.0 3.7 69.3 7.1	1,466.9 1,051.2 1,019.2 32.1 71.7 3.1 69.5 7.0	5.0 5.4 4.1 0.3 0.4 0.4 0.6	2.6 -3.5 3.8 -7.2 -0.3 -0.6 0.2 -0.1	19.8 8.2 14.8 -6.5 -0.4 -0.6 0.1 -2.0	29.1 20.2 29.1 -8.8 0.0 -0.9 0.6 -1.3	0.2 -0.3 0.4 -18.3 	1.4 0.8 1.5 -16.8 	2.0 2.0 2.9 -21.5 
Women, 25 years and over Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Part-time rate	1,530.0 908.7 877.1 31.7 59.4 3.5 57.3 26.3	1,532.8 913.1 876.0 37.1 59.6 4.1 57.2 26.1	6.0 5.8 4.1 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.9	2.8 4.4 -1.1 5.4 0.2 0.6 -0.1 -0.2	19.3 0.0 9.5 -9.5 -0.7 -1.0 -0.1	28.0 16.7 19.2 -2.5 0.0 -0.3 0.3 0.8	0.2 0.5 -0.1 17.0 	1.3 0.0 1.1 -20.4 	1.9 1.9 2.2 -6.3 
Industry	2,257.6	2,265.9	10.1	8.3	47.4	69.4	0.4	2.1	3.2
Goods-producing sector Agriculture Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas Utilities Construction Manufacturing	486.8 35.6 45.9 11.8 187.7 205.8	490.4 34.4 46.9 11.4 196.3 201.4	8.0 2.6 2.8 1.0 5.5 5.4	3.6 -1.2 1.0 -0.4 8.6 -4.4	7.1 -1.6 -1.3 2.1 9.8 -1.8	29.4 0.7 1.8 2.4 13.1 11.5	0.7 -3.4 2.2 -3.4 4.6 -2.1	1.5 -4.4 -2.7 22.6 5.3 -0.9	6.4 2.1 4.0 26.7 7.2 6.1
Services-producing sector Trade Transportation and warehousing Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,770.8 376.1 126.2 150.0	1,775.5 379.2 123.6 149.2	11.2 7.1 4.5 4.6	4.7 3.1 -2.6 -0.8	40.2 38.8 6.4 1.5	40.0 31.9 8.4 4.1	0.3 0.8 -2.1 -0.5	2.3 11.4 5.5 1.0	2.3 9.2 7.3 2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	175.9	168.2	5.3	-7.7	3.7	-5.8	-4.4	2.2	-3.3
Business, building and other support services Educational services Health care and social assistance Information, culture and recreation Accommodation and food services Other services Public administration	93.5 141.9 239.1 112.0 169.5 89.4 97.1	93.7 143.6 235.3 117.5 182.9 88.4 93.9	4.5 5.0 5.4 4.6 5.6 4.0 3.3	0.2 1.7 -3.8 5.5 13.4 -1.0 -3.2	-14.8 -18.7 -3.9 11.9 12.1 -0.6 3.9	-9.9 -12.4 -6.8 9.4 13.4 -3.7 11.2	0.2 1.2 -1.6 4.9 7.9 -1.1 -3.3	-13.6 -11.5 -1.6 11.3 7.1 -0.7 4.3	-9.6 -7.9 -2.8 8.7 7.9 -4.0 13.5

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

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	Percent change from		
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago		
_		in thous	sands (e	except ra	ites)						
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador Population Labour force Employment	151.6 102.0 95.4	151.6 102.8 96.3	0.7 0.7	0.0 0.8 0.9	-0.2 0.5 1.7	0.2 0.4 2.0	0.0 0.8 0.9	-0.1 0.5 1.8	0.1 0.4 2.1		
Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	6.6 67.3 6.5 62.9	6.5 67.8 6.3 63.5	0.4 0.5 0.4 0.5	-0.1 0.5 -0.2 0.6	-1.2 0.4 -1.2 1.2	-1.6 0.2 -1.6 1.2	-1.5 	-15.6  	-19.8  		
Halifax, Nova Scotia Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	313.1 219.1 205.8 13.2 70.0 6.0 65.7	313.3 220.2 206.6 13.7 70.3 6.2 65.9	1.1 1.1 0.6 0.4 0.3 0.4	0.2 1.1 0.8 0.5 0.3 0.2 0.2	1.3 2.8 -1.0 3.8 0.6 1.6 -0.6	2.0 3.6 1.4 2.3 0.7 0.9 0.0	0.1 0.5 0.4 3.8 	0.4 1.3 -0.5 38.4 	0.6 1.7 0.7 20.2 		
Saint John, New Brunswick Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	103.8 69.1 65.9 3.3 66.6 4.8 63.5	103.9 70.0 67.0 3.0 67.4 4.3 64.5	0.7 0.7 0.3 0.6 0.5 0.6	0.1 0.9 1.1 -0.3 0.8 -0.5	0.5 4.5 5.2 -0.7 4.1 -1.3 4.7	0.4 4.7 5.9 -1.3 4.3 -2.3 5.5	0.1 1.3 1.7 -9.1 	0.5 6.9 8.4 -18.9 	0.4 7.2 9.7 -30.2 		
Saguenay, Quebec Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	125.6 78.9 72.2 6.7 62.8 8.5 57.5	125.5 77.8 71.4 6.4 62.0 8.2 56.9	0.7 0.7 0.4 0.6 0.5 0.6	-0.1 -1.1 -0.8 -0.3 -0.8 -0.3	-0.5 3.4 3.5 -0.2 3.0 -0.7 3.0	-0.5 -0.1 0.8 -0.9 0.2 -1.2 0.9	-0.1 -1.4 -1.1 -4.5 	-0.4 4.6 5.2 -3.0 	-0.4 -0.1 1.1 -12.3 		
Québec, Quebec Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	605.2 402.0 383.0 19.0 66.4 4.7 63.3	605.6 408.9 390.4 18.5 67.5 4.5 64.5	3.3 3.4 1.4 0.5 0.4 0.6	0.4 6.9 7.4 -0.5 1.1 -0.2	3.4 13.4 18.5 -5.1 1.8 -1.5 2.7	6.0 13.2 13.5 -0.3 1.5 -0.3 1.6	0.1 1.7 1.9 -2.6 	0.6 3.4 5.0 -21.6 	1.0 3.3 3.6 -1.6 		
Trois-Rivières, Quebec Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	120.5 75.9 70.3 5.6 63.0 7.4 58.3	120.6 76.6 70.5 6.1 63.5 8.0 58.5	0.7 0.7 0.3 0.6 0.4 0.6	0.1 0.7 0.2 0.5 0.5 0.6	0.7 4.0 2.9 1.2 2.9 1.3 2.1	1.2 4.9 4.6 0.3 3.4 -0.1 3.3	0.1 0.9 0.3 8.9	0.6 5.5 4.3 24.5 	1.0 6.8 7.0 5.2 		

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population Labour force	136.7 88.9	136.8 88.8	0.8	0.1 -0.1	1.0 -0.1	1.5 0.4	0.1 -0.1	0.7 -0.1	1.1 0.5
Employment Unemployment	83.8 5.0	83.7 5.1	0.8 0.3	-0.1 0.1	1.5 -1.6	2.3 -1.9	-0.1 2.0	1.8 -23.9	2.8 -27.1
Participation rate	65.0	64.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4		-20.0	-27.1
Unemployment rate Employment rate	5.6 61.3	5.7 61.2	0.4 0.6	0.1 -0.1	-1.8 0.7	-2.2 1.0			
Montréal, Quebec	2.025.0	2 027 2		2.2	10.1	24.0	0.4	0.6	1.1
Population Labour force	3,035.0 2,041.0	3,037.3 2,053.1	7.1	2.3 12.1	19.1 12.5	31.8 25.9	0.1 0.6	0.6 0.6	1.1 1.3
Employment	1,903.8 137.2	1,910.3 142.8	7.5 4.6	6.5 5.6	24.9 -12.4	50.0 -24.1	0.3 4.1	1.3 -8.0	2.7 -14.4
Unemployment Participation rate	67.2	67.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	4.1	-0.0	-14.4
Unemployment rate Employment rate	6.7 62.7	7.0 62.9	0.2 0.2	0.3 0.2	-0.6 0.4	-1.2 1.0			
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	050.0	0=4.0		• •		7.0	•	0.5	0.0
Population Labour force	950.8 687.9	951.6 691.8	3.3	0.8 3.9	4.7 25.9	7.6 9.2	0.1 0.6	0.5 3.9	0.8 1.3
Employment	649.4	653.7	3.4	4.3	25.5	4.3	0.7	4.1	0.7
Unemployment Participation rate	38.5 72.3	38.0 72.7	1.6 0.3	-0.5 0.4	0.3 2.4	4.8 0.4	-1.3	0.8	14.5
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.6			
Employment rate  Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part,	68.3	68.7	0.4	0.4	2.4	-0.1	•••		
Ontario/Quebec									
Population	239.8 172.0	240.2	 1.2	0.4 -1.1	3.0	4.4	0.2 -0.6	1.3	1.9
Labour force Employment	161.3	170.9 160.7	1.2	-1.1 -0.6	-1.4 -0.8	3.6 1.0	-0.6 -0.4	-0.8 -0.5	2.2 0.6
Unemployment	10.6	10.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	2.5	-3.8	-5.6	32.5
Participation rate Unemployment rate	71.7 6.2	71.1 6.0	0.5 0.3	-0.6 -0.2	-1.5 -0.3	0.2 1.4			
Employment rate	67.3	66.9	0.5	-0.4	-1.2	-0.8			
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	711.0	711.4		0.4	1.8	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.5
Labour force Employment	515.9 488.1	520.9 493.1	3.0 3.1	5.0 5.0	27.2 26.4	5.6 3.4	1.0 1.0	5.5 5.7	1.1 0.7
Unemployment	27.9	27.8	1.5	-0.1	0.8	2.2	-0.4	3.0	8.6
Participation rate Unemployment rate	72.6 5.4	73.2 5.3	0.4 0.3	0.6 -0.1	3.6 -0.2	0.4 0.3			
Employment rate	68.6	69.3	0.4	0.7	3.5	0.2			
Kingston, Ontario Population	125.9	126.0		0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Labour force	83.6	83.6	0.7	0.0	2.6	-0.1	0.0	3.2	-0.1
Employment	78.4 5.2	78.1 5.5	0.8 0.3	-0.3 0.3	1.3 1.3	0.2 -0.3	-0.4 5.8	1.7 31.0	0.3 -5.2
Unemployment Participation rate	66.4	5.5 66.3	0.3	-0.1	2.0	-0.3 -0.1	5.8	31.0	-5.Z 
Unemployment rate	6.2 62.3	6.6 62.0	0.4	0.4 -0.3	1.4 1.0	-0.3 0.2			
Employment rate	02.3	62.0	0.6	-0.3	1.0	0.2	•••		

Table 5-1 – continued

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

-	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Toronto, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	4,446.7 3,065.7 2,851.0 214.6 68.9 7.0 64.1	4,454.2 3,072.2 2,857.3 215.0 69.0 7.0 64.1	9.1 9.3 5.5 0.2 0.2	7.5 6.5 6.3 0.4 0.1 0.0	48.7 48.7 34.8 14.0 0.4 0.4	76.4 74.5 52.0 22.5 0.5 0.6	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 	1.1 1.6 1.2 7.0 	1.7 2.5 1.9 11.7 
Hamilton, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	592.0 401.4 377.8 23.6 67.8 5.9 63.8	592.4 402.8 380.8 22.0 68.0 5.5 64.3	2.8 2.8 1.3 0.5 0.3 0.5	0.4 1.4 3.0 -1.6 0.2 -0.4 0.5	2.3 13.7 15.4 -1.8 2.1 -0.6 2.4	4.2 6.9 9.5 -2.6 0.7 -0.7	0.1 0.3 0.8 -6.8	0.4 3.5 4.2 -7.6 	0.7 1.7 2.6 -10.6 
Kitchener, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	376.8 260.5 245.8 14.7 69.1 5.6 65.2	377.3 262.2 247.4 14.8 69.5 5.6 65.6	2.0 2.2 0.9 0.5 0.3 0.6	0.5 1.7 1.6 0.1 0.4 0.0 0.4	3.7 -9.8 -9.9 0.1 -3.3 0.2 -3.3	5.8 0.2 -1.5 1.7 -1.0 0.6 -1.4	0.1 0.7 0.7 0.7 	1.0 -3.6 -3.8 0.7 	1.6 0.1 -0.6 13.0 
London, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	381.0 260.9 245.0 15.9 68.5 6.1 64.3	381.3 263.1 246.7 16.4 69.0 6.2 64.7	1.8 1.8 0.9 0.5 0.3	0.3 2.2 1.7 0.5 0.5 0.1	1.7 -4.5 -4.3 -0.2 -1.5 0.0 -1.4	3.0 4.6 6.4 -1.8 0.7 -0.8 1.2	0.1 0.8 0.7 3.1 	0.4 -1.7 -1.7 -1.2 	0.8 1.8 2.7 -9.9 
Oshawa, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	281.8 193.9 182.2 11.7 68.8 6.0 64.7	282.4 193.4 180.8 12.7 68.5 6.6 64.0	1.4 1.5 0.7 0.5 0.4 0.5	0.6 -0.5 -1.4 1.0 -0.3 0.6 -0.7	4.9 3.3 3.4 0.0 0.0 -0.1 0.1	7.5 -0.1 -0.1 0.1 -1.9 0.1 -1.8	0.2 -0.3 -0.8 8.5	1.8 1.7 1.9 0.0 	2.7 -0.1 -0.1 0.8 
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	328.0 204.5 190.9 13.7 62.3 6.7 58.2	328.1 204.7 189.0 15.7 62.4 7.7 57.6	1.7 1.7 1.7 0.7 0.5 0.3 0.5	0.1 0.2 -1.9 2.0 0.1 1.0 -0.6	0.5 3.8 0.9 3.0 1.1 1.4 0.2	1.0 -3.2 -6.2 3.0 -1.2 1.6 -2.1	0.0 0.1 -1.0 14.6 	0.2 1.9 0.5 23.6 	0.3 -1.5 -3.2 23.6 

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

	July		S.E.1		Change from	1	Percent change from		
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	ites)				
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	132.8 86.7 81.2 5.5 65.3 6.3 61.1	132.8 87.5 82.1 5.5 65.9 6.3 61.8	0.7 0.7 0.3 0.6 0.4 0.6	0.0 0.8 0.9 0.0 0.6 0.0	0.1 3.2 3.0 0.3 2.4 0.1 2.2	0.2 1.1 2.1 -0.9 0.7 -1.1 1.5	0.0 0.9 1.1 0.0	0.1 3.8 3.8 5.8 	0.2 1.3 2.6 -14.1 
Thunder Bay, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	104.1 67.5 62.9 4.6 64.8 6.8 60.4	104.1 67.9 63.4 4.5 65.2 6.6 60.9	0.6 0.6 0.3 0.6 0.4 0.6	0.0 0.4 0.5 -0.1 0.4 -0.2	-0.2 2.6 2.6 0.1 2.6 -0.1 2.6	-0.2 0.3 1.4 -1.1 0.4 -1.7 1.5	0.0 0.6 0.8 -2.2	-0.2 4.0 4.3 2.3 	-0.2 0.4 2.3 -19.6 
Windsor, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	271.6 173.5 157.4 16.1 63.9 9.3 58.0	271.7 173.6 156.5 17.1 63.9 9.9 57.6	1.5 1.5 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.6	0.1 0.1 -0.9 1.0 0.0 0.6 -0.4	0.5 -6.2 -7.1 0.9 -2.4 0.9 -2.7	1.1 -12.2 -13.2 0.9 -4.8 1.2 -5.1	0.0 0.1 -0.6 6.2 	0.2 -3.4 -4.3 5.6 	0.4 -6.6 -7.8 5.6 
Winnipeg, Manitoba Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	576.2 409.9 391.0 18.9 71.1 4.6 67.9	576.7 408.3 391.2 17.1 70.8 4.2 67.8	1.4 1.4 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.2	0.5 -1.6 0.2 -1.8 -0.3 -0.4 -0.1	4.1 6.6 8.6 -2.0 0.6 -0.6 1.0	4.8 7.3 7.5 -0.3 0.7 -0.1 0.7	0.1 -0.4 0.1 -9.5	0.7 1.6 2.2 -10.5 	0.8 1.8 2.0 -1.7 
Regina, Saskatchewan Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	162.8 115.2 108.3 7.0 70.8 6.1 66.5	163.1 114.0 107.1 6.9 69.9 6.1 65.7	0.7 0.7 0.3 0.4 0.3 0.4	0.3 -1.2 -1.2 -0.1 -0.9 0.0 -0.8	1.8 -3.4 -5.1 1.7 -2.9 1.7 -3.9	2.2 -2.4 -3.7 1.3 -2.4 1.3 -3.2	0.2 -1.0 -1.1 -1.4 	1.1 -2.9 -4.5 32.7 	1.4 -2.1 -3.3 23.2 
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	190.6 140.2 133.8 6.4 73.6 4.6 70.2	191.0 140.7 134.0 6.7 73.7 4.8 70.2	0.8 0.9 0.4 0.4 0.3 0.5	0.4 0.5 0.2 0.3 0.1 0.2	2.2 2.5 0.4 2.2 0.5 1.5 -0.6	2.8 7.7 7.5 0.3 3.0 0.0 3.0	0.2 0.4 0.1 4.7 	1.2 1.8 0.3 48.9 	1.5 5.8 5.9 4.7 

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	July	August	S.E. <sup>1</sup>		Change from	1	Per	cent change	from
	2007	2007		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	except ra	tes)				
Calgary, Alberta Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	923.4 706.8 682.6 24.2 76.5 3.4 73.9	926.3 710.3 687.1 23.2 76.7 3.3 74.2	3.2 3.3 1.4 0.4 0.2 0.4	2.9 3.5 4.5 -1.0 0.2 -0.1 0.3	23.9 17.4 12.2 5.2 -0.1 0.7 -0.6	38.4 33.1 33.9 -0.8 0.4 -0.2 0.6	0.3 0.5 0.7 -4.1 	2.6 2.5 1.8 28.9 	4.3 4.9 5.2 -3.3 
Edmonton, Alberta Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	866.6 619.3 594.5 24.8 71.5 4.0 68.6	868.8 620.7 596.7 24.0 71.4 3.9 68.7	3.1 3.2 1.4 0.4 0.2 0.4	2.2 1.4 2.2 -0.8 -0.1 -0.1	18.4 23.8 22.0 1.8 1.2 0.2 1.1	30.8 31.5 33.0 -1.5 1.1 -0.4 1.4	0.3 0.2 0.4 -3.2	2.2 4.0 3.8 8.1 	3.7 5.3 5.9 -5.9 
Abbotsford, British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	131.3 89.7 86.0 3.7 68.3 4.1 65.5	131.5 89.5 85.5 4.0 68.1 4.5 65.0	0.7 0.7 0.3 0.5 0.3 0.5	0.2 -0.2 -0.5 0.3 -0.2 0.4 -0.5	1.9 1.3 1.2 0.1 0.0 0.1 0.0	3.1 4.8 4.1 0.7 2.1 0.6 1.6	0.2 -0.2 -0.6 8.1	1.5 1.5 1.4 2.6 	2.4 5.7 5.0 21.2 
Vancouver, British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate Employment rate	1,895.5 1,269.7 1,218.6 51.1 67.0 4.0 64.3	1,899.0 1,269.5 1,221.7 47.8 66.9 3.8 64.3	4.8 4.8 2.2 0.3 0.2	3.5 -0.2 3.1 -3.3 -0.1 -0.2 0.0	23.8 10.7 21.5 -10.8 -0.2 -0.9 0.3	35.0 22.5 24.8 -2.3 0.0 -0.2 0.1	0.2 0.0 0.3 -6.5	1.3 0.9 1.8 -18.4 	1.9 1.8 2.1 -4.6 
Victoria, British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	282.8 189.7 183.3 6.4 67.1 3.4 64.8	283.1 189.3 182.5 6.9 66.9 3.6 64.5	1.4 1.5 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.5	0.3 -0.4 -0.8 0.5 -0.2 0.2 -0.3	2.6 3.9 3.7 0.3 0.8 0.0	4.5 8.0 6.7 1.4 1.8 0.6 1.4	0.1 -0.2 -0.4 7.8 	0.9 2.1 2.1 4.5 	1.6 4.4 3.8 25.5 

<sup>1.</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations). **Note(s):** Related CANSIM table 282-0090

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

	July	August	S.E.1		Change from	1	Percent change from		
	2007	in thousa		last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
		in thous	sands (e	xcept ra	tes)				
Montréal, Quebec Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	3,037.5 2,060.1 1,921.1 139.0 67.8 6.7 63.2	3,039.7 2,061.7 1,909.3 152.4 67.8 7.4 62.8	14.7 15.2 11.2 0.5 0.5 0.5	2.2 1.6 -11.8 13.4 0.0 0.7 -0.4	18.7 34.4 29.5 5.0 0.7 0.1 0.6	31.1 43.9 53.6 -9.7 0.7 -0.6 1.1	0.1 0.1 -0.6 9.6 	0.6 1.7 1.6 3.4 	1.0 2.2 2.9 -6.0 
Toronto, Ontario Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	4,454.7 3,071.5 2,847.2 224.3 68.9 7.3 63.9	4,461.7 3,079.9 2,868.4 211.4 69.0 6.9 64.3	19.6 19.2 13.8 0.4 0.4 0.4	7.0 8.4 21.2 -12.9 0.1 -0.4 0.4	50.0 30.7 11.8 18.8 -0.1 0.6 -0.5	76.6 87.6 72.3 15.2 0.8 0.3 0.5	0.2 0.3 0.7 -5.8	1.1 1.0 0.4 9.8 	1.7 2.9 2.6 7.7 
Vancouver, British Columbia Population Labour force Employment Unemployment Participation rate Unemployment rate Employment rate	1,899.0 1,271.0 1,225.9 45.0 66.9 3.5 64.6	1,902.6 1,266.7 1,223.1 43.6 66.6 3.4 64.3	10.1 10.1 5.7 0.5 0.4 0.5	3.6 -4.3 -2.8 -1.4 -0.3 -0.1	24.9 9.4 31.0 -21.5 -0.4 -1.8 0.8	35.7 15.0 20.6 -5.6 -0.4 -0.5 -0.1	0.2 -0.3 -0.2 -3.1	1.3 0.7 2.6 -33.0 	1.9 1.2 1.7 -11.4 

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6-1 Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in August 2006 and August 2007

	Population		Labour force	e	Participation		
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in th	nousands				
<b>Canada</b> <sup>2</sup> 2006 2007	26,199.5 26,567.9	17,981.1 18,303.4	16,834.5 17,194.6	1,146.6 1,108.8	68.6 68.9	6.4 6.1	64.3 64.7
Newfoundland and Labrador 2006 2007	427.4 423.2	267.4 263.8	232.8 232.7	34.6 31.1	62.6 62.3	12.9 11.8	54.5 55.0
Avalon Peninsula <i>[1010]</i> 2006 2007	209.8 209.4	138.4 138.6	123.7 126.7	14.6 11.9	66.0 66.2	10.5 8.6	59.0 60.5
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020] 2006 2007	33.6 32.8	20.1 17.2	16.2 13.7	4.0 3.5	59.8 52.4	19.9 20.3	48.2 41.8
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030] 2006 2007	88.4 87.3	55.6 55.1	46.9 48.1	8.7 7.0	62.9 63.1	15.6 12.7	53.1 55.1
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040] 2006 2007	95.5 93.8	53.2 53.0	45.9 44.3	7.3 8.7	55.7 56.5	13.7 16.4	48.1 47.2
Prince Edward Island 2006 2007	112.3 113.4	80.7 80.9	74.1 74.4	6.7 6.5	71.9 71.3	8.3 8.0	66.0 65.6
Nova Scotia 2006 2007	762.8 764.2	491.2 498.1	453.4 457.7	37.8 40.4	64.4 65.2	7.7 8.1	59.4 59.9
Cape Breton [1210] 2006 2007	116.9 116.2	65.1 64.2	56.9 56.3	8.3 7.9	55.7 55.2	12.7 12.3	48.7 48.5
North Shore [1220] 2006 2007	131.1 130.9	83.5 79.4	76.4 71.7	7.0 7.7	63.7 60.7	8.4 9.7	58.3 54.8
Annapolis Valley [1230] 2006 2007	99.7 100.2	60.3 65.7	55.4 60.9	4.9 4.8	60.5 65.6	8.1 7.3	55.6 60.8
Southern [1240] 2006 2007	103.7 103.5	61.9 64.1	55.3 57.9	6.5 6.2	59.7 61.9	10.5 9.7	53.3 55.9
Halifax [1250] 2006 2007	311.3 313.3	220.4 224.7	209.4 210.8	11.0 13.9	70.8 71.7	5.0 6.2	67.3 67.3
New Brunswick 2006 2007	611.4 613.1	404.2 408.9	371.1 380.6	33.0 28.3	66.1 66.7	8.2 6.9	60.7 62.1
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310] 2006 2007	136.6 135.8	83.2 84.5	73.5 74.1	9.7 10.4	60.9 62.2	11.7 12.3	53.8 54.6
Moncton-Richibucto [1320] 2006 2007	161.6 163.2	111.2 111.0	103.7 105.4	7.5 5.6	68.8 68.0	6.7 5.0	64.2 64.6
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330] 2006 2007	141.4 142.0	91.9 95.0	85.4 89.9	6.5 5.1	65.0 66.9	7.1 5.4	60.4 63.3

Table 6-1 – continued Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in August 2006 and August 2007

	Population		Labour force	e	Participation	Unemployment	
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in th	nousands				
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340] 2006 2007	103.5 104.0	72.7 75.0	67.3 70.9	5.4 4.1	70.2 72.1	7.4 5.5	65.0 68.2
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350] 2006 2007	68.2 68.1	45.2 43.3	41.2 40.1	3.9 3.2	66.3 63.6	8.6 7.4	60.4 58.9
<b>Quebec</b> 2006 2007	6,254.4 6,317.3	4,181.8 4,233.6	3,863.7 3,957.4	318.1 276.2	66.9 67.0	7.6 6.5	61.8 62.6
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410] 2006 2007	80.7 80.9	45.4 45.6	39.5 38.9	5.9 6.7	56.3 56.4	13.0 14.7	48.9 48.1
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415] 2006 2007	167.1 167.4	105.5 102.8	98.0 95.7	7.6 7.0	63.1 61.4	7.2 6.8	58.6 57.2
Capitale-Nationale [2420] 2006 2007	559.9 564.2	374.2 385.8	356.6 370.8	17.6 15.0	66.8 68.4	4.7 3.9	63.7 65.7
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425] 2006 2007	325.1 327.7	224.2 221.6	211.0 212.0	13.2 9.7	69.0 67.6	5.9 4.4	64.9 64.7
Estrie [2430] 2006 2007	246.5 248.8	163.2 164.4	151.7 153.8	11.5 10.6	66.2 66.1	7.0 6.4	61.5 61.8
Centre-du-Québec [2433] 2006 2007	183.9 185.3	123.9 121.9	115.5 115.8	8.4 6.1	67.4 65.8	6.8 5.0	62.8 62.5
Montérégie <i>[2435]</i> 2006 2007	1,110.7 1,125.9	760.7 779.6	703.2 734.9	57.6 44.7	68.5 69.2	7.6 5.7	63.3 65.3
Montréal [2440] 2006 2007	1,584.0 1,592.2	1,060.7 1,060.2	954.4 971.6	106.3 88.6	67.0 66.6	10.0 8.4	60.3 61.0
Laval <i>[2445]</i> 2006 2007	304.7 309.3	206.8 218.9	194.1 209.8	12.7 9.1	67.9 70.8	6.1 4.2	63.7 67.8
Lanaudière [2450] 2006 2007	344.3 353.4	231.9 235.8	220.2 218.8	11.8 17.0	67.4 66.7	5.1 7.2	64.0 61.9
Laurentides [2455] 2006 2007	416.4 425.8	280.2 296.6	261.5 277.3	18.6 19.4	67.3 69.7	6.6 6.5	62.8 65.1
Outaouais [2460] 2006 2007	285.3 290.3	198.7 201.6	189.1 188.5	9.5 13.1	69.6 69.4	4.8 6.5	66.3 64.9
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465] 2006 2007	115.4 115.6	74.2 74.7	66.9 67.7	7.3 6.9	64.3 64.6	9.8 9.2	58.0 58.6
Mauricie [2470] 2006 2007	216.5 217.4	128.9 127.9	116.8 117.9	12.1 10.0	59.5 58.8	9.4 7.8	53.9 54.2

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in August 2006 and August 2007

	Population		Labour force	e	Participation	Unemployment	Employment
	<u>-</u>	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in th	nousands				
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475] 2006 2007	224.4 223.8	144.2 141.6	130.0 132.3	14.2 9.3	64.3 63.3	9.8 6.6	57.9 59.1
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490] 2006 2007	89.6 89.4	58.9 54.7	55.2 51.5	3.7 3.2	65.7 61.2	6.3 5.9	61.6 57.6
<b>Ontario</b> 2006 2007	10,236.3 10,366.0	7,086.2 7,186.8	6,610.5 6,691.1	475.6 495.6	69.2 69.3	6.7 6.9	64.6 64.5
Ottawa [3510] 2006 2007	978.9 984.8	696.7 713.3	657.4 669.5	39.2 43.8	71.2 72.4	5.6 6.1	67.2 68.0
Kingston-Pembroke <i>[3515]</i> 2006 2007	357.9 359.1	222.2 235.4	207.5 224.1	14.7 11.3	62.1 65.6	6.6 4.8	58.0 62.4
Muskoka-Kawarthas <i>[3520]</i> 2006 2007	306.3 309.1	200.1 198.8	189.1 186.5	11.0 12.2	65.3 64.3	5.5 6.1	61.7 60.3
Toronto [3530] 2006 2007	4,613.0 4,699.5	3,221.8 3,300.8	2,990.8 3,049.2	231.0 251.6	69.8 70.2	7.2 7.6	64.8 64.9
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540] 2006 2007	950.5 968.4	700.9 700.9	663.4 659.8	37.5 41.0	73.7 72.4	5.4 5.8	69.8 68.1
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula <i>[3550]</i> 2006 2007	1,123.1 1,132.9	759.9 768.6	712.1 720.7	47.8 48.0	67.7 67.8	6.3 6.2	63.4 63.6
London [3560] 2006 2007	506.3 510.7	353.6 359.7	330.8 337.0	22.8 22.8	69.8 70.4	6.4 6.3	65.3 66.0
Windsor-Sarnia <i>[3570]</i> 2006 2007	522.9 524.6	363.1 344.9	331.7 313.7	31.4 31.2	69.4 65.7	8.6 9.0	63.4 59.8
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580] 2006 2007	246.6 247.4	171.1 165.1	162.4 159.0	8.7 6.1	69.4 66.7	5.1 3.7	65.9 64.3
Northeast [3590] 2006 2007	453.4 453.5	281.7 283.3	259.7 264.7	22.0 18.6	62.1 62.5	7.8 6.6	57.3 58.4
Northwest [3595] 2006 2007	177.2 176.0	115.1 115.9	105.6 107.1	9.6 8.9	65.0 65.9	8.3 7.7	59.6 60.9
<b>Manitoba</b> 2006 2007	892.6 899.2	623.0 632.6	595.8 604.9	27.2 27.7	69.8 70.4	4.4 4.4	66.7 67.3
Southeast [4610] 2006 2007	74.8 76.5	54.0 54.9	52.0 52.8	2.0 2.1	72.2 71.8	3.7 3.8	69.5 69.0
South Central [4620] 2006 2007	42.4 43.0	28.7 30.5	27.5 29.4	1.2 1.0	67.7 70.9	4.2 3.3	64.9 68.4

Table 6-1 – continued Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in August 2006 and August 2007

	Population		Labour force	e	Participation	Unemployment	
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in th	nousands				
Southwest [4630] 2006 2007	81.8 82.1	51.3 53.4	49.6 50.8	1.7 2.6	62.7 65.0	3.3 4.9	60.6 61.9
North Central <i>[4640]</i> 2006 2007	35.5 35.7	23.9 24.3	23.2 23.5	0.6 0.7	67.3 68.1	2.5 2.9	65.4 65.8
Winnipeg <i>[4650]</i> 2006 2007	529.2 533.0	375.7 380.4	357.5 363.1	18.2 17.3	71.0 71.4	4.8 4.5	67.6 68.1
Interlake <i>[4660]</i> 2006 2007	68.7 69.7	46.7 47.7	45.8 45.5	1.0 2.1	68.0 68.4	2.1 4.4	66.7 65.3
Parklands and North [4670, 4680] 2006 2007	60.1 59.2	42.7 41.5	40.3 39.6	2.4 1.8	71.0 70.1	5.6 4.3	67.1 66.9
Saskatchewan 2006 2007	745.9 751.0	528.8 533.0	503.2 507.7	25.5 25.3	70.9 71.0	4.8 4.7	67.5 67.6
Regina-Moose Mountain <i>[4710]</i> 2006 2007	219.0 221.0	157.1 155.6	150.4 147.5	6.7 8.1	71.7 70.4	4.3 5.2	68.7 66.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720] 2006 2007	82.5 82.6	58.8 57.2	55.6 54.7	3.2 2.5	71.3 69.2	5.4 4.4	67.4 66.2
Saskatoon-Biggar <i>[4730]</i> 2006 2007	230.8 233.5	168.0 175.5	160.0 167.8	8.0 7.7	72.8 75.2	4.8 4.4	69.3 71.9
Yorkton-Melville <i>[4740]</i> 2006 2007	64.6 64.0	43.1 44.5	41.1 42.5	2.0 2.0	66.7 69.5	4.6 4.5	63.6 66.4
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760] 2006 2007	149.2 149.9	101.8 100.2	96.1 95.1	5.7 5.1	68.2 66.8	5.6 5.1	64.4 63.4
<b>Alberta</b> 2006 2007	2,642.5 2,747.8	1,979.8 2,070.6	1,904.3 1,996.9	75.6 73.8	74.9 75.4	3.8 3.6	72.1 72.7
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810] 2006 2007	200.4 207.2	145.5 137.7	141.1 132.9	4.4 4.8	72.6 66.5	3.0 3.5	70.4 64.1
Camrose-Drumheller <i>[4820]</i> 2006 2007	150.8 155.1	117.0 114.6	113.5 110.8	3.5 3.8	77.6 73.9	3.0 3.3	75.3 71.4
Calgary <i>[4830]</i> 2006 2007	954.8 997.9	737.9 779.6	711.3 755.0	26.6 24.6	77.3 78.1	3.6 3.2	74.5 75.7
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House <i>[4840]</i> 2006 2007	66.0 67.9	50.4 55.0	49.2 53.7	X X	76.4 81.0	x x	74.5 79.1
Red Deer <i>[4850]</i> 2006 2007	136.1 142.6	103.7 109.6	99.6 106.4	4.1 3.2	76.2 76.9	4.0 2.9	73.2 74.6

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in August 2006 and August 2007

	Population		Labour ford	e	Participation	Unemployment rate	Employment
	_	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate		rate
		in th	nousands				
Edmonton [4860]	200.0	200.4	505.0	07.4	74.5		00.4
2006 2007	869.9 902.2	622.4 657.8	595.3 630.8	27.1 27.0	71.5 72.9	4.4 4.1	68.4 69.9
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2006 2007	177.3 183.6	137.6 144.4	132.2 138.6	5.4 5.9	77.6 78.6	3.9 4.1	74.6 75.5
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2006 2007	87.1 91.3	65.3 71.8	62.1 68.7	3.2 3.1	75.0 78.6	4.9 4.3	71.3 75.2
British Columbia	31.5	71.0	00.1	0.1	70.0	4.0	70.2
2006 2007	3,514.0 3,572.6	2,338.0 2,395.0	2,225.6 2,291.3	112.4 103.8	66.5 67.0	4.8 4.3	63.3 64.1
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]	3,372.0	2,395.0	2,291.3	103.6	07.0	4.3	04.1
2006	612.6	390.7	372.9	17.8	63.8	4.6	60.9
2007	623.0	399.7	383.6	16.0	64.2	4.0	61.6
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920] 2006	2,121.3	1,429.5	1,364.9	64.6	67.4	4.5	64.3
2007	2,162.1	1,470.5	1,409.2	61.4	68.0	4.2	65.2
Thompson-Okanagan <i>[5930]</i> 2006	414.3	270.5	254.4	16.1	65.3	6.0	61.4
2007	423.2	269.5	257.0	12.6	63.7	4.7	60.7
Kootenay [5940]	122.2	76.7	72.0	4.7	62.8	6.1	E0.0
2006 2007	122.2	83.4	72.0 78.6	4.7	68.4	5.8	58.9 64.4
Cariboo <i>[5950]</i>							
2006 2007	125.7 124.9	89.2 88.0	83.7 83.0	5.5 5.0	71.0 70.5	6.2 5.7	66.6 66.5
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2006 2007	67.4 66.0	46.8 45.9	44.2 42.4	2.6 3.4	69.4 69.5	5.6 7.4	65.6 64.2
Northeast <i>[5980]</i>	00.0	75.5	72.4	5.4	09.5	7.4	04.2
2006	50.6	34.7	33.5	x	68.6	х	66.2
2007	51.3	38.1	37.5	х	74.3	х	73.1

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

<sup>2.</sup> Estimates for Canada are a sum of the provincial totals and exclude estimates from Yukon Territory, 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 August 2006 and August 2007

	Population		Labour forc	e	Participation	Unemployment	Employment
	_	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
		in t	housands				
Yukon Territory <sup>1</sup> 2006 2007	21.5 21.3	17.2 16.3	16.4 15.5	0.8 0.8	80.0 76.5	4.7 4.9	76.3 72.8
Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup> 2006 2007	30.9 30.8	24.5 24.4	23.1 22.9	1.4 1.5	79.3 79.2	5.7 6.1	74.8 74.4
Nunavut - 10 largest communities <sup>3</sup> 2006 2007	13.9 14.2	9.2 10.2	8.1 9.2	1.1 1.1	66.4 72.0	11.6 10.6	58.8 64.4

<sup>1.</sup> Since 1992, the Labour force survey has been administered in the Yukon Territory, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.

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

<sup>2.</sup> Since 2001, the Labour force survey has been administered in the Northwest Territories, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.

<sup>3.</sup> Since 2004, the Labour force survey has been administered in Nunavut, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals. The 10 largest communities are Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake, Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Kugluktuk, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Igloolik.

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

		Emplo	yees	_	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	_	dolla	rs	thousands	_	dollars	thousands		dollars
August 2007										
15 years and over	14,510.6	36.5	761.97	20.36	12,387.7	39.5	845.28	2,122.9	18.8	275.86
15 to 24 years	2,836.8	32.2	396.55	11.75	1,954.0	38.6	498.52	882.8	17.9	170.85
25 years and over Men	11,673.7 7,430.5	37.5 38.8	850.77 871.66	22.46 22.08	10,433.6 6,828.4	39.6 40.6	910.22 927.25	1,240.1 602.2	19.5 18.0	350.62 241.20
Women	7,430.5	34.0	646.86	18.56	5,559.3	38.0	744.59	1,520.8	19.2	289.59
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,404.2	36.7	873.56	23.60	3,911.6	38.8	932.61	492.6	20.3	404.67
No union coverage	10,106.4	36.3	713.34	18.95	8,476.1	39.8	804.98	1,630.4	18.4	236.95
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,346.2	37.0	806.94	21.35	10,845.5	39.5	876.97	1,500.8	19.5	300.87
Temporary	2,164.3	33.1	505.45	14.74	1,542.2	39.4	622.40	622.2	17.2	215.54
Occupation Management	1,021.7	40.2	1,285.96	32.14	1.000.1	40.6	1,303.48	21.6	19.1	474.37
Business, finance and administrative	2,807.0	35.7	705.73	19.48	2,454.5	38.2	764.58	352.5	18.5	295.95
Natural and applied sciences	1,090.5	38.9	1,115.18	28.77	1,063.3	39.4	1,128.61	27.2	20.2	590.51
Health	873.1	33.9	831.36	24.50	667.7	37.9	926.52	205.4	21.0	521.94
Social science, education, government service										
and religion	1,158.1	35.6	938.06	26.21	991.4	38.5	1,022.20	166.7	18.6	437.84
Art, culture, recreation and sport	371.8	34.7 32.4	704.93	19.94 13.64	303.3	38.6 38.4	797.69	68.5	17.5	294.07 193.76
Sales and service Trades, transport and equipment operators	3,703.9 2,161.1	32.4 40.9	467.11 836.25	20.36	2,581.0 2,077.4	36. <del>4</del> 41.8	586.04 859.40	1,122.9 83.7	18.7 18.2	261.88
Occupations unique to primary industry	365.8	41.7	708.28	16.41	328.1	44.5	769.16	37.7	16.2	178.31
Occupations unique to processing,	000.0		700.20	10.11	020.1	11.0	700.10	01.1	10.0	170.01
manufacturing and utilities	957.5	39.6	704.81	17.65	920.8	40.3	723.73	36.7	20.5	229.79
August 2006										
15 years and over	14,284.5	36.6	734.85	19.58	12,242.6	39.6	812.91	2,041.9	18.8	266.81
15 to 24 years	2.751.9	32.5	382.82	11.28	1,910.1	38.9	477.46	841.9	18.0	168.09
25 years and over	11,532.6	37.6	818.85	21.56	10,332.6	39.8	874.92	1,200.0	19.4	336.07
Men	7,383.2	39.1	839.35	21.17	6,788.7	40.9	892.08	594.5	18.1	237.32
Women	6,901.3	34.1	623.05	17.88	5,454.0	38.0	714.37	1,447.3	19.1	278.93
Union coverage	4.050.4	20.0	040.74	00.75	2 200 0	20.0	000.00	477.0	20.0	205.00
Union coverage No union coverage	4,358.4 9,926.1	36.8 36.6	843.71 687.05	22.75 18.19	3,880.8 8,361.9	38.8 40.0	898.82 773.03	477.6 1,564.2	20.3 18.4	395.90 227.39
· ·	9,920.1	30.0	007.03	10.19	0,301.9	40.0	113.03	1,504.2	10.4	221.59
Job permanency Permanent	12,104.8	37.1	778.84	20.56	10,644.5	39.6	846.10	1,460.3	19.3	288.54
Temporary	2,179.7	33.9	490.54	14.12	1,598.2	39.9	591.80	581.5	17.5	212.25
Occupation	,				,					
Management	1.031.6	40.3	1,257.65	31.45	1.005.7	40.8	1,273.74	26.0	20.9	634.15
Business, finance and administrative	2,769.6	35.8	684.28	18.81	2,420.8	38.3	741.90	348.8	18.6	284.36
Natural and applied sciences	1,005.9	39.0	1,084.77	27.90	982.3	39.4	1,098.93	23.6	19.1	495.02
Health	874.4	33.6	769.83	22.88	665.9	37.7	864.85	208.6	20.7	466.46
Social science, education, government service	4.450.0	25.0	000.00	05.40	000 7	20.5	000 04	455.5	40.4	450.40
and religion Art, culture, recreation and sport	1,152.2 348.0	35.9 35.6	909.63 686.76	25.40 18.99	996.7 292.6	38.5 39.1	980.34 771.47	155.5 55.4	19.1 17.1	456.43 239.74
Sales and service	3,535.0	32.5	446.93	13.05	2,472.8	38.5	557.44	1,062.2	18.8	189.65
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,149.9	41.0	796.31	19.32	2,065.4	41.9	819.54	84.4	17.5	228.08
Occupations unique to primary industry	391.6	42.7	658.22	15.01	348.5	46.0	718.07	43.1	15.9	174.64
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,026.3	39.5	685.28	17.19	992.0	40.2	701.22	34.3	18.2	224.32
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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 September 9, 2007 to October 6, 2007	
	Percent	
Newfoundland and Labrador 01. St.John's 02. Newfoundland and Labrador	6.3 18.8	
<b>Prince Edward Island</b> 03. Prince Edward Island	10.6	
Nova Scotia 04. Eastern Nova Scotia 05. Western Nova Scotia 06. Halifax	14.3 9.5 6.1	
New Brunswick 07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John 08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup> 09. Restigouche-Albert	4.6 9.5 13.8	
Quebec  10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine  11. Québec  12. Trois-Rivières  13. South Central Quebec  14. Sherbrooke  15. Montérégie  16. Montréal  17. Central Quebec  18. Northwestern Quebec  19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup> 20. Gatineau  21. Saguenay	17.7 4.6 8.0 5.6 5.8 7.0 7.1 7.9 12.7 11.0 6.0 8.3	
Ontario  22. Ottawa  23. Eastern Ontario  24. Kingston  25. Central Ontario  26. Oshawa  27. Toronto  28. Hamilton  29. St. Catharines  30. London  31. Niagara  32. Windsor  33. Kitchener  34. Huron  35. South Central Ontario  36. Sudbury  37. Thunder Bay  38. Northern Ontario	5.3 7.0 5.7 5.7 6.5 7.0 5.5 7.7 6.1 7.7 9.7 5.6 7.8 5.3 5.7 6.7	
Manitoba 39. Winnipeg 40. Southern Manitoba 41. Northern Manitoba	4.2 5.7 25.8	
Saskatchewan 42. Regina 43. Saskatoon 44. Southern Saskatchewan 45. Northern Saskatchewan	6.0 4.6 6.2 14.4	

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from September 9, 2007 to October 6, 2007	
	Percent	
Alberta 46. Calgary 47. Edmonton 48. Northern Alberta 49. Southern Alberta	3.3 4.0 7.5 4.4	
British Columbia 50. Southern Interior British Columbia 51. Abbotsford 52. Vancouver 53. Victoria 54. Southern Coastal British Columbia 55. Northern British Columbia	6.2 4.4 3.9 4.5 5.5 8.3	
Territories 56. Yukon Territory <sup>4</sup> 57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup> 58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0 25.0 25.0	

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://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/ei/region/economic\_region\_information.shtml&hs=eza.
 This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a\_e.shtml.

This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the El Regulations. For further information, see: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b e.shtml.

<sup>4.</sup> This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Table 9-1 Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 (unadjusted) by detailed age groups

	August	August	August	S.E.1	Change from		Percent change from	
	2005	2006	2007		last year	two years ago	last year	two years ago
			in thousands					
Students 15 to 24 years <sup>2</sup> Population	2,324.8	2,325.7	2,312.7	28.2	-13.0	-12.1	-0.6	-0.5
Labour force	1,464.4	1,500.5	1,521.4	29.4	20.9	57.0	1.4	3.9
Employment	1,275.8	1,306.6	1,347.3	28.1	40.7	71.5	3.1	5.6
Full-time employment	652.7	679.4	675.0	20.3	-4.4	22.3	-0.6	3.4
Part-time employment Unemployment	623.1 188.6	627.2 194.0	672.3 174.2	22.5 13.3	45.1 -19.8	49.2 -14.4	7.2 -10.2	7.9 -7.6
Participation rate	63.0	64.5	65.8	0.9	1.3	2.8	-10.2	-7.0
Unemployment rate	12.9	12.9	11.4	0.9	-1.5	-1.5		
Employment rate	54.9	56.2	58.3	1.0	2.1	3.4		
Part-time rate	48.8	48.0	49.9	1.3	1.9	1.1	•••	
Students 15 to 16 years <sup>2</sup>								
Population	805.3	830.6	817.0	5.4	-13.6	11.7	-1.6	1.5
Labour force	374.9	399.3	396.8	12.7	-2.5	21.9	-0.6	5.8
Employment Full-time employment	297.9 93.1	308.5 94.7	314.2 96.2	11.9 5.3	5.7 1.5	16.3 3.1	1.8 1.6	5.5 3.3
Part-time employment	204.7	213.8	218.0	11.3	4.2	13.3	2.0	6.5
Unemployment	77.0	90.7	82.7	7.8	-8.0	5.7	-8.8	7.4
Participation rate	46.6	48.1	48.6	1.5	0.5	2.0		
Unemployment rate	20.5	22.7	20.8	2.1	-1.9	0.3		
Employment rate	37.0	37.1	38.5	1.5	1.4	1.5		
Part-time rate	68.7	69.3	69.4	1.8	0.1	0.7		
Students 17 to 19 years <sup>2</sup>								
Population	845.3 588.5	842.1 604.0	869.9 644.1	15.3 16.3	27.8 40.1	24.6 55.6	3.3 6.6	2.9 9.4
Labour force Employment	500.5 510.1	527.9	576.4	15.9	40.1 48.5	66.3	9.2	13.0
Full-time employment	242.6	257.3	279.9	11.0	22.6	37.3	8.8	15.4
Part-time employment	267.5	270.7	296.5	14.1	25.8	29.0	9.5	10.8
Unemployment	78.5	76.1	67.7	8.2	-8.4	-10.8	-11.0	-13.8
Participation rate	69.6	71.7	74.0	1.5	2.3	4.4		
Unemployment rate Employment rate	13.3 60.3	12.6 62.7	10.5 66.3	1.4 1.6	-2.1 3.6	-2.8 6.0		•••
Part-time rate	52.4	51.3	51.4	1.0	0.2	-1.0		
	02	00	•		V			•••
Students 20 to 24 years <sup>2</sup> Population	674.1	653.0	625.7	22.2	-27.3	-48.4	-4.2	-7.2
Labour force	501.0	497.3	480.5	20.3	-16.8	-20.5	-3.4	-4.1
Employment	467.9	470.1	456.7	19.6	-13.4	-11.2	-2.9	-2.4
Full-time employment	317.0	327.5	298.9	15.6	-28.6	-18.1	-8.7	-5.7
Part-time employment	150.9	142.6	157.8	13.3	15.2	6.9	10.7	4.6
Unemployment Participation rate	33.1 74.3	27.2 76.2	23.8 76.8	6.5 1.8	-3.4 0.6	-9.3 2.5	-12.5	-28.1
Unemployment rate	6.6	5.5	5.0	1.3	-0.5	-1.6		
Employment rate	69.4	72.0	73.0	1.9	1.0	3.6		
Part-time rate	32.3	30.3	34.6	2.4	4.2	2.3		
Other persons aged 15 to 24 <sup>3</sup>								
Population	1,961.3	1,998.9	2,044.2	22.4	45.3	82.9	2.3	4.2
Labour force	1,701.8	1,730.2	1,747.2	27.0	17.0	45.4	1.0	2.7
Employment	1,525.8	1,547.0 1.294.0	1,584.6	27.5 27.5	37.6	58.8	2.4	3.9
Full-time employment Part-time employment	1,254.1 271.6	1,294.0 252.9	1,341.3 243.3	27.5	47.3 -9.6	87.2 -28.3	3.7 -3.8	7.0 -10.4
Unemployment	176.0	183.1	162.6	16.3	-9.6 -20.5	-20.3 -13.4	-3.6 -11.2	-7.6
Participation rate	86.8	86.6	85.5	0.6	-1.1	-1.3		
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.6	9.3	0.6	-1.3	-1.0		
Employment rate	77.8	77.4	77.5	0.7	0.1	-0.3		
Part-time rate	17.8	16.3	15.4	0.9	-1.0	-2.4		

Average standard error of change over the year (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
 Students are persons aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall.

<sup>3.</sup> Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population. **Note(s):** Related CANSIM table 282-0006

Table 9-2 Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 (unadjusted) by province

	Population	pulation Labour force					•	Unemployment	
		Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
			in	thousands					
Students¹ Newfoundland and Labrador August 2006 August 2007	36.6 36.7	21.2 22.8	18.4 19.9	12.1 14.0	6.3 6.0	2.9 2.9	57.9 62.1	13.7 12.7	50.3 54.2
Prince Edward Island August 2006 August 2007	10.1 10.2	7.9 8.8	7.5 8.2	5.0 5.6	2.4 2.5	0.5 0.7	78.2 86.3	6.3 8.0	74.3 80.4
Nova Scotia August 2006 August 2007	69.5 65.6	47.3 45.5	42.2 39.7	24.1 22.2	18.1 17.6	5.1 5.8	68.1 69.4	10.8 12.7	60.7 60.5
New Brunswick August 2006 August 2007	48.2 48.2	32.5 34.9	27.8 31.2	18.0 20.0	9.8 11.3	4.7 3.6	67.4 72.4	14.5 10.3	57.7 64.7
Quebec August 2006 August 2007	544.6 536.6	348.5 347.9	300.1 302.2	150.0 147.5	150.2 154.7	48.3 45.7	64.0 64.8	13.9 13.1	55.1 56.3
Ontario August 2006 August 2007	986.3 986.4	638.7 647.6	543.0 560.4	272.5 263.1	270.5 297.3	95.8 87.1	64.8 65.7	15.0 13.4	55.1 56.8
Manitoba August 2006 August 2007	76.7 74.3	55.3 51.0	49.8 47.4	24.7 21.8	25.2 25.6	5.5 3.6	72.1 68.6	9.9 7.1	64.9 63.8
Saskatchewan August 2006 August 2007	64.0 63.2	45.1 42.6	41.2 38.5	24.0 20.0	17.2 18.5	3.9 4.1	70.5 67.4	8.6 9.6	64.4 60.9
Alberta August 2006 August 2007	212.7 217.8	145.3 150.1	132.2 140.7	74.9 85.5	57.4 55.3	13.0 9.3	68.3 68.9	8.9 6.2	62.2 64.6
British Columbia August 2006 August 2007	276.9 273.6	158.7 170.2	144.3 158.9	74.1 75.3	70.2 83.6	14.3 11.3	57.3 62.2	9.0 6.6	52.1 58.1
Other persons aged 15-24 <sup>2</sup> Newfoundland and Labrador August 2006 August 2007	29.8 26.5	24.5 20.7	18.1 15.5	16.3 13.7	1.7 1.9	6.4 5.2	82.2 78.1	26.1 25.1	60.7 58.5
Prince Edward Island August 2006 August 2007	9.7 9.5	9.0 8.2	8.1 7.3	7.3 6.5	0.8 x	X X	92.8 86.3	x x	83.5 76.8
Nova Scotia August 2006 August 2007	53.6 56.8	46.9 49.9	42.4 44.3	37.4 34.5	4.9 9.8	4.5 5.5	87.5 87.9	9.6 11.0	79.1 78.0
New Brunswick August 2006 August 2007	47.6 46.6	42.4 40.4	37.5 36.8	32.3 31.8	5.2 5.0	4.9 3.7	89.1 86.7	11.6 9.2	78.8 79.0
Quebec August 2006 August 2007	406.1 418.4	355.1 361.0	311.8 326.4	258.9 276.6	52.9 49.9	43.3 34.5	87.4 86.3	12.2 9.6	76.8 78.0
Ontario August 2006 August 2007	720.2 736.6	614.2 620.4	536.7 545.9	432.1 450.3	104.6 95.6	77.4 74.5	85.3 84.2	12.6 12.0	74.5 74.1
Manitoba August 2006 August 2007	79.2 82.6	67.4 73.1	62.6 67.5	52.0 55.4	10.7 12.1	4.7 5.6	85.1 88.5	7.0 7.7	79.0 81.7

Table 9-2 – continued Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 (unadjusted) by province

	Population		Labour force						
		Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment	rate	rate	rate
			in	thousands					
Saskatchewan August 2006 August 2007	73.8 74.5	66.7 65.1	62.3 61.5	53.9 55.3	8.4 6.2	4.4 3.6	90.4 87.4	6.6 5.5	84.4 82.6
Alberta August 2006 August 2007	279.1 287.4	248.1 246.9	231.8 233.5	208.3 211.3	23.5 22.1	16.4 13.5	88.9 85.9	6.6 5.5	83.1 81.2
British Columbia August 2006 August 2007	299.7 305.2	255.8 261.4	235.7 245.9	195.5 206.0	40.2 39.8	20.2 15.5	85.4 85.6	7.9 5.9	78.6 80.6

<sup>1.</sup> Students are persons aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall.

Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.
 Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0006

# **Data quality**

## **About the Labour Force Survey**

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

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

#### **Definitions and explanations**

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

## Seasonal adjustment

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

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

## Sampling variability of estimates

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

#### Interpretation based on standard error

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

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

#### Interpretation based on confidence intervals

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

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

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

#### **Documentation**

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

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