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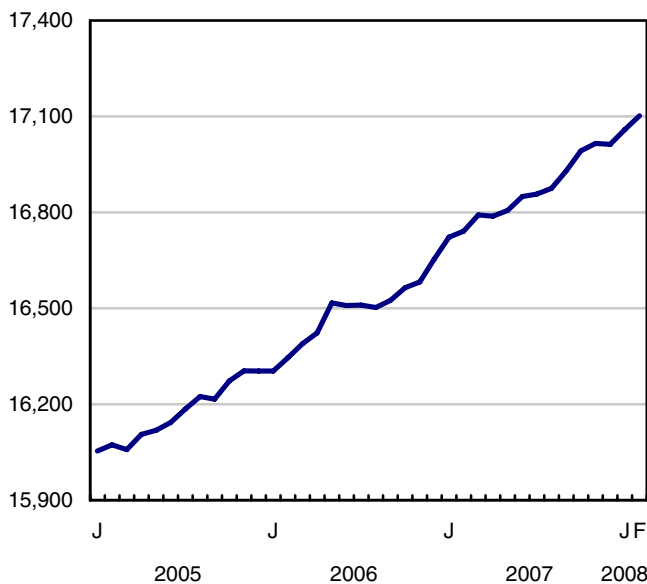
February 2008

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Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

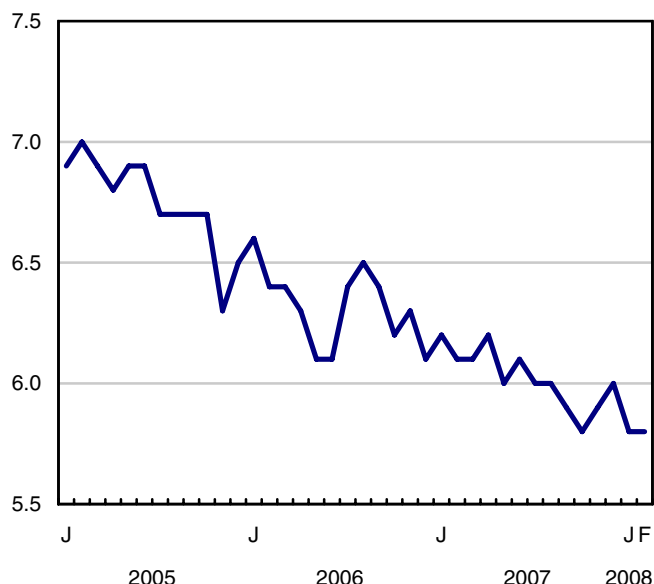
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percentage



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Similar to January, employment growth in February was entirely attributable to an increase in full time. Over the past 12 months, full-time work has grown at three times the pace of part-time employment.

Employment growth in February was mainly in construction; public administration; and professional, scientific and technical services. These gains were partly offset by declines in manufacturing and natural resources.

In February, for the second consecutive month, strength in employment came from private sector employees. Overall employment growth over the past 12 months, however, has been the result of gains in the public sector.

Almost all of February's employment growth was realized in Ontario. Large gains in construction; business, building and other support services; and public administration were partly offset by the continued decline in manufacturing employment.

Wage growth remained strong in February, with a year-over-year increase in average hourly wages estimated at 4.9%. This was well above the most recent increase of 2.2% in consumer prices. February also marked the seventh consecutive month with a year-over-year increase in average hourly wages at, or above, 4%.

Strong service sector growth in February

Following little change in January, service sector employment grew by almost 56,000 in February. Public administration saw employment gains of an estimated 16,000 in February, for total growth of 10.5% (+87,000) over the previous 12 months. Employment in professional, scientific and technical services also increased by 16,000 and has grown by 7.0% (+78,000) since February 2007.

Construction up, manufacturing and natural resources down

In February, employment in construction increased by an estimated 21,000, all in Ontario. Nationally, employment in this industry is up 8.5% (+94,000) from 12 months ago.

Manufacturing employment declined by 24,000 in February, bringing total losses over the last 12 months to 106,000 (-5.1%). Manufacturing now represents 11.6% of total employment, a record low and far from the 15.0% share observed at the end of 2002, the start of the most recent decline.

Employment in natural resources was down in February (-9,000). Over the previous 12 months, this industry declined by 4.2%, with most of the losses in support activities for the mining, oil and gas sector.

Ontario labour market strengthens in February

Ontario recorded strong employment growth in February (+46,000), nearly all in full-time work. These latest gains pushed the overall unemployment rate in the province down 0.2 percentage points to 6.1%. Over the last twelve months, employment growth in Ontario stands at 2.0%, just slightly below the national average (+2.2%).

Although manufacturing in Ontario continued to lose workers in February (-20,000), these declines were more than offset by strength in construction (+31,000); business, building and other support services (+20,000), as well as public administration (+11,000).

While employment in Quebec was little changed in February, over the last 12 months employment growth (+2.4% or 92,000) was above the national average. Despite weakness in manufacturing, employment in the province has grown steadily since February 2007 in other industries of the goods sector and in services. In February, the unemployment rate, at 7.0%, continued to hover around its 33-year low.

Labour market remains robust in Western Canada

In February, employment in Saskatchewan increased by 3,300, bringing total gains since last September, when the current upward trend began, to an estimated 12,000 (+2.5%). The unemployment rate in February, at 4.1%, was among the lowest in the country.

Although little changed in February, employment in Alberta was up 3.0% (+58,000) from a year earlier, while the unemployment rate, at 3.5%, remained below that of all other provinces. Meanwhile, the province's participation rate – the share of the working-age population that is working or looking for work – remained at a record high of 74.5% for the second consecutive month, the highest in Canada.

As with Alberta, employment in British Columbia was unchanged in February. Since February 2007, however, employment has increased by 2.3% (+52,000), driven by strength in construction. This growth has been somewhat tempered by a decline in manufacturing over this period, most notably in wood products. At 4.1% in February, the unemployment rate was unchanged from a month earlier and remains among the lowest in Canada.

New Brunswick's labour market continues to grow

New Brunswick was the only province in Atlantic Canada to experience a notable employment gain in February (+2,700). At the same time, the participation rate reached a record high of 65.0%. February's increase in employment extends an upward trend that began in October 2006 with gains over this period totalling an estimated 17,000 (+4.8%). Nearly half of this increase has been in the past 12 months, all in the service sector, most notably in professional, scientific and technical services.

Employment in Nova Scotia fell by an estimated 3,800 in February and the unemployment rate edged up to 7.7%. This decline leaves overall employment in the province at about the same level as 12 months earlier.

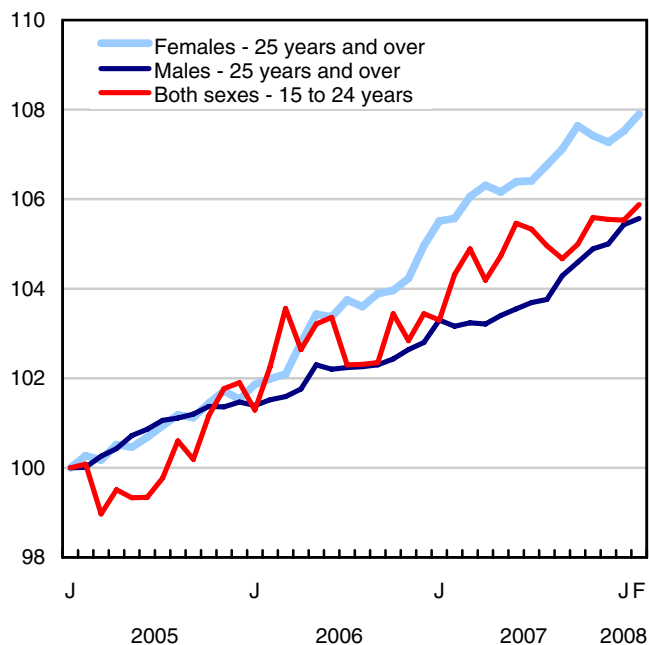
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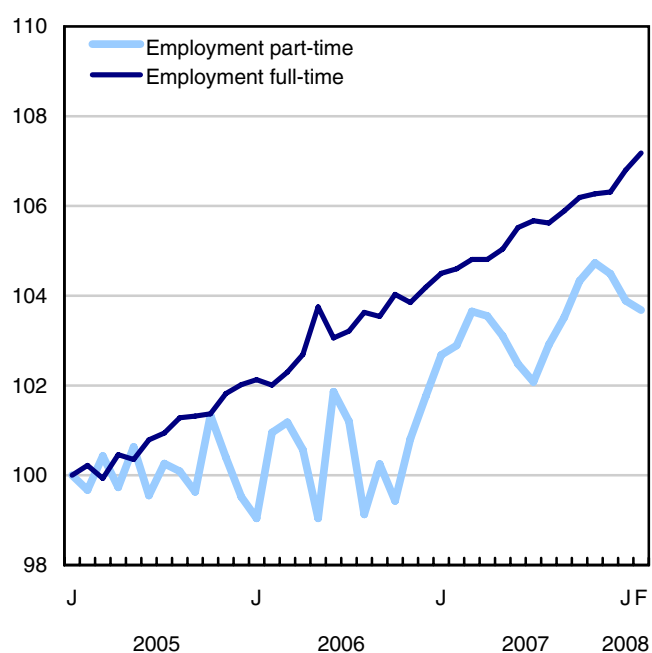
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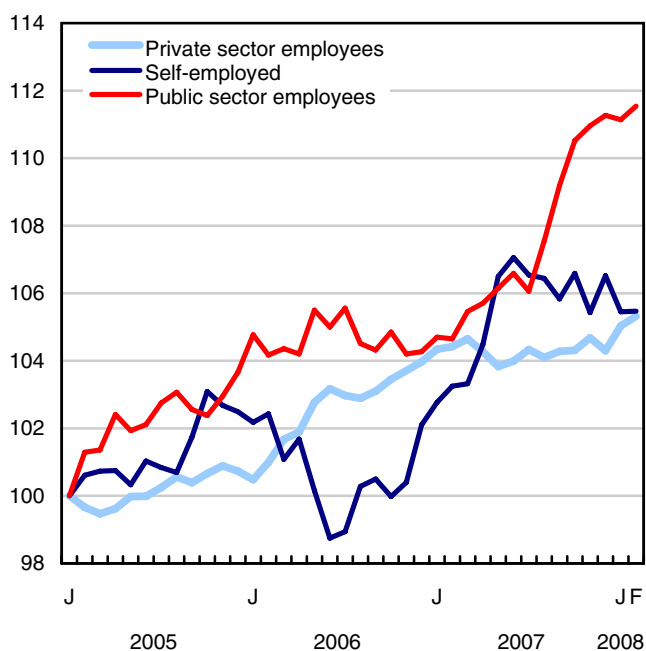
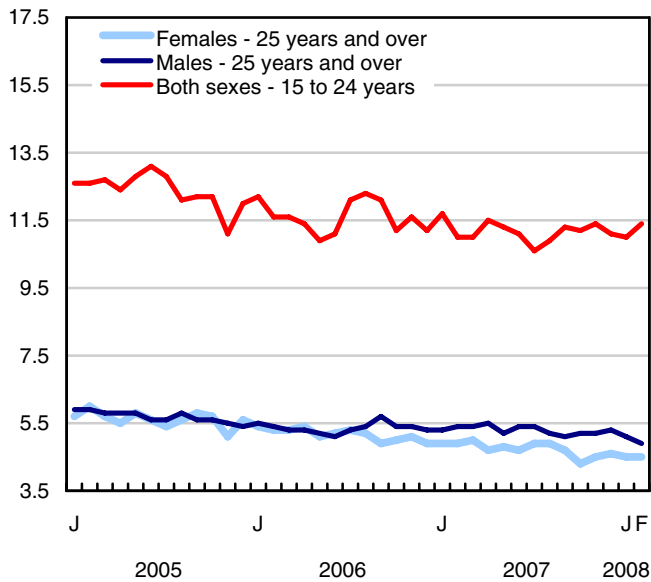
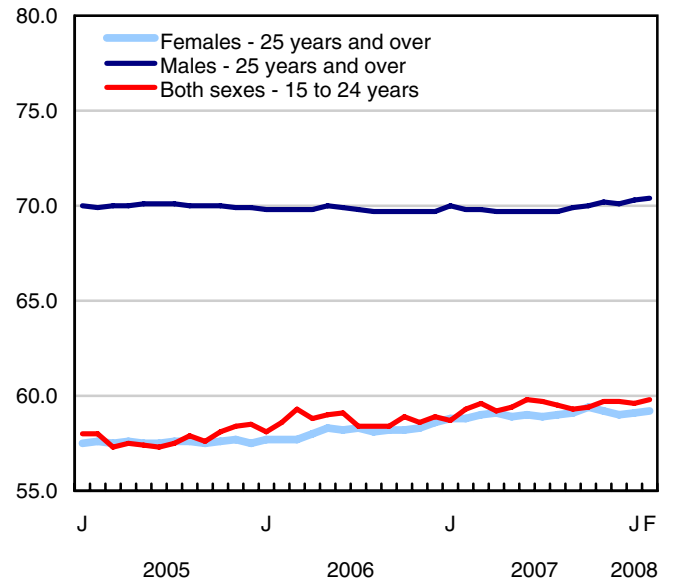


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Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

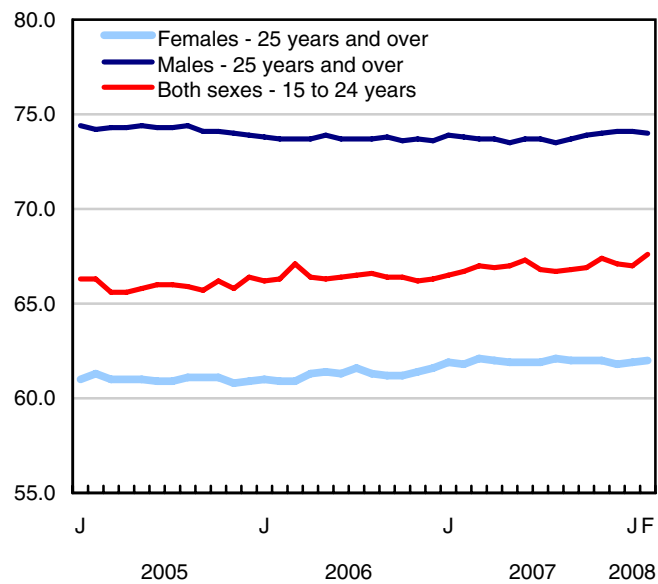


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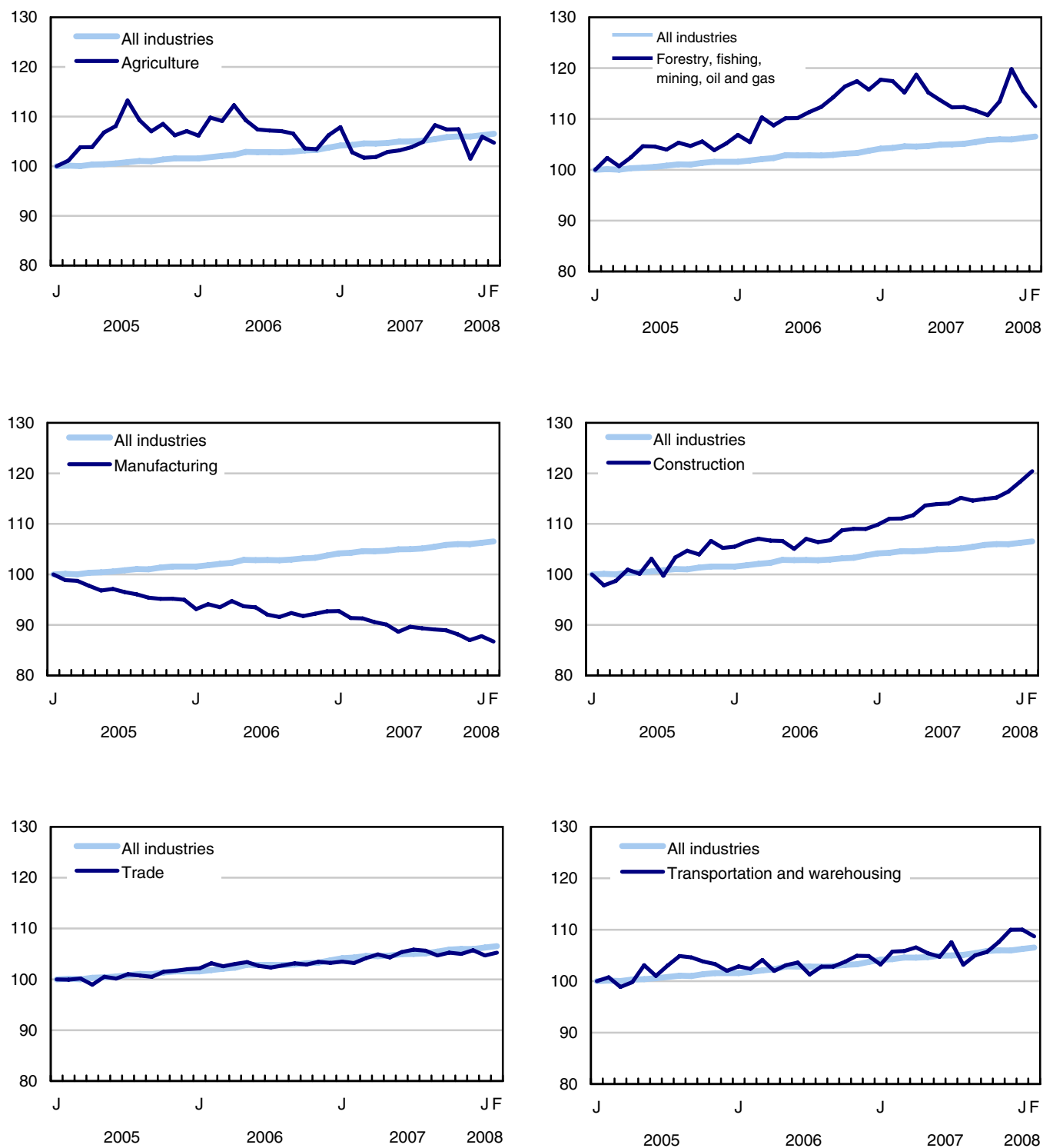


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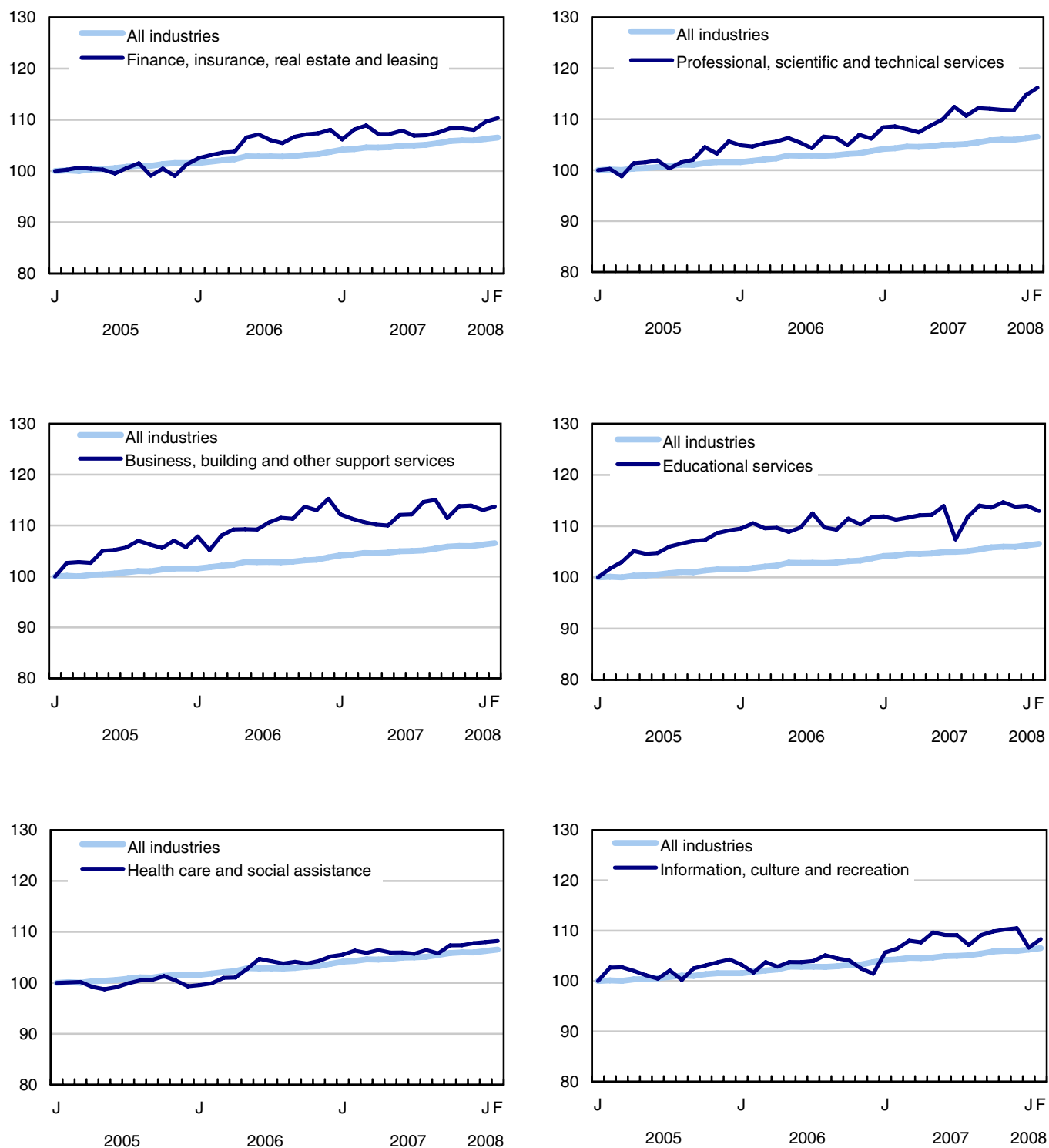


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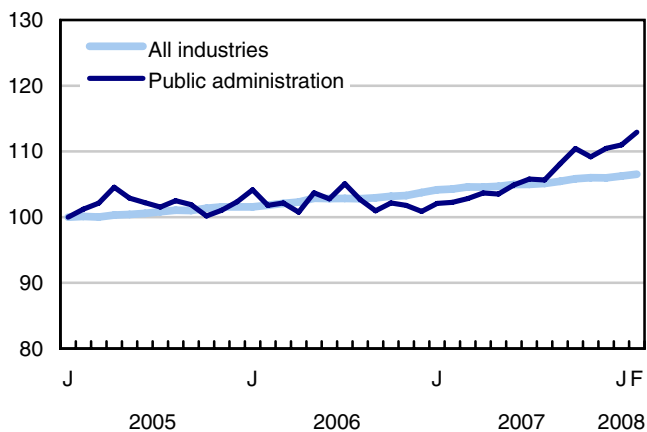
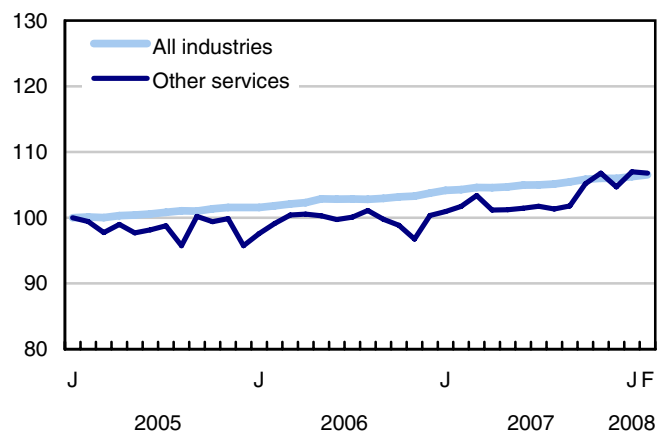
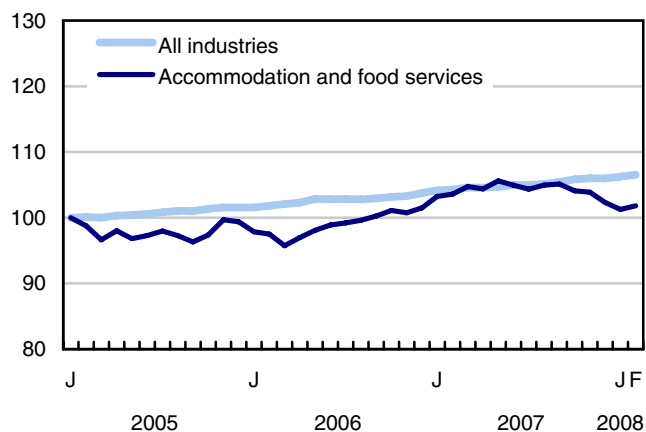


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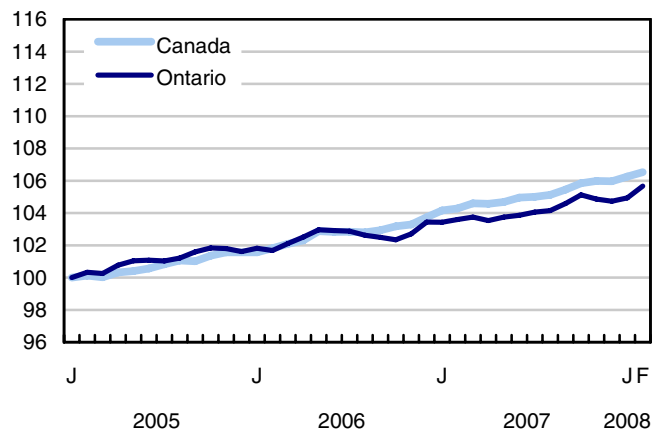
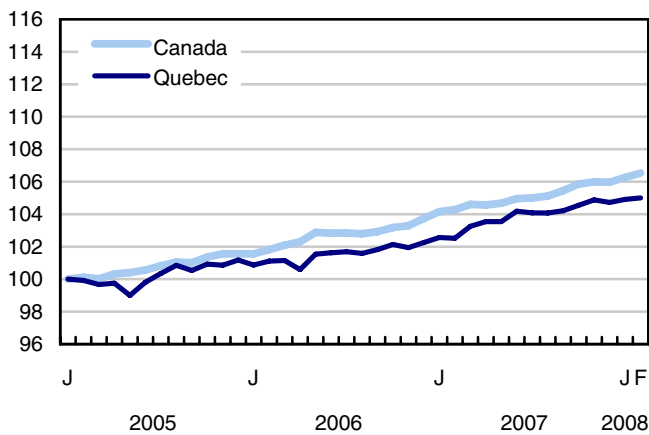
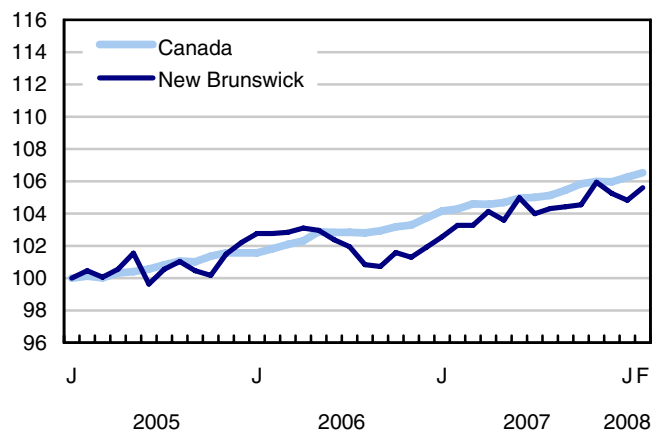
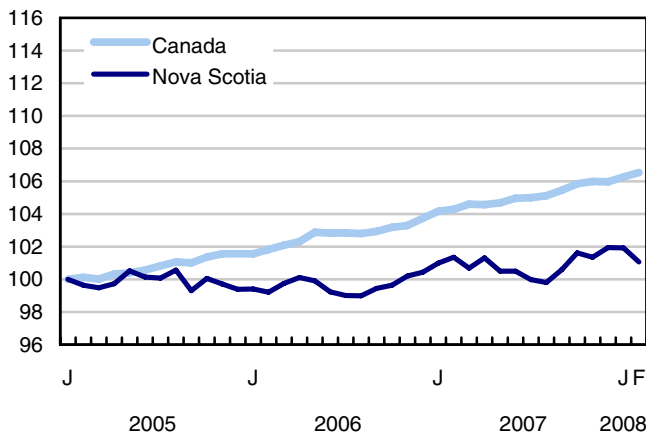
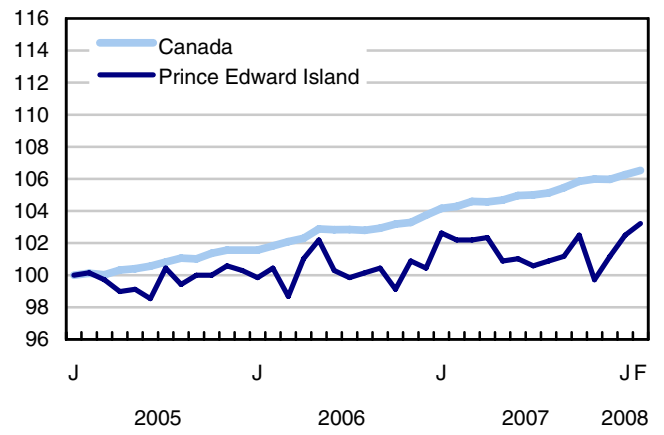
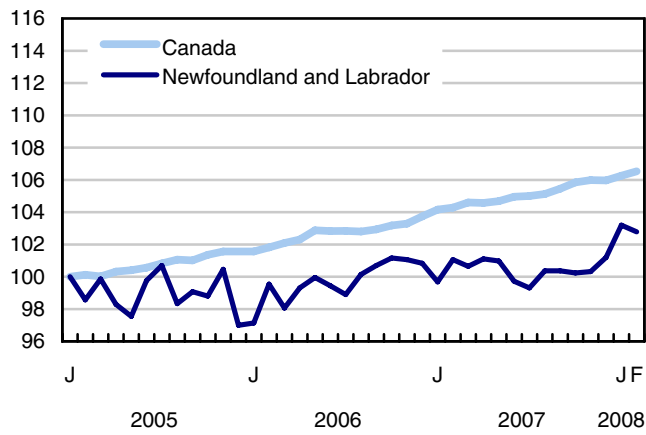
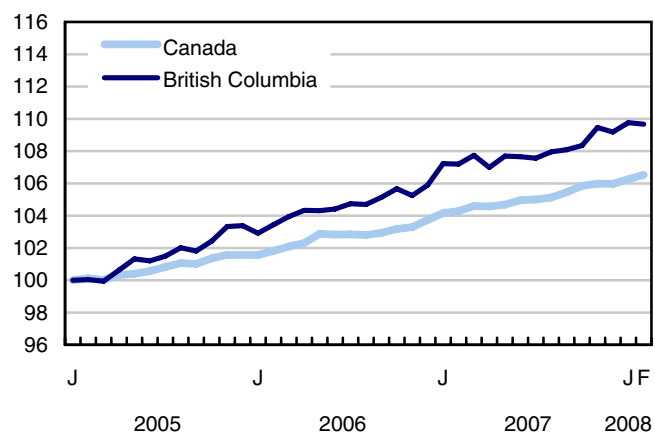
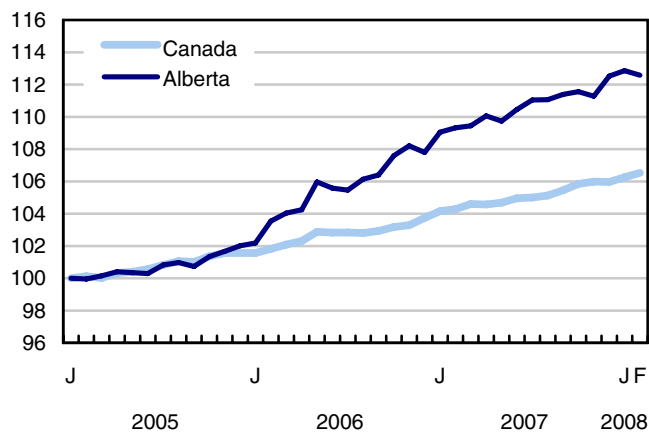
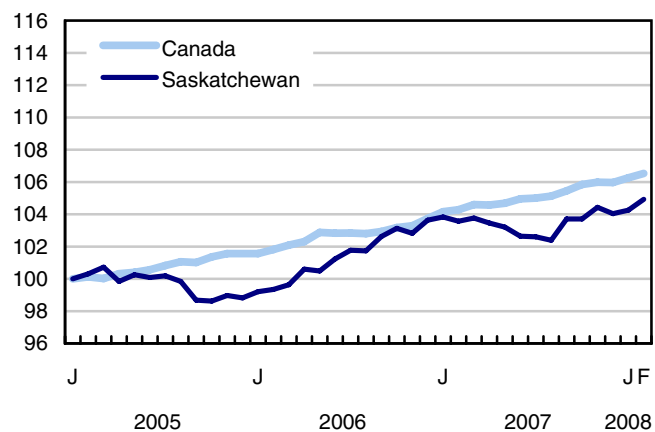
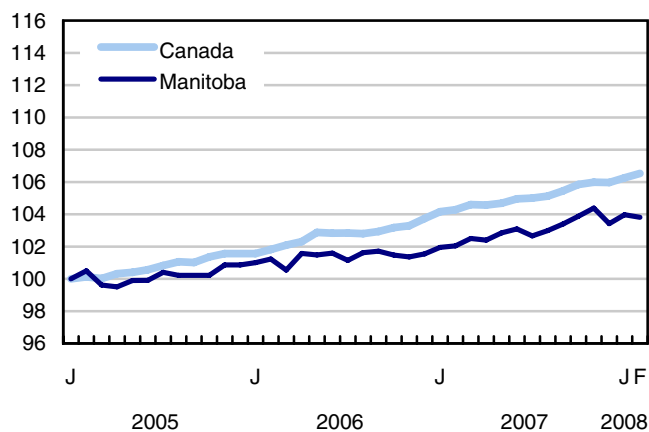


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Selected surveys from Statistics Canada

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Statistical tables

Table 1
Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada, seasonally adjusted

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	26,751.8	26,774.8	...	23.0	55.3	359.8	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	18,109.5	18,158.9	27.0	49.4	68.7	331.5	0.3	0.4	1.9
Employment	17,058.9	17,102.2	27.4	43.3	89.7	361.0	0.3	0.5	2.2
Employment full-time	13,978.9	14,028.4	35.7	49.5	113.8	337.6	0.4	0.8	2.5
Employment part-time	3,080.0	3,073.8	32.4	-6.2	-24.1	23.4	-0.2	-0.8	0.8
Unemployment	1,050.6	1,056.6	22.8	6.0	-21.0	-29.7	0.6	-1.9	-2.7
Participation rate	67.7	67.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,367.8	4,368.3	...	0.5	1.5	25.7	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	2,926.1	2,951.3	16.2	25.2	19.7	56.3	0.9	0.7	1.9
Employment	2,605.2	2,613.7	15.8	8.5	8.2	38.5	0.3	0.3	1.5
Employment full-time	1,452.9	1,468.1	17.9	15.2	46.2	36.0	1.0	3.2	2.5
Employment part-time	1,152.4	1,145.7	18.5	-6.7	-38.0	2.6	-0.6	-3.2	0.2
Unemployment	320.9	337.5	13.5	16.6	11.5	17.7	5.2	3.5	5.5
Participation rate	67.0	67.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.2	43.8	0.6	-0.4	-1.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,936.5	10,947.8	...	11.3	27.1	166.8	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	8,102.0	8,098.3	13.9	-3.7	10.2	146.5	0.0	0.1	1.8
Employment	7,691.5	7,702.3	15.0	10.8	42.1	176.1	0.1	0.5	2.3
Employment full-time	7,186.8	7,219.0	19.2	32.2	53.7	197.6	0.4	0.7	2.8
Employment part-time	504.7	483.2	15.1	-21.5	-11.7	-21.5	-4.3	-2.4	-4.3
Unemployment	410.5	396.0	13.4	-14.5	-31.9	-29.6	-3.5	-7.5	-7.0
Participation rate	74.1	74.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	70.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	11,447.5	11,458.6	...	11.1	26.6	167.2	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	7,081.3	7,109.3	15.5	28.0	38.8	128.6	0.4	0.5	1.8
Employment	6,762.1	6,786.2	15.5	24.1	39.4	146.4	0.4	0.6	2.2
Employment full-time	5,339.2	5,341.3	23.0	2.1	13.9	104.1	0.0	0.3	2.0
Employment part-time	1,422.9	1,444.9	21.1	22.0	25.5	42.4	1.5	1.8	3.0
Unemployment	319.1	323.1	12.1	4.0	-0.6	-17.8	1.3	-0.2	-5.2
Participation rate	61.9	62.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	21.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,376.3	14,381.4	...	5.1	9.7	88.9	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	12,450.3	12,469.7	20.4	19.4	17.5	89.7	0.2	0.1	0.7
Employment	11,846.7	11,874.9	21.9	28.2	47.8	135.3	0.2	0.4	1.2
Unemployment	603.6	594.9	16.9	-8.7	-30.2	-45.5	-1.4	-4.8	-7.1
Participation rate	86.6	86.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.8	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.4	82.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
Class of worker									
Employees	14,442.6	14,485.4	32.1	42.8	115.6	305.8	0.3	0.8	2.2
Self-employed ²	2,616.3	2,616.8	21.1	0.5	-25.9	55.2	0.0	-1.0	2.2
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,396.7	3,408.8	20.3	12.1	8.3	210.5	0.4	0.2	6.6
Private sector employees	11,045.9	11,076.7	33.1	30.8	107.4	95.4	0.3	1.0	0.9
Industry	17,058.9	17,102.2	27.4	43.3	89.7	361.0	0.3	0.5	2.2
Goods-producing sector	4,012.8	4,000.3	23.3	-12.5	31.6	1.6	-0.3	0.8	0.0
Agriculture	341.8	338.0	6.9	-3.8	10.4	6.3	-1.1	3.2	1.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	341.5	332.7	6.5	-8.8	-21.7	-14.7	-2.6	-6.1	-4.2
Utilities	146.5	149.7	4.1	3.2	8.9	21.6	2.2	6.3	16.9
Construction	1,182.9	1,203.7	14.3	20.8	40.3	94.2	1.8	3.5	8.5
Manufacturing	2,000.0	1,976.3	17.9	-23.7	-6.2	-105.7	-1.2	-0.3	-5.1
Services-producing sector	13,046.1	13,101.9	31.1	55.8	58.1	359.4	0.4	0.4	2.8
Trade	2,679.9	2,694.0	20.4	14.1	-12.4	52.1	0.5	-0.5	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	855.0	844.9	11.8	-10.1	-10.0	23.0	-1.2	-1.2	2.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,080.5	1,087.2	13.0	6.7	22.9	22.1	0.6	2.2	2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,183.5	1,199.1	14.8	15.6	45.8	78.4	1.3	4.0	7.0
Business, building and other support services	706.5	710.9	12.7	4.4	-1.3	14.9	0.6	-0.2	2.1
Educational services	1,198.3	1,187.4	13.8	-10.9	-8.9	17.6	-0.9	-0.7	1.5
Health care and social assistance	1,874.5	1,878.3	15.0	3.8	7.7	32.9	0.2	0.4	1.8
Information, culture and recreation	768.3	780.5	12.5	12.2	-15.4	13.7	1.6	-1.9	1.8
Accommodation and food services	1,038.5	1,044.2	14.3	5.7	-5.2	-18.2	0.5	-0.5	-1.7
Other services	753.5	752.1	11.0	-1.4	14.8	35.6	-0.2	2.0	5.0
Public administration	907.6	923.4	10.2	15.8	20.2	87.4	1.7	2.2	10.5

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

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

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

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	424.9	425.2	...	0.3	0.7	-0.7	0.1	0.2	-0.2
Labour force	254.0	255.7	2.2	1.7	5.5	1.3	0.7	2.2	0.5
Employment	223.1	222.2	2.2	-0.9	3.4	3.7	-0.4	1.6	1.7
Employment full-time	190.1	188.2	2.6	-1.9	-0.4	3.1	-1.0	-0.2	1.7
Employment part-time	33.0	34.0	1.8	1.0	3.8	0.6	3.0	12.6	1.8
Unemployment	30.9	33.5	2.1	2.6	2.1	-2.4	8.4	6.7	-6.7
Participation rate	59.8	60.1	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.2	13.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.5	52.3	0.5	-0.2	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	113.8	113.9	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	78.4	78.3	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.5
Employment	70.1	70.6	0.7	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.7	2.0	1.0
Employment full-time	58.4	59.7	0.8	1.3	1.8	3.0	2.2	3.1	5.3
Employment part-time	11.7	10.9	0.6	-0.8	-0.4	-2.3	-6.8	-3.5	-17.4
Unemployment	8.3	7.8	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-6.0	-6.0	-2.5
Participation rate	68.9	68.7	0.5	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.0	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	62.0	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.0	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	766.1	766.6	...	0.5	0.8	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	488.6	485.6	2.8	-3.0	-4.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.9	-0.1
Employment	452.2	448.4	2.9	-3.8	-3.9	-1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3
Employment full-time	366.2	364.1	3.6	-2.1	-2.6	-5.0	-0.6	-0.7	-1.4
Employment part-time	86.1	84.3	3.1	-1.8	-1.3	3.8	-2.1	-1.5	4.7
Unemployment	36.4	37.3	2.6	0.9	-0.7	0.7	2.5	-1.8	1.9
Participation rate	63.8	63.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.7	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	615.7	616.1	...	0.4	0.8	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	397.9	400.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	13.9	0.6	0.6	3.6
Employment	365.1	367.8	2.4	2.7	1.2	8.1	0.7	0.3	2.3
Employment full-time	313.3	313.7	2.8	0.4	2.6	10.8	0.1	0.8	3.6
Employment part-time	51.8	54.1	2.4	2.3	-1.4	-2.7	4.4	-2.5	-4.8
Unemployment	32.8	32.5	2.1	-0.3	1.3	5.8	-0.9	4.2	21.7
Participation rate	64.6	65.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.1	0.5	-0.1	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.7	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,345.4	6,348.9	...	3.5	8.7	55.9	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,176.2	4,186.2	14.2	10.0	11.4	60.9	0.2	0.3	1.5
Employment	3,891.5	3,894.8	14.5	3.3	10.5	92.3	0.1	0.3	2.4
Employment full-time	3,173.3	3,186.3	19.1	13.0	37.1	80.4	0.4	1.2	2.6
Employment part-time	718.2	708.5	17.5	-9.7	-26.6	11.9	-1.4	-3.6	1.7
Unemployment	284.7	291.4	12.7	6.7	0.9	-31.4	2.4	0.3	-9.7
Participation rate	65.8	65.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Ontario									
Population	10,439.4	10,448.3	...	8.9	21.9	139.1	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	7,092.9	7,124.4	18.4	31.5	29.2	121.9	0.4	0.4	1.7
Employment	6,643.8	6,690.0	18.5	46.2	59.1	130.8	0.7	0.9	2.0
Employment full-time	5,455.9	5,495.1	23.4	39.2	49.5	137.7	0.7	0.9	2.6
Employment part-time	1,188.0	1,194.9	20.9	6.9	9.6	-6.9	0.6	0.8	-0.6
Unemployment	449.1	434.4	15.9	-14.7	-29.9	-8.9	-3.3	-6.4	-2.0
Participation rate	67.9	68.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	64.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	904.2	905.1	...	0.9	1.9	10.4	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	626.1	627.8	2.7	1.7	2.5	9.9	0.3	0.4	1.6
Employment	602.3	601.4	2.7	-0.9	2.3	10.3	-0.1	0.4	1.7
Employment full-time	489.7	489.1	3.9	-0.6	1.1	11.9	-0.1	0.2	2.5
Employment part-time	112.6	112.3	3.6	-0.3	1.2	-1.6	-0.3	1.1	-1.4
Unemployment	23.9	26.4	2.1	2.5	0.2	-0.4	10.5	0.8	-1.5
Participation rate	69.2	69.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.4	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	759.8	760.7	...	0.9	2.7	13.3	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	526.1	530.6	2.3	4.5	4.7	7.3	0.9	0.9	1.4
Employment	505.7	509.0	2.4	3.3	4.3	6.6	0.7	0.9	1.3
Employment full-time	413.5	418.4	3.1	4.9	5.7	12.4	1.2	1.4	3.1
Employment part-time	92.2	90.6	2.9	-1.6	-1.3	-5.8	-1.7	-1.4	-6.0
Unemployment	20.4	21.6	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.6	5.9	1.9	2.9
Participation rate	69.2	69.8	0.3	0.6	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,773.0	2,775.8	...	2.8	6.3	66.6	0.1	0.2	2.5
Labour force	2,066.4	2,067.5	7.9	1.1	7.7	59.9	0.1	0.4	3.0
Employment	1,999.9	1,994.9	8.2	-5.0	1.1	57.7	-0.3	0.1	3.0
Employment full-time	1,684.8	1,677.8	11.2	-7.0	-0.1	41.3	-0.4	0.0	2.5
Employment part-time	315.1	317.1	10.0	2.0	1.2	16.4	0.6	0.4	5.5
Unemployment	66.6	72.6	5.8	6.0	6.6	2.2	9.0	10.0	3.1
Participation rate	74.5	74.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	71.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,609.5	3,614.1	...	4.6	11.4	66.7	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,402.9	2,402.5	9.8	-0.4	9.0	56.7	0.0	0.4	2.4
Employment	2,305.2	2,303.2	9.8	-2.0	10.3	52.1	-0.1	0.4	2.3
Employment full-time	1,833.1	1,835.0	13.5	1.9	18.5	41.0	0.1	1.0	2.3
Employment part-time	472.1	468.2	12.7	-3.9	-8.3	11.2	-0.8	-1.7	2.5
Unemployment	97.7	99.3	7.0	1.6	-1.3	4.6	1.6	-1.3	4.9
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.7	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.2	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 4-1

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Newfoundland and Labrador

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	424.9	425.2	...	0.3	0.7	-0.7	0.1	0.2	-0.2
Labour force	254.0	255.7	2.2	1.7	5.5	1.3	0.7	2.2	0.5
Employment	223.1	222.2	2.2	-0.9	3.4	3.7	-0.4	1.6	1.7
Employment full-time	190.1	188.2	2.6	-1.9	-0.4	3.1	-1.0	-0.2	1.7
Unemployment	30.9	33.5	2.1	2.6	2.1	-2.4	8.4	6.7	-6.7
Participation rate	59.8	60.1	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.2	13.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.5	52.3	0.5	-0.2	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.8	15.3	0.8	0.5	1.5	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	62.9	62.9	...	0.0	0.0	-2.1	0.0	0.0	-3.2
Labour force	34.3	34.2	1.1	-0.1	0.8	-2.3	-0.3	2.4	-6.3
Employment	28.5	27.7	1.1	-0.8	0.5	-1.9	-2.8	1.8	-6.4
Unemployment	5.8	6.6	1.0	0.8	0.4	-0.3	13.8	6.5	-4.3
Participation rate	54.5	54.4	1.7	-0.1	1.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.9	19.3	2.7	2.4	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	45.3	44.0	1.7	-1.3	0.8	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.8	44.8	3.5	3.0	5.1	0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	175.0	175.1	...	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	117.1	118.0	1.3	0.9	3.6	4.2	0.8	3.1	3.7
Employment	103.6	102.8	1.4	-0.8	1.3	6.2	-0.8	1.3	6.4
Unemployment	13.4	15.2	1.3	1.8	2.3	-2.0	13.4	17.8	-11.6
Participation rate	66.9	67.4	0.7	0.5	2.0	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	12.9	1.1	1.5	1.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.7	0.8	-0.5	0.6	3.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	4.5	0.9	-0.8	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	187.0	187.2	...	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.5
Labour force	102.7	103.4	1.2	0.7	1.0	-0.6	0.7	1.0	-0.6
Employment	91.0	91.7	1.2	0.7	1.6	-0.6	0.8	1.8	-0.7
Unemployment	11.7	11.7	1.2	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-4.9	0.0
Participation rate	54.9	55.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	11.3	1.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.7	49.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.3	18.5	1.3	1.3	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
Industry	223.1	222.2	2.2	-0.9	3.4	3.7	-0.4	1.6	1.7
Goods-producing sector	49.8	50.9	1.8	1.1	1.3	3.5	2.2	2.6	7.4
Agriculture	1.6	1.5	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-6.2	7.1	7.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	16.1	16.1	1.0	0.0	-0.9	-1.2	0.0	-5.3	-6.9
Utilities	1.5	1.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-6.7	-26.3	-6.7
Construction	15.3	16.3	1.0	1.0	2.1	3.9	6.5	14.8	31.5
Manufacturing	15.3	15.7	1.1	0.4	0.5	1.0	2.6	3.3	6.8
Services-producing sector	173.3	171.3	2.0	-2.0	2.1	0.2	-1.2	1.2	0.1
Trade	38.0	38.7	1.2	0.7	2.2	-1.0	1.8	6.0	-2.5
Transportation and warehousing	10.5	10.7	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.2	1.9	5.9	1.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.3	8.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	-2.4	-2.4	20.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.2	8.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.1	4.9	8.9	14.7
Business, building and other support services	9.2	8.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.3	0.4	-5.4	-3.3	4.8
Educational services	15.9	15.6	0.8	-0.3	0.3	-4.4	-1.9	2.0	-22.0
Health care and social assistance	32.5	31.2	1.0	-1.3	-1.2	1.2	-4.0	-3.7	4.0
Information, culture and recreation	8.7	8.2	0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-0.1	-5.7	-11.8	-1.2
Accommodation and food services	15.3	13.3	0.9	-2.0	-1.9	-0.2	-13.1	-12.5	-1.5
Other services	9.7	10.5	0.7	0.8	1.6	0.6	8.2	18.0	6.1
Public administration	16.9	17.6	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.8	4.1	8.6	4.8

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

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

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	113.8	113.9	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	78.4	78.3	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.5
Employment	70.1	70.6	0.7	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.7	2.0	1.0
Employment full-time	58.4	59.7	0.8	1.3	1.8	3.0	2.2	3.1	5.3
Unemployment	8.3	7.8	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-6.0	-6.0	-2.5
Participation rate	68.9	68.7	0.5	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.0	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	62.0	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	15.4	0.9	-1.3	-0.9	-3.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.6	19.6	...	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.0
Labour force	14.2	13.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-2.8	-1.4	-2.1
Employment	11.7	11.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-2.6	-1.7	-8.1
Unemployment	2.5	2.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.7	-4.0	0.0	41.2
Participation rate	72.4	70.4	1.8	-2.0	-1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.6	17.4	2.2	-0.2	0.3	5.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	58.2	1.8	-1.5	-1.0	-4.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	37.7	3.2	-5.0	-2.8	-5.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.1	45.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	32.3	32.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.1	1.2	1.6	-0.3
Employment	29.5	30.0	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.7	3.1	2.4
Unemployment	2.8	2.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-1.0	-7.1	-16.1	-27.8
Participation rate	71.6	72.3	0.7	0.7	0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.0	1.1	-0.7	-1.6	-3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	66.4	0.8	1.0	1.9	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	6.3	1.0	-0.4	0.5	-2.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	49.1	49.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.2
Labour force	31.9	31.8	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.8	-0.3	1.6	2.6
Employment	28.9	29.2	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.0	2.5	3.5
Unemployment	3.0	2.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-10.0	-3.6	-3.6
Participation rate	65.0	64.8	0.7	-0.2	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.5	1.1	-0.9	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	16.1	1.4	-0.5	-0.7	-3.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	17.7	18.6	0.6	0.9	1.4	-0.3	5.1	8.1	-1.6
Agriculture	3.3	3.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	6.1	6.1	-12.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.5	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0
Utilities	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	50.0
Construction	5.5	5.7	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.4	3.6	23.9	7.5
Manufacturing	6.1	6.6	0.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	8.2	-1.5	-2.9
Services-producing sector	52.4	52.0	0.7	-0.4	0.0	0.9	-0.8	0.0	1.8
Trade	10.4	10.6	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.6	1.9	-0.9	6.0
Transportation and warehousing	3.0	2.9	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.6	-3.3	20.8	26.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.2	2.9	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.6	-9.4	0.0	26.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.5	2.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	8.7	-3.8
Business, building and other support services	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	3.4	7.1	15.4
Educational services	5.0	4.9	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-2.0	4.3	0.0
Health care and social assistance	7.9	7.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-1.3	-4.9	-6.0
Information, culture and recreation	2.2	2.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-9.1	-23.1	-25.9
Accommodation and food services	5.5	5.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.7	-1.8	0.0	-11.5
Other services	3.0	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	6.7	6.7	23.1
Public administration	6.7	6.8	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.2	1.5	-2.9	3.0

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

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

Table 4-3

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	766.1	766.6	...	0.5	0.8	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	488.6	485.6	2.8	-3.0	-4.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.9	-0.1
Employment	452.2	448.4	2.9	-3.8	-3.9	-1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3
Employment full-time	366.2	364.1	3.6	-2.1	-2.6	-5.0	-0.6	-0.7	-1.4
Unemployment	36.4	37.3	2.6	0.9	-0.7	0.7	2.5	-1.8	1.9
Participation rate	63.8	63.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.7	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	18.8	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	121.8	121.8	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	82.8	81.0	1.6	-1.8	-2.3	0.3	-2.2	-2.8	0.4
Employment	70.3	69.2	1.6	-1.1	-1.7	-0.9	-1.6	-2.4	-1.3
Unemployment	12.5	11.8	1.5	-0.7	-0.6	1.2	-5.6	-4.8	11.3
Participation rate	68.0	66.5	1.3	-1.5	-1.8	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.1	14.6	1.7	-0.5	-0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	56.8	1.3	-0.9	-1.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.7	46.1	2.4	0.4	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	307.3	307.6	...	0.3	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	210.0	209.8	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0
Employment	194.8	193.5	1.7	-1.3	-2.5	-0.5	-0.7	-1.3	-0.3
Unemployment	15.1	16.3	1.6	1.2	1.6	0.5	7.9	10.9	3.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	62.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	5.6	0.7	-0.8	-1.7	-1.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	336.9	337.2	...	0.3	0.5	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	195.9	194.9	1.5	-1.0	-1.3	-0.9	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5
Employment	187.1	185.7	1.5	-1.4	0.3	0.1	-0.7	0.2	0.1
Unemployment	8.8	9.2	1.3	0.4	-1.7	-1.0	4.5	-15.6	-9.8
Participation rate	58.1	57.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.7	0.6	0.2	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	55.1	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	22.4	1.0	0.2	1.3	3.5	...	...	...
Industry	452.2	448.4	2.9	-3.8	-3.9	-1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3
Goods-producing sector	91.1	92.0	2.3	0.9	0.0	5.5	1.0	0.0	6.4
Agriculture	6.6	6.0	0.7	-0.6	0.3	1.4	-9.1	5.3	30.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.2	12.5	1.0	-0.7	-1.2	-0.1	-5.3	-8.8	-0.8
Utilities	2.9	2.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.0	11.5	81.2
Construction	29.1	29.3	1.4	0.2	1.3	2.9	0.7	4.6	11.0
Manufacturing	39.3	41.3	1.5	2.0	-0.7	0.0	5.1	-1.7	0.0
Services-producing sector	361.2	356.4	3.0	-4.8	-3.9	-6.8	-1.3	-1.1	-1.9
Trade	77.1	77.7	1.9	0.6	2.8	0.7	0.8	3.7	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	19.6	19.0	0.9	-0.6	-0.4	0.5	-3.1	-2.1	2.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.0	22.1	1.0	0.1	0.6	-2.4	0.5	2.8	-9.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	19.1	19.6	1.0	0.5	0.8	2.7	2.6	4.3	16.0
Business, building and other support services	29.4	27.9	1.4	-1.5	-3.2	0.6	-5.1	-10.3	2.2
Educational services	32.8	33.6	1.3	0.8	-0.8	-2.5	2.4	-2.3	-6.9
Health care and social assistance	60.7	59.2	1.5	-1.5	-2.2	-2.7	-2.5	-3.6	-4.4
Information, culture and recreation	22.1	19.8	1.0	-2.3	-1.4	1.8	-10.4	-6.6	10.0
Accommodation and food services	28.9	29.0	1.5	0.1	0.1	-3.9	0.3	0.3	-11.9
Other services	19.7	19.2	1.1	-0.5	0.1	-2.3	-2.5	0.5	-10.7
Public administration	29.7	29.3	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.8	-1.3	-1.3	2.8

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

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

Table 4-4

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — New Brunswick

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	615.7	616.1	...	0.4	0.8	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	397.9	400.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	13.9	0.6	0.6	3.6
Employment	365.1	367.8	2.4	2.7	1.2	8.1	0.7	0.3	2.3
Employment full-time	313.3	313.7	2.8	0.4	2.6	10.8	0.1	0.8	3.6
Unemployment	32.8	32.5	2.1	-0.3	1.3	5.8	-0.9	4.2	21.7
Participation rate	64.6	65.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.1	0.5	-0.1	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.7	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.2	14.7	0.6	0.5	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	94.8	94.9	...	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Labour force	63.4	63.5	1.3	0.1	1.0	1.4	0.2	1.6	2.3
Employment	54.9	54.8	1.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.0
Unemployment	8.5	8.7	1.1	0.2	1.3	1.4	2.4	17.6	19.2
Participation rate	66.9	66.9	1.4	0.0	1.0	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	13.7	1.7	0.3	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.7	1.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.6	38.7	2.4	0.1	-1.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	251.7	251.9	...	0.2	0.3	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	174.8	175.2	1.3	0.4	-1.0	5.3	0.2	-0.6	3.1
Employment	159.7	160.8	1.4	1.1	-0.5	2.5	0.7	-0.3	1.6
Unemployment	15.2	14.4	1.4	-0.8	-0.5	2.8	-5.3	-3.4	24.1
Participation rate	69.4	69.6	0.5	0.2	-0.4	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.2	0.8	-0.5	-0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.8	0.6	0.4	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.1	4.3	0.7	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	269.2	269.4	...	0.2	0.5	2.6	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	159.6	161.6	1.3	2.0	2.6	7.2	1.3	1.6	4.7
Employment	150.5	152.2	1.3	1.7	2.0	5.6	1.1	1.3	3.8
Unemployment	9.1	9.4	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.6	3.3	5.6	20.5
Participation rate	59.3	60.0	0.5	0.7	0.9	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.9	17.1	1.0	1.2	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	365.1	367.8	2.4	2.7	1.2	8.1	0.7	0.3	2.3
Goods-producing sector									
	82.6	82.9	1.9	0.3	-0.8	-1.6	0.4	-1.0	-1.9
Agriculture	5.6	5.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	-1.1	-1.8	-9.8	-16.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.5	11.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.9	-1.7	1.8
Utilities	4.4	4.1	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-6.8	2.5	10.8
Construction	25.7	25.9	1.1	0.2	0.6	2.7	0.8	2.4	11.6
Manufacturing	35.4	36.0	1.3	0.6	-0.7	-3.8	1.7	-1.9	-9.5
Services-producing sector									
	282.5	284.8	2.4	2.3	1.9	9.6	0.8	0.7	3.5
Trade	54.2	57.1	1.5	2.9	0.2	1.2	5.4	0.4	2.1
Transportation and warehousing	20.3	20.6	0.9	0.3	0.6	1.3	1.5	3.0	6.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	16.6	15.5	0.8	-1.1	-1.6	0.2	-6.6	-9.4	1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.3	18.6	0.8	0.3	0.5	5.0	1.6	2.8	36.8
Business, building and other support services	19.0	18.9	1.2	-0.1	-0.5	-1.8	-0.5	-2.6	-8.7
Educational services	24.0	26.2	1.1	2.2	0.5	-0.7	9.2	1.9	-2.6
Health care and social assistance	50.1	50.0	1.2	-0.1	0.2	2.4	-0.2	0.4	5.0
Information, culture and recreation	13.2	12.6	0.8	-0.6	0.6	0.4	-4.5	5.0	3.3
Accommodation and food services	25.0	25.2	1.1	0.2	2.0	-0.5	0.8	8.6	-1.9
Other services	18.1	16.7	0.9	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3	-7.7	-5.1	-1.8
Public administration	23.7	23.3	0.9	-0.4	0.0	2.5	-1.7	0.0	12.0

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

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

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,345.4	6,348.9	...	3.5	8.7	55.9	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,176.2	4,186.2	14.2	10.0	11.4	60.9	0.2	0.3	1.5
Employment	3,891.5	3,894.8	14.5	3.3	10.5	92.3	0.1	0.3	2.4
Employment full-time	3,173.3	3,186.3	19.1	13.0	37.1	80.4	0.4	1.2	2.6
Unemployment	284.7	291.4	12.7	6.7	0.9	-31.4	2.4	0.3	-9.7
Participation rate	65.8	65.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	957.5	957.7	...	0.2	0.8	4.6	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	637.2	648.7	8.3	11.5	8.7	20.1	1.8	1.4	3.2
Employment	564.8	571.6	8.2	6.8	6.8	22.3	1.2	1.2	4.1
Unemployment	72.4	77.1	7.3	4.7	1.9	-2.3	6.5	2.5	-2.9
Participation rate	66.5	67.7	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	11.9	1.1	0.5	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.2	45.4	1.5	-0.8	-2.6	-2.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,632.1	2,633.8	...	1.7	4.0	25.9	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	1,883.4	1,880.6	7.9	-2.8	-2.1	19.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.1
Employment	1,758.0	1,752.7	8.2	-5.3	3.0	27.8	-0.3	0.2	1.6
Unemployment	125.4	127.9	7.9	2.5	-5.1	-8.2	2.0	-3.8	-6.0
Participation rate	71.6	71.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.5	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.3	6.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,755.7	2,757.5	...	1.8	4.0	25.5	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	1,655.5	1,657.0	7.9	1.5	4.9	21.4	0.1	0.3	1.3
Employment	1,568.7	1,570.5	8.1	1.8	0.7	42.2	0.1	0.0	2.8
Unemployment	86.9	86.5	6.5	-0.4	4.2	-20.8	-0.5	5.1	-19.4
Participation rate	60.1	60.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	57.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	21.0	0.7	0.0	-0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Industry									
	3,891.5	3,894.8	14.5	3.3	10.5	92.3	0.1	0.3	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
	889.9	881.3	12.0	-8.6	1.7	26.3	-1.0	0.2	3.1
Agriculture	73.2	71.8	3.4	-1.4	0.9	11.5	-1.9	1.3	19.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.5	32.3	2.2	-2.2	-2.7	-4.0	-6.4	-7.7	-11.0
Utilities	31.8	35.9	2.0	4.1	4.2	10.5	12.9	13.2	41.3
Construction	214.4	212.9	6.5	-1.5	3.3	25.4	-0.7	1.6	13.5
Manufacturing	536.0	528.3	9.8	-7.7	-4.0	-17.1	-1.4	-0.8	-3.1
Services-producing sector									
	3,001.6	3,013.5	16.1	11.9	8.8	66.0	0.4	0.3	2.2
Trade	633.6	642.8	10.9	9.2	1.4	-0.8	1.5	0.2	-0.1
Transportation and warehousing	191.5	189.7	6.0	-1.8	1.1	18.8	-0.9	0.6	11.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	235.7	229.9	6.3	-5.8	-3.6	-4.1	-2.5	-1.5	-1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	269.3	271.8	7.6	2.5	4.9	17.3	0.9	1.8	6.8
Business, building and other support services	139.0	130.8	6.3	-8.2	-4.1	-27.3	-5.9	-3.0	-17.3
Educational services	260.0	266.5	6.8	6.5	3.8	9.6	2.5	1.4	3.7
Health care and social assistance	450.7	461.7	7.9	11.0	0.7	4.5	2.4	0.2	1.0
Information, culture and recreation	164.1	167.7	6.6	3.6	3.1	-7.0	2.2	1.9	-4.0
Accommodation and food services	246.9	241.1	7.5	-5.8	-4.9	19.1	-2.3	-2.0	8.6
Other services	185.4	187.7	5.8	2.3	5.2	24.3	1.2	2.8	14.9
Public administration	225.4	223.6	5.5	-1.8	1.1	11.2	-0.8	0.5	5.3

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

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

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	10,439.4	10,448.3	...	8.9	21.9	139.1	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	7,092.9	7,124.4	18.4	31.5	29.2	121.9	0.4	0.4	1.7
Employment	6,643.8	6,690.0	18.5	46.2	59.1	130.8	0.7	0.9	2.0
Employment full-time	5,455.9	5,495.1	23.4	39.2	49.5	137.7	0.7	0.9	2.6
Unemployment	449.1	434.4	15.9	-14.7	-29.9	-8.9	-3.3	-6.4	-2.0
Participation rate	67.9	68.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	64.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	17.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,728.7	1,729.1	...	0.4	0.9	14.4	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	1,111.9	1,128.5	11.3	16.6	6.9	19.9	1.5	0.6	1.8
Employment	965.8	973.0	10.8	7.2	3.5	5.1	0.7	0.4	0.5
Unemployment	146.1	155.5	9.5	9.4	3.4	14.9	6.4	2.2	10.6
Participation rate	64.3	65.3	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.1	13.8	0.8	0.7	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.1	48.3	1.1	0.2	-1.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,234.4	4,238.5	...	4.1	9.8	58.4	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	3,153.6	3,153.6	9.1	0.0	5.8	43.6	0.0	0.2	1.4
Employment	2,988.4	3,011.2	9.9	22.8	35.7	74.8	0.8	1.2	2.5
Unemployment	165.2	142.4	9.0	-22.8	-29.9	-31.2	-13.8	-17.4	-18.0
Participation rate	74.5	74.4	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.5	0.3	-0.7	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	71.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,476.2	4,480.8	...	4.6	11.3	66.4	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	2,827.3	2,842.3	10.5	15.0	16.5	58.4	0.5	0.6	2.1
Employment	2,689.6	2,705.8	10.3	16.2	19.8	51.0	0.6	0.7	1.9
Unemployment	137.7	136.5	8.4	-1.2	-3.3	7.4	-0.9	-2.4	5.7
Participation rate	63.2	63.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	20.0	0.5	0.4	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry	6,643.8	6,690.0	18.5	46.2	59.1	130.8	0.7	0.9	2.0
Goods-producing sector	1,530.5	1,540.5	15.4	10.0	32.4	-41.5	0.7	2.1	-2.6
Agriculture	88.5	87.6	4.0	-0.9	-0.4	-12.7	-1.0	-0.5	-12.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.0	35.5	2.2	-0.5	0.9	-4.2	-1.4	2.6	-10.6
Utilities	63.3	63.1	2.7	-0.2	3.4	5.9	-0.3	5.7	10.3
Construction	409.5	440.6	9.5	31.1	35.4	27.9	7.6	8.7	6.8
Manufacturing	933.3	913.6	12.6	-19.7	-6.9	-58.5	-2.1	-0.7	-6.0
Services-producing sector	5,113.3	5,149.5	21.0	36.2	26.6	172.3	0.7	0.5	3.5
Trade	1,030.0	1,029.6	13.4	-0.4	-10.9	12.8	0.0	-1.0	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	311.3	309.3	7.7	-2.0	2.4	1.1	-0.6	0.8	0.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	475.7	475.0	9.2	-0.7	4.4	-6.8	-0.1	0.9	-1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	494.5	499.5	10.2	5.0	19.3	35.1	1.0	4.0	7.6
Business, building and other support services	298.5	318.2	9.0	19.7	15.1	28.6	6.6	5.0	9.9
Educational services	490.8	482.2	9.5	-8.6	-12.4	36.3	-1.8	-2.5	8.1
Health care and social assistance	687.0	691.3	9.8	4.3	8.7	28.3	0.6	1.3	4.3
Information, culture and recreation	316.8	321.6	8.4	4.8	-17.5	4.7	1.5	-5.2	1.5
Accommodation and food services	367.6	374.0	9.1	6.4	-4.6	-24.2	1.7	-1.2	-6.1
Other services	285.8	282.9	7.2	-2.9	5.6	11.9	-1.0	2.0	4.4
Public administration	355.1	366.0	6.8	10.9	16.6	44.6	3.1	4.8	13.9

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

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

Table 4-7

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Manitoba

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	904.2	905.1	...	0.9	1.9	10.4	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	626.1	627.8	2.7	1.7	2.5	9.9	0.3	0.4	1.6
Employment	602.3	601.4	2.7	-0.9	2.3	10.3	-0.1	0.4	1.7
Employment full-time	489.7	489.1	3.9	-0.6	1.1	11.9	-0.1	0.2	2.5
Unemployment	23.9	26.4	2.1	2.5	0.2	-0.4	10.5	0.8	-1.5
Participation rate	69.2	69.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.4	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.7	0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	157.6	157.8	...	0.2	0.3	1.8	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	114.0	112.0	1.7	-2.0	-1.8	0.9	-1.8	-1.6	0.8
Employment	105.0	100.9	1.6	-4.1	-2.3	-1.3	-3.9	-2.2	-1.3
Unemployment	9.0	11.0	1.4	2.0	0.5	2.1	22.2	4.8	23.6
Participation rate	72.3	71.0	1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	9.8	1.2	1.9	0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	63.9	1.0	-2.7	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.1	43.2	2.0	-0.9	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	365.0	365.4	...	0.4	0.8	4.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	277.6	279.5	1.4	1.9	3.9	8.3	0.7	1.4	3.1
Employment	270.2	271.5	1.5	1.3	3.6	9.9	0.5	1.3	3.8
Unemployment	7.4	8.0	1.1	0.6	0.3	-1.7	8.1	3.9	-17.5
Participation rate	76.1	76.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.0	74.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	6.0	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	381.6	382.0	...	0.4	0.9	4.1	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	234.6	236.2	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.3
Employment	227.0	228.9	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.7
Unemployment	7.5	7.3	1.2	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	-2.7	-7.6	-12.0
Participation rate	61.5	61.8	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.9	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	22.9	1.0	0.8	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	602.3	601.4	2.7	-0.9	2.3	10.3	-0.1	0.4	1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	26.9	26.9	1.2	0.0	0.4	-1.9	0.0	1.5	-6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	7.0	6.1	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	-0.4	-12.9	-9.0	-6.2
Utilities	5.1	5.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	7.8	7.8	19.6
Construction	34.0	35.3	1.5	1.3	-0.9	3.9	3.8	-2.5	12.4
Manufacturing	73.4	71.8	1.8	-1.6	-0.8	-1.8	-2.2	-1.1	-2.4
Services-producing sector									
Trade	455.8	455.7	3.2	-0.1	3.7	9.5	0.0	0.8	2.1
Transportation and warehousing	89.8	86.8	2.1	-3.0	-0.9	-3.8	-3.3	-1.0	-4.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	35.6	35.9	1.2	0.3	1.4	2.0	0.8	4.1	5.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	38.5	38.1	1.3	-0.4	-0.8	6.9	-1.0	-2.1	22.1
Business, building and other support services	26.3	28.2	1.2	1.9	2.3	4.3	7.2	8.9	18.0
Educational services	20.6	18.7	1.1	-1.9	-0.5	1.5	-9.2	-2.6	8.7
Health care and social assistance	46.1	44.5	1.5	-1.6	-1.0	-2.6	-3.5	-2.2	-5.5
Information, culture and recreation	75.2	75.3	1.9	0.1	-0.3	-6.8	0.1	-0.4	-8.3
Accommodation and food services	23.8	25.7	1.2	1.9	1.3	3.6	8.0	5.3	16.3
Other services	38.8	38.4	1.6	-0.4	-0.2	2.2	-1.0	-0.5	6.1
Public administration	24.4	26.7	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.3	9.4	4.7	5.1
	36.8	37.3	1.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.4	3.0	2.2

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

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

Table 4-8

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Saskatchewan

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	759.8	760.7	...	0.9	2.7	13.3	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	526.1	530.6	2.3	4.5	4.7	7.3	0.9	0.9	1.4
Employment	505.7	509.0	2.4	3.3	4.3	6.6	0.7	0.9	1.3
Employment full-time	413.5	418.4	3.1	4.9	5.7	12.4	1.2	1.4	3.1
Unemployment	20.4	21.6	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.6	5.9	1.9	2.9
Participation rate	69.2	69.8	0.3	0.6	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	17.8	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.8	138.9	...	0.1	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	99.3	100.7	1.4	1.4	2.1	-1.7	1.4	2.1	-1.7
Employment	93.4	94.3	1.5	0.9	3.4	0.1	1.0	3.7	0.1
Unemployment	6.0	6.4	1.2	0.4	-1.3	-1.8	6.7	-16.9	-22.0
Participation rate	71.5	72.5	1.0	1.0	1.4	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.4	1.2	0.4	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.9	1.1	0.6	2.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.5	36.2	1.7	-1.3	-3.2	-4.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	303.5	303.9	...	0.4	1.1	6.1	0.1	0.4	2.0
Labour force	232.2	234.8	1.1	2.6	3.3	6.9	1.1	1.4	3.0
Employment	223.9	226.7	1.2	2.8	2.6	5.8	1.3	1.2	2.6
Unemployment	8.3	8.2	1.0	-0.1	0.7	1.2	-1.2	9.3	17.1
Participation rate	76.5	77.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.5	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.8	74.6	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.4	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	317.5	317.9	...	0.4	1.3	5.7	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	194.5	195.1	1.3	0.6	-0.6	2.1	0.3	-0.3	1.1
Employment	188.4	188.1	1.4	-0.3	-1.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.8	0.4
Unemployment	6.1	7.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	14.8	14.8	20.7
Participation rate	61.3	61.4	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.5	22.3	1.0	-0.2	0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	505.7	509.0	2.4	3.3	4.3	6.6	0.7	0.9	1.3
Goods-producing sector									
	135.0	135.4	2.2	0.4	3.1	4.8	0.3	2.3	3.7
Agriculture	38.9	40.4	1.5	1.5	-0.8	-4.1	3.9	-1.9	-9.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	24.0	23.9	1.0	-0.1	1.3	1.4	-0.4	5.8	6.2
Utilities	4.9	4.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	1.4	-2.0	-5.9	41.2
Construction	35.5	34.9	1.3	-0.6	2.5	4.2	-1.7	7.7	13.7
Manufacturing	31.7	31.5	1.2	-0.2	0.5	2.1	-0.6	1.6	7.1
Services-producing sector									
	370.7	373.6	2.8	2.9	1.2	1.8	0.8	0.3	0.5
Trade	85.2	83.6	1.9	-1.6	0.2	-1.0	-1.9	0.2	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	25.4	26.6	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.0	4.7	6.4	8.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.8	26.6	1.0	-1.2	-0.9	0.4	-4.3	-3.3	1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.6	19.6	0.9	1.0	-1.7	-0.1	5.4	-8.0	-0.5
Business, building and other support services	11.1	11.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.8	2.7	0.9	7.5
Educational services	38.6	39.0	1.3	0.4	-0.3	-1.6	1.0	-0.8	-3.9
Health care and social assistance	59.2	60.8	1.4	1.6	-1.1	-1.6	2.7	-1.8	-2.6
Information, culture and recreation	22.9	21.6	1.0	-1.3	0.5	2.2	-5.7	2.4	11.3
Accommodation and food services	31.1	32.9	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.2	5.8	6.5	3.8
Other services	22.6	22.8	1.0	0.2	0.9	-2.1	0.9	4.1	-8.4
Public administration	28.3	28.6	1.0	0.3	-0.1	1.3	1.1	-0.3	4.8

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

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

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,773.0	2,775.8	...	2.8	6.3	66.6	0.1	0.2	2.5
Labour force	2,066.4	2,067.5	7.9	1.1	7.7	59.9	0.1	0.4	3.0
Employment	1,999.9	1,994.9	8.2	-5.0	1.1	57.7	-0.3	0.1	3.0
Employment full-time	1,684.8	1,677.8	11.2	-7.0	-0.1	41.3	-0.4	0.0	2.5
Unemployment	66.6	72.6	5.8	6.0	6.6	2.2	9.0	10.0	3.1
Participation rate	74.5	74.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	71.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	15.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	504.6	504.1	...	-0.5	-1.2	2.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.6
Labour force	369.3	368.6	4.9	-0.7	2.1	3.2	-0.2	0.6	0.9
Employment	341.2	342.1	5.0	0.9	-3.6	3.2	0.3	-1.0	0.9
Unemployment	28.2	26.5	3.7	-1.7	5.7	0.0	-6.0	27.4	0.0
Participation rate	73.2	73.1	1.0	-0.1	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.2	1.0	-0.4	1.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.9	1.0	0.3	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	32.5	32.3	1.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,140.9	1,143.1	...	2.2	5.1	35.3	0.2	0.4	3.2
Labour force	941.8	939.8	3.8	-2.0	0.1	33.9	-0.2	0.0	3.7
Employment	920.4	914.9	4.3	-5.5	-1.4	29.1	-0.6	-0.2	3.3
Unemployment	21.4	24.9	3.3	3.5	1.5	4.8	16.4	6.4	23.9
Participation rate	82.5	82.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.3	2.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.7	80.0	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.1	5.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,127.5	1,128.6	...	1.1	2.4	28.4	0.1	0.2	2.6
Labour force	755.3	759.1	4.6	3.8	5.5	22.8	0.5	0.7	3.1
Employment	738.3	737.9	4.8	-0.4	6.2	25.4	-0.1	0.8	3.6
Unemployment	17.0	21.2	3.1	4.2	-0.7	-2.6	24.7	-3.2	-10.9
Participation rate	67.0	67.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.3	2.8	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.4	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.8	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
	1,999.9	1,994.9	8.2	-5.0	1.1	57.7	-0.3	0.1	3.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	56.6	57.5	2.8	0.9	5.5	9.3	1.6	10.6	19.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	149.8	144.2	4.5	-5.6	-11.9	-6.7	-3.7	-7.6	-4.4
Utilities	17.9	17.2	1.7	-0.7	0.0	-3.9	-3.9	0.0	-18.5
Construction	201.1	195.8	5.3	-5.3	-2.8	-1.1	-2.6	-1.4	-0.6
Manufacturing	137.9	142.4	4.8	4.5	8.0	-6.6	3.3	6.0	-4.4
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,436.5	1,437.8	9.9	1.3	2.3	66.8	0.1	0.2	4.9
Transportation and warehousing	306.6	311.2	6.6	4.6	1.1	42.7	1.5	0.4	15.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	109.4	104.0	3.8	-5.4	-6.3	-1.8	-4.9	-5.7	-1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	109.7	116.7	3.9	7.0	12.7	19.9	6.4	12.2	20.6
Business, building and other support services	151.6	161.5	4.7	9.9	15.9	9.8	6.5	10.9	6.5
Educational services	70.0	70.2	3.8	0.2	-6.1	5.6	0.3	-8.0	8.7
Health care and social assistance	121.8	120.5	4.2	-1.3	-1.4	-16.4	-1.1	-1.1	-12.0
Information, culture and recreation	195.9	190.9	4.8	-5.0	-5.1	7.9	-2.6	-2.6	4.3
Accommodation and food services	79.5	76.5	3.6	-3.0	-3.1	1.4	-3.8	-3.9	1.9
Other services	112.6	106.3	4.7	-6.3	-5.9	-16.9	-5.6	-5.3	-13.7
Public administration	88.9	89.9	3.9	1.0	-0.6	-1.8	1.1	-0.7	-2.0
	90.7	90.2	3.2	-0.5	1.2	16.4	-0.6	1.3	22.2

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

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

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,609.5	3,614.1	...	4.6	11.4	66.7	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	2,402.9	2,402.5	9.8	-0.4	9.0	56.7	0.0	0.4	2.4
Employment	2,305.2	2,303.2	9.8	-2.0	10.3	52.1	-0.1	0.4	2.3
Employment full-time	1,833.1	1,835.0	13.5	1.9	18.5	41.0	0.1	1.0	2.3
Unemployment	97.7	99.3	7.0	1.6	-1.3	4.6	1.6	-1.3	4.9
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.7	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	20.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	581.4	581.6	...	0.2	0.6	3.9	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	399.7	400.4	5.7	0.7	2.5	14.8	0.2	0.6	3.8
Employment	369.7	368.8	5.6	-0.9	2.3	12.9	-0.2	0.6	3.6
Unemployment	30.0	31.5	4.1	1.5	0.1	1.8	5.0	0.3	6.1
Participation rate	68.7	68.8	1.0	0.1	0.3	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.9	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.4	1.0	-0.2	0.3	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.7	43.2	1.8	-1.5	-2.3	3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,481.3	1,483.6	...	2.3	5.5	31.9	0.2	0.4	2.2
Labour force	1,079.2	1,074.2	5.0	-5.0	-2.9	24.9	-0.5	-0.3	2.4
Employment	1,042.9	1,038.2	5.2	-4.7	-0.6	19.8	-0.5	-0.1	1.9
Unemployment	36.3	36.0	3.8	-0.3	-2.4	5.1	-0.8	-6.2	16.5
Participation rate	72.9	72.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	7.6	0.6	0.3	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,546.8	1,548.9	...	2.1	5.3	30.8	0.1	0.3	2.0
Labour force	923.9	927.9	6.0	4.0	9.5	17.0	0.4	1.0	1.9
Employment	892.6	896.2	5.9	3.6	8.6	19.4	0.4	1.0	2.2
Unemployment	31.3	31.7	4.0	0.4	0.9	-2.4	1.3	2.9	-7.0
Participation rate	59.7	59.9	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.9	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.8	25.6	0.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,305.2	2,303.2	9.8	-2.0	10.3	52.1	-0.1	0.4	2.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	43.2	38.4	2.6	-4.8	-1.3	2.9	-11.1	-3.3	8.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	47.8	46.7	2.7	-1.1	-3.9	-0.7	-2.3	-7.7	-1.5
Utilities	14.6	14.4	1.2	-0.2	1.2	5.1	-1.4	9.1	54.8
Construction	209.8	214.5	5.9	4.7	4.5	27.5	2.2	2.1	14.7
Manufacturing	193.9	185.2	5.9	-8.7	-5.0	-20.6	-4.5	-2.6	-10.0
Services-producing sector									
	1,795.9	1,804.0	11.5	8.1	14.6	37.9	0.5	0.8	2.1
Trade	355.9	359.9	7.5	4.0	-5.8	0.5	1.1	-1.6	0.1
Transportation and warehousing	129.1	128.4	4.8	-0.7	-7.6	-2.6	-0.5	-5.6	-2.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	145.1	147.9	4.8	2.8	6.0	8.0	1.9	4.2	5.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	171.2	175.0	5.4	3.8	14.9	6.1	2.2	9.3	3.6
Business, building and other support services	108.2	102.2	4.5	-6.0	-3.6	5.7	-5.5	-3.4	5.9
Educational services	166.7	156.7	5.3	-10.0	-2.7	-2.1	-6.0	-1.7	-1.3
Health care and social assistance	246.3	240.9	5.6	-5.4	5.0	-2.3	-2.2	2.1	-0.9
Information, culture and recreation	116.9	122.4	4.8	5.5	-1.3	5.8	4.7	-1.1	5.0
Accommodation and food services	168.1	176.8	5.8	8.7	7.6	4.5	5.2	4.5	2.6
Other services	93.3	91.9	4.0	-1.4	3.7	3.4	-1.5	4.2	3.8
Public administration	95.1	101.8	3.4	6.7	-1.7	10.6	7.0	-1.6	11.6

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

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

Table 5-1

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	152.7	153.0	...	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.7
Labour force	102.8	103.4	0.7	0.6	1.0	3.9	0.6	1.0	3.9
Employment	95.5	95.5	0.7	0.0	0.2	3.1	0.0	0.2	3.4
Unemployment	7.2	7.9	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7	9.7	11.3	9.7
Participation rate	67.3	67.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	314.6	314.9	...	0.3	0.6	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	220.2	220.1	1.1	-0.1	-1.1	1.9	0.0	-0.5	0.9
Employment	210.2	210.4	1.2	0.2	-0.9	2.2	0.1	-0.4	1.1
Unemployment	10.0	9.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-3.0	-2.0	-2.0
Participation rate	70.0	69.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.8	0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	104.2	104.3	...	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	70.2	69.6	0.7	-0.6	-1.6	3.1	-0.9	-2.2	4.7
Employment	67.0	66.2	0.7	-0.8	-1.5	3.3	-1.2	-2.2	5.2
Unemployment	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1	9.4	0.0	-2.8
Participation rate	67.4	66.7	0.6	-0.7	-1.7	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	63.5	0.6	-0.8	-1.5	2.7	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	125.2	125.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.6
Labour force	75.6	75.0	0.8	-0.6	-0.9	-1.3	-0.8	-1.2	-1.7
Employment	69.3	68.2	0.8	-1.1	-1.7	-0.6	-1.6	-2.4	-0.9
Unemployment	6.3	6.8	0.4	0.5	0.8	-0.7	7.9	13.3	-9.3
Participation rate	60.4	59.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	9.1	0.5	0.8	1.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	54.5	0.6	-0.9	-1.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	607.4	607.9	...	0.5	0.9	4.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	414.5	410.2	3.4	-4.3	-5.1	14.0	-1.0	-1.2	3.5
Employment	393.0	390.4	3.4	-2.6	-2.2	15.8	-0.7	-0.6	4.2
Unemployment	21.5	19.9	1.4	-1.6	-2.9	-1.7	-7.4	-12.7	-7.9
Participation rate	68.2	67.5	0.6	-0.7	-0.9	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	64.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	2.1	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	121.0	121.0	...	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	77.6	78.4	0.7	0.8	0.8	3.0	1.0	1.0	4.0
Employment	71.3	71.7	0.7	0.4	-0.4	2.4	0.6	-0.6	3.5
Unemployment	6.3	6.7	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.6	6.3	24.1	9.8
Participation rate	64.1	64.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.5	0.4	0.4	1.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.3	0.6	0.4	-0.3	1.6	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	137.5	137.7	...	0.2	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	91.4	90.3	0.8	-1.1	-1.2	1.3	-1.2	-1.3	1.5
Employment	85.6	85.0	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	2.0	-0.7	-0.7	2.4
Unemployment	5.8	5.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-8.6	-11.7	-11.7
Participation rate	66.5	65.6	0.6	-0.9	-1.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	61.7	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,049.8	3,052.1	...	2.3	4.9	28.2	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	2,058.2	2,061.4	7.2	3.2	2.4	34.9	0.2	0.1	1.7
Employment	1,916.7	1,914.9	7.5	-1.8	-1.0	37.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.0
Unemployment	141.5	146.5	4.5	5.0	3.4	-2.5	3.5	2.4	-1.7
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	956.0	957.0	...	1.0	1.9	9.0	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	695.9	695.9	3.4	0.0	-1.4	26.8	0.0	-0.2	4.0
Employment	665.3	664.4	3.5	-0.9	-1.7	33.0	-0.1	-0.3	5.2
Unemployment	30.5	31.6	1.7	1.1	0.4	-6.0	3.6	1.3	-16.0
Participation rate	72.8	72.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	2.8	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	242.2	242.5	...	0.3	0.7	4.5	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	176.1	177.8	1.2	1.7	2.3	4.4	1.0	1.3	2.5
Employment	168.6	170.2	1.2	1.6	2.5	8.1	0.9	1.5	5.0
Unemployment	7.5	7.6	0.6	0.1	-0.2	-3.6	1.3	-2.6	-32.1
Participation rate	72.7	73.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	70.2	0.5	0.6	0.8	2.1	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	713.9	714.5	...	0.6	1.2	4.4	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	519.8	518.1	3.2	-1.7	-3.6	22.4	-0.3	-0.7	4.5
Employment	496.7	494.1	3.2	-2.6	-4.2	24.8	-0.5	-0.8	5.3
Unemployment	23.1	24.0	1.6	0.9	0.6	-2.4	3.9	2.6	-9.1
Participation rate	72.8	72.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.2	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	3.1	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	125.9	125.9	...	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	81.2	82.1	0.8	0.9	1.2	-0.8	1.1	1.5	-1.0
Employment	77.0	77.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	-1.2	0.9	1.2	-1.5
Unemployment	4.2	4.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	4.8	7.3	7.3
Participation rate	64.5	65.2	0.6	0.7	0.9	-0.6
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5
Employment rate	61.2	61.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	-0.9

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,493.0	4,500.7	...	7.7	15.8	82.3	0.2	0.4	1.9
Labour force	3,096.0	3,106.8	9.2	10.8	13.8	43.8	0.3	0.4	1.4
Employment	2,887.5	2,903.9	9.5	16.4	18.7	39.6	0.6	0.6	1.4
Unemployment	208.5	202.8	5.6	-5.7	-5.0	4.1	-2.7	-2.4	2.1
Participation rate	68.9	69.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	594.5	594.8	...	0.3	0.6	4.0	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	396.8	397.8	2.9	1.0	1.3	5.5	0.3	0.3	1.4
Employment	373.3	374.1	2.9	0.8	1.1	6.0	0.2	0.3	1.6
Unemployment	23.5	23.6	1.4	0.1	0.2	-0.6	0.4	0.9	-2.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	379.9	380.3	...	0.4	0.9	5.8	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	270.5	268.5	2.2	-2.0	-1.3	2.1	-0.7	-0.5	0.8
Employment	256.1	254.6	2.2	-1.5	-0.8	4.0	-0.6	-0.3	1.6
Unemployment	14.3	13.9	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	-1.8	-2.8	-2.8	-11.5
Participation rate	71.2	70.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	66.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	382.8	383.1	...	0.3	0.6	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	262.0	261.5	1.9	-0.5	-2.5	-3.7	-0.2	-0.9	-1.4
Employment	244.5	243.8	1.9	-0.7	-3.0	-6.3	-0.3	-1.2	-2.5
Unemployment	17.5	17.7	0.9	0.2	0.5	2.7	1.1	2.9	18.0
Participation rate	68.4	68.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	285.1	285.6	...	0.5	1.0	6.7	0.2	0.4	2.4
Labour force	195.2	196.4	1.4	1.2	0.4	6.9	0.6	0.2	3.6
Employment	184.0	184.1	1.5	0.1	-0.1	6.4	0.1	-0.1	3.6
Unemployment	11.1	12.3	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.5	10.8	5.1	4.2
Participation rate	68.5	68.8	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.5	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	328.7	328.7	...	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	212.8	213.7	1.6	0.9	2.0	11.6	0.4	0.9	5.7
Employment	199.6	200.3	1.6	0.7	2.3	11.1	0.4	1.2	5.9
Unemployment	13.2	13.4	0.8	0.2	-0.4	0.4	1.5	-2.9	3.1
Participation rate	64.7	65.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	3.3
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Employment rate	60.7	60.9	0.5	0.2	0.6	3.2

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	133.1	133.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	84.8	85.1	0.7	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	1.2
Employment	80.6	80.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.4	1.5
Unemployment	4.2	4.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	-0.2	9.5	15.0	-4.2
Participation rate	63.7	63.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.1	104.0	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	68.6	67.7	0.6	-0.9	-1.3	1.7	-1.3	-1.9	2.6
Employment	64.3	64.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	2.6	-0.3	-0.3	4.2
Unemployment	4.3	3.6	0.3	-0.7	-1.1	-0.9	-16.3	-23.4	-20.0
Participation rate	65.9	65.1	0.6	-0.8	-1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.3	0.4	-1.0	-1.5	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	2.6	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	272.3	272.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	178.1	178.8	1.5	0.7	1.6	3.7	0.4	0.9	2.1
Employment	162.5	163.2	1.6	0.7	1.2	5.5	0.4	0.7	3.5
Unemployment	15.5	15.6	0.8	0.1	0.3	-1.8	0.6	2.0	-10.3
Participation rate	65.4	65.7	0.6	0.3	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.7	0.5	0.0	0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.9	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.8	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	579.5	580.1	...	0.6	1.2	6.7	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	414.0	412.7	1.4	-1.3	-0.8	8.9	-0.3	-0.2	2.2
Employment	395.4	394.7	1.4	-0.7	0.7	10.9	-0.2	0.2	2.8
Unemployment	18.6	18.0	0.8	-0.6	-1.5	-1.9	-3.2	-7.7	-9.5
Participation rate	71.4	71.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	165.0	165.4	...	0.4	0.8	3.7	0.2	0.5	2.3
Labour force	115.7	116.3	0.7	0.6	1.1	-0.2	0.5	1.0	-0.2
Employment	110.8	111.7	0.7	0.9	1.6	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.0
Unemployment	4.9	4.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-6.1	-8.0	-4.2
Participation rate	70.1	70.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	193.4	193.9	...	0.5	1.1	4.7	0.3	0.6	2.5
Labour force	142.9	142.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.6	2.8	-0.1	-0.4	2.0
Employment	137.9	138.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	3.4	0.1	0.1	2.5
Unemployment	5.0	4.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.6	-6.0	-13.0	-11.3
Participation rate	73.9	73.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	71.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	935.8	937.2	...	1.4	2.7	28.2	0.1	0.3	3.1
Labour force	706.7	708.7	3.1	2.0	3.5	14.7	0.3	0.5	2.1
Employment	686.2	689.0	3.3	2.8	4.5	17.7	0.4	0.7	2.6
Unemployment	20.5	19.7	1.4	-0.8	-1.1	-3.0	-3.9	-5.3	-13.2
Participation rate	75.5	75.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	2.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.3	73.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	874.8	875.8	...	1.0	1.8	20.1	0.1	0.2	2.3
Labour force	642.2	646.2	3.1	4.0	8.8	36.6	0.6	1.4	6.0
Employment	619.3	622.5	3.1	3.2	9.4	35.2	0.5	1.5	6.0
Unemployment	22.9	23.7	1.4	0.8	-0.6	1.4	3.5	-2.5	6.3
Participation rate	73.4	73.8	0.4	0.4	0.9	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.8	71.1	0.4	0.3	1.0	2.5	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	132.5	132.7	...	0.2	0.4	2.4	0.2	0.3	1.8
Labour force	88.5	89.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.6
Employment	85.3	85.0	0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.4
Unemployment	3.2	4.0	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.1	25.0	21.2	2.6
Participation rate	66.8	67.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	4.5	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,918.0	1,921.6	...	3.6	7.5	40.9	0.2	0.4	2.2
Labour force	1,300.8	1,296.1	4.7	-4.7	2.3	34.0	-0.4	0.2	2.7
Employment	1,248.9	1,246.3	4.7	-2.6	7.1	37.0	-0.2	0.6	3.1
Unemployment	52.0	49.8	2.2	-2.2	-4.8	-3.0	-4.2	-8.8	-5.7
Participation rate	67.8	67.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	64.9	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	284.8	285.0	...	0.2	0.5	3.6	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	194.2	194.5	1.5	0.3	1.2	11.1	0.2	0.6	6.1
Employment	188.2	187.8	1.5	-0.4	0.1	10.0	-0.2	0.1	5.6
Unemployment	6.0	6.7	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.1	11.7	19.6	19.6
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.5	0.0	0.3	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	2.7	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0090

Table 5-2

Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — Monthly

	January 2008	February 2008	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,052.4	3,054.3	...	1.9	4.6	27.7	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	2,046.3	2,074.5	14.7	28.2	11.2	46.5	1.4	0.5	2.3
Employment	1,907.6	1,921.7	15.0	14.1	6.3	47.9	0.7	0.3	2.6
Unemployment	138.7	152.8	10.9	14.1	4.9	-1.4	10.2	3.3	-0.9
Participation rate	67.0	67.9	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.4	0.5	0.6	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.9	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,501.8	4,508.6	...	6.8	16.8	84.3	0.2	0.4	1.9
Labour force	3,096.5	3,122.9	19.2	26.4	22.1	52.8	0.9	0.7	1.7
Employment	2,894.2	2,927.3	19.4	33.1	37.0	62.6	1.1	1.3	2.2
Unemployment	202.4	195.6	13.7	-6.8	-15.0	-9.8	-3.4	-7.1	-4.8
Participation rate	68.8	69.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.9	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,922.1	1,925.1	...	3.0	7.6	41.9	0.2	0.4	2.2
Labour force	1,302.5	1,292.7	10.0	-9.8	-0.3	24.2	-0.8	0.0	1.9
Employment	1,253.1	1,247.2	9.7	-5.9	8.5	18.1	-0.5	0.7	1.5
Unemployment	49.4	45.6	5.6	-3.8	-8.8	6.2	-7.7	-16.2	15.7
Participation rate	67.8	67.1	0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.8	0.5	-0.4	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6-1

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2007 and February 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Canada ²							
2007	26,388.3	17,566.6	16,459.6	1,107.0	66.6	6.3	62.4
2008	26,748.7	17,890.6	16,817.0	1,073.6	66.9	6.0	62.9
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2007	426.1	243.5	204.5	39.0	57.1	16.0	48.0
2008	424.9	242.8	209.1	33.7	57.1	13.9	49.2
Avalon Peninsula [1010]							
2007	210.1	126.5	111.6	14.9	60.2	11.8	53.1
2008	210.8	130.2	115.9	14.4	61.8	11.1	55.0
South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]							
2007	33.3	17.0	12.7	4.3	51.1	25.3	38.1
2008	32.7	15.6	12.8	2.7	47.7	17.3	39.1
West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]							
2007	87.9	51.6	41.3	10.3	58.7	20.0	47.0
2008	87.7	48.9	40.8	8.1	55.8	16.6	46.5
Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]							
2007	94.8	48.4	38.9	9.5	51.1	19.6	41.0
2008	93.7	48.1	39.6	8.5	51.3	17.7	42.3
Prince Edward Island							
2007	112.8	75.3	65.2	10.2	66.8	13.5	57.8
2008	113.8	75.2	65.7	9.5	66.1	12.6	57.7
Nova Scotia							
2007	763.5	475.1	436.8	38.3	62.2	8.1	57.2
2008	766.2	477.7	440.0	37.7	62.3	7.9	57.4
Cape Breton [1210]							
2007	116.7	62.5	52.9	9.6	53.6	15.4	45.3
2008	115.9	64.0	54.8	9.2	55.2	14.4	47.3
North Shore [1220]							
2007	130.9	77.3	68.5	8.8	59.1	11.4	52.3
2008	131.1	76.6	68.7	7.9	58.4	10.3	52.4
Annapolis Valley [1230]							
2007	100.0	61.8	57.8	4.0	61.8	6.5	57.8
2008	100.7	59.8	53.5	6.3	59.4	10.5	53.1
Southern [1240]							
2007	103.6	58.6	52.7	5.9	56.6	10.1	50.9
2008	103.6	60.9	56.2	4.8	58.8	7.9	54.2
Halifax [1250]							
2007	312.4	214.8	204.8	10.0	68.8	4.7	65.6
2008	314.9	216.5	206.9	9.6	68.8	4.4	65.7
New Brunswick							
2007	611.5	376.0	345.4	30.6	61.5	8.1	56.5
2008	615.7	388.4	354.8	33.6	63.1	8.7	57.6
Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]							
2007	135.9	75.9	65.9	10.0	55.8	13.2	48.5
2008	135.8	77.4	65.2	12.2	57.0	15.8	48.0
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2007	162.2	100.4	92.0	8.4	61.9	8.4	56.7
2008	164.5	107.6	99.6	8.0	65.4	7.4	60.5
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2007	141.5	85.8	81.0	4.8	60.6	5.6	57.2
2008	142.5	94.3	88.7	5.6	66.2	5.9	62.2

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2007 and February 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands					
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	103.9	70.0	66.0	4.0	67.4	5.7	63.5
2008	104.7	68.2	64.3	3.8	65.1	5.6	61.4
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.0	43.9	40.5	3.4	64.6	7.7	59.6
2008	68.2	41.0	37.0	4.0	60.1	9.8	54.3
Quebec							
2007	6,288.2	4,064.4	3,726.3	338.1	64.6	8.3	59.3
2008	6,344.8	4,125.5	3,815.8	309.7	65.0	7.5	60.1
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	39.5	31.3	8.3	48.8	21.0	38.7
2008	80.8	37.4	30.2	7.3	46.3	19.5	37.4
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.3	97.2	87.2	10.0	58.1	10.3	52.1
2008	167.5	96.1	87.6	8.4	57.4	8.7	52.3
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	562.6	353.1	327.7	25.4	62.8	7.2	58.2
2008	565.9	368.1	348.5	19.6	65.0	5.3	61.6
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	326.5	223.0	205.6	17.4	68.3	7.8	63.0
2008	328.7	217.3	202.8	14.5	66.1	6.7	61.7
Estrie [2430]							
2007	247.6	158.6	144.5	14.1	64.1	8.9	58.4
2008	250.0	156.8	147.7	9.1	62.7	5.8	59.1
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	184.7	129.6	117.9	11.7	70.2	9.0	63.8
2008	185.9	125.4	115.4	10.0	67.5	8.0	62.1
Montréal [2435]							
2007	1,117.6	741.7	689.0	52.8	66.4	7.1	61.6
2008	1,134.0	740.9	694.0	46.9	65.3	6.3	61.2
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,590.8	1,020.0	929.8	90.2	64.1	8.8	58.4
2008	1,592.1	1,035.0	937.9	97.1	65.0	9.4	58.9
Laval [2445]							
2007	307.0	204.5	187.9	16.6	66.6	8.1	61.2
2008	311.7	215.8	201.2	14.6	69.2	6.8	64.5
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	348.4	235.6	223.3	12.3	67.6	5.2	64.1
2008	358.6	244.4	224.6	19.8	68.2	8.1	62.6
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	420.9	272.4	248.1	24.4	64.7	9.0	58.9
2008	430.8	298.2	279.9	18.2	69.2	6.1	65.0
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	287.7	199.1	183.8	15.4	69.2	7.7	63.9
2008	292.8	204.5	194.2	10.3	69.8	5.0	66.3
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.5	76.4	69.2	7.2	66.1	9.4	59.9
2008	115.6	71.1	65.8	5.3	61.5	7.5	56.9
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.0	124.8	112.9	11.9	57.5	9.5	52.0
2008	217.8	125.5	115.3	10.3	57.6	8.2	52.9

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2007 and February 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	224.2	135.7	120.7	15.0	60.5	11.1	53.8
2008	223.3	135.3	123.2	12.1	60.6	8.9	55.2
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.5	53.1	47.5	5.6	59.3	10.5	53.1
2008	89.2	53.8	47.5	6.4	60.3	11.9	53.3
Ontario							
2007	10,300.5	6,904.6	6,480.4	424.2	67.0	6.1	62.9
2008	10,438.1	7,015.4	6,585.2	430.2	67.2	6.1	63.1
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	981.6	660.3	622.1	38.1	67.3	5.8	63.4
2008	989.0	696.9	665.7	31.3	70.5	4.5	67.3
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	358.4	213.6	201.7	11.9	59.6	5.6	56.3
2008	359.6	226.1	209.4	16.7	62.9	7.4	58.2
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2007	307.7	190.7	177.6	13.0	62.0	6.8	57.7
2008	310.4	188.3	172.4	15.9	60.7	8.4	55.5
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,655.9	3,179.7	2,985.0	194.7	68.3	6.1	64.1
2008	4,748.0	3,238.3	3,037.9	200.4	68.2	6.2	64.0
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	959.4	688.3	653.5	34.8	71.7	5.1	68.1
2008	977.2	689.9	654.2	35.7	70.6	5.2	66.9
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,128.2	724.9	677.6	47.3	64.3	6.5	60.1
2008	1,138.0	745.2	697.7	47.6	65.5	6.4	61.3
London [3560]							
2007	508.5	352.8	334.2	18.5	69.4	5.2	65.7
2008	513.2	350.9	328.3	22.7	68.4	6.5	64.0
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	523.8	339.2	308.6	30.6	64.8	9.0	58.9
2008	525.6	341.2	314.1	27.0	64.9	7.9	59.8
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.1	159.5	153.5	6.0	64.5	3.8	62.1
2008	247.7	158.2	151.1	7.1	63.9	4.5	61.0
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.3	277.3	257.1	20.3	61.2	7.3	56.7
2008	454.0	270.7	252.8	17.9	59.6	6.6	55.7
Northwest [3595]							
2007	176.6	118.3	109.5	8.8	67.0	7.4	62.0
2008	175.4	109.7	101.8	7.9	62.5	7.2	58.0
Manitoba							
2007	894.3	610.7	582.6	28.1	68.3	4.6	65.1
2008	904.2	619.9	593.6	26.3	68.6	4.2	65.6
Southeast [4610]							
2007	75.5	49.5	46.6	2.9	65.6	5.9	61.7
2008	77.6	51.6	48.7	2.9	66.5	5.6	62.8
South Central [4620]							
2007	42.6	27.9	26.8	1.1	65.5	3.9	62.9
2008	43.5	29.2	28.3	0.9	67.1	3.1	65.1

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2007 and February 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands					
Southwest [4630]							
2007	81.8	56.1	54.0	2.0	68.6	3.6	66.0
2008	82.5	53.9	52.3	1.6	65.3	3.0	63.4
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.6	22.0	21.3	0.7	61.8	3.2	59.8
2008	35.7	24.3	23.1	1.3	68.1	5.3	64.7
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	530.3	368.8	350.8	18.0	69.5	4.9	66.2
2008	535.7	376.2	359.9	16.3	70.2	4.3	67.2
Interlake [4660]							
2007	69.1	45.7	44.2	1.5	66.1	3.3	64.0
2008	70.3	45.5	43.7	1.9	64.7	4.2	62.2
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.5	40.7	38.8	1.9	68.4	4.7	65.2
2008	58.9	39.1	37.6	1.5	66.4	3.8	63.8
Saskatchewan							
2007	746.9	516.3	494.4	21.9	69.1	4.2	66.2
2008	759.5	520.2	498.3	21.9	68.5	4.2	65.6
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	219.5	155.8	149.3	6.5	71.0	4.2	68.0
2008	223.8	156.9	151.3	5.6	70.1	3.6	67.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.4	56.0	54.3	1.8	68.0	3.2	65.9
2008	83.2	54.2	51.9	2.3	65.1	4.2	62.4
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	231.6	166.8	160.4	6.4	72.0	3.8	69.3
2008	236.7	167.9	162.2	5.7	70.9	3.4	68.5
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.1	41.5	39.4	2.1	64.7	5.1	61.5
2008	64.3	42.7	40.9	1.8	66.4	4.2	63.6
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	149.2	96.2	91.1	5.1	64.5	5.3	61.1
2008	151.5	98.5	92.1	6.4	65.0	6.5	60.8
Alberta							
2007	2,701.5	1,975.7	1,906.0	69.7	73.1	3.5	70.6
2008	2,772.8	2,045.5	1,975.5	70.0	73.8	3.4	71.2
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	204.4	141.1	135.1	6.1	69.0	4.3	66.1
2008	208.1	142.6	136.0	6.7	68.5	4.7	65.4
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	153.4	109.8	106.3	3.5	71.6	3.2	69.3
2008	155.4	113.8	110.8	3.0	73.2	2.6	71.3
Calgary [4830]							
2007	978.2	742.8	718.6	24.3	75.9	3.3	73.5
2008	1,010.2	756.3	734.1	22.2	74.9	2.9	72.7
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	67.2	54.1	52.6	1.5	80.5	2.8	78.3
2008	68.2	53.1	51.6	1.5	77.9	2.8	75.7
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	139.6	102.3	99.2	3.0	73.3	2.9	71.1
2008	144.5	107.2	103.5	3.7	74.2	3.5	71.6

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in February 2007 and February 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
		in thousands					
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	888.3	624.0	600.5	23.5	70.2	3.8	67.6
2008	909.5	663.8	639.5	24.2	73.0	3.6	70.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	180.9	134.4	129.3	5.1	74.3	3.8	71.5
2008	184.9	135.8	129.4	6.4	73.4	4.7	70.0
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	89.6	67.3	64.5	2.7	75.1	4.0	72.0
2008	92.1	73.0	70.6	2.3	79.3	3.2	76.7
British Columbia							
2007	3,543.0	2,325.1	2,218.1	107.0	65.6	4.6	62.6
2008	3,608.8	2,379.9	2,278.9	101.0	65.9	4.2	63.1
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	618.1	390.2	369.6	20.6	63.1	5.3	59.8
2008	628.6	397.9	378.0	19.9	63.3	5.0	60.1
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,141.2	1,422.3	1,363.1	59.2	66.4	4.2	63.7
2008	2,187.3	1,464.8	1,411.1	53.7	67.0	3.7	64.5
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	419.2	265.0	251.7	13.3	63.2	5.0	60.0
2008	427.3	267.9	253.6	14.2	62.7	5.3	59.3
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.0	79.5	74.1	5.4	65.2	6.8	60.7
2008	122.5	75.1	71.8	3.3	61.3	4.4	58.6
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	124.9	86.4	81.8	4.6	69.2	5.3	65.5
2008	125.6	91.8	86.5	5.3	73.1	5.8	68.9
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	66.6	44.9	41.7	3.2	67.4	7.1	62.6
2008	65.8	45.3	42.1	3.3	68.8	7.3	64.0
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.0	36.7	36.0	x	72.0	x	70.6
2008	51.7	37.0	35.8	x	71.6	x	69.2

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

2. Estimates for Canada are a sum of the provincial totals and exclude estimates from Yukon 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 February 2007 and February 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Yukon Territory ¹							
2007	23.5	16.5	15.9	0.6	70.2	3.6	67.7
2008	23.5	17.6	16.7	1.0	74.9	5.7	71.1
Northwest Territories ²							
2007	30.8	23.9	22.9	1.0	77.6	4.2	74.4
2008	31.0	23.3	21.8	1.5	75.2	6.4	70.3
Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³							
2007	13.9	9.7	8.9	0.8	69.9	8.3	64.1
2008	14.3	10.0	9.0	1.0	69.8	10.2	62.7

1. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) has been conducted 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 the national totals. In 1995, the LFS in the Yukon underwent a sample redesign. One result of the redesign was that the covered population increased from 85% to 92%, which is reflected by the sharp increase in the three month moving averages estimates of January, February and March of 1995 for all the level estimates. Users are therefore warned to be cautious when comparing estimates before January 1995 to estimates for January 1995 and forward.
 2. Since 2001, the Labour force survey has been administered in the Northwest Territories, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.
 3. Since 2004, the Labour force survey has been administered in Nunavut, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals. The 10 largest communities are Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake, Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Kugluktuk, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Igloodik.
- Note(s):** Related CANSIM table 282-0054.

Table 7

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
	thousands		dollars		thousands		dollars	thousands		dollars
February 2008										
15 years and over	14,213.5	35.1	770.29	21.14	11,506.7	39.4	889.80	2,706.9	16.9	262.23
15 to 24 years	2,369.8	26.5	346.54	12.05	1,168.2	38.8	550.32	1,201.6	14.6	148.44
25 years and over	11,843.7	36.8	855.07	22.96	10,338.5	39.4	928.16	1,505.2	18.8	353.07
Men	7,088.3	37.7	893.26	23.05	6,257.4	40.6	981.59	830.8	16.1	228.02
Women	7,125.3	32.5	647.95	19.24	5,249.3	37.9	780.38	1,876.0	17.3	277.38
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,490.1	35.7	877.75	24.26	3,837.3	38.6	960.41	652.8	18.7	391.89
No union coverage	9,723.4	34.8	720.66	19.70	7,669.4	39.7	854.47	2,054.1	16.4	221.03
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,676.2	36.0	801.75	21.62	10,675.2	39.4	899.45	2,001.0	17.9	280.51
Temporary	1,537.4	27.8	510.85	17.16	831.5	39.3	765.89	705.9	14.3	210.43
Occupation										
Management	1,016.6	39.7	1,292.07	32.64	980.5	40.4	1,321.14	36.0	20.1	500.87
Business, finance and administrative	2,837.1	35.0	722.34	20.19	2,389.3	38.2	801.17	447.8	18.2	301.75
Natural and applied sciences	1,054.8	38.5	1,147.75	29.72	1,015.7	39.2	1,175.62	39.1	18.2	423.30
Health	863.4	33.6	825.18	24.49	663.2	37.8	924.73	200.2	19.8	495.47
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,362.7	33.8	922.89	27.15	1,080.9	38.2	1,051.03	281.8	17.0	431.45
Art, culture, recreation and sport	356.6	29.8	691.14	21.24	239.6	38.9	942.21	117.0	11.2	177.06
Sales and service	3,634.0	30.0	453.38	13.99	2,232.1	38.5	624.56	1,401.9	16.5	180.82
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,019.1	40.2	850.58	20.98	1,901.3	41.6	887.21	117.9	17.4	259.69
Occupations unique to primary industry	208.9	42.1	845.94	19.42	181.8	46.3	944.91	27.1	14.2	180.79
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	860.4	39.1	716.84	18.17	822.3	40.1	738.34	38.1	17.4	252.32
February 2007										
15 years and over	13,896.4	35.0	733.94	20.15	11,202.8	39.4	851.89	2,693.6	16.8	243.35
15 to 24 years	2,324.8	26.6	334.31	11.59	1,131.4	39.0	534.49	1,193.5	14.8	144.56
25 years and over	11,571.6	36.7	814.22	21.87	10,071.5	39.4	887.55	1,500.1	18.4	321.95
Men	6,931.6	37.6	849.97	21.95	6,095.1	40.6	937.48	836.5	16.0	212.30
Women	6,964.8	32.4	618.46	18.36	5,107.7	37.9	749.76	1,857.1	17.2	257.33
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,448.7	35.7	835.52	23.13	3,783.5	38.7	916.61	665.3	18.8	374.33
No union coverage	9,447.7	34.7	686.10	18.75	7,419.4	39.7	818.89	2,028.3	16.2	200.39
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,259.7	36.0	767.86	20.65	10,335.7	39.4	862.13	1,924.0	17.9	261.44
Temporary	1,636.7	27.3	479.84	16.39	867.1	38.9	729.87	769.6	14.1	198.12
Occupation										
Management	990.7	39.9	1,249.19	31.37	967.2	40.5	1,270.96	23.5	17.8	355.10
Business, finance and administrative	2,676.4	35.1	685.44	19.05	2,261.2	38.3	763.17	415.2	17.6	262.06
Natural and applied sciences	1,027.2	38.6	1,095.06	28.38	987.6	39.4	1,120.13	39.6	18.1	469.96
Health	869.2	33.4	799.42	23.85	664.4	37.6	903.72	204.8	19.8	461.08
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,304.5	33.4	873.92	25.82	1,028.4	38.0	1,001.27	276.1	16.2	399.55
Art, culture, recreation and sport	301.0	29.9	637.27	20.26	203.4	38.4	849.77	97.6	12.1	194.39
Sales and service	3,619.5	30.0	436.36	13.46	2,205.4	38.7	604.06	1,414.1	16.6	174.83
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,938.7	39.7	806.82	20.03	1,793.4	41.6	853.29	145.3	16.9	233.36
Occupations unique to primary industry	236.8	41.0	809.73	18.85	203.6	45.5	913.58	33.2	13.7	173.76
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	932.4	39.0	686.51	17.42	888.3	40.1	710.37	44.1	17.2	205.92

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

Table 8

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

Region	Effective from March 9, 2008 to April 5, 2008
	Percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	16.2
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.3
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.5
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.1
06. Halifax	4.4
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.4
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	10.0
09. Restigouche-Albert	13.7
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	16.7
11. Québec	4.9
12. Trois-Rivières	8.2
13. South Central Quebec	6.0
14. Sherbrooke	5.9
15. Montérégie	6.9
16. Montréal	7.2
17. Central Quebec	7.3
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	10.6
20. Gatineau	4.2
21. Saguenay	9.1
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	4.6
23. Eastern Ontario	6.0
24. Kingston	5.7
25. Central Ontario	7.5
26. Oshawa	6.3
27. Toronto	6.5
28. Hamilton	5.9
29. St. Catharines	6.3
30. London	6.7
31. Niagara	8.8
32. Windsor	8.4
33. Kitchener	5.1
34. Huron	7.0
35. South Central Ontario	4.9
36. Sudbury	5.6
37. Thunder Bay	5.3
38. Northern Ontario	10.7
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.4
40. Southern Manitoba	4.9
41. Northern Manitoba	25.0
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	3.8
43. Saskatoon	3.5
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.1
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.2

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from March 9, 2008 to April 5, 2008
	Percent
Alberta	
46. Calgary	2.9
47. Edmonton	3.8
48. Northern Alberta	7.4
49. Southern Alberta	4.8
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.1
51. Abbotsford	4.5
52. Vancouver	3.9
53. Victoria	4.1
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.2
55. Northern British Columbia	8.6
Territories	
56. Yukon Territory ⁴	25.0
57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
58. Nunavut ⁴	25.0

1. The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/ei/region/economic_region_information.shtml&hs=eza.
2. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml.
3. This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml.
4. This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

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*