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- r revised
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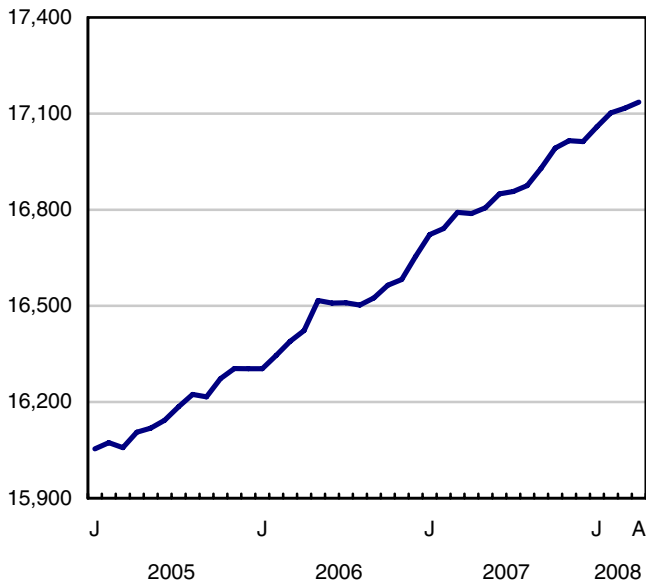
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**Chart 1**  
**Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted**

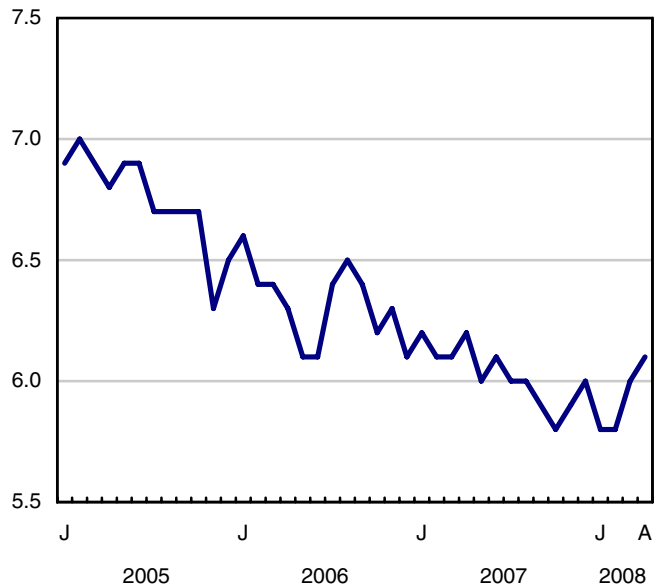
### Employment

thousands



### Unemployment rate

percentage



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Over the past 12 months, employment increased by an estimated 348,000 (+2.1%), with full-time growing twice as fast as part-time. The employment rate – the share of the working-age population who are employed – continued to hover around a record high in April.

Adjusted for comparability with the United States, the employment rate increased 0.5 percentage points over the last 12 months, reaching 64.5% in April 2008. This contrasts with the United States, where the rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 62.7% over the same period. Employment in construction and financial activities has declined in the United States while these industries, especially construction, have added employment in Canada over the past 12 months. Both countries, however, have experienced pronounced employment declines in manufacturing.

In April, employment increased in accommodation and food services, as well as construction. Over the past 12 months, the construction industry led employment growth, adding 113,000 workers.

Manufacturing continued its decline in April, with losses in Ontario and British Columbia. Overall, the number of factory workers has decreased by 112,000 since April 2007.

While there were small employment increases across most of the country, Manitoba was the only province with strong growth in April. Quebec, on the other hand, was the only province to experience a loss for the month.

Year-over-year growth in average hourly wages was 4.3% in April, slightly lower than earlier in the year, but continuing well above the most recent increase in the Consumer Price Index (+1.4%). Provincially, the strongest wage growth has been in Newfoundland and Labrador, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

### **Employment gains in accommodation and food as well as construction**

With gains in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, accommodation and food services continued to add employment in April (+22,000). These recent increases offset losses observed towards the latter part of last year.

Construction employment continued on its upward trend in April (+16,000). This brings employment gains over the last 12 months to 113,000 (+10.1%), the largest of any industry.

Manufacturing employment edged down in April, continuing the downward slide that began towards the end of 2002. Over the last 12 months alone, employment fell by 112,000, with nearly half the losses in Ontario (-50,000) and the remainder mainly in British Columbia (-29,000), Quebec (-13,000) and Alberta (-11,000).

### **Manitoba adds employment in April**

In April, employment increased by an estimated 9,000 in Manitoba, boosting employment growth over the past 12 months to 3.1%. The added employment in April pushed the unemployment rate down 0.5 percentage points to 3.8%, the second lowest in the country after Alberta. Manitoba's employment and participation rates both attained all-time highs in April.



Employment in Ontario edged up 12,000 in April, mainly among younger workers, bringing growth since April 2007 to 2.2%, just above the national average. Increases over this period occurred in construction as well as several service industries. However, the downward trend in manufacturing employment continued, with a decline of 15,000 in April.

Newfoundland and Labrador experienced an employment gain in April (+2,400), continuing the upward trend which started last summer, bringing its employment rate to a record high of 52.6%. Over the last 12 months, employment has increased by 2.3%, with growth stemming from construction, professional, scientific and technical services as well as public administration.

In Alberta and British Columbia, the continued strength of the labour market resulted in record high employment rates in April for both provinces. Employment growth in British Columbia and Alberta over the last 12 months has been above the national average, at 3.4% and 3.0% respectively. In April, there was little change in employment in both provinces.

Employment in Quebec fell by an estimated 20,000 in April, mostly among youths, pushing the unemployment rate in the province up 0.3 percentage points to 7.6%. This is the first significant employment decline in two years. There were fewer people working this April in a number of service industries and in agriculture. The decrease leaves employment in the province up only 0.7% (+27,000) above the level of 12 months ago.

### **More adult women working**

Women aged 25 and over were the only demographic group to experience employment growth in April (+17,000), once again keeping their unemployment rate below that of adult men (4.7% versus 5.2%). Despite this month's increase, the rate of employment growth for adult women since April 2007 (+1.6%), was below that of adult men (+2.4%).

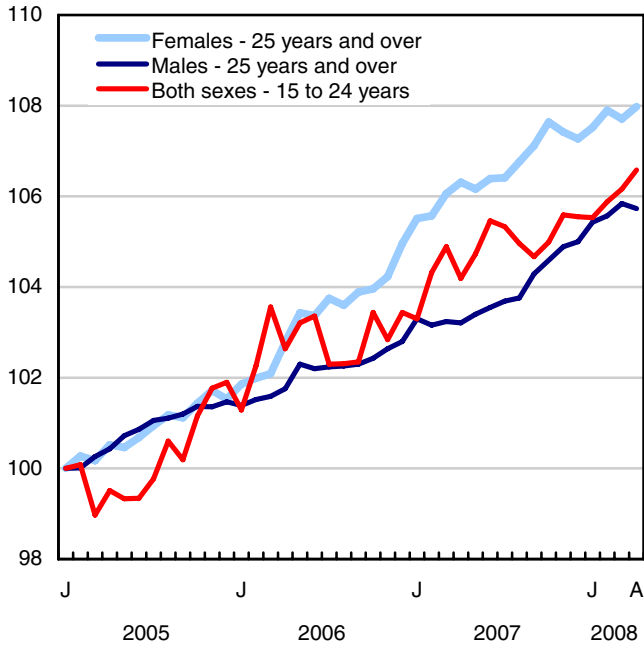
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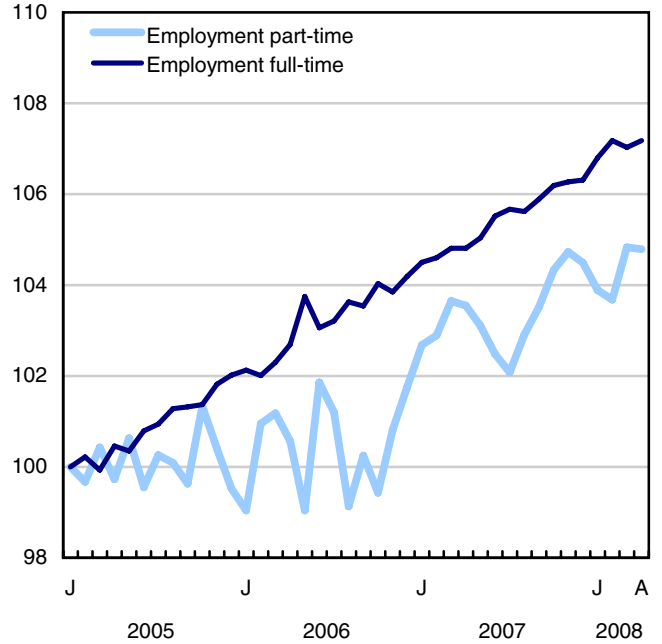
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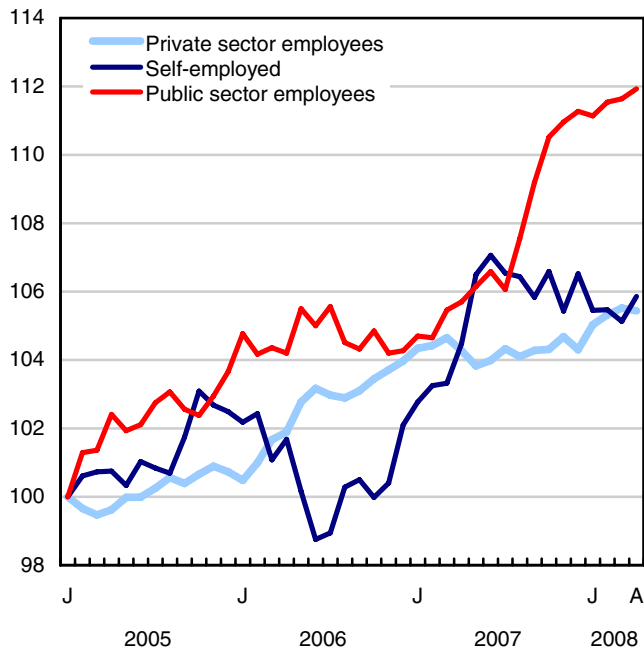
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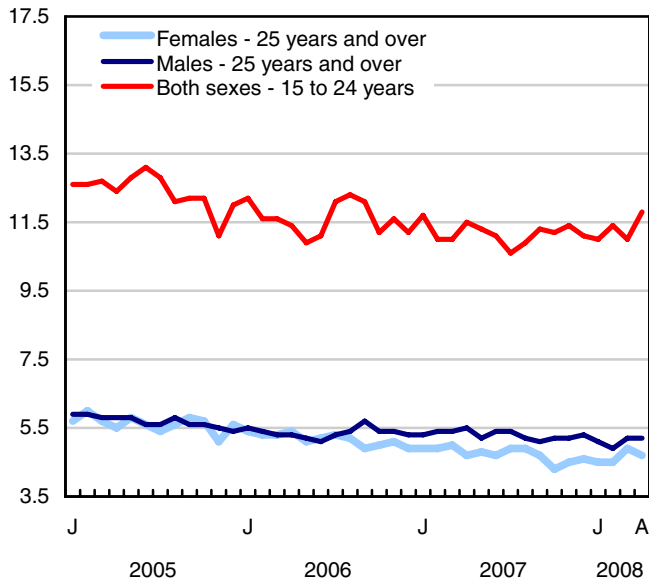


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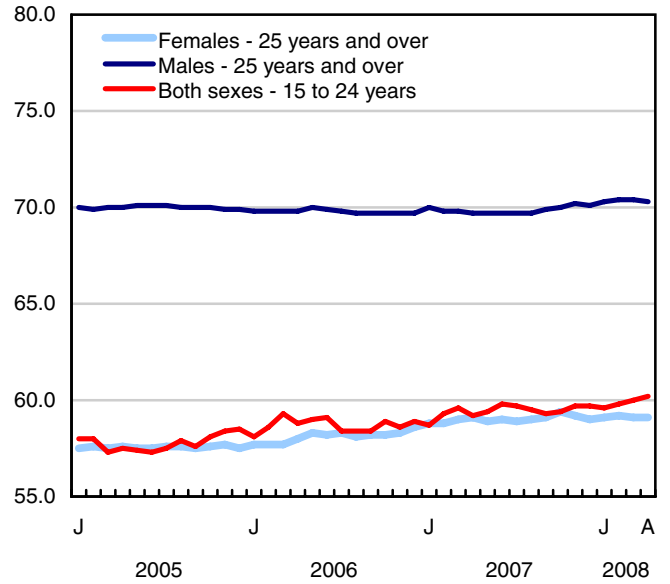


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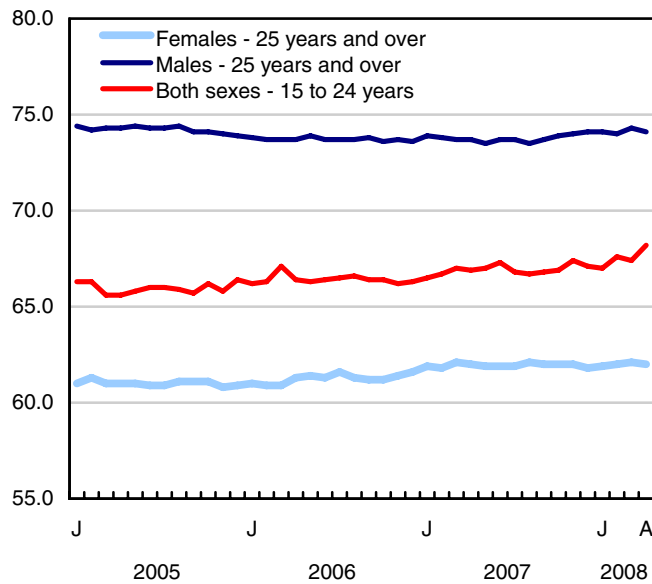
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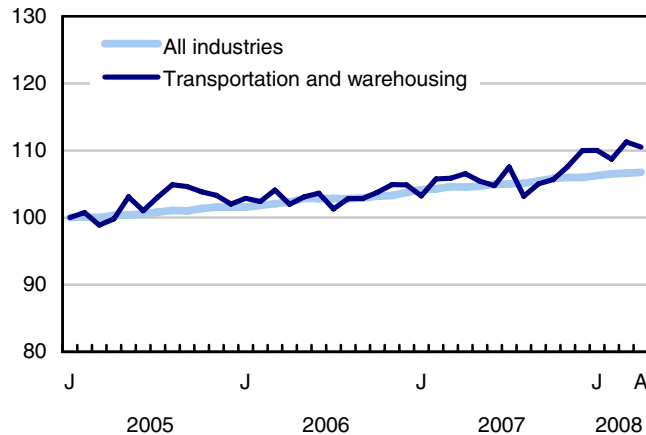
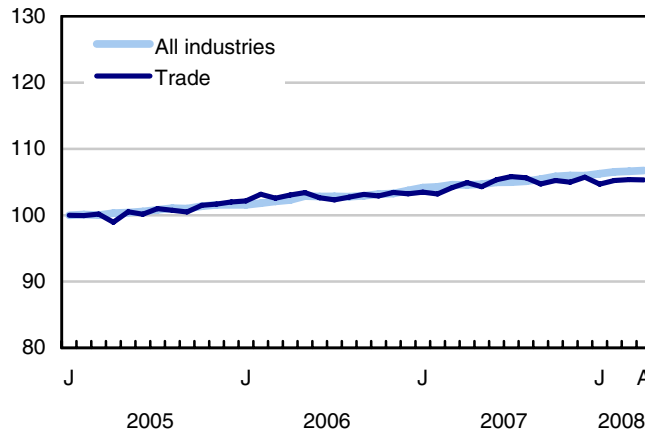
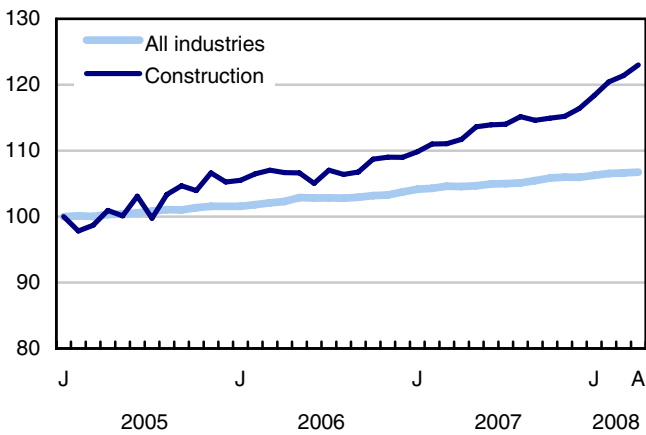
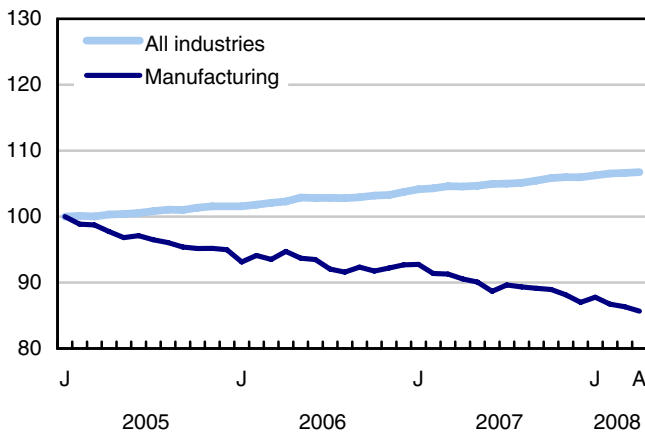
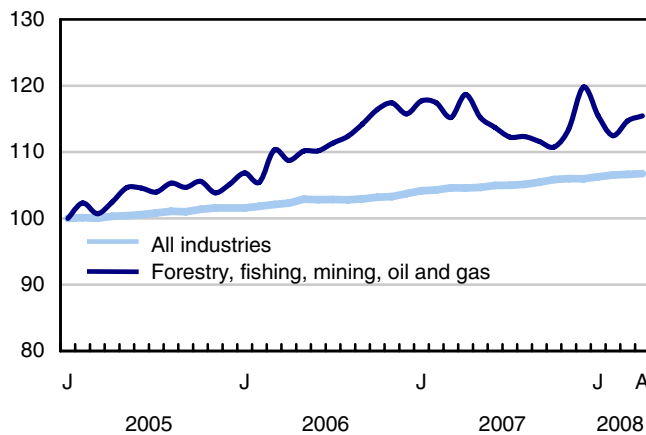
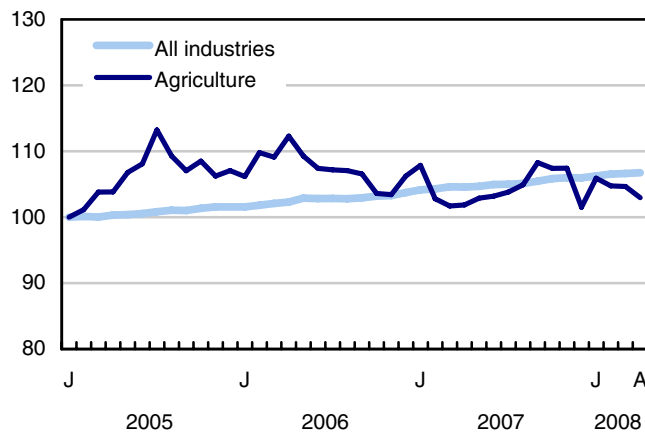
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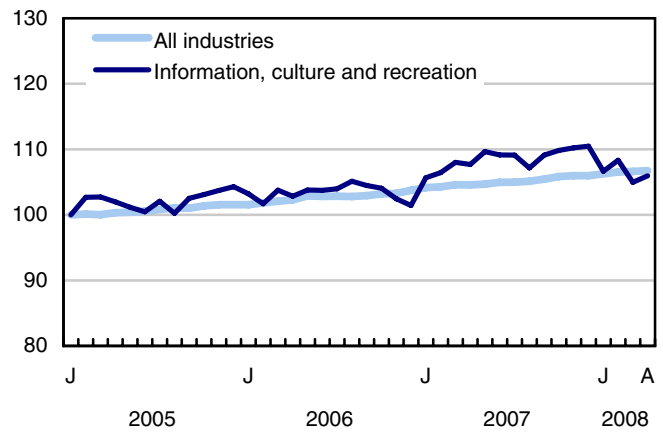
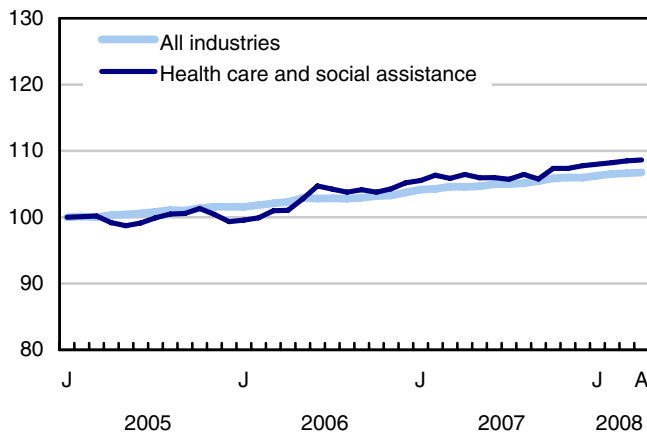
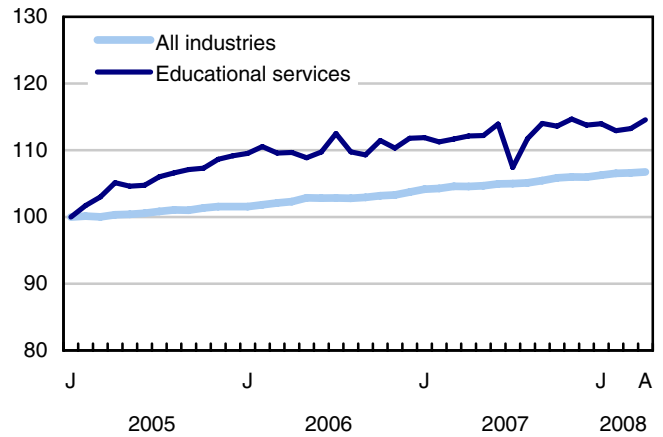
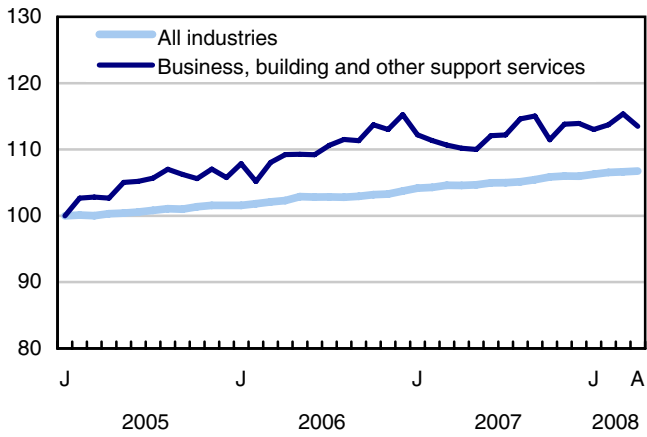
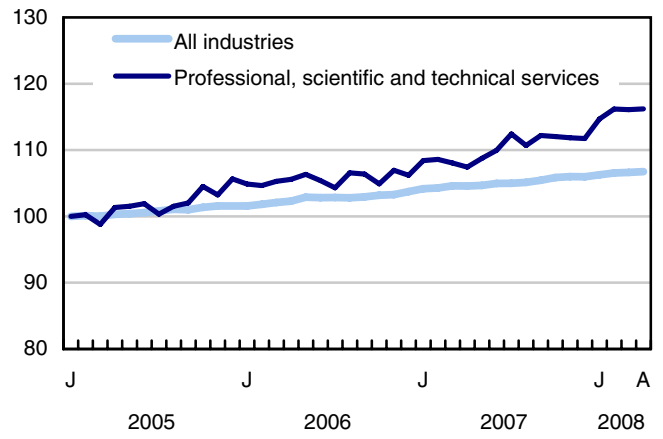
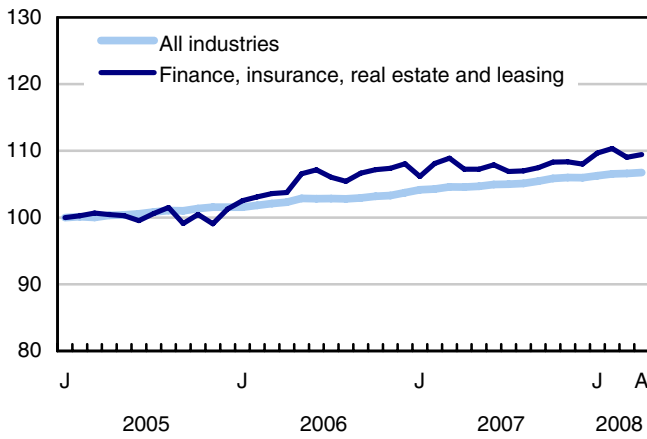
**Participation rate (%)**



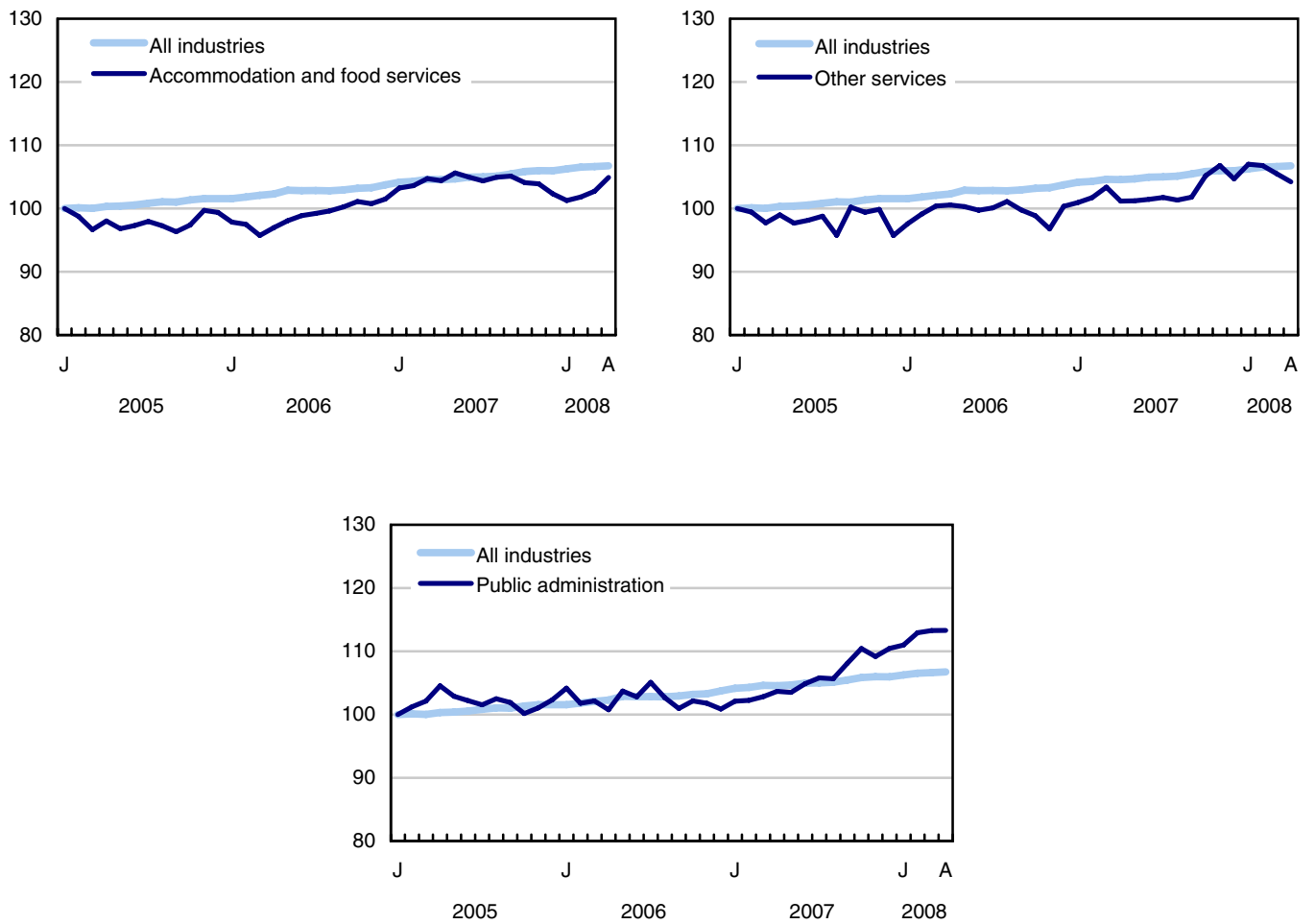
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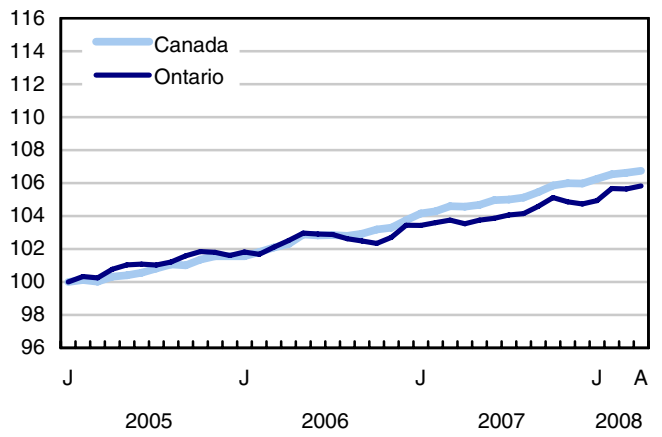
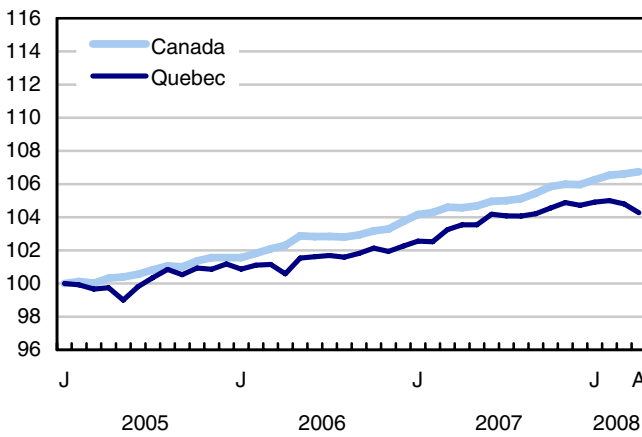
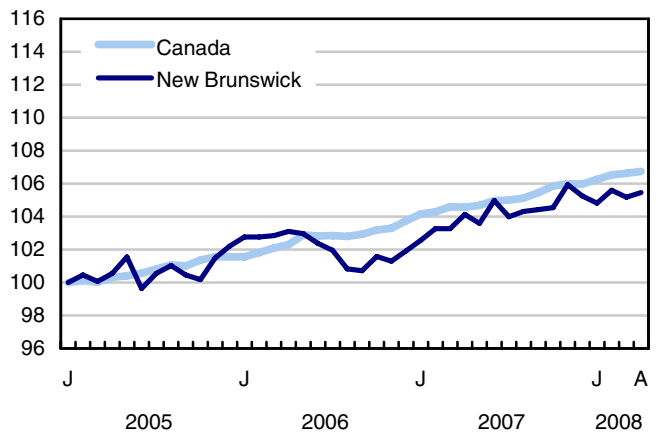
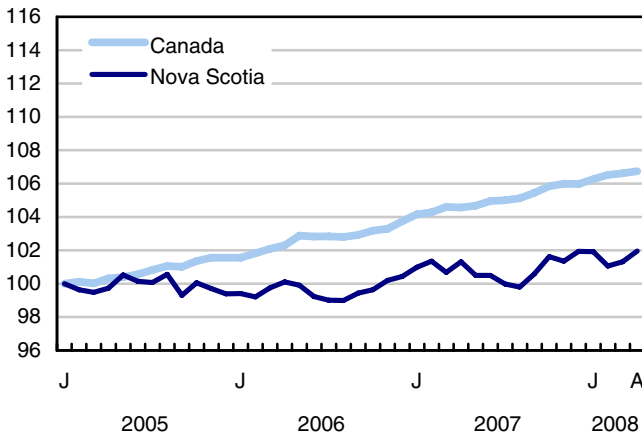
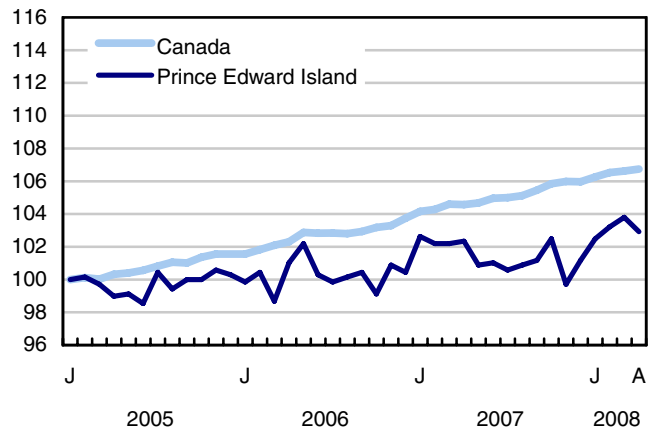
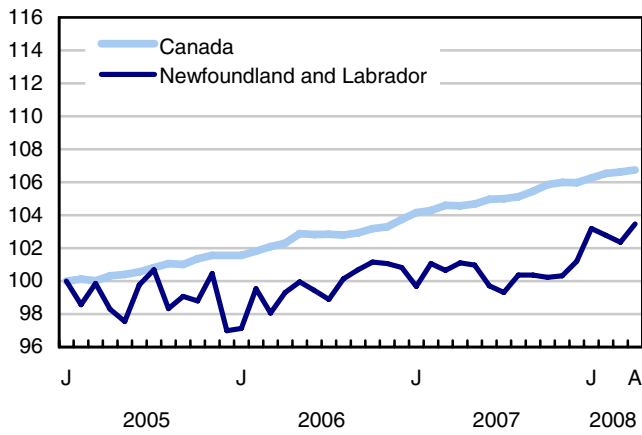
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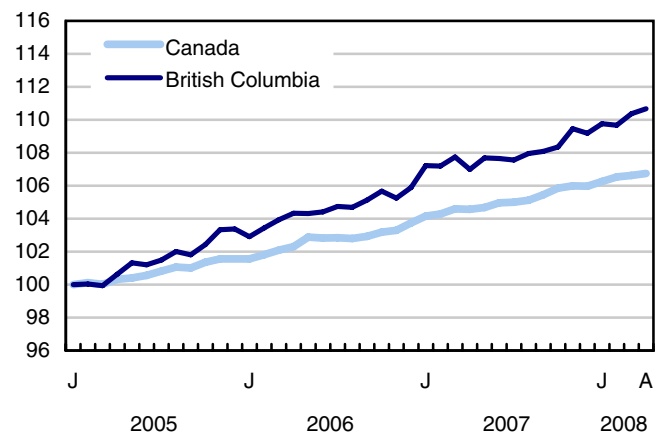
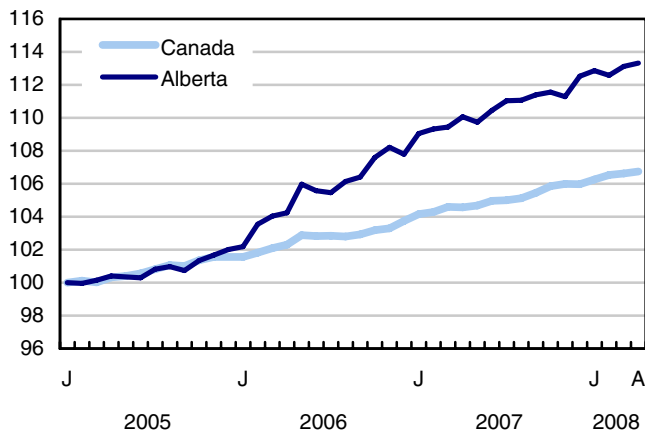
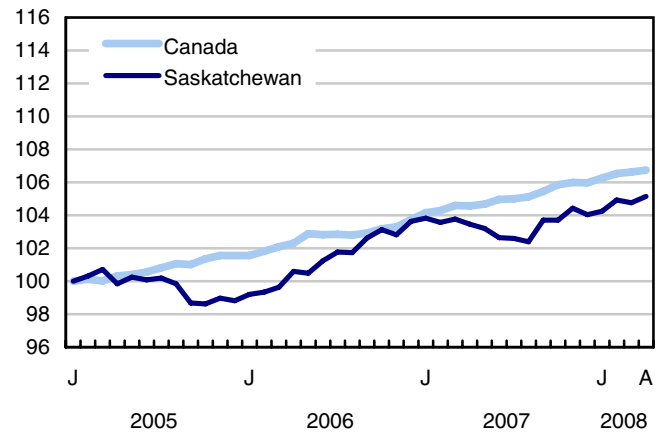
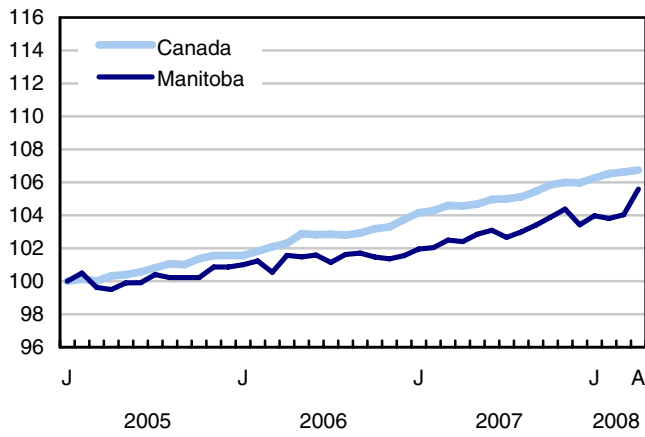
**Chart 5**  
**Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100**



**Chart 6**  
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**Chart 7**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100**





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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	26,803.4	<b>26,839.2</b>	...	<b>35.8</b>	119.7	363.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	18,216.0	<b>18,239.8</b>	27.0	<b>23.8</b>	149.6	350.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	2.0
Employment	17,116.8	<b>17,136.0</b>	27.4	<b>19.2</b>	123.5	347.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.1
Employment full-time	14,008.8	<b>14,029.4</b>	35.7	<b>20.6</b>	114.8	311.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	2.3
Employment part-time	3,108.0	<b>3,106.6</b>	32.4	<b>-1.4</b>	8.7	36.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	1.2
Unemployment	1,099.2	<b>1,103.8</b>	22.8	<b>4.6</b>	26.2	2.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	0.2
Participation rate	68.0	<b>68.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>63.8</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>18.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,369.8	<b>4,371.3</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	4.5	24.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	2,943.7	<b>2,982.8</b>	16.2	<b>39.1</b>	51.2	75.5	<b>1.3</b>	1.7	2.6
Employment	2,620.7	<b>2,631.0</b>	15.8	<b>10.3</b>	25.5	59.0	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	2.3
Employment full-time	1,443.9	<b>1,464.6</b>	17.9	<b>20.7</b>	42.7	45.0	<b>1.4</b>	3.0	3.2
Employment part-time	1,176.8	<b>1,166.3</b>	18.5	<b>-10.5</b>	-17.4	13.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.5	1.2
Unemployment	323.0	<b>351.8</b>	13.5	<b>28.8</b>	25.8	16.5	<b>8.9</b>	7.9	4.9
Participation rate	67.4	<b>68.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	<b>11.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	<b>60.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.9	<b>44.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,961.5	<b>10,978.6</b>	...	<b>17.1</b>	57.9	169.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.6
Labour force	8,149.4	<b>8,134.2</b>	13.9	<b>-15.2</b>	46.1	167.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	2.1
Employment	7,721.8	<b>7,714.1</b>	15.0	<b>-7.7</b>	53.9	184.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	2.4
Employment full-time	7,227.6	<b>7,216.8</b>	19.2	<b>-10.8</b>	51.5	181.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	2.6
Employment part-time	494.2	<b>497.2</b>	15.1	<b>3.0</b>	2.3	3.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	0.7
Unemployment	427.7	<b>420.1</b>	13.4	<b>-7.6</b>	-7.8	-16.5	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.8	-3.8
Participation rate	74.3	<b>74.1</b>	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	<b>70.3</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	11,472.1	<b>11,489.3</b>	...	<b>17.2</b>	57.3	169.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.5
Labour force	7,122.9	<b>7,122.8</b>	15.5	<b>-0.1</b>	52.3	106.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.5
Employment	6,774.3	<b>6,791.0</b>	15.5	<b>16.7</b>	44.2	104.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.6
Employment full-time	5,337.4	<b>5,347.9</b>	23.0	<b>10.5</b>	20.5	85.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.6
Employment part-time	1,437.0	<b>1,443.1</b>	21.1	<b>6.1</b>	23.7	19.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	1.4
Unemployment	348.6	<b>331.9</b>	12.1	<b>-16.7</b>	8.2	2.3	<b>-4.8</b>	2.5	0.7
Participation rate	62.1	<b>62.0</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	<b>4.7</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	<b>59.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	<b>21.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,389.9	<b>14,399.9</b>	...	<b>10.0</b>	28.2	92.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.6
Labour force	12,497.0	<b>12,490.7</b>	20.4	<b>-6.3</b>	38.5	109.7	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.9
Employment	11,858.1	<b>11,870.5</b>	21.9	<b>12.4</b>	43.4	126.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.1
Unemployment	638.9	<b>620.3</b>	16.9	<b>-18.6</b>	-4.8	-16.4	<b>-2.9</b>	-0.8	-2.6
Participation rate	86.8	<b>86.7</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.4	<b>82.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands									
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	14,508.6	<b>14,509.4</b>	32.1	<b>0.8</b>	139.6	313.3	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	2.2
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,608.2	<b>2,626.5</b>	21.1	<b>18.3</b>	-16.2	34.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	1.3
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,411.7	<b>3,420.8</b>	20.3	<b>9.1</b>	20.3	190.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	5.9
Private sector employees	11,097.0	<b>11,088.7</b>	33.1	<b>-8.3</b>	119.4	123.1	<b>-0.1</b>	1.1	1.1
<b>Industry</b>	17,116.8	<b>17,136.0</b>	27.4	<b>19.2</b>	123.5	347.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,008.1	<b>4,004.4</b>	23.3	<b>-3.7</b>	35.7	16.7	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	0.4
Agriculture	337.7	<b>332.3</b>	6.9	<b>-5.4</b>	4.7	3.6	<b>-1.6</b>	1.4	1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	339.3	<b>341.5</b>	6.5	<b>2.2</b>	-12.9	-9.6	<b>0.6</b>	-3.6	-2.7
Utilities	150.9	<b>149.0</b>	4.1	<b>-1.9</b>	8.2	21.2	<b>-1.3</b>	5.8	16.6
Construction	1,213.3	<b>1,229.5</b>	14.3	<b>16.2</b>	66.1	113.0	<b>1.3</b>	5.7	10.1
Manufacturing	1,966.9	<b>1,952.0</b>	17.9	<b>-14.9</b>	-30.5	-111.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.5	-5.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,108.7	<b>13,131.6</b>	31.1	<b>22.9</b>	87.8	331.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.6
Trade	2,697.0	<b>2,695.8</b>	20.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-10.6	10.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	0.4
Transportation and warehousing	864.8	<b>859.0</b>	11.8	<b>-5.8</b>	4.1	30.9	<b>-0.7</b>	0.5	3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,074.3	<b>1,078.4</b>	13.0	<b>4.1</b>	14.1	21.8	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,198.3	<b>1,199.4</b>	14.8	<b>1.1</b>	46.1	90.7	<b>0.1</b>	4.0	8.2
Business, building and other support services	721.1	<b>709.4</b>	12.7	<b>-11.7</b>	-2.8	20.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-0.4	3.0
Educational services	1,190.8	<b>1,204.6</b>	13.8	<b>13.8</b>	8.3	25.7	<b>1.2</b>	0.7	2.2
Health care and social assistance	1,883.1	<b>1,885.4</b>	15.0	<b>2.3</b>	14.8	38.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	2.1
Information, culture and recreation	756.2	<b>763.3</b>	12.5	<b>7.1</b>	-32.6	-12.5	<b>0.9</b>	-4.1	-1.6
Accommodation and food services	1,053.7	<b>1,075.9</b>	14.3	<b>22.2</b>	26.5	5.2	<b>2.1</b>	2.5	0.5
Other services	743.1	<b>734.0</b>	11.0	<b>-9.1</b>	-3.3	21.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.4	3.0
Public administration	926.3	<b>926.5</b>	10.2	<b>0.2</b>	23.3	78.7	<b>0.0</b>	2.6	9.3

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

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	425.4	<b>425.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.2
Labour force	253.1	<b>257.6</b>	2.2	<b>4.5</b>	7.4	5.9	<b>1.8</b>	3.0	2.3
Employment	221.3	<b>223.7</b>	2.2	<b>2.4</b>	4.9	5.1	<b>1.1</b>	2.2	2.3
Employment full-time	187.4	<b>189.1</b>	2.6	<b>1.7</b>	0.5	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	0.3	0.6
Employment part-time	34.0	<b>34.6</b>	1.8	<b>0.6</b>	4.4	3.9	<b>1.8</b>	14.6	12.7
Unemployment	31.8	<b>33.9</b>	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.5	0.8	<b>6.6</b>	8.0	2.4
Participation rate	59.5	<b>60.5</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	<b>13.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.0	<b>52.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	113.8	<b>114.0</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	79.1	<b>79.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>0.4</b>	2.5	2.5
Employment	71.0	<b>70.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	1.2	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	1.7	0.6
Employment full-time	58.8	<b>59.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	2.6	2.1
Employment part-time	12.1	<b>11.0</b>	0.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.3	-0.8	<b>-9.1</b>	-2.7	-6.8
Unemployment	8.2	<b>8.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	1.4	<b>8.5</b>	7.2	18.7
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	<b>11.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	<b>61.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	767.0	<b>767.7</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	1.9	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	487.7	<b>490.6</b>	2.8	<b>2.9</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.1	0.2
Employment	449.5	<b>452.4</b>	2.9	<b>2.9</b>	0.1	2.9	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	0.6
Employment full-time	365.3	<b>369.1</b>	3.6	<b>3.8</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	0.7
Employment part-time	84.1	<b>83.3</b>	3.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.3	0.5	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.7	0.6
Unemployment	38.3	<b>38.2</b>	2.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-1.9	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-4.7
Participation rate	63.6	<b>63.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>7.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	616.6	<b>617.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	400.2	<b>400.6</b>	2.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.8	8.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.2
Employment	366.3	<b>367.3</b>	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	4.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	1.3
Employment full-time	310.3	<b>309.3</b>	2.8	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	3.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	1.2
Employment part-time	56.1	<b>57.9</b>	2.4	<b>1.8</b>	2.4	0.9	<b>3.2</b>	4.3	1.6
Unemployment	33.9	<b>33.3</b>	2.1	<b>-0.6</b>	2.1	4.1	<b>-1.8</b>	6.7	14.0
Participation rate	64.9	<b>64.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>59.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,353.5	<b>6,358.9</b>	...	<b>5.4</b>	18.7	55.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9
Labour force	4,191.4	<b>4,183.5</b>	14.2	<b>-7.9</b>	8.7	43.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	1.0
Employment	3,887.3	<b>3,867.5</b>	14.5	<b>-19.8</b>	-16.8	27.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.7
Employment full-time	3,164.0	<b>3,154.2</b>	19.1	<b>-9.8</b>	5.0	23.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.7
Employment part-time	723.3	<b>713.3</b>	17.5	<b>-10.0</b>	-21.8	3.8	<b>-1.4</b>	-3.0	0.5
Unemployment	304.1	<b>315.9</b>	12.7	<b>11.8</b>	25.4	16.0	<b>3.9</b>	8.7	5.3
Participation rate	66.0	<b>65.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>7.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>60.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	10,459.9	<b>10,474.4</b>	...	<b>14.5</b>	48.0	142.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,146.3	<b>7,153.2</b>	18.4	<b>6.9</b>	58.0	132.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.9
Employment	6,688.2	<b>6,700.4</b>	18.5	<b>12.2</b>	69.5	145.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.2
Employment full-time	5,470.6	<b>5,481.4</b>	23.4	<b>10.8</b>	35.8	120.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.2
Employment part-time	1,217.6	<b>1,219.0</b>	20.9	<b>1.4</b>	33.7	25.4	<b>0.1</b>	2.8	2.1
Unemployment	458.0	<b>452.8</b>	15.9	<b>-5.2</b>	-11.5	-12.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.5	-2.8
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>64.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	905.9	<b>907.3</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	4.1	10.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.2
Labour force	630.1	<b>636.0</b>	2.7	<b>5.9</b>	10.7	13.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	2.1
Employment	602.7	<b>611.7</b>	2.7	<b>9.0</b>	12.6	18.5	<b>1.5</b>	2.1	3.1
Employment full-time	494.0	<b>491.3</b>	3.9	<b>-2.7</b>	3.3	17.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	3.8
Employment part-time	108.7	<b>120.4</b>	3.6	<b>11.7</b>	9.3	0.8	<b>10.8</b>	8.4	0.7
Unemployment	27.4	<b>24.3</b>	2.1	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.9	-5.5	<b>-11.3</b>	-7.3	-18.5
Participation rate	69.6	<b>70.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>3.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>67.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	762.2	<b>763.7</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	5.7	15.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0
Labour force	529.9	<b>533.0</b>	2.3	<b>3.1</b>	7.1	9.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	1.9
Employment	508.2	<b>510.1</b>	2.4	<b>1.9</b>	5.4	8.2	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	418.4	<b>420.1</b>	3.1	<b>1.7</b>	7.4	17.7	<b>0.4</b>	1.8	4.4
Employment part-time	89.8	<b>90.0</b>	2.9	<b>0.2</b>	-1.9	-9.4	<b>0.2</b>	-2.1	-9.5
Unemployment	21.8	<b>22.8</b>	1.8	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	1.4	<b>4.6</b>	7.5	6.5
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	<b>66.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,779.2	<b>2,783.8</b>	...	<b>4.6</b>	14.3	59.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.2
Labour force	2,075.9	<b>2,076.5</b>	7.9	<b>0.6</b>	16.7	57.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	2.9
Employment	2,004.5	<b>2,008.1</b>	8.2	<b>3.6</b>	14.3	57.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	3.0
Employment full-time	1,695.7	<b>1,695.6</b>	11.2	<b>-0.1</b>	17.7	58.3	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	3.6
Employment part-time	308.8	<b>312.5</b>	10.0	<b>3.7</b>	-3.4	-0.4	<b>1.2</b>	-1.1	-0.1
Unemployment	71.4	<b>68.5</b>	5.8	<b>-2.9</b>	2.5	0.1	<b>-4.1</b>	3.8	0.1
Participation rate	74.7	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	<b>72.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,619.9	<b>3,626.9</b>	...	<b>7.0</b>	24.2	69.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.0
Labour force	2,422.2	<b>2,429.4</b>	9.8	<b>7.2</b>	35.9	75.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	3.2
Employment	2,317.9	<b>2,324.3</b>	9.8	<b>6.4</b>	31.4	77.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	3.4
Employment full-time	1,843.7	<b>1,859.6</b>	13.5	<b>15.9</b>	43.1	65.0	<b>0.9</b>	2.4	3.6
Employment part-time	474.2	<b>464.7</b>	12.7	<b>-9.5</b>	-11.8	12.2	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.5	2.7
Unemployment	104.4	<b>105.1</b>	7.0	<b>0.7</b>	4.5	-1.4	<b>0.7</b>	4.5	-1.3
Participation rate	66.9	<b>67.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>64.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	425.4	<b>425.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.2
Labour force	253.1	<b>257.6</b>	2.2	<b>4.5</b>	7.4	5.9	<b>1.8</b>	3.0	2.3
Employment	221.3	<b>223.7</b>	2.2	<b>2.4</b>	4.9	5.1	<b>1.1</b>	2.2	2.3
Employment full-time	187.4	<b>189.1</b>	2.6	<b>1.7</b>	0.5	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	0.3	0.6
Unemployment	31.8	<b>33.9</b>	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.5	0.8	<b>6.6</b>	8.0	2.4
Participation rate	59.5	<b>60.5</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	<b>13.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.0	<b>52.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	<b>15.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.7	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	62.9	<b>62.8</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-1.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-2.5
Labour force	33.5	<b>35.7</b>	1.1	<b>2.2</b>	2.3	1.3	<b>6.6</b>	6.9	3.8
Employment	27.6	<b>28.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.2</b>	1.6	1.7	<b>4.3</b>	5.9	6.3
Unemployment	5.9	<b>6.9</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	-0.4	<b>16.9</b>	11.3	-5.5
Participation rate	53.3	<b>56.8</b>	1.7	<b>3.5</b>	3.7	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.6	<b>19.3</b>	2.7	<b>1.7</b>	0.7	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	43.9	<b>45.9</b>	1.7	<b>2.0</b>	2.7	3.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.8	<b>44.4</b>	3.5	<b>0.6</b>	4.7	5.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	175.2	<b>175.2</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	117.4	<b>117.4</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	3.0	4.2	<b>0.0</b>	2.6	3.7
Employment	100.9	<b>101.7</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	3.7	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	3.8
Unemployment	16.5	<b>15.7</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	2.8	0.4	<b>-4.8</b>	21.7	2.6
Participation rate	67.0	<b>67.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	1.6	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	<b>13.4</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	2.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	<b>58.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	-0.1	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.8	<b>4.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	187.4	<b>187.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	102.2	<b>104.6</b>	1.2	<b>2.4</b>	2.2	0.6	<b>2.3</b>	2.1	0.6
Employment	92.8	<b>93.2</b>	1.2	<b>0.4</b>	3.1	-0.3	<b>0.4</b>	3.4	-0.3
Unemployment	9.4	<b>11.3</b>	1.2	<b>1.9</b>	-1.0	0.8	<b>20.2</b>	-8.1	7.6
Participation rate	54.5	<b>55.8</b>	0.6	<b>1.3</b>	1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	<b>10.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	-1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.5	<b>49.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	<b>19.0</b>	1.3	<b>0.6</b>	2.3	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	221.3	<b>223.7</b>	2.2	<b>2.4</b>	4.9	5.1	<b>1.1</b>	2.2	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	1.6	<b>0.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.5	-0.3	<b>-43.8</b>	-35.7	-25.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.7	<b>15.9</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	-1.1	-2.2	<b>1.3</b>	-6.5	-12.2
Utilities	1.4	<b>1.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.1	<b>7.1</b>	-21.1	-6.2
Construction	15.9	<b>17.2</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	3.0	4.0	<b>8.2</b>	21.1	30.3
Manufacturing	14.9	<b>15.6</b>	1.1	<b>0.7</b>	0.4	-2.1	<b>4.7</b>	2.6	-11.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	171.8	<b>172.6</b>	2.0	<b>0.8</b>	3.4	5.8	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	3.5
Trade	37.9	<b>34.6</b>	1.2	<b>-3.3</b>	-1.9	-2.9	<b>-8.7</b>	-5.2	-7.7
Transportation and warehousing	11.4	<b>11.3</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	1.2	1.0	<b>-0.9</b>	11.9	9.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.5	<b>7.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-10.8	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.4	<b>9.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	1.5	<b>10.7</b>	17.7	19.2
Business, building and other support services	8.6	<b>8.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.9	<b>1.2</b>	-3.3	11.5
Educational services	15.7	<b>17.1</b>	0.8	<b>1.4</b>	1.8	-0.4	<b>8.9</b>	11.8	-2.3
Health care and social assistance	31.5	<b>32.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.9</b>	0.0	0.8	<b>2.9</b>	0.0	2.5
Information, culture and recreation	7.7	<b>8.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	-0.9	0.5	<b>9.1</b>	-9.7	6.3
Accommodation and food services	13.4	<b>13.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	-1.5	0.8	<b>2.2</b>	-9.9	6.2
Other services	10.4	<b>11.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	1.1	<b>7.7</b>	25.8	10.9
Public administration	19.3	<b>18.5</b>	0.9	<b>-0.8</b>	2.3	2.2	<b>-4.1</b>	14.2	13.5

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	113.8	<b>114.0</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.0
Labour force	79.1	<b>79.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>0.4</b>	2.5	2.5
Employment	71.0	<b>70.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	1.2	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	1.7	0.6
Employment full-time	58.8	<b>59.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	2.6	2.1
Unemployment	8.2	<b>8.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	1.4	<b>8.5</b>	7.2	18.7
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	<b>11.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	<b>61.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	<b>15.6</b>	0.9	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.7	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.6	<b>19.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.5
Labour force	14.2	<b>14.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.2	<b>1.4</b>	2.9	1.4
Employment	11.9	<b>11.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	-0.5	<b>0.0</b>	2.6	-4.0
Unemployment	2.3	<b>2.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.7	<b>8.7</b>	4.2	38.9
Participation rate	72.4	<b>73.5</b>	1.8	<b>1.1</b>	2.1	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.2	<b>17.4</b>	2.2	<b>1.2</b>	0.3	4.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	<b>60.7</b>	1.8	<b>0.0</b>	1.5	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.7	<b>40.3</b>	3.2	<b>-3.4</b>	-0.2	-2.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.2	<b>45.2</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.3
Labour force	33.0	<b>32.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	0.2	<b>-0.6</b>	1.9	0.6
Employment	30.1	<b>29.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	0.1	-0.2	<b>-3.0</b>	0.3	-0.7
Unemployment	2.9	<b>3.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	0.4	<b>24.1</b>	16.1	12.5
Participation rate	73.0	<b>72.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	1.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>11.0</b>	1.1	<b>2.2</b>	1.4	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	<b>64.6</b>	0.8	<b>-2.0</b>	0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	<b>6.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.0	<b>49.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	1.0
Labour force	31.9	<b>32.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.5	<b>0.6</b>	2.6	4.9
Employment	28.9	<b>29.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	2.5	3.5
Unemployment	3.0	<b>2.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.5	<b>-3.3</b>	3.6	20.8
Participation rate	65.1	<b>65.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.7	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	<b>9.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>59.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.3	<b>15.1</b>	1.4	<b>-2.2</b>	-1.8	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	71.0	<b>70.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	1.2	0.4	<b>-0.8</b>	1.7	0.6
Agriculture	18.4	<b>17.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	0.4	-1.3	<b>-4.3</b>	2.3	-6.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.3	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.6	<b>-3.0</b>	-3.0	-15.8
Utilities	2.8	<b>2.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.1	<b>-3.6</b>	12.5	3.8
Construction	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.1	<b>50.0</b>	0.0	50.0
Manufacturing	5.4	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-0.3	<b>-5.6</b>	10.9	-5.6
Manufacturing	6.7	<b>6.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.5	<b>-6.0</b>	-6.0	-7.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	52.5	<b>52.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	3.3
Trade	10.4	<b>10.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.1	<b>2.9</b>	0.0	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	2.8	<b>3.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	1.1	<b>10.7</b>	29.2	55.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.0	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.1	<b>-16.7</b>	-13.8	4.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.7	<b>2.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.0	<b>7.4</b>	26.1	52.6
Business, building and other support services	2.9	<b>2.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.5	<b>-17.2</b>	-14.3	-17.2
Educational services	5.2	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.5	<b>-5.8</b>	4.3	11.4
Health care and social assistance	7.9	<b>8.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	-0.2	<b>3.8</b>	0.0	-2.4
Information, culture and recreation	2.0	<b>2.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.5	<b>10.0</b>	-15.4	-18.5
Accommodation and food services	5.6	<b>5.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	-0.6	<b>0.0</b>	3.7	-9.7
Other services	2.9	<b>2.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-3.3	3.6
Public administration	7.1	<b>7.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.7	<b>4.2</b>	5.7	10.4

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	767.0	<b>767.7</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	1.9	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	487.7	<b>490.6</b>	2.8	<b>2.9</b>	0.4	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	0.1	0.2
Employment	449.5	<b>452.4</b>	2.9	<b>2.9</b>	0.1	2.9	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	0.6
Employment full-time	365.3	<b>369.1</b>	3.6	<b>3.8</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	0.7
Unemployment	38.3	<b>38.2</b>	2.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	-1.9	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-4.7
Participation rate	63.6	<b>63.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>7.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	<b>18.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	121.8	<b>121.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	79.7	<b>81.7</b>	1.6	<b>2.0</b>	-1.6	-1.0	<b>2.5</b>	-1.9	-1.2
Employment	68.8	<b>70.4</b>	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	-0.5	-1.0	<b>2.3</b>	-0.7	-1.4
Unemployment	10.9	<b>11.4</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	-1.0	0.1	<b>4.6</b>	-8.1	0.9
Participation rate	65.4	<b>67.1</b>	1.3	<b>1.7</b>	-1.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	<b>14.0</b>	1.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	<b>57.8</b>	1.3	<b>1.3</b>	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.8	<b>44.6</b>	2.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.8	3.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	307.7	<b>308.0</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	2.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	211.1	<b>210.0</b>	1.5	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.7	-0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.4
Employment	194.5	<b>194.9</b>	1.7	<b>0.4</b>	-1.1	2.0	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	1.0
Unemployment	16.6	<b>15.1</b>	1.6	<b>-1.5</b>	0.4	-2.8	<b>-9.0</b>	2.7	-15.6
Participation rate	68.6	<b>68.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	<b>7.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	<b>63.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	337.5	<b>337.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	2.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	196.9	<b>198.8</b>	1.5	<b>1.9</b>	2.6	2.7	<b>1.0</b>	1.3	1.4
Employment	186.2	<b>187.1</b>	1.5	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	1.9	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.0
Unemployment	10.7	<b>11.7</b>	1.3	<b>1.0</b>	0.8	0.8	<b>9.3</b>	7.3	7.3
Participation rate	58.3	<b>58.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	<b>55.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	<b>21.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Goods-producing sector	449.5	<b>452.4</b>	2.9	<b>2.9</b>	0.1	2.9	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	0.6
Agriculture	90.7	<b>93.8</b>	2.3	<b>3.1</b>	1.8	4.1	<b>3.4</b>	2.0	4.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.8	<b>6.9</b>	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	1.2	1.3	<b>19.0</b>	21.1	23.2
Utilities	12.5	<b>13.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	-0.6	-0.5	<b>4.8</b>	-4.4	-3.7
Construction	3.0	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.3	<b>6.7</b>	23.1	68.4
Manufacturing	30.7	<b>31.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	3.7	5.4	<b>3.3</b>	13.2	20.5
Services-producing sector	38.7	<b>39.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-3.0	-3.3	<b>0.8</b>	-7.1	-7.8
Trade	358.8	<b>358.6</b>	3.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.7	-1.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.3
Transportation and warehousing	79.5	<b>80.8</b>	1.9	<b>1.3</b>	5.9	1.9	<b>1.6</b>	7.9	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	18.9	<b>17.5</b>	0.9	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.9	-0.6	<b>-7.4</b>	-9.8	-3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.1	<b>22.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	-2.0	<b>0.0</b>	2.8	-8.3
Business, building and other support services	19.3	<b>18.6</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.2	3.0	<b>-3.6</b>	-1.1	19.2
Educational services	28.6	<b>28.5</b>	1.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.6	3.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-8.4	12.6
Health care and social assistance	33.3	<b>33.7</b>	1.3	<b>0.4</b>	-0.7	-4.7	<b>1.2</b>	-2.0	-12.2
Information, culture and recreation	59.0	<b>59.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	-2.1	-1.1	<b>0.5</b>	-3.4	-1.8
Accommodation and food services	19.3	<b>20.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	-1.1	1.9	<b>4.1</b>	-5.2	10.4
Other services	29.2	<b>28.9</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-2.9	<b>-1.0</b>	0.0	-9.1
Public administration	19.7	<b>19.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-1.9	<b>-2.0</b>	1.0	-9.0
	29.8	<b>29.8</b>	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	2.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	7.2

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	616.6	<b>617.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.7
Labour force	400.2	<b>400.6</b>	2.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.8	8.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.2
Employment	366.3	<b>367.3</b>	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	4.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	1.3
Employment full-time	310.3	<b>309.3</b>	2.8	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	3.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	1.2
Unemployment	33.9	<b>33.3</b>	2.1	<b>-0.6</b>	2.1	4.1	<b>-1.8</b>	6.7	14.0
Participation rate	64.9	<b>64.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>59.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.3	<b>15.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	94.9	<b>94.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.2
Labour force	63.3	<b>62.5</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	1.3	<b>-1.3</b>	0.0	2.1
Employment	54.1	<b>53.0</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.1	-1.6	<b>-2.0</b>	-3.8	-2.9
Unemployment	9.1	<b>9.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.4</b>	2.1	2.9	<b>4.4</b>	28.4	43.9
Participation rate	66.7	<b>65.9</b>	1.4	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	<b>15.2</b>	1.7	<b>0.8</b>	3.4	4.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	<b>55.8</b>	1.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.6	<b>42.1</b>	2.4	<b>0.5</b>	2.1	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	252.0	<b>252.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	2.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	175.4	<b>176.0</b>	1.3	<b>0.6</b>	-0.2	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.6
Employment	159.8	<b>160.7</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	-0.6	-0.4	<b>0.6</b>	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployment	15.6	<b>15.3</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.4	<b>-1.9</b>	2.7	10.1
Participation rate	69.6	<b>69.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	<b>8.7</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.1	<b>5.2</b>	0.7	<b>1.0</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	269.6	<b>269.9</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	2.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Labour force	161.5	<b>162.1</b>	1.3	<b>0.6</b>	3.1	6.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.9	4.1
Employment	152.4	<b>153.6</b>	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	3.4	6.6	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	4.5
Unemployment	9.1	<b>8.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.1	<b>-5.5</b>	-3.4	-1.1
Participation rate	59.9	<b>60.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	<b>56.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	<b>17.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	366.3	<b>367.3</b>	2.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	4.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	7.4	<b>5.5</b>	0.6	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.6	-0.8	<b>-25.7</b>	-9.8	-12.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.7	<b>11.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>1.7</b>	2.6	2.6
Utilities	4.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>22.0</b>	25.0	25.0
Construction	23.5	<b>24.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.3</b>	-0.5	1.8	<b>5.5</b>	-2.0	7.8
Manufacturing	33.3	<b>34.4</b>	1.3	<b>1.1</b>	-2.3	-6.1	<b>3.3</b>	-6.3	-15.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	286.3	<b>285.7</b>	2.4	<b>-0.6</b>	2.8	8.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.0	3.0
Trade	57.1	<b>59.2</b>	1.5	<b>2.1</b>	2.3	3.0	<b>3.7</b>	4.0	5.3
Transportation and warehousing	19.9	<b>19.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.0	-0.1	<b>-4.5</b>	-5.0	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	16.4	<b>16.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.0	-0.5	<b>-1.8</b>	-5.8	-3.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.6	<b>16.6</b>	0.8	<b>-2.0</b>	-1.5	1.9	<b>-10.8</b>	-8.3	12.9
Business, building and other support services	19.5	<b>18.8</b>	1.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.9	<b>-3.6</b>	-3.1	-4.6
Educational services	25.7	<b>27.4</b>	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	0.1	<b>6.6</b>	6.6	0.4
Health care and social assistance	49.5	<b>49.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	2.3	<b>0.4</b>	-0.2	4.9
Information, culture and recreation	12.8	<b>13.9</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	1.9	1.1	<b>8.6</b>	15.8	8.6
Accommodation and food services	26.0	<b>24.4</b>	1.1	<b>-1.6</b>	1.2	-1.9	<b>-6.2</b>	5.2	-7.2
Other services	16.2	<b>16.4</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	-1.2	0.1	<b>1.2</b>	-6.8	0.6
Public administration	24.6	<b>24.2</b>	0.9	<b>-0.4</b>	0.9	3.2	<b>-1.6</b>	3.9	15.2

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,353.5	<b>6,358.9</b>	...	<b>5.4</b>	18.7	55.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9
Labour force	4,191.4	<b>4,183.5</b>	14.2	<b>-7.9</b>	8.7	43.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	1.0
Employment	3,887.3	<b>3,867.5</b>	14.5	<b>-19.8</b>	-16.8	27.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.7
Employment full-time	3,164.0	<b>3,154.2</b>	19.1	<b>-9.8</b>	5.0	23.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.7
Unemployment	304.1	<b>315.9</b>	12.7	<b>11.8</b>	25.4	16.0	<b>3.9</b>	8.7	5.3
Participation rate	66.0	<b>65.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>7.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>60.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	<b>18.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	958.2	<b>958.7</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	4.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	652.6	<b>651.9</b>	8.3	<b>-0.7</b>	11.9	14.8	<b>-0.1</b>	1.9	2.3
Employment	576.2	<b>560.2</b>	8.2	<b>-16.0</b>	-4.6	3.9	<b>-2.8</b>	-0.8	0.7
Unemployment	76.4	<b>91.7</b>	7.3	<b>15.3</b>	16.5	10.9	<b>20.0</b>	21.9	13.5
Participation rate	68.1	<b>68.0</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	<b>14.1</b>	1.1	<b>2.4</b>	2.3	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>58.4</b>	0.9	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.3	<b>47.5</b>	1.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.5	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,635.8	<b>2,638.3</b>	...	<b>2.5</b>	8.5	25.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	1,882.5	<b>1,879.7</b>	7.9	<b>-2.8</b>	-3.0	13.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	0.7
Employment	1,748.4	<b>1,744.1</b>	8.2	<b>-4.3</b>	-5.6	13.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.8
Unemployment	134.2	<b>135.6</b>	7.9	<b>1.4</b>	2.6	0.3	<b>1.0</b>	2.0	0.2
Participation rate	71.4	<b>71.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	<b>7.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	<b>7.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,759.4	<b>2,762.0</b>	...	<b>2.6</b>	8.5	25.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9
Labour force	1,656.3	<b>1,651.9</b>	7.9	<b>-4.4</b>	-0.2	15.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.9
Employment	1,562.7	<b>1,563.2</b>	8.1	<b>0.5</b>	-6.6	10.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	0.7
Unemployment	93.6	<b>88.7</b>	6.5	<b>-4.9</b>	6.4	5.0	<b>-5.2</b>	7.8	6.0
Participation rate	60.0	<b>59.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	<b>56.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>20.6</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,887.3	<b>3,867.5</b>	14.5	<b>-19.8</b>	-16.8	27.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	880.8	<b>882.6</b>	12.0	<b>1.8</b>	3.0	14.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	1.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	75.2	<b>69.0</b>	3.4	<b>-6.2</b>	-1.9	7.6	<b>-8.2</b>	-2.7	12.4
Utilities	32.2	<b>32.5</b>	2.2	<b>0.3</b>	-2.5	-5.1	<b>0.9</b>	-7.1	-13.6
Construction	34.2	<b>32.9</b>	2.0	<b>-1.3</b>	1.2	3.6	<b>-3.8</b>	3.8	12.3
Manufacturing	210.2	<b>215.3</b>	6.5	<b>5.1</b>	5.7	20.6	<b>2.4</b>	2.7	10.6
	529.0	<b>532.9</b>	9.8	<b>3.9</b>	0.6	-12.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	-2.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	3,006.5	<b>2,985.0</b>	16.1	<b>-21.5</b>	-19.7	13.0	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.7	0.4
Trade	629.3	<b>630.5</b>	10.9	<b>1.2</b>	-10.9	-23.7	<b>0.2</b>	-1.7	-3.6
Transportation and warehousing	191.9	<b>198.1</b>	6.0	<b>6.2</b>	9.5	21.5	<b>3.2</b>	5.0	12.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	236.5	<b>232.4</b>	6.3	<b>-4.1</b>	-1.1	-2.3	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.5	-1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	275.8	<b>266.6</b>	7.6	<b>-9.2</b>	-0.3	18.2	<b>-3.3</b>	-0.1	7.3
Business, building and other support services	134.6	<b>130.5</b>	6.3	<b>-4.1</b>	-4.4	-26.9	<b>-3.0</b>	-3.3	-17.1
Educational services	261.0	<b>262.2</b>	6.8	<b>1.2</b>	-0.5	4.1	<b>0.5</b>	-0.2	1.6
Health care and social assistance	464.5	<b>456.5</b>	7.9	<b>-8.0</b>	-4.5	-1.7	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.0	-0.4
Information, culture and recreation	168.3	<b>169.2</b>	6.6	<b>0.9</b>	4.6	-2.1	<b>0.5</b>	2.8	-1.2
Accommodation and food services	240.8	<b>238.5</b>	7.5	<b>-2.3</b>	-7.5	10.4	<b>-1.0</b>	-3.0	4.6
Other services	180.9	<b>172.5</b>	5.8	<b>-8.4</b>	-10.0	1.6	<b>-4.6</b>	-5.5	0.9
Public administration	222.9	<b>227.9</b>	5.5	<b>5.0</b>	5.4	13.7	<b>2.2</b>	2.4	6.4

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	10,459.9	<b>10,474.4</b>	...	<b>14.5</b>	48.0	142.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,146.3	<b>7,153.2</b>	18.4	<b>6.9</b>	58.0	132.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.9
Employment	6,688.2	<b>6,700.4</b>	18.5	<b>12.2</b>	69.5	145.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.2
Employment full-time	5,470.6	<b>5,481.4</b>	23.4	<b>10.8</b>	35.8	120.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.2
Unemployment	458.0	<b>452.8</b>	15.9	<b>-5.2</b>	-11.5	-12.9	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.5	-2.8
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>64.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	<b>18.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,729.7	<b>1,730.5</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	13.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.8
Labour force	1,113.2	<b>1,138.3</b>	11.3	<b>25.1</b>	16.7	17.3	<b>2.3</b>	1.5	1.5
Employment	965.6	<b>982.8</b>	10.8	<b>17.2</b>	13.3	11.1	<b>1.8</b>	1.4	1.1
Unemployment	147.6	<b>155.5</b>	9.5	<b>7.9</b>	3.4	6.2	<b>5.4</b>	2.2	4.2
Participation rate	64.4	<b>65.8</b>	0.7	<b>1.4</b>	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	<b>13.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	<b>56.8</b>	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.1	<b>48.6</b>	1.1	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.3	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,243.5	<b>4,249.9</b>	...	<b>6.4</b>	21.2	60.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.4
Labour force	3,179.8	<b>3,166.2</b>	9.1	<b>-13.6</b>	18.4	67.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.6	2.2
Employment	3,018.3	<b>3,008.8</b>	9.9	<b>-9.5</b>	33.3	83.0	<b>-0.3</b>	1.1	2.8
Unemployment	161.5	<b>157.4</b>	9.0	<b>-4.1</b>	-14.9	-15.5	<b>-2.5</b>	-8.6	-9.0
Participation rate	74.9	<b>74.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.1	<b>70.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,486.7	<b>4,494.0</b>	...	<b>7.3</b>	24.5	68.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.6
Labour force	2,853.3	<b>2,848.7</b>	10.5	<b>-4.6</b>	22.9	47.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	1.7
Employment	2,704.4	<b>2,708.8</b>	10.3	<b>4.4</b>	22.8	51.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.9
Unemployment	148.9	<b>139.8</b>	8.4	<b>-9.1</b>	0.0	-3.7	<b>-6.1</b>	0.0	-2.6
Participation rate	63.6	<b>63.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	<b>60.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	<b>20.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	6,688.2	<b>6,700.4</b>	18.5	<b>12.2</b>	69.5	145.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	78.1	<b>80.2</b>	4.0	<b>2.1</b>	-7.8	-18.0	<b>2.7</b>	-8.9	-18.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.5	<b>38.9</b>	2.2	<b>0.4</b>	4.3	0.4	<b>1.0</b>	12.4	1.0
Utilities	64.9	<b>64.2</b>	2.7	<b>-0.7</b>	4.5	7.8	<b>-1.1</b>	7.5	13.8
Construction	434.3	<b>444.0</b>	9.5	<b>9.7</b>	38.8	33.5	<b>2.2</b>	9.6	8.2
Manufacturing	915.1	<b>900.2</b>	12.6	<b>-14.9</b>	-20.3	-49.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.2	-5.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	5,157.2	<b>5,173.0</b>	21.0	<b>15.8</b>	50.1	171.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	3.4
Trade	1,032.7	<b>1,021.9</b>	13.4	<b>-10.8</b>	-18.6	-14.5	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	-1.4
Transportation and warehousing	322.0	<b>314.1</b>	7.7	<b>-7.9</b>	7.2	3.1	<b>-2.5</b>	2.3	1.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	466.7	<b>462.5</b>	9.2	<b>-4.2</b>	-8.1	0.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.7	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	486.2	<b>497.6</b>	10.2	<b>11.4</b>	17.4	30.5	<b>2.3</b>	3.6	6.5
Business, building and other support services	321.2	<b>326.3</b>	9.0	<b>5.1</b>	23.2	42.6	<b>1.6</b>	7.7	15.0
Educational services	491.4	<b>495.1</b>	9.5	<b>3.7</b>	0.5	43.1	<b>0.8</b>	0.1	9.5
Health care and social assistance	698.3	<b>708.7</b>	9.8	<b>10.4</b>	26.1	37.9	<b>1.5</b>	3.8	5.6
Information, culture and recreation	314.3	<b>317.1</b>	8.4	<b>2.8</b>	-22.0	-6.1	<b>0.9</b>	-6.5	-1.9
Accommodation and food services	381.2	<b>390.8</b>	9.1	<b>9.6</b>	12.2	-16.0	<b>2.5</b>	3.2	-3.9
Other services	276.3	<b>271.5</b>	7.2	<b>-4.8</b>	-5.8	8.9	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.1	3.4
Public administration	366.8	<b>367.4</b>	6.8	<b>0.6</b>	18.0	41.8	<b>0.2</b>	5.2	12.8

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	905.9	<b>907.3</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	4.1	10.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.2
Labour force	630.1	<b>636.0</b>	2.7	<b>5.9</b>	10.7	13.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	2.1
Employment	602.7	<b>611.7</b>	2.7	<b>9.0</b>	12.6	18.5	<b>1.5</b>	2.1	3.1
Employment full-time	494.0	<b>491.3</b>	3.9	<b>-2.7</b>	3.3	17.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	3.8
Unemployment	27.4	<b>24.3</b>	2.1	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.9	-5.5	<b>-11.3</b>	-7.3	-18.5
Participation rate	69.6	<b>70.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>3.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>67.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	<b>19.7</b>	0.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	157.9	<b>158.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.1
Labour force	114.2	<b>116.7</b>	1.7	<b>2.5</b>	2.9	1.6	<b>2.2</b>	2.5	1.4
Employment	103.8	<b>105.9</b>	1.6	<b>2.1</b>	2.7	2.1	<b>2.0</b>	2.6	2.0
Unemployment	10.4	<b>10.8</b>	1.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	-0.6	<b>3.8</b>	2.9	-5.3
Participation rate	72.3	<b>73.8</b>	1.1	<b>1.5</b>	1.5	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	<b>9.3</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	<b>67.0</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.1	<b>45.3</b>	2.0	<b>4.2</b>	2.8	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	365.7	<b>366.2</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	4.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	279.8	<b>278.5</b>	1.4	<b>-1.3</b>	2.9	5.2	<b>-0.5</b>	1.1	1.9
Employment	270.0	<b>272.2</b>	1.5	<b>2.2</b>	4.3	9.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	3.6
Unemployment	9.8	<b>6.2</b>	1.1	<b>-3.6</b>	-1.5	-4.3	<b>-36.7</b>	-19.5	-41.0
Participation rate	76.5	<b>76.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	<b>2.2</b>	0.4	<b>-1.3</b>	-0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.8	<b>74.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	<b>6.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	382.3	<b>382.9</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	4.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.1
Labour force	236.1	<b>240.8</b>	1.6	<b>4.7</b>	4.9	6.3	<b>2.0</b>	2.1	2.7
Employment	229.0	<b>233.6</b>	1.6	<b>4.6</b>	5.7	7.0	<b>2.0</b>	2.5	3.1
Unemployment	7.2	<b>7.2</b>	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-8.9	-8.9
Participation rate	61.8	<b>62.9</b>	0.4	<b>1.1</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>3.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	<b>61.0</b>	0.4	<b>1.1</b>	1.2	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	<b>23.8</b>	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Goods-producing sector	146.7	<b>148.0</b>	2.5	<b>1.3</b>	0.9	5.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.6	3.6
Agriculture	27.7	<b>28.7</b>	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	2.2	-1.1	<b>3.6</b>	8.3	-3.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.4	<b>6.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	-4.5	0.0
Utilities	6.1	<b>6.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	1.4	<b>4.9</b>	25.5	28.0
Construction	36.0	<b>35.6</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	3.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.7	10.2
Manufacturing	70.6	<b>70.8</b>	1.8	<b>0.2</b>	-1.8	1.4	<b>0.3</b>	-2.5	2.0
Services-producing sector	456.0	<b>463.8</b>	3.2	<b>7.8</b>	11.8	13.5	<b>1.7</b>	2.6	3.0
Trade	90.3	<b>93.8</b>	2.1	<b>3.5</b>	6.1	3.5	<b>3.9</b>	7.0	3.9
Transportation and warehousing	37.9	<b>35.4</b>	1.2	<b>-2.5</b>	0.9	1.5	<b>-6.6</b>	2.6	4.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	37.7	<b>38.9</b>	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	0.0	5.8	<b>3.2</b>	0.0	17.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.3	<b>27.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.6	<b>0.7</b>	6.2	10.4
Business, building and other support services	18.5	<b>18.1</b>	1.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.1	1.5	<b>-2.2</b>	-5.7	9.0
Educational services	47.2	<b>45.6</b>	1.5	<b>-1.6</b>	0.1	-1.1	<b>-3.4</b>	0.2	-2.4
Health care and social assistance	77.1	<b>80.1</b>	1.9	<b>3.0</b>	4.5	-0.8	<b>3.9</b>	6.0	-1.0
Information, culture and recreation	22.3	<b>24.1</b>	1.2	<b>1.8</b>	-0.3	1.2	<b>8.1</b>	-1.2	5.2
Accommodation and food services	37.9	<b>37.2</b>	1.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.4	-0.6	<b>-1.8</b>	-3.6	-1.6
Other services	25.2	<b>27.8</b>	1.2	<b>2.6</b>	2.3	2.7	<b>10.3</b>	9.0	10.8
Public administration	34.6	<b>35.3</b>	1.3	<b>0.7</b>	-0.9	-2.7	<b>2.0</b>	-2.5	-7.1

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**

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	762.2	<b>763.7</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	5.7	15.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.0
Labour force	529.9	<b>533.0</b>	2.3	<b>3.1</b>	7.1	9.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	1.9
Employment	508.2	<b>510.1</b>	2.4	<b>1.9</b>	5.4	8.2	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	418.4	<b>420.1</b>	3.1	<b>1.7</b>	7.4	17.7	<b>0.4</b>	1.8	4.4
Unemployment	21.8	<b>22.8</b>	1.8	<b>1.0</b>	1.6	1.4	<b>4.6</b>	7.5	6.5
Participation rate	69.5	<b>69.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	<b>66.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	<b>17.6</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.1	<b>139.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.4
Labour force	99.9	<b>102.3</b>	1.4	<b>2.4</b>	3.7	2.6	<b>2.4</b>	3.8	2.6
Employment	93.0	<b>93.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.8</b>	2.9	1.7	<b>0.9</b>	3.2	1.8
Unemployment	7.0	<b>8.5</b>	1.2	<b>1.5</b>	0.8	0.9	<b>21.4</b>	10.4	11.8
Participation rate	71.8	<b>73.5</b>	1.0	<b>1.7</b>	2.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>8.3</b>	1.2	<b>1.3</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	<b>67.4</b>	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.3	<b>35.3</b>	1.7	<b>-1.1</b>	-4.1	-5.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	304.5	<b>305.2</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	2.4	6.7	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.2
Labour force	233.3	<b>233.2</b>	1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	1.7	5.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	2.2
Employment	225.6	<b>226.0</b>	1.2	<b>0.4</b>	1.9	6.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.7
Unemployment	7.6	<b>7.3</b>	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	-0.8	<b>-3.9</b>	-2.7	-9.9
Participation rate	76.6	<b>76.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>3.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.1	<b>74.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	<b>6.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	318.6	<b>319.3</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	6.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.1
Labour force	196.7	<b>197.4</b>	1.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.7	2.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.0
Employment	189.6	<b>190.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	7.2	<b>7.1</b>	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	1.4	<b>-1.4</b>	16.4	24.6
Participation rate	61.7	<b>61.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	<b>59.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	<b>22.0</b>	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-3.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	133.8	<b>138.8</b>	2.2	<b>5.0</b>	6.5	6.6	<b>3.7</b>	4.9	5.0
Agriculture	38.6	<b>41.0</b>	1.5	<b>2.4</b>	-0.2	-4.0	<b>6.2</b>	-0.5	-8.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	24.6	<b>24.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.2	2.5	<b>0.8</b>	9.7	11.2
Utilities	5.1	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	1.8	<b>3.9</b>	3.9	51.4
Construction	34.8	<b>35.6</b>	1.3	<b>0.8</b>	3.2	4.6	<b>2.3</b>	9.9	14.8
Manufacturing	30.7	<b>32.2</b>	1.2	<b>1.5</b>	1.2	1.7	<b>4.9</b>	3.9	5.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	374.4	<b>371.3</b>	2.8	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.1	1.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.3	0.4
Trade	84.8	<b>82.0</b>	1.9	<b>-2.8</b>	-1.4	-2.8	<b>-3.3</b>	-1.7	-3.3
Transportation and warehousing	25.5	<b>25.8</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	3.2	5.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.0	<b>28.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	2.4	<b>1.4</b>	3.3	9.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.4	<b>20.7</b>	0.9	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.3	<b>-3.3</b>	-2.8	-1.4
Business, building and other support services	11.7	<b>11.2</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	1.7	<b>-4.3</b>	-0.9	17.9
Educational services	37.7	<b>36.4</b>	1.3	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.9	-3.9	<b>-3.4</b>	-7.4	-9.7
Health care and social assistance	61.7	<b>61.6</b>	1.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.3
Information, culture and recreation	21.2	<b>21.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	8.7
Accommodation and food services	31.7	<b>32.1</b>	1.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.2	1.6	<b>1.3</b>	3.9	5.2
Other services	22.2	<b>22.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	-0.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	-3.0
Public administration	28.5	<b>29.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.9</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>3.2</b>	2.4	2.4

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,779.2	<b>2,783.8</b>	...	<b>4.6</b>	14.3	59.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.2
Labour force	2,075.9	<b>2,076.5</b>	7.9	<b>0.6</b>	16.7	57.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	2.9
Employment	2,004.5	<b>2,008.1</b>	8.2	<b>3.6</b>	14.3	57.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	3.0
Employment full-time	1,695.7	<b>1,695.6</b>	11.2	<b>-0.1</b>	17.7	58.3	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	3.6
Unemployment	71.4	<b>68.5</b>	5.8	<b>-2.9</b>	2.5	0.1	<b>-4.1</b>	3.8	0.1
Participation rate	74.7	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	<b>72.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	<b>15.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	503.7	<b>503.4</b>	...	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	0.2
Labour force	372.1	<b>373.6</b>	4.9	<b>1.5</b>	7.1	11.8	<b>0.4</b>	1.9	3.3
Employment	346.1	<b>349.9</b>	5.0	<b>3.8</b>	4.2	18.3	<b>1.1</b>	1.2	5.5
Unemployment	26.0	<b>23.7</b>	3.7	<b>-2.3</b>	2.9	-6.5	<b>-8.8</b>	13.9	-21.5
Participation rate	73.9	<b>74.2</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.7	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.3</b>	1.0	<b>-0.7</b>	0.6	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.7	<b>69.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	3.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	31.2	<b>31.5</b>	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,145.6	<b>1,148.7</b>	...	<b>3.1</b>	10.7	33.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	3.0
Labour force	947.4	<b>949.1</b>	3.8	<b>1.7</b>	9.4	37.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	4.1
Employment	924.9	<b>926.6</b>	4.3	<b>1.7</b>	10.3	34.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	3.8
Unemployment	22.5	<b>22.5</b>	3.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	3.1	<b>0.0</b>	-3.8	16.0
Participation rate	82.7	<b>82.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.7	<b>80.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	<b>5.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,129.9	<b>1,131.7</b>	...	<b>1.8</b>	5.5	24.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	2.2
Labour force	756.4	<b>753.8</b>	4.6	<b>-2.6</b>	0.2	8.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	1.2
Employment	733.5	<b>731.6</b>	4.8	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.1	5.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.7
Unemployment	22.9	<b>22.2</b>	3.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.3	3.4	<b>-3.1</b>	1.4	18.1
Participation rate	66.9	<b>66.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>2.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	<b>64.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	<b>21.1</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,004.5	<b>2,008.1</b>	8.2	<b>3.6</b>	14.3	57.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	3.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	60.8	<b>60.0</b>	2.8	<b>-0.8</b>	8.0	16.0	<b>-1.3</b>	15.4	36.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	148.7	<b>145.9</b>	4.5	<b>-2.8</b>	-10.2	-4.9	<b>-1.9</b>	-6.5	-3.2
Utilities	16.2	<b>17.1</b>	1.7	<b>0.9</b>	-0.1	-0.2	<b>5.6</b>	-0.6	-1.2
Construction	203.6	<b>204.2</b>	5.3	<b>0.6</b>	5.6	14.1	<b>0.3</b>	2.8	7.4
Manufacturing	134.0	<b>134.3</b>	4.8	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-10.9	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	-7.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,441.2	<b>1,446.5</b>	9.9	<b>5.3</b>	11.0	43.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	3.1
Trade	312.4	<b>325.8</b>	6.6	<b>13.4</b>	15.7	36.6	<b>4.3</b>	5.1	12.7
Transportation and warehousing	105.1	<b>102.9</b>	3.8	<b>-2.2</b>	-7.4	-5.0	<b>-2.1</b>	-6.7	-4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	117.9	<b>118.7</b>	3.9	<b>0.8</b>	14.7	20.8	<b>0.7</b>	14.1	21.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	161.1	<b>160.7</b>	4.7	<b>-0.4</b>	15.1	16.5	<b>-0.2</b>	10.4	11.4
Business, building and other support services	70.1	<b>65.2</b>	3.8	<b>-4.9</b>	-11.1	-5.9	<b>-7.0</b>	-14.5	-8.3
Educational services	122.7	<b>124.0</b>	4.2	<b>1.3</b>	2.1	-13.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.7	-9.6
Health care and social assistance	188.9	<b>190.9</b>	4.8	<b>2.0</b>	-5.1	6.1	<b>1.1</b>	-2.6	3.3
Information, culture and recreation	73.5	<b>65.4</b>	3.6	<b>-8.1</b>	-14.2	-9.4	<b>-11.0</b>	-17.8	-12.6
Accommodation and food services	107.5	<b>117.7</b>	4.7	<b>10.2</b>	5.5	-4.1	<b>9.5</b>	4.9	-3.4
Other services	92.5	<b>89.6</b>	3.9	<b>-2.9</b>	-0.9	-5.9	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.0	-6.2
Public administration	89.6	<b>85.4</b>	3.2	<b>-4.2</b>	-3.6	7.1	<b>-4.7</b>	-4.0	9.1

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**

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,619.9	<b>3,626.9</b>	...	<b>7.0</b>	24.2	69.8	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.0
Labour force	2,422.2	<b>2,429.4</b>	9.8	<b>7.2</b>	35.9	75.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	3.2
Employment	2,317.9	<b>2,324.3</b>	9.8	<b>6.4</b>	31.4	77.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	3.4
Employment full-time	1,843.7	<b>1,859.6</b>	13.5	<b>15.9</b>	43.1	65.0	<b>0.9</b>	2.4	3.6
Unemployment	104.4	<b>105.1</b>	7.0	<b>0.7</b>	4.5	-1.4	<b>0.7</b>	4.5	-1.3
Participation rate	66.9	<b>67.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>64.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	<b>20.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	582.0	<b>582.4</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	401.0	<b>405.5</b>	5.7	<b>4.5</b>	7.6	25.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.9	6.7
Employment	373.7	<b>374.2</b>	5.6	<b>0.5</b>	7.7	23.2	<b>0.1</b>	2.1	6.6
Unemployment	27.3	<b>31.3</b>	4.1	<b>4.0</b>	-0.1	2.3	<b>14.7</b>	-0.3	7.9
Participation rate	68.9	<b>69.6</b>	1.0	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	<b>7.7</b>	1.0	<b>0.9</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	<b>64.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	3.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.3	<b>42.7</b>	1.8	<b>-1.5</b>	-2.8	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,486.3	<b>1,489.5</b>	...	<b>3.2</b>	11.4	33.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.3
Labour force	1,089.6	<b>1,091.2</b>	5.0	<b>1.6</b>	14.1	34.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	3.3
Employment	1,049.3	<b>1,049.8</b>	5.2	<b>0.5</b>	11.0	33.5	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	3.3
Unemployment	40.4	<b>41.4</b>	3.8	<b>1.0</b>	3.0	1.3	<b>2.5</b>	7.8	3.2
Participation rate	73.3	<b>73.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	<b>70.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	<b>7.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,551.7	<b>1,555.0</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	11.4	32.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.1
Labour force	931.6	<b>932.7</b>	6.0	<b>1.1</b>	14.3	15.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	1.7
Employment	894.9	<b>900.2</b>	5.9	<b>5.3</b>	12.6	20.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	2.3
Unemployment	36.7	<b>32.5</b>	4.0	<b>-4.2</b>	1.7	-4.9	<b>-11.4</b>	5.5	-13.1
Participation rate	60.0	<b>60.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>3.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	<b>57.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.8	<b>25.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,317.9	<b>2,324.3</b>	9.8	<b>6.4</b>	31.4	77.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	3.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	511.5	<b>498.0</b>	8.6	<b>-13.5</b>	-5.5	3.3	<b>-2.6</b>	-1.1	0.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.7	<b>35.7</b>	2.6	<b>-3.0</b>	-4.0	3.5	<b>-7.8</b>	-10.1	10.9
Utilities	46.9	<b>49.1</b>	2.7	<b>2.2</b>	-1.5	0.7	<b>4.7</b>	-3.0	1.4
Construction	15.7	<b>13.2</b>	1.2	<b>-2.5</b>	0.0	4.5	<b>-15.9</b>	0.0	51.7
Manufacturing	219.4	<b>217.7</b>	5.9	<b>-1.7</b>	7.7	23.5	<b>-0.8</b>	3.7	12.1
	190.8	<b>182.3</b>	5.9	<b>-8.5</b>	-7.9	-28.9	<b>-4.5</b>	-4.2	-13.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,806.3	<b>1,826.3</b>	11.5	<b>20.0</b>	36.9	73.9	<b>1.1</b>	2.1	4.2
Trade	364.4	<b>363.8</b>	7.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.9	11.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	3.1
Transportation and warehousing	130.2	<b>133.4</b>	4.8	<b>3.2</b>	-2.6	9.0	<b>2.5</b>	-1.9	7.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	134.1	<b>142.2</b>	4.8	<b>8.1</b>	0.3	-3.0	<b>6.0</b>	0.2	-2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	174.1	<b>177.9</b>	5.4	<b>3.8</b>	17.8	14.9	<b>2.2</b>	11.1	9.1
Business, building and other support services	106.0	<b>102.0</b>	4.5	<b>-4.0</b>	-3.8	6.1	<b>-3.8</b>	-3.6	6.4
Educational services	154.8	<b>162.0</b>	5.3	<b>7.2</b>	2.6	4.4	<b>4.7</b>	1.6	2.8
Health care and social assistance	240.6	<b>233.1</b>	5.6	<b>-7.5</b>	-2.8	-8.5	<b>-3.1</b>	-1.2	-3.5
Information, culture and recreation	118.0	<b>120.0</b>	4.8	<b>2.0</b>	-3.7	-1.9	<b>1.7</b>	-3.0	-1.6
Accommodation and food services	178.9	<b>184.8</b>	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	15.6	17.2	<b>3.3</b>	9.2	10.3
Other services	100.9	<b>100.7</b>	4.0	<b>-0.2</b>	12.5	13.4	<b>-0.2</b>	14.2	15.3
Public administration	104.1	<b>106.3</b>	3.4	<b>2.2</b>	2.8	11.3	<b>2.1</b>	2.7	11.9

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

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

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	153.3	<b>153.5</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.0
Labour force	104.1	<b>104.2</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.8	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.8	5.0
Employment	95.7	<b>95.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	3.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	3.3
Unemployment	8.4	<b>9.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.9	2.0	<b>7.1</b>	26.8	28.6
Participation rate	67.9	<b>67.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>8.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	<b>62.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	315.3	<b>315.7</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	3.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.0
Labour force	219.5	<b>219.2</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.0	0.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.4
Employment	208.9	<b>208.5</b>	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.8	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	0.5
Unemployment	10.6	<b>10.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	-0.2	<b>0.9</b>	8.1	-1.8
Participation rate	69.6	<b>69.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	<b>66.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	104.4	<b>104.5</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	69.2	<b>69.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	-1.9	2.7	<b>0.1</b>	-2.7	4.1
Employment	65.4	<b>65.2</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.5	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.7	2.4
Unemployment	3.8	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	1.2	<b>7.9</b>	17.1	41.4
Participation rate	66.3	<b>66.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-2.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.6	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	125.2	<b>125.1</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	75.2	<b>75.1</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-2.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	-3.5
Employment	68.1	<b>67.9</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.0	-2.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.9	-3.1
Unemployment	7.1	<b>7.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	-0.4	<b>2.8</b>	21.7	-5.2
Participation rate	60.1	<b>60.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	<b>9.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	<b>54.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.5	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	608.3	<b>608.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	4.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	407.8	<b>406.6</b>	3.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-8.7	11.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.1	2.9
Employment	388.2	<b>387.5</b>	3.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-5.1	10.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	2.8
Unemployment	19.6	<b>19.1</b>	1.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.7	0.9	<b>-2.6</b>	-16.2	4.9
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.6	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.6</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	121.1	<b>121.2</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	78.5	<b>78.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	2.0
Employment	71.2	<b>71.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	1.4
Unemployment	7.3	<b>7.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	1.9	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	35.2	9.0
Participation rate	64.8	<b>64.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	<b>9.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	2.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	<b>58.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	0.4	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	137.8	<b>137.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	89.6	<b>88.1</b>	0.8	<b>-1.5</b>	-3.4	-0.7	<b>-1.7</b>	-3.7	-0.8
Employment	84.3	<b>83.0</b>	0.8	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.6	0.0	<b>-1.5</b>	-3.0	0.0
Unemployment	5.3	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.9	-0.7	<b>-3.8</b>	-15.0	-12.1
Participation rate	65.0	<b>63.9</b>	0.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>5.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>60.2</b>	0.6	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.1	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,054.5	<b>3,056.9</b>	...	<b>2.4</b>	9.7	28.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9
Labour force	2,059.7	<b>2,058.9</b>	7.2	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.1	29.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.4
Employment	1,911.7	<b>1,904.5</b>	7.5	<b>-7.2</b>	-11.4	16.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.6	0.9
Unemployment	148.0	<b>154.4</b>	4.5	<b>6.4</b>	11.3	13.2	<b>4.3</b>	7.9	9.3
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	957.9	<b>959.0</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	3.9	10.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.1
Labour force	696.1	<b>697.1</b>	3.4	<b>1.0</b>	-0.2	19.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	2.9
Employment	664.4	<b>663.1</b>	3.5	<b>-1.3</b>	-3.0	22.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	3.5
Unemployment	31.7	<b>34.0</b>	1.7	<b>2.3</b>	2.8	-2.7	<b>7.3</b>	9.0	-7.4
Participation rate	72.7	<b>72.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	<b>69.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	242.8	<b>243.1</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	4.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.8
Labour force	179.0	<b>180.6</b>	1.2	<b>1.6</b>	5.1	8.7	<b>0.9</b>	2.9	5.1
Employment	171.3	<b>171.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.4</b>	4.0	9.6	<b>0.2</b>	2.4	5.9
Unemployment	7.7	<b>8.9</b>	0.6	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	-0.9	<b>15.6</b>	14.1	-9.2
Participation rate	73.7	<b>74.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.6	<b>70.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	715.2	<b>715.9</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	2.6	5.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.8
Labour force	517.1	<b>516.5</b>	3.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-5.2	10.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	2.2
Employment	493.2	<b>491.3</b>	3.2	<b>-1.9</b>	-7.0	12.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	2.6
Unemployment	24.0	<b>25.1</b>	1.6	<b>1.1</b>	1.7	-1.8	<b>4.6</b>	7.3	-6.7
Participation rate	72.3	<b>72.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.0	<b>68.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.3	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	125.9	<b>125.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Labour force	83.4	<b>84.4</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	3.5	0.1	<b>1.2</b>	4.3	0.1
Employment	78.7	<b>79.8</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	3.0	-0.8	<b>1.4</b>	3.9	-1.0
Unemployment	4.7	<b>4.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.8	<b>-4.3</b>	9.8	21.6
Participation rate	66.2	<b>67.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.8</b>	2.7	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	<b>63.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	2.4	-0.6	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,509.0	<b>4,517.4</b>	...	<b>8.4</b>	32.5	88.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.0
Labour force	3,122.6	<b>3,137.0</b>	9.2	<b>14.4</b>	44.0	68.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	2.2
Employment	2,920.9	<b>2,936.3</b>	9.5	<b>15.4</b>	51.1	78.9	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	2.8
Unemployment	201.8	<b>200.7</b>	5.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-7.1	-10.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-3.4	-4.9
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	<b>65.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	595.1	<b>595.5</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	4.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.7
Labour force	400.4	<b>402.2</b>	2.9	<b>1.8</b>	5.7	5.6	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	1.4
Employment	375.7	<b>376.9</b>	2.9	<b>1.2</b>	3.9	4.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	1.2
Unemployment	24.7	<b>25.4</b>	1.4	<b>0.7</b>	2.0	1.4	<b>2.8</b>	8.5	5.8
Participation rate	67.3	<b>67.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	<b>63.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	380.7	<b>381.1</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	5.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.5
Labour force	266.7	<b>265.5</b>	2.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-4.3	1.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.6	0.5
Employment	252.9	<b>252.8</b>	2.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.6	3.5	<b>0.0</b>	-1.0	1.4
Unemployment	13.7	<b>12.7</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.6	-2.3	<b>-7.3</b>	-11.2	-15.3
Participation rate	70.1	<b>69.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	<b>66.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	383.4	<b>383.7</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.9
Labour force	261.3	<b>262.4</b>	1.9	<b>1.1</b>	-1.6	0.1	<b>0.4</b>	-0.6	0.0
Employment	244.3	<b>244.1</b>	1.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.7	-3.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	-1.3
Unemployment	17.0	<b>18.3</b>	0.9	<b>1.3</b>	1.1	3.2	<b>7.6</b>	6.4	21.2
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	<b>7.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>63.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	286.0	<b>286.5</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	1.9	6.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	2.3
Labour force	195.6	<b>196.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	0.7	5.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.4	3.0
Employment	183.0	<b>181.8</b>	1.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.4	2.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.3	1.6
Unemployment	12.6	<b>14.9</b>	0.7	<b>2.3</b>	3.2	3.0	<b>18.3</b>	27.4	25.2
Participation rate	68.4	<b>68.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>7.6</b>	0.3	<b>1.2</b>	1.6	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	<b>63.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	328.8	<b>328.8</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3
Labour force	214.6	<b>214.9</b>	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	3.2	7.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.5	3.8
Employment	201.3	<b>200.8</b>	1.6	<b>-0.5</b>	2.8	6.8	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	3.5
Unemployment	13.3	<b>14.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	0.3	1.0	<b>6.0</b>	2.2	7.6
Participation rate	65.3	<b>65.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	<b>61.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.8	1.9	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	133.2	<b>133.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.5
Labour force	85.2	<b>84.9</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	-0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	-0.1
Employment	80.4	<b>79.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.0	-0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.2	-0.7
Unemployment	4.9	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	0.5	<b>4.1</b>	27.5	10.9
Participation rate	64.0	<b>63.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>6.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	<b>59.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	103.9	<b>103.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	67.9	<b>67.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	1.2
Employment	64.3	<b>64.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	1.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	2.9
Unemployment	3.6	<b>3.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.3	-1.0	<b>-5.6</b>	-27.7	-22.7
Participation rate	65.4	<b>65.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>61.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	272.3	<b>272.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.4
Labour force	179.4	<b>177.6</b>	1.5	<b>-1.8</b>	0.4	4.7	<b>-1.0</b>	0.2	2.7
Employment	163.8	<b>162.8</b>	1.6	<b>-1.0</b>	0.8	5.8	<b>-0.6</b>	0.5	3.7
Unemployment	15.7	<b>14.8</b>	0.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	-1.1	<b>-5.7</b>	-3.3	-6.9
Participation rate	65.9	<b>65.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>59.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	2.0	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	580.8	<b>581.5</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	2.6	7.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	412.9	<b>415.3</b>	1.4	<b>2.4</b>	1.8	7.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.4	1.8
Employment	395.8	<b>398.1</b>	1.4	<b>2.3</b>	4.1	9.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	2.4
Unemployment	17.1	<b>17.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-2.3	-2.1	<b>0.6</b>	-11.8	-10.9
Participation rate	71.1	<b>71.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	<b>68.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	165.8	<b>166.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	4.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	2.5
Labour force	117.2	<b>117.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	1.1	<b>0.3</b>	2.1	0.9
Employment	112.2	<b>112.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	2.2	0.9
Unemployment	5.0	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	2.0
Participation rate	70.7	<b>70.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	<b>67.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	194.5	<b>195.0</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	2.2	5.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	2.8
Labour force	142.6	<b>143.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	3.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	2.2
Employment	138.0	<b>138.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	3.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	2.8
Unemployment	4.6	<b>4.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.6	<b>4.3</b>	-11.1	-11.1
Participation rate	73.3	<b>73.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-1.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	<b>3.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	<b>70.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	0.0	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	938.4	<b>939.8</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	5.3	25.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	2.8
Labour force	710.5	<b>713.9</b>	3.1	<b>3.4</b>	8.7	16.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	2.4
Employment	689.5	<b>691.9</b>	3.3	<b>2.4</b>	7.4	19.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	2.8
Unemployment	21.0	<b>21.9</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	-2.7	<b>4.3</b>	5.3	-11.0
Participation rate	75.7	<b>76.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>3.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.5	<b>73.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	876.8	<b>877.9</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	3.9	18.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	2.1
Labour force	647.9	<b>647.4</b>	3.1	<b>-0.5</b>	10.0	34.4	<b>-0.1</b>	1.6	5.6
Employment	623.2	<b>621.8</b>	3.1	<b>-1.4</b>	8.7	29.8	<b>-0.2</b>	1.4	5.0
Unemployment	24.7	<b>25.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.3	4.6	<b>3.6</b>	5.3	21.9
Participation rate	73.9	<b>73.7</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>4.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.1	<b>70.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	2.0	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	132.9	<b>133.0</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	2.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	1.7
Labour force	90.0	<b>91.3</b>	0.7	<b>1.3</b>	3.1	3.5	<b>1.4</b>	3.5	4.0
Employment	85.4	<b>86.6</b>	0.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.7	2.9	<b>1.4</b>	2.0	3.5
Unemployment	4.5	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	0.6	<b>4.4</b>	42.4	14.6
Participation rate	67.7	<b>68.6</b>	0.5	<b>0.9</b>	1.9	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	<b>65.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	0.9	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,925.4	<b>1,929.1</b>	...	<b>3.7</b>	15.0	43.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.3
Labour force	1,297.3	<b>1,297.8</b>	4.7	<b>0.5</b>	4.0	31.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	2.5
Employment	1,248.8	<b>1,246.9</b>	4.7	<b>-1.9</b>	7.7	27.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	2.3
Unemployment	48.6	<b>50.8</b>	2.2	<b>2.2</b>	-3.8	3.4	<b>4.5</b>	-7.0	7.2
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	<b>3.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	<b>64.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	285.3	<b>285.5</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	1.2
Labour force	196.0	<b>197.1</b>	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	3.8	13.1	<b>0.6</b>	2.0	7.1
Employment	189.7	<b>190.9</b>	1.5	<b>1.2</b>	3.2	13.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	7.5
Unemployment	6.4	<b>6.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-0.4	<b>-4.7</b>	8.9	-6.2
Participation rate	68.7	<b>69.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	<b>3.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	4.0	...	...	...

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**

	March 2008	April 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,056.8	<b>3,059.7</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	10.0	28.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,058.4	<b>2,043.9</b>	14.7	<b>-14.5</b>	-19.4	19.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.9	1.0
Employment	1,905.8	<b>1,886.0</b>	15.0	<b>-19.8</b>	-29.4	-14.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.5	-0.7
Unemployment	152.6	<b>157.8</b>	10.9	<b>5.2</b>	9.9	33.6	<b>3.4</b>	6.7	27.1
Participation rate	67.3	<b>66.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	<b>61.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.2	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,516.7	<b>4,526.8</b>	...	<b>10.1</b>	35.0	92.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.1
Labour force	3,148.5	<b>3,139.5</b>	19.2	<b>-9.0</b>	38.7	74.4	<b>-0.3</b>	1.2	2.4
Employment	2,941.1	<b>2,940.3</b>	19.4	<b>-0.8</b>	50.0	85.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.7	3.0
Unemployment	207.4	<b>199.2</b>	13.7	<b>-8.2</b>	-11.4	-10.6	<b>-4.0</b>	-5.4	-5.1
Participation rate	69.7	<b>69.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	<b>65.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,928.9	<b>1,933.3</b>	...	<b>4.4</b>	15.8	44.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.3
Labour force	1,296.8	<b>1,303.8</b>	10.0	<b>7.0</b>	10.8	38.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	3.1
Employment	1,246.1	<b>1,247.6</b>	9.7	<b>1.5</b>	8.9	43.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	3.6
Unemployment	50.7	<b>56.2</b>	5.6	<b>5.5</b>	1.8	-4.3	<b>10.8</b>	3.3	-7.1
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>4.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	<b>64.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...

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

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6-1

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in April 2007 and April 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
<b>Canada</b> <sup>2</sup>							
2007	26,444.1	17,645.7	16,509.2	1,136.5	66.7	6.4	62.4
2008	26,805.8	17,986.6	16,857.0	1,129.6	67.1	6.3	62.9
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2007	425.5	243.2	204.8	38.4	57.2	15.8	48.1
2008	425.4	246.2	209.4	36.8	57.9	14.9	49.2
<b>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</b>							
2007	210.1	128.4	112.8	15.6	61.1	12.1	53.7
2008	211.3	133.2	117.9	15.3	63.0	11.5	55.8
<b>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</b>							
2007	33.1	17.2	12.7	4.5	52.0	26.2	38.4
2008	32.6	16.6	12.9	3.7	50.9	22.3	39.6
<b>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</b>							
2007	87.8	49.6	40.7	8.9	56.5	17.9	46.4
2008	87.8	47.2	38.8	8.4	53.8	17.8	44.2
<b>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</b>							
2007	94.5	48.0	38.6	9.4	50.8	19.6	40.8
2008	93.7	49.2	39.8	9.4	52.5	19.1	42.5
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2007	112.8	75.0	65.3	9.7	66.5	12.9	57.9
2008	113.9	76.3	66.3	10.1	67.0	13.2	58.2
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2007	763.6	478.7	436.5	42.2	62.7	8.8	57.2
2008	767.1	479.8	438.4	41.4	62.5	8.6	57.2
<b>Cape Breton [1210]</b>							
2007	116.5	62.4	52.5	10.0	53.6	16.0	45.1
2008	115.8	64.6	54.8	9.8	55.8	15.2	47.3
<b>North Shore [1220]</b>							
2007	130.9	76.5	67.3	9.2	58.4	12.0	51.4
2008	131.2	76.2	68.4	7.8	58.1	10.2	52.1
<b>Annapolis Valley [1230]</b>							
2007	100.0	63.1	58.1	4.9	63.1	7.8	58.1
2008	100.8	60.9	54.8	6.0	60.4	9.9	54.4
<b>Southern [1240]</b>							
2007	103.6	60.6	53.7	6.9	58.5	11.4	51.8
2008	103.6	61.5	54.8	6.7	59.4	10.9	52.9
<b>Halifax [1250]</b>							
2007	312.6	216.1	204.9	11.2	69.1	5.2	65.5
2008	315.7	216.6	205.5	11.1	68.6	5.1	65.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2007	612.1	377.5	346.6	30.9	61.7	8.2	56.6
2008	616.5	390.1	353.5	36.7	63.3	9.4	57.3
<b>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</b>							
2007	135.8	77.3	67.2	10.1	56.9	13.1	49.5
2008	135.8	78.4	66.4	12.0	57.7	15.3	48.9
<b>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</b>							
2007	162.5	101.4	92.4	9.0	62.4	8.9	56.9
2008	164.9	107.2	98.2	9.0	65.0	8.4	59.6
<b>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</b>							
2007	141.7	86.7	82.4	4.4	61.2	5.1	58.2
2008	142.7	93.8	87.1	6.7	65.7	7.1	61.0

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in April 2007 and April 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.1	69.9	66.1	3.8	67.1	5.4	63.5
2008	104.9	70.1	65.4	4.7	66.8	6.7	62.3
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.0	42.1	38.5	3.6	61.9	8.6	56.6
2008	68.2	40.6	36.3	4.3	59.5	10.6	53.2
<b>Quebec</b>							
2007	6,297.9	4,086.5	3,753.1	333.4	64.9	8.2	59.6
2008	6,353.8	4,136.5	3,809.6	326.9	65.1	7.9	60.0
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	41.5	33.0	8.4	51.3	20.2	40.8
2008	80.8	39.6	31.6	8.0	49.0	20.2	39.1
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.3	98.2	86.9	11.3	58.7	11.5	51.9
2008	167.5	99.6	89.1	10.5	59.5	10.5	53.2
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	563.2	362.5	342.1	20.5	64.4	5.7	60.7
2008	566.6	371.9	353.3	18.6	65.6	5.0	62.4
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	326.9	218.8	201.4	17.4	66.9	8.0	61.6
2008	329.0	214.7	202.2	12.5	65.3	5.8	61.5
Estrie [2430]							
2007	247.9	160.7	147.1	13.6	64.8	8.5	59.3
2008	250.4	159.4	149.3	10.0	63.7	6.3	59.6
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	184.9	129.2	116.7	12.4	69.9	9.6	63.1
2008	186.1	123.6	113.3	10.3	66.4	8.3	60.9
Montérégie [2435]							
2007	1,120.0	745.0	700.0	45.1	66.5	6.1	62.5
2008	1,137.0	742.2	693.0	49.2	65.3	6.6	60.9
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.1	1,018.2	929.7	88.4	64.0	8.7	58.4
2008	1,591.8	1,048.3	949.2	99.1	65.9	9.5	59.6
Laval [2445]							
2007	307.7	205.1	193.3	11.8	66.7	5.8	62.8
2008	312.5	216.0	200.5	15.5	69.1	7.2	64.2
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	349.9	231.9	216.5	15.4	66.3	6.6	61.9
2008	360.3	233.6	213.9	19.7	64.8	8.4	59.4
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	422.4	281.2	253.8	27.5	66.6	9.8	60.1
2008	432.4	294.1	270.5	23.6	68.0	8.0	62.6
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	288.5	196.0	181.2	14.8	67.9	7.6	62.8
2008	293.5	207.6	194.0	13.6	70.7	6.6	66.1
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	74.6	67.1	7.5	64.5	10.1	58.0
2008	115.7	70.2	64.8	5.5	60.7	7.8	56.0
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.2	131.2	115.5	15.7	60.4	12.0	53.2
2008	217.9	127.0	116.1	10.8	58.3	8.5	53.3

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in April 2007 and April 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	224.1	139.2	121.7	17.5	62.1	12.6	54.3
2008	223.3	134.6	121.0	13.6	60.3	10.1	54.2
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.5	53.1	47.1	6.0	59.3	11.3	52.6
2008	89.1	54.2	47.8	6.4	60.8	11.8	53.6
<b>Ontario</b>							
2007	10,319.8	6,931.9	6,471.0	460.9	67.2	6.6	62.7
2008	10,460.9	7,055.4	6,603.8	451.6	67.4	6.4	63.1
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	982.4	676.5	636.7	39.8	68.9	5.9	64.8
2008	990.6	697.3	664.4	32.9	70.4	4.7	67.1
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	358.6	214.4	201.7	12.7	59.8	5.9	56.2
2008	359.6	224.9	211.1	13.9	62.5	6.2	58.7
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	308.1	192.9	177.3	15.6	62.6	8.1	57.5
2008	310.6	189.2	171.9	17.3	60.9	9.1	55.3
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,669.3	3,191.9	2,976.9	214.9	68.4	6.7	63.8
2008	4,764.9	3,277.1	3,066.4	210.6	68.8	6.4	64.4
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	962.1	684.9	644.9	40.0	71.2	5.8	67.0
2008	979.4	680.1	644.7	35.4	69.4	5.2	65.8
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,129.6	733.3	684.7	48.7	64.9	6.6	60.6
2008	1,139.3	753.2	699.6	53.5	66.1	7.1	61.4
London [3560]							
2007	509.1	349.5	328.3	21.2	68.7	6.1	64.5
2008	514.0	349.5	325.7	23.9	68.0	6.8	63.4
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	523.9	335.6	305.4	30.1	64.1	9.0	58.3
2008	525.7	338.9	311.4	27.4	64.5	8.1	59.2
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.2	157.3	149.3	8.0	63.6	5.1	60.4
2008	247.8	158.1	150.0	8.1	63.8	5.1	60.5
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.2	278.3	257.4	20.9	61.4	7.5	56.8
2008	454.0	276.9	257.8	19.2	61.0	6.9	56.8
Northwest [3595]							
2007	176.4	117.5	108.5	9.0	66.6	7.7	61.5
2008	175.0	110.2	100.7	9.4	63.0	8.5	57.5
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2007	895.7	614.5	585.1	29.4	68.6	4.8	65.3
2008	906.1	625.9	598.0	27.9	69.1	4.5	66.0
Southeast [4610]							
2007	75.8	50.1	47.6	2.5	66.1	5.0	62.8
2008	77.9	51.3	49.1	2.2	65.9	4.3	63.0
South Central [4620]							
2007	42.8	28.7	27.3	1.3	67.1	4.5	63.8
2008	43.7	29.9	28.9	0.9	68.4	3.0	66.1

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in April 2007 and April 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	81.8	54.6	52.2	2.4	66.7	4.4	63.8
2008	82.5	55.8	53.4	2.4	67.6	4.3	64.7
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.6	22.9	22.4	0.5	64.3	2.2	62.9
2008	35.8	24.1	22.8	1.3	67.3	5.4	63.7
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	531.1	373.3	354.3	19.0	70.3	5.1	66.7
2008	536.9	378.7	361.7	17.0	70.5	4.5	67.4
Interlake [4660]							
2007	69.2	45.2	43.8	1.4	65.3	3.1	63.3
2008	70.4	46.2	43.9	2.3	65.6	5.0	62.4
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.4	39.7	37.6	2.1	66.8	5.3	63.3
2008	58.9	39.9	38.2	1.7	67.7	4.3	64.9
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2007	748.0	515.8	493.9	21.9	69.0	4.2	66.0
2008	762.2	524.0	501.0	23.0	68.7	4.4	65.7
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	219.9	154.9	149.2	5.7	70.4	3.7	67.8
2008	224.7	159.0	152.7	6.3	70.8	4.0	68.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.5	56.4	54.3	2.1	68.4	3.7	65.8
2008	83.4	54.4	51.8	2.6	65.2	4.8	62.1
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	232.2	166.8	160.3	6.5	71.8	3.9	69.0
2008	237.8	169.5	163.6	5.9	71.3	3.5	68.8
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.1	42.6	40.2	2.4	66.5	5.6	62.7
2008	64.4	40.2	38.4	1.8	62.4	4.5	59.6
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	149.4	95.1	89.9	5.2	63.7	5.5	60.2
2008	151.9	100.9	94.4	6.5	66.4	6.4	62.1
<b>Alberta</b>							
2007	2,716.5	1,991.4	1,922.0	69.4	73.3	3.5	70.8
2008	2,779.6	2,051.9	1,982.1	69.8	73.8	3.4	71.3
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	205.3	139.7	133.4	6.3	68.0	4.5	65.0
2008	208.3	146.8	140.3	6.5	70.5	4.4	67.4
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	153.9	111.8	107.6	4.2	72.6	3.8	69.9
2008	155.4	113.8	110.7	3.1	73.2	2.7	71.2
Calgary [4830]							
2007	984.5	748.3	724.0	24.3	76.0	3.2	73.5
2008	1,013.3	761.5	739.7	21.8	75.2	2.9	73.0
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	67.4	54.6	52.9	1.7	81.0	3.1	78.5
2008	68.2	53.7	52.1	1.6	78.7	3.0	76.4
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	140.6	106.1	102.6	3.5	75.5	3.3	73.0
2008	145.0	104.2	100.1	4.1	71.9	3.9	69.0

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region<sup>1</sup>, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in April 2007 and April 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	892.8	625.4	604.7	20.8	70.0	3.3	67.7
2008	911.7	662.5	637.7	24.8	72.7	3.7	69.9
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	181.8	137.0	131.5	5.6	75.4	4.1	72.3
2008	185.3	136.3	130.4	5.9	73.6	4.3	70.4
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	90.2	68.3	65.4	2.9	75.7	4.2	72.5
2008	92.3	73.1	71.1	2.0	79.2	2.7	77.0
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2007	3,552.1	2,331.3	2,231.0	100.4	65.6	4.3	62.8
2008	3,620.3	2,400.5	2,295.0	105.5	66.3	4.4	63.4
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	619.8	388.9	368.4	20.5	62.7	5.3	59.4
2008	630.0	405.4	386.9	18.5	64.3	4.6	61.4
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,147.5	1,428.8	1,375.1	53.7	66.5	3.8	64.0
2008	2,195.7	1,470.1	1,412.8	57.3	67.0	3.9	64.3
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	420.7	266.7	254.8	11.9	63.4	4.5	60.6
2008	428.6	276.3	260.7	15.5	64.5	5.6	60.8
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	121.9	81.1	76.5	4.6	66.5	5.7	62.8
2008	122.6	73.4	71.6	1.8	59.9	2.5	58.4
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	124.7	84.1	79.7	4.4	67.4	5.2	63.9
2008	125.8	89.8	82.9	6.9	71.4	7.7	65.9
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	66.3	44.2	40.4	3.8	66.7	8.6	60.9
2008	65.7	48.1	44.3	3.8	73.2	7.9	67.4
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.1	37.5	36.1	x	73.4	x	70.6
2008	51.9	37.3	35.8	1.6	71.9	4.3	69.0

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

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
<b>Yukon Territory</b> <sup>1</sup>							
2007	23.4	16.6	15.8	0.8	70.9	4.8	67.5
2008	23.6	17.5	16.7	0.8	74.2	4.6	70.8
<b>Northwest Territories</b> <sup>2</sup>							
2007	30.7	23.9	22.6	1.3	77.9	5.4	73.6
2008	31.1	23.2	21.8	1.4	74.6	6.0	70.1
<b>Nunavut - 10 largest communities</b> <sup>3</sup>							
2007	14.0	9.9	9.2	0.7	70.6	7.3	65.4
2008	14.3	9.8	9.0	0.8	68.5	8.1	62.9

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

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
	thousands		dollars		thousands		dollars	thousands		dollars
<b>April 2008</b>										
15 years and over	14,295.6	35.3	773.54	21.14	11,643.0	39.4	890.50	2,652.6	17.1	260.13
15 to 24 years	2,391.1	27.1	357.15	12.19	1,213.0	38.9	555.79	1,178.2	14.9	152.63
25 years and over	11,904.4	36.9	857.18	22.94	10,430.0	39.5	929.43	1,474.4	18.8	346.04
Men	7,144.5	37.9	898.59	23.08	6,350.1	40.7	982.20	794.4	16.3	230.31
Women	7,151.1	32.6	648.60	19.20	5,292.9	37.9	780.50	1,858.1	17.4	272.88
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,499.3	35.9	882.65	24.33	3,879.5	38.6	961.31	619.8	18.8	390.22
No union coverage	9,796.3	35.0	723.43	19.67	7,763.5	39.8	855.12	2,032.8	16.5	220.47
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,719.8	36.1	805.24	21.64	10,751.9	39.4	902.18	1,968.0	17.9	275.60
Temporary	1,575.8	28.7	517.65	17.10	891.2	39.4	749.63	684.6	14.7	215.67
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,029.6	39.9	1,272.31	32.05	990.6	40.6	1,303.03	39.1	19.8	493.13
Business, finance and administrative	2,826.0	35.1	723.86	20.13	2,384.7	38.3	804.51	441.3	17.8	288.08
Natural and applied sciences	1,062.6	38.6	1,143.62	29.59	1,027.0	39.3	1,167.60	35.7	19.1	453.15
Health	885.9	33.3	811.23	24.26	667.2	37.9	931.06	218.7	19.3	445.62
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,363.8	33.6	923.77	27.21	1,083.4	37.9	1,052.47	280.4	17.1	426.42
Art, culture, recreation and sport	317.1	31.5	734.71	21.86	228.7	38.7	937.62	88.4	12.8	209.57
Sales and service	3,637.8	30.3	460.82	14.10	2,266.0	38.5	629.78	1,371.8	16.6	181.73
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,068.6	40.3	861.47	21.17	1,956.7	41.6	896.00	111.9	17.7	257.94
Occupations unique to primary industry	236.4	42.8	806.98	18.56	211.8	46.1	878.59	24.6	15.0	190.27
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	867.7	39.1	722.16	18.27	826.9	40.2	746.77	40.8	17.3	223.06
<b>April 2007</b>										
15 years and over	13,988.6	35.2	740.73	20.26	11,354.0	39.4	854.52	2,634.6	17.1	250.34
15 to 24 years	2,322.7	27.0	341.46	11.68	1,162.9	38.9	533.58	1,159.8	15.1	148.83
25 years and over	11,665.9	36.8	820.22	21.97	10,191.1	39.4	891.14	1,474.7	18.7	330.17
Men	6,980.8	37.7	854.12	22.00	6,172.3	40.6	938.25	808.5	16.1	211.83
Women	7,007.8	32.6	627.77	18.53	5,181.7	37.9	754.78	1,826.1	17.6	267.39
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,487.4	35.8	845.27	23.34	3,826.0	38.7	926.27	661.4	18.9	376.78
No union coverage	9,501.2	34.9	691.35	18.81	7,528.0	39.7	818.05	1,973.2	16.5	207.96
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,314.2	36.1	773.84	20.77	10,425.0	39.4	865.49	1,889.2	18.1	268.10
Temporary	1,674.4	28.2	497.17	16.52	929.0	39.2	731.35	745.4	14.5	205.32
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	993.4	39.9	1,258.81	31.63	969.9	40.4	1,278.62	23.5	18.9	439.35
Business, finance and administrative	2,719.0	35.2	695.16	19.30	2,308.7	38.4	769.29	410.4	17.8	278.13
Natural and applied sciences	992.2	38.8	1,106.01	28.48	964.1	39.4	1,127.27	28.0	17.6	375.24
Health	873.2	33.2	802.46	24.16	653.7	37.6	912.13	219.5	19.8	475.75
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,288.3	33.7	896.15	26.26	1,021.1	38.1	1,022.27	267.3	17.0	414.32
Art, culture, recreation and sport	291.5	31.3	698.90	21.11	207.5	38.6	888.72	84.0	13.3	230.08
Sales and service	3,650.0	30.2	437.57	13.43	2,252.9	38.5	599.93	1,397.1	16.7	175.75
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,989.1	39.8	814.41	20.23	1,851.3	41.4	857.72	137.9	17.6	232.93
Occupations unique to primary industry	257.3	41.4	766.71	17.70	222.0	45.7	861.69	35.3	14.4	169.64
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	934.5	39.3	695.91	17.53	902.8	40.1	713.20	31.7	16.4	203.83

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

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

Region	Effective from May 11, 2008 to June 7, 2008
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	8.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	15.7
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.3
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	13.9
05. Western Nova Scotia	8.8
06. Halifax	4.9
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.7
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	10.3
09. Restigouche-Albert	13.4
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	17.5
11. Québec	4.8
12. Trois-Rivières	8.5
13. South Central Quebec	4.5
14. Sherbrooke	5.7
15. Montérégie	7.2
16. Montréal	7.6
17. Central Quebec	7.6
18. Northwestern Quebec	10.4
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	10.7
20. Gatineau	4.9
21. Saguenay	9.7
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	4.8
23. Eastern Ontario	5.8
24. Kingston	5.7
25. Central Ontario	6.8
26. Oshawa	7.7
27. Toronto	6.4
28. Hamilton	6.3
29. St. Catharines	6.5
30. London	6.9
31. Niagara	9.6
32. Windsor	7.9
33. Kitchener	4.8
34. Huron	8.1
35. South Central Ontario	4.7
36. Sudbury	6.2
37. Thunder Bay	5.1
38. Northern Ontario	10.7
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	4.2
40. Southern Manitoba	5.3
41. Northern Manitoba	25.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	4.4
43. Saskatoon	3.5
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.0
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.0

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from May 11, 2008 to June 7, 2008
	percent
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	3.1
47. Edmonton	4.1
48. Northern Alberta	7.2
49. Southern Alberta	4.6
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.0
51. Abbotsford	5.2
52. Vancouver	4.0
53. Victoria	3.8
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.4
55. Northern British Columbia	9.1
<b>Territories</b>	
56. Yukon Territory <sup>4</sup>	25.0
57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

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

# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

## Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

## Seasonal adjustment

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

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

## Sampling variability of estimates

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

## Interpretation based on standard error

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

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

### Interpretation based on confidence intervals

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

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

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

### Documentation

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

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