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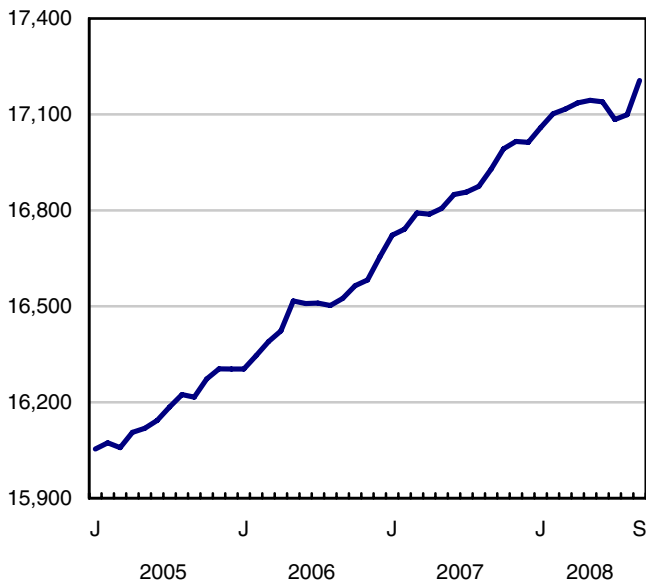
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**Chart 1**  
**Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted**

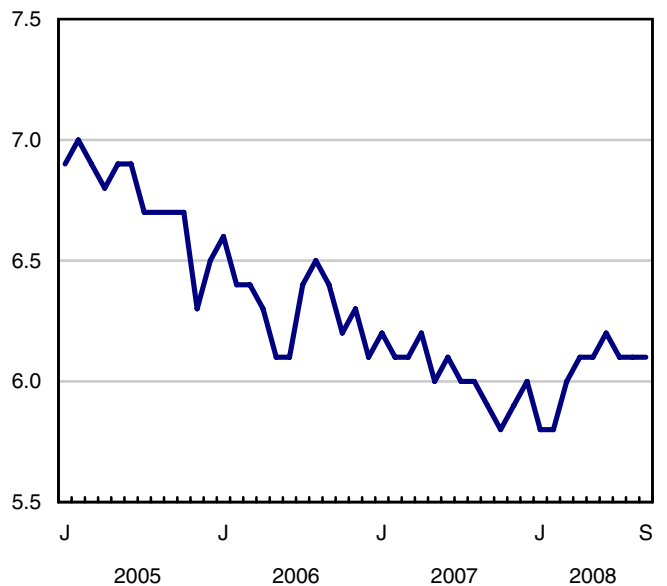
### Employment

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### Unemployment rate

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Over the first nine months of 2008, employment has increased 1.1% (+194,000), a slower pace of growth compared with 1.7% (+275,000) during the same period last year. With September's increase, part-time work is up by 131,000 so far in 2008, nearly double the increase in full time. This contrasts with the first nine months of last year, when gains were mostly full time.

Five provinces accounted for the overall employment increase this September: Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia.

There were widespread gains by industry in September. The largest increase in employment came from health care and social assistance, followed by business, building and other support services, and manufacturing. Employment also increased in transportation and warehousing, agriculture and construction.

The number of private sector employees rose by 56,000 in September, with smaller gains in the self-employed (+30,000) and the public sector (+21,000). So far in 2008, employment has grown mainly among private sector employees.

Youths aged 15 to 24, people aged 55 and over and core-aged women aged 25 to 54 all experienced employment gains in September. Employment rose by 45,000 among youths, while it was up by 41,000 for older workers and by 24,000 for core-aged women.

The year-over-year growth in average hourly wage for September was 4.6%, well above the most recent increase of 3.5% in the Consumer Price Index. Compared with a year earlier, average hourly wages were higher for all age groups, with growth being strongest for youths and older workers.

Over the first nine months of this year, the labour market in Canada has followed a trend different from that of the United States. So far in 2008, employment in Canada has been growing, albeit at a slower pace compared with last year, while in the United States employment has fallen. When adjusted to approximate United States measurement concepts, the unemployment rate in Canada has remained relatively stable at around 5.3% so far this year, while in the United States, it has risen by 1.1 percentage points to 6.1%.

### Employment up across many industries

Employment in health care and social assistance rose by 40,000 in September, erasing losses observed over the previous three months. This leaves employment in the industry 2.8% above the level at the end of last year.

In September, employment was up by 20,000 in business, building and other support services. Despite the latest increase, employment in the industry remained 5.1% lower than the level observed at the end of last year.

Manufacturing employment increased by 20,000 in September, bringing the industry back to a level similar to the end of 2007. So far this year, continued weakness in this sector in Ontario was offset by gains in Quebec and Alberta. Compared with the peak reached in 2002, manufacturing employment in Canada is down 342,000.

In September, employment increased by 17,000 in "other services". Employment also rose by 16,000 in transportation and warehousing, with gains mostly in trucking and rail transportation.



In September, employment increased by 15,000 in agriculture, with gains in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. According to the September Farm Survey, farmers expect a large harvest of field crops such as canola and wheat. Despite this latest employment gain, farm employment has declined by 6.0% (-21,000) over the past 12 months.

Employment in the construction industry continued to build on the strength observed over the past few years, up 14,000 in September. This brings total gains since the start of the year to 101,000 (+8.7%), the largest increase of any industry, with gains mostly in Ontario, British Columbia, Quebec and Alberta.

Employment in natural resources edged up 6,700 in September with nearly all of the gain in Alberta. This month's increase came from the oil and gas sector, which accounted for about half of the 0.7% increase in real gross domestic product in July.

There were employment declines in accommodation and food services (-16,000) and utilities (-9,300) in September. Despite these decreases, employment in both industries has shown an upward trend over the first nine months of the year.

### **Strong employment growth in Central Canada**

Employment in Ontario rose by 52,000 in September, bringing growth so far in 2008 to 1.6%. Despite these gains, the unemployment rate edged up to 6.4%, as a large number of people entered the labour market. So far this year, employment increases have occurred in transportation and warehousing; construction; accommodation and food services; and health care and social assistance, while there has been a decline in manufacturing (-16,000).

In Quebec, employment increased by 32,000 in September, pushing the unemployment rate down 0.4 percentage points to 7.3%. Over the first nine months of this year, there has been little employment change, as gains in health care and social assistance; manufacturing; construction; and information, culture and recreation were dampened by declines in retail and wholesale trade; agriculture and "other services".

Employment in Alberta rose by 17,000 in September, bringing total gains so far this year to 30,000 (+1.5%), or about half the increase observed over the same period in 2007. Employment gains in 2008 have occurred in professional, scientific and technical services; manufacturing; educational services; agriculture; and construction. In September, a large increase in labour force participation pushed the unemployment rate up 0.3 percentage points to 3.8%, still the lowest in the country.

In Saskatchewan, employment was up by 7,700 in September, an increase similar to that of the month before. The unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 4.1%. So far this year, employment has grown by 2.9%, the fastest rate of growth of any province. Increases over this period occurred mainly in construction; health care and social assistance; and natural resources.

Employment also increased in Nova Scotia in September, up 4,900, bringing the employment rate back to its record high of 59.3%.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, employment edged down 2,700 in September, leaving employment in the province down slightly from the level at the end of 2007.

### **Quarterly update on Territories**

The Labour Force Survey also collects labour market information about the Territories. This information is not seasonally adjusted and is produced monthly in the form of three-month moving averages. Comparisons should only be made on a year-over-year basis.

Yukon experienced a robust labour market in the third quarter of 2008, with the highest employment rate in the country at 73.5%, up 1.7 percentage points from the same quarter last year. Over the same period, its unemployment rate was among the lowest in the country at 4.4%, down 0.7 percentage points from a year earlier.

Both the Northwest Territories and Nunavut saw declines in their employment rates in the third quarter of 2008 compared to the same quarter in 2007.

In the Northwest Territories, the employment rate fell 2.8 percentage points over the period to 72.1%. Despite this decline, the employment rate remained among the highest in Canada. At the same time, the unemployment rate edged down 0.7 percentage points to 5.0%, the result of a decline in labour force participation.

In the 10 largest communities of Nunavut, employment fell between the third quarters of 2007 and 2008, bringing the employment rate down 3.5 percentage points to 60.5%. Over the same period, the unemployment rate increased to 13.5% in the third quarter of 2008 from 8.3% a year earlier.

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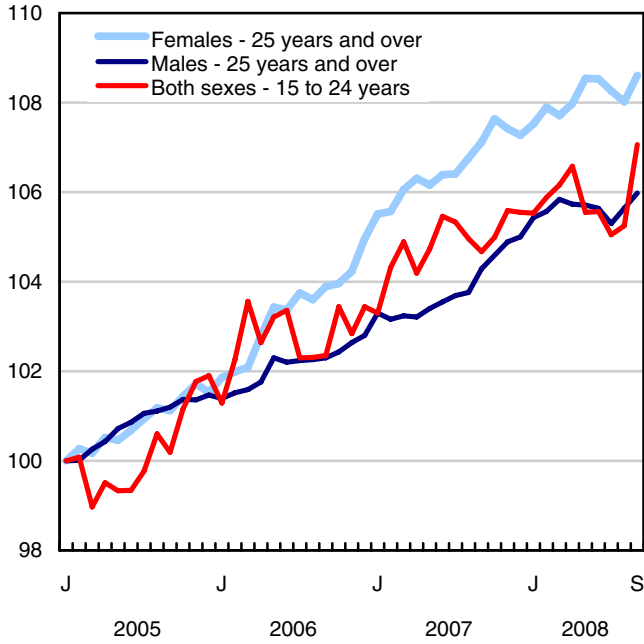
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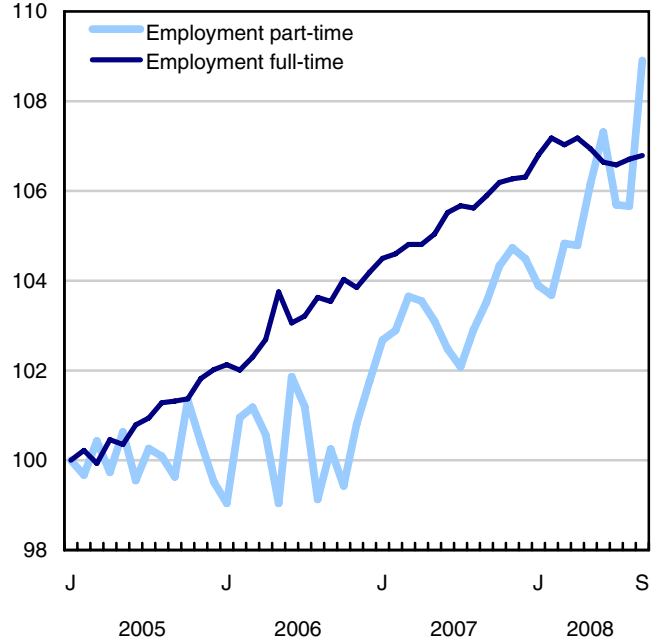
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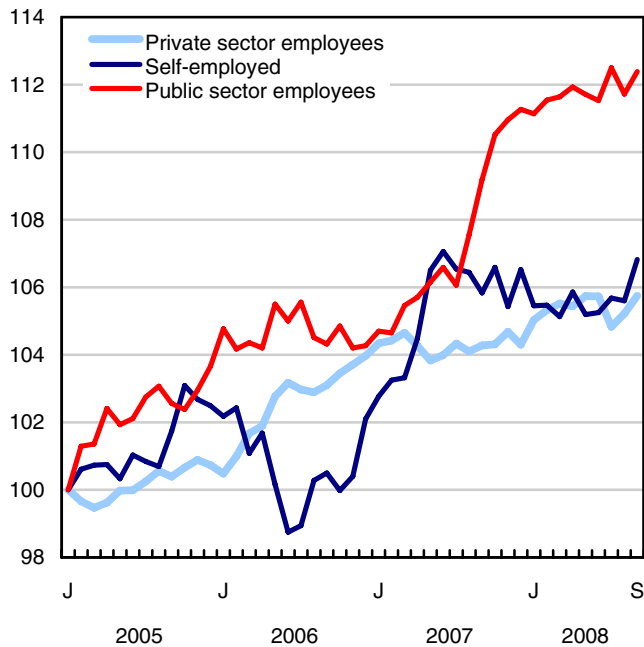
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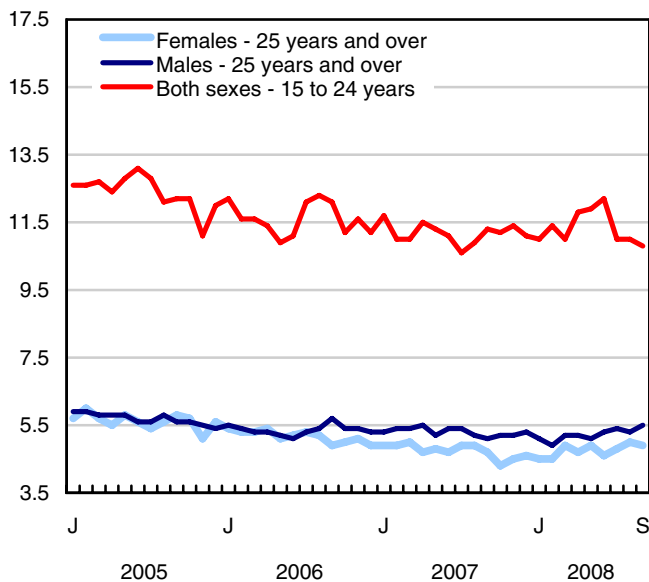


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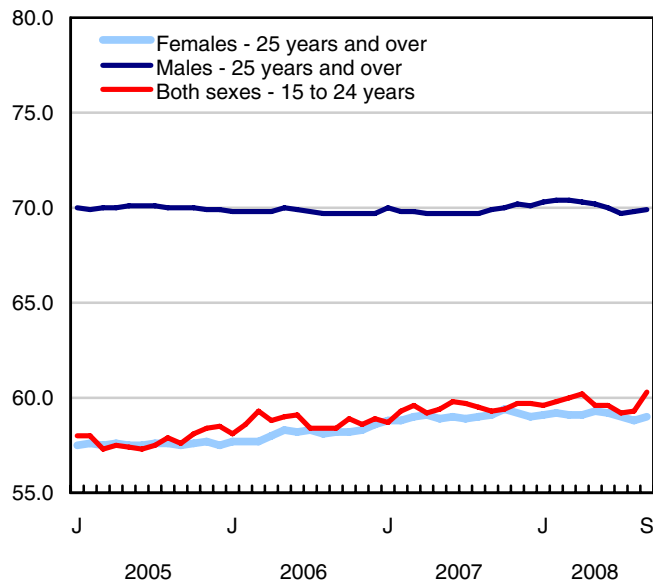


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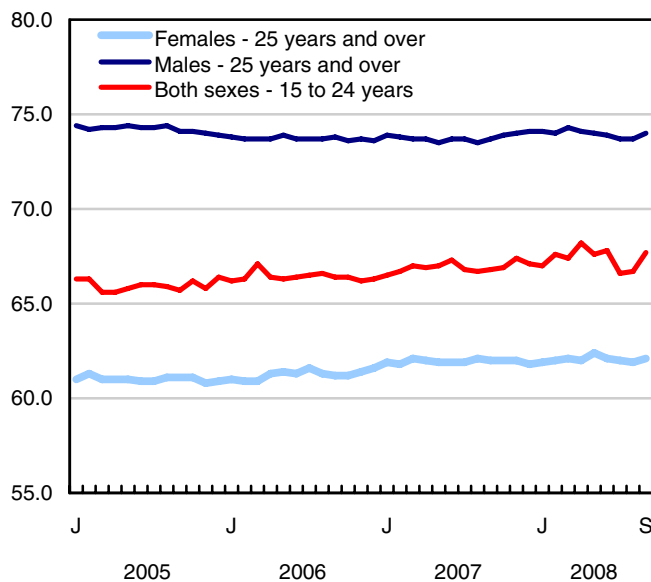
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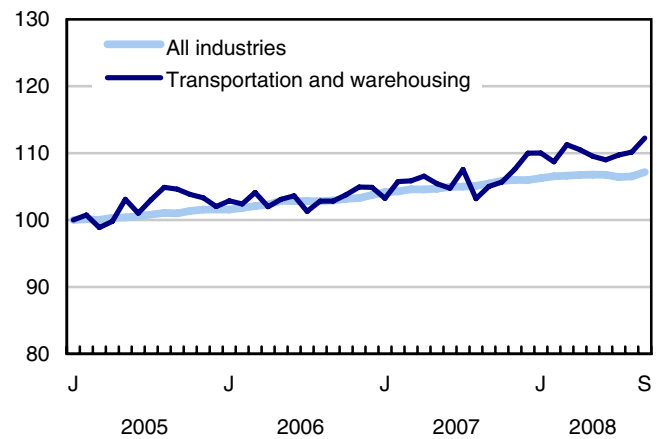
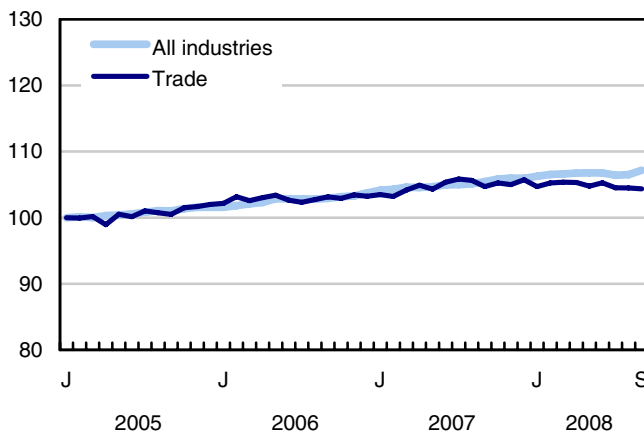
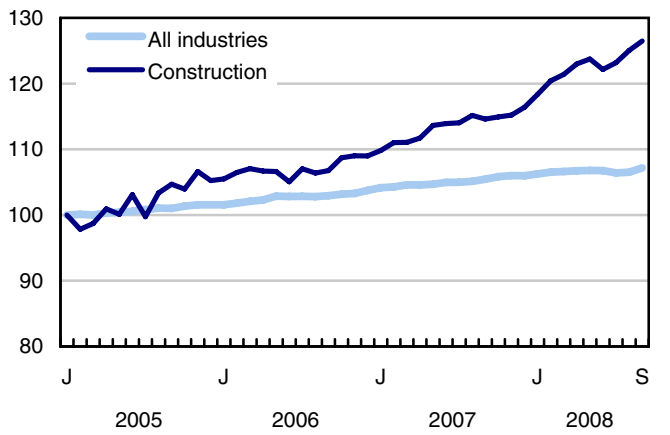
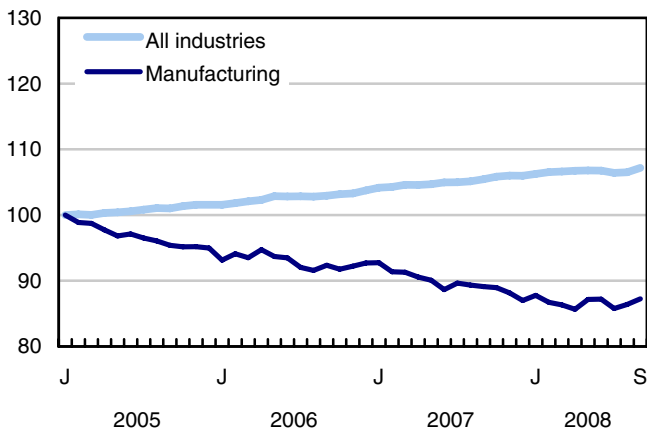
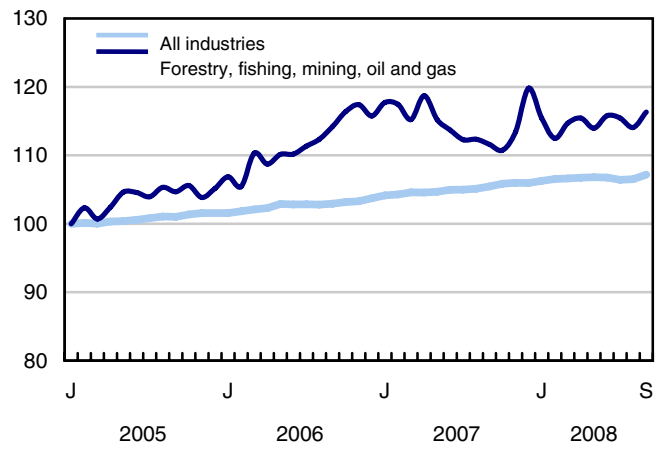
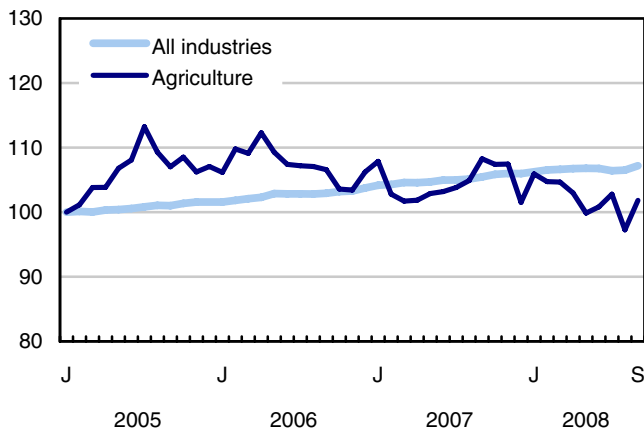
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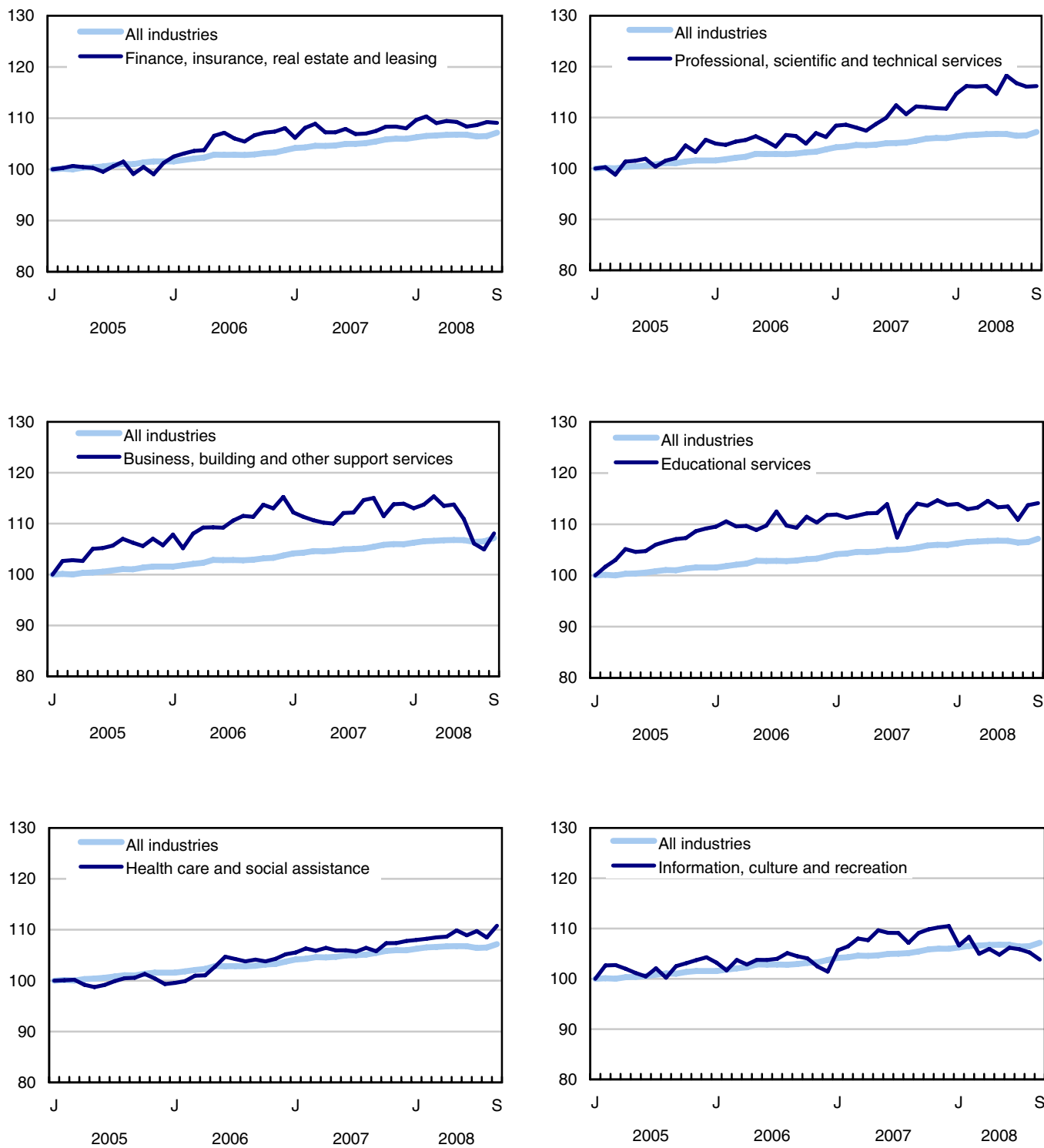
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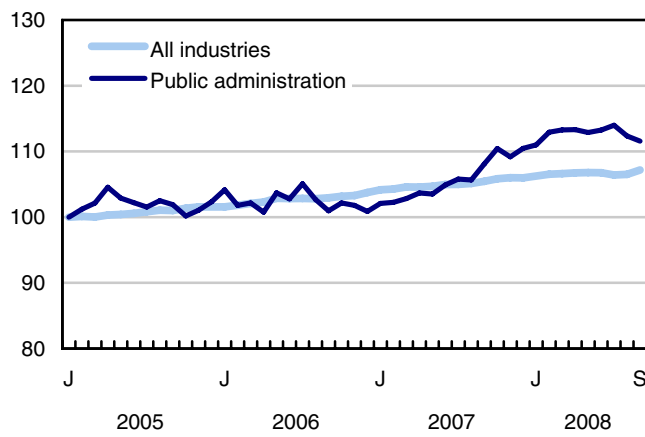
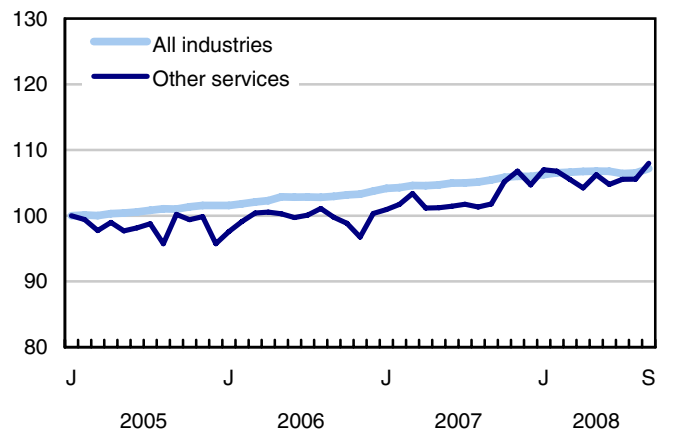
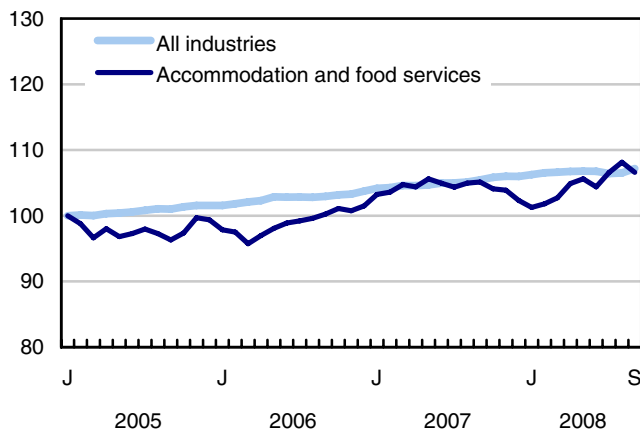
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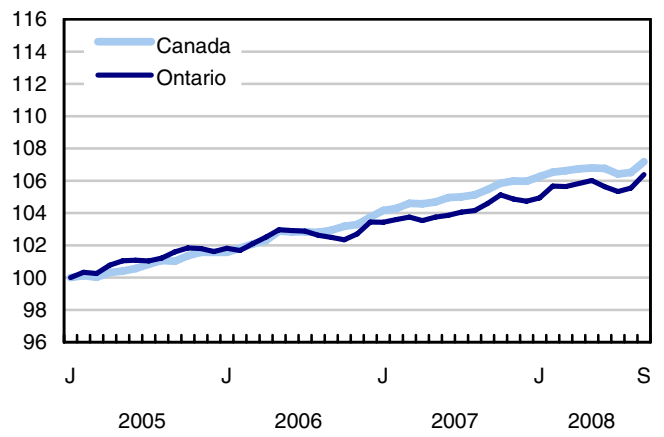
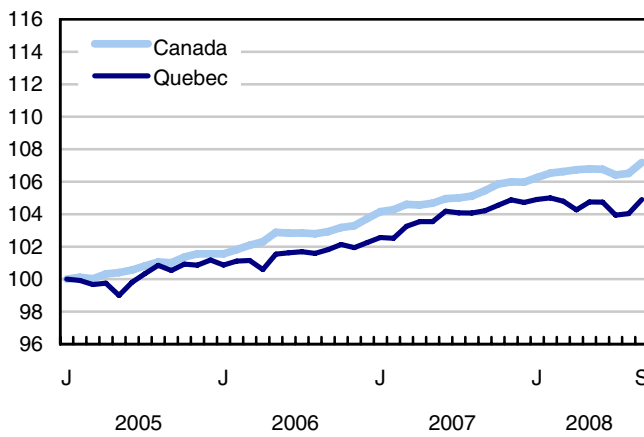
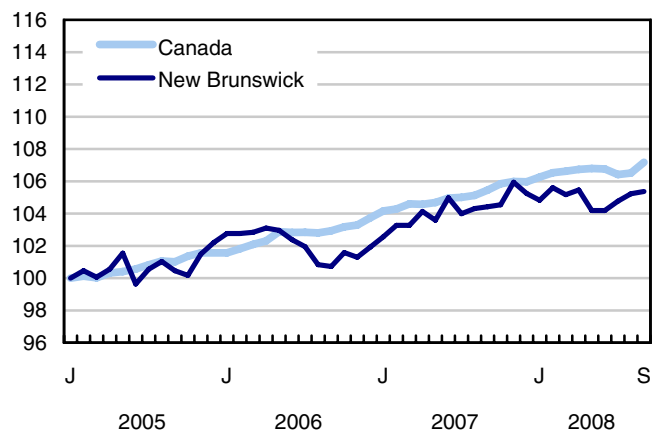
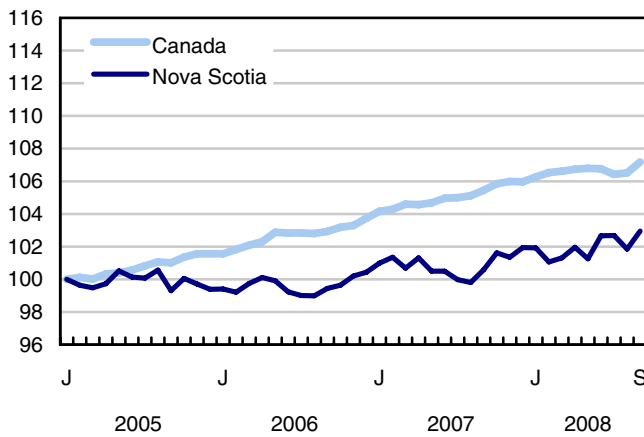
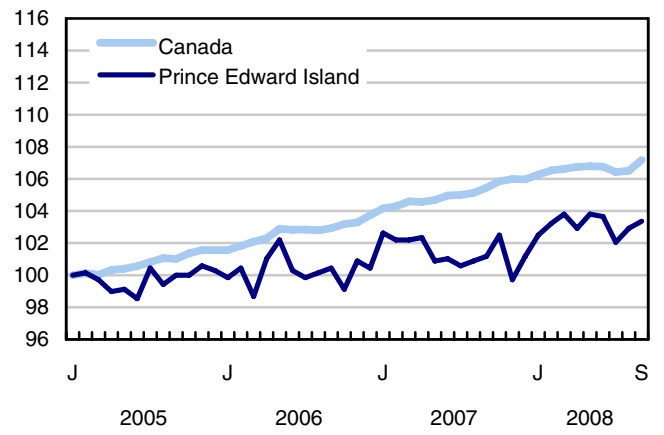
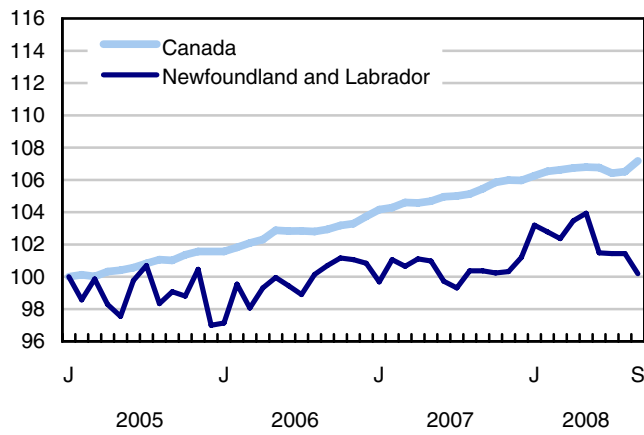
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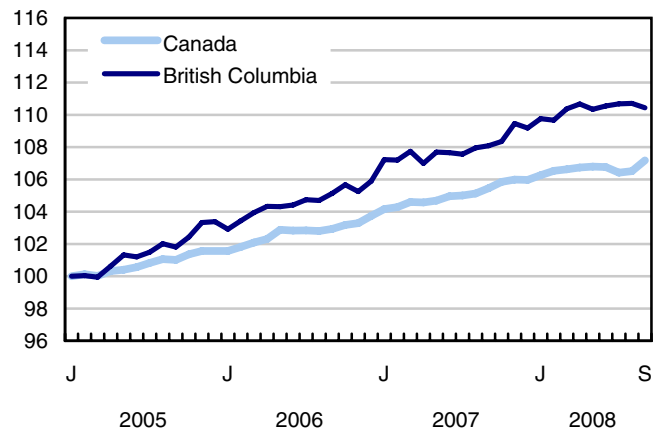
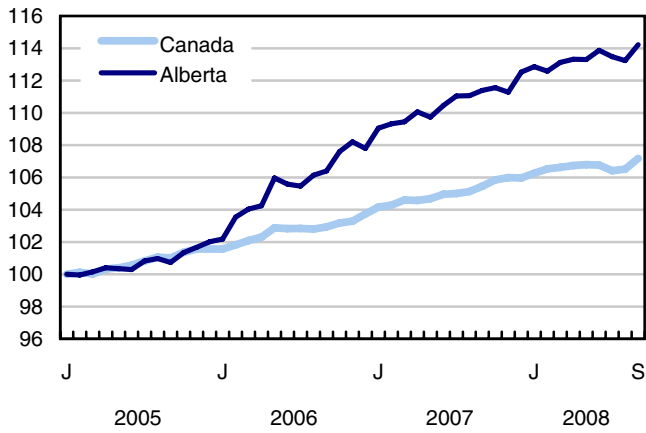
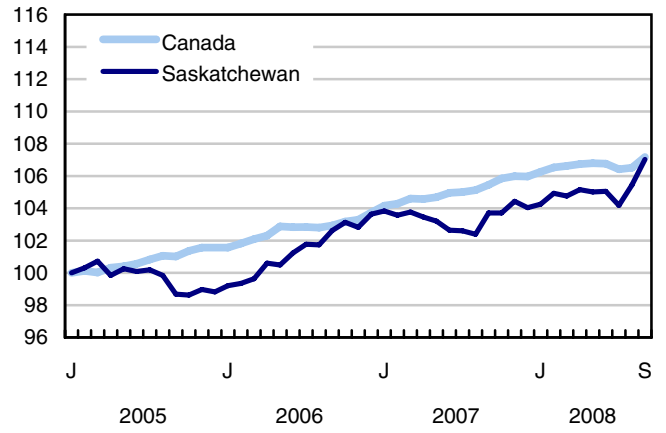
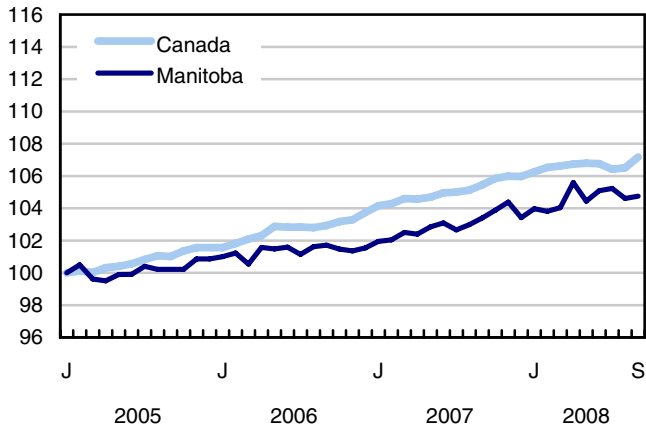


**Chart 6**  
**Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100**





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



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

	August 2008	September 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>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	26,974.3	<b>27,012.8</b>	...	<b>38.5</b>	293.3	381.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.4
Labour force	18,211.9	<b>18,325.6</b>	27.1	<b>113.7</b>	235.4	332.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	1.8
Employment	17,099.4	<b>17,206.3</b>	27.7	<b>106.9</b>	193.8	276.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	13,967.0	<b>13,977.3</b>	36.1	<b>10.3</b>	62.7	116.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.8
Employment part-time	3,132.4	<b>3,229.0</b>	33.0	<b>96.6</b>	131.1	160.0	<b>3.1</b>	4.2	5.2
Unemployment	1,112.5	<b>1,119.3</b>	22.7	<b>6.8</b>	41.7	55.8	<b>0.6</b>	3.9	5.2
Participation rate	67.5	<b>67.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	<b>6.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.7</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	<b>18.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,378.5	<b>4,380.1</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	13.3	20.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5
Labour force	2,918.5	<b>2,963.8</b>	16.3	<b>45.3</b>	32.2	51.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.1	1.8
Employment	2,598.2	<b>2,643.0</b>	16.0	<b>44.8</b>	37.5	59.2	<b>1.7</b>	1.4	2.3
Employment full-time	1,431.1	<b>1,426.6</b>	18.1	<b>-4.5</b>	4.7	3.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	0.3
Employment part-time	1,167.0	<b>1,216.3</b>	18.9	<b>49.3</b>	32.6	55.4	<b>4.2</b>	2.8	4.8
Unemployment	320.3	<b>320.8</b>	13.5	<b>0.5</b>	-5.2	-7.5	<b>0.2</b>	-1.6	-2.3
Participation rate	66.7	<b>67.7</b>	0.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	<b>10.8</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	<b>60.3</b>	0.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.9	<b>46.0</b>	0.6	<b>1.1</b>	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,043.0	<b>11,061.5</b>	...	<b>18.5</b>	140.8	181.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.7
Labour force	8,141.1	<b>8,180.6</b>	13.6	<b>39.5</b>	92.5	166.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	2.1
Employment	7,707.4	<b>7,732.1</b>	14.9	<b>24.7</b>	71.9	123.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	1.6
Employment full-time	7,181.5	<b>7,185.0</b>	19.2	<b>3.5</b>	19.7	62.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.9
Employment part-time	525.9	<b>547.1</b>	15.1	<b>21.2</b>	52.2	61.3	<b>4.0</b>	10.5	12.6
Unemployment	433.7	<b>448.5</b>	13.1	<b>14.8</b>	20.6	43.1	<b>3.4</b>	4.8	10.6
Participation rate	73.7	<b>74.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	<b>69.9</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	<b>7.1</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	11,552.9	<b>11,571.1</b>	...	<b>18.2</b>	139.1	179.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.6
Labour force	7,152.3	<b>7,181.3</b>	15.6	<b>29.0</b>	110.8	114.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	1.6
Employment	6,793.8	<b>6,831.2</b>	15.7	<b>37.4</b>	84.4	94.0	<b>0.6</b>	1.3	1.4
Employment full-time	5,354.3	<b>5,365.7</b>	23.5	<b>11.4</b>	38.3	50.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	1.0
Employment part-time	1,439.4	<b>1,465.5</b>	21.6	<b>26.1</b>	46.1	43.1	<b>1.8</b>	3.2	3.0
Unemployment	358.5	<b>350.1</b>	12.3	<b>-8.4</b>	26.4	20.4	<b>-2.3</b>	8.2	6.2
Participation rate	61.9	<b>62.1</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>4.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	<b>59.0</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	<b>21.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,438.6	<b>14,447.3</b>	...	<b>8.7</b>	75.6	98.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	12,520.8	<b>12,541.9</b>	20.2	<b>21.1</b>	89.7	113.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	0.9
Employment	11,870.5	<b>11,891.5</b>	21.8	<b>21.0</b>	64.4	78.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	0.7
Unemployment	650.3	<b>650.4</b>	16.7	<b>0.1</b>	25.3	34.5	<b>0.0</b>	4.0	5.6
Participation rate	86.7	<b>86.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>5.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.2	<b>82.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	August 2008	September 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>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,212.4	<b>7,217.0</b>	...	<b>4.6</b>	39.4	51.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	6,582.7	<b>6,592.6</b>	12.8	<b>9.9</b>	26.1	67.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.0
Employment	6,232.9	<b>6,230.4</b>	14.5	<b>-2.5</b>	19.3	49.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.8
Unemployment	349.8	<b>362.2</b>	12.3	<b>12.4</b>	6.8	18.1	<b>3.5</b>	1.9	5.3
Participation rate	91.3	<b>91.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	<b>5.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	86.4	<b>86.3</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,226.2	<b>7,230.3</b>	...	<b>4.1</b>	36.2	46.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	5,938.1	<b>5,949.3</b>	15.1	<b>11.2</b>	63.6	45.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	0.8
Employment	5,637.6	<b>5,661.1</b>	15.5	<b>23.5</b>	45.0	28.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	0.5
Unemployment	300.5	<b>288.2</b>	11.4	<b>-12.3</b>	18.5	16.4	<b>-4.1</b>	6.9	6.0
Participation rate	82.2	<b>82.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>4.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.0	<b>78.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	8,157.2	<b>8,185.4</b>	...	<b>28.2</b>	204.4	262.7	<b>0.3</b>	2.6	3.3
Labour force	2,772.6	<b>2,819.9</b>	15.4	<b>47.3</b>	113.5	167.9	<b>1.7</b>	4.2	6.3
Employment	2,630.7	<b>2,671.8</b>	15.3	<b>41.1</b>	91.9	139.0	<b>1.6</b>	3.6	5.5
Unemployment	141.9	<b>148.1</b>	7.8	<b>6.2</b>	21.6	28.9	<b>4.4</b>	17.1	24.2
Participation rate	34.0	<b>34.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.3	<b>32.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	3,830.6	<b>3,844.5</b>	...	<b>13.9</b>	101.4	130.2	<b>0.4</b>	2.7	3.5
Labour force	1,558.4	<b>1,588.0</b>	10.2	<b>29.6</b>	66.4	98.8	<b>1.9</b>	4.4	6.6
Employment	1,474.5	<b>1,501.8</b>	10.2	<b>27.3</b>	52.7	73.9	<b>1.9</b>	3.6	5.2
Unemployment	83.9	<b>86.2</b>	5.6	<b>2.3</b>	13.7	24.9	<b>2.7</b>	18.9	40.6
Participation rate	40.7	<b>41.3</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.5	<b>39.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,326.6	<b>4,340.8</b>	...	<b>14.2</b>	102.8	132.3	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	3.1
Labour force	1,214.2	<b>1,231.9</b>	10.7	<b>17.7</b>	47.1	69.2	<b>1.5</b>	4.0	6.0
Employment	1,156.2	<b>1,170.0</b>	10.6	<b>13.8</b>	39.3	65.2	<b>1.2</b>	3.5	5.9
Unemployment	58.0	<b>61.9</b>	5.3	<b>3.9</b>	7.9	4.0	<b>6.7</b>	14.6	6.9
Participation rate	28.1	<b>28.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>5.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	26.7	<b>27.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...

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

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

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

	August 2008	September 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	14,479.4	<b>14,556.2</b>	32.6	<b>76.8</b>	186.4	252.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	1.8
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,620.0	<b>2,650.1</b>	21.7	<b>30.1</b>	7.4	24.4	<b>1.1</b>	0.3	0.9
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,414.2	<b>3,434.8</b>	21.2	<b>20.6</b>	34.3	97.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	2.9
Private sector employees	11,065.2	<b>11,121.4</b>	33.7	<b>56.2</b>	152.1	154.6	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	1.4
<b>Industry</b>	17,099.4	<b>17,206.3</b>	27.7	<b>106.9</b>	193.8	276.8	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,030.3	<b>4,076.6</b>	23.5	<b>46.3</b>	107.9	79.0	<b>1.1</b>	2.7	2.0
Agriculture	313.9	<b>328.6</b>	7.1	<b>14.7</b>	1.0	-20.8	<b>4.7</b>	0.3	-6.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	337.4	<b>344.1</b>	6.7	<b>6.7</b>	-10.3	14.0	<b>2.0</b>	-2.9	4.2
Utilities	160.8	<b>151.5</b>	4.3	<b>-9.3</b>	10.7	9.6	<b>-5.8</b>	7.6	6.8
Construction	1,249.8	<b>1,264.2</b>	14.3	<b>14.4</b>	100.8	118.8	<b>1.2</b>	8.7	10.4
Manufacturing	1,968.5	<b>1,988.2</b>	17.9	<b>19.7</b>	5.7	-42.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	-2.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	13,069.1	<b>13,129.7</b>	31.3	<b>60.6</b>	85.9	197.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	1.5
Trade	2,674.7	<b>2,671.0</b>	20.7	<b>-3.7</b>	-35.4	-9.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-0.3
Transportation and warehousing	856.1	<b>872.4</b>	12.2	<b>16.3</b>	17.5	56.1	<b>1.9</b>	2.0	6.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,076.4	<b>1,074.8</b>	13.5	<b>-1.6</b>	10.5	15.8	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,198.1	<b>1,199.2</b>	14.9	<b>1.1</b>	45.9	41.3	<b>0.1</b>	4.0	3.6
Business, building and other support services	655.9	<b>675.7</b>	12.7	<b>19.8</b>	-36.5	-43.5	<b>3.0</b>	-5.1	-6.0
Educational services	1,195.7	<b>1,200.0</b>	14.2	<b>4.3</b>	3.7	1.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.1
Health care and social assistance	1,882.8	<b>1,922.8</b>	15.4	<b>40.0</b>	52.2	87.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.8	4.7
Information, culture and recreation	758.1	<b>747.9</b>	12.5	<b>-10.2</b>	-48.0	-38.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-6.0	-4.9
Accommodation and food services	1,109.0	<b>1,093.2</b>	14.5	<b>-15.8</b>	43.8	15.1	<b>-1.4</b>	4.2	1.4
Other services	743.5	<b>760.4</b>	11.4	<b>16.9</b>	23.1	43.5	<b>2.3</b>	3.1	6.1
Public administration	918.7	<b>912.4</b>	10.8	<b>-6.3</b>	9.2	28.5	<b>-0.7</b>	1.0	3.2

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**

	August 2008	September 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	426.3	<b>426.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	3.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	254.3	<b>249.8</b>	2.2	<b>-4.5</b>	-0.4	-1.2	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.2	-0.5
Employment	219.3	<b>216.6</b>	2.3	<b>-2.7</b>	-2.2	-0.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	-0.2
Employment full-time	191.2	<b>187.9</b>	2.6	<b>-3.3</b>	-0.7	-0.1	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.4	-0.1
Employment part-time	28.1	<b>28.7</b>	1.9	<b>0.6</b>	-1.5	-0.3	<b>2.1</b>	-5.0	-1.0
Unemployment	35.0	<b>33.2</b>	2.1	<b>-1.8</b>	1.8	-0.8	<b>-5.1</b>	5.7	-2.4
Participation rate	59.7	<b>58.5</b>	0.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	<b>13.3</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.4	<b>50.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.8	<b>115.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	1.4
Labour force	78.7	<b>79.8</b>	0.6	<b>1.1</b>	2.3	2.3	<b>1.4</b>	3.0	3.0
Employment	70.4	<b>70.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	2.2
Employment full-time	60.0	<b>58.9</b>	0.8	<b>-1.1</b>	1.0	1.1	<b>-1.8</b>	1.7	1.9
Employment part-time	10.4	<b>11.8</b>	0.7	<b>1.4</b>	0.5	0.4	<b>13.5</b>	4.4	3.5
Unemployment	8.2	<b>9.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.9	<b>11.0</b>	9.6	11.0
Participation rate	68.6	<b>69.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	<b>11.4</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	<b>61.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	769.5	<b>770.0</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	4.2	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	491.4	<b>494.4</b>	2.8	<b>3.0</b>	4.2	9.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	2.0
Employment	451.9	<b>456.8</b>	2.9	<b>4.9</b>	4.5	10.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.0	2.4
Employment full-time	375.6	<b>374.1</b>	3.7	<b>-1.5</b>	7.4	13.6	<b>-0.4</b>	2.0	3.8
Employment part-time	76.4	<b>82.7</b>	3.1	<b>6.3</b>	-2.9	-3.1	<b>8.2</b>	-3.4	-3.6
Unemployment	39.5	<b>37.6</b>	2.6	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.4	-0.7	<b>-4.8</b>	-1.1	-1.8
Participation rate	63.9	<b>64.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>7.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	<b>59.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	618.6	<b>619.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.7	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8
Labour force	400.0	<b>399.0</b>	2.4	<b>-1.0</b>	1.2	2.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	0.6
Employment	366.5	<b>367.0</b>	2.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.9
Employment full-time	307.9	<b>307.6</b>	3.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.5	1.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	0.5
Employment part-time	58.6	<b>59.4</b>	2.4	<b>0.8</b>	3.9	1.7	<b>1.4</b>	7.0	2.9
Unemployment	33.5	<b>32.0</b>	2.2	<b>-1.5</b>	0.8	-1.0	<b>-4.5</b>	2.6	-3.0
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,379.5	<b>6,385.4</b>	...	<b>5.9</b>	45.2	59.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9
Labour force	4,179.6	<b>4,197.0</b>	14.3	<b>17.4</b>	22.2	44.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	1.1
Employment	3,859.1	<b>3,890.8</b>	14.7	<b>31.7</b>	6.5	25.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	0.7
Employment full-time	3,144.5	<b>3,151.9</b>	19.3	<b>7.4</b>	2.7	19.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.6
Employment part-time	714.6	<b>739.0</b>	17.5	<b>24.4</b>	3.9	6.1	<b>3.4</b>	0.5	0.8
Unemployment	320.4	<b>306.2</b>	12.8	<b>-14.2</b>	15.7	19.0	<b>-4.4</b>	5.4	6.6
Participation rate	65.5	<b>65.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>60.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	August 2008	September 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	10,529.9	<b>10,546.7</b>	...	<b>16.8</b>	120.3	155.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.5
Labour force	7,132.6	<b>7,192.7</b>	18.4	<b>60.1</b>	97.5	131.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.4	1.9
Employment	6,682.8	<b>6,735.0</b>	18.8	<b>52.2</b>	104.1	113.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	1.7
Employment full-time	5,433.5	<b>5,446.0</b>	23.8	<b>12.5</b>	0.4	11.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.2
Employment part-time	1,249.3	<b>1,289.0</b>	21.8	<b>39.7</b>	103.7	101.2	<b>3.2</b>	8.7	8.5
Unemployment	449.9	<b>457.7</b>	15.7	<b>7.8</b>	-6.6	18.3	<b>1.7</b>	-1.4	4.2
Participation rate	67.7	<b>68.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	911.3	<b>912.3</b>	...	<b>1.0</b>	9.1	11.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.3
Labour force	630.6	<b>635.9</b>	2.7	<b>5.3</b>	10.6	10.6	<b>0.8</b>	1.7	1.7
Employment	606.0	<b>606.8</b>	2.7	<b>0.8</b>	7.7	7.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment full-time	491.4	<b>488.8</b>	3.9	<b>-2.6</b>	0.8	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	0.2
Employment part-time	114.6	<b>118.0</b>	3.6	<b>3.4</b>	6.9	7.0	<b>3.0</b>	6.2	6.3
Unemployment	24.7	<b>29.0</b>	2.2	<b>4.3</b>	2.8	2.7	<b>17.4</b>	10.7	10.3
Participation rate	69.2	<b>69.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	769.2	<b>770.7</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	12.7	17.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	2.3
Labour force	535.4	<b>541.4</b>	2.3	<b>6.0</b>	15.5	18.0	<b>1.1</b>	2.9	3.4
Employment	511.5	<b>519.2</b>	2.4	<b>7.7</b>	14.5	16.1	<b>1.5</b>	2.9	3.2
Employment full-time	419.3	<b>426.3</b>	3.2	<b>7.0</b>	13.6	15.3	<b>1.7</b>	3.3	3.7
Employment part-time	92.2	<b>92.9</b>	2.9	<b>0.7</b>	1.0	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	0.9
Unemployment	23.9	<b>22.2</b>	1.8	<b>-1.7</b>	1.0	1.9	<b>-7.1</b>	4.7	9.4
Participation rate	69.6	<b>70.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>67.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,803.7	<b>2,808.2</b>	...	<b>4.5</b>	38.7	48.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	1.8
Labour force	2,080.0	<b>2,104.6</b>	8.1	<b>24.6</b>	44.8	57.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.2	2.8
Employment	2,006.7	<b>2,023.9</b>	8.3	<b>17.2</b>	30.1	50.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	2.5
Employment full-time	1,689.0	<b>1,689.4</b>	11.1	<b>0.4</b>	11.5	28.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.7
Employment part-time	317.7	<b>334.6</b>	10.0	<b>16.9</b>	18.7	21.3	<b>5.3</b>	5.9	6.8
Unemployment	73.3	<b>80.7</b>	5.9	<b>7.4</b>	14.7	7.7	<b>10.1</b>	22.3	10.5
Participation rate	74.2	<b>74.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	<b>3.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	<b>72.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,651.5	<b>3,658.6</b>	...	<b>7.1</b>	55.9	73.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.0
Labour force	2,429.3	<b>2,431.1</b>	9.6	<b>1.8</b>	37.6	57.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	2.4
Employment	2,325.1	<b>2,319.4</b>	9.6	<b>-5.7</b>	26.5	49.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment full-time	1,854.6	<b>1,846.3</b>	13.7	<b>-8.3</b>	29.8	24.4	<b>-0.4</b>	1.6	1.3
Employment part-time	470.5	<b>473.1</b>	12.8	<b>2.6</b>	-3.4	25.0	<b>0.6</b>	-0.7	5.6
Unemployment	104.2	<b>111.7</b>	6.9	<b>7.5</b>	11.1	8.0	<b>7.2</b>	11.0	7.7
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>63.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...

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**

	August 2008	September 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	426.3	<b>426.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	3.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	254.3	<b>249.8</b>	2.2	<b>-4.5</b>	-0.4	-1.2	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.2	-0.5
Employment	219.3	<b>216.6</b>	2.3	<b>-2.7</b>	-2.2	-0.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	-0.2
Employment full-time	191.2	<b>187.9</b>	2.6	<b>-3.3</b>	-0.7	-0.1	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.4	-0.1
Unemployment	35.0	<b>33.2</b>	2.1	<b>-1.8</b>	1.8	-0.8	<b>-5.1</b>	5.7	-2.4
Participation rate	59.7	<b>58.5</b>	0.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	<b>13.3</b>	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	51.4	<b>50.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	12.8	<b>13.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	62.3	<b>62.2</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	-1.4
Labour force	34.3	<b>34.4</b>	1.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	3.0	0.9
Employment	28.6	<b>27.9</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.7	0.5	<b>-2.4</b>	2.6	1.8
Unemployment	5.8	<b>6.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.7</b>	0.3	-0.2	<b>12.1</b>	4.8	-3.0
Participation rate	55.1	<b>55.3</b>	1.8	<b>0.2</b>	2.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.9	<b>18.9</b>	2.7	<b>2.0</b>	0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	45.9	<b>44.9</b>	1.7	<b>-1.0</b>	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	33.9	<b>40.5</b>	3.6	<b>6.6</b>	0.8	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	175.7	<b>175.9</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	1.0
Labour force	117.1	<b>113.9</b>	1.3	<b>-3.2</b>	-0.5	0.1	<b>-2.7</b>	-0.4	0.1
Employment	99.6	<b>97.7</b>	1.3	<b>-1.9</b>	-3.8	-1.3	<b>-1.9</b>	-3.7	-1.3
Unemployment	17.4	<b>16.2</b>	1.3	<b>-1.2</b>	3.3	1.5	<b>-6.9</b>	25.6	10.2
Participation rate	66.6	<b>64.8</b>	0.7	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	<b>14.2</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	2.9	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	<b>55.5</b>	0.8	<b>-1.2</b>	-2.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.7	<b>3.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	188.3	<b>188.7</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.0	2.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.5
Labour force	102.9	<b>101.5</b>	1.2	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.9	-1.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-0.9	-1.6
Employment	91.1	<b>91.0</b>	1.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	0.4
Unemployment	11.7	<b>10.5</b>	1.2	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.8	-2.0	<b>-10.3</b>	-14.6	-16.0
Participation rate	54.6	<b>53.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.4	<b>10.3</b>	1.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.4	<b>48.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.2	<b>15.1</b>	1.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.6	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	219.3	<b>216.6</b>	2.3	<b>-2.7</b>	-2.2	-0.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-1.0	-0.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.1	-0.6	<b>-50.0</b>	-78.6	-66.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	16.9	<b>17.3</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	2.3	<b>2.4</b>	1.8	15.3
Utilities	2.1	<b>1.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	0.3	<b>-9.5</b>	0.0	18.8
Construction	16.7	<b>15.5</b>	1.0	<b>-1.2</b>	1.3	0.7	<b>-7.2</b>	9.2	4.7
Manufacturing	13.9	<b>13.3</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.9	-3.6	<b>-4.3</b>	-12.5	-21.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	35.5	<b>34.0</b>	1.3	<b>-1.5</b>	-2.5	-0.6	<b>-4.2</b>	-6.8	-1.7
Transportation and warehousing	9.1	<b>9.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>8.8</b>	-2.0	-2.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	6.4	<b>7.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	-1.3	-0.3	<b>9.4</b>	-15.7	-4.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	9.4	<b>7.9</b>	0.6	<b>-1.5</b>	0.0	-0.8	<b>-16.0</b>	0.0	-9.2
Business, building and other support services	7.8	<b>7.6</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	-2.1	<b>-2.6</b>	-15.6	-21.6
Educational services	15.7	<b>17.1</b>	0.8	<b>1.4</b>	1.8	1.3	<b>8.9</b>	11.8	8.2
Health care and social assistance	32.0	<b>31.8</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.9	-3.6
Information, culture and recreation	8.8	<b>8.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.0	0.8	<b>-5.7</b>	-10.8	10.7
Accommodation and food services	13.4	<b>13.0</b>	1.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.2	-2.6	<b>-3.0</b>	-14.5	-16.7
Other services	11.3	<b>12.5</b>	0.7	<b>1.2</b>	3.6	4.1	<b>10.6</b>	40.4	48.8
Public administration	19.7	<b>19.1</b>	0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	2.9	1.9	<b>-3.0</b>	17.9	11.0

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

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

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

	August 2008	September 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	114.8	<b>115.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	1.4	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	1.2	1.4
Labour force	78.7	<b>79.8</b>	0.6	<b>1.1</b>	2.3	2.3	<b>1.4</b>	3.0	3.0
Employment	70.4	<b>70.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	2.2
Employment full-time	60.0	<b>58.9</b>	0.8	<b>-1.1</b>	1.0	1.1	<b>-1.8</b>	1.7	1.9
Unemployment	8.2	<b>9.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.9	<b>11.0</b>	9.6	11.0
Participation rate	68.6	<b>69.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	<b>11.4</b>	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	<b>61.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.8	<b>16.7</b>	0.9	<b>1.9</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.8	<b>19.8</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	0.5
Labour force	13.6	<b>14.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.3	0.5	<b>5.1</b>	2.1	3.6
Employment	11.5	<b>11.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.1	<b>2.6</b>	1.7	0.9
Unemployment	2.1	<b>2.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.4	<b>19.0</b>	4.2	19.0
Participation rate	68.7	<b>72.2</b>	1.9	<b>3.5</b>	0.8	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	<b>17.5</b>	2.3	<b>2.1</b>	0.4	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	<b>59.6</b>	1.9	<b>1.5</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.3	<b>41.5</b>	3.2	<b>3.3</b>	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.7	<b>45.9</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	1.8	2.2
Labour force	33.1	<b>33.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	2.8	2.8
Employment	29.2	<b>29.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.7
Unemployment	3.9	<b>3.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.8	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	25.8	18.2
Participation rate	72.4	<b>72.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	<b>11.8</b>	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	2.2	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>63.6</b>	0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.5	<b>5.5</b>	1.0	<b>1.0</b>	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.3	<b>49.5</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.0
Labour force	32.0	<b>32.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.0	<b>1.2</b>	3.5	3.2
Employment	29.7	<b>29.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.2	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	4.2	3.8
Unemployment	2.2	<b>2.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.2	<b>22.7</b>	-3.6	-6.9
Participation rate	64.9	<b>65.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.8	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>8.3</b>	1.0	<b>1.4</b>	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	<b>60.0</b>	0.8	<b>-0.2</b>	2.0	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	<b>17.5</b>	1.4	<b>1.7</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	70.4	<b>70.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.5	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.2	2.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	17.6	<b>17.3</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	-0.3	<b>-1.7</b>	0.6	-1.7
Agriculture	3.1	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	-0.2	<b>3.2</b>	-3.0	-5.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.2	<b>2.9</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>-9.4</b>	20.8	20.8
Utilities	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-33.3	-33.3
Construction	4.9	<b>5.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.4	<b>6.1</b>	13.0	8.3
Manufacturing	6.3	<b>5.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.0	-1.0	<b>-9.5</b>	-14.9	-14.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	52.8	<b>53.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	1.9	<b>1.3</b>	2.9	3.7
Trade	10.9	<b>10.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.9	10.1
Transportation and warehousing	2.5	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.1	<b>4.0</b>	8.3	4.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.0	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.2	<b>-13.3</b>	-10.3	-7.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.6	<b>2.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.3	<b>-3.8</b>	8.7	13.6
Business, building and other support services	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-7.1	-7.1
Educational services	5.1	<b>5.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.4	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	8.5	4.1
Health care and social assistance	8.3	<b>8.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.1	<b>3.6</b>	4.9	1.2
Information, culture and recreation	2.7	<b>2.2</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.4	-0.4	<b>-18.5</b>	-15.4	-15.4
Accommodation and food services	4.9	<b>5.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.1	-0.6	<b>12.2</b>	1.9	-9.8
Other services	2.7	<b>2.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>3.7</b>	-6.7	-6.7
Public administration	7.5	<b>8.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	1.1	1.6	<b>8.0</b>	15.7	24.6

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

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



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

	August 2008	September 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	769.5	<b>770.0</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	4.2	5.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	491.4	<b>494.4</b>	2.8	<b>3.0</b>	4.2	9.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	2.0
Employment	451.9	<b>456.8</b>	2.9	<b>4.9</b>	4.5	10.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.0	2.4
Employment full-time	375.6	<b>374.1</b>	3.7	<b>-1.5</b>	7.4	13.6	<b>-0.4</b>	2.0	3.8
Unemployment	39.5	<b>37.6</b>	2.6	<b>-1.9</b>	-0.4	-0.7	<b>-4.8</b>	-1.1	-1.8
Participation rate	63.9	<b>64.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>7.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	<b>59.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.9	<b>18.1</b>	0.7	<b>1.2</b>	-0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	121.3	<b>121.2</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	-1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.9
Labour force	80.6	<b>82.0</b>	1.7	<b>1.4</b>	-1.3	2.3	<b>1.7</b>	-1.6	2.9
Employment	69.5	<b>70.5</b>	1.7	<b>1.0</b>	-0.4	-1.2	<b>1.4</b>	-0.6	-1.7
Unemployment	11.1	<b>11.5</b>	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	-0.9	3.5	<b>3.6</b>	-7.3	43.8
Participation rate	66.4	<b>67.7</b>	1.4	<b>1.3</b>	-0.6	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	<b>14.0</b>	1.7	<b>0.2</b>	-0.9	4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	<b>58.2</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.7	<b>47.9</b>	2.5	<b>3.2</b>	2.5	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	309.0	<b>309.3</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.1	2.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.8
Labour force	213.0	<b>213.3</b>	1.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.6	3.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.6
Employment	195.9	<b>197.3</b>	1.7	<b>1.4</b>	1.3	4.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	2.4
Unemployment	17.1	<b>16.0</b>	1.6	<b>-1.1</b>	1.3	-1.2	<b>-6.4</b>	8.8	-7.0
Participation rate	68.9	<b>69.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>7.5</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	<b>63.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	<b>7.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	339.2	<b>339.5</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.8	3.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0
Labour force	197.8	<b>199.1</b>	1.5	<b>1.3</b>	2.9	4.1	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	2.1
Employment	186.6	<b>189.0</b>	1.5	<b>2.4</b>	3.6	7.1	<b>1.3</b>	1.9	3.9
Unemployment	11.2	<b>10.1</b>	1.3	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.8	-2.9	<b>-9.8</b>	-7.3	-22.3
Participation rate	58.3	<b>58.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.0	<b>55.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	<b>18.0</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	-3.0	-3.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	451.9	<b>456.8</b>	2.9	<b>4.9</b>	4.5	10.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.0	2.4
Agriculture	90.4	<b>93.2</b>	2.3	<b>2.8</b>	1.2	3.1	<b>3.1</b>	1.3	3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.6	<b>6.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	0.5	<b>8.9</b>	7.0	8.9
Utilities	12.9	<b>12.7</b>	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	2.5	<b>-1.6</b>	-7.3	24.5
Construction	3.3	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	1.3	<b>-3.0</b>	23.1	68.4
Manufacturing	29.5	<b>31.3</b>	1.5	<b>1.8</b>	3.3	2.5	<b>6.1</b>	11.8	8.7
Manufacturing	39.0	<b>39.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.8</b>	-2.2	-3.9	<b>2.1</b>	-5.2	-8.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	361.6	<b>363.6</b>	3.0	<b>2.0</b>	3.3	7.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.9	2.1
Trade	77.6	<b>82.2</b>	1.9	<b>4.6</b>	7.3	6.5	<b>5.9</b>	9.7	8.6
Transportation and warehousing	18.6	<b>18.0</b>	1.0	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	-0.2	<b>-3.2</b>	-7.2	-1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	24.4	<b>22.7</b>	1.0	<b>-1.7</b>	1.2	-0.5	<b>-7.0</b>	5.6	-2.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.2	<b>23.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	4.6	5.7	<b>0.9</b>	24.5	32.2
Business, building and other support services	24.9	<b>22.4</b>	1.4	<b>-2.5</b>	-8.7	-3.0	<b>-10.0</b>	-28.0	-11.8
Educational services	34.6	<b>34.0</b>	1.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	-2.4	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.2	-6.6
Health care and social assistance	62.0	<b>62.3</b>	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.9	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	1.8
Information, culture and recreation	19.7	<b>18.4</b>	1.1	<b>-1.3</b>	-2.8	-1.7	<b>-6.6</b>	-13.2	-8.5
Accommodation and food services	28.4	<b>29.5</b>	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	0.6	0.8	<b>3.9</b>	2.1	2.8
Other services	18.4	<b>20.1</b>	1.2	<b>1.7</b>	1.0	0.0	<b>9.2</b>	5.2	0.0
Public administration	29.7	<b>30.6</b>	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	1.0	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	3.4

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

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

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

	August 2008	September 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	618.6	<b>619.0</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.7	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8
Labour force	400.0	<b>399.0</b>	2.4	<b>-1.0</b>	1.2	2.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	0.6
Employment	366.5	<b>367.0</b>	2.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.9
Employment full-time	307.9	<b>307.6</b>	3.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-3.5	1.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	0.5
Unemployment	33.5	<b>32.0</b>	2.2	<b>-1.5</b>	0.8	-1.0	<b>-4.5</b>	2.6	-3.0
Participation rate	64.7	<b>64.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	<b>8.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	<b>59.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	<b>16.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	94.7	<b>94.6</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2
Labour force	62.5	<b>64.9</b>	1.3	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	-0.3	<b>3.8</b>	3.8	-0.5
Employment	55.3	<b>55.7</b>	1.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	0.5
Unemployment	7.2	<b>9.2</b>	1.1	<b>2.0</b>	1.8	-0.6	<b>27.8</b>	24.3	-6.1
Participation rate	66.0	<b>68.6</b>	1.4	<b>2.6</b>	2.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	<b>14.2</b>	1.7	<b>2.7</b>	2.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	<b>58.9</b>	1.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	<b>45.2</b>	2.5	<b>0.0</b>	5.3	3.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	253.0	<b>253.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9
Labour force	175.4	<b>175.3</b>	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	2.9	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	1.7
Employment	159.9	<b>159.7</b>	1.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.6	1.7	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	1.1
Unemployment	15.5	<b>15.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	1.2	<b>0.6</b>	4.7	8.3
Participation rate	69.3	<b>69.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	<b>63.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	<b>5.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	270.9	<b>271.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.3	2.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.1
Labour force	162.1	<b>158.8</b>	1.2	<b>-3.3</b>	-0.2	-0.4	<b>-2.0</b>	-0.1	-0.3
Employment	151.3	<b>151.6</b>	1.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	0.9
Unemployment	10.8	<b>7.2</b>	1.1	<b>-3.6</b>	-1.7	-1.6	<b>-33.3</b>	-19.1	-18.2
Participation rate	59.8	<b>58.6</b>	0.5	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>4.5</b>	0.6	<b>-2.2</b>	-1.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	<b>55.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.1	<b>16.7</b>	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	366.5	<b>367.0</b>	2.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.9
Agriculture	84.0	<b>83.6</b>	2.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.1	1.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	2.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.8	<b>5.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-0.2	0.5	<b>1.7</b>	-3.3	9.3
Utilities	12.7	<b>12.7</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	1.1	1.7	<b>0.0</b>	9.5	15.5
Construction	5.3	<b>5.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.1	1.1	<b>-3.8</b>	27.5	27.5
Manufacturing	23.1	<b>21.8</b>	1.2	<b>-1.3</b>	-3.5	-2.7	<b>-5.6</b>	-13.8	-11.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	37.0	<b>38.1</b>	1.3	<b>1.1</b>	1.4	1.2	<b>3.0</b>	3.8	3.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	282.5	<b>283.4</b>	2.4	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	1.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.6
Trade	60.0	<b>59.0</b>	1.6	<b>-1.0</b>	2.1	1.0	<b>-1.7</b>	3.7	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	20.3	<b>22.0</b>	1.0	<b>1.7</b>	2.0	2.5	<b>8.4</b>	10.0	12.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.9	<b>16.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	-0.6	1.2	<b>3.8</b>	-3.5	7.8
Business, building and other support services	16.7	<b>15.7</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-2.4	-0.9	<b>-6.0</b>	-13.3	-5.4
Educational services	19.3	<b>19.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-1.8	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.1	-8.7
Health care and social assistance	23.6	<b>26.0</b>	1.1	<b>2.4</b>	0.3	-0.8	<b>10.2</b>	1.2	-3.0
Information, culture and recreation	52.5	<b>51.6</b>	1.3	<b>-0.9</b>	1.8	3.9	<b>-1.7</b>	3.6	8.2
Accommodation and food services	10.6	<b>10.3</b>	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.7	-3.4	<b>-2.8</b>	-14.2	-24.8
Other services	24.3	<b>22.0</b>	1.1	<b>-2.3</b>	-1.2	-1.8	<b>-9.5</b>	-5.2	-7.6
Public administration	15.0	<b>15.0</b>	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	-2.6	-2.7	<b>0.0</b>	-14.8	-15.3
Public administration	24.4	<b>26.5</b>	0.9	<b>2.1</b>	3.2	4.4	<b>8.6</b>	13.7	19.9

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

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

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

	August 2008	September 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	6,379.5	<b>6,385.4</b>	...	<b>5.9</b>	45.2	59.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9
Labour force	4,179.6	<b>4,197.0</b>	14.3	<b>17.4</b>	22.2	44.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	1.1
Employment	3,859.1	<b>3,890.8</b>	14.7	<b>31.7</b>	6.5	25.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	0.7
Employment full-time	3,144.5	<b>3,151.9</b>	19.3	<b>7.4</b>	2.7	19.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.6
Unemployment	320.4	<b>306.2</b>	12.8	<b>-14.2</b>	15.7	19.0	<b>-4.4</b>	5.4	6.6
Participation rate	65.5	<b>65.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	<b>7.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>60.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	<b>19.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	960.0	<b>960.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	3.3	4.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5
Labour force	642.9	<b>655.2</b>	8.1	<b>12.3</b>	15.2	22.6	<b>1.9</b>	2.4	3.6
Employment	571.9	<b>579.5</b>	8.0	<b>7.6</b>	14.7	30.4	<b>1.3</b>	2.6	5.5
Unemployment	71.1	<b>75.6</b>	7.1	<b>4.5</b>	0.4	-8.0	<b>6.3</b>	0.5	-9.6
Participation rate	67.0	<b>68.2</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	1.3	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	<b>11.5</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	<b>60.4</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.4	2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.6	<b>50.4</b>	1.5	<b>3.8</b>	2.4	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,648.0	<b>2,650.8</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	21.0	27.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0
Labour force	1,871.6	<b>1,873.6</b>	7.7	<b>2.0</b>	-9.1	16.3	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	0.9
Employment	1,722.1	<b>1,734.3</b>	8.4	<b>12.2</b>	-15.4	-4.7	<b>0.7</b>	-0.9	-0.3
Unemployment	149.5	<b>139.3</b>	7.8	<b>-10.2</b>	6.3	20.9	<b>-6.8</b>	4.7	17.7
Participation rate	70.7	<b>70.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	<b>7.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.6</b>	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	<b>65.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	<b>7.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,771.5	<b>2,774.4</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	20.9	27.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0
Labour force	1,665.0	<b>1,668.2</b>	8.0	<b>3.2</b>	16.1	5.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	0.3
Employment	1,565.1	<b>1,577.0</b>	8.3	<b>11.9</b>	7.2	-0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.0
Unemployment	99.9	<b>91.2</b>	6.8	<b>-8.7</b>	8.9	6.0	<b>-8.7</b>	10.8	7.0
Participation rate	60.1	<b>60.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	<b>56.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	<b>19.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.8	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	3,859.1	<b>3,890.8</b>	14.7	<b>31.7</b>	6.5	25.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.2	0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	880.9	<b>893.5</b>	11.9	<b>12.6</b>	13.9	17.2	<b>1.4</b>	1.6	2.0
Agriculture	56.1	<b>57.8</b>	3.5	<b>1.7</b>	-13.1	-12.8	<b>3.0</b>	-18.5	-18.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.3	<b>30.9</b>	2.3	<b>-1.4</b>	-4.1	-3.2	<b>-4.3</b>	-11.7	-9.4
Utilities	32.4	<b>32.0</b>	2.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	-4.1	<b>-1.2</b>	0.9	-11.4
Construction	216.4	<b>223.6</b>	6.4	<b>7.2</b>	14.0	26.3	<b>3.3</b>	6.7	13.3
Manufacturing	543.8	<b>549.1</b>	9.6	<b>5.3</b>	16.8	11.0	<b>1.0</b>	3.2	2.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	2,978.2	<b>2,997.4</b>	16.1	<b>19.2</b>	-7.3	8.3	<b>0.6</b>	-0.2	0.3
Trade	622.3	<b>619.7</b>	11.0	<b>-2.6</b>	-21.7	-28.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.4	-4.4
Transportation and warehousing	190.6	<b>181.8</b>	6.2	<b>-8.8</b>	-6.8	0.6	<b>-4.6</b>	-3.6	0.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	238.0	<b>233.7</b>	6.6	<b>-4.3</b>	0.2	5.3	<b>-1.8</b>	0.1	2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	254.6	<b>262.0</b>	7.8	<b>7.4</b>	-4.9	-4.3	<b>2.9</b>	-1.8	-1.6
Business, building and other support services	128.0	<b>138.5</b>	6.0	<b>10.5</b>	3.6	-0.5	<b>8.2</b>	2.7	-0.4
Educational services	252.1	<b>258.2</b>	7.1	<b>6.1</b>	-4.5	4.5	<b>2.4</b>	-1.7	1.8
Health care and social assistance	465.1	<b>478.3</b>	8.1	<b>13.2</b>	17.3	29.0	<b>2.8</b>	3.8	6.5
Information, culture and recreation	182.7	<b>176.4</b>	6.4	<b>-6.3</b>	11.8	8.6	<b>-3.4</b>	7.2	5.1
Accommodation and food services	251.6	<b>252.3</b>	7.7	<b>0.7</b>	6.3	7.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.6	3.1
Other services	166.6	<b>172.0</b>	6.1	<b>5.4</b>	-10.5	-14.6	<b>3.2</b>	-5.8	-7.8
Public administration	226.5	<b>224.6</b>	5.8	<b>-1.9</b>	2.1	0.9	<b>-0.8</b>	0.9	0.4

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**

	August 2008	September 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	10,529.9	<b>10,546.7</b>	...	<b>16.8</b>	120.3	155.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.5
Labour force	7,132.6	<b>7,192.7</b>	18.4	<b>60.1</b>	97.5	131.4	<b>0.8</b>	1.4	1.9
Employment	6,682.8	<b>6,735.0</b>	18.8	<b>52.2</b>	104.1	113.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	1.7
Employment full-time	5,433.5	<b>5,446.0</b>	23.8	<b>12.5</b>	0.4	11.9	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.2
Unemployment	449.9	<b>457.7</b>	15.7	<b>7.8</b>	-6.6	18.3	<b>1.7</b>	-1.4	4.2
Participation rate	67.7	<b>68.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	<b>19.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.3	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,734.9	<b>1,736.2</b>	...	<b>1.3</b>	8.0	11.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	1,104.1	<b>1,126.9</b>	11.6	<b>22.8</b>	5.3	9.9	<b>2.1</b>	0.5	0.9
Employment	958.2	<b>986.9</b>	11.1	<b>28.7</b>	17.4	14.7	<b>3.0</b>	1.8	1.5
Unemployment	145.9	<b>140.0</b>	9.7	<b>-5.9</b>	-12.1	-4.9	<b>-4.0</b>	-8.0	-3.4
Participation rate	63.6	<b>64.9</b>	0.7	<b>1.3</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	<b>12.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	<b>56.8</b>	0.6	<b>1.6</b>	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.3	<b>50.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,273.6	<b>4,280.9</b>	...	<b>7.3</b>	52.2	67.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.6
Labour force	3,171.1	<b>3,191.0</b>	8.8	<b>19.9</b>	43.2	56.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.4	1.8
Employment	3,009.8	<b>3,017.8</b>	9.7	<b>8.0</b>	42.3	45.8	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.5
Unemployment	161.4	<b>173.2</b>	8.7	<b>11.8</b>	0.9	11.1	<b>7.3</b>	0.5	6.8
Participation rate	74.2	<b>74.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>5.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	<b>70.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	<b>7.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,521.5	<b>4,529.6</b>	...	<b>8.1</b>	60.1	76.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.7
Labour force	2,857.4	<b>2,874.7</b>	10.6	<b>17.3</b>	48.9	64.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	2.3
Employment	2,714.8	<b>2,730.3</b>	10.4	<b>15.5</b>	44.3	52.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.6	2.0
Unemployment	142.6	<b>144.5</b>	8.4	<b>1.9</b>	4.7	12.1	<b>1.3</b>	3.4	9.1
Participation rate	63.2	<b>63.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	<b>5.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	<b>60.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.6	<b>21.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.9	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	6,682.8	<b>6,735.0</b>	18.8	<b>52.2</b>	104.1	113.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.6	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
	1,526.5	<b>1,534.6</b>	15.4	<b>8.1</b>	26.5	-1.0	<b>0.5</b>	1.8	-0.1
Agriculture	77.7	<b>85.5</b>	3.8	<b>7.8</b>	-2.5	-9.0	<b>10.0</b>	-2.8	-9.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.0	<b>38.6</b>	2.1	<b>-0.4</b>	4.0	7.0	<b>-1.0</b>	11.6	22.2
Utilities	70.4	<b>63.6</b>	2.7	<b>-6.8</b>	3.9	6.3	<b>-9.7</b>	6.5	11.0
Construction	445.0	<b>442.7</b>	9.2	<b>-2.3</b>	37.5	30.9	<b>-0.5</b>	9.3	7.5
Manufacturing	894.5	<b>904.3</b>	12.5	<b>9.8</b>	-16.2	-36.1	<b>1.1</b>	-1.8	-3.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	5,156.2	<b>5,200.4</b>	21.1	<b>44.2</b>	77.5	114.0	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	2.2
Trade	1,014.7	<b>1,025.2</b>	13.7	<b>10.5</b>	-15.3	4.7	<b>1.0</b>	-1.5	0.5
Transportation and warehousing	327.9	<b>349.7</b>	7.8	<b>21.8</b>	42.8	51.3	<b>6.6</b>	13.9	17.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	476.6	<b>475.0</b>	9.6	<b>-1.6</b>	4.4	2.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.9	0.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	510.9	<b>499.6</b>	10.2	<b>-11.3</b>	19.4	9.2	<b>-2.2</b>	4.0	1.9
Business, building and other support services	288.6	<b>292.8</b>	9.0	<b>4.2</b>	-10.3	-15.2	<b>1.5</b>	-3.4	-4.9
Educational services	492.0	<b>486.7</b>	9.7	<b>-5.3</b>	-7.9	-1.8	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.6	-0.4
Health care and social assistance	686.4	<b>709.4</b>	9.9	<b>23.0</b>	26.8	39.8	<b>3.4</b>	3.9	5.9
Information, culture and recreation	303.1	<b>301.7</b>	8.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-37.4	-34.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-11.0	-10.3
Accommodation and food services	422.6	<b>415.5</b>	9.3	<b>-7.1</b>	36.9	5.2	<b>-1.7</b>	9.7	1.3
Other services	274.9	<b>285.5</b>	7.4	<b>10.6</b>	8.2	31.9	<b>3.9</b>	3.0	12.6
Public administration	358.4	<b>359.2</b>	7.3	<b>0.8</b>	9.8	20.8	<b>0.2</b>	2.8	6.1

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

	August 2008	September 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	911.3	<b>912.3</b>	...	<b>1.0</b>	9.1	11.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.3
Labour force	630.6	<b>635.9</b>	2.7	<b>5.3</b>	10.6	10.6	<b>0.8</b>	1.7	1.7
Employment	606.0	<b>606.8</b>	2.7	<b>0.8</b>	7.7	7.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
Employment full-time	491.4	<b>488.8</b>	3.9	<b>-2.6</b>	0.8	0.8	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	0.2
Unemployment	24.7	<b>29.0</b>	2.2	<b>4.3</b>	2.8	2.7	<b>17.4</b>	10.7	10.3
Participation rate	69.2	<b>69.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>66.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	<b>19.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	158.6	<b>158.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1
Labour force	113.3	<b>115.8</b>	1.7	<b>2.5</b>	2.0	0.8	<b>2.2</b>	1.8	0.7
Employment	104.0	<b>104.1</b>	1.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.0
Unemployment	9.2	<b>11.7</b>	1.4	<b>2.5</b>	1.2	0.8	<b>27.2</b>	11.4	7.3
Participation rate	71.4	<b>73.0</b>	1.1	<b>1.6</b>	0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	<b>10.1</b>	1.2	<b>2.0</b>	0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	<b>65.6</b>	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.7	<b>44.0</b>	2.0	<b>2.3</b>	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	367.9	<b>368.4</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	3.8	4.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.3
Labour force	279.5	<b>281.4</b>	1.4	<b>1.9</b>	5.8	7.7	<b>0.7</b>	2.1	2.8
Employment	272.5	<b>272.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.2</b>	4.4	5.6	<b>-0.1</b>	1.6	2.1
Unemployment	7.0	<b>9.2</b>	1.2	<b>2.2</b>	1.5	2.2	<b>31.4</b>	19.5	31.4
Participation rate	76.0	<b>76.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.5	<b>3.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.1	<b>73.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	<b>7.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	2.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	384.8	<b>385.2</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	4.1	5.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.4
Labour force	237.9	<b>238.6</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	2.0	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	0.8
Employment	229.4	<b>230.4</b>	1.5	<b>1.0</b>	2.5	2.2	<b>0.4</b>	1.1	1.0
Unemployment	8.5	<b>8.2</b>	1.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	-0.1	<b>-3.5</b>	3.8	-1.2
Participation rate	61.8	<b>61.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	<b>3.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	<b>59.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.5	<b>22.7</b>	1.0	<b>0.2</b>	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Population	606.0	<b>606.8</b>	2.7	<b>0.8</b>	7.7	7.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	29.0	<b>29.7</b>	1.3	<b>0.7</b>	3.2	1.2	<b>2.4</b>	12.1	4.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.1	<b>6.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	0.7	<b>9.8</b>	0.0	11.7
Utilities	7.6	<b>7.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	1.9	1.2	<b>-7.9</b>	37.3	20.7
Construction	37.8	<b>38.7</b>	1.5	<b>0.9</b>	2.5	3.6	<b>2.4</b>	6.9	10.3
Manufacturing	66.5	<b>66.7</b>	1.9	<b>0.2</b>	-5.9	-3.7	<b>0.3</b>	-8.1	-5.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	91.1	<b>88.4</b>	2.1	<b>-2.7</b>	0.7	0.6	<b>-3.0</b>	0.8	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	34.9	<b>35.6</b>	1.3	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	0.7	<b>2.0</b>	3.2	2.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	34.7	<b>36.6</b>	1.3	<b>1.9</b>	-2.3	0.6	<b>5.5</b>	-5.9	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.4	<b>23.4</b>	1.2	<b>-2.0</b>	-2.5	-2.9	<b>-7.9</b>	-9.7	-11.0
Business, building and other support services	17.0	<b>17.1</b>	1.2	<b>0.1</b>	-2.1	-1.0	<b>0.6</b>	-10.9	-5.5
Educational services	44.3	<b>48.1</b>	1.6	<b>3.8</b>	2.6	1.7	<b>8.6</b>	5.7	3.7
Health care and social assistance	89.3	<b>86.7</b>	1.8	<b>-2.6</b>	11.1	7.7	<b>-2.9</b>	14.7	9.7
Information, culture and recreation	21.3	<b>21.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-2.9	-2.9	<b>0.9</b>	-11.9	-11.9
Accommodation and food services	38.8	<b>37.2</b>	1.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.4	-0.6	<b>-4.1</b>	-3.6	-1.6
Other services	27.7	<b>28.8</b>	1.3	<b>1.1</b>	3.3	4.5	<b>4.0</b>	12.9	18.5
Public administration	34.5	<b>34.7</b>	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	-1.5	-3.6	<b>0.6</b>	-4.1	-9.4

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

	August 2008	September 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	769.2	<b>770.7</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	12.7	17.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	2.3
Labour force	535.4	<b>541.4</b>	2.3	<b>6.0</b>	15.5	18.0	<b>1.1</b>	2.9	3.4
Employment	511.5	<b>519.2</b>	2.4	<b>7.7</b>	14.5	16.1	<b>1.5</b>	2.9	3.2
Employment full-time	419.3	<b>426.3</b>	3.2	<b>7.0</b>	13.6	15.3	<b>1.7</b>	3.3	3.7
Unemployment	23.9	<b>22.2</b>	1.8	<b>-1.7</b>	1.0	1.9	<b>-7.1</b>	4.7	9.4
Participation rate	69.6	<b>70.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	<b>67.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	<b>17.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.6	<b>139.6</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.2
Labour force	100.1	<b>100.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	4.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	4.7
Employment	91.9	<b>93.4</b>	1.5	<b>1.5</b>	2.5	3.7	<b>1.6</b>	2.8	4.1
Unemployment	8.3	<b>7.2</b>	1.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.5	0.9	<b>-13.3</b>	-6.5	14.3
Participation rate	71.7	<b>72.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>7.2</b>	1.1	<b>-1.1</b>	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	<b>66.9</b>	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.2	<b>35.9</b>	1.7	<b>-2.3</b>	-3.5	-2.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	307.6	<b>308.3</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	5.5	7.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	2.5
Labour force	233.7	<b>236.6</b>	1.1	<b>2.9</b>	5.1	5.4	<b>1.2</b>	2.2	2.3
Employment	224.8	<b>228.6</b>	1.2	<b>3.8</b>	4.5	5.4	<b>1.7</b>	2.0	2.4
Unemployment	8.9	<b>8.0</b>	1.0	<b>-0.9</b>	0.5	0.0	<b>-10.1</b>	6.7	0.0
Participation rate	76.0	<b>76.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	<b>3.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.1	<b>74.1</b>	0.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	<b>6.3</b>	0.6	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	322.0	<b>322.8</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	6.2	8.1	<b>0.2</b>	2.0	2.6
Labour force	201.6	<b>204.2</b>	1.3	<b>2.6</b>	8.5	8.1	<b>1.3</b>	4.3	4.1
Employment	194.8	<b>197.3</b>	1.4	<b>2.5</b>	7.7	7.1	<b>1.3</b>	4.1	3.7
Unemployment	6.8	<b>6.9</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0	<b>1.5</b>	13.1	16.9
Participation rate	62.6	<b>63.3</b>	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	1.5	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	<b>61.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	<b>22.9</b>	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	511.5	<b>519.2</b>	2.4	<b>7.7</b>	14.5	16.1	<b>1.5</b>	2.9	3.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	138.9	<b>147.1</b>	2.3	<b>8.2</b>	14.8	11.6	<b>5.9</b>	11.2	8.6
Agriculture	41.0	<b>44.3</b>	1.5	<b>3.3</b>	3.1	0.3	<b>8.0</b>	7.5	0.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	26.2	<b>26.1</b>	1.1	<b>-0.1</b>	3.5	4.8	<b>-0.4</b>	15.5	22.5
Utilities	5.2	<b>5.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	1.4	<b>11.5</b>	13.7	31.8
Construction	36.8	<b>37.7</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	5.3	2.7	<b>2.4</b>	16.4	7.7
Manufacturing	29.7	<b>33.2</b>	1.2	<b>3.5</b>	2.2	2.4	<b>11.8</b>	7.1	7.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	372.6	<b>372.1</b>	2.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	4.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.1	1.2
Trade	82.5	<b>84.2</b>	1.8	<b>1.7</b>	0.8	2.2	<b>2.1</b>	1.0	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	22.5	<b>21.7</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	-3.3	-2.6	<b>-3.6</b>	-13.2	-10.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.3	<b>27.7</b>	1.0	<b>-1.6</b>	0.2	0.3	<b>-5.5</b>	0.7	1.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.4	<b>21.8</b>	0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	0.5	0.2	<b>-2.7</b>	2.3	0.9
Business, building and other support services	10.5	<b>11.7</b>	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	0.4	-0.1	<b>11.4</b>	3.5	-0.8
Educational services	35.6	<b>40.2</b>	1.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.9	0.7	<b>12.9</b>	2.3	1.8
Health care and social assistance	64.8	<b>66.1</b>	1.4	<b>1.3</b>	4.2	6.6	<b>2.0</b>	6.8	11.1
Information, culture and recreation	19.0	<b>17.7</b>	1.1	<b>-1.3</b>	-3.4	-2.6	<b>-6.8</b>	-16.1	-12.8
Accommodation and food services	33.1	<b>30.3</b>	1.4	<b>-2.8</b>	-0.6	-1.1	<b>-8.5</b>	-1.9	-3.5
Other services	24.2	<b>21.8</b>	1.0	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.1	0.1	<b>-9.9</b>	-0.5	0.5
Public administration	28.8	<b>29.1</b>	1.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	1.2	<b>1.0</b>	1.4	4.3

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

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

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

	August 2008	September 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	2,803.7	<b>2,808.2</b>	...	<b>4.5</b>	38.7	48.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.4	1.8
Labour force	2,080.0	<b>2,104.6</b>	8.1	<b>24.6</b>	44.8	57.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.2	2.8
Employment	2,006.7	<b>2,023.9</b>	8.3	<b>17.2</b>	30.1	50.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	2.5
Employment full-time	1,689.0	<b>1,689.4</b>	11.1	<b>0.4</b>	11.5	28.9	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	1.7
Unemployment	73.3	<b>80.7</b>	5.9	<b>7.4</b>	14.7	7.7	<b>10.1</b>	22.3	10.5
Participation rate	74.2	<b>74.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	<b>3.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	<b>72.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	<b>16.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	503.9	<b>503.9</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-1.4	-1.7	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	366.6	<b>378.2</b>	4.9	<b>11.6</b>	11.7	19.6	<b>3.2</b>	3.2	5.5
Employment	339.7	<b>353.6</b>	5.1	<b>13.9</b>	7.9	18.5	<b>4.1</b>	2.3	5.5
Unemployment	26.9	<b>24.6</b>	3.7	<b>-2.3</b>	3.8	1.1	<b>-8.6</b>	18.3	4.7
Participation rate	72.8	<b>75.1</b>	1.0	<b>2.3</b>	2.6	4.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>6.5</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	<b>70.2</b>	1.0	<b>2.8</b>	1.8	3.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	32.3	<b>34.3</b>	1.5	<b>2.0</b>	1.8	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,161.2	<b>1,164.1</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	26.1	32.2	<b>0.2</b>	2.3	2.8
Labour force	953.0	<b>968.4</b>	3.8	<b>15.4</b>	28.7	38.1	<b>1.6</b>	3.1	4.1
Employment	932.5	<b>939.4</b>	4.2	<b>6.9</b>	23.1	35.5	<b>0.7</b>	2.5	3.9
Unemployment	20.4	<b>28.9</b>	3.3	<b>8.5</b>	5.5	2.5	<b>41.7</b>	23.5	9.5
Participation rate	82.1	<b>83.2</b>	0.3	<b>1.1</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.1	<b>3.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.3	<b>80.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
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	1,138.6	<b>1,140.1</b>	...	<b>1.5</b>	13.9	17.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	1.6
Labour force	760.5	<b>758.0</b>	4.8	<b>-2.5</b>	4.4	0.1	<b>-0.3</b>	0.6	0.0
Employment	734.5	<b>730.9</b>	5.0	<b>-3.6</b>	-0.8	-3.8	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment	26.0	<b>27.1</b>	3.2	<b>1.1</b>	5.2	3.9	<b>4.2</b>	23.7	16.8
Participation rate	66.8	<b>66.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	<b>64.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	<b>22.5</b>	0.9	<b>0.9</b>	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,006.7	<b>2,023.9</b>	8.3	<b>17.2</b>	30.1	50.1	<b>0.9</b>	1.5	2.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	586.2	<b>598.3</b>	8.4	<b>12.1</b>	40.0	34.5	<b>2.1</b>	7.2	6.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	59.7	<b>65.1</b>	3.0	<b>5.4</b>	13.1	6.8	<b>9.0</b>	25.2	11.7
Utilities	145.7	<b>151.5</b>	4.7	<b>5.8</b>	-4.6	-1.2	<b>4.0</b>	-2.9	-0.8
Construction	18.9	<b>18.2</b>	1.7	<b>-0.7</b>	1.0	-1.7	<b>-3.7</b>	5.8	-8.5
Manufacturing	211.6	<b>210.1</b>	5.6	<b>-1.5</b>	11.5	17.4	<b>-0.7</b>	5.8	9.0
	150.3	<b>153.5</b>	4.9	<b>3.2</b>	19.1	13.4	<b>2.1</b>	14.2	9.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,420.5	<b>1,425.6</b>	10.1	<b>5.1</b>	-9.9	15.6	<b>0.4</b>	-0.7	1.1
Trade	317.5	<b>317.2</b>	6.9	<b>-0.3</b>	7.1	21.6	<b>-0.1</b>	2.3	7.3
Transportation and warehousing	96.6	<b>106.0</b>	4.1	<b>9.4</b>	-4.3	-1.8	<b>9.7</b>	-3.9	-1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	107.3	<b>104.9</b>	4.1	<b>-2.4</b>	0.9	3.7	<b>-2.2</b>	0.9	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	163.9	<b>168.0</b>	4.8	<b>4.1</b>	22.4	27.7	<b>2.5</b>	15.4	19.7
Business, building and other support services	58.9	<b>62.7</b>	4.0	<b>3.8</b>	-13.6	-13.1	<b>6.5</b>	-17.8	-17.3
Educational services	119.4	<b>135.7</b>	4.4	<b>16.3</b>	13.8	12.5	<b>13.7</b>	11.3	10.1
Health care and social assistance	189.6	<b>179.8</b>	5.0	<b>-9.8</b>	-16.2	-13.9	<b>-5.2</b>	-8.3	-7.2
Information, culture and recreation	70.6	<b>70.3</b>	3.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-9.3	-8.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-11.7	-11.0
Accommodation and food services	117.3	<b>118.6</b>	4.6	<b>1.3</b>	6.4	5.7	<b>1.1</b>	5.7	5.0
Other services	96.2	<b>85.6</b>	4.0	<b>-10.6</b>	-4.9	-11.9	<b>-11.0</b>	-5.4	-12.2
Public administration	83.2	<b>77.0</b>	3.3	<b>-6.2</b>	-12.0	-5.9	<b>-7.5</b>	-13.5	-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 4-10**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia**

	August 2008	September 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	3,651.5	<b>3,658.6</b>	...	<b>7.1</b>	55.9	73.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.0
Labour force	2,429.3	<b>2,431.1</b>	9.6	<b>1.8</b>	37.6	57.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.6	2.4
Employment	2,325.1	<b>2,319.4</b>	9.6	<b>-5.7</b>	26.5	49.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	2.2
Employment full-time	1,854.6	<b>1,846.3</b>	13.7	<b>-8.3</b>	29.8	24.4	<b>-0.4</b>	1.6	1.3
Unemployment	104.2	<b>111.7</b>	6.9	<b>7.5</b>	11.1	8.0	<b>7.2</b>	11.0	7.7
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>63.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	<b>20.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	583.5	<b>583.9</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.9	4.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.8
Labour force	400.3	<b>391.4</b>	5.5	<b>-8.9</b>	-6.5	-8.6	<b>-2.2</b>	-1.6	-2.2
Employment	367.6	<b>359.5</b>	5.5	<b>-8.1</b>	-7.0	-7.9	<b>-2.2</b>	-1.9	-2.2
Unemployment	32.7	<b>31.8</b>	4.2	<b>-0.9</b>	0.4	-0.7	<b>-2.8</b>	1.3	-2.2
Participation rate	68.6	<b>67.0</b>	0.9	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.5	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	<b>8.1</b>	1.0	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	<b>61.6</b>	0.9	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.7	<b>43.2</b>	1.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.3	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,501.3	<b>1,504.7</b>	...	<b>3.4</b>	26.6	34.7	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	2.4
Labour force	1,093.7	<b>1,094.0</b>	5.0	<b>0.3</b>	16.9	35.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.6	3.3
Employment	1,061.1	<b>1,056.0</b>	5.2	<b>-5.1</b>	17.2	30.8	<b>-0.5</b>	1.7	3.0
Unemployment	32.6	<b>38.0</b>	3.9	<b>5.4</b>	-0.4	4.2	<b>16.6</b>	-1.0	12.4
Participation rate	72.9	<b>72.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	<b>3.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.7	<b>70.2</b>	0.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	<b>7.7</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,566.7	<b>1,570.0</b>	...	<b>3.3</b>	26.4	34.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	2.2
Labour force	935.3	<b>945.8</b>	5.8	<b>10.5</b>	27.4	31.0	<b>1.1</b>	3.0	3.4
Employment	896.4	<b>903.9</b>	5.7	<b>7.5</b>	16.3	26.5	<b>0.8</b>	1.8	3.0
Unemployment	38.9	<b>41.9</b>	4.0	<b>3.0</b>	11.1	4.5	<b>7.7</b>	36.0	12.0
Participation rate	59.7	<b>60.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	<b>57.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.1	<b>26.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	2,325.1	<b>2,319.4</b>	9.6	<b>-5.7</b>	26.5	49.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	2.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	34.2	<b>32.3</b>	2.8	<b>-1.9</b>	-7.4	-6.0	<b>-5.6</b>	-18.6	-15.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	41.4	<b>43.9</b>	2.9	<b>2.5</b>	-6.7	-1.5	<b>6.0</b>	-13.2	-3.3
Utilities	15.3	<b>14.5</b>	1.5	<b>-0.8</b>	1.3	3.9	<b>-5.2</b>	9.8	36.8
Construction	227.2	<b>235.3</b>	6.2	<b>8.1</b>	25.3	34.6	<b>3.6</b>	12.0	17.2
Manufacturing	187.1	<b>186.4</b>	6.2	<b>-0.7</b>	-3.8	-23.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.0	-11.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	1,819.8	<b>1,807.0</b>	11.4	<b>-12.8</b>	17.6	41.4	<b>-0.7</b>	1.0	2.3
Trade	360.5	<b>346.6</b>	7.7	<b>-13.9</b>	-19.1	-18.5	<b>-3.9</b>	-5.2	-5.1
Transportation and warehousing	132.1	<b>129.0</b>	5.0	<b>-3.1</b>	-7.0	7.7	<b>-2.3</b>	-5.1	6.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	142.0	<b>148.9</b>	4.9	<b>6.9</b>	7.0	5.1	<b>4.9</b>	4.9	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	175.1	<b>169.6</b>	5.4	<b>-5.5</b>	9.5	6.9	<b>-3.1</b>	5.9	4.2
Business, building and other support services	102.8	<b>100.1</b>	4.6	<b>-2.7</b>	-5.7	-3.7	<b>-2.6</b>	-5.4	-3.6
Educational services	161.7	<b>157.8</b>	5.5	<b>-3.9</b>	-1.6	-1.7	<b>-2.4</b>	-1.0	-1.1
Health care and social assistance	243.3	<b>253.0</b>	5.9	<b>9.7</b>	17.1	16.5	<b>4.0</b>	7.2	7.0
Information, culture and recreation	117.7	<b>120.8</b>	4.8	<b>3.1</b>	-2.9	6.1	<b>2.6</b>	-2.3	5.3
Accommodation and food services	177.3	<b>174.6</b>	5.9	<b>-2.7</b>	5.4	2.3	<b>-1.5</b>	3.2	1.3
Other services	106.7	<b>106.1</b>	4.1	<b>-0.6</b>	17.9	17.4	<b>-0.6</b>	20.3	19.6
Public administration	100.6	<b>100.4</b>	3.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-3.1	3.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-3.0	3.1

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

	August 2008	September 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	154.5	<b>154.8</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.4	3.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.0
Labour force	106.4	<b>107.3</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	4.9	4.2	<b>0.8</b>	4.8	4.1
Employment	98.3	<b>98.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	3.3	2.2	<b>0.3</b>	3.5	2.3
Unemployment	8.1	<b>8.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	1.6	2.0	<b>7.4</b>	22.5	29.9
Participation rate	68.9	<b>69.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.1	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	<b>8.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	<b>63.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	317.3	<b>317.7</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.4	4.1	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.3
Labour force	218.9	<b>219.4</b>	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	-1.8	-2.8	<b>0.2</b>	-0.8	-1.3
Employment	206.6	<b>207.7</b>	1.1	<b>1.1</b>	-3.6	-1.1	<b>0.5</b>	-1.7	-0.5
Unemployment	12.3	<b>11.7</b>	0.6	<b>-0.6</b>	1.8	-1.7	<b>-4.9</b>	18.2	-12.7
Participation rate	69.0	<b>69.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.3</b>	0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	<b>65.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-1.8	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	104.8	<b>104.9</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0
Labour force	69.4	<b>69.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.2	-2.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.1	-3.1
Employment	65.0	<b>64.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.9	-2.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-4.3	-4.3
Unemployment	4.4	<b>4.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.7	0.7	<b>-4.5</b>	20.0	20.0
Participation rate	66.2	<b>65.8</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.6	-2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	<b>6.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	1.2	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	<b>61.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-3.2	-3.4	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	125.0	<b>125.0</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.4
Labour force	74.5	<b>75.6</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	-0.3	-1.1	<b>1.5</b>	-0.4	-1.4
Employment	68.0	<b>69.5</b>	0.8	<b>1.5</b>	-0.4	-0.7	<b>2.2</b>	-0.6	-1.0
Unemployment	6.4	<b>6.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	-0.4	<b>-4.7</b>	1.7	-6.2
Participation rate	59.6	<b>60.5</b>	0.7	<b>0.9</b>	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	<b>8.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	<b>55.6</b>	0.7	<b>1.2</b>	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	610.8	<b>611.4</b>	...	<b>0.6</b>	4.4	5.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9
Labour force	410.6	<b>409.5</b>	3.2	<b>-1.1</b>	-5.8	-3.9	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.4	-0.9
Employment	391.4	<b>391.2</b>	3.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	-2.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.5
Unemployment	19.2	<b>18.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-4.5	-1.8	<b>-4.7</b>	-19.7	-9.0
Participation rate	67.2	<b>67.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	<b>4.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	<b>64.0</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	121.6	<b>121.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.8
Labour force	75.8	<b>74.7</b>	0.7	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.9	-2.3	<b>-1.5</b>	-3.7	-3.0
Employment	69.9	<b>69.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.8</b>	-3.0	-1.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-4.2	-2.3
Unemployment	5.9	<b>5.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.3</b>	0.2	-0.7	<b>-5.1</b>	3.7	-11.1
Participation rate	62.3	<b>61.4</b>	0.6	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.8	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>7.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	<b>56.8</b>	0.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-2.8	-1.8	...	...	...

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

	August 2008	September 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	138.5	<b>138.7</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.2
Labour force	87.4	<b>88.9</b>	0.7	<b>1.5</b>	-2.6	-0.2	<b>1.7</b>	-2.8	-0.2
Employment	82.2	<b>83.3</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	-2.3	-0.3	<b>1.3</b>	-2.7	-0.4
Unemployment	5.2	<b>5.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	0.0	<b>5.8</b>	-8.3	0.0
Participation rate	63.1	<b>64.1</b>	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	-2.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	<b>6.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>60.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-2.2	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	3,068.1	<b>3,071.0</b>	...	<b>2.9</b>	23.8	31.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.0
Labour force	2,042.7	<b>2,045.7</b>	7.3	<b>3.0</b>	-13.3	-15.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.6	-0.7
Employment	1,891.2	<b>1,894.4</b>	7.7	<b>3.2</b>	-21.5	-20.2	<b>0.2</b>	-1.1	-1.1
Unemployment	151.5	<b>151.3</b>	4.5	<b>-0.2</b>	8.2	5.1	<b>-0.1</b>	5.7	3.5
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	<b>7.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	<b>61.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	-1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	963.6	<b>964.7</b>	...	<b>1.1</b>	9.6	12.3	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.3
Labour force	711.2	<b>709.8</b>	3.5	<b>-1.4</b>	12.5	14.4	<b>-0.2</b>	1.8	2.1
Employment	675.1	<b>675.6</b>	3.5	<b>0.5</b>	9.5	15.9	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	2.4
Unemployment	36.1	<b>34.2</b>	1.6	<b>-1.9</b>	3.0	-1.5	<b>-5.3</b>	9.6	-4.2
Participation rate	73.8	<b>73.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	<b>4.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	<b>70.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	244.3	<b>244.7</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	2.9	4.1	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.7
Labour force	181.7	<b>181.0</b>	1.2	<b>-0.7</b>	5.5	10.1	<b>-0.4</b>	3.1	5.9
Employment	173.0	<b>172.1</b>	1.2	<b>-0.9</b>	4.4	10.6	<b>-0.5</b>	2.6	6.6
Unemployment	8.8	<b>8.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	-0.5	<b>1.1</b>	14.1	-5.3
Participation rate	74.4	<b>74.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.4</b>	1.4	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.8	<b>70.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	0.9	3.2	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	719.3	<b>720.1</b>	...	<b>0.8</b>	6.8	8.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.2
Labour force	529.4	<b>528.8</b>	3.3	<b>-0.6</b>	7.1	4.3	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	0.8
Employment	502.1	<b>503.5</b>	3.3	<b>1.4</b>	5.2	5.2	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	27.3	<b>25.3</b>	1.5	<b>-2.0</b>	1.9	-1.0	<b>-7.3</b>	8.1	-3.8
Participation rate	73.6	<b>73.4</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	<b>4.8</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	<b>69.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.2	<b>126.3</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.2
Labour force	84.6	<b>85.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	4.2	2.5	<b>0.6</b>	5.2	3.0
Employment	79.0	<b>79.6</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	2.8	2.2	<b>0.8</b>	3.6	2.8
Unemployment	5.6	<b>5.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	0.3	<b>-1.8</b>	34.1	5.8
Participation rate	67.0	<b>67.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	3.1	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	<b>6.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	1.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>63.0</b>	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	2.0	1.6	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	August 2008	September 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	4,554.9	<b>4,564.6</b>	...	<b>9.7</b>	79.7	102.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	2.3
Labour force	3,119.5	<b>3,127.0</b>	9.1	<b>7.5</b>	34.0	55.8	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.8
Employment	2,901.0	<b>2,911.2</b>	9.5	<b>10.2</b>	26.0	51.7	<b>0.4</b>	0.9	1.8
Unemployment	218.6	<b>215.7</b>	5.5	<b>-2.9</b>	7.9	3.9	<b>-1.3</b>	3.8	1.8
Participation rate	68.5	<b>68.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	<b>6.9</b>	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>63.8</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	597.3	<b>597.8</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	3.6	5.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.8
Labour force	399.9	<b>397.7</b>	3.1	<b>-2.2</b>	1.2	-2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	0.3	-0.7
Employment	377.6	<b>376.1</b>	3.2	<b>-1.5</b>	3.1	-2.3	<b>-0.4</b>	0.8	-0.6
Unemployment	22.3	<b>21.7</b>	1.4	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.7	-0.6	<b>-2.7</b>	-7.3	-2.7
Participation rate	67.0	<b>66.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	<b>5.5</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	<b>62.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	383.1	<b>383.6</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	4.2	5.8	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.5
Labour force	269.7	<b>272.9</b>	2.1	<b>3.2</b>	3.1	9.1	<b>1.2</b>	1.1	3.4
Employment	255.0	<b>258.4</b>	2.1	<b>3.4</b>	3.0	9.1	<b>1.3</b>	1.2	3.7
Unemployment	14.7	<b>14.5</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.0	<b>-1.4</b>	1.4	0.0
Participation rate	70.4	<b>71.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	<b>5.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	<b>67.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.8</b>	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	385.4	<b>385.8</b>	...	<b>0.4</b>	3.3	4.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.1
Labour force	262.2	<b>262.3</b>	1.9	<b>0.1</b>	-1.7	-3.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-1.3
Employment	244.6	<b>244.2</b>	1.9	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.6	-5.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	-2.2
Unemployment	17.6	<b>18.2</b>	0.9	<b>0.6</b>	1.0	2.1	<b>3.4</b>	5.8	13.0
Participation rate	68.0	<b>68.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-1.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>6.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	<b>63.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.2	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	288.6	<b>289.1</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	4.5	6.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.2
Labour force	201.4	<b>202.4</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	6.4	8.5	<b>0.5</b>	3.3	4.4
Employment	188.9	<b>188.8</b>	1.4	<b>-0.1</b>	4.6	7.4	<b>-0.1</b>	2.5	4.1
Unemployment	12.5	<b>13.6</b>	0.7	<b>1.1</b>	1.9	1.1	<b>8.8</b>	16.2	8.8
Participation rate	69.8	<b>70.0</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	<b>65.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	329.3	<b>329.4</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	0.3
Labour force	212.6	<b>210.7</b>	1.8	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.0	3.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.5	1.5
Employment	198.0	<b>195.9</b>	1.7	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.1	5.0	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.1	2.6
Unemployment	14.7	<b>14.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	-1.8	<b>0.7</b>	7.2	-10.8
Participation rate	64.6	<b>64.0</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	<b>7.0</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	<b>59.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.8	1.4	...	...	...

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	August 2008	September 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	133.7	<b>133.8</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	86.4	<b>87.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	2.4	-0.4	<b>0.9</b>	2.8	-0.5
Employment	81.5	<b>82.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.5	0.3	<b>1.0</b>	1.9	0.4
Unemployment	4.9	<b>4.9</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.9	-0.7	<b>0.0</b>	22.5	-12.5
Participation rate	64.6	<b>65.2</b>	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	<b>61.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.5</b>	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	103.8	<b>103.8</b>	...	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	65.8	<b>65.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-3.1	-2.3	<b>0.2</b>	-4.5	-3.4
Employment	61.7	<b>62.4</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-1.9	-1.4	<b>1.1</b>	-3.0	-2.2
Unemployment	4.1	<b>3.5</b>	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-0.9	<b>-14.6</b>	-25.5	-20.5
Participation rate	63.4	<b>63.5</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	-2.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>5.3</b>	0.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	<b>60.1</b>	0.6	<b>0.7</b>	-1.7	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	272.7	<b>272.9</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.4
Labour force	170.4	<b>172.1</b>	1.5	<b>1.7</b>	-5.1	-1.4	<b>1.0</b>	-2.9	-0.8
Employment	154.1	<b>155.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.9</b>	-7.0	-1.6	<b>0.6</b>	-4.3	-1.0
Unemployment	16.3	<b>17.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	1.8	0.2	<b>4.9</b>	11.8	1.2
Participation rate	62.5	<b>63.1</b>	0.5	<b>0.6</b>	-2.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	<b>9.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	<b>56.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-2.7	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	584.5	<b>585.2</b>	...	<b>0.7</b>	6.3	8.0	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.4
Labour force	413.2	<b>412.4</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.1	4.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	1.1
Employment	395.8	<b>394.2</b>	1.4	<b>-1.6</b>	0.2	3.2	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.8
Unemployment	17.4	<b>18.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	-1.4	1.0	<b>4.0</b>	-7.2	5.8
Participation rate	70.7	<b>70.5</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.4</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	<b>67.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	167.9	<b>168.2</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	3.6	4.7	<b>0.2</b>	2.2	2.9
Labour force	117.3	<b>119.1</b>	0.7	<b>1.8</b>	3.9	5.1	<b>1.5</b>	3.4	4.5
Employment	112.7	<b>114.7</b>	0.8	<b>2.0</b>	4.6	7.3	<b>1.8</b>	4.2	6.8
Unemployment	4.6	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-2.3	<b>-4.3</b>	-12.0	-34.3
Participation rate	69.9	<b>70.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.9</b>	0.8	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>3.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	<b>68.2</b>	0.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.3	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	197.4	<b>197.9</b>	...	<b>0.5</b>	5.1	6.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.6	3.4
Labour force	143.3	<b>143.9</b>	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	2.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.3	1.8
Employment	137.2	<b>137.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	1.3
Unemployment	6.1	<b>6.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	0.8	<b>8.2</b>	22.2	13.8
Participation rate	72.6	<b>72.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-1.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	<b>4.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	<b>69.4</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.2	-1.4	...	...	...

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

	August 2008	September 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	947.6	<b>949.4</b>	...	<b>1.8</b>	14.9	20.4	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.2
Labour force	729.4	<b>735.5</b>	3.2	<b>6.1</b>	30.3	27.3	<b>0.8</b>	4.3	3.9
Employment	703.6	<b>708.1</b>	3.2	<b>4.5</b>	23.6	21.7	<b>0.6</b>	3.4	3.2
Unemployment	25.9	<b>27.4</b>	1.4	<b>1.5</b>	6.6	5.6	<b>5.8</b>	31.7	25.7
Participation rate	77.0	<b>77.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	2.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	<b>3.7</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.3	<b>74.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	884.2	<b>885.6</b>	...	<b>1.4</b>	11.6	15.0	<b>0.2</b>	1.3	1.7
Labour force	638.3	<b>638.5</b>	3.2	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	13.7	<b>0.0</b>	0.2	2.2
Employment	616.4	<b>616.0</b>	3.2	<b>-0.4</b>	2.9	16.9	<b>-0.1</b>	0.5	2.8
Unemployment	22.0	<b>22.5</b>	1.4	<b>0.5</b>	-1.8	-3.1	<b>2.3</b>	-7.4	-12.1
Participation rate	72.2	<b>72.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	<b>3.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	<b>69.6</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	133.9	<b>134.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	2.4	<b>0.1</b>	1.4	1.8
Labour force	93.4	<b>93.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	5.5	5.2	<b>0.3</b>	6.2	5.9
Employment	89.4	<b>89.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.2</b>	4.7	5.1	<b>0.2</b>	5.5	6.0
Unemployment	3.9	<b>4.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	0.2	<b>5.1</b>	24.2	5.1
Participation rate	69.8	<b>69.9</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	3.2	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	<b>4.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	<b>66.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	2.6	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,945.3	<b>1,949.4</b>	...	<b>4.1</b>	35.3	46.6	<b>0.2</b>	1.8	2.4
Labour force	1,294.9	<b>1,294.2</b>	4.6	<b>-0.7</b>	0.4	26.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	2.1
Employment	1,241.3	<b>1,240.0</b>	4.7	<b>-1.3</b>	0.8	19.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	1.6
Unemployment	53.7	<b>54.2</b>	2.2	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	6.6	<b>0.9</b>	-0.7	13.9
Participation rate	66.6	<b>66.4</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	<b>4.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	<b>63.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	286.5	<b>286.8</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	2.3	3.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.2
Labour force	198.2	<b>198.3</b>	1.4	<b>0.1</b>	5.0	7.2	<b>0.1</b>	2.6	3.8
Employment	191.9	<b>192.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	4.3	8.1	<b>0.1</b>	2.3	4.4
Unemployment	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.7	-0.9	<b>0.0</b>	12.5	-12.5
Participation rate	69.2	<b>69.1</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.2	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	<b>3.2</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	<b>66.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	0.9	2.0	...	...	...

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**

	August 2008	September 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	3,070.7	<b>3,074.1</b>	...	<b>3.4</b>	24.4	32.0	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	1.1
Labour force	2,050.3	<b>2,049.6</b>	15.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-13.7	-11.9	<b>0.0</b>	-0.7	-0.6
Employment	1,899.7	<b>1,898.6</b>	15.4	<b>-1.1</b>	-16.8	-17.6	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment	150.6	<b>151.1</b>	11.1	<b>0.5</b>	3.2	5.8	<b>0.3</b>	2.2	4.0
Participation rate	66.8	<b>66.7</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>7.4</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	<b>61.8</b>	0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,563.8	<b>4,575.1</b>	...	<b>11.3</b>	83.3	105.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.9	2.4
Labour force	3,116.2	<b>3,152.6</b>	19.1	<b>36.4</b>	51.8	92.7	<b>1.2</b>	1.7	3.0
Employment	2,904.9	<b>2,937.9</b>	19.7	<b>33.0</b>	47.6	78.5	<b>1.1</b>	1.6	2.7
Unemployment	211.3	<b>214.7</b>	13.2	<b>3.4</b>	4.1	14.2	<b>1.6</b>	1.9	7.1
Participation rate	68.3	<b>68.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.6</b>	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	<b>6.8</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	<b>64.2</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,949.2	<b>1,953.6</b>	...	<b>4.4</b>	36.1	46.9	<b>0.2</b>	1.9	2.5
Labour force	1,296.9	<b>1,292.5</b>	9.8	<b>-4.4</b>	-0.5	25.8	<b>-0.3</b>	0.0	2.0
Employment	1,246.2	<b>1,236.3</b>	9.6	<b>-9.9</b>	-2.4	23.5	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.2	1.9
Unemployment	50.7	<b>56.3</b>	5.6	<b>5.6</b>	1.9	2.5	<b>11.0</b>	3.5	4.6
Participation rate	66.5	<b>66.2</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	<b>4.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	<b>63.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.3	-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 282-0091.

Table 6-1

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

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
<b>Canada <sup>2</sup></b>							
2007	26,600.5	18,213.4	17,117.8	1,095.6	68.5	6.0	64.4
2008	26,976.6	18,488.9	17,346.7	1,142.2	68.5	6.2	64.3
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2007	423.2	261.4	230.6	30.7	61.8	11.7	54.5
2008	426.4	263.5	232.5	30.9	61.8	11.7	54.5
<b>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</b>							
2007	209.5	136.6	124.7	11.9	65.2	8.7	59.5
2008	212.6	140.9	127.5	13.4	66.3	9.5	60.0
<b>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</b>							
2007	32.7	16.9	13.8	3.0	51.7	17.8	42.2
2008	32.4	17.7	15.5	2.3	54.6	13.0	47.8
<b>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</b>							
2007	87.3	54.6	47.6	6.9	62.5	12.6	54.5
2008	87.9	50.8	44.1	6.7	57.8	13.2	50.2
<b>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</b>							
2007	93.7	53.3	44.5	8.8	56.9	16.5	47.5
2008	93.6	54.0	45.5	8.5	57.7	15.7	48.6
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2007	113.5	80.2	73.5	6.7	70.7	8.4	64.8
2008	114.8	81.7	74.7	7.1	71.2	8.7	65.1
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2007	764.5	494.1	454.1	40.0	64.6	8.1	59.4
2008	769.5	499.8	463.9	35.9	65.0	7.2	60.3
<b>Cape Breton [1210]</b>							
2007	116.2	62.4	54.8	7.6	53.7	12.2	47.2
2008	115.6	65.9	58.2	7.7	57.0	11.7	50.3
<b>North Shore [1220]</b>							
2007	131.0	79.7	72.2	7.5	60.8	9.4	55.1
2008	131.4	82.2	75.8	6.4	62.6	7.8	57.7
<b>Annapolis Valley [1230]</b>							
2007	100.3	63.9	58.8	5.1	63.7	8.0	58.6
2008	101.2	65.0	61.8	3.2	64.2	4.9	61.1
<b>Southern [1240]</b>							
2007	103.5	63.0	57.2	5.8	60.9	9.2	55.3
2008	103.6	64.7	58.8	5.9	62.5	9.1	56.8
<b>Halifax [1250]</b>							
2007	313.6	224.9	211.0	14.0	71.7	6.2	67.3
2008	317.7	222.0	209.4	12.6	69.9	5.7	65.9
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2007	613.5	406.1	376.2	30.0	66.2	7.4	61.3
2008	618.6	411.7	379.0	32.7	66.6	7.9	61.3
<b>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</b>							
2007	135.8	82.3	72.3	9.9	60.6	12.0	53.2
2008	135.7	83.6	72.9	10.7	61.6	12.8	53.7
<b>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</b>							
2007	163.5	111.2	105.1	6.0	68.0	5.4	64.3
2008	166.0	116.2	108.3	7.9	70.0	6.8	65.2
<b>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</b>							
2007	142.1	95.6	89.8	5.7	67.3	6.0	63.2
2008	143.2	94.4	87.9	6.5	65.9	6.9	61.4

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in September 2007 and September 2008**

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2007	104.1	74.1	69.0	5.1	71.2	6.9	66.3
2008	105.5	72.8	68.8	4.1	69.0	5.6	65.2
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2007	68.1	43.0	39.9	3.2	63.1	7.4	58.6
2008	68.3	44.7	41.1	3.6	65.4	8.1	60.2
<b>Quebec</b>							
2007	6,321.7	4,216.9	3,938.4	278.5	66.7	6.6	62.3
2008	6,379.7	4,237.9	3,942.1	295.8	66.4	7.0	61.8
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2007	80.9	44.5	38.6	5.8	55.0	13.0	47.7
2008	80.8	49.8	43.4	6.4	61.6	12.9	53.7
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2007	167.4	100.7	94.1	6.6	60.2	6.6	56.2
2008	167.5	104.9	96.8	8.1	62.6	7.7	57.8
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2007	564.5	384.0	368.3	15.6	68.0	4.1	65.2
2008	568.6	378.6	364.0	14.5	66.6	3.8	64.0
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2007	327.8	221.4	212.0	9.5	67.5	4.3	64.7
2008	330.0	219.8	211.0	8.7	66.6	4.0	63.9
Estrie [2430]							
2007	249.0	161.0	151.3	9.7	64.7	6.0	60.8
2008	251.4	158.0	149.4	8.6	62.8	5.4	59.4
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2007	185.4	119.6	113.3	6.3	64.5	5.3	61.1
2008	186.7	126.8	118.2	8.6	67.9	6.8	63.3
Montréal [2435]							
2007	1,127.1	774.2	728.7	45.5	68.7	5.9	64.7
2008	1,145.1	787.6	731.5	56.2	68.8	7.1	63.9
Montréal [2440]							
2007	1,592.1	1,064.1	975.0	89.1	66.8	8.4	61.2
2008	1,592.3	1,059.7	968.4	91.3	66.6	8.6	60.8
Laval [2445]							
2007	309.7	219.4	210.6	8.8	70.8	4.0	68.0
2008	314.5	222.8	208.0	14.8	70.8	6.6	66.1
Lanaudière [2450]							
2007	354.2	233.0	214.0	19.0	65.8	8.2	60.4
2008	364.7	233.5	219.7	13.8	64.0	5.9	60.2
Laurentides [2455]							
2007	426.7	301.7	281.9	19.8	70.7	6.6	66.1
2008	436.5	284.8	264.7	20.1	65.2	7.1	60.6
Outaouais [2460]							
2007	290.7	201.5	188.6	12.9	69.3	6.4	64.9
2008	295.3	214.5	203.3	11.3	72.6	5.3	68.8
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2007	115.6	73.7	66.8	6.9	63.8	9.4	57.8
2008	115.9	76.1	70.6	5.5	65.7	7.2	60.9
Mauricie [2470]							
2007	217.5	125.6	115.3	10.3	57.7	8.2	53.0
2008	218.2	130.1	118.1	12.0	59.6	9.2	54.1

See footnotes at the end of the table.



Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in September 2007 and September 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2007	223.7	139.0	129.4	9.7	62.1	7.0	57.8
2008	223.2	134.7	124.4	10.3	60.3	7.6	55.7
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2007	89.3	53.6	50.6	3.0	60.0	5.6	56.7
2008	89.0	56.2	50.6	5.6	63.1	10.0	56.9
<b>Ontario</b>							
2007	10,378.7	7,145.5	6,663.7	481.8	68.8	6.7	64.2
2008	10,531.1	7,245.3	6,754.8	490.6	68.8	6.8	64.1
Ottawa [3510]							
2007	985.4	711.2	667.1	44.1	72.2	6.2	67.7
2008	995.4	721.0	681.8	39.3	72.4	5.5	68.5
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2007	359.2	236.9	225.7	11.2	66.0	4.7	62.8
2008	360.6	242.9	227.2	15.6	67.4	6.4	63.0
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2007	309.3	196.0	185.9	10.2	63.4	5.2	60.1
2008	311.6	199.6	189.7	9.9	64.1	5.0	60.9
Toronto [3530]							
2007	4,707.8	3,274.9	3,028.9	246.0	69.6	7.5	64.3
2008	4,812.9	3,335.3	3,083.8	251.5	69.3	7.5	64.1
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2007	970.0	698.7	658.7	40.0	72.0	5.7	67.9
2008	986.4	707.8	667.2	40.6	71.8	5.7	67.6
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2007	1,133.9	763.9	716.8	47.2	67.4	6.2	63.2
2008	1,144.0	773.1	726.0	47.0	67.6	6.1	63.5
London [3560]							
2007	511.1	362.5	339.8	22.7	70.9	6.3	66.5
2008	516.5	357.5	332.8	24.6	69.2	6.9	64.4
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2007	524.8	344.5	316.5	28.0	65.6	8.1	60.3
2008	526.5	342.5	312.9	29.7	65.1	8.7	59.4
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2007	247.4	162.4	156.2	6.2	65.6	3.8	63.1
2008	248.3	167.5	160.7	6.8	67.5	4.1	64.7
Northeast [3590]							
2007	453.6	279.2	262.0	17.2	61.6	6.2	57.8
2008	454.6	285.3	267.8	17.5	62.8	6.1	58.9
Northwest [3595]							
2007	175.9	115.3	106.2	9.1	65.5	7.9	60.4
2008	174.4	112.8	104.7	8.1	64.7	7.2	60.0
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2007	899.9	629.4	602.0	27.4	69.9	4.4	66.9
2008	911.4	639.9	612.3	27.6	70.2	4.3	67.2
Southeast [4610]							
2007	76.7	54.1	52.5	1.6	70.5	3.0	68.4
2008	78.9	53.9	51.9	1.9	68.3	3.5	65.8
South Central [4620]							
2007	43.1	30.0	29.0	1.0	69.6	3.3	67.3
2008	44.1	31.5	30.1	1.4	71.4	4.4	68.3

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in September 2007 and September 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2007	82.2	53.4	50.8	2.5	65.0	4.7	61.8
2008	82.7	58.5	57.4	1.1	70.7	1.9	69.4
North Central [4640]							
2007	35.7	24.0	23.3	0.7	67.2	2.9	65.3
2008	35.9	24.6	23.8	0.7	68.5	2.8	66.3
Winnipeg [4650]							
2007	533.4	379.2	361.3	17.9	71.1	4.7	67.7
2008	540.0	381.1	362.3	18.8	70.6	4.9	67.1
Interlake [4660]							
2007	69.8	47.5	45.6	1.9	68.1	4.0	65.3
2008	70.9	50.1	48.0	2.0	70.7	4.0	67.7
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2007	59.1	41.3	39.4	1.9	69.9	4.6	66.7
2008	58.9	40.3	38.7	1.6	68.4	4.0	65.7
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2007	752.2	530.2	505.8	24.4	70.5	4.6	67.2
2008	769.3	544.1	519.0	25.1	70.7	4.6	67.5
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2007	221.4	155.6	147.5	8.2	70.3	5.3	66.6
2008	227.1	162.1	156.4	5.7	71.4	3.5	68.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2007	82.7	56.8	54.4	2.4	68.7	4.2	65.8
2008	83.8	56.9	54.5	2.4	67.9	4.2	65.0
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2007	233.9	174.3	167.6	6.8	74.5	3.9	71.7
2008	240.8	177.5	169.8	7.7	73.7	4.3	70.5
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2007	64.0	44.4	42.4	2.0	69.4	4.5	66.3
2008	64.6	41.8	40.5	1.4	64.7	3.3	62.7
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2007	150.2	99.0	93.9	5.1	65.9	5.2	62.5
2008	153.0	105.8	97.8	8.0	69.2	7.6	63.9
<b>Alberta</b>							
2007	2,754.4	2,063.0	1,989.8	73.2	74.9	3.5	72.2
2008	2,804.0	2,111.5	2,030.7	80.8	75.3	3.8	72.4
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2007	207.5	140.9	136.2	4.6	67.9	3.3	65.6
2008	209.3	142.9	138.5	4.3	68.3	3.0	66.2
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2007	155.3	114.9	111.7	3.2	74.0	2.8	71.9
2008	155.5	116.7	113.8	3.0	75.0	2.6	73.2
Calgary [4830]							
2007	1,000.9	772.8	748.1	24.7	77.2	3.2	74.7
2008	1,024.3	801.1	770.3	30.8	78.2	3.8	75.2
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2007	68.0	54.4	53.4	x	80.0	x	78.5
2008	68.6	53.9	51.5	2.3	78.6	4.3	75.1
Red Deer [4850]							
2007	143.1	109.6	106.5	3.1	76.6	2.8	74.4
2008	146.7	111.9	106.8	5.1	76.3	4.6	72.8

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 6-1 – continued

## Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in September 2007 and September 2008

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2007	904.1	655.9	628.3	27.6	72.5	4.2	69.5
2008	919.8	669.4	644.6	24.9	72.8	3.7	70.1
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2007	184.0	141.6	136.0	5.6	77.0	4.0	73.9
2008	186.8	142.7	135.4	7.3	76.4	5.1	72.5
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2007	91.5	73.0	69.7	3.3	79.8	4.5	76.2
2008	93.0	72.9	69.8	3.0	78.4	4.1	75.1
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2007	3,578.8	2,386.6	2,283.7	102.9	66.7	4.3	63.8
2008	3,651.8	2,453.4	2,337.7	115.8	67.2	4.7	64.0
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2007	624.0	402.1	384.7	17.4	64.4	4.3	61.7
2008	633.9	420.4	403.3	17.2	66.3	4.1	63.6
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2007	2,166.3	1,461.9	1,400.7	61.2	67.5	4.2	64.7
2008	2,218.3	1,491.5	1,423.7	67.8	67.2	4.5	64.2
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2007	423.9	267.5	256.6	11.0	63.1	4.1	60.5
2008	432.1	285.5	271.4	14.1	66.1	4.9	62.8
Kootenay [5940]							
2007	122.1	83.2	78.5	4.7	68.1	5.6	64.3
2008	123.0	76.4	71.6	4.9	62.1	6.4	58.2
Cariboo [5950]							
2007	125.1	89.2	84.4	4.8	71.3	5.4	67.5
2008	126.5	89.4	83.3	6.1	70.7	6.8	65.8
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2007	66.0	45.9	42.6	3.2	69.5	7.0	64.5
2008	65.6	48.7	45.4	3.3	74.2	6.8	69.2
Northeast [5980]							
2007	51.4	36.9	36.3	x	71.8	x	70.6
2008	52.4	41.5	39.1	2.4	79.2	5.8	74.6

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 September 2007 and September 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	17.7	16.8	0.9	75.6	5.1	71.8
2008	23.8	18.3	17.5	0.8	76.9	4.4	73.5
<b>Northwest Territories</b> <sup>2</sup>							
2007	30.7	24.4	23.0	1.4	79.5	5.7	74.9
2008	31.5	23.9	22.7	1.2	75.9	5.0	72.1
<b>Nunavut - 10 largest communities</b> <sup>3</sup>							
2007	14.2	9.9	9.1	0.8	69.8	8.3	64.0
2008	14.2	9.9	8.6	1.3	69.9	13.5	60.5

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>September 2008</b>										
15 years and over	14,568.2	35.5	796.96	21.66	11,954.8	39.5	912.15	2,613.5	17.2	270.05
15 to 24 years	2,458.5	27.8	381.94	12.70	1,294.4	39.3	581.46	1,164.1	15.1	160.09
25 years and over	12,109.7	37.1	881.22	23.48	10,660.3	39.6	952.31	1,449.4	18.9	358.36
Men	7,386.3	38.1	914.19	23.44	6,568.1	40.8	998.26	818.2	16.4	239.25
Women	7,181.9	32.9	676.40	19.83	5,386.7	38.0	807.16	1,795.3	17.6	284.08
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,577.3	36.1	905.43	24.79	3,951.1	38.8	984.08	626.2	19.3	409.18
No union coverage	9,991.0	35.3	747.27	20.22	8,003.7	39.9	876.65	1,987.3	16.6	226.21
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,756.5	36.4	834.43	22.32	10,900.0	39.5	927.61	1,856.5	18.1	287.32
Temporary	1,811.7	29.6	533.17	16.99	1,054.8	40.0	752.41	757.0	15.1	227.68
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,098.2	39.7	1,350.33	33.97	1,064.8	40.4	1,377.80	33.4	19.3	474.23
Business, finance and administrative	2,829.3	35.3	737.19	20.47	2,423.2	38.3	812.00	406.0	17.6	290.71
Natural and applied sciences	1,056.8	38.7	1,161.65	30.05	1,022.6	39.4	1,184.16	34.2	18.7	487.92
Health	922.2	33.5	855.32	25.48	698.4	37.8	966.68	223.8	20.0	507.88
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,330.4	34.4	978.69	28.25	1,086.0	38.3	1,098.39	244.4	17.1	446.81
Art, culture, recreation and sport	329.3	31.2	710.32	21.56	235.7	38.4	904.67	93.6	13.2	220.89
Sales and service	3,600.7	30.4	469.49	14.37	2,234.6	38.7	640.52	1,366.1	16.8	189.73
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,244.9	40.4	862.67	21.12	2,107.3	41.8	901.45	137.6	17.9	268.83
Occupations unique to primary industry	301.5	42.2	813.11	18.62	264.7	46.1	903.01	36.8	13.7	166.25
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	855.0	39.3	721.77	18.23	817.4	40.2	743.48	37.6	18.2	249.58
<b>September 2007</b>										
15 years and over	14,334.1	35.8	766.03	20.71	11,856.8	39.6	871.24	2,477.3	17.5	262.43
15 to 24 years	2,417.1	28.4	368.06	12.07	1,309.8	39.2	547.10	1,107.3	15.6	156.28
25 years and over	11,917.0	37.3	846.74	22.46	10,547.0	39.6	911.50	1,370.0	19.1	348.23
Men	7,279.0	38.4	882.45	22.46	6,546.5	40.9	956.38	732.6	16.4	221.82
Women	7,055.1	33.1	645.90	18.90	5,310.3	38.0	766.29	1,744.7	18.0	279.48
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,514.9	36.1	867.70	23.76	3,898.7	38.8	943.11	616.2	19.1	390.56
No union coverage	9,819.2	35.6	719.28	19.30	7,958.1	40.0	836.03	1,861.1	17.0	220.01
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	12,495.3	36.6	803.36	21.40	10,750.3	39.6	887.32	1,745.0	18.5	286.08
Temporary	1,838.8	30.1	512.36	16.03	1,106.5	40.0	715.07	732.3	15.3	206.07
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	1,032.8	40.4	1,282.21	32.04	1,003.9	41.0	1,305.81	28.8	19.8	460.97
Business, finance and administrative	2,803.5	35.3	710.87	19.73	2,401.5	38.2	781.00	402.0	18.0	291.98
Natural and applied sciences	1,064.5	38.7	1,107.07	28.64	1,031.3	39.3	1,128.58	33.2	18.1	438.18
Health	845.2	33.5	822.52	24.46	636.7	37.6	923.01	208.6	20.8	515.73
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,255.4	34.4	923.32	26.61	1,020.8	38.4	1,039.46	234.5	17.0	417.86
Art, culture, recreation and sport	324.2	32.1	738.29	21.73	233.3	39.0	933.36	90.9	14.4	237.54
Sales and service	3,649.5	31.1	467.91	14.00	2,360.5	38.7	623.71	1,289.0	17.2	182.60
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,124.4	40.6	844.20	20.59	2,008.1	41.9	878.59	116.2	18.0	250.13
Occupations unique to primary industry	319.2	41.1	752.53	17.51	277.2	45.1	842.63	42.0	14.3	158.36
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	915.5	39.5	709.71	17.87	883.5	40.3	727.89	32.0	16.4	207.74

**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 October 12, 2008 to November 8, 2008
	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
01. St. John's	8.1
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	17.4
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.0
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	12.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	8.2
06. Halifax	5.3
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.7
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	10.6
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.6
<b>Quebec</b>	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.7
11. Québec	4.6
12. Trois-Rivières	7.8
13. South Central Quebec	5.5
14. Sherbrooke	6.2
15. Montérégie	8.4
16. Montréal	7.5
17. Central Quebec	8.3
18. Northwestern Quebec	10.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	12.5
20. Gatineau	4.9
21. Saguenay	8.1
<b>Ontario</b>	
22. Ottawa	4.8
23. Eastern Ontario	5.4
24. Kingston	5.8
25. Central Ontario	6.0
26. Oshawa	6.8
27. Toronto	6.9
28. Hamilton	5.4
29. St. Catharines	7.0
30. London	6.7
31. Niagara	8.3
32. Windsor	10.2
33. Kitchener	5.4
34. Huron	6.6
35. South Central Ontario	5.1
36. Sudbury	5.3
37. Thunder Bay	5.5
38. Northern Ontario	10.3
<b>Manitoba</b>	
39. Winnipeg	4.4
40. Southern Manitoba	4.8
41. Northern Manitoba	25.0
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
42. Regina	3.7
43. Saskatoon	4.4
44. Southern Saskatchewan	5.8
45. Northern Saskatchewan	16.6

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from October 12, 2008 to November 8, 2008
	percent
<b>Alberta</b>	
46. Calgary	3.8
47. Edmonton	3.7
48. Northern Alberta	8.3
49. Southern Alberta	4.6
<b>British Columbia</b>	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.6
51. Abbotsford	4.4
52. Vancouver	4.3
53. Victoria	3.9
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	5.5
55. Northern British Columbia	9.9
<b>Territories</b>	
56. Yukon Territory 4	25.0
57. Northwest Territories 4	25.0
58. Nunavut 4	25.0

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

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

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

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

# Data quality

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## About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

## Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

### Seasonal adjustment

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

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

### Sampling variability of estimates

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

### Interpretation based on standard error

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

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

### Interpretation based on confidence intervals

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

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

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

## Documentation

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

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