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- p preliminary
- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
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- F too unreliable to be published

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Highlights

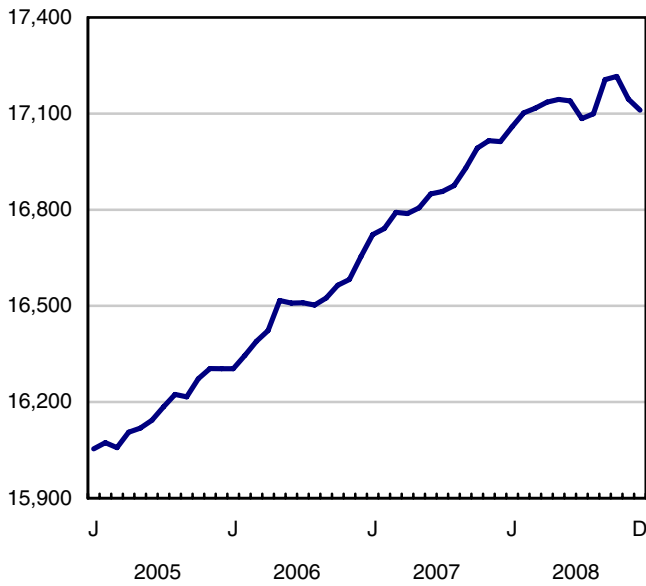
December 2008

Employment declined for the second consecutive month in December (-34,000), the result of a large drop in full-time work. With the drop in employment came a 0.3 percentage point jump in the unemployment rate, which hit 6.6% in December.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

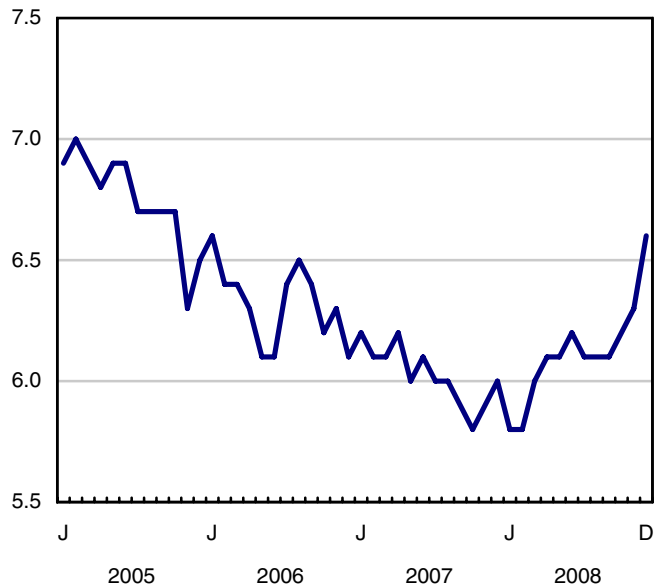
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



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Employment growth from December 2007 to December 2008 was 0.6% (+98,000), much slower than the 2.2% (+358,000) observed over the same period in 2007. From the record low of 5.8% in early 2008, the unemployment rate climbed 0.8 percentage points by the end of the year, with most of the increase occurring in the last quarter.

In December, full-time employment losses (-71,000) were partially offset by gains in part time (+36,000). In 2008, all of the employment increases were in part-time work.

December's employment decline was largely driven by a drop in construction, one of the largest monthly losses for that industry in over three decades. This was partially offset by an increase in transportation and warehousing.

While employment edged down in most provinces in December, Alberta had the largest loss (-16,000). Employment growth in Alberta has slowed considerably in 2008 (+1.3%), after increases above 4% in both 2006 and 2007.

Young people aged 15 to 24 and 25-to-54 year-old men were the most affected by the declines in December, while those aged 55 and over saw an employment increase.

In December, the year-over-year change in average hourly wages was 4.3%, well above the most recent increase in the Consumer Price Index (+2.0%). Hourly wages remain the highest in Alberta, at \$24.50, followed by Ontario at \$22.40 and British Columbia, at \$22.00.

Full-time and private-sector losses

December's employment loss was the result of a large decline in full-time work (-71,000), partly offset by a part-time increase (+36,000). Most of the decline in full time occurred in Quebec and Alberta.

In December, private sector losses (-59,000) were partially offset by gains in the public sector (+21,000). Over the year, employment was up 1.4% among public sector employees, 0.6% among the self-employed and 0.3% among private sector employees.

Construction falls in December

The construction industry posted a large employment decline in December (-44,000), following two months of little growth. According to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts dipped in November to their lowest level in seven years. Despite December's employment loss, construction employment remained 4.7% higher than at the start of the year, the result of growth in the first nine months of 2008.

Employment in transportation and warehousing was up 23,000 in December, offsetting a decline the previous month. Despite this increase, employment was only slightly higher in December than 12 months earlier. There was little employment change in December in the other industries.

In addition to the growth in construction in 2008, noted above, employment also increased over the year in professional, scientific and technical services (+4.7%); health care and social assistance (+3.7%) and public administration (+3.5%). At the same time, the following industries lost ground: business, building and other support services (-5.9%); information, culture and recreational services (-4.2%); agriculture (-3.5%); forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas (-3.0%); trade (-1.7%) and manufacturing (-1.6%).

The decline in manufacturing employment across Canada was less pronounced in 2008 (-32,000) than it had been in 2007 (-130,000), as the continuing decline in Ontario in 2008 was partially offset by increases in Alberta and Quebec. Most of the manufacturing declines in Ontario occurred in the following industries in 2008: food; chemical; plastics and rubber; machinery; and transportation equipment manufacturing. Since the start of the decline in 2002, manufacturing employment in Canada is down 380,000 (-16.3%).

Alberta cools down

Alberta was the only province to show a large employment decline in December (-16,000), all in full-time work. With the drop in employment, the unemployment rate jumped 0.7 percentage points to 4.1% in December, yet remains the lowest in the country.

In 2008, Saskatchewan registered the strongest employment growth in the country (+3.1%). Manitoba (+1.7%) and Alberta (+1.3%) were the only other provinces with employment growth above the national average.

In Ontario, employment growth in 2008 matched that of the national average (+0.6%), with all of the growth in part time. The increase in part-time employment in 2008 was due to a rise in involuntary part-timers – those who prefer full-time work but were unable to find it. Over the same period, Ontario's unemployment rate was up 0.7 percentage points over the year, to 7.2% in December.

In Quebec, employment was unchanged over the year, while the unemployment rate edged up 0.3 percentage points to 7.3% by December 2008.

In British Columbia, employment also ended the year relatively unchanged (+0.4%), as gains in the first eight months of the year were partially countered by losses in the last four months. This province's unemployment rate was 5.3% in December, up 1.1 percentage points from 12 months earlier.

Unemployment rate up among youth in December

In December, employment declined for youth aged 15 to 24 (-37,000) and men aged 25 to 54 (-28,000) while increasing among those aged 55 and over (+28,000). The youth unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points in December, to 12.9%.

In 2008, employment fell by 2.0% (-52,000) for youth. The unemployment rate for young people increased by 1.8 percentage points over the same period, more than any other demographic group.

Workers aged 55 and over, on the other hand, posted an employment increase of 4.2% (+109,000) over the year. Despite this employment increase, their unemployment rate also trended up over the year, from 4.7% to 5.6%, the result of an increase in the number of people looking for work.

Quarterly update on the 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.

In the last quarter of 2008, employment in Nunavut's ten largest communities declined by 1,000 compared to the same quarter in 2007, bringing the employment rate down to 58.5% (-7.0 percentage points) and their unemployment rate up 1.6 percentage points, to 9.8%.

There was little employment change in the other two territories over the same period.

Note to readers

The analysis presented in this release describes labour market trends in 2008 by looking at the change in estimates from December 2007 to December 2008. This indicator picks up the more recent labour market trends for the year but can be influenced by unusual spikes or declines in the end points used to calculate the change

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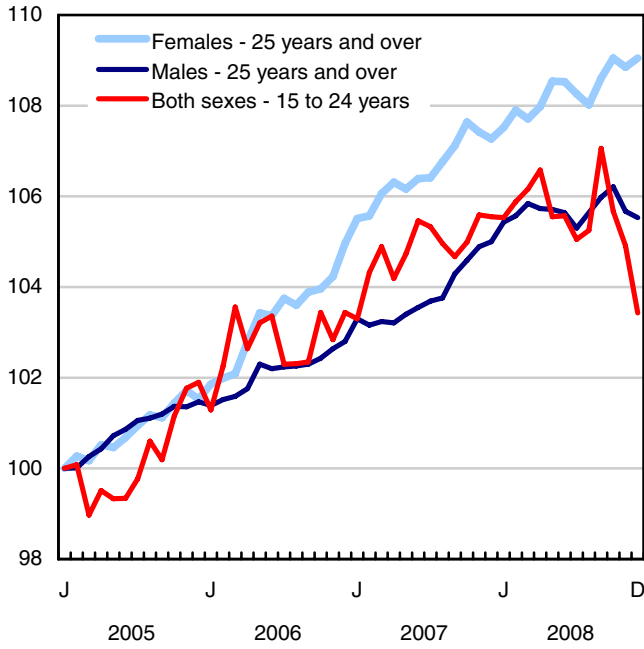
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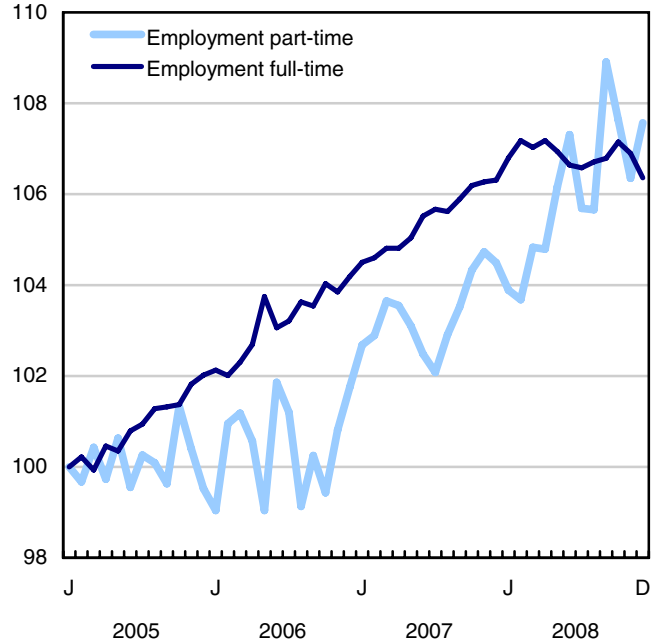
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Employment index, January 2005=100



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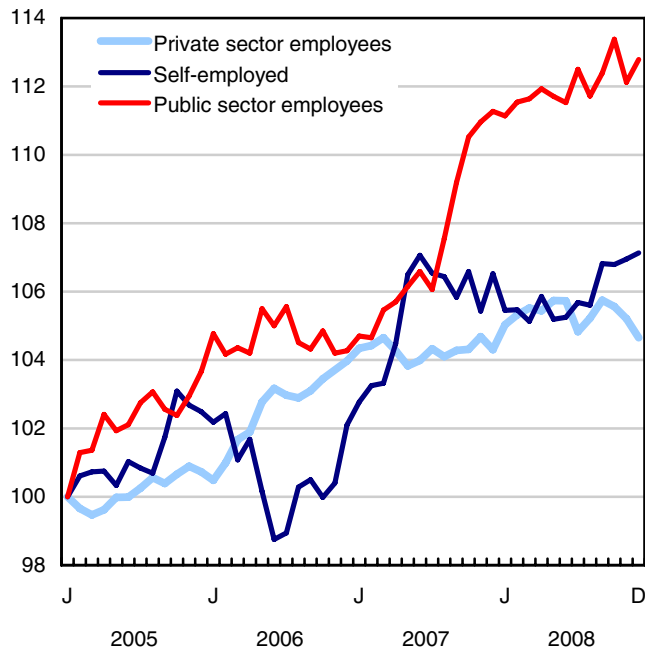
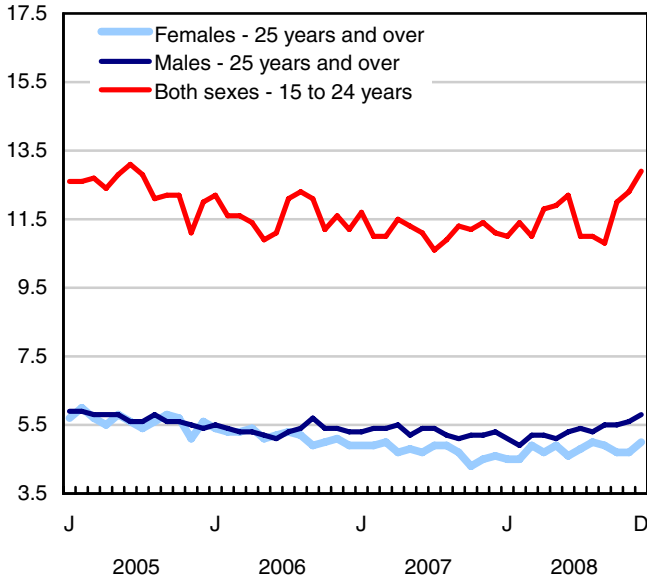
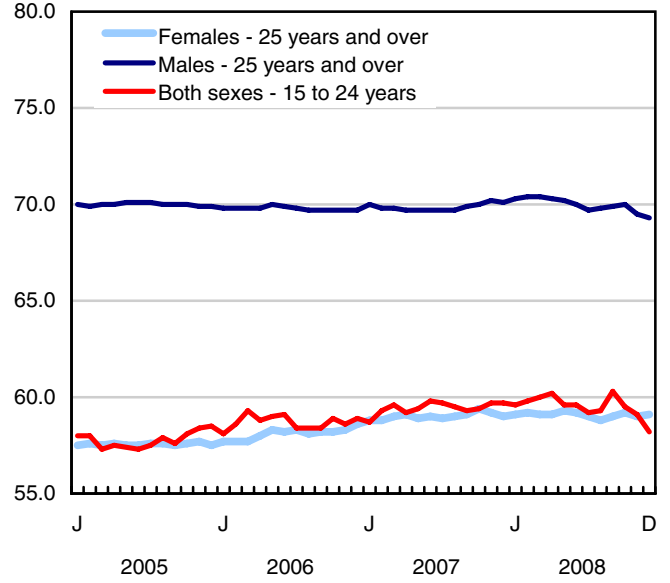


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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

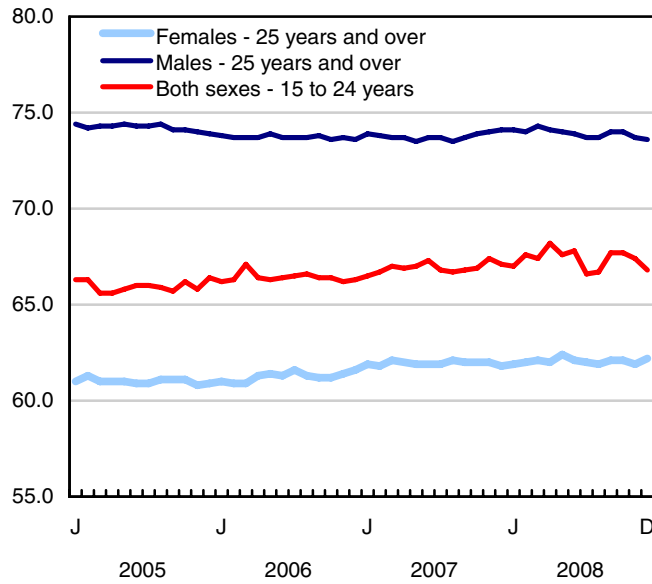


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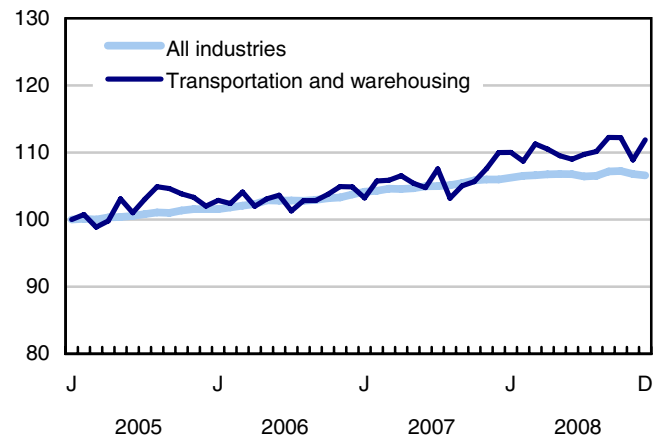
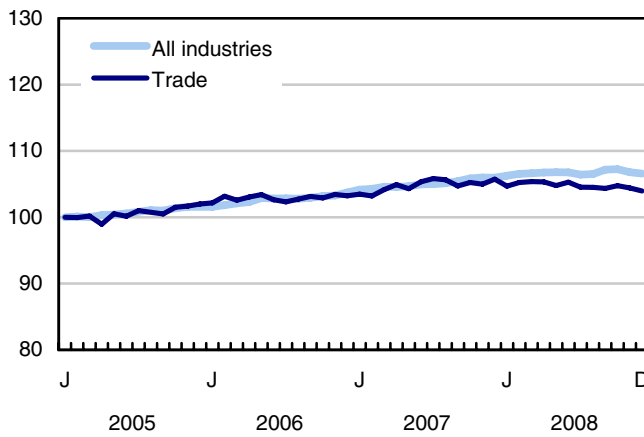
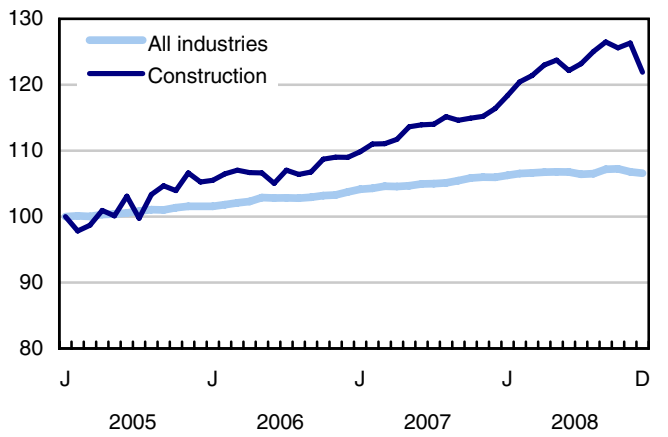
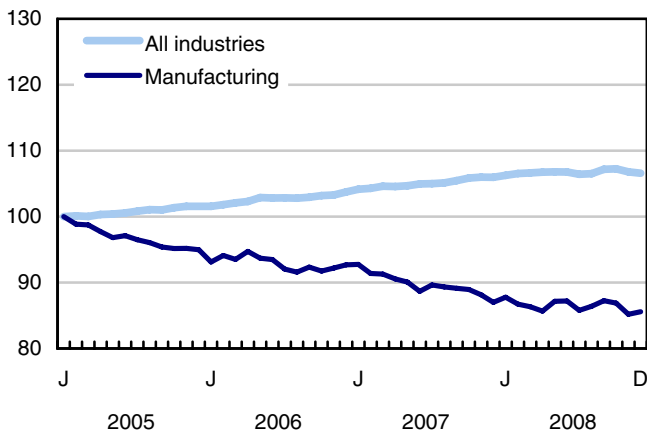
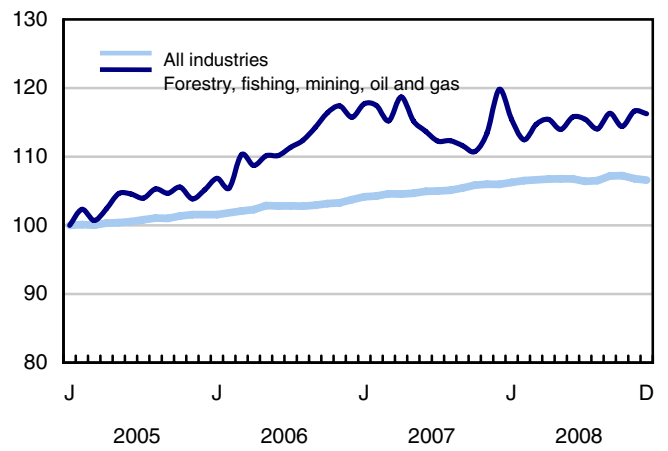
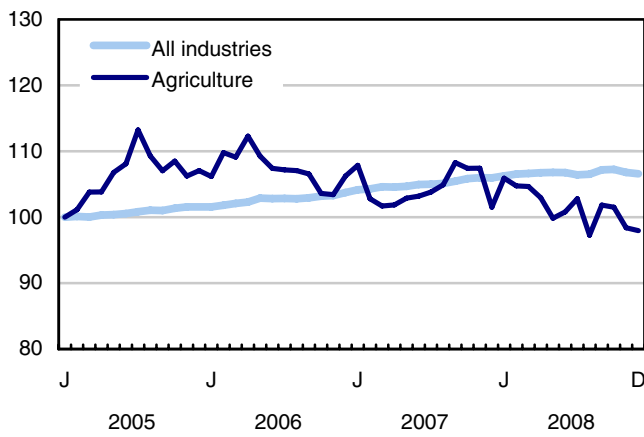


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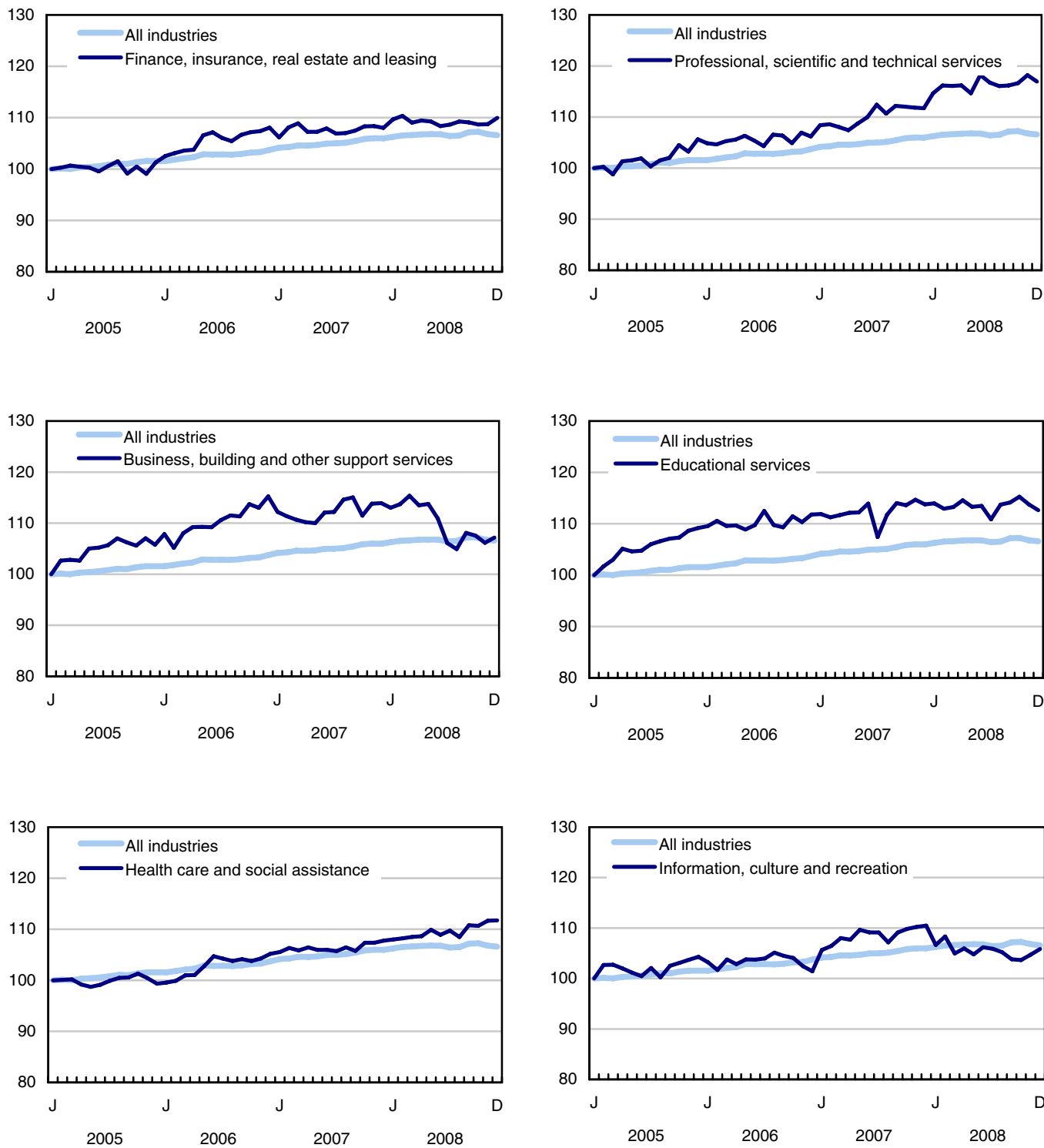


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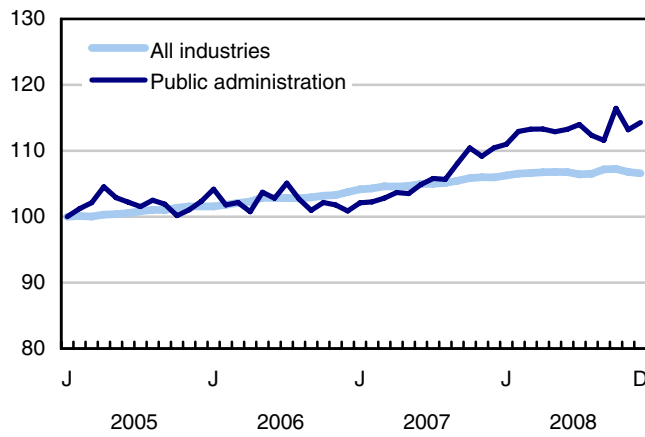
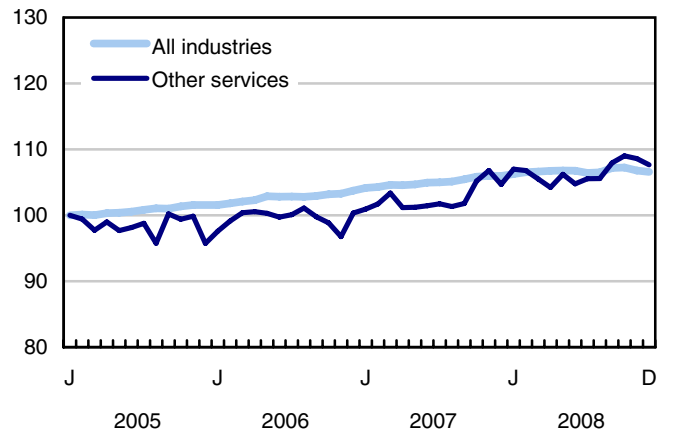
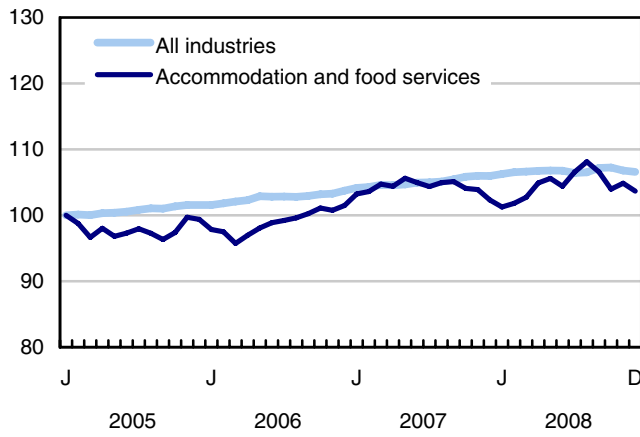


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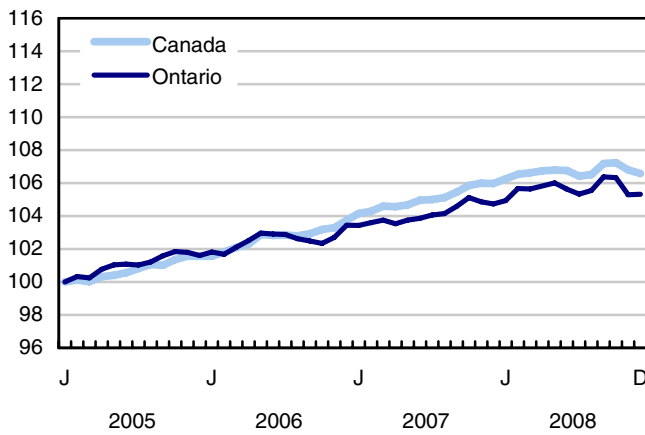
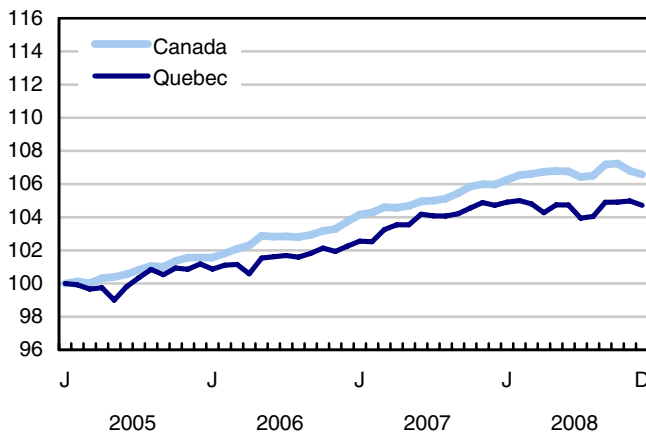
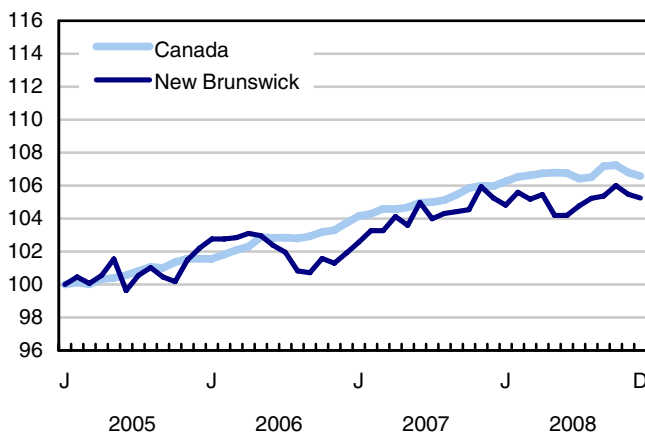
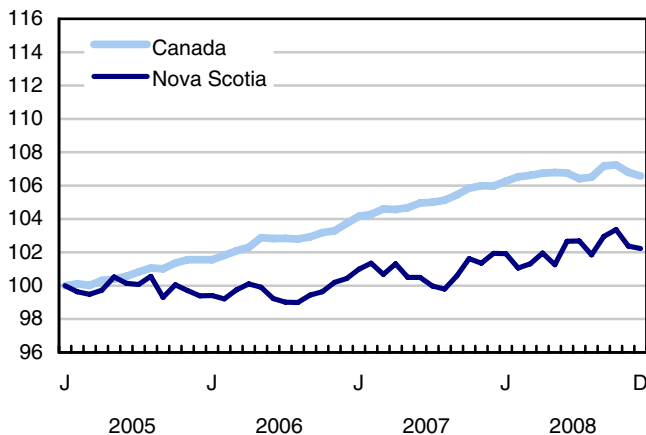
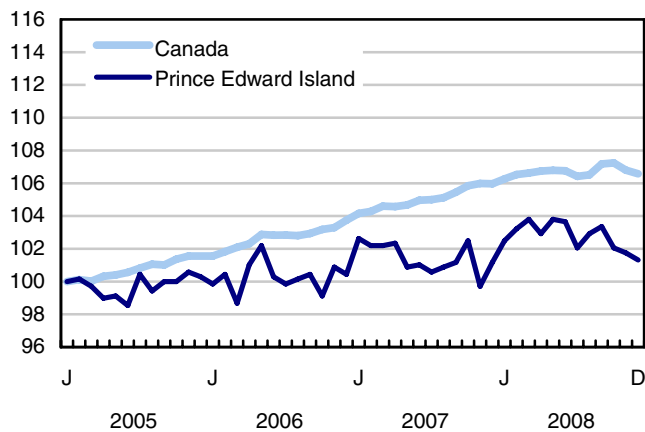
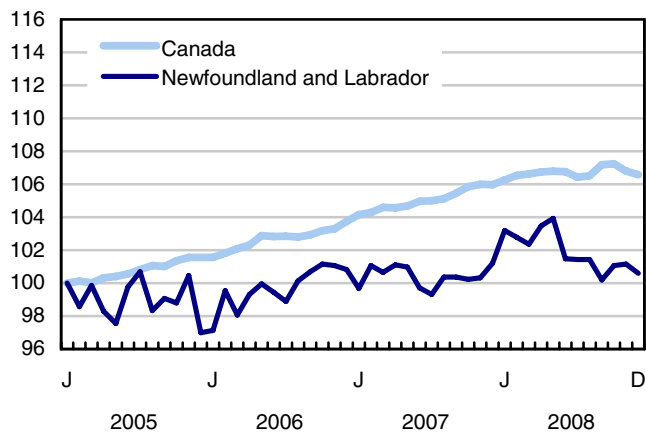
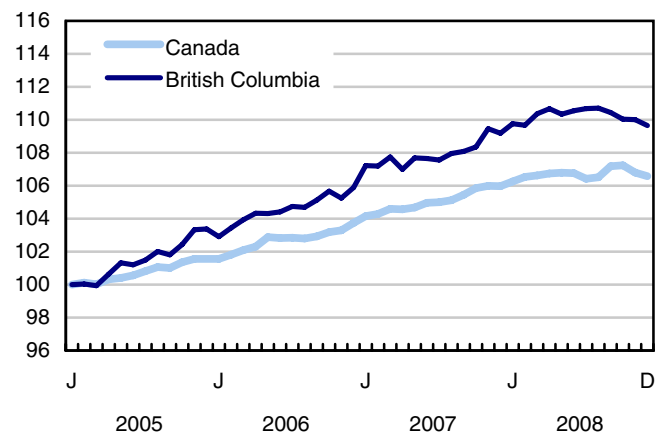
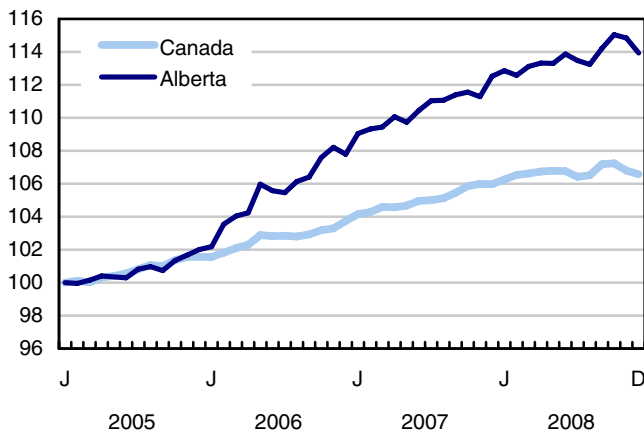
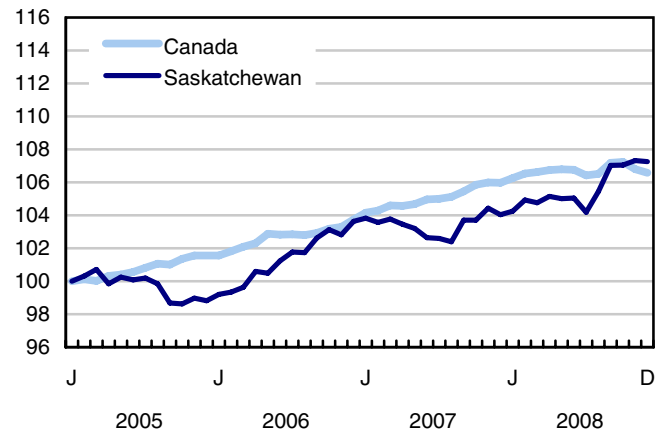
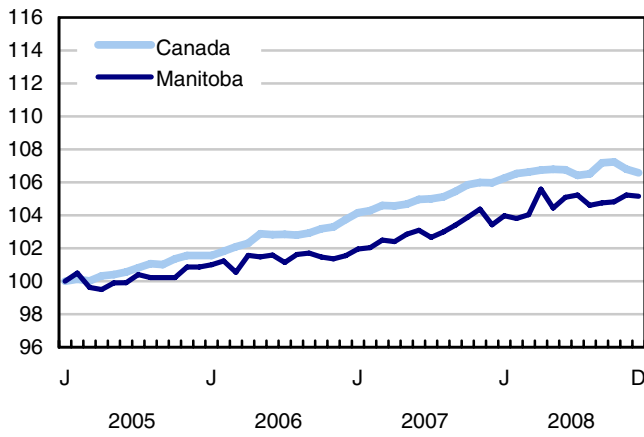


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2005=100



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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 years and over, both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 27,072.6 | 27,098.7 | ... | 26.1 | 379.2 | 379.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 18,307.2 | 18,319.9 | 27.1 | 12.7 | 229.7 | 229.7 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment | 17,145.2 | 17,110.8 | 27.7 | -34.4 | 98.3 | 98.3 | -0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Employment full-time | 13,992.4 | 13,921.7 | 36.1 | -70.7 | 7.1 | 7.1 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Employment part-time | 3,152.9 | 3,189.1 | 33.0 | 36.2 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Unemployment | 1,162.0 | 1,209.1 | 22.7 | 47.1 | 131.5 | 131.5 | 4.1 | 12.2 | 12.2 |
| Participation rate | 67.6 | 67.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.3 | 6.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.3 | 63.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 18.4 | 18.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 15 to 24 years, both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 4,383.0 | 4,384.4 | ... | 1.4 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Labour force | 2,953.6 | 2,930.2 | 16.3 | -23.4 | -1.4 | -1.4 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment | 2,589.8 | 2,553.2 | 16.0 | -36.6 | -52.3 | -52.3 | -1.4 | -2.0 | -2.0 |
| Employment full-time | 1,430.2 | 1,391.1 | 18.1 | -39.1 | -30.8 | -30.8 | -2.7 | -2.2 | -2.2 |
| Employment part-time | 1,159.6 | 1,162.1 | 18.9 | 2.5 | -21.6 | -21.6 | 0.2 | -1.8 | -1.8 |
| Unemployment | 363.8 | 377.0 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 51.0 | 51.0 | 3.6 | 15.6 | 15.6 |
| Participation rate | 67.4 | 66.8 | 0.4 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 12.3 | 12.9 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.1 | 58.2 | 0.4 | -0.9 | -1.5 | -1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 44.8 | 45.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 years and over, men | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 11,090.3 | 11,102.7 | ... | 12.4 | 182.0 | 182.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Labour force | 8,168.2 | 8,171.5 | 13.6 | 3.3 | 83.4 | 83.4 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Employment | 7,709.2 | 7,699.3 | 14.9 | -9.9 | 39.1 | 39.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Employment full-time | 7,175.1 | 7,159.0 | 19.2 | -16.1 | -6.3 | -6.3 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Employment part-time | 534.1 | 540.3 | 15.1 | 6.2 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 1.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| Unemployment | 459.0 | 472.2 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 44.3 | 44.3 | 2.9 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| Participation rate | 73.7 | 73.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 69.5 | 69.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.8 | -0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 6.9 | 7.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 years and over, women | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 11,599.4 | 11,611.6 | ... | 12.2 | 179.6 | 179.6 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Labour force | 7,185.3 | 7,218.2 | 15.6 | 32.9 | 147.7 | 147.7 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Employment | 6,846.2 | 6,858.3 | 15.7 | 12.1 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment full-time | 5,387.1 | 5,371.6 | 23.5 | -15.5 | 44.2 | 44.2 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment part-time | 1,459.1 | 1,486.7 | 21.6 | 27.6 | 67.3 | 67.3 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Unemployment | 339.2 | 359.9 | 12.3 | 20.7 | 36.2 | 36.2 | 6.1 | 11.2 | 11.2 |
| Participation rate | 61.9 | 62.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.7 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.0 | 59.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 21.3 | 21.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 to 54 years, both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 14,461.6 | 14,466.5 | ... | 4.9 | 94.8 | 94.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 12,543.2 | 12,542.5 | 20.2 | -0.7 | 90.3 | 90.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Employment | 11,895.0 | 11,868.9 | 21.8 | -26.1 | 41.8 | 41.8 | -0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment | 648.3 | 673.6 | 16.7 | 25.3 | 48.5 | 48.5 | 3.9 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| Participation rate | 86.7 | 86.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.2 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 82.3 | 82.0 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 to 54 years, men | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 7,224.7 | 7,227.3 | ... | 2.6 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 6,608.6 | 6,590.4 | 12.8 | -18.2 | 23.9 | 23.9 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Employment | 6,235.6 | 6,207.8 | 14.5 | -27.8 | -3.3 | -3.3 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Unemployment | 373.0 | 382.6 | 12.3 | 9.6 | 27.2 | 27.2 | 2.6 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| Participation rate | 91.5 | 91.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 86.3 | 85.9 | 0.2 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 to 54 years, women | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 7,236.9 | 7,239.1 | ... | 2.2 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Labour force | 5,934.7 | 5,952.1 | 15.1 | 17.4 | 66.4 | 66.4 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Employment | 5,659.4 | 5,661.1 | 15.5 | 1.7 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment | 275.2 | 291.0 | 11.4 | 15.8 | 21.3 | 21.3 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| Participation rate | 82.0 | 82.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 78.2 | 78.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 55 years and over, both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 8,228.1 | 8,247.8 | ... | 19.7 | 266.8 | 266.8 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Labour force | 2,810.4 | 2,847.2 | 15.4 | 36.8 | 140.8 | 140.8 | 1.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Employment | 2,660.4 | 2,688.7 | 15.3 | 28.3 | 108.8 | 108.8 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Unemployment | 149.9 | 158.5 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 5.7 | 25.3 | 25.3 |
| Participation rate | 34.2 | 34.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.3 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 32.3 | 32.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 55 years and over, men | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,865.6 | 3,875.3 | ... | 9.7 | 132.2 | 132.2 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Labour force | 1,559.7 | 1,581.1 | 10.2 | 21.4 | 59.5 | 59.5 | 1.4 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Employment | 1,473.7 | 1,491.5 | 10.2 | 17.8 | 42.4 | 42.4 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Unemployment | 86.0 | 89.6 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 4.2 | 23.6 | 23.6 |
| Participation rate | 40.3 | 40.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.5 | 5.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 38.1 | 38.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 55 years and over, women | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 4,362.5 | 4,372.5 | ... | 10.0 | 134.5 | 134.5 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Labour force | 1,250.7 | 1,266.1 | 10.7 | 15.4 | 81.3 | 81.3 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| Employment | 1,186.7 | 1,197.2 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 66.5 | 66.5 | 0.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Unemployment | 63.9 | 69.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 8.0 | 27.8 | 27.8 |
| Participation rate | 28.7 | 29.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.1 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 27.2 | 27.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of worker | | | | | | | | | |
| Employees | 14,491.7 | 14,452.8 | 32.6 | -38.9 | 83.0 | 83.0 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Self-employed ² | 2,653.5 | 2,658.0 | 21.7 | 4.5 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Public/private sector employees | | | | | | | | | |
| Public sector employees | 3,426.6 | 3,447.1 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 46.6 | 46.6 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Private sector employees | 11,065.1 | 11,005.7 | 33.7 | -59.4 | 36.4 | 36.4 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Industry | 17,145.2 | 17,110.8 | 27.7 | -34.4 | 98.3 | 98.3 | -0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Goods-producing sector | 4,017.0 | 3,977.6 | 23.5 | -39.4 | 8.9 | 8.9 | -1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Agriculture | 317.5 | 316.1 | 7.1 | -1.4 | -11.5 | -11.5 | -0.4 | -3.5 | -3.5 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 345.0 | 343.9 | 6.7 | -1.1 | -10.5 | -10.5 | -0.3 | -3.0 | -3.0 |
| Utilities | 150.4 | 149.0 | 4.3 | -1.4 | 8.2 | 8.2 | -0.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Construction | 1,262.7 | 1,218.4 | 14.3 | -44.3 | 55.0 | 55.0 | -3.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Manufacturing | 1,941.3 | 1,950.2 | 17.9 | 8.9 | -32.3 | -32.3 | 0.5 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| Services-producing sector | 13,128.2 | 13,133.2 | 31.3 | 5.0 | 89.4 | 89.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Trade | 2,672.5 | 2,661.3 | 20.7 | -11.2 | -45.1 | -45.1 | -0.4 | -1.7 | -1.7 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 846.2 | 869.6 | 12.2 | 23.4 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 1,071.3 | 1,083.5 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,220.1 | 1,207.0 | 14.9 | -13.1 | 53.7 | 53.7 | -1.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Business, building and other support services | 663.6 | 670.0 | 12.7 | 6.4 | -42.2 | -42.2 | 1.0 | -5.9 | -5.9 |
| Educational services | 1,196.2 | 1,184.2 | 14.2 | -12.0 | -12.1 | -12.1 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| Health care and social assistance | 1,938.3 | 1,939.2 | 15.4 | 0.9 | 68.6 | 68.6 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 754.4 | 762.5 | 12.5 | 8.1 | -33.4 | -33.4 | 1.1 | -4.2 | -4.2 |
| Accommodation and food services | 1,075.4 | 1,063.2 | 14.5 | -12.2 | 13.8 | 13.8 | -1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Other services | 764.8 | 758.3 | 11.4 | -6.5 | 21.0 | 21.0 | -0.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Public administration | 925.5 | 934.6 | 10.8 | 9.1 | 31.4 | 31.4 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 |

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

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

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

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 427.4 | 427.6 | ... | 0.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 253.3 | 252.1 | 2.2 | -1.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | -0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 218.7 | 217.5 | 2.3 | -1.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Employment full-time | 186.0 | 185.7 | 2.6 | -0.3 | -2.9 | -2.9 | -0.2 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| Employment part-time | 32.7 | 31.8 | 1.9 | -0.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | -2.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Unemployment | 34.6 | 34.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| Participation rate | 59.3 | 59.0 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 51.2 | 50.9 | 0.5 | -0.3 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Prince Edward Island | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 115.4 | 115.3 | ... | -0.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | -0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 77.9 | 78.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Employment | 69.6 | 69.3 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Employment full-time | 58.4 | 57.9 | 0.8 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment part-time | 11.2 | 11.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment | 8.3 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Participation rate | 67.5 | 68.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.7 | 11.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.3 | 60.1 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Nova Scotia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 770.4 | 770.6 | ... | 0.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Labour force | 492.4 | 494.1 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 454.2 | 453.6 | 2.9 | -0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Employment full-time | 373.6 | 371.8 | 3.7 | -1.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 | -0.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Employment part-time | 80.6 | 81.8 | 3.1 | 1.2 | -3.8 | -3.8 | 1.5 | -4.4 | -4.4 |
| Unemployment | 38.2 | 40.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Participation rate | 63.9 | 64.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.8 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.0 | 58.9 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| New Brunswick | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 619.4 | 619.7 | ... | 0.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 402.3 | 400.9 | 2.4 | -1.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 367.4 | 366.6 | 2.4 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment full-time | 309.4 | 310.7 | 3.0 | 1.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Employment part-time | 58.0 | 55.8 | 2.4 | -2.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -3.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment | 34.9 | 34.3 | 2.2 | -0.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | -1.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| Participation rate | 64.9 | 64.7 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.7 | 8.6 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.3 | 59.2 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 6,395.8 | 6,400.1 | ... | 4.3 | 59.9 | 59.9 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Labour force | 4,193.4 | 4,191.7 | 14.3 | -1.7 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Employment | 3,893.8 | 3,884.4 | 14.7 | -9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment full-time | 3,184.2 | 3,135.5 | 19.3 | -48.7 | -13.7 | -13.7 | -1.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Employment part-time | 709.6 | 748.9 | 17.5 | 39.3 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment | 299.6 | 307.2 | 12.8 | 7.6 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 2.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Participation rate | 65.6 | 65.5 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.9 | 60.7 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 10,571.3 | 10,580.8 | ... | 9.5 | 154.4 | 154.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 7,174.4 | 7,184.0 | 18.4 | 9.6 | 88.8 | 88.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment | 6,666.1 | 6,667.9 | 18.8 | 1.8 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Employment full-time | 5,422.7 | 5,423.5 | 23.8 | 0.8 | -22.1 | -22.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Employment part-time | 1,243.4 | 1,244.4 | 21.8 | 1.0 | 59.1 | 59.1 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Unemployment | 508.4 | 516.1 | 15.7 | 7.7 | 51.8 | 51.8 | 1.5 | 11.2 | 11.2 |
| Participation rate | 67.9 | 67.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.1 | 63.0 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Manitoba | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 913.8 | 914.8 | ... | 1.0 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 636.6 | 636.6 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Employment | 609.6 | 609.2 | 2.7 | -0.4 | 10.1 | 10.1 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment full-time | 490.0 | 492.9 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Employment part-time | 119.6 | 116.4 | 3.6 | -3.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | -2.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Unemployment | 27.0 | 27.4 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Participation rate | 69.7 | 69.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.2 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.7 | 66.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Saskatchewan | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 773.1 | 774.0 | ... | 0.9 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Labour force | 540.6 | 543.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Employment | 520.6 | 520.3 | 2.4 | -0.3 | 15.6 | 15.6 | -0.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Employment full-time | 427.7 | 426.5 | 3.2 | -1.2 | 13.8 | 13.8 | -0.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Employment part-time | 92.9 | 93.8 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Unemployment | 19.9 | 22.6 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 13.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Participation rate | 69.9 | 70.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.7 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 67.3 | 67.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 2,818.0 | 2,823.7 | ... | 5.7 | 54.2 | 54.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Labour force | 2,107.0 | 2,106.5 | 8.1 | -0.5 | 46.7 | 46.7 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Employment | 2,034.9 | 2,019.1 | 8.3 | -15.8 | 25.3 | 25.3 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment full-time | 1,697.6 | 1,677.7 | 11.1 | -19.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment part-time | 337.3 | 341.4 | 10.0 | 4.1 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 1.2 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| Unemployment | 72.1 | 87.4 | 5.9 | 15.3 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.2 | 32.4 | 32.4 |
| Participation rate | 74.8 | 74.6 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.4 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 72.2 | 71.5 | 0.3 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| British Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,668.1 | 3,672.2 | ... | 4.1 | 69.5 | 69.5 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Labour force | 2,429.3 | 2,432.6 | 9.6 | 3.3 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 2,310.4 | 2,302.9 | 9.6 | -7.5 | 10.0 | 10.0 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Employment full-time | 1,841.8 | 1,839.3 | 13.7 | -2.5 | 22.8 | 22.8 | -0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment part-time | 468.6 | 463.6 | 12.8 | -5.0 | -12.9 | -12.9 | -1.1 | -2.7 | -2.7 |
| Unemployment | 119.0 | 129.7 | 6.9 | 10.7 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 9.0 | 28.9 | 28.9 |
| Participation rate | 66.2 | 66.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.9 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.0 | 62.7 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |

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

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

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 427.4 | 427.6 | ... | 0.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 253.3 | 252.1 | 2.2 | -1.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | -0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 218.7 | 217.5 | 2.3 | -1.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Employment full-time | 186.0 | 185.7 | 2.6 | -0.3 | -2.9 | -2.9 | -0.2 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| Unemployment | 34.6 | 34.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| Participation rate | 59.3 | 59.0 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 51.2 | 50.9 | 0.5 | -0.3 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 15.0 | 14.6 | 0.8 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 62.0 | 61.9 | ... | -0.1 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -0.2 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| Labour force | 34.2 | 34.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Employment | 27.3 | 26.7 | 1.1 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -2.2 | -1.8 | -1.8 |
| Unemployment | 6.9 | 7.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 11.6 | 24.2 | 24.2 |
| Participation rate | 55.2 | 55.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 20.2 | 22.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 44.0 | 43.1 | 1.7 | -0.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 44.7 | 49.4 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 176.3 | 176.4 | ... | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Labour force | 115.3 | 114.0 | 1.3 | -1.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -1.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Employment | 98.3 | 98.0 | 1.3 | -0.3 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -0.3 | -3.4 | -3.4 |
| Unemployment | 17.0 | 16.1 | 1.3 | -0.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 | -5.3 | 24.8 | 24.8 |
| Participation rate | 65.4 | 64.6 | 0.7 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 14.7 | 14.1 | 1.1 | -0.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 55.8 | 55.6 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -2.5 | -2.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 189.1 | 189.3 | ... | 0.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 103.8 | 103.5 | 1.2 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Employment | 93.1 | 92.8 | 1.2 | -0.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 | -0.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Unemployment | 10.7 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 0.1 | -1.5 | -1.5 | 0.9 | -12.2 | -12.2 |
| Participation rate | 54.9 | 54.7 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.3 | 10.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | -1.6 | -1.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 49.2 | 49.0 | 0.6 | -0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 16.8 | 14.9 | 1.4 | -1.9 | -1.8 | -1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| Industry | 218.7 | 217.5 | 2.3 | -1.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.9 | -0.9 | 66.7 | -64.3 | -64.3 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 15.8 | 16.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 3.2 | -4.1 | -4.1 |
| Utilities | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 20.0 | -5.3 | -5.3 |
| Construction | 16.7 | 17.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 21.8 | 21.8 |
| Manufacturing | 12.4 | 12.6 | 1.1 | 0.2 | -2.6 | -2.6 | 1.6 | -17.1 | -17.1 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Trade | 34.4 | 34.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | -2.1 | -2.1 | 0.0 | -5.8 | -5.8 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 10.4 | 10.9 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 6.8 | 7.0 | 0.6 | 0.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | 2.9 | -15.7 | -15.7 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 8.1 | 8.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Business, building and other support services | 7.7 | 7.7 | 0.8 | 0.0 | -1.3 | -1.3 | 0.0 | -14.4 | -14.4 |
| Educational services | 17.7 | 17.5 | 0.8 | -0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | -1.1 | 14.4 | 14.4 |
| Health care and social assistance | 34.8 | 33.2 | 1.0 | -1.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -4.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 8.2 | 7.7 | 0.7 | -0.5 | -1.6 | -1.6 | -6.1 | -17.2 | -17.2 |
| Accommodation and food services | 12.4 | 11.8 | 1.0 | -0.6 | -3.4 | -3.4 | -4.8 | -22.4 | -22.4 |
| Other services | 13.2 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 51.7 | 51.7 |
| Public administration | 18.3 | 17.2 | 0.9 | -1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | -6.0 | 6.2 | 6.2 |

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

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

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 115.4 | 115.3 | ... | -0.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | -0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 77.9 | 78.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Employment | 69.6 | 69.3 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Employment full-time | 58.4 | 57.9 | 0.8 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unemployment | 8.3 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Participation rate | 67.5 | 68.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.7 | 11.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.3 | 60.1 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 16.1 | 16.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 19.8 | 19.8 | ... | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 13.8 | 14.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Employment | 11.8 | 11.4 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -3.4 | -1.7 | -1.7 |
| Unemployment | 2.1 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 28.6 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| Participation rate | 69.7 | 71.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 15.2 | 19.1 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.6 | 57.6 | 1.9 | -2.0 | -1.6 | -1.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 37.3 | 43.9 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 46.0 | 46.0 | ... | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Labour force | 32.0 | 32.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 28.6 | 29.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Unemployment | 3.4 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| Participation rate | 69.6 | 71.1 | 0.7 | 1.5 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.6 | 10.4 | 1.1 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 62.2 | 63.7 | 0.8 | 1.5 | -0.8 | -0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 5.9 | 5.5 | 1.0 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 49.6 | 49.6 | ... | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 32.0 | 31.8 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -0.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 29.2 | 28.6 | 0.4 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -2.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment | 2.8 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| Participation rate | 64.5 | 64.1 | 0.7 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.8 | 10.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 58.9 | 57.7 | 0.8 | -1.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 17.5 | 16.8 | 1.4 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 69.6 | 69.3 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 3.3 | -6.1 | -6.1 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 3.0 | 3.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 13.3 | 41.7 | 41.7 |
| Utilities | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Construction | 5.4 | 4.9 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -9.3 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Manufacturing | 6.0 | 5.8 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -3.3 | -13.4 | -13.4 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Trade | 9.8 | 9.3 | 0.4 | -0.5 | -1.4 | -1.4 | -5.1 | -13.1 | -13.1 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 2.7 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 7.4 | 20.8 | 20.8 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 2.7 | 2.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -11.1 | -17.2 | -17.2 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 2.3 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.4 |
| Business, building and other support services | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -11.5 | -17.9 | -17.9 |
| Educational services | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Health care and social assistance | 8.5 | 8.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 7.3 | 7.3 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Accommodation and food services | 5.8 | 5.7 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -1.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| Other services | 2.5 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 8.0 | -10.0 | -10.0 |
| Public administration | 8.0 | 7.7 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | -3.8 | 10.0 | 10.0 |

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

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

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 770.4 | 770.6 | ... | 0.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Labour force | 492.4 | 494.1 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 454.2 | 453.6 | 2.9 | -0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Employment full-time | 373.6 | 371.8 | 3.7 | -1.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 | -0.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Unemployment | 38.2 | 40.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Participation rate | 63.9 | 64.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.8 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.0 | 58.9 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 17.7 | 18.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 120.8 | 120.7 | ... | -0.1 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -0.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 |
| Labour force | 80.5 | 81.6 | 1.7 | 1.1 | -1.7 | -1.7 | 1.4 | -2.0 | -2.0 |
| Employment | 69.5 | 69.1 | 1.7 | -0.4 | -1.8 | -1.8 | -0.6 | -2.5 | -2.5 |
| Unemployment | 11.0 | 12.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Participation rate | 66.6 | 67.6 | 1.4 | 1.0 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 13.7 | 15.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 57.5 | 57.2 | 1.4 | -0.3 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 41.2 | 42.7 | 2.5 | 1.5 | -2.7 | -2.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 309.6 | 309.8 | ... | 0.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Labour force | 211.2 | 212.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Employment | 195.7 | 195.0 | 1.7 | -0.7 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Unemployment | 15.5 | 17.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 11.0 | 17.0 | 17.0 |
| Participation rate | 68.2 | 68.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.3 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.2 | 62.9 | 0.6 | -0.3 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 7.5 | 7.0 | 0.7 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 340.0 | 340.1 | ... | 0.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 200.7 | 200.3 | 1.5 | -0.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -0.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Employment | 189.0 | 189.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment | 11.7 | 10.9 | 1.3 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -6.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Participation rate | 59.0 | 58.9 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.8 | 5.4 | 0.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 55.6 | 55.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 19.7 | 20.4 | 1.0 | 0.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods-producing sector | 454.2 | 453.6 | 2.9 | -0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Agriculture | 6.9 | 7.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 10.1 | 33.3 | 33.3 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 12.7 | 12.2 | 1.0 | -0.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -3.9 | -10.9 | -10.9 |
| Utilities | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Construction | 31.6 | 31.8 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| Manufacturing | 38.0 | 38.7 | 1.5 | 0.7 | -3.3 | -3.3 | 1.8 | -7.9 | -7.9 |
| Services-producing sector | 362.3 | 360.7 | 3.0 | -1.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Trade | 81.3 | 79.4 | 1.9 | -1.9 | 4.5 | 4.5 | -2.3 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 17.6 | 19.5 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 20.3 | 21.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 23.6 | 24.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 2.5 | 28.7 | 28.7 |
| Business, building and other support services | 24.7 | 24.9 | 1.4 | 0.2 | -6.2 | -6.2 | 0.8 | -19.9 | -19.9 |
| Educational services | 34.4 | 35.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Health care and social assistance | 61.0 | 59.3 | 1.6 | -1.7 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -2.8 | -3.4 | -3.4 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 19.3 | 18.5 | 1.1 | -0.8 | -2.7 | -2.7 | -4.1 | -12.7 | -12.7 |
| Accommodation and food services | 30.0 | 29.9 | 1.5 | -0.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | -0.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Other services | 19.5 | 18.5 | 1.2 | -1.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -5.1 | -3.1 | -3.1 |
| Public administration | 30.7 | 30.0 | 1.1 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -2.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 619.4 | 619.7 | ... | 0.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 402.3 | 400.9 | 2.4 | -1.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 367.4 | 366.6 | 2.4 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment full-time | 309.4 | 310.7 | 3.0 | 1.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Unemployment | 34.9 | 34.3 | 2.2 | -0.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | -1.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| Participation rate | 64.9 | 64.7 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.7 | 8.6 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.3 | 59.2 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 15.8 | 15.2 | 0.6 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 94.4 | 94.3 | ... | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Labour force | 66.8 | 65.9 | 1.3 | -0.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 | -1.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Employment | 57.3 | 56.5 | 1.3 | -0.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | -1.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Unemployment | 9.5 | 9.4 | 1.1 | -0.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -1.1 | 27.0 | 27.0 |
| Participation rate | 70.8 | 69.9 | 1.4 | -0.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 14.2 | 14.3 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.7 | 59.9 | 1.4 | -0.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 42.6 | 38.4 | 2.5 | -4.2 | -1.5 | -1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 253.5 | 253.6 | ... | 0.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Labour force | 176.4 | 173.4 | 1.3 | -3.0 | -2.8 | -2.8 | -1.7 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| Employment | 160.1 | 158.3 | 1.4 | -1.8 | -3.0 | -3.0 | -1.1 | -1.9 | -1.9 |
| Unemployment | 16.3 | 15.1 | 1.4 | -1.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -7.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Participation rate | 69.6 | 68.4 | 0.5 | -1.2 | -1.6 | -1.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 9.2 | 8.7 | 0.8 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.2 | 62.4 | 0.6 | -0.8 | -1.7 | -1.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 5.2 | 5.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 271.6 | 271.8 | ... | 0.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Labour force | 159.1 | 161.7 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment | 150.0 | 151.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Unemployment | 9.1 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 7.7 | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| Participation rate | 58.6 | 59.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.7 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 55.2 | 55.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 16.9 | 16.9 | 1.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| | 367.4 | 366.6 | 2.4 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 6.5 | 7.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 15.4 | 23.0 | 23.0 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 11.1 | 9.5 | 0.9 | -1.6 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -14.4 | -18.1 | -18.1 |
| Utilities | 5.3 | 4.8 | 0.4 | -0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -9.4 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| Construction | 25.4 | 23.9 | 1.2 | -1.5 | -1.4 | -1.4 | -5.9 | -5.5 | -5.5 |
| Manufacturing | 34.5 | 33.5 | 1.3 | -1.0 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -2.9 | -8.7 | -8.7 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| | 284.6 | 287.5 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Trade | 55.7 | 56.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 21.3 | 20.2 | 1.0 | -1.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -5.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 15.0 | 15.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | -1.4 | -1.4 | 4.7 | -8.2 | -8.2 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 17.4 | 17.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.0 | -3.9 | -3.9 |
| Business, building and other support services | 20.0 | 21.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 5.0 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| Educational services | 27.3 | 29.5 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
| Health care and social assistance | 51.6 | 50.0 | 1.3 | -1.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -3.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 10.5 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 | -1.0 | -1.0 | 4.8 | -8.3 | -8.3 |
| Accommodation and food services | 22.5 | 22.8 | 1.1 | 0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 1.3 | -1.7 | -1.7 |
| Other services | 15.7 | 15.1 | 0.9 | -0.6 | -2.5 | -2.5 | -3.8 | -14.2 | -14.2 |
| Public administration | 27.6 | 27.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 19.7 | 19.7 |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 6,395.8 | 6,400.1 | ... | 4.3 | 59.9 | 59.9 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Labour force | 4,193.4 | 4,191.7 | 14.3 | -1.7 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Employment | 3,893.8 | 3,884.4 | 14.7 | -9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment full-time | 3,184.2 | 3,135.5 | 19.3 | -48.7 | -13.7 | -13.7 | -1.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Unemployment | 299.6 | 307.2 | 12.8 | 7.6 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 2.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Participation rate | 65.6 | 65.5 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.9 | 60.7 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 18.2 | 19.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 960.8 | 961.0 | ... | 0.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Labour force | 655.1 | 644.3 | 8.1 | -10.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | -1.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Employment | 574.7 | 559.3 | 8.0 | -15.4 | -5.5 | -5.5 | -2.7 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| Unemployment | 80.3 | 85.0 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 5.9 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| Participation rate | 68.2 | 67.0 | 0.8 | -1.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 12.3 | 13.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.8 | 58.2 | 0.8 | -1.6 | -0.8 | -0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 49.4 | 52.3 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 4.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 2,655.7 | 2,657.8 | ... | 2.1 | 28.0 | 28.0 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Labour force | 1,866.2 | 1,865.6 | 7.7 | -0.6 | -17.1 | -17.1 | 0.0 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| Employment | 1,735.7 | 1,728.0 | 8.4 | -7.7 | -21.7 | -21.7 | -0.4 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| Unemployment | 130.5 | 137.5 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Participation rate | 70.3 | 70.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -1.4 | -1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.0 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.4 | 65.0 | 0.3 | -0.4 | -1.5 | -1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 6.4 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 2,779.3 | 2,781.2 | ... | 1.9 | 27.7 | 27.7 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 1,672.1 | 1,681.8 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Employment | 1,583.4 | 1,597.1 | 8.3 | 13.7 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment | 88.7 | 84.7 | 6.8 | -4.0 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -4.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Participation rate | 60.2 | 60.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.3 | 5.0 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 57.0 | 57.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 19.9 | 20.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | -1.0 | -1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3,893.8 | 3,884.4 | 14.7 | -9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 896.3 | 873.4 | 11.9 | -22.9 | -6.2 | -6.2 | -2.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 54.9 | 52.1 | 3.5 | -2.8 | -18.8 | -18.8 | -5.1 | -26.5 | -26.5 |
| Utilities | 33.3 | 31.9 | 2.3 | -1.4 | -3.1 | -3.1 | -4.2 | -8.9 | -8.9 |
| Construction | 30.4 | 30.9 | 2.3 | 0.5 | -0.8 | -0.8 | 1.6 | -2.5 | -2.5 |
| Manufacturing | 227.0 | 208.5 | 6.4 | -18.5 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -8.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| | 550.6 | 550.1 | 9.6 | -0.5 | 17.8 | 17.8 | -0.1 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2,997.5 | 3,011.0 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Trade | 623.0 | 606.0 | 11.0 | -17.0 | -35.4 | -35.4 | -2.7 | -5.5 | -5.5 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 167.1 | 181.1 | 6.2 | 14.0 | -7.5 | -7.5 | 8.4 | -4.0 | -4.0 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 223.9 | 223.1 | 6.6 | -0.8 | -10.4 | -10.4 | -0.4 | -4.5 | -4.5 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 262.2 | 259.6 | 7.8 | -2.6 | -7.3 | -7.3 | -1.0 | -2.7 | -2.7 |
| Business, building and other support services | 140.9 | 147.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| Educational services | 249.5 | 245.3 | 7.1 | -4.2 | -17.4 | -17.4 | -1.7 | -6.6 | -6.6 |
| Health care and social assistance | 490.4 | 498.8 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 1.7 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 179.2 | 179.6 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| Accommodation and food services | 251.2 | 243.0 | 7.7 | -8.2 | -3.0 | -3.0 | -3.3 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| Other services | 178.5 | 171.4 | 6.1 | -7.1 | -11.1 | -11.1 | -4.0 | -6.1 | -6.1 |
| Public administration | 231.6 | 256.2 | 5.8 | 24.6 | 33.7 | 33.7 | 10.6 | 15.1 | 15.1 |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 10,571.3 | 10,580.8 | ... | 9.5 | 154.4 | 154.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 7,174.4 | 7,184.0 | 18.4 | 9.6 | 88.8 | 88.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment | 6,666.1 | 6,667.9 | 18.8 | 1.8 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Employment full-time | 5,422.7 | 5,423.5 | 23.8 | 0.8 | -22.1 | -22.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Unemployment | 508.4 | 516.1 | 15.7 | 7.7 | 51.8 | 51.8 | 1.5 | 11.2 | 11.2 |
| Participation rate | 67.9 | 67.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.1 | 63.0 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 18.7 | 18.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,738.3 | 1,739.1 | ... | 0.8 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Labour force | 1,127.7 | 1,122.0 | 11.6 | -5.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment | 958.6 | 949.6 | 11.1 | -9.0 | -19.9 | -19.9 | -0.9 | -2.1 | -2.1 |
| Unemployment | 169.1 | 172.5 | 9.7 | 3.4 | 20.4 | 20.4 | 2.0 | 13.4 | 13.4 |
| Participation rate | 64.9 | 64.5 | 0.7 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 15.0 | 15.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 55.1 | 54.6 | 0.6 | -0.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 47.4 | 47.4 | 1.1 | 0.0 | -2.6 | -2.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 4,291.6 | 4,295.7 | ... | 4.1 | 67.0 | 67.0 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Labour force | 3,190.7 | 3,195.6 | 8.8 | 4.9 | 47.8 | 47.8 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Employment | 2,994.6 | 3,007.7 | 9.7 | 13.1 | 32.2 | 32.2 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Unemployment | 196.1 | 187.9 | 8.7 | -8.2 | 15.6 | 15.6 | -4.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| Participation rate | 74.3 | 74.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.1 | 5.9 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 69.8 | 70.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 7.4 | 7.2 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 4,541.4 | 4,546.0 | ... | 4.6 | 76.5 | 76.5 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Labour force | 2,856.1 | 2,866.4 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Employment | 2,712.8 | 2,710.7 | 10.4 | -2.1 | 24.7 | 24.7 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment | 143.2 | 155.7 | 8.4 | 12.5 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 8.7 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| Participation rate | 62.9 | 63.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.0 | 5.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.7 | 59.6 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 20.9 | 21.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6,666.1 | 6,667.9 | 18.8 | 1.8 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 86.8 | 87.5 | 3.8 | 0.7 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 0.8 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 36.7 | 34.3 | 2.1 | -2.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -6.5 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| Utilities | 67.6 | 63.9 | 2.7 | -3.7 | 4.2 | 4.2 | -5.5 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Construction | 447.9 | 437.2 | 9.2 | -10.7 | 32.0 | 32.0 | -2.4 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| Manufacturing | 864.5 | 871.6 | 12.5 | 7.1 | -48.9 | -48.9 | 0.8 | -5.3 | -5.3 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5,162.6 | 5,173.4 | 21.1 | 10.8 | 50.5 | 50.5 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Trade | 1,018.9 | 1,027.5 | 13.7 | 8.6 | -13.0 | -13.0 | 0.8 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 346.9 | 347.1 | 7.8 | 0.2 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 0.1 | 13.1 | 13.1 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 473.0 | 495.0 | 9.6 | 22.0 | 24.4 | 24.4 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 508.6 | 506.8 | 10.2 | -1.8 | 26.6 | 26.6 | -0.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Business, building and other support services | 277.4 | 276.3 | 9.0 | -1.1 | -26.8 | -26.8 | -0.4 | -8.8 | -8.8 |
| Educational services | 482.0 | 469.6 | 9.7 | -12.4 | -25.0 | -25.0 | -2.6 | -5.1 | -5.1 |
| Health care and social assistance | 697.1 | 700.3 | 9.9 | 3.2 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 304.3 | 313.4 | 8.6 | 9.1 | -25.7 | -25.7 | 3.0 | -7.6 | -7.6 |
| Accommodation and food services | 400.4 | 389.0 | 9.3 | -11.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | -2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Other services | 294.0 | 296.0 | 7.4 | 2.0 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 0.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| Public administration | 360.0 | 352.6 | 7.3 | -7.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | -2.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |

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

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 913.8 | 914.8 | ... | 1.0 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 636.6 | 636.6 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Employment | 609.6 | 609.2 | 2.7 | -0.4 | 10.1 | 10.1 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment full-time | 490.0 | 492.9 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment | 27.0 | 27.4 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Participation rate | 69.7 | 69.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.2 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.7 | 66.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 19.6 | 19.1 | 0.6 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 158.8 | 159.0 | ... | 0.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 114.2 | 114.8 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Employment | 104.3 | 104.7 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Unemployment | 9.8 | 10.1 | 1.4 | 0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 3.1 | -3.8 | -3.8 |
| Participation rate | 71.9 | 72.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.6 | 8.8 | 1.2 | 0.2 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.7 | 65.8 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 44.9 | 43.9 | 2.0 | -0.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 369.0 | 369.4 | ... | 0.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 281.3 | 280.1 | 1.4 | -1.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | -0.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 271.1 | 270.3 | 1.5 | -0.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment | 10.2 | 9.7 | 1.2 | -0.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -4.9 | 26.0 | 26.0 |
| Participation rate | 76.2 | 75.8 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 73.5 | 73.2 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 8.4 | 7.2 | 0.6 | -1.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 386.0 | 386.4 | ... | 0.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 241.1 | 241.8 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Employment | 234.1 | 234.2 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Unemployment | 7.0 | 7.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 8.6 | -3.8 | -3.8 |
| Participation rate | 62.5 | 62.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.6 | 60.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 21.4 | 21.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | -1.7 | -1.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods-producing sector | 609.6 | 609.2 | 2.7 | -0.4 | 10.1 | 10.1 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Agriculture | 149.7 | 146.2 | 2.6 | -3.5 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -2.3 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 30.1 | 29.4 | 1.3 | -0.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -2.3 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| Utilities | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | -0.8 | -0.8 | 0.0 | -11.9 | -11.9 |
| Construction | 7.3 | 6.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | -5.5 | 35.3 | 35.3 |
| Manufacturing | 38.4 | 38.2 | 1.5 | -0.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -0.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Services-producing sector | 68.0 | 65.8 | 1.9 | -2.2 | -6.8 | -6.8 | -3.2 | -9.4 | -9.4 |
| Trade | 459.9 | 463.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 91.0 | 89.3 | 2.1 | -1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | -1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 36.8 | 37.1 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 34.1 | 34.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | -4.1 | -4.1 | 2.1 | -10.5 | -10.5 |
| Business, building and other support services | 23.7 | 24.2 | 1.2 | 0.5 | -1.7 | -1.7 | 2.1 | -6.6 | -6.6 |
| Educational services | 17.7 | 17.5 | 1.2 | -0.2 | -1.7 | -1.7 | -1.1 | -8.9 | -8.9 |
| Health care and social assistance | 47.4 | 47.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 86.1 | 87.2 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 1.3 | 15.3 | 15.3 |
| Accommodation and food services | 22.8 | 22.6 | 1.2 | -0.2 | -1.8 | -1.8 | -0.9 | -7.4 | -7.4 |
| Other services | 35.0 | 37.0 | 1.6 | 2.0 | -1.6 | -1.6 | 5.7 | -4.1 | -4.1 |
| Public administration | 28.8 | 28.9 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 0.3 | 13.3 | 13.3 |
| Public administration | 36.6 | 36.4 | 1.2 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 |

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

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

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 773.1 | 774.0 | ... | 0.9 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Labour force | 540.6 | 543.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Employment | 520.6 | 520.3 | 2.4 | -0.3 | 15.6 | 15.6 | -0.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Employment full-time | 427.7 | 426.5 | 3.2 | -1.2 | 13.8 | 13.8 | -0.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Unemployment | 19.9 | 22.6 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 13.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Participation rate | 69.9 | 70.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.7 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 67.3 | 67.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 17.8 | 18.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 139.7 | 139.7 | ... | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Labour force | 101.0 | 101.5 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Employment | 93.7 | 93.6 | 1.5 | -0.1 | 2.7 | 2.7 | -0.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Unemployment | 7.2 | 7.9 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 9.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Participation rate | 72.3 | 72.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.1 | 7.8 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 67.1 | 67.0 | 1.1 | -0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 39.3 | 36.9 | 1.7 | -2.4 | -2.5 | -2.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 309.5 | 309.9 | ... | 0.4 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Labour force | 235.1 | 235.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 228.3 | 227.5 | 1.2 | -0.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Unemployment | 6.8 | 7.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 13.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Participation rate | 76.0 | 75.9 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 2.9 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 73.8 | 73.4 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 6.7 | 6.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 324.0 | 324.4 | ... | 0.4 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Labour force | 204.5 | 206.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Employment | 198.6 | 199.2 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Unemployment | 5.9 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 18.6 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
| Participation rate | 63.1 | 63.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 2.9 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.3 | 61.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 20.6 | 22.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| Industry | 520.6 | 520.3 | 2.4 | -0.3 | 15.6 | 15.6 | -0.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods-producing sector | 144.4 | 142.6 | 2.3 | -1.8 | 10.3 | 10.3 | -1.2 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| Agriculture | 43.0 | 39.2 | 1.5 | -3.8 | -2.0 | -2.0 | -8.8 | -4.9 | -4.9 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 25.4 | 25.2 | 1.1 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | -0.8 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| Utilities | 6.1 | 6.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 21.6 | 21.6 |
| Construction | 40.6 | 40.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.2 | 25.6 | 25.6 |
| Manufacturing | 29.3 | 31.3 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Services-producing sector | 376.3 | 377.7 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Trade | 83.5 | 83.3 | 1.8 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 23.2 | 23.3 | 1.0 | 0.1 | -1.7 | -1.7 | 0.4 | -6.8 | -6.8 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 28.9 | 28.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 21.0 | 20.5 | 0.9 | -0.5 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -2.4 | -3.8 | -3.8 |
| Business, building and other support services | 11.1 | 12.7 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 14.4 | 12.4 | 12.4 |
| Educational services | 39.2 | 38.6 | 1.3 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -1.5 | -1.8 | -1.8 |
| Health care and social assistance | 63.6 | 63.0 | 1.4 | -0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | -0.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 19.5 | 20.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 6.7 | -1.4 | -1.4 |
| Accommodation and food services | 31.8 | 32.4 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Other services | 23.6 | 24.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Public administration | 30.9 | 30.1 | 1.0 | -0.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | -2.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 2,818.0 | 2,823.7 | ... | 5.7 | 54.2 | 54.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Labour force | 2,107.0 | 2,106.5 | 8.1 | -0.5 | 46.7 | 46.7 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Employment | 2,034.9 | 2,019.1 | 8.3 | -15.8 | 25.3 | 25.3 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment full-time | 1,697.6 | 1,677.7 | 11.1 | -19.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Unemployment | 72.1 | 87.4 | 5.9 | 15.3 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.2 | 32.4 | 32.4 |
| Participation rate | 74.8 | 74.6 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.4 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 72.2 | 71.5 | 0.3 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 16.6 | 16.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 504.6 | 505.0 | ... | 0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Labour force | 368.1 | 365.7 | 4.9 | -2.4 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Employment | 339.2 | 333.0 | 5.1 | -6.2 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -1.8 | -3.7 | -3.7 |
| Unemployment | 28.8 | 32.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 13.5 | 57.2 | 57.2 |
| Participation rate | 72.9 | 72.4 | 1.0 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.8 | 8.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 67.2 | 65.9 | 1.0 | -1.3 | -2.5 | -2.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 35.1 | 35.5 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,169.6 | 1,172.5 | ... | 2.9 | 34.5 | 34.5 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Labour force | 970.6 | 966.8 | 3.8 | -3.8 | 27.1 | 27.1 | -0.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Employment | 950.0 | 938.6 | 4.2 | -11.4 | 22.3 | 22.3 | -1.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Unemployment | 20.6 | 28.2 | 3.3 | 7.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 36.9 | 20.5 | 20.5 |
| Participation rate | 83.0 | 82.5 | 0.3 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 2.1 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 81.2 | 80.1 | 0.4 | -1.1 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 5.2 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,143.8 | 1,146.1 | ... | 2.3 | 19.9 | 19.9 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Labour force | 768.4 | 774.0 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 20.4 | 20.4 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Employment | 745.7 | 747.5 | 5.0 | 1.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment | 22.7 | 26.5 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 16.7 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| Participation rate | 67.2 | 67.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.0 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.2 | 65.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 22.6 | 23.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2,034.9 | 2,019.1 | 8.3 | -15.8 | 25.3 | 25.3 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 57.1 | 62.2 | 3.0 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 8.9 | 19.6 | 19.6 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 158.0 | 154.8 | 4.7 | -3.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -2.0 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| Utilities | 15.1 | 18.9 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 25.2 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| Construction | 207.8 | 204.0 | 5.6 | -3.8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | -1.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Manufacturing | 150.2 | 150.5 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 0.2 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1,446.6 | 1,428.6 | 10.1 | -18.0 | -6.9 | -6.9 | -1.2 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Trade | 324.8 | 314.2 | 6.9 | -10.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -3.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 103.0 | 102.8 | 4.1 | -0.2 | -7.5 | -7.5 | -0.2 | -6.8 | -6.8 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 113.4 | 111.8 | 4.1 | -1.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 | -1.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 170.5 | 159.9 | 4.8 | -10.6 | 14.3 | 14.3 | -6.2 | 9.8 | 9.8 |
| Business, building and other support services | 60.2 | 63.2 | 4.0 | 3.0 | -13.1 | -13.1 | 5.0 | -17.2 | -17.2 |
| Educational services | 133.0 | 138.3 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 4.0 | 13.5 | 13.5 |
| Health care and social assistance | 191.0 | 185.4 | 5.0 | -5.6 | -10.6 | -10.6 | -2.9 | -5.4 | -5.4 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 71.9 | 76.4 | 3.6 | 4.5 | -3.2 | -3.2 | 6.3 | -4.0 | -4.0 |
| Accommodation and food services | 109.4 | 108.9 | 4.6 | -0.5 | -3.3 | -3.3 | -0.5 | -2.9 | -2.9 |
| Other services | 87.3 | 87.5 | 4.0 | 0.2 | -3.0 | -3.0 | 0.2 | -3.3 | -3.3 |
| Public administration | 82.1 | 80.3 | 3.3 | -1.8 | -8.7 | -8.7 | -2.2 | -9.8 | -9.8 |

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

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

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,668.1 | 3,672.2 | ... | 4.1 | 69.5 | 69.5 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Labour force | 2,429.3 | 2,432.6 | 9.6 | 3.3 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 2,310.4 | 2,302.9 | 9.6 | -7.5 | 10.0 | 10.0 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Employment full-time | 1,841.8 | 1,839.3 | 13.7 | -2.5 | 22.8 | 22.8 | -0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment | 119.0 | 129.7 | 6.9 | 10.7 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 9.0 | 28.9 | 28.9 |
| Participation rate | 66.2 | 66.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.9 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.0 | 62.7 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 20.3 | 20.1 | 0.5 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Both sexes, 15 to 24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 583.8 | 583.9 | ... | 0.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Labour force | 392.3 | 386.0 | 5.5 | -6.3 | -11.9 | -11.9 | -1.6 | -3.0 | -3.0 |
| Employment | 353.2 | 349.2 | 5.5 | -4.0 | -17.3 | -17.3 | -1.1 | -4.7 | -4.7 |
| Unemployment | 39.1 | 36.8 | 4.2 | -2.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | -5.9 | 17.2 | 17.2 |
| Participation rate | 67.2 | 66.1 | 0.9 | -1.1 | -2.4 | -2.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.0 | 9.5 | 1.0 | -0.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.5 | 59.8 | 0.9 | -0.7 | -3.3 | -3.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 42.4 | 43.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 | -2.2 | -2.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Men, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,509.5 | 1,511.5 | ... | 2.0 | 33.4 | 33.4 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Labour force | 1,089.5 | 1,095.8 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment | 1,046.9 | 1,046.6 | 5.2 | -0.3 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment | 42.6 | 49.3 | 3.9 | 6.7 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 15.7 | 28.4 | 28.4 |
| Participation rate | 72.2 | 72.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.9 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 69.4 | 69.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 | -1.1 | -1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 8.1 | 7.9 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Women, 25 years and over | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,574.8 | 1,576.8 | ... | 2.0 | 33.2 | 33.2 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Labour force | 947.5 | 950.7 | 5.8 | 3.2 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Employment | 910.2 | 907.1 | 5.7 | -3.1 | 19.5 | 19.5 | -0.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment | 37.3 | 43.6 | 4.0 | 6.3 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 16.9 | 41.6 | 41.6 |
| Participation rate | 60.2 | 60.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.9 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 57.8 | 57.5 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 25.8 | 25.4 | 0.9 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Industry | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2,310.4 | 2,302.9 | 9.6 | -7.5 | 10.0 | 10.0 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Goods-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 29.9 | 30.6 | 2.8 | 0.7 | -9.1 | -9.1 | 2.3 | -22.9 | -22.9 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 44.5 | 49.5 | 2.9 | 5.0 | -1.1 | -1.1 | 11.2 | -2.2 | -2.2 |
| Utilities | 13.9 | 12.6 | 1.5 | -1.3 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -9.4 | -4.5 | -4.5 |
| Construction | 220.3 | 213.5 | 6.2 | -6.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | -3.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 184.6 | 188.0 | 6.2 | 3.4 | -2.2 | -2.2 | 1.8 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| Services-producing sector | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1,817.1 | 1,808.7 | 11.4 | -8.4 | 19.3 | 19.3 | -0.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Trade | 349.9 | 358.0 | 7.7 | 8.1 | -7.7 | -7.7 | 2.3 | -2.1 | -2.1 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 115.6 | 126.2 | 5.0 | 10.6 | -9.8 | -9.8 | 9.2 | -7.2 | -7.2 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 155.4 | 149.0 | 4.9 | -6.4 | 7.1 | 7.1 | -4.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 178.0 | 170.0 | 5.4 | -8.0 | 9.9 | 9.9 | -4.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| Business, building and other support services | 101.6 | 98.8 | 4.6 | -2.8 | -7.0 | -7.0 | -2.8 | -6.6 | -6.6 |
| Educational services | 160.8 | 161.7 | 5.5 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Health care and social assistance | 254.8 | 249.8 | 5.9 | -5.0 | 13.9 | 13.9 | -2.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 116.4 | 114.1 | 4.8 | -2.3 | -9.6 | -9.6 | -2.0 | -7.8 | -7.8 |
| Accommodation and food services | 177.2 | 183.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 3.3 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| Other services | 105.0 | 95.9 | 4.1 | -9.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 | -8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| Public administration | 102.4 | 102.2 | 3.7 | -0.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -0.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 155.4 | 155.7 | ... | 0.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Labour force | 109.4 | 109.3 | 0.7 | -0.1 | 6.9 | 6.9 | -0.1 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| Employment | 101.2 | 101.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Unemployment | 8.3 | 7.9 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -4.8 | 11.3 | 11.3 |
| Participation rate | 70.4 | 70.2 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.6 | 7.2 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.1 | 65.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 318.4 | 318.7 | ... | 0.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 224.2 | 225.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment | 212.5 | 213.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment | 11.7 | 11.9 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 20.2 | 20.2 |
| Participation rate | 70.4 | 70.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.2 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.7 | 66.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 105.0 | 105.0 | ... | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Labour force | 69.1 | 69.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | -1.7 | -1.7 | 0.6 | -2.4 | -2.4 |
| Employment | 64.9 | 65.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | -2.7 | -2.7 | 0.2 | -4.0 | -4.0 |
| Unemployment | 4.2 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9.5 | 31.4 | 31.4 |
| Participation rate | 65.8 | 66.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | -2.2 | -2.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.1 | 6.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.8 | 61.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | -3.1 | -3.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Saguenay, Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 125.0 | 124.9 | ... | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Labour force | 77.1 | 76.8 | 0.8 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | -0.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Employment | 71.5 | 71.0 | 0.8 | -0.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 | -0.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment | 5.6 | 5.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 3.6 | -3.3 | -3.3 |
| Participation rate | 61.7 | 61.5 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.3 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 57.2 | 56.8 | 0.7 | -0.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Québec, Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 612.6 | 613.1 | ... | 0.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 409.2 | 412.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | -2.9 | -2.9 | 0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| Employment | 391.8 | 395.8 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment | 17.4 | 16.5 | 1.5 | -0.9 | -6.3 | -6.3 | -5.2 | -27.6 | -27.6 |
| Participation rate | 66.8 | 67.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.3 | 4.0 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -1.5 | -1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 64.0 | 64.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 121.9 | 121.9 | ... | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Labour force | 74.0 | 73.7 | 0.7 | -0.3 | -3.9 | -3.9 | -0.4 | -5.0 | -5.0 |
| Employment | 69.1 | 68.9 | 0.7 | -0.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -0.3 | -4.4 | -4.4 |
| Unemployment | 4.9 | 4.8 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -2.0 | -11.1 | -11.1 |
| Participation rate | 60.7 | 60.5 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -3.7 | -3.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.6 | 6.5 | 0.5 | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 56.7 | 56.5 | 0.6 | -0.2 | -3.1 | -3.1 | ... | ... | ... |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 139.0 | 139.1 | ... | 0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Labour force | 89.4 | 88.9 | 0.7 | -0.5 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -0.6 | -2.8 | -2.8 |
| Employment | 83.6 | 83.0 | 0.8 | -0.6 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -0.7 | -3.0 | -3.0 |
| Unemployment | 5.8 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Participation rate | 64.3 | 63.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | -2.7 | -2.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.1 | 59.7 | 0.6 | -0.4 | -2.6 | -2.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Montréal, Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,076.9 | 3,079.5 | ... | 2.6 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Labour force | 2,058.0 | 2,059.8 | 7.3 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment | 1,904.3 | 1,904.8 | 7.7 | 0.5 | -11.1 | -11.1 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Unemployment | 153.7 | 155.0 | 4.5 | 1.3 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 8.3 | 8.3 |
| Participation rate | 66.9 | 66.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.5 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.9 | 61.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 967.2 | 968.2 | ... | 1.0 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 711.8 | 708.9 | 3.5 | -2.9 | 11.6 | 11.6 | -0.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment | 678.4 | 676.9 | 3.5 | -1.5 | 10.8 | 10.8 | -0.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment | 33.4 | 32.0 | 1.6 | -1.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -4.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Participation rate | 73.6 | 73.2 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 70.1 | 69.9 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 245.3 | 245.6 | ... | 0.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Labour force | 180.0 | 177.0 | 1.2 | -3.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | -1.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Employment | 171.6 | 169.2 | 1.2 | -2.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | -1.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment | 8.5 | 7.8 | 0.5 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -8.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Participation rate | 73.4 | 72.1 | 0.5 | -1.3 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.7 | 4.4 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 70.0 | 68.9 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 721.9 | 722.6 | ... | 0.7 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour force | 531.7 | 531.9 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Employment | 506.8 | 507.7 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment | 24.9 | 24.2 | 1.5 | -0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -2.8 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Participation rate | 73.7 | 73.6 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 70.2 | 70.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Kingston, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 126.2 | 126.2 | ... | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Labour force | 84.5 | 84.2 | 0.8 | -0.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | -0.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Employment | 80.5 | 80.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Unemployment | 4.0 | 3.7 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -7.5 | -9.8 | -9.8 |
| Participation rate | 67.0 | 66.7 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.7 | 4.4 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.8 | 63.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 | ... | ... | ... |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Toronto, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 4,583.9 | 4,592.2 | ... | 8.3 | 107.3 | 107.3 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Labour force | 3,147.8 | 3,153.5 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 60.5 | 60.5 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Employment | 2,927.8 | 2,926.0 | 9.5 | -1.8 | 40.8 | 40.8 | -0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Unemployment | 220.1 | 227.6 | 5.5 | 7.5 | 19.8 | 19.8 | 3.4 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| Participation rate | 68.7 | 68.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.9 | 63.7 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Hamilton, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 598.8 | 599.2 | ... | 0.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Labour force | 398.6 | 396.7 | 3.1 | -1.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Employment | 372.6 | 369.2 | 3.2 | -3.4 | -3.8 | -3.8 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| Unemployment | 26.0 | 27.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 17.5 | 17.5 |
| Participation rate | 66.6 | 66.2 | 0.5 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.5 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 62.2 | 61.6 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -1.2 | -1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Kitchener, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 384.6 | 385.0 | ... | 0.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 281.8 | 280.9 | 2.1 | -0.9 | 11.1 | 11.1 | -0.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Employment | 263.6 | 259.2 | 2.1 | -4.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 | -1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Unemployment | 18.2 | 21.7 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 19.2 | 51.7 | 51.7 |
| Participation rate | 73.3 | 73.0 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.5 | 7.7 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 68.5 | 67.3 | 0.5 | -1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| London, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 386.7 | 387.0 | ... | 0.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Labour force | 263.1 | 263.7 | 1.9 | 0.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Employment | 244.9 | 244.6 | 1.9 | -0.3 | -2.2 | -2.2 | -0.1 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| Unemployment | 18.2 | 19.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 11.0 | 11.0 |
| Participation rate | 68.0 | 68.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.9 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.3 | 63.2 | 0.5 | -0.1 | -1.3 | -1.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Oshawa, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 290.1 | 290.5 | ... | 0.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Labour force | 204.6 | 202.7 | 1.4 | -1.9 | 6.7 | 6.7 | -0.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Employment | 188.7 | 186.9 | 1.4 | -1.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | -1.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Unemployment | 15.9 | 15.8 | 0.7 | -0.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -0.6 | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| Participation rate | 70.5 | 69.8 | 0.5 | -0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.0 | 64.3 | 0.5 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 329.7 | 329.8 | ... | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Labour force | 211.6 | 213.5 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Employment | 194.3 | 194.7 | 1.7 | 0.4 | -3.3 | -3.3 | 0.2 | -1.7 | -1.7 |
| Unemployment | 17.3 | 18.7 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 8.1 | 35.5 | 35.5 |
| Participation rate | 64.2 | 64.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.2 | 8.8 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 58.9 | 59.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | -1.3 | -1.3 | ... | ... | ... |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 134.0 | 134.0 | ... | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 88.2 | 87.7 | 0.8 | -0.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -0.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Employment | 83.3 | 82.9 | 0.8 | -0.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 | -0.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Unemployment | 5.0 | 4.9 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | -2.0 | 22.5 | 22.5 |
| Participation rate | 65.8 | 65.4 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 62.2 | 61.9 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 103.7 | 103.7 | ... | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Labour force | 66.1 | 65.5 | 0.6 | -0.6 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -0.9 | -5.1 | -5.1 |
| Employment | 62.3 | 61.2 | 0.6 | -1.1 | -3.1 | -3.1 | -1.8 | -4.8 | -4.8 |
| Unemployment | 3.8 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 13.2 | -8.5 | -8.5 |
| Participation rate | 63.7 | 63.2 | 0.6 | -0.5 | -3.1 | -3.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.7 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 60.1 | 59.0 | 0.6 | -1.1 | -2.8 | -2.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Windsor, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 273.0 | 273.1 | ... | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Labour force | 174.8 | 175.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | -1.5 | -1.5 | 0.5 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| Employment | 157.2 | 157.9 | 1.5 | 0.7 | -4.1 | -4.1 | 0.4 | -2.5 | -2.5 |
| Unemployment | 17.6 | 17.8 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 16.3 | 16.3 |
| Participation rate | 64.0 | 64.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.8 | -0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.1 | 10.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 57.6 | 57.8 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -1.7 | -1.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 586.5 | 587.1 | ... | 0.6 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 412.6 | 413.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Employment | 393.7 | 394.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployment | 19.0 | 18.8 | 0.7 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -1.1 | -3.6 | -3.6 |
| Participation rate | 70.3 | 70.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -1.0 | -1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 67.1 | 67.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.9 | -0.9 | ... | ... | ... |
| Regina, Saskatchewan | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 169.0 | 169.4 | ... | 0.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Labour force | 121.7 | 121.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| Employment | 117.3 | 117.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Unemployment | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 | 0.0 | -12.0 | -12.0 |
| Participation rate | 72.0 | 71.8 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 69.4 | 69.2 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 199.0 | 199.5 | ... | 0.5 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Labour force | 144.9 | 146.2 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Employment | 139.1 | 140.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| Participation rate | 72.8 | 73.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.1 | 4.0 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 69.9 | 70.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -1.3 | -1.3 | ... | ... | ... |

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Calgary, Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 952.8 | 954.8 | ... | 2.0 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Labour force | 745.3 | 745.4 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Employment | 718.0 | 716.4 | 3.2 | -1.6 | 31.9 | 31.9 | -0.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Unemployment | 27.3 | 28.9 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 38.9 | 38.9 |
| Participation rate | 78.2 | 78.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 2.6 | 2.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.7 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 75.4 | 75.0 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Edmonton, Alberta | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 888.4 | 890.0 | ... | 1.6 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Labour force | 650.8 | 653.0 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Employment | 627.3 | 629.5 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Unemployment | 23.5 | 23.6 | 1.4 | 0.1 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.4 | -2.9 | -2.9 |
| Participation rate | 73.3 | 73.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 70.6 | 70.7 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | ... | ... | ... |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 134.4 | 134.6 | ... | 0.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Labour force | 93.6 | 93.4 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | -0.2 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Employment | 88.7 | 88.3 | 0.7 | -0.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | -0.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Unemployment | 4.9 | 5.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 54.5 | 54.5 |
| Participation rate | 69.6 | 69.4 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.2 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.0 | 65.6 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Vancouver, British Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,956.8 | 1,959.8 | ... | 3.0 | 45.7 | 45.7 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Labour force | 1,302.3 | 1,303.7 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Employment | 1,244.8 | 1,242.5 | 4.7 | -2.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment | 57.5 | 61.3 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 12.3 | 12.3 |
| Participation rate | 66.6 | 66.5 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.4 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.6 | 63.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -1.3 | -1.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Victoria, British Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 287.3 | 287.4 | ... | 0.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Labour force | 198.0 | 197.4 | 1.4 | -0.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -0.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Employment | 191.6 | 190.1 | 1.5 | -1.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment | 6.5 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 10.8 | 28.6 | 28.6 |
| Participation rate | 68.9 | 68.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 3.3 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.7 | 66.1 | 0.5 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 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 282-0090.

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

| | November 2008 | December 2008 | S.E. ¹ | Change from | | | Percent change from | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | last month | last December | twelve months ago | last month | last December | twelve months ago |
| in thousands (except rates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Montréal, Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 3,079.7 | 3,082.1 | ... | 2.4 | 32.4 | 32.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Labour force | 2,071.9 | 2,055.1 | 15.3 | -16.8 | -8.2 | -8.2 | -0.8 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Employment | 1,914.7 | 1,900.0 | 15.4 | -14.7 | -15.4 | -15.4 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| Unemployment | 157.1 | 155.0 | 11.1 | -2.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | -1.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Participation rate | 67.3 | 66.7 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -1.0 | -1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.6 | 7.5 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 62.2 | 61.6 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -1.2 | -1.2 | ... | ... | ... |
| Toronto, Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 4,592.5 | 4,599.9 | ... | 7.4 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Labour force | 3,142.1 | 3,169.7 | 19.1 | 27.6 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Employment | 2,912.2 | 2,932.5 | 19.7 | 20.3 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Unemployment | 229.8 | 237.2 | 13.2 | 7.4 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 3.2 | 12.6 | 12.6 |
| Participation rate | 68.4 | 68.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.3 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.4 | 63.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | ... | ... | ... |
| Vancouver, British Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Population | 1,959.9 | 1,962.6 | ... | 2.7 | 45.1 | 45.1 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Labour force | 1,306.9 | 1,296.9 | 9.8 | -10.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | -0.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Employment | 1,250.5 | 1,229.3 | 9.6 | -21.2 | -9.4 | -9.4 | -1.7 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| Unemployment | 56.5 | 67.6 | 5.6 | 11.1 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 19.6 | 24.3 | 24.3 |
| Participation rate | 66.7 | 66.1 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -1.3 | -1.3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.3 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 63.8 | 62.6 | 0.5 | -1.2 | -2.0 | -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 282-0091.

Table 6-1

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

| | Population | Labour force | | | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment | | | |
| | in thousands | | | | | | |
| Canada ² | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 26,692.1 | 17,983.3 | 16,997.2 | 986.1 | 67.4 | 5.5 | 63.7 |
| 2008 | 27,071.8 | 18,234.3 | 17,133.0 | 1,101.4 | 67.4 | 6.0 | 63.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 424.1 | 246.8 | 216.0 | 30.8 | 58.2 | 12.5 | 50.9 |
| 2008 | 427.4 | 248.1 | 215.2 | 33.0 | 58.0 | 13.3 | 50.4 |
| Avalon Peninsula [1010] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 210.1 | 129.5 | 117.5 | 11.9 | 61.6 | 9.2 | 55.9 |
| 2008 | 213.5 | 135.7 | 123.1 | 12.6 | 63.6 | 9.3 | 57.7 |
| South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 32.7 | 15.8 | 13.1 | 2.7 | 48.3 | 17.1 | 40.1 |
| 2008 | 32.3 | 16.3 | 13.5 | 2.8 | 50.5 | 17.2 | 41.8 |
| West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 87.6 | 51.8 | 44.1 | 7.7 | 59.1 | 14.9 | 50.3 |
| 2008 | 88.0 | 47.2 | 38.5 | 8.7 | 53.6 | 18.4 | 43.8 |
| Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 93.7 | 49.7 | 41.3 | 8.4 | 53.0 | 16.9 | 44.1 |
| 2008 | 93.6 | 48.9 | 40.1 | 8.8 | 52.2 | 18.0 | 42.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 113.7 | 76.0 | 68.2 | 7.8 | 66.8 | 10.3 | 60.0 |
| 2008 | 115.3 | 77.0 | 67.9 | 9.1 | 66.8 | 11.8 | 58.9 |
| Nova Scotia | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 765.4 | 485.6 | 451.2 | 34.4 | 63.4 | 7.1 | 58.9 |
| 2008 | 770.4 | 491.3 | 455.7 | 35.6 | 63.8 | 7.2 | 59.2 |
| Cape Breton [1210] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 116.0 | 62.6 | 54.7 | 8.0 | 54.0 | 12.8 | 47.2 |
| 2008 | 115.5 | 64.0 | 55.5 | 8.5 | 55.4 | 13.3 | 48.1 |
| North Shore [1220] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 131.0 | 79.0 | 71.2 | 7.8 | 60.3 | 9.9 | 54.4 |
| 2008 | 131.4 | 80.0 | 73.5 | 6.5 | 60.9 | 8.1 | 55.9 |
| Annapolis Valley [1230] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 100.5 | 62.7 | 57.8 | 4.9 | 62.4 | 7.8 | 57.5 |
| 2008 | 101.4 | 61.7 | 57.2 | 4.5 | 60.8 | 7.3 | 56.4 |
| Southern [1240] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 103.6 | 61.3 | 56.1 | 5.2 | 59.2 | 8.5 | 54.2 |
| 2008 | 103.5 | 60.6 | 54.8 | 5.8 | 58.6 | 9.6 | 52.9 |
| Halifax [1250] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 314.3 | 220.0 | 211.5 | 8.5 | 70.0 | 3.9 | 67.3 |
| 2008 | 318.7 | 225.0 | 214.7 | 10.2 | 70.6 | 4.5 | 67.4 |
| New Brunswick | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 614.9 | 392.1 | 364.3 | 27.7 | 63.8 | 7.1 | 59.2 |
| 2008 | 619.5 | 397.7 | 365.5 | 32.2 | 64.2 | 8.1 | 59.0 |
| Campbellton-Miramichi [1310] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 135.8 | 76.7 | 67.5 | 9.1 | 56.5 | 11.9 | 49.7 |
| 2008 | 135.5 | 74.9 | 62.7 | 12.2 | 55.3 | 16.3 | 46.3 |
| Moncton-Richibucto [1320] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 164.0 | 107.5 | 100.9 | 6.6 | 65.5 | 6.1 | 61.5 |
| 2008 | 166.5 | 113.9 | 107.6 | 6.3 | 68.4 | 5.5 | 64.6 |
| Saint John-St. Stephen [1330] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 142.3 | 96.1 | 91.3 | 4.8 | 67.5 | 5.0 | 64.2 |
| 2008 | 143.3 | 94.3 | 88.3 | 6.0 | 65.8 | 6.4 | 61.6 |

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 December 2007 and December 2008

| | Population | Labour force | | | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment | | | |
| in thousands | | | | | | | |
| Fredericton-Oromocto [1340] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 104.6 | 69.9 | 66.2 | 3.7 | 66.8 | 5.3 | 63.3 |
| 2008 | 105.8 | 71.0 | 67.0 | 4.0 | 67.1 | 5.6 | 63.3 |
| Edmundston-Woodstock [1350] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 68.2 | 42.0 | 38.4 | 3.5 | 61.6 | 8.3 | 56.3 |
| 2008 | 68.2 | 43.8 | 40.0 | 3.8 | 64.2 | 8.7 | 58.7 |
| Quebec | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 6,335.4 | 4,157.6 | 3,876.2 | 281.4 | 65.6 | 6.8 | 61.2 |
| 2008 | 6,395.5 | 4,176.5 | 3,883.8 | 292.7 | 65.3 | 7.0 | 60.7 |
| Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 80.9 | 40.1 | 33.2 | 6.8 | 49.6 | 17.0 | 41.0 |
| 2008 | 80.8 | 42.1 | 33.9 | 8.2 | 52.1 | 19.5 | 42.0 |
| Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 167.5 | 95.9 | 88.4 | 7.5 | 57.3 | 7.8 | 52.8 |
| 2008 | 167.6 | 103.5 | 94.8 | 8.8 | 61.8 | 8.5 | 56.6 |
| Capitale-Nationale [2420] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 565.3 | 372.7 | 355.7 | 17.0 | 65.9 | 4.6 | 62.9 |
| 2008 | 569.9 | 367.0 | 352.3 | 14.7 | 64.4 | 4.0 | 61.8 |
| Chaudière-Appalaches [2425] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 328.4 | 217.8 | 204.9 | 12.9 | 66.3 | 5.9 | 62.4 |
| 2008 | 330.6 | 218.9 | 207.3 | 11.6 | 66.2 | 5.3 | 62.7 |
| Estrie [2430] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 249.6 | 159.9 | 150.5 | 9.4 | 64.1 | 5.9 | 60.3 |
| 2008 | 252.0 | 158.3 | 148.0 | 10.3 | 62.8 | 6.5 | 58.7 |
| Centre-du-Québec [2433] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 185.7 | 123.5 | 116.9 | 6.6 | 66.5 | 5.3 | 63.0 |
| 2008 | 187.1 | 124.2 | 114.4 | 9.7 | 66.4 | 7.8 | 61.1 |
| Montérégie [2435] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 1,130.7 | 742.3 | 694.3 | 48.0 | 65.6 | 6.5 | 61.4 |
| 2008 | 1,149.6 | 781.1 | 732.7 | 48.4 | 67.9 | 6.2 | 63.7 |
| Montréal [2440] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 1,592.5 | 1,048.2 | 959.3 | 88.9 | 65.8 | 8.5 | 60.2 |
| 2008 | 1,593.0 | 1,044.6 | 956.7 | 87.8 | 65.6 | 8.4 | 60.1 |
| Laval [2445] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 310.9 | 220.1 | 207.7 | 12.4 | 70.8 | 5.6 | 66.8 |
| 2008 | 315.8 | 218.5 | 203.7 | 14.7 | 69.2 | 6.7 | 64.5 |
| Lanaudière [2450] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 356.8 | 244.1 | 225.2 | 18.9 | 68.4 | 7.7 | 63.1 |
| 2008 | 367.3 | 244.9 | 227.6 | 17.2 | 66.7 | 7.0 | 62.0 |
| Laurentides [2455] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 429.1 | 299.0 | 285.6 | 13.4 | 69.7 | 4.5 | 66.6 |
| 2008 | 439.0 | 282.0 | 262.1 | 19.9 | 64.2 | 7.1 | 59.7 |
| Outaouais [2460] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 292.0 | 204.8 | 195.3 | 9.5 | 70.1 | 4.6 | 66.9 |
| 2008 | 296.4 | 208.5 | 199.1 | 9.4 | 70.3 | 4.5 | 67.2 |
| Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 115.6 | 72.1 | 67.0 | 5.1 | 62.4 | 7.1 | 58.0 |
| 2008 | 116.0 | 76.2 | 70.1 | 6.2 | 65.7 | 8.1 | 60.4 |
| Mauricie [2470] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 217.7 | 125.9 | 116.2 | 9.7 | 57.8 | 7.7 | 53.4 |
| 2008 | 218.5 | 122.7 | 113.8 | 8.9 | 56.2 | 7.3 | 52.1 |

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 December 2007 and December 2008

| | Population | Labour force | | | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment | | | |
| in thousands | | | | | | | |
| Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 223.5 | 138.3 | 127.8 | 10.5 | 61.9 | 7.6 | 57.2 |
| 2008 | 223.1 | 132.8 | 121.8 | 11.0 | 59.5 | 8.3 | 54.6 |
| Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 89.2 | 53.0 | 48.2 | 4.9 | 59.4 | 9.2 | 54.0 |
| 2008 | 88.9 | 51.4 | 45.6 | 5.8 | 57.8 | 11.3 | 51.3 |
| Ontario | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 10,415.6 | 7,054.7 | 6,654.7 | 400.0 | 67.7 | 5.7 | 63.9 |
| 2008 | 10,570.7 | 7,147.1 | 6,688.6 | 458.5 | 67.6 | 6.4 | 63.3 |
| Ottawa [3510] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 987.6 | 699.9 | 670.5 | 29.4 | 70.9 | 4.2 | 67.9 |
| 2008 | 998.2 | 707.0 | 677.1 | 29.9 | 70.8 | 4.2 | 67.8 |
| Kingston-Pembroke [3515] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 359.6 | 231.0 | 218.5 | 12.4 | 64.2 | 5.4 | 60.8 |
| 2008 | 360.8 | 231.4 | 218.6 | 12.8 | 64.1 | 5.5 | 60.6 |
| Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 310.1 | 186.3 | 174.1 | 12.2 | 60.1 | 6.5 | 56.1 |
| 2008 | 312.1 | 189.5 | 180.2 | 9.3 | 60.7 | 4.9 | 57.7 |
| Toronto [3530] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 4,731.8 | 3,245.5 | 3,047.2 | 198.3 | 68.6 | 6.1 | 64.4 |
| 2008 | 4,841.0 | 3,304.5 | 3,079.9 | 224.6 | 68.3 | 6.8 | 63.6 |
| Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 974.5 | 698.6 | 666.7 | 31.9 | 71.7 | 4.6 | 68.4 |
| 2008 | 990.0 | 712.3 | 670.1 | 42.2 | 71.9 | 5.9 | 67.7 |
| Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 1,136.7 | 751.4 | 708.7 | 42.7 | 66.1 | 5.7 | 62.3 |
| 2008 | 1,146.5 | 755.7 | 702.0 | 53.7 | 65.9 | 7.1 | 61.2 |
| London [3560] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 512.5 | 356.2 | 334.0 | 22.2 | 69.5 | 6.2 | 65.2 |
| 2008 | 517.9 | 351.1 | 325.7 | 25.4 | 67.8 | 7.2 | 62.9 |
| Windsor-Sarnia [3570] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 525.6 | 342.6 | 321.3 | 21.3 | 65.2 | 6.2 | 61.1 |
| 2008 | 526.9 | 342.6 | 314.8 | 27.7 | 65.0 | 8.1 | 59.7 |
| Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 247.6 | 162.0 | 156.4 | 5.6 | 65.4 | 3.5 | 63.2 |
| 2008 | 248.5 | 164.8 | 156.0 | 8.8 | 66.3 | 5.3 | 62.8 |
| Northeast [3590] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 454.0 | 271.6 | 255.0 | 16.6 | 59.8 | 6.1 | 56.2 |
| 2008 | 454.8 | 276.6 | 260.7 | 15.9 | 60.8 | 5.7 | 57.3 |
| Northwest [3595] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 175.7 | 109.7 | 102.3 | 7.4 | 62.4 | 6.7 | 58.2 |
| 2008 | 173.9 | 111.6 | 103.4 | 8.2 | 64.2 | 7.3 | 59.5 |
| Manitoba | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 902.4 | 625.4 | 601.3 | 24.1 | 69.3 | 3.9 | 66.6 |
| 2008 | 913.9 | 633.6 | 608.2 | 25.4 | 69.3 | 4.0 | 66.5 |
| Southeast [4610] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 77.2 | 52.9 | 50.9 | 2.0 | 68.5 | 3.8 | 65.9 |
| 2008 | 79.4 | 52.9 | 50.2 | 2.7 | 66.6 | 5.1 | 63.2 |
| South Central [4620] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 43.3 | 29.5 | 29.0 | 0.5 | 68.1 | 1.7 | 67.0 |
| 2008 | 44.4 | 30.3 | 29.1 | 1.2 | 68.2 | 4.0 | 65.5 |

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 December 2007 and December 2008

| | Population | Labour force | | | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment | | | |
| in thousands | | | | | | | |
| Southwest [4630] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 82.4 | 52.7 | 51.3 | 1.4 | 64.0 | 2.7 | 62.3 |
| 2008 | 82.7 | 59.2 | 58.1 | 1.1 | 71.6 | 1.9 | 70.3 |
| North Central [4640] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 35.7 | 23.5 | 22.5 | 1.0 | 65.8 | 4.3 | 63.0 |
| 2008 | 36.0 | 24.5 | 23.8 | 0.7 | 68.1 | 2.9 | 66.1 |
| Winnipeg [4650] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 534.7 | 378.9 | 362.3 | 16.6 | 70.9 | 4.4 | 67.8 |
| 2008 | 541.5 | 380.8 | 364.3 | 16.6 | 70.3 | 4.4 | 67.3 |
| Interlake [4660] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 70.1 | 48.1 | 46.6 | 1.5 | 68.6 | 3.1 | 66.5 |
| 2008 | 71.1 | 47.4 | 45.9 | 1.5 | 66.7 | 3.2 | 64.6 |
| Parklands and North [4670, 4680] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 59.0 | 39.8 | 38.8 | 1.1 | 67.5 | 2.8 | 65.8 |
| 2008 | 58.8 | 38.5 | 36.8 | 1.7 | 65.5 | 4.4 | 62.6 |
| Saskatchewan | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 756.6 | 522.7 | 503.2 | 19.5 | 69.1 | 3.7 | 66.5 |
| 2008 | 773.1 | 538.2 | 519.4 | 18.8 | 69.6 | 3.5 | 67.2 |
| Regina-Moose Mountain [4710] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 222.8 | 156.5 | 150.8 | 5.7 | 70.2 | 3.6 | 67.7 |
| 2008 | 228.4 | 162.3 | 157.4 | 4.9 | 71.1 | 3.0 | 68.9 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 83.0 | 56.3 | 54.3 | 2.0 | 67.8 | 3.6 | 65.4 |
| 2008 | 84.0 | 54.9 | 53.4 | 1.5 | 65.4 | 2.7 | 63.6 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar [4730] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 235.5 | 170.8 | 165.6 | 5.2 | 72.5 | 3.0 | 70.3 |
| 2008 | 242.5 | 175.1 | 169.5 | 5.7 | 72.2 | 3.3 | 69.9 |
| Yorkton-Melville [4740] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 64.2 | 42.8 | 41.4 | 1.4 | 66.7 | 3.3 | 64.5 |
| 2008 | 64.7 | 41.5 | 40.5 | 1.1 | 64.1 | 2.7 | 62.6 |
| Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 151.0 | 96.2 | 91.1 | 5.1 | 63.7 | 5.3 | 60.3 |
| 2008 | 153.5 | 104.3 | 98.7 | 5.6 | 67.9 | 5.4 | 64.3 |
| Alberta | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 2,766.7 | 2,040.4 | 1,972.3 | 68.1 | 73.7 | 3.3 | 71.3 |
| 2008 | 2,818.0 | 2,102.1 | 2,023.9 | 78.2 | 74.6 | 3.7 | 71.8 |
| Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 208.0 | 140.3 | 134.3 | 6.0 | 67.5 | 4.3 | 64.6 |
| 2008 | 209.9 | 137.6 | 133.3 | 4.3 | 65.6 | 3.1 | 63.5 |
| Camrose-Drumheller [4820] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 155.4 | 114.2 | 111.5 | 2.7 | 73.5 | 2.4 | 71.8 |
| 2008 | 155.4 | 115.0 | 111.4 | 3.5 | 74.0 | 3.0 | 71.7 |
| Calgary [4830] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 1,007.0 | 756.4 | 734.0 | 22.5 | 75.1 | 3.0 | 72.9 |
| 2008 | 1,030.6 | 796.9 | 766.9 | 30.0 | 77.3 | 3.8 | 74.4 |
| Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 68.1 | 52.9 | 51.8 | x | 77.7 | x | 76.1 |
| 2008 | 68.8 | 54.3 | 52.3 | 1.9 | 78.9 | 3.5 | 76.0 |
| Red Deer [4850] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 144.0 | 109.8 | 106.3 | 3.5 | 76.3 | 3.2 | 73.8 |
| 2008 | 147.7 | 113.0 | 107.6 | 5.4 | 76.5 | 4.8 | 72.9 |

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 December 2007 and December 2008

| | Population | Labour force | | | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment | | | |
| in thousands | | | | | | | |
| Edmonton [4860] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 907.6 | 657.5 | 633.7 | 23.8 | 72.4 | 3.6 | 69.8 |
| 2008 | 924.4 | 672.5 | 647.7 | 24.7 | 72.7 | 3.7 | 70.1 |
| Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 184.6 | 136.3 | 130.2 | 6.1 | 73.8 | 4.5 | 70.5 |
| 2008 | 187.7 | 139.6 | 134.2 | 5.4 | 74.4 | 3.9 | 71.5 |
| Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 91.9 | 73.0 | 70.5 | 2.5 | 79.4 | 3.4 | 76.7 |
| 2008 | 93.4 | 73.2 | 70.4 | 2.8 | 78.4 | 3.8 | 75.4 |
| British Columbia | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 3,597.2 | 2,382.0 | 2,289.7 | 92.3 | 66.2 | 3.9 | 63.7 |
| 2008 | 3,668.1 | 2,422.6 | 2,304.8 | 117.8 | 66.0 | 4.9 | 62.8 |
| Vancouver Island and Coast [5910] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 627.0 | 394.1 | 380.6 | 13.5 | 62.9 | 3.4 | 60.7 |
| 2008 | 635.9 | 415.8 | 397.2 | 18.6 | 65.4 | 4.5 | 62.5 |
| Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 2,179.0 | 1,463.1 | 1,409.7 | 53.4 | 67.1 | 3.6 | 64.7 |
| 2008 | 2,230.1 | 1,478.0 | 1,411.6 | 66.4 | 66.3 | 4.5 | 63.3 |
| Thompson-Okanagan [5930] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 426.0 | 268.6 | 257.2 | 11.4 | 63.1 | 4.2 | 60.4 |
| 2008 | 433.9 | 276.9 | 259.7 | 17.2 | 63.8 | 6.2 | 59.9 |
| Kootenay [5940] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 122.4 | 79.1 | 74.5 | 4.7 | 64.6 | 5.9 | 60.9 |
| 2008 | 123.1 | 77.4 | 72.0 | 5.4 | 62.9 | 7.0 | 58.5 |
| Cariboo [5950] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 125.4 | 93.9 | 89.2 | 4.7 | 74.9 | 5.0 | 71.1 |
| 2008 | 126.8 | 86.2 | 81.4 | 4.8 | 68.0 | 5.6 | 64.2 |
| North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 65.9 | 45.3 | 41.2 | 4.1 | 68.7 | 9.1 | 62.5 |
| 2008 | 65.5 | 46.4 | 42.5 | 4.0 | 70.8 | 8.6 | 64.9 |
| Northeast [5980] | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 51.6 | 37.8 | 37.2 | x | 73.3 | x | 72.1 |
| 2008 | 52.7 | 41.9 | 40.4 | 1.5 | 79.5 | 3.6 | 76.7 |

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

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

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

Table 6-2
Labour force characteristics by territories, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in December 2007 and December 2008

| | Population | Labour force | | | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment | | | |
| in thousands | | | | | | | |
| Yukon ¹ | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 23.4 | 17.7 | 16.7 | 1.0 | 75.6 | 5.6 | 71.4 |
| 2008 | 23.9 | 18.0 | 16.9 | 1.1 | 75.3 | 6.1 | 70.7 |
| Northwest Territories ² | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 30.8 | 23.2 | 21.8 | 1.4 | 75.3 | 6.0 | 70.8 |
| 2008 | 31.5 | 22.9 | 21.7 | 1.2 | 72.7 | 5.2 | 68.9 |
| Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³ | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 14.2 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 0.8 | 71.4 | 8.2 | 65.5 |
| 2008 | 14.2 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 0.9 | 64.9 | 9.8 | 58.5 |

1. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) has been conducted in the Yukon, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in the national totals. In 1995, the LFS in the Yukon underwent a sample redesign. One result of the redesign was that the covered population increased from 85% to 92%, which is reflected by the sharp increase in the three month moving averages estimates of January, February and March of 1995 for all the level estimates. Users are therefore warned to be cautious when comparing estimates before January 1995 to estimates for January 1995 and forward.
2. Since 2001, the Labour force survey 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 |
| December 2008 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 years and over | 14,350.1 | 35.1 | 796.28 | 21.82 | 11,617.4 | 39.3 | 920.17 | 2,732.8 | 17.1 | 269.63 |
| 15 to 24 years | 2,408.0 | 26.7 | 365.34 | 12.62 | 1,174.3 | 38.9 | 580.77 | 1,233.6 | 15.0 | 160.27 |
| 25 years and over | 11,942.2 | 36.8 | 883.18 | 23.67 | 10,443.0 | 39.4 | 958.34 | 1,499.1 | 18.8 | 359.61 |
| Men | 7,143.1 | 37.7 | 922.19 | 23.77 | 6,302.6 | 40.5 | 1,013.64 | 840.5 | 16.3 | 236.46 |
| Women | 7,207.0 | 32.5 | 671.49 | 19.89 | 5,314.8 | 37.9 | 809.33 | 1,892.3 | 17.5 | 284.36 |
| Union coverage | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union coverage | 4,514.7 | 35.7 | 899.85 | 24.89 | 3,849.9 | 38.6 | 985.15 | 664.8 | 19.0 | 405.93 |
| No union coverage | 9,835.4 | 34.8 | 748.74 | 20.41 | 7,767.5 | 39.7 | 887.97 | 2,067.9 | 16.5 | 225.81 |
| Job permanency | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent | 12,684.1 | 36.0 | 834.07 | 22.45 | 10,723.1 | 39.3 | 933.31 | 1,961.1 | 18.0 | 291.43 |
| Temporary | 1,666.0 | 27.9 | 508.60 | 17.02 | 894.3 | 39.2 | 762.63 | 771.7 | 14.8 | 214.21 |
| Occupation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Management | 1,057.5 | 39.6 | 1,349.56 | 34.10 | 1,018.9 | 40.4 | 1,380.50 | 38.6 | 18.3 | 532.20 |
| Business, finance and administrative | 2,828.3 | 35.0 | 739.85 | 20.63 | 2,397.1 | 38.2 | 822.12 | 431.2 | 17.4 | 282.48 |
| Natural and applied sciences | 1,026.4 | 38.7 | 1,177.93 | 30.49 | 999.1 | 39.2 | 1,197.74 | 27.4 | 18.2 | 454.96 |
| Health | 918.2 | 33.3 | 857.00 | 25.64 | 684.4 | 37.8 | 976.57 | 233.9 | 20.3 | 507.09 |
| Social science, education, government service and religion | 1,365.9 | 33.9 | 952.47 | 27.79 | 1,096.6 | 38.1 | 1,083.02 | 269.4 | 16.7 | 421.01 |
| Art, culture, recreation and sport | 339.9 | 30.4 | 698.79 | 21.32 | 234.1 | 38.2 | 917.71 | 105.8 | 13.0 | 214.36 |
| Sales and service | 3,699.2 | 30.2 | 470.53 | 14.49 | 2,268.8 | 38.6 | 644.83 | 1,430.4 | 16.9 | 194.07 |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators | 2,101.4 | 40.1 | 876.68 | 21.63 | 1,970.6 | 41.6 | 916.84 | 130.8 | 17.5 | 271.74 |
| Occupations unique to primary industry | 219.2 | 41.7 | 887.78 | 20.56 | 193.7 | 45.3 | 979.77 | 25.5 | 14.2 | 188.36 |
| Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities | 794.1 | 38.9 | 749.55 | 19.04 | 754.2 | 40.0 | 776.73 | 39.9 | 17.4 | 236.06 |
| December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 years and over | 14,291.8 | 35.2 | 766.72 | 20.93 | 11,594.6 | 39.5 | 885.72 | 2,697.3 | 17.1 | 255.17 |
| 15 to 24 years | 2,457.4 | 26.8 | 347.47 | 12.01 | 1,209.3 | 39.0 | 548.67 | 1,248.1 | 15.0 | 152.53 |
| 25 years and over | 11,834.5 | 37.0 | 853.77 | 22.78 | 10,385.3 | 39.5 | 924.96 | 1,449.2 | 18.8 | 343.58 |
| Men | 7,158.9 | 37.8 | 888.74 | 22.85 | 6,315.2 | 40.7 | 977.77 | 843.7 | 16.2 | 222.35 |
| Women | 7,133.0 | 32.6 | 644.25 | 19.00 | 5,279.4 | 38.0 | 775.60 | 1,853.5 | 17.5 | 270.11 |
| Union coverage | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union coverage | 4,547.1 | 35.8 | 868.48 | 23.94 | 3,882.3 | 38.7 | 953.09 | 664.7 | 18.6 | 374.31 |
| No union coverage | 9,744.8 | 35.0 | 719.23 | 19.53 | 7,712.2 | 39.9 | 851.80 | 2,032.5 | 16.5 | 216.21 |
| Job permanency | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent | 12,660.7 | 36.2 | 801.32 | 21.49 | 10,721.8 | 39.5 | 896.54 | 1,938.9 | 18.0 | 274.78 |
| Temporary | 1,631.1 | 28.0 | 498.15 | 16.59 | 872.8 | 39.7 | 752.84 | 758.3 | 14.6 | 205.04 |
| Occupation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Management | 1,021.8 | 39.8 | 1,302.41 | 32.81 | 992.3 | 40.4 | 1,326.29 | 29.5 | 19.4 | 499.25 |
| Business, finance and administrative | 2,804.4 | 35.1 | 715.04 | 19.96 | 2,372.2 | 38.3 | 792.79 | 432.2 | 17.6 | 288.30 |
| Natural and applied sciences | 1,060.7 | 38.6 | 1,137.59 | 29.37 | 1,018.0 | 39.5 | 1,168.83 | 42.7 | 17.5 | 393.33 |
| Health | 872.7 | 33.8 | 820.69 | 24.15 | 669.3 | 37.9 | 925.07 | 203.4 | 20.2 | 477.20 |
| Social science, education, government service and religion | 1,321.7 | 34.1 | 930.16 | 27.08 | 1,058.9 | 38.4 | 1,059.79 | 262.7 | 16.8 | 407.72 |
| Art, culture, recreation and sport | 315.4 | 30.7 | 715.97 | 21.47 | 218.3 | 38.7 | 938.65 | 97.1 | 12.8 | 215.42 |
| Sales and service | 3,730.1 | 30.1 | 452.10 | 13.92 | 2,298.5 | 38.5 | 622.22 | 1,431.6 | 16.7 | 178.96 |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators | 2,059.7 | 40.1 | 843.42 | 20.77 | 1,927.4 | 41.7 | 882.98 | 132.3 | 17.7 | 267.07 |
| Occupations unique to primary industry | 245.8 | 42.9 | 873.59 | 19.69 | 214.6 | 46.8 | 969.60 | 31.2 | 15.7 | 213.74 |
| Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities | 859.5 | 39.3 | 704.28 | 17.82 | 825.0 | 40.1 | 723.04 | 34.5 | 18.5 | 256.06 |

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

Table 8
Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program ¹, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

| Region | Effective from January 11, 2009 to February 7, 2009 |
|--|---|
| | percent |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | |
| 01. St. John's | 7.3 |
| 02. Newfoundland and Labrador | 18.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | |
| 03. Prince Edward Island | 11.6 |
| Nova Scotia | |
| 04. Eastern Nova Scotia | 13.9 |
| 05. Western Nova Scotia | 8.8 |
| 06. Halifax | 5.3 |
| New Brunswick | |
| 07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John | 5.6 |
| 08. Madawaska-Charlotte ² | 11.0 |
| 09. Restigouche-Albert | 14.8 |
| Quebec | |
| 10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine | 19.5 |
| 11. Québec | 4.1 |
| 12. Trois-Rivières | 7.4 |
| 13. South Central Quebec | 6.8 |
| 14. Sherbrooke | 6.6 |
| 15. Montérégie | 6.8 |
| 16. Montréal | 7.6 |
| 17. Central Quebec | 7.9 |
| 18. Northwestern Quebec | 10.6 |
| 19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³ | 12.5 |
| 20. Gatineau | 4.4 |
| 21. Saguenay | 7.6 |
| Ontario | |
| 22. Ottawa | 4.6 |
| 23. Eastern Ontario | 6.0 |
| 24. Kingston | 5.3 |
| 25. Central Ontario | 6.6 |
| 26. Oshawa | 7.7 |
| 27. Toronto | 7.2 |
| 28. Hamilton | 6.9 |
| 29. St. Catharines | 8.8 |
| 30. London | 7.1 |
| 31. Niagara | 8.5 |
| 32. Windsor | 10.2 |
| 33. Kitchener | 7.7 |
| 34. Huron | 9.0 |
| 35. South Central Ontario | 6.5 |
| 36. Sudbury | 6.1 |
| 37. Thunder Bay | 6.7 |
| 38. Northern Ontario | 10.5 |
| Manitoba | |
| 39. Winnipeg | 4.5 |
| 40. Southern Manitoba | 5.0 |
| 41. Northern Manitoba | 26.3 |
| Saskatchewan | |
| 42. Regina | 3.5 |
| 43. Saskatoon | 4.1 |
| 44. Southern Saskatchewan | 5.6 |
| 45. Northern Saskatchewan | 15.3 |

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 January 11, 2009 to February 7, 2009 |
|--|---|
| | percent |
| Alberta | |
| 46. Calgary | 3.9 |
| 47. Edmonton | 3.8 |
| 48. Northern Alberta | 8.2 |
| 49. Southern Alberta | 5.1 |
| British Columbia | |
| 50. Southern Interior British Columbia | 8.1 |
| 51. Abbotsford | 5.4 |
| 52. Vancouver | 4.8 |
| 53. Victoria | 4.4 |
| 54. Southern Coastal British Columbia | 6.4 |
| 55. Northern British Columbia | 9.2 |
| Territories | |
| 56. Yukon 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.

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

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

Data quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All geographic regions are based on the 2001 Census boundaries.

Seasonal adjustment

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

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

Sampling variability of estimates

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

Interpretation based on standard error

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

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

Interpretation based on confidence intervals

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

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

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

Documentation

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

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