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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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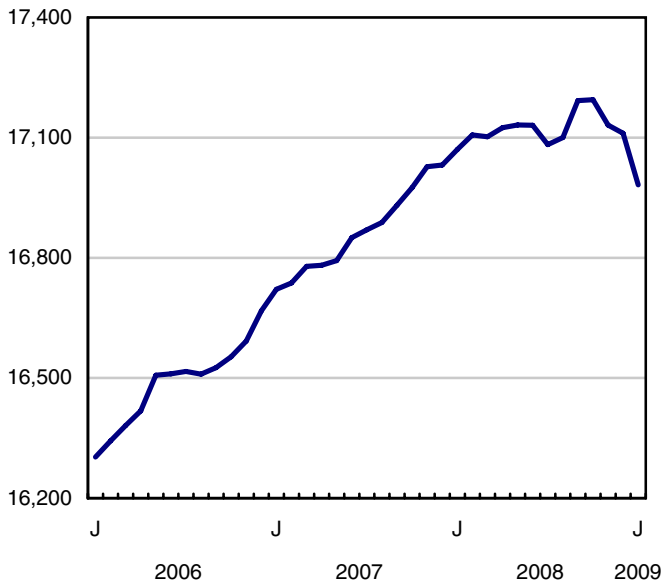
January 2009

Employment fell by 129,000 in January (-0.8%), almost all in full time, pushing the unemployment rate up 0.6 percentage points to 7.2%. This drop in employment exceeds any monthly decline during the previous economic downturns of the 1980s and 1990s.

Chart 1
Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

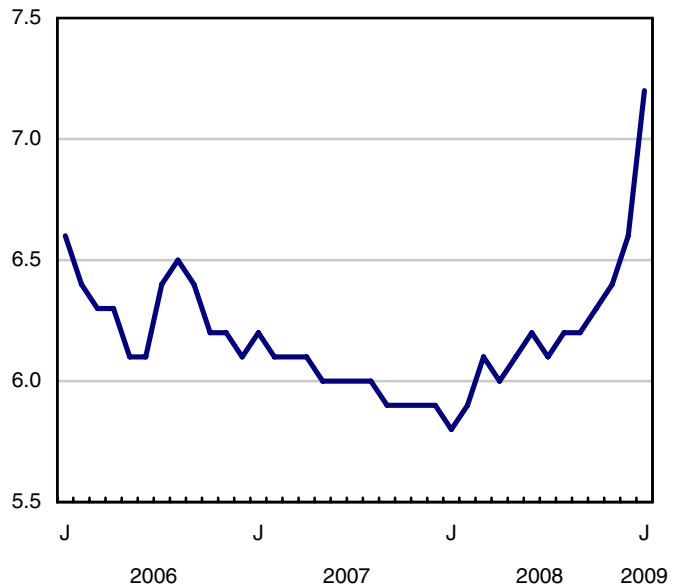
Employment

thousands



Unemployment rate

percent



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The loss in January follows other declines in recent months. Since October, employment has fallen 213,000 (-1.2%), the result of full-time losses.

In January, the drop in employment was most pronounced in manufacturing, where the net loss totalled 101,000. There were declines in a number of other industries as well. The only industry with notable gains was health care and social assistance, where employment increased by 31,000.

Canada's three largest provinces accounted for the entire employment decrease in January. While just over half of employment losses were in Ontario (-71,000), there were also large declines in both British Columbia (-35,000) and Quebec (-26,000). Employment was little changed in all other provinces.

Employment fell mostly among core-age adults, 25 to 54 years, as well as among youths aged 15 to 24.

Both the public and private sectors experienced employment losses in January. While employment fell by 1.2% in the public sector, the private sector declined by 0.9%.

Compared to a year earlier, average hourly wages of employees was up 4.8%. The most recent increase in the Consumer Price Index was 1.2%.

Manufacturing employment falls sharply in January

Employment fell by 101,000 in the manufacturing sector in January. This was the largest monthly decline in the industry on record. The bulk of January's losses were in Ontario (-36,000), Quebec (-30,000) and British Columbia (-18,000). Factory employment was also down in Alberta and Manitoba.

Manufacturing losses in January were most pronounced in motor vehicle manufacturing. Employment also fell elsewhere in manufacturing in January, including: furniture; computer and electronic; non-metallic mineral product; electrical equipment, appliance and components; and clothing manufacturing.

In January, employment also fell in transportation and warehousing (-30,000), largely in truck transportation in Ontario. Employment in business, building and other support services declined as well in January, with losses totalling 22,000 (-3.2%). Over the last 12 months, employment in business, building and other support services was down 8.2%.

Employment in health care and social assistance bucked the trend in January, up 31,000, with the largest gains in Ontario and Quebec. Since January 2008, health care and social assistance experienced the fastest employment growth of all industries, up 5.1% (+95,000), with gains in social assistance, nursing and residential care facilities as well as in hospitals.

Continued losses in Ontario

Ontario's employment drop of 71,000 in January was its largest in over three decades. This decrease pushed the unemployment rate up 0.8 percentage points to 8.0%, the highest since November 1997. Since October 2008, employment in the province is down 1.9% (-125,000) and the unemployment rate has risen by 1.3 percentage points.

Employment in British Columbia fell in January by 35,000, with gains in part time more than offset by losses in full time. The province's unemployment rate jumped to 6.1%, an increase of 0.8 percentage points. Following a 5-year period of sustained growth, construction employment fell for the fourth consecutive month in January, bringing total losses in that industry to 32,000 since its peak in September 2008.

In Quebec, employment fell by 26,000, all in part time, pushing the unemployment rate in January up to 7.7%. January saw large declines in public administration, following gains in December associated with hiring for the provincial election.

Bulk of employment losses among 25 to 54 year olds

Employment fell by 111,000 among the core age group (adults aged 25 to 54), with men accounting for nearly two-thirds of the decline. The unemployment rate for core-age adults jumped 0.8 percentage points to 6.2%, their highest rate since November 2004.

Youths aged 15 to 24 also experienced employment losses in January with a drop of 28,000. At the same time, a large number of youths left the labour force, nudging their unemployment rate down slightly to 12.7%.

Since October 2008, core-age adults have experienced the largest decline in employment, down 146,000 (-1.2 %). Over the same period, youth employment fell by 75,000 (-2.9%). In contrast, older workers have seen modest employment gains of 8,000 (+0.3%).

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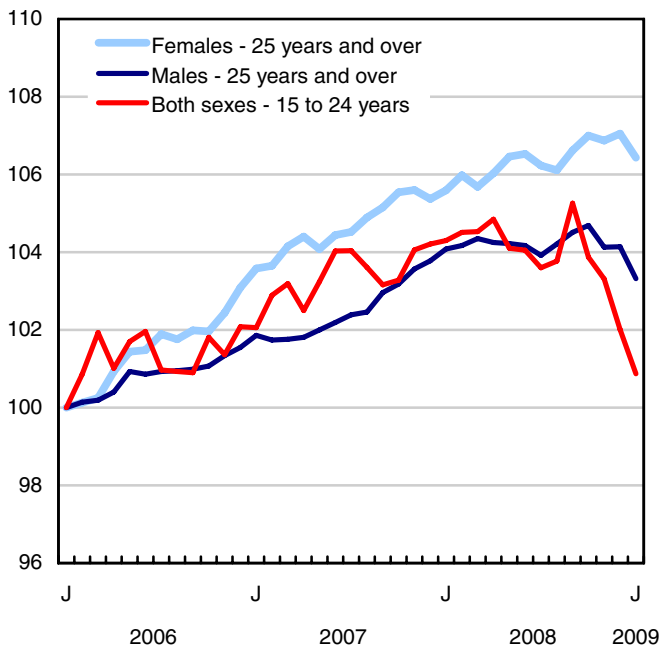
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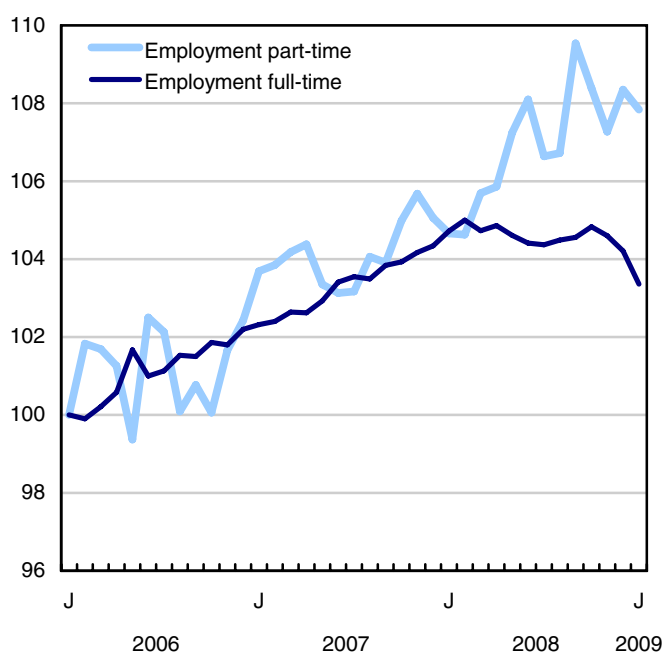
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Employment index, January 2006=100



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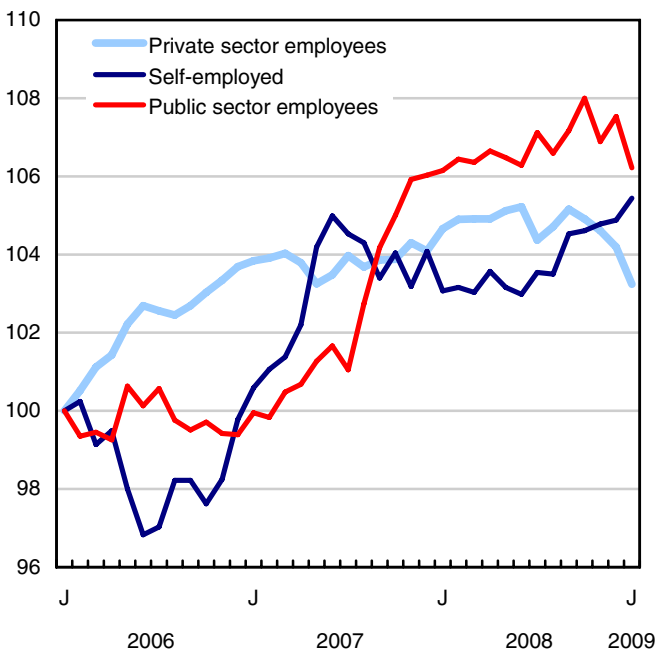
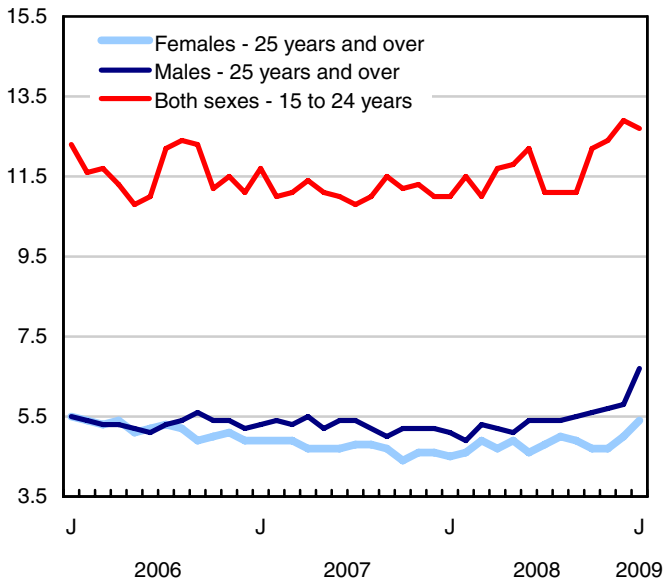
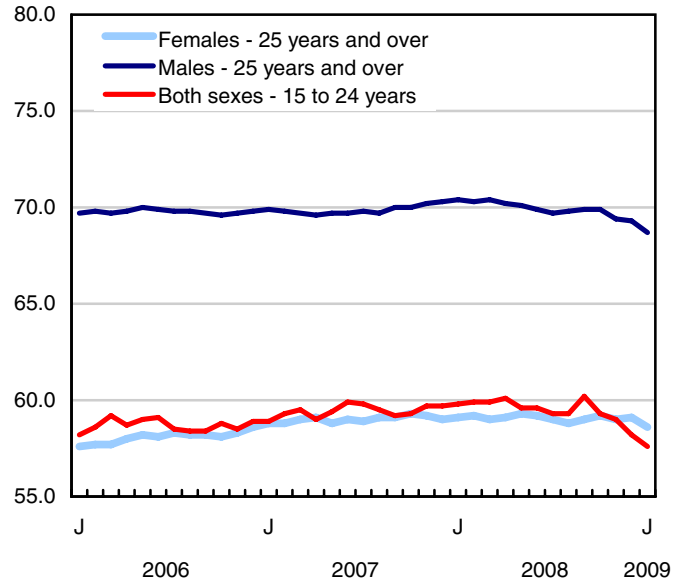


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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

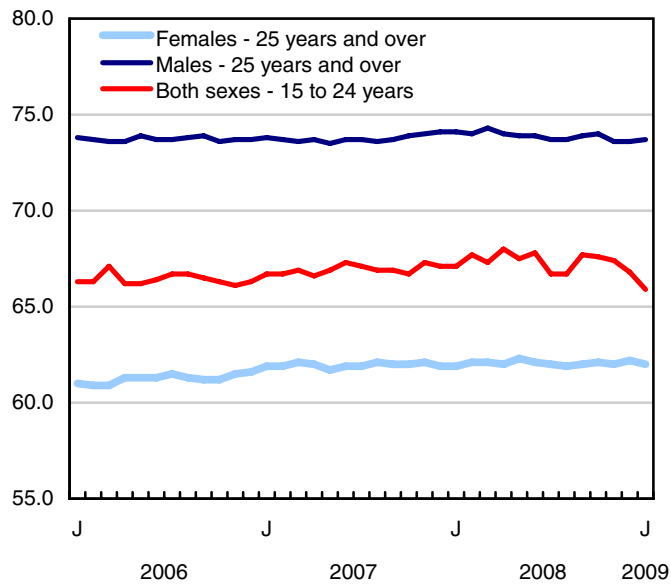


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Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2006=100

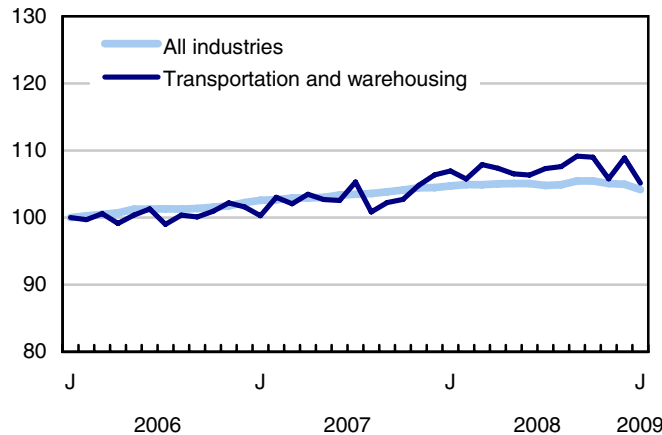
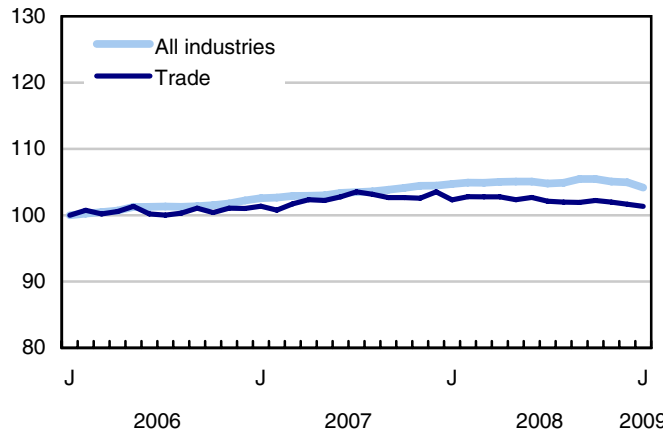
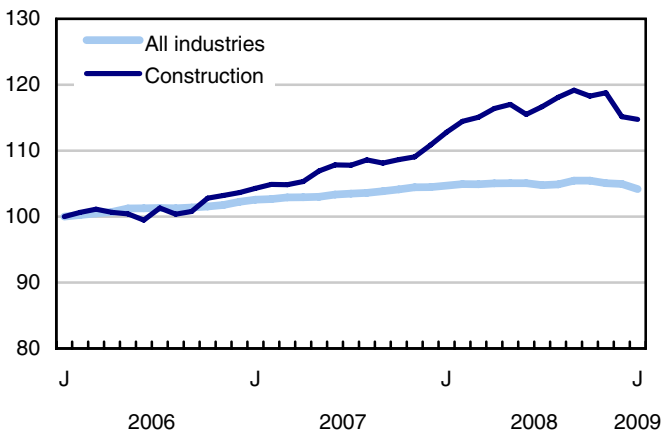
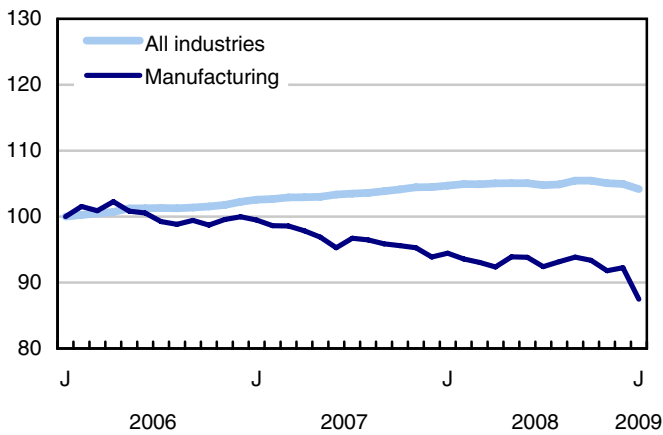
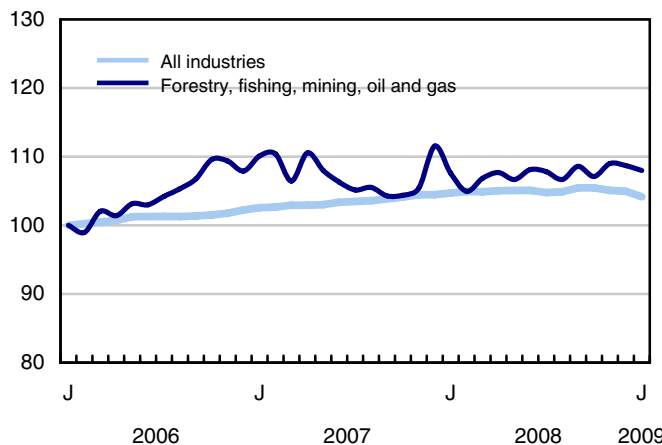
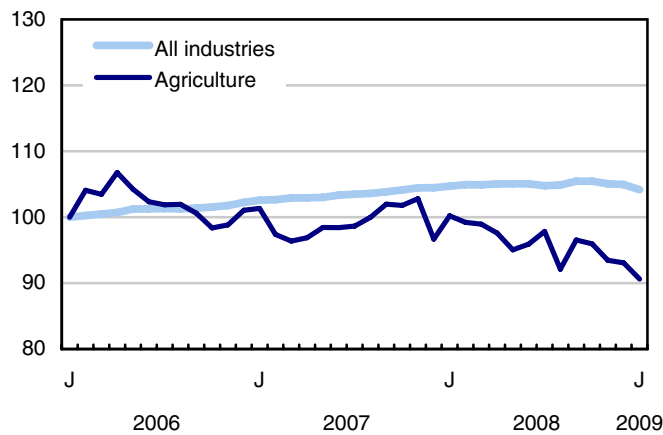


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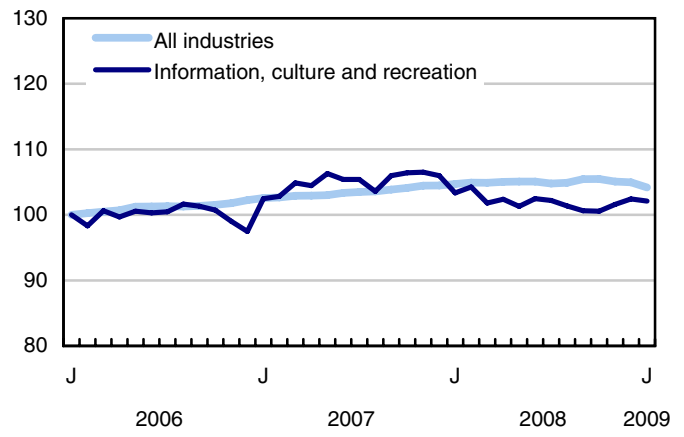
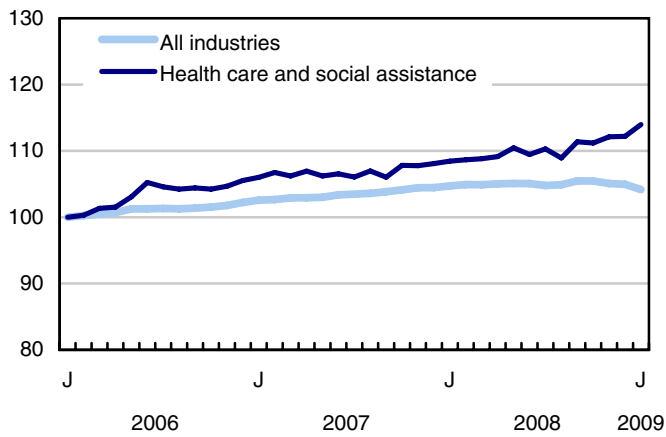
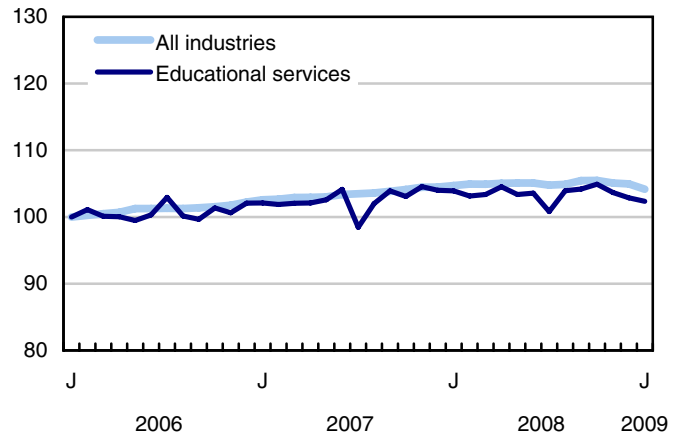
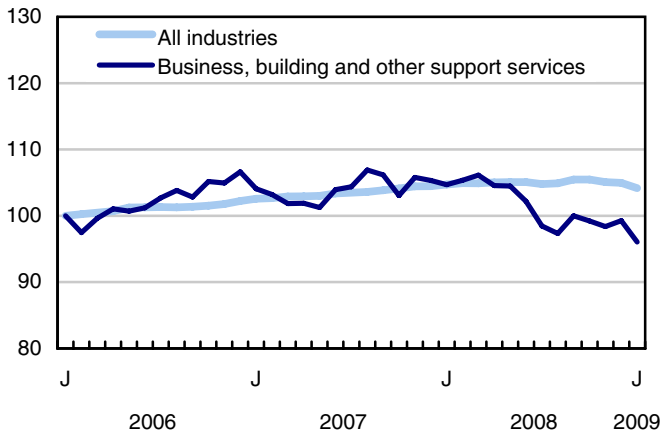
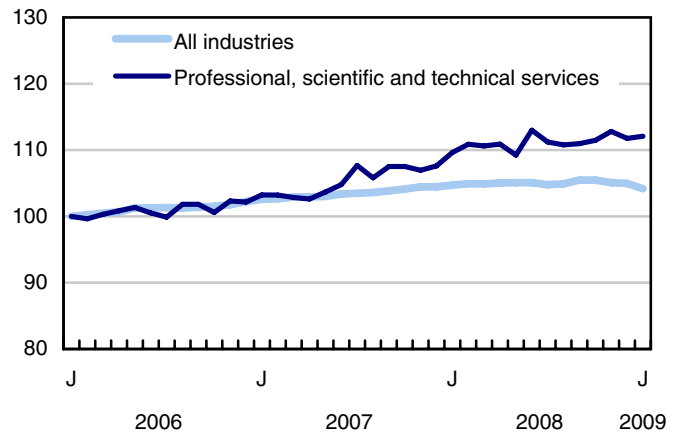
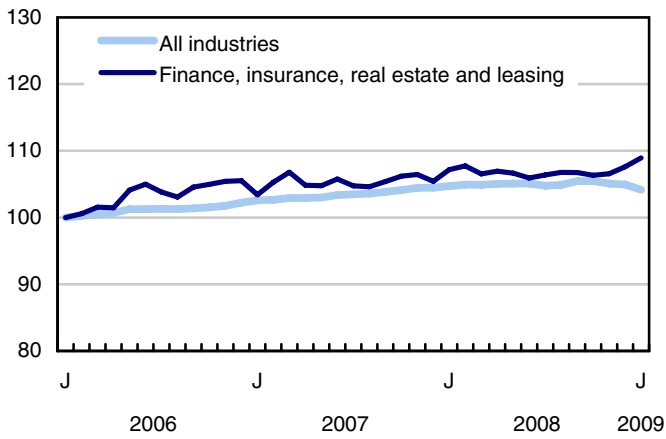


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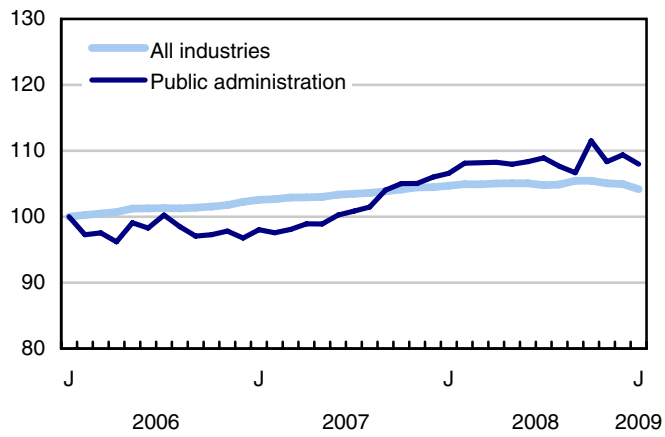
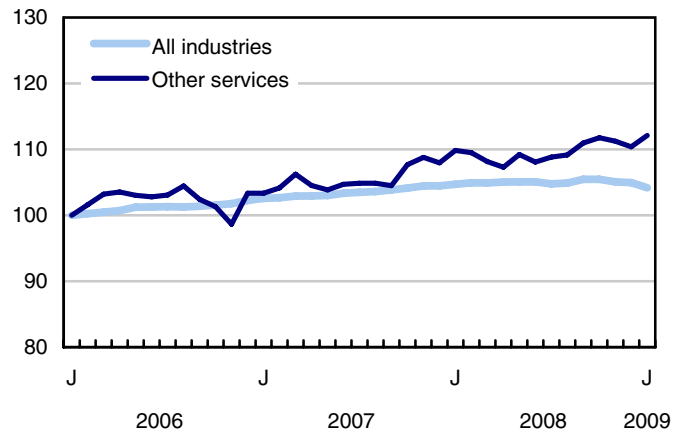
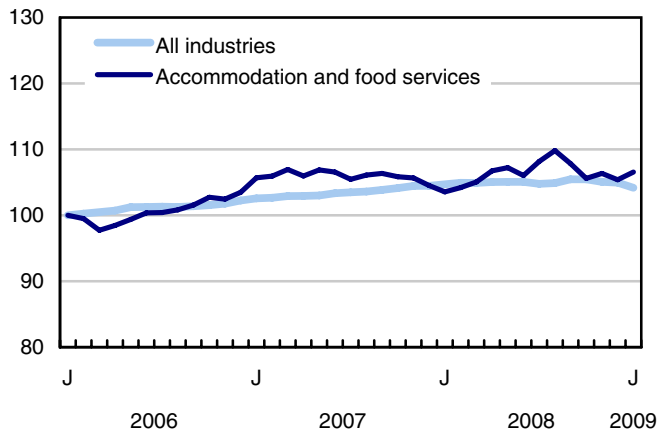


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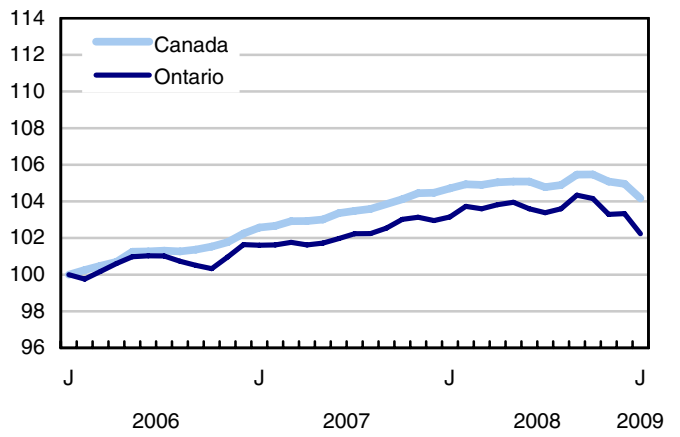
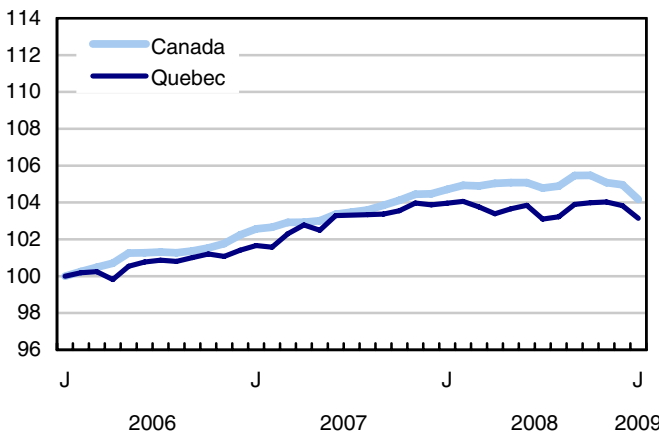
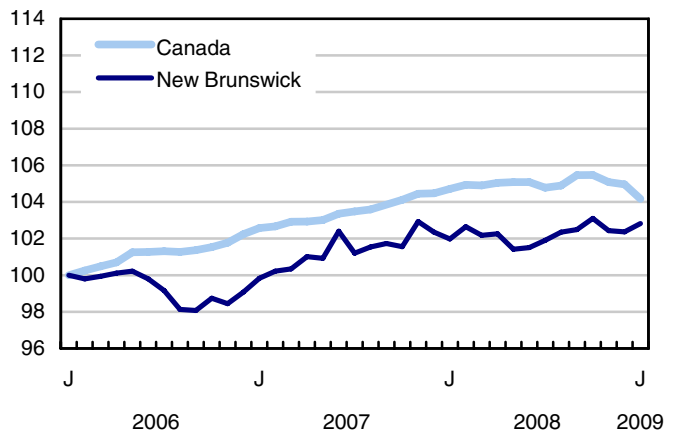
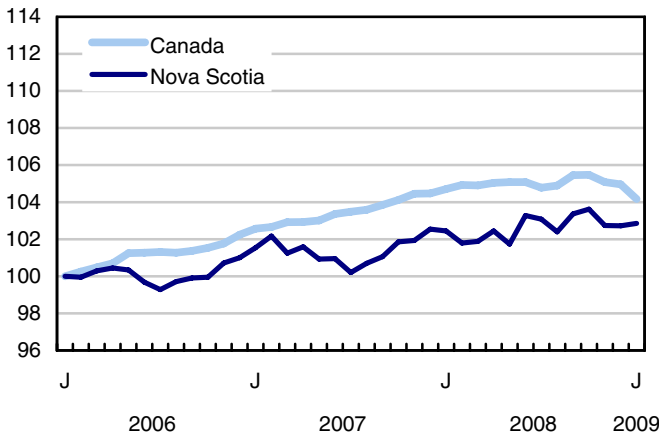
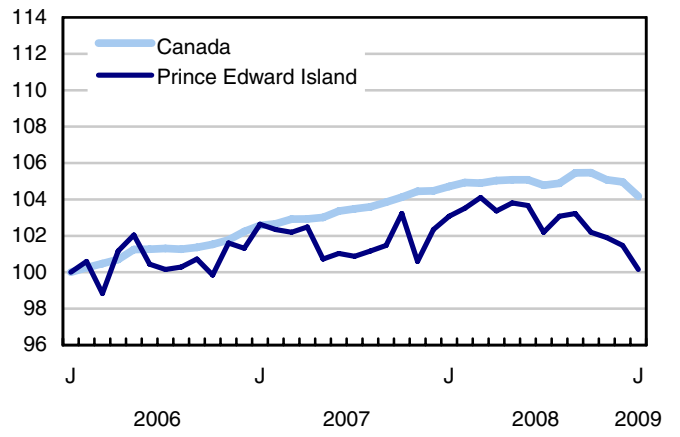
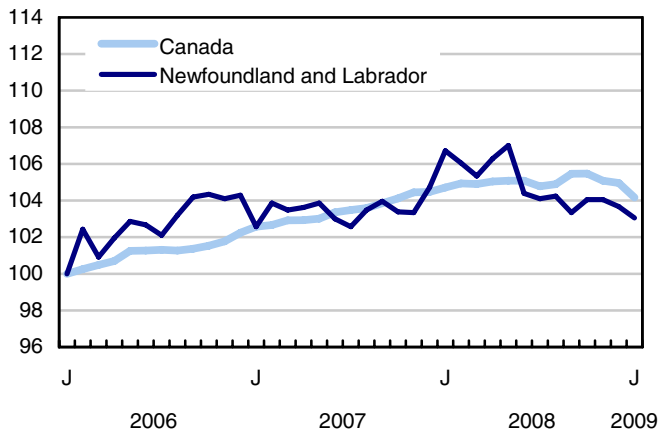
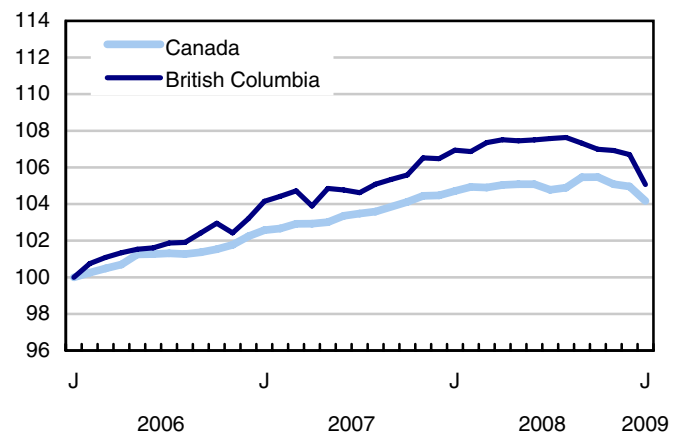
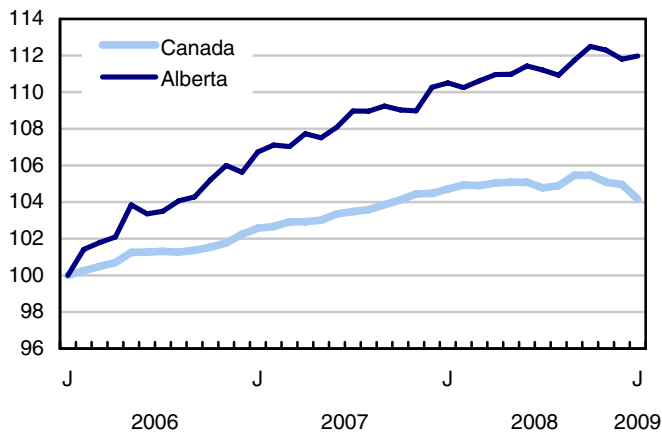
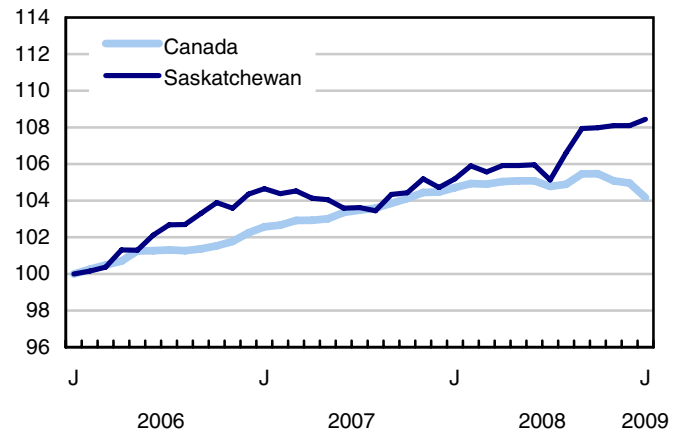
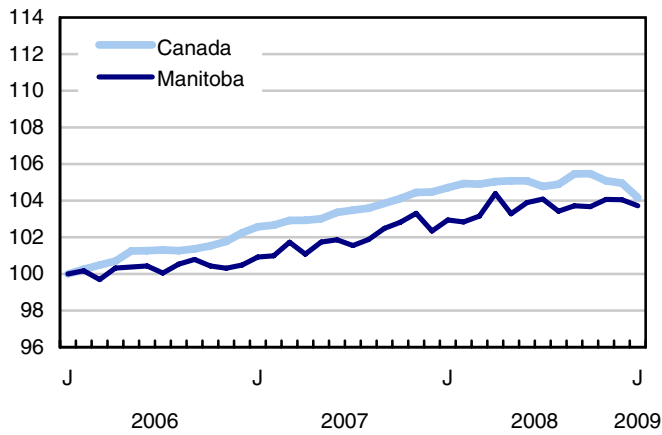


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2006=100



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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	27,098.7	27,128.1	...	29.4	29.4	376.3	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	18,321.2	18,292.1	27.1	-29.1	-29.1	167.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Employment	17,111.0	16,982.0	27.8	-129.0	-129.0	-88.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.5
Employment full-time	13,921.7	13,807.8	36.2	-113.9	-113.9	-182.1	-0.8	-0.8	-1.3
Employment part-time	3,189.3	3,174.2	33.1	-15.1	-15.1	93.5	-0.5	-0.5	3.0
Unemployment	1,210.1	1,310.1	22.9	100.0	100.0	255.8	8.3	8.3	24.3
Participation rate	67.6	67.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.6	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	18.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
15 to 24 years, both sexes									
Population	4,384.4	4,385.8	...	1.4	1.4	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	2,930.5	2,892.4	16.2	-38.1	-38.1	-40.5	-1.3	-1.3	-1.4
Employment	2,553.9	2,525.6	15.8	-28.3	-28.3	-85.8	-1.1	-1.1	-3.3
Employment full-time	1,390.9	1,373.7	18.2	-17.2	-17.2	-86.8	-1.2	-1.2	-5.9
Employment part-time	1,163.0	1,151.9	18.9	-11.1	-11.1	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	0.1
Unemployment	376.7	366.8	13.6	-9.9	-9.9	45.3	-2.6	-2.6	14.1
Participation rate	66.8	65.9	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	12.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	57.6	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.5	45.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.5	...	...	...
25 years and over, men									
Population	11,102.7	11,116.6	...	13.9	13.9	180.1	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	8,172.7	8,188.9	13.6	16.2	16.2	83.0	0.2	0.2	1.0
Employment	7,699.3	7,638.5	15.2	-60.8	-60.8	-56.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7
Employment full-time	7,158.9	7,095.1	19.7	-63.8	-63.8	-100.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.4
Employment part-time	540.4	543.3	15.5	2.9	2.9	43.3	0.5	0.5	8.7
Unemployment	473.4	550.5	13.2	77.1	77.1	139.7	16.3	16.3	34.0
Participation rate	73.6	73.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.7	0.2	0.9	0.9	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	68.7	0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	7.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
25 years and over, women									
Population	11,611.6	11,625.7	...	14.1	14.1	178.2	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	7,217.9	7,210.8	15.7	-7.1	-7.1	124.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.8
Employment	6,857.8	6,817.9	15.8	-39.9	-39.9	53.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.8
Employment full-time	5,371.9	5,339.0	23.5	-32.9	-32.9	4.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.1
Employment part-time	1,485.9	1,478.9	21.7	-7.0	-7.0	49.1	-0.5	-0.5	3.4
Unemployment	360.0	392.9	12.3	32.9	32.9	70.9	9.1	9.1	22.0
Participation rate	62.2	62.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	58.6	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	21.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, both sexes									
Population	14,466.5	14,470.2	...	3.7	3.7	93.9	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	12,542.9	12,528.7	20.1	-14.2	-14.2	72.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
Employment	11,868.5	11,757.7	21.8	-110.8	-110.8	-92.6	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8
Unemployment	674.4	771.0	16.9	96.6	96.6	165.2	14.3	14.3	27.3
Participation rate	86.7	86.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.2	0.1	0.8	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	82.0	81.3	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	-1.1	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1 – continued

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	7,227.3	7,229.3	...	2.0	2.0	49.1	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	6,591.3	6,590.1	12.7	-1.2	-1.2	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Employment	6,207.8	6,139.2	14.7	-68.6	-68.6	-101.8	-1.1	-1.1	-1.6
Unemployment	383.5	450.9	12.2	67.4	67.4	113.6	17.6	17.6	33.7
Participation rate	91.2	91.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.8	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	85.9	84.9	0.2	-1.0	-1.0	-2.0	...	...	...
25 to 54 years, women									
Population	7,239.1	7,240.8	...	1.7	1.7	44.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	5,951.5	5,938.6	15.0	-12.9	-12.9	60.7	-0.2	-0.2	1.0
Employment	5,660.7	5,618.5	15.5	-42.2	-42.2	9.1	-0.7	-0.7	0.2
Unemployment	290.9	320.1	11.5	29.2	29.2	51.5	10.0	10.0	19.2
Participation rate	82.2	82.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.2	77.6	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
55 years and over, both sexes									
Population	8,247.8	8,272.2	...	24.4	24.4	264.5	0.3	0.3	3.3
Labour force	2,847.7	2,871.1	15.8	23.4	23.4	135.3	0.8	0.8	4.9
Employment	2,688.7	2,698.7	15.8	10.0	10.0	89.9	0.4	0.4	3.4
Unemployment	159.0	172.4	8.0	13.4	13.4	45.4	8.4	8.4	35.7
Participation rate	34.5	34.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.6	32.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
55 years and over, men									
Population	3,875.3	3,887.3	...	12.0	12.0	131.0	0.3	0.3	3.5
Labour force	1,581.4	1,598.9	10.4	17.5	17.5	71.2	1.1	1.1	4.7
Employment	1,491.5	1,499.3	10.5	7.8	7.8	45.2	0.5	0.5	3.1
Unemployment	89.9	99.6	5.8	9.7	9.7	26.0	10.8	10.8	35.3
Participation rate	40.8	41.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.5	38.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
55 years and over, women									
Population	4,372.5	4,384.9	...	12.4	12.4	133.6	0.3	0.3	3.1
Labour force	1,266.3	1,272.2	10.9	5.9	5.9	64.1	0.5	0.5	5.3
Employment	1,197.2	1,199.4	10.9	2.2	2.2	44.7	0.2	0.2	3.9
Unemployment	69.2	72.8	5.4	3.6	3.6	19.4	5.2	5.2	36.3
Participation rate	29.0	29.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.4	27.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...

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

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

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	14,452.6	14,309.4	32.9	-143.2	-143.2	-148.6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Self-employed ²	2,658.4	2,672.6	22.2	14.2	14.2	60.1	0.5	0.5	2.3
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,446.7	3,404.7	21.5	-42.0	-42.0	2.2	-1.2	-1.2	0.1
Private sector employees	11,005.9	10,904.7	33.6	-101.2	-101.2	-150.8	-0.9	-0.9	-1.4
Industry	17,111.0	16,982.0	27.8	-129.0	-129.0	-88.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.5
Goods-producing sector	3,977.1	3,856.6	23.6	-120.5	-120.5	-160.2	-3.0	-3.0	-4.0
Agriculture	316.2	307.8	7.3	-8.4	-8.4	-32.6	-2.7	-2.7	-9.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	343.9	341.7	6.9	-2.2	-2.2	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	0.4
Utilities	149.0	144.4	4.6	-4.6	-4.6	-2.1	-3.1	-3.1	-1.4
Construction	1,217.5	1,213.1	14.8	-4.4	-4.4	20.7	-0.4	-0.4	1.7
Manufacturing	1,950.5	1,849.6	17.7	-100.9	-100.9	-147.4	-5.2	-5.2	-7.4
Services-producing sector	13,133.9	13,125.3	31.2	-8.6	-8.6	71.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
Trade	2,661.7	2,653.6	20.8	-8.1	-8.1	-25.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	869.7	839.8	12.5	-29.9	-29.9	-14.3	-3.4	-3.4	-1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,083.7	1,097.2	14.0	13.5	13.5	17.8	1.2	1.2	1.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,207.1	1,210.6	15.0	3.5	3.5	26.2	0.3	0.3	2.2
Business, building and other support services	670.1	648.5	12.7	-21.6	-21.6	-58.3	-3.2	-3.2	-8.2
Educational services	1,184.5	1,178.5	14.2	-6.0	-6.0	-18.1	-0.5	-0.5	-1.5
Health care and social assistance	1,939.5	1,970.3	15.7	30.8	30.8	95.2	1.6	1.6	5.1
Information, culture and recreation	762.6	760.2	12.5	-2.4	-2.4	-9.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2
Accommodation and food services	1,063.4	1,075.2	15.2	11.8	11.8	30.3	1.1	1.1	2.9
Other services	756.9	768.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	15.5	1.5	1.5	2.1
Public administration	934.7	922.8	11.2	-11.9	-11.9	12.0	-1.3	-1.3	1.3

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

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

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

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2008	January 2009	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	427.6	427.8	...	0.2	0.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	252.0	252.2	2.2	0.2	0.2	-3.4	0.1	0.1	-1.3
Employment	217.5	216.2	2.2	-1.3	-1.3	-7.7	-0.6	-0.6	-3.4
Employment full-time	185.6	186.6	2.5	1.0	1.0	-4.4	0.5	0.5	-2.3
Employment part-time	31.8	29.6	1.9	-2.2	-2.2	-3.3	-6.9	-6.9	-10.0
Unemployment	34.5	36.0	2.1	1.5	1.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	13.6
Participation rate	58.9	59.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	14.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.9	50.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	115.3	115.3	...	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.3
Labour force	78.5	77.5	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.4
Employment	69.2	68.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-2.0	-1.3	-1.3	-2.8
Employment full-time	57.8	57.4	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	-0.7	-0.7	-2.0
Employment part-time	11.4	10.9	0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	-4.4	-4.4	-6.8
Unemployment	9.2	9.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	10.8
Participation rate	68.1	67.2	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	11.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.2	0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-2.6	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	770.6	770.9	...	0.3	0.3	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	494.0	497.8	2.8	3.8	3.8	9.1	0.8	0.8	1.9
Employment	453.5	454.1	2.9	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.4
Employment full-time	371.6	370.7	3.6	-0.9	-0.9	5.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.4
Employment part-time	82.0	83.4	3.1	1.4	1.4	-3.2	1.7	1.7	-3.7
Unemployment	40.5	43.7	2.6	3.2	3.2	7.4	7.9	7.9	20.4
Participation rate	64.1	64.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	58.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	619.7	620.0	...	0.3	0.3	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	401.0	403.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.7	0.6	0.6	1.2
Employment	366.6	368.2	2.5	1.6	1.6	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.8
Employment full-time	310.8	309.2	3.0	-1.6	-1.6	-4.3	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4
Employment part-time	55.8	58.9	2.4	3.1	3.1	7.2	5.6	5.6	13.9
Unemployment	34.4	35.2	2.2	0.8	0.8	1.6	2.3	2.3	4.8
Participation rate	64.7	65.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,400.1	6,405.0	...	4.9	4.9	59.6	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,191.6	4,181.9	14.2	-9.7	-9.7	6.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Employment	3,884.3	3,858.5	14.7	-25.8	-25.8	-30.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
Employment full-time	3,134.8	3,142.7	19.0	7.9	7.9	-32.5	0.3	0.3	-1.0
Employment part-time	749.5	715.8	17.4	-33.7	-33.7	1.7	-4.5	-4.5	0.2
Unemployment	307.2	323.4	12.7	16.2	16.2	37.5	5.3	5.3	13.1
Participation rate	65.5	65.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2008	January 2009	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	10,580.8	10,591.9	...	11.1	11.1	152.5	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	7,182.0	7,164.3	18.4	-17.7	-17.7	63.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Employment	6,665.2	6,594.2	18.8	-71.0	-71.0	-59.3	-1.1	-1.1	-0.9
Employment full-time	5,421.1	5,372.6	23.8	-48.5	-48.5	-87.7	-0.9	-0.9	-1.6
Employment part-time	1,244.1	1,221.6	22.1	-22.5	-22.5	28.4	-1.8	-1.8	2.4
Unemployment	516.8	570.1	15.9	53.3	53.3	122.7	10.3	10.3	27.4
Participation rate	67.9	67.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	8.0	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	62.3	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	914.8	915.6	...	0.8	0.8	11.4	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	636.5	636.5	2.7	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Employment	609.1	607.2	2.8	-1.9	-1.9	4.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Employment full-time	493.1	492.5	3.9	-0.6	-0.6	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Employment part-time	116.0	114.7	3.6	-1.3	-1.3	2.8	-1.1	-1.1	2.5
Unemployment	27.4	29.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	5.4	6.9	6.9	22.6
Participation rate	69.6	69.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	774.0	774.7	...	0.7	0.7	14.9	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	543.0	544.1	2.3	1.1	1.1	17.1	0.2	0.2	3.2
Employment	520.3	521.9	2.4	1.6	1.6	15.6	0.3	0.3	3.1
Employment full-time	426.4	423.7	3.2	-2.7	-2.7	9.2	-0.6	-0.6	2.2
Employment part-time	93.9	98.2	2.9	4.3	4.3	6.4	4.6	4.6	7.0
Unemployment	22.7	22.1	1.8	-0.6	-0.6	1.3	-2.6	-2.6	6.2
Participation rate	70.2	70.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,823.7	2,830.1	...	6.4	6.4	57.1	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	2,110.2	2,119.3	8.0	9.1	9.1	51.8	0.4	0.4	2.5
Employment	2,022.5	2,025.8	8.4	3.3	3.3	26.5	0.2	0.2	1.3
Employment full-time	1,680.8	1,680.6	11.3	-0.2	-0.2	-3.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Employment part-time	341.7	345.3	9.8	3.6	3.6	30.3	1.1	1.1	9.6
Unemployment	87.8	93.5	5.8	5.7	5.7	25.3	6.5	6.5	37.1
Participation rate	74.7	74.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,672.2	3,676.8	...	4.6	4.6	67.3	0.1	0.1	1.9
Labour force	2,432.5	2,415.1	9.8	-17.4	-17.4	8.9	-0.7	-0.7	0.4
Employment	2,302.7	2,267.6	9.9	-35.1	-35.1	-40.3	-1.5	-1.5	-1.7
Employment full-time	1,839.6	1,771.5	14.0	-68.1	-68.1	-64.1	-3.7	-3.7	-3.5
Employment part-time	463.2	496.1	12.8	32.9	32.9	23.9	7.1	7.1	5.1
Unemployment	129.7	147.5	7.2	17.8	17.8	49.2	13.7	13.7	50.1
Participation rate	66.2	65.7	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	61.7	0.3	-1.0	-1.0	-2.2	...	...	...

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

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

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	427.6	427.8	...	0.2	0.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	252.0	252.2	2.2	0.2	0.2	-3.4	0.1	0.1	-1.3
Employment	217.5	216.2	2.2	-1.3	-1.3	-7.7	-0.6	-0.6	-3.4
Employment full-time	185.6	186.6	2.5	1.0	1.0	-4.4	0.5	0.5	-2.3
Unemployment	34.5	36.0	2.1	1.5	1.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	13.6
Participation rate	58.9	59.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	14.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.9	50.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.6	13.7	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	61.9	61.7	...	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	-0.3	-0.3	-1.9
Labour force	34.3	34.5	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.6	0.6	-0.9
Employment	26.7	27.0	1.1	0.3	0.3	-2.0	1.1	1.1	-6.9
Unemployment	7.6	7.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.7	-1.3	-1.3	29.3
Participation rate	55.4	55.9	1.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	22.2	21.7	2.6	-0.5	-0.5	5.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	43.1	43.8	1.8	0.7	0.7	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.4	43.7	3.7	-5.7	-5.7	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	176.4	176.6	...	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	114.1	114.4	1.2	0.3	0.3	-3.2	0.3	0.3	-2.7
Employment	98.0	96.9	1.3	-1.1	-1.1	-6.5	-1.1	-1.1	-6.3
Unemployment	16.1	17.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.2	8.1	8.1	22.5
Participation rate	64.7	64.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	15.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	54.9	0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-4.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	3.3	0.8	-1.7	-1.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	189.3	189.5	...	0.2	0.2	2.5	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	103.5	103.4	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Employment	92.8	92.2	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.7
Unemployment	10.8	11.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	-0.6	2.8	2.8	-5.1
Participation rate	54.7	54.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.0	48.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.9	15.8	1.3	1.0	1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Industry									
	217.5	216.2	2.2	-1.3	-1.3	-7.7	-0.6	-0.6	-3.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.9	40.0	40.0	-56.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	16.3	16.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.0	3.7	3.7	6.3
Utilities	1.8	1.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-5.6	-5.6	13.3
Construction	17.3	15.0	1.1	-2.3	-2.3	-0.7	-13.3	-13.3	-4.5
Manufacturing	12.6	13.0	1.1	0.4	0.4	-2.3	3.2	3.2	-15.0
Services-producing sector									
	169.0	168.8	2.1	-0.2	-0.2	-5.2	-0.1	-0.1	-3.0
Trade	34.4	34.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	-3.9	0.0	0.0	-10.2
Transportation and warehousing	10.9	10.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-2.8	-2.8	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.0	6.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	-2.9	-2.9	-18.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.1	7.3	0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	-9.9	-9.9	-11.0
Business, building and other support services	7.8	7.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-14.4
Educational services	17.5	18.5	0.9	1.0	1.0	2.5	5.7	5.7	15.6
Health care and social assistance	33.2	34.8	1.0	1.6	1.6	2.3	4.8	4.8	7.1
Information, culture and recreation	7.7	7.6	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-12.6
Accommodation and food services	11.8	12.2	0.9	0.4	0.4	-3.0	3.4	3.4	-19.7
Other services	13.5	12.2	0.8	-1.3	-1.3	2.3	-9.6	-9.6	23.2
Public administration	17.2	16.6	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-3.5	-3.5	-4.6

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	115.3	115.3	...	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.3
Labour force	78.5	77.5	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.4
Employment	69.2	68.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-2.0	-1.3	-1.3	-2.8
Employment full-time	57.8	57.4	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	-0.7	-0.7	-2.0
Unemployment	9.2	9.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	10.8
Participation rate	68.1	67.2	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.7	11.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.2	0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	16.0	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.8	19.7	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	0.5
Labour force	14.0	12.9	0.4	-1.1	-1.1	-1.4	-7.9	-7.9	-9.8
Employment	11.4	10.6	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-1.1	-7.0	-7.0	-9.4
Unemployment	2.6	2.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-11.5	-11.5	-8.0
Participation rate	70.7	65.5	2.0	-5.2	-5.2	-7.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.6	17.8	2.4	-0.8	-0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	53.8	1.9	-3.8	-3.8	-5.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.9	40.6	3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	46.0	46.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.0
Labour force	32.7	33.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.9
Employment	29.3	29.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4
Unemployment	3.4	3.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.0	14.7	14.7	34.5
Participation rate	71.1	71.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	11.8	1.1	1.4	1.4	2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.3	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.8	1.0	0.4	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	49.6	49.6	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0
Labour force	31.7	31.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2
Employment	28.5	28.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.7	0.7	-1.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-6.2	-6.2	3.4
Participation rate	63.9	63.7	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.5	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.9	0.8	0.4	0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.8	17.1	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	69.2	68.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-2.0	-1.3	-1.3	-2.8
Agriculture	17.5	17.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2	2.3	2.3	1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.1	3.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	3.2	3.2	-3.0
Utilities	3.4	3.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-8.8	-8.8	19.2
Construction	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	4.9	5.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.2	8.2	8.2	-3.6
Manufacturing	5.8	5.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	1.7	1.7	-1.7
Services-producing sector	51.7	50.5	0.7	-1.2	-1.2	-2.1	-2.3	-2.3	-4.0
Trade	9.3	9.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.3	0.0	0.0	-12.3
Transportation and warehousing	2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-6.9	-6.9	-6.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-25.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.7	2.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-11.1	-11.1	-4.0
Business, building and other support services	2.3	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.5	8.7	8.7	-16.7
Educational services	4.7	4.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	2.1	2.1	-5.9
Health care and social assistance	8.7	7.8	0.3	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	-10.3	-10.3	-1.3
Information, culture and recreation	2.6	3.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	15.4	15.4	36.4
Accommodation and food services	5.7	5.0	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.4	-12.3	-12.3	-7.4
Other services	2.7	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	3.7	3.7	-6.7
Public administration	7.7	7.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	14.7

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	770.6	770.9	...	0.3	0.3	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	494.0	497.8	2.8	3.8	3.8	9.1	0.8	0.8	1.9
Employment	453.5	454.1	2.9	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.4
Employment full-time	371.6	370.7	3.6	-0.9	-0.9	5.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.4
Unemployment	40.5	43.7	2.6	3.2	3.2	7.4	7.9	7.9	20.4
Participation rate	64.1	64.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	58.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	120.7	120.6	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0
Labour force	81.4	81.8	1.8	0.4	0.4	-1.1	0.5	0.5	-1.3
Employment	69.1	68.3	1.7	-0.8	-0.8	-2.1	-1.2	-1.2	-3.0
Unemployment	12.4	13.5	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.0	8.9	8.9	8.0
Participation rate	67.4	67.8	1.4	0.4	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	16.5	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	56.6	1.4	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	44.7	2.5	2.0	2.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	309.8	309.9	...	0.1	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	212.3	214.5	1.5	2.2	2.2	4.5	1.0	1.0	2.1
Employment	195.1	196.4	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Unemployment	17.3	18.1	1.6	0.8	0.8	2.9	4.6	4.6	19.1
Participation rate	68.5	69.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	6.8	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	340.1	340.3	...	0.2	0.2	3.4	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	200.3	201.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	5.7	0.6	0.6	2.9
Employment	189.4	189.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
Unemployment	10.9	12.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.5	11.0	11.0	40.7
Participation rate	58.9	59.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	55.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	20.8	1.1	0.4	0.4	-1.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	453.5	454.1	2.9	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.4
Agriculture	92.9	92.2	2.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.9	-0.8	-0.8	1.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	7.6	7.3	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	-3.9	-3.9	10.6
Utilities	12.2	12.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	-0.4	4.9	4.9	-3.0
Construction	2.7	2.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-11.1	-11.1	-17.2
Manufacturing	31.8	30.7	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	1.2	-3.5	-3.5	4.1
Services-producing sector	38.7	39.0	1.5	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.8	-0.3
Trade	360.7	361.8	3.0	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2
Transportation and warehousing	79.4	76.5	2.0	-2.9	-2.9	-1.0	-3.7	-3.7	-1.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	19.5	19.2	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.6	21.6	1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-2.3
Business, building and other support services	24.2	23.8	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	4.7	-1.7	-1.7	24.6
Educational services	24.9	25.3	1.4	0.4	0.4	-3.6	1.6	1.6	-12.5
Health care and social assistance	35.0	36.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	3.9	4.9	4.9	11.9
Information, culture and recreation	59.3	60.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	2.5	2.5	0.2
Accommodation and food services	18.5	17.1	1.1	-1.4	-1.4	-5.1	-7.6	-7.6	-23.0
Other services	29.9	29.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.8
Public administration	18.4	19.7	1.1	1.3	1.3	-0.1	7.1	7.1	-0.5
Public administration	30.0	31.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.6	4.3	4.3	5.4

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

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	619.7	620.0	...	0.3	0.3	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	401.0	403.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	4.7	0.6	0.6	1.2
Employment	366.6	368.2	2.5	1.6	1.6	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.8
Employment full-time	310.8	309.2	3.0	-1.6	-1.6	-4.3	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4
Unemployment	34.4	35.2	2.2	0.8	0.8	1.6	2.3	2.3	4.8
Participation rate	64.7	65.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.2	16.0	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	94.3	94.3	...	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Labour force	65.8	66.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	2.6	0.6	0.6	4.1
Employment	56.5	56.8	1.3	0.3	0.3	2.1	0.5	0.5	3.8
Unemployment	9.4	9.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	5.6
Participation rate	69.8	70.2	1.4	0.4	0.4	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	14.2	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.2	1.4	0.3	0.3	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.4	40.3	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	253.6	253.7	...	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	173.5	176.0	1.4	2.5	2.5	0.8	1.4	1.4	0.5
Employment	158.3	160.8	1.5	2.5	2.5	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.7
Unemployment	15.1	15.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-2.6
Participation rate	68.4	69.4	0.6	1.0	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	63.4	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	5.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	271.8	272.0	...	0.2	0.2	2.8	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	161.7	161.2	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	1.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Employment	151.8	150.6	1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-0.1
Unemployment	9.8	10.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.5	9.2	9.2	16.3
Participation rate	59.5	59.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	55.4	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.9	18.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	2.2	...	...	...
Industry									
	366.6	368.2	2.5	1.6	1.6	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.8
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	7.5	7.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	2.2	4.0	4.0	39.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	9.5	10.2	0.9	0.7	0.7	-1.6	7.4	7.4	-13.6
Utilities	4.8	5.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	8.3	8.3	18.2
Construction	23.9	24.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	-1.2	1.3	1.3	-4.7
Manufacturing	33.5	32.6	1.4	-0.9	-0.9	-2.8	-2.7	-2.7	-7.9
Services-producing sector									
	287.5	288.2	2.4	0.7	0.7	5.5	0.2	0.2	1.9
Trade	56.9	56.2	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	1.7	-1.2	-1.2	3.1
Transportation and warehousing	20.2	20.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	15.7	15.5	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-6.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.4	18.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	-0.1	4.6	4.6	-0.5
Business, building and other support services	21.0	21.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	2.3	1.0	1.0	12.2
Educational services	29.5	29.1	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	5.1	-1.4	-1.4	21.2
Health care and social assistance	50.0	50.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.8
Information, culture and recreation	11.0	10.6	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-2.6	-3.6	-3.6	-19.7
Accommodation and food services	22.8	23.3	1.2	0.5	0.5	-1.8	2.2	2.2	-7.2
Other services	15.1	15.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	-2.4	2.0	2.0	-13.5
Public administration	27.9	28.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	4.3	0.4	0.4	18.1

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	6,400.1	6,405.0	...	4.9	4.9	59.6	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,191.6	4,181.9	14.2	-9.7	-9.7	6.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Employment	3,884.3	3,858.5	14.7	-25.8	-25.8	-30.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
Employment full-time	3,134.8	3,142.7	19.0	7.9	7.9	-32.5	0.3	0.3	-1.0
Unemployment	307.2	323.4	12.7	16.2	16.2	37.5	5.3	5.3	13.1
Participation rate	65.5	65.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	18.6	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	961.0	961.2	...	0.2	0.2	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	643.5	634.3	8.0	-9.2	-9.2	-3.8	-1.4	-1.4	-0.6
Employment	559.0	550.5	7.9	-8.5	-8.5	-16.7	-1.5	-1.5	-2.9
Unemployment	84.5	83.8	7.0	-0.7	-0.7	12.9	-0.8	-0.8	18.2
Participation rate	67.0	66.0	0.8	-1.0	-1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.1	13.2	1.0	0.1	0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	57.3	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	52.3	50.6	1.5	-1.8	-1.8	4.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,657.8	2,660.2	...	2.4	2.4	28.1	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	1,866.3	1,870.0	7.7	3.7	3.7	-12.7	0.2	0.2	-0.7
Employment	1,728.4	1,724.0	8.7	-4.4	-4.4	-32.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.9
Unemployment	137.9	146.0	7.8	8.1	8.1	19.9	5.9	5.9	15.8
Participation rate	70.2	70.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	6.7	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,781.2	2,783.6	...	2.4	2.4	27.9	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	1,681.8	1,677.6	8.0	-4.2	-4.2	23.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.4
Employment	1,597.0	1,583.9	8.2	-13.1	-13.1	18.4	-0.8	-0.8	1.2
Unemployment	84.8	93.7	6.7	8.9	8.9	4.9	10.5	10.5	5.5
Participation rate	60.5	60.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	56.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.6	20.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
	3,884.3	3,858.5	14.7	-25.8	-25.8	-30.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
Goods-producing sector									
	873.4	847.9	11.9	-25.5	-25.5	-41.5	-2.9	-2.9	-4.7
Agriculture	52.1	54.6	3.6	2.5	2.5	-17.9	4.8	4.8	-24.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.9	30.1	2.4	-1.8	-1.8	-3.9	-5.6	-5.6	-11.5
Utilities	30.9	33.8	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.0	9.4	9.4	6.3
Construction	208.5	209.4	7.0	0.9	0.9	-6.1	0.4	0.4	-2.8
Manufacturing	550.0	520.0	9.5	-30.0	-30.0	-15.6	-5.5	-5.5	-2.9
Services-producing sector									
	3,011.0	3,010.6	16.2	-0.4	-0.4	10.7	0.0	0.0	0.4
Trade	605.9	615.5	10.7	9.6	9.6	-17.7	1.6	1.6	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	181.1	175.6	6.2	-5.5	-5.5	-16.6	-3.0	-3.0	-8.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	223.1	214.8	7.0	-8.3	-8.3	-20.1	-3.7	-3.7	-8.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	259.6	274.5	7.8	14.9	14.9	5.1	5.7	5.7	1.9
Business, building and other support services	147.0	145.0	5.9	-2.0	-2.0	5.9	-1.4	-1.4	4.2
Educational services	245.3	247.5	7.1	2.2	2.2	-14.0	0.9	0.9	-5.4
Health care and social assistance	498.8	508.4	8.4	9.6	9.6	60.0	1.9	1.9	13.4
Information, culture and recreation	179.6	170.6	6.5	-9.0	-9.0	5.3	-5.0	-5.0	3.2
Accommodation and food services	243.0	252.5	8.0	9.5	9.5	5.9	3.9	3.9	2.4
Other services	171.4	177.4	6.1	6.0	6.0	-7.7	3.5	3.5	-4.2
Public administration	256.2	228.6	5.8	-27.6	-27.6	4.5	-10.8	-10.8	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 Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	10,580.8	10,591.9	...	11.1	11.1	152.5	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	7,182.0	7,164.3	18.4	-17.7	-17.7	63.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Employment	6,665.2	6,594.2	18.8	-71.0	-71.0	-59.3	-1.1	-1.1	-0.9
Employment full-time	5,421.1	5,372.6	23.8	-48.5	-48.5	-87.7	-0.9	-0.9	-1.6
Unemployment	516.8	570.1	15.9	53.3	53.3	122.7	10.3	10.3	27.4
Participation rate	67.9	67.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	8.0	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	62.3	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,739.1	1,740.1	...	1.0	1.0	11.4	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	1,122.3	1,100.6	11.3	-21.7	-21.7	-14.1	-1.9	-1.9	-1.3
Employment	949.8	936.4	10.9	-13.4	-13.4	-32.1	-1.4	-1.4	-3.3
Unemployment	172.5	164.2	9.8	-8.3	-8.3	18.0	-4.8	-4.8	12.3
Participation rate	64.5	63.2	0.7	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	14.9	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	53.8	0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.5	47.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,295.7	4,300.5	...	4.8	4.8	66.1	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	3,193.4	3,196.9	8.9	3.5	3.5	41.3	0.1	0.1	1.3
Employment	3,004.9	2,959.9	10.1	-45.0	-45.0	-32.2	-1.5	-1.5	-1.1
Unemployment	188.5	237.0	8.9	48.5	48.5	73.5	25.7	25.7	45.0
Participation rate	74.3	74.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	7.4	0.3	1.5	1.5	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	68.8	0.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.2	7.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,546.0	4,551.3	...	5.3	5.3	75.1	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	2,866.3	2,866.8	10.7	0.5	0.5	36.2	0.0	0.0	1.3
Employment	2,710.5	2,697.9	10.6	-12.6	-12.6	5.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment	155.8	168.9	8.5	13.1	13.1	31.2	8.4	8.4	22.7
Participation rate	63.1	63.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	20.6	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Industry									
	6,665.2	6,594.2	18.8	-71.0	-71.0	-59.3	-1.1	-1.1	-0.9
Goods-producing sector									
	1,493.9	1,453.0	15.4	-40.9	-40.9	-81.9	-2.7	-2.7	-5.3
Agriculture	87.4	81.2	3.9	-6.2	-6.2	-5.8	-7.1	-7.1	-6.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.3	36.3	2.4	2.0	2.0	-0.4	5.8	5.8	-1.1
Utilities	63.9	59.6	3.2	-4.3	-4.3	-3.7	-6.7	-6.7	-5.8
Construction	437.0	440.6	9.2	3.6	3.6	25.8	0.8	0.8	6.2
Manufacturing	871.2	835.4	12.3	-35.8	-35.8	-97.7	-4.1	-4.1	-10.5
Services-producing sector									
	5,171.3	5,141.1	20.9	-30.2	-30.2	22.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.4
Trade	1,027.1	1,014.8	13.9	-12.3	-12.3	-15.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.5
Transportation and warehousing	347.0	321.6	8.3	-25.4	-25.4	9.8	-7.3	-7.3	3.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	494.8	513.2	9.9	18.4	18.4	40.6	3.7	3.7	8.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	506.5	496.3	10.2	-10.2	-10.2	1.2	-2.0	-2.0	0.2
Business, building and other support services	276.2	258.9	8.9	-17.3	-17.3	-39.3	-6.3	-6.3	-13.2
Educational services	469.4	465.2	9.5	-4.2	-4.2	-25.7	-0.9	-0.9	-5.2
Health care and social assistance	700.1	710.1	10.2	10.0	10.0	19.6	1.4	1.4	2.8
Information, culture and recreation	313.3	312.3	8.5	-1.0	-1.0	-3.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1
Accommodation and food services	388.8	387.5	9.9	-1.3	-1.3	15.8	-0.3	-0.3	4.3
Other services	295.8	305.5	7.5	9.7	9.7	21.2	3.3	3.3	7.5
Public administration	352.4	355.6	7.6	3.2	3.2	-2.4	0.9	0.9	-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 Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	914.8	915.6	...	0.8	0.8	11.4	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	636.5	636.5	2.7	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Employment	609.1	607.2	2.8	-1.9	-1.9	4.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Employment full-time	493.1	492.5	3.9	-0.6	-0.6	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Unemployment	27.4	29.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	5.4	6.9	6.9	22.6
Participation rate	69.6	69.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	18.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	159.0	159.2	...	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	114.7	112.5	1.7	-2.2	-2.2	-1.4	-1.9	-1.9	-1.2
Employment	104.7	103.8	1.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment	10.0	8.7	1.4	-1.3	-1.3	-0.5	-13.0	-13.0	-5.4
Participation rate	72.1	70.7	1.1	-1.4	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.7	1.2	-1.0	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.2	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.9	43.2	1.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	369.4	369.7	...	0.3	0.3	4.7	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	280.2	280.9	1.4	0.7	0.7	3.0	0.2	0.2	1.1
Employment	270.4	270.1	1.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment	9.8	10.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.4	10.2	10.2	45.9
Participation rate	75.9	76.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.2	73.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	6.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	386.4	386.7	...	0.3	0.3	5.1	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	241.7	243.1	1.6	1.4	1.4	8.4	0.6	0.6	3.6
Employment	234.1	233.3	1.6	-0.8	-0.8	5.9	-0.3	-0.3	2.6
Unemployment	7.6	9.9	1.1	2.3	2.3	2.6	30.3	30.3	35.6
Participation rate	62.6	62.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	4.1	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	22.1	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	609.1	607.2	2.8	-1.9	-1.9	4.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Agriculture	146.2	142.9	2.5	-3.3	-3.3	-3.4	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	29.4	27.9	1.3	-1.5	-1.5	0.7	-5.1	-5.1	2.6
Utilities	5.9	6.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.8	6.8	6.8	-11.3
Construction	6.9	6.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.7	-1.4	-1.4	33.3
Manufacturing	38.2	41.0	1.5	2.8	2.8	6.7	7.3	7.3	19.5
Services-producing sector	65.8	60.9	1.8	-4.9	-4.9	-11.9	-7.4	-7.4	-16.3
Trade	462.9	464.3	3.3	1.4	1.4	8.0	0.3	0.3	1.8
Transportation and warehousing	89.3	93.1	2.0	3.8	3.8	2.8	4.3	4.3	3.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	37.1	38.1	1.4	1.0	1.0	2.6	2.7	2.7	7.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	34.8	34.5	1.4	-0.3	-0.3	-4.0	-0.9	-0.9	-10.4
Business, building and other support services	24.2	23.9	1.2	-0.3	-0.3	-2.4	-1.2	-1.2	-9.1
Educational services	17.5	18.0	1.2	0.5	0.5	-2.6	2.9	2.9	-12.6
Health care and social assistance	47.9	46.4	1.5	-1.5	-1.5	0.4	-3.1	-3.1	0.9
Information, culture and recreation	87.2	88.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	12.9	1.9	1.9	17.0
Accommodation and food services	22.6	22.5	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-5.1
Other services	37.0	35.8	1.6	-1.2	-1.2	-2.8	-3.2	-3.2	-7.3
Public administration	28.9	27.7	1.4	-1.2	-1.2	3.3	-4.2	-4.2	13.5
	36.4	35.3	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-3.0	-3.0	-3.3

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

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	774.0	774.7	...	0.7	0.7	14.9	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	543.0	544.1	2.3	1.1	1.1	17.1	0.2	0.2	3.2
Employment	520.3	521.9	2.4	1.6	1.6	15.6	0.3	0.3	3.1
Employment full-time	426.4	423.7	3.2	-2.7	-2.7	9.2	-0.6	-0.6	2.2
Unemployment	22.7	22.1	1.8	-0.6	-0.6	1.3	-2.6	-2.6	6.2
Participation rate	70.2	70.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.8	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	139.7	139.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	101.4	100.2	1.5	-1.2	-1.2	0.5	-1.2	-1.2	0.5
Employment	93.5	92.4	1.5	-1.1	-1.1	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-1.4
Unemployment	7.9	7.9	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	31.7
Participation rate	72.6	71.7	1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.9	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.1	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.1	39.7	1.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	309.9	310.3	...	0.4	0.4	6.8	0.1	0.1	2.2
Labour force	235.3	236.7	1.2	1.4	1.4	4.5	0.6	0.6	1.9
Employment	227.6	228.6	1.2	1.0	1.0	4.5	0.4	0.4	2.0
Unemployment	7.7	8.1	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.0	5.2	5.2	0.0
Participation rate	75.9	76.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.4	73.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	6.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	324.4	324.8	...	0.4	0.4	7.3	0.1	0.1	2.3
Labour force	206.2	207.1	1.3	0.9	0.9	12.0	0.4	0.4	6.2
Employment	199.2	201.0	1.4	1.8	1.8	12.5	0.9	0.9	6.6
Unemployment	7.0	6.2	0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4	-11.4	-11.4	-6.1
Participation rate	63.6	63.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.0	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	22.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	520.3	521.9	2.4	1.6	1.6	15.6	0.3	0.3	3.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	39.2	41.9	1.5	2.7	2.7	2.6	6.9	6.9	6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	25.2	25.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.1
Utilities	6.2	5.2	0.4	-1.0	-1.0	0.3	-16.1	-16.1	6.1
Construction	40.6	38.1	1.3	-2.5	-2.5	2.6	-6.2	-6.2	7.3
Manufacturing	31.3	32.2	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.6	2.9	2.9	1.9
Services-producing sector									
	377.7	379.3	2.8	1.6	1.6	8.6	0.4	0.4	2.3
Trade	83.3	83.9	1.8	0.6	0.6	-1.5	0.7	0.7	-1.8
Transportation and warehousing	23.3	22.7	1.0	-0.6	-0.6	-2.8	-2.6	-2.6	-11.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.9	30.9	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	6.9	6.9	10.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.5	20.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	10.2
Business, building and other support services	12.7	12.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	1.6	-1.6	-1.6	14.7
Educational services	38.6	40.0	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	3.6	3.6	4.4
Health care and social assistance	63.0	63.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	6.4
Information, culture and recreation	20.8	21.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	-1.8	1.0	1.0	-7.9
Accommodation and food services	32.4	30.7	1.4	-1.7	-1.7	-0.6	-5.2	-5.2	-1.9
Other services	24.1	24.3	1.0	0.2	0.2	1.7	0.8	0.8	7.5
Public administration	30.1	29.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	5.3

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

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

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	2,823.7	2,830.1	...	6.4	6.4	57.1	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	2,110.2	2,119.3	8.0	9.1	9.1	51.8	0.4	0.4	2.5
Employment	2,022.5	2,025.8	8.4	3.3	3.3	26.5	0.2	0.2	1.3
Employment full-time	1,680.8	1,680.6	11.3	-0.2	-0.2	-3.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment	87.8	93.5	5.8	5.7	5.7	25.3	6.5	6.5	37.1
Participation rate	74.7	74.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.9	17.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	505.0	505.3	...	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	367.3	369.0	4.9	1.7	1.7	-1.3	0.5	0.5	-0.4
Employment	334.3	337.0	5.0	2.7	2.7	-4.0	0.8	0.8	-1.2
Unemployment	32.9	32.0	3.7	-0.9	-0.9	2.8	-2.7	-2.7	9.6
Participation rate	72.7	73.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.7	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	66.7	1.0	0.5	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.4	34.7	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	2.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,172.5	1,175.9	...	3.4	3.4	35.0	0.3	0.3	3.1
Labour force	969.0	975.7	3.8	6.7	6.7	33.6	0.7	0.7	3.6
Employment	940.7	943.5	4.2	2.8	2.8	22.9	0.3	0.3	2.5
Unemployment	28.3	32.2	3.1	3.9	3.9	10.8	13.8	13.8	50.5
Participation rate	82.6	83.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	2.9	3.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.2	80.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,146.1	1,148.9	...	2.8	2.8	21.4	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	773.9	774.7	4.9	0.8	0.8	19.6	0.1	0.1	2.6
Employment	747.4	745.4	5.1	-2.0	-2.0	7.8	-0.3	-0.3	1.1
Unemployment	26.5	29.3	3.3	2.8	2.8	11.8	10.6	10.6	67.4
Participation rate	67.5	67.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.3	23.2	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,022.5	2,025.8	8.4	3.3	3.3	26.5	0.2	0.2	1.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	591.8	576.3	8.7	-15.5	-15.5	12.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	62.4	57.1	3.2	-5.3	-5.3	-0.6	-8.5	-8.5	-1.0
Utilities	155.1	155.2	4.7	0.1	0.1	6.6	0.1	0.1	4.4
Construction	18.9	16.7	1.7	-2.2	-2.2	-1.2	-11.6	-11.6	-6.7
Manufacturing	204.5	202.6	5.9	-1.9	-1.9	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	0.2
	150.8	144.6	5.2	-6.2	-6.2	7.1	-4.1	-4.1	5.2
Services-producing sector									
	1,430.7	1,449.6	10.3	18.9	18.9	14.1	1.3	1.3	1.0
Trade	314.9	320.2	7.0	5.3	5.3	11.4	1.7	1.7	3.7
Transportation and warehousing	102.8	103.5	4.1	0.7	0.7	-4.5	0.7	0.7	-4.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	112.0	114.1	4.0	2.1	2.1	4.1	1.9	1.9	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	159.9	163.0	5.0	3.1	3.1	11.4	1.9	1.9	7.5
Business, building and other support services	63.3	63.2	4.0	-0.1	-0.1	-6.0	-0.2	-0.2	-8.7
Educational services	138.6	136.2	4.5	-2.4	-2.4	14.9	-1.7	-1.7	12.3
Health care and social assistance	185.4	183.8	4.8	-1.6	-1.6	-12.1	-0.9	-0.9	-6.2
Information, culture and recreation	76.6	73.3	3.6	-3.3	-3.3	-4.6	-4.3	-4.3	-5.9
Accommodation and food services	109.2	122.0	4.6	12.8	12.8	8.2	11.7	11.7	7.2
Other services	87.5	87.2	3.8	-0.3	-0.3	-1.7	-0.3	-0.3	-1.9
Public administration	80.5	83.2	3.5	2.7	2.7	-6.9	3.4	3.4	-7.7

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	3,672.2	3,676.8	...	4.6	4.6	67.3	0.1	0.1	1.9
Labour force	2,432.5	2,415.1	9.8	-17.4	-17.4	8.9	-0.7	-0.7	0.4
Employment	2,302.7	2,267.6	9.9	-35.1	-35.1	-40.3	-1.5	-1.5	-1.7
Employment full-time	1,839.6	1,771.5	14.0	-68.1	-68.1	-64.1	-3.7	-3.7	-3.5
Unemployment	129.7	147.5	7.2	17.8	17.8	49.2	13.7	13.7	50.1
Participation rate	66.2	65.7	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	61.7	0.3	-1.0	-1.0	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	21.9	0.5	1.8	1.8	1.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	583.9	584.0	...	0.1	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	385.8	380.4	5.7	-5.4	-5.4	-20.4	-1.4	-1.4	-5.1
Employment	348.9	342.8	5.7	-6.1	-6.1	-27.8	-1.7	-1.7	-7.5
Unemployment	36.9	37.6	4.4	0.7	0.7	7.4	1.9	1.9	24.5
Participation rate	66.1	65.1	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	58.7	1.0	-1.1	-1.1	-5.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.3	46.2	1.8	3.0	3.0	1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,511.5	1,513.8	...	2.3	2.3	32.5	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,096.0	1,091.0	4.8	-5.0	-5.0	10.7	-0.5	-0.5	1.0
Employment	1,046.8	1,029.2	5.2	-17.6	-17.6	-14.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.4
Unemployment	49.2	61.8	3.9	12.6	12.6	25.3	25.6	25.6	69.3
Participation rate	72.5	72.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.7	0.4	1.2	1.2	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	68.0	0.3	-1.3	-1.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	9.2	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,576.8	1,579.1	...	2.3	2.3	32.3	0.1	0.1	2.1
Labour force	950.7	943.7	5.9	-7.0	-7.0	18.6	-0.7	-0.7	2.0
Employment	907.0	895.6	5.8	-11.4	-11.4	2.1	-1.3	-1.3	0.2
Unemployment	43.6	48.1	4.2	4.5	4.5	16.5	10.3	10.3	52.2
Participation rate	60.3	59.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	56.7	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.4	27.2	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,302.7	2,267.6	9.9	-35.1	-35.1	-40.3	-1.5	-1.5	-1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	494.2	460.2	8.8	-34.0	-34.0	-50.2	-6.9	-6.9	-9.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	30.6	27.6	2.8	-3.0	-3.0	-15.6	-9.8	-9.8	-36.1
Utilities	49.5	46.6	3.1	-2.9	-2.9	-0.2	-5.9	-5.9	-0.4
Construction	12.6	12.8	1.6	0.2	0.2	-1.8	1.6	1.6	-12.3
Manufacturing	213.5	203.3	6.4	-10.2	-10.2	-9.5	-4.8	-4.8	-4.5
	188.0	169.9	5.9	-18.1	-18.1	-23.1	-9.6	-9.6	-12.0
Services-producing sector									
	1,808.6	1,807.4	11.5	-1.2	-1.2	9.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
Trade	358.0	351.3	7.8	-6.7	-6.7	-2.9	-1.9	-1.9	-0.8
Transportation and warehousing	126.2	120.8	5.1	-5.4	-5.4	-8.6	-4.3	-4.3	-6.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	149.0	151.2	5.2	2.2	2.2	6.1	1.5	1.5	4.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	170.0	177.8	5.6	7.8	7.8	6.6	4.6	4.6	3.9
Business, building and other support services	98.8	95.7	4.8	-3.1	-3.1	-11.4	-3.1	-3.1	-10.6
Educational services	161.7	157.2	5.6	-4.5	-4.5	-9.0	-2.8	-2.8	-5.4
Health care and social assistance	249.8	255.3	6.2	5.5	5.5	9.0	2.2	2.2	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	114.1	121.1	4.8	7.0	7.0	3.5	6.1	6.1	3.0
Accommodation and food services	183.0	180.6	6.0	-2.4	-2.4	10.0	-1.3	-1.3	5.9
Other services	95.9	93.1	4.5	-2.8	-2.8	-1.9	-2.9	-2.9	-2.0
Public administration	102.2	103.4	4.0	1.2	1.2	8.6	1.2	1.2	9.1

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

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

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	155.7	155.9	...	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.1	0.1	2.1
Labour force	109.4	109.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	6.1	-0.2	-0.2	5.9
Employment	101.5	101.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	5.8	-0.1	-0.1	6.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-1.3	-1.3	2.6
Participation rate	70.3	70.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.0	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	2.4	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	318.7	319.0	...	0.3	0.3	4.4	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	225.3	227.0	1.1	1.7	1.7	7.7	0.8	0.8	3.5
Employment	213.2	214.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	5.0	0.5	0.5	2.4
Unemployment	12.0	12.8	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.7	6.7	6.7	26.7
Participation rate	70.7	71.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	105.0	105.1	...	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	69.6	69.9	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.4
Employment	65.0	65.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	-1.4	0.6	0.6	-2.1
Unemployment	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	35.3
Participation rate	66.3	66.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	-1.9	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	124.9	124.9	...	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	76.6	76.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.3
Employment	70.8	70.0	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.9	-1.1	-1.1	1.3
Unemployment	5.9	6.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.1	10.2	10.2	1.6
Participation rate	61.3	61.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.0	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	613.1	613.6	...	0.5	0.5	6.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	413.0	415.4	3.5	2.4	2.4	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.5
Employment	396.7	399.9	3.4	3.2	3.2	8.0	0.8	0.8	2.0
Unemployment	16.3	15.6	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	-5.9	-4.3	-4.3	-27.4
Participation rate	67.4	67.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	121.9	122.0	...	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	73.6	72.3	0.7	-1.3	-1.3	-5.4	-1.8	-1.8	-6.9
Employment	68.8	67.1	0.7	-1.7	-1.7	-4.2	-2.5	-2.5	-5.9
Unemployment	4.8	5.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.2	6.2	6.2	-19.0
Participation rate	60.4	59.3	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-4.9
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.1	0.5	0.6	0.6	-1.0
Employment rate	56.4	55.0	0.6	-1.4	-1.4	-3.9

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	139.1	139.2	...	0.1	0.1	1.7	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	89.0	87.8	0.7	-1.2	-1.2	-3.1	-1.3	-1.3	-3.4
Employment	83.0	81.9	0.8	-1.1	-1.1	-3.5	-1.3	-1.3	-4.1
Unemployment	6.0	5.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-1.7	-1.7	7.3
Participation rate	64.0	63.1	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	58.8	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-3.3	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	3,079.5	3,082.3	...	2.8	2.8	32.5	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,059.7	2,056.1	7.2	-3.6	-3.6	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Employment	1,904.6	1,894.9	7.5	-9.7	-9.7	-18.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9
Unemployment	155.1	161.2	4.5	6.1	6.1	19.2	3.9	3.9	13.5
Participation rate	66.9	66.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	968.2	969.2	...	1.0	1.0	13.2	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	708.3	703.5	3.6	-4.8	-4.8	6.8	-0.7	-0.7	1.0
Employment	676.3	670.5	3.8	-5.8	-5.8	4.6	-0.9	-0.9	0.7
Unemployment	32.0	33.1	1.5	1.1	1.1	2.3	3.4	3.4	7.5
Participation rate	73.2	72.6	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.9	69.2	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	245.6	245.9	...	0.3	0.3	3.7	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	176.6	175.9	1.2	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8
Employment	168.8	166.7	1.3	-2.1	-2.1	-2.9	-1.2	-1.2	-1.7
Unemployment	7.8	9.1	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	16.7	16.7	18.2
Participation rate	71.9	71.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	5.2	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.7	67.8	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	722.6	723.3	...	0.7	0.7	9.4	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	531.7	527.7	3.4	-4.0	-4.0	8.4	-0.8	-0.8	1.6
Employment	507.5	503.8	3.5	-3.7	-3.7	7.5	-0.7	-0.7	1.5
Unemployment	24.2	23.9	1.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	-1.2	-1.2	3.5
Participation rate	73.6	73.0	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.2	69.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	126.2	126.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	84.1	84.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	2.7	0.1	0.1	3.3
Employment	80.4	80.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	2.8	-0.4	-0.4	3.6
Unemployment	3.7	4.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	10.8	10.8	-2.4
Participation rate	66.6	66.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	2.0
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.3
Employment rate	63.7	63.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	2.1

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	4,592.2	4,600.4	...	8.2	8.2	107.4	0.2	0.2	2.4
Labour force	3,155.1	3,165.6	8.9	10.5	10.5	66.5	0.3	0.3	2.1
Employment	2,925.9	2,919.2	9.3	-6.7	-6.7	24.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment	229.2	246.4	5.5	17.2	17.2	41.5	7.5	7.5	20.3
Participation rate	68.7	68.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.8	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	599.2	599.4	...	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	396.1	397.7	3.0	1.6	1.6	-0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1
Employment	368.3	365.9	3.1	-2.4	-2.4	-8.9	-0.7	-0.7	-2.4
Unemployment	27.8	31.8	1.4	4.0	4.0	8.7	14.4	14.4	37.7
Participation rate	66.1	66.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	8.0	0.4	1.0	1.0	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-2.0	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	385.0	385.4	...	0.4	0.4	5.5	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	279.5	278.8	1.9	-0.7	-0.7	10.5	-0.3	-0.3	3.9
Employment	257.6	255.3	1.9	-2.3	-2.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.3
Unemployment	22.0	23.5	0.9	1.5	1.5	9.8	6.8	6.8	71.5
Participation rate	72.6	72.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	3.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.2	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	387.0	387.3	...	0.3	0.3	4.5	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	263.8	265.6	1.9	1.8	1.8	3.7	0.7	0.7	1.4
Employment	244.5	244.8	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2
Unemployment	19.3	20.7	0.9	1.4	1.4	3.1	7.3	7.3	17.6
Participation rate	68.2	68.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.8	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	63.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	290.5	290.9	...	0.4	0.4	5.8	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	202.3	199.5	1.4	-2.8	-2.8	3.6	-1.4	-1.4	1.8
Employment	186.6	183.5	1.4	-3.1	-3.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.7	-0.6
Unemployment	15.8	15.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	4.7	0.6	0.6	42.0
Participation rate	69.6	68.6	0.5	-1.0	-1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	63.1	0.5	-1.1	-1.1	-1.7	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	329.8	329.8	...	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	213.5	213.4	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Employment	194.7	194.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	-5.2	0.0	0.0	-2.6
Unemployment	18.8	18.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	5.5	-0.5	-0.5	41.7
Participation rate	64.7	64.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.6
Employment rate	59.0	59.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-1.8

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	134.1	...	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	87.6	87.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	2.4	-0.3	-0.3	2.8
Employment	82.7	82.3	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	1.6	-0.5	-0.5	2.0
Unemployment	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.9	4.1	4.1	21.4
Participation rate	65.4	65.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	103.7	103.6	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	65.4	65.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-3.8	-0.6	-0.6	-5.5
Employment	61.1	60.5	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-4.0	-1.0	-1.0	-6.2
Unemployment	4.3	4.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.7	4.7	4.7
Participation rate	63.1	62.7	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	58.4	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-3.6	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	273.1	273.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	175.9	175.3	1.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.7	-0.3	-0.3	-1.0
Employment	158.0	156.2	1.5	-1.8	-1.8	-5.4	-1.1	-1.1	-3.3
Unemployment	17.8	19.1	0.8	1.3	1.3	3.8	7.3	7.3	24.8
Participation rate	64.4	64.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.9	0.4	0.8	0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.2	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-2.1	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	587.1	587.7	...	0.6	0.6	8.2	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	413.8	415.6	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.6
Employment	394.9	396.8	1.3	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
Unemployment	18.8	18.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	3.9
Participation rate	70.5	70.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	169.4	169.7	...	0.3	0.3	4.7	0.2	0.2	2.8
Labour force	121.7	121.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	5.5	-0.3	-0.3	4.7
Employment	117.3	117.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	6.7	0.1	0.1	6.1
Unemployment	4.4	3.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-1.2	-11.4	-11.4	-23.5
Participation rate	71.8	71.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	69.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	199.5	199.9	...	0.4	0.4	6.5	0.2	0.2	3.4
Labour force	146.4	147.3	0.8	0.9	0.9	4.7	0.6	0.6	3.3
Employment	140.4	141.1	0.8	0.7	0.7	3.5	0.5	0.5	2.5
Unemployment	5.9	6.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.2	5.1	5.1	24.0
Participation rate	73.4	73.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7
Employment rate	70.4	70.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.5

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	954.8	957.1	...	2.3	2.3	21.3	0.2	0.2	2.3
Labour force	744.4	745.5	3.2	1.1	1.1	38.5	0.1	0.1	5.4
Employment	715.4	715.3	3.2	-0.1	-0.1	29.3	0.0	0.0	4.3
Unemployment	29.0	30.2	1.5	1.2	1.2	9.2	4.1	4.1	43.8
Participation rate	78.0	77.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	74.9	74.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	890.0	891.9	...	1.9	1.9	17.1	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	653.0	651.5	3.3	-1.5	-1.5	9.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.5
Employment	629.4	626.6	3.4	-2.8	-2.8	7.7	-0.4	-0.4	1.2
Unemployment	23.7	24.9	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.8	5.1	5.1	7.8
Participation rate	73.4	73.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.7	70.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	134.6	134.7	...	0.1	0.1	2.2	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	93.5	93.4	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	4.6	-0.1	-0.1	5.2
Employment	88.4	88.0	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	2.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.9
Unemployment	5.1	5.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	2.1	5.9	5.9	63.6
Participation rate	69.5	69.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,959.8	1,962.8	...	3.0	3.0	44.8	0.2	0.2	2.3
Labour force	1,299.0	1,294.1	4.8	-4.9	-4.9	-4.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
Employment	1,237.1	1,228.8	4.9	-8.3	-8.3	-19.2	-0.7	-0.7	-1.5
Unemployment	61.9	65.4	2.3	3.5	3.5	14.9	5.7	5.7	29.5
Participation rate	66.3	65.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-2.5	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	287.4	287.5	...	0.1	0.1	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	197.1	195.6	1.4	-1.5	-1.5	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.5
Employment	189.7	187.8	1.4	-1.9	-1.9	-0.9	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.8	6.8	6.8	30.0
Participation rate	68.6	68.0	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	65.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-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 Table 282-0090.

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

	December 2008	January 2009	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	3,082.1	3,085.0	...	2.9	2.9	32.6	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,055.3	2,044.0	15.0	-11.3	-11.3	-2.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1
Employment	1,900.2	1,872.0	15.2	-28.2	-28.2	-33.9	-1.5	-1.5	-1.8
Unemployment	155.0	172.1	10.8	17.1	17.1	31.6	11.0	11.0	22.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	8.4	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	60.7	0.5	-1.0	-1.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,599.9	4,608.7	...	8.8	8.8	106.9	0.2	0.2	2.4
Labour force	3,169.7	3,180.2	19.2	10.5	10.5	81.2	0.3	0.3	2.6
Employment	2,932.5	2,909.6	19.8	-22.9	-22.9	11.9	-0.8	-0.8	0.4
Unemployment	237.2	270.6	13.5	33.4	33.4	69.3	14.1	14.1	34.4
Participation rate	68.9	69.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	8.5	0.4	1.0	1.0	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.1	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,962.6	1,966.0	...	3.4	3.4	43.9	0.2	0.2	2.3
Labour force	1,296.5	1,287.8	9.9	-8.7	-8.7	-13.9	-0.7	-0.7	-1.1
Employment	1,229.3	1,216.6	9.9	-12.7	-12.7	-36.5	-1.0	-1.0	-2.9
Unemployment	67.2	71.2	5.8	4.0	4.0	22.6	6.0	6.0	46.5
Participation rate	66.1	65.5	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	61.9	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-3.3	...	...	...

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM Table 282-0091.

Table 6-1
Labour force characteristics by province and economic region ¹, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2008 and January 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2008	26,721.6	17,928.6	16,883.5	1,045.1	67.1	5.8	63.2
2009	27,099.8	18,136.1	16,909.7	1,226.4	66.9	6.8	62.4
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2008	424.5	243.9	211.6	32.4	57.5	13.3	49.8
2009	427.6	244.3	207.9	36.4	57.1	14.9	48.6
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2008	210.4	129.5	116.3	13.2	61.5	10.2	55.3
2009	213.8	134.2	121.0	13.3	62.8	9.9	56.6
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2008	32.7	15.9	13.1	2.8	48.6	17.6	40.1
2009	32.2	16.1	12.8	3.4	50.0	21.1	39.8
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2008	87.7	50.2	42.1	8.1	57.2	16.1	48.0
2009	88.0	46.8	36.7	10.1	53.2	21.6	41.7
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2008	93.7	48.4	40.1	8.2	51.7	16.9	42.8
2009	93.6	47.1	37.4	9.7	50.3	20.6	40.0
Prince Edward Island							
2008	113.7	75.5	66.1	9.5	66.4	12.6	58.1
2009	115.3	76.2	65.6	10.6	66.1	13.9	56.9
Nova Scotia							
2008	765.8	482.1	445.4	36.7	63.0	7.6	58.2
2009	770.6	488.8	448.1	40.7	63.4	8.3	58.1
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2008	115.9	63.8	55.0	8.8	55.0	13.8	47.5
2009	115.4	62.5	53.0	9.5	54.2	15.2	45.9
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2008	131.1	77.6	70.0	7.5	59.2	9.7	53.4
2009	131.4	78.5	71.4	7.1	59.7	9.0	54.3
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2008	100.6	61.3	55.8	5.6	60.9	9.1	55.5
2009	101.4	61.9	56.5	5.4	61.0	8.7	55.7
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2008	103.6	61.5	56.1	5.4	59.4	8.8	54.2
2009	103.5	59.9	53.3	6.6	57.9	11.0	51.5
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2008	314.6	217.9	208.5	9.4	69.3	4.3	66.3
2009	319.0	226.0	213.9	12.1	70.8	5.4	67.1
New Brunswick							
2008	615.3	390.0	359.2	30.8	63.4	7.9	58.4
2009	619.7	394.0	359.6	34.4	63.6	8.7	58.0
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2008	135.8	76.8	65.9	10.9	56.6	14.2	48.5
2009	135.5	73.1	60.7	12.4	53.9	17.0	44.8
<i>Moncton-Richibucto [1320]</i>							
2008	164.2	107.8	100.5	7.3	65.7	6.8	61.2
2009	166.7	112.6	105.4	7.2	67.5	6.4	63.2
<i>Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]</i>							
2008	142.4	95.1	90.1	5.0	66.8	5.3	63.3
2009	143.4	94.4	88.5	5.9	65.8	6.3	61.7

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 January 2008 and January 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2008	104.7	68.8	65.2	3.5	65.7	5.1	62.3
2009	105.9	70.4	65.9	4.5	66.5	6.4	62.2
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2008	68.2	41.5	37.4	4.0	60.9	9.6	54.8
2009	68.2	43.5	39.1	4.4	63.8	10.1	57.3
Quebec							
2008	6,340.4	4,140.4	3,839.8	300.6	65.3	7.3	60.6
2009	6,400.3	4,153.5	3,828.5	324.9	64.9	7.8	59.8
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2008	80.9	38.9	31.6	7.3	48.1	18.8	39.1
2009	80.8	39.8	31.7	8.2	49.3	20.6	39.2
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2008	167.5	95.4	86.9	8.5	57.0	8.9	51.9
2009	167.6	104.4	94.3	10.1	62.3	9.7	56.3
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2008	565.6	371.6	352.5	19.1	65.7	5.1	62.3
2009	570.2	368.6	352.2	16.4	64.6	4.4	61.8
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2008	328.5	218.0	203.8	14.2	66.4	6.5	62.0
2009	330.8	216.7	203.9	12.8	65.5	5.9	61.6
Estrie [2430]							
2008	249.8	158.2	148.1	10.1	63.3	6.4	59.3
2009	252.2	160.4	146.7	13.7	63.6	8.5	58.2
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2008	185.8	125.7	116.8	8.9	67.7	7.1	62.9
2009	187.2	123.7	113.0	10.7	66.1	8.6	60.4
Montérégie [2435]							
2008	1,132.4	741.9	694.2	47.7	65.5	6.4	61.3
2009	1,151.0	775.8	724.2	51.6	67.4	6.7	62.9
Montréal [2440]							
2008	1,592.4	1,034.3	942.1	92.2	65.0	8.9	59.2
2009	1,593.2	1,034.8	939.6	95.1	65.0	9.2	59.0
Laval [2445]							
2008	311.3	218.3	203.9	14.3	70.1	6.6	65.5
2009	316.2	217.6	200.3	17.3	68.8	8.0	63.3
Lanaudière [2450]							
2008	357.7	245.2	225.6	19.5	68.5	8.0	63.1
2009	368.1	242.8	224.5	18.3	66.0	7.5	61.0
Laurentides [2455]							
2008	430.0	301.3	284.6	16.6	70.1	5.5	66.2
2009	439.8	284.6	262.0	22.6	64.7	7.9	59.6
Outaouais [2460]							
2008	292.4	203.8	194.6	9.2	69.7	4.5	66.6
2009	296.8	205.7	193.7	12.1	69.3	5.9	65.3
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2008	115.6	72.1	66.8	5.4	62.4	7.5	57.8
2009	116.1	75.8	68.6	7.1	65.3	9.4	59.1
Mauricie [2470]							
2008	217.7	125.7	115.7	10.0	57.7	8.0	53.1
2009	218.5	120.5	111.4	9.1	55.1	7.6	51.0

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2008 and January 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2008	223.4	136.2	124.7	11.5	61.0	8.4	55.8
2009	223.1	132.1	118.8	13.3	59.2	10.1	53.2
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2008	89.2	54.0	47.9	6.1	60.5	11.3	53.7
2009	88.9	50.3	43.7	6.7	56.6	13.3	49.2
Ontario							
2008	10,427.4	7,027.7	6,605.6	422.1	67.4	6.0	63.3
2009	10,581.3	7,102.4	6,591.6	510.8	67.1	7.2	62.3
Ottawa [3510]							
2008	988.3	698.2	667.5	30.7	70.6	4.4	67.5
2009	998.9	702.4	669.2	33.2	70.3	4.7	67.0
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2008	359.6	227.0	212.6	14.4	63.1	6.3	59.1
2009	360.8	230.1	215.8	14.3	63.8	6.2	59.8
Muskoka-Kawarthas [3520]							
2008	310.3	188.4	173.9	14.5	60.7	7.7	56.0
2009	312.1	182.7	172.8	9.9	58.5	5.4	55.4
Toronto [3530]							
2008	4,740.1	3,236.6	3,034.4	202.3	68.3	6.3	64.0
2009	4,849.2	3,296.8	3,049.1	247.7	68.0	7.5	62.9
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2008	976.0	693.9	659.5	34.4	71.1	5.0	67.6
2009	991.0	707.4	658.8	48.6	71.4	6.9	66.5
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2008	1,137.4	747.4	701.9	45.5	65.7	6.1	61.7
2009	1,147.0	751.0	690.3	60.7	65.5	8.1	60.2
London [3560]							
2008	512.8	353.4	330.1	23.2	68.9	6.6	64.4
2009	518.3	349.9	321.1	28.8	67.5	8.2	62.0
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2008	525.6	342.7	316.7	25.9	65.2	7.6	60.3
2009	526.9	338.0	304.9	33.1	64.1	9.8	57.9
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2008	247.7	160.2	154.1	6.1	64.7	3.8	62.2
2009	248.5	162.3	152.7	9.6	65.3	5.9	61.4
Northeast [3590]							
2008	454.0	269.7	251.8	17.9	59.4	6.6	55.5
2009	454.8	271.6	255.0	16.6	59.7	6.1	56.1
Northwest [3595]							
2008	175.6	110.3	103.2	7.1	62.8	6.4	58.8
2009	173.7	110.4	101.9	8.5	63.6	7.7	58.7
Manitoba							
2008	903.3	622.3	597.2	25.2	68.9	4.0	66.1
2009	914.7	631.2	603.5	27.7	69.0	4.4	66.0
Southeast [4610]							
2008	77.4	52.6	49.9	2.6	68.0	4.9	64.5
2009	79.6	52.9	50.3	2.7	66.5	5.1	63.2
South Central [4620]							
2008	43.4	29.3	28.6	0.7	67.5	2.4	65.9
2009	44.4	29.7	28.2	1.5	66.9	5.1	63.5

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2008 and January 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Southwest [4630]							
2008	82.5	53.0	51.3	1.7	64.2	3.2	62.2
2009	82.7	59.4	57.7	1.6	71.8	2.7	69.8
North Central [4640]							
2008	35.7	23.7	22.7	0.9	66.4	3.8	63.6
2009	36.0	24.0	23.2	0.8	66.7	3.3	64.4
Winnipeg [4650]							
2008	535.2	377.8	361.4	16.4	70.6	4.3	67.5
2009	542.0	381.5	364.4	17.1	70.4	4.5	67.2
Interlake [4660]							
2008	70.2	46.9	45.4	1.6	66.8	3.4	64.7
2009	71.2	46.3	44.3	2.0	65.0	4.3	62.2
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2008	59.0	39.0	37.8	1.2	66.1	3.1	64.1
2009	58.7	37.5	35.5	2.0	63.9	5.3	60.5
Saskatchewan							
2008	758.2	521.1	500.3	20.8	68.7	4.0	66.0
2009	773.9	537.5	516.4	21.1	69.5	3.9	66.7
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2008	223.4	156.9	151.0	5.8	70.2	3.7	67.6
2009	228.7	161.4	156.1	5.3	70.6	3.3	68.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2008	83.1	55.4	53.1	2.2	66.7	4.0	63.9
2009	84.0	54.9	53.3	1.7	65.4	3.1	63.5
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2008	236.1	169.1	163.8	5.3	71.6	3.1	69.4
2009	242.9	175.6	169.1	6.5	72.3	3.7	69.6
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2008	64.3	43.1	41.4	1.6	67.0	3.7	64.4
2009	64.7	41.1	39.5	1.6	63.5	3.9	61.1
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2008	151.3	96.7	91.0	5.7	63.9	5.9	60.1
2009	153.6	104.5	98.4	6.1	68.0	5.8	64.1
Alberta							
2008	2,769.7	2,042.4	1,971.9	70.6	73.7	3.5	71.2
2009	2,823.9	2,097.7	2,010.1	87.5	74.3	4.2	71.2
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2008	208.0	141.3	134.8	6.5	67.9	4.6	64.8
2009	210.2	138.5	133.0	5.5	65.9	4.0	63.3
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2008	155.4	113.3	110.4	2.9	72.9	2.6	71.0
2009	155.5	114.0	110.5	3.5	73.3	3.1	71.1
Calgary [4830]							
2008	1,008.6	756.6	733.5	23.2	75.0	3.1	72.7
2009	1,033.1	795.2	762.3	33.0	77.0	4.1	73.8
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2008	68.1	52.6	51.3	x	77.2	x	75.3
2009	68.9	54.7	52.5	2.2	79.4	4.0	76.2
Red Deer [4850]							
2008	144.3	108.7	104.9	3.8	75.3	3.5	72.7
2009	148.1	112.5	106.3	6.3	76.0	5.6	71.8

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Table 6-1 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province and economic region 1, unadjusted for seasonality, 3 month moving average ending in January 2008 and January 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Edmonton [4860]							
2008	908.5	660.8	637.2	23.6	72.7	3.6	70.1
2009	926.4	669.7	641.6	28.1	72.3	4.2	69.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2008	184.7	136.2	129.6	6.7	73.7	4.9	70.2
2009	188.1	140.1	134.1	6.0	74.5	4.3	71.3
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2008	92.0	72.8	70.3	2.5	79.1	3.4	76.4
2009	93.6	72.8	69.9	2.9	77.8	4.0	74.7
British Columbia							
2008	3,603.3	2,383.1	2,286.5	96.6	66.1	4.1	63.5
2009	3,672.4	2,410.6	2,278.4	132.3	65.6	5.5	62.0
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2008	627.9	393.4	375.8	17.6	62.7	4.5	59.9
2009	636.3	411.8	390.9	20.8	64.7	5.1	61.4
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2008	2,183.3	1,470.9	1,417.7	53.2	67.4	3.6	64.9
2009	2,233.4	1,470.4	1,395.0	75.4	65.8	5.1	62.5
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2008	426.7	266.7	253.9	12.9	62.5	4.8	59.5
2009	434.4	276.3	256.9	19.4	63.6	7.0	59.1
Kootenay [5940]							
2008	122.4	76.8	73.1	3.7	62.7	4.8	59.7
2009	123.1	77.6	72.4	5.2	63.0	6.7	58.8
Cariboo [5950]							
2008	125.5	92.8	88.0	4.8	73.9	5.2	70.1
2009	126.9	87.0	81.7	5.3	68.6	6.1	64.4
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2008	65.8	45.2	41.5	3.7	68.7	8.2	63.1
2009	65.5	46.2	41.9	4.3	70.5	9.3	64.0
Northeast [5980]							
2008	51.6	37.4	36.5	x	72.5	x	70.7
2009	52.8	41.5	39.6	1.9	78.6	4.6	75.0

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

2. Estimates for Canada are a sum of the provincial totals and exclude estimates from Yukon, 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
January 2008 and January 2009

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yukon ¹							
2008	23.5	17.5	16.5	1.0	74.5	5.7	70.2
2009	24.0	17.5	16.3	1.2	72.9	6.9	67.9
Northwest Territories ²							
2008	30.9	23.0	21.7	1.4	74.4	6.1	70.2
2009	31.5	22.5	21.5	1.0	71.4	4.4	68.3
Nunavut - 10 largest communities ³							
2008	14.2	10.1	9.1	1.0	71.3	9.9	64.3
2009	14.1	9.0	8.2	0.7	63.3	8.3	58.0

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
January 2009										
15 years and over	13,951.6	35.0	804.02	22.11	11,264.8	39.3	930.84	2,686.8	16.9	272.29
15 to 24 years	2,250.1	26.1	358.82	12.63	1,072.8	38.6	582.07	1,177.3	14.7	155.38
25 years and over	11,701.5	36.7	889.62	23.93	10,192.0	39.3	967.55	1,509.5	18.7	363.48
Men	6,892.1	37.5	929.97	24.08	6,063.1	40.5	1,024.49	829.0	15.8	238.73
Women	7,059.5	32.5	681.05	20.18	5,201.7	37.9	821.68	1,857.7	17.4	287.27
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,437.0	35.5	901.98	25.07	3,781.9	38.4	987.74	655.2	18.7	406.91
No union coverage	9,514.5	34.7	758.33	20.72	7,482.9	39.7	902.08	2,031.6	16.3	228.88
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,484.8	35.9	836.40	22.59	10,496.4	39.3	940.13	1,988.4	17.8	288.80
Temporary	1,466.8	27.4	528.41	17.97	768.4	39.2	803.91	698.4	14.4	225.30
Occupation										
Management	1,041.5	39.7	1,365.58	34.34	1,005.0	40.5	1,397.81	36.5	18.6	478.24
Business, finance and administrative	2,743.9	35.1	753.78	20.93	2,322.8	38.3	836.31	421.2	17.9	298.63
Natural and applied sciences	1,022.8	38.4	1,180.76	30.76	990.3	39.1	1,203.89	32.5	17.7	476.99
Health	918.2	33.1	848.01	25.55	683.8	37.7	966.75	234.3	19.9	501.51
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,386.7	33.7	952.32	28.05	1,110.3	38.0	1,080.57	276.4	16.6	437.12
Art, culture, recreation and sport	324.1	30.6	702.23	21.44	227.8	38.6	914.52	96.3	11.5	199.99
Sales and service	3,604.9	30.0	476.05	14.66	2,215.6	38.6	656.00	1,389.3	16.5	189.07
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,980.8	39.7	880.61	21.92	1,841.4	41.4	926.24	139.5	17.6	278.19
Occupations unique to primary industry	202.6	41.5	915.96	21.34	177.3	45.7	1,019.12	25.3	12.6	193.81
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	726.1	38.9	752.33	19.10	690.6	40.1	778.12	35.4	17.0	249.52
January 2008										
15 years and over	14,122.0	35.1	770.02	21.09	11,473.1	39.3	888.13	2,648.9	17.0	258.49
15 to 24 years	2,339.6	26.7	348.76	12.08	1,153.2	38.8	551.89	1,186.4	14.8	151.34
25 years and over	11,782.4	36.8	853.67	22.88	10,319.9	39.4	925.70	1,462.5	18.8	345.41
Men	7,057.1	37.7	889.35	22.97	6,242.1	40.5	975.72	815.0	16.3	227.94
Women	7,064.9	32.6	650.82	19.22	5,231.0	38.0	783.61	1,833.9	17.4	272.06
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,496.6	35.6	869.19	24.10	3,825.9	38.6	954.96	670.8	18.6	379.98
No union coverage	9,625.4	34.9	723.69	19.69	7,647.2	39.7	854.69	1,978.1	16.5	217.29
Job permanency										
Permanent	12,616.4	36.1	802.07	21.58	10,679.0	39.3	897.72	1,937.4	18.0	274.86
Temporary	1,505.6	27.5	501.47	17.03	794.1	39.2	759.14	711.5	14.4	213.91
Occupation										
Management	1,000.7	39.8	1,301.52	32.84	966.4	40.5	1,330.59	34.3	20.0	482.55
Business, finance and administrative	2,823.8	35.0	719.99	20.11	2,383.2	38.2	800.04	440.6	17.7	286.97
Natural and applied sciences	1,058.9	38.4	1,142.61	29.63	1,020.8	39.2	1,169.83	38.1	16.6	413.82
Health	856.5	33.7	815.51	24.13	655.8	37.8	918.51	200.8	20.1	479.09
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,342.2	33.9	934.95	27.43	1,070.3	38.2	1,063.45	271.9	16.9	429.10
Art, culture, recreation and sport	323.2	29.9	717.73	21.88	216.7	38.5	972.34	106.5	12.4	199.69
Sales and service	3,627.9	30.2	453.10	13.92	2,249.6	38.5	620.36	1,378.4	16.7	180.11
Trades, transport and equipment operators	2,003.8	40.1	844.29	20.87	1,887.8	41.5	880.51	116.0	17.0	254.96
Occupations unique to primary industry	227.5	42.1	857.23	19.76	201.2	45.7	945.75	26.3	14.6	180.63
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	857.4	39.2	714.66	18.07	821.3	40.2	734.78	36.0	17.5	256.18

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 February 8, 2009 to March 14, 2009
	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	7.2
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	19.2
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	11.8
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.2
06. Halifax	5.6
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	5.6
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.1
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.7
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.3
11. Québec	3.9
12. Trois-Rivières	7.6
13. South Central Quebec	6.6
14. Sherbrooke	6.7
15. Montérégie	7.1
16. Montréal	7.9
17. Central Quebec	8.0
18. Northwestern Quebec	10.9
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	12.4
20. Gatineau	5.2
21. Saguenay	8.4
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	4.6
23. Eastern Ontario	6.2
24. Kingston	5.4
25. Central Ontario	6.9
26. Oshawa	7.9
27. Toronto	7.8
28. Hamilton	8.0
29. St. Catharines	8.8
30. London	7.8
31. Niagara	8.7
32. Windsor	10.5
33. Kitchener	8.4
34. Huron	9.3
35. South Central Ontario	7.1
36. Sudbury	6.2
37. Thunder Bay	7.2
38. Northern Ontario	10.5
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.5
40. Southern Manitoba	5.2
41. Northern Manitoba	26.7
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	3.1
43. Saskatoon	4.3
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.0
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.2

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from February 8, 2009 to March 14, 2009
	percent
Alberta	
46. Calgary	4.1
47. Edmonton	4.0
48. Northern Alberta	7.9
49. Southern Alberta	5.6
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.0
51. Abbotsford	5.7
52. Vancouver	5.1
53. Victoria	4.7
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.9
55. Northern British Columbia	9.3
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*