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### Job vacancies, three-month average ending in May 2012

There was an average of 258,000 job vacancies in the three-month period ending in May, an increase of 22,000 from the same period in 2011. For every job vacancy, there were 5.5 unemployed people, down from 6.3 in May 2011.

The decline in this ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was a result of both the increase in job vacancies and a decline in the number of unemployed people.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.8% in the three-month period ending in May, up slightly from 1.7% a year earlier.

Job vacancy data tables are not currently available on CANSIM, but can be obtained by contacting Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre.

#### **Note to readers**

*All data are based on three-month moving averages. For example, data for May are based on an average of the data from March, April and May.*

*Data on job vacancies are not seasonally adjusted and should only be compared on a year-over-year basis. Given this is a new data series, trends are not yet available; therefore, data should be interpreted with caution.*

*To better harmonize with international practices, the unemployment data in the unemployment-to-job vacancies ratio for "all unemployed" have been revised to include people who last worked in federal, provincial and territorial public administration. The revised ratios for January 2011 to present are either the same as or slightly higher than those published in previous releases.*

*In addition, for data by sector, the unemployment figures for forestry, logging and support activities as well as "other services" have been revised, whereby both these sectors have slightly lower unemployment-to-job vacancies ratios than previously released. Unemployment figures for all other sectors remain unchanged. This revised data series is available free of charge upon request.*

*With each release, data for the current reference month are subject to revision. Data have been revised for the previous month. Users are encouraged to request and use the most up-to-date data for each month.*

#### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2612.**

The next job vacancies release will be on September 18.

For more information or to obtain data, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)).

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