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- r revised
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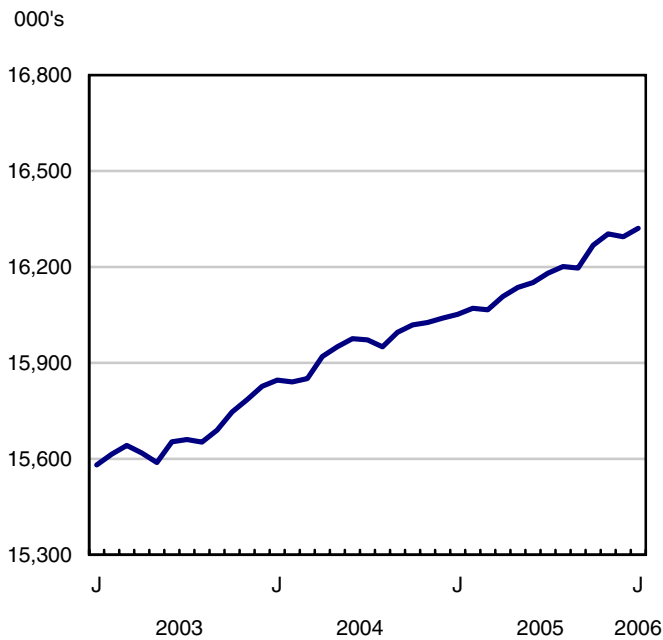
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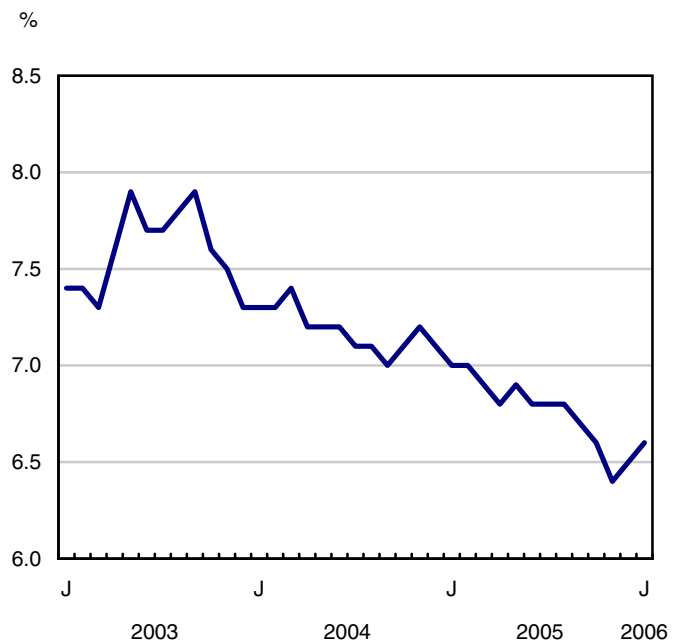
Chart 1

Employment and unemployment rates, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Employment



Unemployment rate



Analysis — January 2006

Employment increased by 26,000 in January following a pause the month before. Although employment increased, the unemployment rate edged up 0.1 percentage points to 6.6% as more people entered the labour force in search of work.

Compared to 12 months ago, employment is up 1.7% (+269,000), slightly less than the rate of employment growth in the United States over the same period (+2.0%).

In January, the average hourly wage rate was up 3.4% from 12 months ago, well ahead of the most recent year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index of 2.2%. Alberta continued to lead the nation with an increase of 7.4% in the average hourly wage rate compared to 12 months ago.

More adult women working full-time

In January, employment among adult women aged 25 and over increased by 35,000 with strong gains in full-time (+45,000). Their unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 5.4%. Over the past 12 months, employment gains for this group have totaled 112,000 (+1.8%), entirely the result of full-time job growth.

Although little changed in January, there were 106,000 (+1.5%) more adult men working compared to 12 months ago. Just under three-quarters of this increase was in full-time work.

In January, there were 22,000 added part-time jobs among youths, however this was offset by a similar decline in full-time, leaving the year-over-year increase in youth employment at 2.1% or 51,000. More youths entered the labour market in January in search of work, pushing their unemployment rate up 0.5 percentage points to 12.4%.

More jobs in natural resources while manufacturing continues to lose ground

Employment in natural resources rose strongly, up 12,000 in January, with the largest increases occurring in Alberta and British Columbia. Employment in this industry has shown a strong upward trend with gains totaling 19.2% since the end of 2002, fuelled by strength in Alberta's oil and gas sector.

Public administration rose by 15,000 in January, with gains at the federal and municipal level. Temporary hiring for the recent federal election contributed to added employment in the industry.

The downward trend in the number of factory jobs continued in January with a decline of 42,000, mostly in Ontario. Since the end of 2002, employment in manufacturing has fallen by 8.2%. In January, the decline was concentrated in furniture and related products as well as in motor vehicle and parts. According to the most recent Business Conditions Survey for manufacturing industries, manufacturers were slightly more cautious in their outlook for the first quarter of 2006. Fewer new orders, a strong Canadian dollar and continued competition from foreign imports were some of the challenges facing manufacturers in recent months.

In January, employment in the private sector edged down 16,000. There was a gain of 42,000 in the public sector, with the largest increases in public administration and educational services. Compared to January 2005, public sector employment has increased by 4.6%, led by strong gains in educational services. Over the same period, the number of self-employed has grown by 2.4% while the number of private-sector employees edged up 0.7%.

Alberta labour market remains robust

Employment in Alberta increased by 10,000 in January with gains in trade, construction, public administration as well as in natural resources. This latter sector continues to provide much of the spark in employment for the province as it has increased by 35.3% since the end of 2002. Over the past year, there have also been gains in professional, scientific and technical services (up 22.3%), likely the result of strength related to the oil patch. In January, the unemployment rate in the province fell by 0.7 percentage points to 3.5%, the lowest in almost 25 years.

In Ontario, employment edged up 16,000 in January as an increase in part-time jobs was somewhat offset by declines in full-time, bringing total gains from 12 months ago to 122,000 (+1.9%). The unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points in January to 6.5% as more people entered the labour force in search of work. Manufacturing continued to shed jobs in January (-33,000), bringing total losses since the end of 2002 to 93,000. In January, losses were spread across a number of manufacturing sectors.

Although little changed in January, employment in Quebec has increased by 78,000 (+2.1%) since May 2005 when the upward trend began. However, manufacturing employment has been weak with losses over the last three years totaling 71,000.

In January, employment in New Brunswick continued to increase (+3,000), the third consecutive monthly gain. The unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 8.9%. Recent employment increases more than offset losses earlier in the year, leaving gains since January 2005 at 2.5%, with strength coming from a number of industries.

Employment in Manitoba was up by 3,000 in January, bringing job growth in the province to 1.1% from 12 months ago. The unemployment rate edged up 0.1 percentage points to 4.3% due to an increase in the number of people entering the labour force.

In Saskatchewan, employment increased by 3,000 in January, causing the unemployment rate to edge down 0.1 percentage points to 5.2%. Despite more jobs in January, losses earlier in 2005 leave employment in the province slightly below the level from a year ago.

There was little change in employment in the other provinces in January.

Note to readers: Upcoming LFS revisions

Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates for the January 1987 to December 2005 period have undergone revisions. There are three reasons for the revision: 1) The revision enables the use of improved population benchmarks in the LFS estimation process. These improved benchmarks provide better information on the number of non-permanent residents. 2) There are changes to the data for the public and private sectors from 1987 to 1999. In the past, the data on the public and private sectors for this period were based on an old definition of the public sector. The revised data better reflects the current public sector definition, and therefore result in a longer time series for analysis. 3) The geographic coding of several small Census Agglomerations (CA) has been updated historically from 1996 urban centre boundaries to 2001 CA boundaries. This affects data from January 1987 to December 2004.

It is important to note that the changes to almost all estimates are very minor, with the exception of the public sector series and some associated industries from 1987 to 1999. Rates of unemployment, employment and participation are essentially unchanged, as are all key labour market trends.

Also note that the LFS seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised back to 1987.

The article *Improvements in 2006 to the LFS* (71F0031XIE) provides further explanation for the revisions and an overview of the effect of these changes on the estimates.

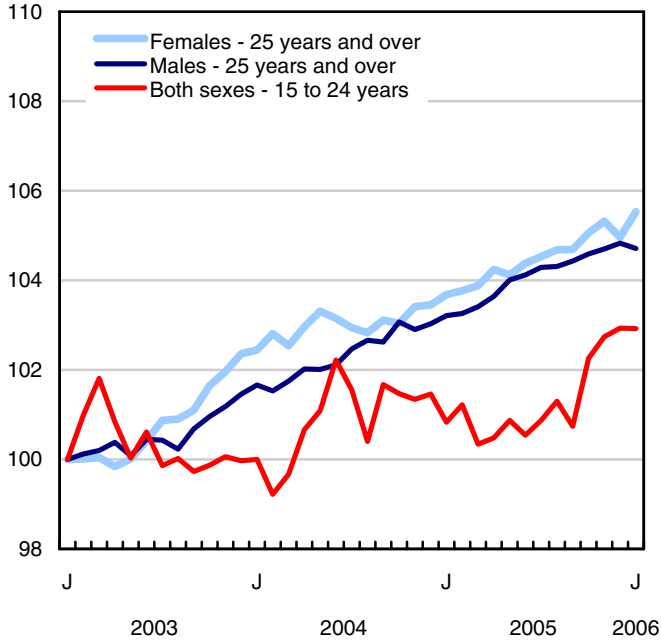
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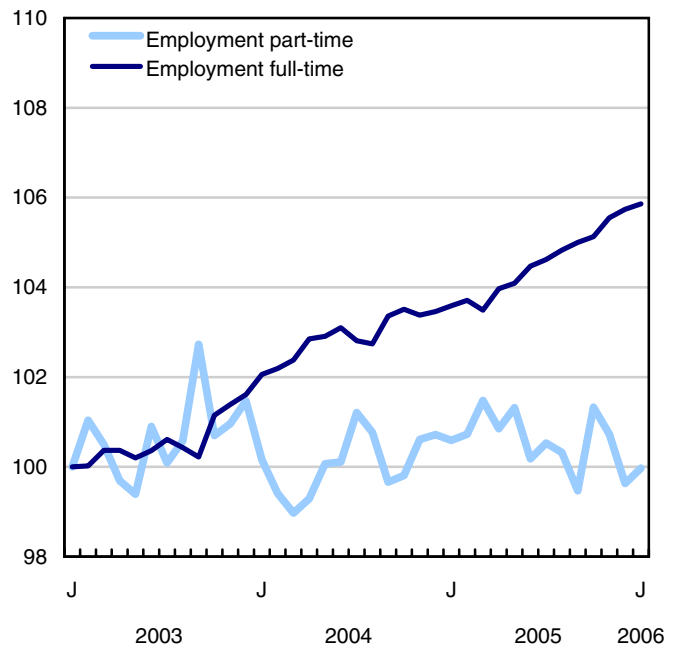
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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

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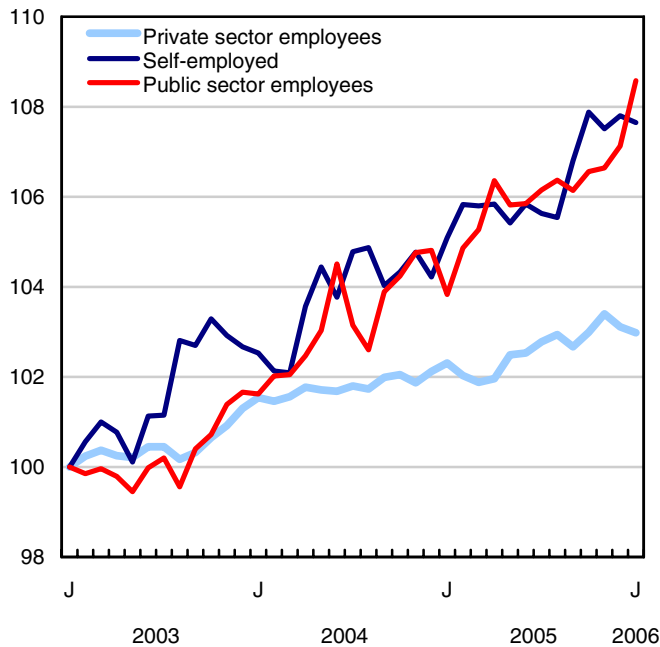
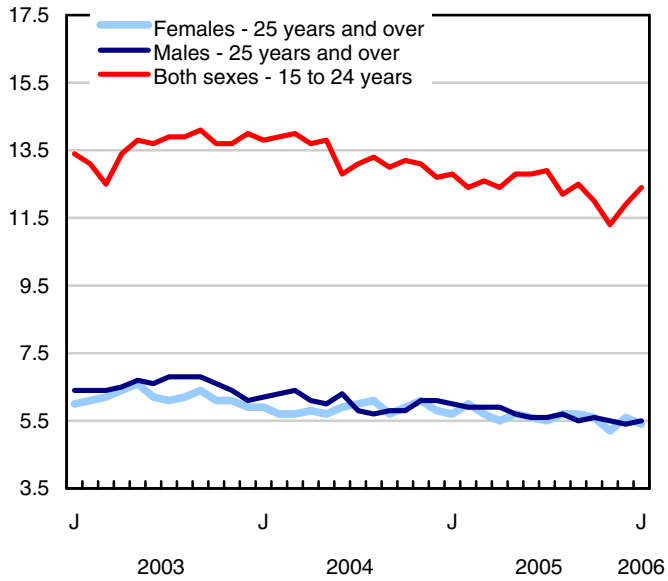


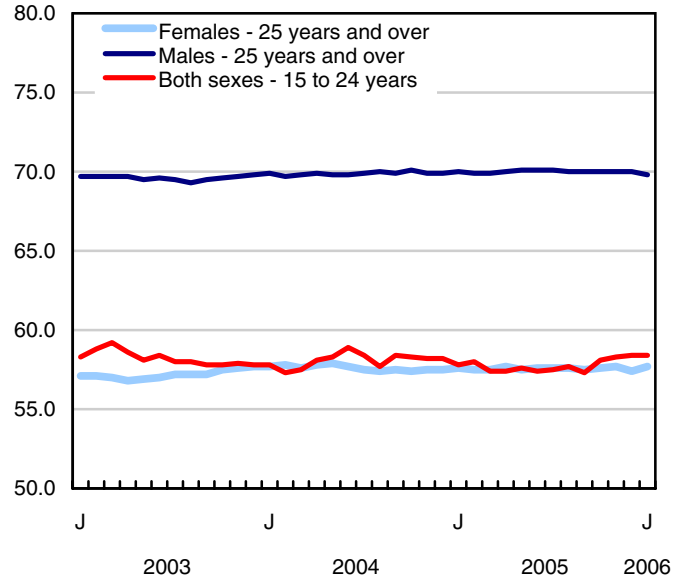
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Employment and unemployment indicators, Canada, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment rate (%)



Employment rate (%)



Participation rate (%)

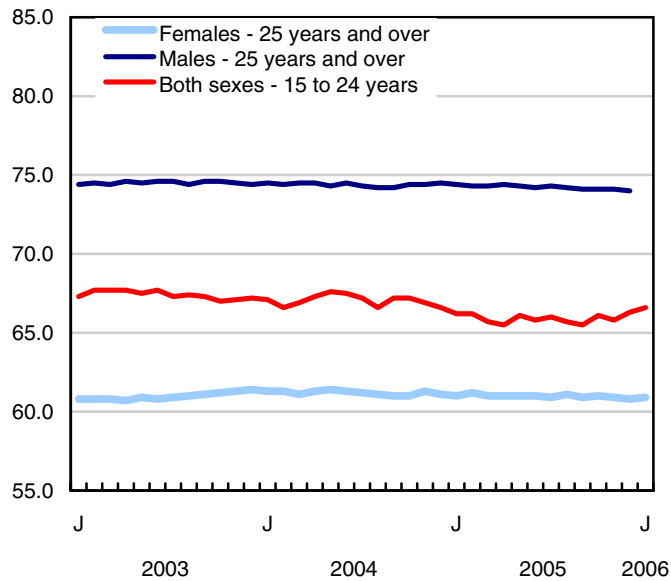


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Index of employment by industry, Canada, seasonally adjusted, January, 2002=100

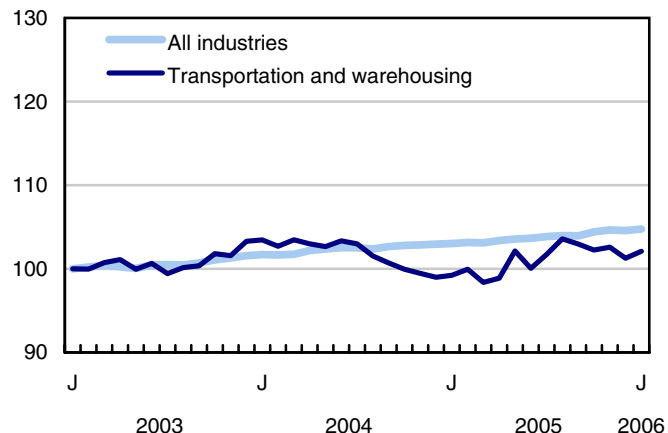
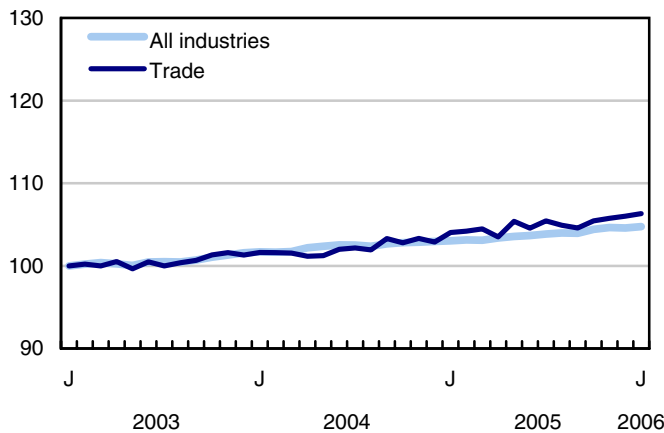
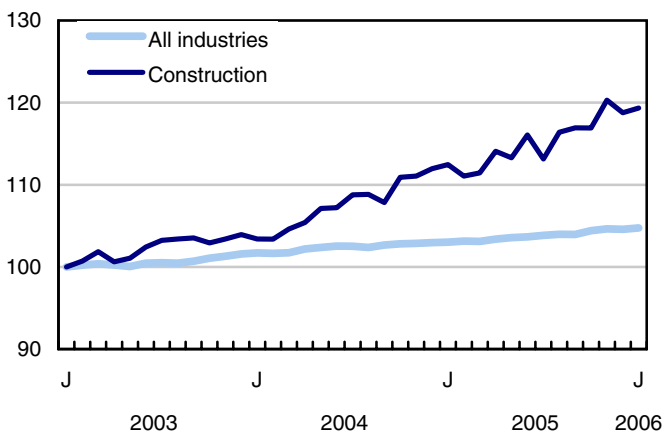
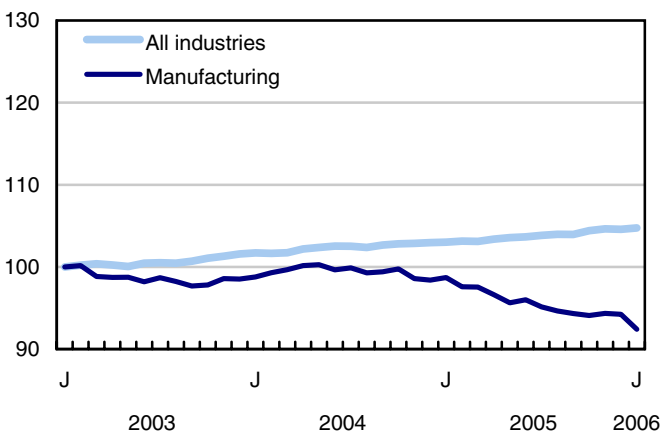
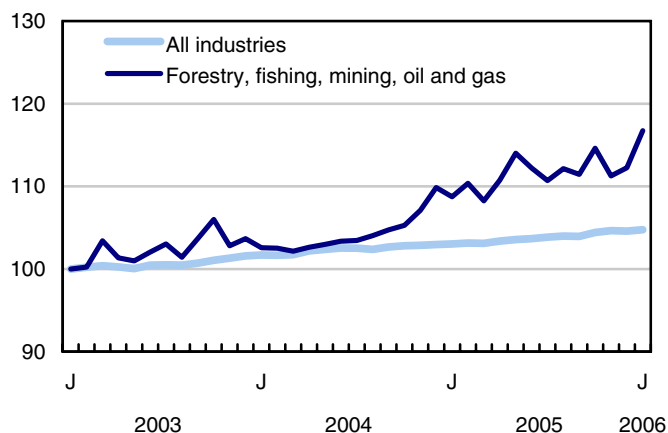
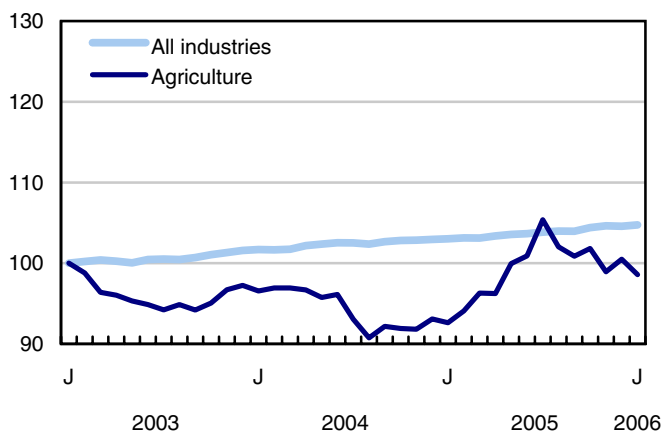


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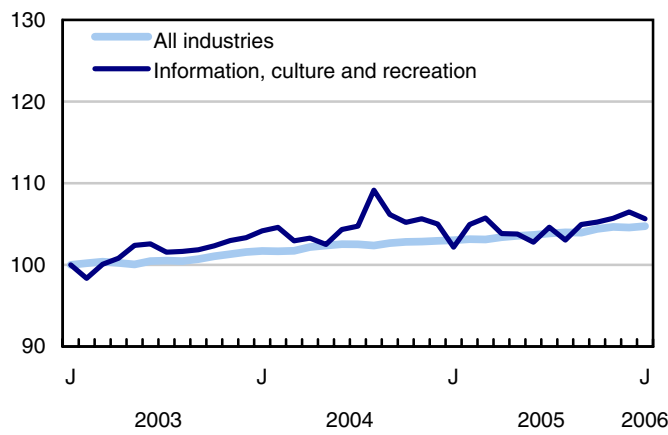
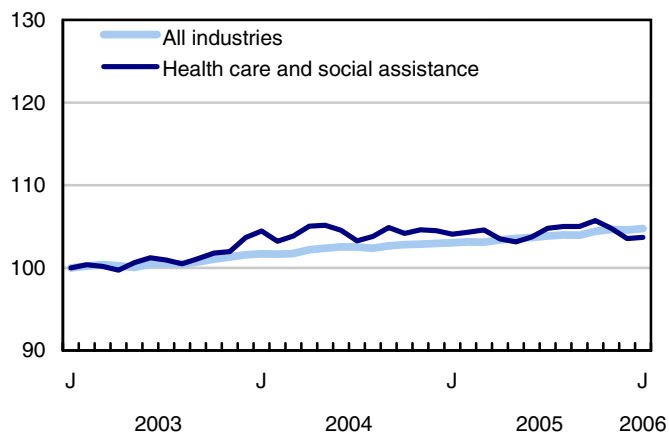
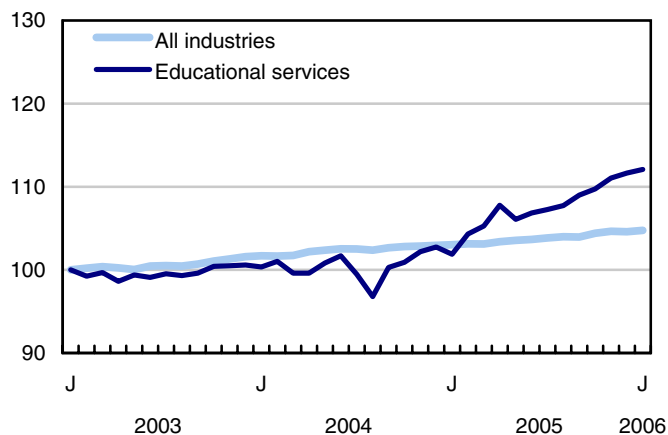
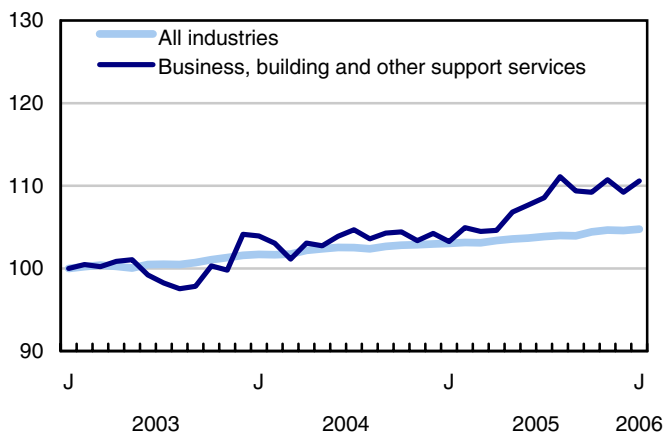
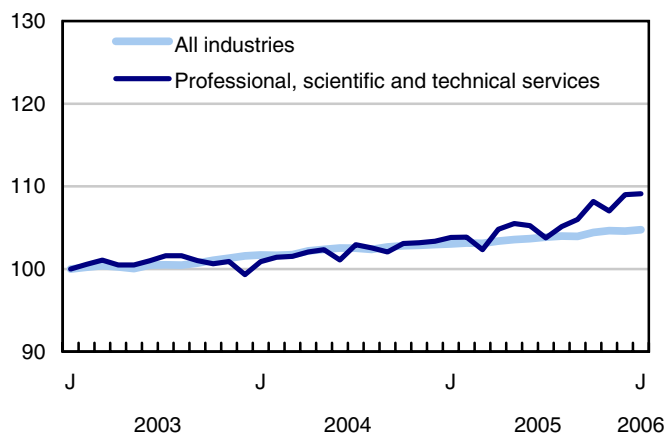
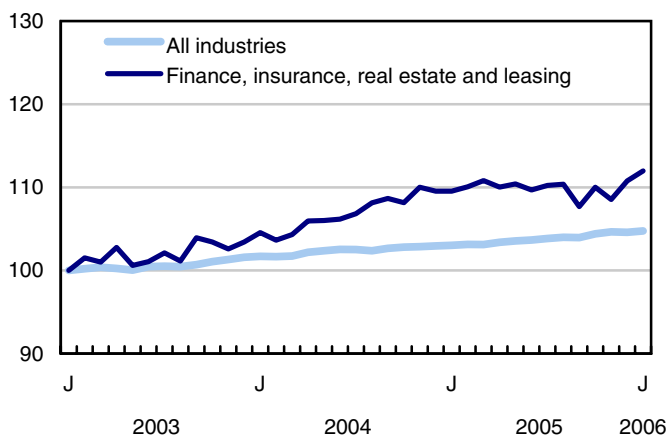


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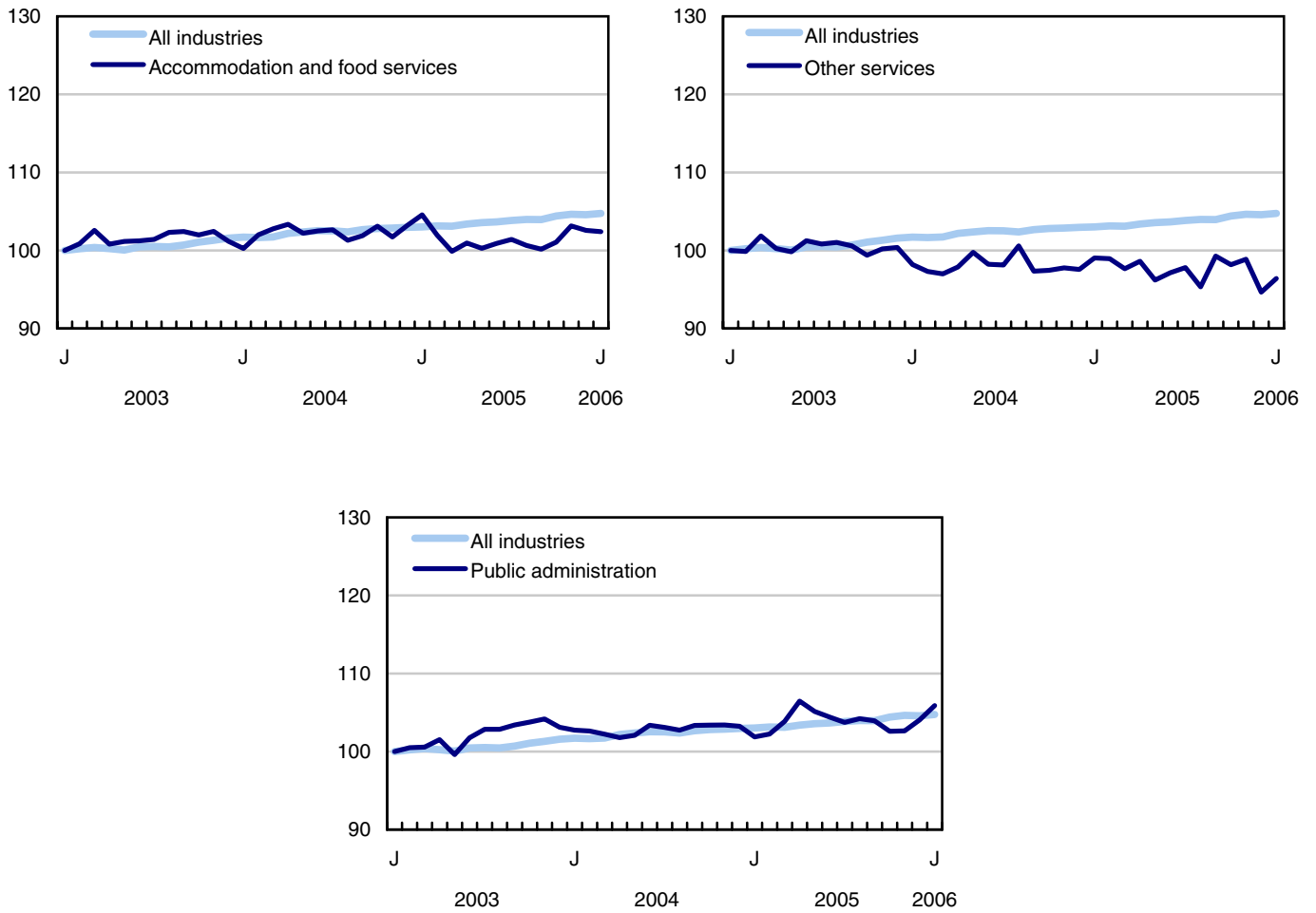


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Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2002 = 100

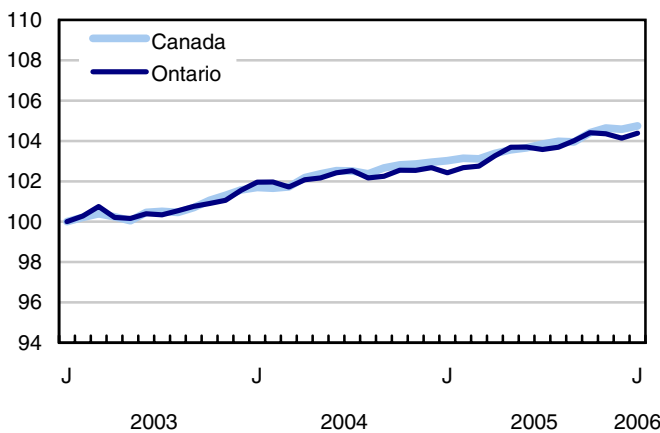
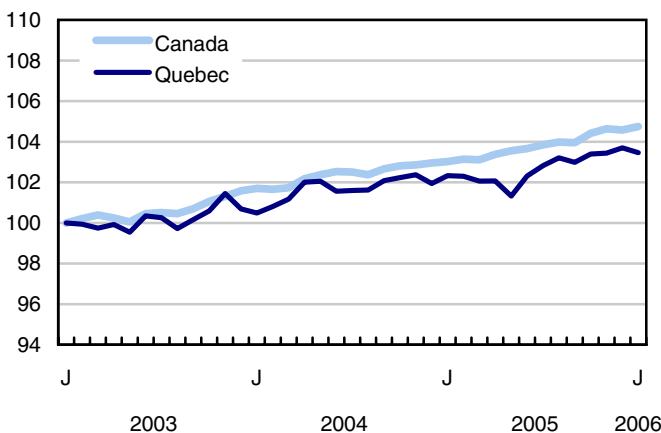
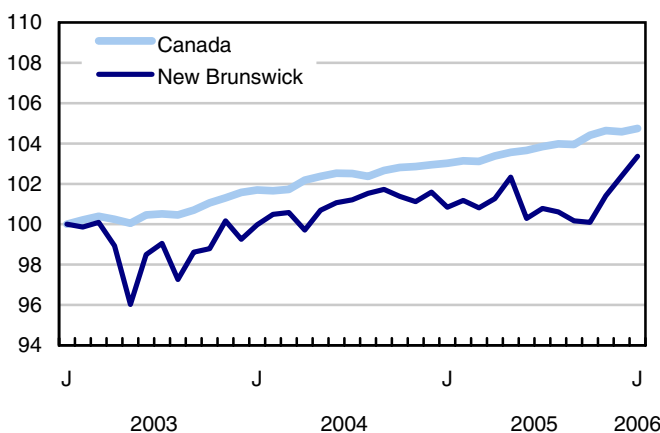
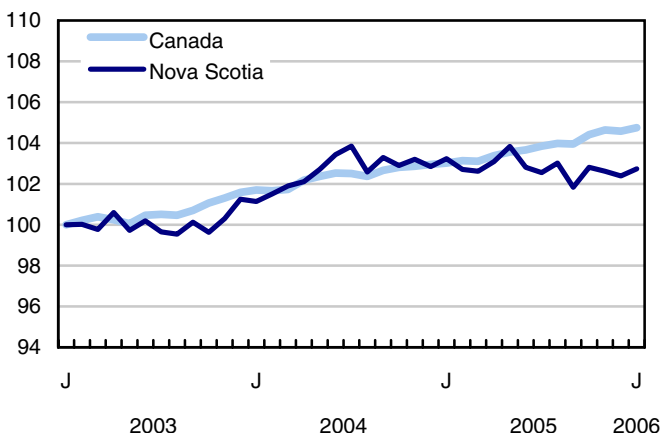
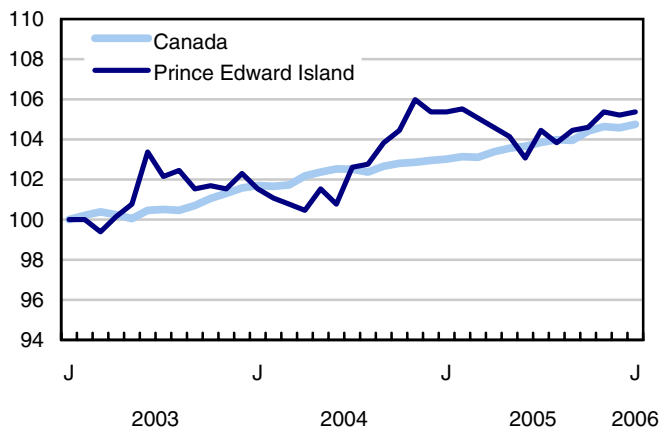
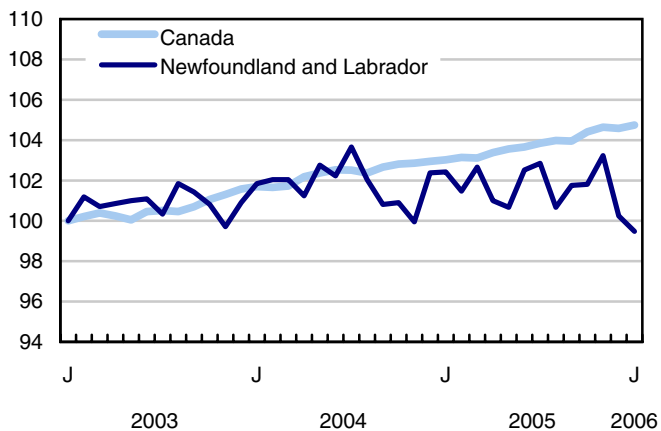
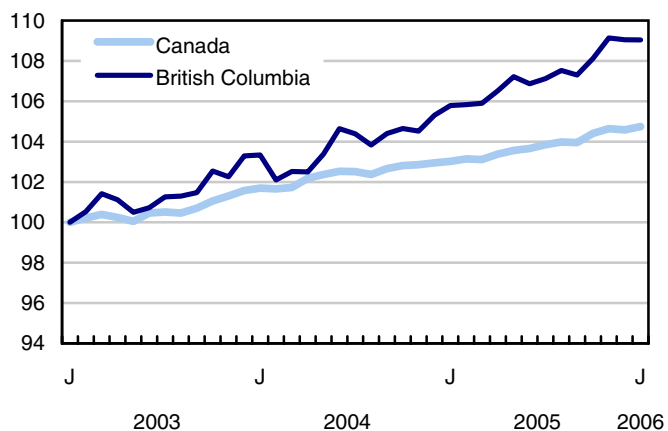
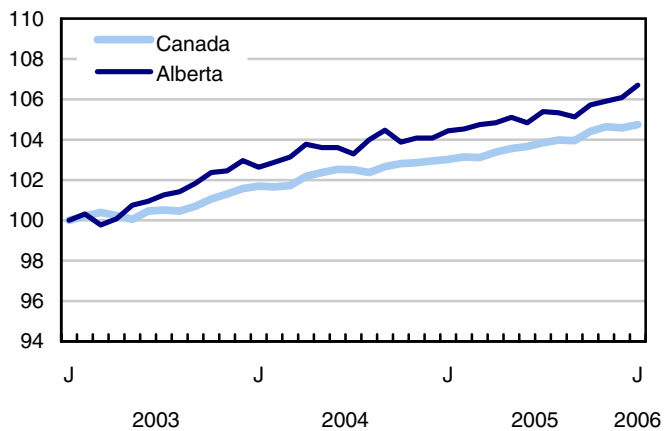
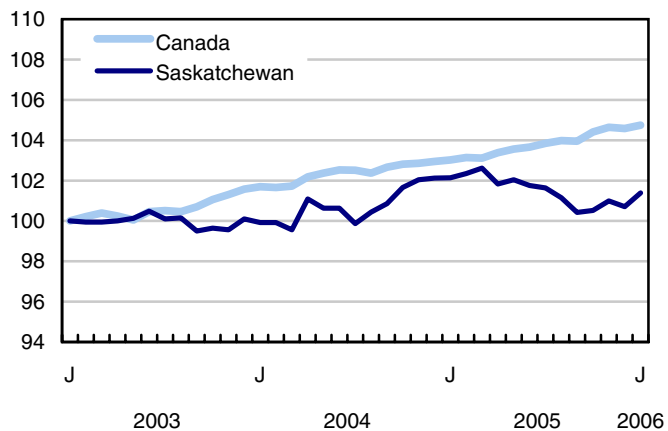
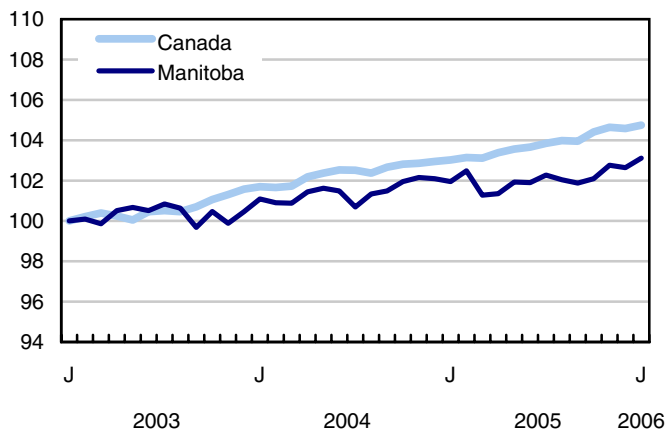


Chart 8

Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2002 = 100



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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	25,986.9	26,020.0	...	33.1	33.1	396.6	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	17,429.9	17,473.5	28.1	43.6	43.6	218.5	0.3	0.3	1.3
Employment	16,294.7	16,321.0	28.9	26.3	26.3	269.3	0.2	0.2	1.7
Employment full-time	13,358.3	13,374.4	35.0	16.1	16.1	287.5	0.1	0.1	2.2
Employment part-time	2,936.4	2,946.6	31.6	10.2	10.2	-18.1	0.3	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment	1,135.2	1,152.5	24.2	17.3	17.3	-50.8	1.5	1.5	-4.2
Participation rate	67.1	67.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,302.0	4,305.2	...	3.2	3.2	46.6	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,850.6	2,867.3	16.9	16.7	16.7	46.0	0.6	0.6	1.6
Employment	2,512.5	2,512.3	16.5	-0.2	-0.2	51.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
Employment full-time	1,406.4	1,384.5	18.0	-21.9	-21.9	21.1	-1.6	-1.6	1.5
Employment part-time	1,106.1	1,127.8	18.4	21.7	21.7	30.0	2.0	2.0	2.7
Unemployment	338.2	354.9	14.3	16.7	16.7	-5.2	4.9	4.9	-1.4
Participation rate	66.3	66.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.9	12.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.0	44.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,587.9	10,602.6	...	14.7	14.7	173.7	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	7,830.7	7,834.4	14.6	3.7	3.7	73.9	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment	7,409.5	7,401.4	16.2	-8.1	-8.1	106.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.5
Employment full-time	6,928.8	6,922.1	19.7	-6.7	-6.7	76.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.1
Employment part-time	480.7	479.3	14.5	-1.4	-1.4	29.4	-0.3	-0.3	6.5
Unemployment	421.2	433.0	13.9	11.8	11.8	-32.1	2.8	2.8	-6.9
Participation rate	74.0	73.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	69.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	11,096.9	11,112.2	...	15.3	15.3	176.3	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	6,748.5	6,771.8	15.9	23.3	23.3	98.6	0.3	0.3	1.5
Employment	6,372.7	6,407.3	16.1	34.6	34.6	112.2	0.5	0.5	1.8
Employment full-time	5,023.1	5,067.7	22.7	44.6	44.6	189.7	0.9	0.9	3.9
Employment part-time	1,349.6	1,339.6	20.7	-10.0	-10.0	-77.5	-0.7	-0.7	-5.5
Unemployment	375.9	364.6	12.6	-11.3	-11.3	-13.5	-3.0	-3.0	-3.6
Participation rate	60.8	60.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.7	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	20.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,180.0	14,184.6	...	4.6	4.6	121.7	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	12,217.3	12,249.0	21.2	31.7	31.7	74.8	0.3	0.3	0.6
Employment	11,538.5	11,564.2	22.8	25.7	25.7	111.7	0.2	0.2	1.0
Unemployment	678.8	684.7	18.1	5.9	5.9	-37.0	0.9	0.9	-5.1
Participation rate	86.2	86.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.4	81.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 2

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	13,746.7	13,776.5	30.7	29.8	29.8	208.8	0.2	0.2	1.5
Self-employed ²	2,548.0	2,544.5	18.7	-3.5	-3.5	60.5	-0.1	-0.1	2.4
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,158.7	3,201.5	18.0	42.8	42.8	139.9	1.4	1.4	4.6
Private sector employees	10,587.9	10,575.0	31.1	-12.9	-12.9	68.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Industry	16,294.7	16,321.0	28.9	26.3	26.3	269.3	0.2	0.2	1.7
Goods-producing sector	4,005.9	3,971.5	22.7	-34.4	-34.4	-43.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1
Agriculture	347.7	341.1	6.3	-6.6	-6.6	20.6	-1.9	-1.9	6.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	308.7	321.0	5.5	12.3	12.3	22.0	4.0	4.0	7.4
Utilities	124.6	121.2	3.8	-3.4	-3.4	-1.7	-2.7	-2.7	-1.4
Construction	1,052.1	1,057.1	13.2	5.0	5.0	60.9	0.5	0.5	6.1
Manufacturing	2,172.8	2,131.2	18.1	-41.6	-41.6	-145.0	-1.9	-1.9	-6.4
Services-producing sector	12,288.8	12,349.5	30.4	60.7	60.7	312.7	0.5	0.5	2.6
Trade	2,602.9	2,610.6	18.9	7.7	7.7	56.0	0.3	0.3	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	795.0	801.4	11.0	6.4	6.4	22.5	0.8	0.8	2.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	996.2	1,007.0	12.1	10.8	10.8	22.0	1.1	1.1	2.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,086.1	1,087.2	12.7	1.1	1.1	52.7	0.1	0.1	5.1
Business, building and other support services	664.9	673.2	11.7	8.3	8.3	44.6	1.2	1.2	7.1
Educational services	1,150.3	1,154.8	12.0	4.5	4.5	105.1	0.4	0.4	10.0
Health care and social assistance	1,721.1	1,723.4	13.8	2.3	2.3	-6.6	0.1	0.1	-0.4
Information, culture and recreation	749.6	743.7	12.0	-5.9	-5.9	24.4	-0.8	-0.8	3.4
Accommodation and food services	1,015.6	1,014.0	13.2	-1.6	-1.6	-21.4	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1
Other services	671.9	684.3	11.1	12.4	12.4	-18.7	1.8	1.8	-2.7
Public administration	835.2	850.0	9.5	14.8	14.8	32.1	1.8	1.8	3.9

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: Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

Table 3

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2005	January 2006	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	429.2	429.0	...	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	249.4	250.8	2.4	1.4	1.4	-1.5	0.6	0.6	-0.6
Employment	210.9	209.3	2.5	-1.6	-1.6	-6.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.9
Employment full-time	176.1	175.9	2.7	-0.2	-0.2	-6.8	-0.1	-0.1	-3.7
Employment part-time	34.8	33.4	2.0	-1.4	-1.4	0.6	-4.0	-4.0	1.8
Unemployment	38.5	41.5	2.3	3.0	3.0	4.7	7.8	7.8	12.8
Participation rate	58.1	58.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	16.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.1	48.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	112.0	111.9	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	77.2	77.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.3
Employment	68.6	68.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Employment full-time	58.2	57.9	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	1.4
Employment part-time	10.4	10.8	0.7	0.4	0.4	-0.7	3.8	3.8	-6.1
Unemployment	8.6	8.3	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-3.5	-3.5	2.5
Participation rate	68.9	68.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	10.8	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	762.0	762.2	...	0.2	0.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	482.3	480.4	3.0	-1.9	-1.9	-6.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.4
Employment	441.3	442.8	3.2	1.5	1.5	-2.1	0.3	0.3	-0.5
Employment full-time	360.9	363.0	3.7	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.1
Employment part-time	80.4	79.8	3.3	-0.6	-0.6	-2.5	-0.7	-0.7	-3.0
Unemployment	41.0	37.6	2.7	-3.4	-3.4	-4.5	-8.3	-8.3	-10.7
Participation rate	63.3	63.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	7.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	58.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	611.4	611.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	393.1	393.6	2.5	0.5	0.5	5.7	0.1	0.1	1.5
Employment	355.3	358.7	2.5	3.4	3.4	8.8	1.0	1.0	2.5
Employment full-time	294.6	296.3	2.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.0
Employment part-time	60.8	62.4	2.3	1.6	1.6	8.7	2.6	2.6	16.2
Unemployment	37.8	34.9	2.3	-2.9	-2.9	-3.1	-7.7	-7.7	-8.2
Participation rate	64.3	64.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	8.9	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	58.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,215.9	6,221.8	...	5.9	5.9	72.6	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	4,090.4	4,092.1	15.2	1.7	1.7	44.8	0.0	0.0	1.1
Employment	3,755.0	3,746.3	15.5	-8.7	-8.7	41.1	-0.2	-0.2	1.1
Employment full-time	3,074.1	3,073.9	19.2	-0.2	-0.2	25.7	0.0	0.0	0.8
Employment part-time	680.9	672.4	17.1	-8.5	-8.5	15.4	-1.2	-1.2	2.3
Unemployment	335.3	345.7	13.6	10.4	10.4	3.5	3.1	3.1	1.0
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Employment rate	60.4	60.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1

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Table 3 – continued

Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted

	December 2005	January 2006	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	10,152.8	10,165.9	...	13.1	13.1	181.8	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	6,859.6	6,897.4	18.9	37.8	37.8	115.6	0.6	0.6	1.7
Employment	6,433.4	6,449.0	19.1	15.6	15.6	121.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Employment full-time	5,312.6	5,303.6	22.6	-9.0	-9.0	170.2	-0.2	-0.2	3.3
Employment part-time	1,120.8	1,145.4	20.6	24.6	24.6	-48.3	2.2	2.2	-4.0
Unemployment	426.2	448.4	15.8	22.2	22.2	-6.3	5.2	5.2	-1.4
Participation rate	67.6	67.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	889.9	889.8	...	-0.1	-0.1	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	609.3	612.9	2.8	3.6	3.6	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.3
Employment	583.6	586.3	2.9	2.7	2.7	6.6	0.5	0.5	1.1
Employment full-time	463.9	465.9	3.8	2.0	2.0	-4.7	0.4	0.4	-1.0
Employment part-time	119.7	120.4	3.4	0.7	0.7	11.3	0.6	0.6	10.4
Unemployment	25.7	26.6	2.3	0.9	0.9	-4.6	3.5	3.5	-14.7
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	748.2	747.7	...	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	506.3	509.3	2.5	3.0	3.0	-1.8	0.6	0.6	-0.4
Employment	479.7	482.9	2.5	3.2	3.2	-3.6	0.7	0.7	-0.7
Employment full-time	389.3	389.3	3.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employment part-time	90.4	93.5	2.9	3.1	3.1	-3.6	3.4	3.4	-3.7
Unemployment	26.6	26.4	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	7.3
Participation rate	67.7	68.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,587.2	2,596.6	...	9.4	9.4	67.1	0.4	0.4	2.7
Labour force	1,879.5	1,875.5	7.2	-4.0	-4.0	24.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.3
Employment	1,799.8	1,810.2	8.1	10.4	10.4	38.4	0.6	0.6	2.2
Employment full-time	1,498.6	1,511.9	10.3	13.3	13.3	53.4	0.9	0.9	3.7
Employment part-time	301.3	298.3	9.2	-3.0	-3.0	-15.1	-1.0	-1.0	-4.8
Unemployment	79.7	65.4	6.2	-14.3	-14.3	-13.9	-17.9	-17.9	-17.5
Participation rate	72.6	72.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.5	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,478.3	3,483.8	...	5.5	5.5	65.7	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	2,282.9	2,284.5	10.9	1.6	1.6	35.6	0.1	0.1	1.6
Employment	2,167.1	2,166.9	11.4	-0.2	-0.2	64.5	0.0	0.0	3.1
Employment full-time	1,729.6	1,736.5	13.8	6.9	6.9	48.8	0.4	0.4	2.9
Employment part-time	437.5	430.4	12.5	-7.1	-7.1	15.7	-1.6	-1.6	3.8
Unemployment	115.8	117.6	9.0	1.8	1.8	-28.9	1.6	1.6	-19.7
Participation rate	65.6	65.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 4-1

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Newfoundland and Labrador

	December 2005	January 2006	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	429.2	429.0	...	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Labour force	249.4	250.8	2.4	1.4	1.4	-1.5	0.6	0.6	-0.6
Employment	210.9	209.3	2.5	-1.6	-1.6	-6.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.9
Employment full-time	176.1	175.9	2.7	-0.2	-0.2	-6.8	-0.1	-0.1	-3.7
Unemployment	38.5	41.5	2.3	3.0	3.0	4.7	7.8	7.8	12.8
Participation rate	58.1	58.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	16.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.1	48.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	16.0	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	67.9	67.8	...	-0.1	-0.1	-2.5	-0.1	-0.1	-3.6
Labour force	36.6	35.6	1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-3.0	-2.7	-2.7	-7.8
Employment	28.6	25.4	1.3	-3.2	-3.2	-5.6	-11.2	-11.2	-18.1
Unemployment	8.0	10.1	1.1	2.1	2.1	2.5	26.2	26.2	32.9
Participation rate	53.9	52.5	1.9	-1.4	-1.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	21.9	28.4	2.6	6.5	6.5	8.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.1	37.5	1.8	-4.6	-4.6	-6.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.2	50.4	3.6	4.2	4.2	7.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	175.0	175.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	111.2	112.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	-2.2	1.0	1.0	-1.9
Employment	93.6	93.9	1.5	0.3	0.3	-4.1	0.3	0.3	-4.2
Unemployment	17.6	18.4	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.9	4.5	4.5	11.5
Participation rate	63.5	64.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	16.4	1.2	0.6	0.6	2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	53.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.2	4.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	186.2	186.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	101.6	103.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	3.8	1.4	1.4	3.8
Employment	88.7	90.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.4	1.5	1.5	3.9
Unemployment	12.9	13.0	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.8	3.2
Participation rate	54.6	55.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	12.6	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.6	48.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	17.9	1.4	-2.1	-2.1	1.6	...	...	...
Industry	210.9	209.3	2.5	-1.6	-1.6	-6.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.9
Goods-producing sector	49.8	47.5	1.8	-2.3	-2.3	-0.7	-4.6	-4.6	-1.5
Agriculture	2.2	2.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	29.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.2	14.9	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-2.0	-2.0	3.5
Utilities	2.6	2.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-7.7	-7.7	0.0
Construction	11.9	11.7	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-1.7	-1.7	-6.4
Manufacturing	17.8	16.2	1.1	-1.6	-1.6	-0.9	-9.0	-9.0	-5.3
Services-producing sector	161.1	161.8	2.2	0.7	0.7	-5.5	0.4	0.4	-3.3
Trade	38.5	36.4	1.2	-2.1	-2.1	-3.0	-5.5	-5.5	-7.6
Transportation and warehousing	11.7	12.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.2	6.0	6.0	10.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.1	7.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	-1.4	1.4	1.4	-16.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.0	6.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	-4.3	-4.3	17.5
Business, building and other support services	6.6	6.4	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-1.7	-3.0	-3.0	-21.0
Educational services	16.1	15.9	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-5.9
Health care and social assistance	27.8	30.8	0.9	3.0	3.0	1.2	10.8	10.8	4.1
Information, culture and recreation	6.8	6.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.8	-4.4	-4.4	-21.7
Accommodation and food services	13.6	13.7	0.9	0.1	0.1	-1.0	0.7	0.7	-6.8
Other services	10.5	10.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	-1.0	0.0
Public administration	15.3	15.6	0.8	0.3	0.3	1.0	2.0	2.0	6.8

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-2

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	112.0	111.9	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	77.2	77.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.3
Employment	68.6	68.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Employment full-time	58.2	57.9	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	1.4
Unemployment	8.6	8.3	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-3.5	-3.5	2.5
Participation rate	68.9	68.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	10.8	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.2	15.7	1.0	0.6	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	19.8	19.8	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5
Labour force	13.4	13.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.7	1.5
Employment	11.4	11.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.9	3.6
Unemployment	2.1	1.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-9.5	-9.5	-13.6
Participation rate	67.7	68.2	2.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.7	14.1	2.6	-1.6	-1.6	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	58.1	2.1	0.5	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.0	37.4	3.5	1.4	1.4	-6.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	44.2	44.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	33.0	32.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	1.2
Employment	29.0	29.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Unemployment	4.0	3.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	-12.5	-12.5	6.1
Participation rate	74.7	74.0	0.8	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.1	10.7	1.2	-1.4	-1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	66.1	1.0	0.5	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	6.2	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.0	48.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	30.7	30.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.3
Employment	28.3	28.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-1.1	-1.1	-1.8
Unemployment	2.5	2.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	16.0	16.0	11.5
Participation rate	64.0	64.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	9.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.3	0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	16.8	1.6	0.2	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Industry	68.6	68.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Goods-producing sector	18.8	18.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.5	0.5	8.6
Agriculture	3.8	3.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	22.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.2	2.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-4.5	-4.5	-27.6
Utilities	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	5.3	5.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.4	7.5	7.5	32.6
Manufacturing	7.1	6.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-2.8	-2.8	3.0
Services-producing sector	49.9	49.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-1.6	-0.4	-0.4	-3.1
Trade	9.2	9.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.9	1.1	1.1	-8.8
Transportation and warehousing	2.1	2.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-8.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.0	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.0	5.0	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.6	2.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	11.5	11.5	20.8
Business, building and other support services	2.8	2.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-21.4	-21.4	-8.3
Educational services	4.7	4.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-11.3
Health care and social assistance	7.7	7.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	2.6	2.6	1.3
Information, culture and recreation	2.9	2.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-3.4	-3.4	0.0
Accommodation and food services	6.1	5.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-3.3	-3.3	9.3
Other services	3.4	3.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	2.9	2.9	16.7
Public administration	6.2	6.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	-1.3	3.2	3.2	-16.9

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-3

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia

	December 2005	January 2006	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	762.0	762.2	...	0.2	0.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	482.3	480.4	3.0	-1.9	-1.9	-6.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.4
Employment	441.3	442.8	3.2	1.5	1.5	-2.1	0.3	0.3	-0.5
Employment full-time	360.9	363.0	3.7	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.1
Unemployment	41.0	37.6	2.7	-3.4	-3.4	-4.5	-8.3	-8.3	-10.7
Participation rate	63.3	63.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	7.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	58.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.6	123.5	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Labour force	81.4	82.6	1.7	1.2	1.2	-0.3	1.5	1.5	-0.4
Employment	70.7	72.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	4.6	2.5	2.5	6.8
Unemployment	10.8	10.1	1.6	-0.7	-0.7	-4.9	-6.5	-6.5	-32.7
Participation rate	65.9	66.9	1.4	1.0	1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	12.2	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	-5.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	54.7	1.4	1.5	1.5	3.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.1	44.1	2.5	0.0	0.0	3.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	305.0	305.2	...	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	209.6	206.3	1.6	-3.3	-3.3	-5.7	-1.6	-1.6	-2.7
Employment	193.2	189.9	1.8	-3.3	-3.3	-6.9	-1.7	-1.7	-3.5
Unemployment	16.4	16.3	1.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	7.2
Participation rate	68.7	67.6	0.5	-1.1	-1.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	62.2	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	333.4	333.6	...	0.2	0.2	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	191.3	191.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.3
Employment	177.4	180.4	1.7	3.0	3.0	0.2	1.7	1.7	0.1
Unemployment	13.8	11.2	1.4	-2.6	-2.6	-0.6	-18.8	-18.8	-5.1
Participation rate	57.4	57.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	5.8	0.7	-1.4	-1.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.2	51.6	0.5	0.9	0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	19.9	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	-3.1	...	...	...
Industry	441.3	442.8	3.2	1.5	1.5	-2.1	0.3	0.3	-0.5
Goods-producing sector	89.1	88.8	2.2	-0.3	-0.3	-4.5	-0.3	-0.3	-4.8
Agriculture	4.8	4.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-9.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.3	14.8	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	-3.3	-3.3	5.7
Utilities	1.3	1.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.8	30.8	30.8	-32.0
Construction	27.3	26.4	1.3	-0.9	-0.9	-3.5	-3.3	-3.3	-11.7
Manufacturing	40.4	41.1	1.4	0.7	0.7	-0.6	1.7	1.7	-1.4
Services-producing sector	352.3	354.0	3.0	1.7	1.7	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.7
Trade	76.4	78.8	1.8	2.4	2.4	1.2	3.1	3.1	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	20.6	18.8	1.1	-1.8	-1.8	-3.0	-8.7	-8.7	-13.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	23.2	22.3	1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	-3.9	-3.9	-0.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	19.7	18.8	1.1	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1	-4.6	-4.6	-5.5
Business, building and other support services	24.1	26.8	1.3	2.7	2.7	4.3	11.2	11.2	19.1
Educational services	35.2	36.8	1.3	1.6	1.6	0.0	4.5	4.5	0.0
Health care and social assistance	58.2	55.9	1.3	-2.3	-2.3	2.2	-4.0	-4.0	4.1
Information, culture and recreation	14.4	15.7	1.2	1.3	1.3	-2.2	9.0	9.0	-12.3
Accommodation and food services	30.4	30.9	1.5	0.5	0.5	-2.3	1.6	1.6	-6.9
Other services	21.0	20.5	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-2.4	-2.4	-0.5
Public administration	29.0	28.7	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	3.5	-1.0	-1.0	13.9

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-4

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — New Brunswick

	December 2005	January 2006	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	611.4	611.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	393.1	393.6	2.5	0.5	0.5	5.7	0.1	0.1	1.5
Employment	355.3	358.7	2.5	3.4	3.4	8.8	1.0	1.0	2.5
Employment full-time	294.6	296.3	2.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.0
Unemployment	37.8	34.9	2.3	-2.9	-2.9	-3.1	-7.7	-7.7	-8.2
Participation rate	64.3	64.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	8.9	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	58.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.1	17.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	2.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	96.1	96.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Labour force	63.3	65.2	1.4	1.9	1.9	3.3	3.0	3.0	5.3
Employment	54.3	56.2	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.8	3.5	3.5	5.2
Unemployment	9.0	9.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	5.9
Participation rate	65.9	67.8	1.4	1.9	1.9	4.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	13.8	1.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	58.5	1.4	2.0	2.0	3.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.7	41.1	2.3	0.4	0.4	5.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	248.9	248.9	...	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	172.0	171.9	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.8
Employment	155.7	156.3	1.5	0.6	0.6	5.0	0.4	0.4	3.3
Unemployment	16.3	15.5	1.5	-0.8	-0.8	-3.7	-4.9	-4.9	-19.3
Participation rate	69.1	69.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	266.4	266.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	157.8	156.5	1.3	-1.3	-1.3	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.6
Employment	145.4	146.1	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6
Unemployment	12.4	10.4	1.2	-2.0	-2.0	0.1	-16.1	-16.1	1.0
Participation rate	59.2	58.8	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	6.6	0.8	-1.3	-1.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	20.5	1.1	0.4	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Industry									
	355.3	358.7	2.5	3.4	3.4	8.8	1.0	1.0	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	8.2	8.0	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	2.7	-2.4	-2.4	50.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.0	11.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	-0.5	4.5	4.5	-4.2
Utilities	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	5.9	5.9	2.9
Construction	19.1	19.8	1.1	0.7	0.7	2.1	3.7	3.7	11.9
Manufacturing	36.5	36.4	1.3	-0.1	-0.1	-2.0	-0.3	-0.3	-5.2
Services-producing sector									
	277.2	279.3	2.4	2.1	2.1	6.3	0.8	0.8	2.3
Trade	57.7	59.9	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.8	3.8	3.8
Transportation and warehousing	20.1	19.5	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-1.9	-3.0	-3.0	-8.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.3	13.7	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.2	-4.2	-4.2	1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.2	15.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.9	5.6	5.6	-5.7
Business, building and other support services	21.3	22.7	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.3	6.6	6.6	6.1
Educational services	26.9	27.4	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.9	1.9	5.0
Health care and social assistance	45.9	45.6	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-2.4	-0.7	-0.7	-5.0
Information, culture and recreation	12.7	12.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	-1.6	-1.6	5.0
Accommodation and food services	24.9	24.1	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	2.7	-3.2	-3.2	12.6
Other services	16.9	17.4	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.3	3.0	3.0	1.8
Public administration	22.2	21.6	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	3.1	-2.7	-2.7	16.8

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-5

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Quebec

	December 2005	January 2006	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	6,215.9	6,221.8	...	5.9	5.9	72.6	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	4,090.4	4,092.1	15.2	1.7	1.7	44.8	0.0	0.0	1.1
Employment	3,755.0	3,746.3	15.5	-8.7	-8.7	41.1	-0.2	-0.2	1.1
Employment full-time	3,074.1	3,073.9	19.2	-0.2	-0.2	25.7	0.0	0.0	0.8
Unemployment	335.3	345.7	13.6	10.4	10.4	3.5	3.1	3.1	1.0
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	17.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	950.2	950.2	...	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	635.3	638.3	8.7	3.0	3.0	-2.6	0.5	0.5	-0.4
Employment	550.9	547.3	8.7	-3.6	-3.6	-9.9	-0.7	-0.7	-1.8
Unemployment	84.4	91.0	7.6	6.6	6.6	7.2	7.8	7.8	8.6
Participation rate	66.9	67.2	0.9	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	14.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	57.6	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	46.0	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,570.3	2,573.2	...	2.9	2.9	38.1	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	1,856.2	1,861.9	8.1	5.7	5.7	15.8	0.3	0.3	0.9
Employment	1,727.0	1,724.7	8.8	-2.3	-2.3	34.0	-0.1	-0.1	2.0
Unemployment	129.3	137.2	8.1	7.9	7.9	-18.2	6.1	6.1	-11.7
Participation rate	72.2	72.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.3	6.9	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,695.5	2,698.3	...	2.8	2.8	34.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	1,598.9	1,591.9	8.6	-7.0	-7.0	31.6	-0.4	-0.4	2.0
Employment	1,477.1	1,474.3	8.8	-2.8	-2.8	17.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.2
Unemployment	121.7	117.5	7.3	-4.2	-4.2	14.5	-3.5	-3.5	14.1
Participation rate	59.3	59.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	54.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	20.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Industry	3,755.0	3,746.3	15.5	-8.7	-8.7	41.1	-0.2	-0.2	1.1
Goods-producing sector	923.5	923.4	12.1	-0.1	-0.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Agriculture	64.3	63.4	2.8	-0.9	-0.9	14.5	-1.4	-1.4	29.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	40.0	43.0	2.2	3.0	3.0	5.8	7.5	7.5	15.6
Utilities	32.0	31.5	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	-2.2	-1.6	-1.6	-6.5
Construction	185.3	186.1	6.3	0.8	0.8	17.3	0.4	0.4	10.2
Manufacturing	601.8	599.4	10.4	-2.4	-2.4	-33.3	-0.4	-0.4	-5.3
Services-producing sector	2,831.6	2,822.9	16.4	-8.7	-8.7	38.8	-0.3	-0.3	1.4
Trade	642.5	644.6	10.7	2.1	2.1	17.0	0.3	0.3	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	156.3	162.2	5.8	5.9	5.9	-6.3	3.8	3.8	-3.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	204.0	217.0	6.3	13.0	13.0	7.3	6.4	6.4	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	238.8	230.3	6.8	-8.5	-8.5	6.1	-3.6	-3.6	2.7
Business, building and other support services	131.4	132.5	5.7	1.1	1.1	14.7	0.8	0.8	12.5
Educational services	256.0	254.9	6.5	-1.1	-1.1	16.2	-0.4	-0.4	6.8
Health care and social assistance	450.4	442.0	8.2	-8.4	-8.4	10.1	-1.9	-1.9	2.3
Information, culture and recreation	163.0	159.1	6.6	-3.9	-3.9	-13.1	-2.4	-2.4	-7.6
Accommodation and food services	214.6	209.1	6.9	-5.5	-5.5	-11.3	-2.6	-2.6	-5.1
Other services	159.7	153.3	6.2	-6.4	-6.4	-8.8	-4.0	-4.0	-5.4
Public administration	214.9	218.1	5.6	3.2	3.2	7.0	1.5	1.5	3.3

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-6

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Ontario

	December 2005	January 2006	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	10,152.8	10,165.9	...	13.1	13.1	181.8	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	6,859.6	6,897.4	18.9	37.8	37.8	115.6	0.6	0.6	1.7
Employment	6,433.4	6,449.0	19.1	15.6	15.6	121.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Employment full-time	5,312.6	5,303.6	22.6	-9.0	-9.0	170.2	-0.2	-0.2	3.3
Unemployment	426.2	448.4	15.8	22.2	22.2	-6.3	5.2	5.2	-1.4
Participation rate	67.6	67.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	17.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,694.3	1,696.1	...	1.8	1.8	30.7	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	1,097.5	1,108.6	11.6	11.1	11.1	25.5	1.0	1.0	2.4
Employment	950.4	948.4	10.8	-2.0	-2.0	18.8	-0.2	-0.2	2.0
Unemployment	147.1	160.2	9.7	13.1	13.1	6.7	8.9	8.9	4.4
Participation rate	64.8	65.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	14.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.0	48.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,117.6	4,122.5	...	4.9	4.9	73.2	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	3,084.2	3,096.2	9.5	12.0	12.0	55.0	0.4	0.4	1.8
Employment	2,936.7	2,935.9	10.7	-0.8	-0.8	47.6	0.0	0.0	1.6
Unemployment	147.5	160.3	8.8	12.8	12.8	7.4	8.7	8.7	4.8
Participation rate	74.9	75.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	71.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,340.9	4,347.3	...	6.4	6.4	77.9	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	2,677.9	2,692.6	10.6	14.7	14.7	35.2	0.5	0.5	1.3
Employment	2,546.3	2,564.7	10.5	18.4	18.4	55.5	0.7	0.7	2.2
Unemployment	131.6	127.9	8.1	-3.7	-3.7	-20.3	-2.8	-2.8	-13.7
Participation rate	61.7	61.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	59.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	-2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Goods-producing sector	6,433.4	6,449.0	19.1	15.6	15.6	121.9	0.2	0.2	1.9
Agriculture	1,635.4	1,604.4	15.3	-31.0	-31.0	-31.0	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	98.8	97.0	3.5	-1.8	-1.8	19.4	-1.8	-1.8	25.0
Utilities	35.6	35.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	3.0	0.8	0.8	9.1
Construction	50.5	47.2	2.5	-3.3	-3.3	-4.1	-6.5	-6.5	-8.0
Manufacturing	405.2	411.5	8.8	6.3	6.3	31.0	1.6	1.6	8.1
Services-producing sector	1,045.3	1,012.8	12.7	-32.5	-32.5	-80.2	-3.1	-3.1	-7.3
Trade	4,798.0	4,844.6	20.5	46.6	46.6	152.9	1.0	1.0	3.3
Transportation and warehousing	985.6	983.6	12.4	-2.0	-2.0	6.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	298.0	299.5	7.4	1.5	1.5	12.3	0.5	0.5	4.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	458.7	454.7	8.6	-4.0	-4.0	6.1	-0.9	-0.9	1.4
Business, building and other support services	456.0	459.1	8.6	3.1	3.1	13.0	0.7	0.7	2.9
Educational services	297.8	306.4	8.3	8.6	8.6	33.7	2.9	2.9	12.4
Health care and social assistance	456.9	462.5	7.8	5.6	5.6	71.7	1.2	1.2	18.3
Information, culture and recreation	608.9	615.9	8.6	7.0	7.0	-17.0	1.1	1.1	-2.7
Accommodation and food services	310.0	313.0	8.0	3.0	3.0	30.4	1.0	1.0	10.8
Other services	368.7	370.5	8.5	1.8	1.8	-3.2	0.5	0.5	-0.9
Public administration	237.1	253.6	7.2	16.5	16.5	-6.6	7.0	7.0	-2.5
Public administration	320.3	325.8	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.2	1.7	1.7	1.9

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-7

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Manitoba

	December 2005	January 2006	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	889.9	889.8	...	-0.1	-0.1	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	609.3	612.9	2.8	3.6	3.6	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.3
Employment	583.6	586.3	2.9	2.7	2.7	6.6	0.5	0.5	1.1
Employment full-time	463.9	465.9	3.8	2.0	2.0	-4.7	0.4	0.4	-1.0
Unemployment	25.7	26.6	2.3	0.9	0.9	-4.6	3.5	3.5	-14.7
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	20.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	155.5	155.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	109.5	113.9	1.7	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8
Employment	100.4	104.8	1.7	4.4	4.4	7.6	4.4	4.4	7.8
Unemployment	9.1	9.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	-3.4	0.0	0.0	-27.2
Participation rate	70.4	73.2	1.1	2.8	2.8	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.0	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	-3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	67.4	1.1	2.8	2.8	4.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.1	49.6	1.9	3.5	3.5	7.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	358.0	358.0	...	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	269.4	267.3	1.4	-2.1	-2.1	-1.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6
Employment	259.9	258.6	1.6	-1.3	-1.3	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	0.3
Unemployment	9.5	8.7	1.3	-0.8	-0.8	-2.4	-8.4	-8.4	-21.6
Participation rate	75.3	74.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.6	72.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	376.4	376.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	230.5	231.7	1.6	1.2	1.2	-0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.3
Employment	223.3	222.8	1.6	-0.5	-0.5	-2.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
Unemployment	7.1	8.9	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.4	25.4	25.4	18.7
Participation rate	61.2	61.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.8	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.3	23.6	1.0	-1.7	-1.7	0.3	...	...	...
Industry	583.6	586.3	2.9	2.7	2.7	6.6	0.5	0.5	1.1
Goods-producing sector	141.5	138.1	2.3	-3.4	-3.4	-3.7	-2.4	-2.4	-2.6
Agriculture	32.2	30.2	1.3	-2.0	-2.0	-1.0	-6.2	-6.2	-3.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.2	6.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	3.2	3.2	10.3
Utilities	6.6	5.7	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-13.6	-13.6	-10.9
Construction	30.0	29.5	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.7	-1.7	-1.7	2.4
Manufacturing	66.5	66.3	1.6	-0.2	-0.2	-3.3	-0.3	-0.3	-4.7
Services-producing sector	442.1	448.2	3.1	6.1	6.1	10.4	1.4	1.4	2.4
Trade	85.7	87.0	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.5	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	35.8	34.2	1.2	-1.6	-1.6	1.5	-4.5	-4.5	4.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	35.5	37.0	1.1	1.5	1.5	7.6	4.2	4.2	25.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.2	23.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	-2.6	3.6	3.6	-10.2
Business, building and other support services	18.6	17.2	1.2	-1.4	-1.4	-3.9	-7.5	-7.5	-18.5
Educational services	45.4	44.9	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	5.6
Health care and social assistance	74.4	75.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	-3.8	2.0	2.0	-4.8
Information, culture and recreation	23.1	23.9	1.2	0.8	0.8	-2.0	3.5	3.5	-7.7
Accommodation and food services	40.1	43.4	1.4	3.3	3.3	9.0	8.2	8.2	26.2
Other services	26.0	26.3	1.2	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.2	1.2	6.9
Public administration	35.4	35.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	-1.4	0.3	0.3	-3.8

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-8

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Saskatchewan

	December 2005	January 2006	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	748.2	747.7	...	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Labour force	506.3	509.3	2.5	3.0	3.0	-1.8	0.6	0.6	-0.4
Employment	479.7	482.9	2.5	3.2	3.2	-3.6	0.7	0.7	-0.7
Employment full-time	389.3	389.3	3.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unemployment	26.6	26.4	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	7.3
Participation rate	67.7	68.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.6	0.3	0.5	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	19.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.2	138.2	...	0.0	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.6
Labour force	94.6	94.7	1.6	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2
Employment	83.2	84.0	1.5	0.8	0.8	-3.8	1.0	1.0	-4.3
Unemployment	11.4	10.7	1.2	-0.7	-0.7	3.6	-6.1	-6.1	50.7
Participation rate	68.5	68.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.1	11.3	1.3	-0.8	-0.8	3.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.8	1.1	0.6	0.6	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.4	42.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	297.3	297.1	...	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Labour force	221.1	222.8	1.3	1.7	1.7	-1.3	0.8	0.8	-0.6
Employment	212.9	213.4	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4
Unemployment	8.2	9.4	1.1	1.2	1.2	-2.1	14.6	14.6	-18.3
Participation rate	74.4	75.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	312.7	312.5	...	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Labour force	190.6	191.7	1.4	1.1	1.1	-0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.2
Employment	183.6	185.5	1.4	1.9	1.9	-0.6	1.0	1.0	-0.3
Unemployment	7.0	6.3	0.9	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	-10.0	-10.0	5.0
Participation rate	61.0	61.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	59.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.6	23.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Industry	479.7	482.9	2.5	3.2	3.2	-3.6	0.7	0.7	-0.7
Goods-producing sector	126.8	129.6	2.0	2.8	2.8	6.1	2.2	2.2	4.9
Agriculture	44.6	46.5	1.4	1.9	1.9	-0.3	4.3	4.3	-0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	20.4	20.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.0	2.0	11.2
Utilities	4.6	4.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-4.3	-4.3	-2.2
Construction	27.0	28.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	3.5	4.4	4.4	14.2
Manufacturing	30.1	29.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.0	-0.7	-0.7	3.5
Services-producing sector	352.9	353.2	2.5	0.3	0.3	-9.7	0.1	0.1	-2.7
Trade	73.7	74.4	1.5	0.7	0.7	-7.0	0.9	0.9	-8.6
Transportation and warehousing	27.0	24.6	0.9	-2.4	-2.4	0.6	-8.9	-8.9	2.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.1	27.7	0.9	1.6	1.6	2.2	6.1	6.1	8.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.9	17.3	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-3.4	-3.4	-1.1
Business, building and other support services	12.3	14.0	0.8	1.7	1.7	1.1	13.8	13.8	8.5
Educational services	39.2	39.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-2.7
Health care and social assistance	58.4	59.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.9
Information, culture and recreation	19.8	19.0	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-4.0	-4.0	-3.6
Accommodation and food services	29.3	28.5	1.2	-0.8	-0.8	-5.2	-2.7	-2.7	-15.4
Other services	21.6	21.0	1.0	-0.6	-0.6	-2.9	-2.8	-2.8	-12.1
Public administration	27.7	28.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	6.4

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-9

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Alberta

	December 2005	January 2006	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	2,587.2	2,596.6	...	9.4	9.4	67.1	0.4	0.4	2.7
Labour force	1,879.5	1,875.5	7.2	-4.0	-4.0	24.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.3
Employment	1,799.8	1,810.2	8.1	10.4	10.4	38.4	0.6	0.6	2.2
Employment full-time	1,498.6	1,511.9	10.3	13.3	13.3	53.4	0.9	0.9	3.7
Unemployment	79.7	65.4	6.2	-14.3	-14.3	-13.9	-17.9	-17.9	-17.5
Participation rate	72.6	72.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.5	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	16.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	481.9	483.3	...	1.4	1.4	10.4	0.3	0.3	2.2
Labour force	340.6	340.8	4.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Employment	314.7	316.4	5.1	1.7	1.7	2.8	0.5	0.5	0.9
Unemployment	25.9	24.4	3.9	-1.5	-1.5	-2.7	-5.8	-5.8	-10.0
Participation rate	70.7	70.5	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.2	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.5	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	34.9	34.2	1.7	-0.7	-0.7	-2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,053.6	1,057.8	...	4.2	4.2	27.8	0.4	0.4	2.7
Labour force	852.6	847.5	3.9	-5.1	-5.1	14.6	-0.6	-0.6	1.8
Employment	825.0	828.1	4.5	3.1	3.1	22.4	0.4	0.4	2.8
Unemployment	27.6	19.4	3.4	-8.2	-8.2	-7.8	-29.7	-29.7	-28.7
Participation rate	80.9	80.1	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	2.3	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,051.7	1,055.4	...	3.7	3.7	28.8	0.4	0.4	2.8
Labour force	686.3	687.3	4.2	1.0	1.0	9.8	0.1	0.1	1.4
Employment	660.1	665.7	4.3	5.6	5.6	13.1	0.8	0.8	2.0
Unemployment	26.2	21.5	3.2	-4.7	-4.7	-3.5	-17.9	-17.9	-14.0
Participation rate	65.3	65.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.1	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	63.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	22.1	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Population	1,799.8	1,810.2	8.1	10.4	10.4	38.4	0.6	0.6	2.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	51.1	52.2	2.7	1.1	1.1	-8.7	2.2	2.2	-14.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	124.4	129.1	3.3	4.7	4.7	5.4	3.8	3.8	4.4
Utilities	15.9	15.8	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	5.7	-0.6	-0.6	56.4
Construction	161.0	168.0	4.7	7.0	7.0	3.1	4.3	4.3	1.9
Manufacturing	130.1	128.4	4.0	-1.7	-1.7	-13.7	-1.3	-1.3	-9.6
Services-producing sector									
Trade	1,317.3	1,316.7	8.4	-0.6	-0.6	46.5	0.0	0.0	3.7
Transportation and warehousing	280.5	287.9	5.2	7.4	7.4	4.9	2.6	2.6	1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	105.0	105.8	3.2	0.8	0.8	8.8	0.8	0.8	9.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	95.8	97.8	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.1	2.1	2.1	3.3
Business, building and other support services	143.6	140.0	3.6	-3.6	-3.6	25.5	-2.5	-2.5	22.3
Educational services	63.6	54.7	3.2	-8.9	-8.9	-8.0	-14.0	-14.0	-12.8
Health care and social assistance	127.7	122.7	3.3	-5.0	-5.0	6.7	-3.9	-3.9	5.8
Information, culture and recreation	171.7	175.1	3.9	3.4	3.4	12.5	2.0	2.0	7.7
Accommodation and food services	67.5	69.0	3.1	1.5	1.5	-2.0	2.2	2.2	-2.8
Other services	108.9	108.6	4.0	-0.3	-0.3	-12.2	-0.3	-0.3	-10.1
Public administration	83.7	80.6	3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-1.9	-3.7	-3.7	-2.3
Public administration	69.5	74.7	2.3	5.2	5.2	9.4	7.5	7.5	14.4

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 4-10

Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — British Columbia

	December 2005	January 2006	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	3,478.3	3,483.8	...	5.5	5.5	65.7	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	2,282.9	2,284.5	10.9	1.6	1.6	35.6	0.1	0.1	1.6
Employment	2,167.1	2,166.9	11.4	-0.2	-0.2	64.5	0.0	0.0	3.1
Employment full-time	1,729.6	1,736.5	13.8	6.9	6.9	48.8	0.4	0.4	2.9
Unemployment	115.8	117.6	9.0	1.8	1.8	-28.9	1.6	1.6	-19.7
Participation rate	65.6	65.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	19.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	574.5	574.8	...	0.3	0.3	9.1	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	378.4	374.3	6.3	-4.1	-4.1	19.1	-1.1	-1.1	5.4
Employment	347.9	345.8	6.4	-2.1	-2.1	33.4	-0.6	-0.6	10.7
Unemployment	30.5	28.5	5.3	-2.0	-2.0	-14.2	-6.6	-6.6	-33.3
Participation rate	65.9	65.1	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.6	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	-4.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.2	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	5.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.2	44.5	2.0	1.3	1.3	3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,418.0	1,420.6	...	2.6	2.6	28.4	0.2	0.2	2.0
Labour force	1,021.4	1,015.5	5.7	-5.9	-5.9	-2.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3
Employment	976.7	971.4	6.2	-5.3	-5.3	6.1	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
Unemployment	44.7	44.1	5.3	-0.6	-0.6	-8.6	-1.3	-1.3	-16.3
Participation rate	72.0	71.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	68.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	6.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,485.8	1,488.4	...	2.6	2.6	28.1	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	883.0	894.7	6.2	11.7	11.7	19.0	1.3	1.3	2.2
Employment	842.5	849.7	6.5	7.2	7.2	25.1	0.9	0.9	3.0
Unemployment	40.6	45.0	4.7	4.4	4.4	-6.1	10.8	10.8	-11.9
Participation rate	59.4	60.1	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.2	24.7	1.0	-1.5	-1.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Industry									
	2,167.1	2,166.9	11.4	-0.2	-0.2	64.5	0.0	0.0	3.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	39.6	34.2	2.7	-5.4	-5.4	-5.4	-13.6	-13.6	-13.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.4	40.6	2.5	4.2	4.2	3.1	11.5	11.5	8.3
Utilities	7.3	8.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.5	17.8	17.8	6.2
Construction	180.4	168.3	5.3	-12.1	-12.1	4.0	-6.7	-6.7	2.4
Manufacturing	193.4	191.4	5.6	-2.0	-2.0	-18.0	-1.0	-1.0	-8.6
Services-producing sector									
	1,710.0	1,723.7	11.3	13.7	13.7	80.2	0.8	0.8	4.9
Trade	351.4	352.0	7.1	0.6	0.6	30.6	0.2	0.2	9.5
Transportation and warehousing	118.4	124.2	4.0	5.8	5.8	9.3	4.9	4.9	8.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	131.1	128.0	4.4	-3.1	-3.1	-0.3	-2.4	-2.4	-0.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	164.5	166.5	4.8	2.0	2.0	10.6	1.2	1.2	6.8
Business, building and other support services	86.3	93.2	4.3	6.9	6.9	5.6	8.0	8.0	6.4
Educational services	146.1	152.0	4.8	5.9	5.9	12.9	4.0	4.0	9.3
Health care and social assistance	218.2	210.6	5.0	-7.6	-7.6	-9.8	-3.5	-3.5	-4.4
Information, culture and recreation	129.0	124.7	4.6	-4.3	-4.3	15.2	-3.3	-3.3	13.9
Accommodation and food services	181.4	180.3	5.4	-1.1	-1.1	3.2	-0.6	-0.6	1.8
Other services	89.8	94.8	4.1	5.0	5.0	-0.8	5.6	5.6	-0.8
Public administration	93.8	97.4	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8

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

Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 5-1

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	150.8	150.9	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	97.9	97.7	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.9
Employment	90.0	89.5	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-1.8	-0.6	-0.6	-2.0
Unemployment	8.0	8.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.1	2.5	2.5	-1.2
Participation rate	64.9	64.7	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	310.1	310.3	...	0.2	0.2	3.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	213.1	212.4	1.3	-0.7	-0.7	-5.3	-0.3	-0.3	-2.4
Employment	201.1	201.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	-3.2	0.0	0.0	-1.6
Unemployment	12.0	11.3	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-2.1	-5.8	-5.8	-15.7
Participation rate	68.7	68.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	103.4	103.4	...	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	66.2	67.8	0.7	1.6	1.6	0.7	2.4	2.4	1.0
Employment	61.7	64.0	0.7	2.3	2.3	1.7	3.7	3.7	2.7
Unemployment	4.5	3.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-1.0	-15.6	-15.6	-20.8
Participation rate	64.0	65.6	0.7	1.6	1.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	5.6	0.5	-1.2	-1.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	61.9	0.7	2.2	2.2	1.3	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	126.3	126.3	...	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	76.1	76.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.4	0.9	0.9	-0.5
Employment	68.6	70.2	0.8	1.6	1.6	0.9	2.3	2.3	1.3
Unemployment	7.4	6.6	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-1.3	-10.8	-10.8	-16.5
Participation rate	60.3	60.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	8.6	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	55.6	0.6	1.3	1.3	0.8	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	595.1	595.7	...	0.6	0.6	7.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	397.8	399.5	3.1	1.7	1.7	4.0	0.4	0.4	1.0
Employment	379.0	380.7	3.1	1.7	1.7	10.1	0.4	0.4	2.7
Unemployment	18.8	18.7	1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-6.2	-0.5	-0.5	-24.9
Participation rate	66.8	67.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	118.5	118.6	...	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	75.6	76.1	0.8	0.5	0.5	2.3	0.7	0.7	3.1
Employment	69.0	69.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	3.3	1.0	1.0	5.0
Unemployment	6.6	6.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-3.0	-3.0	-13.5
Participation rate	63.8	64.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.3
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.6
Employment rate	58.2	58.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.2

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	134.2	134.3	...	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	87.1	88.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	-1.2	1.3	1.3	-1.3
Employment	81.3	81.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	-1.2	0.5	0.5	-1.4
Unemployment	5.9	6.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.0	10.2	10.2	0.0
Participation rate	64.9	65.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,981.5	2,984.5	...	3.0	3.0	39.1	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	2,012.5	2,011.1	7.5	-1.4	-1.4	23.7	-0.1	-0.1	1.2
Employment	1,825.2	1,819.7	7.7	-5.5	-5.5	9.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.5
Unemployment	187.3	191.5	4.9	4.2	4.2	14.2	2.2	2.2	8.0
Participation rate	67.5	67.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	938.0	938.8	...	0.8	0.8	14.7	0.1	0.1	1.6
Labour force	670.4	677.6	3.5	7.2	7.2	15.5	1.1	1.1	2.3
Employment	633.6	641.3	3.6	7.7	7.7	22.3	1.2	1.2	3.6
Unemployment	36.8	36.3	1.8	-0.5	-0.5	-6.8	-1.4	-1.4	-15.8
Participation rate	71.5	72.2	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.5	68.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	233.0	233.4	...	0.4	0.4	6.4	0.2	0.2	2.8
Labour force	172.4	174.4	1.3	2.0	2.0	13.2	1.2	1.2	8.2
Employment	162.3	164.4	1.4	2.1	2.1	14.7	1.3	1.3	9.8
Unemployment	10.2	10.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	-2.0	-2.0	-13.0
Participation rate	74.0	74.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	3.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	70.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	4.5	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	705.0	705.4	...	0.4	0.4	8.2	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	497.9	503.2	3.2	5.3	5.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	0.5
Employment	471.3	476.8	3.4	5.5	5.5	7.5	1.2	1.2	1.6
Unemployment	26.6	26.4	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	-5.2	-0.8	-0.8	-16.5
Participation rate	70.6	71.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Kingston, Ontario									
Population	125.5	125.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.3
Labour force	79.5	80.1	0.9	0.6	0.6	2.1	0.8	0.8	2.7
Employment	76.0	75.8	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	4.1
Unemployment	3.5	4.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	-0.9	22.9	22.9	-17.3
Participation rate	63.3	63.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.8
Unemployment rate	4.4	5.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	-1.3
Employment rate	60.6	60.4	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	1.6

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	4,321.2	4,328.7	...	7.5	7.5	101.7	0.2	0.2	2.4
Labour force	2,994.4	2,981.8	8.5	-12.6	-12.6	54.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.8
Employment	2,804.9	2,789.3	9.0	-15.6	-15.6	82.4	-0.6	-0.6	3.0
Unemployment	189.5	192.4	5.6	2.9	2.9	-28.5	1.5	1.5	-12.9
Participation rate	69.3	68.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	584.3	584.8	...	0.5	0.5	8.5	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	395.0	398.7	2.8	3.7	3.7	11.3	0.9	0.9	2.9
Employment	371.3	374.9	2.9	3.6	3.6	11.3	1.0	1.0	3.1
Unemployment	23.6	23.8	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0
Participation rate	67.6	68.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	64.1	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	367.0	367.6	...	0.6	0.6	7.0	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	264.4	266.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	11.7	0.7	0.7	4.6
Employment	249.4	251.0	2.0	1.6	1.6	7.4	0.6	0.6	3.0
Unemployment	15.0	15.3	0.8	0.3	0.3	4.3	2.0	2.0	39.1
Participation rate	72.0	72.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	68.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	375.6	375.9	...	0.3	0.3	4.4	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	257.0	256.6	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	-3.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.3
Employment	239.3	240.0	2.1	0.7	0.7	-3.4	0.3	0.3	-1.4
Unemployment	17.7	16.6	0.9	-1.1	-1.1	0.0	-6.2	-6.2	0.0
Participation rate	68.4	68.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.8	0.6	0.1	0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	269.3	270.0	...	0.7	0.7	9.0	0.3	0.3	3.4
Labour force	188.3	188.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	2.1
Employment	175.8	175.4	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	2.6	-0.2	-0.2	1.5
Unemployment	12.5	12.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.4	3.2	3.2	12.2
Participation rate	69.9	69.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	325.9	326.0	...	0.1	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	201.1	200.1	1.8	-1.0	-1.0	-9.7	-0.5	-0.5	-4.6
Employment	187.0	186.0	1.9	-1.0	-1.0	-10.3	-0.5	-0.5	-5.2
Unemployment	14.0	14.2	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.4	1.4	5.2
Participation rate	61.7	61.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-3.5
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.7
Employment rate	57.4	57.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-3.6

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Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	132.3	132.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	80.7	81.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	-5.7	0.6	0.6	-6.6
Employment	74.8	75.1	0.7	0.3	0.3	-4.9	0.4	0.4	-6.1
Unemployment	5.9	6.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.8	3.4	3.4	-11.6
Participation rate	61.0	61.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	-4.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	-4.0	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	104.2	104.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	66.5	65.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-3.9	-1.1	-1.1	-5.6
Employment	62.3	61.6	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-2.4	-1.1	-1.1	-3.8
Unemployment	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	-26.3
Participation rate	63.8	63.1	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-4.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.1	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-2.8	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	269.3	269.4	...	0.1	0.1	3.5	0.0	0.0	1.3
Labour force	175.7	178.3	1.6	2.6	2.6	0.9	1.5	1.5	0.5
Employment	163.7	163.9	1.6	0.2	0.2	3.9	0.1	0.1	2.4
Unemployment	12.0	14.4	0.8	2.4	2.4	-3.0	20.0	20.0	-17.2
Participation rate	65.2	66.2	0.6	1.0	1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	8.1	0.5	1.3	1.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	569.8	569.8	...	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	392.2	394.4	1.3	2.2	2.2	-4.6	0.6	0.6	-1.2
Employment	375.3	377.9	1.4	2.6	2.6	-0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.2
Unemployment	16.9	16.5	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-3.8	-2.4	-2.4	-18.7
Participation rate	68.8	69.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	66.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	160.7	160.8	...	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	111.9	111.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-3.5	-0.2	-0.2	-3.0
Employment	106.2	106.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	-3.3	0.0	0.0	-3.0
Unemployment	5.7	5.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5
Participation rate	69.6	69.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	66.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-2.7	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	187.8	187.8	...	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.9
Labour force	131.7	131.2	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-2.7	-0.4	-0.4	-2.0
Employment	124.4	123.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-2.9	-0.5	-0.5	-2.3
Unemployment	7.4	7.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.8
Participation rate	70.1	69.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	65.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 – continued

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

	December 2005	January 2006	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	865.3	868.1	...	2.8	2.8	24.3	0.3	0.3	2.9
Labour force	641.8	647.9	3.0	6.1	6.1	24.9	1.0	1.0	4.0
Employment	613.1	619.2	3.0	6.1	6.1	24.9	1.0	1.0	4.2
Unemployment	28.7	28.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	74.2	74.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.9	71.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	820.0	822.1	...	2.1	2.1	17.4	0.3	0.3	2.2
Labour force	568.4	565.5	2.6	-2.9	-2.9	-20.4	-0.5	-0.5	-3.5
Employment	543.3	541.4	2.7	-1.9	-1.9	-15.3	-0.3	-0.3	-2.7
Unemployment	25.1	24.1	1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-5.1	-4.0	-4.0	-17.5
Participation rate	69.3	68.8	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-4.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	65.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-3.3	...	...	...
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
Population	125.8	126.1	...	0.3	0.3	2.4	0.2	0.2	1.9
Labour force	85.4	87.2	0.8	1.8	1.8	4.8	2.1	2.1	5.8
Employment	80.6	82.5	0.8	1.9	1.9	5.6	2.4	2.4	7.3
Unemployment	4.8	4.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	-2.1	-2.1	-16.1
Participation rate	67.9	69.2	0.6	1.3	1.3	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	65.4	0.6	1.3	1.3	3.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,840.3	1,843.5	...	3.2	3.2	40.1	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,227.8	1,227.0	4.9	-0.8	-0.8	9.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Employment	1,169.8	1,166.1	5.1	-3.7	-3.7	26.9	-0.3	-0.3	2.4
Unemployment	58.0	60.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	-17.9	5.0	5.0	-22.7
Participation rate	66.7	66.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	274.9	275.3	...	0.4	0.4	4.0	0.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	177.0	175.6	1.7	-1.4	-1.4	3.2	-0.8	-0.8	1.9
Employment	169.3	168.5	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	4.9	-0.5	-0.5	3.0
Unemployment	7.6	7.1	0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-1.7	-6.6	-6.6	-19.3
Participation rate	64.4	63.8	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0090

Table 5-2

Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area (seasonally adjusted) — Monthly

	December 2005	January 2006	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	2,984.2	2,987.6	...	3.4	3.4	39.1	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	2,018.4	2,011.1	16.0	-7.3	-7.3	21.3	-0.4	-0.4	1.1
Employment	1,823.6	1,815.5	16.3	-8.1	-8.1	-2.7	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
Unemployment	194.8	195.6	11.9	0.8	0.8	23.9	0.4	0.4	13.9
Participation rate	67.6	67.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	60.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,328.1	4,336.4	...	8.3	8.3	102.3	0.2	0.2	2.4
Labour force	2,971.3	2,990.4	19.2	19.1	19.1	80.7	0.6	0.6	2.8
Employment	2,783.8	2,784.0	19.4	0.2	0.2	78.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Unemployment	187.6	206.4	13.6	18.8	18.8	2.7	10.0	10.0	1.3
Participation rate	68.7	69.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.9	0.5	0.6	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,843.4	1,846.7	...	3.3	3.3	40.6	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,230.7	1,210.7	10.7	-20.0	-20.0	-15.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.3
Employment	1,171.2	1,145.2	11.1	-26.0	-26.0	-0.6	-2.2	-2.2	-0.1
Unemployment	59.5	65.5	7.4	6.0	6.0	-15.1	10.1	10.1	-18.7
Participation rate	66.8	65.6	0.6	-1.2	-1.2	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	62.0	0.6	-1.5	-1.5	-1.4	...	...	...

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

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 6

Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in January 2005 and January 2006

	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Canada ²							
2005	25,597.2	17,086.8	15,888.7	1,198.2	66.8	7.0	62.1
2006	25,988.8	17,266.6	16,157.4	1,109.2	66.4	6.4	62.2
Newfoundland and Labrador							
2005	430.3	242.9	204.8	38.1	56.4	15.7	47.6
2006	429.2	243.8	203.8	40.0	56.8	16.4	47.5
<i>Avalon Peninsula [1010]</i>							
2005	208.7	126.0	111.7	14.3	60.4	11.3	53.5
2006	209.6	127.1	111.5	15.6	60.6	12.3	53.2
<i>South Coast-Burin Peninsula [1020]</i>							
2005	34.7	18.2	14.2	4.0	52.4	22.0	40.9
2006	34.1	16.5	12.5	4.0	48.4	24.2	36.7
<i>West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador [1030]</i>							
2005	89.8	49.4	39.4	10.1	55.0	20.4	43.9
2006	89.0	50.1	41.4	8.8	56.3	17.6	46.5
<i>Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay [1040]</i>							
2005	97.1	49.3	39.6	9.7	50.8	19.7	40.8
2006	96.5	50.1	38.4	11.7	51.9	23.4	39.8
Prince Edward Island							
2005	111.2	74.4	65.4	9.1	66.9	12.2	58.8
2006	111.9	74.6	65.4	9.2	66.7	12.3	58.4
Nova Scotia							
2005	758.8	480.4	437.5	42.9	63.3	8.9	57.7
2006	762.0	474.9	435.3	39.6	62.3	8.3	57.1
<i>Cape Breton [1210]</i>							
2005	117.8	57.3	48.3	9.0	48.6	15.7	41.0
2006	117.2	62.9	53.8	9.2	53.7	14.6	45.9
<i>North Shore [1220]</i>							
2005	131.1	80.1	71.4	8.7	61.1	10.9	54.5
2006	131.2	80.4	73.6	6.8	61.3	8.5	56.1
<i>Annapolis Valley [1230]</i>							
2005	99.1	63.6	58.4	5.1	64.2	8.0	58.9
2006	99.5	62.2	56.6	5.6	62.5	9.0	56.9
<i>Southern [1240]</i>							
2005	103.7	63.6	57.1	6.5	61.3	10.2	55.1
2006	103.8	58.9	52.2	6.8	56.7	11.5	50.3
<i>Halifax [1250]</i>							
2005	307.1	215.8	202.3	13.6	70.3	6.3	65.9
2006	310.3	210.4	199.1	11.4	67.8	5.4	64.2
New Brunswick							
2005	608.7	380.3	343.4	36.9	62.5	9.7	56.4
2006	611.4	383.2	348.1	35.1	62.7	9.2	56.9
<i>Campbellton-Miramichi [1310]</i>							
2005	138.2	75.3	63.3	12.0	54.5	15.9	45.8
2006	137.4	76.5	65.2	11.3	55.7	14.8	47.5

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Moncton-Richibucto [1320]							
2005	158.9	103.9	95.9	8.0	65.4	7.7	60.4
2006	160.8	103.7	95.1	8.6	64.5	8.3	59.1
Saint John-St. Stephen [1330]							
2005	140.5	88.0	81.1	7.0	62.6	8.0	57.7
2006	141.2	90.3	84.6	5.7	64.0	6.3	59.9
Fredericton-Oromocto [1340]							
2005	102.5	70.6	64.5	6.1	68.9	8.6	62.9
2006	103.5	67.9	62.5	5.4	65.6	8.0	60.4
Edmundston-Woodstock [1350]							
2005	68.5	42.6	38.6	3.9	62.2	9.2	56.4
2006	68.4	44.8	40.7	4.1	65.5	9.2	59.5
Quebec							
2005	6,144.0	4,009.0	3,649.6	359.4	65.3	9.0	59.4
2006	6,216.3	4,043.5	3,697.2	346.3	65.0	8.6	59.5
Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine [2410]							
2005	80.0	38.5	29.8	8.6	48.1	22.3	37.3
2006	80.6	38.6	31.7	6.9	47.9	17.9	39.3
Bas-Saint-Laurent [2415]							
2005	166.5	97.9	89.6	8.3	58.8	8.5	53.8
2006	167.0	96.6	87.6	9.0	57.8	9.3	52.5
Capitale-Nationale [2420]							
2005	551.2	354.2	331.1	23.2	64.3	6.5	60.1
2006	557.2	355.4	336.1	19.3	63.8	5.4	60.3
Chaudière-Appalaches [2425]							
2005	321.0	218.2	201.8	16.4	68.0	7.5	62.9
2006	323.4	221.1	208.9	12.1	68.4	5.5	64.6
Estrie [2430]							
2005	242.6	156.0	144.4	11.7	64.3	7.5	59.5
2006	245.2	154.1	142.9	11.1	62.8	7.2	58.3
Centre-du-Québec [2433]							
2005	181.2	126.7	117.2	9.6	69.9	7.6	64.7
2006	182.9	124.4	114.3	10.1	68.0	8.1	62.5
Montérégie [2435]							
2005	1,087.6	721.7	670.8	50.9	66.4	7.1	61.7
2006	1,102.9	747.8	691.0	56.8	67.8	7.6	62.7
Montréal [2440]							
2005	1,561.4	1,019.5	901.1	118.4	65.3	11.6	57.7
2006	1,576.4	1,027.2	903.9	123.3	65.2	12.0	57.3
Laval [2445]							
2005	297.4	196.6	181.4	15.2	66.1	7.7	61.0
2006	302.0	195.4	182.6	12.7	64.7	6.5	60.5
Lanaudière [2450]							
2005	332.4	224.5	206.7	17.8	67.5	7.9	62.2
2006	339.6	224.8	210.5	14.3	66.2	6.4	62.0

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Laurentides [2455]							
2005	401.4	279.2	260.3	18.9	69.6	6.8	64.8
2006	411.1	269.9	245.5	24.4	65.7	9.0	59.7
Outaouais [2460]							
2005	276.0	185.9	171.9	14.0	67.4	7.5	62.3
2006	282.6	199.1	187.6	11.5	70.5	5.8	66.4
Abitibi-Témiscamingue [2465]							
2005	115.0	72.9	63.6	9.3	63.4	12.8	55.3
2006	115.2	72.1	66.8	5.3	62.6	7.4	58.0
Mauricie [2470]							
2005	214.6	126.4	110.6	15.9	58.9	12.6	51.5
2006	215.9	125.6	115.5	10.1	58.2	8.0	53.5
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean [2475]							
2005	225.0	131.5	116.0	15.5	58.4	11.8	51.6
2006	224.6	136.5	122.1	14.4	60.8	10.5	54.4
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec [2480, 2490]							
2005	90.6	59.2	53.3	5.9	65.3	10.0	58.8
2006	89.7	55.0	50.1	4.9	61.3	8.9	55.9
Ontario							
2005	9,972.2	6,733.8	6,300.5	433.3	67.5	6.4	63.2
2006	10,153.4	6,809.6	6,408.2	401.4	67.1	5.9	63.1
Ottawa [3510]							
2005	962.8	665.4	623.8	41.6	69.1	6.3	64.8
2006	974.9	677.5	640.6	36.9	69.5	5.4	65.7
Kingston-Pembroke [3515]							
2005	353.3	219.2	205.8	13.3	62.0	6.1	58.3
2006	356.7	208.4	196.2	12.2	58.4	5.9	55.0
Muskoka-Kawartha [3520]							
2005	298.9	170.8	161.4	9.4	57.1	5.5	54.0
2006	304.3	184.7	173.8	10.9	60.7	5.9	57.1
Toronto [3530]							
2005	4,452.1	3,048.5	2,835.6	212.9	68.5	7.0	63.7
2006	4,561.0	3,108.5	2,922.9	185.6	68.2	6.0	64.1
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie [3540]							
2005	918.3	652.5	622.8	29.6	71.1	4.5	67.8
2006	939.2	668.6	638.5	30.2	71.2	4.5	68.0
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula [3550]							
2005	1,101.1	730.4	686.8	43.5	66.3	6.0	62.4
2006	1,116.2	732.6	687.9	44.7	65.6	6.1	61.6
London [3560]							
2005	497.2	348.5	329.5	19.1	70.1	5.5	66.3
2006	503.3	343.4	320.4	22.9	68.2	6.7	63.7
Windsor-Sarnia [3570]							
2005	516.1	337.0	309.5	27.5	65.3	8.2	60.0
2006	521.4	343.1	317.3	25.8	65.8	7.5	60.9

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula [3580]							
2005	243.0	165.6	158.0	7.6	68.1	4.6	65.0
2006	245.8	162.8	155.6	7.2	66.2	4.4	63.3
Northeast [3590]							
2005	452.0	274.7	254.4	20.3	60.8	7.4	56.3
2006	453.0	271.8	253.6	18.1	60.0	6.7	56.0
Northwest [3595]							
2005	177.4	121.3	112.8	8.5	68.4	7.0	63.6
2006	177.6	108.3	101.4	6.9	61.0	6.4	57.1
Manitoba							
2005	885.0	606.8	575.6	31.1	68.6	5.1	65.0
2006	889.9	605.7	579.8	25.9	68.1	4.3	65.2
Southeast [4610]							
2005	72.5	50.6	48.0	2.7	69.8	5.3	66.2
2006	73.9	53.8	51.4	2.4	72.8	4.5	69.6
South Central [4620]							
2005	41.8	30.6	29.7	0.9	73.2	2.9	71.1
2006	42.2	26.9	26.4	0.5	63.7	1.9	62.6
Southwest [4630]							
2005	81.8	51.4	48.7	2.7	62.8	5.3	59.5
2006	81.8	53.9	50.2	3.7	65.9	6.9	61.4
North Central [4640]							
2005	35.2	21.4	20.1	1.2	60.8	5.6	57.1
2006	35.3	23.0	22.0	1.1	65.2	4.8	62.3
Winnipeg [4650]							
2005	524.3	366.6	348.7	17.9	69.9	4.9	66.5
2006	527.7	360.1	345.0	15.0	68.2	4.2	65.4
Interlake [4660]							
2005	67.5	44.7	41.6	3.1	66.2	6.9	61.6
2006	68.2	47.8	46.2	1.6	70.1	3.3	67.7
Parklands and North [4670, 4680]							
2005	62.1	41.4	38.9	2.6	66.7	6.3	62.6
2006	60.8	40.1	38.6	1.5	66.0	3.7	63.5
Saskatchewan							
2005	747.0	505.7	479.4	26.3	67.7	5.2	64.2
2006	748.2	500.9	474.8	26.1	66.9	5.2	63.5
Regina-Moose Mountain [4710]							
2005	218.3	155.2	147.7	7.5	71.1	4.8	67.7
2006	219.3	149.8	143.1	6.7	68.3	4.5	65.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw [4720]							
2005	83.0	52.2	49.8	2.4	62.9	4.6	60.0
2006	82.9	54.0	51.8	2.2	65.1	4.1	62.5
Saskatoon-Biggar [4730]							
2005	229.6	162.2	154.3	7.8	70.6	4.8	67.2
2006	230.7	155.7	147.8	8.0	67.5	5.1	64.1

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
in thousands							
Yorkton-Melville [4740]							
2005	66.2	41.3	39.2	2.1	62.4	5.1	59.2
2006	65.3	43.4	41.7	1.7	66.5	3.9	63.9
Prince Albert and Northern [4750, 4760]							
2005	149.9	94.8	88.4	6.4	63.2	6.8	59.0
2006	149.8	97.9	90.4	7.5	65.4	7.7	60.3
Alberta							
2005	2,526.0	1,838.5	1,757.0	81.4	72.8	4.4	69.6
2006	2,588.1	1,866.7	1,791.8	74.9	72.1	4.0	69.2
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat [4810]							
2005	193.3	140.2	135.1	5.0	72.5	3.6	69.9
2006	196.8	140.1	134.6	5.5	71.2	3.9	68.4
Camrose-Drumheller [4820]							
2005	146.3	103.3	99.3	4.0	70.6	3.9	67.9
2006	148.6	104.1	101.6	2.5	70.1	2.4	68.4
Calgary [4830]							
2005	906.0	667.5	636.0	31.5	73.7	4.7	70.2
2006	932.8	697.7	666.7	30.9	74.8	4.4	71.5
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House [4840]							
2005	64.3	48.5	47.1	x	75.4	x	73.3
2006	65.0	49.3	47.4	1.9	75.8	3.9	72.9
Red Deer [4850]							
2005	128.9	92.7	89.3	3.4	71.9	3.7	69.3
2006	132.8	97.9	94.0	3.9	73.7	4.0	70.8
Edmonton [4860]							
2005	835.1	603.3	573.2	30.1	72.2	5.0	68.6
2006	853.3	581.8	557.1	24.7	68.2	4.2	65.3
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River [4870]							
2005	170.5	122.4	118.4	4.0	71.8	3.3	69.4
2006	173.9	132.5	129.4	3.0	76.2	2.3	74.4
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake [4880]							
2005	81.7	60.5	58.6	1.9	74.1	3.1	71.7
2006	84.9	63.3	60.9	2.4	74.6	3.8	71.7
British Columbia							
2005	3,414.0	2,215.2	2,075.5	139.6	64.9	6.3	60.8
2006	3,478.4	2,263.8	2,153.1	110.7	65.1	4.9	61.9
Vancouver Island and Coast [5910]							
2005	595.6	361.3	335.8	25.4	60.7	7.0	56.4
2006	605.9	376.4	356.0	20.4	62.1	5.4	58.8
Lower Mainland-Southwest [5920]							
2005	2,051.2	1,357.0	1,275.2	81.9	66.2	6.0	62.2
2006	2,096.9	1,382.8	1,318.7	64.1	65.9	4.6	62.9
Thompson-Okanagan [5930]							
2005	399.9	247.9	233.9	14.1	62.0	5.7	58.5
2006	408.2	261.1	250.3	10.8	64.0	4.1	61.3

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	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
		Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
	in thousands						
Kootenay [5940]							
2005	122.0	77.4	71.5	6.0	63.4	7.8	58.6
2006	122.4	71.4	66.8	4.6	58.3	6.4	54.6
Cariboo [5950]							
2005	127.0	87.3	81.3	6.0	68.7	6.9	64.0
2006	126.6	89.8	84.7	5.2	70.9	5.8	66.9
North Coast and Nechako [5960, 5970]							
2005	69.2	49.2	44.5	4.7	71.1	9.6	64.3
2006	68.3	46.8	42.4	4.4	68.5	9.4	62.1
Northeast [5980]							
2005	49.2	35.0	33.4	1.7	71.1	4.9	67.9
2006	50.1	35.5	34.2	x	70.9	x	68.3
Yukon Territory ³							
2005	21.6	16.4	15.4	1.0	75.9	6.1	71.3
2006	21.6	15.9	15.1	0.8	73.6	5.0	69.9
Northwest Territories ⁴							
2005	31.0	24.0	22.2	1.8	77.4	7.5	71.6
2006	31.5	23.9	22.7	1.2	75.9	5.0	72.1

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

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

3. Since 1992, the Labour Force Survey has been administered in the Yukon Territory, using an alternative methodology that accommodates some of the operational difficulties inherent to remote locales. These estimates are not included in national totals.

4. 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.

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0054

Table 7

Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada, unadjusted

	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
	'000		\$		'000		\$	'000		\$
January 2006										
15 years and over	13,439.7	35.2	718.57	19.66	10,892.4	39.5	830.66	2,547.3	16.9	239.24
15 to 24 years	2,227.1	26.6	318.92	11.09	1,083.1	39.1	510.11	1,144.0	14.7	137.92
25 years and over	11,212.6	36.9	797.94	21.36	9,809.3	39.5	866.06	1,403.3	18.7	321.83
Men	6,736.9	37.8	834.16	21.48	5,953.2	40.7	916.19	783.7	16.1	210.99
Women	6,702.8	32.5	602.38	17.82	4,939.1	38.0	727.57	1,763.6	17.3	251.79
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,345.8	35.7	816.57	22.63	3,719.8	38.6	891.50	626.0	18.9	371.36
No union coverage	9,093.9	34.9	671.73	18.24	7,172.6	39.9	799.11	1,921.3	16.3	196.19
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,886.5	36.3	752.70	20.16	10,105.8	39.5	839.82	1,780.7	18.0	258.27
Temporary	1,553.2	26.9	457.32	15.77	786.6	39.2	712.96	766.6	14.4	195.04
Occupation										
Management	1,020.7	40.1	1,223.65	30.70	991.5	40.7	1,248.32	29.2	18.9	386.31
Business, finance and administrative	2,660.9	35.2	671.11	18.65	2,262.8	38.3	743.96	398.2	17.3	257.10
Natural and applied sciences	927.1	38.6	1,067.66	27.70	895.9	39.3	1,091.21	31.2	17.8	391.10
Health	830.0	33.0	754.85	22.60	613.7	37.6	871.34	216.2	20.1	424.23
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,234.4	33.8	875.16	25.74	976.8	38.3	997.33	257.6	16.8	411.87
Art, culture, recreation and sport	342.9	29.1	618.03	19.72	220.6	38.4	844.91	122.3	12.4	208.66
Sales and service	3,411.8	30.2	421.50	12.93	2,106.9	38.6	578.67	1,304.9	16.6	167.74
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,881.9	40.1	787.48	19.39	1,755.9	41.8	826.90	126.0	17.7	238.17
Occupations unique to primary industry	206.9	43.1	806.66	18.14	186.9	46.1	875.97	20.0	14.9	158.84
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	923.1	39.1	679.29	17.21	881.3	40.2	702.21	41.7	16.2	195.39
January 2005										
15 years and over	13,226.7	35.1	694.21	19.02	10,661.8	39.4	803.80	2,564.9	17.2	238.63
15 to 24 years	2,181.0	26.7	307.60	10.70	1,077.3	38.8	484.38	1,103.7	14.8	135.04
25 years and over	11,045.7	36.8	770.54	20.66	9,584.5	39.5	839.71	1,461.2	18.9	316.87
Men	6,650.8	37.9	812.94	20.89	5,916.1	40.7	888.22	734.7	16.0	206.74
Women	6,575.9	32.3	574.12	17.13	4,745.7	37.9	698.57	1,830.2	17.6	251.43
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,281.5	35.6	784.85	21.81	3,622.7	38.5	861.37	658.7	19.2	364.03
No union coverage	8,945.2	34.9	650.82	17.69	7,039.1	39.9	774.18	1,906.2	16.4	195.29
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,759.0	36.1	726.96	19.54	9,899.5	39.5	815.33	1,859.6	18.1	256.54
Temporary	1,467.7	27.1	431.76	14.87	762.3	38.6	654.14	705.3	14.7	191.40
Occupation										
Management	907.9	40.6	1,227.91	30.32	891.2	41.0	1,240.45	16.8	22.0	561.19
Business, finance and administrative	2,579.3	35.0	651.31	18.23	2,174.0	38.2	723.05	405.3	17.9	266.50
Natural and applied sciences	959.4	38.5	1,028.11	26.70	931.0	39.1	1,047.74	28.4	17.7	384.02
Health	814.8	32.6	720.55	21.89	583.7	37.6	839.36	231.1	19.9	420.46
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,110.3	33.8	832.12	24.55	867.5	38.4	950.26	242.8	17.5	410.04
Art, culture, recreation and sport	315.3	29.8	609.99	19.15	211.2	38.4	815.67	104.1	12.4	192.65
Sales and service	3,454.4	30.1	415.33	12.79	2,111.4	38.5	573.80	1,343.0	16.7	166.19
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,829.1	39.9	767.12	19.05	1,700.3	41.6	806.97	128.8	17.4	241.13
Occupations unique to primary industry	208.3	42.6	767.26	17.43	181.5	46.6	855.46	26.9	15.2	171.19
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,047.8	39.4	667.88	16.82	1,010.0	40.2	684.88	37.9	16.6	214.30

Note: 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 12, 2006 to March 11, 2006 Unemployment rate
	Percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	
01. St. John's	8.5
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.2
Prince Edward Island	
03. Prince Edward Island	10.8
Nova Scotia	
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.7
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.3
06. Halifax	5.2
New Brunswick	
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.3
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	10.6
09. Restigouche-Albert	14.6
Quebec	
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	16.8
11. Québec	4.8
12. Trois-Rivières	8.8
13. South Central Quebec	5.3
14. Sherbrooke	7.5
15. Montérégie	6.4
16. Montréal	9.6
17. Central Quebec	7.7
18. Northwestern Quebec	9.3
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	11.4
20. Gatineau	5.7
21. Saguenay	8.7
Ontario	
22. Ottawa	5.3
23. Eastern Ontario	7.1
24. Kingston	5.5
25. Central Ontario	5.6
26. Oshawa	6.8
27. Toronto	6.4
28. Hamilton	6.1
29. St. Catharines	7.1
30. London	6.4
31. Niagara	8.4
32. Windsor	7.9
33. Kitchener	5.9
34. Huron	7.2
35. South Central Ontario	5.2
36. Sudbury	7.6
37. Thunder Bay	6.4
38. Northern Ontario	9.7
Manitoba	
39. Winnipeg	4.3
40. Southern Manitoba	5.7
41. Northern Manitoba	23.3

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 8 – continued

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

Region	Effective from February 12, 2006 to March 11, 2006 Unemployment rate
	Percent
Saskatchewan	
42. Regina	4.9
43. Saskatoon	5.5
44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.0
45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.7
Alberta	
46. Calgary	4.4
47. Edmonton	4.4
48. Northern Alberta	7.2
49. Southern Alberta	4.6
British Columbia	
50. Southern Interior British Columbia	6.0
51. Abbotsford	5.0
52. Vancouver	4.9
53. Victoria	4.9
54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	7.0
55. Northern British Columbia	9.3
Territories	
56. Yukon Territory ⁴	25.0
57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25.0
58. Nunavut ⁴	25.0

1. The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: <http://www14.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ei-ae/canadaei.htm>.
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 greater than 29 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 error

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 53,000 households across Canada. Because they are based on a sample survey, the estimates are subject to sampling error. Changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. In most tables in this publication an indicator of the sampling error is provided. Two thirds of the time, a change greater than the sampling error indicates a real change. 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.

In November 2004, the Labour Force Survey implemented a new survey design to ensure the highest possible quality in monthly labour market estimates. This new sampling plan may have an impact on standard errors. The standard errors in this publication were derived using the old sample plan. The program to compute standard errors under the new design is now being developed. Even though we are expecting the standard errors under the new plan to be similar to the ones actually available in this publication, we ask users to be cautious in using the standard errors in this publication.

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-GIE)
- Data quality statement
- Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-XPB)