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- <sup>r</sup> revised
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## Commentary

Employment edged up by an estimated 27,000 in February after three months of little change. The unemployment rate held steady at 7.0% as more people were participating in the labour force in February.

The number of hours worked rose by 0.9% in February, offsetting the decline in January. Hours worked have increased 2.3% from 12 months ago, while employment has grown by 1.5% over the same period, mostly full-time jobs.

### More employment in educational services but fewer factory jobs

There were 21,000 more people working in educational services in February, with gains across several provinces, the largest occurring in Ontario. At the national level, increases were mostly in post-secondary and university education. Employment in educational services declined sharply last summer, however, it has rebounded since the fall and is now 1.8% above the level of a year ago.

In February, employment rose by 15,000 in information, culture and recreation services, offsetting the decline in January. This leaves employment in the sector at about the same level as in February 2004.

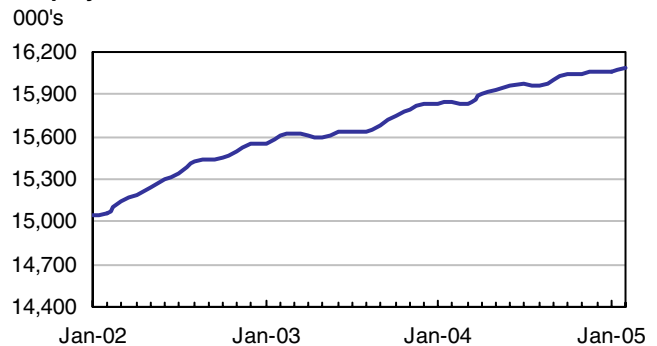
There were 13,000 more people employed in business, building and other support services in February. Following robust increases in 2002 and in the latter part of 2003, there has been little growth in this sector over the past 14 months.

Employment also rose in agriculture, up 8,000, with the bulk of the increase occurring in Ontario. Despite this gain, agricultural employment is down slightly from 12 months ago at the national level and is little changed over the same period in Ontario.

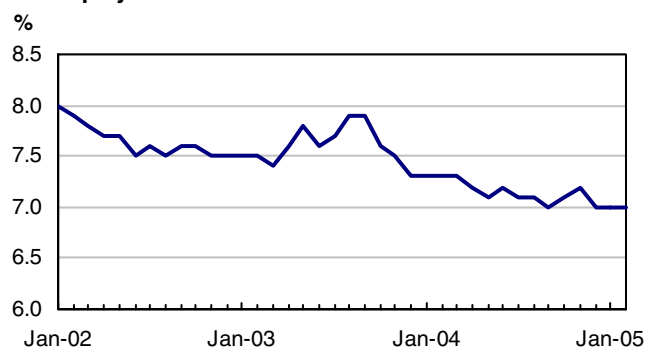
Manufacturing employment fell by 28,000 in February bringing losses over the last nine months to 43,000 (-1.9%). Most of the decline this month occurred in Ontario, but there were also significant losses in Alberta. A decline in the export of goods observed in the third and fourth quarters of 2004 and the impact of the strong Canadian dollar may have contributed to the ongoing weakness in manufacturing employment.

Employment fell by 20,000 in accommodation and food services. Since the fall, both employment and hours worked have been weak in parts of this sector, notably taverns and bars, possibly due to the National Hockey League labour dispute.

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



In February, the number of public sector employees rose by 38,000, offsetting a similar decline last month. Most of this month's gain was in educational services. Private sector employment edged down as a decline of 36,000 employees was mostly offset by an increase of 24,000 in the number of self-employed. Over the last 12 months, the rate of employment growth has been strongest among the self-employed (+2.7%), followed by the public sector (+2.3%) and private sector employees (+1.0%).

### Adult women gain full-time jobs while more part-time work for youths

Among women aged 25 and over, full-time employment increased by 42,000 but was partly offset by a decline in part-time jobs. For adult men, there was little change in both full-time and part-time employment. Compared to 12 months ago, employment has grown at a brisker pace for adult men (+1.8%) than for adult women (+1.0%) with all of the gains in full-time jobs.

In February, there were more youths working part-time (+21,000). Over the past 12 months, youth employment is up 1.8%, led by gains in part-time.

### Job gains for Ontario

In February, employment increased by 19,000 in Ontario, bringing total gains to 50,000 (+0.8%) from a year ago. There were more full-time jobs for the province in February and sectors affected by the overall employment increase include information, culture and recreation along with educational services (mostly university) and agriculture. These gains, however, were partly offset by losses in manufacturing and public administration (municipal). The decline in factory jobs was mainly due to weakness in motor vehicles and parts, furniture and related industries, as well as in chemical products manufacturing. Despite more people working in February, the unemployment rate edged up 0.1 percentage points to 6.8%, the result of an increase in labour force participation.

Employment edged up 3,000 in Manitoba, with gains in education, other services such as personal care, and in retail and wholesale trade. This month's increase brings employment in the province up 1.6% (+9,000) from 12 months ago.

In Quebec, a decline of 20,000 full-time jobs was offset by a similar gain in part-time, leaving employment in the province up 1.7% (+61,000) from February 2004. Despite little employment change this month, the unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 8.0% as the number of people in the labour force declined by 21,000.

In Nova Scotia, the unemployment rate rose 1.1 percentage points to 9.8%, mainly the result of more people in the labour force looking for work. Despite little change in February, there were 6,000 (+1.4%) more people working in the province compared to 12 months ago.

There was also little change in British Columbia in February, leaving employment in the province up 3.4% (+70,000) from a year ago. Most of the job gains over the last 12 months have been in construction and in professional, scientific and technical services. The unemployment rate jumped 0.5 percentage points to 7.0% in February as more people were in the labour force searching for work.

There was little change in employment and unemployment in the other provinces in February.

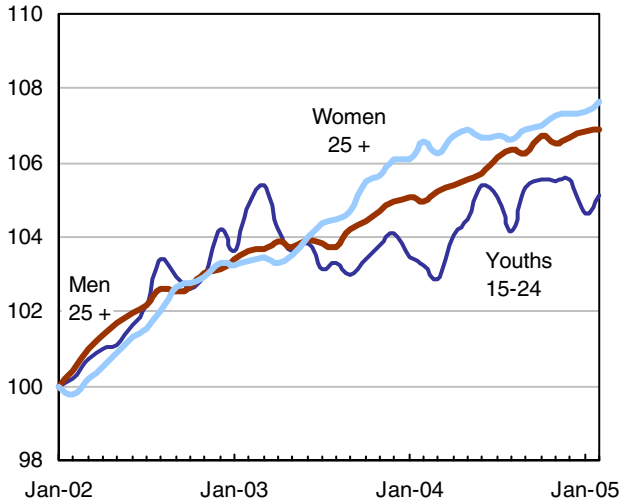
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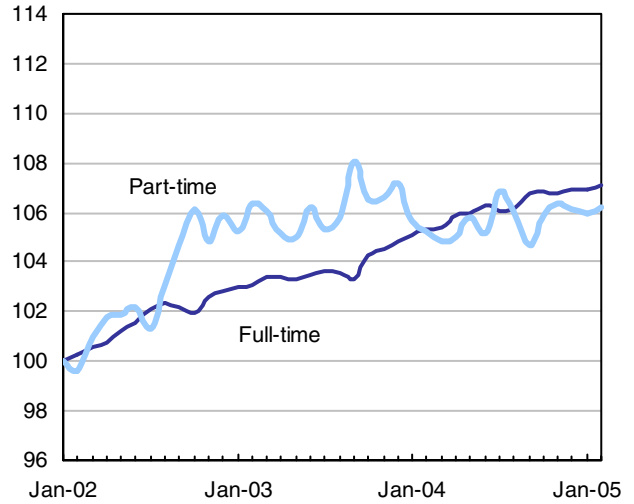
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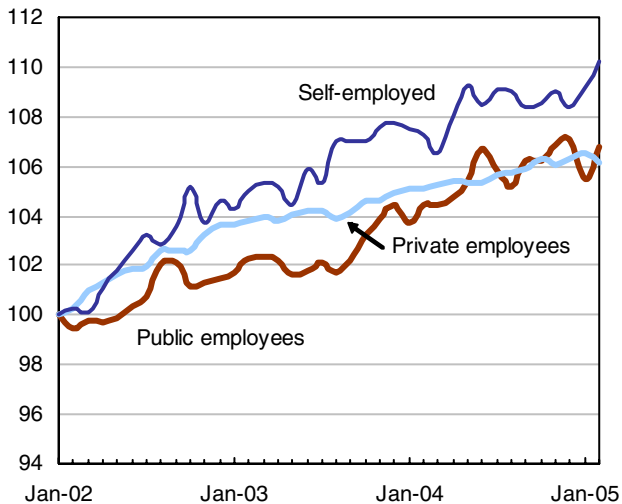
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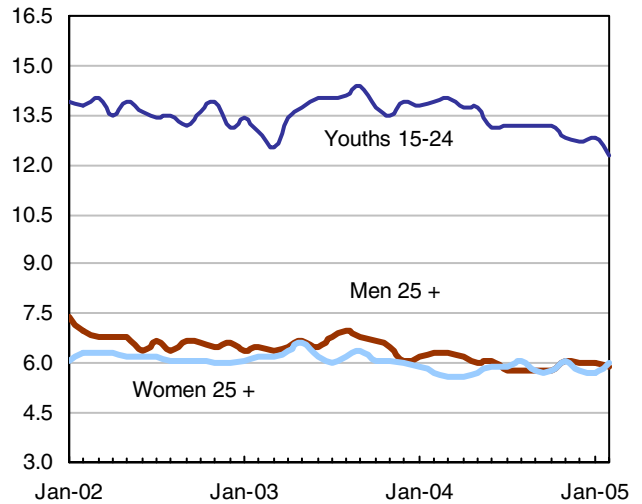
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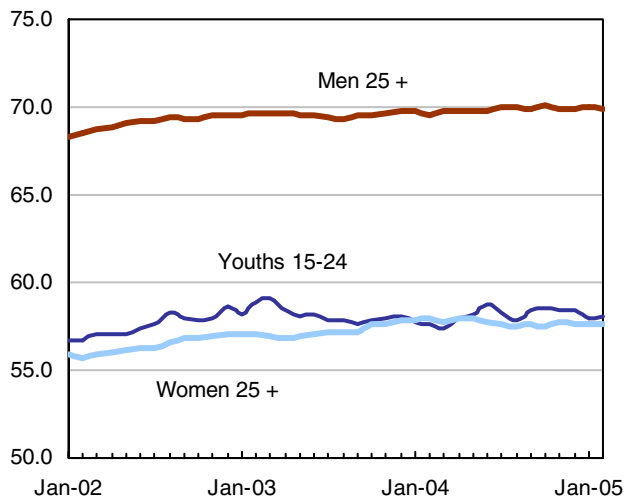
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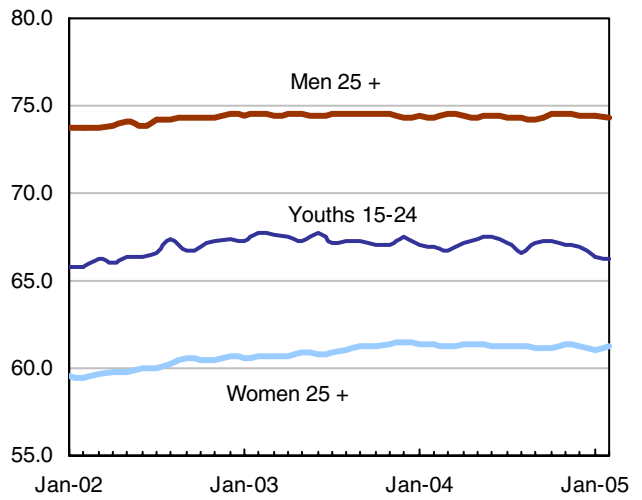
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**Employment rate (%)**



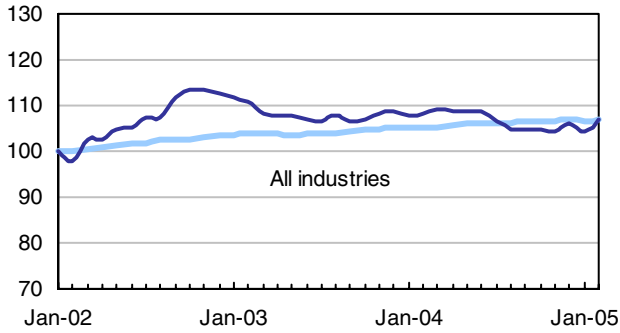
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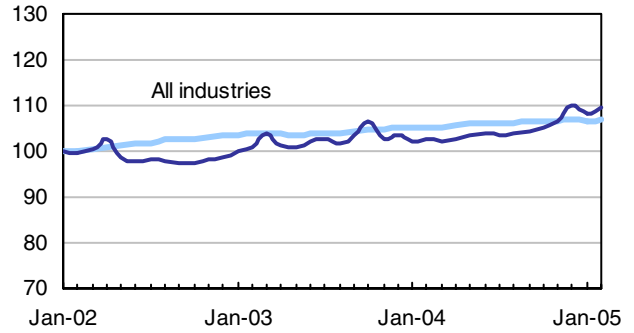


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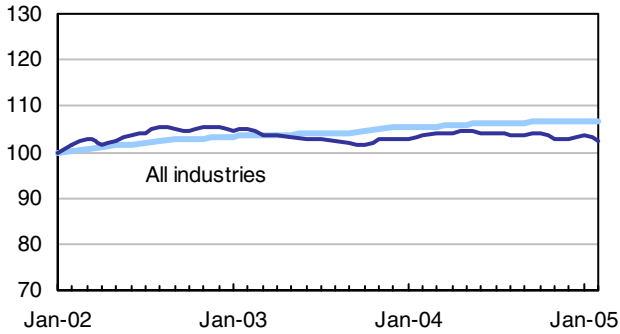
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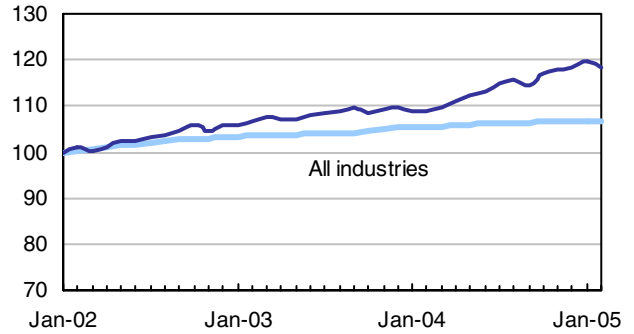
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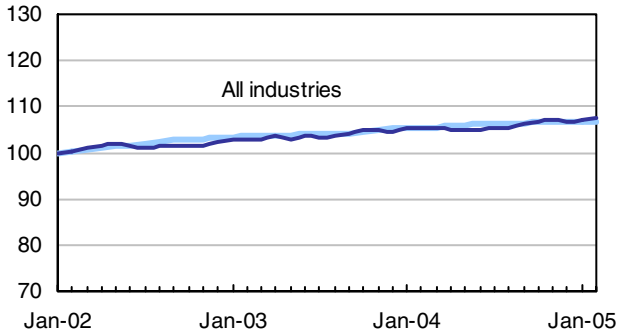
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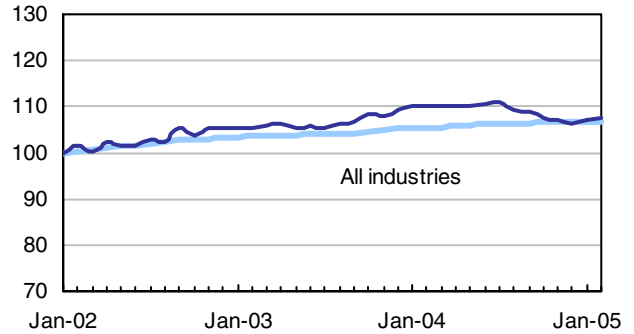
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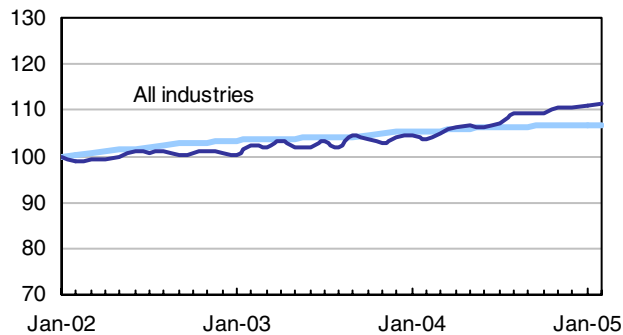
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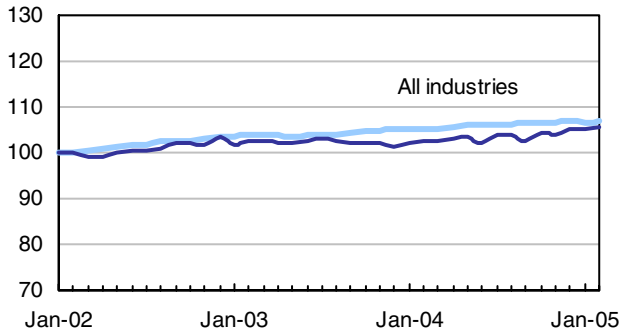


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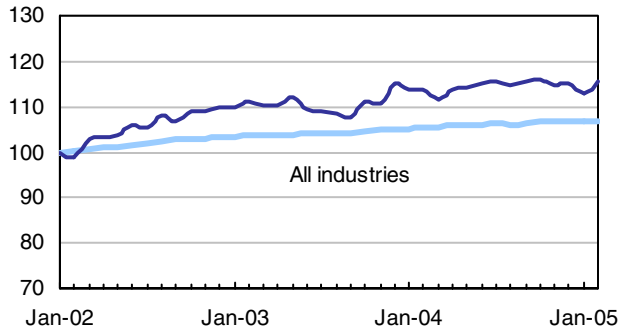


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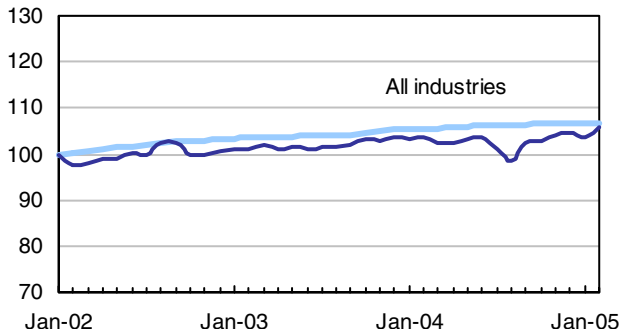
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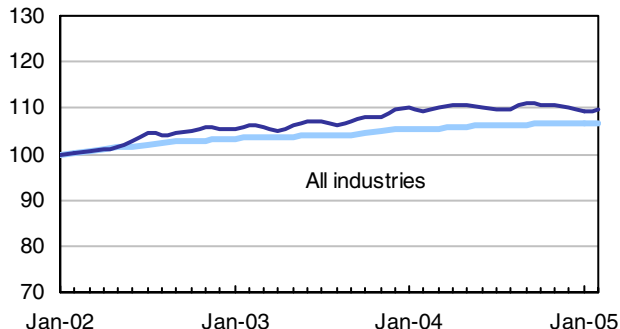
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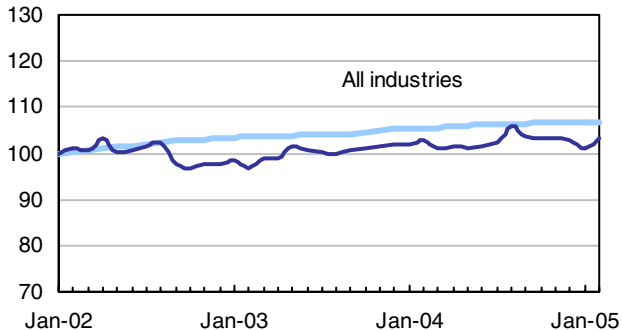
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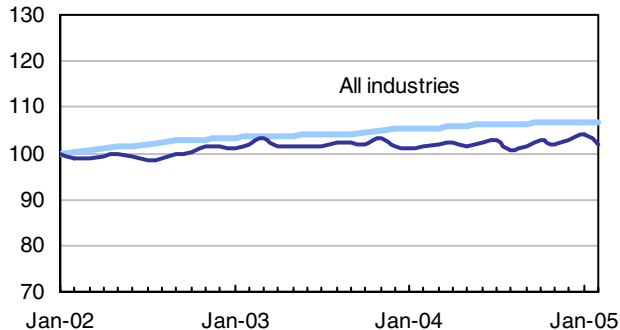
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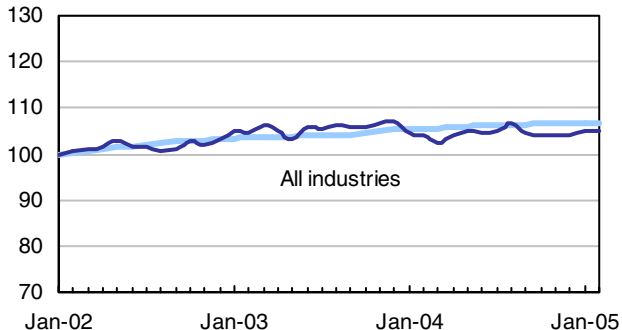
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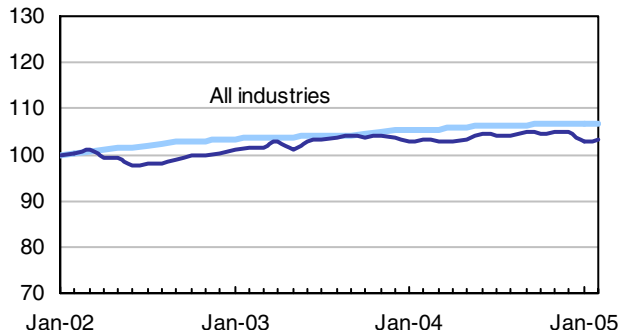
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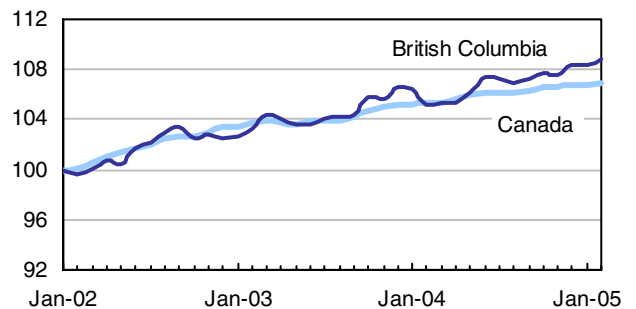
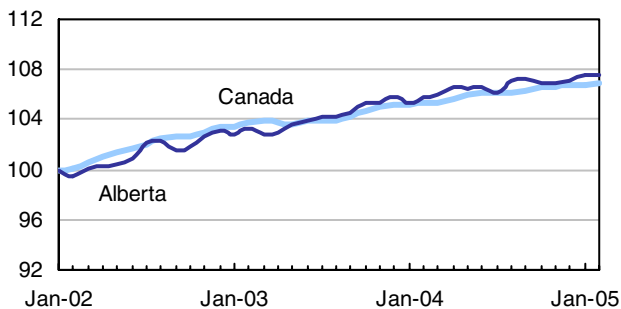
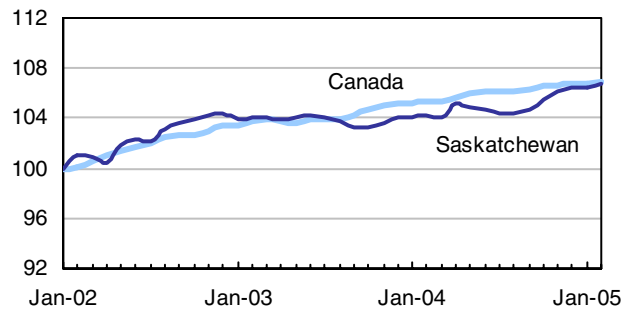
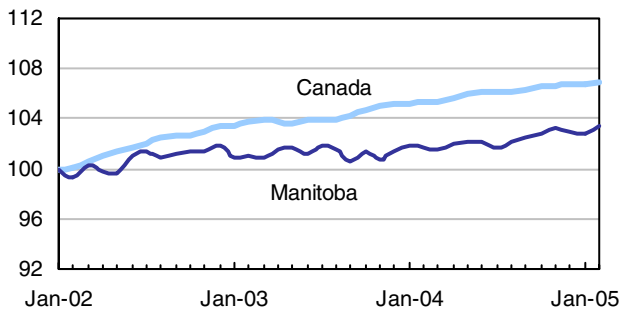
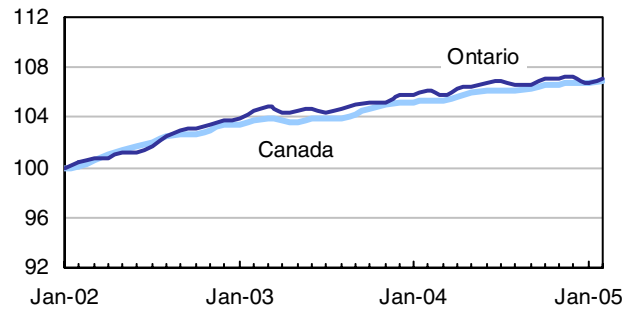
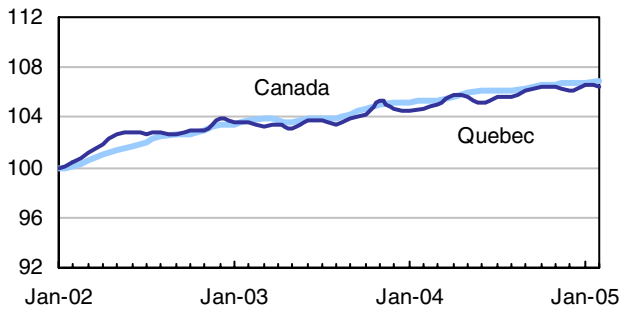
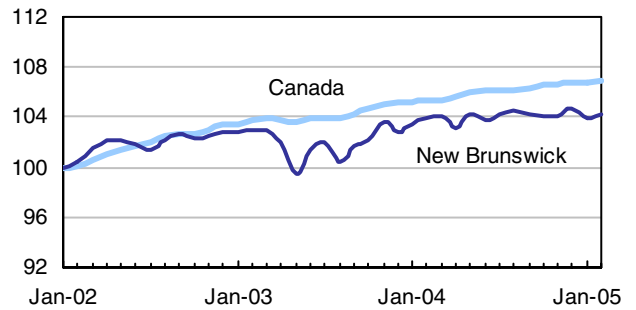
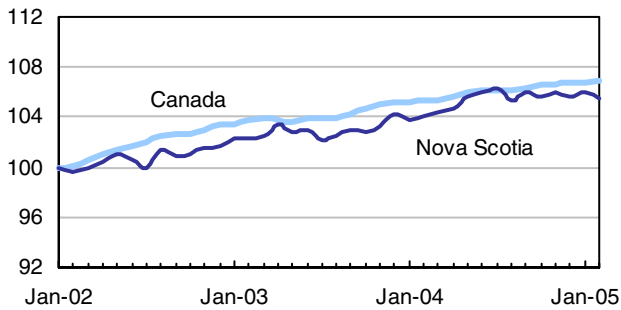
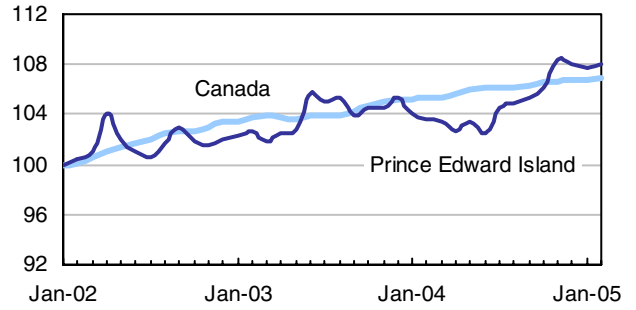
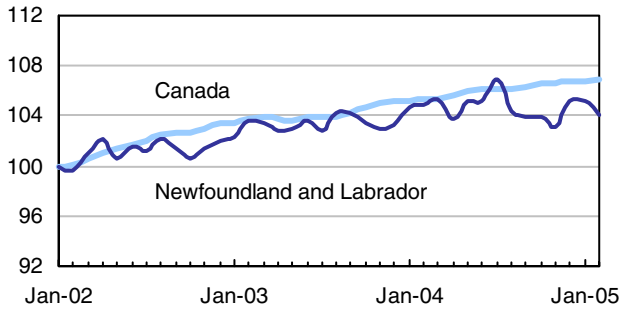
**Other services**



**Public administration**



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



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Table 1

## Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,623.3	25,655.2	...	31.9	58.4	360.4	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	17,263.8	17,292.5	28.1	28.7	12.5	198.4	0.2	0.1	1.2
Employment	16,057.4	16,084.0	28.9	26.6	20.9	239.6	0.2	0.1	1.5
Employment full-time	13,096.6	13,117.8	35.0	21.2	19.1	214.6	0.2	0.1	1.7
Employment part-time	2,960.8	2,966.1	31.6	5.3	1.7	25.0	0.2	0.1	0.9
Unemployment	1,206.4	1,208.5	24.2	2.1	-8.4	-41.2	0.2	-0.7	-3.3
Participation rate	67.4	67.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.7	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,258.7	4,262.1	...	3.4	6.4	41.6	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	2,827.4	2,821.5	16.9	-5.9	-23.9	-2.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1
Employment	2,464.1	2,474.4	16.5	10.3	-10.5	44.0	0.4	-0.4	1.8
Employment full-time	1,368.8	1,358.3	18.0	-10.5	-12.4	17.7	-0.8	-0.9	1.3
Employment part-time	1,095.3	1,116.1	18.4	20.8	1.9	26.3	1.9	0.2	2.4
Unemployment	363.3	347.2	14.3	-16.1	-13.3	-46.0	-4.4	-3.7	-11.7
Participation rate	66.4	66.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	12.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	58.1	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.5	45.1	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,428.8	10,442.8	...	14.0	25.8	153.4	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	7,761.1	7,758.6	14.6	-2.5	6.2	113.2	0.0	0.1	1.5
Employment	7,295.9	7,297.1	16.2	1.2	11.8	131.5	0.0	0.2	1.8
Employment full-time	6,850.3	6,839.7	19.7	-10.6	6.3	131.0	-0.2	0.1	2.0
Employment part-time	445.6	457.4	14.5	11.8	5.5	0.4	2.6	1.2	0.1
Unemployment	465.2	461.5	13.9	-3.7	-5.7	-18.3	-0.8	-1.2	-3.8
Participation rate	74.4	74.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	69.9	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.1	6.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,935.8	10,950.3	...	14.5	26.2	165.4	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	6,675.2	6,712.4	15.9	37.2	30.2	87.3	0.6	0.5	1.3
Employment	6,297.4	6,312.5	16.1	15.1	19.6	64.2	0.2	0.3	1.0
Employment full-time	4,877.5	4,919.9	22.7	42.4	25.3	66.0	0.9	0.5	1.4
Employment part-time	1,419.9	1,392.6	20.7	-27.3	-5.8	-1.8	-1.9	-0.4	-0.1
Unemployment	377.8	399.9	12.6	22.1	10.6	23.1	5.8	2.7	6.1
Participation rate	61.0	61.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.5	22.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,062.7	14,071.4	...	8.7	12.9	97.2	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	12,177.1	12,187.2	21.2	10.1	23.3	96.2	0.1	0.2	0.8
Employment	11,455.2	11,447.5	22.8	-7.7	15.6	93.5	-0.1	0.1	0.8
Unemployment	721.9	739.7	18.1	17.8	7.7	2.7	2.5	1.1	0.4
Participation rate	86.6	86.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.5	81.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM table 282-0087

**Table 2****Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,586.2	13,589.1	30.7	2.9	-20.6	173.1	0.0	-0.2	1.3
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,471.2	2,494.9	18.7	23.7	41.5	66.5	1.0	1.7	2.7
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,050.8	3,089.2	18.0	38.4	-9.5	68.0	1.3	-0.3	2.3
Private sector employees	10,535.5	10,499.9	31.1	-35.6	-11.1	105.1	-0.3	-0.1	1.0
<b>Industry</b>	16,057.4	16,084.0	28.9	26.6	20.9	239.6	0.2	0.1	1.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,037.0	4,006.7	22.7	-30.3	-17.2	63.2	-0.8	-0.4	1.6
Agriculture	317.1	324.8	6.3	7.7	3.1	-3.5	2.4	1.0	-1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	297.2	300.6	5.5	3.4	-0.6	19.0	1.1	-0.2	6.7
Utilities	122.1	119.7	3.8	-2.4	-4.9	-8.8	-2.0	-3.9	-6.8
Construction	1,005.3	994.3	13.2	-11.0	-0.7	81.0	-1.1	-0.1	8.9
Manufacturing	2,295.4	2,267.3	18.1	-28.1	-14.2	-24.4	-1.2	-0.6	-1.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	12,020.4	12,077.2	30.4	56.8	38.0	176.3	0.5	0.3	1.5
Trade	2,542.5	2,548.5	18.9	6.0	24.3	53.9	0.2	1.0	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	792.9	798.0	11.0	5.1	11.4	-17.9	0.6	1.4	-2.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	985.1	989.2	12.1	4.1	4.8	66.2	0.4	0.5	7.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,030.1	1,032.9	12.7	2.8	3.1	30.4	0.3	0.3	3.0
Business, building and other support services	622.4	635.8	11.7	13.4	3.0	8.4	2.2	0.5	1.3
Educational services	1,047.8	1,068.3	12.0	20.5	11.6	19.2	2.0	1.1	1.8
Health care and social assistance	1,722.1	1,732.0	13.8	9.9	-4.4	7.9	0.6	-0.3	0.5
Information, culture and recreation	721.0	736.0	12.0	15.0	2.7	0.8	2.1	0.4	0.1
Accommodation and food services	1,026.0	1,005.8	13.2	-20.2	-10.9	2.2	-2.0	-1.1	0.2
Other services	708.5	707.6	11.1	-0.9	5.6	5.5	-0.1	0.8	0.8
Public administration	821.9	823.2	9.5	1.3	-13.0	-0.1	0.2	-1.6	0.0

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

<sup>2</sup> 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. Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

**Table 3**  
**Labour force characteristics by province (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	430.2	430.3	...	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	252.4	252.2	2.4	-0.2	0.0	-4.0	-0.1	0.0	-1.6
Employment	216.0	213.9	2.5	-2.1	-2.1	-1.6	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7
Employment full-time	182.7	180.5	2.7	-2.2	-2.7	-2.8	-1.2	-1.5	-1.5
Employment part-time	33.3	33.4	2.0	0.1	0.7	1.2	0.3	2.1	3.7
Unemployment	36.3	38.3	2.3	2.0	2.1	-2.4	5.5	5.8	-5.9
Participation rate	58.7	58.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	15.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.2	49.7	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	111.2	111.3	...	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	76.5	76.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2	1.9	0.0	-0.3	2.5
Employment	68.5	68.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	2.8	0.3	0.0	4.2
Employment full-time	57.3	56.2	0.8	-1.1	-1.3	1.1	-1.9	-2.3	2.0
Employment part-time	11.2	12.5	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.7	11.6	11.6	15.7
Unemployment	8.0	7.8	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-2.5	-2.5	-10.3
Participation rate	68.8	68.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.7	0.7	0.1	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	759.3	759.6	...	0.3	0.8	4.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	486.8	490.9	3.0	4.1	4.3	11.4	0.8	0.9	2.4
Employment	444.6	442.8	3.2	-1.8	-0.6	6.3	-0.4	-0.1	1.4
Employment full-time	362.9	368.3	3.7	5.4	9.4	12.8	1.5	2.6	3.6
Employment part-time	81.7	74.5	3.3	-7.2	-10.0	-6.5	-8.8	-11.8	-8.0
Unemployment	42.2	48.1	2.7	5.9	4.9	5.1	14.0	11.3	11.9
Participation rate	64.1	64.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.8	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	58.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	609.0	609.3	...	0.3	0.7	2.9	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	388.1	387.7	2.5	-0.4	-1.7	1.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.4
Employment	350.3	351.2	2.5	0.9	-1.7	0.8	0.3	-0.5	0.2
Employment full-time	297.0	294.8	2.8	-2.2	-2.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8	-0.1
Employment part-time	53.2	56.5	2.3	3.3	0.7	1.1	6.2	1.3	2.0
Unemployment	37.8	36.5	2.3	-1.3	0.0	0.9	-3.4	0.0	2.5
Participation rate	63.7	63.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.4	0.6	-0.3	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.6	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,149.1	6,154.7	...	5.6	10.9	70.4	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	4,062.5	4,041.2	15.2	-21.3	-11.3	33.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.8
Employment	3,719.6	3,716.2	15.5	-3.4	12.3	61.0	-0.1	0.3	1.7
Employment full-time	3,064.2	3,044.0	19.2	-20.2	-2.5	69.4	-0.7	-0.1	2.3
Employment part-time	655.5	672.2	17.1	16.7	14.8	-8.4	2.5	2.3	-1.2
Unemployment	342.9	325.1	13.6	-17.8	-23.5	-27.6	-5.2	-6.7	-7.8
Participation rate	66.1	65.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.4	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...

Table 3

## Labour force characteristics by province (in thousands), seasonally adjusted - Concluded

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,984.1	9,999.3	...	15.2	27.3	169.0	0.2	0.3	1.7
Labour force	6,780.6	6,805.6	18.9	25.0	-13.4	65.3	0.4	-0.2	1.0
Employment	6,325.2	6,344.3	19.1	19.1	-9.2	49.5	0.3	-0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	5,132.0	5,173.9	22.6	41.9	-9.3	12.5	0.8	-0.2	0.2
Employment part-time	1,193.2	1,170.4	20.6	-22.8	0.1	36.9	-1.9	0.0	3.3
Unemployment	455.4	461.3	15.8	5.9	-4.2	15.8	1.3	-0.9	3.5
Participation rate	67.9	68.1	0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	885.6	886.2	...	0.6	1.2	7.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	610.9	613.3	2.8	2.4	2.2	11.0	0.4	0.4	1.8
Employment	579.7	582.5	2.9	2.8	2.2	9.1	0.5	0.4	1.6
Employment full-time	471.5	468.1	3.8	-3.4	-2.7	2.8	-0.7	-0.6	0.6
Employment part-time	108.3	114.4	3.4	6.1	4.9	6.3	5.6	4.5	5.8
Unemployment	31.1	30.8	2.3	-0.3	0.0	1.9	-1.0	0.0	6.6
Participation rate	69.0	69.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	747.3	747.8	...	0.5	0.9	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	512.3	513.6	2.5	1.3	-0.4	8.7	0.3	-0.1	1.7
Employment	487.4	488.3	2.5	0.9	1.4	11.6	0.2	0.3	2.4
Employment full-time	390.1	391.7	3.1	1.6	0.3	5.6	0.4	0.1	1.5
Employment part-time	97.2	96.6	2.9	-0.6	1.1	6.0	-0.6	1.2	6.6
Unemployment	25.0	25.3	1.9	0.3	-1.8	-2.9	1.2	-6.6	-10.3
Participation rate	68.6	68.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,529.6	2,533.4	...	3.8	7.4	46.7	0.2	0.3	1.9
Labour force	1,856.8	1,853.4	7.2	-3.4	3.1	13.2	-0.2	0.2	0.7
Employment	1,774.5	1,776.3	8.1	1.8	8.2	30.5	0.1	0.5	1.7
Employment full-time	1,457.9	1,465.6	10.3	7.7	20.1	33.6	0.5	1.4	2.3
Employment part-time	316.6	310.7	9.2	-5.9	-11.9	-3.1	-1.9	-3.7	-1.0
Unemployment	82.3	77.1	6.2	-5.2	-5.2	-17.3	-6.3	-6.3	-18.3
Participation rate	73.4	73.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,418.1	3,423.2	...	5.1	9.1	54.9	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	2,236.9	2,258.1	10.9	21.2	29.9	56.1	0.9	1.3	2.5
Employment	2,091.7	2,099.8	11.4	8.1	10.3	69.7	0.4	0.5	3.4
Employment full-time	1,680.7	1,674.5	13.8	-6.2	10.6	80.4	-0.4	0.6	5.0
Employment part-time	410.9	425.4	12.5	14.5	-0.2	-10.6	3.5	0.0	-2.4
Unemployment	145.3	158.2	9.0	12.9	19.4	-13.7	8.9	14.0	-8.0
Participation rate	65.4	66.0	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.0	0.4	0.5	0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.0	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM table 282-0087



Table 4

## Selected labour force characteristics, Newfoundland and Labrador (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	430.2	430.3	...	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	252.4	252.2	2.4	-0.2	0.0	-4.0	-0.1	0.0	-1.6
Employment	216.0	213.9	2.5	-2.1	-2.1	-1.6	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7
Employment full-time	182.7	180.5	2.7	-2.2	-2.7	-2.8	-1.2	-1.5	-1.5
Unemployment	36.3	38.3	2.3	2.0	2.1	-2.4	5.5	5.8	-5.9
Participation rate	58.7	58.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	15.2	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.2	49.7	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	15.6	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	70.3	70.2	...	-0.1	-0.4	-1.9	-0.1	-0.6	-2.6
Labour force	38.9	38.3	1.4	-0.6	-0.2	-2.1	-1.5	-0.5	-5.2
Employment	31.3	30.3	1.3	-1.0	-0.9	-0.5	-3.2	-2.9	-1.6
Unemployment	7.6	8.0	1.1	0.4	0.7	-1.6	5.3	9.6	-16.7
Participation rate	55.3	54.6	1.9	-0.7	0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	19.5	20.9	2.6	1.4	1.9	-2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	44.5	43.2	1.8	-1.3	-1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.5	45.5	3.6	3.1	4.2	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	174.5	174.6	...	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	114.5	114.9	1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Employment	98.0	98.1	1.5	0.1	-0.6	1.5	0.1	-0.6	1.6
Unemployment	16.5	16.9	1.5	0.4	0.3	-1.4	2.4	1.8	-7.7
Participation rate	65.6	65.8	0.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	14.7	1.2	0.3	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.2	0.8	0.0	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.2	0.8	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	185.4	185.5	...	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	99.0	99.0	1.2	0.0	0.6	-1.8	0.0	0.6	-1.8
Employment	86.7	85.5	1.3	-1.2	-0.5	-2.6	-1.4	-0.6	-3.0
Unemployment	12.3	13.5	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.8	9.8	8.9	6.3
Participation rate	53.4	53.4	0.7	0.0	0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	13.6	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	46.8	46.1	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	17.0	1.4	0.2	-0.3	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	216.0	213.9	2.5	-2.1	-2.1	-1.6	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	48.7	49.0	1.8	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.6	1.2	2.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.0	15.1	1.0	0.1	-0.4	-1.7	0.7	-2.6	-10.1
Utilities	2.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.7	4.3	-4.0	41.2
Construction	12.6	12.4	0.9	-0.2	-1.1	2.2	-1.6	-8.1	21.6
Manufacturing	17.2	17.4	1.1	0.2	2.1	-0.6	1.2	13.7	-3.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	167.3	164.9	2.2	-2.4	-2.6	-2.8	-1.4	-1.6	-1.7
Trade	39.6	38.0	1.2	-1.6	-1.1	0.1	-4.0	-2.8	0.3
Transportation and warehousing	11.0	11.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	-1.4	3.6	1.8	-10.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.4	8.6	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.0	4.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	5.7	7.3	0.6	1.6	0.9	0.7	28.1	14.1	10.6
Business, building and other support services	7.7	7.7	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	2.7	5.5
Educational services	16.9	16.3	0.9	-0.6	-0.7	0.2	-3.6	-4.1	1.2
Health care and social assistance	29.5	29.8	0.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	1.0	-0.7	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	8.7	7.5	0.6	-1.2	-2.3	0.4	-13.8	-23.5	5.6
Accommodation and food services	14.6	14.1	0.9	-0.5	1.0	0.4	-3.4	7.6	2.9
Other services	10.5	9.4	0.8	-1.1	-1.0	-2.6	-10.5	-9.6	-21.7
Public administration	14.7	14.9	0.8	0.2	0.4	-1.4	1.4	2.8	-8.6

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 5

## Selected labour force characteristics, Prince Edward Island (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	111.2	111.3	...	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	76.5	76.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2	1.9	0.0	-0.3	2.5
Employment	68.5	68.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	2.8	0.3	0.0	4.2
Employment full-time	57.3	56.2	0.8	-1.1	-1.3	1.1	-1.9	-2.3	2.0
Unemployment	8.0	7.8	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-2.5	-2.5	-10.3
Participation rate	68.8	68.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.7	0.7	0.1	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	18.2	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	19.5	19.6	...	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
Labour force	13.2	12.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	-2.3	-4.4	0.8
Employment	11.0	10.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	-2.7	-5.3	-0.9
Unemployment	2.2	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.8
Participation rate	67.7	65.8	2.1	-1.9	-3.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.7	17.1	2.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	54.6	2.1	-1.8	-3.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.7	44.9	3.5	2.1	3.3	6.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	43.8	43.9	...	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.9
Labour force	32.2	32.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.9
Employment	28.9	29.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.4	1.4	0.3	5.0
Unemployment	3.3	3.0	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.5	-9.1	3.4	-14.3
Participation rate	73.5	73.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	9.3	1.2	-0.9	0.3	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	66.7	1.0	0.7	0.0	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	47.8	47.9	...	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	1.1
Labour force	31.1	31.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.0	3.0
Employment	28.5	28.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.7	1.8	5.5
Unemployment	2.6	2.6	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	-7.1	-18.8
Participation rate	65.1	65.3	0.7	0.2	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.7	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.9	0.9	0.3	1.0	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.2	21.3	1.6	4.1	4.2	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	68.5	68.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	2.8	0.3	0.0	4.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	17.4	17.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.6	-1.7	0.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.2	3.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-3.1	-8.8	-13.9
Utilities	3.0	2.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-10.0	-10.0	0.0
Construction	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	25.0	25.0	0.0
Manufacturing	4.1	4.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	4.9	7.5	4.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	3.0	1.5	7.9
Transportation and warehousing	51.1	51.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	2.8	0.6	0.6	5.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	10.4	10.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.9	6.0	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.3	2.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-4.3	0.0	-12.0
Business, building and other support services	2.1	2.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-4.5	0.0
Educational services	2.4	2.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-4.2	-11.5	4.5
Health care and social assistance	2.2	2.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-8.3	-8.3
Information, culture and recreation	5.2	5.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.7	-1.9	2.0	15.9
Accommodation and food services	7.8	7.9	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	-2.5	-2.5
Other services	2.7	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	11.1	11.1	25.0
Public administration	5.4	5.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	3.7	5.7	24.4
	2.8	2.8	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-3.4	-6.7
	7.7	7.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	-2.6	-2.6	10.3

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 6

## Selected labour force characteristics, Nova Scotia (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	759.3	759.6	...	0.3	0.8	4.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	486.8	490.9	3.0	4.1	4.3	11.4	0.8	0.9	2.4
Employment	444.6	442.8	3.2	-1.8	-0.6	6.3	-0.4	-0.1	1.4
Employment full-time	362.9	368.3	3.7	5.4	9.4	12.8	1.5	2.6	3.6
Unemployment	42.2	48.1	2.7	5.9	4.9	5.1	14.0	11.3	11.9
Participation rate	64.1	64.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.8	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	58.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	16.8	0.7	-1.6	-2.2	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	123.1	123.2	...	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	83.2	85.7	1.7	2.5	1.2	5.8	3.0	1.4	7.3
Employment	68.2	70.0	1.7	1.8	-1.2	2.0	2.6	-1.7	2.9
Unemployment	15.0	15.7	1.6	0.7	2.4	3.8	4.7	18.0	31.9
Participation rate	67.6	69.6	1.4	2.0	0.9	4.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.0	18.3	1.8	0.3	2.6	3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	56.8	1.4	1.4	-1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.7	42.1	2.5	2.4	-0.8	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	304.3	304.3	...	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	211.9	213.0	1.6	1.1	0.4	2.7	0.5	0.2	1.3
Employment	196.7	194.0	1.8	-2.7	-2.3	1.0	-1.4	-1.2	0.5
Unemployment	15.1	19.0	1.6	3.9	2.7	1.7	25.8	16.6	9.8
Participation rate	69.6	70.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	8.9	0.8	1.8	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	63.8	0.6	-0.8	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	4.5	0.8	-2.2	-2.2	-2.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	331.9	332.1	...	0.2	0.4	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	191.8	192.3	1.6	0.5	2.8	2.9	0.3	1.5	1.5
Employment	179.7	178.8	1.7	-0.9	2.9	3.3	-0.5	1.6	1.9
Unemployment	12.1	13.5	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.3	11.6	-0.7	-2.2
Participation rate	57.8	57.9	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	7.0	0.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.1	53.8	0.5	-0.3	0.8	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	20.2	1.2	-2.8	-2.9	-2.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	444.6	442.8	3.2	-1.8	-0.6	6.3	-0.4	-0.1	1.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	93.2	90.6	2.2	-2.6	-3.1	-1.1	-2.8	-3.3	-1.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.2	6.0	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.2	15.4	20.0	3.4
Utilities	13.6	13.2	1.0	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	-2.9	-5.0	-5.0
Construction	2.6	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	7.7	12.0	3.7
Manufacturing	29.9	28.5	1.3	-1.4	-1.1	2.7	-4.7	-3.7	10.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	41.9	40.1	1.4	-1.8	-2.6	-3.4	-4.3	-6.1	-7.8
Transportation and warehousing	351.4	352.2	3.0	0.8	2.5	7.4	0.2	0.7	2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	76.6	78.4	1.8	1.8	3.8	7.2	2.3	5.1	10.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	22.3	21.0	1.1	-1.3	-0.6	-1.9	-5.8	-2.8	-8.3
Business, building and other support services	22.8	23.4	1.1	0.6	0.9	1.3	2.6	4.0	5.9
Educational services	19.7	18.4	1.1	-1.3	-2.0	-0.7	-6.6	-9.8	-3.7
Health care and social assistance	22.6	21.8	1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-4.5	-3.5	-4.0	-17.1
Information, culture and recreation	37.2	38.8	1.3	1.6	0.7	4.1	4.3	1.8	11.8
Accommodation and food services	53.7	53.6	1.3	-0.1	0.9	-1.6	-0.2	1.7	-2.9
Other services	17.9	18.0	1.2	0.1	1.1	2.1	0.6	6.5	13.2
Public administration	32.1	30.6	1.5	-1.5	-1.5	2.4	-4.7	-4.7	8.5
Other services	20.6	19.8	1.1	-0.8	-1.9	0.1	-3.9	-8.8	0.5
Public administration	25.8	28.5	1.0	2.7	2.2	-0.9	10.5	8.4	-3.1

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 7

## Selected labour force characteristics, New Brunswick (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	609.0	609.3	...	0.3	0.7	2.9	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	388.1	387.7	2.5	-0.4	-1.7	1.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.4
Employment	350.3	351.2	2.5	0.9	-1.7	0.8	0.3	-0.5	0.2
Employment full-time	297.0	294.8	2.8	-2.2	-2.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8	-0.1
Unemployment	37.8	36.5	2.3	-1.3	0.0	0.9	-3.4	0.0	2.5
Participation rate	63.7	63.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.4	0.6	-0.3	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.6	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.2	16.1	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.0	96.9	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8
Labour force	61.7	62.9	1.4	1.2	-0.8	-1.4	1.9	-1.3	-2.2
Employment	53.6	53.4	1.4	-0.2	-1.4	-0.9	-0.4	-2.6	-1.7
Unemployment	8.1	9.6	1.2	1.5	0.7	-0.4	18.5	7.9	-4.0
Participation rate	63.6	64.9	1.4	1.3	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.1	15.3	1.8	2.2	1.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	55.1	1.4	-0.2	-1.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.0	39.0	2.3	2.9	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	247.3	247.4	...	0.1	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	171.4	172.5	1.4	1.1	0.9	2.1	0.6	0.5	1.2
Employment	152.3	154.7	1.5	2.4	-0.2	-0.5	1.6	-0.1	-0.3
Unemployment	19.1	17.8	1.5	-1.3	1.0	2.6	-6.8	6.0	17.1
Participation rate	69.3	69.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	10.3	0.8	-0.8	0.5	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	62.5	0.6	0.9	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.1	4.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	264.7	264.9	...	0.2	0.4	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	155.0	152.3	1.3	-2.7	-1.8	0.9	-1.7	-1.2	0.6
Employment	144.4	143.2	1.4	-1.2	0.0	2.3	-0.8	0.0	1.6
Unemployment	10.6	9.1	1.2	-1.5	-1.7	-1.3	-14.2	-15.7	-12.5
Participation rate	58.6	57.5	0.5	-1.1	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.0	0.8	-0.8	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.1	0.5	-0.5	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.7	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	350.3	351.2	2.5	0.9	-1.6	0.8	0.3	-0.5	0.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	76.5	78.2	1.8	1.7	-3.6	-5.0	2.2	-4.4	-6.0
Agriculture	5.0	5.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	-0.2	12.0	1.8	-3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.6	12.6	0.8	1.0	0.3	1.0	8.6	2.4	8.6
Utilities	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	2.9	-2.8	0.0
Construction	17.6	18.8	1.1	1.2	-0.3	0.1	6.8	-1.6	0.5
Manufacturing	38.9	37.6	1.3	-1.3	-3.7	-5.9	-3.3	-9.0	-13.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	273.7	273.1	2.4	-0.6	2.1	5.8	-0.2	0.8	2.2
Trade	57.2	56.3	1.4	-0.9	1.0	3.3	-1.6	1.8	6.2
Transportation and warehousing	21.5	22.1	0.9	0.6	0.7	2.5	2.8	3.3	12.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	13.6	13.8	0.7	0.2	0.5	-1.1	1.5	3.8	-7.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.8	16.1	0.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	1.9	-1.2	-0.6
Business, building and other support services	21.3	21.0	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Educational services	26.3	25.4	0.9	-0.9	-1.0	1.5	-3.4	-3.8	6.3
Health care and social assistance	47.5	47.7	1.1	0.2	0.6	-0.5	0.4	1.3	-1.0
Information, culture and recreation	11.9	12.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.5	6.7	8.5	13.4
Accommodation and food services	22.5	21.5	1.1	-1.0	-0.1	-2.1	-4.4	-0.5	-8.9
Other services	17.6	17.1	0.9	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	-2.8	-2.3	0.6
Public administration	18.7	19.3	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	3.2	1.6	4.9

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 8

## Selected labour force characteristics, Quebec (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,149.1	6,154.7	...	5.6	10.9	70.4	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	4,062.5	4,041.2	15.2	-21.3	-11.3	33.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.8
Employment	3,719.6	3,716.2	15.5	-3.4	12.3	61.0	-0.1	0.3	1.7
Employment full-time	3,064.2	3,044.0	19.2	-20.2	-2.5	69.4	-0.7	-0.1	2.3
Unemployment	342.9	325.1	13.6	-17.8	-23.5	-27.6	-5.2	-6.7	-7.8
Participation rate	66.1	65.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.4	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	18.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	950.7	950.5	...	-0.2	-0.5	-3.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	644.4	631.2	8.7	-13.2	-12.1	-6.4	-2.0	-1.9	-1.0
Employment	560.6	560.3	8.7	-0.3	5.1	17.5	-0.1	0.9	3.2
Unemployment	83.8	70.9	7.6	-12.9	-17.2	-23.9	-15.4	-19.5	-25.2
Participation rate	67.8	66.4	0.9	-1.4	-1.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	11.2	1.1	-1.8	-2.5	-3.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.9	0.9	-0.1	0.5	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.3	44.8	1.6	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,535.0	2,538.2	...	3.2	6.1	37.9	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	1,850.8	1,845.4	8.1	-5.4	4.2	36.6	-0.3	0.2	2.0
Employment	1,695.2	1,694.2	8.8	-1.0	6.8	31.4	-0.1	0.4	1.9
Unemployment	155.6	151.2	8.1	-4.4	-2.6	5.1	-2.8	-1.7	3.5
Participation rate	73.0	72.7	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.7	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.1	6.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,663.3	2,666.1	...	2.8	5.4	35.7	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	1,567.3	1,564.6	8.6	-2.7	-3.4	3.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Employment	1,463.9	1,461.6	8.8	-2.3	0.3	12.0	-0.2	0.0	0.8
Unemployment	103.5	103.0	7.3	-0.5	-3.7	-8.9	-0.5	-3.5	-8.0
Participation rate	58.8	58.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.0	54.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.4	21.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	3,719.6	3,716.2	15.5	-3.4	12.3	61.0	-0.1	0.3	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	922.8	924.2	12.1	1.4	6.0	25.2	0.2	0.7	2.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	47.8	50.4	2.8	2.6	5.4	-1.8	5.4	12.0	-3.4
Utilities	36.5	37.0	2.2	0.5	-1.1	-0.2	1.4	-2.9	-0.5
Construction	33.5	34.6	2.2	1.1	4.1	2.7	3.3	13.4	8.5
Manufacturing	170.1	163.5	6.3	-6.6	-5.8	4.8	-3.9	-3.4	3.0
Services-producing sector	634.9	638.6	10.4	3.7	3.3	19.5	0.6	0.5	3.1
Trade	2,796.8	2,792.0	16.4	-4.8	6.3	35.8	-0.2	0.2	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	633.5	610.6	10.7	-22.9	-11.6	-0.3	-3.6	-1.9	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	170.6	168.5	5.8	-2.1	6.7	-14.1	-1.2	4.1	-7.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	210.0	210.6	6.3	0.6	-0.4	20.8	0.3	-0.2	11.0
Business, building and other support services	225.9	222.2	6.8	-3.7	-2.8	11.7	-1.6	-1.2	5.6
Educational services	114.9	123.8	5.7	8.9	1.5	10.4	7.7	1.2	9.2
Health care and social assistance	240.5	236.5	6.5	-4.0	-5.8	-18.4	-1.7	-2.4	-7.2
Information, culture and recreation	433.5	440.2	8.2	6.7	1.2	-0.9	1.5	0.3	-0.2
Accommodation and food services	168.7	172.1	6.6	3.4	-1.0	11.3	2.0	-0.6	7.0
Other services	217.1	217.0	6.9	-0.1	9.3	5.9	0.0	4.5	2.8
Public administration	168.1	171.5	6.2	3.4	9.6	2.9	2.0	5.9	1.7
	213.9	219.1	5.6	5.2	-0.2	6.6	2.4	-0.1	3.1

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 9

## Selected labour force characteristics, Ontario (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,984.1	9,999.3	...	15.2	27.3	169.0	0.2	0.3	1.7
Labour force	6,780.6	6,805.6	18.9	25.0	-13.4	65.3	0.4	-0.2	1.0
Employment	6,325.2	6,344.3	19.1	19.1	-9.2	49.5	0.3	-0.1	0.8
Employment full-time	5,132.0	5,173.9	22.6	41.9	-9.3	12.5	0.8	-0.2	0.2
Unemployment	455.4	461.3	15.8	5.9	-4.2	15.8	1.3	-0.9	3.5
Participation rate	67.9	68.1	0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.4	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,665.4	1,668.0	...	2.6	5.0	30.1	0.2	0.3	1.8
Labour force	1,083.7	1,076.8	11.6	-6.9	-15.7	-20.5	-0.6	-1.4	-1.9
Employment	928.5	930.5	10.8	2.0	-8.2	-8.2	0.2	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployment	155.2	146.3	9.7	-8.9	-7.5	-12.3	-5.7	-4.9	-7.8
Participation rate	65.1	64.6	0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	13.6	0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.8	55.8	0.7	0.0	-0.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.4	49.4	1.1	0.1	0.8	2.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,049.3	4,055.5	...	6.2	11.2	65.6	0.2	0.3	1.6
Labour force	3,039.1	3,044.2	9.5	5.1	-6.9	31.2	0.2	-0.2	1.0
Employment	2,886.6	2,893.7	10.7	7.1	-1.4	40.5	0.2	0.0	1.4
Unemployment	152.4	150.5	8.8	-1.9	-5.5	-9.2	-1.2	-3.5	-5.8
Participation rate	75.1	75.1	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	71.4	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,269.4	4,275.8	...	6.4	11.1	73.3	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	2,657.8	2,684.7	10.6	26.9	9.3	54.6	1.0	0.3	2.1
Employment	2,510.0	2,520.1	10.5	10.1	0.4	17.2	0.4	0.0	0.7
Unemployment	147.8	164.6	8.1	16.8	8.9	37.4	11.4	5.7	29.4
Participation rate	62.3	62.8	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.9	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.3	21.1	0.5	-1.2	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,325.2	6,344.3	19.1	19.1	-9.2	49.5	0.3	-0.1	0.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,645.8	1,625.9	15.3	-19.9	-21.9	-12.6	-1.2	-1.3	-0.8
Agriculture	75.6	81.2	3.5	5.6	0.6	0.7	7.4	0.7	0.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	33.3	36.0	2.0	2.7	1.6	3.5	8.1	4.7	10.8
Utilities	50.6	44.8	2.5	-5.8	-8.0	-11.5	-11.5	-15.2	-20.4
Construction	381.2	375.1	8.8	-6.1	-6.9	14.6	-1.6	-1.8	4.0
Manufacturing	1,105.0	1,088.8	12.7	-16.2	-9.2	-19.8	-1.5	-0.8	-1.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,679.4	4,718.4	20.5	39.0	12.7	62.0	0.8	0.3	1.3
Trade	968.0	978.2	12.4	10.2	0.6	18.3	1.1	0.1	1.9
Transportation and warehousing	295.4	297.9	7.4	2.5	-2.1	-9.0	0.8	-0.7	-2.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	445.9	441.3	8.6	-4.6	-0.8	25.3	-1.0	-0.2	6.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	443.5	437.5	8.6	-6.0	-3.3	-2.0	-1.4	-0.7	-0.5
Business, building and other support services	271.6	270.1	8.3	-1.5	-4.6	-7.6	-0.6	-1.7	-2.7
Educational services	391.9	408.9	7.8	17.0	9.4	18.6	4.3	2.4	4.8
Health care and social assistance	630.7	637.1	8.6	6.4	-1.8	5.5	1.0	-0.3	0.9
Information, culture and recreation	285.1	304.4	8.0	19.3	8.3	-4.4	6.8	2.8	-1.4
Accommodation and food services	369.1	368.8	8.5	-0.3	9.9	4.4	-0.1	2.8	1.2
Other services	260.8	266.6	7.2	5.8	8.7	13.0	2.2	3.4	5.1
Public administration	317.4	307.4	6.2	-10.0	-11.7	-0.1	-3.2	-3.7	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 10

## Selected labour force characteristics, Manitoba (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	885.6	886.2	...	0.6	1.2	7.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	610.9	613.3	2.8	2.4	2.2	11.0	0.4	0.4	1.8
Employment	579.7	582.5	2.9	2.8	2.2	9.1	0.5	0.4	1.6
Employment full-time	471.5	468.1	3.8	-3.4	-2.7	2.8	-0.7	-0.6	0.6
Unemployment	31.1	30.8	2.3	-0.3	0.0	1.9	-1.0	0.0	6.6
Participation rate	69.0	69.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	19.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	154.9	155.0	...	0.1	0.2	1.7	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	109.4	111.0	1.7	1.6	2.8	2.2	1.5	2.6	2.0
Employment	96.8	98.0	1.7	1.2	1.1	-1.0	1.2	1.1	-1.0
Unemployment	12.7	13.0	1.4	0.3	1.7	3.2	2.4	15.0	32.7
Participation rate	70.6	71.6	1.1	1.0	1.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	11.7	1.3	0.1	1.3	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	63.2	1.1	0.7	0.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.6	45.4	1.9	3.8	2.9	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	355.9	356.1	...	0.2	0.4	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	269.1	269.0	1.4	-0.1	-1.2	4.1	0.0	-0.4	1.5
Employment	258.1	258.7	1.6	0.6	-0.7	5.7	0.2	-0.3	2.3
Unemployment	11.0	10.3	1.3	-0.7	-0.5	-1.6	-6.4	-4.6	-13.4
Participation rate	75.6	75.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.5	72.6	0.4	0.1	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	7.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	374.8	375.0	...	0.2	0.4	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	232.3	233.3	1.6	1.0	0.5	4.8	0.4	0.2	2.1
Employment	224.9	225.8	1.6	0.9	1.8	4.5	0.4	0.8	2.0
Unemployment	7.4	7.5	1.2	0.1	-1.2	0.3	1.4	-13.8	4.2
Participation rate	62.0	62.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	23.0	1.0	0.0	-0.5	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	579.7	582.5	2.9	2.8	2.2	9.1	0.5	0.4	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	142.3	140.1	2.3	-2.2	0.6	2.2	-1.5	0.4	1.6
Agriculture	32.0	31.3	1.3	-0.7	-1.0	2.4	-2.2	-3.1	8.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.8	5.8	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-1.7	3.6
Utilities	6.2	6.3	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	1.6	-3.1	-6.0
Construction	28.8	28.2	1.3	-0.6	-0.2	1.5	-2.1	-0.7	5.6
Manufacturing	69.5	68.4	1.6	-1.1	2.0	-1.6	-1.6	3.0	-2.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	437.4	442.4	3.1	5.0	1.6	6.9	1.1	0.4	1.6
Trade	84.9	87.1	1.8	2.2	1.7	3.8	2.6	2.0	4.6
Transportation and warehousing	33.7	32.8	1.2	-0.9	-1.2	-0.7	-2.7	-3.5	-2.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.5	30.6	1.1	0.1	-1.9	0.1	0.3	-5.8	0.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.1	26.7	1.0	0.6	-0.2	1.7	2.3	-0.7	6.8
Business, building and other support services	20.7	19.1	1.2	-1.6	-1.8	-1.2	-7.7	-8.6	-5.9
Educational services	42.2	45.5	1.4	3.3	2.4	3.4	7.8	5.6	8.1
Health care and social assistance	79.8	78.3	1.5	-1.5	-0.6	0.1	-1.9	-0.8	0.1
Information, culture and recreation	25.1	24.8	1.2	-0.3	0.8	1.3	-1.2	3.3	5.5
Accommodation and food services	32.7	32.5	1.4	-0.2	-0.3	-3.9	-0.6	-0.9	-10.7
Other services	24.7	27.8	1.2	3.1	2.8	2.0	12.6	11.2	7.8
Public administration	37.0	37.3	1.1	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.8	-0.3	1.1

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 11

## Selected labour force characteristics, Saskatchewan (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	747.3	747.8	...	0.5	0.9	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	512.3	513.6	2.5	1.3	-0.4	8.7	0.3	-0.1	1.7
Employment	487.4	488.3	2.5	0.9	1.4	11.6	0.2	0.3	2.4
Employment full-time	390.1	391.7	3.1	1.6	0.3	5.6	0.4	0.1	1.5
Unemployment	25.0	25.3	1.9	0.3	-1.8	-2.9	1.2	-6.6	-10.3
Participation rate	68.6	68.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.8	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.1	139.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	95.7	96.8	1.6	1.1	-0.2	3.6	1.1	-0.2	3.9
Employment	88.7	88.7	1.5	0.0	0.8	6.7	0.0	0.9	8.2
Unemployment	7.0	8.1	1.2	1.1	-1.0	-3.1	15.7	-11.0	-27.7
Participation rate	68.8	69.5	1.1	0.7	-0.2	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	8.4	1.3	1.1	-1.0	-3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.7	1.1	-0.1	0.5	4.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.5	39.9	1.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	296.6	296.8	...	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	224.3	223.6	1.3	-0.7	-0.6	1.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Employment	212.4	212.5	1.4	0.1	-0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Unemployment	11.9	11.0	1.1	-0.9	-0.2	1.1	-7.6	-1.8	11.1
Participation rate	75.6	75.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	4.9	0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.6	71.6	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.7	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	311.6	311.9	...	0.3	0.5	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	192.3	193.2	1.4	0.9	0.4	3.4	0.5	0.2	1.8
Employment	186.3	187.1	1.4	0.8	1.1	4.4	0.4	0.6	2.4
Unemployment	6.1	6.2	0.9	0.1	-0.5	-0.9	1.6	-7.5	-12.7
Participation rate	61.7	61.9	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.1	25.2	1.0	-1.0	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	487.4	488.3	2.5	0.9	1.4	11.6	0.2	0.3	2.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	123.8	123.8	2.0	0.0	-2.8	3.2	0.0	-2.2	2.7
Agriculture	46.5	47.0	1.4	0.5	0.0	-1.3	1.1	0.0	-2.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	18.5	18.3	0.8	-0.2	-0.7	-0.6	-1.1	-3.7	-3.2
Utilities	4.4	4.8	0.3	0.4	-0.2	1.0	9.1	-4.0	26.3
Construction	25.1	24.4	1.0	-0.7	-1.9	2.2	-2.8	-7.2	9.9
Manufacturing	29.2	29.3	1.0	0.1	-0.1	1.9	0.3	-0.3	6.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	363.5	364.6	2.5	1.1	4.3	8.5	0.3	1.2	2.4
Trade	80.7	81.3	1.5	0.6	6.1	5.7	0.7	8.1	7.5
Transportation and warehousing	24.1	24.4	0.9	0.3	1.1	1.7	1.2	4.7	7.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	25.4	26.3	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.9	3.5	-0.4	-3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.8	18.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.8	2.2	0.6	4.6
Business, building and other support services	12.9	14.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.8	8.5	6.9	6.1
Educational services	39.9	39.8	1.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-1.2	-1.5
Health care and social assistance	58.9	58.6	1.1	-0.3	-1.5	0.7	-0.5	-2.5	1.2
Information, culture and recreation	19.8	20.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	-1.0	5.1	7.2	-4.6
Accommodation and food services	34.4	32.4	1.2	-2.0	-2.6	-0.1	-5.8	-7.4	-0.3
Other services	23.6	22.5	1.0	-1.1	-0.6	0.7	-4.7	-2.6	3.2
Public administration	26.1	26.2	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	1.9

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088



Table 12

## Selected labour force characteristics, Alberta (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,529.6	2,533.4	...	3.8	7.4	46.7	0.2	0.3	1.9
Labour force	1,856.8	1,853.4	7.2	-3.4	3.1	13.2	-0.2	0.2	0.7
Employment	1,774.5	1,776.3	8.1	1.8	8.2	30.5	0.1	0.5	1.7
Employment full-time	1,457.9	1,465.6	10.3	7.7	20.1	33.6	0.5	1.4	2.3
Unemployment	82.3	77.1	6.2	-5.2	-5.2	-17.3	-6.3	-6.3	-18.3
Participation rate	73.4	73.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	17.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	472.9	473.1	...	0.2	0.5	6.3	0.0	0.1	1.3
Labour force	342.6	341.8	4.6	-0.8	-3.8	3.0	-0.2	-1.1	0.9
Employment	314.7	314.0	5.1	-0.7	-5.2	8.8	-0.2	-1.6	2.9
Unemployment	27.9	27.8	3.9	-0.1	1.5	-5.8	-0.4	5.7	-17.3
Participation rate	72.4	72.2	1.0	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.1	1.1	0.0	0.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.4	1.1	-0.1	-1.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.0	37.8	1.7	0.8	-0.7	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,030.1	1,031.6	...	1.5	3.0	19.3	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	835.3	831.0	3.9	-4.3	4.6	2.4	-0.5	0.6	0.3
Employment	806.9	807.2	4.5	0.3	8.1	11.1	0.0	1.0	1.4
Unemployment	28.4	23.8	3.4	-4.6	-3.5	-8.6	-16.2	-12.8	-26.5
Participation rate	81.1	80.6	0.4	-0.5	0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	2.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.2	0.4	-0.1	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.5	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,026.6	1,028.6	...	2.0	3.8	20.9	0.2	0.4	2.1
Labour force	679.0	680.6	4.2	1.6	2.3	7.7	0.2	0.3	1.1
Employment	652.9	655.1	4.3	2.2	5.4	10.6	0.3	0.8	1.6
Unemployment	26.0	25.6	3.2	-0.4	-3.1	-2.8	-1.5	-10.8	-9.9
Participation rate	66.1	66.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.8	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	22.6	0.9	-1.3	-1.2	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,774.5	1,776.3	8.1	1.8	8.2	30.5	0.1	0.5	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	505.9	494.5	6.8	-11.4	-4.4	7.4	-2.3	-0.9	1.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	60.0	58.3	2.7	-1.7	-4.7	-7.9	-2.8	-7.5	-11.9
Utilities	123.0	122.3	3.3	-0.7	2.5	16.4	-0.6	2.1	15.5
Construction	10.6	10.7	1.0	0.1	-2.6	-2.5	0.9	-19.5	-18.9
Manufacturing	168.1	166.3	4.7	-1.8	-1.3	11.4	-1.1	-0.8	7.4
Services-producing sector	144.1	136.9	4.0	-7.2	1.7	-10.0	-5.0	1.3	-6.8
Services-producing sector	1,268.6	1,281.8	8.4	13.2	12.6	23.0	1.0	1.0	1.8
Trade	276.3	283.0	5.2	6.7	10.1	19.0	2.4	3.7	7.2
Transportation and warehousing	98.3	104.7	3.2	6.4	7.3	7.5	6.5	7.5	7.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	94.8	97.2	3.0	2.4	5.1	11.8	2.5	5.5	13.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	114.5	124.6	3.6	10.1	6.1	-0.6	8.8	5.1	-0.5
Business, building and other support services	63.9	66.1	3.2	2.2	2.6	-0.2	3.4	4.1	-0.3
Educational services	115.0	119.9	3.3	4.9	7.0	11.1	4.3	6.2	10.2
Health care and social assistance	162.9	159.9	3.9	-3.0	-3.6	1.0	-1.8	-2.2	0.6
Information, culture and recreation	70.4	69.4	3.1	-1.0	1.3	-6.1	-1.4	1.9	-8.1
Accommodation and food services	124.1	114.0	4.0	-10.1	-13.0	-7.4	-8.1	-10.2	-6.1
Other services	82.3	77.0	3.1	-5.3	-7.0	-7.3	-6.4	-8.3	-8.7
Public administration	66.1	65.9	2.3	-0.2	-3.5	-5.8	-0.3	-5.0	-8.1

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 13

## Selected labour force characteristics, British Columbia (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,418.1	3,423.2	...	5.1	9.1	54.9	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	2,236.9	2,258.1	10.9	21.2	29.9	56.1	0.9	1.3	2.5
Employment	2,091.7	2,099.8	11.4	8.1	10.3	69.7	0.4	0.5	3.4
Employment full-time	1,680.7	1,674.5	13.8	-6.2	10.6	80.4	-0.4	0.6	5.0
Unemployment	145.3	158.2	9.0	12.9	19.4	-13.7	8.9	14.0	-8.0
Participation rate	65.4	66.0	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.0	0.4	0.5	0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	20.3	0.6	0.6	-0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	565.7	566.4	...	0.7	1.3	8.3	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	354.7	364.2	6.3	9.5	5.6	13.7	2.7	1.6	3.9
Employment	310.8	318.5	6.4	7.7	0.0	19.5	2.5	0.0	6.5
Unemployment	43.9	45.7	5.3	1.8	5.6	-5.9	4.1	14.0	-11.4
Participation rate	62.7	64.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.4	12.5	1.4	0.1	1.3	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	56.2	1.1	1.3	-0.2	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.9	43.3	2.0	2.4	0.6	-4.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,392.2	1,394.3	...	2.1	3.8	22.0	0.2	0.3	1.6
Labour force	1,012.6	1,012.8	5.7	0.2	5.1	31.6	0.0	0.5	3.2
Employment	960.7	954.7	6.2	-6.0	2.5	39.0	-0.6	0.3	4.3
Unemployment	51.9	58.1	5.3	6.2	2.6	-7.4	11.9	4.7	-11.3
Participation rate	72.7	72.6	0.4	-0.1	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.7	0.5	0.6	0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.0	68.5	0.5	-0.5	0.0	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.0	6.9	0.6	-0.1	-1.1	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,460.2	1,462.5	...	2.3	3.9	24.6	0.2	0.3	1.7
Labour force	869.7	881.1	6.2	11.4	19.2	10.8	1.3	2.2	1.2
Employment	820.2	826.6	6.5	6.4	7.8	11.2	0.8	1.0	1.4
Unemployment	49.5	54.5	4.7	5.0	11.3	-0.3	10.1	26.2	-0.5
Participation rate	59.6	60.2	0.4	0.6	1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.2	0.5	0.5	1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.4	26.8	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,091.7	2,099.8	11.4	8.1	10.3	69.7	0.4	0.5	3.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	460.4	463.1	8.2	2.7	15.0	43.5	0.6	3.3	10.4
Agriculture	40.6	41.8	2.7	1.2	3.0	5.3	3.0	7.7	14.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.8	37.5	2.5	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.9	1.6	0.5
Utilities	8.0	9.3	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.0	16.2	24.0	12.0
Construction	166.2	168.9	5.3	2.7	12.1	42.5	1.6	7.7	33.6
Manufacturing	208.8	205.6	5.6	-3.2	-2.6	-5.4	-1.5	-1.2	-2.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,631.2	1,636.8	11.3	5.6	-4.5	26.2	0.3	-0.3	1.6
Trade	318.8	322.4	7.1	3.6	10.5	-3.1	1.1	3.4	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	115.0	114.5	4.0	-0.5	1.5	-1.8	-0.4	1.3	-1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	131.0	133.2	4.4	2.2	-2.9	8.8	1.7	-2.1	7.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	154.8	160.1	4.8	5.3	5.8	21.6	3.4	3.8	15.6
Business, building and other support services	85.7	94.2	4.3	8.5	10.4	11.3	9.9	12.4	13.6
Educational services	134.1	138.5	4.8	4.4	5.3	1.2	3.3	4.0	0.9
Health care and social assistance	215.6	216.3	5.0	0.7	-6.4	3.8	0.3	-2.9	1.8
Information, culture and recreation	109.5	105.3	4.6	-4.2	-7.5	-6.4	-3.8	-6.6	-5.7
Accommodation and food services	178.4	166.0	5.4	-12.4	-16.7	-2.3	-7.0	-9.1	-1.4
Other services	93.4	90.6	4.1	-2.8	-3.5	-4.0	-3.0	-3.7	-4.2
Public administration	95.0	95.6	3.3	0.6	-1.1	-3.0	0.6	-1.1	-3.0

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 14

## Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	150.6	150.8	...	0.2	0.3	1.9	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	100.1	100.6	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.1
Employment	91.8	92.1	0.9	0.3	0.7	2.1	0.3	0.8	2.3
Unemployment	8.3	8.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	-2.1	2.4	1.2	-19.8
Participation rate	66.5	66.7	0.6	0.2	0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.1	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	309.6	310.0	...	0.4	0.8	4.5	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	219.1	219.8	1.3	0.7	1.5	7.0	0.3	0.7	3.3
Employment	205.7	205.6	1.3	-0.1	0.5	5.5	0.0	0.2	2.7
Unemployment	13.4	14.2	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.5	6.0	7.6	11.8
Participation rate	70.8	70.9	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	102.4	102.5	...	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	67.1	67.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	2.0	0.9	1.2	3.0
Employment	62.3	63.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	2.4	1.1	1.8	4.0
Unemployment	4.8	4.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-2.1	-6.0	-7.8
Participation rate	65.5	66.0	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	126.5	126.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	77.8	76.8	0.8	-1.0	-2.4	-3.7	-1.3	-3.0	-4.6
Employment	69.7	69.4	0.8	-0.3	-1.2	-1.1	-0.4	-1.7	-1.6
Unemployment	8.1	7.4	0.5	-0.7	-1.2	-2.6	-8.6	-14.0	-26.0
Participation rate	61.5	60.8	0.6	-0.7	-1.8	-2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	9.6	0.6	-0.8	-1.3	-2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.1	54.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	590.0	590.6	...	0.6	1.1	7.1	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	394.6	402.8	3.1	8.2	12.4	24.6	2.1	3.2	6.5
Employment	371.4	380.8	3.1	9.4	12.1	29.0	2.5	3.3	8.2
Unemployment	23.2	22.0	1.5	-1.2	0.3	-4.4	-5.2	1.4	-16.7
Participation rate	66.9	68.2	0.5	1.3	2.0	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	64.5	0.5	1.6	2.0	4.2	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	117.7	117.9	...	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	1.1
Labour force	74.0	75.1	0.8	1.1	2.9	4.0	1.5	4.0	5.6
Employment	66.6	67.3	0.8	0.7	2.1	3.2	1.1	3.2	5.0
Unemployment	7.4	7.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	5.4	11.4	11.4
Participation rate	62.9	63.7	0.7	0.8	2.4	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	57.1	0.7	0.5	1.7	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	133.5	133.7	...	0.2	0.4	2.6	0.1	0.3	2.0
Labour force	90.7	90.7	0.8	0.0	1.7	4.0	0.0	1.9	4.6
Employment	84.2	84.1	0.8	-0.1	1.1	4.5	-0.1	1.3	5.7
Unemployment	6.5	6.6	0.4	0.1	0.6	-0.5	1.5	10.0	-7.0
Participation rate	67.9	67.8	0.6	-0.1	1.0	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.9	0.6	-0.2	0.6	2.2	...	...	...

Table 14

## Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Continued

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,948.9	2,952.0	...	3.1	6.2	38.3	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	1,993.0	1,988.2	7.5	-4.8	-2.1	9.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.5
Employment	1,812.8	1,816.6	7.7	3.8	9.4	12.3	0.2	0.5	0.7
Unemployment	180.2	171.6	4.9	-8.6	-11.5	-3.1	-4.8	-6.3	-1.8
Participation rate	67.6	67.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	925.1	926.3	...	1.2	2.3	14.5	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	666.1	663.2	3.5	-2.9	-2.3	21.0	-0.4	-0.3	3.3
Employment	623.1	619.9	3.6	-3.2	-2.5	21.8	-0.5	-0.4	3.6
Unemployment	43.0	43.3	1.8	0.3	0.2	-0.8	0.7	0.5	-1.8
Participation rate	72.0	71.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	66.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	227.4	228.0	...	0.6	1.1	6.2	0.3	0.5	2.8
Labour force	162.3	160.0	1.3	-2.3	-2.4	5.0	-1.4	-1.5	3.2
Employment	150.9	148.4	1.4	-2.5	-2.6	3.1	-1.7	-1.7	2.1
Unemployment	11.4	11.7	0.7	0.3	0.4	2.0	2.6	3.5	20.6
Participation rate	71.4	70.2	0.6	-1.2	-1.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	65.1	0.6	-1.3	-1.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	697.6	698.3	...	0.7	1.2	8.2	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	503.8	503.2	3.2	-0.6	0.1	16.0	-0.1	0.0	3.3
Employment	472.1	471.6	3.4	-0.5	0.2	18.8	-0.1	0.0	4.2
Unemployment	31.7	31.6	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-2.8	-0.3	-0.3	-8.1
Participation rate	72.2	72.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	1.9	...	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>									
Population	124.5	124.6	...	0.1	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	78.3	79.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.5	1.1	1.0	3.3
Employment	73.1	73.9	0.9	0.8	0.1	1.3	1.1	0.1	1.8
Unemployment	5.2	5.3	0.4	0.1	0.7	1.2	1.9	15.2	29.3
Participation rate	62.9	63.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.5	0.1	0.8	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	59.3	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,220.8	4,228.1	...	7.3	14.0	88.4	0.2	0.3	2.1
Labour force	2,920.4	2,913.4	8.5	-7.0	-14.5	28.1	-0.2	-0.5	1.0
Employment	2,701.2	2,690.8	9.0	-10.4	-13.4	14.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.5
Unemployment	219.2	222.6	5.6	3.4	-1.1	13.3	1.6	-0.5	6.4
Participation rate	69.2	68.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	63.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	575.9	576.4	...	0.5	1.1	7.4	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	390.3	387.9	2.8	-2.4	-8.5	0.0	-0.6	-2.1	0.0
Employment	365.2	366.1	2.9	0.9	-5.0	2.7	0.2	-1.3	0.7
Unemployment	25.1	21.8	1.5	-3.3	-3.5	-2.7	-13.1	-13.8	-11.0
Participation rate	67.8	67.3	0.5	-0.5	-1.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	5.6	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	63.5	0.5	0.1	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...

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## Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Continued

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	360.9	361.4	...	0.5	1.0	6.3	0.1	0.3	1.8
Labour force	253.0	256.3	1.9	3.3	5.8	8.3	1.3	2.3	3.3
Employment	242.9	245.4	2.0	2.5	5.0	11.1	1.0	2.1	4.7
Unemployment	10.0	10.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	-2.8	9.0	7.9	-20.4
Participation rate	70.1	70.9	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.9	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.9	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	373.1	373.5	...	0.4	0.7	4.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	260.3	261.7	2.0	1.4	2.2	1.4	0.5	0.8	0.5
Employment	243.7	246.0	2.1	2.3	4.0	2.8	0.9	1.7	1.2
Unemployment	16.7	15.6	0.9	-1.1	-1.9	-1.5	-6.6	-10.9	-8.8
Participation rate	69.8	70.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.9	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	258.3	259.0	...	0.7	1.2	7.3	0.3	0.5	2.9
Labour force	182.2	184.8	1.3	2.6	5.0	2.5	1.4	2.8	1.4
Employment	170.9	173.0	1.3	2.1	3.4	-0.1	1.2	2.0	-0.1
Unemployment	11.3	11.8	0.5	0.5	1.6	2.7	4.4	15.7	29.7
Participation rate	70.5	71.4	0.5	0.9	1.7	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.4	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	66.8	0.5	0.6	1.0	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	323.5	323.7	...	0.2	0.3	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	210.5	210.9	1.8	0.4	2.7	8.8	0.2	1.3	4.4
Employment	196.9	198.3	1.9	1.4	3.9	10.6	0.7	2.0	5.6
Unemployment	13.6	12.6	0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.8	-7.4	-8.7	-12.5
Participation rate	65.1	65.2	0.6	0.1	0.8	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	61.3	0.6	0.4	1.2	2.9	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	130.7	130.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	87.0	86.9	0.7	-0.1	1.1	2.4	-0.1	1.3	2.8
Employment	80.1	80.2	0.7	0.1	0.7	3.1	0.1	0.9	4.0
Unemployment	6.8	6.7	0.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.6	-1.5	6.3	-8.2
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.5	-0.1	0.9	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.7	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.4	0.5	0.1	0.6	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	101.1	101.1	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	68.4	68.3	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.7
Employment	62.6	62.7	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2
Unemployment	5.8	5.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-3.4	-1.8	7.7
Participation rate	67.7	67.6	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.0	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	267.9	268.2	...	0.3	0.6	4.0	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	179.2	177.9	1.6	-1.3	-2.4	1.2	-0.7	-1.3	0.7
Employment	161.5	161.3	1.6	-0.2	-1.5	-1.7	-0.1	-0.9	-1.0
Unemployment	17.7	16.6	0.8	-1.1	-0.8	3.0	-6.2	-4.6	22.1
Participation rate	66.9	66.3	0.6	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.3	0.5	-0.6	-0.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.7	-1.6	...	...	...

Table 14

## Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Continued

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	566.3	566.8	...	0.5	0.8	6.1	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	399.7	399.3	1.3	-0.4	-1.9	7.0	-0.1	-0.5	1.8
Employment	379.6	379.8	1.4	0.2	-0.1	8.3	0.1	0.0	2.2
Unemployment	20.1	19.4	0.8	-0.7	-1.9	-1.4	-3.5	-8.9	-6.7
Participation rate	70.6	70.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	67.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	158.5	158.7	...	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	114.7	114.9	0.7	0.2	0.8	-0.5	0.2	0.7	-0.4
Employment	108.9	109.2	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.2
Unemployment	5.8	5.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-1.7	-3.4	-10.9
Participation rate	72.4	72.4	0.5	0.0	0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.7	68.8	0.5	0.1	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	187.9	188.2	...	0.3	0.5	2.8	0.2	0.3	1.5
Labour force	134.8	136.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	8.1	1.0	1.8	6.3
Employment	127.6	129.2	0.9	1.6	2.8	9.4	1.3	2.2	7.8
Unemployment	7.2	7.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.3	-2.8	-5.4	-15.7
Participation rate	71.7	72.4	0.5	0.7	1.1	3.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	68.7	0.5	0.8	1.4	4.1	...	...	...
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	842.6	844.0	...	1.4	2.8	18.0	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	624.1	621.8	3.0	-2.3	-4.4	-7.8	-0.4	-0.7	-1.2
Employment	593.6	592.4	3.0	-1.2	-3.8	-3.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5
Unemployment	30.5	29.4	1.7	-1.1	-0.6	-4.7	-3.6	-2.0	-13.8
Participation rate	74.1	73.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.4	70.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	809.0	810.2	...	1.2	2.3	14.3	0.1	0.3	1.8
Labour force	592.7	586.3	2.6	-6.4	-7.2	6.1	-1.1	-1.2	1.1
Employment	562.3	557.6	2.7	-4.7	-4.6	7.3	-0.8	-0.8	1.3
Unemployment	30.4	28.8	1.4	-1.6	-2.4	-1.1	-5.3	-7.7	-3.7
Participation rate	73.3	72.4	0.3	-0.9	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	68.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b>									
Population	127.9	128.2	...	0.3	0.7	3.7	0.2	0.5	3.0
Labour force	85.1	84.7	0.8	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5
Employment	79.2	79.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-1.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.6
Unemployment	5.9	5.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	0.9	-3.4	-8.1	18.8
Participation rate	66.5	66.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.9	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.6	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-2.9	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,798.2	1,800.9	...	2.7	5.2	31.0	0.2	0.3	1.8
Labour force	1,209.9	1,220.6	4.9	10.7	15.7	22.7	0.9	1.3	1.9
Employment	1,134.0	1,143.2	5.1	9.2	14.3	23.4	0.8	1.3	2.1
Unemployment	75.9	77.4	3.0	1.5	1.4	-0.7	2.0	1.8	-0.9
Participation rate	67.3	67.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	...	...	...

**Table 14****Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Concluded**

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	268.6	268.8	...	0.2	0.3	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	169.8	170.9	1.7	1.1	1.9	3.2	0.6	1.1	1.9
Employment	161.0	161.8	1.8	0.8	2.0	3.7	0.5	1.3	2.3
Unemployment	8.8	9.1	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	3.4	-1.1	-5.2
Participation rate	63.2	63.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.3	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.2	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM tables 282-0090

**Table 15****Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, monthly**

	January 2005	February 2005	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,952.2	2,955.4	...	3.2	6.8	38.8	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	1,998.2	1,984.0	16.0	-14.2	1.8	12.9	-0.7	0.1	0.7
Employment	1,824.6	1,824.5	16.3	-0.1	23.8	23.2	0.0	1.3	1.3
Unemployment	173.6	159.5	11.9	-14.1	-22.1	-10.3	-8.1	-12.2	-6.1
Participation rate	67.7	67.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.0	0.6	-0.7	-1.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.7	0.6	-0.1	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,227.8	4,236.3	...	8.5	16.0	88.8	0.2	0.4	2.1
Labour force	2,904.1	2,910.9	19.2	6.8	-14.2	15.3	0.2	-0.5	0.5
Employment	2,698.4	2,681.3	19.4	-17.1	-11.3	-4.3	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployment	205.7	229.6	13.6	23.9	-2.9	19.6	11.6	-1.2	9.3
Participation rate	68.7	68.7	0.5	0.0	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.9	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,800.7	1,803.7	...	3.0	5.4	31.3	0.2	0.3	1.8
Labour force	1,219.3	1,232.3	10.7	13.0	22.2	36.5	1.1	1.8	3.1
Employment	1,140.0	1,150.0	11.1	10.0	10.5	35.9	0.9	0.9	3.2
Unemployment	79.2	82.3	7.4	3.1	11.6	0.5	3.9	16.4	0.6
Participation rate	67.7	68.3	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.7	0.6	0.2	0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.9	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
Related CANSIM table 282-0091



Table 16

Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2004 and February 2005

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	2004	25,268.2	16,862.7	15,590.0	1,272.6	66.7	7.5	61.7
	2005	25,625.1	17,051.5	15,823.2	1,228.3	66.5	7.2	61.7
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2004	429.8	244.9	201.3	43.5	57.0	17.8	46.8
	2005	430.3	240.7	202.0	38.8	55.9	16.1	46.9
010 Avalon Peninsula	2004	207.8	126.0	109.7	16.3	60.6	12.9	52.8
	2005	209.6	125.5	110.4	15.1	59.9	12.0	52.7
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2004	34.7	19.0	14.3	4.8	54.8	25.3	41.2
	2005	34.0	17.2	13.5	3.7	50.6	21.5	39.7
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2004	90.4	51.3	40.4	10.9	56.7	21.2	44.7
	2005	90.1	49.4	39.4	10.0	54.8	20.2	43.7
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2004	96.9	48.5	36.9	11.5	50.1	23.7	38.1
	2005	96.6	48.6	38.6	10.0	50.3	20.6	40.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2004	110.4	71.6	61.5	10.1	64.9	14.1	55.7
	2005	111.2	73.2	63.7	9.5	65.8	13.0	57.3
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2004	755.2	468.9	424.8	44.1	62.1	9.4	56.3
	2005	759.2	477.5	431.8	45.7	62.9	9.6	56.9
210 Cape Breton	2004	117.6	57.8	47.9	9.9	49.1	17.1	40.7
	2005	116.8	57.4	48.1	9.3	49.1	16.2	41.2
220 North Shore	2004	130.4	77.8	69.5	8.3	59.7	10.7	53.3
	2005	130.3	79.3	70.4	8.9	60.9	11.2	54.0
230 Annapolis Valley	2004	98.6	61.1	55.6	5.4	62.0	8.8	56.4
	2005	99.0	62.5	56.6	5.9	63.1	9.4	57.2
240 Southern	2004	103.1	62.3	55.3	7.0	60.4	11.2	53.6
	2005	103.1	61.5	55.0	6.5	59.7	10.6	53.3
250 Halifax	2004	305.5	209.9	196.4	13.5	68.7	6.4	64.3
	2005	310.0	216.8	201.7	15.1	69.9	7.0	65.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2004	606.1	372.8	334.1	38.7	61.5	10.4	55.1
	2005	608.9	375.8	337.2	38.6	61.7	10.3	55.4
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2004	138.4	71.9	59.7	12.1	52.0	16.8	43.1
	2005	137.3	72.8	60.9	12.0	53.0	16.5	44.4
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2004	157.5	105.4	96.7	8.8	66.9	8.3	61.4
	2005	159.6	104.3	95.2	9.1	65.4	8.7	59.6
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2004	139.7	86.8	79.8	7.0	62.1	8.1	57.1
	2005	140.4	88.2	80.7	7.5	62.8	8.5	57.5
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2004	101.8	67.7	61.3	6.4	66.5	9.5	60.2
	2005	103.0	68.8	62.5	6.2	66.8	9.0	60.7
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2004	68.6	41.0	36.6	4.4	59.8	10.7	53.4
	2005	68.7	41.7	37.9	3.8	60.7	9.1	55.2
<b>Quebec</b>	2004	6,079.7	3,951.7	3,573.9	377.8	65.0	9.6	58.8
	2005	6,149.2	3,992.9	3,636.0	357.0	64.9	8.9	59.1
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2004	79.5	41.2	32.5	8.7	51.8	21.1	40.9
	2005	79.7	38.3	29.5	8.7	48.1	22.7	37.0
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2004	165.8	97.9	84.7	13.2	59.0	13.5	51.1
	2005	166.1	93.8	85.4	8.4	56.5	9.0	51.4
420 Québec	2004	546.4	341.0	314.9	26.1	62.4	7.7	57.6
	2005	552.5	361.7	338.7	23.0	65.5	6.4	61.3

**Table 16**

**Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2004 and February 2005 - Continued**

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2004	319.3	213.7	196.5	17.2	66.9	8.0	61.5
	2005	322.2	219.3	200.1	19.1	68.1	8.7	62.1
430 Estrie	2004	240.5	155.8	139.7	16.1	64.8	10.3	58.1
	2005	243.8	156.4	144.1	12.3	64.2	7.9	59.1
433 Centre-du-Québec	2004	179.7	122.4	108.9	13.5	68.1	11.0	60.6
	2005	181.2	125.0	115.0	10.0	69.0	8.0	63.5
435 Montérégie	2004	1,072.2	759.3	701.3	58.0	70.8	7.6	65.4
	2005	1,088.1	717.7	664.5	53.2	66.0	7.4	61.1
440 Montréal	2004	1,551.8	985.7	882.3	103.4	63.5	10.5	56.9
	2005	1,563.4	1,015.4	904.6	110.8	64.9	10.9	57.9
445 Laval	2004	293.0	188.6	169.7	18.9	64.4	10.0	57.9
	2005	297.9	192.8	177.6	15.2	64.7	7.9	59.6
450 Lanaudière	2004	324.7	214.4	193.3	21.1	66.0	9.8	59.5
	2005	331.3	222.8	206.5	16.3	67.3	7.3	62.3
455 Laurentides	2004	392.6	268.0	250.4	17.6	68.3	6.6	63.8
	2005	402.9	280.5	261.9	18.5	69.6	6.6	65.0
460 Outaouais	2004	269.9	172.6	158.4	14.2	63.9	8.2	58.7
	2005	276.2	181.9	167.7	14.2	65.9	7.8	60.7
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2004	114.6	71.3	63.1	8.3	62.2	11.6	55.1
	2005	114.3	71.8	62.7	9.1	62.8	12.7	54.9
470 Mauricie	2004	213.3	125.7	111.5	14.2	58.9	11.3	52.3
	2005	214.3	126.0	109.1	16.9	58.8	13.4	50.9
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2004	225.0	132.3	115.1	17.2	58.8	13.0	51.2
	2005	224.3	129.0	113.4	15.6	57.5	12.1	50.6
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2004	91.4	61.8	51.6	10.1	67.6	16.3	56.5
	2005	90.9	60.8	55.2	5.6	66.9	9.2	60.7
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2004	9,817.5	6,655.9	6,216.8	439.0	67.8	6.6	63.3
	2005	9,985.1	6,725.3	6,278.2	447.0	67.4	6.6	62.9
510 Ottawa	2004	952.6	653.5	608.5	44.9	68.6	6.9	63.9
	2005	964.9	666.6	623.1	43.5	69.1	6.5	64.6
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2004	351.6	211.4	196.6	14.8	60.1	7.0	55.9
	2005	355.7	221.1	205.8	15.3	62.2	6.9	57.9
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2004	293.5	206.6	198.6	7.9	70.4	3.8	67.7
	2005	297.9	171.1	159.2	11.9	57.4	7.0	53.4
530 Toronto	2004	4,360.8	3,017.8	2,815.3	202.5	69.2	6.7	64.6
	2005	4,460.7	3,039.9	2,820.5	219.5	68.1	7.2	63.2
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2004	900.3	626.8	594.5	32.3	69.6	5.2	66.0
	2005	921.0	657.3	624.9	32.3	71.4	4.9	67.9
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2004	1,088.3	710.7	663.2	47.5	65.3	6.7	60.9
	2005	1,101.9	727.8	686.0	41.8	66.0	5.7	62.3
560 London	2004	492.7	347.0	324.4	22.7	70.4	6.5	65.8
	2005	498.5	348.7	329.5	19.2	69.9	5.5	66.1
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2004	512.6	325.5	300.2	25.3	63.5	7.8	58.6
	2005	518.2	337.5	310.0	27.5	65.1	8.1	59.8

Table 16

Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2004 and February 2005 - Continued

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario</b> - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2004	239.9	163.9	152.9	11.0	68.3	6.7	63.7
	2005	242.3	162.0	154.0	7.9	66.9	4.9	63.6
590 Northeast	2004	449.4	273.6	252.3	21.4	60.9	7.8	56.1
	2005	448.8	274.1	253.9	20.1	61.1	7.3	56.6
595 Northwest	2004	175.9	119.1	110.3	8.8	67.7	7.4	62.7
	2005	175.2	119.1	111.3	7.9	68.0	6.6	63.5
<b>Manitoba</b>								
610 Southeast	2004	70.7	50.6	48.1	2.5	71.6	4.9	68.0
	2005	72.1	50.5	47.7	2.8	70.0	5.5	66.2
620 South Central	2004	41.2	25.4	24.6	0.8	61.7	3.1	59.7
	2005	41.7	30.4	29.3	1.1	72.9	3.6	70.3
630 Southwest	2004	81.5	52.9	50.5	2.4	64.9	4.5	62.0
	2005	81.1	50.5	47.5	3.0	62.3	5.9	58.6
640 North Central	2004	34.8	23.0	22.2	0.8	66.1	3.5	63.8
	2005	35.1	22.0	20.6	1.4	62.7	6.4	58.7
650 Winnipeg	2004	520.1	361.5	341.5	20.0	69.5	5.5	65.7
	2005	525.9	365.7	347.9	17.8	69.5	4.9	66.2
660 Interlake	2004	66.2	43.1	41.0	2.2	65.1	5.1	61.9
	2005	67.1	43.8	40.5	3.4	65.3	7.8	60.4
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2004	63.3	40.0	37.1	2.9	63.2	7.3	58.6
	2005	62.6	42.3	39.7	2.5	67.6	5.9	63.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2004	744.3	495.6	466.5	29.1	66.6	5.9	62.7
	2005	747.4	505.0	477.5	27.6	67.6	5.5	63.9
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2004	82.4	52.7	49.4	3.3	64.0	6.3	60.0
	2005	82.2	53.0	50.4	2.6	64.5	4.9	61.3
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2004	229.5	155.0	145.4	9.7	67.5	6.3	63.4
	2005	232.0	163.1	154.6	8.5	70.3	5.2	66.6
740 Yorkton-Melville	2004	67.3	39.8	38.0	1.8	59.1	4.5	56.5
	2005	66.7	41.7	39.3	2.4	62.5	5.8	58.9
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2004	149.1	95.0	89.5	5.5	63.7	5.8	60.0
	2005	149.4	93.3	87.0	6.3	62.4	6.8	58.2
<b>Alberta</b>								
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2004	2,482.8	1,815.9	1,724.5	91.4	73.1	5.0	69.5
	2005	2,529.7	1,834.3	1,753.7	80.6	72.5	4.4	69.3
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2004	144.3	102.4	98.1	4.4	71.0	4.3	68.0
	2005	145.4	101.8	98.1	3.7	70.0	3.6	67.5
830 Calgary	2004	887.2	670.1	633.9	36.1	75.5	5.4	71.4
	2005	908.6	666.5	635.3	31.2	73.4	4.7	69.9
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2004	63.2	45.9	44.2	1.7	72.6	3.7	69.9
	2005	63.0	49.1	47.5	1.6	77.9	3.3	75.4

**Table 16**

**Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> and for Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2004 and February 2005 - Concluded**

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2004	125.8	95.1	91.2	3.8	75.6	4.0	72.5
	2005	128.8	94.0	91.2	2.7	73.0	2.9	70.8
860 Edmonton	2004	826.0	594.4	563.5	30.9	72.0	5.2	68.2
	2005	841.5	600.8	571.1	29.6	71.4	4.9	67.9
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2004	167.7	118.8	112.0	6.9	70.8	5.8	66.8
	2005	169.9	122.6	118.5	4.1	72.2	3.3	69.7
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2004	78.7	60.7	57.7	3.0	77.1	4.9	73.3
	2005	80.9	60.2	58.2	1.9	74.4	3.2	71.9
<b>British Columbia</b>								
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2004	3,364.6	2,188.9	2,021.7	167.3	65.1	7.6	60.1
	2005	3,418.5	2,221.6	2,070.1	151.4	65.0	6.8	60.6
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2004	584.8	352.4	318.4	34.1	60.3	9.7	54.4
	2005	591.7	359.7	331.7	28.0	60.8	7.8	56.1
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2004	2,014.4	1,346.7	1,258.3	88.4	66.9	6.6	62.5
	2005	2,052.0	1,360.7	1,274.8	85.9	66.3	6.3	62.1
940 Kootenay	2004	391.6	241.2	223.7	17.5	61.6	7.3	57.1
	2005	397.4	247.6	231.1	16.5	62.3	6.7	58.2
950 Cariboo	2004	123.7	70.5	61.1	9.3	57.0	13.2	49.4
	2005	125.1	77.1	70.2	6.9	61.6	8.9	56.1
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2004	130.5	91.5	81.5	10.0	70.1	10.9	62.5
	2005	132.1	90.5	83.1	7.4	68.5	8.2	62.9
980 Northeast	2004	71.4	49.9	43.2	6.7	69.9	13.4	60.5
	2005	71.4	50.4	45.2	5.2	70.6	10.3	63.3
Yukon Territory <sup>3</sup>	2004	48.1	36.7	35.4	x	76.3	x	73.6
	2005	48.7	35.6	34.0	1.6	73.1	4.5	69.8
Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	2004	21.1	15.2	14.0	1.1	72.0	7.2	66.4
	2005	21.6	16.5	15.5	1.0	76.4	6.1	71.8
	2004	30.3	22.4	21.1	1.3	73.9	5.8	69.6
	2005	31.1	24.2	22.6	1.6	77.8	6.6	72.7

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

Related CANSIM table 282-0054

Table 17

## Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada (in thousands), 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
			\$	\$			\$			\$
<b>February 2005</b>										
15 years and over	13,320.0	35.1	692.92	18.98	10,746.7	39.5	803.15	2,573.3	16.9	232.56
15 to 24 years	2,210.6	26.5	308.94	10.79	1,075.5	39.0	492.12	1,135.1	14.7	135.38
25 years and over	11,109.5	36.9	769.32	20.61	9,671.2	39.6	837.74	1,438.2	18.7	309.26
Men	6,705.9	37.9	806.78	20.77	5,931.4	40.7	884.86	774.5	16.0	208.83
Women	6,614.1	32.4	577.47	17.17	4,815.3	38.0	702.50	1,798.8	17.3	242.78
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,305.8	35.6	789.03	21.88	3,657.0	38.6	865.76	648.8	18.9	356.56
No union coverage	9,014.2	34.9	647.01	17.60	7,089.7	40.0	770.86	1,924.5	16.3	190.76
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,810.1	36.2	725.18	19.47	9,961.5	39.5	813.55	1,848.6	17.9	249.00
Temporary	1,509.9	27.2	440.54	15.13	785.2	39.0	671.19	724.7	14.4	190.64
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	912.3	40.3	1,207.01	30.14	895.0	40.7	1,221.26	17.3	19.9	470.25
Business, finance and administrative	2,650.8	35.0	644.00	18.00	2,236.0	38.2	715.93	414.9	17.6	256.31
Natural and applied sciences	927.7	38.4	1,027.05	26.79	889.7	39.2	1,052.68	38.0	17.5	427.21
Health	823.6	32.8	728.96	22.05	598.0	37.7	847.02	225.6	19.8	415.99
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,169.7	33.9	834.10	24.37	919.0	38.6	956.57	250.7	16.9	385.16
Art, culture, recreation and sport	309.7	29.9	633.48	19.85	206.9	38.4	844.80	102.8	12.8	208.22
Sales and service	3,432.4	30.1	414.09	12.72	2,102.4	38.7	574.05	1,330.0	16.5	161.23
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,848.1	40.1	773.12	19.10	1,721.5	41.8	812.52	126.6	17.6	237.33
Occupations unique to primary industry	216.2	41.5	731.71	16.79	184.5	46.2	833.76	31.8	13.9	139.74
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,029.4	39.4	668.35	16.84	993.8	40.1	685.26	35.6	17.2	196.55
<b>February 2004</b>										
15 years and over	13,146.4	35.1	675.65	18.53	10,593.2	39.4	782.51	2,553.2	17.0	232.30
15 to 24 years	2,157.9	26.7	304.07	10.56	1,056.6	39.1	481.33	1,101.3	14.8	133.99
25 years and over	10,988.4	36.7	748.62	20.09	9,536.6	39.4	815.88	1,451.9	18.6	306.87
Men	6,610.3	37.7	784.51	20.22	5,839.3	40.6	860.99	771.0	15.8	205.26
Women	6,536.1	32.3	565.55	16.82	4,753.9	37.9	686.10	1,782.2	17.5	244.00
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,267.5	35.8	775.72	21.40	3,635.7	38.7	848.92	631.7	19.0	354.45
No union coverage	8,878.9	34.7	627.55	17.15	6,957.5	39.8	747.80	1,921.5	16.3	192.14
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,695.4	36.1	706.33	18.99	9,852.7	39.4	792.07	1,842.7	17.9	247.92
Temporary	1,451.0	26.9	428.34	14.84	740.5	38.9	655.30	710.5	14.5	191.80
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	947.5	40.2	1,164.82	29.12	922.4	40.8	1,184.54	25.1	19.3	439.86
Business, finance and administrative	2,619.3	35.2	636.19	17.70	2,227.1	38.3	703.60	392.2	17.8	253.49
Natural and applied sciences	860.7	38.5	1,014.29	26.28	829.2	39.3	1,038.96	31.5	17.0	364.27
Health	796.8	33.1	736.24	21.98	586.6	37.8	848.51	210.2	20.0	422.98
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,133.7	33.5	825.27	24.41	869.1	38.2	948.88	264.6	17.9	419.24
Art, culture, recreation and sport	291.3	29.3	591.96	18.58	190.3	38.0	809.02	101.0	12.8	182.80
Sales and service	3,391.8	29.7	397.13	12.33	2,041.8	38.6	554.69	1,350.0	16.4	158.80
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,837.7	39.9	738.30	18.36	1,723.4	41.4	771.96	114.3	17.2	230.92
Occupations unique to primary industry	190.9	43.1	741.54	16.60	170.3	46.8	813.27	20.5	12.4	146.55
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,076.7	39.1	649.51	16.45	1,032.9	40.1	668.23	43.8	16.4	207.63

Related CANSIM tables 282-0023, 282-0069, 282-0073

**Table 18****Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

Region	Effective from March 13, 2005 to April 9, 2005	Region	Effective from March 13, 2005 to April 9, 2005
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	8.5	30. London	6.1
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	19.0	31. Niagara	6.9
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	9.3
03. Prince Edward Island	10.5	33. Kitchener	4.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	6.7
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	16.3	35. South Central Ontario	3.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.8	36. Sudbury	7.4
06. Halifax	6.4	37. Thunder Bay	8.4
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	10.5
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.0	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.0	39. Winnipeg	4.9
09. Restigouche-Albert	15.4	40. Southern Manitoba	6.8
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	26.8
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.7	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	5.4	42. Regina	4.9
12. Trois-Rivières	10.3	43. Saskatoon	5.4
13. South Central Quebec	7.3	44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.7
14. Sherbrooke	6.9	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.5
15. Montérégie	7.5	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	8.6	46. Calgary	4.8
17. Central Quebec	9.0	47. Edmonton	5.0
18. Northwestern Quebec	13.1	48. Northern Alberta	8.0
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	12.1	49. Southern Alberta	5.1
20. Hull	7.3	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	9.6	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	7.8
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	7.3
22. Ottawa	6.1	52. Vancouver	6.4
23. Eastern Ontario	7.6	53. Victoria	6.0
24. Kingston	7.1	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	8.3
25. Central Ontario	6.1	55. Northern British Columbia	11.2
26. Oshawa	6.3	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.6	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	5.4	57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	5.9	58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

<sup>1</sup> 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>.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

- *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-GIE)*
- *Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-XPB)*