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- <sup>r</sup> revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
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## Commentary

Following robust growth over the previous two months, employment was little changed in November as an increase in part-time jobs was offset by a slight decline in full-time employment. More people entered the labour force in search of work in November pushing the unemployment rate up 0.2 percentage points to 7.3%.

Job growth over the first 11 months of 2004 is up 1.2%, with an average increase of 18,000 per month. This is slightly below the performance of the first 11 months of the previous year when employment grew by 1.5% with an average gain of 22,000 per month. While employment growth in 2003 was in both full-time and part-time, all of the gains so far in 2004 have been in full-time jobs.

Although the number of hours worked was unchanged in November it is up 1.3% so far this year.

### More adult women working in November

For adult women, employment rose by 26,000 after five consecutive months of little change. This increase was all in part-time work. Over the first 11 months of 2004, employment among adult women has risen by 1.1% (+72,000) and contrasts sharply with the first 11 months of 2003 when employment grew twice as fast (+2.1%). Despite the employment gain in November, their unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 6.1% as more adult women entered the labour force in search of work.

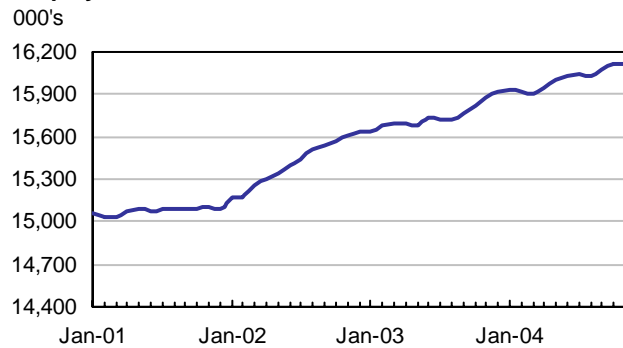
Employment fell by 18,000 in November, the only significant decline this year for adult men. This pushed their unemployment rate up 0.3 percentage points in November to 6.1%. Full-time employment fell by 31,000, offsetting a similar increase the month before. Despite the employment loss, gains so far this year total 100,000 (+1.4%) all in full-time work.

For the second consecutive month, youth employment was little changed and up only 0.9% (+23,000) so far in 2004. In November, the youth unemployment rate was 13.2%.

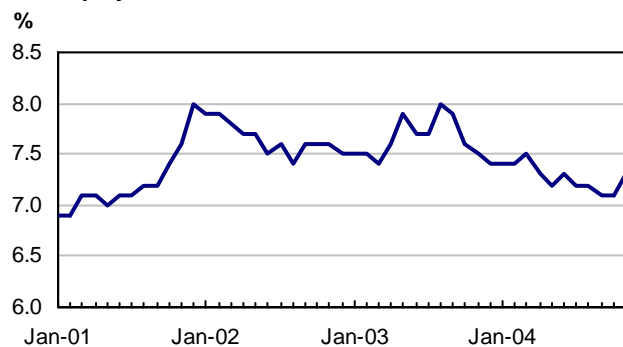
### Factory employment down in November

Employment fell by 18,000 in manufacturing, bringing job losses in the sector since July to 52,000 (-2.2%). The decline in November was spread across several provinces and was mostly among adult men. However, Ontario is where most of the recent weakness in overall manufacturing has occurred. The most recent estimates for Canada show a decline in both exports and manufacturing shipments in September. Canadian manufacturers are facing challenges as the Canadian dollar has strengthened relative to the US

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



dollar and is at its highest value in over a decade. Also a concern to manufacturers is the soaring price of crude oil and its impact on production costs.

Employment declined by 13,000 in accommodation and food services in November. Employment in this sector has been lackluster in 2004 as this month's decline combined with earlier decreases bring total losses so far this year to 25,000 (-2.5%).

The number of people working in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing rose by 21,000 in November, offsetting the decline in October. This sector has shown strong job growth over the first 11 months of the year, up 5.9% and may reflect the strength observed in the construction sector where employment has jumped by 6.0% so far in 2004.

Employment also increased in educational services in November, up 15,000. Recent gains in this sector have offset weakness observed over the year, leaving employment just slightly up from December 2003. November's gain was spread among a number of provinces.

The number of people working in retail and wholesale trade edged up slightly in November (+11,000), building on the robust increase observed in October. The year-to-date employment gain for the sector totals 79,000 (+3.2%) and coincides with strength in wholesale and retail sales.

### More self-employed

In November, employment was little changed in the private sector as an increase of 19,000 self-employed workers was offset by a slight decline in the number of private sector employees. Public sector employment was also little changed. So far in 2004, self-employment has shown the strongest pace of employment growth, up 2.7% (+67,000), closely followed by the public sector with growth of 2.2% (+67,000). Employment among private sector employees has grown by only 0.6% (+61,000) so far in 2004.

### Provincial focus

Most provinces experienced little employment change in November. Over the first 11 months of 2004, job growth above the national average occurred in New Brunswick (+2.3%), Nova Scotia (+2.0%), Manitoba (+1.6%), Ontario (+1.4%), and Saskatchewan (+1.3%). The growth rate for Prince Edward Island (+2.3%) was also above the national average, due mostly to a strong gain in November.

Employment in Ontario was little changed in November following a strong gain the month before. There was a marked increase in the number of people entering the labour force in search of work, pushing the unemployment rate in the province up 0.5 percentage points to 7.0% in November. Over the first 11 months of this year, employment in the province is up 1.4% (+86,000).

In Quebec, employment continued to show little change, leaving gains over the first 11 months of 2004 at 41,000 (+1.1%). The unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in November to 8.9% as more people were searching for work.

In British Columbia, a gain in part-time jobs offset a decline in full-time employment in November. The unemployment rate, however, fell 0.5 percentage points to 6.4 % as fewer people were participating in the labour force. Recent job growth in the province has more than offset losses observed over the third quarter of the year, leaving employment up 1.0% (+22,000) so far in 2004.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, employment gains observed over the first seven months of the year have been mostly offset by recent weakness, leaving employment in the province at about the same level as at the end of 2003 despite an estimated loss of 3,000 in November. The unemployment rate rose to 16.5% in November, up from 15.8% the month before.

Employment rose by an estimated 2,000 in Prince Edward Island with the gain spread in a number of sectors. With most of the employment increase occurring in November, employment in the province is now 2.3% (+1,600) above the level at the end of 2003. In November, the unemployment rate fell 1.3 percentage points to 10.5%.

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

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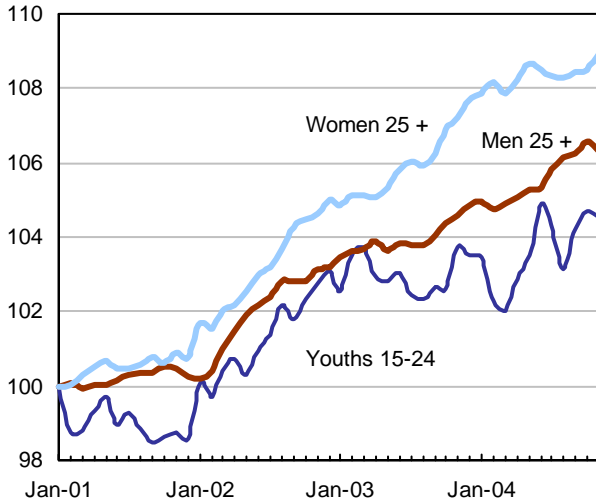
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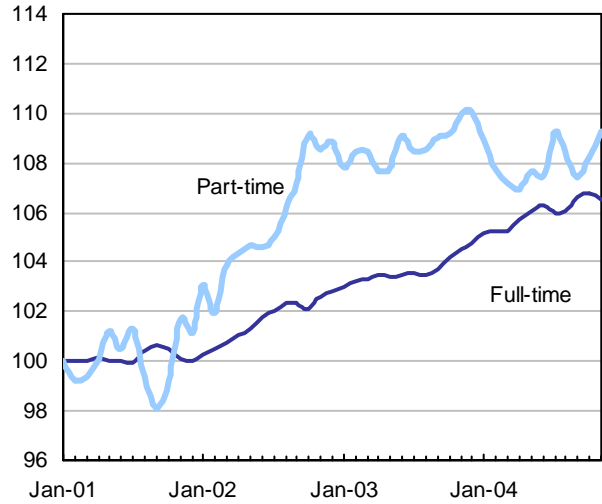
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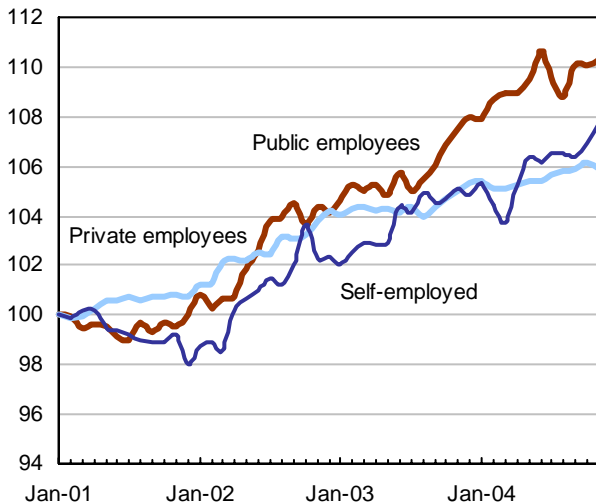
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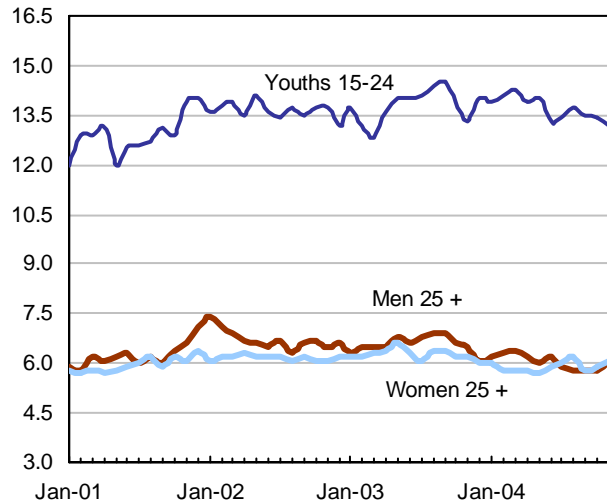
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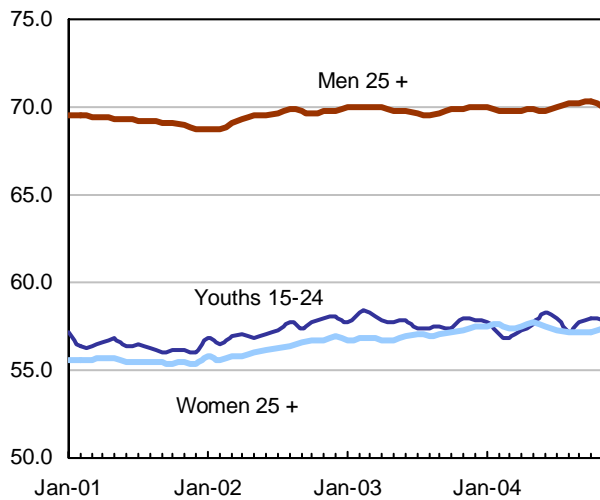
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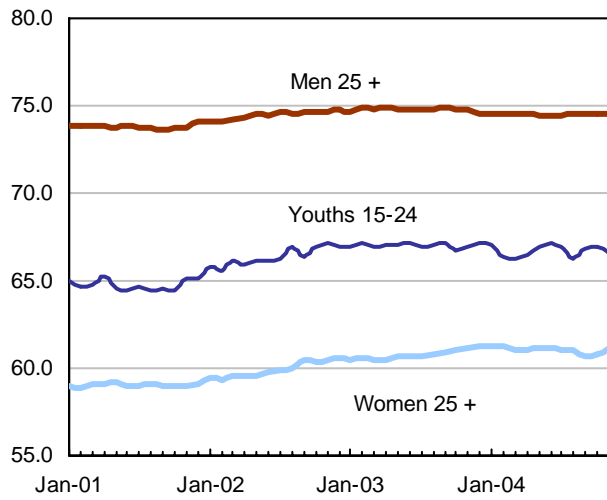
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**Employment rate (%)**



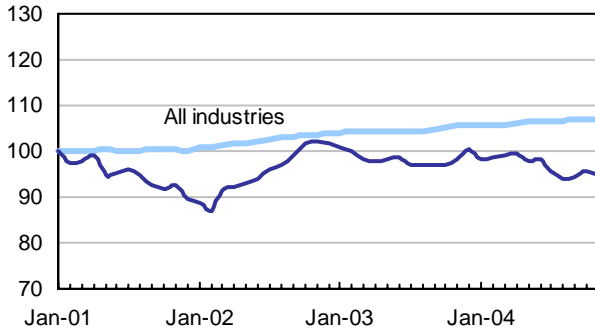
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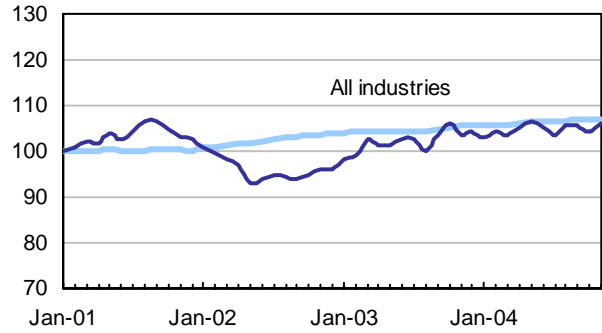


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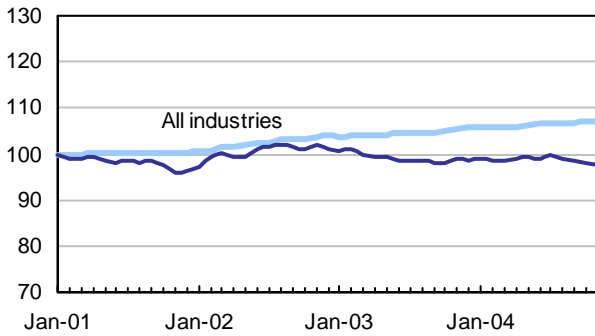
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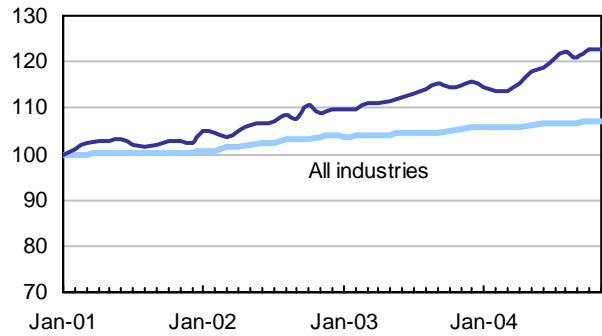
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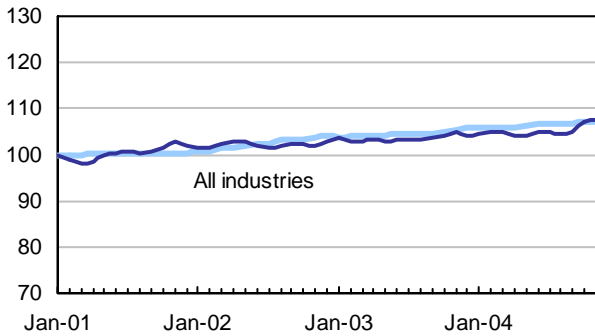
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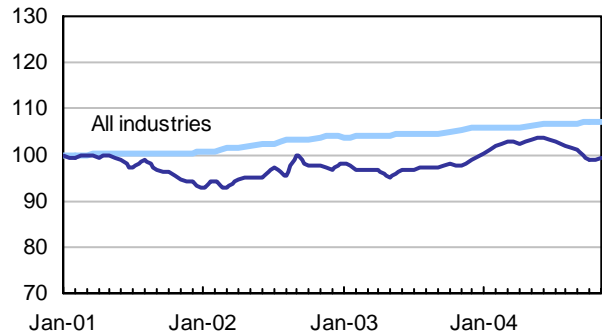
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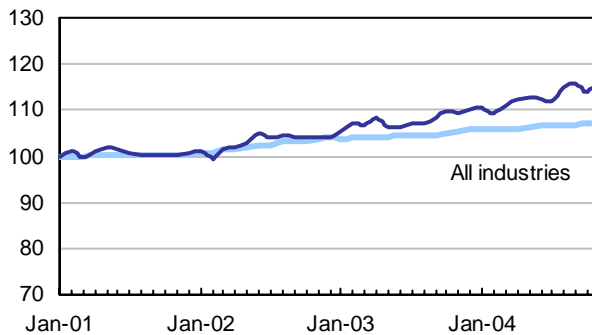
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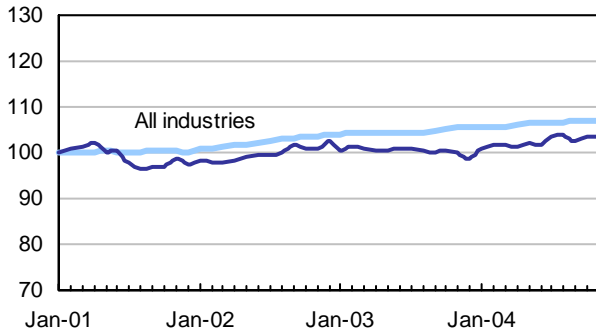


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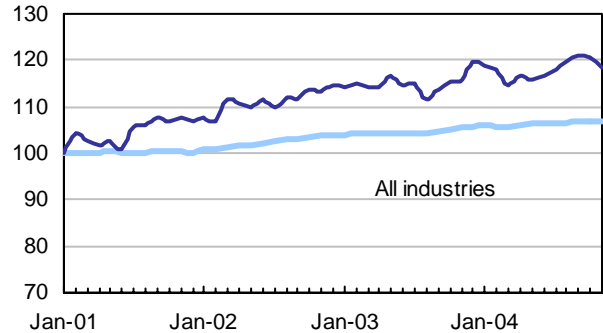


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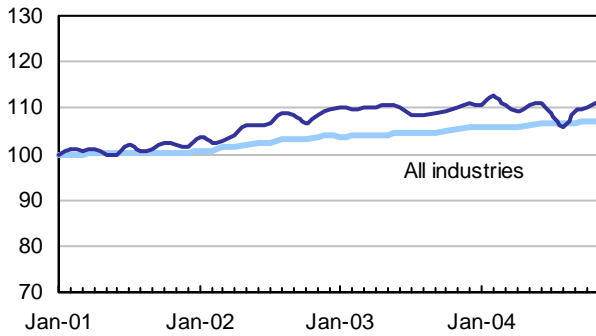
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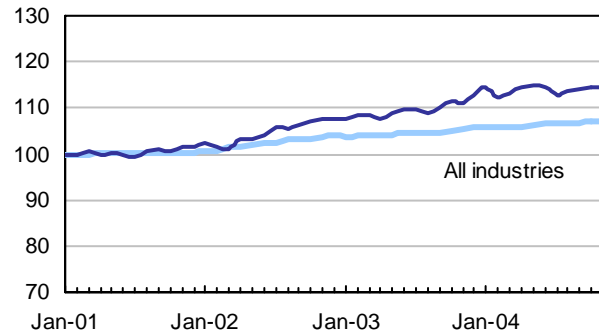
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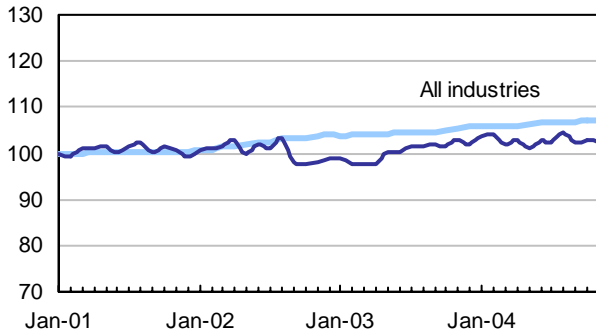
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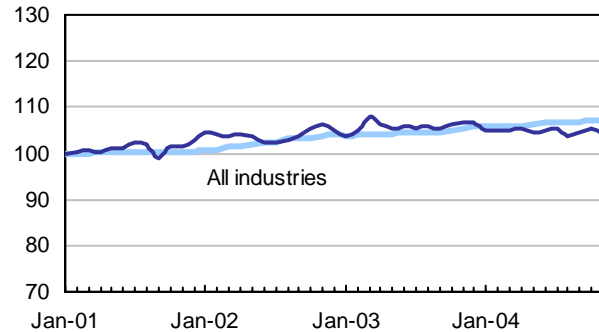
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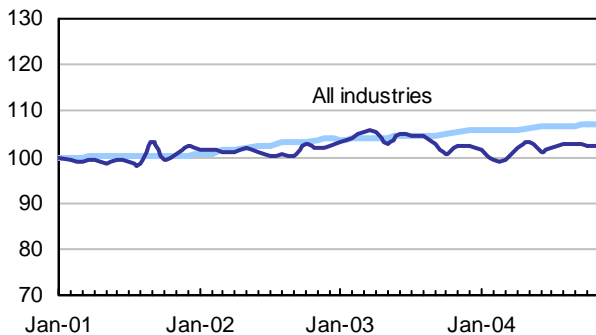
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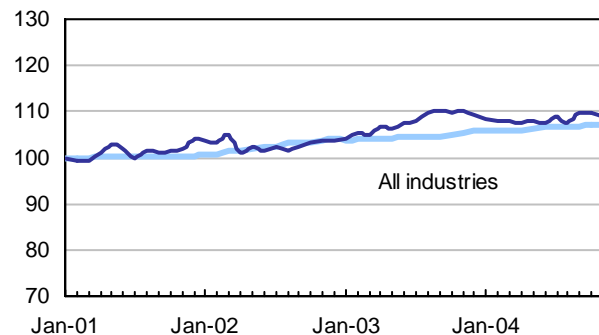
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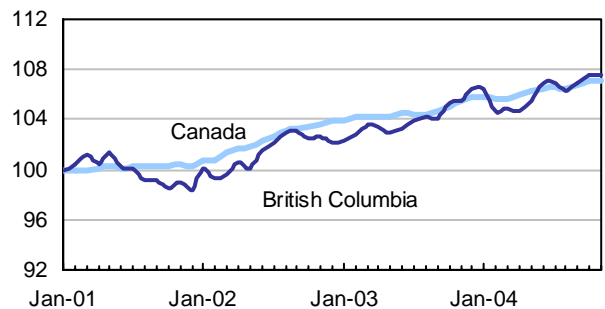
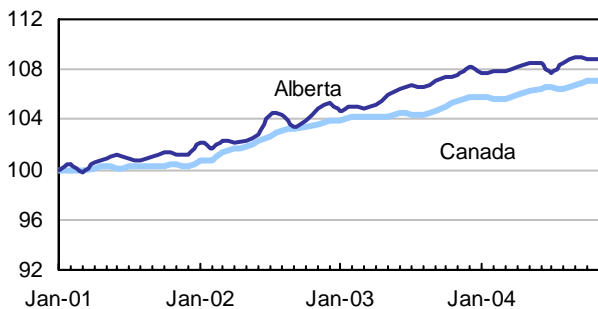
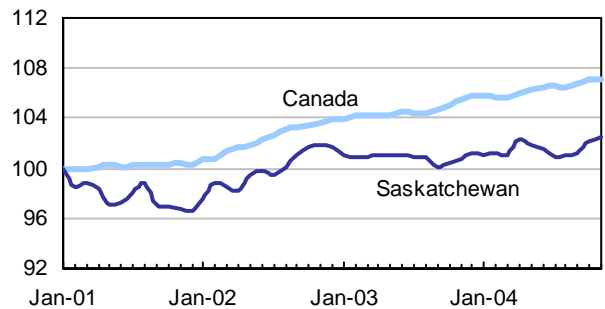
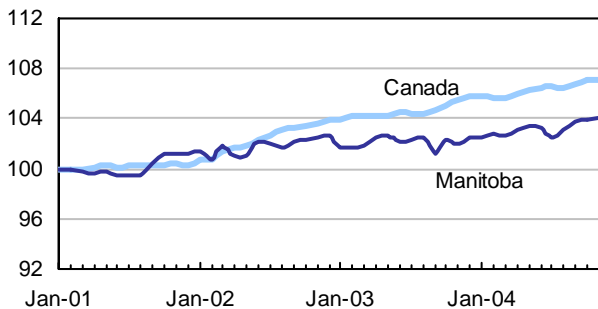
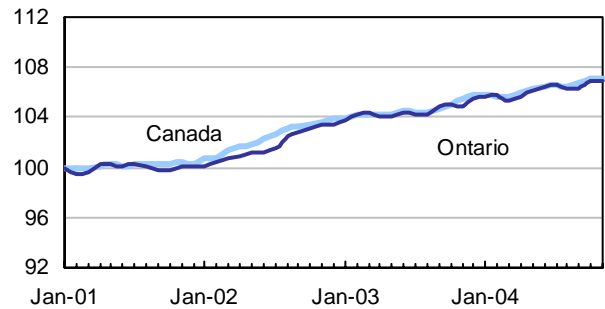
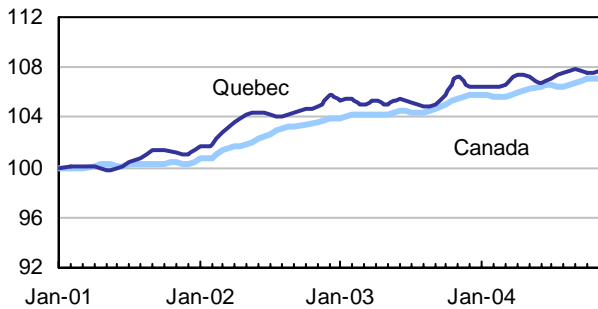
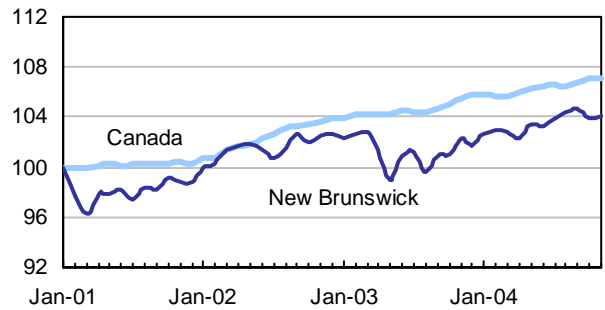
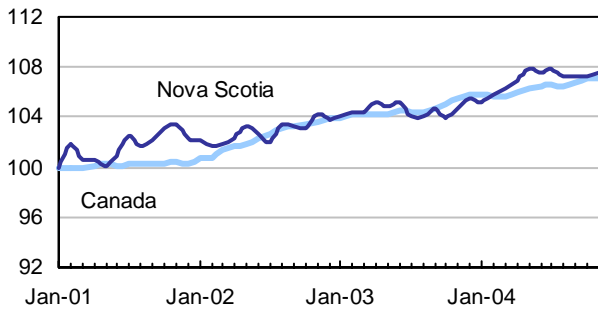
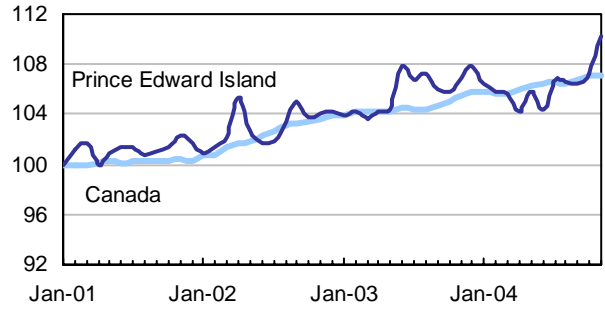
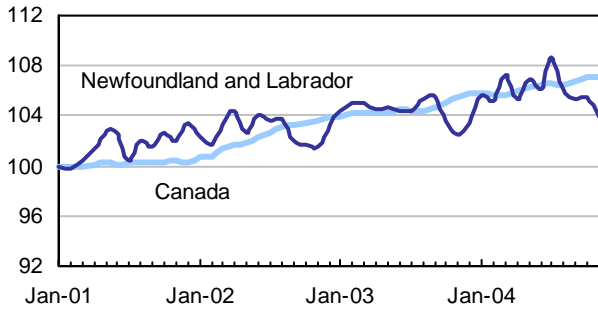
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### Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2001 = 100



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Table 1

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	25,712.3	25,738.6	...	26.3	334.7	359.1	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	17,341.2	17,377.0	28.6	35.8	189.6	210.7	0.2	1.1	1.2
Employment	16,110.7	16,115.3	29.5	4.6	194.6	234.5	0.0	1.2	1.5
Employment full-time	13,159.7	13,134.4	34.8	-25.3	217.2	253.5	-0.2	1.7	2.0
Employment part-time	2,951.0	2,981.0	30.6	30.0	-22.4	-18.9	1.0	-0.7	-0.6
Unemployment	1,230.6	1,261.7	23.9	31.1	-5.1	-23.8	2.5	-0.4	-1.9
Participation rate	67.4	67.5	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.5	0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,220.3	4,223.2	...	2.9	40.1	42.1	0.1	1.0	1.0
Labour force	2,823.1	2,813.3	16.6	-9.8	1.1	18.1	-0.3	0.0	0.6
Employment	2,445.3	2,441.7	16.0	-3.6	22.9	18.5	-0.1	0.9	0.8
Employment full-time	1,336.3	1,340.1	17.1	3.8	31.2	20.9	0.3	2.4	1.6
Employment part-time	1,109.1	1,101.5	17.7	-7.6	-8.5	-2.5	-0.7	-0.8	-0.2
Unemployment	377.7	371.6	13.8	-6.1	-21.8	-0.5	-1.6	-5.5	-0.1
Participation rate	66.9	66.6	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	13.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.8	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	45.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,480.3	10,491.9	...	11.6	142.7	153.4	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	7,820.9	7,827.8	14.9	6.9	108.9	95.9	0.1	1.4	1.2
Employment	7,365.2	7,347.3	16.6	-17.9	100.3	117.1	-0.2	1.4	1.6
Employment full-time	6,931.7	6,901.1	19.7	-30.6	128.8	143.7	-0.4	1.9	2.1
Employment part-time	433.5	446.2	13.9	12.7	-28.5	-26.7	2.9	-6.0	-5.6
Unemployment	455.6	480.6	13.6	25.0	8.7	-21.0	5.5	1.8	-4.2
Participation rate	74.6	74.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.3	70.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	6.1	0.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	11,011.7	11,023.5	...	11.8	152.0	163.6	0.1	1.4	1.5
Labour force	6,697.3	6,735.9	16.5	38.6	79.6	96.7	0.6	1.2	1.5
Employment	6,300.1	6,326.4	16.9	26.3	71.6	99.0	0.4	1.1	1.6
Employment full-time	4,891.7	4,893.2	22.3	1.5	57.2	88.9	0.0	1.2	1.9
Employment part-time	1,408.4	1,433.3	20.2	24.9	14.6	10.2	1.8	1.0	0.7
Unemployment	397.2	409.5	12.6	12.3	8.0	-2.3	3.1	2.0	-0.6
Participation rate	60.8	61.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	57.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	22.7	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,223.2	14,229.4	...	6.2	90.3	96.2	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	12,281.6	12,298.7	21.0	17.1	70.8	68.8	0.1	0.6	0.6
Employment	11,543.0	11,525.3	23.0	-17.7	51.1	87.5	-0.2	0.4	0.8
Unemployment	738.6	773.5	17.8	34.9	19.9	-18.6	4.7	2.6	-2.3
Participation rate	86.3	86.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	13,625.4	13,611.3	30.7	-14.1	128.0	172.2	-0.1	0.9	1.3
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,485.3	2,504.0	17.8	18.7	66.6	62.3	0.8	2.7	2.6
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,118.5	3,127.2	17.6	8.7	67.4	80.9	0.3	2.2	2.7
Private sector employees	10,506.9	10,484.1	30.5	-22.8	60.6	91.3	-0.2	0.6	0.9
<b>Industry</b>	16,110.7	16,115.3	29.5	4.6	194.6	234.5	0.0	1.2	1.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,044.0	4,027.2	21.5	-16.8	11.9	23.7	-0.4	0.3	0.6
Agriculture	330.0	327.9	6.0	-2.1	-18.6	-12.0	-0.6	-5.4	-3.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	296.3	300.7	5.5	4.4	4.7	7.3	1.5	1.6	2.5
Utilities	130.3	127.7	3.7	-2.6	-3.0	-6.1	-2.0	-2.3	-4.6
Construction	1,012.9	1,014.1	12.5	1.2	57.0	64.6	0.1	6.0	6.8
Manufacturing	2,274.6	2,256.8	17.0	-17.8	-28.2	-30.1	-0.8	-1.2	-1.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	12,066.7	12,088.1	30.3	21.4	182.7	210.8	0.2	1.5	1.8
Trade	2,545.1	2,556.1	18.4	11.0	78.7	64.2	0.4	3.2	2.6
Transportation and warehousing	779.2	785.6	10.8	6.4	3.4	14.4	0.8	0.4	1.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	991.6	1,012.8	11.7	21.2	56.1	60.9	2.1	5.9	6.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,032.3	1,028.8	12.3	-3.5	44.3	32.8	-0.3	4.5	3.3
Business, building and other support services	641.4	629.5	11.0	-11.9	-8.1	13.0	-1.9	-1.3	2.1
Educational services	1,052.1	1,067.1	11.7	15.0	6.0	12.3	1.4	0.6	1.2
Health care and social assistance	1,755.1	1,760.3	13.3	5.2	28.1	52.2	0.3	1.6	3.1
Information, culture and recreation	723.5	718.5	11.2	-5.0	1.5	-3.3	-0.7	0.2	-0.5
Accommodation and food services	1,016.9	1,004.1	12.8	-12.8	-25.4	-27.6	-1.3	-2.5	-2.7
Other services	700.8	701.2	10.5	0.4	1.6	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.4
Public administration	828.6	824.2	9.3	-4.4	-3.4	-10.4	-0.5	-0.4	-1.2

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	440.3	439.9	...	-0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	260.8	259.3	2.5	-1.5	-3.5	0.3	-0.6	-1.3	0.1
Employment	219.6	216.6	2.7	-3.0	1.0	3.0	-1.4	0.5	1.4
Employment full-time	190.3	184.7	2.8	-5.6	-0.5	1.3	-2.9	-0.3	0.7
Employment part-time	29.3	31.9	2.0	2.6	1.5	1.8	8.9	4.9	6.0
Unemployment	41.3	42.7	2.5	1.4	-4.5	-2.7	3.4	-9.5	-5.9
Participation rate	59.2	58.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	16.5	0.9	0.7	-1.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.9	49.2	0.6	-0.7	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.8	114.8	...	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0	1.0	1.0
Labour force	79.1	80.2	0.7	1.1	2.1	1.9	1.4	2.7	2.4
Employment	69.8	71.8	0.7	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.9	2.3	3.2
Employment full-time	58.2	59.6	0.8	1.4	1.5	2.7	2.4	2.6	4.7
Employment part-time	11.5	12.1	0.7	0.6	0.0	-0.7	5.2	0.0	-5.5
Unemployment	9.3	8.4	0.7	-0.9	0.5	-0.2	-9.7	6.3	-2.3
Participation rate	68.9	69.9	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	10.5	0.8	-1.3	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	62.5	0.6	1.7	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	765.8	766.1	...	0.3	4.1	4.4	0.0	0.5	0.6
Labour force	489.7	492.3	3.1	2.6	9.8	7.6	0.5	2.0	1.6
Employment	446.7	448.0	3.4	1.3	8.8	11.7	0.3	2.0	2.7
Employment full-time	365.2	365.3	3.7	0.1	13.8	15.5	0.0	3.9	4.4
Employment part-time	81.6	82.7	3.3	1.1	-5.0	-3.8	1.3	-5.7	-4.4
Unemployment	43.0	44.3	2.8	1.3	1.0	-4.1	3.0	2.3	-8.5
Participation rate	63.9	64.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.5	0.4	0.2	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	613.8	614.2	...	0.4	3.6	3.7	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	393.3	393.1	2.6	-0.2	8.9	5.4	-0.1	2.3	1.4
Employment	353.7	354.2	2.6	0.5	8.1	5.9	0.1	2.3	1.7
Employment full-time	299.2	299.4	2.8	0.2	6.1	4.7	0.1	2.1	1.6
Employment part-time	54.5	54.8	2.2	0.3	2.1	1.3	0.6	4.0	2.4
Unemployment	39.6	38.8	2.3	-0.8	0.7	-0.6	-2.0	1.8	-1.5
Participation rate	64.1	64.0	0.4	-0.1	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.9	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.7	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,169.0	6,174.4	...	5.4	62.3	67.6	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	4,069.8	4,086.1	15.5	16.3	24.3	5.3	0.4	0.6	0.1
Employment	3,720.7	3,722.5	16.1	1.8	40.6	13.1	0.0	1.1	0.4
Employment full-time	3,061.5	3,053.7	19.1	-7.8	79.8	49.6	-0.3	2.7	1.7
Employment part-time	659.2	668.8	16.3	9.6	-39.2	-36.5	1.5	-5.5	-5.2
Unemployment	349.1	363.7	13.6	14.6	-16.2	-7.7	4.2	-4.3	-2.1
Participation rate	66.0	66.2	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	10,005.7	10,017.6	...	11.9	160.3	171.1	0.1	1.6	1.7
Labour force	6,820.1	6,847.7	18.9	27.6	111.5	137.7	0.4	1.7	2.1
Employment	6,373.9	6,371.7	19.0	-2.2	85.9	115.6	0.0	1.4	1.8
Employment full-time	5,208.8	5,210.7	22.4	1.9	64.5	84.9	0.0	1.3	1.7
Employment part-time	1,165.1	1,161.0	19.9	-4.1	21.3	30.7	-0.4	1.9	2.7
Unemployment	446.2	476.0	15.4	29.8	25.6	22.1	6.7	5.7	4.9
Participation rate	68.2	68.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	879.9	880.6	...	0.7	8.7	9.5	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	610.4	611.0	2.7	0.6	10.2	10.8	0.1	1.7	1.8
Employment	579.0	579.9	2.9	0.9	9.3	11.9	0.2	1.6	2.1
Employment full-time	464.2	467.9	3.7	3.7	6.6	9.6	0.8	1.4	2.1
Employment part-time	114.8	111.9	3.2	-2.9	2.6	2.1	-2.5	2.4	1.9
Unemployment	31.4	31.1	2.1	-0.3	0.8	-1.0	-1.0	2.6	-3.1
Participation rate	69.4	69.4	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.9	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	758.6	758.6	...	0.0	2.4	2.5	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	520.3	522.8	2.5	2.5	5.0	7.6	0.5	1.0	1.5
Employment	493.2	494.6	2.6	1.4	6.2	8.3	0.3	1.3	1.7
Employment full-time	395.9	399.0	3.1	3.1	6.6	10.1	0.8	1.7	2.6
Employment part-time	97.3	95.6	2.9	-1.7	-0.5	-1.8	-1.7	-0.5	-1.8
Unemployment	27.2	28.2	1.8	1.0	-1.1	-0.8	3.7	-3.8	-2.8
Participation rate	68.6	68.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,531.4	2,534.7	...	3.3	41.0	43.9	0.1	1.6	1.8
Labour force	1,850.2	1,847.7	7.5	-2.5	7.0	15.6	-0.1	0.4	0.9
Employment	1,762.4	1,763.2	8.4	0.8	11.7	21.5	0.0	0.7	1.2
Employment full-time	1,436.5	1,436.6	10.2	0.1	2.9	15.9	0.0	0.2	1.1
Employment part-time	326.0	326.6	9.3	0.6	8.8	5.6	0.2	2.8	1.7
Unemployment	87.8	84.5	5.9	-3.3	-4.7	-5.8	-3.8	-5.3	-6.4
Participation rate	73.1	72.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.6	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,433.0	3,437.8	...	4.8	50.9	54.8	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	2,247.4	2,236.8	11.3	-10.6	14.2	18.4	-0.5	0.6	0.8
Employment	2,091.7	2,092.9	11.7	1.2	21.5	41.4	0.1	1.0	2.0
Employment full-time	1,680.0	1,657.4	13.6	-22.6	35.9	58.7	-1.3	2.2	3.7
Employment part-time	411.7	435.5	12.2	23.8	-14.4	-17.3	5.8	-3.2	-3.8
Unemployment	155.7	143.9	9.0	-11.8	-7.2	-23.0	-7.6	-4.8	-13.8
Participation rate	65.5	65.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	440.3	439.9	...	-0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	260.8	259.3	2.5	-1.5	-3.5	0.3	-0.6	-1.3	0.1
Employment	219.6	216.6	2.7	-3.0	1.0	3.0	-1.4	0.5	1.4
Employment full-time	190.3	184.7	2.8	-5.6	-0.5	1.3	-2.9	-0.3	0.7
Unemployment	41.3	42.7	2.5	1.4	-4.5	-2.7	3.4	-9.5	-5.9
Participation rate	59.2	58.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	16.5	0.9	0.7	-1.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.9	49.2	0.6	-0.7	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	13.3	14.7	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	71.2	70.8	...	-0.4	-1.7	-1.8	-0.6	-2.3	-2.5
Labour force	39.1	38.8	1.3	-0.3	-0.9	0.2	-0.8	-2.3	0.5
Employment	29.3	28.6	1.3	-0.7	0.4	0.3	-2.4	1.4	1.1
Unemployment	9.7	10.2	1.1	0.5	-1.3	0.0	5.2	-11.3	0.0
Participation rate	54.9	54.8	1.8	-0.1	0.0	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	24.8	26.3	2.6	1.5	-2.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	41.2	40.4	1.7	-0.8	1.5	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.5	38.1	3.7	2.6	0.2	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	180.1	180.0	...	-0.1	1.0	1.1	-0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	118.9	118.7	1.5	-0.2	0.6	1.9	-0.2	0.5	1.6
Employment	101.4	100.7	1.6	-0.7	2.9	4.5	-0.7	3.0	4.7
Unemployment	17.5	18.0	1.6	0.5	-2.3	-2.6	2.9	-11.3	-12.6
Participation rate	66.0	65.9	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	15.2	1.2	0.5	-2.0	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	55.9	0.9	-0.4	1.3	2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.6	4.5	0.8	0.9	-1.2	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	189.1	189.1	...	0.0	1.2	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.7
Labour force	102.9	101.7	1.3	-1.2	-3.4	-1.9	-1.2	-3.2	-1.8
Employment	88.9	87.3	1.4	-1.6	-2.3	-1.8	-1.8	-2.6	-2.0
Unemployment	14.0	14.4	1.2	0.4	-1.1	-0.1	2.9	-7.1	-0.7
Participation rate	54.4	53.8	0.7	-0.6	-2.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.6	14.2	1.1	0.6	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.0	46.2	0.8	-0.8	-1.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.1	18.9	1.3	1.8	2.9	2.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	219.6	216.6	2.7	-3.0	1.0	3.0	-1.4	0.5	1.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	49.8	49.9	1.8	0.1	1.5	3.4	0.2	3.1	7.3
Agriculture	1.3	1.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.0	38.5	63.6	125.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.8	15.6	1.0	-0.2	-2.4	-1.7	-1.3	-13.3	-9.8
Utilities	2.3	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	-0.4	13.0	18.2	-13.3
Construction	12.5	13.1	0.8	0.6	2.9	3.5	4.8	28.4	36.5
Manufacturing	17.8	16.8	1.1	-1.0	0.0	1.1	-5.6	0.0	7.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	169.8	166.7	2.3	-3.1	-0.5	-0.4	-1.8	-0.3	-0.2
Trade	40.8	38.5	1.2	-2.3	3.5	5.0	-5.6	10.0	14.9
Transportation and warehousing	12.6	12.6	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	9.3	9.4	0.6	0.1	1.7	0.9	1.1	22.1	10.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.0	5.7	0.6	-0.3	-1.7	-1.2	-5.0	-23.0	-17.4
Business, building and other support services	8.1	8.3	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.5	2.5	5.1	6.4
Educational services	16.7	16.6	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.6	1.2	1.8
Health care and social assistance	31.2	30.1	1.0	-1.1	-1.2	-2.0	-3.5	-3.8	-6.2
Information, culture and recreation	7.9	8.0	0.6	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.3	11.1	14.3
Accommodation and food services	13.3	12.9	0.9	-0.4	0.2	-0.3	-3.0	1.6	-2.3
Other services	10.3	9.9	0.8	-0.4	-3.2	-3.2	-3.9	-24.4	-24.4
Public administration	13.5	14.5	0.8	1.0	-1.5	-1.7	7.4	-9.4	-10.5

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	114.8	114.8	...	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0	1.0	1.0
Labour force	79.1	80.2	0.7	1.1	2.1	1.9	1.4	2.7	2.4
Employment	69.8	71.8	0.7	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.9	2.3	3.2
Employment full-time	58.2	59.6	0.8	1.4	1.5	2.7	2.4	2.6	4.7
Unemployment	9.3	8.4	0.7	-0.9	0.5	-0.2	-9.7	6.3	-2.3
Participation rate	68.9	69.9	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	10.5	0.8	-1.3	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	62.5	0.6	1.7	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	16.9	0.9	0.4	-0.4	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.1	20.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Labour force	13.9	14.4	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.2	3.6	6.7	1.4
Employment	11.3	11.8	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.1	4.4	0.9	-0.8
Unemployment	2.7	2.6	0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.3	-3.7	44.4	13.0
Participation rate	69.2	71.6	1.9	2.4	4.4	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	19.4	18.1	2.4	-1.3	4.8	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	58.7	2.0	2.5	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.8	40.7	3.2	0.9	-0.3	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.7	45.7	...	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.0	1.1	1.3
Labour force	33.9	34.0	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.3	2.7	2.7
Employment	30.2	30.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.3	2.0	3.0	4.4
Unemployment	3.7	3.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	-16.2	-3.1	-13.9
Participation rate	74.2	74.4	0.8	0.2	1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	9.1	1.2	-1.8	-0.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	67.4	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.8	0.9	0.9	2.8	2.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	49.1	49.1	...	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.4	1.4
Labour force	31.2	31.8	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.8	1.9	0.6	2.6
Employment	28.3	29.1	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	2.8	1.7	2.8
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-6.9	-10.0	0.0
Participation rate	63.5	64.8	0.7	1.3	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.5	1.1	-0.8	-1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	59.3	0.8	1.7	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.2	1.5	-0.2	-3.5	-4.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	69.8	71.8	0.7	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.9	2.3	3.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	17.0	18.9	0.6	1.9	0.1	0.9	11.2	0.5	5.0
Agriculture	3.4	4.1	0.3	0.7	-0.1	0.2	20.6	-2.4	5.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.9	3.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	10.3	14.3	18.5
Utilities	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.4	4.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	4.8	2.3
Manufacturing	5.9	6.8	0.3	0.9	-0.3	0.1	15.3	-4.2	1.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	52.8	52.9	0.7	0.1	1.5	1.2	0.2	2.9	2.3
Trade	9.9	9.9	0.4	0.0	-0.9	-1.0	0.0	-8.3	-9.2
Transportation and warehousing	2.6	2.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-11.5	-17.9	-8.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-7.7	9.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	3.4	11.1	15.4
Business, building and other support services	2.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.3	4.3	9.1
Educational services	5.1	5.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	2.0	6.1	4.0
Health care and social assistance	8.1	8.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	3.7	7.7	5.0
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	2.7	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-3.6	3.8	0.0
Accommodation and food services	5.6	5.4	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.2	-3.6	10.2	3.8
Other services	3.1	3.1	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	-13.9	-13.9
Public administration	8.1	7.9	0.3	-0.2	1.4	1.1	-2.5	21.5	16.2

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	765.8	766.1	...	0.3	4.1	4.4	0.0	0.5	0.6
Labour force	489.7	492.3	3.1	2.6	9.8	7.6	0.5	2.0	1.6
Employment	446.7	448.0	3.4	1.3	8.8	11.7	0.3	2.0	2.7
Employment full-time	365.2	365.3	3.7	0.1	13.8	15.5	0.0	3.9	4.4
Unemployment	43.0	44.3	2.8	1.3	1.0	-4.1	3.0	2.3	-8.5
Participation rate	63.9	64.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	9.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.5	0.4	0.2	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.5	0.7	0.2	-1.5	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	124.6	124.6	...	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.6
Labour force	85.5	85.5	1.8	0.0	2.5	0.1	0.0	3.0	0.1
Employment	72.2	72.1	1.9	-0.1	1.4	1.3	-0.1	2.0	1.8
Unemployment	13.3	13.5	1.6	0.2	1.2	-1.1	1.5	9.8	-7.5
Participation rate	68.6	68.6	1.5	0.0	1.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	15.8	1.8	0.2	1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.9	1.5	0.0	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.4	42.4	2.4	-0.9	-4.5	-5.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	306.0	306.1	...	0.1	1.4	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.5
Labour force	213.5	215.9	1.6	2.4	5.3	4.2	1.1	2.5	2.0
Employment	197.0	199.2	1.9	2.2	6.2	7.5	1.1	3.2	3.9
Unemployment	16.6	16.8	1.7	0.2	-0.8	-3.2	1.2	-4.5	-16.0
Participation rate	69.8	70.5	0.5	0.7	1.4	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.8	0.8	0.0	-0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	65.1	0.6	0.7	1.8	2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	6.1	0.7	0.3	-0.6	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	335.2	335.4	...	0.2	1.9	2.1	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	190.7	190.8	1.7	0.1	1.9	3.2	0.1	1.0	1.7
Employment	177.6	176.8	1.7	-0.8	1.3	3.0	-0.5	0.7	1.7
Unemployment	13.1	14.0	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.2	6.9	4.5	1.4
Participation rate	56.9	56.9	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	52.7	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	22.6	1.1	0.7	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	446.7	448.0	3.4	1.3	8.8	11.7	0.3	2.0	2.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	98.3	99.3	2.2	1.0	-0.4	3.5	1.0	-0.4	3.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.9	6.7	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.3	13.6	1.5	4.7
Utilities	14.8	14.9	1.0	0.1	0.5	1.4	0.7	3.5	10.4
Construction	3.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	11.1	30.4
Manufacturing	27.2	28.1	1.3	0.9	-0.2	0.9	3.3	-0.7	3.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	47.4	46.6	1.4	-0.8	-1.1	0.3	-1.7	-2.3	0.6
Transportation and warehousing	348.4	348.7	2.9	0.3	9.3	8.2	0.1	2.7	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	76.6	78.3	1.8	1.7	3.6	5.1	2.2	4.8	7.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.0	21.1	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.5	5.0	1.9
Business, building and other support services	23.2	23.3	0.9	0.1	3.7	3.5	0.4	18.9	17.7
Educational services	21.1	20.8	0.9	-0.3	2.2	1.3	-1.4	11.8	6.7
Health care and social assistance	24.6	23.2	1.2	-1.4	-0.9	-0.7	-5.7	-3.7	-2.9
Information, culture and recreation	35.5	35.2	1.3	-0.3	1.4	1.5	-0.8	4.1	4.5
Accommodation and food services	52.0	51.8	1.3	-0.2	-3.2	-1.9	-0.4	-5.8	-3.5
Other services	17.0	17.8	1.1	0.8	-1.0	-1.4	4.7	-5.3	-7.3
Public administration	32.5	31.7	1.4	-0.8	5.4	2.7	-2.5	20.5	9.3
Other services	19.7	21.0	1.1	1.3	1.9	2.4	6.6	9.9	12.9
Public administration	25.2	24.6	1.0	-0.6	-4.8	-4.7	-2.4	-16.3	-16.0

<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 7

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	613.8	614.2	...	0.4	3.6	3.7	0.1	0.6	0.6
Labour force	393.3	393.1	2.6	-0.2	8.9	5.4	-0.1	2.3	1.4
Employment	353.7	354.2	2.6	0.5	8.1	5.9	0.1	2.3	1.7
Employment full-time	299.2	299.4	2.8	0.2	6.1	4.7	0.1	2.1	1.6
Unemployment	39.6	38.8	2.3	-0.8	0.7	-0.6	-2.0	1.8	-1.5
Participation rate	64.1	64.0	0.4	-0.1	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.9	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.7	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	15.5	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.2	97.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	62.8	63.1	1.4	0.3	-1.1	-2.7	0.5	-1.7	-4.1
Employment	53.1	52.9	1.4	-0.2	-0.8	-2.0	-0.4	-1.5	-3.6
Unemployment	9.7	10.2	1.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.7	5.2	-2.9	-6.4
Participation rate	64.6	64.9	1.4	0.3	-1.1	-2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	16.2	1.9	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.4	1.4	-0.2	-0.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.2	39.1	2.2	0.9	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	249.7	249.8	...	0.1	1.7	1.8	0.0	0.7	0.7
Labour force	173.5	173.8	1.5	0.3	2.6	1.9	0.2	1.5	1.1
Employment	156.5	156.5	1.6	0.0	2.6	2.3	0.0	1.7	1.5
Unemployment	17.0	17.3	1.5	0.3	0.0	-0.4	1.8	0.0	-2.3
Participation rate	69.5	69.6	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.0	0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.7	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.8	4.0	0.6	-0.8	-0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	267.0	267.2	...	0.2	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	157.0	156.2	1.4	-0.8	7.4	6.2	-0.5	5.0	4.1
Employment	144.1	144.8	1.4	0.7	6.4	5.6	0.5	4.6	4.0
Unemployment	12.9	11.4	1.2	-1.5	1.1	0.6	-11.6	10.7	5.6
Participation rate	58.8	58.5	0.5	-0.3	2.4	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.3	0.8	-0.9	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	54.2	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	19.2	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	353.7	354.2	2.6	0.5	8.1	5.9	0.1	2.3	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	82.8	83.5	1.8	0.7	-0.7	-2.9	0.8	-0.8	-3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.3	5.5	0.5	-0.8	0.9	0.6	-12.7	19.6	12.2
Utilities	12.2	13.1	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	7.4	8.3	5.6
Construction	3.8	3.6	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-5.3	5.9	0.0
Manufacturing	19.7	20.5	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	4.1	5.1	2.0
	40.8	40.8	1.3	0.0	-3.8	-4.6	0.0	-8.5	-10.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	271.0	270.7	2.4	-0.3	8.8	8.8	-0.1	3.4	3.4
Trade	54.0	54.9	1.3	0.9	-0.9	-1.6	1.7	-1.6	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	21.3	20.6	0.8	-0.7	3.0	2.0	-3.3	17.0	10.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.7	14.9	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.7	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.6	15.8	0.7	0.2	1.4	1.1	1.3	9.7	7.5
Business, building and other support services	20.1	20.4	1.0	0.3	-1.2	-0.4	1.5	-5.6	-1.9
Educational services	27.6	26.6	0.9	-1.0	2.4	3.8	-3.6	9.9	16.7
Health care and social assistance	46.9	47.6	1.1	0.7	0.8	2.5	1.5	1.7	5.5
Information, culture and recreation	10.4	11.4	0.7	1.0	1.6	1.6	9.6	16.3	16.3
Accommodation and food services	21.9	20.8	1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-1.9	-5.0	-4.6	-8.4
Other services	18.0	17.6	0.9	-0.4	0.6	0.2	-2.2	3.5	1.1
Public administration	20.4	20.2	0.7	-0.2	2.2	1.7	-1.0	12.2	9.2

<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**

	October 2004	November 2004	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	6,169.0	6,174.4	...	5.4	62.3	67.6	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	4,069.8	4,086.1	15.5	16.3	24.3	5.3	0.4	0.6	0.1
Employment	3,720.7	3,722.5	16.1	1.8	40.6	13.1	0.0	1.1	0.4
Employment full-time	3,061.5	3,053.7	19.1	-7.8	79.8	49.6	-0.3	2.7	1.7
Unemployment	349.1	363.7	13.6	14.6	-16.2	-7.7	4.2	-4.3	-2.1
Participation rate	66.0	66.2	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	18.0	0.4	0.2	-1.3	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	947.9	947.8	...	-0.1	-2.4	-2.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
Labour force	652.1	647.5	8.8	-4.6	-3.6	-5.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.9
Employment	551.7	554.2	8.6	2.5	8.5	-4.9	0.5	1.6	-0.9
Unemployment	100.4	93.3	7.4	-7.1	-12.0	-0.7	-7.1	-11.4	-0.7
Participation rate	68.8	68.3	0.9	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	14.4	1.1	-1.0	-1.8	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.5	0.9	0.3	1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	45.5	1.5	-0.6	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,547.2	2,550.1	...	2.9	32.9	35.6	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	1,865.7	1,873.2	8.3	7.5	27.5	15.7	0.4	1.5	0.8
Employment	1,723.0	1,714.4	9.4	-8.6	20.2	12.5	-0.5	1.2	0.7
Unemployment	142.7	158.8	8.0	16.1	7.3	3.2	11.3	4.8	2.1
Participation rate	73.2	73.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	8.5	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.5	0.5	0.4	-1.0	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,673.8	2,676.5	...	2.7	31.8	34.5	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	1,551.9	1,565.4	8.9	13.5	0.3	-4.8	0.9	0.0	-0.3
Employment	1,445.9	1,453.8	9.1	7.9	11.9	5.3	0.5	0.8	0.4
Unemployment	106.0	111.6	7.5	5.6	-11.5	-10.2	5.3	-9.3	-8.4
Participation rate	58.0	58.5	0.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.1	0.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.1	54.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	21.1	0.7	0.2	-2.0	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	3,720.7	3,722.5	16.1	1.8	40.6	13.1	0.0	1.1	0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	919.2	922.2	11.2	3.0	-3.9	-24.9	0.3	-0.4	-2.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	46.6	46.9	2.6	0.3	-10.1	-10.7	0.6	-17.7	-18.6
Utilities	37.1	37.0	2.2	-0.1	-1.7	-0.9	-0.3	-4.4	-2.4
Construction	29.4	31.5	2.2	2.1	1.8	2.4	7.1	6.1	8.2
Manufacturing	175.5	180.8	5.8	5.3	3.0	5.9	3.0	1.7	3.4
Services-producing sector	630.6	625.9	9.5	-4.7	2.9	-21.6	-0.7	0.5	-3.3
Trade	2,801.5	2,800.3	16.2	-1.2	44.6	38.0	0.0	1.6	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	615.0	624.8	10.7	9.8	19.1	10.9	1.6	3.2	1.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	172.2	171.5	5.7	-0.7	7.9	6.0	-0.4	4.8	3.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	209.4	219.5	5.9	10.1	18.8	28.2	4.8	9.4	14.7
Business, building and other support services	229.6	217.6	6.3	-12.0	5.1	4.3	-5.2	2.4	2.0
Educational services	130.1	123.5	5.3	-6.6	11.1	11.8	-5.1	9.9	10.6
Health care and social assistance	230.7	234.6	6.6	3.9	-20.2	-18.3	1.7	-7.9	-7.2
Information, culture and recreation	448.3	446.6	8.1	-1.7	-5.6	0.1	-0.4	-1.2	0.0
Accommodation and food services	165.9	173.4	6.1	7.5	12.1	11.4	4.5	7.5	7.0
Other services	206.3	206.1	6.8	-0.2	-4.2	-14.2	-0.1	-2.0	-6.4
Public administration	174.8	165.9	5.9	-8.9	-1.8	-2.2	-5.1	-1.1	-1.3
Public administration	219.2	216.7	5.3	-2.5	2.2	-0.2	-1.1	1.0	-0.1

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	10,005.7	10,017.6	...	11.9	160.3	171.1	0.1	1.6	1.7
Labour force	6,820.1	6,847.7	18.9	27.6	111.5	137.7	0.4	1.7	2.1
Employment	6,373.9	6,371.7	19.0	-2.2	85.9	115.6	0.0	1.4	1.8
Employment full-time	5,208.8	5,210.7	22.4	1.9	64.5	84.9	0.0	1.3	1.7
Unemployment	446.2	476.0	15.4	29.8	25.6	22.1	6.7	5.7	4.9
Participation rate	68.2	68.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,639.0	1,641.1	...	2.1	30.0	31.6	0.1	1.9	2.0
Labour force	1,077.7	1,078.3	11.1	0.6	-0.2	23.8	0.1	0.0	2.3
Employment	933.0	923.1	10.3	-9.9	3.6	17.2	-1.1	0.4	1.9
Unemployment	144.6	155.3	9.2	10.7	-3.7	6.8	7.4	-2.3	4.6
Participation rate	65.8	65.7	0.7	-0.1	-1.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	14.4	0.8	1.0	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.2	0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.6	48.7	1.1	0.1	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,063.5	4,068.3	...	4.8	62.0	66.4	0.1	1.5	1.7
Labour force	3,071.6	3,067.5	9.5	-4.1	47.6	41.1	-0.1	1.6	1.4
Employment	2,920.7	2,912.4	10.6	-8.3	41.8	43.3	-0.3	1.5	1.5
Unemployment	151.0	155.1	8.5	4.1	5.8	-2.2	2.7	3.9	-1.4
Participation rate	75.6	75.4	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.9	71.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	5.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,303.3	4,308.2	...	4.9	68.3	73.1	0.1	1.6	1.7
Labour force	2,670.8	2,701.9	11.1	31.1	64.1	72.7	1.2	2.4	2.8
Employment	2,520.2	2,536.3	11.1	16.1	40.5	55.2	0.6	1.6	2.2
Unemployment	150.6	165.7	8.0	15.1	23.7	17.6	10.0	16.7	11.9
Participation rate	62.1	62.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	58.9	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	21.5	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,373.9	6,371.7	19.0	-2.2	85.9	115.6	0.0	1.4	1.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,647.0	1,631.1	14.4	-15.9	-20.9	-22.4	-1.0	-1.3	-1.4
Agriculture	79.0	77.2	3.2	-1.8	-9.9	-10.2	-2.3	-11.4	-11.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	40.3	39.1	1.8	-1.2	7.3	8.8	-3.0	23.0	29.0
Utilities	56.3	52.8	2.4	-3.5	-2.2	-5.4	-6.2	-4.0	-9.3
Construction	383.5	376.8	8.5	-6.7	-18.5	-19.3	-1.7	-4.7	-4.9
Manufacturing	1,087.9	1,085.3	12.0	-2.6	2.5	3.7	-0.2	0.2	0.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,726.9	4,740.6	20.1	13.7	106.7	138.0	0.3	2.3	3.0
Trade	1,002.9	1,013.5	11.7	10.6	75.1	78.1	1.1	8.0	8.3
Transportation and warehousing	283.6	285.0	7.4	1.4	-9.6	-2.7	0.5	-3.3	-0.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	452.3	460.9	8.4	8.6	27.0	28.5	1.9	6.2	6.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	445.1	447.9	8.6	2.8	32.2	22.8	0.6	7.7	5.4
Business, building and other support services	272.5	265.5	7.7	-7.0	-24.3	-10.6	-2.6	-8.4	-3.8
Educational services	405.4	408.6	7.4	3.2	15.5	18.9	0.8	3.9	4.8
Health care and social assistance	639.5	642.2	8.2	2.7	16.3	22.2	0.4	2.6	3.6
Information, culture and recreation	292.6	289.5	7.4	-3.1	-2.5	-8.1	-1.1	-0.9	-2.7
Accommodation and food services	364.1	353.4	8.1	-10.7	-31.2	-19.2	-2.9	-8.1	-5.2
Other services	254.1	254.5	6.7	0.4	1.9	3.6	0.2	0.8	1.4
Public administration	314.9	319.5	6.1	4.6	6.1	4.5	1.5	1.9	1.4

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	879.9	880.6	...	0.7	8.7	9.5	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	610.4	611.0	2.7	0.6	10.2	10.8	0.1	1.7	1.8
Employment	579.0	579.9	2.9	0.9	9.3	11.9	0.2	1.6	2.1
Employment full-time	464.2	467.9	3.7	3.7	6.6	9.6	0.8	1.4	2.1
Unemployment	31.4	31.1	2.1	-0.3	0.8	-1.0	-1.0	2.6	-3.1
Participation rate	69.4	69.4	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.9	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.8	19.3	0.6	-0.5	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	153.1	153.3	...	0.2	2.3	2.5	0.1	1.5	1.7
Labour force	107.4	106.5	1.7	-0.9	-0.5	-1.8	-0.8	-0.5	-1.7
Employment	94.7	95.1	1.7	0.4	-2.6	-1.1	0.4	-2.7	-1.1
Unemployment	12.7	11.3	1.4	-1.4	2.0	-0.8	-11.0	21.5	-6.6
Participation rate	70.2	69.5	1.1	-0.7	-1.4	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	10.6	1.2	-1.2	1.9	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.0	1.1	0.1	-2.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.2	42.8	1.8	-1.4	-2.2	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	354.8	355.0	...	0.2	3.0	3.3	0.1	0.9	0.9
Labour force	271.3	271.1	1.4	-0.2	5.7	5.9	-0.1	2.1	2.2
Employment	260.0	259.9	1.6	-0.1	6.3	5.9	0.0	2.5	2.3
Unemployment	11.3	11.2	1.2	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.9	-5.1	0.0
Participation rate	76.5	76.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.3	73.2	0.4	-0.1	1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	6.7	0.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	372.0	372.3	...	0.3	3.3	3.7	0.1	0.9	1.0
Labour force	231.7	233.4	1.6	1.7	5.0	6.8	0.7	2.2	3.0
Employment	224.3	224.8	1.6	0.5	5.6	7.0	0.2	2.6	3.2
Unemployment	7.4	8.6	1.1	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	16.2	-6.5	-2.3
Participation rate	62.3	62.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.2	3.7	0.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.4	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	23.9	1.0	0.1	2.0	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	579.0	579.9	2.9	0.9	9.3	11.9	0.2	1.6	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	146.5	150.1	2.2	3.6	7.4	9.9	2.5	5.2	7.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	33.0	34.8	1.2	1.8	3.1	3.7	5.5	9.8	11.9
Utilities	7.3	6.8	0.5	-0.5	0.8	1.0	-6.8	13.3	17.2
Construction	7.6	7.5	0.4	-0.1	0.9	1.3	-1.3	13.6	21.0
Manufacturing	30.1	31.9	1.2	1.8	5.4	5.2	6.0	20.4	19.5
Services-producing sector	68.5	69.0	1.6	0.5	-3.0	-1.4	0.7	-4.2	-2.0
Services-producing sector	432.5	429.8	2.9	-2.7	2.0	1.9	-0.6	0.5	0.4
Trade	85.4	85.4	1.7	0.0	-0.1	-1.5	0.0	-0.1	-1.7
Transportation and warehousing	32.0	32.5	1.1	0.5	-1.8	0.2	1.6	-5.2	0.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	30.1	29.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.2	24.5	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.1	5.6	3.4	0.4
Business, building and other support services	22.5	21.0	1.0	-1.5	4.5	3.3	-6.7	27.3	18.6
Educational services	43.8	44.2	1.3	0.4	1.3	1.8	0.9	3.0	4.2
Health care and social assistance	77.7	77.8	1.4	0.1	2.9	3.9	0.1	3.9	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	24.7	21.9	1.1	-2.8	-1.6	-1.5	-11.3	-6.8	-6.4
Accommodation and food services	33.2	32.2	1.4	-1.0	-7.2	-6.8	-3.0	-18.3	-17.4
Other services	23.4	23.9	1.1	0.5	-0.5	-1.9	2.1	-2.0	-7.4
Public administration	36.3	36.6	1.0	0.3	3.7	4.2	0.8	11.2	13.0

<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 11

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	758.6	758.6	...	0.0	2.4	2.5	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	520.3	522.8	2.5	2.5	5.0	7.6	0.5	1.0	1.5
Employment	493.2	494.6	2.6	1.4	6.2	8.3	0.3	1.3	1.7
Employment full-time	395.9	399.0	3.1	3.1	6.6	10.1	0.8	1.7	2.6
Unemployment	27.2	28.2	1.8	1.0	-1.1	-0.8	3.7	-3.8	-2.8
Participation rate	68.6	68.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	19.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	138.4	138.4	...	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	94.4	94.1	1.6	-0.3	0.8	2.5	-0.3	0.9	2.7
Employment	84.8	84.7	1.5	-0.1	3.0	4.1	-0.1	3.7	5.1
Unemployment	9.6	9.4	1.2	-0.2	-2.2	-1.6	-2.1	-19.0	-14.5
Participation rate	68.2	68.0	1.1	-0.2	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.0	1.2	-0.2	-2.4	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.2	1.1	-0.1	2.1	2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.1	40.7	1.8	-1.4	-1.4	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	302.3	302.3	...	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.4
Labour force	228.8	230.3	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.9	0.7	0.5	0.8
Employment	219.3	219.3	1.4	0.0	0.8	2.0	0.0	0.4	0.9
Unemployment	9.5	11.0	1.1	1.5	0.3	-0.1	15.8	2.8	-0.9
Participation rate	75.7	76.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.8	0.5	0.6	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.5	72.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	5.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.9	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	317.9	317.9	...	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.4	0.4
Labour force	197.2	198.4	1.4	1.2	3.0	3.2	0.6	1.5	1.6
Employment	189.1	190.6	1.4	1.5	2.3	2.2	0.8	1.2	1.2
Unemployment	8.1	7.7	0.9	-0.4	0.6	0.9	-4.9	8.5	13.2
Participation rate	62.0	62.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.9	0.5	-0.2	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	60.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.6	25.3	1.0	-0.3	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	493.2	494.6	2.6	1.4	6.2	8.3	0.3	1.3	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	132.2	132.5	1.9	0.3	6.8	8.7	0.2	5.4	7.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	47.2	48.9	1.4	1.7	0.0	1.3	3.6	0.0	2.7
Utilities	19.3	18.6	0.9	-0.7	-2.0	-0.8	-3.6	-9.7	-4.1
Construction	5.6	6.0	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.5	7.1	30.4	33.3
Manufacturing	29.4	28.5	1.0	-0.9	5.6	5.8	-3.1	24.5	25.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	30.8	30.4	0.9	-0.4	1.6	0.8	-1.3	5.6	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	360.9	362.1	2.6	1.2	-0.6	-0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	77.7	78.1	1.5	0.4	-1.5	-1.5	0.5	-1.9	-1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.5	24.1	0.9	0.6	0.8	2.0	2.6	3.4	9.0
Business, building and other support services	25.8	25.9	0.8	0.1	-1.0	-0.9	0.4	-3.7	-3.4
Educational services	16.9	17.6	0.7	0.7	0.3	-0.6	4.1	1.7	-3.3
Health care and social assistance	13.3	13.5	0.7	0.2	1.3	2.1	1.5	10.7	18.4
Information, culture and recreation	39.4	40.0	1.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.2	1.5	-1.5	-0.5
Accommodation and food services	59.6	61.1	1.1	1.5	3.8	2.7	2.5	6.6	4.6
Other services	21.9	20.1	0.8	-1.8	-3.2	-2.0	-8.2	-13.7	-9.0
Public administration	36.0	35.3	1.3	-0.7	1.2	1.1	-1.9	3.5	3.2
Public administration	23.6	22.5	1.0	-1.1	1.7	0.4	-4.7	8.2	1.8
Public administration	23.3	23.9	0.8	0.6	-3.4	-3.6	2.6	-12.5	-13.1

<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 12

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	2,531.4	2,534.7	...	3.3	41.0	43.9	0.1	1.6	1.8
Labour force	1,850.2	1,847.7	7.5	-2.5	7.0	15.6	-0.1	0.4	0.9
Employment	1,762.4	1,763.2	8.4	0.8	11.7	21.5	0.0	0.7	1.2
Employment full-time	1,436.5	1,436.6	10.2	0.1	2.9	15.9	0.0	0.2	1.1
Unemployment	87.8	84.5	5.9	-3.3	-4.7	-5.8	-3.8	-5.3	-6.4
Participation rate	73.1	72.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.6	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.5	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	470.6	471.0	...	0.4	4.7	4.7	0.1	1.0	1.0
Labour force	339.1	335.0	4.9	-4.1	8.1	1.2	-1.2	2.5	0.4
Employment	310.4	309.0	5.0	-1.4	8.8	-1.1	-0.5	2.9	-0.4
Unemployment	28.7	26.0	3.6	-2.7	-0.7	2.3	-9.4	-2.6	9.7
Participation rate	72.1	71.1	1.1	-1.0	1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	7.8	1.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	65.6	1.1	-0.4	1.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.3	39.4	1.7	2.1	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,030.9	1,032.4	...	1.5	18.3	19.6	0.1	1.8	1.9
Labour force	826.3	828.2	3.8	1.9	-6.5	0.7	0.2	-0.8	0.1
Employment	797.6	800.2	4.6	2.6	-1.1	11.4	0.3	-0.1	1.4
Unemployment	28.7	28.0	3.3	-0.7	-5.4	-10.8	-2.4	-16.2	-27.8
Participation rate	80.2	80.2	0.4	0.0	-2.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.4	77.5	0.4	0.1	-1.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	5.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,029.8	1,031.3	...	1.5	18.1	19.6	0.1	1.8	1.9
Labour force	684.8	684.5	4.4	-0.3	5.5	13.7	0.0	0.8	2.0
Employment	654.4	654.0	4.5	-0.4	4.1	11.2	-0.1	0.6	1.7
Unemployment	30.4	30.6	3.1	0.2	1.4	2.7	0.7	4.8	9.7
Participation rate	66.5	66.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.7	25.2	0.9	-0.5	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,762.4	1,763.2	8.4	0.8	11.7	21.5	0.0	0.7	1.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	498.0	498.8	6.5	0.8	4.1	12.3	0.2	0.8	2.5
Agriculture	69.1	66.9	2.6	-2.2	-5.1	0.7	-3.2	-7.1	1.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	110.5	116.5	3.2	6.0	7.5	7.2	5.4	6.9	6.6
Utilities	13.1	12.5	1.0	-0.6	-2.6	-0.6	-4.6	-17.2	-4.6
Construction	162.5	162.7	4.3	0.2	16.9	17.2	0.1	11.6	11.8
Manufacturing	142.8	140.2	3.9	-2.6	-12.6	-12.2	-1.8	-8.2	-8.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,264.5	1,264.4	8.7	-0.1	7.6	9.1	0.0	0.6	0.7
Trade	274.1	269.6	5.0	-4.5	-5.3	-7.7	-1.6	-1.9	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	97.1	101.0	3.0	3.9	7.7	8.3	4.0	8.3	9.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	90.2	91.5	2.8	1.3	-0.6	-2.0	1.4	-0.7	-2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	118.8	116.2	3.5	-2.6	-4.6	-6.7	-2.2	-3.8	-5.5
Business, building and other support services	63.1	64.3	3.1	1.2	3.8	6.9	1.9	6.3	12.0
Educational services	115.7	114.7	3.3	-1.0	6.0	6.2	-0.9	5.5	5.7
Health care and social assistance	164.1	165.1	3.4	1.0	-0.7	8.7	0.6	-0.4	5.6
Information, culture and recreation	69.2	67.7	2.9	-1.5	-1.9	-2.9	-2.2	-2.7	-4.1
Accommodation and food services	125.4	125.4	3.8	0.0	5.2	1.5	0.0	4.3	1.2
Other services	77.7	82.3	2.8	4.6	2.9	4.9	5.9	3.7	6.3
Public administration	69.0	66.7	2.3	-2.3	-5.0	-8.0	-3.3	-7.0	-10.7

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	3,433.0	3,437.8	...	4.8	50.9	54.8	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	2,247.4	2,236.8	11.3	-10.6	14.2	18.4	-0.5	0.6	0.8
Employment	2,091.7	2,092.9	11.7	1.2	21.5	41.4	0.1	1.0	2.0
Employment full-time	1,680.0	1,657.4	13.6	-22.6	35.9	58.7	-1.3	2.2	3.7
Unemployment	155.7	143.9	9.0	-11.8	-7.2	-23.0	-7.6	-4.8	-13.8
Participation rate	65.5	65.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	20.8	0.6	1.1	-0.9	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	558.2	558.9	...	0.7	6.4	6.8	0.1	1.2	1.2
Labour force	351.1	350.0	6.2	-1.1	-5.2	-0.1	-0.3	-1.5	0.0
Employment	304.8	310.1	6.3	5.3	0.4	4.7	1.7	0.1	1.5
Unemployment	46.3	39.9	5.2	-6.4	-5.6	-4.8	-13.8	-12.3	-10.7
Participation rate	62.9	62.6	1.1	-0.3	-1.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	11.4	1.4	-1.8	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	55.5	1.1	0.9	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.5	43.7	2.0	-2.8	-4.3	-6.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,400.2	1,402.2	...	2.0	20.7	22.4	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	1,017.4	1,015.1	6.0	-2.3	23.9	21.8	-0.2	2.4	2.2
Employment	959.6	953.9	6.4	-5.7	19.7	26.2	-0.6	2.1	2.8
Unemployment	57.8	61.2	5.4	3.4	4.3	-4.4	5.9	7.6	-6.7
Participation rate	72.7	72.4	0.4	-0.3	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.5	68.0	0.5	-0.5	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	7.8	0.6	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,474.6	1,476.7	...	2.1	23.7	25.6	0.1	1.6	1.8
Labour force	879.0	871.8	6.4	-7.2	-4.4	-3.3	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	827.4	829.0	6.7	1.6	1.5	10.6	0.2	0.2	1.3
Unemployment	51.7	42.8	4.6	-8.9	-5.9	-13.9	-17.2	-12.1	-24.5
Participation rate	59.6	59.0	0.4	-0.6	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	4.9	0.5	-1.0	-0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	56.1	0.5	0.0	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.2	27.2	1.0	2.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,091.7	2,092.9	11.7	1.2	21.5	41.4	0.1	1.0	2.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	447.7	449.6	7.9	1.9	32.8	35.1	0.4	7.9	8.5
Agriculture	37.5	35.7	2.8	-1.8	2.8	3.0	-4.8	8.5	9.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.6	35.3	2.9	0.7	-5.6	-8.7	2.0	-13.7	-19.8
Utilities	8.8	7.9	1.1	-0.9	-3.0	-5.6	-10.2	-27.5	-41.5
Construction	167.2	168.4	4.9	1.2	40.0	45.9	0.7	31.2	37.5
Manufacturing	199.6	202.3	5.5	2.7	-1.4	0.5	1.4	-0.7	0.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,644.1	1,643.3	11.7	-0.8	-11.3	6.3	0.0	-0.7	0.4
Trade	305.6	305.3	7.1	-0.3	-16.3	-16.8	-0.1	-5.1	-5.2
Transportation and warehousing	115.3	112.6	4.0	-2.7	-3.2	-2.6	-2.3	-2.8	-2.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	135.9	135.6	4.4	-0.3	2.9	2.8	-0.2	2.2	2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	152.8	159.2	4.6	6.4	13.4	9.8	4.2	9.2	6.6
Business, building and other support services	87.1	84.9	4.2	-2.2	-6.1	-0.9	-2.5	-6.7	-1.0
Educational services	141.9	143.7	4.6	1.8	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.2
Health care and social assistance	222.9	225.0	5.0	2.1	4.7	12.4	0.9	2.1	5.8
Information, culture and recreation	110.4	104.7	4.5	-5.7	-5.6	-1.3	-5.2	-5.1	-1.2
Accommodation and food services	176.5	181.4	5.5	4.9	5.7	9.2	2.8	3.2	5.3
Other services	98.6	96.7	4.1	-1.9	-3.4	-1.6	-1.9	-3.4	-1.6
Public administration	97.1	94.2	3.6	-2.9	-3.8	-5.1	-3.0	-3.9	-5.1

<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 14

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	146.2	146.3	...	0.1	1.7	1.9	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	97.0	96.6	0.9	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.6
Employment	88.6	88.4	0.9	-0.2	1.5	0.8	-0.2	1.7	0.9
Unemployment	8.4	8.2	0.5	-0.2	-1.5	-1.4	-2.4	-15.5	-14.6
Participation rate	66.3	66.0	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.5	0.5	-0.2	-1.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.4	0.6	-0.2	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	293.5	293.8	...	0.3	3.8	4.1	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	208.3	208.6	1.3	0.3	6.1	6.0	0.1	3.0	3.0
Employment	196.3	196.5	1.3	0.2	5.8	6.4	0.1	3.0	3.4
Unemployment	12.0	12.1	0.7	0.1	0.4	-0.4	0.8	3.4	-3.2
Participation rate	71.0	71.0	0.4	0.0	1.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.9	0.4	0.0	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	101.3	101.3	...	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	67.3	66.9	0.7	-0.4	2.3	2.7	-0.6	3.6	4.2
Employment	61.7	61.4	0.7	-0.3	2.5	3.2	-0.5	4.2	5.5
Unemployment	5.6	5.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-1.8	-3.5	-8.3
Participation rate	66.4	66.0	0.7	-0.4	2.0	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.6	0.7	-0.3	2.3	3.0	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	129.9	129.8	...	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6
Labour force	82.6	82.0	0.7	-0.6	2.6	3.3	-0.7	3.3	4.2
Employment	73.4	72.7	0.8	-0.7	2.7	3.2	-1.0	3.9	4.6
Unemployment	9.2	9.3	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.1	-1.1	1.1
Participation rate	63.6	63.2	0.6	-0.4	2.4	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.3	0.6	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.0	0.6	-0.5	2.4	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	583.8	584.4	...	0.6	5.9	6.4	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	383.7	384.3	2.9	0.6	6.8	4.4	0.2	1.8	1.2
Employment	366.2	364.2	3.0	-2.0	14.5	11.0	-0.5	4.1	3.1
Unemployment	17.5	20.1	1.5	2.6	-7.7	-6.6	14.9	-27.7	-24.7
Participation rate	65.7	65.8	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.2	0.4	0.6	-2.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.3	0.5	-0.4	1.9	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	118.4	118.4	...	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.6
Labour force	72.1	72.1	0.8	0.0	-1.5	-1.7	0.0	-2.0	-2.3
Employment	64.2	64.5	0.8	0.3	-1.4	-1.3	0.5	-2.1	-2.0
Unemployment	7.9	7.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-5.1	-2.6	-6.2
Participation rate	60.9	60.9	0.7	0.0	-1.6	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	10.4	0.6	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.5	0.7	0.3	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	130.4	130.6	...	0.2	1.7	1.8	0.2	1.3	1.4
Labour force	85.4	85.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Employment	79.8	79.6	0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.1	-0.7	-0.9	1.8	-10.9	-13.6
Participation rate	65.5	65.3	0.6	-0.2	-1.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.7	0.5	0.1	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	60.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	2,960.9	2,964.6	...	3.7	43.5	47.5	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	1,998.3	2,004.8	7.3	6.5	-13.8	-6.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.3
Employment	1,824.5	1,821.9	7.6	-2.6	-11.5	-2.0	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1
Unemployment	173.7	182.8	4.9	9.1	-2.4	-4.2	5.2	-1.3	-2.2
Participation rate	67.5	67.6	0.3	0.1	-1.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.1	0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.5	0.3	-0.1	-1.3	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	938.7	940.4	...	1.7	19.5	21.1	0.2	2.1	2.3
Labour force	662.5	667.7	3.3	5.2	12.8	9.6	0.8	2.0	1.5
Employment	619.5	626.6	3.4	7.1	19.3	15.1	1.1	3.2	2.5
Unemployment	43.0	41.2	1.8	-1.8	-6.4	-5.4	-4.2	-13.4	-11.6
Participation rate	70.6	71.0	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.2	0.3	-0.3	-1.1	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	66.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,280.9	4,289.4	...	8.5	100.8	109.1	0.2	2.4	2.6
Labour force	2,978.1	2,970.3	8.7	-7.8	68.9	71.2	-0.3	2.4	2.5
Employment	2,755.7	2,749.7	9.1	-6.0	59.6	68.9	-0.2	2.2	2.6
Unemployment	222.4	220.6	5.5	-1.8	9.3	2.4	-0.8	4.4	1.1
Participation rate	69.6	69.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	573.7	574.2	...	0.5	6.6	7.1	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	400.6	397.8	2.6	-2.8	6.9	4.4	-0.7	1.8	1.1
Employment	377.5	372.9	2.6	-4.6	3.5	5.0	-1.2	0.9	1.4
Unemployment	23.0	24.9	1.4	1.9	3.4	-0.6	8.3	15.8	-2.4
Participation rate	69.8	69.3	0.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	6.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	64.9	0.5	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	364.7	365.3	...	0.6	6.4	6.9	0.2	1.8	1.9
Labour force	253.9	253.6	1.8	-0.3	1.7	0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.1
Employment	240.7	241.6	1.9	0.9	2.4	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.9
Unemployment	13.2	12.0	0.8	-1.2	-0.7	-1.8	-9.1	-5.5	-13.0
Participation rate	69.6	69.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.7	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	66.1	0.5	0.1	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	351.2	351.4	...	0.2	2.7	2.9	0.1	0.8	0.8
Labour force	240.6	242.0	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Employment	225.5	225.2	2.0	-0.3	1.7	2.5	-0.1	0.8	1.1
Unemployment	15.0	16.8	0.9	1.8	-0.6	-1.0	12.0	-3.4	-5.6
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	0.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.9	0.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.1	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	254.5	254.9	...	0.4	5.1	5.5	0.2	2.0	2.2
Labour force	174.6	176.9	1.3	2.3	-3.9	-4.0	1.3	-2.2	-2.2
Employment	164.5	166.6	1.2	2.1	-5.4	-5.4	1.3	-3.1	-3.1
Unemployment	10.0	10.4	0.5	0.4	1.6	1.5	4.0	18.2	16.9
Participation rate	68.6	69.4	0.5	0.8	-3.0	-3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.9	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	65.4	0.5	0.8	-3.5	-3.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	October 2004	November 2004	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. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	327.6	327.8	...	0.2	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	202.3	206.1	1.6	3.8	-3.7	-4.4	1.9	-1.8	-2.1
Employment	188.9	193.2	1.7	4.3	-2.5	-2.5	2.3	-1.3	-1.3
Unemployment	13.3	12.9	0.8	-0.4	-1.2	-1.9	-3.0	-8.5	-12.8
Participation rate	61.8	62.9	0.5	1.1	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	58.9	0.5	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.1	126.1	...	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
Labour force	81.8	83.8	0.7	2.0	3.9	4.8	2.4	4.9	6.1
Employment	75.4	76.9	0.7	1.5	4.9	5.5	2.0	6.8	7.7
Unemployment	6.4	6.9	0.4	0.5	-1.0	-0.8	7.8	-12.7	-10.4
Participation rate	64.9	66.5	0.5	1.6	3.4	4.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.2	0.5	0.4	-1.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	61.0	0.5	1.2	4.2	4.6	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.0	99.9	...	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5
Labour force	66.3	66.7	0.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Employment	60.5	60.9	0.6	0.4	-1.2	-1.9	0.7	-1.9	-3.0
Unemployment	5.8	5.8	0.3	0.0	1.1	1.6	0.0	23.4	38.1
Participation rate	66.3	66.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.7	0.4	0.0	1.7	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	61.0	0.6	0.5	-0.9	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	267.0	267.5	...	0.5	5.1	5.5	0.2	1.9	2.1
Labour force	179.2	180.7	1.5	1.5	7.6	8.1	0.8	4.4	4.7
Employment	161.8	163.0	1.6	1.2	3.0	2.6	0.7	1.9	1.6
Unemployment	17.4	17.7	0.8	0.3	4.6	5.5	1.7	35.1	45.1
Participation rate	67.1	67.6	0.6	0.5	1.6	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.8	0.4	0.1	2.2	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.9	0.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	549.7	550.2	...	0.5	6.6	7.2	0.1	1.2	1.3
Labour force	391.2	391.6	1.3	0.4	12.8	13.4	0.1	3.4	3.5
Employment	369.0	370.1	1.3	1.1	12.2	13.0	0.3	3.4	3.6
Unemployment	22.2	21.5	0.8	-0.7	0.7	0.4	-3.2	3.4	1.9
Participation rate	71.2	71.2	0.2	0.0	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.5	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	67.3	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.8	156.9	...	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.5
Labour force	112.6	113.1	0.7	0.5	-1.6	-0.7	0.4	-1.4	-0.6
Employment	107.5	107.5	0.7	0.0	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.8	-0.1
Unemployment	5.1	5.7	0.4	0.6	-0.6	-0.5	11.8	-9.5	-8.1
Participation rate	71.8	72.1	0.5	0.3	-1.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.0	0.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	68.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	185.0	185.2	...	0.2	1.8	2.0	0.1	1.0	1.1
Labour force	130.5	131.5	0.8	1.0	3.1	3.3	0.8	2.4	2.6
Employment	122.4	123.6	0.9	1.2	3.0	3.4	1.0	2.5	2.8
Unemployment	8.1	7.9	0.4	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-2.5	1.3	-1.2
Participation rate	70.5	71.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	66.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.1	...	...	...

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

	October 2004	November 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	862.0	863.6	...	1.6	18.8	20.3	0.2	2.2	2.4
Labour force	643.5	642.8	2.9	-0.7	7.5	10.0	-0.1	1.2	1.6
Employment	611.9	610.3	3.1	-1.6	10.4	12.3	-0.3	1.7	2.1
Unemployment	31.6	32.5	1.7	0.9	-2.9	-2.3	2.8	-8.2	-6.6
Participation rate	74.7	74.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	70.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	797.6	798.5	...	0.9	10.4	11.3	0.1	1.3	1.4
Labour force	578.0	584.3	2.7	6.3	11.3	11.8	1.1	2.0	2.1
Employment	549.6	555.2	2.7	5.6	8.6	9.2	1.0	1.6	1.7
Unemployment	28.4	29.1	1.3	0.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	10.2	9.4
Participation rate	72.5	73.2	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.9	69.5	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,824.5	1,827.6	...	3.1	36.9	40.0	0.2	2.1	2.2
Labour force	1,220.2	1,220.3	5.0	0.1	10.9	5.1	0.0	0.9	0.4
Employment	1,138.2	1,140.6	5.2	2.4	7.5	14.2	0.2	0.7	1.3
Unemployment	82.0	79.7	3.0	-2.3	3.4	-9.1	-2.8	4.5	-10.2
Participation rate	66.9	66.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.4	0.3	0.0	-0.9	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	264.4	264.6	...	0.2	2.9	3.2	0.1	1.1	1.2
Labour force	166.0	165.5	1.8	-0.5	-2.8	-2.0	-0.3	-1.7	-1.2
Employment	156.5	155.8	1.8	-0.7	-3.6	-1.9	-0.4	-2.3	-1.2
Unemployment	9.4	9.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	-0.1	3.2	9.0	-1.0
Participation rate	62.8	62.5	0.7	-0.3	-1.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.9	0.7	-0.3	-2.0	-1.4	...	...	...

<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

	October 2004	November 2004	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	2,964.8	2,968.4	...	3.6	43.4	47.3	0.1	1.5	1.6
Labour force	2,005.7	2,009.7	15.6	4.0	-8.7	-30.0	0.2	-0.4	-1.5
Employment	1,814.0	1,824.5	16.2	10.5	-4.5	-31.1	0.6	-0.2	-1.7
Unemployment	191.7	185.3	11.7	-6.4	-4.1	1.2	-3.3	-2.2	0.7
Participation rate	67.7	67.7	0.5	0.0	-1.3	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.5	0.6	0.3	-1.0	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,289.5	4,297.8	...	8.3	101.3	108.9	0.2	2.4	2.6
Labour force	2,977.0	2,982.2	18.6	5.2	67.1	97.3	0.2	2.3	3.4
Employment	2,753.7	2,757.1	18.8	3.4	51.2	84.3	0.1	1.9	3.2
Unemployment	223.3	225.1	13.0	1.8	15.9	13.0	0.8	7.6	6.1
Participation rate	69.4	69.4	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.2	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,827.7	1,831.1	...	3.4	37.5	40.3	0.2	2.1	2.3
Labour force	1,222.4	1,218.9	10.9	-3.5	13.1	18.2	-0.3	1.1	1.5
Employment	1,142.6	1,140.7	11.1	-1.9	3.9	15.6	-0.2	0.3	1.4
Unemployment	79.7	78.2	7.4	-1.5	9.1	2.5	-1.9	13.2	3.3
Participation rate	66.9	66.6	0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.4	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.6	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5	...	...	...

<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> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in November 2003 and November 2004**

	November	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2003	25,350.6	17,069.0	15,853.1	1,215.9	67.3	7.1	62.5
	2004	25,710.7	17,282.8	16,137.7	1,145.2	67.2	6.6	62.8
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2003	439.0	258.9	219.5	39.4	59.0	15.2	50.0
	2004	440.0	258.0	220.3	37.7	58.6	14.6	50.1
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	209.2	128.0	111.4	16.6	61.2	13.0	53.3
	2004	211.3	127.6	113.7	13.9	60.4	10.9	53.8
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	36.5	20.1	16.0	4.1	55.1	20.4	43.8
	2004	35.9	20.2	16.4	3.8	56.3	18.8	45.7
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	93.8	57.6	49.5	8.2	61.4	14.2	52.8
	2004	93.6	55.7	45.3	10.4	59.5	18.7	48.4
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	99.6	53.2	42.6	10.6	53.4	19.9	42.8
	2004	99.2	54.5	44.9	9.6	54.9	17.6	45.3
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2003	113.6	77.1	69.9	7.2	67.9	9.3	61.5
	2004	114.8	78.9	71.4	7.5	68.7	9.5	62.2
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2003	761.4	480.2	437.4	42.9	63.1	8.9	57.4
	2004	765.7	488.5	448.9	39.7	63.8	8.1	58.6
210 Cape Breton	2003	119.5	60.6	49.9	10.6	50.7	17.5	41.8
	2004	118.6	60.2	50.4	9.7	50.8	16.1	42.5
220 North Shore	2003	133.4	82.0	73.9	8.1	61.5	9.9	55.4
	2004	133.6	82.7	75.3	7.4	61.9	8.9	56.4
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	102.2	63.8	59.3	4.5	62.4	7.1	58.0
	2004	102.8	67.4	63.1	4.3	65.6	6.4	61.4
240 Southern	2003	104.5	64.8	57.5	7.4	62.0	11.4	55.0
	2004	104.8	65.2	58.7	6.5	62.2	10.0	56.0
250 Halifax	2003	301.8	209.1	196.8	12.3	69.3	5.9	65.2
	2004	305.9	213.1	201.3	11.8	69.7	5.5	65.8
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2003	610.4	385.0	351.1	33.9	63.1	8.8	57.5
	2004	613.9	393.5	360.6	32.9	64.1	8.4	58.7
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	144.8	80.4	67.7	12.8	55.5	15.9	46.8
	2004	144.2	84.3	72.8	11.5	58.5	13.6	50.5
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	155.2	106.3	100.4	5.9	68.5	5.6	64.7
	2004	157.2	103.7	96.6	7.1	66.0	6.8	61.5
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	140.2	89.4	82.5	7.0	63.8	7.8	58.8
	2004	140.9	90.4	84.1	6.2	64.2	6.9	59.7
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	100.4	64.9	59.9	4.9	64.6	7.6	59.7
	2004	101.6	70.5	65.4	5.1	69.4	7.2	64.4
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.9	44.0	40.7	3.3	62.9	7.5	58.2
	2004	70.0	44.6	41.7	2.9	63.7	6.5	59.6
<b>Quebec</b>	2003	6,101.1	4,018.4	3,674.0	344.4	65.9	8.6	60.2
	2004	6,168.8	4,055.5	3,730.2	325.4	65.7	8.0	60.5
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	81.8	44.3	37.5	6.9	54.2	15.6	45.8
	2004	81.5	42.0	34.1	7.9	51.5	18.8	41.8
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.1	101.2	91.1	10.1	60.6	10.0	54.5
	2004	166.9	105.0	98.1	6.9	62.9	6.6	58.8
420 Québec	2003	541.0	346.2	323.8	22.4	64.0	6.5	59.9
	2004	546.9	345.7	330.5	15.1	63.2	4.4	60.4



**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in November 2003 and November 2004 - Continued**

	November	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	320.5	219.2	207.2	12.0	68.4	5.5	64.6
	2004	322.1	222.8	210.8	12.1	69.2	5.4	65.4
430 Estrie	2003	240.3	159.4	147.6	11.8	66.3	7.4	61.4
	2004	242.7	155.1	144.1	10.9	63.9	7.0	59.4
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.8	116.6	107.3	9.3	64.5	8.0	59.3
	2004	181.8	121.2	112.5	8.7	66.7	7.2	61.9
435 Montérégie	2003	1,088.6	772.6	719.1	53.5	71.0	6.9	66.1
	2004	1,102.0	742.6	695.2	47.4	67.4	6.4	63.1
440 Montréal	2003	1,528.1	997.7	889.8	107.9	65.3	10.8	58.2
	2004	1,548.8	1,015.2	901.8	113.4	65.5	11.2	58.2
445 Laval	2003	295.6	191.1	174.2	17.0	64.6	8.9	58.9
	2004	300.2	196.3	185.1	11.2	65.4	5.7	61.7
450 Lanaudière	2003	330.2	219.9	201.8	18.2	66.6	8.3	61.1
	2004	335.9	228.6	210.1	18.6	68.1	8.1	62.5
455 Laurentides	2003	396.2	271.1	253.0	18.0	68.4	6.6	63.9
	2004	405.3	285.8	267.3	18.6	70.5	6.5	66.0
460 Outaouais	2003	267.8	182.1	168.7	13.4	68.0	7.4	63.0
	2004	273.8	188.8	175.6	13.2	69.0	7.0	64.1
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	119.7	75.4	69.1	6.3	63.0	8.4	57.7
	2004	119.0	76.9	69.2	7.7	64.6	10.0	58.2
470 Mauricie	2003	215.5	129.7	114.8	14.9	60.2	11.5	53.3
	2004	215.6	129.2	115.9	13.3	59.9	10.3	53.8
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	231.9	138.3	123.0	15.3	59.6	11.1	53.0
	2004	231.1	139.8	125.6	14.2	60.5	10.2	54.3
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	95.9	53.4	46.0	7.5	55.7	14.0	48.0
	2004	95.2	60.6	54.3	6.3	63.7	10.4	57.0
<b>Ontario</b>								
510 Ottawa	2003	953.9	663.6	618.2	45.5	69.6	6.9	64.8
	2004	971.2	663.5	625.5	38.0	68.3	5.7	64.4
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	338.6	201.3	187.3	14.1	59.5	7.0	55.3
	2004	339.7	215.2	205.0	10.2	63.4	4.7	60.3
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	300.6	198.5	191.5	7.0	66.0	3.5	63.7
	2004	303.8	181.5	174.4	7.1	59.7	3.9	57.4
530 Toronto	2003	4,379.8	3,041.8	2,825.1	216.7	69.5	7.1	64.5
	2004	4,493.1	3,093.8	2,872.0	221.9	68.9	7.2	63.9
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	900.6	636.1	602.5	33.6	70.6	5.3	66.9
	2004	920.9	654.7	626.2	28.4	71.1	4.3	68.0
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,087.7	728.5	684.4	44.0	67.0	6.0	62.9
	2004	1,098.5	735.7	694.4	41.3	67.0	5.6	63.2
560 London	2003	488.0	339.4	318.6	20.8	69.5	6.1	65.3
	2004	492.0	343.5	324.8	18.8	69.8	5.5	66.0
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	516.3	333.7	311.6	22.1	64.6	6.6	60.4
	2004	522.1	340.6	313.9	26.7	65.2	7.8	60.1

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in November 2003 and November 2004 - Continued**

	November	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.8	159.1	151.4	7.8	67.2	4.9	63.9
	2004	237.8	170.7	165.0	5.7	71.8	3.3	69.4
590 Northeast	2003	452.2	272.8	252.5	20.4	60.3	7.5	55.8
	2004	448.6	276.1	255.8	20.2	61.5	7.3	57.0
595 Northwest	2003	178.5	125.6	119.2	6.5	70.4	5.2	66.8
	2004	177.1	119.6	112.4	7.2	67.5	6.0	63.5
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2003	870.3	598.5	568.1	30.4	68.8	5.1	65.3
	2004	879.9	610.4	580.3	30.1	69.4	4.9	66.0
610 Southeast	2003	71.0	52.7	50.4	2.4	74.2	4.6	71.0
	2004	72.6	51.0	49.2	1.9	70.2	3.7	67.8
620 South Central	2003	41.2	26.9	26.0	0.8	65.3	3.0	63.1
	2004	42.0	30.8	30.0	0.8	73.3	2.6	71.4
630 Southwest	2003	82.2	53.2	50.6	2.7	64.7	5.1	61.6
	2004	81.9	54.1	51.8	2.3	66.1	4.3	63.2
640 North Central	2003	34.8	24.1	23.3	0.8	69.3	3.3	67.0
	2004	35.0	20.5	19.8	0.7	58.6	3.4	56.6
650 Winnipeg	2003	505.1	351.7	333.0	18.8	69.6	5.3	65.9
	2004	511.3	363.6	344.5	19.1	71.1	5.3	67.4
660 Interlake	2003	69.0	45.9	43.5	2.5	66.5	5.4	63.0
	2004	70.4	47.1	44.7	2.4	66.9	5.1	63.5
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.1	43.9	41.4	2.5	65.4	5.7	61.7
	2004	66.6	43.1	40.3	2.9	64.7	6.7	60.5
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2003	756.0	511.6	486.2	25.4	67.7	5.0	64.3
	2004	758.5	519.3	494.2	25.2	68.5	4.9	65.2
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.1	153.7	146.7	7.0	71.1	4.6	67.9
	2004	216.9	155.6	149.6	6.0	71.7	3.9	69.0
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	83.3	55.8	52.9	2.9	67.0	5.2	63.5
	2004	82.9	52.7	50.4	2.3	63.6	4.4	60.8
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	228.0	158.7	149.9	8.8	69.6	5.5	65.7
	2004	229.9	163.6	155.1	8.5	71.2	5.2	67.5
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	68.8	40.6	38.9	1.7	59.0	4.2	56.5
	2004	68.4	43.2	41.5	1.7	63.2	3.9	60.7
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.7	102.8	97.8	5.0	64.4	4.9	61.2
	2004	160.4	104.3	97.6	6.7	65.0	6.4	60.8
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2003	2,487.1	1,822.2	1,739.2	83.0	73.3	4.6	69.9
	2004	2,531.4	1,845.6	1,764.9	80.6	72.9	4.4	69.7
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	194.6	133.7	129.1	4.6	68.7	3.4	66.3
	2004	197.5	140.3	135.6	4.7	71.0	3.3	68.7
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	144.5	103.9	100.7	3.3	71.9	3.2	69.7
	2004	145.8	104.6	101.3	3.4	71.7	3.3	69.5
830 Calgary	2003	898.2	670.9	636.8	34.2	74.7	5.1	70.9
	2004	920.3	680.4	647.4	33.0	73.9	4.9	70.3
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.6	46.2	44.4	1.8	71.5	3.9	68.7
	2004	64.7	46.5	45.3	x	71.9	x	70.0

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in November 2003 and November 2004 - Concluded**

	November	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2003	124.6	92.6	88.5	4.1	74.3	4.4	71.0
	2004	127.4	90.0	86.4	3.6	70.6	4.0	67.8
860 Edmonton	2003	810.9	588.8	563.0	25.8	72.6	4.4	69.4
	2004	822.5	600.7	573.8	26.9	73.0	4.5	69.8
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	171.2	123.5	116.4	7.1	72.1	5.7	68.0
	2004	173.0	123.1	117.0	6.1	71.2	5.0	67.6
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	78.4	62.6	60.3	2.3	79.8	3.7	76.9
	2004	80.2	59.9	58.1	1.8	74.7	3.0	72.4
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2003	3,378.7	2,216.4	2,045.5	170.9	65.6	7.7	60.5
	2004	3,432.9	2,238.1	2,097.4	140.7	65.2	6.3	61.1
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	573.9	337.6	309.0	28.6	58.8	8.5	53.8
	2004	580.4	353.8	329.6	24.2	61.0	6.8	56.8
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	2,030.1	1,375.5	1,275.4	100.1	67.8	7.3	62.8
	2004	2,074.2	1,380.6	1,292.1	88.5	66.6	6.4	62.3
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	395.2	248.9	229.6	19.3	63.0	7.8	58.1
	2004	400.1	250.0	237.6	12.4	62.5	5.0	59.4
940 Kootenay	2003	125.3	75.8	69.0	6.8	60.5	9.0	55.1
	2004	125.7	79.6	75.1	4.5	63.3	5.7	59.7
950 Cariboo	2003	133.8	91.6	82.9	8.7	68.5	9.5	62.0
	2004	133.0	90.7	85.5	5.2	68.2	5.7	64.3
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	72.8	50.2	44.9	5.3	69.0	10.6	61.7
	2004	72.0	49.7	45.1	4.6	69.0	9.3	62.6
980 Northeast	2003	47.5	36.8	34.6	2.2	77.5	6.0	72.8
	2004	47.6	33.7	32.4	x	70.8	x	68.1

<sup>1</sup> For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).  
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>November 2004</b>										
15 years and over	13,598.5	35.3	687.28	18.74	11,013.9	39.6	793.60	2,584.6	17.1	234.23
15 to 24 years	2,270.6	27.0	306.68	10.57	1,143.7	38.9	476.25	1,126.9	15.0	134.57
25 years and over	11,328.0	37.0	763.57	20.38	9,870.2	39.7	830.37	1,457.7	18.8	311.27
Men	6,920.4	38.2	800.47	20.46	6,162.7	40.9	874.28	757.7	16.1	200.20
Women	6,678.1	32.4	569.98	16.96	4,851.2	38.0	691.11	1,826.9	17.6	248.34
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,362.9	35.7	786.53	21.71	3,709.2	38.7	862.03	653.7	19.0	358.18
No union coverage	9,235.6	35.1	640.40	17.34	7,304.8	40.1	758.85	1,930.9	16.5	192.26
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,917.2	36.3	722.63	19.34	10,094.8	39.6	807.21	1,822.4	18.2	254.12
Temporary	1,681.3	28.2	436.76	14.53	919.2	39.6	644.16	762.2	14.6	186.65
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	949.8	40.3	1,201.80	29.97	922.4	40.9	1,223.21	27.5	20.2	482.93
Business, finance and administrative	2,618.3	35.0	643.82	17.96	2,203.2	38.3	715.53	415.0	17.8	263.12
Natural and applied sciences	914.9	38.6	1,037.25	26.81	888.6	39.3	1,059.05	26.3	15.9	299.79
Health	821.8	32.8	739.55	22.24	596.1	37.7	861.76	225.7	20.0	416.81
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,032.6	34.2	879.72	25.69	811.2	38.7	999.60	221.4	17.4	440.43
Art, culture, recreation and sport	290.1	30.6	614.04	18.74	199.2	38.7	812.53	90.9	12.9	178.95
Sales and service	3,635.2	30.2	409.71	12.60	2,260.2	38.5	559.68	1,375.0	16.7	163.18
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,887.5	40.4	757.43	18.61	1,760.3	42.0	794.89	127.2	17.9	239.30
Occupations unique to primary industry	259.3	42.1	679.17	15.67	229.1	45.8	749.98	30.2	13.9	142.35
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,189.1	39.4	656.34	16.48	1,143.6	40.3	675.35	45.4	16.5	177.77
<b>November 2003</b>										
15 years and over	13,419.1	35.2	667.89	18.27	10,849.3	39.4	772.49	2,569.8	17.0	226.28
15 to 24 years	2,229.1	26.8	299.99	10.44	1,117.4	38.7	465.30	1,111.7	14.9	133.83
25 years and over	11,189.9	36.8	741.18	19.83	9,731.9	39.5	807.76	1,458.1	18.7	296.78
Men	6,837.7	37.9	777.90	19.98	6,064.0	40.7	850.84	773.7	16.1	206.17
Women	6,581.4	32.3	553.60	16.49	4,785.3	37.8	673.20	1,796.1	17.4	234.95
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,401.3	35.9	772.63	21.28	3,764.1	38.7	843.48	637.3	19.0	354.18
No union coverage	9,017.7	34.8	616.77	16.80	7,085.2	39.8	734.78	1,932.5	16.4	184.11
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,864.6	36.1	698.17	18.76	10,000.9	39.5	783.52	1,863.7	17.9	240.22
Temporary	1,554.4	28.1	436.74	14.50	848.3	39.3	642.51	706.1	14.7	189.51
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	915.3	40.5	1,153.78	28.62	897.8	40.9	1,168.21	17.6	18.7	415.53
Business, finance and administrative	2,648.2	34.8	624.77	17.51	2,223.5	38.2	699.10	424.7	17.0	235.65
Natural and applied sciences	898.4	38.5	996.56	25.87	870.0	39.2	1,016.05	28.4	17.6	399.50
Health	763.7	32.8	716.77	21.69	560.4	37.5	826.01	203.3	19.7	415.65
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,018.3	34.3	855.69	24.84	810.1	38.6	966.05	208.2	17.3	426.20
Art, culture, recreation and sport	282.9	30.0	587.20	18.10	185.2	38.7	792.29	97.8	13.4	198.68
Sales and service	3,573.2	30.1	403.15	12.42	2,196.2	38.4	552.73	1,377.0	16.8	164.57
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,892.4	39.9	743.01	18.43	1,756.8	41.6	783.35	135.6	17.7	220.41
Occupations unique to primary industry	231.7	42.1	677.60	15.76	206.4	45.4	741.20	25.3	14.8	158.77
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,194.9	39.1	642.79	16.27	1,142.9	40.1	663.62	52.0	16.7	185.04

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 December 5, 2004 to January 8, 2005	Region	Effective from December 5, 2004 to January 8, 2005
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	8.5	30. London	6.9
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.5	31. Niagara	6.8
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	9.8
03. Prince Edward Island	11.3	33. Kitchener	4.7
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	8.1
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	16.1	35. South Central Ontario	3.7
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.8	36. Sudbury	8.3
06. Halifax	5.8	37. Thunder Bay	9.2
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	12.3
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.9	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	10.3	39. Winnipeg	5.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	15.2	40. Southern Manitoba	5.7
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	28.3
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	20.1	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	5.1	42. Regina	5.0
12. Trois-Rivières	10.5	43. Saskatoon	6.1
13. South Central Quebec	6.3	44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.8
14. Sherbrooke	6.7	45. Northern Saskatchewan	15.0
15. Montérégie	6.5	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	9.1	46. Calgary	5.1
17. Central Quebec	9.3	47. Edmonton	5.2
18. Northwestern Quebec	15.9	48. Northern Alberta	10.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	11.7	49. Southern Alberta	5.7
20. Hull	6.6	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11.3	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	7.0
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	7.2
22. Ottawa	6.0	52. Vancouver	6.6
23. Eastern Ontario	6.4	53. Victoria	6.4
24. Kingston	6.5	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	9.5
25. Central Ontario	5.0	55. Northern British Columbia	12.2
26. Oshawa	5.9	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.4	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	6.3	57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	6.3	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 1996 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)*