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- <sup>P</sup> preliminary
- <sup>r</sup> revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
- <sup>E</sup> use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

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## Commentary

Employment increased by an estimated 34,000 in December, pushing the unemployment rate down 0.3 percentage points to 7.0%, the lowest since May 2001. Following a slow start early in the year, employment picked up momentum in the second quarter and over the last four months of 2004.

The increase in December brings overall employment gains for the year to 228,000 (+1.4%), slightly lower than in 2003 when employment grew by 1.8%. All of the employment gains in 2004 were in full-time jobs and the total number of hours worked rose by 2.2%.

Throughout 2004, the proportion of the employed working-age population (employment rate) remained at or near the record level set in December 2003 (62.7%), as the increase in employment in 2004 just kept pace with population growth.

### Another strong year for construction, continued weakness in manufacturing

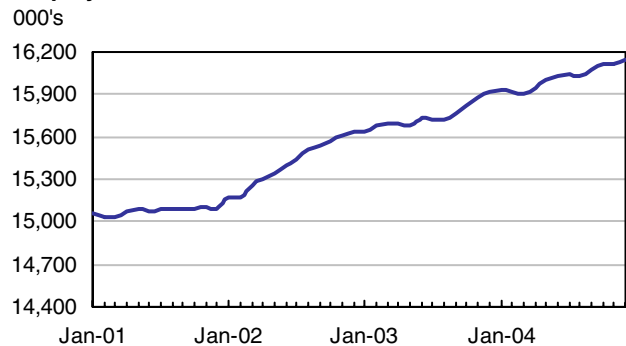
The strength in construction employment observed over the past several years continued in 2004 with an increase of 6.3%, reflecting robust activity related to building permits and housing starts as well as low interest rates. In 2004, employment also increased in professional, scientific and technical services (+6.0%), finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (+5.9%) and natural resources (+3.9%). There was slower growth in retail and wholesale trade (+2.4%) and in health care and social assistance (+1.7%).

For the second year in a row, the manufacturing sector turned in a lackluster performance with employment especially hard hit in the second half of 2004, leaving it down 1.2% for the year. The year was a difficult one for manufacturers as they were confronted with a higher Canadian dollar as well as substantial increases in the price of crude oil and other raw material inputs. The most recent estimates from the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing show fewer shipments in September and October. Furthermore, exports have fallen as foreign demand for fabricated products has weakened. Employment in the sector is now 4.3% below the most recent peak attained towards the end of 2002.

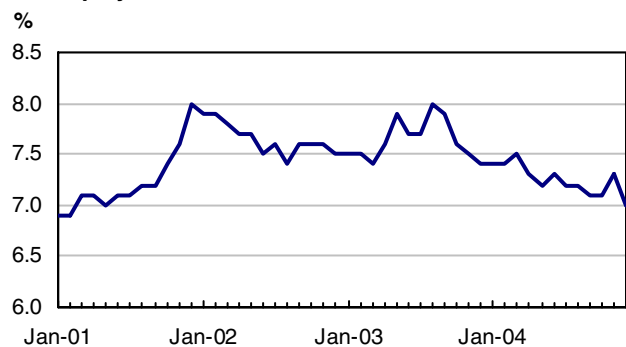
In December, employment increased by 15,000 in professional, scientific and technical services, bringing gains over the year to 59,000 (+6.0%). The largest gain in December occurred in Quebec.

There was also more employment in December in natural resources (+7,000) bringing year-to-date gains to 12,000 (+3.9%). The largest increases in December were in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador. Over the year, strength in the natural resources sector was concentrated in Alberta and Ontario.

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



Employment in retail and wholesale trade fell by 20,000 in December, partly offsetting gains observed over the previous three months. Despite this decline, employment in the sector is up 2.4% (+59,000) for the year.

In December, the number of private sector employees increased by 31,000 and the number of employees in the public sector rose by 21,000. In 2004, employment was up only 0.9% (+91,000) among private sector employees while it grew at a much faster pace of 2.9% (+88,000) among public sector workers. Over the same period, self-employment increased by 2.0% (+48,000).

### More full-time jobs in 2004

In December and in 2004, all of the employment increase was in full-time jobs. Full-time employment rose by 41,000 in December while part-time employment was little changed. The increase in December brings full-time job gains for the year to 258,000 (+2.0%) while part-time employment declined by 1.0% (-30,000).

There were 18,000 more adult men working in December, offsetting the decline in November. This increase brings gains for the year to 118,000 (+1.6%), similar to the gain in 2003. The unemployment rate among adult men was little changed in December at 6.0%.

Among adult women, an increase of 30,000 full-time jobs in December was offset by a marginal decline in the number of part-time jobs (-17,000), leaving overall employment for this group little changed. In 2004, employment among adult women rose by 1.3% (+84,000), considerably less than the 2.6% increase in 2003. The unemployment rate for this group edged down 0.2 percentage points in December to 5.9%.

For the third consecutive month, employment was little changed among youths. However, job gains in the second quarter of the year and during the fall, leaves youth employment up 1.1% (+26,000) since the start of 2004. This compares to a much slower growth rate in 2003 when youth employment was up by only 0.4%. In December 2004, the youth unemployment rate edged down to 12.8%.

### Job growth in all provinces in 2004

In 2004, most provinces had employment growth rates above the national average of 1.4%: New Brunswick (+3.2%), Newfoundland and Labrador (+2.6%), Nova Scotia (+1.9%), British Columbia (+1.9%), Ontario (+1.5%), Manitoba (+1.5%) and Saskatchewan (+1.5%). The growth rate for Prince Edward Island (+2.1%) was also above the national average, due mostly to a strong gain in November. Employment growth in Quebec and Alberta was slower than the national average with gains of 1.0% and 0.9%, respectively.

In British Columbia, employment capped the year with an increase of 17,000 in December and the unemployment rate edged down 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%, the lowest since June 1981. The largest job gains were in business, building and other support services, health care and social assistance and agriculture. While overall employment in the province rose by 39,000 (+1.9%) in 2004, this was much lower than the 4.2% growth the year before. The construction sector was a pillar of job strength for the province in 2004.

In December, employment rose by an estimated 5,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador, with the largest increases in natural resources and information, culture and recreation. This increase offsets some of the losses observed in recent months and leaves total gains for the year at 6,000 (+2.6%), well above the 0.3% increase in 2003. The unemployment rate fell 1.2 percentage points in December 2004 to 15.3%.

Employment rose by 3,000 in New Brunswick, lowering the unemployment rate from 9.9% in November to 9.5% in December. The employment increase in December brings job gains in the province since the start of the year to 11,000 (+3.2%) and is in sharp contrast to the 1.0% decline in 2003. The bulk of the increase in 2004 was in transportation and warehousing, public administration, educational services and information, culture and recreation.

In December, employment was little changed in Quebec. The unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points in December to 8.5%, the result of a significant decrease in the number of people searching for work. In 2004, employment in the province grew by 37,000 (+1.0%), just slightly

higher than the job growth in 2003 (+0.6%). Job strength in 2004 was primarily in three sectors: finance, insurance, real estate and leasing; business, building and other support services; and in professional, scientific and technical services. These gains were partly offset by losses in educational services and agriculture.

Employment in Ontario was also little changed in December and the unemployment rate edged down to 6.8%. In 2004, employment in the province increased by 1.5% (+95,000) whereas in 2003, the increase was stronger at 2.0%. Although the number of factory jobs in the province was little changed in 2004 (-0.4%), it has taken a pronounced downturn since July, down 3.8%.

While job growth in Alberta has been strong for over a decade, employment in the province grew by only 0.9% (+15,000) in 2004 and is in sharp contrast to the 2.7% growth of a year ago. In 2004, there were strong gains in construction and in natural resource industries, the likely result of intense oil and gas exploration activities. These increases however were tempered by weakness in manufacturing, especially in the latter part of the year.

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

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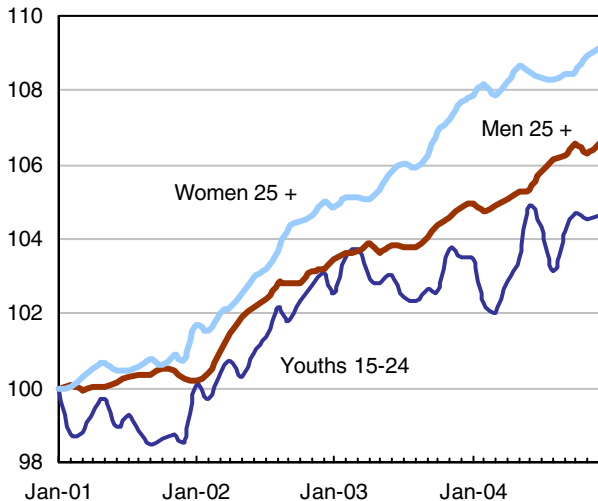
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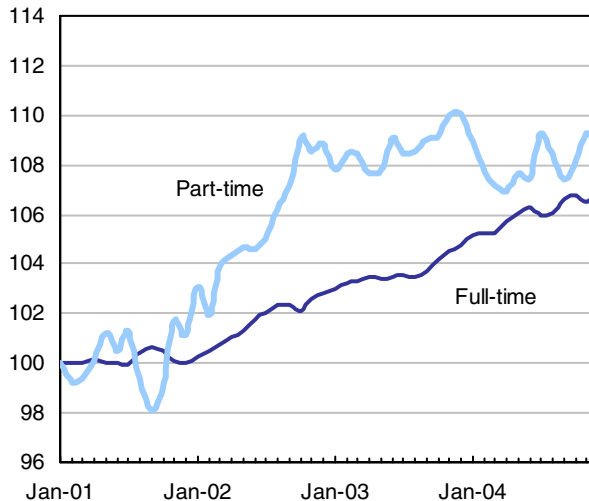
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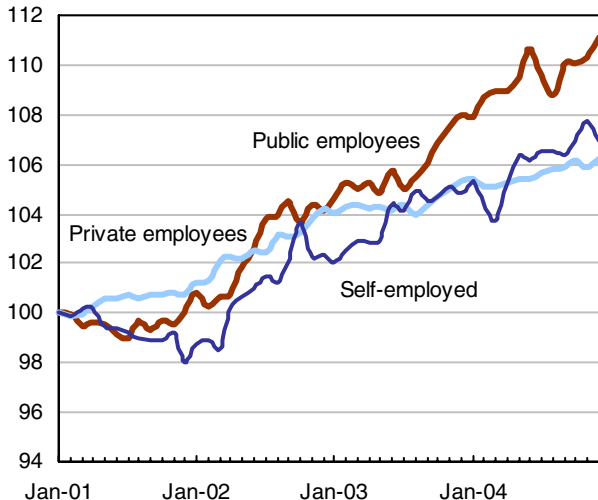
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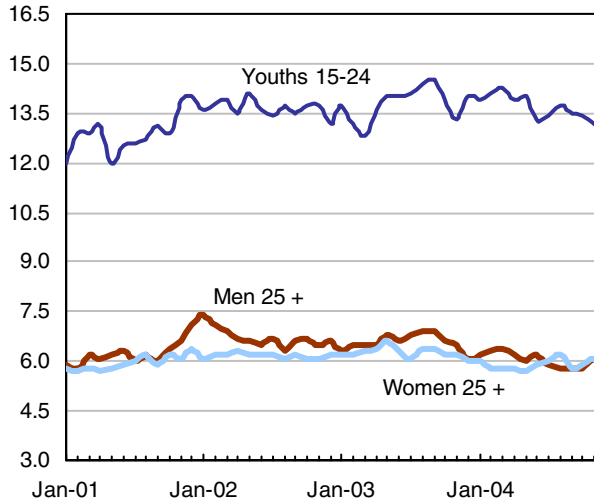
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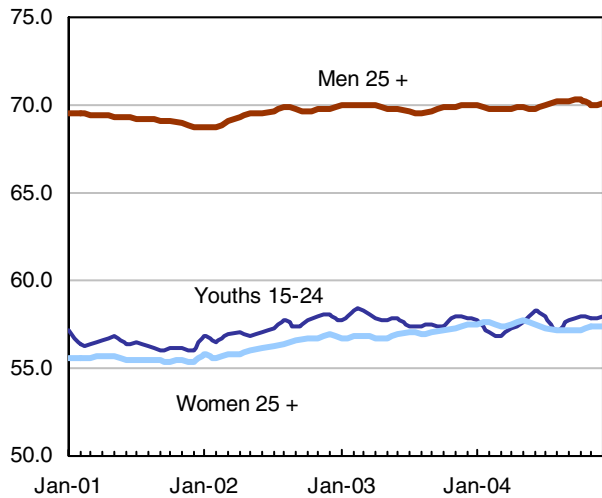
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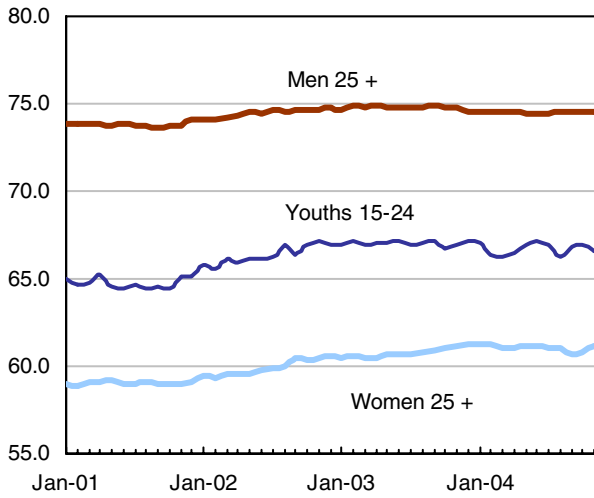
**Unemployment rate (%)**



**Employment rate (%)**



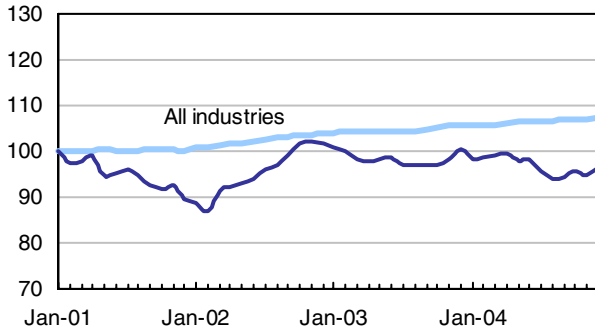
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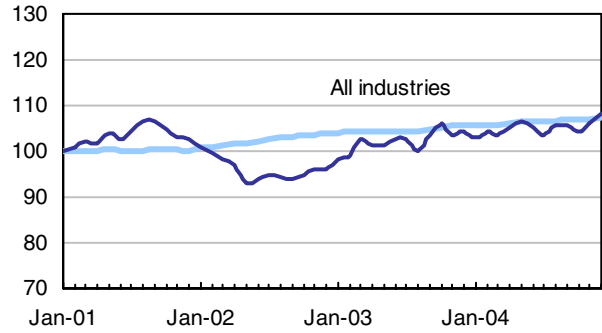


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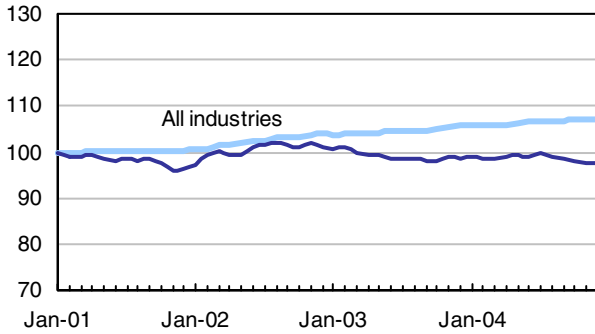
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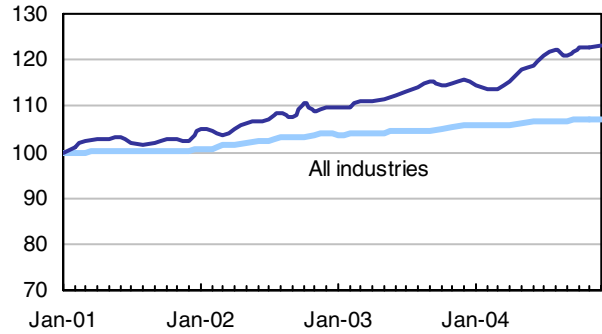
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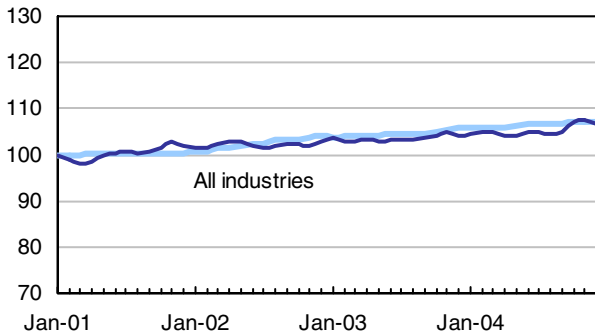
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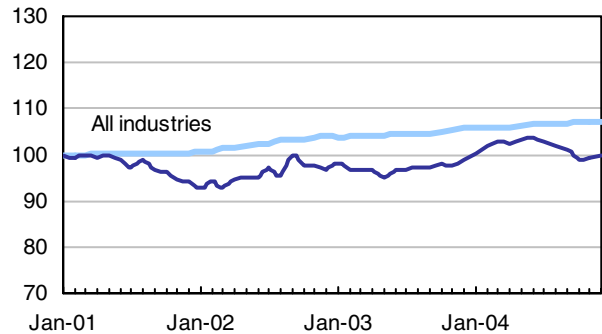
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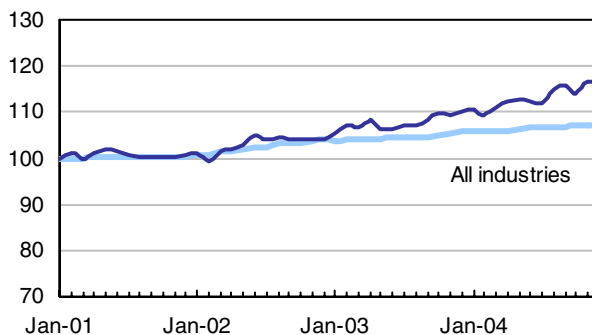
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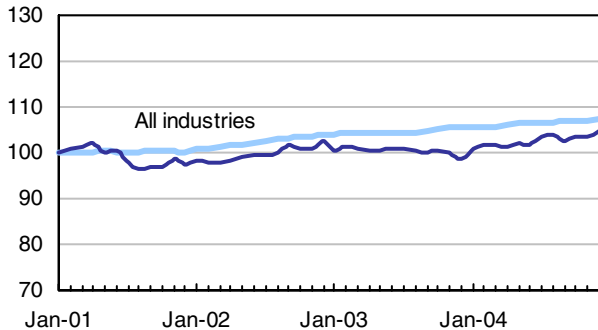


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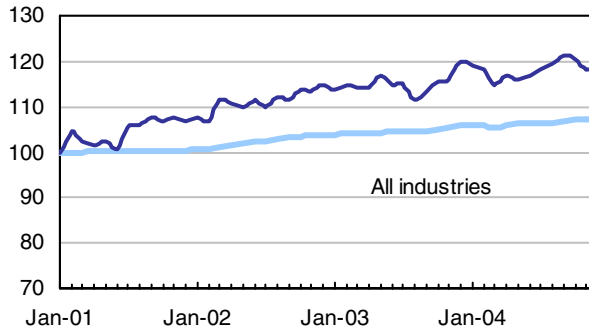


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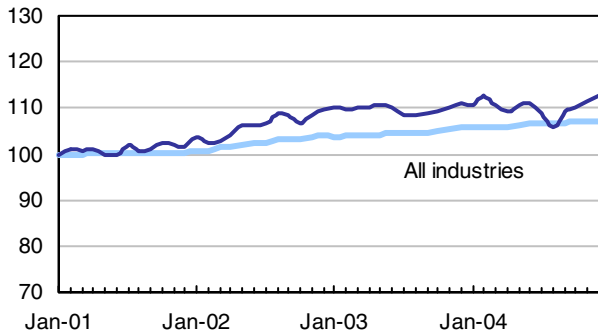
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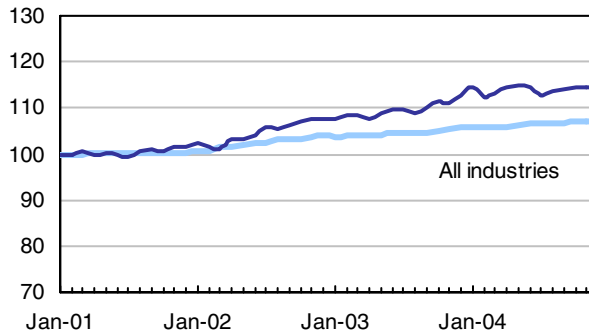
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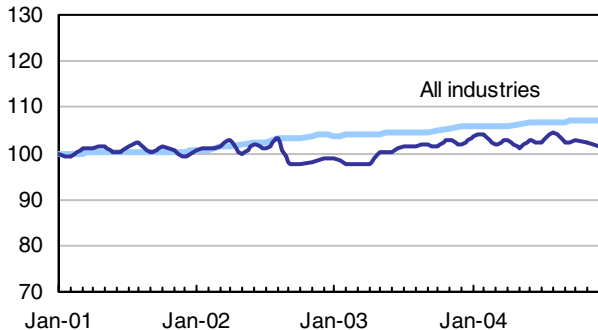
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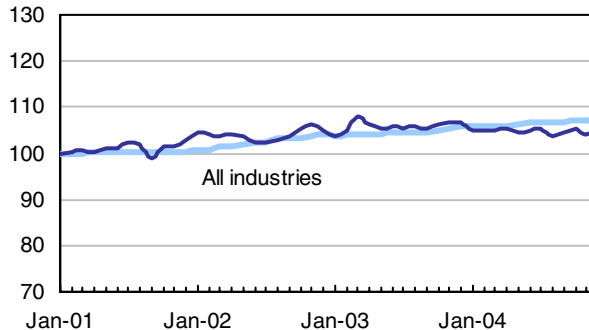
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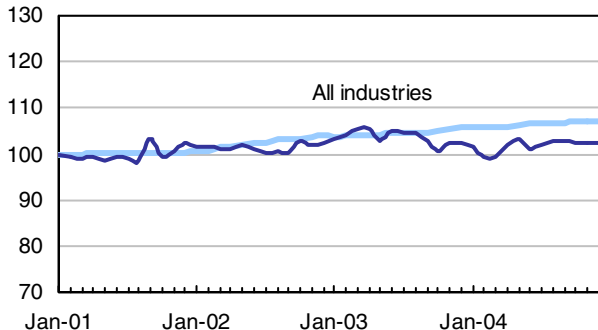
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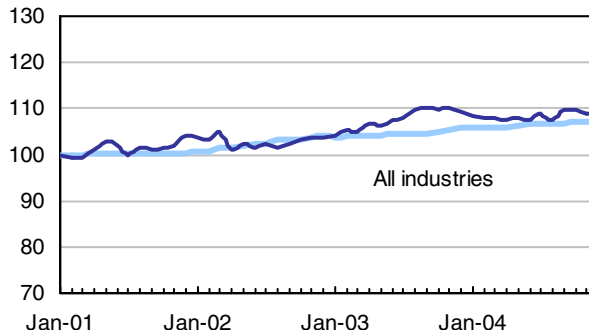
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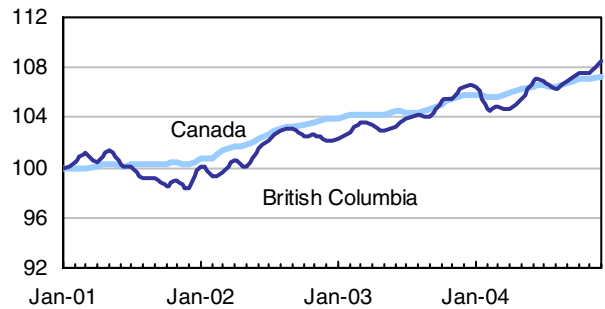
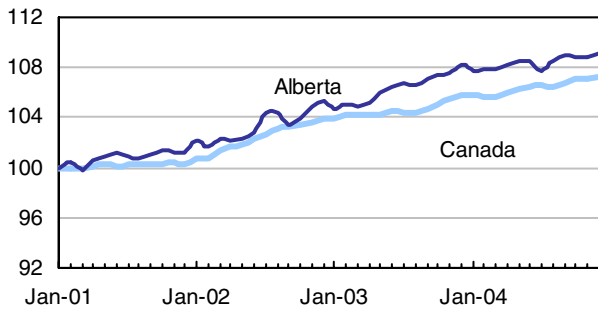
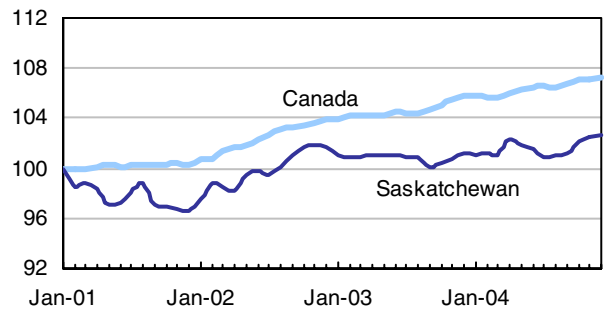
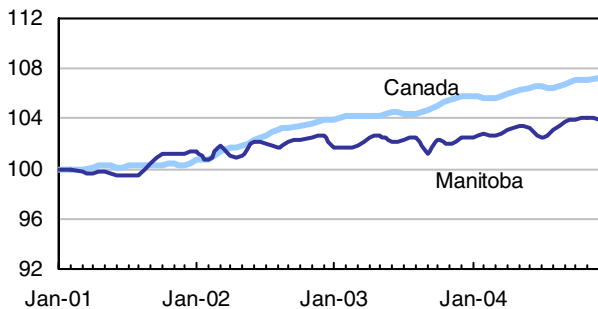
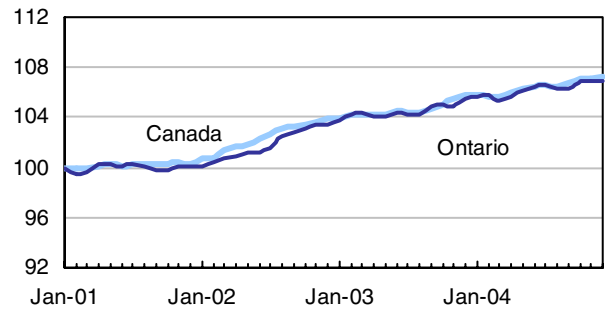
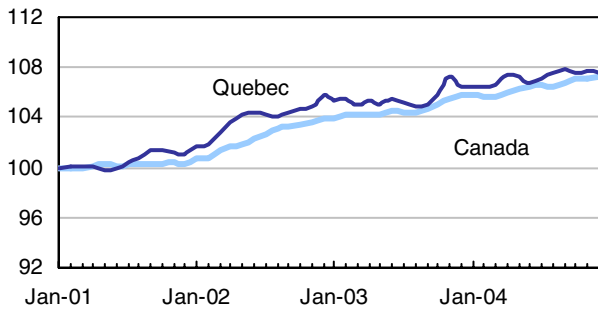
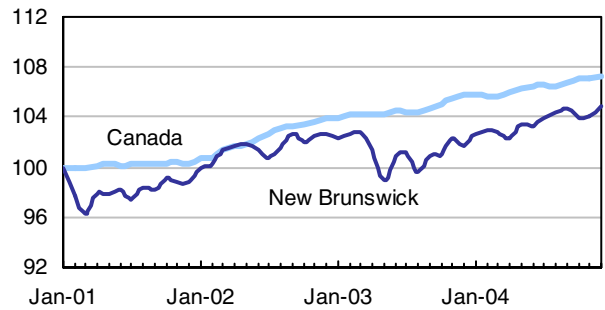
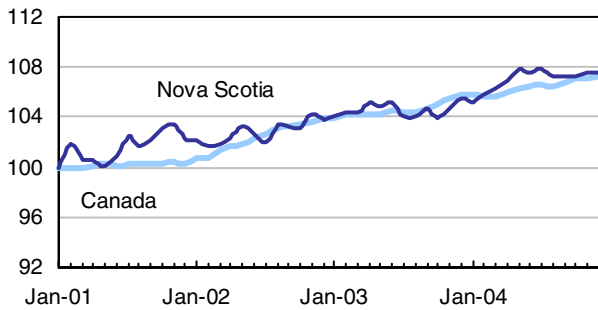
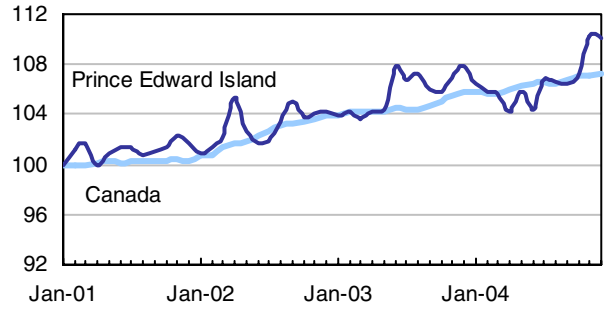
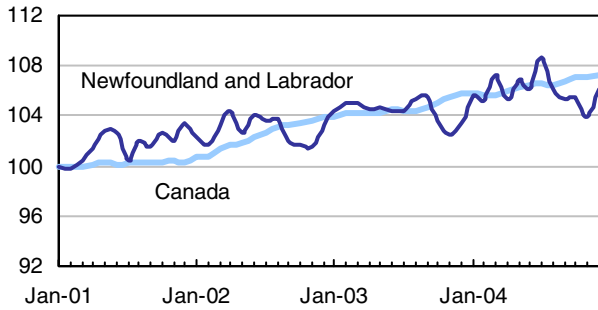
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**Public administration**



### 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

|                                      | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                      |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 25,738.6         | 25,765.5         | ...               | 26.9          | 361.6            | 361.6                   | 0.1           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force                         | 17,377.0         | 17,372.8         | 28.6              | -4.2          | 185.4            | 185.4                   | 0.0           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Employment                           | 16,115.3         | 16,148.8         | 29.5              | 33.5          | 228.1            | 228.1                   | 0.2           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 13,134.4         | 13,175.6         | 34.8              | 41.2          | 258.4            | 258.4                   | 0.3           | 2.0              | 2.0                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 2,981.0          | 2,973.2          | 30.6              | -7.8          | -30.2            | -30.2                   | -0.3          | -1.0             | -1.0                    |
| Unemployment                         | 1,261.7          | 1,224.0          | 23.9              | -37.7         | -42.8            | -42.8                   | -3.0          | -3.4             | -3.4                    |
| Participation rate                   | 67.5             | 67.4             | 0.1               | -0.1          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 7.3              | 7.0              | 0.1               | -0.3          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 62.6             | 62.7             | 0.1               | 0.1           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 18.5             | 18.4             | 0.2               | -0.1          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>    |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 4,223.2          | 4,226.5          | ...               | 3.3           | 43.4             | 43.4                    | 0.1           | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Labour force                         | 2,813.3          | 2,802.8          | 16.6              | -10.5         | -9.4             | -9.4                    | -0.4          | -0.3             | -0.3                    |
| Employment                           | 2,441.7          | 2,445.1          | 16.0              | 3.4           | 26.3             | 26.3                    | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 1,340.1          | 1,339.9          | 17.1              | -0.2          | 31.0             | 31.0                    | 0.0           | 2.4              | 2.4                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 1,101.5          | 1,105.1          | 17.7              | 3.6           | -4.9             | -4.9                    | 0.3           | -0.4             | -0.4                    |
| Unemployment                         | 371.6            | 357.7            | 13.8              | -13.9         | -35.7            | -35.7                   | -3.7          | -9.1             | -9.1                    |
| Participation rate                   | 66.6             | 66.3             | 0.4               | -0.3          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 13.2             | 12.8             | 0.5               | -0.4          | -1.2             | -1.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 57.8             | 57.9             | 0.4               | 0.1           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 45.1             | 45.2             | 0.6               | 0.1           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>        |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 10,491.9         | 10,503.5         | ...               | 11.6          | 154.3            | 154.3                   | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Labour force                         | 7,827.8          | 7,836.5          | 14.9              | 8.7           | 117.6            | 117.6                   | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment                           | 7,347.3          | 7,365.0          | 16.6              | 17.7          | 118.0            | 118.0                   | 0.2           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 6,901.1          | 6,912.9          | 19.7              | 11.8          | 140.6            | 140.6                   | 0.2           | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 446.2            | 452.1            | 13.9              | 5.9           | -22.6            | -22.6                   | 1.3           | -4.8             | -4.8                    |
| Unemployment                         | 480.6            | 471.4            | 13.6              | -9.2          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -1.9          | -0.1             | -0.1                    |
| Participation rate                   | 74.6             | 74.6             | 0.1               | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 6.1              | 6.0              | 0.2               | -0.1          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 70.0             | 70.1             | 0.2               | 0.1           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 6.1              | 6.1              | 0.2               | 0.1           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>      |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 11,023.5         | 11,035.5         | ...               | 12.0          | 164.0            | 164.0                   | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Labour force                         | 6,735.9          | 6,733.5          | 16.5              | -2.4          | 77.2             | 77.2                    | 0.0           | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Employment                           | 6,326.4          | 6,338.7          | 16.9              | 12.3          | 83.9             | 83.9                    | 0.2           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Employment full-time                 | 4,893.2          | 4,922.7          | 22.3              | 29.5          | 86.7             | 86.7                    | 0.6           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Employment part-time                 | 1,433.3          | 1,416.0          | 20.2              | -17.3         | -2.7             | -2.7                    | -1.2          | -0.2             | -0.2                    |
| Unemployment                         | 409.5            | 394.8            | 12.6              | -14.7         | -6.7             | -6.7                    | -3.6          | -1.7             | -1.7                    |
| Participation rate                   | 61.1             | 61.0             | 0.2               | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 6.1              | 5.9              | 0.2               | -0.2          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 57.4             | 57.4             | 0.2               | 0.0           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                       | 22.7             | 22.3             | 0.3               | -0.3          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>    |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                           | 14,229.4         | 14,235.6         | ...               | 6.2           | 96.5             | 96.5                    | 0.0           | 0.7              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                         | 12,298.7         | 12,303.4         | 21.0              | 4.7           | 75.5             | 75.5                    | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Employment                           | 11,525.3         | 11,559.6         | 23.0              | 34.3          | 85.4             | 85.4                    | 0.3           | 0.7              | 0.7                     |
| Unemployment                         | 773.5            | 743.9            | 17.8              | -29.6         | -9.7             | -9.7                    | -3.8          | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Participation rate                   | 86.4             | 86.4             | 0.1               | 0.0           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                    | 6.3              | 6.0              | 0.1               | -0.3          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                      | 81.0             | 81.2             | 0.2               | 0.2           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |

<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**

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Class of worker</b>                          |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Employees                                       | 13,611.3         | 13,662.9         | 30.7              | 51.6          | 179.6            | 179.6                   | 0.4           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Self-employed <sup>2</sup>                      | 2,504.0          | 2,485.8          | 17.8              | -18.2         | 48.4             | 48.4                    | -0.7          | 2.0              | 2.0                     |
| <b>Public/private sector employees</b>          |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Public sector employees                         | 3,127.2          | 3,148.1          | 17.6              | 20.9          | 88.3             | 88.3                    | 0.7           | 2.9              | 2.9                     |
| Private sector employees                        | 10,484.1         | 10,514.8         | 30.5              | 30.7          | 91.3             | 91.3                    | 0.3           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 16,115.3         | 16,148.8         | 29.5              | 33.5          | 228.1            | 228.1                   | 0.2           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   | 4,027.2          | 4,044.9          | 21.5              | 17.7          | 29.6             | 29.6                    | 0.4           | 0.7              | 0.7                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 327.9            | 333.7            | 6.0               | 5.8           | -12.8            | -12.8                   | 1.8           | -3.7             | -3.7                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 300.7            | 307.6            | 5.5               | 6.9           | 11.6             | 11.6                    | 2.3           | 3.9              | 3.9                     |
| Utilities                                       | 127.7            | 127.9            | 3.7               | 0.2           | -2.8             | -2.8                    | 0.2           | -2.1             | -2.1                    |
| Construction                                    | 1,014.1          | 1,017.7          | 12.5              | 3.6           | 60.6             | 60.6                    | 0.4           | 6.3              | 6.3                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 2,256.8          | 2,258.0          | 17.0              | 1.2           | -27.0            | -27.0                   | 0.1           | -1.2             | -1.2                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                | 12,088.1         | 12,103.9         | 30.3              | 15.8          | 198.5            | 198.5                   | 0.1           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Trade   | 2,556.1          | 2,536.4          | 18.4              | -19.7         | 59.0             | 59.0                    | -0.8          | 2.4              | 2.4                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 785.6            | 786.4            | 10.8              | 0.8           | 4.2              | 4.2                     | 0.1           | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 1,012.8          | 1,013.0          | 11.7              | 0.2           | 56.3             | 56.3                    | 0.0           | 5.9              | 5.9                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,028.8          | 1,043.6          | 12.3              | 14.8          | 59.1             | 59.1                    | 1.4           | 6.0              | 6.0                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 629.5            | 630.6            | 11.0              | 1.1           | -7.0             | -7.0                    | 0.2           | -1.1             | -1.1                    |
| Educational services                            | 1,067.1          | 1,077.3          | 11.7              | 10.2          | 16.2             | 16.2                    | 1.0           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 1,760.3          | 1,761.4          | 13.3              | 1.1           | 29.2             | 29.2                    | 0.1           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 718.5            | 712.8            | 11.2              | -5.7          | -4.2             | -4.2                    | -0.8          | -0.6             | -0.6                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 1,004.1          | 1,016.4          | 12.8              | 12.3          | -13.1            | -13.1                   | 1.2           | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Other services                                  | 701.2            | 700.6            | 10.5              | -0.6          | 1.0              | 1.0                     | -0.1          | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Public administration                           | 824.2            | 825.5            | 9.3               | 1.3           | -2.1             | -2.1                    | 0.2           | -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).

<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

|                                  | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                  |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 439.9            | 440.0            | ...               | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | 0.0           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Labour force                     | 259.3            | 261.2            | 2.5               | 1.9           | -1.6             | -1.6                    | 0.7           | -0.6             | -0.6                    |
| Employment                       | 216.6            | 221.2            | 2.7               | 4.6           | 5.6              | 5.6                     | 2.1           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Employment full-time             | 184.7            | 188.6            | 2.8               | 3.9           | 3.4              | 3.4                     | 2.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Employment part-time             | 31.9             | 32.7             | 2.0               | 0.8           | 2.3              | 2.3                     | 2.5           | 7.6              | 7.6                     |
| Unemployment                     | 42.7             | 40.0             | 2.5               | -2.7          | -7.2             | -7.2                    | -6.3          | -15.3            | -15.3                   |
| Participation rate               | 58.9             | 59.4             | 0.6               | 0.5           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 16.5             | 15.3             | 0.9               | -1.2          | -2.7             | -2.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 49.2             | 50.3             | 0.6               | 1.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>      |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 114.8            | 114.9            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                     | 80.2             | 80.1             | 0.7               | -0.1          | 2.0              | 2.0                     | -0.1          | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Employment                       | 71.8             | 71.7             | 0.7               | -0.1          | 1.5              | 1.5                     | -0.1          | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Employment full-time             | 59.6             | 60.1             | 0.8               | 0.5           | 2.0              | 2.0                     | 0.8           | 3.4              | 3.4                     |
| Employment part-time             | 12.1             | 11.6             | 0.7               | -0.5          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -4.1          | -4.1             | -4.1                    |
| Unemployment                     | 8.4              | 8.4              | 0.7               | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | 0.0           | 6.3              | 6.3                     |
| Participation rate               | 69.9             | 69.7             | 0.6               | -0.2          | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 10.5             | 10.5             | 0.8               | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 62.5             | 62.4             | 0.6               | -0.1          | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 766.1            | 766.4            | ...               | 0.3           | 4.4              | 4.4                     | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                     | 492.3            | 491.8            | 3.1               | -0.5          | 9.3              | 9.3                     | -0.1          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment                       | 448.0            | 447.7            | 3.4               | -0.3          | 8.5              | 8.5                     | -0.1          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment full-time             | 365.3            | 362.7            | 3.7               | -2.6          | 11.2             | 11.2                    | -0.7          | 3.2              | 3.2                     |
| Employment part-time             | 82.7             | 85.0             | 3.3               | 2.3           | -2.7             | -2.7                    | 2.8           | -3.1             | -3.1                    |
| Unemployment                     | 44.3             | 44.1             | 2.8               | -0.2          | 0.8              | 0.8                     | -0.5          | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Participation rate               | 64.3             | 64.2             | 0.4               | -0.1          | 0.9              | 0.9                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 9.0              | 9.0              | 0.5               | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 58.5             | 58.4             | 0.4               | -0.1          | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>             |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 614.2            | 614.4            | ...               | 0.2           | 3.8              | 3.8                     | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                     | 393.1            | 394.9            | 2.6               | 1.8           | 10.7             | 10.7                    | 0.5           | 2.8              | 2.8                     |
| Employment                       | 354.2            | 357.3            | 2.6               | 3.1           | 11.2             | 11.2                    | 0.9           | 3.2              | 3.2                     |
| Employment full-time             | 299.4            | 299.9            | 2.8               | 0.5           | 6.6              | 6.6                     | 0.2           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Employment part-time             | 54.8             | 57.5             | 2.2               | 2.7           | 4.8              | 4.8                     | 4.9           | 9.1              | 9.1                     |
| Unemployment                     | 38.8             | 37.6             | 2.3               | -1.2          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -3.1          | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Participation rate               | 64.0             | 64.3             | 0.4               | 0.3           | 1.4              | 1.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 9.9              | 9.5              | 0.6               | -0.4          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 57.7             | 58.2             | 0.4               | 0.5           | 1.5              | 1.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Quebec</b>                    |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                       | 6,174.4          | 6,179.5          | ...               | 5.1           | 67.4             | 67.4                    | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                     | 4,086.1          | 4,064.5          | 15.5              | -21.6         | 2.7              | 2.7                     | -0.5          | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Employment                       | 3,722.5          | 3,718.9          | 16.1              | -3.6          | 37.0             | 37.0                    | -0.1          | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Employment full-time             | 3,053.7          | 3,063.6          | 19.1              | 9.9           | 89.7             | 89.7                    | 0.3           | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Employment part-time             | 668.8            | 655.3            | 16.3              | -13.5         | -52.7            | -52.7                   | -2.0          | -7.4             | -7.4                    |
| Unemployment                     | 363.7            | 345.6            | 13.6              | -18.1         | -34.3            | -34.3                   | -5.0          | -9.0             | -9.0                    |
| Participation rate               | 66.2             | 65.8             | 0.3               | -0.4          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                | 8.9              | 8.5              | 0.3               | -0.4          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                  | 60.3             | 60.2             | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |

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

|                         | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                         |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Ontario</b>          |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population              | 10,017.6         | 10,030.0         | ...               | 12.4          | 172.7            | 172.7                   | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force            | 6,847.7          | 6,848.9          | 18.9              | 1.2           | 112.7            | 112.7                   | 0.0           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Employment              | 6,371.7          | 6,380.3          | 19.0              | 8.6           | 94.5             | 94.5                    | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time    | 5,210.7          | 5,215.0          | 22.4              | 4.3           | 68.8             | 68.8                    | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Employment part-time    | 1,161.0          | 1,165.3          | 19.9              | 4.3           | 25.6             | 25.6                    | 0.4           | 2.2              | 2.2                     |
| Unemployment            | 476.0            | 468.6            | 15.4              | -7.4          | 18.2             | 18.2                    | -1.6          | 4.0              | 4.0                     |
| Participation rate      | 68.4             | 68.3             | 0.2               | -0.1          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate       | 7.0              | 6.8              | 0.2               | -0.2          | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate         | 63.6             | 63.6             | 0.2               | 0.0           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Manitoba</b>         |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population              | 880.6            | 881.3            | ...               | 0.7           | 9.4              | 9.4                     | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force            | 611.0            | 610.5            | 2.7               | -0.5          | 9.7              | 9.7                     | -0.1          | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Employment              | 579.9            | 578.9            | 2.9               | -1.0          | 8.3              | 8.3                     | -0.2          | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time    | 467.9            | 469.0            | 3.7               | 1.1           | 7.7              | 7.7                     | 0.2           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Employment part-time    | 111.9            | 109.9            | 3.2               | -2.0          | 0.6              | 0.6                     | -1.8          | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Unemployment            | 31.1             | 31.5             | 2.1               | 0.4           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | 1.3           | 4.0              | 4.0                     |
| Participation rate      | 69.4             | 69.3             | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate       | 5.1              | 5.2              | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate         | 65.9             | 65.7             | 0.3               | -0.2          | 0.3              | 0.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>     |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population              | 758.6            | 758.9            | ...               | 0.3           | 2.7              | 2.7                     | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Labour force            | 522.8            | 524.8            | 2.5               | 2.0           | 7.0              | 7.0                     | 0.4           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Employment              | 494.6            | 495.6            | 2.6               | 1.0           | 7.2              | 7.2                     | 0.2           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time    | 399.0            | 397.9            | 3.1               | -1.1          | 5.5              | 5.5                     | -0.3          | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Employment part-time    | 95.6             | 97.7             | 2.9               | 2.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | 2.2           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Unemployment            | 28.2             | 29.2             | 1.8               | 1.0           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 3.5           | -0.3             | -0.3                    |
| Participation rate      | 68.9             | 69.2             | 0.3               | 0.3           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate       | 5.4              | 5.6              | 0.4               | 0.2           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate         | 65.2             | 65.3             | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Alberta</b>          |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population              | 2,534.7          | 2,538.2          | ...               | 3.5           | 44.5             | 44.5                    | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force            | 1,847.7          | 1,849.9          | 7.5               | 2.2           | 9.2              | 9.2                     | 0.1           | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Employment              | 1,763.2          | 1,766.9          | 8.4               | 3.7           | 15.4             | 15.4                    | 0.2           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Employment full-time    | 1,436.6          | 1,437.8          | 10.2              | 1.2           | 4.1              | 4.1                     | 0.1           | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Employment part-time    | 326.6            | 329.1            | 9.3               | 2.5           | 11.3             | 11.3                    | 0.8           | 3.6              | 3.6                     |
| Unemployment            | 84.5             | 83.0             | 5.9               | -1.5          | -6.2             | -6.2                    | -1.8          | -7.0             | -7.0                    |
| Participation rate      | 72.9             | 72.9             | 0.3               | 0.0           | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate       | 4.6              | 4.5              | 0.3               | -0.1          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate         | 69.6             | 69.6             | 0.3               | 0.0           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>British Columbia</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population              | 3,437.8          | 3,441.8          | ...               | 4.0           | 54.9             | 54.9                    | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force            | 2,236.8          | 2,246.2          | 11.3              | 9.4           | 23.6             | 23.6                    | 0.4           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Employment              | 2,092.9          | 2,110.2          | 11.7              | 17.3          | 38.8             | 38.8                    | 0.8           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment full-time    | 1,657.4          | 1,680.7          | 13.6              | 23.3          | 59.2             | 59.2                    | 1.4           | 3.7              | 3.7                     |
| Employment part-time    | 435.5            | 429.6            | 12.2              | -5.9          | -20.3            | -20.3                   | -1.4          | -4.5             | -4.5                    |
| Unemployment            | 143.9            | 136.0            | 9.0               | -7.9          | -15.1            | -15.1                   | -5.5          | -10.0            | -10.0                   |
| Participation rate      | 65.1             | 65.3             | 0.3               | 0.2           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate       | 6.4              | 6.1              | 0.4               | -0.3          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate         | 60.9             | 61.3             | 0.3               | 0.4           | 0.1              | 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 table 282-0087



Table 4

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 439.9            | 440.0            | ...               | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | 0.0           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 259.3            | 261.2            | 2.5               | 1.9           | -1.6             | -1.6                    | 0.7           | -0.6             | -0.6                    |
| Employment                                      | 216.6            | 221.2            | 2.7               | 4.6           | 5.6              | 5.6                     | 2.1           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 184.7            | 188.6            | 2.8               | 3.9           | 3.4              | 3.4                     | 2.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 42.7             | 40.0             | 2.5               | -2.7          | -7.2             | -7.2                    | -6.3          | -15.3            | -15.3                   |
| Participation rate                              | 58.9             | 59.4             | 0.6               | 0.5           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 16.5             | 15.3             | 0.9               | -1.2          | -2.7             | -2.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 49.2             | 50.3             | 0.6               | 1.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 14.7             | 14.8             | 0.9               | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 70.8             | 70.7             | ...               | -0.1          | -1.8             | -1.8                    | -0.1          | -2.5             | -2.5                    |
| Labour force                                    | 38.8             | 38.8             | 1.3               | 0.0           | -0.9             | -0.9                    | 0.0           | -2.3             | -2.3                    |
| Employment                                      | 28.6             | 30.8             | 1.3               | 2.2           | 2.6              | 2.6                     | 7.7           | 9.2              | 9.2                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 10.2             | 8.0              | 1.1               | -2.2          | -3.5             | -3.5                    | -21.6         | -30.4            | -30.4                   |
| Participation rate                              | 54.8             | 54.9             | 1.8               | 0.1           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 26.3             | 20.6             | 2.6               | -5.7          | -8.4             | -8.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 40.4             | 43.6             | 1.7               | 3.2           | 4.7              | 4.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 38.1             | 40.3             | 3.7               | 2.1           | 2.3              | 2.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 180.0            | 180.1            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 118.7            | 120.3            | 1.5               | 1.6           | 2.2              | 2.2                     | 1.3           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 100.7            | 102.0            | 1.6               | 1.3           | 4.2              | 4.2                     | 1.3           | 4.3              | 4.3                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 18.0             | 18.3             | 1.6               | 0.3           | -2.0             | -2.0                    | 1.7           | -9.9             | -9.9                    |
| Participation rate                              | 65.9             | 66.8             | 0.8               | 0.9           | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 15.2             | 15.2             | 1.2               | 0.0           | -2.0             | -2.0                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 55.9             | 56.6             | 0.9               | 0.7           | 2.0              | 2.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 4.5              | 4.6              | 0.8               | 0.1           | -1.0             | -1.0                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 189.1            | 189.2            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 101.7            | 102.1            | 1.3               | 0.4           | -3.0             | -3.0                    | 0.4           | -2.9             | -2.9                    |
| Employment                                      | 87.3             | 88.5             | 1.4               | 1.2           | -1.1             | -1.1                    | 1.4           | -1.2             | -1.2                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 14.4             | 13.7             | 1.2               | -0.7          | -1.8             | -1.8                    | -4.9          | -11.6            | -11.6                   |
| Participation rate                              | 53.8             | 54.0             | 0.7               | 0.2           | -1.9             | -1.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 14.2             | 13.4             | 1.1               | -0.8          | -1.3             | -1.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 46.2             | 46.8             | 0.8               | 0.6           | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.9             | 17.5             | 1.3               | -1.4          | 1.6              | 1.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 216.6            | 221.2            | 2.7               | 4.6           | 5.6              | 5.6                     | 2.1           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 49.9             | 51.7             | 1.8               | 1.8           | 3.3              | 3.3                     | 3.6           | 6.8              | 6.8                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 1.8              | 1.8              | 0.3               | 0.0           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 0.0           | 63.6             | 63.6                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 15.6             | 16.6             | 1.0               | 1.0           | -1.4             | -1.4                    | 6.4           | -7.8             | -7.8                    |
| Utilities                                       | 2.6              | 2.8              | 0.3               | 0.2           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | 7.7           | 27.3             | 27.3                    |
| Construction                                    | 13.1             | 13.8             | 0.8               | 0.7           | 3.6              | 3.6                     | 5.3           | 35.3             | 35.3                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 16.8             | 16.6             | 1.1               | -0.2          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | -1.2          | -1.2             | -1.2                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Services-producing sector                       | 166.7            | 169.5            | 2.3               | 2.8           | 2.3              | 2.3                     | 1.7           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Trade   | 38.5             | 39.4             | 1.2               | 0.9           | 4.4              | 4.4                     | 2.3           | 12.6             | 12.6                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 12.6             | 12.0             | 0.7               | -0.6          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -4.8          | -4.0             | -4.0                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 9.4              | 9.5              | 0.6               | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     | 1.1           | 23.4             | 23.4                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 5.7              | 6.0              | 0.6               | 0.3           | -1.4             | -1.4                    | 5.3           | -18.9            | -18.9                   |
| Business, building and other support services   | 8.3              | 7.9              | 0.8               | -0.4          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | -4.8          | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Educational services                            | 16.6             | 17.0             | 0.8               | 0.4           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | 2.4           | 3.7              | 3.7                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 30.1             | 30.8             | 1.0               | 0.7           | -0.5             | -0.5                    | 2.3           | -1.6             | -1.6                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 8.0              | 9.0              | 0.6               | 1.0           | 1.8              | 1.8                     | 12.5          | 25.0             | 25.0                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 12.9             | 13.6             | 0.9               | 0.7           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | 5.4           | 7.1              | 7.1                     |
| Other services                                  | 9.9              | 10.8             | 0.8               | 0.9           | -2.3             | -2.3                    | 9.1           | -17.6            | -17.6                   |
| Public administration                           | 14.5             | 13.6             | 0.8               | -0.9          | -2.4             | -2.4                    | -6.2          | -15.0            | -15.0                   |

<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 5

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 114.8            | 114.9            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 80.2             | 80.1             | 0.7               | -0.1          | 2.0              | 2.0                     | -0.1          | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Employment                                      | 71.8             | 71.7             | 0.7               | -0.1          | 1.5              | 1.5                     | -0.1          | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 59.6             | 60.1             | 0.8               | 0.5           | 2.0              | 2.0                     | 0.8           | 3.4              | 3.4                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 8.4              | 8.4              | 0.7               | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | 0.0           | 6.3              | 6.3                     |
| Participation rate                              | 69.9             | 69.7             | 0.6               | -0.2          | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 10.5             | 10.5             | 0.8               | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 62.5             | 62.4             | 0.6               | -0.1          | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 16.9             | 16.2             | 0.9               | -0.7          | -1.1             | -1.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 20.1             | 20.0             | ...               | -0.1          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | -0.5          | -0.5             | -0.5                    |
| Labour force                                    | 14.4             | 13.9             | 0.4               | -0.5          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | -3.5          | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 11.8             | 11.6             | 0.4               | -0.2          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | -1.7          | -0.9             | -0.9                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 2.6              | 2.4              | 0.3               | -0.2          | 0.6              | 0.6                     | -7.7          | 33.3             | 33.3                    |
| Participation rate                              | 71.6             | 69.5             | 1.9               | -2.1          | 2.3              | 2.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 18.1             | 17.3             | 2.4               | -0.8          | 4.0              | 4.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 58.7             | 58.0             | 2.0               | -0.7          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 40.7             | 42.2             | 3.2               | 1.6           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 45.7             | 45.7             | ...               | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | 0.0           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 34.0             | 34.0             | 0.4               | 0.0           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | 0.0           | 2.7              | 2.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 30.8             | 30.9             | 0.4               | 0.1           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | 0.3           | 3.3              | 3.3                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 3.1              | 3.1              | 0.4               | 0.0           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 0.0           | -3.1             | -3.1                    |
| Participation rate                              | 74.4             | 74.4             | 0.8               | 0.0           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 9.1              | 9.1              | 1.2               | 0.0           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 67.4             | 67.6             | 1.0               | 0.2           | 1.4              | 1.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 6.8              | 5.8              | 0.9               | -1.0          | 1.8              | 1.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <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                                    | 31.8             | 32.1             | 0.4               | 0.3           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | 0.9           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Employment                                      | 29.1             | 29.2             | 0.4               | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | 0.3           | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 2.7              | 2.9              | 0.3               | 0.2           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 7.4           | -3.3             | -3.3                    |
| Participation rate                              | 64.8             | 65.4             | 0.7               | 0.6           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.5              | 9.0              | 1.1               | 0.5           | -0.5             | -0.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 59.3             | 59.5             | 0.8               | 0.2           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.2             | 16.8             | 1.5               | -1.4          | -4.9             | -4.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 71.8             | 71.7             | 0.7               | -0.1          | 1.5              | 1.5                     | -0.1          | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 18.9             | 18.1             | 0.6               | -0.8          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | -4.2          | -3.7             | -3.7                    |
| Agriculture                                     | 4.1              | 3.4              | 0.3               | -0.7          | -0.8             | -0.8                    | -17.1         | -19.0            | -19.0                   |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 3.2              | 3.0              | 0.2               | -0.2          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -6.3          | 7.1              | 7.1                     |
| 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              | 0.2                     | 0.0           | 4.8              | 4.8                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 6.8              | 6.8              | 0.3               | 0.0           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | 0.0           | -4.2             | -4.2                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Services-producing sector                       | 52.9             | 53.6             | 0.7               | 0.7           | 2.2              | 2.2                     | 1.3           | 4.3              | 4.3                     |
| Trade   | 9.9              | 10.3             | 0.4               | 0.4           | -0.5             | -0.5                    | 4.0           | -4.6             | -4.6                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 2.3              | 2.4              | 0.2               | 0.1           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | 4.3           | -14.3            | -14.3                   |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 2.4              | 2.5              | 0.2               | 0.1           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 4.2           | -3.8             | -3.8                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 3.0              | 2.9              | 0.2               | -0.1          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -3.3          | 7.4              | 7.4                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 2.4              | 2.7              | 0.2               | 0.3           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | 12.5          | 17.4             | 17.4                    |
| Educational services                            | 5.2              | 5.1              | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -1.9          | 4.1              | 4.1                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 8.4              | 8.5              | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 1.2           | 9.0              | 9.0                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 2.7              | 2.7              | 0.3               | 0.0           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | 0.0           | 3.8              | 3.8                     |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 5.4              | 5.5              | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | 1.9           | 12.2             | 12.2                    |
| Other services                                  | 3.1              | 3.0              | 0.2               | -0.1          | -0.6             | -0.6                    | -3.2          | -16.7            | -16.7                   |
| Public administration                           | 7.9              | 8.0              | 0.3               | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     | 1.3           | 23.1             | 23.1                    |

<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 6

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 766.1            | 766.4            | ...               | 0.3           | 4.4              | 4.4                     | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 492.3            | 491.8            | 3.1               | -0.5          | 9.3              | 9.3                     | -0.1          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 448.0            | 447.7            | 3.4               | -0.3          | 8.5              | 8.5                     | -0.1          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 365.3            | 362.7            | 3.7               | -2.6          | 11.2             | 11.2                    | -0.7          | 3.2              | 3.2                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 44.3             | 44.1             | 2.8               | -0.2          | 0.8              | 0.8                     | -0.5          | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Participation rate                              | 64.3             | 64.2             | 0.4               | -0.1          | 0.9              | 0.9                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 9.0              | 9.0              | 0.5               | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 58.5             | 58.4             | 0.4               | -0.1          | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.5             | 19.0             | 0.7               | 0.5           | -1.0             | -1.0                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 124.6            | 124.6            | ...               | 0.0           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 85.5             | 85.6             | 1.8               | 0.1           | 2.6              | 2.6                     | 0.1           | 3.1              | 3.1                     |
| Employment                                      | 72.1             | 71.9             | 1.9               | -0.2          | 1.2              | 1.2                     | -0.3          | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 13.5             | 13.7             | 1.6               | 0.2           | 1.4              | 1.4                     | 1.5           | 11.4             | 11.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 68.6             | 68.7             | 1.5               | 0.1           | 1.7              | 1.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 15.8             | 16.0             | 1.8               | 0.2           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 57.9             | 57.7             | 1.5               | -0.2          | 0.6              | 0.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 42.4             | 42.6             | 2.4               | 0.1           | -4.4             | -4.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 306.1            | 306.2            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                                    | 215.9            | 214.7            | 1.6               | -1.2          | 4.1              | 4.1                     | -0.6          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 199.2            | 198.4            | 1.9               | -0.8          | 5.4              | 5.4                     | -0.4          | 2.8              | 2.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 16.8             | 16.3             | 1.7               | -0.5          | -1.3             | -1.3                    | -3.0          | -7.4             | -7.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 70.5             | 70.1             | 0.5               | -0.4          | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.8              | 7.6              | 0.8               | -0.2          | -0.8             | -0.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 65.1             | 64.8             | 0.6               | -0.3          | 1.5              | 1.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 6.1              | 6.3              | 0.7               | 0.2           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 335.4            | 335.5            | ...               | 0.1           | 2.0              | 2.0                     | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 190.8            | 191.5            | 1.7               | 0.7           | 2.6              | 2.6                     | 0.4           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Employment                                      | 176.8            | 177.4            | 1.7               | 0.6           | 1.9              | 1.9                     | 0.3           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 14.0             | 14.1             | 1.4               | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 0.7           | 5.2              | 5.2                     |
| Participation rate                              | 56.9             | 57.1             | 0.5               | 0.2           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.3              | 7.4              | 0.7               | 0.1           | 0.3              | 0.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 52.7             | 52.9             | 0.5               | 0.2           | 0.3              | 0.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 22.6             | 23.6             | 1.1               | 1.1           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 448.0            | 447.7            | 3.4               | -0.3          | 8.5              | 8.5                     | -0.1          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 99.3             | 98.1             | 2.2               | -1.2          | -1.6             | -1.6                    | -1.2          | -1.6             | -1.6                    |
| Agriculture                                     | 6.7              | 5.9              | 0.6               | -0.8          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | -11.9         | -10.6            | -10.6                   |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 14.9             | 14.4             | 1.0               | -0.5          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | -3.4          | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Utilities                                       | 3.0              | 3.0              | 0.3               | 0.0           | 0.3              | 0.3                     | 0.0           | 11.1             | 11.1                    |
| Construction                                    | 28.1             | 28.2             | 1.3               | 0.1           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 0.4           | -0.4             | -0.4                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 46.6             | 46.6             | 1.4               | 0.0           | -1.1             | -1.1                    | 0.0           | -2.3             | -2.3                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Services-producing sector                       | 348.7            | 349.6            | 2.9               | 0.9           | 10.2             | 10.2                    | 0.3           | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Trade   | 78.3             | 76.3             | 1.8               | -2.0          | 1.6              | 1.6                     | -2.6          | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 21.1             | 21.3             | 1.0               | 0.2           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | 0.9           | 6.0              | 6.0                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 23.3             | 22.6             | 0.9               | -0.7          | 3.0              | 3.0                     | -3.0          | 15.3             | 15.3                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 20.8             | 21.3             | 0.9               | 0.5           | 2.7              | 2.7                     | 2.4           | 14.5             | 14.5                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 23.2             | 22.9             | 1.2               | -0.3          | -1.2             | -1.2                    | -1.3          | -5.0             | -5.0                    |
| Educational services                            | 35.2             | 37.2             | 1.3               | 2.0           | 3.4              | 3.4                     | 5.7           | 10.1             | 10.1                    |
| Health care and social assistance               | 51.8             | 52.4             | 1.3               | 0.6           | -2.6             | -2.6                    | 1.2           | -4.7             | -4.7                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 17.8             | 18.0             | 1.1               | 0.2           | -0.8             | -0.8                    | 1.1           | -4.3             | -4.3                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 31.7             | 32.9             | 1.4               | 1.2           | 6.6              | 6.6                     | 3.8           | 25.1             | 25.1                    |
| Other services                                  | 21.0             | 21.0             | 1.1               | 0.0           | 1.9              | 1.9                     | 0.0           | 9.9              | 9.9                     |
| Public administration                           | 24.6             | 23.7             | 1.0               | -0.9          | -5.7             | -5.7                    | -3.7          | -19.4            | -19.4                   |

<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 7

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 614.2            | 614.4            | ...               | 0.2           | 3.8              | 3.8                     | 0.0           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 393.1            | 394.9            | 2.6               | 1.8           | 10.7             | 10.7                    | 0.5           | 2.8              | 2.8                     |
| Employment                                      | 354.2            | 357.3            | 2.6               | 3.1           | 11.2             | 11.2                    | 0.9           | 3.2              | 3.2                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 299.4            | 299.9            | 2.8               | 0.5           | 6.6              | 6.6                     | 0.2           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 38.8             | 37.6             | 2.3               | -1.2          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -3.1          | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Participation rate                              | 64.0             | 64.3             | 0.4               | 0.3           | 1.4              | 1.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 9.9              | 9.5              | 0.6               | -0.4          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 57.7             | 58.2             | 0.4               | 0.5           | 1.5              | 1.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 15.5             | 16.1             | 0.6               | 0.6           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 97.2             | 97.1             | ...               | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    |
| Labour force                                    | 63.1             | 63.4             | 1.4               | 0.3           | -0.8             | -0.8                    | 0.5           | -1.2             | -1.2                    |
| Employment                                      | 52.9             | 54.1             | 1.4               | 1.2           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | 2.3           | 0.7              | 0.7                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 10.2             | 9.3              | 1.3               | -0.9          | -1.2             | -1.2                    | -8.8          | -11.4            | -11.4                   |
| Participation rate                              | 64.9             | 65.3             | 1.4               | 0.4           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 16.2             | 14.7             | 1.9               | -1.5          | -1.7             | -1.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 54.4             | 55.7             | 1.4               | 1.3           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 39.1             | 41.6             | 2.2               | 2.5           | 1.7              | 1.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 249.8            | 250.0            | ...               | 0.2           | 1.9              | 1.9                     | 0.1           | 0.8              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 173.8            | 175.2            | 1.5               | 1.4           | 4.0              | 4.0                     | 0.8           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Employment                                      | 156.5            | 157.9            | 1.6               | 1.4           | 4.0              | 4.0                     | 0.9           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 17.3             | 17.3             | 1.5               | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Participation rate                              | 69.6             | 70.1             | 0.6               | 0.5           | 1.1              | 1.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 10.0             | 9.9              | 0.8               | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 62.7             | 63.2             | 0.6               | 0.5           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 4.0              | 4.1              | 0.6               | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 267.2            | 267.3            | ...               | 0.1           | 2.1              | 2.1                     | 0.0           | 0.8              | 0.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 156.2            | 156.3            | 1.4               | 0.1           | 7.5              | 7.5                     | 0.1           | 5.0              | 5.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 144.8            | 145.3            | 1.4               | 0.5           | 6.9              | 6.9                     | 0.3           | 5.0              | 5.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 11.4             | 11.0             | 1.2               | -0.4          | 0.7              | 0.7                     | -3.5          | 6.8              | 6.8                     |
| Participation rate                              | 58.5             | 58.5             | 0.5               | 0.0           | 2.4              | 2.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.3              | 7.0              | 0.8               | -0.3          | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 54.2             | 54.4             | 0.5               | 0.2           | 2.2              | 2.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 19.2             | 19.7             | 1.0               | 0.5           | 1.5              | 1.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
|   | 354.2            | 357.3            | 2.6               | 3.1           | 11.2             | 11.2                    | 0.9           | 3.2              | 3.2                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Agriculture                                     | 83.5             | 83.9             | 1.8               | 0.4           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | 0.5           | -0.4             | -0.4                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 5.5              | 5.3              | 0.5               | -0.2          | 0.7              | 0.7                     | -3.6          | 15.2             | 15.2                    |
| Utilities                                       | 13.1             | 13.4             | 0.8               | 0.3           | 1.3              | 1.3                     | 2.3           | 10.7             | 10.7                    |
| Construction                                    | 3.6              | 3.5              | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.1              | 0.1                     | -2.8          | 2.9              | 2.9                     |
| Manufacturing                                   | 20.5             | 20.4             | 1.0               | -0.1          | 0.9              | 0.9                     | -0.5          | 4.6              | 4.6                     |
|   | 40.8             | 41.3             | 1.3               | 0.5           | -3.3             | -3.3                    | 1.2           | -7.4             | -7.4                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
|   | 270.7            | 273.4            | 2.4               | 2.7           | 11.5             | 11.5                    | 1.0           | 4.4              | 4.4                     |
| Trade   | 54.9             | 55.1             | 1.3               | 0.2           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | 0.4           | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 20.6             | 20.6             | 0.8               | 0.0           | 3.0              | 3.0                     | 0.0           | 17.0             | 17.0                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 14.9             | 14.0             | 0.6               | -0.9          | -0.8             | -0.8                    | -6.0          | -5.4             | -5.4                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 15.8             | 16.0             | 0.7               | 0.2           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | 1.3           | 11.1             | 11.1                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 20.4             | 21.2             | 1.0               | 0.8           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | 3.9           | -1.9             | -1.9                    |
| Educational services                            | 26.6             | 26.6             | 0.9               | 0.0           | 2.4              | 2.4                     | 0.0           | 9.9              | 9.9                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 47.6             | 47.8             | 1.1               | 0.2           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | 0.4           | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 11.4             | 12.1             | 0.7               | 0.7           | 2.3              | 2.3                     | 6.1           | 23.5             | 23.5                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 20.8             | 21.7             | 1.0               | 0.9           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 4.3           | -0.5             | -0.5                    |
| Other services                                  | 17.6             | 17.9             | 0.9               | 0.3           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | 1.7           | 5.3              | 5.3                     |
| Public administration                           | 20.2             | 20.5             | 0.7               | 0.3           | 2.5              | 2.5                     | 1.5           | 13.9             | 13.9                    |

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

Table 8

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 6,174.4          | 6,179.5          | ...               | 5.1           | 67.4             | 67.4                    | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 4,086.1          | 4,064.5          | 15.5              | -21.6         | 2.7              | 2.7                     | -0.5          | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Employment                                      | 3,722.5          | 3,718.9          | 16.1              | -3.6          | 37.0             | 37.0                    | -0.1          | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 3,053.7          | 3,063.6          | 19.1              | 9.9           | 89.7             | 89.7                    | 0.3           | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 363.7            | 345.6            | 13.6              | -18.1         | -34.3            | -34.3                   | -5.0          | -9.0             | -9.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 66.2             | 65.8             | 0.3               | -0.4          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.9              | 8.5              | 0.3               | -0.4          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.3             | 60.2             | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.0             | 17.6             | 0.4               | -0.3          | -1.6             | -1.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 947.8            | 947.7            | ...               | -0.1          | -2.5             | -2.5                    | 0.0           | -0.3             | -0.3                    |
| Labour force                                    | 647.5            | 634.0            | 8.8               | -13.5         | -17.1            | -17.1                   | -2.1          | -2.6             | -2.6                    |
| Employment                                      | 554.2            | 549.1            | 8.6               | -5.1          | 3.4              | 3.4                     | -0.9          | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 93.3             | 84.9             | 7.4               | -8.4          | -20.4            | -20.4                   | -9.0          | -19.4            | -19.4                   |
| Participation rate                              | 68.3             | 66.9             | 0.9               | -1.4          | -1.6             | -1.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 14.4             | 13.4             | 1.1               | -1.0          | -2.8             | -2.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 58.5             | 57.9             | 0.9               | -0.6          | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 45.5             | 46.5             | 1.5               | 1.0           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 2,550.1          | 2,552.8          | ...               | 2.7           | 35.6             | 35.6                    | 0.1           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,873.2          | 1,861.9          | 8.3               | -11.3         | 16.2             | 16.2                    | -0.6          | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Employment                                      | 1,714.4          | 1,708.3          | 9.4               | -6.1          | 14.1             | 14.1                    | -0.4          | 0.8              | 0.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 158.8            | 153.6            | 8.0               | -5.2          | 2.1              | 2.1                     | -3.3          | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Participation rate                              | 73.5             | 72.9             | 0.3               | -0.6          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 8.5              | 8.2              | 0.4               | -0.3          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 67.2             | 66.9             | 0.4               | -0.3          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 6.5              | 6.0              | 0.5               | -0.4          | -1.4             | -1.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 2,676.5          | 2,679.0          | ...               | 2.5           | 34.3             | 34.3                    | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,565.4          | 1,568.6          | 8.9               | 3.2           | 3.5              | 3.5                     | 0.2           | 0.2              | 0.2                     |
| Employment                                      | 1,453.8          | 1,461.5          | 9.1               | 7.7           | 19.6             | 19.6                    | 0.5           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 111.6            | 107.1            | 7.5               | -4.5          | -16.0            | -16.0                   | -4.0          | -13.0            | -13.0                   |
| Participation rate                              | 58.5             | 58.6             | 0.3               | 0.1           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.1              | 6.8              | 0.5               | -0.3          | -1.1             | -1.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 54.3             | 54.6             | 0.3               | 0.3           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 21.1             | 20.3             | 0.7               | -0.7          | -2.7             | -2.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 3,722.5          | 3,718.9          | 16.1              | -3.6          | 37.0             | 37.0                    | -0.1          | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Agriculture                                     | 922.2            | 927.0            | 11.2              | 4.8           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | 0.5           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 46.9             | 44.6             | 2.6               | -2.3          | -12.4            | -12.4                   | -4.9          | -21.8            | -21.8                   |
| Utilities                                       | 37.0             | 40.3             | 2.2               | 3.3           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | 8.9           | 4.1              | 4.1                     |
| Construction                                    | 31.5             | 29.3             | 2.2               | -2.2          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | -7.0          | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 180.8            | 178.2            | 5.8               | -2.6          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | -1.4          | 0.2              | 0.2                     |
| Services-producing sector                       | 625.9            | 634.5            | 9.5               | 8.6           | 11.5             | 11.5                    | 1.4           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Trade   | 2,800.3          | 2,791.9          | 16.2              | -8.4          | 36.2             | 36.2                    | -0.3          | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 624.8            | 615.5            | 10.7              | -9.3          | 9.8              | 9.8                     | -1.5          | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 171.5            | 164.8            | 5.7               | -6.7          | 1.2              | 1.2                     | -3.9          | 0.7              | 0.7                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 219.5            | 218.2            | 5.9               | -1.3          | 17.5             | 17.5                    | -0.6          | 8.7              | 8.7                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 217.6            | 225.2            | 6.3               | 7.6           | 12.7             | 12.7                    | 3.5           | 6.0              | 6.0                     |
| Educational services                            | 123.5            | 127.6            | 5.3               | 4.1           | 15.2             | 15.2                    | 3.3           | 13.5             | 13.5                    |
| Health care and social assistance               | 234.6            | 236.3            | 6.6               | 1.7           | -18.5            | -18.5                   | 0.7           | -7.3             | -7.3                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 446.6            | 447.3            | 8.1               | 0.7           | -4.9             | -4.9                    | 0.2           | -1.1             | -1.1                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 173.4            | 170.5            | 6.1               | -2.9          | 9.2              | 9.2                     | -1.7          | 5.7              | 5.7                     |
| Other services                                  | 206.1            | 207.6            | 6.8               | 1.5           | -2.7             | -2.7                    | 0.7           | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Public administration                           | 165.9            | 161.4            | 5.9               | -4.5          | -6.3             | -6.3                    | -2.7          | -3.8             | -3.8                    |
| Public administration                           | 216.7            | 217.5            | 5.3               | 0.8           | 3.0              | 3.0                     | 0.4           | 1.4              | 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 9

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 10,017.6         | 10,030.0         | ...               | 12.4          | 172.7            | 172.7                   | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 6,847.7          | 6,848.9          | 18.9              | 1.2           | 112.7            | 112.7                   | 0.0           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 6,371.7          | 6,380.3          | 19.0              | 8.6           | 94.5             | 94.5                    | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 5,210.7          | 5,215.0          | 22.4              | 4.3           | 68.8             | 68.8                    | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 476.0            | 468.6            | 15.4              | -7.4          | 18.2             | 18.2                    | -1.6          | 4.0              | 4.0                     |
| Participation rate                              | 68.4             | 68.3             | 0.2               | -0.1          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.0              | 6.8              | 0.2               | -0.2          | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 63.6             | 63.6             | 0.2               | 0.0           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.2             | 18.3             | 0.3               | 0.0           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,641.1          | 1,643.4          | ...               | 2.3           | 32.3             | 32.3                    | 0.1           | 2.0              | 2.0                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,078.3          | 1,069.2          | 11.1              | -9.1          | -9.3             | -9.3                    | -0.8          | -0.9             | -0.9                    |
| Employment                                      | 923.1            | 918.0            | 10.3              | -5.1          | -1.5             | -1.5                    | -0.6          | -0.2             | -0.2                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 155.3            | 151.2            | 9.2               | -4.1          | -7.8             | -7.8                    | -2.6          | -4.9             | -4.9                    |
| Participation rate                              | 65.7             | 65.1             | 0.7               | -0.6          | -1.8             | -1.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 14.4             | 14.1             | 0.8               | -0.3          | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 56.2             | 55.9             | 0.6               | -0.3          | -1.2             | -1.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 48.7             | 48.7             | 1.1               | 0.0           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 4,068.3          | 4,073.2          | ...               | 4.9           | 66.9             | 66.9                    | 0.1           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 3,067.5          | 3,079.0          | 9.5               | 11.5          | 59.1             | 59.1                    | 0.4           | 2.0              | 2.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 2,912.4          | 2,921.2          | 10.6              | 8.8           | 50.6             | 50.6                    | 0.3           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 155.1            | 157.8            | 8.5               | 2.7           | 8.5              | 8.5                     | 1.7           | 5.7              | 5.7                     |
| Participation rate                              | 75.4             | 75.6             | 0.2               | 0.2           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.1              | 5.1              | 0.3               | 0.0           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 71.6             | 71.7             | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 5.7              | 5.9              | 0.3               | 0.2           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 4,308.2          | 4,313.4          | ...               | 5.2           | 73.5             | 73.5                    | 0.1           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 2,701.9          | 2,700.7          | 11.1              | -1.2          | 62.9             | 62.9                    | 0.0           | 2.4              | 2.4                     |
| Employment                                      | 2,536.3          | 2,541.1          | 11.1              | 4.8           | 45.3             | 45.3                    | 0.2           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 165.7            | 159.6            | 8.0               | -6.1          | 17.6             | 17.6                    | -3.7          | 12.4             | 12.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 62.7             | 62.6             | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.1              | 5.9              | 0.3               | -0.2          | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 58.9             | 58.9             | 0.3               | 0.0           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 21.5             | 21.5             | 0.5               | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 6,371.7          | 6,380.3          | 19.0              | 8.6           | 94.5             | 94.5                    | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 1,631.1          | 1,640.5          | 14.4              | 9.4           | -11.5            | -11.5                   | 0.6           | -0.7             | -0.7                    |
| Agriculture                                     | 77.2             | 82.7             | 3.2               | 5.5           | -4.4             | -4.4                    | 7.1           | -5.1             | -5.1                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 39.1             | 37.5             | 1.8               | -1.6          | 5.7              | 5.7                     | -4.1          | 17.9             | 17.9                    |
| Utilities                                       | 52.8             | 55.0             | 2.4               | 2.2           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | 4.2           | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Construction                                    | 376.8            | 386.6            | 8.5               | 9.8           | -8.7             | -8.7                    | 2.6           | -2.2             | -2.2                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 1,085.3          | 1,078.7          | 12.0              | -6.6          | -4.1             | -4.1                    | -0.6          | -0.4             | -0.4                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Services-producing sector                       | 4,740.6          | 4,739.8          | 20.1              | -0.8          | 105.9            | 105.9                   | 0.0           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Trade   | 1,013.5          | 998.7            | 11.7              | -14.8         | 60.3             | 60.3                    | -1.5          | 6.4              | 6.4                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 285.0            | 294.8            | 7.4               | 9.8           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | 3.4           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 460.9            | 464.7            | 8.4               | 3.8           | 30.8             | 30.8                    | 0.8           | 7.1              | 7.1                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 447.9            | 452.0            | 8.6               | 4.1           | 36.3             | 36.3                    | 0.9           | 8.7              | 8.7                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 265.5            | 260.8            | 7.7               | -4.7          | -29.0            | -29.0                   | -1.8          | -10.0            | -10.0                   |
| Educational services                            | 408.6            | 414.6            | 7.4               | 6.0           | 21.5             | 21.5                    | 1.5           | 5.5              | 5.5                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 642.2            | 641.3            | 8.2               | -0.9          | 15.4             | 15.4                    | -0.1          | 2.5              | 2.5                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 289.5            | 282.0            | 7.4               | -7.5          | -10.0            | -10.0                   | -2.6          | -3.4             | -3.4                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 353.4            | 358.7            | 8.1               | 5.3           | -25.9            | -25.9                   | 1.5           | -6.7             | -6.7                    |
| Other services                                  | 254.5            | 255.4            | 6.7               | 0.9           | 2.8              | 2.8                     | 0.4           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Public administration                           | 319.5            | 316.9            | 6.1               | -2.6          | 3.5              | 3.5                     | -0.8          | 1.1              | 1.1                     |

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

Table 10

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 880.6            | 881.3            | ...               | 0.7           | 9.4              | 9.4                     | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 611.0            | 610.5            | 2.7               | -0.5          | 9.7              | 9.7                     | -0.1          | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Employment                                      | 579.9            | 578.9            | 2.9               | -1.0          | 8.3              | 8.3                     | -0.2          | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 467.9            | 469.0            | 3.7               | 1.1           | 7.7              | 7.7                     | 0.2           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 31.1             | 31.5             | 2.1               | 0.4           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | 1.3           | 4.0              | 4.0                     |
| Participation rate                              | 69.4             | 69.3             | 0.3               | -0.1          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.1              | 5.2              | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 65.9             | 65.7             | 0.3               | -0.2          | 0.3              | 0.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 19.3             | 19.0             | 0.6               | -0.3          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 153.3            | 153.6            | ...               | 0.3           | 2.6              | 2.6                     | 0.2           | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Labour force                                    | 106.5            | 107.1            | 1.7               | 0.6           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | 0.6           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Employment                                      | 95.1             | 95.3             | 1.7               | 0.2           | -2.4             | -2.4                    | 0.2           | -2.5             | -2.5                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 11.3             | 11.8             | 1.4               | 0.5           | 2.5              | 2.5                     | 4.4           | 26.9             | 26.9                    |
| Participation rate                              | 69.5             | 69.7             | 1.1               | 0.2           | -1.2             | -1.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 10.6             | 11.0             | 1.2               | 0.4           | 2.3              | 2.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 62.0             | 62.0             | 1.1               | 0.0           | -2.7             | -2.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 42.8             | 43.7             | 1.8               | 0.9           | -1.4             | -1.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 355.0            | 355.2            | ...               | 0.2           | 3.2              | 3.2                     | 0.1           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Labour force                                    | 271.1            | 271.2            | 1.4               | 0.1           | 5.8              | 5.8                     | 0.0           | 2.2              | 2.2                     |
| Employment                                      | 259.9            | 260.3            | 1.6               | 0.4           | 6.7              | 6.7                     | 0.2           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 11.2             | 10.9             | 1.2               | -0.3          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | -2.7          | -7.6             | -7.6                    |
| Participation rate                              | 76.4             | 76.4             | 0.4               | 0.0           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.1              | 4.0              | 0.5               | -0.1          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 73.2             | 73.3             | 0.4               | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 6.7              | 5.9              | 0.6               | -0.8          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 372.3            | 372.5            | ...               | 0.2           | 3.5              | 3.5                     | 0.1           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Labour force                                    | 233.4            | 232.2            | 1.6               | -1.2          | 3.8              | 3.8                     | -0.5          | 1.7              | 1.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 224.8            | 223.3            | 1.6               | -1.5          | 4.1              | 4.1                     | -0.7          | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 8.6              | 8.9              | 1.1               | 0.3           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | 3.5           | -3.3             | -3.3                    |
| Participation rate                              | 62.7             | 62.3             | 0.4               | -0.4          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.7              | 3.8              | 0.5               | 0.1           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.4             | 59.9             | 0.4               | -0.5          | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 23.9             | 23.7             | 1.0               | -0.2          | 1.8              | 1.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 579.9            | 578.9            | 2.9               | -1.0          | 8.3              | 8.3                     | -0.2          | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 150.1            | 145.9            | 2.2               | -4.2          | 3.2              | 3.2                     | -2.8          | 2.2              | 2.2                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 34.8             | 34.2             | 1.2               | -0.6          | 2.5              | 2.5                     | -1.7          | 7.9              | 7.9                     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 6.8              | 6.9              | 0.5               | 0.1           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | 1.5           | 15.0             | 15.0                    |
| Utilities                                       | 7.5              | 6.8              | 0.4               | -0.7          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -9.3          | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Construction                                    | 31.9             | 30.0             | 1.2               | -1.9          | 3.5              | 3.5                     | -6.0          | 13.2             | 13.2                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 69.0             | 68.1             | 1.6               | -0.9          | -3.9             | -3.9                    | -1.3          | -5.4             | -5.4                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Services-producing sector                       | 429.8            | 433.0            | 2.9               | 3.2           | 5.2              | 5.2                     | 0.7           | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Trade   | 85.4             | 84.7             | 1.7               | -0.7          | -0.8             | -0.8                    | -0.8          | -0.9             | -0.9                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 32.5             | 32.0             | 1.1               | -0.5          | -2.3             | -2.3                    | -1.5          | -6.7             | -6.7                    |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 29.9             | 31.4             | 1.0               | 1.5           | 1.4              | 1.4                     | 5.0           | 4.7              | 4.7                     |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 24.5             | 25.6             | 0.9               | 1.1           | 1.9              | 1.9                     | 4.5           | 8.0              | 8.0                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 21.0             | 20.7             | 1.0               | -0.3          | 4.2              | 4.2                     | -1.4          | 25.5             | 25.5                    |
| Educational services                            | 44.2             | 44.0             | 1.3               | -0.2          | 1.1              | 1.1                     | -0.5          | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 77.8             | 78.9             | 1.4               | 1.1           | 4.0              | 4.0                     | 1.4           | 5.3              | 5.3                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 21.9             | 23.3             | 1.1               | 1.4           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | 6.4           | -0.9             | -0.9                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 32.2             | 32.7             | 1.4               | 0.5           | -6.7             | -6.7                    | 1.6           | -17.0            | -17.0                   |
| Other services                                  | 23.9             | 22.8             | 1.1               | -1.1          | -1.6             | -1.6                    | -4.6          | -6.6             | -6.6                    |
| Public administration                           | 36.6             | 36.8             | 1.0               | 0.2           | 3.9              | 3.9                     | 0.5           | 11.9             | 11.9                    |

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

Table 11

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 758.6            | 758.9            | ...               | 0.3           | 2.7              | 2.7                     | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Labour force                                    | 522.8            | 524.8            | 2.5               | 2.0           | 7.0              | 7.0                     | 0.4           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Employment                                      | 494.6            | 495.6            | 2.6               | 1.0           | 7.2              | 7.2                     | 0.2           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 399.0            | 397.9            | 3.1               | -1.1          | 5.5              | 5.5                     | -0.3          | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 28.2             | 29.2             | 1.8               | 1.0           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 3.5           | -0.3             | -0.3                    |
| Participation rate                              | 68.9             | 69.2             | 0.3               | 0.3           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 5.4              | 5.6              | 0.4               | 0.2           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 65.2             | 65.3             | 0.3               | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 19.3             | 19.7             | 0.6               | 0.4           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <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                                    | 94.1             | 95.8             | 1.6               | 1.7           | 2.5              | 2.5                     | 1.8           | 2.7              | 2.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 84.7             | 86.2             | 1.5               | 1.5           | 4.5              | 4.5                     | 1.8           | 5.5              | 5.5                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 9.4              | 9.6              | 1.2               | 0.2           | -2.0             | -2.0                    | 2.1           | -17.2            | -17.2                   |
| Participation rate                              | 68.0             | 69.2             | 1.1               | 1.2           | 1.7              | 1.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 10.0             | 10.0             | 1.2               | 0.0           | -2.4             | -2.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 61.2             | 62.3             | 1.1               | 1.1           | 3.2              | 3.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 40.7             | 40.4             | 1.8               | -0.4          | -1.7             | -1.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 302.3            | 302.4            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Labour force                                    | 230.3            | 230.5            | 1.3               | 0.2           | 1.4              | 1.4                     | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Employment                                      | 219.3            | 218.2            | 1.4               | -1.1          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | -0.5          | -0.1             | -0.1                    |
| Unemployment                                    | 11.0             | 12.3             | 1.1               | 1.3           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | 11.8          | 15.0             | 15.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 76.2             | 76.2             | 0.4               | 0.0           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.8              | 5.3              | 0.5               | 0.5           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 72.5             | 72.2             | 0.5               | -0.3          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 5.9              | 6.1              | 0.6               | 0.2           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 317.9            | 318.0            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Labour force                                    | 198.4            | 198.5            | 1.4               | 0.1           | 3.1              | 3.1                     | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Employment                                      | 190.6            | 191.2            | 1.4               | 0.6           | 2.9              | 2.9                     | 0.3           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 7.7              | 7.3              | 0.9               | -0.4          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -5.2          | 2.8              | 2.8                     |
| Participation rate                              | 62.4             | 62.4             | 0.5               | 0.0           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.9              | 3.7              | 0.5               | -0.2          | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.0             | 60.1             | 0.5               | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 25.3             | 25.9             | 1.0               | 0.5           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 494.6            | 495.6            | 2.6               | 1.0           | 7.2              | 7.2                     | 0.2           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 132.5            | 132.8            | 1.9               | 0.3           | 7.1              | 7.1                     | 0.2           | 5.6              | 5.6                     |
| Agriculture                                     | 48.9             | 48.5             | 1.4               | -0.4          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | -0.8          | -0.8             | -0.8                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 18.6             | 18.8             | 0.9               | 0.2           | -1.8             | -1.8                    | 1.1           | -8.7             | -8.7                    |
| Utilities                                       | 6.0              | 6.1              | 0.4               | 0.1           | 1.5              | 1.5                     | 1.7           | 32.6             | 32.6                    |
| Construction                                    | 28.5             | 28.7             | 1.0               | 0.2           | 5.8              | 5.8                     | 0.7           | 25.3             | 25.3                    |
| Manufacturing                                   | 30.4             | 30.7             | 0.9               | 0.3           | 1.9              | 1.9                     | 1.0           | 6.6              | 6.6                     |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Services-producing sector                       | 362.1            | 362.9            | 2.6               | 0.8           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | 0.2           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Trade   | 78.1             | 77.1             | 1.5               | -1.0          | -2.5             | -2.5                    | -1.3          | -3.1             | -3.1                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 24.1             | 23.8             | 0.9               | -0.3          | 0.5              | 0.5                     | -1.2          | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 25.9             | 25.7             | 0.8               | -0.2          | -1.2             | -1.2                    | -0.8          | -4.5             | -4.5                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 17.6             | 18.0             | 0.7               | 0.4           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 2.3           | 4.0              | 4.0                     |
| Business, building and other support services   | 13.5             | 13.4             | 0.7               | -0.1          | 1.2              | 1.2                     | -0.7          | 9.8              | 9.8                     |
| Educational services                            | 40.0             | 40.1             | 1.2               | 0.1           | -0.5             | -0.5                    | 0.3           | -1.2             | -1.2                    |
| Health care and social assistance               | 61.1             | 60.9             | 1.1               | -0.2          | 3.6              | 3.6                     | -0.3          | 6.3              | 6.3                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 20.1             | 20.0             | 0.8               | -0.1          | -3.3             | -3.3                    | -0.5          | -14.2            | -14.2                   |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 35.3             | 36.9             | 1.3               | 1.6           | 2.8              | 2.8                     | 4.5           | 8.2              | 8.2                     |
| Other services                                  | 22.5             | 22.8             | 1.0               | 0.3           | 2.0              | 2.0                     | 1.3           | 9.6              | 9.6                     |
| Public administration                           | 23.9             | 24.2             | 0.8               | 0.3           | -3.1             | -3.1                    | 1.3           | -11.4            | -11.4                   |

<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 12**  
**Selected labour force characteristics, Alberta (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 2,534.7          | 2,538.2          | ...               | 3.5           | 44.5             | 44.5                    | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,847.7          | 1,849.9          | 7.5               | 2.2           | 9.2              | 9.2                     | 0.1           | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Employment                                      | 1,763.2          | 1,766.9          | 8.4               | 3.7           | 15.4             | 15.4                    | 0.2           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 1,436.6          | 1,437.8          | 10.2              | 1.2           | 4.1              | 4.1                     | 0.1           | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 84.5             | 83.0             | 5.9               | -1.5          | -6.2             | -6.2                    | -1.8          | -7.0             | -7.0                    |
| Participation rate                              | 72.9             | 72.9             | 0.3               | 0.0           | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.6              | 4.5              | 0.3               | -0.1          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 69.6             | 69.6             | 0.3               | 0.0           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 18.5             | 18.6             | 0.5               | 0.1           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 471.0            | 471.4            | ...               | 0.4           | 5.1              | 5.1                     | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                    | 335.0            | 342.3            | 4.9               | 7.3           | 15.4             | 15.4                    | 2.2           | 4.7              | 4.7                     |
| Employment                                      | 309.0            | 315.3            | 5.0               | 6.3           | 15.1             | 15.1                    | 2.0           | 5.0              | 5.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 26.0             | 27.0             | 3.6               | 1.0           | 0.3              | 0.3                     | 3.8           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Participation rate                              | 71.1             | 72.6             | 1.1               | 1.5           | 2.5              | 2.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 7.8              | 7.9              | 1.1               | 0.1           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 65.6             | 66.9             | 1.1               | 1.3           | 2.5              | 2.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 39.4             | 39.5             | 1.7               | 0.1           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,032.4          | 1,034.0          | ...               | 1.6           | 19.9             | 19.9                    | 0.2           | 2.0              | 2.0                     |
| Labour force                                    | 828.2            | 828.8            | 3.8               | 0.6           | -5.9             | -5.9                    | 0.1           | -0.7             | -0.7                    |
| Employment                                      | 800.2            | 801.3            | 4.6               | 1.1           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | 0.1           | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 28.0             | 27.4             | 3.3               | -0.6          | -6.0             | -6.0                    | -2.1          | -18.0            | -18.0                   |
| Participation rate                              | 80.2             | 80.2             | 0.4               | 0.0           | -2.1             | -2.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.4              | 3.3              | 0.4               | -0.1          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 77.5             | 77.5             | 0.4               | 0.0           | -1.5             | -1.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 5.0              | 5.6              | 0.5               | 0.6           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,031.3          | 1,032.8          | ...               | 1.5           | 19.6             | 19.6                    | 0.1           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Labour force                                    | 684.5            | 678.8            | 4.4               | -5.7          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | -0.8          | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 654.0            | 650.3            | 4.5               | -3.7          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | -0.6          | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 30.6             | 28.5             | 3.1               | -2.1          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | -6.9          | -2.4             | -2.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 66.4             | 65.7             | 0.5               | -0.7          | -1.3             | -1.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.5              | 4.2              | 0.5               | -0.3          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 63.4             | 63.0             | 0.5               | -0.4          | -1.1             | -1.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 25.2             | 24.6             | 0.9               | -0.6          | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Industry  | 1,763.2          | 1,766.9          | 8.4               | 3.7           | 15.4             | 15.4                    | 0.2           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Agriculture                                     | 498.8            | 491.0            | 6.5               | -7.8          | -3.7             | -3.7                    | -1.6          | -0.7             | -0.7                    |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 66.9             | 66.6             | 2.6               | -0.3          | -5.4             | -5.4                    | -0.4          | -7.5             | -7.5                    |
| Utilities                                       | 116.5            | 117.2            | 3.2               | 0.7           | 8.2              | 8.2                     | 0.6           | 7.5              | 7.5                     |
| Construction                                    | 12.5             | 12.7             | 1.0               | 0.2           | -2.4             | -2.4                    | 1.6           | -15.9            | -15.9                   |
| Manufacturing                                   | 162.7            | 160.9            | 4.3               | -1.8          | 15.1             | 15.1                    | -1.1          | 10.4             | 10.4                    |
| Services-producing sector                       | 140.2            | 133.6            | 3.9               | -6.6          | -19.2            | -19.2                   | -4.7          | -12.6            | -12.6                   |
| Services-producing sector                       | 1,264.4          | 1,275.9          | 8.7               | 11.5          | 19.1             | 19.1                    | 0.9           | 1.5              | 1.5                     |
| Trade   | 269.6            | 273.0            | 5.0               | 3.4           | -1.9             | -1.9                    | 1.3           | -0.7             | -0.7                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 101.0            | 98.6             | 3.0               | -2.4          | 5.3              | 5.3                     | -2.4          | 5.7              | 5.7                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 91.5             | 90.4             | 2.8               | -1.1          | -1.7             | -1.7                    | -1.2          | -1.8             | -1.8                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 116.2            | 118.3            | 3.5               | 2.1           | -2.5             | -2.5                    | 1.8           | -2.1             | -2.1                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 64.3             | 63.3             | 3.1               | -1.0          | 2.8              | 2.8                     | -1.6          | 4.6              | 4.6                     |
| Educational services                            | 114.7            | 117.8            | 3.3               | 3.1           | 9.1              | 9.1                     | 2.7           | 8.4              | 8.4                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 165.1            | 166.5            | 3.4               | 1.4           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 0.8           | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 67.7             | 67.0             | 2.9               | -0.7          | -2.6             | -2.6                    | -1.0          | -3.7             | -3.7                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 125.4            | 128.1            | 3.8               | 2.7           | 7.9              | 7.9                     | 2.2           | 6.6              | 6.6                     |
| Other services                                  | 82.3             | 84.3             | 2.8               | 2.0           | 4.9              | 4.9                     | 2.4           | 6.2              | 6.2                     |
| Public administration                           | 66.7             | 68.8             | 2.3               | 2.1           | -2.9             | -2.9                    | 3.1           | -4.0             | -4.0                    |

<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 13

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

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 3,437.8          | 3,441.8          | ...               | 4.0           | 54.9             | 54.9                    | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 2,236.8          | 2,246.2          | 11.3              | 9.4           | 23.6             | 23.6                    | 0.4           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Employment                                      | 2,092.9          | 2,110.2          | 11.7              | 17.3          | 38.8             | 38.8                    | 0.8           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment full-time                            | 1,657.4          | 1,680.7          | 13.6              | 23.3          | 59.2             | 59.2                    | 1.4           | 3.7              | 3.7                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 143.9            | 136.0            | 9.0               | -7.9          | -15.1            | -15.1                   | -5.5          | -10.0            | -10.0                   |
| Participation rate                              | 65.1             | 65.3             | 0.3               | 0.2           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.4              | 6.1              | 0.4               | -0.3          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 60.9             | 61.3             | 0.3               | 0.4           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 20.8             | 20.4             | 0.6               | -0.5          | -1.4             | -1.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 558.9            | 559.4            | ...               | 0.5           | 6.9              | 6.9                     | 0.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                                    | 350.0            | 352.7            | 6.2               | 2.7           | -2.5             | -2.5                    | 0.8           | -0.7             | -0.7                    |
| Employment                                      | 310.1            | 312.9            | 6.3               | 2.8           | 3.2              | 3.2                     | 0.9           | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 39.9             | 39.8             | 5.2               | -0.1          | -5.7             | -5.7                    | -0.3          | -12.5            | -12.5                   |
| Participation rate                              | 62.6             | 63.0             | 1.1               | 0.4           | -1.3             | -1.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 11.4             | 11.3             | 1.4               | -0.1          | -1.5             | -1.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 55.5             | 55.9             | 1.1               | 0.4           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 43.7             | 41.9             | 2.0               | -1.8          | -6.1             | -6.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Men, 25 years and over</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,402.2          | 1,403.9          | ...               | 1.7           | 22.4             | 22.4                    | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force                                    | 1,015.1          | 1,020.9          | 6.0               | 5.8           | 29.7             | 29.7                    | 0.6           | 3.0              | 3.0                     |
| Employment                                      | 953.9            | 966.5            | 6.4               | 12.6          | 32.3             | 32.3                    | 1.3           | 3.5              | 3.5                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 61.2             | 54.4             | 5.4               | -6.8          | -2.5             | -2.5                    | -11.1         | -4.4             | -4.4                    |
| Participation rate                              | 72.4             | 72.7             | 0.4               | 0.3           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 6.0              | 5.3              | 0.5               | -0.7          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 68.0             | 68.8             | 0.5               | 0.8           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 7.8              | 8.1              | 0.6               | 0.4           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Women, 25 years and over</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                      | 1,476.7          | 1,478.5          | ...               | 1.8           | 25.5             | 25.5                    | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Labour force                                    | 871.8            | 872.6            | 6.4               | 0.8           | -3.6             | -3.6                    | 0.1           | -0.4             | -0.4                    |
| Employment                                      | 829.0            | 830.8            | 6.7               | 1.8           | 3.3              | 3.3                     | 0.2           | 0.4              | 0.4                     |
| Unemployment                                    | 42.8             | 41.8             | 4.6               | -1.0          | -6.9             | -6.9                    | -2.3          | -14.2            | -14.2                   |
| Participation rate                              | 59.0             | 59.0             | 0.4               | 0.0           | -1.3             | -1.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.9              | 4.8              | 0.5               | -0.1          | -0.8             | -0.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                                 | 56.1             | 56.2             | 0.5               | 0.1           | -0.8             | -0.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Part-time rate                                  | 27.2             | 26.4             | 1.0               | -0.8          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                 | 2,092.9          | 2,110.2          | 11.7              | 17.3          | 38.8             | 38.8                    | 0.8           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| <b>Goods-producing sector</b>                   |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Agriculture                                     | 449.6            | 452.5            | 7.9               | 2.9           | 35.7             | 35.7                    | 0.6           | 8.6              | 8.6                     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 35.7             | 39.9             | 2.8               | 4.2           | 7.0              | 7.0                     | 11.8          | 21.3             | 21.3                    |
| Utilities                                       | 35.3             | 37.0             | 2.9               | 1.7           | -3.9             | -3.9                    | 4.8           | -9.5             | -9.5                    |
| Construction                                    | 7.9              | 8.2              | 1.1               | 0.3           | -2.7             | -2.7                    | 3.8           | -24.8            | -24.8                   |
| Manufacturing                                   | 168.4            | 167.9            | 4.9               | -0.5          | 39.5             | 39.5                    | -0.3          | 30.8             | 30.8                    |
| <b>Services-producing sector</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Trade   | 202.3            | 199.4            | 5.5               | -2.9          | -4.3             | -4.3                    | -1.4          | -2.1             | -2.1                    |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 1,643.3          | 1,657.8          | 11.7              | 14.5          | 3.2              | 3.2                     | 0.9           | 0.2              | 0.2                     |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 305.3            | 308.4            | 7.1               | 3.1           | -13.2            | -13.2                   | 1.0           | -4.1             | -4.1                    |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 112.6            | 112.4            | 4.0               | -0.2          | -3.4             | -3.4                    | -0.2          | -2.9             | -2.9                    |
| Business, building and other support services   | 135.6            | 138.1            | 4.4               | 2.5           | 5.4              | 5.4                     | 1.8           | 4.1              | 4.1                     |
| Educational services                            | 159.2            | 156.1            | 4.6               | -3.1          | 10.3             | 10.3                    | -1.9          | 7.1              | 7.1                     |
| Health care and social assistance               | 84.9             | 90.2             | 4.2               | 5.3           | -0.8             | -0.8                    | 6.2           | -0.9             | -0.9                    |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 143.7            | 140.4            | 4.6               | -3.3          | -2.9             | -2.9                    | -2.3          | -2.0             | -2.0                    |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 225.0            | 230.0            | 5.0               | 5.0           | 9.7              | 9.7                     | 2.2           | 4.4              | 4.4                     |
| Other services                                  | 104.7            | 107.3            | 4.5               | 2.6           | -3.0             | -3.0                    | 2.5           | -2.7             | -2.7                    |
| Public administration                           | 181.4            | 181.2            | 5.5               | -0.2          | 5.5              | 5.5                     | -0.1          | 3.1              | 3.1                     |
|   | 96.7             | 99.0             | 4.1               | 2.3           | -1.1             | -1.1                    | 2.4           | -1.1             | -1.1                    |
|   | 94.2             | 94.7             | 3.6               | 0.5           | -3.3             | -3.3                    | 0.5           | -3.4             | -3.4                    |

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).  
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Table 14

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

|  | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 146.3            | 146.4            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     | 0.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                                 | 96.6             | 97.7             | 0.9               | 1.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     | 1.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Employment                                   | 88.4             | 89.3             | 0.9               | 0.9           | 2.4              | 2.4                     | 1.0           | 2.8              | 2.8                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 8.2              | 8.4              | 0.5               | 0.2           | -1.3             | -1.3                    | 2.4           | -13.4            | -13.4                   |
| Participation rate                           | 66.0             | 66.7             | 0.6               | 0.7           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 8.5              | 8.6              | 0.5               | 0.1           | -1.4             | -1.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 60.4             | 61.0             | 0.6               | 0.6           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>                  |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 293.8            | 294.1            | ...               | 0.3           | 4.1              | 4.1                     | 0.1           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force                                 | 208.6            | 209.9            | 1.3               | 1.3           | 7.4              | 7.4                     | 0.6           | 3.7              | 3.7                     |
| Employment                                   | 196.5            | 197.4            | 1.3               | 0.9           | 6.7              | 6.7                     | 0.5           | 3.5              | 3.5                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 12.1             | 12.6             | 0.7               | 0.5           | 0.9              | 0.9                     | 4.1           | 7.7              | 7.7                     |
| Participation rate                           | 71.0             | 71.4             | 0.4               | 0.4           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 5.8              | 6.0              | 0.3               | 0.2           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 66.9             | 67.1             | 0.4               | 0.2           | 1.3              | 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                                 | 66.9             | 66.9             | 0.7               | 0.0           | 2.3              | 2.3                     | 0.0           | 3.6              | 3.6                     |
| Employment                                   | 61.4             | 61.8             | 0.7               | 0.4           | 2.9              | 2.9                     | 0.7           | 4.9              | 4.9                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 5.5              | 5.1              | 0.4               | -0.4          | -0.6             | -0.6                    | -7.3          | -10.5            | -10.5                   |
| Participation rate                           | 66.0             | 66.0             | 0.7               | 0.0           | 2.0              | 2.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 8.2              | 7.6              | 0.6               | -0.6          | -1.2             | -1.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 60.6             | 61.0             | 0.7               | 0.4           | 2.7              | 2.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>                      |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 129.8            | 129.8            | ...               | 0.0           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | 0.0           | -0.5             | -0.5                    |
| Labour force                                 | 82.0             | 81.2             | 0.7               | -0.8          | 1.8              | 1.8                     | -1.0          | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Employment                                   | 72.7             | 72.4             | 0.8               | -0.3          | 2.4              | 2.4                     | -0.4          | 3.4              | 3.4                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 9.3              | 8.8              | 0.5               | -0.5          | -0.6             | -0.6                    | -5.4          | -6.4             | -6.4                    |
| Participation rate                           | 63.2             | 62.6             | 0.6               | -0.6          | 1.8              | 1.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 11.3             | 10.8             | 0.6               | -0.5          | -1.0             | -1.0                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 56.0             | 55.8             | 0.6               | -0.2          | 2.2              | 2.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Québec, Quebec</b>                        |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 584.4            | 584.9            | ...               | 0.5           | 6.4              | 6.4                     | 0.1           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Labour force                                 | 384.3            | 384.7            | 2.9               | 0.4           | 7.2              | 7.2                     | 0.1           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Employment                                   | 364.2            | 363.8            | 3.0               | -0.4          | 14.1             | 14.1                    | -0.1          | 4.0              | 4.0                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 20.1             | 20.8             | 1.5               | 0.7           | -7.0             | -7.0                    | 3.5           | -25.2            | -25.2                   |
| Participation rate                           | 65.8             | 65.8             | 0.5               | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 5.2              | 5.4              | 0.4               | 0.2           | -2.0             | -2.0                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 62.3             | 62.2             | 0.5               | -0.1          | 1.8              | 1.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 118.4            | 118.5            | ...               | 0.1           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | 0.1           | 0.6              | 0.6                     |
| Labour force                                 | 72.1             | 72.1             | 0.8               | 0.0           | -1.5             | -1.5                    | 0.0           | -2.0             | -2.0                    |
| Employment                                   | 64.5             | 65.0             | 0.8               | 0.5           | -0.9             | -0.9                    | 0.8           | -1.4             | -1.4                    |
| Unemployment                                 | 7.5              | 7.2              | 0.4               | -0.3          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -4.0          | -6.5             | -6.5                    |
| Participation rate                           | 60.9             | 60.8             | 0.7               | -0.1          | -1.7             | -1.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 10.4             | 10.0             | 0.6               | -0.4          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 54.5             | 54.9             | 0.7               | 0.4           | -1.0             | -1.0                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>                    |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                                   | 130.6            | 130.7            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.8              | 1.8                     | 0.1           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force                                 | 85.3             | 86.6             | 0.7               | 1.3           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | 1.5           | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Employment                                   | 79.6             | 80.5             | 0.7               | 0.9           | 1.3              | 1.3                     | 1.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Unemployment                                 | 5.7              | 6.0              | 0.4               | 0.3           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | 5.3           | -6.3             | -6.3                    |
| Participation rate                           | 65.3             | 66.3             | 0.6               | 1.0           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                            | 6.7              | 6.9              | 0.5               | 0.2           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                              | 60.9             | 61.6             | 0.6               | 0.7           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |

Table 14

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

|  | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Montréal, Quebec</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 2,964.6          | 2,968.4          | ...               | 3.8           | 47.3             | 47.3                    | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force                           | 2,004.8          | 2,002.8          | 7.3               | -2.0          | -15.8            | -15.8                   | -0.1          | -0.8             | -0.8                    |
| Employment                             | 1,821.9          | 1,817.5          | 7.6               | -4.4          | -15.9            | -15.9                   | -0.2          | -0.9             | -0.9                    |
| Unemployment                           | 182.8            | 185.3            | 4.9               | 2.5           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | 1.4           | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Participation rate                     | 67.6             | 67.5             | 0.3               | -0.1          | -1.6             | -1.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 9.1              | 9.3              | 0.2               | 0.2           | 0.1              | 0.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 61.5             | 61.2             | 0.3               | -0.3          | -1.6             | -1.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 940.4            | 941.9            | ...               | 1.5           | 21.0             | 21.0                    | 0.2           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Labour force                           | 667.7            | 673.7            | 3.3               | 6.0           | 18.8             | 18.8                    | 0.9           | 2.9              | 2.9                     |
| Employment                             | 626.6            | 632.3            | 3.4               | 5.7           | 25.0             | 25.0                    | 0.9           | 4.1              | 4.1                     |
| Unemployment                           | 41.2             | 41.5             | 1.8               | 0.3           | -6.1             | -6.1                    | 0.7           | -12.8            | -12.8                   |
| Participation rate                     | 71.0             | 71.5             | 0.4               | 0.5           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.2              | 6.2              | 0.3               | 0.0           | -1.1             | -1.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 66.6             | 67.1             | 0.4               | 0.5           | 1.2              | 1.2                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 4,289.4          | 4,297.7          | ...               | 8.3           | 109.1            | 109.1                   | 0.2           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Labour force                           | 2,970.3          | 2,978.7          | 8.7               | 8.4           | 77.3             | 77.3                    | 0.3           | 2.7              | 2.7                     |
| Employment                             | 2,749.7          | 2,750.7          | 9.1               | 1.0           | 60.6             | 60.6                    | 0.0           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Unemployment                           | 220.6            | 228.0            | 5.5               | 7.4           | 16.7             | 16.7                    | 3.4           | 7.9              | 7.9                     |
| Participation rate                     | 69.2             | 69.3             | 0.2               | 0.1           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 7.4              | 7.7              | 0.2               | 0.3           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 64.1             | 64.0             | 0.2               | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>               |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 574.2            | 574.8            | ...               | 0.6           | 7.2              | 7.2                     | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force                           | 397.8            | 394.4            | 2.6               | -3.4          | 3.5              | 3.5                     | -0.9          | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Employment                             | 372.9            | 369.9            | 2.6               | -3.0          | 0.5              | 0.5                     | -0.8          | 0.1              | 0.1                     |
| Unemployment                           | 24.9             | 24.5             | 1.4               | -0.4          | 3.0              | 3.0                     | -1.6          | 14.0             | 14.0                    |
| Participation rate                     | 69.3             | 68.6             | 0.5               | -0.7          | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.3              | 6.2              | 0.4               | -0.1          | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 64.9             | 64.4             | 0.5               | -0.5          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>              |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 365.3            | 365.8            | ...               | 0.5           | 6.9              | 6.9                     | 0.1           | 1.9              | 1.9                     |
| Labour force                           | 253.6            | 254.7            | 1.8               | 1.1           | 2.8              | 2.8                     | 0.4           | 1.1              | 1.1                     |
| Employment                             | 241.6            | 243.5            | 1.9               | 1.9           | 4.3              | 4.3                     | 0.8           | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                           | 12.0             | 11.2             | 0.8               | -0.8          | -1.5             | -1.5                    | -6.7          | -11.8            | -11.8                   |
| Participation rate                     | 69.4             | 69.6             | 0.5               | 0.2           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 4.7              | 4.4              | 0.3               | -0.3          | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 66.1             | 66.6             | 0.5               | 0.5           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>London, Ontario</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 351.4            | 351.7            | ...               | 0.3           | 3.0              | 3.0                     | 0.1           | 0.9              | 0.9                     |
| Labour force                           | 242.0            | 245.9            | 1.9               | 3.9           | 5.1              | 5.1                     | 1.6           | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Employment                             | 225.2            | 228.8            | 2.0               | 3.6           | 5.3              | 5.3                     | 1.6           | 2.4              | 2.4                     |
| Unemployment                           | 16.8             | 17.1             | 0.9               | 0.3           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | 1.8           | -1.7             | -1.7                    |
| Participation rate                     | 68.9             | 69.9             | 0.6               | 1.0           | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.9              | 7.0              | 0.4               | 0.1           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 64.1             | 65.1             | 0.6               | 1.0           | 1.0              | 1.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>                 |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 254.9            | 255.3            | ...               | 0.4           | 5.5              | 5.5                     | 0.2           | 2.2              | 2.2                     |
| Labour force                           | 176.9            | 178.0            | 1.3               | 1.1           | -2.8             | -2.8                    | 0.6           | -1.5             | -1.5                    |
| Employment                             | 166.6            | 167.8            | 1.2               | 1.2           | -4.2             | -4.2                    | 0.7           | -2.4             | -2.4                    |
| Unemployment                           | 10.4             | 10.2             | 0.5               | -0.2          | 1.4              | 1.4                     | -1.9          | 15.9             | 15.9                    |
| Participation rate                     | 69.4             | 69.7             | 0.5               | 0.3           | -2.7             | -2.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 5.9              | 5.7              | 0.3               | -0.2          | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 65.4             | 65.7             | 0.5               | 0.3           | -3.2             | -3.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |

Table 14

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

|  | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 327.8            | 327.9            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                           | 206.1            | 209.7            | 1.6               | 3.6           | -0.1             | -0.1                    | 1.7           | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Employment                             | 193.2            | 196.1            | 1.7               | 2.9           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | 1.5           | 0.2              | 0.2                     |
| Unemployment                           | 12.9             | 13.5             | 0.8               | 0.6           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | 4.7           | -4.3             | -4.3                    |
| Participation rate                     | 62.9             | 64.0             | 0.5               | 1.1           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.3              | 6.4              | 0.4               | 0.1           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 58.9             | 59.8             | 0.5               | 0.9           | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>        |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 126.1            | 126.0            | ...               | -0.1          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | -0.1          | -0.6             | -0.6                    |
| Labour force                           | 83.8             | 84.1             | 0.7               | 0.3           | 4.2              | 4.2                     | 0.4           | 5.3              | 5.3                     |
| Employment                             | 76.9             | 77.6             | 0.7               | 0.7           | 5.6              | 5.6                     | 0.9           | 7.8              | 7.8                     |
| Unemployment                           | 6.9              | 6.5              | 0.4               | -0.4          | -1.4             | -1.4                    | -5.8          | -17.7            | -17.7                   |
| Participation rate                     | 66.5             | 66.7             | 0.5               | 0.2           | 3.6              | 3.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 8.2              | 7.7              | 0.5               | -0.5          | -2.2             | -2.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 61.0             | 61.6             | 0.5               | 0.6           | 4.8              | 4.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 99.9             | 99.9             | ...               | 0.0           | -0.5             | -0.5                    | 0.0           | -0.5             | -0.5                    |
| Labour force                           | 66.7             | 67.0             | 0.6               | 0.3           | 0.2              | 0.2                     | 0.4           | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Employment                             | 60.9             | 61.4             | 0.6               | 0.5           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | 0.8           | -1.1             | -1.1                    |
| Unemployment                           | 5.8              | 5.6              | 0.3               | -0.2          | 0.9              | 0.9                     | -3.4          | 19.1             | 19.1                    |
| Participation rate                     | 66.8             | 67.1             | 0.6               | 0.3           | 0.6              | 0.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 8.7              | 8.4              | 0.4               | -0.3          | 1.4              | 1.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 61.0             | 61.5             | 0.6               | 0.5           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Windsor, Ontario</b>                |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 267.5            | 267.9            | ...               | 0.4           | 5.5              | 5.5                     | 0.1           | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Labour force                           | 180.7            | 180.3            | 1.5               | -0.4          | 7.2              | 7.2                     | -0.2          | 4.2              | 4.2                     |
| Employment                             | 163.0            | 162.8            | 1.6               | -0.2          | 2.8              | 2.8                     | -0.1          | 1.8              | 1.8                     |
| Unemployment                           | 17.7             | 17.5             | 0.8               | -0.2          | 4.4              | 4.4                     | -1.1          | 33.6             | 33.6                    |
| Participation rate                     | 67.6             | 67.3             | 0.6               | -0.3          | 1.3              | 1.3                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 9.8              | 9.7              | 0.4               | -0.1          | 2.1              | 2.1                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 60.9             | 60.8             | 0.6               | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>              |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 550.2            | 550.7            | ...               | 0.5           | 7.1              | 7.1                     | 0.1           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Labour force                           | 391.6            | 391.3            | 1.3               | -0.3          | 12.5             | 12.5                    | -0.1          | 3.3              | 3.3                     |
| Employment                             | 370.1            | 370.3            | 1.3               | 0.2           | 12.4             | 12.4                    | 0.1           | 3.5              | 3.5                     |
| Unemployment                           | 21.5             | 21.0             | 0.8               | -0.5          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -2.3          | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Participation rate                     | 71.2             | 71.1             | 0.2               | -0.1          | 1.4              | 1.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 5.5              | 5.4              | 0.2               | -0.1          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 67.3             | 67.2             | 0.2               | -0.1          | 1.4              | 1.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 156.9            | 156.9            | ...               | 0.0           | 0.8              | 0.8                     | 0.0           | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Labour force                           | 113.1            | 113.6            | 0.7               | 0.5           | -1.1             | -1.1                    | 0.4           | -1.0             | -1.0                    |
| Employment                             | 107.5            | 107.8            | 0.7               | 0.3           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | 0.3           | -0.6             | -0.6                    |
| Unemployment                           | 5.7              | 5.9              | 0.4               | 0.2           | -0.4             | -0.4                    | 3.5           | -6.3             | -6.3                    |
| Participation rate                     | 72.1             | 72.4             | 0.5               | 0.3           | -1.1             | -1.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 5.0              | 5.2              | 0.3               | 0.2           | -0.3             | -0.3                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 68.5             | 68.7             | 0.5               | 0.2           | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>         |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                             | 185.2            | 185.3            | ...               | 0.1           | 1.9              | 1.9                     | 0.1           | 1.0              | 1.0                     |
| Labour force                           | 131.5            | 132.8            | 0.8               | 1.3           | 4.4              | 4.4                     | 1.0           | 3.4              | 3.4                     |
| Employment                             | 123.6            | 124.9            | 0.9               | 1.3           | 4.3              | 4.3                     | 1.1           | 3.6              | 3.6                     |
| Unemployment                           | 7.9              | 7.8              | 0.4               | -0.1          | 0.0              | 0.0                     | -1.3          | 0.0              | 0.0                     |
| Participation rate                     | 71.0             | 71.7             | 0.5               | 0.7           | 1.7              | 1.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                      | 6.0              | 5.9              | 0.3               | -0.1          | -0.2             | -0.2                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                        | 66.7             | 67.4             | 0.5               | 0.7           | 1.6              | 1.6                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |

Table 14

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

|                                    | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 863.6            | 865.2            | ...               | 1.6           | 20.4             | 20.4                    | 0.2           | 2.4              | 2.4                     |
| Labour force                       | 642.8            | 638.3            | 2.9               | -4.5          | 3.0              | 3.0                     | -0.7          | 0.5              | 0.5                     |
| Employment                         | 610.3            | 606.9            | 3.1               | -3.4          | 7.0              | 7.0                     | -0.6          | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Unemployment                       | 32.5             | 31.5             | 1.7               | -1.0          | -3.9             | -3.9                    | -3.1          | -11.0            | -11.0                   |
| Participation rate                 | 74.4             | 73.8             | 0.4               | -0.6          | -1.4             | -1.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 5.1              | 4.9              | 0.3               | -0.2          | -0.7             | -0.7                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 70.7             | 70.1             | 0.4               | -0.6          | -0.9             | -0.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>           |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 798.5            | 799.3            | ...               | 0.8           | 11.2             | 11.2                    | 0.1           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Labour force                       | 584.3            | 587.1            | 2.7               | 2.8           | 14.1             | 14.1                    | 0.5           | 2.5              | 2.5                     |
| Employment                         | 555.2            | 557.8            | 2.7               | 2.6           | 11.2             | 11.2                    | 0.5           | 2.0              | 2.0                     |
| Unemployment                       | 29.1             | 29.3             | 1.3               | 0.2           | 2.9              | 2.9                     | 0.7           | 11.0             | 11.0                    |
| Participation rate                 | 73.2             | 73.5             | 0.3               | 0.3           | 0.8              | 0.8                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 5.0              | 5.0              | 0.2               | 0.0           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 69.5             | 69.8             | 0.4               | 0.3           | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 1,827.6          | 1,831.0          | ...               | 3.4           | 40.3             | 40.3                    | 0.2           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Labour force                       | 1,220.3          | 1,224.8          | 5.0               | 4.5           | 15.4             | 15.4                    | 0.4           | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Employment                         | 1,140.6          | 1,149.1          | 5.2               | 8.5           | 16.0             | 16.0                    | 0.7           | 1.4              | 1.4                     |
| Unemployment                       | 79.7             | 75.8             | 3.0               | -3.9          | -0.5             | -0.5                    | -4.9          | -0.7             | -0.7                    |
| Participation rate                 | 66.8             | 66.9             | 0.3               | 0.1           | -0.6             | -0.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 6.5              | 6.2              | 0.2               | -0.3          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 62.4             | 62.8             | 0.3               | 0.4           | -0.5             | -0.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>  |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 264.6            | 264.8            | ...               | 0.2           | 3.1              | 3.1                     | 0.1           | 1.2              | 1.2                     |
| Labour force                       | 165.5            | 165.9            | 1.8               | 0.4           | -2.4             | -2.4                    | 0.2           | -1.4             | -1.4                    |
| Employment                         | 155.8            | 156.5            | 1.8               | 0.7           | -2.9             | -2.9                    | 0.4           | -1.8             | -1.8                    |
| Unemployment                       | 9.7              | 9.4              | 0.7               | -0.3          | 0.5              | 0.5                     | -3.1          | 5.6              | 5.6                     |
| Participation rate                 | 62.5             | 62.7             | 0.7               | 0.2           | -1.6             | -1.6                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 5.9              | 5.7              | 0.4               | -0.2          | 0.4              | 0.4                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 58.9             | 59.1             | 0.7               | 0.2           | -1.8             | -1.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |

<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

|                                    | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | S.E. <sup>1</sup> | Change from   |                  |                         | % change from |                  |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    |                  |                  |                   | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago | last<br>month | last<br>December | twelve<br>months<br>ago |
| <b>Montréal, Quebec</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 2,968.4          | 2,972.0          | ...               | 3.6           | 47.0             | 47.0                    | 0.1           | 1.6              | 1.6                     |
| Labour force                       | 2,009.7          | 1,992.8          | 15.6              | -16.9         | -25.6            | -25.6                   | -0.8          | -1.3             | -1.3                    |
| Employment                         | 1,824.5          | 1,814.0          | 16.2              | -10.5         | -15.0            | -15.0                   | -0.6          | -0.8             | -0.8                    |
| Unemployment                       | 185.3            | 178.8            | 11.7              | -6.5          | -10.6            | -10.6                   | -3.5          | -5.6             | -5.6                    |
| Participation rate                 | 67.7             | 67.1             | 0.5               | -0.6          | -1.9             | -1.9                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 9.2              | 9.0              | 0.6               | -0.2          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 61.5             | 61.0             | 0.6               | -0.5          | -1.5             | -1.5                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>            |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 4,297.8          | 4,305.8          | ...               | 8.0           | 109.3            | 109.3                   | 0.2           | 2.6              | 2.6                     |
| Labour force                       | 2,982.2          | 2,976.7          | 18.6              | -5.5          | 61.6             | 61.6                    | -0.2          | 2.1              | 2.1                     |
| Employment                         | 2,757.1          | 2,741.2          | 18.8              | -15.9         | 35.3             | 35.3                    | -0.6          | 1.3              | 1.3                     |
| Unemployment                       | 225.1            | 235.5            | 13.0              | 10.4          | 26.3             | 26.3                    | 4.6           | 12.6             | 12.6                    |
| Participation rate                 | 69.4             | 69.1             | 0.4               | -0.3          | -0.4             | -0.4                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 7.5              | 7.9              | 0.4               | 0.4           | 0.7              | 0.7                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 64.2             | 63.7             | 0.4               | -0.5          | -0.8             | -0.8                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b> |                  |                  |                   |               |                  |                         |               |                  |                         |
| Population                         | 1,831.1          | 1,834.2          | ...               | 3.1           | 40.6             | 40.6                    | 0.2           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Labour force                       | 1,218.9          | 1,233.2          | 10.9              | 14.3          | 27.4             | 27.4                    | 1.2           | 2.3              | 2.3                     |
| Employment                         | 1,140.7          | 1,163.9          | 11.1              | 23.2          | 27.1             | 27.1                    | 2.0           | 2.4              | 2.4                     |
| Unemployment                       | 78.2             | 69.3             | 7.4               | -8.9          | 0.2              | 0.2                     | -11.4         | 0.3              | 0.3                     |
| Participation rate                 | 66.6             | 67.2             | 0.6               | 0.6           | 0.0              | 0.0                     | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Unemployment rate                  | 6.4              | 5.6              | 0.6               | -0.8          | -0.1             | -0.1                    | ...           | ...              | ...                     |
| Employment rate                    | 62.3             | 63.5             | 0.6               | 1.2           | 0.1              | 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 table 282-0091

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

|  | December | Population | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|----------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |          |            | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Canada</b>                              | 2003     | 25,378.2   | 17,045.2     | 15,853.6   | 1,191.7      | 67.2               | 7.0               | 62.5            |
|  | 2004     | 25,738.9   | 17,261.5     | 16,112.9   | 1,148.6      | 67.1               | 6.7               | 62.6            |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>           | 2003     | 439.3      | 255.2        | 213.1      | 42.1         | 58.1               | 16.5              | 48.5            |
|  | 2004     | 440.1      | 254.2        | 215.3      | 38.9         | 57.8               | 15.3              | 48.9            |
| 010 Avalon Peninsula                       | 2003     | 209.4      | 126.4        | 110.0      | 16.4         | 60.4               | 13.0              | 52.5            |
|  | 2004     | 211.4      | 128.2        | 113.8      | 14.4         | 60.6               | 11.2              | 53.8            |
| 020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula            | 2003     | 36.5       | 20.4         | 15.8       | 4.7          | 55.9               | 23.0              | 43.3            |
|  | 2004     | 35.8       | 19.9         | 15.7       | 4.2          | 55.6               | 21.1              | 43.9            |
| 030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador | 2003     | 93.8       | 56.5         | 46.9       | 9.7          | 60.2               | 17.2              | 50.0            |
|  | 2004     | 93.6       | 53.5         | 42.9       | 10.6         | 57.2               | 19.8              | 45.8            |
| 040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay       | 2003     | 99.6       | 51.8         | 40.4       | 11.4         | 52.0               | 22.0              | 40.6            |
|  | 2004     | 99.2       | 52.6         | 42.9       | 9.7          | 53.0               | 18.4              | 43.2            |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>                | 2003     | 113.7      | 76.2         | 67.9       | 8.2          | 67.0               | 10.8              | 59.7            |
|  | 2004     | 114.8      | 78.3         | 70.0       | 8.3          | 68.2               | 10.6              | 61.0            |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>                         | 2003     | 761.7      | 478.6        | 436.8      | 41.8         | 62.8               | 8.7               | 57.3            |
|  | 2004     | 766.1      | 487.5        | 447.5      | 40.1         | 63.6               | 8.2               | 58.4            |
| 210 Cape Breton                            | 2003     | 119.4      | 60.8         | 49.6       | 11.1         | 50.9               | 18.3              | 41.5            |
|  | 2004     | 118.5      | 58.4         | 49.1       | 9.4          | 49.3               | 16.1              | 41.4            |
| 220 North Shore                            | 2003     | 133.4      | 80.4         | 72.8       | 7.6          | 60.3               | 9.5               | 54.6            |
|  | 2004     | 133.6      | 82.7         | 74.5       | 8.2          | 61.9               | 9.9               | 55.8            |
| 230 Annapolis Valley                       | 2003     | 102.2      | 63.8         | 59.3       | 4.6          | 62.4               | 7.2               | 58.0            |
|  | 2004     | 102.8      | 66.6         | 62.4       | 4.2          | 64.8               | 6.3               | 60.7            |
| 240 Southern                               | 2003     | 104.5      | 64.7         | 57.7       | 7.0          | 61.9               | 10.8              | 55.2            |
|  | 2004     | 104.9      | 66.1         | 59.6       | 6.4          | 63.0               | 9.7               | 56.8            |
| 250 Halifax                                | 2003     | 302.1      | 208.8        | 197.4      | 11.5         | 69.1               | 5.5               | 65.3            |
|  | 2004     | 306.2      | 213.7        | 201.8      | 11.9         | 69.8               | 5.6               | 65.9            |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>                       | 2003     | 610.5      | 381.2        | 346.0      | 35.2         | 62.4               | 9.2               | 56.7            |
|  | 2004     | 614.1      | 389.2        | 354.8      | 34.4         | 63.4               | 8.8               | 57.8            |
| 310 Campbellton-Miramichi                  | 2003     | 144.7      | 78.6         | 65.9       | 12.7         | 54.3               | 16.2              | 45.5            |
|  | 2004     | 144.1      | 82.1         | 69.5       | 12.6         | 57.0               | 15.3              | 48.2            |
| 320 Moncton-Richibucto                     | 2003     | 155.3      | 105.6        | 98.7       | 6.9          | 68.0               | 6.5               | 63.6            |
|  | 2004     | 157.4      | 103.0        | 95.6       | 7.4          | 65.4               | 7.2               | 60.7            |
| 330 Saint John-St. Stephen                 | 2003     | 140.2      | 89.2         | 82.1       | 7.1          | 63.6               | 8.0               | 58.6            |
|  | 2004     | 140.9      | 89.7         | 83.5       | 6.2          | 63.7               | 6.9               | 59.3            |
| 340 Fredericton-Oromocto                   | 2003     | 100.4      | 65.3         | 60.1       | 5.2          | 65.0               | 8.0               | 59.9            |
|  | 2004     | 101.7      | 70.7         | 65.6       | 5.1          | 69.5               | 7.2               | 64.5            |
| 350 Edmundston-Woodstock                   | 2003     | 69.9       | 42.5         | 39.2       | 3.3          | 60.8               | 7.8               | 56.1            |
|  | 2004     | 70.0       | 43.8         | 40.6       | 3.1          | 62.6               | 7.1               | 58.0            |
| <b>Quebec</b>                              | 2003     | 6,106.7    | 4,022.4      | 3,669.3    | 353.1        | 65.9               | 8.8               | 60.1            |
|  | 2004     | 6,174.3    | 4,042.2      | 3,705.8    | 336.4        | 65.5               | 8.3               | 60.0            |
| 410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine          | 2003     | 81.8       | 43.1         | 35.4       | 7.7          | 52.7               | 17.9              | 43.3            |
|  | 2004     | 81.4       | 40.4         | 32.1       | 8.3          | 49.6               | 20.5              | 39.4            |
| 415 Bas-Saint-Laurent                      | 2003     | 167.1      | 100.1        | 88.2       | 11.9         | 59.9               | 11.9              | 52.8            |
|  | 2004     | 166.9      | 102.0        | 95.1       | 6.9          | 61.1               | 6.8               | 57.0            |
| 420 Québec                                 | 2003     | 541.4      | 343.2        | 319.4      | 23.9         | 63.4               | 7.0               | 59.0            |
|  | 2004     | 547.4      | 346.2        | 328.5      | 17.7         | 63.2               | 5.1               | 60.0            |



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

|  | December | Population | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|----------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |          |            | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Quebec - Continued</b>                |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 425 Chaudière-Appalaches                 | 2003     | 320.7      | 219.9        | 206.7      | 13.3         | 68.6               | 6.0               | 64.5            |
|  | 2004     | 322.3      | 220.4        | 207.6      | 12.8         | 68.4               | 5.8               | 64.4            |
| 430 Estrie                               | 2003     | 240.5      | 158.3        | 146.0      | 12.3         | 65.8               | 7.8               | 60.7            |
|  | 2004     | 242.9      | 155.4        | 144.4      | 11.1         | 64.0               | 7.1               | 59.4            |
| 433 Centre-du-Québec                     | 2003     | 180.9      | 121.9        | 111.2      | 10.7         | 67.4               | 8.8               | 61.5            |
|  | 2004     | 181.9      | 125.1        | 116.8      | 8.3          | 68.8               | 6.6               | 64.2            |
| 435 Montérégie                           | 2003     | 1,089.6    | 779.6        | 721.9      | 57.8         | 71.5               | 7.4               | 66.3            |
|  | 2004     | 1,103.1    | 739.3        | 688.7      | 50.6         | 67.0               | 6.8               | 62.4            |
| 440 Montréal                             | 2003     | 1,529.9    | 992.1        | 890.9      | 101.2        | 64.8               | 10.2              | 58.2            |
|  | 2004     | 1,550.4    | 1,014.5      | 900.3      | 114.2        | 65.4               | 11.3              | 58.1            |
| 445 Laval                                | 2003     | 296.0      | 192.2        | 173.5      | 18.7         | 64.9               | 9.7               | 58.6            |
|  | 2004     | 300.6      | 196.5        | 184.2      | 12.3         | 65.4               | 6.3               | 61.3            |
| 450 Lanaudière                           | 2003     | 330.7      | 220.1        | 202.1      | 18.0         | 66.6               | 8.2               | 61.1            |
|  | 2004     | 336.3      | 230.4        | 211.0      | 19.4         | 68.5               | 8.4               | 62.7            |
| 455 Laurentides                          | 2003     | 397.0      | 274.6        | 258.7      | 15.9         | 69.2               | 5.8               | 65.2            |
|  | 2004     | 406.0      | 282.8        | 264.9      | 18.0         | 69.7               | 6.4               | 65.2            |
| 460 Outaouais                            | 2003     | 268.2      | 178.0        | 164.1      | 13.9         | 66.4               | 7.8               | 61.2            |
|  | 2004     | 274.3      | 188.2        | 174.5      | 13.7         | 68.6               | 7.3               | 63.6            |
| 465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue                | 2003     | 119.7      | 74.7         | 67.8       | 7.0          | 62.4               | 9.4               | 56.6            |
|  | 2004     | 118.9      | 76.3         | 67.7       | 8.6          | 64.2               | 11.3              | 56.9            |
| 470 Mauricie                             | 2003     | 215.5      | 129.1        | 114.2      | 15.0         | 59.9               | 11.6              | 53.0            |
|  | 2004     | 215.6      | 126.9        | 112.9      | 14.0         | 58.9               | 11.0              | 52.4            |
| 475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean              | 2003     | 231.8      | 138.5        | 122.4      | 16.1         | 59.7               | 11.6              | 52.8            |
|  | 2004     | 231.0      | 136.9        | 122.9      | 14.0         | 59.3               | 10.2              | 53.2            |
| 480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec | 2003     | 95.8       | 56.8         | 46.9       | 9.9          | 59.3               | 17.4              | 49.0            |
|  | 2004     | 95.2       | 60.8         | 54.4       | 6.5          | 63.9               | 10.7              | 57.1            |
| <b>Ontario</b>                           |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
|  | 2003     | 9,845.8    | 6,687.4      | 6,271.8    | 415.5        | 67.9               | 6.2               | 63.7            |
|  | 2004     | 10,017.8   | 6,803.2      | 6,381.7    | 421.5        | 67.9               | 6.2               | 63.7            |
| 510 Ottawa                               | 2003     | 955.3      | 661.6        | 616.8      | 44.9         | 69.3               | 6.8               | 64.6            |
|  | 2004     | 972.4      | 669.3        | 632.1      | 37.1         | 68.8               | 5.5               | 65.0            |
| 515 Kingston-Pembroke                    | 2003     | 338.6      | 201.5        | 186.9      | 14.6         | 59.5               | 7.2               | 55.2            |
|  | 2004     | 339.7      | 213.0        | 202.9      | 10.1         | 62.7               | 4.7               | 59.7            |
| 520 Muskoka-Kawartha                     | 2003     | 300.8      | 202.8        | 195.7      | 7.1          | 67.4               | 3.5               | 65.1            |
|  | 2004     | 304.1      | 177.9        | 169.9      | 7.9          | 58.5               | 4.4               | 55.9            |
| 530 Toronto                              | 2003     | 4,388.4    | 3,041.4      | 2,840.2    | 201.2        | 69.3               | 6.6               | 64.7            |
|  | 2004     | 4,501.7    | 3,098.0      | 2,879.8    | 218.3        | 68.8               | 7.0               | 64.0            |
| 540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie            | 2003     | 902.1      | 631.3        | 601.7      | 29.7         | 70.0               | 4.7               | 66.7            |
|  | 2004     | 922.4      | 657.1        | 628.6      | 28.5         | 71.2               | 4.3               | 68.1            |
| 550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula           | 2003     | 1,088.5    | 720.5        | 681.1      | 39.4         | 66.2               | 5.5               | 62.6            |
|  | 2004     | 1,099.2    | 736.0        | 694.7      | 41.3         | 67.0               | 5.6               | 63.2            |
| 560 London                               | 2003     | 488.3      | 338.5        | 318.7      | 19.8         | 69.3               | 5.8               | 65.3            |
|  | 2004     | 492.3      | 346.0        | 327.3      | 18.6         | 70.3               | 5.4               | 66.5            |
| 570 Windsor-Sarnia                       | 2003     | 516.7      | 333.4        | 310.2      | 23.2         | 64.5               | 7.0               | 60.0            |
|  | 2004     | 522.6      | 340.1        | 313.6      | 26.5         | 65.1               | 7.8               | 60.0            |

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

|  | December | Population | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|----------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |          |            | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Ontario - Continued</b>             |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula          | 2003     | 236.8      | 158.8        | 150.3      | 8.5          | 67.1               | 5.4               | 63.5            |
|  | 2004     | 237.9      | 168.6        | 162.6      | 5.9          | 70.9               | 3.5               | 68.3            |
| 590 Northeast                          | 2003     | 451.9      | 273.7        | 254.1      | 19.6         | 60.6               | 7.2               | 56.2            |
|  | 2004     | 448.3      | 275.9        | 256.6      | 19.4         | 61.5               | 7.0               | 57.2            |
| 595 Northwest                          | 2003     | 178.4      | 123.7        | 116.2      | 7.6          | 69.3               | 6.1               | 65.1            |
|  | 2004     | 177.3      | 121.4        | 113.6      | 7.8          | 68.5               | 6.4               | 64.1            |
| <b>Manitoba</b>                        |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
|  | 2003     | 871.1      | 598.4        | 568.6      | 29.9         | 68.7               | 5.0               | 65.3            |
|  | 2004     | 880.6      | 608.6        | 578.8      | 29.8         | 69.1               | 4.9               | 65.7            |
| 610 Southeast                          | 2003     | 71.1       | 51.9         | 49.4       | 2.6          | 73.0               | 5.0               | 69.5            |
|  | 2004     | 72.7       | 51.0         | 48.8       | 2.2          | 70.2               | 4.3               | 67.1            |
| 620 South Central                      | 2003     | 41.3       | 26.6         | 25.8       | 0.8          | 64.4               | 3.0               | 62.5            |
|  | 2004     | 42.1       | 30.8         | 30.0       | 0.8          | 73.2               | 2.6               | 71.3            |
| 630 Southwest                          | 2003     | 82.2       | 53.6         | 50.7       | 2.9          | 65.2               | 5.4               | 61.7            |
|  | 2004     | 82.0       | 53.0         | 50.8       | 2.3          | 64.6               | 4.3               | 62.0            |
| 640 North Central                      | 2003     | 34.8       | 23.9         | 23.3       | 0.6          | 68.7               | 2.5               | 67.0            |
|  | 2004     | 35.0       | 20.7         | 19.7       | 1.0          | 59.1               | 4.8               | 56.3            |
| 650 Winnipeg                           | 2003     | 505.6      | 352.8        | 334.8      | 18.0         | 69.8               | 5.1               | 66.2            |
|  | 2004     | 511.7      | 362.3        | 344.4      | 18.0         | 70.8               | 5.0               | 67.3            |
| 660 Interlake                          | 2003     | 69.1       | 45.7         | 43.3       | 2.4          | 66.1               | 5.3               | 62.7            |
|  | 2004     | 70.5       | 46.8         | 44.2       | 2.6          | 66.4               | 5.6               | 62.7            |
| 670 and 680 Parklands and North        | 2003     | 67.0       | 44.0         | 41.3       | 2.7          | 65.7               | 6.1               | 61.6            |
|  | 2004     | 66.6       | 43.9         | 40.9       | 3.0          | 65.9               | 6.8               | 61.4            |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                    |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
|  | 2003     | 756.0      | 510.3        | 484.3      | 26.0         | 67.5               | 5.1               | 64.1            |
|  | 2004     | 758.7      | 518.9        | 493.1      | 25.8         | 68.4               | 5.0               | 65.0            |
| 710 Regina-Moose Mountain              | 2003     | 216.2      | 154.2        | 147.2      | 7.1          | 71.3               | 4.6               | 68.1            |
|  | 2004     | 216.9      | 156.0        | 149.3      | 6.6          | 71.9               | 4.2               | 68.8            |
| 720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw            | 2003     | 83.3       | 55.0         | 51.7       | 3.3          | 66.0               | 6.0               | 62.1            |
|  | 2004     | 82.9       | 52.6         | 50.0       | 2.6          | 63.4               | 4.9               | 60.3            |
| 730 Saskatoon-Biggar                   | 2003     | 228.1      | 157.7        | 149.3      | 8.4          | 69.1               | 5.3               | 65.5            |
|  | 2004     | 230.1      | 164.2        | 156.1      | 8.2          | 71.4               | 5.0               | 67.8            |
| 740 Yorkton-Melville                   | 2003     | 68.8       | 41.0         | 39.3       | 1.7          | 59.6               | 4.1               | 57.1            |
|  | 2004     | 68.4       | 43.7         | 41.9       | 1.7          | 63.9               | 3.9               | 61.3            |
| 750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern | 2003     | 159.7      | 102.3        | 96.8       | 5.5          | 64.1               | 5.4               | 60.6            |
|  | 2004     | 160.5      | 102.4        | 95.7       | 6.7          | 63.8               | 6.5               | 59.6            |
| <b>Alberta</b>                         |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
|  | 2003     | 2,490.5    | 1,825.9      | 1,742.0    | 83.9         | 73.3               | 4.6               | 69.9            |
|  | 2004     | 2,534.8    | 1,843.2      | 1,763.5    | 79.7         | 72.7               | 4.3               | 69.6            |
| 810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat            | 2003     | 194.8      | 134.5        | 130.4      | 4.1          | 69.0               | 3.0               | 66.9            |
|  | 2004     | 197.7      | 140.8        | 136.2      | 4.6          | 71.2               | 3.3               | 68.9            |
| 820 Camrose-Drumheller                 | 2003     | 144.6      | 104.8        | 102.0      | 2.8          | 72.5               | 2.7               | 70.5            |
|  | 2004     | 145.9      | 103.7        | 100.1      | 3.6          | 71.1               | 3.5               | 68.6            |
| 830 Calgary                            | 2003     | 899.9      | 675.1        | 639.5      | 35.6         | 75.0               | 5.3               | 71.1            |
|  | 2004     | 922.0      | 676.5        | 644.6      | 31.9         | 73.4               | 4.7               | 69.9            |
| 840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House  | 2003     | 64.6       | 46.6         | 44.8       | 1.8          | 72.1               | 3.9               | 69.3            |
|  | 2004     | 64.7       | 47.5         | 46.2       | x            | 73.4               | x                 | 71.4            |

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

|  | December | Population | Labour force |            |              | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Employment rate |
|--|----------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|  |          |            | Labour force | Employment | Unemployment |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Alberta - Continued</b>               |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
| 850 Red Deer                             | 2003     | 124.9      | 93.1         | 89.0       | 4.1          | 74.5               | 4.4               | 71.3            |
|  | 2004     | 127.6      | 90.8         | 86.6       | 4.1          | 71.2               | 4.5               | 67.9            |
| 860 Edmonton                             | 2003     | 811.8      | 587.7        | 561.6      | 26.1         | 72.4               | 4.4               | 69.2            |
|  | 2004     | 823.3      | 601.9        | 574.5      | 27.3         | 73.1               | 4.5               | 69.8            |
| 870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River | 2003     | 171.3      | 122.4        | 115.2      | 7.2          | 71.5               | 5.9               | 67.3            |
|  | 2004     | 173.1      | 122.5        | 117.4      | 5.2          | 70.8               | 4.2               | 67.8            |
| 880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake               | 2003     | 78.6       | 61.7         | 59.3       | 2.3          | 78.5               | 3.7               | 75.4            |
|  | 2004     | 80.3       | 59.5         | 57.8       | 1.7          | 74.1               | 2.9               | 72.0            |
| <b>British Columbia</b>                  |          |            |              |            |              |                    |                   |                 |
|  | 2003     | 3,382.9    | 2,209.7      | 2,053.8    | 155.9        | 65.3               | 7.1               | 60.7            |
|  | 2004     | 3,437.5    | 2,236.2      | 2,102.3    | 133.9        | 65.1               | 6.0               | 61.2            |
| 910 Vancouver Island and Coast           | 2003     | 574.4      | 344.0        | 314.1      | 29.9         | 59.9               | 8.7               | 54.7            |
|  | 2004     | 580.9      | 355.6        | 332.6      | 23.0         | 61.2               | 6.5               | 57.3            |
| 920 Lower Mainland-Southwest             | 2003     | 2,033.5    | 1,361.7      | 1,276.7    | 85.1         | 67.0               | 6.2               | 62.8            |
|  | 2004     | 2,077.8    | 1,376.2      | 1,293.6    | 82.5         | 66.2               | 6.0               | 62.3            |
| 930 Thompson-Okanagan                    | 2003     | 395.6      | 249.1        | 231.0      | 18.1         | 63.0               | 7.3               | 58.4            |
|  | 2004     | 400.5      | 249.2        | 236.7      | 12.4         | 62.2               | 5.0               | 59.1            |
| 940 Kootenay                             | 2003     | 125.3      | 75.3         | 68.4       | 6.9          | 60.1               | 9.2               | 54.6            |
|  | 2004     | 125.8      | 80.3         | 74.9       | 5.3          | 63.8               | 6.6               | 59.5            |
| 950 Cariboo                              | 2003     | 133.7      | 92.2         | 84.0       | 8.1          | 69.0               | 8.8               | 62.8            |
|  | 2004     | 133.0      | 90.8         | 85.8       | 5.0          | 68.3               | 5.5               | 64.5            |
| 960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako      | 2003     | 72.8       | 50.6         | 44.3       | 6.3          | 69.5               | 12.5              | 60.9            |
|  | 2004     | 71.9       | 50.9         | 46.5       | 4.4          | 70.8               | 8.6               | 64.7            |
| 980 Northeast                            | 2003     | 47.5       | 36.9         | 35.2       | 1.6          | 77.7               | 4.3               | 74.1            |
|  | 2004     | 47.6       | 33.4         | 32.2       | x            | 70.2               | x                 | 67.6            |

<sup>1</sup> For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).  
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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>December 2004</b>  |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| 15 years and over   | 13,599.4  | 35.2                 | 687.28               | 18.79                | 10,984.6  | 39.5                 | 794.77               | 2,614.8   | 17.2                 | 235.68               |
| 15 to 24 years  | 2,272.0   | 26.9                 | 301.65               | 10.47                | 1,127.1   | 38.9                 | 470.14               | 1,144.9   | 15.1                 | 135.77               |
| 25 years and over   | 11,327.3  | 36.9                 | 764.62               | 20.46                | 9,857.4   | 39.6                 | 831.89               | 1,469.9   | 18.8                 | 313.50               |
| Men   | 6,869.9   | 38.0                 | 802.77               | 20.58                | 6,099.4   | 40.8                 | 878.40               | 770.6     | 16.1                 | 204.16               |
| Women   | 6,729.5   | 32.4                 | 569.37               | 16.97                | 4,885.2   | 38.0                 | 690.37               | 1,844.2   | 17.6                 | 248.85               |
| <b>Union coverage</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Union coverage  | 4,372.7   | 35.6                 | 785.15               | 21.77                | 3,707.7   | 38.6                 | 861.60               | 665.0     | 19.0                 | 358.86               |
| No union coverage   | 9,226.7   | 35.1                 | 640.89               | 17.38                | 7,276.9   | 40.0                 | 760.73               | 1,949.8   | 16.6                 | 193.67               |
| <b>Job permanency</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Permanent   | 11,938.3  | 36.3                 | 722.61               | 19.39                | 10,099.5  | 39.5                 | 807.85               | 1,838.8   | 18.1                 | 254.44               |
| Temporary   | 1,661.0   | 28.0                 | 433.32               | 14.55                | 885.0     | 39.5                 | 645.59               | 776.0     | 15.0                 | 191.22               |
| <b>Occupation</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Management  | 942.1     | 40.7                 | 1,217.81             | 30.14                | 925.8     | 41.0                 | 1,230.42             | 16.3      | 19.8                 | 502.07               |
| Business, finance and administrative                          | 2,628.4   | 35.0                 | 645.51               | 18.05                | 2,215.2   | 38.3                 | 716.70               | 413.2     | 17.6                 | 263.82               |
| Natural and applied sciences                                  | 939.6     | 38.6                 | 1,022.37             | 26.54                | 912.1     | 39.3                 | 1,041.77             | 27.5      | 16.9                 | 378.74               |
| Health  | 806.3     | 32.5                 | 727.11               | 22.21                | 564.0     | 37.8                 | 856.11               | 242.3     | 20.1                 | 426.81               |
| Social science, education, government service and religion    | 1,049.4   | 34.0                 | 869.52               | 25.55                | 828.6     | 38.6                 | 988.95               | 220.9     | 17.1                 | 421.46               |
| Art, culture, recreation and sport                            | 292.2     | 30.0                 | 610.09               | 18.88                | 195.0     | 38.7                 | 818.34               | 97.2      | 12.7                 | 192.47               |
| Sales and service   | 3,728.7   | 30.5                 | 413.34               | 12.61                | 2,341.4   | 38.6                 | 560.95               | 1,387.3   | 16.9                 | 164.21               |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators                     | 1,837.9   | 40.0                 | 761.21               | 18.86                | 1,705.4   | 41.7                 | 802.12               | 132.4     | 17.5                 | 234.26               |
| Occupations unique to primary industry                        | 234.7     | 42.6                 | 714.13               | 16.33                | 207.2     | 46.3                 | 787.30               | 27.5      | 14.3                 | 163.19               |
| Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities | 1,140.1   | 39.3                 | 664.04               | 16.71                | 1,089.8   | 40.3                 | 685.37               | 50.2      | 17.6                 | 201.51               |
| <b>December 2003</b>  |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| 15 years and over   | 13,408.1  | 35.1                 | 668.75               | 18.34                | 10,792.9  | 39.4                 | 775.65               | 2,615.2   | 17.1                 | 227.57               |
| 15 to 24 years  | 2,234.8   | 26.7                 | 300.07               | 10.44                | 1,095.8   | 38.8                 | 471.77               | 1,139.1   | 15.1                 | 134.90               |
| 25 years and over   | 11,173.3  | 36.7                 | 742.49               | 19.91                | 9,697.1   | 39.5                 | 809.98               | 1,476.2   | 18.6                 | 299.08               |
| Men   | 6,762.1   | 37.8                 | 781.13               | 20.12                | 5,987.9   | 40.6                 | 855.60               | 774.2     | 16.2                 | 205.17               |
| Women   | 6,646.0   | 32.3                 | 554.40               | 16.52                | 4,805.0   | 37.9                 | 676.01               | 1,841.0   | 17.5                 | 236.99               |
| <b>Union coverage</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Union coverage  | 4,396.2   | 35.7                 | 770.54               | 21.30                | 3,734.6   | 38.7                 | 845.68               | 661.6     | 18.8                 | 346.36               |
| No union coverage   | 9,012.0   | 34.8                 | 619.09               | 16.89                | 7,058.3   | 39.8                 | 738.59               | 1,953.7   | 16.5                 | 187.35               |
| <b>Job permanency</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Permanent   | 11,878.9  | 36.0                 | 699.81               | 18.83                | 9,982.4   | 39.5                 | 786.54               | 1,896.5   | 17.9                 | 243.30               |
| Temporary   | 1,529.3   | 27.6                 | 427.45               | 14.48                | 810.5     | 38.9                 | 641.49               | 718.7     | 14.9                 | 186.08               |
| <b>Occupation</b>   |           |                      |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |           |                      |                      |
| Management  | 944.2     | 40.3                 | 1,157.72             | 28.90                | 918.5     | 40.9                 | 1,179.30             | 25.7      | 19.1                 | 386.16               |
| Business, finance and administrative                          | 2,637.1   | 35.0                 | 629.92               | 17.58                | 2,232.4   | 38.2                 | 700.70               | 404.7     | 17.1                 | 239.43               |
| Natural and applied sciences                                  | 859.0     | 38.5                 | 1,009.72             | 26.24                | 832.1     | 39.1                 | 1,029.05             | 26.9      | 18.2                 | 410.98               |
| Health  | 787.8     | 32.5                 | 716.25               | 21.83                | 566.4     | 37.6                 | 834.34               | 221.4     | 19.5                 | 414.19               |
| Social science, education, government service and religion    | 1,017.2   | 34.2                 | 861.55               | 25.01                | 808.7     | 38.5                 | 972.92               | 208.5     | 17.6                 | 429.52               |
| Art, culture, recreation and sport                            | 283.3     | 30.0                 | 577.49               | 17.82                | 184.7     | 39.0                 | 783.47               | 98.6      | 13.2                 | 191.56               |
| Sales and service   | 3,635.1   | 30.0                 | 398.44               | 12.33                | 2,197.6   | 38.6                 | 551.23               | 1,437.5   | 16.9                 | 164.85               |
| Trades, transport and equipment operators                     | 1,860.9   | 39.7                 | 740.95               | 18.48                | 1,737.5   | 41.3                 | 777.65               | 123.5     | 17.4                 | 224.43               |
| Occupations unique to primary industry                        | 199.0     | 42.1                 | 709.74               | 16.40                | 176.7     | 45.8                 | 781.89               | 22.3      | 13.2                 | 138.28               |
| Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities | 1,184.5   | 39.3                 | 652.03               | 16.46                | 1,138.3   | 40.2                 | 670.26               | 46.2      | 17.9                 | 203.07               |

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Table 18

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

| Region                                       | Effective from<br>January 9, 2005 to<br>February 5, 2005 | Region                                 | Effective from<br>January 9, 2005 to<br>February 5, 2005 |
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|  | Unemployment<br>rate                                     |  | Unemployment<br>rate                                     |
|  | %  |  | %  |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>             |  | <b>Ontario - Continued</b>             |  |
| 01. St. John's                               | 8.6  | 30. London                             | 6.9  |
| 02. Newfoundland and Labrador                | 20.2   | 31. Niagara                            | 6.5  |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>                  |  | 32. Windsor                            | 9.7  |
| 03. Prince Edward Island                     | 11.0   | 33. Kitchener                          | 4.4  |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>                           |  | 34. Huron                              | 7.7  |
| 04. Eastern Nova Scotia                      | 16.3   | 35. South Central Ontario              | 3.8  |
| 05. Western Nova Scotia                      | 9.9  | 36. Sudbury                            | 7.9  |
| 06. Halifax                                  | 6.0  | 37. Thunder Bay                        | 8.8  |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>                         |  | 38. Northern Ontario                   | 12.3   |
| 07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John           | 7.5  | <b>Manitoba</b>                        |  |
| 08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>         | 10.6   | 39. Winnipeg                           | 5.4  |
| 09. Restigouche-Albert                       | 15.4   | 40. Southern Manitoba                  | 5.7  |
| <b>Quebec</b>                                |  | 41. Northern Manitoba                  | 29.3   |
| 10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine            | 19.2   | <b>Saskatchewan</b>                    |  |
| 11. Québec                                   | 5.3  | 42. Regina                             | 5.1  |
| 12. Trois-Rivières                           | 10.0   | 43. Saskatoon                          | 6.0  |
| 13. South Central Quebec                     | 6.7  | 44. Southern Saskatchewan              | 6.8  |
| 14. Sherbrooke                               | 7.0  | 45. Northern Saskatchewan              | 14.7   |
| 15. Montérégie                               | 7.0  | <b>Alberta</b>                         |  |
| 16. Montréal                                 | 9.3  | 46. Calgary                            | 5.0  |
| 17. Central Quebec                           | 9.2  | 47. Edmonton                           | 5.2  |
| 18. Northwestern Quebec                      | 16.3   | 48. Northern Alberta                   | 9.7  |
| 19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup> | 11.2   | 49. Southern Alberta                   | 5.8  |
| 20. Hull                                     | 6.8  | <b>British Columbia</b>                |  |
| 21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière                     | 10.9   | 50. Southern Interior British Columbia | 6.9  |
| <b>Ontario</b>                               |  | 51. Abbotsford                         | 7.3  |
| 22. Ottawa                                   | 6.0  | 52. Vancouver                          | 6.3  |
| 23. Eastern Ontario                          | 6.4  | 53. Victoria                           | 6.3  |
| 24. Kingston                                 | 6.6  | 54. Southern Coastal British Columbia  | 8.9  |
| 25. Central Ontario                          | 5.2  | 55. Northern British Columbia          | 11.6   |
| 26. Oshawa                                   | 5.7  | <b>Territories</b>                     |  |
| 27. Toronto                                  | 7.7  | 56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>                 | 25.0   |
| 28. Hamilton                                 | 6.2  | 57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup> | 25.0   |
| 29. St. Catharines                           | 6.5  | 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)*