



Labour Force Survey 2015 (LFS)

The Labour force Survey 2015 (LFS) is now available for use by researchers working at the Atlantic Research Data Centre. The main objective of the LFS is to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications - employed, unemployed, and not in the labour force - and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these.

The LFS covers the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age and over. It is conducted nationwide, in both the provinces and the territories. Excluded from the survey's coverage are: persons living on reserves and other Aboriginal settlements in the provinces; full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the institutionalized population, and households in extremely remote areas with very low population density. These groups together represent an exclusion of less than 2% of the Canadian population aged 15 and over.

LFS data are used to produce the well-known unemployment rate as well as other standard labour market indicators such as the employment rate and the participation rate. The LFS also provides employment estimates by industry, occupation, public and private sector, hours worked and much more, all cross-classifiable by a variety of demographic characteristics. Estimates are produced for Canada, the provinces, the territories and a large number of sub-provincial regions. For employees, wage rates, union status, job permanency and workplace size are also produced.

Different levels of government for evaluation and planning of employment programs in Canada use these data. Regional unemployment rates are used by Employment and Social Development Canada to determine eligibility, level and duration of insurance benefits for persons living within a particular employment insurance region. Labour market analysts, economists, consultants, planners, forecasters and academics in both the private and public sector also use LFS data.

For more information on The Labour Force Survey 2015:

<http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3701>

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