



Labour Market Bulletin

Annapolis Valley

Economic Region 230



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Overview

The unemployment rate in the Annapolis Valley fell by 1.2 percentage points to 9% between April and May, 2009. The fall was due to the strength of increased employment and decreased unemployment. Employment growth was in full-time employment while part-time employment decreased. Employment was strong throughout the winter and the second highest on record for May. The level and rate of labour force participation fell during this period. These changes are typical for May in the Valley.

Annapolis Valley	May, 2009	April, 2009	May, 2008	May 2008 to May 2009
Population aged 15+	101,600	101,500	100,900	700
Labour force	63,200	63,700	62,200	1,000
Employed	57,600	57,200	56,600	1,000
Full-time	46,800	45,800	45,700	1,100
Part-time	10,800	11,400	10,800	0
Unemployed	5,700	6,500	5,600	100
Participation rate	62.2%	62.8%	61.6%	0.6 pp**
Unemployment rate	9.0%	10.2%	9.0%	0.0 pp**

Source: Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey.
*** Changes in the last column comparing rates are percentage point changes denoted by "pp".*

When comparing the May data to May 2008, the unemployment rate remained stable. Both employment, all in the full-time group, and unemployment rose during this period. Both the level and rate of labour force participation rose. While the unemployment rate is higher than in May 2007, the rate has only been lower in May three times in the past twenty years.

Industry Analysis

While overall employment grew both from the previous month and from the previous year, employment in the Goods-Producing Sector increased from April but was down compared with May 2008. Service-Producing Sector employment, on the other hand, was down from April but showed an overall increase from May 2008.

Within the Goods-Producing Sector, employment was up in all industries except for non-Agricultural Primary Industries from April 2009. The opposite was true from May 2008

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with Construction and Manufacturing employment showing the largest employment declines. Utilities employment is virtually non-existent in this area.

Employment	May, 2009	April, 2009	May, 2008	May 2008 to May 2009
Goods-Producing Sector	13,900	13,200	15,500	-1,600
Services-Producing Sector	43,700	43,900	41,100	2,600

Source: Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey

In the Service-Producing Sector employment changes from April 2009 are very small, with no individual industry standing out. However, the employment changes from May 2008 show the largest decline in Educational Services and significant increases in Business, Building & Other Support Services; Other Services and Public Administration.

In the News

Sepracor Canada Limited announced it is cutting about 15 jobs at its Hants County facility later this month. The Windsor facility will employ 55 after the reduction. Sepracor Inc. is a research-based pharmaceutical company. **Hants Journal - May 14, 2009**

NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus will receive about \$1.5 million for upgrades that were announced on April 30 while **Kingstec Campus** in Kentville will receive \$750,000 and **Acadia University** will receive \$7.55 million to renovate Patterson Hall. This is all part of the 25 economic stimulus projects worth \$114 million. **Annapolis County Spectator - May 7, 2009**

The **Municipality of the County of Annapolis** will be receiving substantial funding for a project to extend municipal sewage services to residents in Deep Brook at a total cost of \$1,083,200. **Annapolis County Spectator - May 14, 2009**

A camp for children suffering from chronic illnesses got a major boost April 25 when the provincial government committed \$1.65 million to the **Camp Brigadoon project**. The not-for-profit Brigadoon Children's Camp Society hopes to open the camp on Aylesford Lake and serve more than 500 children and youth, at a total cost of \$5 million. **Kentville Advertiser - May 5, 2009**

Hantsport is on the break of becoming one of the first wireless communities and is hopeful to have the Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN) service lit up for community use sometime in June. **Hants Journal - May 14, 2009**

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