

Welcome to the Employment and Training Department's Monthly Employment News!

**According to the Latest release from the Labour Force Survey
Friday, December 2nd, 2011**

Services were down and goods were up in November, with the net result of an overall employment decline, although not as drastic as the losses in October. Nationally, employment declined by 19,000 positions – the second drop in as many months. Despite recent moderate declines, the employment landscape is still 1.2% higher than it was this time last year.

The national losses pushed the unemployment rate higher by 0.1% to 7.4%. The number of part-time workers declined by 53,000 in November. Despite this loss, there has still been a net gain of 274,000 full-time positions in the last year and over the same period, total actual hours worked increased by 1.2%.

The retail and wholesale trade sectors were the hardest hit industries with "other services" such as personal services and repair and maintenance posting significant gains to the order of 36,000 positions. There were also gains in gains in construction (+20,000); natural resources (+10,000); and utilities (+8,000).

Employment fell in Quebec and Saskatchewan, while it increased in Nova Scotia, with slight gains in Ontario and Alberta.

Following large losses in October, Ontario showed 17,000 more jobs in November, bringing the unemployment rate down to 7.2%. Over the past 12 months, employment in the province has grown by 1.5% (+97,000), slightly higher than the national average of 1.2%.