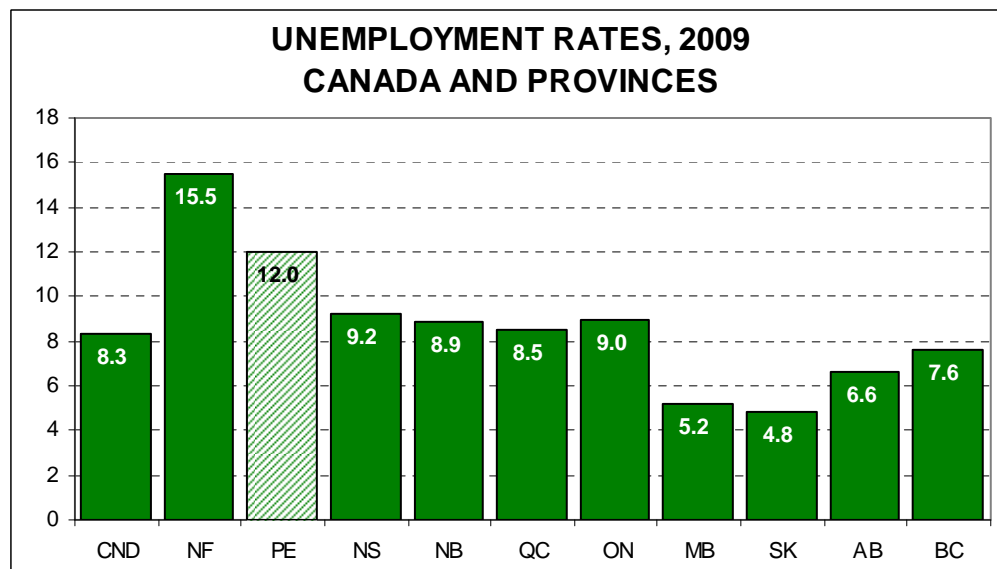


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## Labour Force Survey 2009 Annual Data

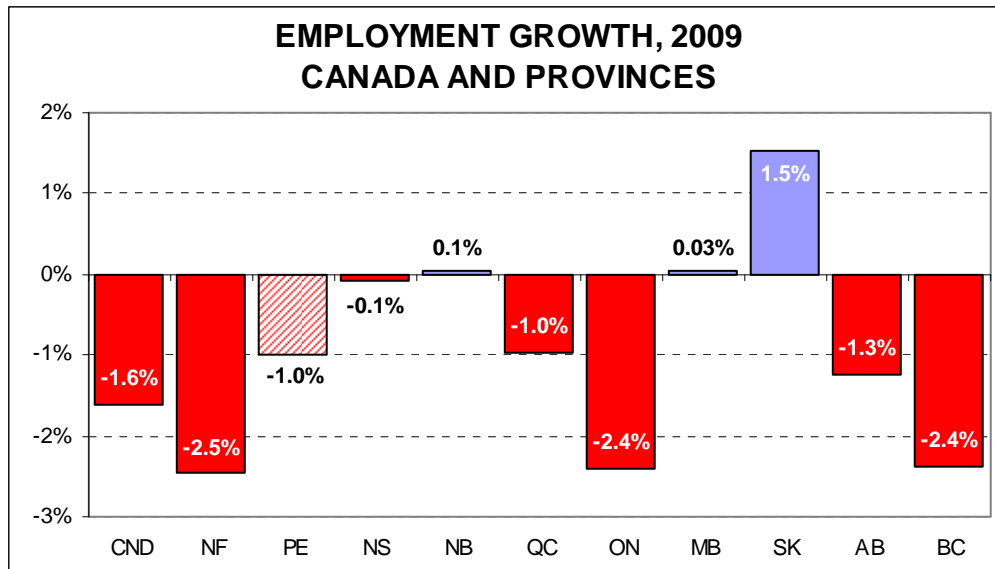
### 2009 LABOUR FORCE SUMMARY

Annual Labour Force survey data released by Statistics Canada on January 8, 2010 showed that the annual unemployment rate for Prince Edward Island rose from 10.8 per cent in 2008 to 12.0 per cent in 2009. As the diagram below illustrates, P.E.I.'s unemployment rate remains the second highest in the country.



In 2009 there were on average 69,500 persons employed on P.E.I., a decrease of 700 persons or 1.0 per cent over 2008. However, P.E.I ended the year with 71,100 employed persons in December, which was an all time high. The largest gains were seen in Agriculture (600 jobs), Construction (400 jobs) and Public Administration (+400 jobs), while the largest declines occurred in Manufacturing (-600 jobs), Other Primary Industries (-500 jobs) and Transportation and Warehousing (-500 jobs).

Nationally, employment decreased by 1.6 per cent, or 276,900 jobs. Employment fell in 7 provinces, with gains showing in New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The diagram below shows employment growth and declines for Canada and the provinces.



Annual employment gains (+)/ losses (-) for PEI between 2008 and 2009 occurred in the following sectors:

<b>Goods-producing sector:</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>Service-providing sector:</b>	<b>-500</b>
Agriculture:	+600	Trade (retail/wholesale):	-400
Other primary industries:	-500	Transport & warehousing	-500
Manufacturing:	-600	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	-300
Construction:	+400	Business services:	+100
Utilities:	0	Professional, Scientific and Technical	-300
		Educational services:	+300
		Health & Social services:	-300
		Public Administration:	+400
		Information, Culture and Recreation	+100
		Accommodation & Food services:	+300
		Other services:	+300

(Components may not sum to total due to rounding)

The following table shows 2009 labour force information for Canada and the provinces.

Annual Average	Can	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC
Unemployment Rate	8.3	15.5	<b>12.0</b>	9.2	8.9	8.5	9.0	5.2	4.8	6.6	7.6
Unemployment (000's)	1,519.8	39.3	<b>9.5</b>	46.0	35.7	355.2	649.0	33.2	26.3	139.7	185.9
Employment (000's)	16,848.9	214.9	<b>69.5</b>	452.8	366.4	3,844.2	6,526.1	606.9	520.6	1,988.1	2,259.4
Labour Force(000's)	18,368.7	254.2	<b>79.0</b>	498.8	402.1	4,199.4	7,175.1	640.2	546.9	2,127.8	2,445.3
Participation Rate	67.3	59.3	<b>68.1</b>	64.6	64.7	65.2	67.3	69.4	70.2	74.3	66.0