

**Table III-8 : Work Absence (Average Days Lost per Year Excluding Maternity) for Full-time Employees, for Vital Signs CMAs and Economic Regions, 1987-2008**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% change, 1997-2008
<b>Canada</b>	7.4	7.8	8.1	8.0	8.5	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.6	9.7	10.2	10.0	35.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>	7.3	7.9	7.9	8.6	10.2	9.7	10.2	9.6	10.3	11.5	10.5	11.0	50.7
Saint John	7.4	6.1	6.6	8.1	11.7	9.3	11.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	11.2	10.1	36.5
Fredericton-Oromocto*	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.4	8.5	7.7	9.0	7.1	8.9	9.9	9.7	12.4**	158.3
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	7.1	7.9	8.1	9.5	9.7	10.4	9.8	11.0	10.8	10.7	12.0	11.4	60.6
Annapolis Valley*	7.9	8.3	7.9	8.5	8.0	9.4	9.8	10.3	10.7	9.4	12.6	11.2**	41.8
<b>Quebec</b>	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.9	10.8	10.8	11.2	11.5	12.0	11.6	38.1
Montreal	8.2	8.8	8.2	8.4	8.6	9.4	10.7	10.3	10.7	11.3	11.8	11.4	39.0
<b>Ontario</b>	6.5	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.6	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.3	9.5	46.2
Ottawa	7.5	6.4	7.1	7.5	7.8	8.6	8.0	10.1	9.9	9.7	10.7	10.8	44.0
Sudbury	7.8	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.1	10.2	9.5	10.6	10.8	13.6	74.4
Toronto	4.9	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.6	8.2	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.3	69.4
Guelph*	8.0	8.1	7.2	6.8	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.8	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.6**	7.5
Kitchener	8.0	7.6	7.4	6.5	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.3	7.4	-7.5
London	6.3	7.1	5.8	6.2	7.5	7.6	8.3	8.1	10.1	9.9	10.4	8.5	34.9
Kingston	8.6	7.3	7.9	8.9	7.9	8.6	8.5	7.9	10.8	11.9	11.2	10.0	16.3
Oakville	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	7.4	8.2	8.7	9.4	10.0	10.3	10.4	10.3	11.1	11.0	10.5	10.5	41.9
Saskatoon	6.8	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.7	8.6	10.3	10.5	10.1	9.7	9.0	9.1	33.8
<b>Alberta</b>	6.5	6.9	7.9	7.6	8.2	8.5	8.0	7.5	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.3	27.7
Calgary	6.2	6.9	7.5	6.3	7.4	7.9	7.0	7.5	8.7	7.9	8.1	8.1	30.6
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat*	5.2	6.9	6.5	7.3	9.9	7.7	8.3	7.5	9.0	10.3	10.1	8.5**	63.5
Red Deer*	5.9	5.3	8.4	8.7	12.2	9.7	8.5	6.6	9.3	8.8	7.9	7.9**	33.9
<b>British Columbia</b>	8.8	8.7	9.7	8.8	9.7	9.5	9.9	8.8	10.3	9.4	10.1	9.8	11.4
Vancouver	8.3	7.7	8.9	7.5	8.6	8.3	9.1	8.4	10.0	8.8	8.6	8.5	2.4
Victoria	9.6	10.1	10.4	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	9.1	11.7	10.5	11.1	11.0	14.6
Kootenay*	9.9	8.5	10.6	9.6	10.9	10.4	10.0	10.1	12.5	12.5	12.4	10.9**	10.1
Thompson-Okanagan*	8.5	9.4	11.1	11.1	9.9	11.6	10.3	9.0	9.5	10.6	12.0	9.9**	16.5
Lower Mainland - Southwest*	8.6	8.0	8.9	7.8	9.0	8.6	9.2	8.3	10.1	8.7	8.6	8.8**	2.3

Source: For CMA data, Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Cansim Table 279-0029. Data for the economic regions are by special request, program A060807.

\* Economic Region

\*\* In 2008 the results available on CANSIM were slightly different (0.1 or less) from the results available through the Labour Force Survey. Because economic region data is not available from CANSIM, the LFS results are included for these. Statistics Canada is investigating this discrepancy.