

Selected Labour Market and Social Indicators Canada and the U.S.		
	Canada	U.S.
Unionization <i>(union coverage as share employed non-agricultural workforce, 2008)</i>	31.2%	13.7%
Employment Rate <i>(employed as share of working-age population¹, 2008)</i>	63.6%	62.2%
Standardized Unemployment Rate² <i>(unemployed as share of labour force, 2008)</i>	5.3%	5.8%
Employment Growth <i>(average annual growth in employment, 1998-2008)</i>	2.0%	1.0%
Poverty Rate <i>(share households with less than half median income, 2000)</i>	11.4%	17.0%
Income Inequality (I) <i>(ratio of top decile to bottom decile, 2000)</i>	9.4	15.9
Income Inequality (II) <i>(Gini Index of Income Inequality³, 2004)</i>	0.318	0.372
Absence of Health Coverage <i>(proportion of population without health insurance, 2007)</i>	n.a. ⁴	15.3%
<p><i>Sources:</i> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey database (http://www.bls.gov/data/#employment) and <i>International Unemployment Rates and Employment Indexes 207-2009</i>; Barry T. Hirsch and David A. Macpherson, unionstats.com; U.S. Census Bureau, <i>Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States 2007</i>; Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM Tables 2820055 and 2820078; Luxembourg Income Study “Key Figures”; United Nations Development Program, <i>Human Development Report 2007-08</i>.</p> <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working-age population over 15 years old in Canada, over 16 in the U.S. 2. Unemployment rates adjusted to reflect common U.S. statistical concepts. 3. Higher index indicates more inequality. 4. All citizens, permanent residents, and landed immigrants in Canada are entitled to comprehensive public health insurance. 		