

## **Welcome to Employment and Training Department's monthly Employment News!**

### **According to the Latest release from the Labour Force Survey Friday February 5th 2009**

Although there were few full-time jobs added in January, part-time employment increased by 43,000 jobs, which caused a 0.1 percent drop in the national unemployment rate. Although the gains still do not represent a rise to previous levels, January's increases mark the fourth gains in the last six months. Over the same period trends have demonstrated a gradual increase in full-time positions in both the public and private sectors.

Most of the gains were made by women ages 24 to 54 and youths – the first gain for youths since the fall of 2008. The sectors that showed the majority of the growth were business, building and other support services, and retail and wholesale trade. These were countered by losses in professional, scientific, technical and agricultural occupations.

Most of the National gains were attributable to Ontario which showed 30,000 new jobs in January. With more people re-entering the labour market, however, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.2%. Overall, the six month trend has shown a slight net increase of 51,000 positions across all industries.