

Definition/Description:

Participation Rate refers to the labour force in the reference week, expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over.

$$\text{Participation rate} = \frac{\text{Labour force}}{\text{Population 15 years and over (excluding institutional residents)}} \times 100$$

Reference Week - Refers to the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day (May 15, 2001).

Source:

http://www.wrha.mb.ca/howcare/decsup/files/population/Census_2001.pdf