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Commentary

Employment was unchanged in January following a strong 2002 when there was an increase of 560,000 (+3.7%) over the year. The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 7.4% due to a slight decline in the number of people looking for work.

More full-time jobs in January but fewer people working part-time

The upward trend in full-time employment that began at the start of 2002 continued in January with an increase of 34,000, bringing gains over the last thirteen months to 382,000 (+3.1%). Although part-time employment fell by 37,000 in January, it remains up 176,000 (+6.4%) compared to the beginning of 2002.

Men aged 25 and over continued to gain jobs with an increase of 26,000 in January. The gain was in full-time employment (+39,000). The unemployment rate among adult men fell to 6.3% (-0.4 percentage points).

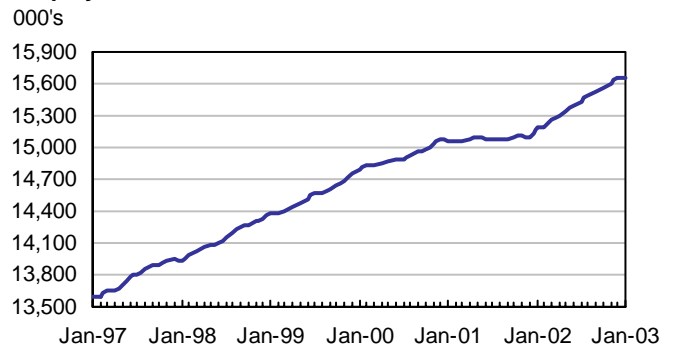
The increase in employment among adult men was offset by slight declines among adult women (-16,000), all in part-time. Employment also fell slightly among youths (-12,000). Over 2002, employment growth had been robust for these two groups. The unemployment rate for adult women in January was unchanged at 6.1% due to a slight decline in labour force participation. Among youths, the unemployment rate rose to 13.7% (+0.4 percentage points).

Fewer jobs in professional scientific and technical services and manufacturing but more trade jobs

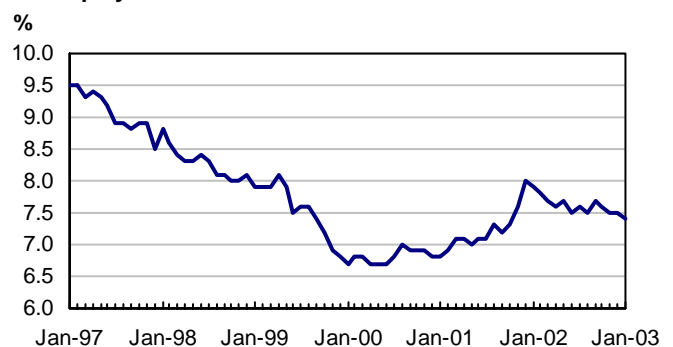
Employment fell by 21,000 in professional, scientific and technical services with most of the decline in Quebec and British Columbia. The loss in January follows gains of 52,000 over 2002 for this industry.

Factory employment fell slightly (-15,000) in January with small losses spread among several provinces. This is the fourth decline in the last five months and brings losses since August to 38,000 (-1.6%). While motor vehicle and parts manufacturing rebounded from the December losses, the largest decline in January was in computer and electronic products manufacturing. Despite these recent losses, manufacturing was an important source of the overall employment strength in 2002, adding 109,000 (+4.9%) jobs.

Employment



Unemployment rate



In January, employment rose by 16,000 in retail and wholesale trade, bringing gains since July 2002 to 53,000 (+2.2%). The increase in January was spread across most provinces.

Employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 10,000, bringing gains since March 2002, when employment in the industry picked up, to 43,000 (+5.8%).

Employment also rose in natural resources (+8,000), mostly in forestry and logging. The largest overall employment increases in this industry were in Ontario, British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Although employment in construction was little changed in January, job gains in the industry since the start of 2002 total 60,000 (+7.0%).

There was added employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (+11,000) bringing gains since the start of 2002 to 41,000 (+4.4%). Some of the strength in this industry is likely a spin-off effect of robust construction activity in 2002.

In January, employment fell slightly in accommodation and food services (-12,000) with the largest decline occurring in Ontario.

Continued employment strength in Ontario

The job strength observed over the second half of 2002 in Ontario continued in January with an increase of 26,000. The largest employment gains were in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing as well as transportation. The unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 6.8%.

Employment rose by 4,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador, the second consecutive monthly increase, bringing gains since November to 8,000. These recent gains offset losses over July to November. The largest increase in January was in the natural resource industries. The unemployment rate fell 0.6 percentage points to 17.9%.

Following strong growth over 2002, employment in Quebec was down slightly in January as a decline in part-time jobs (-26,000) was partly offset by a gain in full-time (+19,000). The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 8.4% due to a slight decline in labour force participation.

Employment in Alberta fell by 12,000 in January following gains of 67,000 (+4.1%) over 2002. The largest job losses in January occurred in construction and professional, scientific and technical services. The unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage points to 5.5%.

In Manitoba, employment fell by 5,000 but remained up 14,000 (+2.4%) from June 2001 when employment in the province began to pick up. In January, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.9%.

Employment also declined in Saskatchewan (-4,000) in January but remained up 22,000 (+4.6%) since the start of 2002. The decrease in January was in agriculture and trade but was partly offset by a gain in health care and social assistance. The unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points to 5.8%.

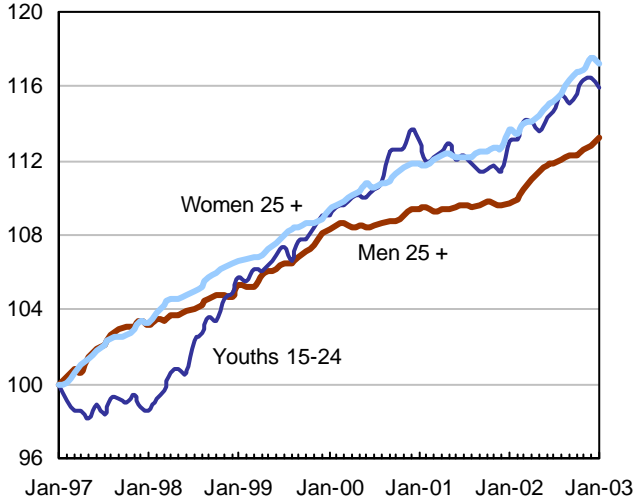
There was little change in employment for the other provinces in January.

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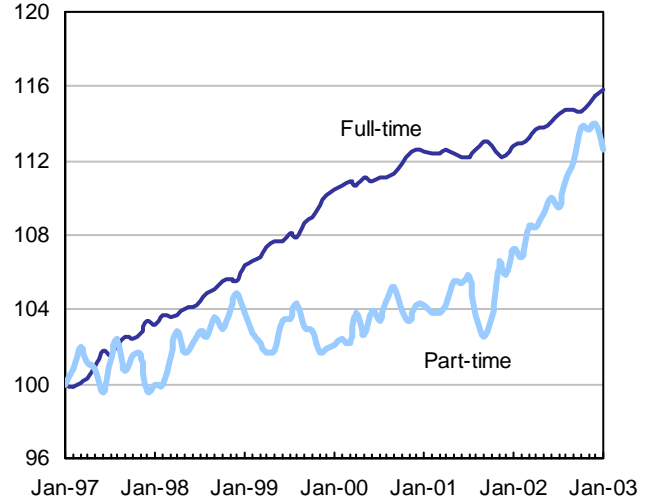
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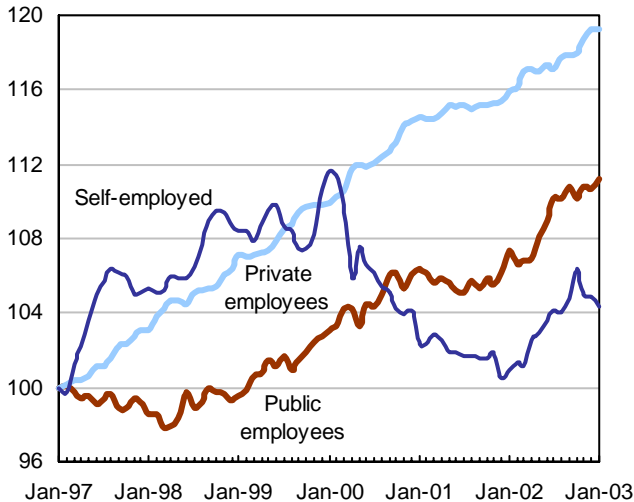
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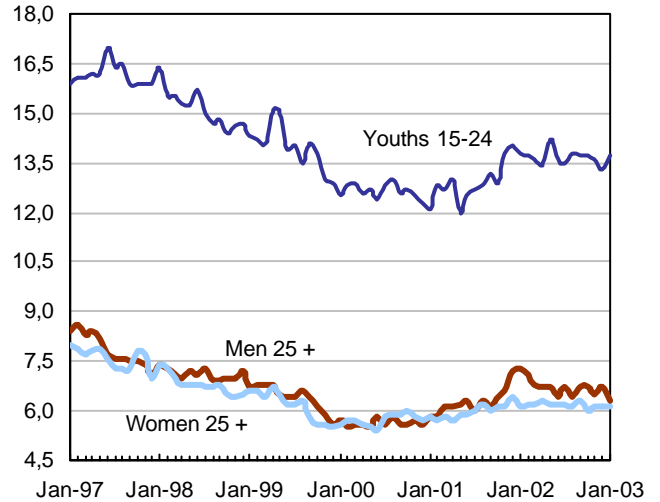
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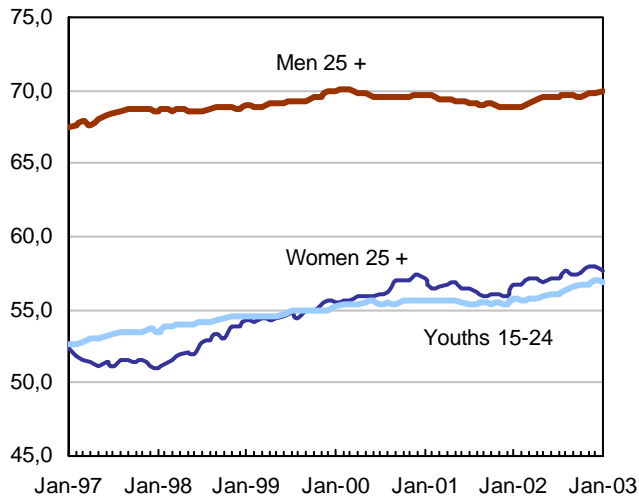
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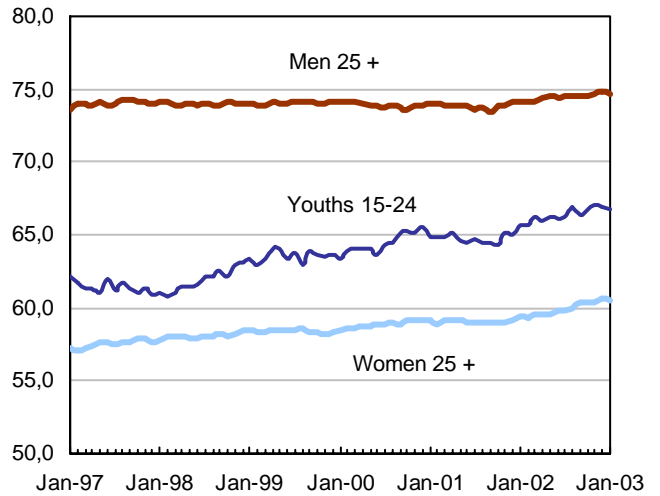
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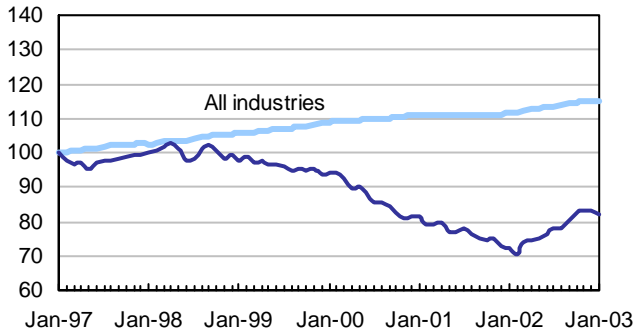


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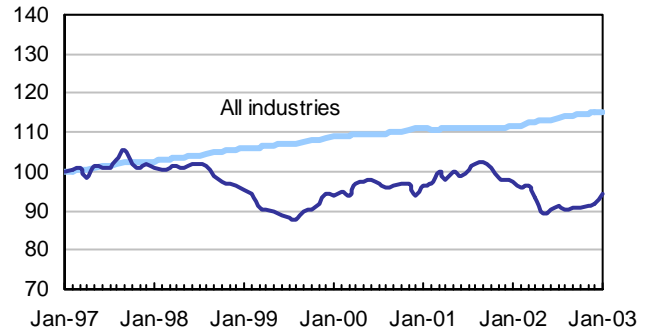


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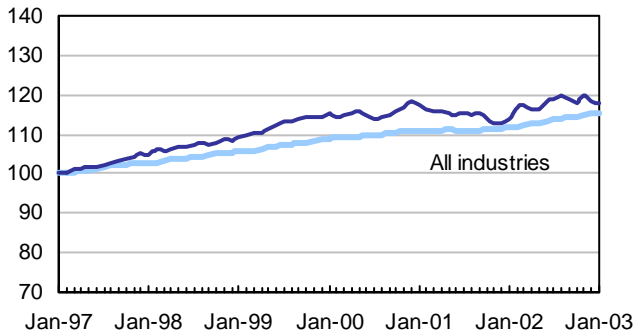
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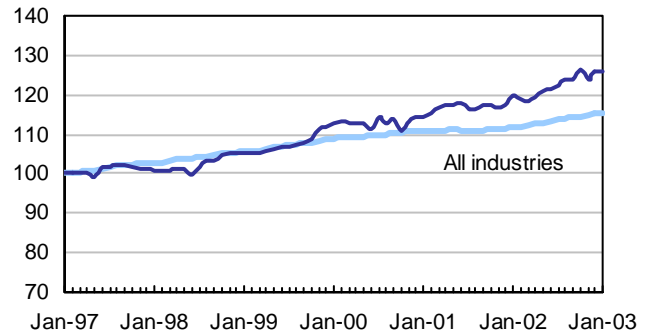
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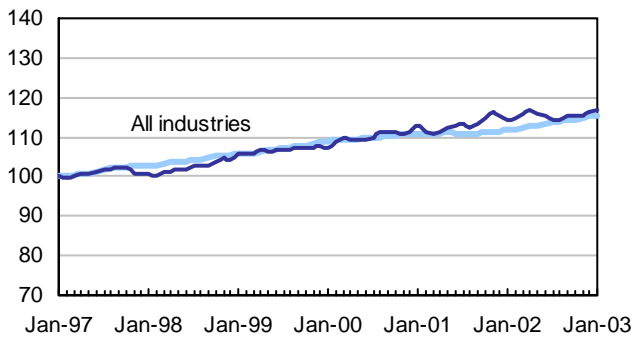
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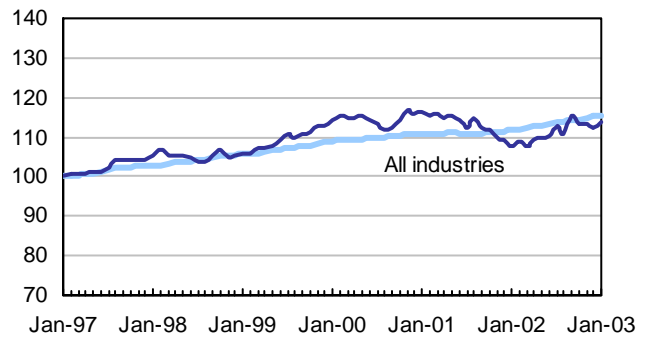
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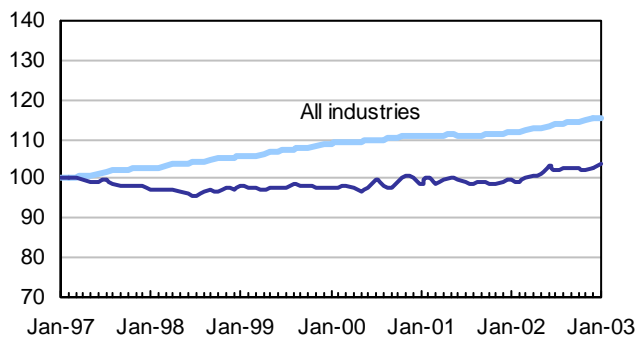
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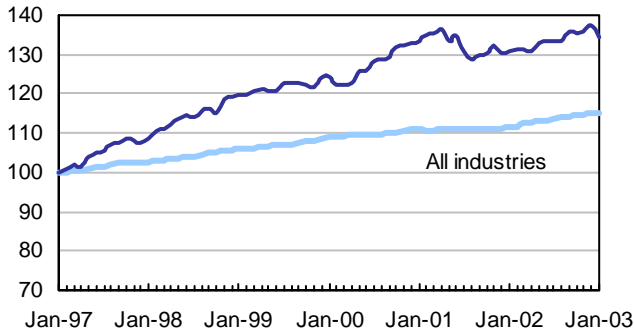


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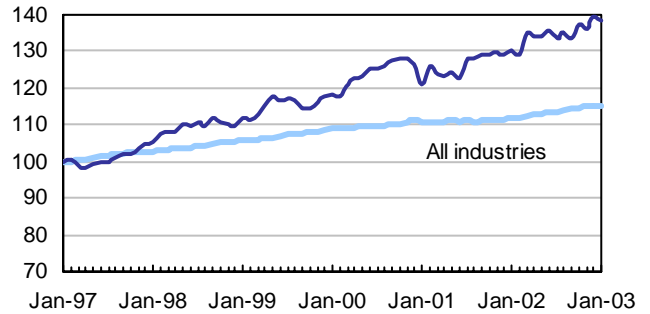


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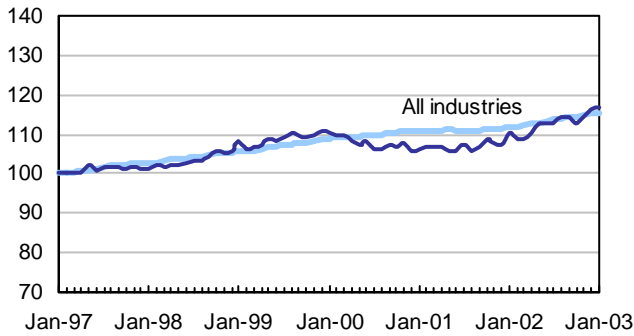
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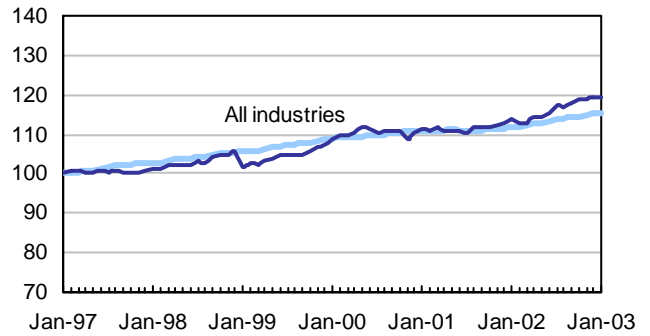
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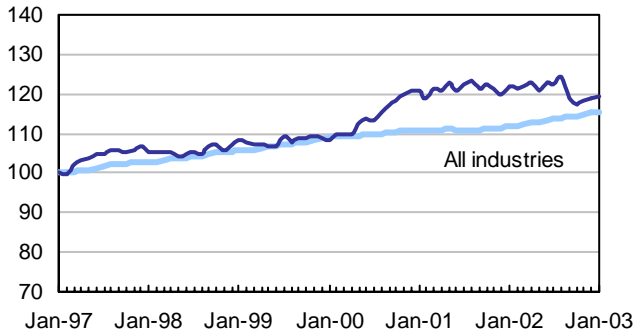
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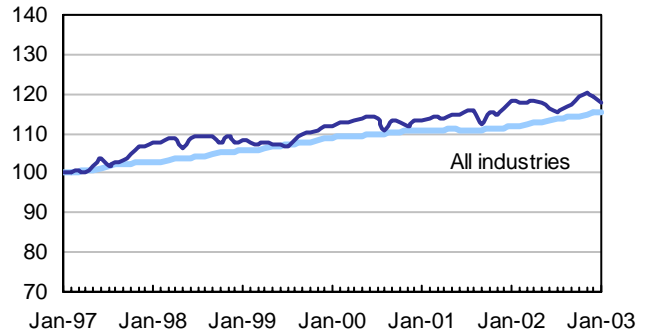
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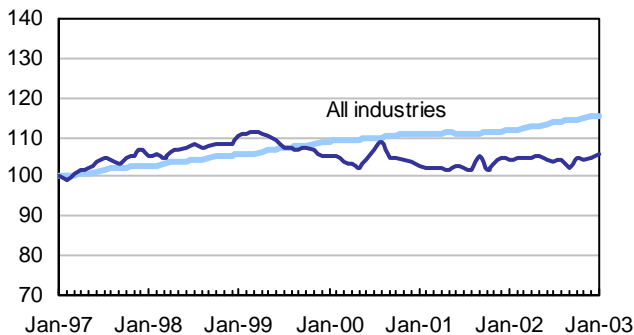
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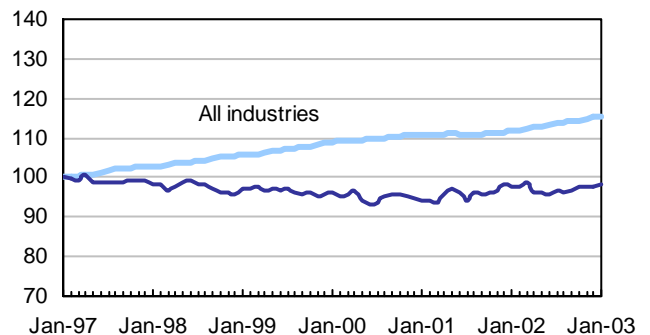
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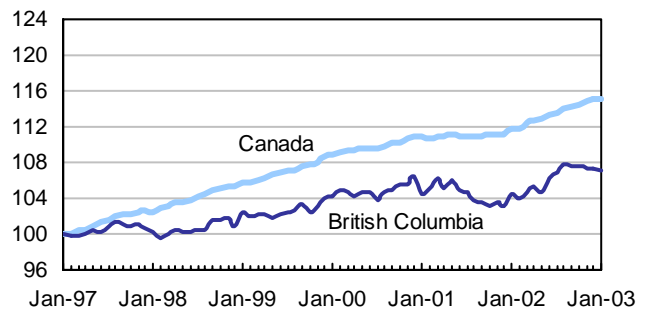
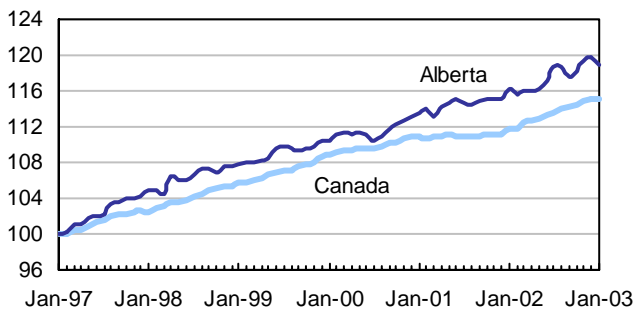
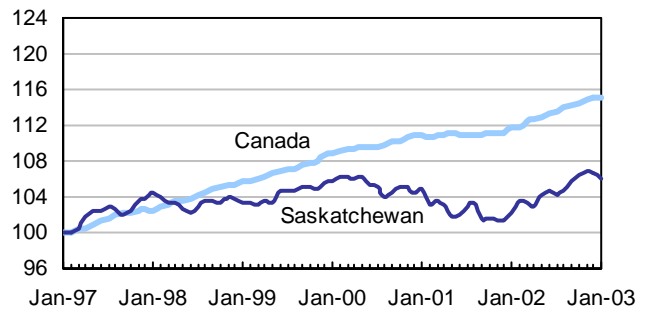
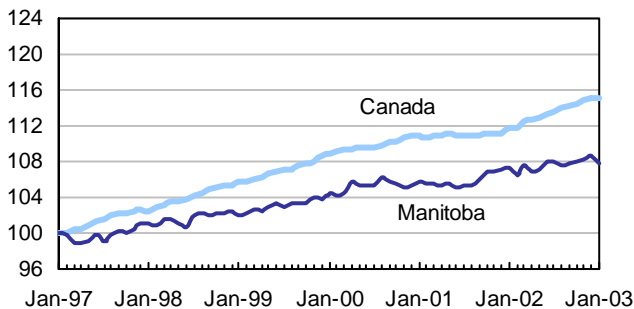
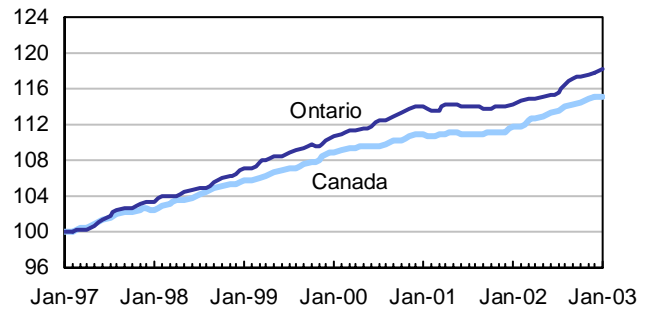
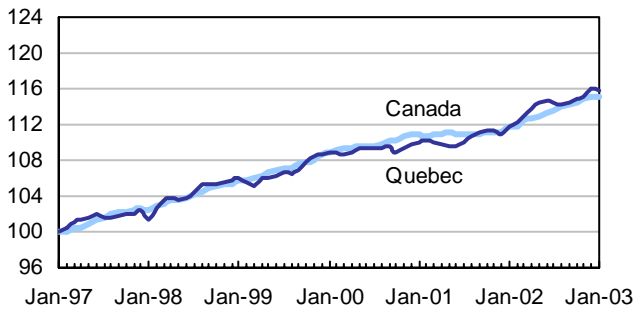
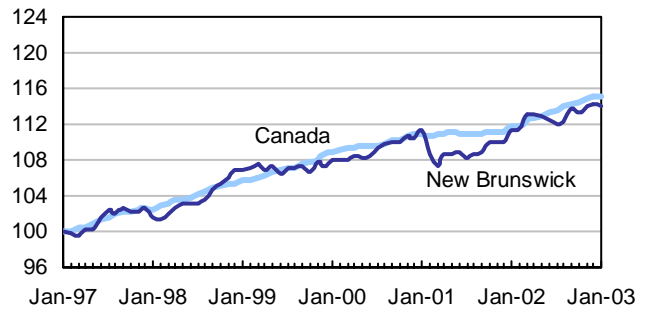
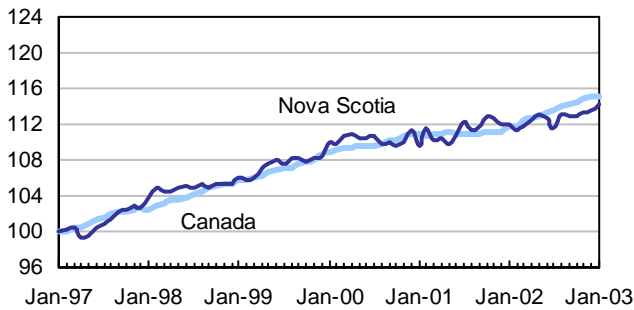
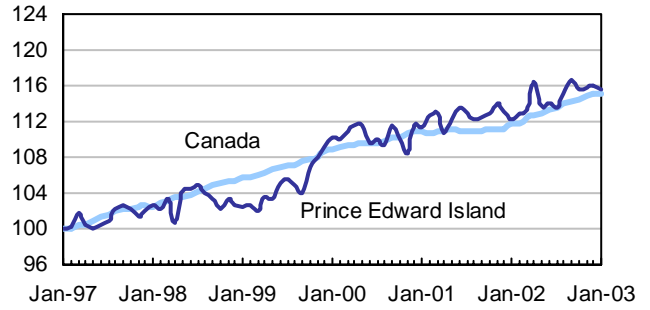
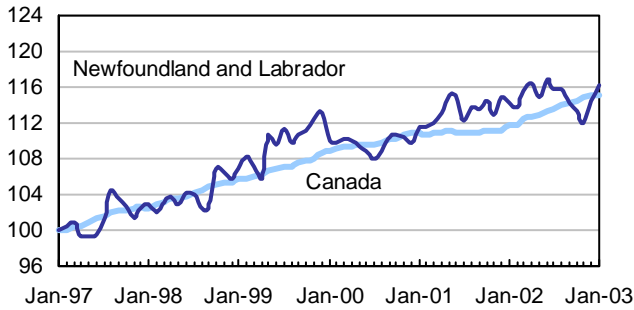
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Table 1

Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	25,087.4	25,108.2	...	20.8	20.8	314.6	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	16,925.3	16,906.1	29.9	-19.2	-19.2	424.8	-0.1	-0.1	2.6
Employment	15,649.7	15,647.6	30.2	-2.1	-2.1	467.1	0.0	0.0	3.1
Employment full-time	12,673.4	12,707.8	34.6	34.4	34.4	327.7	0.3	0.3	2.6
Employment part-time	2,976.3	2,939.8	29.2	-36.5	-36.5	139.3	-1.2	-1.2	5.0
Unemployment	1,275.6	1,258.5	23.4	-17.1	-17.1	-42.3	-1.3	-1.3	-3.3
Participation rate	67.5	67.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	18.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,145.9	4,148.5	...	2.6	2.6	30.7	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	2,772.8	2,771.7	17.1	-1.1	-1.1	66.2	0.0	0.0	2.4
Employment	2,404.5	2,392.2	16.3	-12.3	-12.3	59.0	-0.5	-0.5	2.5
Employment full-time	1,308.9	1,301.5	16.5	-7.4	-7.4	20.0	-0.6	-0.6	1.6
Employment part-time	1,095.6	1,090.8	17.0	-4.8	-4.8	39.1	-0.4	-0.4	3.7
Unemployment	368.3	379.5	13.2	11.2	11.2	7.1	3.0	3.0	1.9
Participation rate	66.9	66.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	13.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	57.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.6	45.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,215.6	10,224.0	...	8.4	8.4	140.9	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	7,646.0	7,642.2	15.6	-3.8	-3.8	163.3	0.0	0.0	2.2
Employment	7,135.3	7,161.4	17.3	26.1	26.1	226.2	0.4	0.4	3.3
Employment full-time	6,670.4	6,709.4	20.1	39.0	39.0	193.9	0.6	0.6	3.0
Employment part-time	464.9	452.0	13.5	-12.9	-12.9	32.3	-2.8	-2.8	7.7
Unemployment	510.7	480.8	13.9	-29.9	-29.9	-62.9	-5.9	-5.9	-11.6
Participation rate	74.8	74.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	70.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,725.8	10,735.7	...	9.9	9.9	143.0	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	6,506.4	6,492.2	17.6	-14.2	-14.2	195.3	-0.2	-0.2	3.1
Employment	6,109.8	6,093.9	17.6	-15.9	-15.9	181.8	-0.3	-0.3	3.1
Employment full-time	4,694.1	4,696.9	21.9	2.8	2.8	113.8	0.1	0.1	2.5
Employment part-time	1,415.8	1,397.0	19.1	-18.8	-18.8	68.0	-1.3	-1.3	5.1
Unemployment	396.6	398.2	13.0	1.6	1.6	13.5	0.4	0.4	3.5
Participation rate	60.7	60.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	22.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,077.6	14,077.6	...	0.0	0.0	60.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	12,159.3	12,132.0	21.7	-27.3	-27.3	156.9	-0.2	-0.2	1.3
Employment	11,378.2	11,369.2	23.4	-9.0	-9.0	214.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.9
Unemployment	781.1	762.8	18.1	-18.3	-18.3	-57.2	-2.3	-2.3	-7.0
Participation rate	86.4	86.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.8	80.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	...	...	...

¹ Average standard error change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 2**Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Class of worker									
Employees	13,271.2	13,281.9	31.1	10.7	10.7	389.6	0.1	0.1	3.0
Self-employed ²	2,378.5	2,365.7	18.3	-12.8	-12.8	77.4	-0.5	-0.5	3.4
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	2,953.4	2,967.6	17.8	14.2	14.2	103.2	0.5	0.5	3.6
Private sector employees	10,317.8	10,314.3	31.3	-3.5	-3.5	286.5	0.0	0.0	2.9
Industry	15,649.7	15,647.6	30.2	-2.1	-2.1	467.1	0.0	0.0	3.1
Goods-producing sector	4,010.0	3,988.0	22.7	-22.0	-22.0	145.8	-0.5	-0.5	3.8
Agriculture	355.2	351.0	6.3	-4.2	-4.2	44.0	-1.2	-1.2	14.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	270.3	278.0	6.0	7.7	7.7	-8.4	2.8	2.8	-2.9
Utilities	131.1	122.9	3.9	-8.2	-8.2	-4.5	-6.3	-6.3	-3.5
Construction	911.3	908.5	12.2	-2.8	-2.8	40.4	-0.3	-0.3	4.7
Manufacturing	2,342.2	2,327.6	18.3	-14.6	-14.6	74.3	-0.6	-0.6	3.3
Services-producing sector	11,639.6	11,659.6	31.0	20.0	20.0	321.3	0.2	0.2	2.8
Trade	2,446.5	2,462.3	18.8	15.8	15.8	49.1	0.6	0.6	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	765.8	775.7	10.7	9.9	9.9	40.9	1.3	1.3	5.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	903.6	914.5	11.4	10.9	10.9	37.2	1.2	1.2	4.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,020.8	999.5	12.9	-21.3	-21.3	26.3	-2.1	-2.1	2.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	612.3	609.1	11.0	-3.2	-3.2	35.4	-0.5	-0.5	6.2
Educational services	1,050.2	1,055.4	11.5	5.2	5.2	57.7	0.5	0.5	5.8
Health care and social assistance	1,654.8	1,653.5	13.3	-1.3	-1.3	80.8	-0.1	-0.1	5.1
Information, culture and recreation	693.5	696.3	11.7	2.8	2.8	-13.0	0.4	0.4	-1.8
Accommodation and food services	1,016.2	1,003.8	13.4	-12.4	-12.4	-5.2	-1.2	-1.2	-0.5
Other services	695.1	703.1	10.5	8.0	8.0	9.0	1.2	1.2	1.3
Public administration	781.0	786.4	9.6	5.4	5.4	3.0	0.7	0.7	0.4

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

² Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family business without pay.
Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

Table 3

Labour force characteristics by province (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	439.1	439.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	262.1	264.4	2.7	2.3	2.3	7.2	0.9	0.9	2.8
Employment	213.5	217.0	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	1.6	1.6	1.8
Employment full-time	180.9	182.7	2.7	1.8	1.8	4.7	1.0	1.0	2.6
Employment part-time	32.6	34.3	1.9	1.7	1.7	-0.9	5.2	5.2	-2.6
Unemployment	48.6	47.4	2.4	-1.2	-1.2	3.3	-2.5	-2.5	7.5
Participation rate	59.7	60.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.5	17.9	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.6	49.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	112.5	112.7	...	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	76.2	76.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Employment	67.9	67.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.9
Employment full-time	56.5	56.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	2.2
Employment part-time	11.4	11.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	-2.6	-2.6	5.7
Unemployment	8.3	8.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	-1.3	1.2	1.2	-13.4
Participation rate	67.7	67.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	11.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.0	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	757.7	757.9	...	0.2	0.2	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	476.9	479.1	3.1	2.2	2.2	6.9	0.5	0.5	1.5
Employment	432.3	434.3	3.2	2.0	2.0	8.2	0.5	0.5	1.9
Employment full-time	347.4	350.2	3.6	2.8	2.8	2.3	0.8	0.8	0.7
Employment part-time	84.9	84.0	3.1	-0.9	-0.9	5.8	-1.1	-1.1	7.4
Unemployment	44.6	44.8	2.6	0.2	0.2	-1.3	0.4	0.4	-2.8
Participation rate	62.9	63.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	608.5	608.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	390.2	389.2	2.7	-1.0	-1.0	4.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.2
Employment	350.0	349.4	2.7	-0.6	-0.6	8.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.5
Employment full-time	295.8	295.5	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	7.7	-0.1	-0.1	2.7
Employment part-time	54.2	53.9	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	1.3
Unemployment	40.2	39.8	2.5	-0.4	-0.4	-3.7	-1.0	-1.0	-8.5
Participation rate	64.1	64.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,055.1	6,059.5	...	4.4	4.4	49.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	3,991.7	3,981.6	16.2	-10.1	-10.1	111.6	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Employment	3,654.1	3,646.8	16.7	-7.3	-7.3	126.8	-0.2	-0.2	3.6
Employment full-time	2,985.2	3,004.1	19.0	18.9	18.9	95.9	0.6	0.6	3.3
Employment part-time	668.9	642.7	15.6	-26.2	-26.2	30.8	-3.9	-3.9	5.0
Unemployment	337.6	334.8	13.4	-2.8	-2.8	-15.2	-0.8	-0.8	-4.3
Participation rate	65.9	65.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...

Table 3**Labour force characteristics by province (in thousands), seasonally adjusted - Concluded**

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,703.7	9,713.0	...	9.3	9.3	165.5	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	6,633.1	6,639.8	19.4	6.7	6.7	183.5	0.1	0.1	2.8
Employment	6,166.0	6,191.5	19.4	25.5	25.5	210.9	0.4	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	5,039.8	5,065.6	22.2	25.8	25.8	168.7	0.5	0.5	3.4
Employment part-time	1,126.2	1,125.9	18.6	-0.3	-0.3	42.2	0.0	0.0	3.9
Unemployment	467.1	448.3	14.9	-18.8	-18.8	-27.4	-4.0	-4.0	-5.8
Participation rate	68.4	68.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	865.0	864.9	...	-0.1	-0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	601.5	596.4	3.1	-5.1	-5.1	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.1
Employment	572.1	567.3	3.3	-4.8	-4.8	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.3
Employment full-time	462.3	454.3	3.8	-8.0	-8.0	-3.5	-1.7	-1.7	-0.8
Employment part-time	109.9	112.9	3.3	3.0	3.0	5.3	2.7	2.7	4.9
Unemployment	29.3	29.1	2.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.7	-0.7	-3.6
Participation rate	69.5	69.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	757.6	757.4	...	-0.2	-0.2	-3.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	520.9	518.0	2.9	-2.9	-2.9	17.1	-0.6	-0.6	3.4
Employment	491.7	488.2	3.0	-3.5	-3.5	17.1	-0.7	-0.7	3.6
Employment full-time	390.1	392.1	3.3	2.0	2.0	11.5	0.5	0.5	3.0
Employment part-time	101.6	96.0	2.8	-5.6	-5.6	5.5	-5.5	-5.5	6.1
Unemployment	29.2	29.8	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0
Participation rate	68.8	68.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	2.5	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,445.1	2,449.4	...	4.3	4.3	52.9	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,795.8	1,794.3	8.4	-1.5	-1.5	55.3	-0.1	-0.1	3.2
Employment	1,707.5	1,695.4	8.6	-12.1	-12.1	40.4	-0.7	-0.7	2.4
Employment full-time	1,400.0	1,390.4	10.1	-9.6	-9.6	32.4	-0.7	-0.7	2.4
Employment part-time	307.4	305.0	8.9	-2.4	-2.4	8.0	-0.8	-0.8	2.7
Unemployment	88.4	99.0	6.2	10.6	10.6	15.0	12.0	12.0	17.9
Participation rate	73.4	73.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.2	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,343.1	3,345.8	...	2.7	2.7	41.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	2,176.9	2,167.3	11.7	-9.6	-9.6	37.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.7
Employment	1,994.6	1,990.3	11.8	-4.3	-4.3	47.9	-0.2	-0.2	2.5
Employment full-time	1,514.7	1,516.2	13.7	1.5	1.5	6.6	0.1	0.1	0.4
Employment part-time	479.9	474.1	12.0	-5.8	-5.8	41.3	-1.2	-1.2	9.5
Unemployment	182.3	177.0	8.9	-5.3	-5.3	-10.7	-2.9	-2.9	-5.7
Participation rate	65.1	64.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM table 282-0087

Table 4

Selected labour force characteristics, Newfoundland and Labrador (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	439.1	439.1	...	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	262.1	264.4	2.7	2.3	2.3	7.2	0.9	0.9	2.8
Employment	213.5	217.0	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	1.6	1.6	1.8
Employment full-time	180.9	182.7	2.7	1.8	1.8	4.7	1.0	1.0	2.6
Unemployment	48.6	47.4	2.4	-1.2	-1.2	3.3	-2.5	-2.5	7.5
Participation rate	59.7	60.2	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.5	17.9	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.6	49.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.3	15.8	0.9	0.5	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	74.4	74.2	...	-0.2	-0.2	-2.6	-0.3	-0.3	-3.4
Labour force	42.1	41.9	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	2.7
Employment	31.5	31.0	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	-1.6	-1.6	1.0
Unemployment	10.6	10.9	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	2.8	2.8	7.9
Participation rate	56.6	56.5	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	25.2	26.0	2.9	0.8	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.3	41.8	1.8	-0.5	-0.5	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	44.2	3.6	-0.6	-0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	177.9	178.0	...	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	118.9	119.5	1.5	0.6	0.6	2.8	0.5	0.5	2.4
Employment	96.4	98.9	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.9
Unemployment	22.5	20.6	1.5	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	-8.4	-8.4	0.0
Participation rate	66.8	67.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.9	17.2	1.2	-1.7	-1.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	55.6	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	3.4	5.0	0.8	1.5	1.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	186.8	186.9	...	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	101.1	103.0	1.4	1.9	1.9	3.3	1.9	1.9	3.3
Employment	85.5	87.1	1.3	1.6	1.6	0.7	1.9	1.9	0.8
Unemployment	15.6	15.9	1.3	0.3	0.3	2.6	1.9	1.9	19.5
Participation rate	54.1	55.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	15.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	45.8	46.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	18.0	1.4	0.4	0.4	-1.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	213.5	217.0	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	1.6	1.6	1.8
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	43.4	44.0	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	1.4	1.4	0.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.0	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.8	20.0	20.0	300.0
Utilities	12.6	14.4	1.0	1.8	1.8	0.4	14.3	14.3	2.9
Construction	2.5	2.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-12.0	-12.0	-4.3
Manufacturing	11.8	10.4	0.9	-1.4	-1.4	0.2	-11.9	-11.9	2.0
Services-producing sector	14.5	14.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	-2.2	0.7	0.7	-13.1
Services-producing sector									
Trade	170.1	173.0	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.8	1.7	1.7	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	38.6	39.8	1.3	1.2	1.2	-1.5	3.1	3.1	-3.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	12.2	12.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.6	1.6	13.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.1	6.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.5	-4.2	-4.2	-18.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	7.7	7.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.9	2.6	2.6	12.9
Educational services	7.7	9.0	0.8	1.3	1.3	0.3	16.9	16.9	3.4
Health care and social assistance	17.5	17.0	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-2.9	-2.9	-4.0
Information, culture and recreation	32.8	33.2	1.0	0.4	0.4	4.1	1.2	1.2	14.1
Accommodation and food services	5.9	5.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-2.5	-3.4	-3.4	-30.5
Other services	13.5	13.4	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	1.9	-0.7	-0.7	16.5
Public administration	11.3	11.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.6	4.4	4.4	15.7
Public administration	15.9	16.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.6	0.6	-1.8

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 5

Selected labour force characteristics, Prince Edward Island (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	112.5	112.7	...	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	76.2	76.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.8
Employment	67.9	67.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.9
Employment full-time	56.5	56.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	2.2
Unemployment	8.3	8.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	-1.3	1.2	1.2	-13.4
Participation rate	67.7	67.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	11.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.0	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.8	16.4	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.1	20.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
Labour force	14.3	13.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-2.8	-2.8	-1.4
Employment	12.4	11.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.6	-4.0	-4.0	5.3
Unemployment	1.9	2.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.8	5.3	5.3	-28.6
Participation rate	71.1	69.2	2.0	-1.9	-1.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	14.4	2.5	1.1	1.1	-5.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	59.2	2.1	-2.5	-2.5	2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.9	37.0	3.0	-0.9	-0.9	0.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	44.6	44.7	...	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.4
Labour force	31.8	32.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.6	1.6	0.6
Employment	28.2	28.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.8	1.8	2.9
Unemployment	3.6	3.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-12.2
Participation rate	71.3	72.3	0.8	1.0	1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.1	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	64.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	2.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	47.8	47.9	...	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.5
Labour force	30.0	29.7	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-1.0	-1.0	1.7
Employment	27.3	26.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	-1.5	-1.5	1.9
Unemployment	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	62.8	62.0	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.4	1.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.2	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	17.8	1.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.9	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	67.9	67.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	17.3	17.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.3	1.2	1.2	-1.7
Agriculture	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.5	3.0	3.0	-12.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.5	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	12.0	12.0	3.7
Utilities	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.8	4.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-8.3	-8.3	-18.5
Manufacturing	6.4	6.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.6	1.6	16.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	50.6	50.1	0.7	-0.5	-0.5	2.2	-1.0	-1.0	4.6
Trade	9.5	9.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	9.1
Transportation and warehousing	2.6	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7	3.8	3.8	35.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-9.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.1	2.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-6.5	-6.5	0.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.8	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	7.1	7.1	42.9
Educational services	4.9	4.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-2.0	-2.0	9.1
Health care and social assistance	8.1	7.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-2.5	-2.5	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	2.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-3.6	-3.6	-10.0
Accommodation and food services	5.1	4.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-3.9	-3.9	-14.0
Other services	3.5	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	6.1
Public administration	6.3	6.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.6	1.6	6.7

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 6

Selected labour force characteristics, Nova Scotia (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	757.7	757.9	...	0.2	0.2	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	476.9	479.1	3.1	2.2	2.2	6.9	0.5	0.5	1.5
Employment	432.3	434.3	3.2	2.0	2.0	8.2	0.5	0.5	1.9
Employment full-time	347.4	350.2	3.6	2.8	2.8	2.3	0.8	0.8	0.7
Unemployment	44.6	44.8	2.6	0.2	0.2	-1.3	0.4	0.4	-2.8
Participation rate	62.9	63.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	19.3	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.5	123.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	80.5	82.6	1.9	2.1	2.1	4.6	2.6	2.6	5.9
Employment	66.7	70.6	1.8	3.9	3.9	7.7	5.8	5.8	12.2
Unemployment	13.8	12.1	1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-3.1	-12.3	-12.3	-20.4
Participation rate	65.2	66.9	1.5	1.7	1.7	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.1	14.6	1.9	-2.5	-2.5	-4.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	57.2	1.5	3.2	3.2	6.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.3	48.0	2.5	2.7	2.7	4.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	302.6	302.7	...	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	209.2	208.3	1.6	-0.9	-0.9	1.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.6
Employment	191.2	190.9	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	2.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.3
Unemployment	18.0	17.3	1.6	-0.7	-0.7	-1.3	-3.9	-3.9	-7.0
Participation rate	69.1	68.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	63.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	5.5	0.6	-1.2	-1.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	331.6	331.7	...	0.1	0.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.7
Labour force	187.2	188.2	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.6
Employment	174.4	172.8	1.7	-1.6	-1.6	-1.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.1
Unemployment	12.8	15.4	1.3	2.6	2.6	3.0	20.3	20.3	24.2
Participation rate	56.5	56.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	8.2	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	52.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.0	23.0	1.1	-1.0	-1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	432.3	434.3	3.2	2.0	2.0	8.2	0.5	0.5	1.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	94.9	96.3	2.0	1.4	1.4	3.3	1.5	1.5	3.5
Agriculture	6.2	6.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	-0.7	6.5	6.5	-9.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.3	15.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.9	2.0	2.0	22.8
Utilities	2.9	2.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	31.8
Construction	25.0	24.0	1.3	-1.0	-1.0	-2.3	-4.0	-4.0	-8.7
Manufacturing	45.6	47.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.6	3.3	3.3	5.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	337.5	338.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	4.9	0.1	0.1	1.5
Trade	75.4	74.7	1.9	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7	-0.9	-0.9	-2.2
Transportation and warehousing	19.3	19.7	1.0	0.4	0.4	-1.7	2.1	2.1	-7.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.0	21.5	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	-2.3	-2.3	1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.8	20.1	1.0	-0.7	-0.7	3.4	-3.4	-3.4	20.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	21.7	22.2	1.3	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.3	2.3	7.2
Educational services	34.5	34.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Health care and social assistance	51.7	52.4	1.3	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.4	1.4	3.4
Information, culture and recreation	17.1	16.7	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	-2.3	-2.3	0.0
Accommodation and food services	28.3	27.5	1.4	-0.8	-0.8	-5.6	-2.8	-2.8	-16.9
Other services	22.4	23.2	1.1	0.8	0.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	19.0
Public administration	23.9	25.6	1.0	1.7	1.7	2.4	7.1	7.1	10.3

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 7

Selected labour force characteristics, New Brunswick (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	608.5	608.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	390.2	389.2	2.7	-1.0	-1.0	4.7	-0.3	-0.3	1.2
Employment	350.0	349.4	2.7	-0.6	-0.6	8.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.5
Employment full-time	295.8	295.5	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	7.7	-0.1	-0.1	2.7
Unemployment	40.2	39.8	2.5	-0.4	-0.4	-3.7	-1.0	-1.0	-8.5
Participation rate	64.1	64.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	15.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.8	97.7	...	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4
Labour force	65.0	63.5	1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.7	-2.3	-2.3	-2.6
Employment	55.4	54.4	1.5	-1.0	-1.0	0.9	-1.8	-1.8	1.7
Unemployment	9.5	9.1	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-2.7	-4.2	-4.2	-22.9
Participation rate	66.5	65.0	1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	14.3	2.0	-0.3	-0.3	-3.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	55.7	1.5	-0.9	-0.9	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	32.7	35.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	247.1	247.1	...	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	173.2	174.1	1.5	0.9	0.9	3.1	0.5	0.5	1.8
Employment	154.3	154.5	1.6	0.2	0.2	2.4	0.1	0.1	1.6
Unemployment	18.9	19.6	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Participation rate	70.1	70.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	11.3	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.5	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.4	4.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	263.6	263.7	...	0.1	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	152.0	151.7	1.4	-0.3	-0.3	3.5	-0.2	-0.2	2.4
Employment	140.2	140.5	1.4	0.3	0.3	5.1	0.2	0.2	3.8
Unemployment	11.8	11.2	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.6	-5.1	-5.1	-12.5
Participation rate	57.7	57.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.4	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.2	53.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	19.6	1.0	-1.2	-1.2	0.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	350.0	349.4	2.7	-0.6	-0.6	8.4	-0.2	-0.2	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	79.6	81.9	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.9	2.9	2.6
Agriculture	6.5	6.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	2.5	6.2	6.2	56.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.1	11.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	-1.6	2.7	2.7	-12.3
Utilities	4.0	3.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-5.0	-5.0	-13.6
Construction	19.6	20.0	1.0	0.4	0.4	1.2	2.0	2.0	6.4
Manufacturing	38.5	39.8	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.6	3.4	3.4	1.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	270.4	267.5	2.4	-2.9	-2.9	6.3	-1.1	-1.1	2.4
Trade	53.9	54.8	1.4	0.9	0.9	2.9	1.7	1.7	5.6
Transportation and warehousing	19.7	19.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-1.7	-1.0	-1.0	-8.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.4	13.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	-3.5	-3.5	1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.7	15.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	2.5	-1.3	-1.3	19.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.3	21.0	0.9	-2.3	-2.3	1.9	-9.9	-9.9	9.9
Educational services	21.3	21.5	0.9	0.2	0.2	-0.7	0.9	0.9	-3.2
Health care and social assistance	43.7	43.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	2.5	0.2	0.2	6.1
Information, culture and recreation	12.9	13.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	3.9	3.9	4.7
Accommodation and food services	25.8	24.0	1.1	-1.8	-1.8	-3.0	-7.0	-7.0	-11.1
Other services	17.9	18.6	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.5	3.9	3.9	8.8
Public administration	21.7	21.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-1.8

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 8
Selected labour force characteristics, Quebec (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,055.1	6,059.5	...	4.4	4.4	49.0	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	3,991.7	3,981.6	16.2	-10.1	-10.1	111.6	-0.3	-0.3	2.9
Employment	3,654.1	3,646.8	16.7	-7.3	-7.3	126.8	-0.2	-0.2	3.6
Employment full-time	2,985.2	3,004.1	19.0	18.9	18.9	95.9	0.6	0.6	3.3
Unemployment	337.6	334.8	13.4	-2.8	-2.8	-15.2	-0.8	-0.8	-4.3
Participation rate	65.9	65.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	8.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	17.6	0.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	954.4	954.1	...	-0.3	-0.3	-6.4	0.0	0.0	-0.7
Labour force	638.6	638.6	9.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	0.0	0.0	2.6
Employment	556.0	551.5	8.7	-4.5	-4.5	14.2	-0.8	-0.8	2.6
Unemployment	82.6	87.1	7.3	4.5	4.5	2.1	5.4	5.4	2.5
Participation rate	66.9	66.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.9	13.6	1.1	0.7	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	57.8	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.3	44.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,486.7	2,489.1	...	2.4	2.4	28.7	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	1,833.7	1,827.6	8.9	-6.1	-6.1	42.9	-0.3	-0.3	2.4
Employment	1,690.5	1,689.8	9.6	-0.7	-0.7	61.6	0.0	0.0	3.8
Unemployment	143.1	137.8	8.1	-5.3	-5.3	-18.7	-3.7	-3.7	-11.9
Participation rate	73.7	73.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	67.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	5.8	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,614.0	2,616.4	...	2.4	2.4	26.7	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	1,519.4	1,515.5	9.5	-3.9	-3.9	52.5	-0.3	-0.3	3.6
Employment	1,407.5	1,405.5	9.6	-2.0	-2.0	51.0	-0.1	-0.1	3.8
Unemployment	111.9	109.9	7.3	-2.0	-2.0	1.4	-1.8	-1.8	1.3
Participation rate	58.1	57.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.8	53.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.3	21.3	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,654.1	3,646.8	16.7	-7.3	-7.3	126.8	-0.2	-0.2	3.6
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	962.8	954.1	12.3	-8.7	-8.7	41.9	-0.9	-0.9	4.6
Agriculture	67.1	68.9	3.1	1.8	1.8	9.7	2.7	2.7	16.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.4	36.3	2.4	-2.1	-2.1	-1.3	-5.5	-5.5	-3.5
Utilities	31.2	30.0	2.1	-1.2	-1.2	-0.8	-3.8	-3.8	-2.6
Construction	160.7	158.2	5.6	-2.5	-2.5	17.3	-1.6	-1.6	12.3
Manufacturing	665.3	660.8	10.5	-4.5	-4.5	17.1	-0.7	-0.7	2.7
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	2,691.3	2,692.7	16.9	1.4	1.4	84.9	0.1	0.1	3.3
Trade	600.0	608.0	10.6	8.0	8.0	26.6	1.3	1.3	4.6
Transportation and warehousing	156.8	161.1	5.5	4.3	4.3	15.2	2.7	2.7	10.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	183.1	186.0	6.0	2.9	2.9	-14.6	1.6	1.6	-7.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	224.1	213.3	6.6	-10.8	-10.8	12.6	-4.8	-4.8	6.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	123.0	120.3	5.6	-2.7	-2.7	5.2	-2.2	-2.2	4.5
Educational services	247.1	247.0	6.2	-0.1	-0.1	21.6	0.0	0.0	9.6
Health care and social assistance	418.4	423.8	7.7	5.4	5.4	32.2	1.3	1.3	8.2
Information, culture and recreation	153.7	158.5	6.3	4.8	4.8	-10.0	3.1	3.1	-5.9
Accommodation and food services	214.4	208.0	7.0	-6.4	-6.4	2.6	-3.0	-3.0	1.3
Other services	167.2	163.4	5.5	-3.8	-3.8	0.8	-2.3	-2.3	0.5
Public administration	203.5	203.3	5.5	-0.2	-0.2	-7.3	-0.1	-0.1	-3.5

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
 Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 9

Selected labour force characteristics, Ontario (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	9,703.7	9,713.0	...	9.3	9.3	165.5	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	6,633.1	6,639.8	19.4	6.7	6.7	183.5	0.1	0.1	2.8
Employment	6,166.0	6,191.5	19.4	25.5	25.5	210.9	0.4	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	5,039.8	5,065.6	22.2	25.8	25.8	168.7	0.5	0.5	3.4
Unemployment	467.1	448.3	14.9	-18.8	-18.8	-27.4	-4.0	-4.0	-5.8
Participation rate	68.4	68.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,582.8	1,584.8	...	2.0	2.0	27.4	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	1,058.4	1,057.1	11.2	-1.3	-1.3	22.0	-0.1	-0.1	2.1
Employment	909.7	913.9	10.4	4.2	4.2	23.1	0.5	0.5	2.6
Unemployment	148.8	143.1	8.5	-5.7	-5.7	-1.2	-3.8	-3.8	-0.8
Participation rate	66.9	66.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	13.5	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.7	47.6	1.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	3,946.9	3,950.2	...	3.3	3.3	69.1	0.1	0.1	1.8
Labour force	2,991.1	3,007.9	9.6	16.8	16.8	85.4	0.6	0.6	2.9
Employment	2,815.6	2,839.8	10.8	24.2	24.2	107.5	0.9	0.9	3.9
Unemployment	175.4	168.1	8.5	-7.3	-7.3	-22.0	-4.2	-4.2	-11.6
Participation rate	75.8	76.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	71.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,173.9	4,178.0	...	4.1	4.1	69.1	0.1	0.1	1.7
Labour force	2,583.6	2,574.8	11.6	-8.8	-8.8	76.1	-0.3	-0.3	3.0
Employment	2,440.7	2,437.7	11.7	-3.0	-3.0	80.2	-0.1	-0.1	3.4
Unemployment	142.9	137.1	8.5	-5.8	-5.8	-4.1	-4.1	-4.1	-2.9
Participation rate	61.9	61.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	21.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,166.0	6,191.5	19.4	25.5	25.5	210.9	0.4	0.4	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,656.2	1,659.4	15.0	3.2	3.2	74.8	0.2	0.2	4.7
Agriculture	81.9	81.0	3.3	-0.9	-0.9	9.9	-1.1	-1.1	13.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.2	36.9	2.2	4.7	4.7	-0.5	14.6	14.6	-1.3
Utilities	50.4	45.7	2.4	-4.7	-4.7	-3.2	-9.3	-9.3	-6.5
Construction	373.4	377.6	8.3	4.2	4.2	23.7	1.1	1.1	6.7
Manufacturing	1,118.2	1,118.1	12.6	-0.1	-0.1	44.8	0.0	0.0	4.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,509.8	4,532.1	20.2	22.3	22.3	136.1	0.5	0.5	3.1
Trade	936.7	939.4	12.0	2.7	2.7	15.6	0.3	0.3	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	277.4	287.5	7.0	10.1	10.1	17.0	3.6	3.6	6.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	409.2	422.7	8.0	13.5	13.5	38.0	3.3	3.3	9.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	444.8	442.5	8.7	-2.3	-2.3	12.6	-0.5	-0.5	2.9
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	258.3	256.0	7.7	-2.3	-2.3	2.6	-0.9	-0.9	1.0
Educational services	396.9	395.6	7.2	-1.3	-1.3	19.6	-0.3	-0.3	5.2
Health care and social assistance	585.1	583.7	8.1	-1.4	-1.4	28.2	-0.2	-0.2	5.1
Information, culture and recreation	279.4	283.2	7.7	3.8	3.8	-3.8	1.4	1.4	-1.3
Accommodation and food services	378.7	365.0	8.4	-13.7	-13.7	5.0	-3.6	-3.6	1.4
Other services	249.1	259.4	6.6	10.3	10.3	0.1	4.1	4.1	0.0
Public administration	294.3	297.2	6.2	2.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.5

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 10

Selected labour force characteristics, Manitoba (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	865.0	864.9	...	-0.1	-0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	601.5	596.4	3.1	-5.1	-5.1	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	0.1
Employment	572.1	567.3	3.3	-4.8	-4.8	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.3
Employment full-time	462.3	454.3	3.8	-8.0	-8.0	-3.5	-1.7	-1.7	-0.8
Unemployment	29.3	29.1	2.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.7	-0.7	-3.6
Participation rate	69.5	69.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	65.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	19.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	149.2	149.2	...	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	108.8	110.1	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0
Employment	98.7	99.7	1.9	1.0	1.0	2.1	1.0	1.0	2.2
Unemployment	10.1	10.4	1.5	0.3	0.3	-1.0	3.0	3.0	-8.8
Participation rate	72.9	73.8	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.4	1.3	0.1	0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	66.8	1.2	0.6	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.1	44.2	1.9	0.2	0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	349.3	349.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	266.9	262.5	1.6	-4.4	-4.4	-1.8	-1.6	-1.6	-0.7
Employment	256.5	252.5	1.8	-4.0	-4.0	-0.6	-1.6	-1.6	-0.2
Unemployment	10.4	10.0	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	-3.8	-3.8	-10.7
Participation rate	76.4	75.2	0.5	-1.2	-1.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.4	72.3	0.5	-1.1	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	5.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	366.4	366.4	...	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	225.8	223.8	1.8	-2.0	-2.0	1.4	-0.9	-0.9	0.6
Employment	216.9	215.0	1.8	-1.9	-1.9	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.1
Unemployment	8.8	8.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	15.8
Participation rate	61.6	61.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.7	25.3	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	572.1	567.3	3.3	-4.8	-4.8	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.3
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	138.1	137.7	2.6	-0.4	-0.4	-6.6	-0.3	-0.3	-4.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.2	32.3	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.9
Utilities	5.7	5.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	-1.4	1.8	1.8	-19.4
Construction	6.2	6.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	8.1	8.1	9.8
Manufacturing	26.1	26.0	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-2.8	-0.4	-0.4	-9.7
Services-producing sector	68.0	66.9	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	-3.9	-1.6	-1.6	-5.5
Trade	434.0	429.6	3.4	-4.4	-4.4	8.5	-1.0	-1.0	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	84.1	84.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1	-5.7	-0.1	-0.1	-6.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	34.9	35.7	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.3	2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.5	26.7	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	-2.9	-2.9	-1.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.3	22.9	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	-1.7	-1.7	1.8
Educational services	20.8	21.1	1.2	0.3	0.3	3.8	1.4	1.4	22.0
Health care and social assistance	43.1	43.0	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.8	-0.2	-0.2	7.0
Information, culture and recreation	77.6	75.1	1.6	-2.5	-2.5	4.7	-3.2	-3.2	6.7
Accommodation and food services	22.3	22.5	1.1	0.2	0.2	-1.9	0.9	0.9	-7.8
Other services	39.4	39.4	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	5.3
Public administration	29.0	27.6	1.1	-1.4	-1.4	5.2	-4.8	-4.8	23.2
	31.9	31.6	1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-3.3	-0.9	-0.9	-9.5

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 11

Selected labour force characteristics, Saskatchewan (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	757.6	757.4	...	-0.2	-0.2	-3.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	520.9	518.0	2.9	-2.9	-2.9	17.1	-0.6	-0.6	3.4
Employment	491.7	488.2	3.0	-3.5	-3.5	17.1	-0.7	-0.7	3.6
Employment full-time	390.1	392.1	3.3	2.0	2.0	11.5	0.5	0.5	3.0
Unemployment	29.2	29.8	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0
Participation rate	68.8	68.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	19.7	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	139.6	139.5	...	-0.1	-0.1	-2.5	-0.1	-0.1	-1.8
Labour force	95.9	95.8	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	4.4	-0.1	-0.1	4.8
Employment	86.7	85.6	1.7	-1.1	-1.1	5.2	-1.3	-1.3	6.5
Unemployment	9.2	10.2	1.3	1.0	1.0	-0.8	10.9	10.9	-7.3
Participation rate	68.7	68.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	4.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	10.6	1.3	1.0	1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	61.4	1.2	-0.7	-0.7	4.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.3	40.7	1.8	-2.6	-2.6	-2.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.5	301.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Labour force	229.9	228.3	1.5	-1.6	-1.6	3.6	-0.7	-0.7	1.6
Employment	217.7	216.0	1.7	-1.7	-1.7	1.9	-0.8	-0.8	0.9
Unemployment	12.2	12.3	1.3	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.8	0.8	15.0
Participation rate	76.3	75.7	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.2	71.7	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.6	7.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.5	316.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	195.0	193.9	1.7	-1.1	-1.1	9.2	-0.6	-0.6	5.0
Employment	187.2	186.6	1.7	-0.6	-0.6	10.0	-0.3	-0.3	5.7
Unemployment	7.8	7.3	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	-6.4	-6.4	-9.9
Participation rate	61.6	61.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.8	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	3.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.4	24.6	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	491.7	488.2	3.0	-3.5	-3.5	17.1	-0.7	-0.7	3.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	127.5	123.4	2.4	-4.1	-4.1	-1.6	-3.2	-3.2	-1.3
Agriculture	52.7	48.6	1.9	-4.1	-4.1	-0.1	-7.8	-7.8	-0.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	16.4	17.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.2	3.7	3.7	7.6
Utilities	4.5	4.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	32.4
Construction	25.0	25.3	1.2	0.3	0.3	-0.7	1.2	1.2	-2.7
Manufacturing	28.8	28.0	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	-3.1	-2.8	-2.8	-10.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	364.2	364.7	2.9	0.5	0.5	18.6	0.1	0.1	5.4
Trade	80.5	77.6	1.7	-2.9	-2.9	3.3	-3.6	-3.6	4.4
Transportation and warehousing	23.7	23.1	1.0	-0.6	-0.6	-2.7	-2.5	-2.5	-10.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.4	27.7	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.7	4.9	4.9	2.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.5	17.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.1	1.1	2.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	11.8	12.3	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.0	4.2	4.2	8.8
Educational services	40.5	40.0	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	5.0	-1.2	-1.2	14.3
Health care and social assistance	58.2	60.3	1.3	2.1	2.1	4.1	3.6	3.6	7.3
Information, culture and recreation	20.2	20.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	3.8	2.5	2.5	22.5
Accommodation and food services	34.5	34.8	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	3.9
Other services	24.5	24.0	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	3.8	-2.0	-2.0	18.8
Public administration	26.4	26.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	-2.3	0.0	0.0	-8.0

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 12

Selected labour force characteristics, Alberta (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,445.1	2,449.4	...	4.3	4.3	52.9	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	1,795.8	1,794.3	8.4	-1.5	-1.5	55.3	-0.1	-0.1	3.2
Employment	1,707.5	1,695.4	8.6	-12.1	-12.1	40.4	-0.7	-0.7	2.4
Employment full-time	1,400.0	1,390.4	10.1	-9.6	-9.6	32.4	-0.7	-0.7	2.4
Unemployment	88.4	99.0	6.2	10.6	10.6	15.0	12.0	12.0	17.9
Participation rate	73.4	73.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.2	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	459.2	460.1	...	0.9	0.9	9.6	0.2	0.2	2.1
Labour force	320.6	324.0	5.1	3.4	3.4	5.5	1.1	1.1	1.7
Employment	291.1	284.7	5.1	-6.4	-6.4	-2.1	-2.2	-2.2	-0.7
Unemployment	29.5	39.3	4.0	9.8	9.8	7.6	33.2	33.2	24.0
Participation rate	69.8	70.4	1.1	0.6	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	12.1	1.2	2.9	2.9	2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	61.9	1.2	-1.5	-1.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.1	37.3	1.7	0.2	0.2	-3.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	993.4	995.1	...	1.7	1.7	21.9	0.2	0.2	2.3
Labour force	814.7	811.8	4.1	-2.9	-2.9	26.1	-0.4	-0.4	3.3
Employment	780.3	779.0	4.7	-1.3	-1.3	23.4	-0.2	-0.2	3.1
Unemployment	34.4	32.9	3.5	-1.5	-1.5	2.8	-4.4	-4.4	9.3
Participation rate	82.0	81.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.5	78.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.3	5.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	992.5	994.3	...	1.8	1.8	21.5	0.2	0.2	2.2
Labour force	660.5	658.5	4.7	-2.0	-2.0	23.6	-0.3	-0.3	3.7
Employment	636.1	631.7	4.8	-4.4	-4.4	19.1	-0.7	-0.7	3.1
Unemployment	24.5	26.8	2.9	2.3	2.3	4.5	9.4	9.4	20.2
Participation rate	66.5	66.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.5	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.9	24.5	1.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Industry	1,707.5	1,695.4	8.6	-12.1	-12.1	40.4	-0.7	-0.7	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	469.0	459.8	7.1	-9.2	-9.2	-2.3	-2.0	-2.0	-0.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	68.3	68.4	2.8	0.1	0.1	11.8	0.1	0.1	20.8
Utilities	94.0	93.9	3.7	-0.1	-0.1	-12.7	-0.1	-0.1	-11.9
Construction	16.0	14.5	1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.7	-9.4	-9.4	-10.5
Manufacturing	140.8	135.4	4.4	-5.4	-5.4	-0.4	-3.8	-3.8	-0.3
Services-producing sector	1,238.4	1,235.6	9.1	-2.8	-2.8	42.7	-0.2	-0.2	3.6
Trade	150.0	147.5	4.6	-2.5	-2.5	0.6	-1.7	-1.7	0.4
Transportation and warehousing	247.3	249.5	5.4	2.2	2.2	-13.1	0.9	0.9	-5.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	101.1	97.5	3.4	-3.6	-3.6	-0.1	-3.6	-3.6	-0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	82.9	82.0	3.1	-0.9	-0.9	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	2.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	122.6	118.0	4.3	-4.6	-4.6	-1.1	-3.8	-3.8	-0.9
Educational services	70.2	70.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	17.3	0.0	0.0	32.7
Health care and social assistance	106.6	108.2	3.5	1.6	1.6	4.2	1.5	1.5	4.0
Information, culture and recreation	161.6	164.5	4.1	2.9	2.9	11.4	1.8	1.8	7.4
Accommodation and food services	76.6	73.6	3.2	-3.0	-3.0	10.4	-3.9	-3.9	16.5
Other services	119.0	121.3	4.3	2.3	2.3	3.6	1.9	1.9	3.1
Public administration	76.6	74.9	3.5	-1.7	-1.7	-5.2	-2.2	-2.2	-6.5
	73.9	75.8	2.6	1.9	1.9	13.3	2.6	2.6	21.3

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 13

Selected labour force characteristics, British Columbia (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,343.1	3,345.8	...	2.7	2.7	41.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	2,176.9	2,167.3	11.7	-9.6	-9.6	37.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.7
Employment	1,994.6	1,990.3	11.8	-4.3	-4.3	47.9	-0.2	-0.2	2.5
Employment full-time	1,514.7	1,516.2	13.7	1.5	1.5	6.6	0.1	0.1	0.4
Unemployment	182.3	177.0	8.9	-5.3	-5.3	-10.7	-2.9	-2.9	-5.7
Participation rate	65.1	64.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.1	23.8	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	544.8	545.4	...	0.6	0.6	6.7	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	348.6	344.2	6.6	-4.4	-4.4	13.1	-1.3	-1.3	4.0
Employment	296.2	288.9	6.3	-7.3	-7.3	7.0	-2.5	-2.5	2.5
Unemployment	52.4	55.4	4.8	3.0	3.0	6.3	5.7	5.7	12.8
Participation rate	64.0	63.1	1.2	-0.9	-0.9	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	16.1	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	53.0	1.2	-1.4	-1.4	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	53.9	53.7	2.0	-0.3	-0.3	4.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,365.6	1,366.4	...	0.8	0.8	16.4	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	976.6	970.0	6.5	-6.6	-6.6	-0.2	-0.7	-0.7	0.0
Employment	904.4	911.3	7.2	6.9	6.9	24.0	0.8	0.8	2.7
Unemployment	72.2	58.7	5.7	-13.5	-13.5	-24.2	-18.7	-18.7	-29.2
Participation rate	71.5	71.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.1	0.6	-1.3	-1.3	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.2	66.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.9	8.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,432.8	1,434.1	...	1.3	1.3	18.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	851.7	853.1	7.0	1.4	1.4	24.3	0.2	0.2	2.9
Employment	794.0	790.1	6.7	-3.9	-3.9	17.0	-0.5	-0.5	2.2
Unemployment	57.8	63.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	7.3	9.0	9.0	13.1
Participation rate	59.4	59.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	55.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	30.1	30.5	1.0	0.4	0.4	2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,994.6	1,990.3	11.8	-4.3	-4.3	47.9	-0.2	-0.2	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	416.5	416.0	7.8	-0.5	-0.5	35.0	-0.1	-0.1	9.2
Agriculture	35.9	33.4	2.4	-2.5	-2.5	8.1	-7.0	-7.0	32.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	42.0	45.0	2.8	3.0	3.0	6.0	7.1	7.1	15.4
Utilities	13.0	12.2	1.2	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	-6.2	-6.2	-4.7
Construction	123.9	124.1	4.8	0.2	0.2	4.7	0.2	0.2	3.9
Manufacturing	201.6	201.3	5.7	-0.3	-0.3	16.9	-0.1	-0.1	9.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,578.1	1,574.2	11.8	-3.9	-3.9	12.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.8
Trade	324.9	328.3	7.1	3.4	3.4	17.1	1.0	1.0	5.5
Transportation and warehousing	115.4	116.7	4.1	1.3	1.3	10.3	1.1	1.1	9.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	128.9	128.4	4.1	-0.5	-0.5	12.8	-0.4	-0.4	11.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	135.5	128.4	4.8	-7.1	-7.1	-8.6	-5.2	-5.2	-6.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	74.9	76.9	3.9	2.0	2.0	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.8
Educational services	138.2	148.4	4.6	10.2	10.2	9.7	7.4	7.4	7.0
Health care and social assistance	219.6	207.5	5.0	-12.1	-12.1	-7.8	-5.5	-5.5	-3.6
Information, culture and recreation	102.7	101.1	4.6	-1.6	-1.6	-6.9	-1.6	-1.6	-6.4
Accommodation and food services	161.9	162.6	5.6	0.7	0.7	-12.5	0.4	0.4	-7.1
Other services	91.9	92.9	4.3	1.0	1.0	-3.5	1.1	1.1	-3.6
Public administration	84.2	83.1	3.3	-1.1	-1.1	-0.4	-1.3	-1.3	-0.5

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
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Table 14

Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	143.0	143.2	...	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	98.2	99.7	0.8	1.5	1.5	6.4	1.5	1.5	6.9
Employment	88.4	89.4	0.9	1.0	1.0	4.6	1.1	1.1	5.4
Unemployment	9.8	10.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.7	4.1	4.1	20.0
Participation rate	68.7	69.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	62.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.6	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	285.8	286.1	...	0.3	0.3	4.0	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	196.9	197.0	1.2	0.1	0.1	-3.9	0.1	0.1	-1.9
Employment	182.3	182.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	-3.5	0.0	0.0	-1.9
Unemployment	14.6	14.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.7	0.7	-2.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	101.0	100.9	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Labour force	68.2	67.8	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	2.9	-0.6	-0.6	4.5
Employment	63.3	62.7	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	3.9	-0.9	-0.9	6.6
Unemployment	4.9	5.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.9	4.1	4.1	-15.0
Participation rate	67.5	67.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	2.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.1	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	3.7	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	131.5	131.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Labour force	78.3	79.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	-2.6	0.9	0.9	-3.2
Employment	70.1	70.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.8	1.0	1.0	-1.1
Unemployment	8.2	8.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	-1.8	0.0	0.0	-18.0
Participation rate	59.5	60.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.3	53.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	573.6	573.9	...	0.3	0.3	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	379.6	380.3	2.9	0.7	0.7	4.4	0.2	0.2	1.2
Employment	356.9	355.2	3.0	-1.7	-1.7	6.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.8
Unemployment	22.7	25.2	1.5	2.5	2.5	-1.9	11.0	11.0	-7.0
Participation rate	66.2	66.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.3	117.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	71.7	72.8	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.7
Employment	65.1	66.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.6	1.4	1.4	4.1
Unemployment	6.6	6.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	-1.4	3.0	3.0	-17.1
Participation rate	61.1	62.1	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	56.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.1	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	127.4	127.5	...	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.1	0.1	1.1
Labour force	83.4	83.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.5	1.6
Employment	77.0	77.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	2.0	0.5	0.5	2.7
Unemployment	6.4	6.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-11.1
Participation rate	65.5	65.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.9	...	...	...

Table 14

Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Continued

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,879.2	2,882.4	...	3.2	3.2	39.8	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	1,963.9	1,979.8	7.0	15.9	15.9	92.3	0.8	0.8	4.9
Employment	1,803.7	1,809.0	7.4	5.3	5.3	92.4	0.3	0.3	5.4
Unemployment	160.2	170.9	4.7	10.7	10.7	0.0	6.7	6.7	0.0
Participation rate	68.2	68.7	0.2	0.5	0.5	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.4	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	901.7	903.1	...	1.4	1.4	20.8	0.2	0.2	2.4
Labour force	636.0	637.1	3.3	1.1	1.1	18.5	0.2	0.2	3.0
Employment	586.9	588.0	3.4	1.1	1.1	11.5	0.2	0.2	2.0
Unemployment	49.2	49.0	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	6.9	-0.4	-0.4	16.4
Participation rate	70.5	70.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,088.9	4,096.2	...	7.3	7.3	104.2	0.2	0.2	2.6
Labour force	2,862.2	2,865.5	8.5	3.3	3.3	71.5	0.1	0.1	2.6
Employment	2,658.3	2,665.2	8.8	6.9	6.9	70.8	0.3	0.3	2.7
Unemployment	203.9	200.2	4.9	-3.7	-3.7	0.6	-1.8	-1.8	0.3
Participation rate	70.0	70.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	561.5	561.8	...	0.3	0.3	7.2	0.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	381.0	383.4	2.7	2.4	2.4	26.3	0.6	0.6	7.4
Employment	358.2	358.9	2.8	0.7	0.7	24.6	0.2	0.2	7.4
Unemployment	22.8	24.4	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	7.0	7.0	7.0
Participation rate	67.9	68.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.8	63.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	3.6	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	352.6	353.0	...	0.4	0.4	7.5	0.1	0.1	2.2
Labour force	247.3	249.7	1.7	2.4	2.4	9.4	1.0	1.0	3.9
Employment	234.6	236.1	1.7	1.5	1.5	12.0	0.6	0.6	5.4
Unemployment	12.8	13.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	-2.6	6.3	6.3	-16.0
Participation rate	70.1	70.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	2.0	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	346.3	346.4	...	0.1	0.1	3.5	0.0	0.0	1.0
Labour force	232.1	232.0	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	6.8	0.0	0.0	3.0
Employment	217.3	216.6	1.8	-0.7	-0.7	7.2	-0.3	-0.3	3.4
Unemployment	14.8	15.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	-0.4	4.1	4.1	-2.5
Participation rate	67.0	67.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	244.7	245.0	...	0.3	0.3	5.7	0.1	0.1	2.4
Labour force	172.8	174.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	7.5	0.8	0.8	4.5
Employment	162.2	163.9	1.1	1.7	1.7	9.4	1.0	1.0	6.1
Unemployment	10.6	10.2	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-1.9	-3.8	-3.8	-15.7
Participation rate	70.6	71.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	66.9	0.5	0.6	0.6	2.3	...	...	...

Table 14

Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Continued

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	325.4	325.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	209.9	209.9	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Employment	194.0	194.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.5
Unemployment	15.8	15.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	14.5
Participation rate	64.5	64.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	127.5	127.5	...	0.0	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.7
Labour force	78.6	78.2	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-2.9	-0.5	-0.5	-3.6
Employment	72.3	71.7	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-1.7	-0.8	-0.8	-2.3
Unemployment	6.3	6.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.1	4.8	4.8	-14.3
Participation rate	61.6	61.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.0	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	101.1	101.0	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Labour force	66.7	67.7	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.5	2.4
Employment	62.5	63.7	0.6	1.2	1.2	3.2	1.9	1.9	5.3
Unemployment	4.2	4.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	-2.4	-2.4	-26.8
Participation rate	66.0	67.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	63.1	0.6	1.3	1.3	3.7	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	257.5	257.8	...	0.3	0.3	5.7	0.1	0.1	2.3
Labour force	175.1	175.7	1.2	0.6	0.6	6.1	0.3	0.3	3.6
Employment	162.2	162.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	6.4	0.3	0.3	4.1
Unemployment	12.9	13.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.8	0.8	-2.3
Participation rate	68.0	68.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	539.0	539.0	...	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	386.6	384.2	1.3	-2.4	-2.4	2.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.7
Employment	366.0	364.2	1.4	-1.8	-1.8	2.3	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
Unemployment	20.5	20.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	-2.4	-2.4	1.5
Participation rate	71.7	71.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	67.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	156.2	156.1	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	112.8	113.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	-0.8	0.4	0.4	-0.7
Employment	106.8	107.1	0.8	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment	6.0	6.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.6	3.3	3.3	-8.8
Participation rate	72.2	72.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	68.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	182.5	182.6	...	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	130.5	130.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	6.6	0.0	0.0	5.3
Employment	122.3	122.2	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	5.9	-0.1	-0.1	5.1
Unemployment	8.2	8.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.2	1.2	7.8
Participation rate	71.5	71.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	66.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	3.1	...	...	...

Table 14**Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average - Concluded**

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	823.3	825.1	...	1.8	1.8	22.3	0.2	0.2	2.8
Labour force	617.9	619.7	2.9	1.8	1.8	8.7	0.3	0.3	1.4
Employment	583.6	585.9	3.0	2.3	2.3	4.1	0.4	0.4	0.7
Unemployment	34.3	33.8	1.6	-0.5	-0.5	4.6	-1.5	-1.5	15.8
Participation rate	75.1	75.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.9	71.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	774.8	775.9	...	1.1	1.1	14.8	0.1	0.1	1.9
Labour force	557.2	557.9	2.9	0.7	0.7	26.2	0.1	0.1	4.9
Employment	530.2	530.3	2.9	0.1	0.1	26.5	0.0	0.0	5.3
Unemployment	27.0	27.6	1.4	0.6	0.6	-0.2	2.2	2.2	-0.7
Participation rate	71.9	71.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.4	68.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,757.1	1,759.4	...	2.3	2.3	35.2	0.1	0.1	2.0
Labour force	1,193.6	1,190.5	4.9	-3.1	-3.1	55.9	-0.3	-0.3	4.9
Employment	1,097.2	1,097.6	5.1	0.4	0.4	57.5	0.0	0.0	5.5
Unemployment	96.3	92.9	2.8	-3.4	-3.4	-1.6	-3.5	-3.5	-1.7
Participation rate	67.9	67.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.1	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	259.6	259.8	...	0.2	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	161.5	162.1	1.7	0.6	0.6	-3.5	0.4	0.4	-2.1
Employment	150.5	151.3	1.7	0.8	0.8	-3.6	0.5	0.5	-2.3
Unemployment	11.0	10.9	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	1.9
Participation rate	62.2	62.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	58.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	-1.7	...	...	...

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM tables 282-0090

Table 15

Labour force characteristics by metropolitan area (in thousands), seasonally adjusted, monthly

	December 2002	January 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,882.1	2,885.9	...	3.8	3.8	39.3	0.1	0.1	1.4
Labour force	1,982.4	1,981.8	15.6	-0.6	-0.6	84.8	0.0	0.0	4.5
Employment	1,815.0	1,807.1	16.0	-7.9	-7.9	77.7	-0.4	-0.4	4.5
Unemployment	167.4	174.7	11.5	7.3	7.3	7.1	4.4	4.4	4.2
Participation rate	68.8	68.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	62.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.8	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,095.9	4,103.5	...	7.6	7.6	104.4	0.2	0.2	2.6
Labour force	2,868.4	2,876.6	18.1	8.2	8.2	63.0	0.3	0.3	2.2
Employment	2,668.2	2,669.7	18.1	1.5	1.5	63.1	0.1	0.1	2.4
Unemployment	200.2	207.0	12.1	6.8	6.8	0.0	3.4	3.4	0.0
Participation rate	70.0	70.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,759.3	1,761.7	...	2.4	2.4	35.6	0.1	0.1	2.1
Labour force	1,192.7	1,182.7	10.9	-10.0	-10.0	41.5	-0.8	-0.8	3.6
Employment	1,096.3	1,095.5	10.9	-0.8	-0.8	44.7	-0.1	-0.1	4.3
Unemployment	96.4	87.2	7.0	-9.2	-9.2	-3.2	-9.5	-9.5	-3.5
Participation rate	67.8	67.1	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.4	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
Related CANSIM table 282-0091

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in January 2002 and January 2003**

	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2002	24,766.8	16,219.0	14,956.7	1,262.3	65.5	7.8	60.4
	2003	25,088.0	16,710.8	15,465.2	1,245.7	66.6	7.5	61.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	439.2	246.6	205.6	41.0	56.1	16.6	46.8
	2003	439.0	252.5	206.0	46.5	57.5	18.4	46.9
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	206.5	124.1	108.9	15.2	60.1	12.2	52.7
	2003	207.9	128.3	109.9	18.4	61.7	14.3	52.9
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.7	21.2	16.0	5.2	56.2	24.5	42.4
	2003	37.1	20.0	15.7	4.3	53.9	21.5	42.3
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.4	52.0	41.7	10.3	55.1	19.8	44.2
	2003	94.0	51.9	40.6	11.3	55.2	21.8	43.2
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.5	49.4	39.0	10.4	49.2	21.1	38.8
	2003	100.0	52.2	39.7	12.5	52.2	23.9	39.7
Prince Edward Island	2002	111.1	73.1	62.1	11.1	65.8	15.2	55.9
	2003	112.5	73.5	63.5	10.0	65.3	13.6	56.4
Nova Scotia	2002	753.3	466.3	421.2	45.1	61.9	9.7	55.9
	2003	757.7	470.9	427.2	43.7	62.1	9.3	56.4
210 Cape Breton	2002	121.3	62.5	52.8	9.7	51.5	15.5	43.5
	2003	120.3	62.2	53.4	8.8	51.7	14.1	44.4
220 North Shore	2002	132.9	77.6	68.8	8.8	58.4	11.3	51.8
	2003	133.3	79.3	72.1	7.3	59.5	9.2	54.1
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.2	59.9	55.7	4.2	59.2	7.0	55.0
	2003	101.7	63.8	59.0	4.8	62.7	7.5	58.0
240 Southern	2002	103.9	59.6	52.9	6.8	57.4	11.4	50.9
	2003	104.3	63.7	56.4	7.3	61.1	11.5	54.1
250 Halifax	2002	294.0	206.6	191.0	15.6	70.3	7.6	65.0
	2003	298.2	201.8	186.3	15.5	67.7	7.7	62.5
New Brunswick	2002	606.6	372.1	329.0	43.1	61.3	11.6	54.2
	2003	608.5	379.7	340.2	39.5	62.4	10.4	55.9
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	146.4	78.6	64.2	14.5	53.7	18.4	43.9
	2003	145.4	77.8	65.2	12.6	53.5	16.2	44.8
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	152.4	100.9	91.7	9.2	66.2	9.1	60.2
	2003	153.7	101.4	91.4	10.0	66.0	9.9	59.5
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.2	86.4	77.8	8.6	62.1	10.0	55.9
	2003	139.8	91.5	83.5	8.0	65.5	8.7	59.7
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	98.7	63.5	57.1	6.4	64.3	10.1	57.9
	2003	99.7	65.5	60.7	4.8	65.7	7.3	60.9
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	42.7	38.2	4.5	61.1	10.5	54.6
	2003	69.9	43.5	39.4	4.1	62.2	9.4	56.4
Quebec	2002	6,005.7	3,806.1	3,447.4	358.7	63.4	9.4	57.4
	2003	6,055.4	3,926.7	3,586.3	340.4	64.8	8.7	59.2
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.9	39.9	31.1	8.8	48.1	22.1	37.5
	2003	82.2	43.1	33.7	9.5	52.4	22.0	41.0
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	168.2	96.4	85.8	10.6	57.3	11.0	51.0
	2003	167.6	87.0	78.4	8.6	51.9	9.9	46.8
420 Québec	2002	533.2	338.1	310.5	27.6	63.4	8.2	58.2
	2003	537.1	337.4	313.5	23.8	62.8	7.1	58.4

Table 16

Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
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	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.0	198.2	184.7	13.5	62.1	6.8	57.9
	2003	319.8	211.3	198.1	13.2	66.1	6.2	61.9
430 Estrie	2002	237.1	144.7	131.8	12.9	61.0	8.9	55.6
	2003	238.8	156.4	144.4	12.0	65.5	7.7	60.5
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	179.8	112.4	101.7	10.7	62.5	9.5	56.6
	2003	180.3	110.0	102.0	8.1	61.0	7.4	56.6
435 Montérégie	2002	1,069.5	729.8	673.7	56.2	68.2	7.7	63.0
	2003	1,079.4	743.2	689.3	53.9	68.9	7.3	63.9
440 Montréal	2002	1,495.7	918.4	819.7	98.6	61.4	10.7	54.8
	2003	1,513.0	971.6	873.3	98.3	64.2	10.1	57.7
445 Laval	2002	288.3	196.5	179.9	16.6	68.2	8.4	62.4
	2003	292.3	194.6	180.9	13.6	66.6	7.0	61.9
450 Lanaudière	2002	322.3	206.6	189.3	17.3	64.1	8.4	58.7
	2003	326.2	228.1	209.7	18.4	69.9	8.1	64.3
455 Laurentides	2002	381.7	256.2	235.3	20.9	67.1	8.2	61.6
	2003	389.5	266.8	245.1	21.8	68.5	8.2	62.9
460 Outaouais	2002	258.4	169.4	154.9	14.5	65.6	8.6	59.9
	2003	263.3	171.8	157.6	14.2	65.2	8.3	59.9
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.7	77.4	68.1	9.3	63.6	12.0	56.0
	2003	120.6	75.8	67.6	8.2	62.9	10.8	56.1
470 Mauricie	2002	216.4	124.3	108.3	16.0	57.4	12.9	50.0
	2003	215.8	131.2	117.6	13.6	60.8	10.4	54.5
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	234.0	140.0	121.8	18.3	59.8	13.1	52.1
	2003	232.9	138.4	123.6	14.8	59.4	10.7	53.1
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	97.6	57.7	50.6	7.1	59.1	12.3	51.8
	2003	96.6	60.1	51.7	8.4	62.2	14.0	53.5
Ontario								
	2002	9,534.6	6,366.7	5,934.1	432.6	66.8	6.8	62.2
	2003	9,703.8	6,567.6	6,136.6	431.0	67.7	6.6	63.2
510 Ottawa	2002	923.1	628.9	588.2	40.7	68.1	6.5	63.7
	2003	940.7	651.0	603.7	47.3	69.2	7.3	64.2
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	337.0	201.5	186.6	14.9	59.8	7.4	55.4
	2003	338.2	205.6	192.4	13.1	60.8	6.4	56.9
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	294.6	164.1	151.6	12.5	55.7	7.6	51.5
	2003	298.2	164.9	157.1	7.8	55.3	4.7	52.7
530 Toronto	2002	4,184.1	2,903.3	2,703.5	199.7	69.4	6.9	64.6
	2003	4,292.4	2,992.9	2,793.5	199.4	69.7	6.7	65.1
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	863.5	600.6	565.3	35.3	69.6	5.9	65.5
	2003	884.9	623.2	591.4	31.8	70.4	5.1	66.8
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,068.4	675.7	630.3	45.4	63.2	6.7	59.0
	2003	1,080.0	715.4	666.2	49.2	66.2	6.9	61.7
560 London	2002	481.0	320.5	299.6	20.9	66.6	6.5	62.3
	2003	485.3	325.5	303.8	21.6	67.1	6.6	62.6
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	505.9	330.6	305.0	25.6	65.3	7.7	60.3
	2003	512.0	341.3	318.6	22.6	66.7	6.6	62.2

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
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	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	235.1	153.1	145.3	7.9	65.1	5.2	61.8
	2003	236.2	153.1	143.3	9.9	64.8	6.5	60.7
590 Northeast	2002	460.3	269.2	247.2	21.9	58.5	8.1	53.7
	2003	455.8	272.5	251.0	21.5	59.8	7.9	55.1
595 Northwest	2002	181.6	119.3	111.6	7.7	65.7	6.5	61.5
	2003	180.0	122.3	115.5	6.8	67.9	5.6	64.2
Manitoba								
	2002	863.5	587.8	559.0	28.8	68.1	4.9	64.7
	2003	864.9	593.9	564.1	29.8	68.7	5.0	65.2
610 Southeast	2002	69.2	47.1	45.3	1.8	68.1	3.8	65.5
	2003	69.9	47.9	45.6	2.3	68.5	4.8	65.2
620 South Central	2002	40.3	24.2	23.4	0.8	60.0	3.3	58.1
	2003	40.7	25.5	24.3	1.2	62.7	4.7	59.7
630 Southwest	2002	82.5	52.1	50.3	1.9	63.2	3.6	61.0
	2003	82.1	51.9	50.4	1.6	63.2	3.1	61.4
640 North Central	2002	34.8	22.2	21.5	0.8	63.8	3.6	61.8
	2003	34.7	24.7	23.7	1.0	71.2	4.0	68.3
650 Winnipeg	2002	500.4	354.6	336.0	18.6	70.9	5.2	67.1
	2003	501.8	354.2	335.6	18.6	70.6	5.3	66.9
660 Interlake	2002	67.2	42.8	40.6	2.3	63.7	5.4	60.4
	2003	68.0	45.3	43.0	2.3	66.6	5.1	63.2
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	69.0	44.7	42.1	2.7	64.8	6.0	61.0
	2003	67.6	44.3	41.5	2.8	65.5	6.3	61.4
Saskatchewan								
	2002	760.5	489.5	460.8	28.7	64.4	5.9	60.6
	2003	757.6	512.1	482.9	29.2	67.6	5.7	63.7
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.4	151.2	142.8	8.4	69.5	5.6	65.7
	2003	216.6	153.3	145.3	8.0	70.8	5.2	67.1
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	85.0	51.7	49.7	2.0	60.8	3.9	58.5
	2003	84.1	53.9	51.4	2.4	64.1	4.5	61.1
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.5	148.0	140.1	7.9	65.1	5.3	61.6
	2003	227.5	158.1	149.3	8.8	69.5	5.6	65.6
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	70.4	38.6	36.5	2.1	54.8	5.4	51.8
	2003	69.6	42.6	40.2	2.4	61.2	5.6	57.8
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.2	100.2	91.7	8.4	62.5	8.4	57.2
	2003	159.9	104.3	96.7	7.6	65.2	7.3	60.5
Alberta								
	2002	2,391.8	1,714.5	1,632.4	82.2	71.7	4.8	68.2
	2003	2,445.2	1,780.8	1,688.7	92.1	72.8	5.2	69.1
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	187.6	128.1	122.7	5.5	68.3	4.3	65.4
	2003	191.7	130.6	124.7	5.8	68.1	4.4	65.0
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	141.4	91.7	88.1	3.6	64.9	3.9	62.3
	2003	143.2	103.4	99.2	4.2	72.2	4.1	69.3
830 Calgary	2002	853.3	643.6	614.0	29.6	75.4	4.6	72.0
	2003	878.4	654.6	620.0	34.6	74.5	5.3	70.6
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.1	48.1	45.8	2.2	75.0	4.6	71.5
	2003	64.4	47.1	44.2	2.9	73.1	6.2	68.6

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Concluded January 2002 and January 2003**

	January	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2002	118.8	84.4	79.9	4.5	71.0	5.3	67.3
	2003	122.1	93.0	87.0	6.1	76.2	6.6	71.3
860 Edmonton	2002	783.6	539.5	511.1	28.3	68.8	5.2	65.2
	2003	799.3	567.4	538.9	28.4	71.0	5.0	67.4
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.1	119.2	113.0	6.1	70.9	5.1	67.2
	2003	169.4	123.4	116.4	7.0	72.8	5.7	68.7
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	74.9	60.0	57.7	2.3	80.1	3.8	77.0
	2003	76.7	61.2	58.2	3.0	79.8	4.9	75.9
British Columbia								
	2002	3,300.5	2,096.0	1,905.0	191.0	63.5	9.1	57.7
	2003	3,343.2	2,153.2	1,969.8	183.4	64.4	8.5	58.9
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	567.2	341.4	306.9	34.4	60.2	10.1	54.1
	2003	570.3	335.5	305.1	30.4	58.8	9.1	53.5
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,960.4	1,274.8	1,169.2	105.6	65.0	8.3	59.6
	2003	1,999.3	1,337.6	1,236.1	101.6	66.9	7.6	61.8
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	388.8	219.9	198.3	21.6	56.6	9.8	51.0
	2003	392.3	225.4	204.3	21.2	57.5	9.4	52.1
940 Kootenay	2002	125.1	78.9	70.7	8.2	63.1	10.4	56.5
	2003	125.2	76.4	67.2	9.1	61.0	11.9	53.7
950 Cariboo	2002	136.1	94.7	83.5	11.2	69.6	11.8	61.4
	2003	134.8	90.2	78.4	11.8	66.9	13.1	58.2
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.7	51.9	44.9	7.0	69.5	13.5	60.1
	2003	73.7	51.1	45.1	6.0	69.3	11.7	61.2
980 Northeast	2002	48.3	34.5	31.5	3.0	71.4	8.7	65.2
	2003	47.6	36.9	33.6	3.3	77.5	8.9	70.6

¹ For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (catalogue number 71-543-GIE).
Related CANSIM table 282-0054

Table 17

Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, Canada (in thousands), unadjusted

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
January 2003										
15 years and over	12,932.8	35.1	658.15	18.02	10,414.7	39.5	762.83	2,518.1	17.0	225.19
15 to 24 years	2,120.7	26.5	292.16	10.24	1,033.1	38.8	463.61	1,087.6	14.8	129.31
25 years and over	10,812.1	36.8	729.93	19.55	9,381.6	39.5	795.78	1,430.5	18.8	298.08
Men	6,577.4	37.8	770.74	19.82	5,832.2	40.6	844.69	745.2	16.0	191.93
Women	6,355.4	32.2	541.62	16.16	4,582.4	38.0	658.64	1,773.0	17.5	239.17
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,225.6	35.7	751.35	20.81	3,582.6	38.7	823.33	643.0	18.9	350.29
No union coverage	8,707.2	34.8	612.92	16.67	6,832.1	39.9	731.11	1,875.1	16.4	182.29
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,534.8	36.1	687.31	18.47	9,693.4	39.5	771.76	1,841.4	18.0	242.73
Temporary	1,398.0	27.0	417.58	14.29	721.3	39.0	642.86	676.7	14.3	177.46
Occupation										
Management	873.6	40.2	1,120.92	27.87	846.0	41.0	1,145.51	27.6	17.6	367.65
Business, finance and administrative	2,497.5	35.1	622.46	17.30	2,115.9	38.4	692.14	381.6	17.1	236.05
Natural and applied sciences	900.4	38.6	990.57	25.65	871.7	39.2	1,010.96	28.7	17.5	370.53
Health	769.4	32.5	687.76	20.98	544.9	37.5	798.74	224.6	20.3	418.47
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,043.7	34.2	840.53	24.55	830.3	38.6	945.88	213.4	17.3	430.72
Art, culture, recreation and sport	294.3	30.8	580.36	17.34	204.1	38.7	762.50	90.2	12.7	168.16
Sales and service	3,447.6	30.0	395.86	12.21	2,089.9	38.5	549.81	1,357.7	16.7	158.88
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,739.5	39.8	727.59	18.12	1,627.4	41.4	762.47	112.1	17.1	221.07
Occupations unique to primary industry	203.0	40.6	669.22	15.77	167.7	46.0	778.39	35.3	14.8	150.62
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,163.8	39.3	638.02	16.10	1,116.9	40.2	656.49	47.0	17.6	198.71
January 2002										
15 years and over	12,537.1	35.1	644.11	17.61	10,108.7	39.5	746.66	2,428.4	17.0	217.25
15 to 24 years	2,076.9	26.6	289.34	10.04	1,016.3	39.0	459.60	1,060.5	14.7	126.18
25 years and over	10,460.2	36.8	714.55	19.11	9,092.4	39.6	778.74	1,367.8	18.8	287.86
Men	6,384.0	37.8	756.40	19.43	5,648.6	40.7	830.23	735.4	16.1	189.29
Women	6,153.1	32.4	527.61	15.72	4,460.1	38.0	640.82	1,693.0	17.4	229.39
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,095.6	35.7	731.70	20.26	3,471.8	38.7	802.80	623.8	19.0	336.00
No union coverage	8,441.5	34.9	601.62	16.33	6,636.9	39.9	717.29	1,804.6	16.3	176.20
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,122.2	36.2	676.59	18.12	9,409.7	39.5	756.96	1,712.5	18.1	235.01
Temporary	1,414.9	26.6	388.78	13.64	699.0	39.0	607.97	715.9	14.4	174.77
Occupation										
Management	894.6	40.3	1,109.09	27.55	869.8	40.9	1,131.51	24.8	19.7	323.21
Business, finance and administrative	2,512.8	35.0	604.47	16.88	2,116.6	38.2	673.06	396.3	17.4	238.13
Natural and applied sciences	846.6	38.8	976.29	25.24	826.8	39.3	989.12	19.8	18.6	441.77
Health	703.7	32.9	669.10	20.15	503.6	37.9	776.10	200.1	20.5	399.88
Social science, education, government service and religion	957.7	34.0	817.76	23.92	757.9	38.6	928.24	199.8	16.8	398.79
Art, culture, recreation and sport	271.3	29.8	553.65	17.30	179.9	38.7	749.93	91.4	12.1	167.13
Sales and service	3,399.0	30.2	391.32	11.99	2,077.5	38.8	541.65	1,321.4	16.6	154.97
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,634.6	39.9	712.75	17.78	1,524.7	41.5	747.30	109.9	17.7	233.53
Occupations unique to primary industry	186.1	41.6	699.75	15.98	160.7	46.1	789.84	25.4	13.7	130.90
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,130.6	39.4	626.19	15.74	1,091.3	40.2	641.76	39.3	17.7	193.97

Related CANSIM tables 282-0023, 282-0069, 282-0073

Table 18**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program¹, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

Region	Effective from February 9, 2003 to March 8, 2003	Region	Effective from February 9, 2003 to March 8, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	10.1	30. London	6.6
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	23.1	31. Niagara	7.7
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	7.5
03. Prince Edward Island	11.4	33. Kitchener	5.4
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	6.3
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.2	35. South Central Ontario	5.1
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.7	36. Sudbury	8.5
06. Halifax	7.5	37. Thunder Bay	6.4
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	11.9
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.4	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.9	39. Winnipeg	5.2
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.5	40. Southern Manitoba	5.6
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	25.1
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.4	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	6.6	42. Regina	5.5
12. Trois-Rivières	9.4	43. Saskatoon	6.5
13. South Central Quebec	4.8	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.1
14. Sherbrooke	7.6	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.2
15. Montérégie	6.6	Alberta	
16. Montréal	8.6	46. Calgary	5.6
17. Central Quebec	8.8	47. Edmonton	5.1
18. Northwestern Quebec	16.6	48. Northern Alberta	10.7
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	13.2	49. Southern Alberta	6.7
20. Hull	6.6	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10.4	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.3
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	8.2
22. Ottawa	8.0	52. Vancouver	7.7
23. Eastern Ontario	7.5	53. Victoria	7.2
24. Kingston	6.5	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	10.0
25. Central Ontario	6.1	55. Northern British Columbia	15.3
26. Oshawa	5.9	Territories	
27. Toronto	7.0	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	6.4	57. Northwest Territories ⁵	25.0
29. St. Catharines	7.4	58. Nunavut ⁶	25.0

¹ The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRDC website: http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ae-ei/reg-econ/5.1_e.shtml.

² This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: <http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/common/news/insur/00-62.shtml>.

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⁴ This rate is provided by Human Resources Development Canada since the Labour Force Survey is not conducted in the Yukon.

⁵ This rate is provided by Human Resources Development Canada since the Labour Force Survey is not conducted in Northwest Territories.

⁶ This rate is provided by Human Resources Development Canada since the Labour Force Survey is not conducted in Nunavut.

Data Quality

About the Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of 53,000 representative households across the country. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals until November 1952. It has been carried out monthly since then. The information generated by the survey has expanded considerably over the years with a major redesign of the survey content in 1976 and again in 1997, and provides a rich and detailed picture of the Canadian labour market.

The sample used in the Labour Force Survey has been designed to represent all persons in the population 15 years of age and over residing in the provinces of Canada, with the exception of the following: persons living on Indian reserves, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions (for example, inmates of penal institutions and patients in hospitals or nursing homes who have resided in the institution for more than six months). Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Definitions and explanations

The **labour force** is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- a) did any work at all
- b) had a job but were not at work

A person is considered to be **full-time** if his/her usual hours at the main job are greater than 29 hours per week. When the number of hours worked at the main job is usually less than 30 hours per week then he/she is considered to be **part-time**.

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

- a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with reference week), and were available for work;
- b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but were on temporary layoff and were available for work;
- c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Persons in the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were neither employed nor unemployed are classified as **not in the labour force**.

The **unemployment rate** represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

The **participation rate** represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **employment rate (formerly the employment/population ratio)** represents the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **part-time rate** represents the number of persons employed part-time expressed as a percentage of the employed. The part-time rate for a particular group (age, sex, etc.) is the number employed part-time in that group expressed as a percentage of the employed for that group.

Seasonal adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. The seasonally adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations. The seasonally adjusted series are revised each year to take into account current data and to generate new forecast factors for the next twelve months. The data are therefore subject to slight revisions in future issues of this publication.

Sampling error

Estimates in this publication are based on the Labour Force Survey, a monthly survey of approximately 53,000 households across Canada. Because they are based on a sample survey, the estimates are subject to sampling error. Changes in the level of any estimates between two months can be the result of a true change or sampling variability. In most tables in this publication an indicator of the sampling error is provided. Two thirds of the time, a change greater than the sampling error indicates a real change. Movements in estimates that are smaller than the sampling error are less likely to reflect a real change and more likely to be due to sampling variability. While the above is true for monthly movements, one can have more confidence in a series of consecutive movements in the same direction, even though some of the monthly movements may be smaller than the sampling error.

For more detailed information about the Labour Force Survey, see the following documents:

- *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-GIE)*
- *Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey (71-526-XPB)*