

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

September - December 1997

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SEPTEMBER 1997

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - SEPTEMBER 1997

CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|------|------------|----------|----------|------|------------|
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,189.1 | 15,405.4 | | (15,189.1) | 15,178.4 | 15,852.4 | 0.0 | (15,178.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,667.9 | 14,016.9 | | (13,667.9) | 13,799.2 | 14,458.2 | | (13,799.2) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,521.2 | 1,388.5 | | (1,521.2) | 1,379.2 | 1,394.2 | | (1,379.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | (10.0) | 9.1 | 8.8 | | (9.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 64.9 | 0.0 | (64.8) | 64.8 | 66.8 | 0.0 | (64.8) |

NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|------|---------|--------|-------|------|---------|
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 443.6 | 442.3 | | (443.6) | 445.3 | 465.0 | | (445.3) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 383.9 | 391.0 | | (383.9) | 392.9 | 413.2 | | (392.9) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 59.7 | 51.2 | | (59.7) | 52.4 | 51.8 | | (52.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.5 | 11.6 | 0.0 | (13.5) | 11.8 | 11.1 | | (11.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.2 | 59.5 | | (60.2) | 60.4 | 62.6 | | (60.4) |

Seasonally Adjusted

NEWFOUNDLAND

| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|------|---------|----------------------|------|------|---------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 237.9 | 236.2 | | (237.9) | 70.2 | 71.4 | | (70.2) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 192.8 | 192.7 | | (192.8) | 60.5 | 61.1 | | (60.5) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 45.1 | 43.6 | | (45.1) | 9.7 | 10.3 | | (9.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 16.6 | 17.2 | | (16.6) | 10.9 | 10.5 | | (13.8) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 19.0 | 18.5 | | (19.0) | 13.8 | 14.4 | | (13.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.7 | 52.5 | | (52.7) | 65.7 | 66.5 | | 65.7 |

NEW BRUNSWICK

| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE | QUEBEC | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|------|---------|---------|---------|------|-----------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 351.8 | 359.5 | | (351.8) | 3,660.0 | 3,682.3 | | (3,660.0) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 309.1 | 314.7 | | (309.1) | 3,199.8 | 3,259.4 | | (3,199.8) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 42.8 | 44.9 | | (42.8) | 460.2 | 422.9 | | (460.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 10.6 | 11.0 | | (10.6) | 11.5 | 10.9 | | (11.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.2 | 12.5 | | (12.2) | 12.6 | 11.5 | | (12.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.5 | 59.6 | | (58.5) | 62.2 | 62.1 | | (62.2) |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.

Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.

Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.

Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

ONTARIO

| | ONTARIO | | | | MANITOBA | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | SEPT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,862.2 | 5,945.5 | | (5,862.2) | 566.6 | 572.9 | | (566.6) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,320.2 | 5,458.5 | | (5,320.2) | 527.9 | 537.4 | | (527.9) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 542.0 | 487.1 | | (542.0) | 38.7 | 35.5 | | (38.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.5 | 8.2 | | (8.5) | 5.8 | 6.3 | | (5.8) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.2 | 8.2 | | (9.2) | 6.8 | 6.2 | | (6.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.0 | 66.1 | | (66.0) | 66.1 | 66.4 | | (66.1) |

SASKATCHEWAN

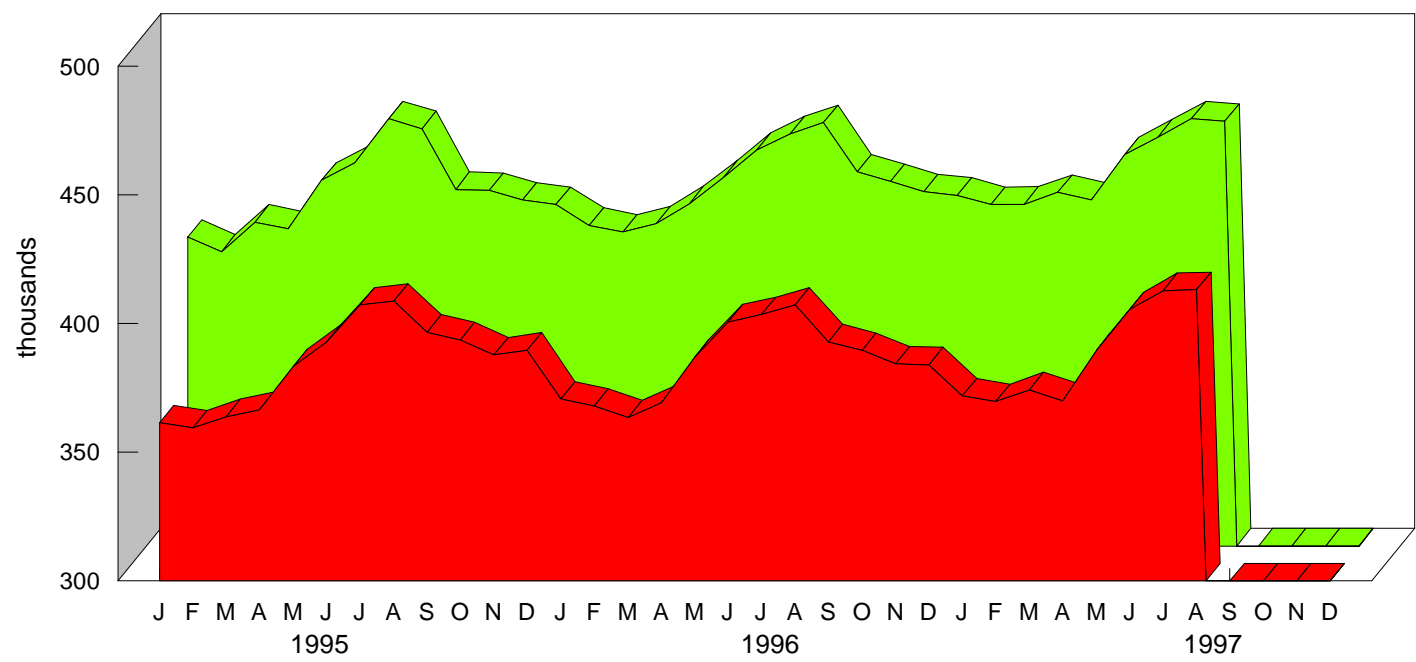
| | SASKATCHEWAN | | | | ALBERTA | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | SEPT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 491.1 | 506.4 | | (491.1) | 1,521.4 | 1,560.3 | | (1,521.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 461.7 | 477.6 | | (461.7) | 1,412.5 | 1,468.4 | | (1,412.5) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 29.5 | 28.8 | | (29.5) | 108.9 | 91.9 | | (108.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.1 | 5.5 | | (5.1) | 6.4 | 6.0 | | (6.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.0 | 5.7 | | (6.0) | 7.2 | 5.9 | | (7.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.1 | 66.5 | | (65.1) | 71.9 | 72.1 | | (71.9) |

BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | BRITISH COLUMBIA | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE |
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | SEPT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,984.2 | 2,028.5 | | (1,984.2) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,799.6 | 1,856.2 | | (1,799.6) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 184.6 | 172.4 | | (184.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.4 | 8.3 | | (8.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.3 | 8.5 | | (9.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.2 | 65.3 | | (65.2) |

Nova Scotia Labour Force & Employment

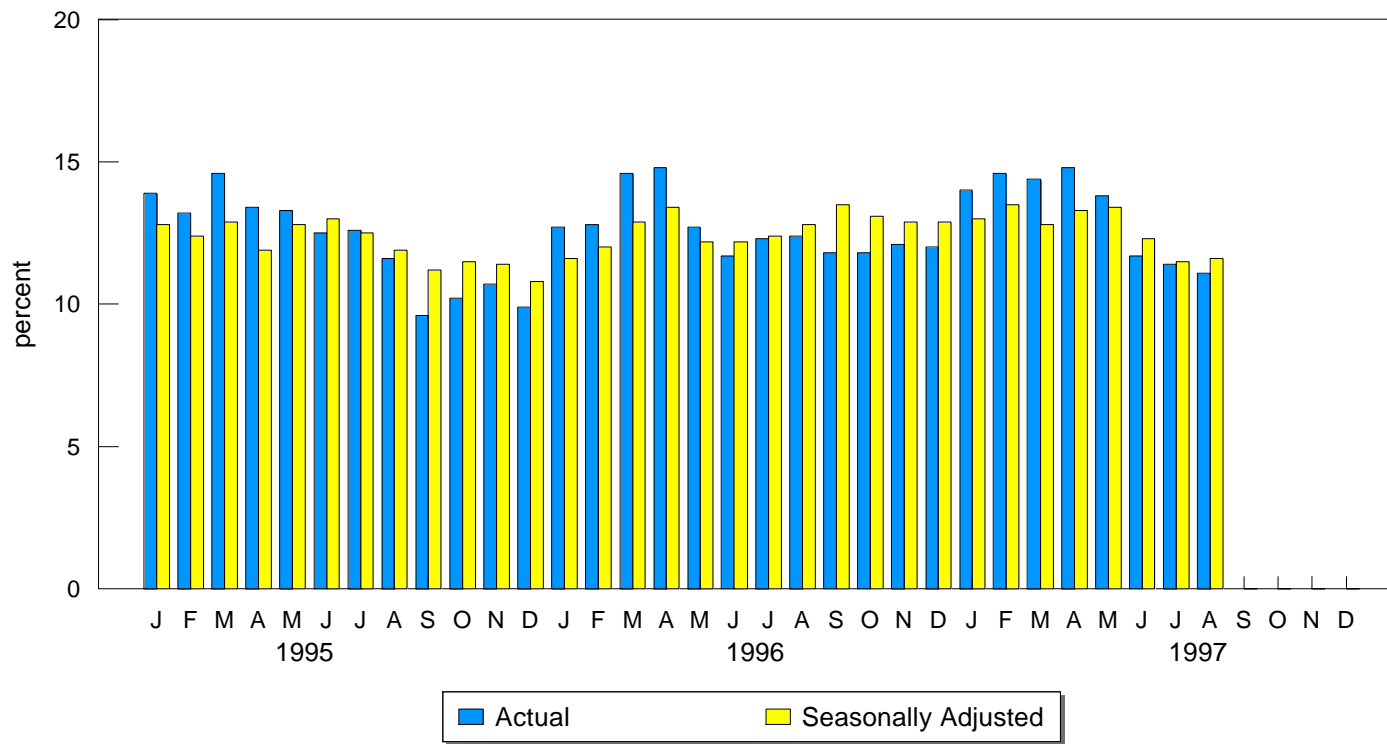
Actual, 1995 - 1997



■ Employment ■ Labour Force

Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate

Actual & Seasonally Adjusted, 1995-1997



HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 185.2 | 185.5 | | (185.2) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.5 | 168.9 | | (169.5) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.7 | 16.7 | | (15.7) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.5 | 9.0 | | (8.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.3 | 67.7 | | (68.3) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 456.7 | 463.3 | | (456.7) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 401.2 | 410.5 | | (401.2) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 55.5 | 52.8 | | (55.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.2 | 11.4 | | (12.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 62.1 | 62.4 | | (62.1) |

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | CAPE BRETON | | | | NORTH SHORE | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 67.8 | 69.3 | | (67.8) | 79.3 | 79.1 | 0.0 | (79.3) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 53.1 | 57.6 | | (53.1) | 68.6 | 69.4 | 0.0 | (68.6) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 14.7 | 11.6 | | (14.7) | 10.8 | 9.7 | 0.0 | (10.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 21.7 | 16.7 | | (21.7) | 13.6 | 12.3 | 0.0 | (13.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.9 | 55.0 | | (53.9) | 60.4 | 59.9 | | (60.4) |

| | ANNAPOLIS VALLEY | | | | SOUTHERN | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 59.1 | 59.7 | 0.0 | (59.1) | 58.4 | 61.4 | 0.0 | (58.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 52.4 | 52.9 | 0.0 | (52.4) | 51.8 | 54.8 | 0.0 | (51.8) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.7 | 6.9 | 0.0 | (6.7) | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0.0 | (6.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.3 | 11.6 | 0.0 | (11.3) | 11.3 | 10.9 | 0.0 | (11.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.3 | 61.2 | | (61.3) | 56.4 | 59.1 | | (56.4) |

| | HALIFAX | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | SEPT | AUG | SEPT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 192.0 | 193.7 | 0.0 | (192.0) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 175.3 | 175.8 | 0.0 | (175.3) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.8 | 17.9 | 0.0 | (16.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.8 | 9.2 | 0.0 | (8.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.8 | 68.6 | | (68.8) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1996 | | 1997 | |
|---|-------------|-------|-------------|------|
| | AUG | SEPT | AUG | SEPT |
| Total Employment | 385.0 | 383.8 | 391.2 | 0.0 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 85.3 | 84.2 | 92.4 | 0.0 |
| Agriculture | 7.1 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 0.0 |
| Other Primary | 15.0 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 0.0 |
| Utilities | 3.7 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| Manufacturing | 37.9 | 37.0 | 44.3 | 0.0 |
| Construction | 21.5 | 21.7 | 22.7 | 0.0 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.7 | 299.6 | 298.7 | 0.0 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 27.3 | 27.4 | 23.9 | 0.0 |
| Trade | 72.8 | 71.9 | 71.0 | 0.0 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.3 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 0.0 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 151.9 | 152.8 | 153.0 | 0.0 |
| Public Administration | 28.4 | 28.1 | 32.4 | 0.0 |

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

OCTOBER 1997

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - OCTOBER 1997

CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,234.3 | 15,418.0 | 15,430.5 | 196.2 | 15,186.0 | 15,432.7 | 15,405.4 | 219.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,710.1 | 14,032.8 | 14,021.7 | 311.6 | 13,788.8 | 14,174.2 | 14,105.6 | 316.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,524.2 | 1,385.2 | 1,408.9 | (115.3) | 1,397.3 | 1,258.5 | 1,299.8 | (97.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | (0.9) | 9.2 | 8.2 | 8.4 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.0 | 64.9 | 64.9 | (0.1) | 64.8 | 65.0 | 64.8 | 0.0 |

NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 441.9 | 446.1 | 446.6 | 4.7 | 441.6 | 447.8 | 446.1 | 4.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 384.1 | 393.4 | 394.9 | 10.8 | 389.6 | 402.6 | 400.7 | 11.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 57.8 | 52.7 | 51.7 | (6.1) | 52.1 | 45.2 | 45.5 | (6.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 13.1 | 11.8 | 11.6 | (1.5) | 11.8 | 10.1 | 10.2 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.9 | 60.0 | 60.1 | 0.2 | 59.9 | 60.3 | 60.0 | 0.1 |

Seasonally Adjusted

NEWFOUNDLAND

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | NEWFOUNDLAND | | | | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 236.0 | 235.4 | 235.9 | (0.1) | 70.2 | 71.0 | 70.3 | 0.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 189.1 | 193.1 | 194.5 | 5.4 | 59.6 | 61.3 | 61.1 | 1.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 46.9 | 42.3 | 41.4 | (5.5) | 10.5 | 9.7 | 9.2 | (1.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 18.3 | 15.4 | 15.8 | (2.5) | 12.6 | 10.3 | 10.2 | (4.8) |
| --Actual | | | | | | | | |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 19.9 | 18.0 | 17.5 | (2.4) | 15.0 | 13.7 | 13.1 | (1.9) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.3 | 52.4 | 52.6 | 0.3 | 65.7 | 66.0 | 65.4 | 0.3 |

NEW BRUNSWICK

QUEBEC

| | NEW BRUNSWICK | | | | QUEBEC | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE | OCT | SEP | OCT | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 354.8 | 360.1 | 363.4 | 8.6 | 3,652.0 | 3,682.9 | 3,690.7 | 38.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 309.2 | 317.4 | 319.4 | 10.2 | 3,196.1 | 3,263.9 | 3,273.6 | 77.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 45.6 | 42.7 | 44.0 | (1.6) | 455.9 | 419.0 | 417.1 | (38.8) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.7 | 10.1 | 10.8 | (0.9) | 11.9 | 10.5 | 10.9 | (1.0) |
| --Actual | | | | | | | | |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 12.9 | 11.9 | 12.1 | (0.8) | 12.5 | 11.4 | 11.3 | (1.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.0 | 59.7 | 60.2 | 1.2 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 0.1 |

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ONTARIO

| | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,872.4 | 5,946.1 | 5,951.1 | 78.7 | 572.5 | 577.6 | 576.2 | 3.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,338.1 | 5,462.7 | 5,447.3 | 109.2 | 532.1 | 539.4 | 538.0 | 5.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 534.3 | 483.4 | 503.9 | (30.4) | 40.4 | 38.2 | 38.2 | (2.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.3 | 7.4 | 7.7 | (0.6) | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.6 | (0.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.1 | 8.1 | 8.5 | (0.6) | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.6 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.1 | 66.0 | 66.0 | (0.1) | 66.8 | 67.0 | 66.9 | 0.1 |

MANITOBA**SASKATCHEWAN**

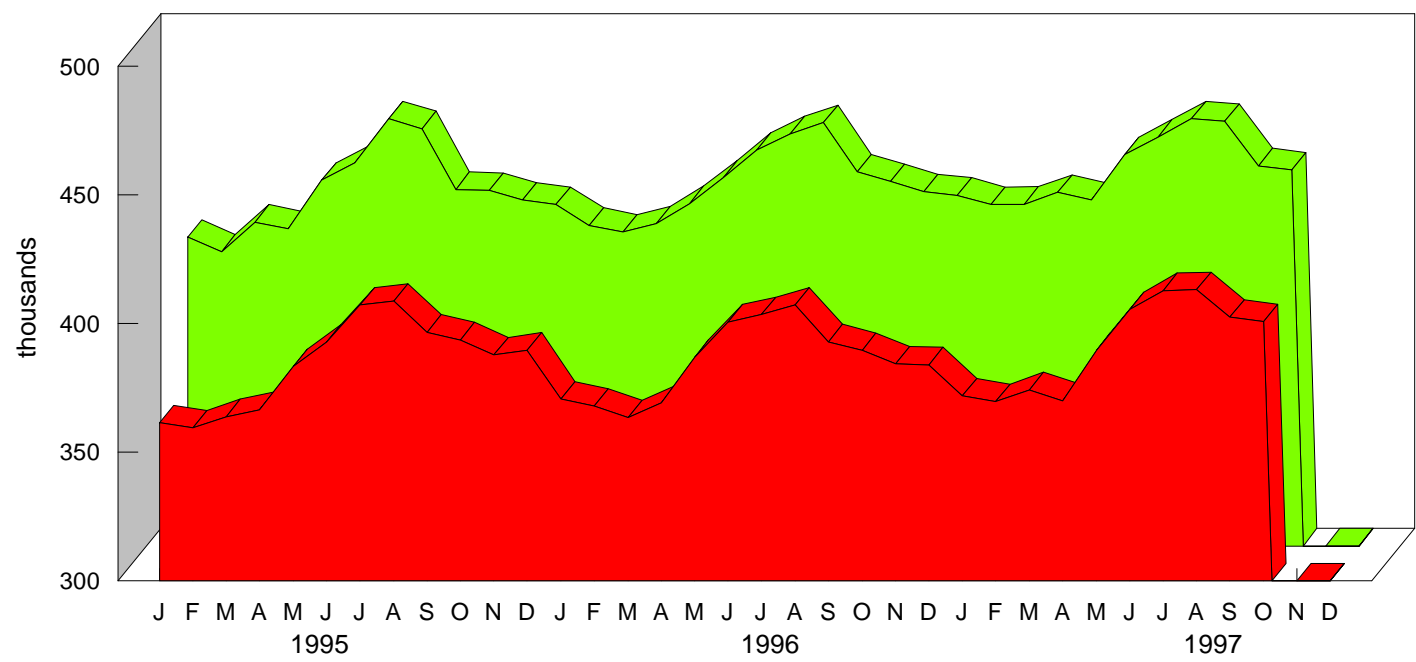
| | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 492.3 | 506.4 | 506.9 | 14.6 | 1,524.5 | 1,560.7 | 1,569.0 | 44.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 463.6 | 476.5 | 474.9 | 11.3 | 1,416.9 | 1,474.0 | 1,478.5 | 61.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 28.7 | 29.9 | 32.0 | 3.3 | 107.6 | 86.7 | 90.5 | (17.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 4.6 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 | (1.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 0.5 | 7.1 | 5.6 | 5.8 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.2 | 66.5 | 66.5 | 1.3 | 71.9 | 71.9 | 72.1 | 0.2 |

ALBERTA**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

| | CHANGE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,017.7 | 2,031.7 | 2,020.4 | 2.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,821.2 | 1,851.1 | 1,839.6 | 18.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 196.5 | 180.6 | 180.9 | (15.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.0 | 8.2 | 8.6 | (0.4) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.7 | 8.9 | 9.0 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.1 | 65.2 | 64.7 | (1.4) |

Nova Scotia Labour Force & Employment

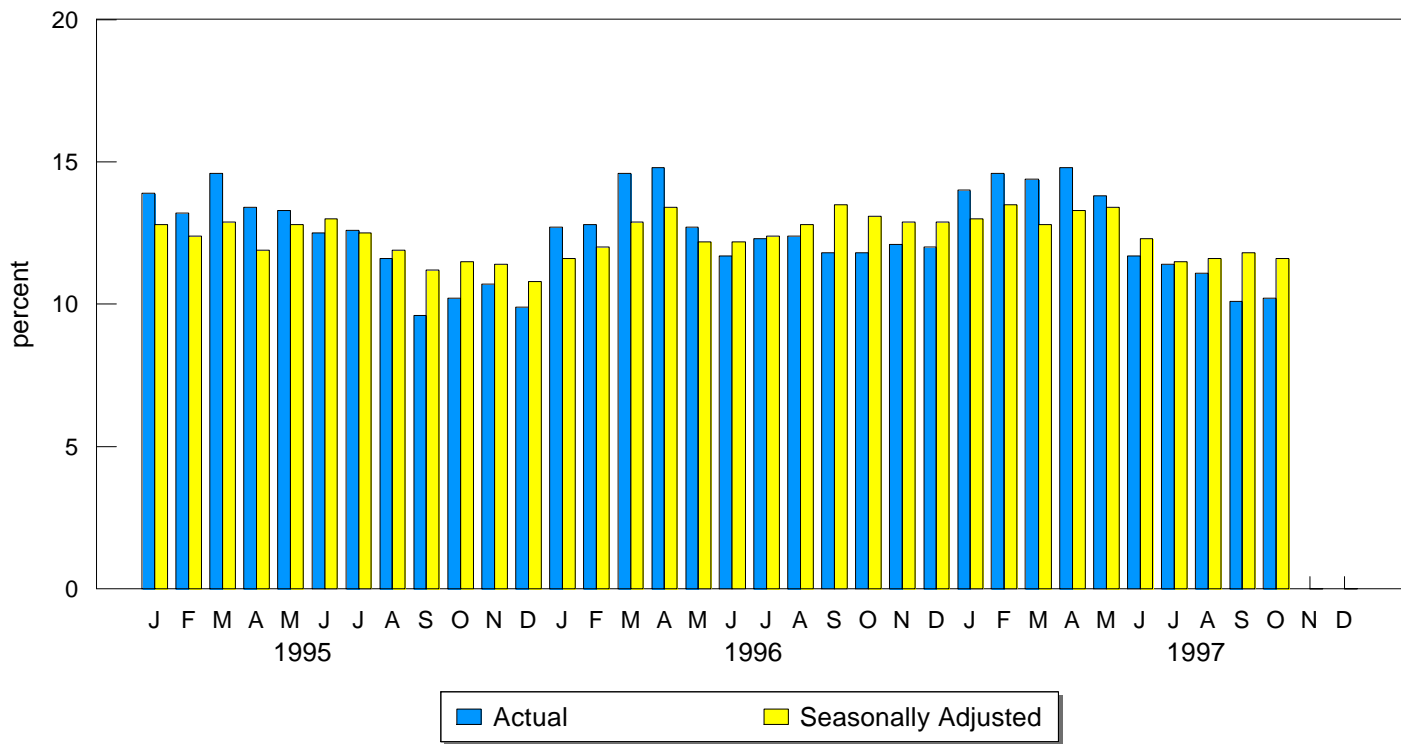
Actual, 1995 - 1997



■ Employment ■ Labour Force

Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate

Actual & Seasonally Adjusted, 1995-1997



HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | | | CHANGE | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 185.9 | 186.5 | 187.3 | 1.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 169.8 | 170.6 | 171.3 | 1.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.1 | 15.9 | 16.0 | (0.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.5 | (0.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.5 | 67.9 | 68.2 | (0.3) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | | | CHANGE | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 450.5 | 459.6 | 453.0 | 2.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 396.6 | 409.5 | 405.5 | 8.9 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 54.0 | 50.1 | 47.5 | (6.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.0 | 10.9 | 10.5 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 61.2 | 61.9 | 61.0 | (0.2) |

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | CAPE BRETON | | | | NORTH SHORE | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | CHANGE OCT <u>'96-'97</u> | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | CHANGE OCT <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 67.9 | 67.7 | 66.1 | (1.8) | 77.2 | 78.9 | 77.5 | 0.3 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 52.1 | 57.3 | 56.5 | 4.4 | 67.0 | 68.6 | 67.2 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.8 | 10.4 | 9.6 | (6.2) | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 23.3 | 15.4 | 14.5 | (8.8) | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 0.0 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 54.0 | 53.6 | 52.4 | (1.6) | 58.8 | 59.8 | 58.7 | (0.1) |

| | ANNAPOLIS VALLEY | | | | SOUTHERN | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | CHANGE OCT <u>'96-'97</u> | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | CHANGE OCT <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 56.7 | 59.0 | 57.1 | 0.4 | 58.1 | 61.1 | 60.1 | 2.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 50.5 | 52.4 | 50.8 | 0.3 | 52.1 | 54.9 | 54.5 | 2.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.6 | (0.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 9.3 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 58.8 | 60.5 | 58.4 | (0.4) | 56.1 | 58.8 | 57.8 | 1.7 |

| | | | CHANGE | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | OCT <u>1996</u> | SEP <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>1997</u> | OCT <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 190.6 | 192.9 | 192.2 | 1.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 174.8 | 176.4 | 176.5 | 1.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.8 | 16.6 | 15.8 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.2 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.2 | 68.2 | 67.9 | (0.3) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1996 | | 1997 | |
|---|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | SEP | OCT | SEP | OCT |
| Total Employment | 383.8 | 384.2 | 392.0 | 393.1 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 84.2 | 84.6 | 92.7 | 93.9 |
| Agriculture | 6.3 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| Other Primary | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 14.6 |
| Utilities | 3.9 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 37.0 | 37.2 | 45.1 | 46.8 |
| Construction | 21.7 | 22.2 | 22.3 | 22.1 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.6 | 299.6 | 299.3 | 299.2 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 27.4 | 27.2 | 24.4 | 24.5 |
| Trade | 71.9 | 72.0 | 70.6 | 70.7 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.3 | 19.2 | 18.9 | 19.1 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 152.8 | 153.1 | 153.1 | 154.2 |
| Public Administration | 28.1 | 28.1 | 32.2 | 30.6 |

EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | <u>Total</u> | | | | <u>Full-Time</u> | | | | <u>Part-Time</u> | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| CANADA | 13,788.8 | 14,174.2 | 14,105.6 | 316.8 | 11,148.2 | 12,068.9 | 11,391.8 | 243.6 | 2,640.6 | 2,389.3 | 2,713.8 | 73.2 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 191.0 | 204.5 | 197.3 | 6.3 | 161.8 | 186.5 | 161.1 | (0.7) | 29.1 | 27.1 | 36.2 | 7.1 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 61.9 | 64.7 | 63.5 | 1.6 | 51.1 | 60.5 | 52.1 | 1.0 | 10.8 | 8.3 | 11.4 | 0.6 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 389.6 | 402.6 | 400.7 | 11.1 | 310.3 | 341.5 | 318.5 | 8.2 | 79.3 | 71.7 | 82.2 | 2.9 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 315.7 | 332.2 | 326.5 | 10.8 | 260.6 | 297.4 | 275.6 | 15.0 | 55.2 | 45.4 | 50.9 | (4.3) |
| QUEBEC | 3,210.5 | 3,305.3 | 3,288.1 | 77.6 | 2,642.8 | 2,851.5 | 2,681.5 | 38.7 | 567.7 | 508.6 | 606.6 | 38.9 |
| ONTARIO | 5,362.8 | 5,481.2 | 5,475.8 | 113.0 | 4,298.7 | 4,645.7 | 4,419.9 | 121.2 | 1,064.1 | 962.5 | 1,055.9 | (8.2) |
| MANITOBA | 538.4 | 545.5 | 544.0 | 5.6 | 421.3 | 457.6 | 439.5 | 18.2 | 117.1 | 90.1 | 104.5 | (12.6) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 467.7 | 483.1 | 478.6 | 10.9 | 370.9 | 409.1 | 379.8 | 8.9 | 96.8 | 85.2 | 98.8 | 2.0 |
| ALBERTA | 1,423.3 | 1,484.4 | 1,485.4 | 62.1 | 1,165.8 | 1,268.8 | 1,215.0 | 49.2 | 257.6 | 232.8 | 270.5 | 12.9 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,827.9 | 1,870.8 | 1,845.6 | 17.7 | 1,464.9 | 1,550.2 | 1,448.7 | (16.2) | 363.0 | 357.6 | 396.8 | 33.8 |

15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | <u>Labour Force - 000's</u> | | | | <u>Employment - 000's</u> | | | | <u>Unemployment - %</u> | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT | OCT | SEP | OCT | OCT |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| CANADA | 2,328.5 | 2,823.9 | 2,335.6 | 7.1 | 1,958.8 | 2,397.3 | 1,978.0 | 19.2 | 15.9 | 15.1 | 15.3 | (0.6) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 35.3 | 47.5 | 31.8 | (3.5) | 24.5 | 36.4 | 24.9 | 0.4 | 30.9 | 23.4 | 21.7 | (9.2) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 13.0 | 16.8 | 12.0 | (1.0) | 10.7 | 15.0 | 10.6 | (0.1) | 17.7 | 11.3 | 10.8 | (6.9) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 69.5 | 92.5 | 73.6 | 4.1 | 57.5 | 75.2 | 59.9 | 2.4 | 17.3 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 1.3 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 58.4 | 73.3 | 55.3 | (3.1) | 47.2 | 61.3 | 45.4 | (1.8) | 19.3 | 16.4 | 17.9 | (1.4) |
| QUEBEC | 523.9 | 620.0 | 519.9 | (4.0) | 425.2 | 499.2 | 420.1 | (5.1) | 18.8 | 19.5 | 19.2 | 0.4 |
| ONTARIO | 891.7 | 1,093.8 | 893.4 | 1.7 | 753.2 | 927.5 | 763.4 | 10.2 | 15.5 | 15.2 | 14.6 | (0.9) |
| MANITOBA | 103.0 | 114.4 | 99.9 | (3.1) | 92.9 | 103.1 | 87.4 | (5.5) | 9.8 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 2.7 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 84.4 | 109.1 | 91.6 | 7.2 | 77.3 | 98.7 | 83.1 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 0.9 |
| ALBERTA | 250.5 | 306.3 | 263.6 | 13.1 | 219.7 | 279.8 | 236.7 | 17.0 | 12.3 | 8.7 | 10.2 | (2.1) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 298.9 | 350.3 | 294.5 | (4.4) | 250.7 | 301.2 | 246.4 | (4.3) | 16.1 | 14.0 | 16.3 | 0.2 |

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

NOVEMBER 1997

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - NOVEMBER 1997

CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,246.6 | 15,430.5 | 15,449.0 | 202.4 | 15,125.4 | 15,405.4 | 15,333.5 | 208.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,721.2 | 14,021.7 | 14,055.2 | 334.0 | 13,678.9 | 14,105.6 | 14,010.3 | 331.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,525.4 | 1,408.9 | 1,393.8 | (131.6) | 1,446.5 | 1,299.8 | 1,323.2 | (123.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 | (1.0) | 9.6 | 8.4 | 8.6 | (1.0) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.9 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 0.0 | 64.4 | 64.8 | 64.4 | 0.0 |

NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | Actual | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 440.5 | 446.6 | 446.3 | 5.8 | 437.6 | 446.1 | 442.8 | 5.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 383.5 | 394.9 | 395.1 | 11.6 | 384.4 | 400.7 | 395.7 | 11.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 57.0 | 51.7 | 51.3 | (5.7) | 53.1 | 45.5 | 47.0 | (6.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.9 | 11.6 | 11.5 | (1.4) | 12.1 | 10.2 | 10.6 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.7 | 60.1 | 60.0 | 0.3 | 59.3 | 60.0 | 59.5 | 0.2 |

Seasonally Adjusted

NEWFOUNDLAND

| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| | LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 232.6 | 235.9 | 236.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 188.6 | 194.5 | 195.0 | 6.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 44.0 | 41.4 | 41.1 | (2.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 17.4 | 15.8 | 15.9 | (1.5) |
| --Actual | 18.9 | 17.5 | 17.4 | (1.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 51.6 | 52.6 | 52.6 | 1.0 |

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------|------|---------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| | LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 70.3 | 70.3 | 71.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 59.2 | 61.1 | 60.5 | 1.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 11.0 | 9.2 | 10.7 | (0.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 16.0 | 10.2 | 15.4 | (0.2) |
| --Actual | 15.6 | 13.1 | 15.0 | (0.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 65.7 | 65.4 | 66.3 | (0.6) |

NEW BRUNSWICK

| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| | LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 355.7 | 363.4 | 366.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 309.4 | 319.4 | 320.8 | 11.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 46.3 | 44.0 | 45.8 | (0.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.4 | 10.8 | 12.0 | (0.4) |
| --Actual | 13.0 | 12.1 | 12.5 | (0.5) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 59.2 | 60.2 | 60.7 | 1.5 |

QUEBEC

| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 |
| | LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 3,656.8 | 3,690.7 | 3,680.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 3,193.3 | 3,273.6 | 3,273.8 | 80.5 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 463.5 | 417.1 | 406.3 | (57.2) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.6 | 10.9 | 11.0 | (1.6) |
| --Actual | 12.7 | 11.3 | 11.0 | (1.7) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 62.1 | 62.1 | 61.9 | (0.2) |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.

Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.

Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.

Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

ONTARIO

| | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,883.9 | 5,951.1 | 5,961.8 | 77.9 | 577.9 | 576.2 | 577.5 | (0.4) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,341.0 | 5,447.3 | 5,460.3 | 119.3 | 532.8 | 538.0 | 540.4 | 7.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 542.9 | 503.9 | 501.5 | (41.4) | 45.1 | 38.2 | 37.1 | (8.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.4 | 7.7 | 7.7 | (0.7) | 7.4 | 5.6 | 6.1 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.4 | (0.8) | 7.8 | 6.6 | 6.4 | (1.4) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.1 | 66.0 | 66.0 | (0.1) | 67.4 | 66.9 | 67.0 | (0.4) |

MANITOBA**SASKATCHEWAN**

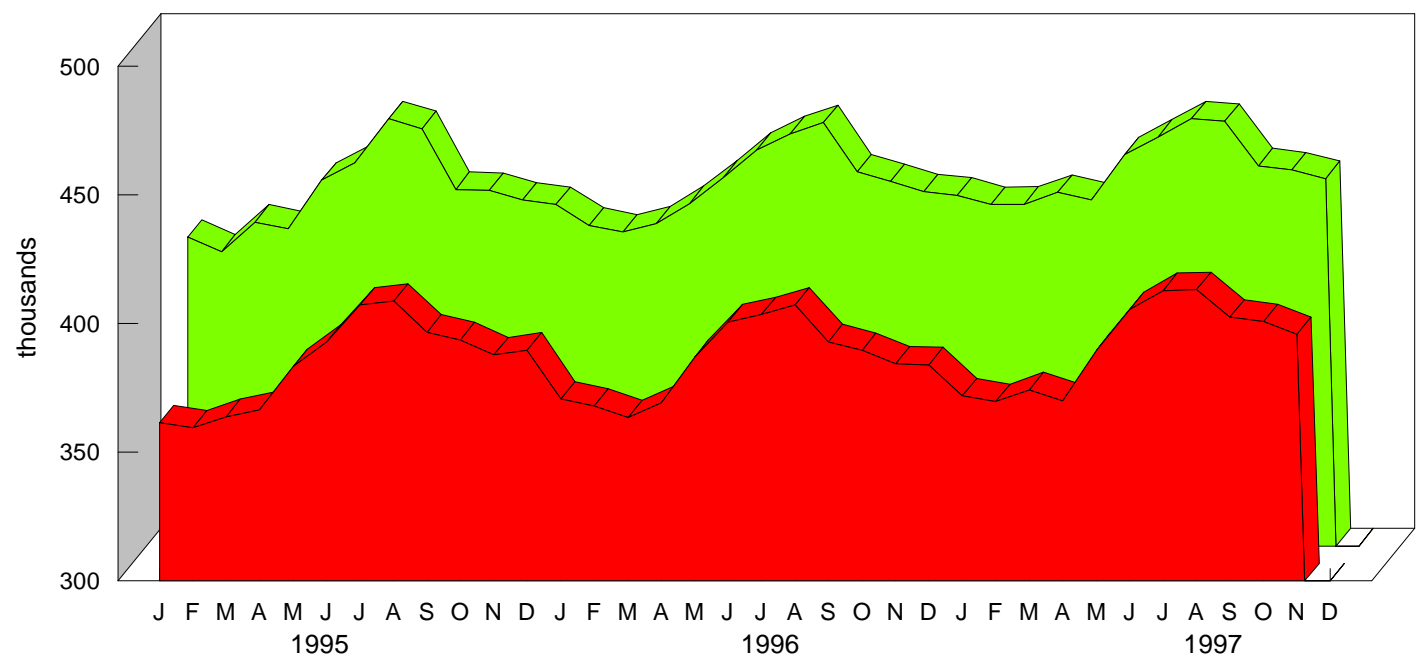
| | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 486.7 | 506.9 | 511.5 | 24.8 | 1,524.3 | 1,569.0 | 1,569.4 | 45.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 458.0 | 474.9 | 481.5 | 23.5 | 1,426.5 | 1,478.5 | 1,480.2 | 53.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 28.7 | 32.0 | 30.0 | 1.3 | 97.7 | 90.5 | 89.3 | (8.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | (0.2) | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 | (0.7) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.7 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.4 | 66.5 | 67.1 | 2.7 | 71.8 | 72.1 | 71.9 | 0.1 |

ALBERTA**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

| | CHANGE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,017.9 | 2,020.4 | 2,028.4 | 10.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,828.7 | 1,839.6 | 1,847.7 | 19.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 189.2 | 180.9 | 180.6 | (8.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 9.3 | 8.6 | 9.0 | (0.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.4 | 9.0 | 8.9 | (0.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 66.0 | 64.7 | 64.9 | (1.1) |

Nova Scotia Labour Force & Employment

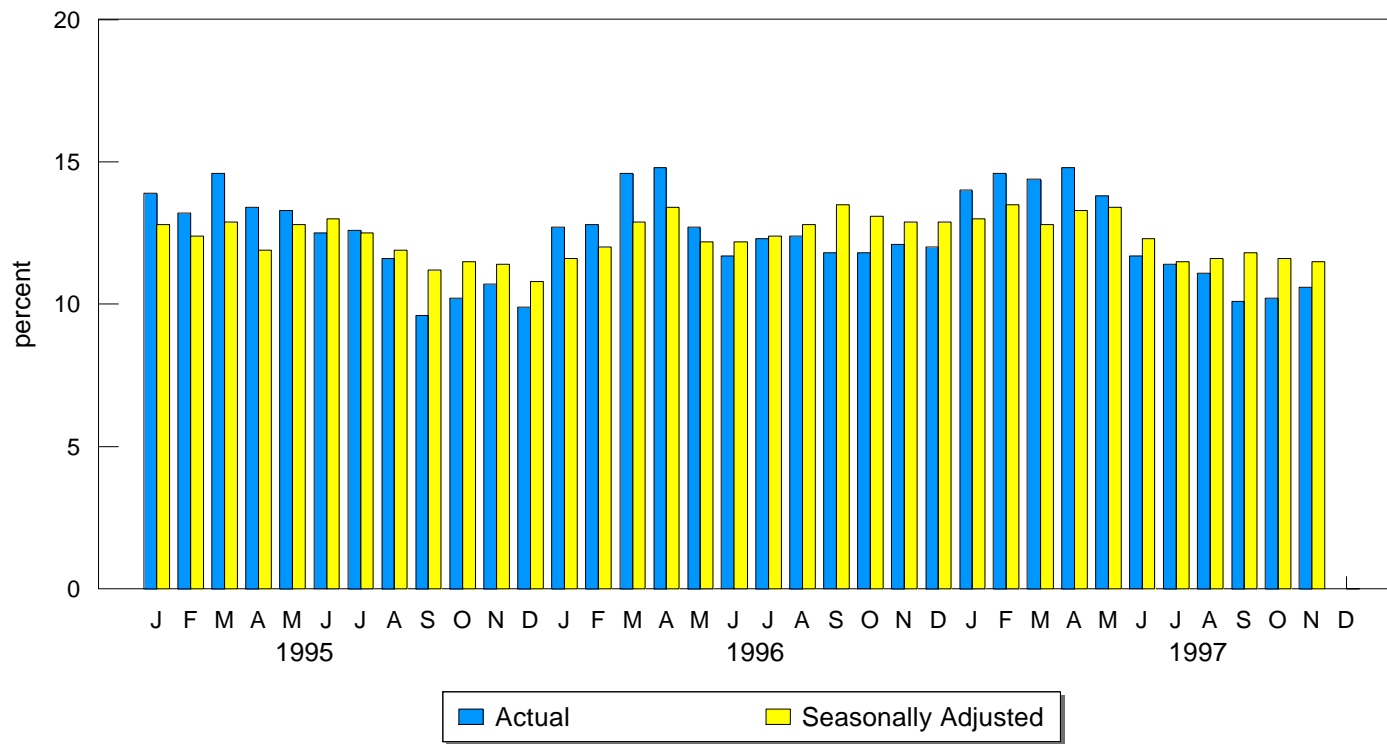
Actual, 1995 - 1997



■ Employment ■ Labour Force

Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate

Actual & Seasonally Adjusted, 1995-1997



HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.7 | 187.3 | 188.1 | 1.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 170.3 | 171.3 | 171.1 | 0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.5 | 16.0 | 17.0 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.8 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.7 | 68.2 | 68.4 | (0.3) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 441.5 | 453.0 | 445.6 | 4.1 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 389.0 | 405.5 | 399.7 | 10.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 52.5 | 47.5 | 45.9 | (6.6) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 11.9 | 10.5 | 10.3 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.9 | 61.0 | 59.9 | 0.0 |

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

| | CAPE BRETON | | | | NORTH SHORE | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 66.7 | 66.1 | 64.1 | (2.6) | 74.9 | 77.5 | 75.4 | 0.5 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 50.5 | 56.5 | 55.8 | 5.3 | 65.4 | 67.2 | 65.7 | 0.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.2 | 9.6 | 8.3 | (7.9) | 9.5 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 0.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 24.3 | 14.5 | 12.9 | (11.4) | 12.7 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 0.2 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.0 | 52.4 | 50.8 | (2.2) | 57.0 | 58.7 | 57.1 | 0.1 |

| | ANNAPOLIS VALLEY | | | | SOUTHERN | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 53.6 | 57.1 | 56.1 | 2.5 | 56.5 | 60.1 | 58.7 | 2.2 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 48.0 | 50.8 | 50.5 | 2.5 | 50.6 | 54.5 | 52.8 | 2.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 5.7 | 6.3 | 5.6 | (0.1) | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 0.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.6 | 11.0 | 10.0 | (0.6) | 10.3 | 9.3 | 10.1 | (0.2) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 55.5 | 58.4 | 57.3 | 1.8 | 54.5 | 57.8 | 56.4 | 1.9 |

| | HALIFAX | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | CHANGE |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 189.7 | 192.2 | 191.3 | 1.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 174.5 | 176.5 | 174.9 | 0.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 15.3 | 15.8 | 16.4 | 1.1 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 0.5 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.8 | 67.9 | 67.5 | (0.3) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1996 | | 1997 | |
|---|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | OCT | NOV | OCT | NOV |
| Total Employment | 384.2 | 383.8 | 393.1 | 394.4 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 84.6 | 84.1 | 93.9 | 95.2 |
| Agriculture | 6.1 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| Other Primary | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.6 | 14.6 |
| Utilities | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 37.2 | 37.5 | 46.8 | 48.2 |
| Construction | 22.2 | 21.3 | 22.1 | 22.2 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.6 | 299.7 | 299.2 | 299.2 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 27.2 | 26.2 | 24.5 | 24.3 |
| Trade | 72.0 | 72.9 | 70.7 | 72.1 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.2 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 19.3 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 153.1 | 152.2 | 154.2 | 154.1 |
| Public Administration | 28.1 | 29.3 | 30.6 | 29.4 |

EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | <u>Total</u> | | | | <u>Full-Time</u> | | | | <u>Part-Time</u> | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| CANADA | 13,678.9 | 14,105.6 | 14,010.3 | 331.4 | 10,966.5 | 11,391.8 | 11,259.3 | 292.8 | 2,712.4 | 2,713.8 | 2,751.0 | 38.6 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 186.8 | 197.3 | 193.9 | 7.1 | 156.1 | 161.1 | 158.3 | 2.2 | 30.7 | 36.2 | 35.6 | 4.9 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 57.6 | 63.5 | 58.8 | 1.2 | 47.4 | 52.1 | 47.1 | (0.3) | 10.2 | 11.4 | 11.7 | 1.5 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 384.4 | 400.7 | 395.7 | 11.3 | 303.9 | 318.5 | 312.4 | 8.5 | 80.6 | 82.2 | 83.4 | 2.8 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 306.2 | 326.5 | 317.3 | 11.1 | 251.2 | 275.6 | 267.7 | 16.5 | 55.0 | 50.9 | 49.5 | (5.5) |
| QUEBEC | 3,162.6 | 3,288.1 | 3,233.8 | 71.2 | 2,580.5 | 2,681.5 | 2,634.7 | 54.2 | 582.1 | 606.6 | 599.1 | 17.0 |
| ONTARIO | 5,364.6 | 5,475.8 | 5,489.3 | 124.7 | 4,297.5 | 4,419.9 | 4,409.4 | 111.9 | 1,067.2 | 1,055.9 | 1,079.9 | 12.7 |
| MANITOBA | 531.2 | 544.0 | 538.3 | 7.1 | 406.2 | 439.5 | 425.8 | 19.6 | 125.1 | 104.5 | 112.5 | (12.6) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 452.3 | 478.6 | 474.5 | 22.2 | 357.0 | 379.8 | 370.8 | 13.8 | 95.3 | 98.8 | 103.7 | 8.4 |
| ALBERTA | 1,422.1 | 1,485.4 | 1,477.4 | 55.3 | 1,144.2 | 1,215.0 | 1,195.4 | 51.2 | 278.0 | 270.5 | 282.0 | 4.0 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,811.0 | 1,845.6 | 1,831.3 | 20.3 | 1,422.7 | 1,448.7 | 1,437.7 | 15.0 | 388.3 | 396.8 | 393.6 | 5.3 |

15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | <u>Labour Force - 000's</u> | | | | <u>Employment - 000's</u> | | | | <u>Unemployment - %</u> | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV | NOV | OCT | NOV | NOV |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| CANADA | 2,337.2 | 2,335.6 | 2,310.8 | (26.4) | 1,939.3 | 1,978.0 | 1,947.9 | 8.6 | 17.0 | 15.3 | 15.7 | (1.3) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 34.3 | 31.8 | 30.1 | (4.2) | 24.3 | 24.9 | 24.1 | (0.2) | 29.2 | 21.7 | 19.6 | (9.6) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.5 | (0.7) | 9.7 | 10.6 | 9.4 | (0.3) | 19.7 | 10.8 | 18.3 | (1.4) |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 68.5 | 73.6 | 72.1 | 3.6 | 55.1 | 59.9 | 57.8 | 2.7 | 19.6 | 18.6 | 20.0 | 0.4 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 55.5 | 55.3 | 55.7 | 0.2 | 44.7 | 45.4 | 44.8 | 0.1 | 19.5 | 17.9 | 19.6 | 0.1 |
| QUEBEC | 537.7 | 519.9 | 500.5 | (37.2) | 413.3 | 420.1 | 397.3 | (16.0) | 23.1 | 19.2 | 20.6 | (2.5) |
| ONTARIO | 894.7 | 893.4 | 895.7 | 1.0 | 756.6 | 763.4 | 769.4 | 12.8 | 15.4 | 14.6 | 14.1 | (1.3) |
| MANITOBA | 103.4 | 99.9 | 101.5 | (1.9) | 89.4 | 87.4 | 88.5 | (0.9) | 13.5 | 12.5 | 12.8 | (0.7) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 79.7 | 91.6 | 89.2 | 9.5 | 71.5 | 83.1 | 80.1 | 8.6 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 10.1 | (0.2) |
| ALBERTA | 250.8 | 263.6 | 264.0 | 13.2 | 223.1 | 236.7 | 236.7 | 13.6 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 | (0.7) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 300.3 | 294.5 | 290.5 | (9.8) | 251.5 | 246.4 | 239.7 | (11.8) | 16.3 | 16.3 | 17.5 | 1.2 |

Employment Situation at Nov 1997

(all data for Canada, provinces and CMA is seasonally adusted - fdata for regions and industries is unadjusted)

| | Annual | | Nov 1996 | Jan 1997 | Nov 1997 | Change | Change | Change | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Average | | | | | 1990* | May 1993** | Nov 1997 | Nov 1997 | Nov 1997 |
| | 1990* | May 1993** | | | | | | | | |
| Nova Scotia | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 436.0 | 428.0 | 440.5 | 447.7 | 446.3 | 10.3 | 18.3 | 5.8 | | |
| Employed ('000) | 390.0 | 365.0 | 383.5 | 389.6 | 395.1 | 5.1 | 30.1 | 11.6 | | |
| Unemployed ('000) | 46.0 | 63.0 | 57.0 | 58.1 | 51.3 | 5.3 | -11.7 | -5.7 | | |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.5 | 14.7 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 11.5 | 1.0 | -3.2 | -1.4 | | |
| Participation (%) | 62.3 | 59.7 | 59.7 | 60.6 | 60.0 | -2.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | | |
| New Brunswick | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | 302.0 | 311.0 | 309.4 | 312.0 | 320.8 | 18.8 | 9.8 | 11.4 | | |
| Unemployed (%) | 12.1 | 12.1 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.5 | | |
| Canada | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed ('000) | 13165.0 | 12976.0 | 13721.2 | 13758.8 | 14055.2 | 890.2 | 1079.2 | 334.0 | | |
| Unemployed (%) | 8.1 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 0.9 | -2.4 | -1.0 | | |
| Halifax Metro | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employment | 164.3 | 159.5 | 170.3 | 170.1 | 171.1 | 6.8 | 11.6 | 0.8 | | |
| Unemployment | 14.1 | 18.6 | 16.5 | 16.6 | 17.0 | 2.9 | -1.6 | 0.5 | | |
| Unemployment rate(%) | 7.9 | 10.4 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 1.1 | -1.4 | 0.2 | | |
| N.S. regions - unemp rate (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Halifax region | 7.9 | 10.7 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 0.7 | -2.1 | 0.5 | | |
| Cape Breton Island | 16.3 | 29.0 | 24.3 | 26.0 | 12.9 | -3.4 | -16.1 | -11.4 | | |
| North Shore region | 12.6 | 17.4 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 12.9 | 0.3 | -4.5 | 0.2 | | |
| Annapolis Valley | 11.1 | 16.5 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 10.0 | -1.1 | -6.5 | -0.6 | | |
| Southern region | 9.0 | 13.9 | 10.3 | 11.7 | 10.1 | 1.1 | -3.8 | -0.2 | | |
| Unemployment rate | | | | | | | | | | |
| All industries | 10.5 | 15.4 | 11.8 | 14.0 | 10.2 | -0.3 | -5.2 | -1.6 | | |
| Agriculture | 13.4 | 23.3 | 16.3 | 17.6 | 10.8 | -2.6 | -12.5 | -5.5 | | |
| Other Primary industries | 12.6 | 13.9 | 21.6 | 19.2 | 12.8 | 0.2 | -1.1 | -8.8 | | |
| Manufacturing | 10.9 | 16.9 | 8.4 | 15.0 | 8.6 | -2.3 | -8.3 | 0.2 | | |
| Construction | 21.1 | 31.4 | 14.8 | 38.3 | 12.8 | -8.3 | -18.6 | -2.0 | | |
| Trans.,Commun.& utilities | 8.2 | 10.9 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 4.9 | -3.3 | -6.0 | -3.0 | | |
| Trade | 6.5 | 11.4 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 4.8 | -1.7 | -6.6 | -1.8 | | |
| Finance, Insur & real estate | 3.6 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 1.0 | -2.5 | 1.5 | | |
| Service | 7.4 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 5.5 | -1.9 | -3.5 | -1.5 | | |
| Public Administration | 7.4 | 9.5 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.7 | 0.3 | -1.8 | 1.7 | | |
| Class of Worker | | | | | | | | | | |
| All workers | | 365.9 | 384.4 | 371.9 | | | -365.9 | -384.4 | | |
| Public sector | | 78.0 | 72.3 | 75.5 | 0.0 | | -78 | -72.3 | | |
| Private sector | | 287.8 | 312.2 | 296.5 | 0.0 | | -287.8 | -312.2 | | |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------|--------|
| Paid workers (total) | 324.5 | 340.1 | 330.5 | 0.0 | -324.5 | -340.1 |
| Paid worker, public sector | 78.0 | 72.3 | 75.5 | 0.0 | -78 | -72.3 |
| Paid workers, Private sector (total) | 246.5 | 267.8 | 255.0 | 0.0 | -246.5 | -267.8 |
| Self employed(unincorporated) | 40.7 | 43.4 | 39.5 | 0.0 | -40.7 | -43.4 |
| Unpaid family workers | 0.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -1 |

*1990 represents the previous peak employment in Canada in most provinces

**month prior to present government

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Prepared by: Statistics Division

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EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

DECEMBER 1997

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION - DECEMBER 1997

CANADA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 | Actual | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | | DEC | NOV | DEC | |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 15,239.1 | 15,449.0 | 15,438.1 | 199.0 | 15,021.2 | 15,333.5 | 15,219.6 | 198.4 | |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 13,753.7 | 14,055.2 | 14,116.9 | 363.2 | 13,609.1 | 14,010.3 | 13,979.3 | 370.2 | |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 1,485.4 | 1,393.8 | 1,321.2 | (164.2) | 1,412.1 | 1,323.2 | 1,240.3 | (171.8) | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 9.7 | 9.0 | 8.6 | (1.1) | 9.4 | 8.6 | 8.1 | (1.3) | |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 64.8 | 64.9 | 64.8 | 0.0 | 63.9 | 64.4 | 63.9 | 0.0 | |

NOVA SCOTIA

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 | Actual | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | | DEC | NOV | DEC | |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 443.8 | 446.3 | 449.7 | 5.9 | 436.3 | 442.8 | 442.7 | 6.4 | |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 386.5 | 395.1 | 397.5 | 11.0 | 384.0 | 395.7 | 396.7 | 12.7 | |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 57.3 | 51.3 | 52.2 | (5.1) | 52.3 | 47.0 | 45.9 | (6.4) | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.9 | 11.5 | 11.6 | (1.3) | 12.0 | 10.6 | 10.4 | (1.6) | |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 60.1 | 60.0 | 60.4 | 0.3 | 59.1 | 59.5 | 59.5 | 0.4 | |

Seasonally Adjusted

NEWFOUNDLAND

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|------|-------|--------------------------|
| | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | | DEC | NOV | DEC | |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 236.3 | 236.1 | 238.1 | 1.8 | 71.7 | 71.2 | 71.0 | (0.7) | |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 188.2 | 195.0 | 196.4 | 8.2 | 60.3 | 60.5 | 60.8 | 0.5 | |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 48.1 | 41.1 | 41.7 | (6.4) | 11.4 | 10.7 | 10.2 | (1.2) | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 19.0 | 15.9 | 16.2 | (2.8) | 17.8 | 15.4 | 16.1 | 0.2 | |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 20.4 | 17.4 | 17.5 | (2.9) | 15.9 | 15.0 | 14.4 | (1.5) | |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.4 | 52.6 | 53.1 | 0.7 | 66.9 | 66.3 | 66.2 | 0.7 | |

NEW BRUNSWICK

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 | QUEBEC | | | CHANGE DEC '96-'97 |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------------------------|
| | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | | DEC | NOV | DEC | |
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | '96-'97 | | 1996 | 1997 | 1997 | |
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 354.9 | 366.6 | 368.9 | 14.0 | 3,647.7 | 3,680.2 | 3,687.2 | 39.5 | |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 307.6 | 320.8 | 322.9 | 15.3 | 3,204.9 | 3,273.8 | 3,303.5 | 98.6 | |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 47.3 | 45.8 | 46.0 | (1.3) | 442.8 | 406.3 | 383.7 | (59.1) | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| --Actual | 12.9 | 12.0 | 12.1 | (0.8) | 12.4 | 11.0 | 10.5 | (1.9) | |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 13.3 | 12.5 | 12.5 | (0.8) | 12.1 | 11.0 | 10.4 | (1.7) | |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.0 | 60.7 | 61.1 | 2.1 | 61.9 | 61.9 | 62.0 | 0.1 | |

NOTE: For regional unemployment rates, see page 5.

Participation rate is the labour force as a % of the population 15 years and over.

Non-civilian and inmate population are not included in labour force data.

Revisions to historic labour force data were released in February 1997.

ONTARIO

CHANGE

| DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 5,863.1 | 5,961.8 | 5,959.0 | 95.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 5,329.4 | 5,460.3 | 5,492.6 | 163.2 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 533.7 | 501.5 | 466.4 | (67.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.4 | 7.7 | 7.1 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 9.1 | 8.4 | 7.8 | (1.3) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.8 | 66.0 | 65.9 | 0.1 |

MANITOBA

CHANGE

| DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 579.9 | 577.5 | 577.8 | (2.1) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 536.4 | 540.4 | 542.8 | 6.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 43.4 | 37.1 | 34.9 | (8.5) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 7.1 | 6.1 | 5.8 | (1.3) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 7.5 | 6.4 | 6.0 | (1.5) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.6 | 67.0 | 67.1 | (0.5) |

SASKATCHEWAN

CHANGE

| DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 491.8 | 511.5 | 505.6 | 13.8 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 462.8 | 481.5 | 479.9 | 17.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 28.9 | 30.0 | 25.6 | (3.3) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.8 | 5.5 | 4.8 | (1.0) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.0 | 67.1 | 66.4 | 1.4 |

ALBERTA

CHANGE

| DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 1,530.7 | 1,569.4 | 1,570.3 | 39.6 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,434.6 | 1,480.2 | 1,482.2 | 47.6 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 96.1 | 89.3 | 88.1 | (8.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.2 | (0.6) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | (0.7) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 71.9 | 71.9 | 71.8 | (0.1) |

BRITISH COLUMBIA

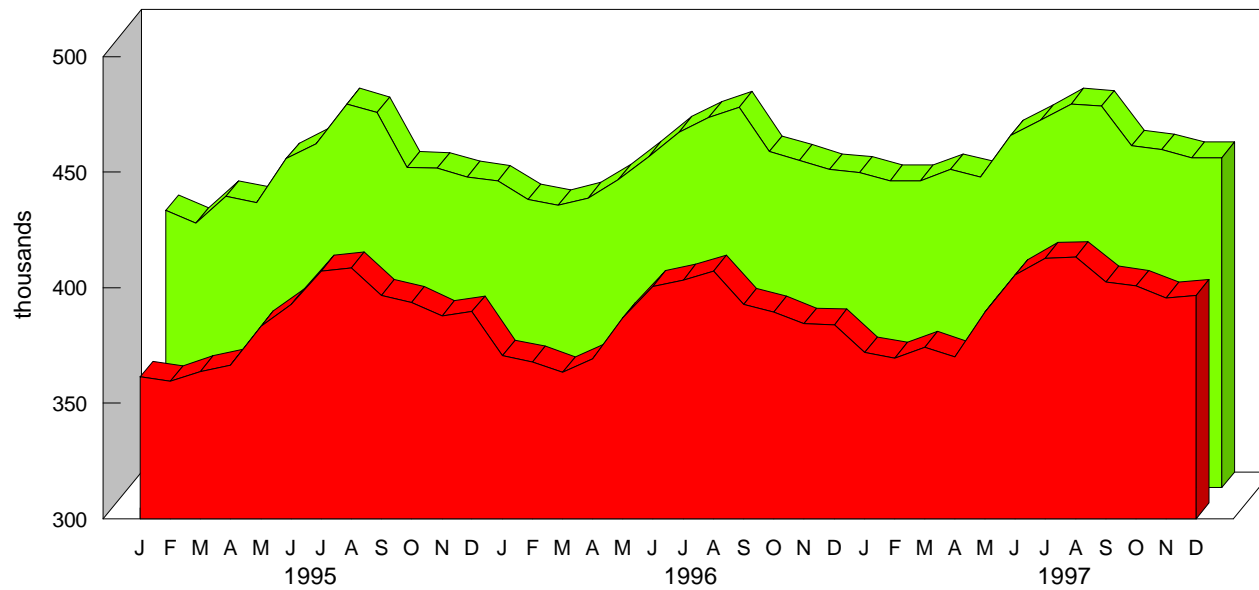
CHANGE

| DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 2,019.3 | 2,028.4 | 2,010.6 | (8.7) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 1,843.0 | 1,847.7 | 1,838.2 | (4.8) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 176.3 | 180.6 | 172.4 | (3.9) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | | | | |
| --Actual | 8.5 | 9.0 | 8.3 | (0.2) |
| --Seasonally Adjusted | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.6 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 65.9 | 64.9 | 64.2 | (1.7) |

Nova Scotia Labour Force & Employment

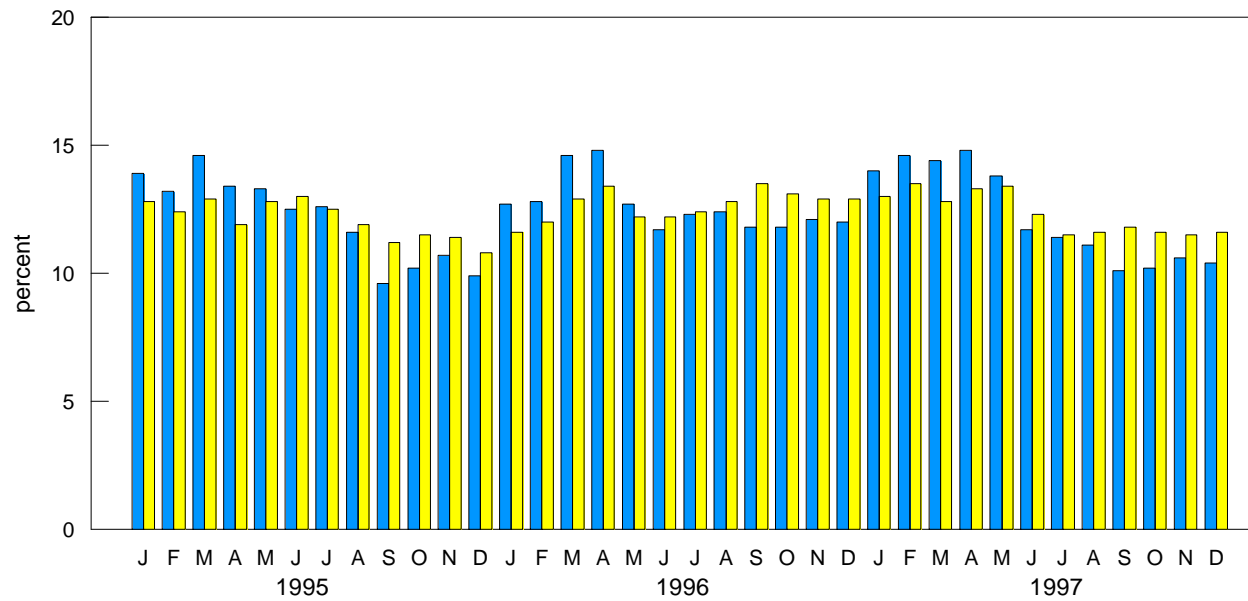
Actual, 1995 - 1997



■ Employment ■ Labour Force

Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate

Actual & Seasonally Adjusted, 1995-1997



Actual Seasonally Adjusted

HALIFAX METRO

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 186.7 | 188.1 | 186.7 | 0.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 170.4 | 171.1 | 169.6 | (0.8) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.4 | 17.0 | 17.1 | 0.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 0.4 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 68.6 | 68.4 | 67.8 | (0.8) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 438.5 | 445.6 | 443.9 | 5.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 386.0 | 399.7 | 397.7 | 11.7 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 52.5 | 45.9 | 46.1 | (6.4) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.0 | 10.3 | 10.4 | (1.6) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 59.4 | 59.9 | 59.7 | 0.3 |

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Unadjusted - 3-month moving average estimate

CAPE BRETON

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 65.9 | 64.1 | 64.3 | (1.6) |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 49.2 | 55.8 | 55.6 | 6.4 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 16.7 | 8.3 | 8.7 | (8.0) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 25.3 | 12.9 | 13.5 | (11.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 52.3 | 50.8 | 51.0 | (1.3) |

NORTH SHORE

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 74.2 | 75.4 | 74.9 | 0.7 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 64.6 | 65.7 | 65.4 | 0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.8 | (0.1) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 56.4 | 57.1 | 56.7 | 0.3 |

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 52.5 | 56.1 | 55.5 | 3.0 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 46.9 | 50.5 | 50.0 | 3.1 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | (0.1) |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.7 | 10.0 | 9.9 | (0.8) |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 54.3 | 57.3 | 56.6 | 2.3 |

SOUTHERN

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 55.6 | 58.7 | 58.5 | 2.9 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 49.6 | 52.8 | 51.9 | 2.3 |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 0.5 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 10.8 | 10.1 | 11.1 | 0.3 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 53.7 | 56.4 | 56.3 | 2.6 |

HALIFAX

CHANGE

| | DEC <u>1996</u> | NOV <u>1997</u> | DEC <u>1997</u> | CHANGE DEC <u>'96-'97</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LABOUR FORCE ('000) | 190.3 | 191.3 | 190.7 | 0.4 |
| EMPLOYED ('000) | 175.7 | 174.9 | 174.8 | (0.9) |
| UNEMPLOYED ('000) | 14.6 | 16.4 | 15.9 | 1.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) | 7.7 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 0.6 |
| PARTICIPATION RATE (%) | 67.9 | 67.5 | 67.2 | (0.7) |

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR ('000)

Seasonally Adjusted - 3-month moving average

| | 1996 | | 1997 | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | NOV | DEC | NOV | DEC |
| Total Employment | 383.8 | 384.7 | 394.4 | 395.8 |
| Total Goods Producing Sectors | 84.1 | 84.4 | 95.2 | 96.1 |
| Agriculture | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.7 |
| Other Primary | 15.3 | 15.1 | 14.6 | 15.4 |
| Utilities | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 37.5 | 38.0 | 48.2 | 48.4 |
| Construction | 21.3 | 20.6 | 22.2 | 22.5 |
| Total Service Producing Sectors | 299.7 | 300.3 | 299.2 | 299.7 |
| Transportation, Storage & Communication | 26.2 | 25.8 | 24.3 | 24.9 |
| Trade | 72.9 | 74.3 | 72.1 | 73.0 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 19.2 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 18.9 |
| Community, Business & Personal Services | 152.2 | 151.5 | 154.1 | 154.8 |
| Public Administration | 29.3 | 29.5 | 29.4 | 28.0 |

EMPLOYMENT - ACTUAL - 000's

| | <u>Total</u> | | | | <u>Full-Time</u> | | | | <u>Part-Time</u> | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| CANADA | 13,609.1 | 14,010.3 | 13,979.3 | 370.2 | 10,836.4 | 11,259.3 | 11,233.0 | 396.6 | 2,772.7 | 2,751.0 | 2,746.3 | (26.4) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 182.0 | 193.9 | 190.8 | 8.8 | 150.9 | 158.3 | 155.7 | 4.8 | 31.1 | 35.6 | 35.1 | 4.0 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 56.9 | 58.8 | 57.4 | 0.5 | 45.5 | 47.1 | 46.1 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 0.0 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 384.0 | 395.7 | 396.7 | 12.7 | 296.4 | 312.4 | 311.9 | 15.5 | 87.6 | 83.4 | 84.8 | (2.8) |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 296.3 | 317.3 | 311.0 | 14.7 | 240.4 | 267.7 | 260.1 | 19.7 | 56.0 | 49.5 | 50.9 | (5.1) |
| QUEBEC | 3,147.4 | 3,233.8 | 3,244.2 | 96.8 | 2,529.3 | 2,634.7 | 2,635.7 | 106.4 | 618.2 | 599.1 | 608.4 | (9.8) |
| ONTARIO | 5,313.9 | 5,489.3 | 5,482.8 | 168.9 | 4,254.3 | 4,409.4 | 4,411.2 | 156.9 | 1,059.7 | 1,079.9 | 1,071.6 | 11.9 |
| MANITOBA | 531.4 | 538.3 | 538.6 | 7.2 | 406.3 | 425.8 | 426.3 | 20.0 | 125.1 | 112.5 | 112.2 | (12.9) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 456.3 | 474.5 | 472.4 | 16.1 | 354.0 | 370.8 | 367.7 | 13.7 | 102.3 | 103.7 | 104.8 | 2.5 |
| ALBERTA | 1,425.2 | 1,477.4 | 1,474.7 | 49.5 | 1,145.8 | 1,195.4 | 1,193.5 | 47.7 | 279.4 | 282.0 | 281.2 | 1.8 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 1,815.7 | 1,831.3 | 1,810.7 | (5.0) | 1,413.5 | 1,437.7 | 1,424.8 | 11.3 | 402.1 | 393.6 | 385.9 | (16.2) |

15-24 AGE GROUP - ACTUAL

| | <u>Labour Force - 000's</u> | | | | <u>Employment - 000's</u> | | | | <u>Unemployment - %</u> | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE | | | | CHANGE |
| | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC | DEC | NOV | DEC | DEC |
| | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>'96-'97</u> |
| CANADA | 2,280.3 | 2,310.8 | 2,279.2 | (1.1) | 1,933.3 | 1,947.9 | 1,952.9 | 19.6 | 15.2 | 15.7 | 14.3 | (0.9) |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 32.4 | 30.1 | 30.0 | (2.4) | 23.4 | 24.1 | 23.1 | (0.3) | 27.5 | 19.6 | 23.0 | (4.5) |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 12.2 | 11.5 | 11.4 | (0.8) | 10.1 | 9.4 | 9.1 | (1.0) | 17.2 | 18.3 | 19.3 | 2.1 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 69.6 | 72.1 | 71.0 | 1.4 | 57.5 | 57.8 | 56.9 | (0.6) | 17.4 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 2.5 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 53.9 | 55.7 | 52.9 | (1.0) | 43.3 | 44.8 | 44.0 | 0.7 | 19.9 | 19.6 | 16.8 | (3.1) |
| QUEBEC | 513.5 | 500.5 | 497.2 | (16.3) | 415.0 | 397.3 | 403.3 | (11.7) | 19.2 | 20.6 | 18.9 | (0.3) |
| ONTARIO | 861.0 | 895.7 | 877.6 | 16.6 | 730.8 | 769.4 | 765.9 | 35.1 | 15.1 | 14.1 | 12.7 | (2.4) |
| MANITOBA | 102.4 | 101.5 | 99.3 | (3.1) | 90.1 | 88.5 | 88.6 | (1.5) | 11.9 | 12.8 | 10.8 | (1.1) |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 80.6 | 89.2 | 87.9 | 7.3 | 72.0 | 80.1 | 79.6 | 7.6 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.6 | (0.9) |
| ALBERTA | 252.8 | 264.0 | 260.0 | 7.2 | 232.6 | 236.7 | 234.7 | 2.1 | 8.0 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 1.7 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 302.0 | 290.5 | 291.9 | (10.1) | 258.4 | 239.7 | 247.7 | (10.7) | 14.4 | 17.5 | 15.2 | 0.8 |