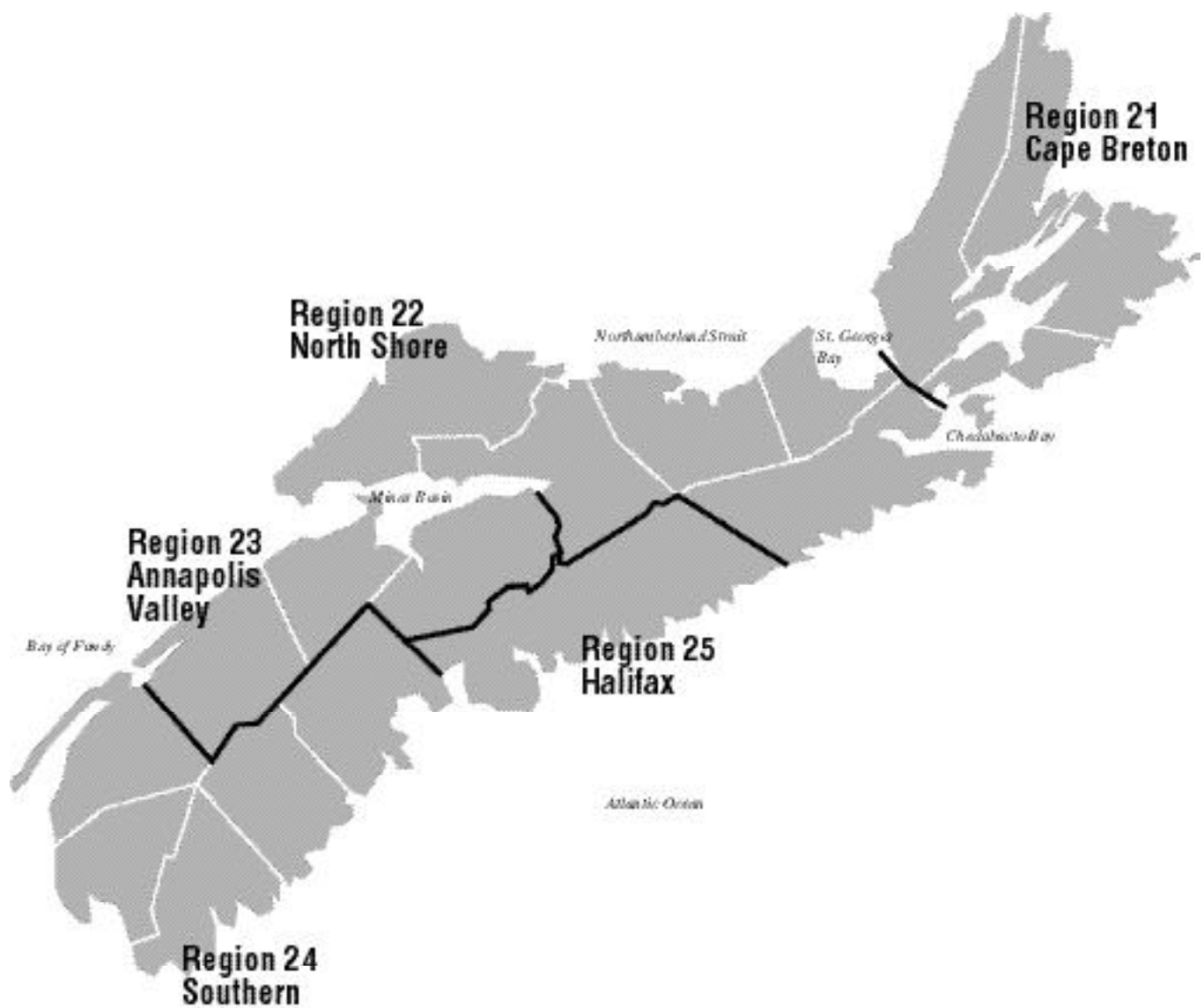
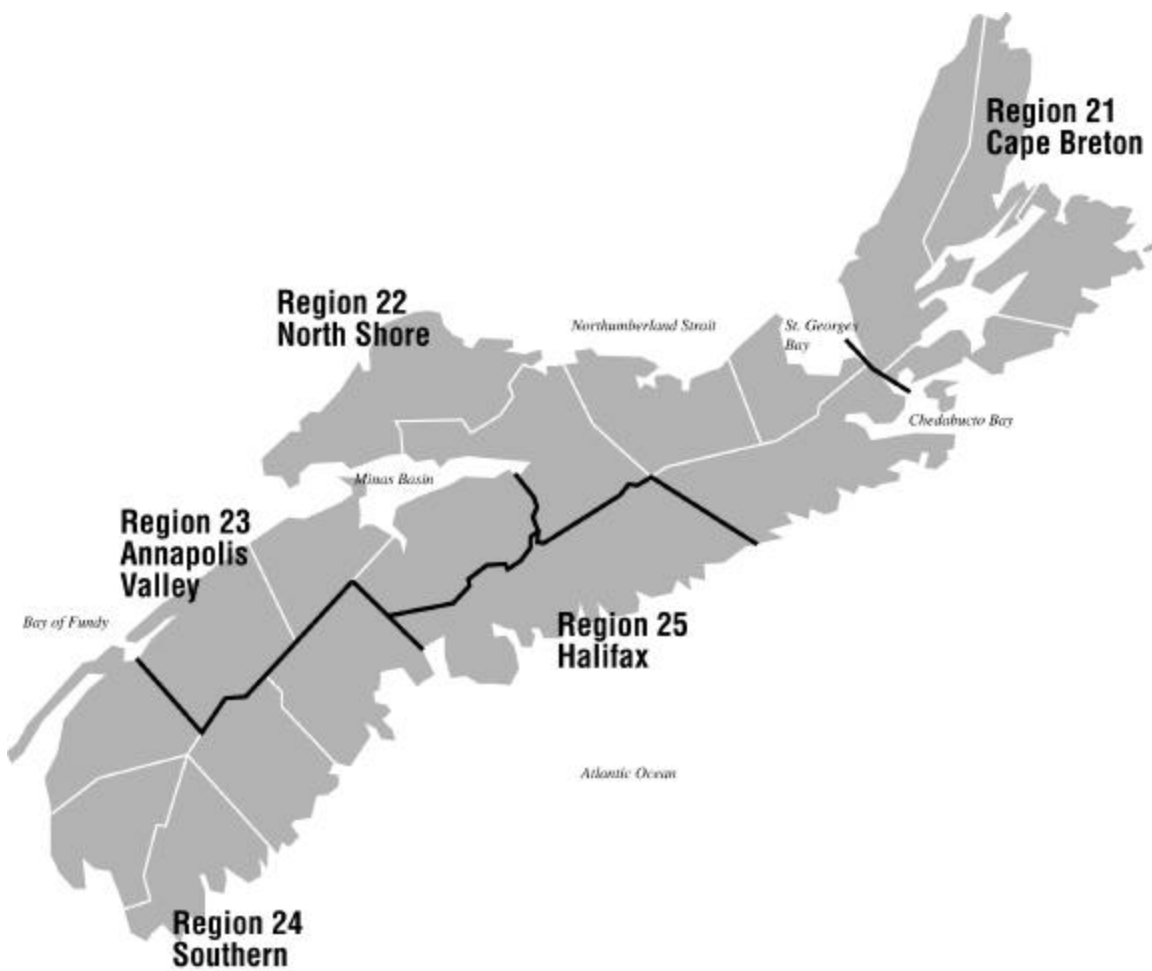


Employment Situation January - December 2003



Employment Situation January 2002



About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2001 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2002:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2002 | February 8, 2002 |
| February 2002 | March 8, 2002 |
| March 2002 | April 5, 2002 |
| April 2002 | May 10, 2002 |
| May 2002 | June 7, 2002 |
| June 2002 | July 5, 2002 |
| July 2002 | August 19, 2002 |
| August 2002 | September 6, 2002 |
| September 2002 | October 11, 2002 |
| October 2002 | November 8, 2002 |
| November 2002 | December 6, 2002 |
| December 2002 | January 10, 2003 |
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |

Employment Situation - January 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,793.6 | 25,087.4 | 25,108.2 | 314.6 | 24,793.6 | 25,087.4 | 25,108.2 | 314.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,197.3 | 16,744.1 | 16,611.3 | 414.0 | 16,481.3 | 16,925.3 | 16,906.1 | 424.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,796.7 | 15,548.8 | 15,266.3 | 469.6 | 15,180.5 | 15,649.7 | 15,647.6 | 467.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,400.6 | 1,195.2 | 1,345.0 | (55.6) | 1,300.8 | 1,275.6 | 1,258.5 | (42.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.6 | 7.1 | 8.1 | (0.5) | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.4 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.3 | 66.7 | 66.2 | 0.9 | 66.5 | 67.5 | 67.3 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.7 | 62.0 | 60.8 | 1.1 | 61.2 | 62.4 | 62.3 | 1.1 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 753.6 | 757.7 | 757.9 | 4.3 | 753.6 | 757.7 | 757.9 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 460.1 | 472.4 | 465.7 | 5.6 | 472.2 | 476.9 | 479.1 | 6.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 410.0 | 431.6 | 417.7 | 7.7 | 426.1 | 432.3 | 434.3 | 8.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 50.2 | 40.8 | 48.0 | (2.2) | 46.1 | 44.6 | 44.8 | (1.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.9 | 8.6 | 10.3 | (0.6) | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.4 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.1 | 62.3 | 61.4 | 0.3 | 62.7 | 62.9 | 63.2 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.4 | 57.0 | 55.1 | 0.7 | 56.5 | 57.1 | 57.3 | 0.8 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 439.4 | 439.1 | 439.1 | (0.3) | 439.4 | 439.1 | 439.1 | (0.3) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 242.2 | 253.6 | 250.2 | 8.0 | 257.2 | 262.1 | 264.4 | 7.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 195.5 | 208.1 | 199.6 | 4.1 | 213.2 | 213.5 | 217.0 | 3.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 46.7 | 45.5 | 50.6 | 3.9 | 44.1 | 48.6 | 47.4 | 3.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 19.3 | 17.9 | 20.2 | 0.9 | 17.1 | 18.5 | 17.9 | 0.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 55.1 | 57.8 | 57.0 | 1.9 | 58.5 | 59.7 | 60.2 | 1.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 44.5 | 47.4 | 45.5 | 1.0 | 48.5 | 48.6 | 49.4 | 0.9 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.2 | 112.5 | 112.7 | 1.5 | 111.2 | 112.5 | 112.7 | 1.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 72.6 | 73.7 | 72.6 | - | 75.4 | 76.2 | 76.0 | 0.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 59.7 | 64.0 | 61.4 | 1.7 | 65.7 | 67.9 | 67.6 | 1.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 12.9 | 9.7 | 11.2 | (1.7) | 9.7 | 8.3 | 8.4 | (1.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 17.8 | 13.2 | 15.4 | (2.4) | 12.9 | 10.9 | 11.1 | (1.8) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.3 | 65.5 | 64.4 | (0.9) | 67.8 | 67.7 | 67.4 | (0.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.7 | 56.9 | 54.5 | 0.8 | 59.1 | 60.4 | 60.0 | 0.9 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 606.9 | 608.5 | 608.5 | 1.6 | 606.9 | 608.5 | 608.5 | 1.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 368.6 | 380.7 | 372.6 | 4.0 | 384.5 | 390.2 | 389.2 | 4.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 321.4 | 341.9 | 329.7 | 8.3 | 341.0 | 350.0 | 349.4 | 8.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 47.2 | 38.8 | 42.9 | (4.3) | 43.5 | 40.2 | 39.8 | (3.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.8 | 10.2 | 11.5 | (1.3) | 11.3 | 10.3 | 10.2 | (1.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.7 | 62.6 | 61.2 | 0.5 | 63.4 | 64.1 | 64.0 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.0 | 56.2 | 54.2 | 1.2 | 56.2 | 57.5 | 57.4 | 1.2 |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,010.5 | 6,055.1 | 6,059.5 | 49.0 | 6,010.5 | 6,055.1 | 6,059.5 | 49.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,796.7 | 3,942.0 | 3,903.0 | 106.3 | 3,870.0 | 3,991.7 | 3,981.6 | 111.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,407.5 | 3,618.7 | 3,534.3 | 126.8 | 3,520.0 | 3,654.1 | 3,646.8 | 126.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 389.2 | 323.3 | 368.7 | (20.5) | 350.0 | 337.6 | 334.8 | (15.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.3 | 8.2 | 9.4 | (0.9) | 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.4 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.2 | 65.1 | 64.4 | 1.2 | 64.4 | 65.9 | 65.7 | 1.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 56.7 | 59.8 | 58.3 | 1.6 | 58.6 | 60.3 | 60.2 | 1.6 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,547.5 | 9,703.7 | 9,713.0 | 165.5 | 9,547.5 | 9,703.7 | 9,713.0 | 165.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,361.1 | 6,579.0 | 6,542.9 | 181.8 | 6,456.3 | 6,633.1 | 6,639.8 | 183.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 5,863.3 | 6,153.7 | 6,080.7 | 217.4 | 5,980.6 | 6,166.0 | 6,191.5 | 210.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 497.8 | 425.3 | 462.2 | (35.6) | 475.7 | 467.1 | 448.3 | (27.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.8 | 6.5 | 7.1 | (0.7) | 7.4 | 7.0 | 6.8 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.6 | 67.8 | 67.4 | 0.8 | 67.6 | 68.4 | 68.4 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.4 | 63.4 | 62.6 | 1.2 | 62.6 | 63.5 | 63.7 | 1.1 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 863.6 | 865.0 | 864.9 | 1.3 | 863.6 | 865.0 | 864.9 | 1.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 586.9 | 596.6 | 586.9 | - | 595.7 | 601.5 | 596.4 | 0.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 553.7 | 569.0 | 555.4 | 1.7 | 565.5 | 572.1 | 567.3 | 1.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 33.1 | 27.6 | 31.5 | (1.6) | 30.2 | 29.3 | 29.1 | (1.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.4 | (0.2) | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.0 | 69.0 | 67.9 | (0.1) | 69.0 | 69.5 | 69.0 | - |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.1 | 65.8 | 64.2 | 0.1 | 65.5 | 66.1 | 65.6 | 0.1 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 760.4 | 757.6 | 757.4 | (3.0) | 760.4 | 757.6 | 757.4 | (3.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 490.8 | 511.3 | 508.4 | 17.6 | 500.9 | 520.9 | 518.0 | 17.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 458.7 | 484.2 | 475.5 | 16.8 | 471.1 | 491.7 | 488.2 | 17.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 32.1 | 27.1 | 32.9 | 0.8 | 29.8 | 29.2 | 29.8 | - |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.5 | - | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.8 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.5 | 67.5 | 67.1 | 2.6 | 65.9 | 68.8 | 68.4 | 2.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.3 | 63.9 | 62.8 | 2.5 | 62.0 | 64.9 | 64.5 | 2.5 |

Alberta

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,396.5 | 2,445.1 | 2,449.4 | 52.9 | 2,396.5 | 2,445.1 | 2,449.4 | 52.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,716.8 | 1,782.7 | 1,773.0 | 56.2 | 1,739.0 | 1,795.8 | 1,794.3 | 55.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,627.3 | 1,700.6 | 1,667.5 | 40.2 | 1,655.0 | 1,707.5 | 1,695.4 | 40.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 89.5 | 82.1 | 105.5 | 16.0 | 84.0 | 88.4 | 99.0 | 15.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.2 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 0.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.6 | 72.9 | 72.4 | 0.8 | 72.6 | 73.4 | 73.3 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.9 | 69.6 | 68.1 | 0.2 | 69.1 | 69.8 | 69.2 | 0.1 |

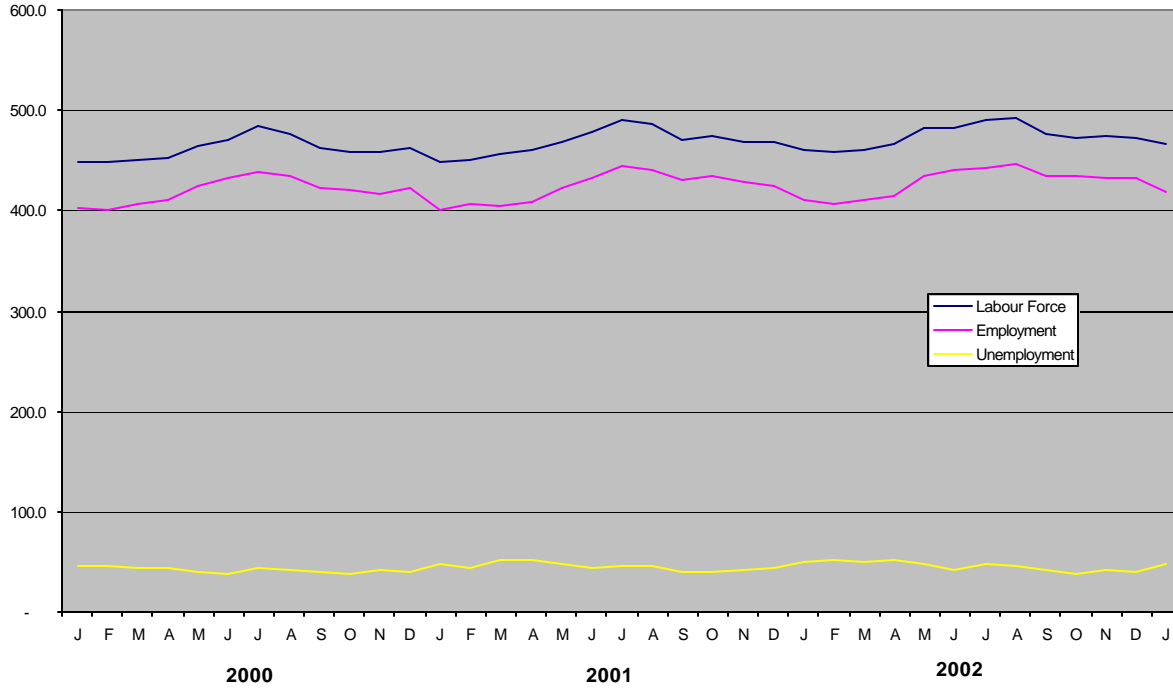
British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,303.9 | 3,343.1 | 3,345.8 | 41.9 | 3,303.9 | 3,343.1 | 3,345.8 | 41.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,101.6 | 2,151.9 | 2,136.0 | 34.4 | 2,130.1 | 2,176.9 | 2,167.3 | 37.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,899.6 | 1,977.0 | 1,944.5 | 44.9 | 1,942.4 | 1,994.6 | 1,990.3 | 47.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 201.9 | 174.9 | 191.6 | (10.3) | 187.7 | 182.3 | 177.0 | (10.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.6 | 8.1 | 9.0 | (0.6) | 8.8 | 8.4 | 8.2 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.6 | 64.4 | 63.8 | 0.2 | 64.5 | 65.1 | 64.8 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.5 | 59.1 | 58.1 | 0.6 | 58.8 | 59.7 | 59.5 | 0.7 |

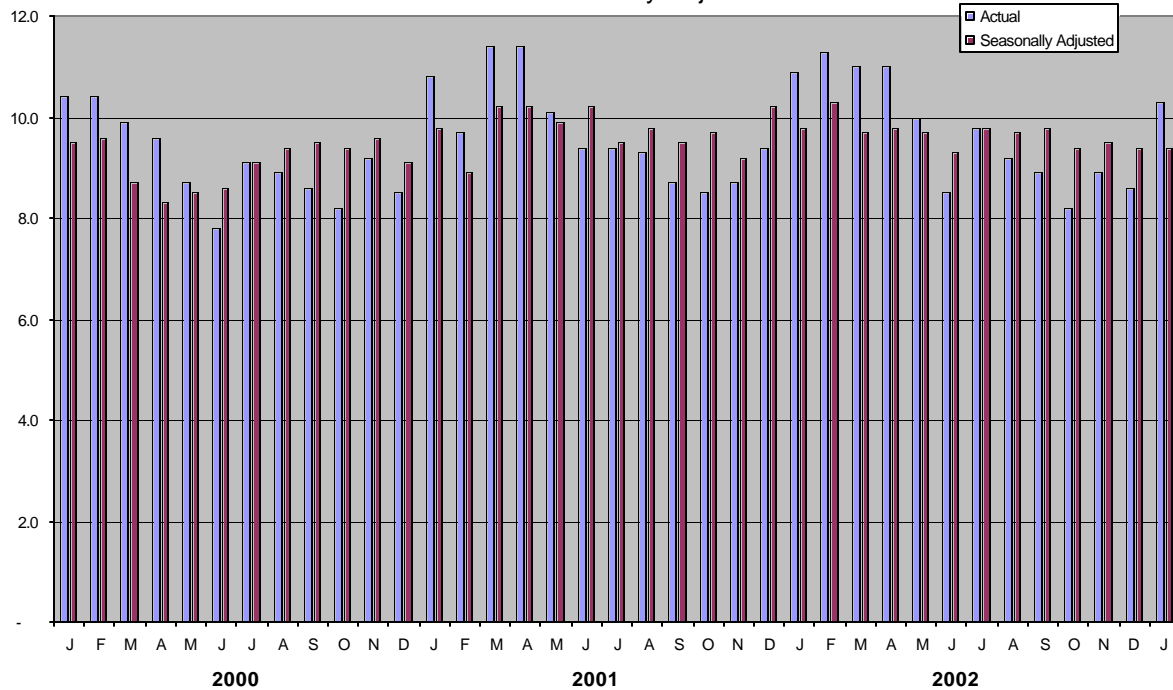
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Thousands Nova Scotia Labour Force, Employment & Unemployment
 Actual 2000-2003



Percent Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate
 Actual & Seasonally Adjusted



Employment Situation - January 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,766.8 | 25,067.9 | 25,088.0 | 321.2 | 753.3 | 757.5 | 757.7 | 4.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,219.0 | 16,765.9 | 16,710.8 | 491.8 | 466.3 | 473.4 | 470.9 | 4.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,956.7 | 15,580.8 | 15,465.2 | 508.5 | 421.2 | 432.8 | 427.2 | 6.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,262.3 | 1,185.1 | 1,245.7 | (16.6) | 45.1 | 40.6 | 43.7 | (1.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.8 | 7.1 | 7.5 | (0.3) | 9.7 | 8.6 | 9.3 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.5 | 66.9 | 66.6 | 1.1 | 61.9 | 62.5 | 62.1 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.4 | 62.2 | 61.6 | 1.2 | 55.9 | 57.1 | 56.4 | 0.5 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.2 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 0.5 | 121.3 | 120.4 | 120.3 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 59.9 | 65.1 | 63.8 | 3.9 | 62.5 | 62.6 | 62.2 | (0.3) |
| Employment ('000) | 55.7 | 61.4 | 59.0 | 3.3 | 52.8 | 54.4 | 53.4 | 0.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 0.6 | 9.7 | 8.2 | 8.8 | (0.9) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.0 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 15.5 | 13.1 | 14.1 | (1.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 59.2 | 64.0 | 62.7 | 3.5 | 51.5 | 52.0 | 51.7 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 55.0 | 60.4 | 58.0 | 3.0 | 43.5 | 45.2 | 44.4 | 0.9 |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 294.0 | 297.9 | 298.2 | 4.2 | 282.1 | 285.8 | 286.1 | 4.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 206.6 | 202.1 | 201.8 | (4.8) | 200.2 | 196.4 | 196.3 | (3.9) |
| Employment ('000) | 191.0 | 187.6 | 186.3 | (4.7) | 185.0 | 182.5 | 181.4 | (3.6) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 15.6 | 14.5 | 15.5 | (0.1) | 15.2 | 13.9 | 14.9 | (0.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.6 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.3 | 67.8 | 67.7 | (2.6) | 71.0 | 68.7 | 68.6 | (2.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.0 | 63.0 | 62.5 | (2.5) | 65.6 | 63.9 | 63.4 | (2.2) |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 132.9 | 133.3 | 133.3 | 0.4 | 103.9 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 0.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 77.6 | 79.5 | 79.3 | 1.7 | 59.6 | 64.2 | 63.7 | 4.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 68.8 | 72.4 | 72.1 | 3.3 | 52.9 | 57.0 | 56.4 | 3.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.8 | 7.0 | 7.3 | (1.5) | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.3 | 8.8 | 9.2 | (2.1) | 11.4 | 11.2 | 11.5 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 58.4 | 59.6 | 59.5 | 1.1 | 57.4 | 61.6 | 61.1 | 3.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 51.8 | 54.3 | 54.1 | 2.3 | 50.9 | 54.7 | 54.1 | 3.2 |

Employment Situation - January 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,180.5 | 15,649.7 | 15,647.6 | 467.1 | 12,380.1 | 12,673.4 | 12,707.8 | 327.7 | 2,800.5 | 2,976.3 | 2,939.8 | 139.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 213.2 | 213.5 | 217.0 | 3.8 | 178.0 | 180.9 | 182.7 | 4.7 | 35.2 | 32.6 | 34.3 | (0.9) |
| Prince Edward Island | 65.7 | 67.9 | 67.6 | 1.9 | 55.2 | 56.5 | 56.4 | 1.2 | 10.5 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 426.1 | 432.3 | 434.3 | 8.2 | 347.9 | 347.4 | 350.2 | 2.3 | 78.2 | 84.9 | 84.0 | 5.8 |
| New Brunswick | 341.0 | 350.0 | 349.4 | 8.4 | 287.8 | 295.8 | 295.5 | 7.7 | 53.2 | 54.2 | 53.9 | 0.7 |
| Quebec | 3,520.0 | 3,654.1 | 3,646.8 | 126.8 | 2,908.2 | 2,985.2 | 3,004.1 | 95.9 | 611.9 | 668.9 | 642.7 | 30.8 |
| Ontario | 5,980.6 | 6,166.0 | 6,191.5 | 210.9 | 4,896.9 | 5,039.8 | 5,065.6 | 168.7 | 1,083.7 | 1,126.2 | 1,125.9 | 42.2 |
| Manitoba | 565.5 | 572.1 | 567.3 | 1.8 | 457.8 | 462.3 | 454.3 | (3.5) | 107.6 | 109.9 | 112.9 | 5.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 471.1 | 491.7 | 488.2 | 17.1 | 380.6 | 390.1 | 392.1 | 11.5 | 90.5 | 101.6 | 96.0 | 5.5 |
| Alberta | 1,655.0 | 1,707.5 | 1,695.4 | 40.4 | 1,358.0 | 1,400.0 | 1,390.4 | 32.4 | 297.0 | 307.4 | 305.0 | 8.0 |
| British Columbia | 1,942.4 | 1,994.6 | 1,990.3 | 47.9 | 1,509.6 | 1,514.7 | 1,516.2 | 6.6 | 432.8 | 479.9 | 474.1 | 41.3 |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 14,796.7 | 15,548.8 | 15,266.3 | 469.6 | 11,862.9 | 12,439.4 | 12,200.2 | 337.3 | 2,933.9 | 3,109.4 | 3,066.1 | 132.2 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 195.5 | 208.1 | 199.6 | 4.1 | 160.0 | 175.6 | 164.8 | 4.8 | 35.6 | 32.5 | 34.8 | (0.8) |
| Prince Edward Island | 59.7 | 64.0 | 61.4 | 1.7 | 48.3 | 52.1 | 49.4 | 1.1 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 410.0 | 431.6 | 417.7 | 7.7 | 326.5 | 343.4 | 328.6 | 2.1 | 83.4 | 88.2 | 89.1 | 5.7 |
| New Brunswick | 321.4 | 341.9 | 329.7 | 8.3 | 265.3 | 285.4 | 272.8 | 7.5 | 56.1 | 56.5 | 56.9 | 0.8 |
| Quebec | 3,407.5 | 3,618.7 | 3,534.3 | 126.8 | 2,747.7 | 2,914.1 | 2,848.6 | 100.9 | 659.8 | 704.6 | 685.7 | 25.9 |
| Ontario | 5,863.3 | 6,153.7 | 6,080.7 | 217.4 | 4,740.9 | 4,969.5 | 4,917.5 | 176.6 | 1,122.4 | 1,184.2 | 1,163.2 | 40.8 |
| Manitoba | 553.7 | 569.0 | 555.4 | 1.7 | 439.7 | 451.3 | 435.9 | (3.8) | 114.0 | 117.7 | 119.5 | 5.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 458.7 | 484.2 | 475.5 | 16.8 | 360.5 | 378.9 | 373.8 | 13.3 | 98.1 | 105.2 | 101.6 | 3.5 |
| Alberta | 1,627.3 | 1,700.6 | 1,667.5 | 40.2 | 1,311.8 | 1,383.4 | 1,344.0 | 32.2 | 315.5 | 317.1 | 323.5 | 8.0 |
| British Columbia | 1,899.6 | 1,977.0 | 1,944.5 | 44.9 | 1,462.2 | 1,485.6 | 1,464.8 | 2.6 | 437.4 | 491.4 | 479.7 | 42.3 |

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| | Canada | 2,705.5 | 2,772.8 | 2,771.7 | 66.2 | 2,333.2 | 2,404.5 | 2,392.2 | 59.0 | 13.8 | 13.3 | 13.7 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 40.8 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 1.1 | 30.7 | 31.5 | 31.0 | 0.3 | 24.8 | 25.2 | 26.0 | 1.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.1 | 14.3 | 13.9 | (0.2) | 11.3 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 0.6 | 19.9 | 13.3 | 14.4 | (5.5) |
| Nova Scotia | 78.0 | 80.5 | 82.6 | 4.6 | 62.9 | 66.7 | 70.6 | 7.7 | 19.5 | 17.1 | 14.6 | (4.9) |
| New Brunswick | 65.2 | 65.0 | 63.5 | (1.7) | 53.5 | 55.4 | 54.4 | 0.9 | 18.1 | 14.6 | 14.3 | (3.8) |
| Quebec | 622.3 | 638.6 | 638.6 | 16.3 | 537.3 | 556.0 | 551.5 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 12.9 | 13.6 | (0.1) |
| Ontario | 1,035.1 | 1,058.4 | 1,057.1 | 22.0 | 890.8 | 909.7 | 913.9 | 23.1 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 13.5 | (0.4) |
| Manitoba | 109.0 | 108.8 | 110.1 | 1.1 | 97.6 | 98.7 | 99.7 | 2.1 | 10.5 | 9.3 | 9.4 | (1.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 91.4 | 95.9 | 95.8 | 4.4 | 80.4 | 86.7 | 85.6 | 5.2 | 12.0 | 9.6 | 10.6 | (1.4) |
| Alberta | 318.5 | 320.6 | 324.0 | 5.5 | 286.8 | 291.1 | 284.7 | (2.1) | 10.0 | 9.2 | 12.1 | 2.1 |
| British Columbia | 331.1 | 348.6 | 344.2 | 13.1 | 281.9 | 296.2 | 288.9 | 7.0 | 14.8 | 15.0 | 16.1 | 1.3 |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| | Canada | 2,524.5 | 2,645.8 | 2,588.2 | 63.7 | 2,163.2 | 2,332.8 | 2,218.4 | 55.2 | 14.3 | 11.8 | 14.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 35.2 | 37.9 | 36.8 | 1.6 | 25.8 | 29.5 | 25.9 | 0.1 | 26.7 | 22.2 | 29.3 | 2.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.7 | 12.9 | 12.3 | (0.4) | 9.3 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 0.4 | 26.8 | 15.5 | 20.3 | (6.5) |
| Nova Scotia | 71.0 | 76.4 | 75.2 | 4.2 | 55.5 | 64.4 | 63.3 | 7.8 | 21.8 | 15.7 | 15.8 | (6.0) |
| New Brunswick | 58.6 | 59.5 | 56.4 | (2.2) | 46.4 | 51.1 | 47.1 | 0.7 | 21.0 | 14.1 | 16.7 | (4.3) |
| Quebec | 582.0 | 607.6 | 599.5 | 17.5 | 495.6 | 537.8 | 509.3 | 13.7 | 14.8 | 11.5 | 15.0 | 0.2 |
| Ontario | 963.8 | 1,009.7 | 983.5 | 19.7 | 828.8 | 888.3 | 852.0 | 23.2 | 14.0 | 12.0 | 13.4 | (0.6) |
| Manitoba | 101.5 | 106.4 | 102.7 | 1.2 | 89.7 | 96.7 | 91.9 | 2.2 | 11.6 | 9.1 | 10.5 | (1.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 83.9 | 90.5 | 88.6 | 4.7 | 73.4 | 83.2 | 78.4 | 5.0 | 12.5 | 8.1 | 11.4 | (1.1) |
| Alberta | 302.1 | 312.0 | 307.8 | 5.7 | 271.9 | 284.2 | 269.2 | (2.7) | 10.0 | 8.9 | 12.5 | 2.5 |
| British Columbia | 313.7 | 332.9 | 325.7 | 12.0 | 266.8 | 286.7 | 271.7 | 4.9 | 15.0 | 13.9 | 16.6 | 1.6 |

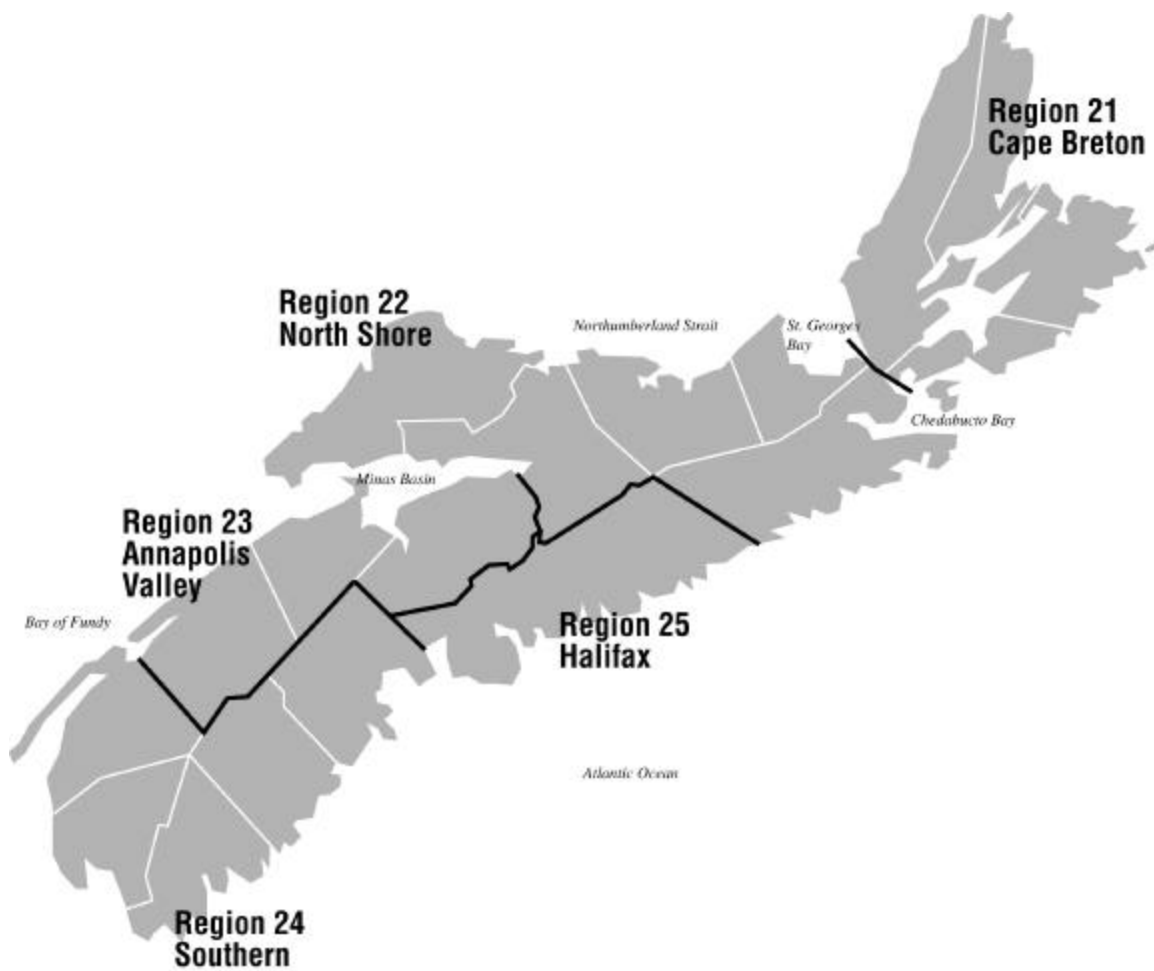
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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change | Jan 2002 | Dec 2002 | Jan 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Halifax | 8.6 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 1.3 | 59.4 | 62.1 | 62.0 | 2.6 | 65.0 | 68.5 | 68.9 | 3.9 |
| Halifax | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.6 | - | 65.6 | 63.9 | 63.4 | (2.2) | 71.0 | 68.7 | 68.6 | (2.4) |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 9.7 | 6.3 | 7.8 | (1.9) | 57.2 | 63.0 | 60.9 | 3.7 | 63.4 | 67.2 | 66.1 | 2.7 |
| Saguenay | 12.4 | 10.1 | 10.6 | (1.8) | 53.9 | 54.1 | 53.7 | (0.2) | 61.6 | 60.1 | 60.1 | (1.5) |
| Québec | 7.3 | 5.4 | 6.8 | (0.5) | 60.5 | 62.2 | 61.1 | 0.6 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 65.5 | 0.2 |
| Trois-Rivières | 11.6 | 9.0 | 9.5 | (2.1) | 53.1 | 55.2 | 55.2 | 2.1 | 60.2 | 60.8 | 61.0 | 0.8 |
| Sherbrooke | 8.6 | 7.3 | 7.6 | (1.0) | 59.0 | 60.4 | 60.1 | 1.1 | 64.6 | 65.2 | 65.0 | 0.4 |
| Montréal | 8.9 | 7.7 | 8.5 | (0.4) | 59.7 | 62.4 | 62.0 | 2.3 | 65.5 | 67.6 | 67.8 | 2.3 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 0.9 | 65.2 | 65.3 | 65.1 | (0.1) | 69.7 | 70.3 | 70.2 | 0.5 |
| Sudbury | 9.1 | 7.1 | 7.9 | (1.2) | 57.2 | 57.5 | 56.3 | (0.9) | 63.1 | 61.9 | 61.2 | (1.9) |
| Oshawa | 6.8 | 5.4 | 5.2 | (1.6) | 64.6 | 66.9 | 67.2 | 2.6 | 69.3 | 70.7 | 70.9 | 1.6 |
| Toronto | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 | (0.1) | 64.9 | 65.2 | 65.0 | 0.1 | 69.6 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 0.1 |
| Hamilton | 5.9 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 60.2 | 63.8 | 63.7 | 3.5 | 63.9 | 67.5 | 67.7 | 3.8 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 0.8 | 58.1 | 59.3 | 58.1 | - | 62.5 | 64.0 | 63.1 | 0.6 |
| London | 6.4 | 5.3 | 6.0 | (0.4) | 60.8 | 63.2 | 62.3 | 1.5 | 64.9 | 66.7 | 66.3 | 1.4 |
| Windsor | 8.0 | 7.1 | 7.4 | (0.6) | 61.8 | 63.4 | 62.9 | 1.1 | 67.2 | 68.2 | 68.0 | 0.8 |
| Kitchener | 6.5 | 4.9 | 5.3 | (1.2) | 64.5 | 66.4 | 66.5 | 2.0 | 69.0 | 69.9 | 70.2 | 1.2 |
| Thunder Bay | 7.8 | 5.2 | 5.2 | (2.6) | 59.5 | 62.5 | 63.4 | 3.9 | 64.5 | 66.0 | 66.8 | 2.3 |
| Winnipeg | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 67.3 | 68.3 | 67.5 | 0.2 | 70.8 | 71.8 | 71.1 | 0.3 |
| Regina | 5.8 | 4.6 | 5.3 | (0.5) | 68.5 | 68.7 | 68.5 | - | 72.7 | 72.0 | 72.3 | (0.4) |
| Saskatoon | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 62.7 | 66.4 | 65.7 | 3.0 | 66.4 | 70.4 | 69.7 | 3.3 |
| Calgary | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 72.2 | 70.8 | 70.8 | (1.4) | 75.7 | 74.9 | 74.8 | (0.9) |
| Edmonton | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.0 | (0.2) | 65.4 | 68.0 | 67.5 | 2.1 | 68.9 | 71.3 | 71.0 | 2.1 |
| Vancouver | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.6 | (0.6) | 60.0 | 62.3 | 62.0 | 2.0 | 65.3 | 67.5 | 67.1 | 1.8 |
| Victoria | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 59.2 | 57.7 | 57.8 | (1.4) | 63.2 | 61.7 | 61.8 | (1.4) |

Employment Situation February 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2001 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
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| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Note: Annual numbers for 2002 will be adjusted in April 2003 release of Employment Situation.

Employment Situation - February 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,815.2 | 25,108.2 | 25,125.1 | 309.9 | 24,815.2 | 25,108.2 | 25,125.1 | 309.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,229.0 | 16,611.3 | 16,710.0 | 481.0 | 16,475.3 | 16,906.1 | 16,960.6 | 485.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,860.2 | 15,266.3 | 15,375.7 | 515.5 | 15,187.9 | 15,647.6 | 15,702.8 | 514.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,368.9 | 1,345.0 | 1,334.4 | (34.5) | 1,287.4 | 1,258.5 | 1,257.9 | (29.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.4 | 8.1 | 8.0 | (0.4) | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.4 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.4 | 66.2 | 66.5 | 1.1 | 66.4 | 67.3 | 67.5 | 1.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.9 | 60.8 | 61.2 | 1.3 | 61.2 | 62.3 | 62.5 | 1.3 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 753.9 | 757.9 | 758.2 | 4.3 | 753.9 | 757.9 | 758.2 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 458.1 | 465.7 | 462.1 | 4.0 | 471.9 | 479.1 | 478.0 | 6.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 406.4 | 417.7 | 417.4 | 11.0 | 423.2 | 434.3 | 435.4 | 12.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 51.7 | 48.0 | 44.7 | (7.0) | 48.7 | 44.8 | 42.6 | (6.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.3 | 10.3 | 9.7 | (1.6) | 10.3 | 9.4 | 8.9 | (1.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.8 | 61.4 | 60.9 | 0.1 | 62.6 | 63.2 | 63.0 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.9 | 55.1 | 55.1 | 1.2 | 56.1 | 57.3 | 57.4 | 1.3 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 439.5 | 439.1 | 439.3 | (0.2) | 439.5 | 439.1 | 439.3 | (0.2) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 241.1 | 250.2 | 249.0 | 7.9 | 257.0 | 264.4 | 265.0 | 8.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 194.8 | 199.6 | 201.1 | 6.3 | 212.5 | 217.0 | 218.6 | 6.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 46.3 | 50.6 | 47.9 | 1.6 | 44.6 | 47.4 | 46.4 | 1.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 19.2 | 20.2 | 19.2 | - | 17.4 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 54.9 | 57.0 | 56.7 | 1.8 | 58.5 | 60.2 | 60.3 | 1.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 44.3 | 45.5 | 45.8 | 1.5 | 48.4 | 49.4 | 49.8 | 1.4 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.4 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 1.3 | 111.4 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 1.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 73.6 | 72.6 | 72.7 | (0.9) | 77.0 | 76.0 | 76.5 | (0.5) |
| Employment ('000) | 60.6 | 61.4 | 62.1 | 1.5 | 66.1 | 67.6 | 67.8 | 1.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 13.1 | 11.2 | 10.6 | (2.5) | 10.9 | 8.4 | 8.8 | (2.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 17.8 | 15.4 | 14.6 | (3.2) | 14.2 | 11.1 | 11.5 | (2.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.1 | 64.4 | 64.5 | (1.6) | 69.1 | 67.4 | 67.9 | (1.2) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.4 | 54.5 | 55.1 | 0.7 | 59.3 | 60.0 | 60.2 | 0.9 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 606.8 | 608.5 | 608.5 | 1.7 | 606.8 | 608.5 | 608.5 | 1.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 370.0 | 372.6 | 378.1 | 8.1 | 384.5 | 389.2 | 392.2 | 7.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 321.7 | 329.7 | 329.6 | 7.9 | 342.1 | 349.4 | 350.2 | 8.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 48.3 | 42.9 | 48.5 | 0.2 | 42.3 | 39.8 | 41.9 | (0.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 13.1 | 11.5 | 12.8 | (0.3) | 11.0 | 10.2 | 10.7 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.0 | 61.2 | 62.1 | 1.1 | 63.4 | 64.0 | 64.5 | 1.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.0 | 54.2 | 54.2 | 1.2 | 56.4 | 57.4 | 57.6 | 1.2 |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,013.7 | 6,059.5 | 6,062.1 | 48.4 | 6,013.7 | 6,059.5 | 6,062.1 | 48.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,826.2 | 3,903.0 | 3,936.9 | 110.7 | 3,888.0 | 3,981.6 | 3,998.5 | 110.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,441.1 | 3,534.3 | 3,564.4 | 123.3 | 3,531.6 | 3,646.8 | 3,655.3 | 123.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 385.2 | 368.7 | 372.5 | (12.7) | 356.5 | 334.8 | 343.2 | (13.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.1 | 9.4 | 9.5 | (0.6) | 9.2 | 8.4 | 8.6 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.6 | 64.4 | 64.9 | 1.3 | 64.7 | 65.7 | 66.0 | 1.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.2 | 58.3 | 58.8 | 1.6 | 58.7 | 60.2 | 60.3 | 1.6 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,558.4 | 9,713.0 | 9,721.5 | 163.1 | 9,558.4 | 9,713.0 | 9,721.5 | 163.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,365.2 | 6,542.9 | 6,585.2 | 220.0 | 6,444.7 | 6,639.8 | 6,664.9 | 220.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 5,892.5 | 6,080.7 | 6,120.1 | 227.6 | 5,996.9 | 6,191.5 | 6,219.9 | 223.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 472.7 | 462.2 | 465.1 | (7.6) | 447.8 | 448.3 | 445.0 | (2.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.1 | (0.3) | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.7 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.6 | 67.4 | 67.7 | 1.1 | 67.4 | 68.4 | 68.6 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.6 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 1.4 | 62.7 | 63.7 | 64.0 | 1.3 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 863.7 | 864.9 | 864.8 | 1.1 | 863.7 | 864.9 | 864.8 | 1.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 588.2 | 586.9 | 589.6 | 1.4 | 595.0 | 596.4 | 597.2 | 2.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 551.2 | 555.4 | 556.6 | 5.4 | 560.4 | 567.3 | 566.7 | 6.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 36.9 | 31.5 | 33.0 | (3.9) | 34.6 | 29.1 | 30.5 | (4.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 | (0.7) | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.1 | (0.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.1 | 67.9 | 68.2 | 0.1 | 68.9 | 69.0 | 69.1 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.8 | 64.2 | 64.4 | 0.6 | 64.9 | 65.6 | 65.5 | 0.6 |

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Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 760.3 | 757.4 | 757.1 | (3.2) | 760.3 | 757.4 | 757.1 | (3.2) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 495.3 | 508.4 | 508.1 | 12.8 | 505.6 | 518.0 | 518.6 | 13.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 464.9 | 475.5 | 475.5 | 10.6 | 476.6 | 488.2 | 487.6 | 11.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 30.4 | 32.9 | 32.6 | 2.2 | 29.0 | 29.8 | 31.0 | 2.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.1 | 67.1 | 67.1 | 2.0 | 66.5 | 68.4 | 68.5 | 2.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.1 | 62.8 | 62.8 | 1.7 | 62.7 | 64.5 | 64.4 | 1.7 |

Alberta

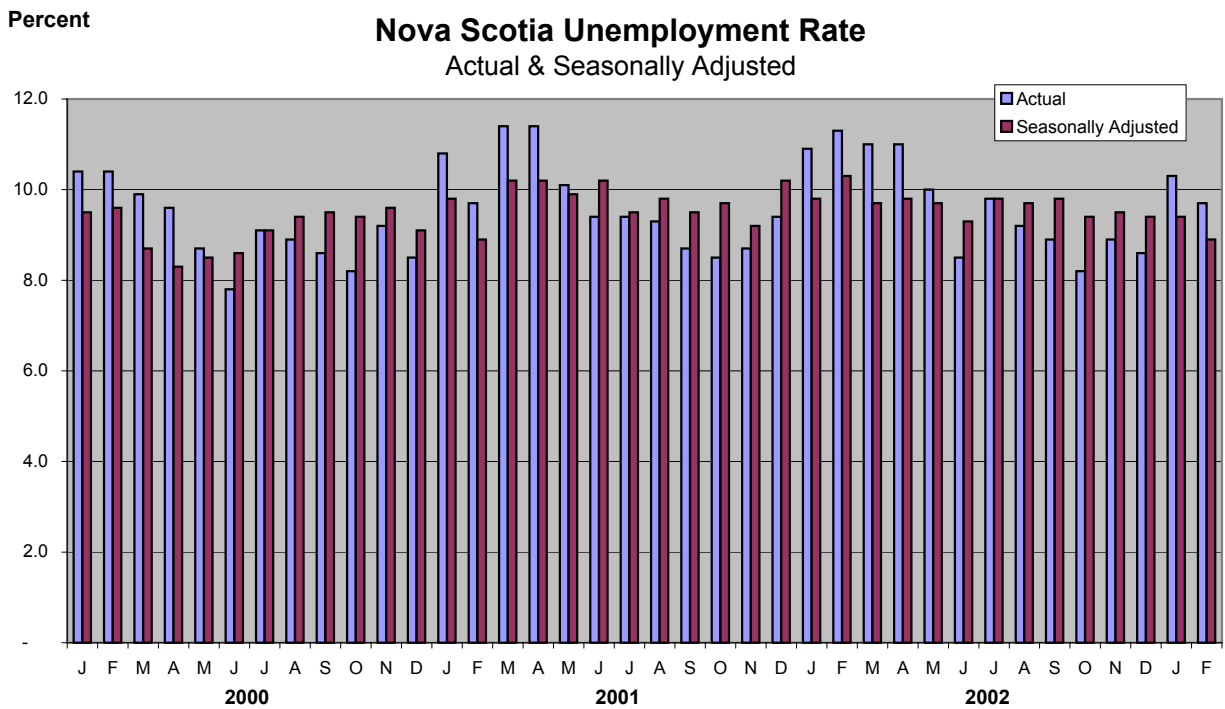
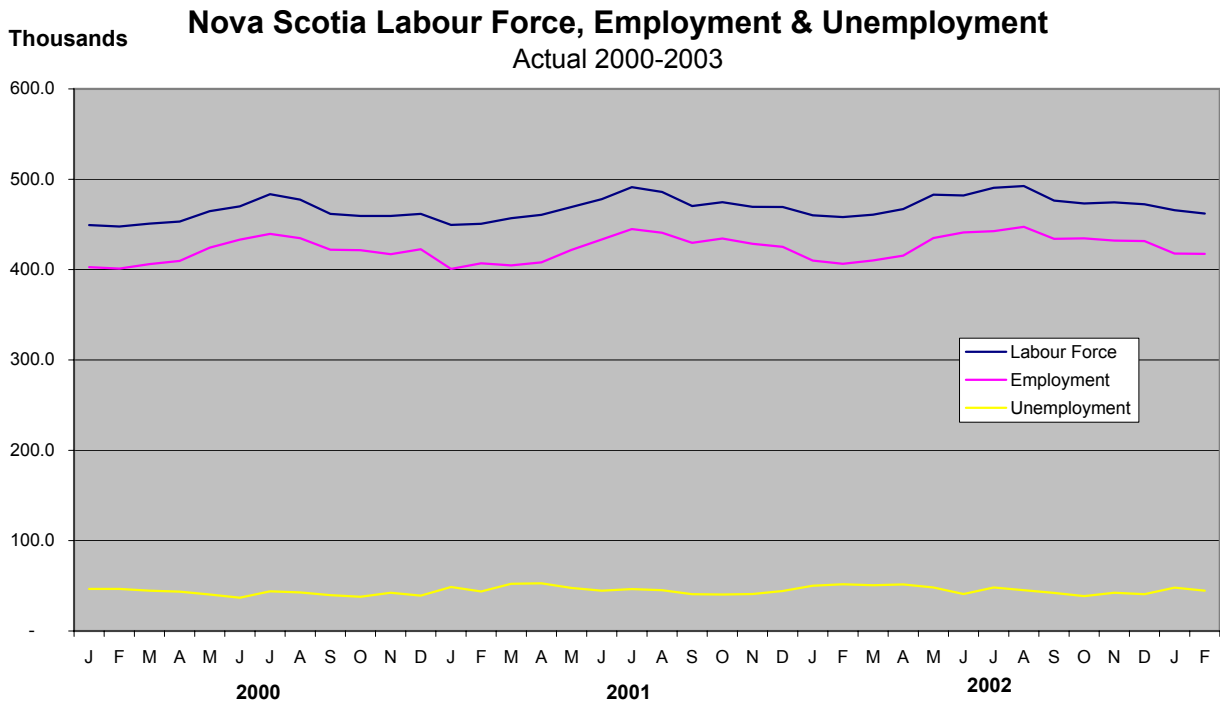
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,400.3 | 2,449.4 | 2,453.1 | 52.8 | 2,400.3 | 2,449.4 | 2,453.1 | 52.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,713.5 | 1,773.0 | 1,770.2 | 56.7 | 1,732.9 | 1,794.3 | 1,789.7 | 56.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,623.3 | 1,667.5 | 1,677.4 | 54.1 | 1,644.9 | 1,695.4 | 1,699.3 | 54.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 90.2 | 105.5 | 92.8 | 2.6 | 88.1 | 99.0 | 90.4 | 2.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.3 | 6.0 | 5.2 | (0.1) | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.4 | 72.4 | 72.2 | 0.8 | 72.2 | 73.3 | 73.0 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.6 | 68.1 | 68.4 | 0.8 | 68.5 | 69.2 | 69.3 | 0.8 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,307.1 | 3,345.8 | 3,347.9 | 40.8 | 3,307.1 | 3,345.8 | 3,347.9 | 40.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,097.9 | 2,136.0 | 2,158.1 | 60.2 | 2,118.7 | 2,167.3 | 2,180.1 | 61.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,903.7 | 1,944.5 | 1,971.3 | 67.6 | 1,933.7 | 1,990.3 | 2,002.0 | 68.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 194.2 | 191.6 | 186.8 | (7.4) | 184.9 | 177.0 | 178.1 | (6.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.3 | 9.0 | 8.7 | (0.6) | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.2 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.4 | 63.8 | 64.5 | 1.1 | 64.1 | 64.8 | 65.1 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.6 | 58.1 | 58.9 | 1.3 | 58.5 | 59.5 | 59.8 | 1.3 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.



Employment Situation - February 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,790.9 | 25,088.0 | 25,106.9 | 316.0 | 753.6 | 757.7 | 757.9 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,215.4 | 16,710.8 | 16,688.5 | 473.1 | 462.5 | 470.9 | 466.7 | 4.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,882.4 | 15,465.2 | 15,396.9 | 514.5 | 413.8 | 427.2 | 422.2 | 8.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,332.9 | 1,245.7 | 1,291.5 | (41.4) | 48.7 | 43.7 | 44.5 | (4.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.2 | 7.5 | 7.7 | (0.5) | 10.5 | 9.3 | 9.5 | (1.0) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.4 | 66.6 | 66.5 | 1.1 | 61.4 | 62.1 | 61.6 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.0 | 61.6 | 61.3 | 1.3 | 54.9 | 56.4 | 55.7 | 0.8 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.2 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 0.5 | 121.2 | 120.3 | 120.2 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 60.7 | 63.8 | 62.3 | 1.6 | 61.2 | 62.2 | 61.6 | 0.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 55.5 | 59.0 | 56.5 | 1.0 | 51.6 | 53.4 | 52.4 | 0.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 9.1 | (0.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.6 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 0.9 | 15.7 | 14.1 | 14.8 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.0 | 62.7 | 61.3 | 1.3 | 50.5 | 51.7 | 51.2 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.8 | 58.0 | 55.6 | 0.8 | 42.6 | 44.4 | 43.6 | 1.0 |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 294.3 | 298.2 | 298.5 | 4.2 | 282.4 | 286.1 | 286.5 | 4.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 204.0 | 201.8 | 201.4 | (2.6) | 197.7 | 196.3 | 195.7 | (2.0) |
| Employment ('000) | 187.4 | 186.3 | 186.2 | (1.2) | 181.4 | 181.4 | 181.1 | (0.3) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 16.6 | 15.5 | 15.1 | (1.5) | 16.3 | 14.9 | 14.7 | (1.6) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.5 | (0.6) | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.5 | (0.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.3 | 67.7 | 67.5 | (1.8) | 70.0 | 68.6 | 68.3 | (1.7) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.7 | 62.5 | 62.4 | (1.3) | 64.2 | 63.4 | 63.2 | (1.0) |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 132.9 | 133.3 | 133.2 | 0.3 | 103.9 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 0.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 77.0 | 79.3 | 78.8 | 1.8 | 59.6 | 63.7 | 62.7 | 3.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 67.1 | 72.1 | 71.2 | 4.1 | 52.3 | 56.4 | 55.9 | 3.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 10.0 | 7.3 | 7.5 | (2.5) | 7.3 | 7.3 | 6.8 | (0.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 13.0 | 9.2 | 9.5 | (3.5) | 12.2 | 11.5 | 10.8 | (1.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.9 | 59.5 | 59.2 | 1.3 | 57.4 | 61.1 | 60.1 | 2.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 50.5 | 54.1 | 53.5 | 3.0 | 50.3 | 54.1 | 53.6 | 3.3 |

Employment Situation - February 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,187.9 | 15,647.6 | 15,702.8 | 514.9 | 12,399.6 | 12,707.8 | 12,735.3 | 335.7 | 2,788.4 | 2,939.8 | 2,967.5 | 179.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 212.5 | 217.0 | 218.6 | 6.1 | 179.0 | 182.7 | 182.6 | 3.6 | 33.5 | 34.3 | 36.0 | 2.5 |
| Prince Edward Island | 66.1 | 67.6 | 67.8 | 1.7 | 55.4 | 56.4 | 57.3 | 1.9 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 10.4 | (0.2) |
| Nova Scotia | 423.2 | 434.3 | 435.4 | 12.2 | 346.7 | 350.2 | 351.6 | 4.9 | 76.5 | 84.0 | 83.8 | 7.3 |
| New Brunswick | 342.1 | 349.4 | 350.2 | 8.1 | 290.1 | 295.5 | 294.3 | 4.2 | 52.0 | 53.9 | 55.9 | 3.9 |
| Quebec | 3,531.6 | 3,646.8 | 3,655.3 | 123.7 | 2,936.1 | 3,004.1 | 2,993.7 | 57.6 | 595.4 | 642.7 | 661.5 | 66.1 |
| Ontario | 5,996.9 | 6,191.5 | 6,219.9 | 223.0 | 4,921.7 | 5,065.6 | 5,082.0 | 160.3 | 1,075.2 | 1,125.9 | 1,137.9 | 62.7 |
| Manitoba | 560.4 | 567.3 | 566.7 | 6.3 | 449.8 | 454.3 | 454.9 | 5.1 | 110.6 | 112.9 | 111.8 | 1.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 476.6 | 488.2 | 487.6 | 11.0 | 382.0 | 392.1 | 391.3 | 9.3 | 94.5 | 96.0 | 96.3 | 1.8 |
| Alberta | 1,644.9 | 1,695.4 | 1,699.3 | 54.4 | 1,349.7 | 1,390.4 | 1,398.3 | 48.6 | 295.2 | 305.0 | 301.0 | 5.8 |
| British Columbia | 1,933.7 | 1,990.3 | 2,002.0 | 68.3 | 1,488.9 | 1,516.2 | 1,528.0 | 39.1 | 444.8 | 474.1 | 474.0 | 29.2 |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 14,860.2 | 15,266.3 | 15,375.7 | 515.5 | 11,930.9 | 12,200.2 | 12,258.9 | 328.0 | 2,929.3 | 3,066.1 | 3,116.8 | 187.5 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 194.8 | 199.6 | 201.1 | 6.3 | 160.2 | 164.8 | 164.0 | 3.8 | 34.6 | 34.8 | 37.2 | 2.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 60.6 | 61.4 | 62.1 | 1.5 | 48.7 | 49.4 | 50.6 | 1.9 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 11.5 | (0.4) |
| Nova Scotia | 406.4 | 417.7 | 417.4 | 11.0 | 322.7 | 328.6 | 327.3 | 4.6 | 83.7 | 89.1 | 90.1 | 6.4 |
| New Brunswick | 321.7 | 329.7 | 329.6 | 7.9 | 267.4 | 272.8 | 271.3 | 3.9 | 54.3 | 56.9 | 58.3 | 4.0 |
| Quebec | 3,441.1 | 3,534.3 | 3,564.4 | 123.3 | 2,801.1 | 2,848.6 | 2,851.7 | 50.6 | 639.9 | 685.7 | 712.8 | 72.9 |
| Ontario | 5,892.5 | 6,080.7 | 6,120.1 | 227.6 | 4,774.2 | 4,917.5 | 4,936.6 | 162.4 | 1,118.3 | 1,163.2 | 1,183.5 | 65.2 |
| Manitoba | 551.2 | 555.4 | 556.6 | 5.4 | 431.3 | 435.9 | 436.1 | 4.8 | 119.9 | 119.5 | 120.5 | 0.6 |
| Saskatchewan | 464.9 | 475.5 | 475.5 | 10.6 | 363.0 | 373.8 | 372.5 | 9.5 | 102.0 | 101.6 | 103.0 | 1.0 |
| Alberta | 1,623.3 | 1,667.5 | 1,677.4 | 54.1 | 1,306.7 | 1,344.0 | 1,356.3 | 49.6 | 316.6 | 323.5 | 321.1 | 4.5 |
| British Columbia | 1,903.7 | 1,944.5 | 1,971.3 | 67.6 | 1,455.5 | 1,464.8 | 1,492.5 | 37.0 | 448.2 | 479.7 | 478.8 | 30.6 |

Employment Situation - February 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,705.5 | 2,771.7 | 2,789.8 | 84.3 | 2,335.8 | 2,392.2 | 2,422.5 | 86.7 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 13.2 | (0.5) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 41.5 | 41.9 | 42.9 | 1.4 | 31.5 | 31.0 | 31.6 | 0.1 | 24.1 | 26.0 | 26.3 | 2.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.2 | 13.9 | 14.0 | (0.2) | 11.5 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 0.4 | 19.0 | 14.4 | 15.0 | (4.0) |
| Nova Scotia | 76.8 | 82.6 | 83.3 | 6.5 | 60.9 | 70.6 | 71.6 | 10.7 | 20.7 | 14.6 | 14.0 | (6.7) |
| New Brunswick | 65.2 | 63.5 | 63.3 | (1.9) | 54.1 | 54.4 | 55.2 | 1.1 | 17.0 | 14.3 | 12.8 | (4.2) |
| Quebec | 634.5 | 638.6 | 646.2 | 11.7 | 541.7 | 551.5 | 554.8 | 13.1 | 14.6 | 13.6 | 14.1 | (0.5) |
| Ontario | 1,029.6 | 1,057.1 | 1,074.2 | 44.6 | 893.1 | 913.9 | 932.3 | 39.2 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.2 | (0.1) |
| Manitoba | 111.5 | 110.1 | 109.3 | (2.2) | 98.1 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 1.2 | 12.0 | 9.4 | 9.1 | (2.9) |
| Saskatchewan | 91.5 | 95.8 | 98.1 | 6.6 | 81.7 | 85.6 | 87.6 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.6 | (0.1) |
| Alberta | 313.9 | 324.0 | 317.1 | 3.2 | 281.9 | 284.7 | 286.7 | 4.8 | 10.2 | 12.1 | 9.6 | (0.6) |
| British Columbia | 326.8 | 344.2 | 341.4 | 14.6 | 281.3 | 288.9 | 291.5 | 10.2 | 13.9 | 16.1 | 14.6 | 0.7 |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,527.0 | 2,588.2 | 2,611.2 | 84.2 | 2,157.4 | 2,218.4 | 2,245.8 | 88.4 | 14.6 | 14.3 | 14.0 | (0.6) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 35.0 | 36.8 | 36.7 | 1.7 | 26.5 | 25.9 | 26.8 | 0.3 | 24.3 | 29.3 | 27.0 | 2.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.7 | 12.3 | 12.3 | (0.4) | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 0.3 | 23.6 | 20.3 | 19.5 | (4.1) |
| Nova Scotia | 68.7 | 75.2 | 74.2 | 5.5 | 53.3 | 63.3 | 63.2 | 9.9 | 22.4 | 15.8 | 14.8 | (7.6) |
| New Brunswick | 58.9 | 56.4 | 56.6 | (2.3) | 47.0 | 47.1 | 48.2 | 1.2 | 20.0 | 16.7 | 14.8 | (5.2) |
| Quebec | 594.2 | 599.5 | 607.3 | 13.1 | 499.9 | 509.3 | 512.1 | 12.2 | 15.9 | 15.0 | 15.7 | (0.2) |
| Ontario | 957.5 | 983.5 | 1,004.0 | 46.5 | 820.7 | 852.0 | 863.5 | 42.8 | 14.3 | 13.4 | 14.0 | (0.3) |
| Manitoba | 105.8 | 102.7 | 103.0 | (2.8) | 91.2 | 91.9 | 92.2 | 1.0 | 13.8 | 10.5 | 10.5 | (3.3) |
| Saskatchewan | 84.2 | 88.6 | 90.9 | 6.7 | 74.7 | 78.4 | 80.9 | 6.2 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.0 | (0.3) |
| Alberta | 297.7 | 307.8 | 300.7 | 3.0 | 267.6 | 269.2 | 272.2 | 4.6 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 9.5 | (0.6) |
| British Columbia | 312.3 | 325.7 | 325.5 | 13.2 | 266.8 | 271.7 | 276.7 | 9.9 | 14.6 | 16.6 | 15.0 | 0.4 |

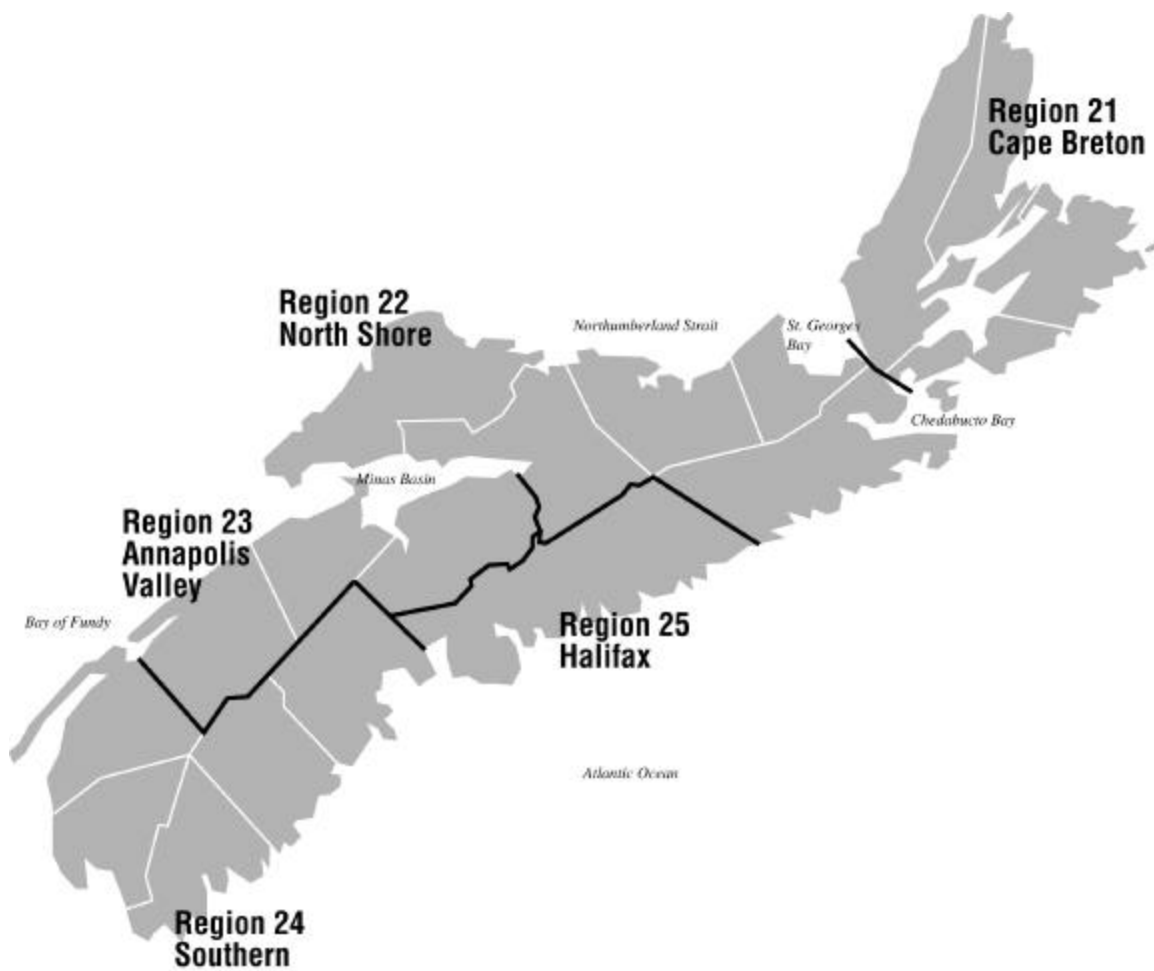
Employment Situation - February 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change | Feb 2002 | Jan 2003 | Feb 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland | 8.8 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 1.2 | 59.5 | 62.0 | 61.5 | 2.0 | 65.2 | 68.9 | 68.3 | 3.1 |
| Halifax | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.5 | (0.7) | 64.2 | 63.4 | 63.2 | (1.0) | 70.0 | 68.6 | 68.3 | (1.7) |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 9.4 | 7.8 | 9.4 | - | 57.1 | 60.9 | 59.9 | 2.8 | 63.1 | 66.1 | 66.2 | 3.1 |
| Saguenay | 12.7 | 10.6 | 11.7 | (1.0) | 53.5 | 53.7 | 53.0 | (0.5) | 61.3 | 60.1 | 60.0 | (1.3) |
| Québec | 7.1 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 60.3 | 61.1 | 60.5 | 0.2 | 64.9 | 65.5 | 65.7 | 0.8 |
| Trois-Rivières | 11.6 | 9.5 | 9.9 | (1.7) | 52.4 | 55.2 | 55.3 | 2.9 | 59.4 | 61.0 | 61.3 | 1.9 |
| Sherbrooke | 9.2 | 7.6 | 7.7 | (1.5) | 57.9 | 60.1 | 60.2 | 2.3 | 63.8 | 65.0 | 65.2 | 1.4 |
| Montréal | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.8 | (0.4) | 59.8 | 62.0 | 61.8 | 2.0 | 65.9 | 67.8 | 67.7 | 1.8 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.8 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 64.9 | 65.1 | 65.0 | 0.1 | 69.7 | 70.2 | 70.1 | 0.4 |
| Sudbury | 10.3 | 7.9 | 8.8 | (1.5) | 56.2 | 56.3 | 55.5 | (0.7) | 62.7 | 61.2 | 60.7 | (2.0) |
| Oshawa | 7.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | (2.0) | 64.6 | 67.2 | 67.4 | 2.8 | 69.7 | 70.9 | 71.2 | 1.5 |
| Toronto | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 64.6 | 65.0 | 64.7 | 0.1 | 69.4 | 69.7 | 69.6 | 0.2 |
| Hamilton | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.1 | (0.5) | 59.9 | 63.7 | 63.6 | 3.7 | 64.1 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 3.6 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 7.9 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 0.5 | 57.5 | 58.1 | 57.5 | - | 62.4 | 63.1 | 62.8 | 0.4 |
| London | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.6 | (0.1) | 60.0 | 62.3 | 61.5 | 1.5 | 64.4 | 66.3 | 65.8 | 1.4 |
| Windsor | 9.1 | 7.4 | 7.9 | (1.2) | 61.5 | 62.9 | 62.5 | 1.0 | 67.6 | 68.0 | 67.8 | 0.2 |
| Kitchener | 6.7 | 5.3 | 6.3 | (0.4) | 63.9 | 66.5 | 66.1 | 2.2 | 68.4 | 70.2 | 70.6 | 2.2 |
| Thunder Bay | 8.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | (3.3) | 58.5 | 63.4 | 64.2 | 5.7 | 63.6 | 66.8 | 67.4 | 3.8 |
| Winnipeg | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | (0.1) | 66.5 | 67.5 | 66.8 | 0.3 | 70.4 | 71.1 | 70.7 | 0.3 |
| Regina | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.8 | (0.2) | 68.7 | 68.5 | 67.5 | (1.2) | 73.1 | 72.3 | 71.7 | (1.4) |
| Saskatoon | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 62.5 | 65.7 | 64.7 | 2.2 | 66.3 | 69.7 | 68.7 | 2.4 |
| Calgary | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 71.9 | 70.8 | 70.5 | (1.4) | 75.7 | 74.8 | 74.5 | (1.2) |
| Edmonton | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 65.6 | 67.5 | 67.3 | 1.7 | 69.1 | 71.0 | 71.0 | 1.9 |
| Vancouver | 8.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | (0.9) | 59.6 | 62.0 | 61.5 | 1.9 | 65.2 | 67.1 | 66.6 | 1.4 |
| Victoria | 7.4 | 6.5 | 6.4 | (1.0) | 58.6 | 57.8 | 58.3 | (0.3) | 63.4 | 61.8 | 62.3 | (1.1) |

Employment Situation March 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2001 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - March 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,840.2 | 25,125.1 | 25,145.9 | 305.7 | 24,840.2 | 25,125.1 | 25,145.9 | 305.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,334.3 | 16,710.0 | 16,743.3 | 409.0 | 16,543.0 | 16,960.6 | 16,963.7 | 420.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,980.1 | 15,375.7 | 15,424.0 | 443.9 | 15,268.1 | 15,702.8 | 15,717.0 | 448.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,354.2 | 1,334.4 | 1,319.3 | (34.9) | 1,274.8 | 1,257.9 | 1,246.7 | (28.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.3 | 8.0 | 7.9 | (0.4) | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.3 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.8 | 66.5 | 66.6 | 0.8 | 66.6 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 0.9 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.3 | 61.2 | 61.3 | 1.0 | 61.5 | 62.5 | 62.5 | 1.0 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 754.1 | 758.2 | 758.5 | 4.4 | 754.1 | 758.2 | 758.5 | 4.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 460.8 | 462.1 | 469.3 | 8.5 | 471.1 | 478.0 | 480.8 | 9.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 410.1 | 417.4 | 419.9 | 9.8 | 425.5 | 435.4 | 436.3 | 10.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 50.6 | 44.7 | 49.4 | (1.2) | 45.7 | 42.6 | 44.5 | (1.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.0 | 9.7 | 10.5 | (0.5) | 9.7 | 8.9 | 9.3 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.1 | 60.9 | 61.9 | 0.8 | 62.5 | 63.0 | 63.4 | 0.9 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.4 | 55.1 | 55.4 | 1.0 | 56.4 | 57.4 | 57.5 | 1.1 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 439.5 | 439.3 | 439.4 | (0.1) | 439.5 | 439.3 | 439.4 | (0.1) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 244.5 | 249.0 | 250.0 | 5.5 | 258.3 | 265.0 | 263.7 | 5.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 198.8 | 201.1 | 202.6 | 3.8 | 215.5 | 218.6 | 218.7 | 3.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 45.7 | 47.9 | 47.4 | 1.7 | 42.8 | 46.4 | 45.0 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 18.7 | 19.2 | 19.0 | 0.3 | 16.6 | 17.5 | 17.1 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 55.6 | 56.7 | 56.9 | 1.3 | 58.8 | 60.3 | 60.0 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 45.2 | 45.8 | 46.1 | 0.9 | 49.0 | 49.8 | 49.8 | 0.8 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.4 | 112.7 | 112.8 | 1.4 | 111.4 | 112.7 | 112.8 | 1.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 72.5 | 72.7 | 74.0 | 1.5 | 75.6 | 76.5 | 77.2 | 1.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 61.5 | 62.1 | 62.3 | 0.8 | 66.3 | 67.8 | 67.2 | 0.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 11.0 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 0.8 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 15.2 | 14.6 | 15.9 | 0.7 | 12.4 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.1 | 64.5 | 65.6 | 0.5 | 67.9 | 67.9 | 68.4 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 55.2 | 55.1 | 55.2 | - | 59.5 | 60.2 | 59.6 | 0.1 |

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 606.7 | 608.5 | 608.5 | 1.8 | 606.7 | 608.5 | 608.5 | 1.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 372.9 | 378.1 | 375.0 | 2.1 | 386.7 | 392.2 | 389.7 | 3.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 326.8 | 329.6 | 331.4 | 4.6 | 346.8 | 350.2 | 351.4 | 4.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 46.1 | 48.5 | 43.6 | (2.5) | 39.9 | 41.9 | 38.3 | (1.6) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.4 | 12.8 | 11.6 | (0.8) | 10.3 | 10.7 | 9.8 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.5 | 62.1 | 61.6 | 0.1 | 63.7 | 64.5 | 64.0 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.9 | 54.2 | 54.5 | 0.6 | 57.2 | 57.6 | 57.7 | 0.5 |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,018.3 | 6,062.1 | 6,065.4 | 47.1 | 6,018.3 | 6,062.1 | 6,065.4 | 47.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,849.1 | 3,936.9 | 3,938.6 | 89.5 | 3,901.8 | 3,998.5 | 3,989.8 | 88.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,483.6 | 3,564.4 | 3,557.9 | 74.3 | 3,557.9 | 3,655.3 | 3,634.5 | 76.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 365.5 | 372.5 | 380.7 | 15.2 | 343.9 | 343.2 | 355.3 | 11.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 0.2 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.0 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 0.9 | 64.8 | 66.0 | 65.8 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.9 | 58.8 | 58.7 | 0.8 | 59.1 | 60.3 | 59.9 | 0.8 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,571.1 | 9,721.5 | 9,731.7 | 160.6 | 9,571.1 | 9,721.5 | 9,731.7 | 160.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,399.8 | 6,585.2 | 6,594.1 | 194.3 | 6,470.9 | 6,664.9 | 6,672.8 | 201.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 5,914.1 | 6,120.1 | 6,134.7 | 220.6 | 6,014.0 | 6,219.9 | 6,237.0 | 223.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 485.7 | 465.1 | 459.4 | (26.3) | 456.9 | 445.0 | 435.8 | (21.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.0 | (0.6) | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.5 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.9 | 67.7 | 67.8 | 0.9 | 67.6 | 68.6 | 68.6 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.8 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 1.2 | 62.8 | 64.0 | 64.1 | 1.3 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 863.9 | 864.8 | 865.3 | 1.4 | 863.9 | 864.8 | 865.3 | 1.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 592.3 | 589.6 | 590.5 | (1.8) | 596.7 | 597.2 | 596.0 | (0.7) |
| Employment ('000) | 559.6 | 556.6 | 559.7 | 0.1 | 567.1 | 566.7 | 567.2 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 32.7 | 33.0 | 30.8 | (1.9) | 29.6 | 30.5 | 28.8 | (0.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | (0.3) | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.6 | 68.2 | 68.2 | (0.4) | 69.1 | 69.1 | 68.9 | (0.2) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.8 | 64.4 | 64.7 | (0.1) | 65.6 | 65.5 | 65.5 | (0.1) |

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 760.2 | 757.1 | 756.7 | (3.5) | 760.2 | 757.1 | 756.7 | (3.5) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 496.6 | 508.1 | 506.8 | 10.2 | 504.6 | 518.6 | 516.3 | 11.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 465.7 | 475.5 | 477.1 | 11.4 | 475.6 | 487.6 | 487.4 | 11.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 30.9 | 32.6 | 29.7 | (1.2) | 28.9 | 31.0 | 28.9 | - |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.2 | 6.4 | 5.9 | (0.3) | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.6 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.3 | 67.1 | 67.0 | 1.7 | 66.4 | 68.5 | 68.2 | 1.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.3 | 62.8 | 63.1 | 1.8 | 62.6 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 1.8 |

Alberta

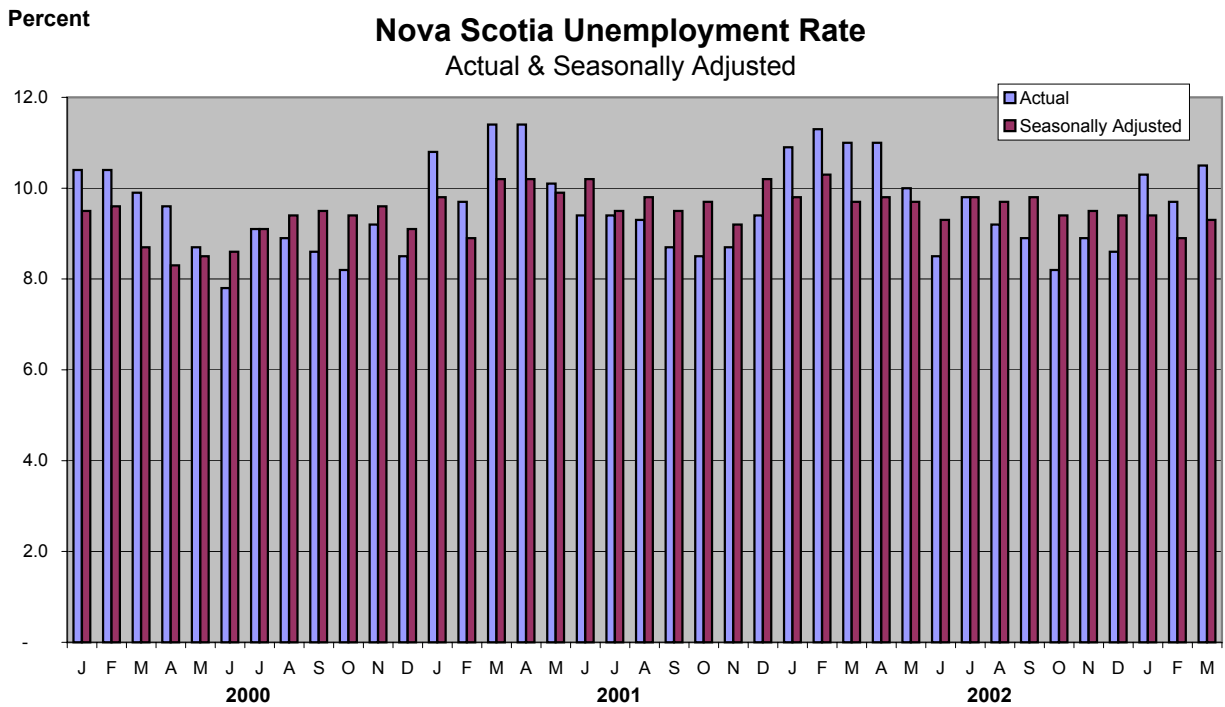
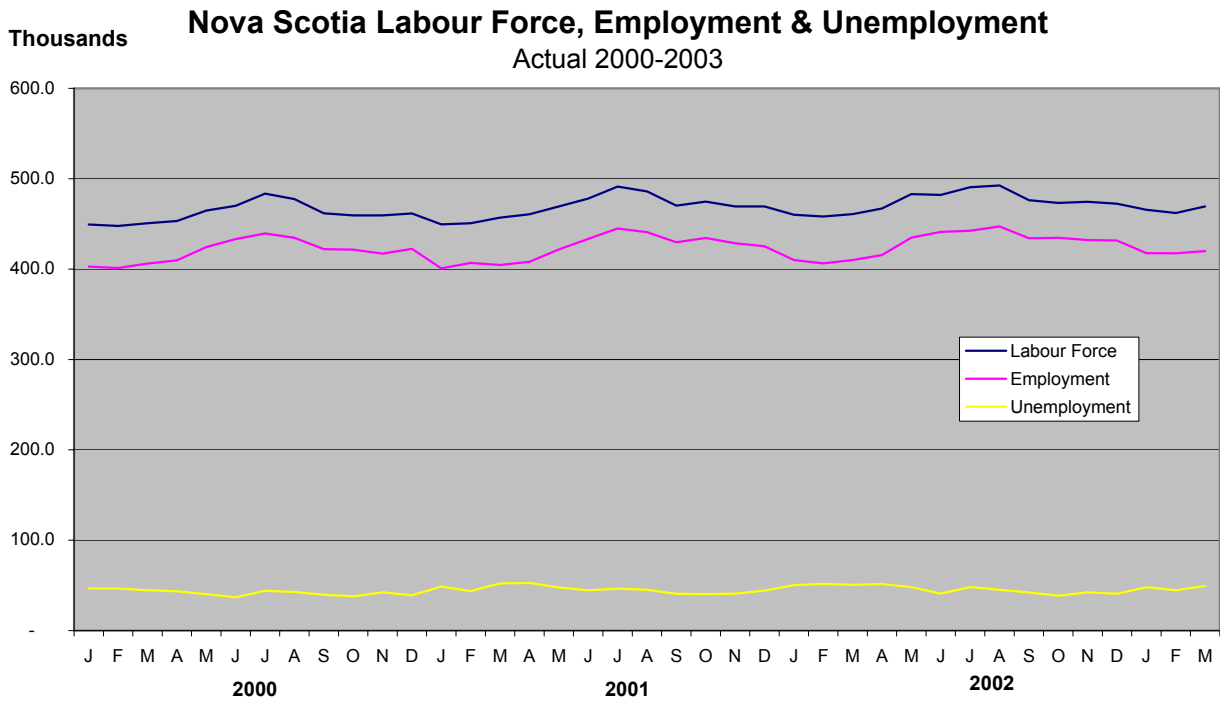
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,404.1 | 2,453.1 | 2,456.5 | 52.4 | 2,404.1 | 2,453.1 | 2,456.5 | 52.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,728.6 | 1,770.2 | 1,776.0 | 47.4 | 1,740.1 | 1,789.7 | 1,789.9 | 49.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,639.3 | 1,677.4 | 1,680.2 | 40.9 | 1,654.2 | 1,699.3 | 1,697.6 | 43.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 89.3 | 92.8 | 95.8 | 6.5 | 85.8 | 90.4 | 92.3 | 6.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.9 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 0.4 | 72.4 | 73.0 | 72.9 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 68.2 | 68.4 | 68.4 | 0.2 | 68.8 | 69.3 | 69.1 | 0.3 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,310.9 | 3,347.9 | 3,351.0 | 40.1 | 3,310.9 | 3,347.9 | 3,351.0 | 40.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,117.3 | 2,158.1 | 2,169.0 | 51.7 | 2,137.1 | 2,180.1 | 2,187.6 | 50.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,920.6 | 1,971.3 | 1,998.2 | 77.6 | 1,945.3 | 2,002.0 | 2,019.7 | 74.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 196.8 | 186.8 | 170.7 | (26.1) | 191.8 | 178.1 | 167.9 | (23.9) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.3 | 8.7 | 7.9 | (1.4) | 9.0 | 8.2 | 7.7 | (1.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.9 | 64.5 | 64.7 | 0.8 | 64.5 | 65.1 | 65.3 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.0 | 58.9 | 59.6 | 1.6 | 58.8 | 59.8 | 60.3 | 1.5 |

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Employment Situation - March 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,816.3 | 25,106.9 | 25,126.4 | 310.1 | 753.9 | 757.9 | 758.2 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,253.5 | 16,688.5 | 16,688.2 | 434.7 | 459.6 | 466.7 | 465.7 | 6.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,879.0 | 15,396.9 | 15,355.3 | 476.3 | 408.8 | 422.2 | 418.3 | 9.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,374.5 | 1,291.5 | 1,332.9 | (41.6) | 50.8 | 44.5 | 47.4 | (3.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.5 | 7.7 | 8.0 | (0.5) | 11.1 | 9.5 | 10.2 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.5 | 66.5 | 66.4 | 0.9 | 61.0 | 61.6 | 61.4 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.0 | 61.3 | 61.1 | 1.1 | 54.2 | 55.7 | 55.2 | 1.0 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.3 | 101.7 | 101.8 | 0.5 | 121.1 | 120.2 | 120.1 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 61.6 | 62.3 | 61.8 | 0.2 | 61.0 | 61.6 | 60.4 | (0.6) |
| Employment ('000) | 55.4 | 56.5 | 55.5 | 0.1 | 51.1 | 52.4 | 51.2 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 9.9 | 9.1 | 9.2 | (0.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.1 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 0.1 | 16.2 | 14.8 | 15.2 | (1.0) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.8 | 61.3 | 60.7 | (0.1) | 50.4 | 51.2 | 50.3 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.7 | 55.6 | 54.5 | (0.2) | 42.2 | 43.6 | 42.6 | 0.4 |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 294.6 | 298.5 | 298.8 | 4.2 | 282.7 | 286.5 | 286.8 | 4.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 201.2 | 201.4 | 202.7 | 1.5 | 195.4 | 195.7 | 197.1 | 1.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 185.0 | 186.2 | 186.6 | 1.6 | 179.5 | 181.1 | 181.5 | 2.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 16.2 | 15.1 | 16.0 | (0.2) | 15.9 | 14.7 | 15.6 | (0.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.9 | (0.2) | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.9 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.3 | 67.5 | 67.8 | (0.5) | 69.1 | 68.3 | 68.7 | (0.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.8 | 62.4 | 62.4 | (0.4) | 63.5 | 63.2 | 63.3 | (0.2) |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 132.9 | 133.2 | 133.2 | 0.3 | 103.9 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 0.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 75.9 | 78.8 | 79.1 | 3.2 | 59.9 | 62.7 | 61.7 | 1.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 65.8 | 71.2 | 70.7 | 4.9 | 51.5 | 55.9 | 54.4 | 2.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 10.1 | 7.5 | 8.4 | (1.7) | 8.4 | 6.8 | 7.4 | (1.0) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 13.3 | 9.5 | 10.6 | (2.7) | 14.0 | 10.8 | 12.0 | (2.0) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.1 | 59.2 | 59.4 | 2.3 | 57.7 | 60.1 | 59.2 | 1.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 49.5 | 53.5 | 53.1 | 3.6 | 49.6 | 53.6 | 52.2 | 2.6 |

Employment Situation - March 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------|------------------|----------|----------|--------|------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual |
| | | | | Change | | | | Change | | | | Change |
| Canada | 15,268.1 | 15,702.8 | 15,717.0 | 448.9 | 12,433.1 | 12,735.3 | 12,758.0 | 324.9 | 2,835.0 | 2,967.5 | 2,959.0 | 124.0 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 215.5 | 218.6 | 218.7 | 3.2 | 182.8 | 182.6 | 183.3 | 0.5 | 32.7 | 36.0 | 35.4 | 2.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 66.3 | 67.8 | 67.2 | 0.9 | 55.9 | 57.3 | 56.8 | 0.9 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | - |
| Nova Scotia | 425.5 | 435.4 | 436.3 | 10.8 | 348.4 | 351.6 | 355.6 | 7.2 | 77.1 | 83.8 | 80.7 | 3.6 |
| New Brunswick | 346.8 | 350.2 | 351.4 | 4.6 | 292.5 | 294.3 | 293.5 | 1.0 | 54.4 | 55.9 | 58.0 | 3.6 |
| Quebec | 3,557.9 | 3,655.3 | 3,634.5 | 76.6 | 2,921.6 | 2,993.7 | 2,974.1 | 52.5 | 636.3 | 661.5 | 660.4 | 24.1 |
| Ontario | 6,014.0 | 6,219.9 | 6,237.0 | 223.0 | 4,937.2 | 5,082.0 | 5,095.5 | 158.3 | 1,076.8 | 1,137.9 | 1,141.5 | 64.7 |
| Manitoba | 567.1 | 566.7 | 567.2 | 0.1 | 456.4 | 454.9 | 450.9 | (5.5) | 110.7 | 111.8 | 116.2 | 5.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 475.6 | 487.6 | 487.4 | 11.8 | 380.0 | 391.3 | 396.9 | 16.9 | 95.6 | 96.3 | 90.4 | (5.2) |
| Alberta | 1,654.2 | 1,699.3 | 1,697.6 | 43.4 | 1,350.6 | 1,398.3 | 1,388.7 | 38.1 | 303.7 | 301.0 | 308.9 | 5.2 |
| British Columbia | 1,945.3 | 2,002.0 | 2,019.7 | 74.4 | 1,507.6 | 1,528.0 | 1,562.4 | 54.8 | 437.7 | 474.0 | 457.3 | 19.6 |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------|------------------|----------|----------|--------|------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual |
| | | | | Change | | | | Change | | | | Change |
| Canada | 14,980.1 | 15,375.7 | 15,424.0 | 443.9 | 12,034.8 | 12,258.9 | 12,347.7 | 312.9 | 2,945.3 | 3,116.8 | 3,076.3 | 131.0 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 198.8 | 201.1 | 202.6 | 3.8 | 164.5 | 164.0 | 165.1 | 0.6 | 34.3 | 37.2 | 37.6 | 3.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 61.5 | 62.1 | 62.3 | 0.8 | 49.7 | 50.6 | 50.7 | 1.0 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 11.6 | (0.2) |
| Nova Scotia | 410.1 | 417.4 | 419.9 | 9.8 | 326.9 | 327.3 | 334.6 | 7.7 | 83.2 | 90.1 | 85.3 | 2.1 |
| New Brunswick | 326.8 | 329.6 | 331.4 | 4.6 | 271.5 | 271.3 | 272.5 | 1.0 | 55.3 | 58.3 | 59.0 | 3.7 |
| Quebec | 3,483.6 | 3,564.4 | 3,557.9 | 74.3 | 2,818.3 | 2,851.7 | 2,862.7 | 44.4 | 665.2 | 712.8 | 695.2 | 30.0 |
| Ontario | 5,914.1 | 6,120.1 | 6,134.7 | 220.6 | 4,807.6 | 4,936.6 | 4,960.1 | 152.5 | 1,106.5 | 1,183.5 | 1,174.6 | 68.1 |
| Manitoba | 559.6 | 556.6 | 559.7 | 0.1 | 443.0 | 436.1 | 438.0 | (5.0) | 116.6 | 120.5 | 121.7 | 5.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 465.7 | 475.5 | 477.1 | 11.4 | 362.8 | 372.5 | 381.1 | 18.3 | 102.9 | 103.0 | 96.0 | (6.9) |
| Alberta | 1,639.3 | 1,677.4 | 1,680.2 | 40.9 | 1,315.8 | 1,356.3 | 1,348.8 | 33.0 | 323.5 | 321.1 | 331.4 | 7.9 |
| British Columbia | 1,920.6 | 1,971.3 | 1,998.2 | 77.6 | 1,474.6 | 1,492.5 | 1,534.1 | 59.5 | 446.0 | 478.8 | 464.1 | 18.1 |

Employment Situation - March 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,727.9 | 2,789.8 | 2,781.1 | 53.2 | 2,355.8 | 2,422.5 | 2,429.3 | 73.5 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 12.7 | (0.9) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 42.1 | 42.9 | 41.9 | (0.2) | 33.1 | 31.6 | 31.6 | (1.5) | 21.4 | 26.3 | 24.6 | 3.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 13.2 | 14.0 | 14.3 | 1.1 | 11.0 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 0.7 | 16.7 | 15.0 | 18.2 | 1.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 75.8 | 83.3 | 83.7 | 7.9 | 62.8 | 71.6 | 71.5 | 8.7 | 17.2 | 14.0 | 14.6 | (2.6) |
| New Brunswick | 65.8 | 63.3 | 63.6 | (2.2) | 56.0 | 55.2 | 54.1 | (1.9) | 14.9 | 12.8 | 15.1 | 0.2 |
| Quebec | 641.5 | 646.2 | 648.2 | 6.7 | 551.9 | 554.8 | 555.6 | 3.7 | 14.0 | 14.1 | 14.3 | 0.3 |
| Ontario | 1,038.9 | 1,074.2 | 1,069.7 | 30.8 | 894.3 | 932.3 | 935.3 | 41.0 | 13.9 | 13.2 | 12.6 | (1.3) |
| Manitoba | 110.0 | 109.3 | 108.2 | (1.8) | 98.2 | 99.3 | 98.3 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 9.2 | (1.5) |
| Saskatchewan | 91.2 | 98.1 | 97.2 | 6.0 | 82.3 | 87.6 | 86.8 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 0.9 |
| Alberta | 316.7 | 317.1 | 318.4 | 1.7 | 283.6 | 286.7 | 288.8 | 5.2 | 10.5 | 9.6 | 9.3 | (1.2) |
| British Columbia | 332.8 | 341.4 | 335.9 | 3.1 | 282.6 | 291.5 | 295.6 | 13.0 | 15.1 | 14.6 | 12.0 | (3.1) |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,558.8 | 2,611.2 | 2,611.5 | 52.7 | 2,190.8 | 2,245.8 | 2,268.3 | 77.5 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 13.1 | (1.3) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 35.4 | 36.7 | 35.8 | 0.4 | 27.7 | 26.8 | 27.0 | (0.7) | 21.5 | 27.0 | 24.6 | 3.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 11.6 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 0.9 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 0.4 | 20.7 | 19.5 | 22.4 | 1.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 68.6 | 74.2 | 76.4 | 7.8 | 55.7 | 63.2 | 64.6 | 8.9 | 18.7 | 14.8 | 15.4 | (3.3) |
| New Brunswick | 58.5 | 56.6 | 56.4 | (2.1) | 48.4 | 48.2 | 46.3 | (2.1) | 17.1 | 14.8 | 17.9 | 0.8 |
| Quebec | 600.0 | 607.3 | 609.6 | 9.6 | 510.7 | 512.1 | 516.0 | 5.3 | 14.9 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 0.5 |
| Ontario | 974.5 | 1,004.0 | 1,003.1 | 28.6 | 832.4 | 863.5 | 873.7 | 41.3 | 14.6 | 14.0 | 12.9 | (1.7) |
| Manitoba | 106.2 | 103.0 | 104.0 | (2.2) | 93.3 | 92.2 | 93.3 | - | 12.1 | 10.5 | 10.3 | (1.8) |
| Saskatchewan | 84.5 | 90.9 | 89.8 | 5.3 | 75.8 | 80.9 | 80.5 | 4.7 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 0.2 |
| Alberta | 302.5 | 300.7 | 303.8 | 1.3 | 269.6 | 272.2 | 275.5 | 5.9 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 9.3 | (1.6) |
| British Columbia | 317.2 | 325.5 | 320.3 | 3.1 | 267.8 | 276.7 | 281.9 | 14.1 | 15.6 | 15.0 | 12.0 | (3.6) |

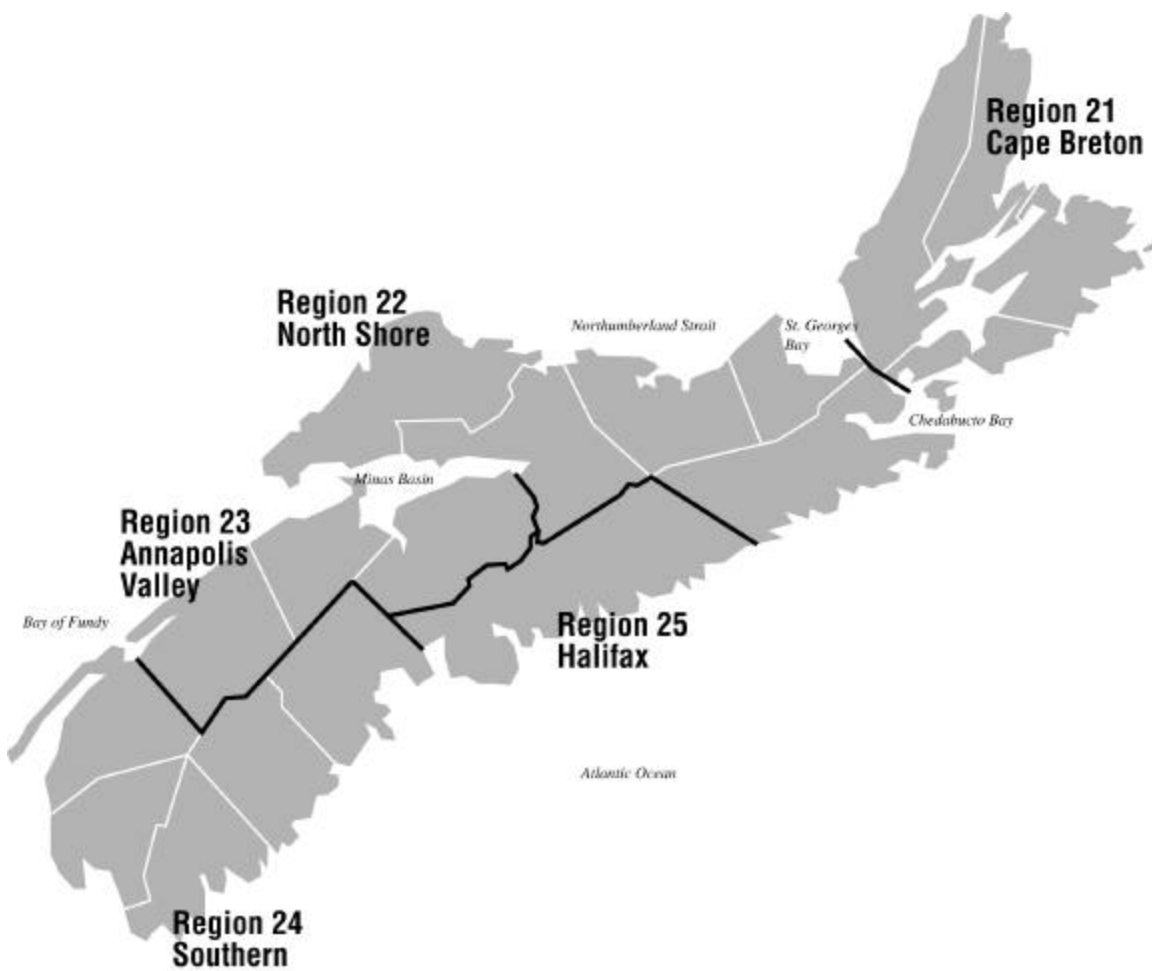
Employment Situation - March 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change | Mar 2002 | Feb 2003 | Mar 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and | 8.8 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 1.2 | 60.1 | 61.5 | 61.3 | 1.2 | 65.8 | 68.3 | 68.1 | 2.3 |
| Halifax | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.9 | (0.2) | 63.5 | 63.2 | 63.3 | (0.2) | 69.1 | 68.3 | 68.7 | (0.4) |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 0.3 | 57.9 | 59.9 | 59.4 | 1.5 | 64.3 | 66.2 | 66.1 | 1.8 |
| Saguenay | 13.6 | 11.7 | 12.1 | (1.5) | 53.0 | 53.0 | 52.0 | (1.0) | 61.2 | 60.0 | 59.2 | (2.0) |
| Québec | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 60.1 | 60.5 | 60.3 | 0.2 | 65.1 | 65.7 | 66.0 | 0.9 |
| Trois-Rivières | 12.2 | 9.9 | 9.9 | (2.3) | 52.1 | 55.3 | 56.4 | 4.3 | 59.3 | 61.3 | 62.6 | 3.3 |
| Sherbrooke | 9.4 | 7.7 | 7.8 | (1.6) | 58.0 | 60.2 | 60.5 | 2.5 | 64.1 | 65.2 | 65.5 | 1.4 |
| Montréal | 9.2 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 0.3 | 60.1 | 61.8 | 61.3 | 1.2 | 66.2 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 1.5 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.1 | (0.4) | 64.1 | 65.0 | 65.4 | 1.3 | 69.3 | 70.1 | 70.3 | 1.0 |
| Sudbury | 11.5 | 8.8 | 8.6 | (2.9) | 54.8 | 55.5 | 55.9 | 1.1 | 61.9 | 60.7 | 61.0 | (0.9) |
| Oshawa | 8.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | (3.4) | 63.7 | 67.4 | 68.0 | 4.3 | 69.6 | 71.2 | 71.7 | 2.1 |
| Toronto | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 64.5 | 64.7 | 64.5 | - | 69.4 | 69.6 | 69.6 | 0.2 |
| Hamilton | 7.4 | 6.1 | 6.2 | (1.2) | 60.2 | 63.6 | 63.6 | 3.4 | 65.1 | 67.7 | 67.8 | 2.7 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 8.5 | 8.4 | 7.7 | (0.8) | 56.6 | 57.5 | 58.1 | 1.5 | 61.9 | 62.8 | 62.9 | 1.0 |
| London | 7.2 | 6.6 | 6.9 | (0.3) | 59.4 | 61.5 | 61.5 | 2.1 | 64.0 | 65.8 | 66.1 | 2.1 |
| Windsor | 9.5 | 7.9 | 8.2 | (1.3) | 60.5 | 62.5 | 61.7 | 1.2 | 66.9 | 67.8 | 67.2 | 0.3 |
| Kitchener | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.5 | (0.3) | 63.4 | 66.1 | 65.5 | 2.1 | 67.9 | 70.6 | 70.0 | 2.1 |
| Thunder Bay | 8.1 | 4.7 | 5.5 | (2.6) | 57.9 | 64.2 | 64.7 | 6.8 | 63.0 | 67.4 | 68.5 | 5.5 |
| Winnipeg | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.8 | (0.2) | 66.0 | 66.8 | 66.1 | 0.1 | 70.3 | 70.7 | 70.2 | (0.1) |
| Regina | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 0.7 | 69.3 | 67.5 | 66.7 | (2.6) | 73.6 | 71.7 | 71.3 | (2.3) |
| Saskatoon | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 0.6 | 62.6 | 64.7 | 64.7 | 2.1 | 66.3 | 68.7 | 69.0 | 2.7 |
| Calgary | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 0.9 | 71.6 | 70.5 | 69.8 | (1.8) | 75.5 | 74.5 | 74.3 | (1.2) |
| Edmonton | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 66.1 | 67.3 | 67.1 | 1.0 | 69.6 | 71.0 | 70.9 | 1.3 |
| Vancouver | 8.4 | 7.6 | 7.4 | (1.0) | 59.7 | 61.5 | 61.4 | 1.7 | 65.2 | 66.6 | 66.3 | 1.1 |
| Victoria | 7.9 | 6.4 | 6.0 | (1.9) | 58.4 | 58.3 | 58.7 | 0.3 | 63.4 | 62.3 | 62.5 | (0.9) |

Employment Situation April 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - April 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,875.3 | 25,145.9 | 25,178.1 | 302.8 | 24,875.3 | 25,145.9 | 25,178.1 | 302.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,413.6 | 16,743.3 | 16,819.2 | 405.6 | 16,569.7 | 16,963.7 | 16,978.8 | 409.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,095.1 | 15,424.0 | 15,478.7 | 383.6 | 15,305.0 | 15,717.0 | 15,698.2 | 393.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,318.5 | 1,319.3 | 1,340.5 | 22.0 | 1,264.7 | 1,246.7 | 1,280.6 | 15.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.0 | - | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.0 | 66.6 | 66.8 | 0.8 | 66.6 | 67.5 | 67.4 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.7 | 61.3 | 61.5 | 0.8 | 61.5 | 62.5 | 62.3 | 0.8 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 754.4 | 758.5 | 759.0 | 4.6 | 754.4 | 758.5 | 759.0 | 4.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 467.0 | 469.3 | 473.0 | 6.0 | 473.7 | 480.8 | 480.2 | 6.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 415.5 | 419.9 | 427.2 | 11.7 | 427.4 | 436.3 | 439.0 | 11.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 51.5 | 49.4 | 45.8 | (5.7) | 46.3 | 44.5 | 41.2 | (5.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.0 | 10.5 | 9.7 | (1.3) | 9.8 | 9.3 | 8.6 | (1.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.9 | 61.9 | 62.3 | 0.4 | 62.8 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 55.1 | 55.4 | 56.3 | 1.2 | 56.7 | 57.5 | 57.8 | 1.1 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 439.2 | 439.4 | 439.4 | 0.2 | 439.2 | 439.4 | 439.4 | 0.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 248.5 | 250.0 | 254.9 | 6.4 | 257.3 | 263.7 | 263.4 | 6.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 204.7 | 202.6 | 205.1 | 0.4 | 217.4 | 218.7 | 217.8 | 0.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 43.9 | 47.4 | 49.8 | 5.9 | 39.8 | 45.0 | 45.6 | 5.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 17.7 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 1.8 | 15.5 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 1.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 56.6 | 56.9 | 58.0 | 1.4 | 58.6 | 60.0 | 59.9 | 1.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 46.6 | 46.1 | 46.7 | 0.1 | 49.5 | 49.8 | 49.6 | 0.1 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.5 | 112.8 | 113.0 | 1.5 | 111.5 | 112.8 | 113.0 | 1.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 75.0 | 74.0 | 75.9 | 0.9 | 76.8 | 77.2 | 77.3 | 0.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 64.0 | 62.3 | 63.3 | (0.7) | 68.1 | 67.2 | 67.4 | (0.7) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 11.0 | 11.8 | 12.7 | 1.7 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 1.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 14.7 | 15.9 | 16.7 | 2.0 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 1.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.3 | 65.6 | 67.2 | (0.1) | 68.9 | 68.4 | 68.4 | (0.5) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.4 | 55.2 | 56.0 | (1.4) | 61.1 | 59.6 | 59.6 | (1.5) |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 606.8 | 608.5 | 608.6 | 1.8 | 606.8 | 608.5 | 608.6 | 1.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 378.1 | 375.0 | 377.5 | (0.6) | 385.4 | 389.7 | 385.8 | 0.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 331.3 | 331.4 | 330.4 | (0.9) | 346.6 | 351.4 | 346.1 | (0.5) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 46.8 | 43.6 | 47.1 | 0.3 | 38.8 | 38.3 | 39.8 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.4 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 0.1 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.3 | 61.6 | 62.0 | (0.3) | 63.5 | 64.0 | 63.4 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.6 | 54.5 | 54.3 | (0.3) | 57.1 | 57.7 | 56.9 | (0.2) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,024.0 | 6,065.4 | 6,070.9 | 46.9 | 6,024.0 | 6,065.4 | 6,070.9 | 46.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,892.3 | 3,938.6 | 3,983.7 | 91.4 | 3,919.8 | 3,989.8 | 4,010.1 | 90.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,534.7 | 3,557.9 | 3,595.5 | 60.8 | 3,584.6 | 3,634.5 | 3,646.8 | 62.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 357.6 | 380.7 | 388.2 | 30.6 | 335.2 | 355.3 | 363.4 | 28.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.2 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.6 | 64.9 | 65.6 | 1.0 | 65.1 | 65.8 | 66.1 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.7 | 58.7 | 59.2 | 0.5 | 59.5 | 59.9 | 60.1 | 0.6 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,589.4 | 9,731.7 | 9,747.5 | 158.1 | 9,589.4 | 9,731.7 | 9,747.5 | 158.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,404.7 | 6,594.1 | 6,591.1 | 186.4 | 6,471.2 | 6,672.8 | 6,661.3 | 190.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 5,953.9 | 6,134.7 | 6,142.9 | 189.0 | 6,014.1 | 6,237.0 | 6,210.5 | 196.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 450.8 | 459.4 | 448.2 | (2.6) | 457.1 | 435.8 | 450.8 | (6.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.8 | (0.2) | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.8 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.8 | 67.8 | 67.6 | 0.8 | 67.5 | 68.6 | 68.3 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.1 | 63.0 | 63.0 | 0.9 | 62.7 | 64.1 | 63.7 | 1.0 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 864.1 | 865.3 | 866.2 | 2.1 | 864.1 | 865.3 | 866.2 | 2.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 592.1 | 590.5 | 592.8 | 0.7 | 595.0 | 596.0 | 596.2 | 1.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 557.0 | 559.7 | 564.4 | 7.4 | 563.1 | 567.2 | 570.3 | 7.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 35.2 | 30.8 | 28.5 | (6.7) | 32.0 | 28.8 | 25.9 | (6.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.9 | 5.2 | 4.8 | (1.1) | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | (1.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.5 | 68.2 | 68.4 | (0.1) | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.8 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.5 | 64.7 | 65.2 | 0.7 | 65.2 | 65.5 | 65.8 | 0.6 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 760.0 | 756.7 | 756.3 | (3.7) | 760.0 | 756.7 | 756.3 | (3.7) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 497.2 | 506.8 | 508.2 | 11.0 | 503.5 | 516.3 | 515.2 | 11.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 464.3 | 477.1 | 477.2 | 12.9 | 474.0 | 487.4 | 487.3 | 13.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 32.9 | 29.7 | 31.0 | (1.9) | 29.5 | 28.9 | 27.9 | (1.6) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 | (0.5) | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.4 | 67.0 | 67.2 | 1.8 | 66.3 | 68.2 | 68.1 | 1.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.1 | 63.1 | 63.1 | 2.0 | 62.4 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 2.0 |

Alberta

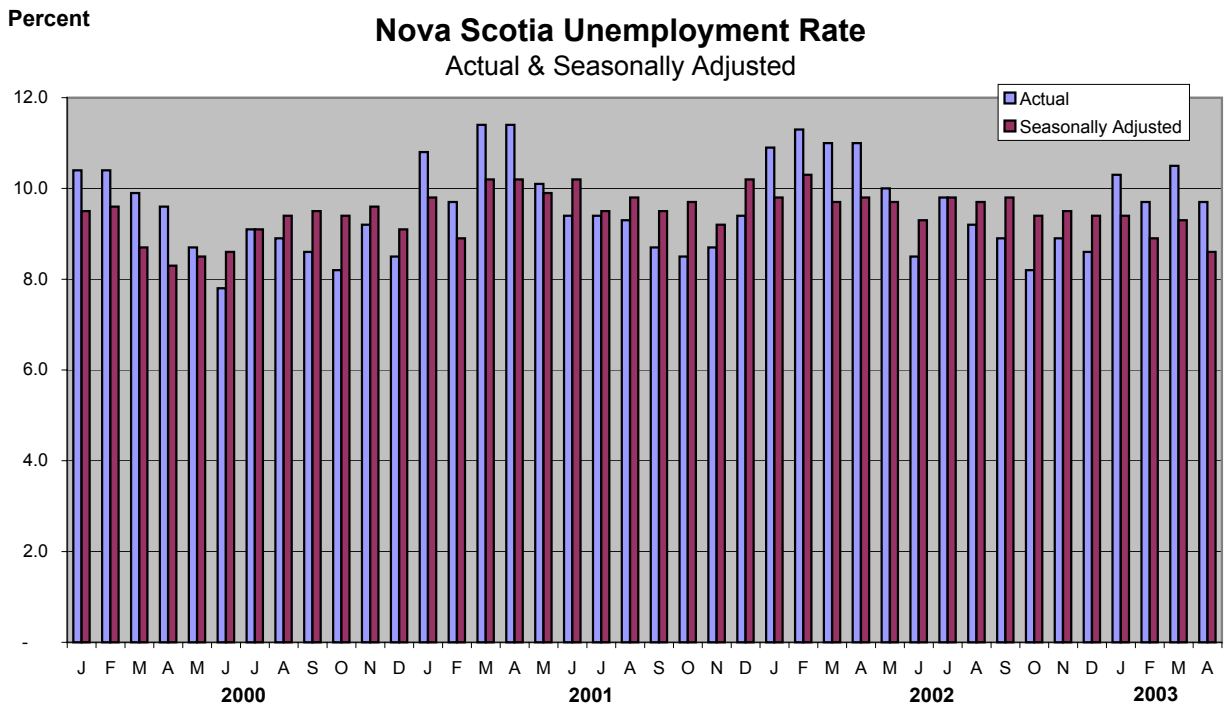
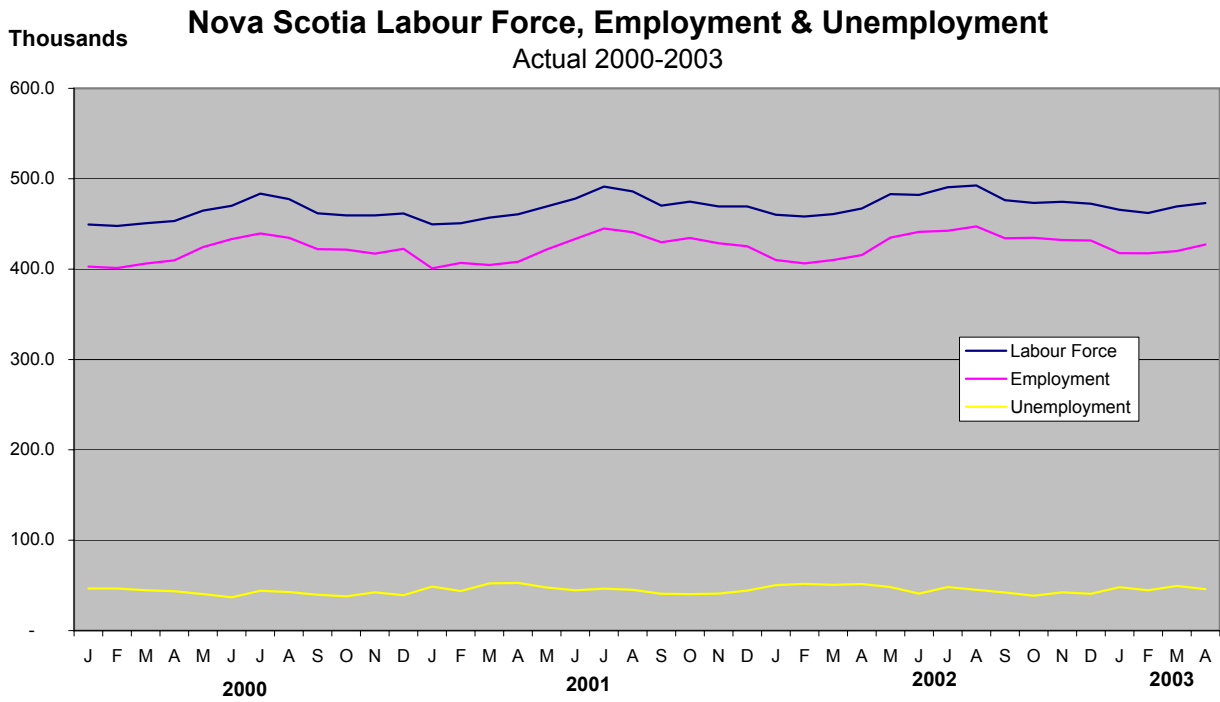
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,409.6 | 2,456.5 | 2,461.6 | 52.0 | 2,409.6 | 2,456.5 | 2,461.6 | 52.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,729.4 | 1,776.0 | 1,786.7 | 57.3 | 1,744.0 | 1,789.9 | 1,799.8 | 55.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,631.6 | 1,680.2 | 1,678.9 | 47.3 | 1,652.7 | 1,697.6 | 1,700.7 | 48.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 97.8 | 95.8 | 107.8 | 10.0 | 91.3 | 92.3 | 99.0 | 7.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 71.8 | 72.3 | 72.6 | 0.8 | 72.4 | 72.9 | 73.1 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.7 | 68.4 | 68.2 | 0.5 | 68.6 | 69.1 | 69.1 | 0.5 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,316.4 | 3,351.0 | 3,355.7 | 39.3 | 3,316.4 | 3,351.0 | 3,355.7 | 39.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,129.1 | 2,169.0 | 2,175.4 | 46.3 | 2,143.1 | 2,187.6 | 2,189.5 | 46.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,938.1 | 1,998.2 | 1,993.9 | 55.8 | 1,957.2 | 2,019.7 | 2,012.3 | 55.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 191.0 | 170.7 | 181.5 | (9.5) | 186.0 | 167.9 | 177.2 | (8.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.0 | 7.9 | 8.3 | (0.7) | 8.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.2 | 64.7 | 64.8 | 0.6 | 64.6 | 65.3 | 65.2 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.4 | 59.6 | 59.4 | 1.0 | 59.0 | 60.3 | 60.0 | 1.0 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.



Employment Situation - April 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,843.6 | 25,126.4 | 25,149.7 | 306.1 | 754.1 | 758.2 | 758.6 | 4.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,325.6 | 16,688.2 | 16,757.5 | 431.9 | 461.9 | 465.7 | 468.2 | 6.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 14,978.5 | 15,355.3 | 15,426.1 | 447.6 | 410.7 | 418.3 | 421.5 | 10.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,347.2 | 1,332.9 | 1,331.4 | (15.8) | 51.3 | 47.4 | 46.7 | (4.6) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.3 | 8.0 | 7.9 | (0.4) | 11.1 | 10.2 | 10.0 | (1.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.7 | 66.4 | 66.6 | 0.9 | 61.3 | 61.4 | 61.7 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.3 | 61.1 | 61.3 | 1.0 | 54.5 | 55.2 | 55.6 | 1.1 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.3 | 101.8 | 101.9 | 0.6 | 121.0 | 120.1 | 120.0 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 62.3 | 61.8 | 62.1 | (0.2) | 62.0 | 60.4 | 60.9 | (1.1) |
| Employment ('000) | 55.6 | 55.5 | 55.9 | 0.3 | 52.1 | 51.2 | 51.2 | (0.9) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.1 | (0.6) | 10.0 | 9.2 | 9.7 | (0.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.8 | 10.2 | 9.8 | (1.0) | 16.1 | 15.2 | 15.9 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.5 | 60.7 | 60.9 | (0.6) | 51.2 | 50.3 | 50.8 | (0.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.9 | 54.5 | 54.9 | - | 43.1 | 42.6 | 42.7 | (0.4) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 294.9 | 298.8 | 299.2 | 4.3 | 283.0 | 286.8 | 287.2 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 200.2 | 202.7 | 202.4 | 2.2 | 194.5 | 197.1 | 196.9 | 2.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 184.6 | 186.6 | 187.5 | 2.9 | 179.2 | 181.5 | 182.3 | 3.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 15.7 | 16.0 | 15.0 | (0.7) | 15.3 | 15.6 | 14.6 | (0.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.4 | (0.4) | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.4 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.9 | 67.8 | 67.6 | (0.3) | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.6 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.6 | 62.4 | 62.7 | 0.1 | 63.3 | 63.3 | 63.5 | 0.2 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.0 | 133.2 | 133.2 | 0.2 | 103.9 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 0.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 75.9 | 79.1 | 79.8 | 3.9 | 61.4 | 61.7 | 62.9 | 1.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 65.6 | 70.7 | 71.5 | 5.9 | 52.8 | 54.4 | 55.3 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 10.3 | 8.4 | 8.3 | (2.0) | 8.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | (1.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 13.6 | 10.6 | 10.4 | (3.2) | 14.0 | 12.0 | 11.9 | (2.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.1 | 59.4 | 59.9 | 2.8 | 59.1 | 59.2 | 60.3 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 49.3 | 53.1 | 53.7 | 4.4 | 50.8 | 52.2 | 53.0 | 2.2 |

Employment Situation - April 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| | Canada | 15,305.0 | 15,717.0 | 15,698.2 | 393.2 | 12,473.4 | 12,758.0 | 12,768.7 | 295.3 | 2,831.6 | 2,959.0 | 2,929.6 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 217.4 | 218.7 | 217.8 | 0.4 | 184.0 | 183.3 | 180.9 | (3.1) | 33.5 | 35.4 | 36.9 | 3.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 68.1 | 67.2 | 67.4 | (0.7) | 57.9 | 56.8 | 57.0 | (0.9) | 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 0.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 427.4 | 436.3 | 439.0 | 11.6 | 348.9 | 355.6 | 356.9 | 8.0 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 82.2 | 3.7 |
| New Brunswick | 346.6 | 351.4 | 346.1 | (0.5) | 294.6 | 293.5 | 292.5 | (2.1) | 52.0 | 58.0 | 53.6 | 1.6 |
| Quebec | 3,584.6 | 3,634.5 | 3,646.8 | 62.2 | 2,940.2 | 2,974.1 | 2,981.1 | 40.9 | 644.4 | 660.4 | 665.7 | 21.3 |
| Ontario | 6,014.1 | 6,237.0 | 6,210.5 | 196.4 | 4,944.2 | 5,095.5 | 5,081.9 | 137.7 | 1,069.9 | 1,141.5 | 1,128.7 | 58.8 |
| Manitoba | 563.1 | 567.2 | 570.3 | 7.2 | 452.0 | 450.9 | 456.2 | 4.2 | 111.0 | 116.2 | 114.1 | 3.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 474.0 | 487.4 | 487.3 | 13.3 | 379.2 | 396.9 | 391.7 | 12.5 | 94.7 | 90.4 | 95.6 | 0.9 |
| Alberta | 1,652.7 | 1,697.6 | 1,700.7 | 48.0 | 1,354.1 | 1,388.7 | 1,404.4 | 50.3 | 298.5 | 308.9 | 296.3 | (2.2) |
| British Columbia | 1,957.2 | 2,019.7 | 2,012.3 | 55.1 | 1,518.1 | 1,562.4 | 1,566.4 | 48.3 | 439.1 | 457.3 | 445.9 | 6.8 |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| | Canada | 15,095.1 | 15,424.0 | 15,478.7 | 383.6 | 12,185.4 | 12,347.7 | 12,479.9 | 294.5 | 2,909.7 | 3,076.3 | 2,998.8 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 204.7 | 202.6 | 205.1 | 0.4 | 170.8 | 165.1 | 167.7 | (3.1) | 33.8 | 37.6 | 37.4 | 3.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 64.0 | 62.3 | 63.3 | (0.7) | 53.1 | 50.7 | 52.2 | (0.9) | 11.0 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 0.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 415.5 | 419.9 | 427.2 | 11.7 | 336.2 | 334.6 | 344.6 | 8.4 | 79.3 | 85.3 | 82.6 | 3.3 |
| New Brunswick | 331.3 | 331.4 | 330.4 | (0.9) | 277.3 | 272.5 | 275.3 | (2.0) | 54.0 | 59.0 | 55.1 | 1.1 |
| Quebec | 3,534.7 | 3,557.9 | 3,595.5 | 60.8 | 2,867.4 | 2,862.7 | 2,905.3 | 37.9 | 667.3 | 695.2 | 690.2 | 22.9 |
| Ontario | 5,953.9 | 6,134.7 | 6,142.9 | 189.0 | 4,862.3 | 4,960.1 | 4,997.9 | 135.6 | 1,091.6 | 1,174.6 | 1,145.0 | 53.4 |
| Manitoba | 557.0 | 559.7 | 564.4 | 7.4 | 441.9 | 438.0 | 446.4 | 4.5 | 115.1 | 121.7 | 117.9 | 2.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 464.3 | 477.1 | 477.2 | 12.9 | 367.5 | 381.1 | 379.5 | 12.0 | 96.8 | 96.0 | 97.7 | 0.9 |
| Alberta | 1,631.6 | 1,680.2 | 1,678.9 | 47.3 | 1,318.2 | 1,348.8 | 1,367.7 | 49.5 | 313.4 | 331.4 | 311.2 | (2.2) |
| British Columbia | 1,938.1 | 1,998.2 | 1,993.9 | 55.8 | 1,490.8 | 1,534.1 | 1,543.3 | 52.5 | 447.3 | 464.1 | 450.6 | 3.3 |

Employment Situation - April 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,717.2 | 2,781.1 | 2,781.8 | 64.6 | 2,354.0 | 2,429.3 | 2,409.3 | 55.3 | 13.4 | 12.7 | 13.4 | - |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 39.9 | 41.9 | 42.1 | 2.2 | 31.0 | 31.6 | 31.3 | 0.3 | 22.3 | 24.6 | 25.7 | 3.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.0 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 0.2 | 16.4 | 18.2 | 16.2 | (0.2) |
| Nova Scotia | 78.3 | 83.7 | 82.6 | 4.3 | 64.8 | 71.5 | 70.8 | 6.0 | 17.2 | 14.6 | 14.2 | (3.0) |
| New Brunswick | 65.2 | 63.6 | 63.7 | (1.5) | 55.0 | 54.1 | 52.9 | (2.1) | 15.8 | 15.1 | 17.0 | 1.2 |
| Quebec | 644.9 | 648.2 | 642.2 | (2.7) | 559.9 | 555.6 | 553.3 | (6.6) | 13.2 | 14.3 | 13.9 | 0.7 |
| Ontario | 1,029.6 | 1,069.7 | 1,065.0 | 35.4 | 884.0 | 935.3 | 915.6 | 31.6 | 14.1 | 12.6 | 14.0 | (0.1) |
| Manitoba | 108.7 | 108.2 | 107.1 | (1.6) | 97.0 | 98.3 | 98.1 | 1.1 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 8.4 | (2.3) |
| Saskatchewan | 91.2 | 97.2 | 95.9 | 4.7 | 81.2 | 86.8 | 87.1 | 5.9 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 9.2 | (1.8) |
| Alberta | 314.0 | 318.4 | 327.4 | 13.4 | 283.5 | 288.8 | 295.5 | 12.0 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 9.7 | - |
| British Columbia | 331.6 | 335.9 | 341.5 | 9.9 | 286.0 | 295.6 | 292.8 | 6.8 | 13.8 | 12.0 | 14.3 | 0.5 |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,562.6 | 2,611.5 | 2,624.9 | 62.3 | 2,203.7 | 2,268.3 | 2,252.7 | 49.0 | 14.0 | 13.1 | 14.2 | 0.2 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 34.6 | 35.8 | 37.0 | 2.4 | 26.8 | 27.0 | 27.1 | 0.3 | 22.5 | 24.6 | 26.5 | 4.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.7 | 0.1 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 0.1 | 20.6 | 22.4 | 20.5 | (0.1) |
| Nova Scotia | 72.9 | 76.4 | 76.7 | 3.8 | 58.4 | 64.6 | 64.3 | 5.9 | 19.9 | 15.4 | 16.2 | (3.7) |
| New Brunswick | 59.5 | 56.4 | 57.9 | (1.6) | 49.2 | 46.3 | 46.5 | (2.7) | 17.5 | 17.9 | 19.5 | 2.0 |
| Quebec | 609.2 | 609.6 | 605.4 | (3.8) | 526.1 | 516.0 | 517.9 | (8.2) | 13.6 | 15.4 | 14.4 | 0.8 |
| Ontario | 965.4 | 1,003.1 | 1,000.0 | 34.6 | 823.7 | 873.7 | 850.4 | 26.7 | 14.7 | 12.9 | 15.0 | 0.3 |
| Manitoba | 104.5 | 104.0 | 102.4 | (2.1) | 92.1 | 93.3 | 92.8 | 0.7 | 11.9 | 10.3 | 9.4 | (2.5) |
| Saskatchewan | 85.0 | 89.8 | 89.0 | 4.0 | 74.4 | 80.5 | 79.8 | 5.4 | 12.5 | 10.5 | 10.3 | (2.2) |
| Alberta | 298.2 | 303.8 | 313.3 | 15.1 | 267.2 | 275.5 | 281.0 | 13.8 | 10.4 | 9.3 | 10.3 | (0.1) |
| British Columbia | 320.7 | 320.3 | 330.7 | 10.0 | 275.8 | 281.9 | 282.7 | 6.9 | 14.0 | 12.0 | 14.5 | 0.5 |

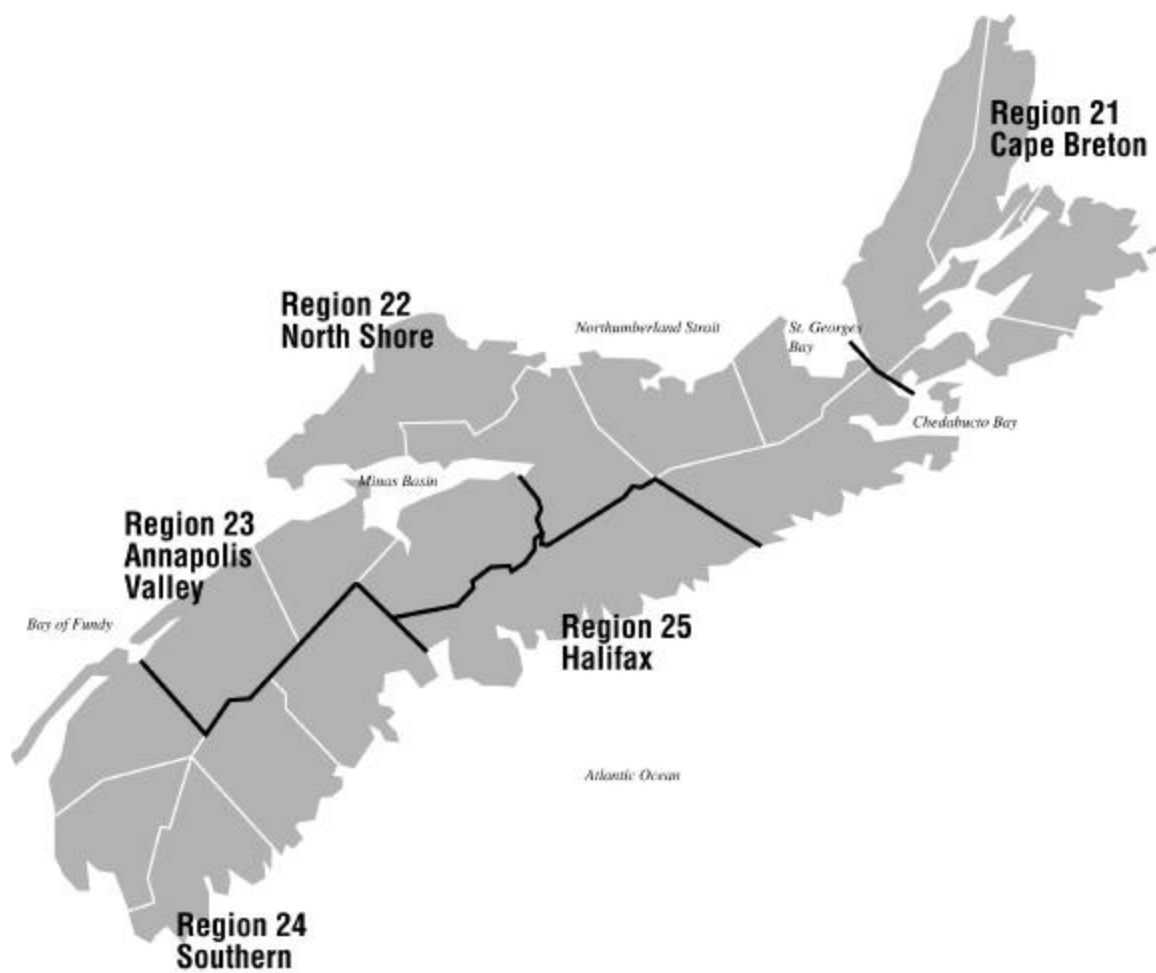
Employment Situation - April 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change | Apr 2002 | Mar 2003 | Apr 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and | 8.2 | 10.0 | 9.3 | 1.1 | 60.9 | 61.3 | 62.3 | 1.4 | 66.3 | 68.1 | 68.6 | 2.3 |
| Halifax | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.4 | (0.5) | 63.3 | 63.3 | 63.5 | 0.2 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.6 | (0.1) |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 9.6 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 1.0 | 58.9 | 59.4 | 58.6 | (0.3) | 65.1 | 66.1 | 65.6 | 0.5 |
| Saguenay | 13.7 | 12.1 | 12.8 | (0.9) | 52.6 | 52.0 | 52.1 | (0.5) | 60.9 | 59.2 | 59.8 | (1.1) |
| Québec | 7.0 | 8.7 | 8.3 | 1.3 | 61.2 | 60.3 | 61.3 | 0.1 | 65.9 | 66.0 | 66.8 | 0.9 |
| Trois-Rivières | 12.0 | 9.9 | 10.2 | (1.8) | 52.9 | 56.4 | 56.3 | 3.4 | 59.9 | 62.6 | 62.8 | 2.9 |
| Sherbrooke | 8.8 | 7.8 | 7.3 | (1.5) | 58.2 | 60.5 | 60.3 | 2.1 | 63.8 | 65.5 | 65.1 | 1.3 |
| Montréal | 9.1 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 0.6 | 60.7 | 61.3 | 61.1 | 0.4 | 66.7 | 67.7 | 67.7 | 1.0 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.5 | (0.7) | 63.7 | 65.4 | 66.1 | 2.4 | 68.6 | 70.3 | 70.8 | 2.2 |
| Sudbury | 10.7 | 8.6 | 8.0 | (2.7) | 55.1 | 55.9 | 57.2 | 2.1 | 61.7 | 61.0 | 62.1 | 0.4 |
| Oshawa | 7.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | (2.7) | 63.6 | 68.0 | 68.6 | 5.0 | 69.1 | 71.7 | 72.3 | 3.2 |
| Toronto | 7.0 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 64.4 | 64.5 | 64.6 | 0.2 | 69.3 | 69.6 | 69.7 | 0.4 |
| Hamilton | 7.5 | 6.2 | 5.6 | (1.9) | 60.6 | 63.6 | 63.3 | 2.7 | 65.5 | 67.8 | 67.0 | 1.5 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 8.3 | 7.7 | 7.2 | (1.1) | 56.9 | 58.1 | 58.2 | 1.3 | 62.2 | 62.9 | 62.8 | 0.6 |
| London | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.1 | (0.5) | 59.1 | 61.5 | 61.6 | 2.5 | 63.9 | 66.1 | 66.3 | 2.4 |
| Windsor | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.3 | (0.2) | 61.2 | 61.7 | 61.4 | 0.2 | 66.9 | 67.2 | 66.9 | - |
| Kitchener | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 63.7 | 65.5 | 65.5 | 1.8 | 67.7 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 2.3 |
| Thunder Bay | 7.8 | 5.5 | 6.1 | (1.7) | 57.8 | 64.7 | 63.9 | 6.1 | 62.8 | 68.5 | 68.1 | 5.3 |
| Winnipeg | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.5 | (0.5) | 65.9 | 66.1 | 66.3 | 0.4 | 70.1 | 70.2 | 70.2 | 0.1 |
| Regina | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 0.4 | 68.9 | 66.7 | 66.7 | (2.2) | 72.9 | 71.3 | 70.8 | (2.1) |
| Saskatoon | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 | - | 62.8 | 64.7 | 65.0 | 2.2 | 67.0 | 69.0 | 69.2 | 2.2 |
| Calgary | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 71.4 | 69.8 | 70.0 | (1.4) | 75.6 | 74.3 | 74.3 | (1.3) |
| Edmonton | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 66.1 | 67.1 | 67.2 | 1.1 | 69.8 | 70.9 | 71.1 | 1.3 |
| Vancouver | 8.2 | 7.4 | 7.3 | (0.9) | 60.0 | 61.4 | 61.7 | 1.7 | 65.3 | 66.3 | 66.5 | 1.2 |
| Victoria | 7.6 | 6.0 | 5.8 | (1.8) | 58.4 | 58.7 | 58.9 | 0.5 | 63.1 | 62.5 | 62.4 | (0.7) |

Employment Situation May 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - May 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,904.0 | 25,178.1 | 25,206.3 | 302.3 | 24,904.0 | 25,178.1 | 25,206.3 | 302.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,785.4 | 16,819.2 | 17,178.2 | 392.8 | 16,625.3 | 16,978.8 | 17,020.1 | 394.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,469.0 | 15,478.7 | 15,799.6 | 330.6 | 15,338.4 | 15,698.2 | 15,685.1 | 346.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,316.4 | 1,340.5 | 1,378.6 | 62.2 | 1,286.8 | 1,280.6 | 1,335.0 | 48.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0.2 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.4 | 66.8 | 68.2 | 0.8 | 66.8 | 67.4 | 67.5 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.1 | 61.5 | 62.7 | 0.6 | 61.6 | 62.3 | 62.2 | 0.6 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 754.7 | 759.0 | 759.4 | 4.7 | 754.7 | 759.0 | 759.4 | 4.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 483.0 | 473.0 | 485.7 | 2.7 | 477.2 | 480.2 | 479.3 | 2.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 434.9 | 427.2 | 440.9 | 6.0 | 430.7 | 439.0 | 436.6 | 5.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 48.1 | 45.8 | 44.8 | (3.3) | 46.5 | 41.2 | 42.8 | (3.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.2 | (0.8) | 9.7 | 8.6 | 8.9 | (0.8) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.0 | 62.3 | 64.0 | - | 63.2 | 63.3 | 63.1 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.6 | 56.3 | 58.1 | 0.5 | 57.1 | 57.8 | 57.5 | 0.4 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 438.9 | 439.4 | 439.2 | 0.3 | 438.9 | 439.4 | 439.2 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 265.9 | 254.9 | 267.7 | 1.8 | 257.7 | 263.4 | 261.4 | 3.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 216.5 | 205.1 | 220.5 | 4.0 | 214.4 | 217.8 | 218.4 | 4.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 49.3 | 49.8 | 47.2 | (2.1) | 43.3 | 45.6 | 43.0 | (0.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 18.5 | 19.5 | 17.6 | (0.9) | 16.8 | 17.3 | 16.4 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.6 | 58.0 | 61.0 | 0.4 | 58.7 | 59.9 | 59.5 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 49.3 | 46.7 | 50.2 | 0.9 | 48.8 | 49.6 | 49.7 | 0.9 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.6 | 113.0 | 113.2 | 1.6 | 111.6 | 113.0 | 113.2 | 1.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 77.9 | 75.9 | 79.6 | 1.7 | 75.2 | 77.3 | 77.2 | 2.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 70.2 | 63.3 | 71.4 | 1.2 | 66.6 | 67.4 | 67.8 | 1.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.6 | 12.7 | 8.2 | 0.6 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.8 | 16.7 | 10.3 | 0.5 | 11.4 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 0.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 67.2 | 70.3 | 0.5 | 67.4 | 68.4 | 68.2 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.9 | 56.0 | 63.1 | 0.2 | 59.7 | 59.6 | 59.9 | 0.2 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

Employment Situation - May 2003 Canada/Provinces

New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 606.9 | 608.6 | 609.0 | 2.1 | 606.9 | 608.6 | 609.0 | 2.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 390.1 | 377.5 | 390.4 | 0.3 | 383.3 | 385.8 | 383.4 | 0.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 349.2 | 330.4 | 338.9 | (10.3) | 345.9 | 346.1 | 337.5 | (8.4) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 40.9 | 47.1 | 51.5 | 10.6 | 37.4 | 39.8 | 45.9 | 8.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.5 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 2.7 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 12.0 | 2.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.3 | 62.0 | 64.1 | (0.2) | 63.2 | 63.4 | 63.0 | (0.2) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.5 | 54.3 | 55.6 | (1.9) | 57.0 | 56.9 | 55.4 | (1.6) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,028.5 | 6,070.9 | 6,075.1 | 46.6 | 6,028.5 | 6,070.9 | 6,075.1 | 46.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,963.3 | 3,983.7 | 4,042.8 | 79.5 | 3,932.2 | 4,010.1 | 4,010.3 | 78.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,634.6 | 3,595.5 | 3,663.6 | 29.0 | 3,604.1 | 3,646.8 | 3,637.5 | 33.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 328.7 | 388.2 | 379.2 | 50.5 | 328.1 | 363.4 | 372.8 | 44.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 | 1.1 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.7 | 65.6 | 66.5 | 0.8 | 65.2 | 66.1 | 66.0 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.3 | 59.2 | 60.3 | - | 59.8 | 60.1 | 59.9 | 0.1 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,605.2 | 9,747.5 | 9,762.1 | 156.9 | 9,605.2 | 9,747.5 | 9,762.1 | 156.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,548.5 | 6,591.1 | 6,748.1 | 199.6 | 6,484.6 | 6,661.3 | 6,685.0 | 200.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,076.7 | 6,142.9 | 6,251.3 | 174.6 | 6,030.6 | 6,210.5 | 6,209.6 | 179.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 471.8 | 448.2 | 496.8 | 25.0 | 454.1 | 450.8 | 475.4 | 21.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.2 | 67.6 | 69.1 | 0.9 | 67.5 | 68.3 | 68.5 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.3 | 63.0 | 64.0 | 0.7 | 62.8 | 63.7 | 63.6 | 0.8 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 864.3 | 866.2 | 866.8 | 2.5 | 864.3 | 866.2 | 866.8 | 2.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 598.1 | 592.8 | 602.4 | 4.3 | 595.3 | 596.2 | 598.9 | 3.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 568.9 | 564.4 | 577.3 | 8.4 | 564.0 | 570.3 | 572.0 | 8.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 29.2 | 28.5 | 25.1 | (4.1) | 31.3 | 25.9 | 26.9 | (4.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.2 | (0.7) | 5.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | (0.8) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.2 | 68.4 | 69.5 | 0.3 | 68.9 | 68.8 | 69.1 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.8 | 65.2 | 66.6 | 0.8 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 66.0 | 0.7 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

Employment Situation - May 2003 Canada/Provinces

Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 759.8 | 756.3 | 755.9 | (3.9) | 759.8 | 756.3 | 755.9 | (3.9) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 518.0 | 508.2 | 524.1 | 6.1 | 509.5 | 515.2 | 516.6 | 7.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 486.1 | 477.2 | 493.7 | 7.6 | 480.0 | 487.3 | 488.1 | 8.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 31.9 | 31.0 | 30.4 | (1.5) | 29.5 | 27.9 | 28.5 | (1.0) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | (0.4) | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.5 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.2 | 67.2 | 69.3 | 1.1 | 67.1 | 68.1 | 68.3 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.0 | 63.1 | 65.3 | 1.3 | 63.2 | 64.4 | 64.6 | 1.4 |

Alberta

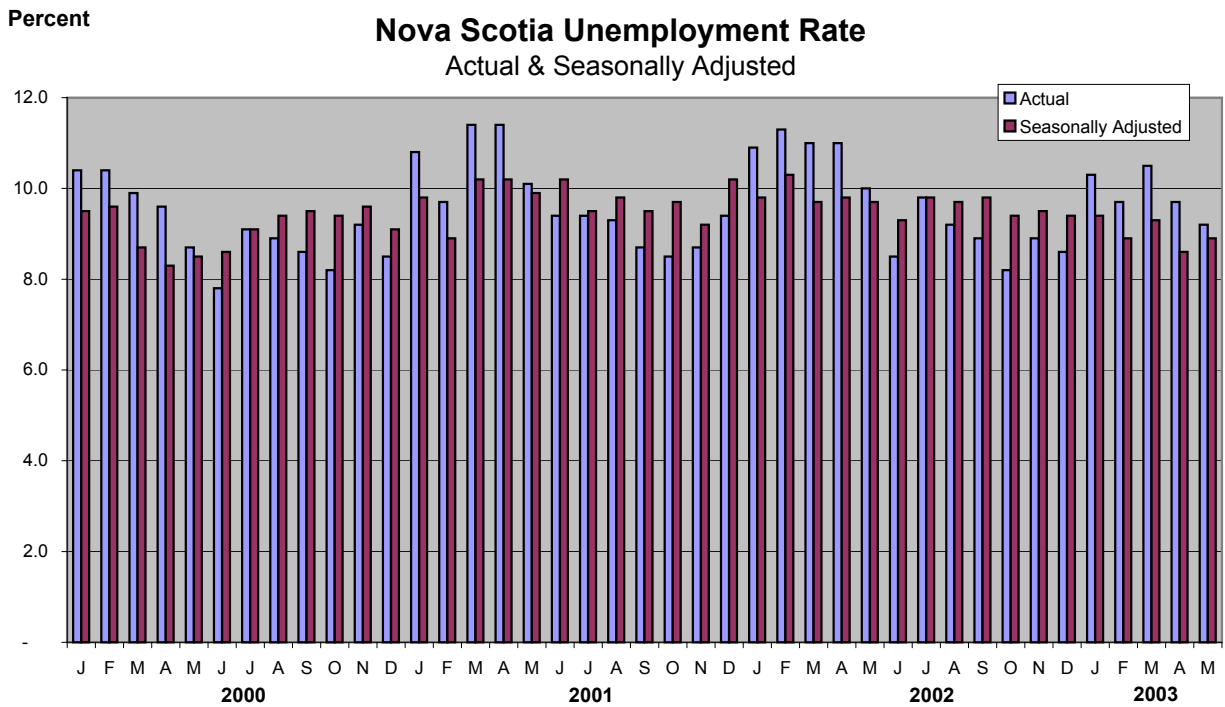
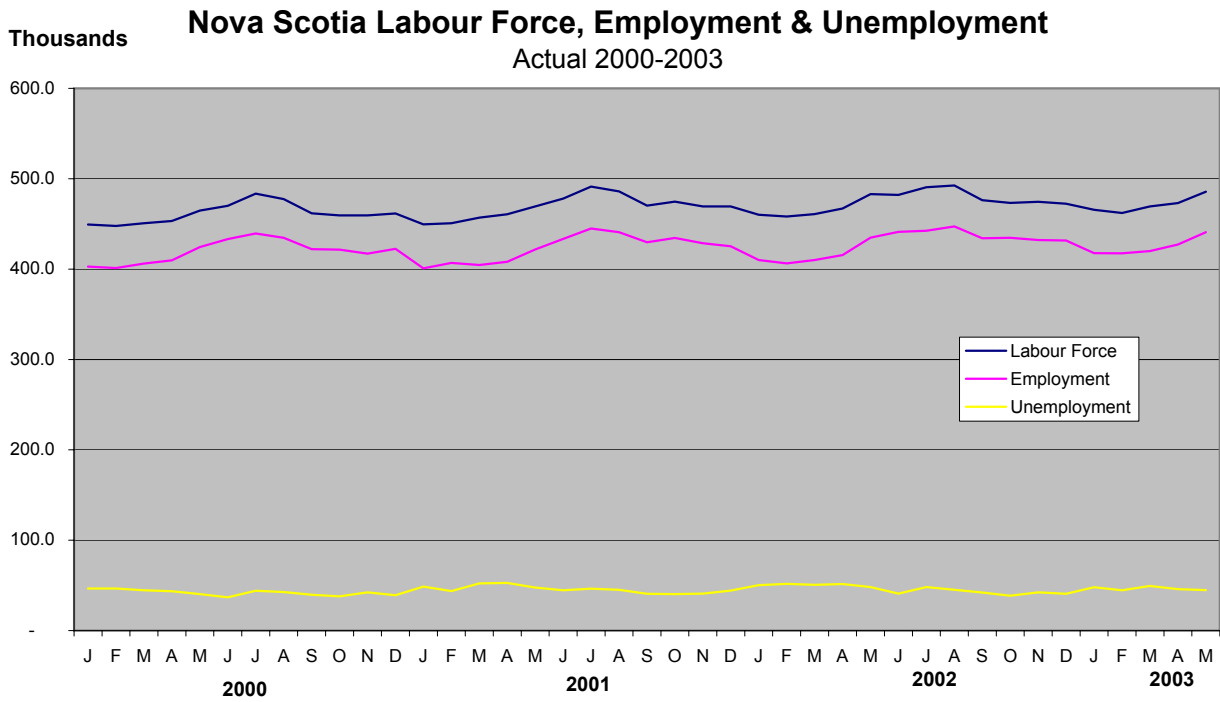
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,414.3 | 2,461.6 | 2,465.9 | 51.6 | 2,414.3 | 2,461.6 | 2,465.9 | 51.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,777.6 | 1,786.7 | 1,832.1 | 54.5 | 1,762.0 | 1,799.8 | 1,814.8 | 52.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,670.0 | 1,678.9 | 1,726.4 | 56.4 | 1,657.5 | 1,700.7 | 1,713.2 | 55.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 107.5 | 107.8 | 105.7 | (1.8) | 104.5 | 99.0 | 101.6 | (2.9) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | (0.2) | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.6 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 73.6 | 72.6 | 74.3 | 0.7 | 73.0 | 73.1 | 73.6 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 69.2 | 68.2 | 70.0 | 0.8 | 68.7 | 69.1 | 69.5 | 0.8 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,319.8 | 3,355.7 | 3,359.8 | 40.0 | 3,319.8 | 3,355.7 | 3,359.8 | 40.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,163.0 | 2,175.4 | 2,205.2 | 42.2 | 2,148.4 | 2,189.5 | 2,193.2 | 44.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,961.8 | 1,993.9 | 2,015.6 | 53.8 | 1,944.8 | 2,012.3 | 2,004.5 | 59.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 201.2 | 181.5 | 189.6 | (11.6) | 203.6 | 177.2 | 188.7 | (14.9) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.3 | 8.3 | 8.6 | (0.7) | 9.5 | 8.1 | 8.6 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.2 | 64.8 | 65.6 | 0.4 | 64.7 | 65.2 | 65.3 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.1 | 59.4 | 60.0 | 0.9 | 58.6 | 60.0 | 59.7 | 1.1 |

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Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.



Employment Situation - May 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,873.2 | 25,149.7 | 25,176.8 | 303.6 | 754.4 | 758.6 | 759.0 | 4.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,511.1 | 16,757.5 | 16,913.6 | 402.5 | 470.2 | 468.2 | 476.0 | 5.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,181.4 | 15,426.1 | 15,567.4 | 386.0 | 420.2 | 421.5 | 429.3 | 9.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,329.7 | 1,331.4 | 1,346.1 | 16.4 | 50.1 | 46.7 | 46.7 | (3.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 7.9 | 8.0 | (0.1) | 10.7 | 10.0 | 9.8 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.4 | 66.6 | 67.2 | 0.8 | 62.3 | 61.7 | 62.7 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.0 | 61.3 | 61.8 | 0.8 | 55.7 | 55.6 | 56.6 | 0.9 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.4 | 101.9 | 101.9 | 0.5 | 120.9 | 120.0 | 119.9 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 62.3 | 62.1 | 62.4 | 0.1 | 64.5 | 60.9 | 62.6 | (1.9) |
| Employment ('000) | 55.9 | 55.9 | 56.5 | 0.6 | 54.1 | 51.2 | 52.5 | (1.6) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.9 | (0.5) | 10.4 | 9.7 | 10.1 | (0.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.3 | 9.8 | 9.5 | (0.8) | 16.1 | 15.9 | 16.1 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.4 | 60.9 | 61.2 | (0.2) | 53.3 | 50.8 | 52.2 | (1.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 55.1 | 54.9 | 55.4 | 0.3 | 44.7 | 42.7 | 43.8 | (0.9) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 295.2 | 299.2 | 299.5 | 4.3 | 283.3 | 287.2 | 287.5 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 203.6 | 202.4 | 205.0 | 1.4 | 197.9 | 196.9 | 199.1 | 1.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 187.6 | 187.5 | 190.3 | 2.7 | 182.2 | 182.3 | 184.7 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 16.0 | 15.0 | 14.7 | (1.3) | 15.7 | 14.6 | 14.4 | (1.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.9 | 7.4 | 7.2 | (0.7) | 7.9 | 7.4 | 7.2 | (0.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.0 | 67.6 | 68.4 | (0.6) | 69.9 | 68.6 | 69.3 | (0.6) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.6 | 62.7 | 63.5 | (0.1) | 64.3 | 63.5 | 64.2 | (0.1) |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.0 | 133.2 | 133.2 | 0.2 | 104.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 77.3 | 79.8 | 81.5 | 4.2 | 62.6 | 62.9 | 64.4 | 1.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 67.4 | 71.5 | 72.9 | 5.5 | 55.2 | 55.3 | 57.1 | 1.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 9.9 | 8.3 | 8.7 | (1.2) | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.3 | (0.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.8 | 10.4 | 10.7 | (2.1) | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.3 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 58.1 | 59.9 | 61.2 | 3.1 | 60.2 | 60.3 | 61.7 | 1.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 50.7 | 53.7 | 54.7 | 4.0 | 53.1 | 53.0 | 54.7 | 1.6 |

Employment Situation - May 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| | Canada | 15,338.4 | 15,698.2 | 15,685.1 | 346.7 | 12,486.8 | 12,768.7 | 12,749.1 | 262.3 | 2,851.6 | 2,929.6 | 2,936.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 214.4 | 217.8 | 218.4 | 4.0 | 181.6 | 180.9 | 183.9 | 2.3 | 32.7 | 36.9 | 34.5 | 1.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 66.6 | 67.4 | 67.8 | 1.2 | 56.5 | 57.0 | 56.7 | 0.2 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 430.7 | 439.0 | 436.6 | 5.9 | 351.0 | 356.9 | 357.8 | 6.8 | 79.7 | 82.2 | 78.8 | (0.9) |
| New Brunswick | 345.9 | 346.1 | 337.5 | (8.4) | 292.5 | 292.5 | 285.1 | (7.4) | 53.4 | 53.6 | 52.4 | (1.0) |
| Quebec | 3,604.1 | 3,646.8 | 3,637.5 | 33.4 | 2,962.9 | 2,981.1 | 2,970.4 | 7.5 | 641.2 | 665.7 | 667.1 | 25.9 |
| Ontario | 6,030.6 | 6,210.5 | 6,209.6 | 179.0 | 4,943.0 | 5,081.9 | 5,060.3 | 117.3 | 1,087.5 | 1,128.7 | 1,149.3 | 61.8 |
| Manitoba | 564.0 | 570.3 | 572.0 | 8.0 | 447.0 | 456.2 | 457.2 | 10.2 | 117.0 | 114.1 | 114.7 | (2.3) |
| Saskatchewan | 480.0 | 487.3 | 488.1 | 8.1 | 380.8 | 391.7 | 391.3 | 10.5 | 99.2 | 95.6 | 96.8 | (2.4) |
| Alberta | 1,657.5 | 1,700.7 | 1,713.2 | 55.7 | 1,360.5 | 1,404.4 | 1,407.3 | 46.8 | 297.0 | 296.3 | 305.9 | 8.9 |
| British Columbia | 1,944.8 | 2,012.3 | 2,004.5 | 59.7 | 1,511.5 | 1,566.4 | 1,579.7 | 68.2 | 433.3 | 445.9 | 424.8 | (8.5) |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| | Canada | 15,469.0 | 15,478.7 | 15,799.6 | 330.6 | 12,614.9 | 12,479.9 | 12,855.5 | 240.6 | 2,854.0 | 2,998.8 | 2,944.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 216.5 | 205.1 | 220.5 | 4.0 | 182.9 | 167.7 | 184.7 | 1.8 | 33.6 | 37.4 | 35.8 | 2.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 70.2 | 63.3 | 71.4 | 1.2 | 59.6 | 52.2 | 59.7 | 0.1 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 11.7 | 1.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 434.9 | 427.2 | 440.9 | 6.0 | 357.3 | 344.6 | 364.8 | 7.5 | 77.6 | 82.6 | 76.1 | (1.5) |
| New Brunswick | 349.2 | 330.4 | 338.9 | (10.3) | 294.9 | 275.3 | 285.5 | (9.4) | 54.3 | 55.1 | 53.4 | (0.9) |
| Quebec | 3,634.6 | 3,595.5 | 3,663.6 | 29.0 | 2,993.5 | 2,905.3 | 2,995.7 | 2.2 | 641.0 | 690.2 | 667.9 | 26.9 |
| Ontario | 6,076.7 | 6,142.9 | 6,251.3 | 174.6 | 4,993.5 | 4,997.9 | 5,097.6 | 104.1 | 1,083.2 | 1,145.0 | 1,153.7 | 70.5 |
| Manitoba | 568.9 | 564.4 | 577.3 | 8.4 | 451.8 | 446.4 | 462.1 | 10.3 | 117.1 | 117.9 | 115.2 | (1.9) |
| Saskatchewan | 486.1 | 477.2 | 493.7 | 7.6 | 389.2 | 379.5 | 398.0 | 8.8 | 96.9 | 97.7 | 95.7 | (1.2) |
| Alberta | 1,670.0 | 1,678.9 | 1,726.4 | 56.4 | 1,373.9 | 1,367.7 | 1,420.3 | 46.4 | 296.1 | 311.2 | 306.1 | 10.0 |
| British Columbia | 1,961.8 | 1,993.9 | 2,015.6 | 53.8 | 1,518.3 | 1,543.3 | 1,587.0 | 68.7 | 443.5 | 450.6 | 428.6 | (14.9) |

Employment Situation - May 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,733.1 | 2,781.8 | 2,793.1 | 60.0 | 2,344.6 | 2,409.3 | 2,406.6 | 62.0 | 14.2 | 13.4 | 13.8 | (0.4) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 39.1 | 42.1 | 41.1 | 2.0 | 28.7 | 31.3 | 31.8 | 3.1 | 26.6 | 25.7 | 22.9 | (3.7) |
| Prince Edward Island | 13.8 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 0.4 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 0.2 | 17.4 | 16.2 | 17.6 | 0.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 79.4 | 82.6 | 81.3 | 1.9 | 65.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 | 3.2 | 17.9 | 14.2 | 15.9 | (2.0) |
| New Brunswick | 65.7 | 63.7 | 59.7 | (6.0) | 56.1 | 52.9 | 49.3 | (6.8) | 14.6 | 17.0 | 17.4 | 2.8 |
| Quebec | 644.4 | 642.2 | 639.9 | (4.5) | 558.1 | 553.3 | 548.9 | (9.2) | 13.4 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 0.8 |
| Ontario | 1,035.6 | 1,065.0 | 1,074.6 | 39.0 | 885.2 | 915.6 | 922.3 | 37.1 | 14.5 | 14.0 | 14.2 | (0.3) |
| Manitoba | 109.6 | 107.1 | 108.8 | (0.8) | 97.7 | 98.1 | 98.3 | 0.6 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 9.7 | (1.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 95.0 | 95.9 | 96.8 | 1.8 | 83.8 | 87.1 | 86.1 | 2.3 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 11.1 | (0.7) |
| Alberta | 323.1 | 327.4 | 339.0 | 15.9 | 283.7 | 295.5 | 302.0 | 18.3 | 12.2 | 9.7 | 10.9 | (1.3) |
| British Columbia | 327.3 | 341.5 | 337.7 | 10.4 | 274.7 | 292.8 | 288.0 | 13.3 | 16.1 | 14.3 | 14.7 | (1.4) |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,823.1 | 2,624.9 | 2,880.7 | 57.6 | 2,383.2 | 2,252.7 | 2,436.8 | 53.6 | 15.6 | 14.2 | 15.4 | (0.2) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 41.3 | 37.0 | 41.7 | 0.4 | 27.5 | 27.1 | 30.0 | 2.5 | 33.4 | 26.5 | 28.1 | (5.3) |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.8 | 12.7 | 15.1 | 0.3 | 12.3 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 0.2 | 16.9 | 20.5 | 17.9 | 1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 82.1 | 76.7 | 84.5 | 2.4 | 65.3 | 64.3 | 68.5 | 3.2 | 20.3 | 16.2 | 18.9 | (1.4) |
| New Brunswick | 68.4 | 57.9 | 61.9 | (6.5) | 56.8 | 46.5 | 49.2 | (7.6) | 17.0 | 19.5 | 20.5 | 3.5 |
| Quebec | 651.7 | 605.4 | 648.0 | (3.7) | 558.5 | 517.9 | 548.3 | (10.2) | 14.3 | 14.4 | 15.4 | 1.1 |
| Ontario | 1,082.4 | 1,000.0 | 1,122.0 | 39.6 | 903.1 | 850.4 | 938.1 | 35.0 | 16.6 | 15.0 | 16.4 | (0.2) |
| Manitoba | 111.4 | 102.4 | 110.7 | (0.7) | 99.9 | 92.8 | 100.5 | 0.6 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 9.2 | (1.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 99.9 | 89.0 | 101.1 | 1.2 | 86.1 | 79.8 | 87.8 | 1.7 | 13.8 | 10.3 | 13.2 | (0.6) |
| Alberta | 331.8 | 313.3 | 349.6 | 17.8 | 289.5 | 281.0 | 308.8 | 19.3 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 11.7 | (1.1) |
| British Columbia | 339.2 | 330.7 | 346.1 | 6.9 | 284.2 | 282.7 | 293.2 | 9.0 | 16.2 | 14.5 | 15.3 | (0.9) |

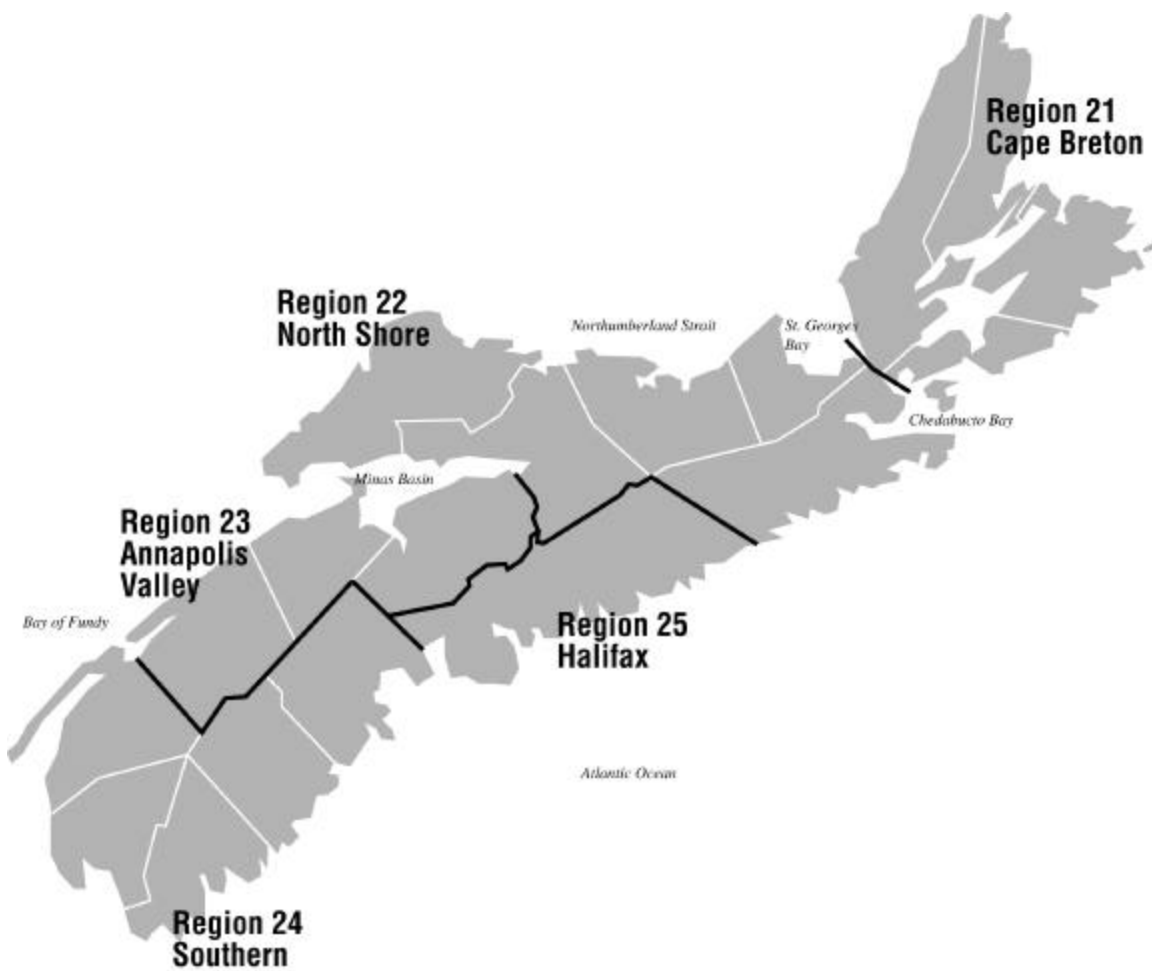
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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change | May 2002 | Apr 2003 | May 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and | 8.4 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 0.7 | 61.4 | 62.3 | 62.6 | 1.2 | 67.1 | 68.6 | 68.9 | 1.8 |
| Halifax | 7.9 | 7.4 | 7.2 | (0.7) | 64.3 | 63.5 | 64.2 | (0.1) | 69.9 | 68.6 | 69.3 | (0.6) |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 10.0 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 0.8 | 59.7 | 58.6 | 58.0 | (1.7) | 66.2 | 65.6 | 65.1 | (1.1) |
| Saguenay | 13.1 | 12.8 | 12.6 | (0.5) | 52.2 | 52.1 | 52.6 | 0.4 | 60.1 | 59.8 | 60.1 | - |
| Québec | 6.4 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 63.0 | 61.3 | 62.5 | (0.5) | 67.4 | 66.8 | 67.5 | 0.1 |
| Trois-Rivières | 10.7 | 10.2 | 10.0 | (0.7) | 54.4 | 56.3 | 57.2 | 2.8 | 60.8 | 62.8 | 63.6 | 2.8 |
| Sherbrooke | 8.2 | 7.3 | 6.3 | (1.9) | 59.1 | 60.3 | 60.8 | 1.7 | 64.3 | 65.1 | 64.9 | 0.6 |
| Montréal | 8.7 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 1.4 | 61.3 | 61.1 | 61.1 | (0.2) | 67.1 | 67.7 | 68.0 | 0.9 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | (0.6) | 63.8 | 66.1 | 67.2 | 3.4 | 68.6 | 70.8 | 71.8 | 3.2 |
| Sudbury | 9.9 | 8.0 | 7.5 | (2.4) | 56.3 | 57.2 | 58.1 | 1.8 | 62.5 | 62.1 | 62.8 | 0.3 |
| Oshawa | 7.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 | (2.2) | 63.8 | 68.6 | 69.6 | 5.8 | 68.9 | 72.3 | 73.5 | 4.6 |
| Toronto | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 64.5 | 64.6 | 64.5 | - | 69.5 | 69.7 | 69.9 | 0.4 |
| Hamilton | 7.9 | 5.6 | 5.9 | (2.0) | 61.3 | 63.3 | 63.2 | 1.9 | 66.5 | 67.0 | 67.2 | 0.7 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 8.2 | 7.2 | 6.5 | (1.7) | 57.9 | 58.2 | 59.4 | 1.5 | 63.1 | 62.8 | 63.5 | 0.4 |
| London | 8.1 | 7.1 | 7.6 | (0.5) | 60.0 | 61.6 | 62.2 | 2.2 | 65.2 | 66.3 | 67.3 | 2.1 |
| Windsor | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7.5 | (0.8) | 61.6 | 61.4 | 61.7 | 0.1 | 67.2 | 66.9 | 66.6 | (0.6) |
| Kitchener | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 64.6 | 65.5 | 66.2 | 1.6 | 68.3 | 70.0 | 70.5 | 2.2 |
| Thunder Bay | 7.5 | 6.1 | 6.8 | (0.7) | 58.5 | 63.9 | 63.9 | 5.4 | 63.2 | 68.1 | 68.7 | 5.5 |
| Winnipeg | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.8 | (0.8) | 66.4 | 66.3 | 67.1 | 0.7 | 70.3 | 70.2 | 70.4 | 0.1 |
| Regina | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 | (0.1) | 68.7 | 66.7 | 67.2 | (1.5) | 73.0 | 70.8 | 71.3 | (1.7) |
| Saskatoon | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | (0.2) | 63.9 | 65.0 | 66.2 | 2.3 | 68.2 | 69.2 | 70.4 | 2.2 |
| Calgary | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 | (0.1) | 71.1 | 70.0 | 70.4 | (0.7) | 75.7 | 74.3 | 74.8 | (0.9) |
| Edmonton | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 67.3 | 67.2 | 67.7 | 0.4 | 71.3 | 71.1 | 71.9 | 0.6 |
| Vancouver | 8.3 | 7.3 | 7.2 | (1.1) | 60.7 | 61.7 | 61.7 | 1.0 | 66.2 | 66.5 | 66.5 | 0.3 |
| Victoria | 6.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | (0.7) | 58.5 | 58.9 | 58.9 | 0.4 | 62.9 | 62.4 | 62.8 | (0.1) |

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

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| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
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| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - June 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,932.2 | 25,206.3 | 25,239.6 | 307.4 | 24,932.2 | 25,206.3 | 25,239.6 | 307.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,921.3 | 17,178.2 | 17,319.3 | 398.0 | 16,653.6 | 17,020.1 | 17,042.5 | 388.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,723.9 | 15,799.6 | 16,074.6 | 350.7 | 15,401.2 | 15,685.1 | 15,733.9 | 332.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,197.4 | 1,378.6 | 1,244.7 | 47.3 | 1,252.4 | 1,335.0 | 1,308.6 | 56.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.1 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.9 | 68.2 | 68.6 | 0.7 | 66.8 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.1 | 62.7 | 63.7 | 0.6 | 61.8 | 62.2 | 62.3 | 0.5 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 755.4 | 759.4 | 759.6 | 4.2 | 755.4 | 759.4 | 759.6 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 482.1 | 485.7 | 490.7 | 8.6 | 472.8 | 479.3 | 481.6 | 8.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 441.2 | 440.9 | 451.4 | 10.2 | 428.7 | 436.6 | 439.3 | 10.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 40.9 | 44.8 | 39.3 | (1.6) | 44.1 | 42.8 | 42.3 | (1.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.5 | 9.2 | 8.0 | (0.5) | 9.3 | 8.9 | 8.8 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.8 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 0.8 | 62.6 | 63.1 | 63.4 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.4 | 58.1 | 59.4 | 1.0 | 56.8 | 57.5 | 57.8 | 1.0 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 438.7 | 439.2 | 438.7 | - | 438.7 | 439.2 | 438.7 | - |
| Labour Force ('000) | 271.5 | 267.7 | 275.7 | 4.2 | 259.2 | 261.4 | 257.8 | (1.4) |
| Employment ('000) | 229.5 | 220.5 | 238.0 | 8.5 | 218.0 | 218.4 | 218.2 | 0.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 42.0 | 47.2 | 37.7 | (4.3) | 41.1 | 43.0 | 39.7 | (1.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 15.5 | 17.6 | 13.7 | (1.8) | 15.9 | 16.4 | 15.4 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 61.9 | 61.0 | 62.8 | 0.9 | 59.1 | 59.5 | 58.8 | (0.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 52.3 | 50.2 | 54.3 | 2.0 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | - |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.7 | 113.2 | 113.3 | 1.6 | 111.7 | 113.2 | 113.3 | 1.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 79.1 | 79.6 | 82.2 | 3.1 | 75.8 | 77.2 | 77.8 | 2.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 72.7 | 71.4 | 77.3 | 4.6 | 66.7 | 67.8 | 70.3 | 3.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 6.4 | 8.2 | 4.9 | (1.5) | 9.2 | 9.4 | 7.5 | (1.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 10.3 | 6.0 | (2.1) | 12.1 | 12.2 | 9.6 | (2.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.8 | 70.3 | 72.6 | 1.8 | 67.9 | 68.2 | 68.7 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.1 | 63.1 | 68.2 | 3.1 | 59.7 | 59.9 | 62.0 | 2.3 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 607.2 | 609.0 | 609.3 | 2.1 | 607.2 | 609.0 | 609.3 | 2.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 394.6 | 390.4 | 400.1 | 5.5 | 381.3 | 383.4 | 384.4 | 3.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 360.3 | 338.9 | 362.1 | 1.8 | 344.6 | 337.5 | 343.7 | (0.9) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 34.3 | 51.5 | 38.0 | 3.7 | 36.7 | 45.9 | 40.7 | 4.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.7 | 13.2 | 9.5 | 0.8 | 9.6 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.0 | 64.1 | 65.7 | 0.7 | 62.8 | 63.0 | 63.1 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.3 | 55.6 | 59.4 | 0.1 | 56.8 | 55.4 | 56.4 | (0.4) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,031.9 | 6,075.1 | 6,080.6 | 48.7 | 6,031.9 | 6,075.1 | 6,080.6 | 48.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 4,018.1 | 4,042.8 | 4,096.9 | 78.8 | 3,932.7 | 4,010.3 | 4,003.3 | 70.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,707.2 | 3,663.6 | 3,753.3 | 46.1 | 3,611.3 | 3,637.5 | 3,647.8 | 36.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 310.9 | 379.2 | 343.7 | 32.8 | 321.3 | 372.8 | 355.5 | 34.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 9.4 | 8.4 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 0.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.6 | 66.5 | 67.4 | 0.8 | 65.2 | 66.0 | 65.8 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.5 | 60.3 | 61.7 | 0.2 | 59.9 | 59.9 | 60.0 | 0.1 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,620.7 | 9,762.1 | 9,778.4 | 157.7 | 9,620.7 | 9,762.1 | 9,778.4 | 157.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,570.0 | 6,748.1 | 6,786.0 | 216.0 | 6,498.2 | 6,685.0 | 6,720.8 | 222.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,128.5 | 6,251.3 | 6,312.2 | 183.7 | 6,039.1 | 6,209.6 | 6,226.8 | 187.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 441.4 | 496.8 | 473.8 | 32.4 | 459.2 | 475.4 | 493.9 | 34.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.3 | 69.1 | 69.4 | 1.1 | 67.5 | 68.5 | 68.7 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.7 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 0.9 | 62.8 | 63.6 | 63.7 | 0.9 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 864.6 | 866.8 | 867.8 | 3.2 | 864.6 | 866.8 | 867.8 | 3.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 606.4 | 602.4 | 604.6 | (1.8) | 597.6 | 598.9 | 596.9 | (0.7) |
| Employment ('000) | 580.6 | 577.3 | 579.9 | (0.7) | 568.5 | 572.0 | 569.5 | 1.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 25.8 | 25.1 | 24.6 | (1.2) | 29.1 | 26.9 | 27.4 | (1.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.1 | (0.2) | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.6 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.1 | 69.5 | 69.7 | (0.4) | 69.1 | 69.1 | 68.8 | (0.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.2 | 66.6 | 66.8 | (0.4) | 65.8 | 66.0 | 65.6 | (0.2) |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 759.6 | 755.9 | 755.9 | (3.7) | 759.6 | 755.9 | 755.9 | (3.7) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 519.6 | 524.1 | 527.0 | 7.4 | 509.2 | 516.6 | 516.4 | 7.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 494.3 | 493.7 | 501.5 | 7.2 | 482.3 | 488.1 | 488.7 | 6.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 25.3 | 30.4 | 25.6 | 0.3 | 26.9 | 28.5 | 27.6 | 0.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.9 | - | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.3 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.4 | 69.3 | 69.7 | 1.3 | 67.0 | 68.3 | 68.3 | 1.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.1 | 65.3 | 66.3 | 1.2 | 63.5 | 64.6 | 64.7 | 1.2 |

Alberta

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,418.7 | 2,465.9 | 2,471.7 | 53.0 | 2,418.7 | 2,465.9 | 2,471.7 | 53.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,789.8 | 1,832.1 | 1,842.9 | 53.1 | 1,765.3 | 1,814.8 | 1,815.9 | 50.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,698.8 | 1,726.4 | 1,756.3 | 57.5 | 1,667.9 | 1,713.2 | 1,722.9 | 55.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 91.0 | 105.7 | 86.6 | (4.4) | 97.4 | 101.6 | 92.9 | (4.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.1 | 5.8 | 4.7 | (0.4) | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 74.0 | 74.3 | 74.6 | 0.6 | 73.0 | 73.6 | 73.5 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 70.2 | 70.0 | 71.1 | 0.9 | 69.0 | 69.5 | 69.7 | 0.7 |

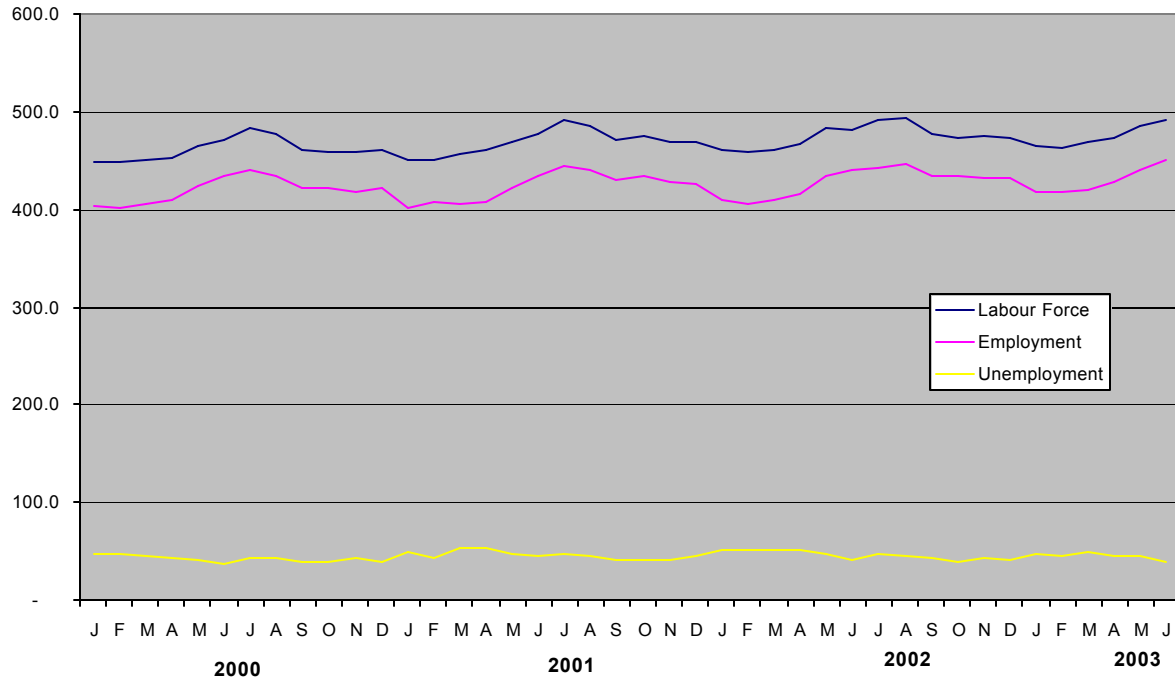
British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,323.7 | 3,359.8 | 3,364.3 | 40.6 | 3,323.7 | 3,359.8 | 3,364.3 | 40.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,190.1 | 2,205.2 | 2,213.1 | 23.0 | 2,161.5 | 2,193.2 | 2,187.7 | 26.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 2,010.7 | 2,015.6 | 2,042.5 | 31.8 | 1,974.1 | 2,004.5 | 2,006.6 | 32.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 179.4 | 189.6 | 170.6 | (8.8) | 187.4 | 188.7 | 181.1 | (6.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.2 | 8.6 | 7.7 | (0.5) | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.3 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.9 | 65.6 | 65.8 | (0.1) | 65.0 | 65.3 | 65.0 | - |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.5 | 60.0 | 60.7 | 0.2 | 59.4 | 59.7 | 59.6 | 0.2 |

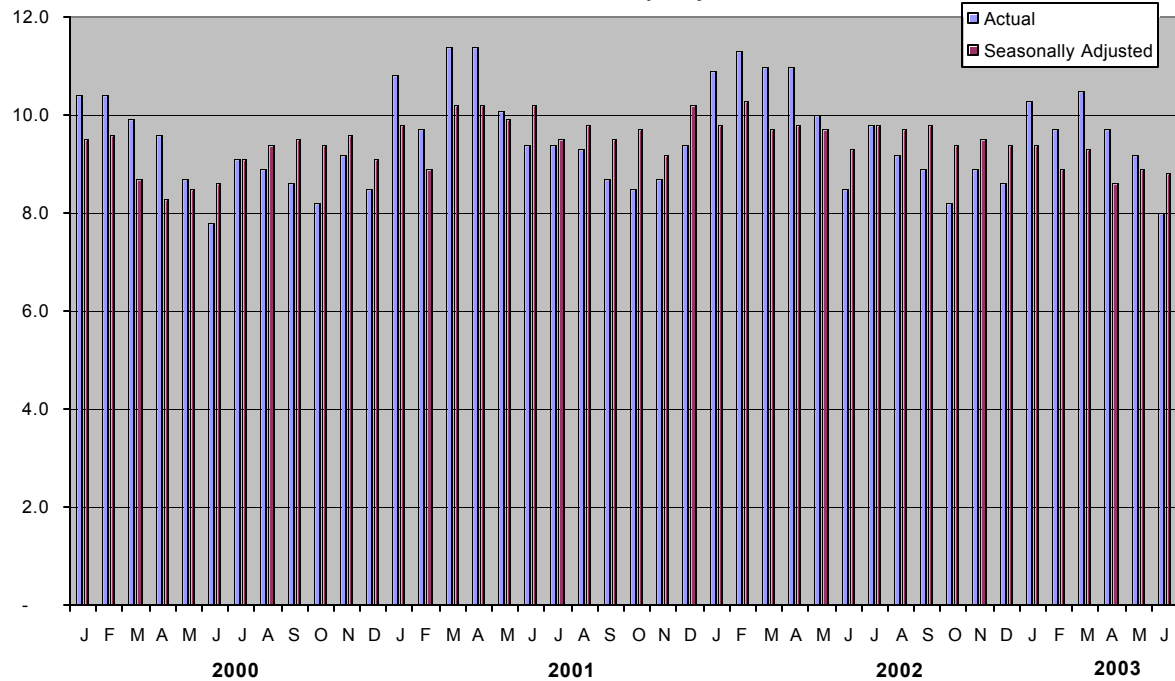
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Thousands Nova Scotia Labour Force, Employment & Unemployment
 Actual 2000-2003



Percent Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate
 Actual & Seasonally Adjusted



Employment Situation - June 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,903.8 | 25,176.8 | 25,208.0 | 304.2 | 754.8 | 759.0 | 759.3 | 4.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,706.7 | 16,913.6 | 17,105.6 | 398.9 | 477.4 | 476.0 | 483.1 | 5.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,429.3 | 15,567.4 | 15,784.3 | 355.0 | 430.5 | 429.3 | 439.8 | 9.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,277.4 | 1,346.1 | 1,321.3 | 43.9 | 46.8 | 46.7 | 43.3 | (3.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.0 | (0.8) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.1 | 67.2 | 67.9 | 0.8 | 63.2 | 62.7 | 63.6 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.0 | 61.8 | 62.6 | 0.6 | 57.0 | 56.6 | 57.9 | 0.9 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.4 | 101.9 | 102.0 | 0.6 | 120.8 | 119.9 | 119.9 | (0.9) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 63.0 | 62.4 | 62.3 | (0.7) | 66.0 | 62.6 | 65.0 | (1.0) |
| Employment ('000) | 57.3 | 56.5 | 56.7 | (0.6) | 55.8 | 52.5 | 55.1 | (0.7) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.6 | (0.1) | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.8 | (0.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.0 | 9.5 | 9.0 | - | 15.5 | 16.1 | 15.1 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.1 | 61.2 | 61.1 | (1.0) | 54.6 | 52.2 | 54.2 | (0.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 56.5 | 55.4 | 55.6 | (0.9) | 46.2 | 43.8 | 46.0 | (0.2) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 295.5 | 299.5 | 299.9 | 4.4 | 283.6 | 287.5 | 287.9 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 206.9 | 205.0 | 207.5 | 0.6 | 201.1 | 199.1 | 201.0 | (0.1) |
| Employment ('000) | 191.2 | 190.3 | 194.5 | 3.3 | 185.6 | 184.7 | 188.2 | 2.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 15.7 | 14.7 | 13.0 | (2.7) | 15.5 | 14.4 | 12.8 | (2.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 7.2 | 6.3 | (1.3) | 7.7 | 7.2 | 6.4 | (1.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.0 | 68.4 | 69.2 | (0.8) | 70.9 | 69.3 | 69.8 | (1.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.7 | 63.5 | 64.9 | 0.2 | 65.4 | 64.2 | 65.4 | - |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.0 | 133.2 | 133.2 | 0.2 | 104.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 78.2 | 81.5 | 82.4 | 4.2 | 63.4 | 64.4 | 66.0 | 2.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 69.3 | 72.9 | 74.4 | 5.1 | 57.0 | 57.1 | 59.1 | 2.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.0 | (0.8) | 6.4 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.3 | 10.7 | 9.7 | (1.6) | 10.1 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 58.8 | 61.2 | 61.9 | 3.1 | 61.0 | 61.7 | 63.3 | 2.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 52.1 | 54.7 | 55.9 | 3.8 | 54.8 | 54.7 | 56.7 | 1.9 |

Employment Situation - June 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,401.2 | 15,685.1 | 15,733.9 | 332.7 | 12,529.0 | 12,749.1 | 12,754.5 | 225.5 | 2,872.2 | 2,936.1 | 2,979.5 | 107.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrac | 218.0 | 218.4 | 218.2 | 0.2 | 183.9 | 183.9 | 185.8 | 1.9 | 34.2 | 34.5 | 32.4 | (1.8) |
| Prince Edward Island | 66.7 | 67.8 | 70.3 | 3.6 | 56.4 | 56.7 | 58.3 | 1.9 | 10.2 | 11.1 | 12.1 | 1.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 428.7 | 436.6 | 439.3 | 10.6 | 346.2 | 357.8 | 357.2 | 11.0 | 82.5 | 78.8 | 82.1 | (0.4) |
| New Brunswick | 344.6 | 337.5 | 343.7 | (0.9) | 292.6 | 285.1 | 290.1 | (2.5) | 51.9 | 52.4 | 53.6 | 1.7 |
| Quebec | 3,611.3 | 3,637.5 | 3,647.8 | 36.5 | 2,976.6 | 2,970.4 | 2,974.2 | (2.4) | 634.7 | 667.1 | 673.6 | 38.9 |
| Ontario | 6,039.1 | 6,209.6 | 6,226.8 | 187.7 | 4,946.9 | 5,060.3 | 5,059.1 | 112.2 | 1,092.1 | 1,149.3 | 1,167.8 | 75.7 |
| Manitoba | 568.5 | 572.0 | 569.5 | 1.0 | 448.9 | 457.2 | 458.8 | 9.9 | 119.6 | 114.7 | 110.7 | (8.9) |
| Saskatchewan | 482.3 | 488.1 | 488.7 | 6.4 | 384.3 | 391.3 | 388.2 | 3.9 | 98.0 | 96.8 | 100.5 | 2.5 |
| Alberta | 1,667.9 | 1,713.2 | 1,722.9 | 55.0 | 1,367.1 | 1,407.3 | 1,402.7 | 35.6 | 300.7 | 305.9 | 320.2 | 19.5 |
| British Columbia | 1,974.1 | 2,004.5 | 2,006.6 | 32.5 | 1,527.0 | 1,579.7 | 1,580.0 | 53.0 | 447.1 | 424.8 | 426.6 | (20.5) |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,723.9 | 15,799.6 | 16,074.6 | 350.7 | 12,920.0 | 12,855.5 | 13,201.9 | 281.9 | 2,803.9 | 2,944.1 | 2,872.7 | 68.8 |
| Newfoundland and Labrac | 229.5 | 220.5 | 238.0 | 8.5 | 195.1 | 184.7 | 205.9 | 10.8 | 34.4 | 35.8 | 32.1 | (2.3) |
| Prince Edward Island | 72.7 | 71.4 | 77.3 | 4.6 | 62.7 | 59.7 | 65.4 | 2.7 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 1.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 441.2 | 440.9 | 451.4 | 10.2 | 362.3 | 364.8 | 374.1 | 11.8 | 78.9 | 76.1 | 77.3 | (1.6) |
| New Brunswick | 360.3 | 338.9 | 362.1 | 1.8 | 309.3 | 285.5 | 311.9 | 2.6 | 51.1 | 53.4 | 50.2 | (0.9) |
| Quebec | 3,707.2 | 3,663.6 | 3,753.3 | 46.1 | 3,112.4 | 2,995.7 | 3,119.6 | 7.2 | 594.8 | 667.9 | 633.7 | 38.9 |
| Ontario | 6,128.5 | 6,251.3 | 6,312.2 | 183.7 | 5,043.9 | 5,097.6 | 5,177.3 | 133.4 | 1,084.6 | 1,153.7 | 1,135.0 | 50.4 |
| Manitoba | 580.6 | 577.3 | 579.9 | (0.7) | 463.7 | 462.1 | 473.6 | 9.9 | 117.0 | 115.2 | 106.4 | (10.6) |
| Saskatchewan | 494.3 | 493.7 | 501.5 | 7.2 | 398.8 | 398.0 | 403.9 | 5.1 | 95.5 | 95.7 | 97.6 | 2.1 |
| Alberta | 1,698.8 | 1,726.4 | 1,756.3 | 57.5 | 1,408.4 | 1,420.3 | 1,444.4 | 36.0 | 290.4 | 306.1 | 311.9 | 21.5 |
| British Columbia | 2,010.7 | 2,015.6 | 2,042.5 | 31.8 | 1,563.5 | 1,587.0 | 1,625.8 | 62.3 | 447.2 | 428.6 | 416.7 | (30.5) |

Employment Situation - June 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,729.3 | 2,793.1 | 2,799.7 | 70.4 | 2,359.0 | 2,406.6 | 2,410.2 | 51.2 | 13.6 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 0.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrac | 40.7 | 41.1 | 38.5 | (2.2) | 30.5 | 31.8 | 30.4 | (0.1) | 25.1 | 22.9 | 20.8 | (4.3) |
| Prince Edward Island | 13.9 | 14.2 | 14.4 | 0.5 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 0.7 | 15.8 | 17.6 | 13.9 | (1.9) |
| Nova Scotia | 80.2 | 81.3 | 83.5 | 3.3 | 66.0 | 68.4 | 69.6 | 3.6 | 17.7 | 15.9 | 16.5 | (1.2) |
| New Brunswick | 62.7 | 59.7 | 62.9 | 0.2 | 54.7 | 49.3 | 50.6 | (4.1) | 12.8 | 17.4 | 19.6 | 6.8 |
| Quebec | 634.0 | 639.9 | 647.7 | 13.7 | 556.9 | 548.9 | 559.6 | 2.7 | 12.2 | 14.2 | 13.6 | 1.4 |
| Ontario | 1,027.9 | 1,074.6 | 1,080.4 | 52.5 | 880.5 | 922.3 | 909.3 | 28.8 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 15.8 | 1.5 |
| Manitoba | 108.5 | 108.8 | 108.2 | (0.3) | 98.2 | 98.3 | 98.4 | 0.2 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 9.0 | (0.4) |
| Saskatchewan | 94.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 1.6 | 84.5 | 86.1 | 85.9 | 1.4 | 10.4 | 11.1 | 10.5 | 0.1 |
| Alberta | 322.8 | 339.0 | 338.8 | 16.0 | 286.6 | 302.0 | 308.7 | 22.1 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 8.9 | (2.3) |
| British Columbia | 344.3 | 337.7 | 329.4 | (14.9) | 289.4 | 288.0 | 285.1 | (4.3) | 15.9 | 14.7 | 13.4 | (2.5) |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,904.7 | 2,880.7 | 2,990.4 | 85.7 | 2,528.7 | 2,436.8 | 2,595.2 | 66.5 | 12.9 | 15.4 | 13.2 | 0.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrac | 45.5 | 41.7 | 45.4 | (0.1) | 33.3 | 30.0 | 36.3 | 3.0 | 26.6 | 28.1 | 20.0 | (6.6) |
| Prince Edward Island | 15.6 | 15.1 | 16.5 | 0.9 | 13.9 | 12.5 | 15.1 | 1.2 | 10.9 | 17.9 | 9.1 | (1.8) |
| Nova Scotia | 84.5 | 84.5 | 87.8 | 3.3 | 71.7 | 68.5 | 75.0 | 3.3 | 15.1 | 18.9 | 14.6 | (0.5) |
| New Brunswick | 69.0 | 61.9 | 71.1 | 2.1 | 60.2 | 49.2 | 58.0 | (2.2) | 12.9 | 20.5 | 18.6 | 5.7 |
| Quebec | 689.5 | 648.0 | 713.9 | 24.4 | 602.9 | 548.3 | 616.5 | 13.6 | 12.6 | 15.4 | 13.6 | 1.0 |
| Ontario | 1,087.2 | 1,122.0 | 1,141.3 | 54.1 | 941.4 | 938.1 | 967.8 | 26.4 | 13.4 | 16.4 | 15.2 | 1.8 |
| Manitoba | 113.3 | 110.7 | 112.8 | (0.5) | 104.1 | 100.5 | 103.8 | (0.3) | 8.1 | 9.2 | 8.0 | (0.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 100.5 | 101.1 | 103.1 | 2.6 | 90.4 | 87.8 | 92.8 | 2.4 | 10.0 | 13.2 | 10.0 | - |
| Alberta | 340.0 | 349.6 | 358.2 | 18.2 | 305.3 | 308.8 | 330.4 | 25.1 | 10.2 | 11.7 | 7.8 | (2.4) |
| British Columbia | 359.6 | 346.1 | 340.2 | (19.4) | 305.4 | 293.2 | 299.6 | (5.8) | 15.1 | 15.3 | 12.0 | (3.1) |

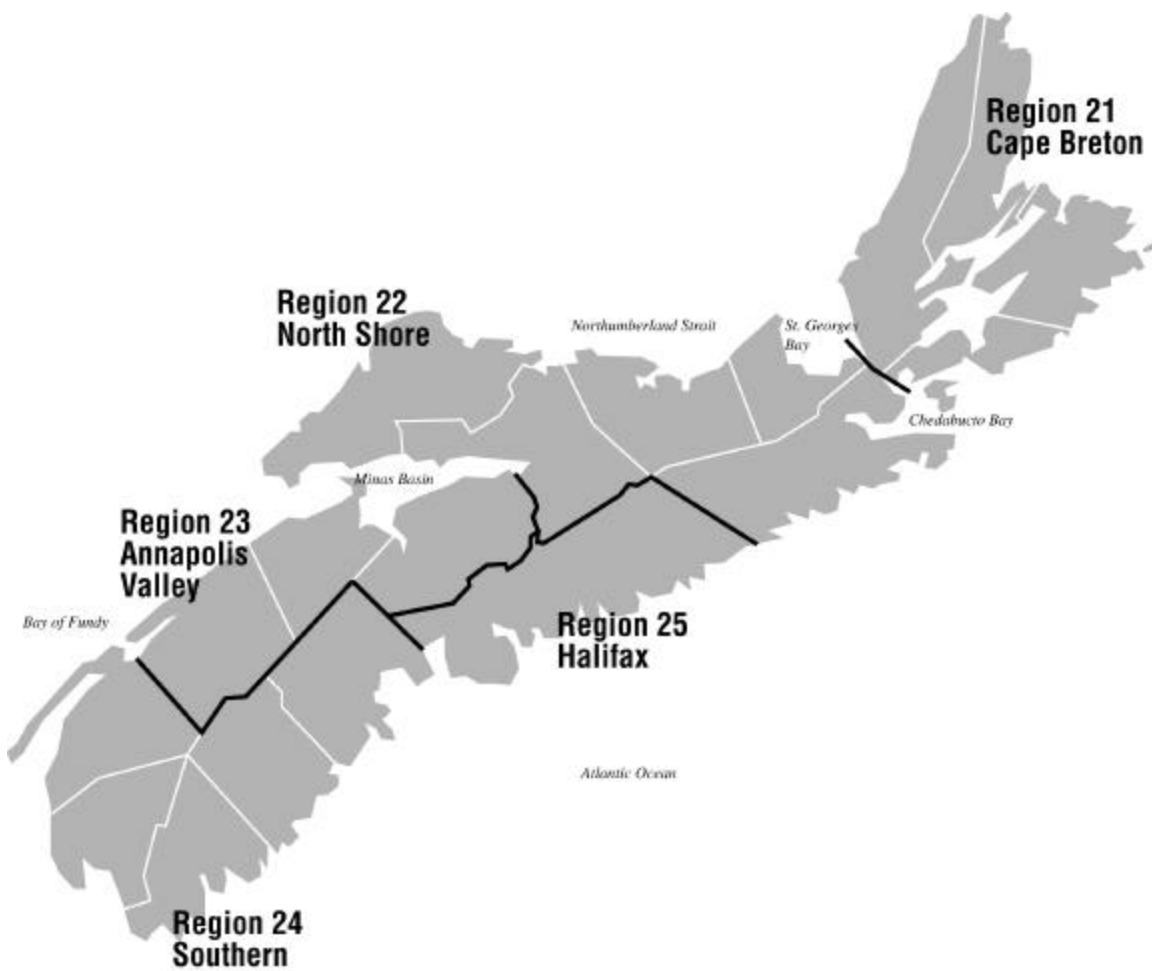
Employment Situation - June 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Halifax | 8.4 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 0.8 | 61.9 | 62.6 | 63.1 | 1.2 | 67.6 | 68.9 | 69.5 | 1.9 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 7.7 | 7.2 | 6.4 | (1.3) | 65.4 | 64.2 | 65.4 | - | 70.9 | 69.3 | 69.8 | (1.1) |
| Saguenay | 9.5 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 1.0 | 60.5 | 58.0 | 58.1 | (2.4) | 66.8 | 65.1 | 65.0 | (1.8) |
| Québec | 12.3 | 12.6 | 11.9 | (0.4) | 52.2 | 52.6 | 53.7 | 1.5 | 59.5 | 60.1 | 60.9 | 1.4 |
| Trois-Rivières | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 64.4 | 62.5 | 64.3 | (0.1) | 68.5 | 67.5 | 68.6 | 0.1 |
| Sherbrooke | 8.6 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 1.5 | 56.3 | 57.2 | 56.8 | 0.5 | 61.6 | 63.6 | 63.1 | 1.5 |
| Montréal | 7.6 | 6.3 | 6.4 | (1.2) | 60.5 | 60.8 | 61.5 | 1.0 | 65.5 | 64.9 | 65.7 | 0.2 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 8.3 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 1.6 | 62.1 | 61.1 | 61.6 | (0.5) | 67.7 | 68.0 | 68.4 | 0.7 |
| Sudbury | 6.9 | 6.4 | 6.3 | (0.6) | 64.4 | 67.2 | 67.8 | 3.4 | 69.1 | 71.8 | 72.4 | 3.3 |
| Oshawa | 8.6 | 7.5 | 7.4 | (1.2) | 58.0 | 58.1 | 58.4 | 0.4 | 63.5 | 62.8 | 63.0 | (0.5) |
| Toronto | 6.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | (1.3) | 64.1 | 69.6 | 70.4 | 6.3 | 68.7 | 73.5 | 74.4 | 5.7 |
| Hamilton | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 0.8 | 64.6 | 64.5 | 64.6 | - | 69.7 | 69.9 | 70.3 | 0.6 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 7.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | (1.5) | 62.3 | 63.2 | 63.7 | 1.4 | 67.3 | 67.2 | 67.7 | 0.4 |
| London | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 | (0.5) | 59.7 | 59.4 | 60.1 | 0.4 | 64.2 | 63.5 | 64.3 | 0.1 |
| Windsor | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.4 | (0.9) | 61.4 | 62.2 | 63.0 | 1.6 | 67.0 | 67.3 | 68.0 | 1.0 |
| Kitchener | 8.4 | 7.5 | 6.9 | (1.5) | 61.7 | 61.7 | 62.0 | 0.3 | 67.4 | 66.6 | 66.6 | (0.8) |
| Thunder Bay | 5.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 1.1 | 65.7 | 66.2 | 66.4 | 0.7 | 69.1 | 70.5 | 70.7 | 1.6 |
| Winnipeg | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.3 | (0.2) | 59.3 | 63.9 | 64.0 | 4.7 | 63.4 | 68.7 | 68.2 | 4.8 |
| Regina | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 | (0.8) | 67.1 | 67.1 | 67.7 | 0.6 | 70.8 | 70.4 | 70.8 | - |
| Saskatoon | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.3 | (0.2) | 68.7 | 67.2 | 67.9 | (0.8) | 72.7 | 71.3 | 71.6 | (1.1) |
| Calgary | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.9 | (0.6) | 65.1 | 66.2 | 67.7 | 2.6 | 69.6 | 70.4 | 71.9 | 2.3 |
| Edmonton | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.2 | (1.0) | 71.2 | 70.4 | 71.4 | 0.2 | 75.8 | 74.8 | 75.3 | (0.5) |
| Vancouver | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 68.0 | 67.7 | 68.4 | 0.4 | 72.1 | 71.9 | 72.6 | 0.5 |
| Victoria | 8.0 | 7.2 | 7.2 | (0.8) | 61.5 | 61.7 | 62.2 | 0.7 | 66.9 | 66.5 | 67.0 | 0.1 |
| | 6.9 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 58.2 | 58.9 | 58.3 | 0.1 | 62.5 | 62.8 | 62.7 | 0.2 |

Employment Situation July 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

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| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
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| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - July 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 24,965.0 | 25,239.6 | 25,263.9 | 298.9 | 24,965.0 | 25,239.6 | 25,263.9 | 298.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 17,131.8 | 17,319.3 | 17,465.9 | 334.1 | 16,700.7 | 17,042.5 | 17,042.4 | 341.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,810.9 | 16,074.6 | 16,090.4 | 279.5 | 15,430.8 | 15,733.9 | 15,720.6 | 289.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,320.9 | 1,244.7 | 1,375.4 | 54.5 | 1,269.8 | 1,308.6 | 1,321.8 | 52.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.6 | 68.6 | 69.1 | 0.5 | 66.9 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.3 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 0.4 | 61.8 | 62.3 | 62.2 | 0.4 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 755.9 | 759.6 | 760.1 | 4.2 | 755.9 | 759.6 | 760.1 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 490.6 | 490.7 | 497.6 | 7.0 | 471.0 | 481.6 | 478.4 | 7.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 442.5 | 451.4 | 451.1 | 8.6 | 424.7 | 439.3 | 434.2 | 9.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 48.1 | 39.3 | 46.5 | (1.6) | 46.3 | 42.3 | 44.1 | (2.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.8 | 8.0 | 9.3 | (0.5) | 9.8 | 8.8 | 9.2 | (0.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.9 | 64.6 | 65.5 | 0.6 | 62.3 | 63.4 | 62.9 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.5 | 59.4 | 59.3 | 0.8 | 56.2 | 57.8 | 57.1 | 0.9 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 438.8 | 438.7 | 438.5 | (0.3) | 438.8 | 438.7 | 438.5 | (0.3) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 279.2 | 275.7 | 282.3 | 3.1 | 254.9 | 257.8 | 258.8 | 3.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 240.7 | 238.0 | 242.4 | 1.7 | 216.2 | 218.2 | 217.8 | 1.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 38.6 | 37.7 | 39.9 | 1.3 | 38.7 | 39.7 | 41.0 | 2.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 13.8 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 0.3 | 15.2 | 15.4 | 15.8 | 0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.6 | 62.8 | 64.4 | 0.8 | 58.1 | 58.8 | 59.0 | 0.9 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.9 | 54.3 | 55.3 | 0.4 | 49.3 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 0.4 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 111.9 | 113.3 | 113.4 | 1.5 | 111.9 | 113.3 | 113.4 | 1.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 80.8 | 82.2 | 83.0 | 2.2 | 75.8 | 77.8 | 77.7 | 1.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 72.3 | 77.3 | 75.7 | 3.4 | 66.4 | 70.3 | 69.5 | 3.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.5 | 4.9 | 7.3 | (1.2) | 9.3 | 7.5 | 8.1 | (1.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.5 | 6.0 | 8.8 | (1.7) | 12.3 | 9.6 | 10.4 | (1.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.2 | 72.6 | 73.2 | 1.0 | 67.7 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.6 | 68.2 | 66.8 | 2.2 | 59.3 | 62.0 | 61.3 | 2.0 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

Employment Situation - July 2003 Canada/Provinces

New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 607.7 | 609.3 | 609.7 | 2.0 | 607.7 | 609.3 | 609.7 | 2.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 402.5 | 400.1 | 404.6 | 2.1 | 383.6 | 384.4 | 385.7 | 2.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 364.2 | 362.1 | 365.7 | 1.5 | 343.5 | 343.7 | 345.3 | 1.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 38.3 | 38.0 | 38.8 | 0.5 | 40.1 | 40.7 | 40.4 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.5 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.2 | 65.7 | 66.4 | 0.2 | 63.1 | 63.1 | 63.3 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.9 | 59.4 | 60.0 | 0.1 | 56.5 | 56.4 | 56.6 | 0.1 |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,036.2 | 6,080.6 | 6,084.6 | 48.4 | 6,036.2 | 6,080.6 | 6,084.6 | 48.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 4,060.2 | 4,096.9 | 4,116.3 | 56.1 | 3,939.5 | 4,003.3 | 4,000.5 | 61.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,724.1 | 3,753.3 | 3,755.4 | 31.3 | 3,600.4 | 3,647.8 | 3,634.6 | 34.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 336.2 | 343.7 | 360.9 | 24.7 | 339.2 | 355.5 | 365.8 | 26.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.3 | 67.4 | 67.7 | 0.4 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 65.7 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.7 | 61.7 | 61.7 | - | 59.6 | 60.0 | 59.7 | 0.1 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,638.8 | 9,778.4 | 9,790.3 | 151.5 | 9,638.8 | 9,778.4 | 9,790.3 | 151.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,660.5 | 6,786.0 | 6,841.7 | 181.2 | 6,517.9 | 6,720.8 | 6,704.2 | 186.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,154.5 | 6,312.2 | 6,309.0 | 154.5 | 6,051.9 | 6,226.8 | 6,219.1 | 167.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 505.9 | 473.8 | 532.7 | 26.8 | 466.0 | 493.9 | 485.1 | 19.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.1 | 69.4 | 69.9 | 0.8 | 67.6 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 0.9 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.9 | 64.6 | 64.4 | 0.5 | 62.8 | 63.7 | 63.5 | 0.7 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 865.0 | 867.8 | 868.4 | 3.4 | 865.0 | 867.8 | 868.4 | 3.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 609.4 | 604.6 | 610.8 | 1.4 | 599.8 | 596.9 | 601.5 | 1.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 576.9 | 579.9 | 579.1 | 2.2 | 568.6 | 569.5 | 571.1 | 2.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 32.6 | 24.6 | 31.7 | (0.9) | 31.2 | 27.4 | 30.5 | (0.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.3 | 4.1 | 5.2 | (0.1) | 5.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.5 | 69.7 | 70.3 | (0.2) | 69.3 | 68.8 | 69.3 | - |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.7 | 66.8 | 66.7 | - | 65.7 | 65.6 | 65.8 | 0.1 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

Employment Situation - July 2003 Canada/Provinces

Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 759.3 | 755.9 | 755.8 | (3.5) | 759.3 | 755.9 | 755.8 | (3.5) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 523.9 | 527.0 | 530.6 | 6.7 | 507.3 | 516.4 | 515.2 | 7.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 494.2 | 501.5 | 500.3 | 6.1 | 480.1 | 488.7 | 487.1 | 7.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 29.7 | 25.6 | 30.3 | 0.6 | 27.1 | 27.6 | 28.1 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.7 | - | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.0 | 69.7 | 70.2 | 1.2 | 66.8 | 68.3 | 68.2 | 1.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.1 | 66.3 | 66.2 | 1.1 | 63.2 | 64.7 | 64.4 | 1.2 |

Alberta

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,423.4 | 2,471.7 | 2,475.4 | 52.0 | 2,423.4 | 2,471.7 | 2,475.4 | 52.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,819.6 | 1,842.9 | 1,847.6 | 28.0 | 1,786.4 | 1,815.9 | 1,814.2 | 27.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,718.7 | 1,756.3 | 1,756.0 | 37.3 | 1,691.2 | 1,722.9 | 1,725.4 | 34.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 100.9 | 86.6 | 91.6 | (9.3) | 95.2 | 92.9 | 88.8 | (6.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | (0.5) | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 75.1 | 74.6 | 74.6 | (0.5) | 73.7 | 73.5 | 73.3 | (0.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 70.9 | 71.1 | 70.9 | - | 69.8 | 69.7 | 69.7 | (0.1) |

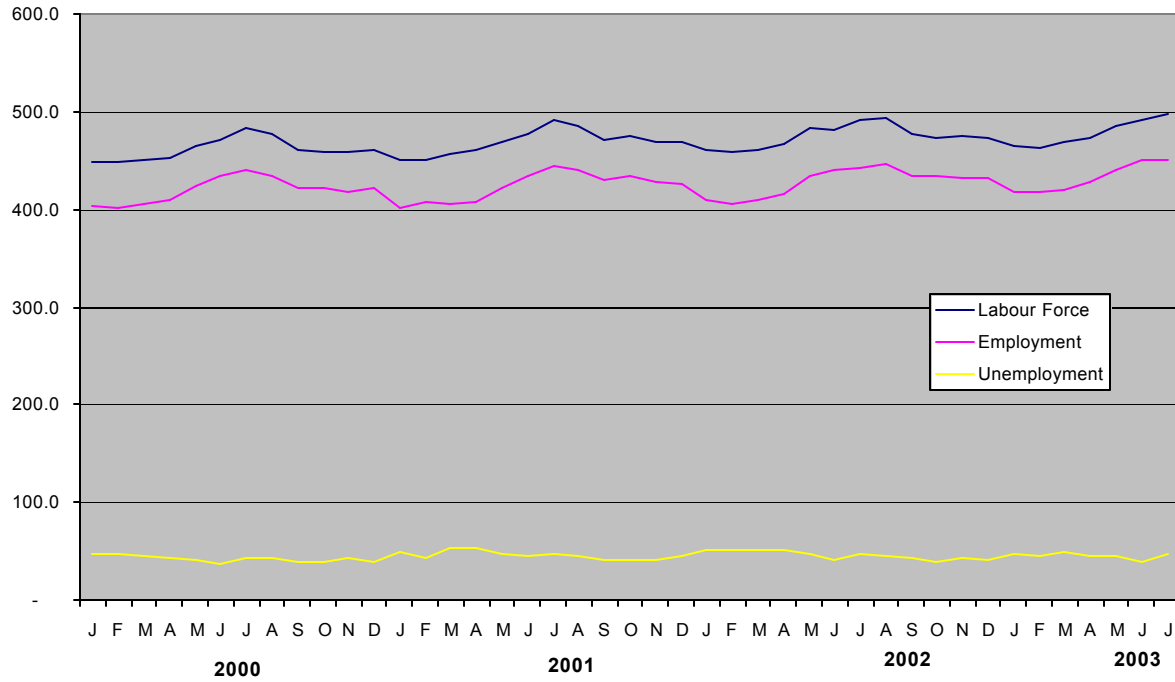
British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,328.1 | 3,364.3 | 3,367.8 | 39.7 | 3,328.1 | 3,364.3 | 3,367.8 | 39.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,205.1 | 2,213.1 | 2,251.4 | 46.3 | 2,164.6 | 2,187.7 | 2,206.2 | 41.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 2,023.0 | 2,042.5 | 2,055.8 | 32.8 | 1,987.8 | 2,006.6 | 2,016.4 | 28.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 182.1 | 170.6 | 195.7 | 13.6 | 176.7 | 181.1 | 189.8 | 13.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.3 | 7.7 | 8.7 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.3 | 65.8 | 66.9 | 0.6 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.5 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.8 | 60.7 | 61.0 | 0.2 | 59.7 | 59.6 | 59.9 | 0.2 |

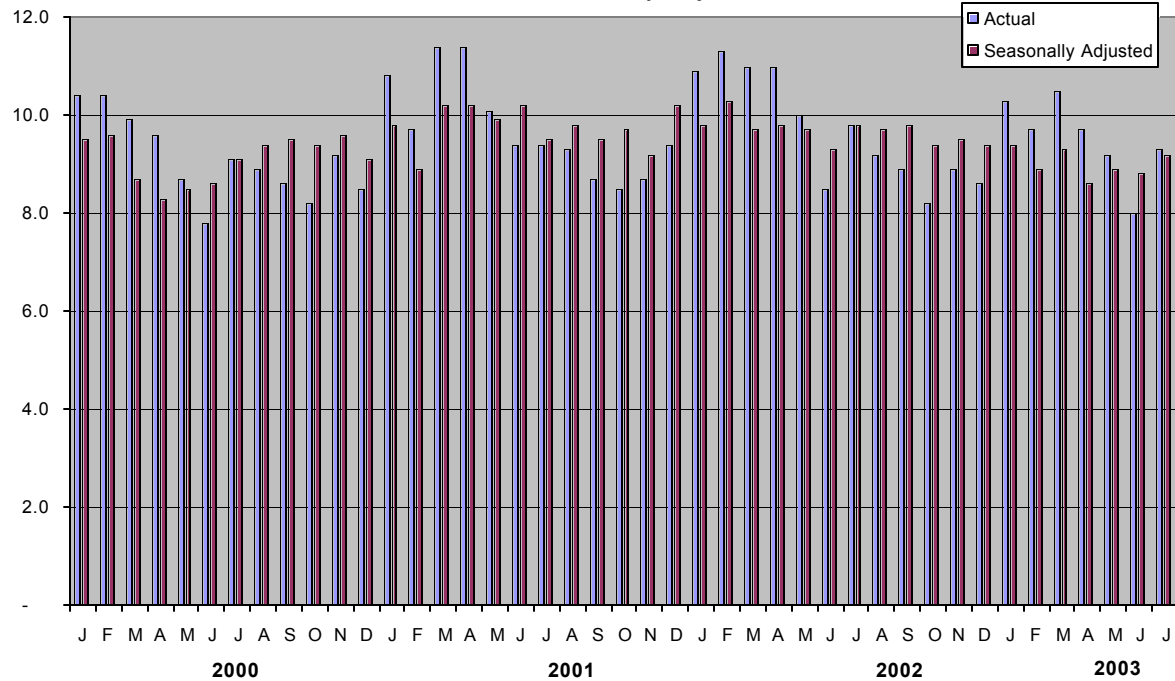
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Thousands Nova Scotia Labour Force, Employment & Unemployment
 Actual 2000-2003



Percent Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate
 Actual & Seasonally Adjusted



Employment Situation - July 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,933.7 | 25,208.0 | 25,236.6 | 302.9 | 755.3 | 759.3 | 759.7 | 4.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,946.2 | 17,105.6 | 17,321.1 | 374.9 | 485.2 | 483.1 | 491.3 | 6.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,667.9 | 15,784.3 | 15,988.2 | 320.3 | 439.5 | 439.8 | 447.8 | 8.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,278.2 | 1,321.3 | 1,332.9 | 54.7 | 45.7 | 43.3 | 43.5 | (2.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 8.9 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.0 | 67.9 | 68.6 | 0.6 | 64.2 | 63.6 | 64.7 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.8 | 62.6 | 63.4 | 0.6 | 58.2 | 57.9 | 58.9 | 0.7 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.5 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 0.5 | 120.8 | 119.9 | 119.8 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 64.6 | 62.3 | 62.8 | (1.8) | 67.2 | 65.0 | 66.1 | (1.1) |
| Employment ('000) | 59.5 | 56.7 | 57.0 | (2.5) | 56.4 | 55.1 | 56.1 | (0.3) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 0.7 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 9.9 | (0.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.9 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 15.9 | 15.1 | 15.0 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.6 | 61.1 | 61.6 | (2.0) | 55.6 | 54.2 | 55.2 | (0.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.6 | 55.6 | 55.9 | (2.7) | 46.7 | 46.0 | 46.8 | 0.1 |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 295.9 | 299.9 | 300.2 | 4.3 | 283.9 | 287.9 | 288.2 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 208.8 | 207.5 | 211.6 | 2.8 | 202.6 | 201.0 | 204.8 | 2.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 193.1 | 194.5 | 198.2 | 5.1 | 187.1 | 188.2 | 191.7 | 4.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 15.7 | 13.0 | 13.4 | (2.3) | 15.5 | 12.8 | 13.0 | (2.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 | (1.2) | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | (1.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.6 | 69.2 | 70.5 | (0.1) | 71.4 | 69.8 | 71.1 | (0.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.3 | 64.9 | 66.0 | 0.7 | 65.9 | 65.4 | 66.5 | 0.6 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.1 | 133.2 | 133.3 | 0.2 | 104.1 | 104.3 | 104.4 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 80.3 | 82.4 | 83.8 | 3.5 | 64.3 | 66.0 | 67.1 | 2.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 72.2 | 74.4 | 75.9 | 3.7 | 58.3 | 59.1 | 60.6 | 2.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | (0.2) | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.1 | 9.7 | 9.4 | (0.7) | 9.3 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.3 | 61.9 | 62.9 | 2.6 | 61.8 | 63.3 | 64.3 | 2.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.2 | 55.9 | 56.9 | 2.7 | 56.0 | 56.7 | 58.0 | 2.0 |

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,430.8 | 15,733.9 | 15,720.6 | 289.8 | 12,572.4 | 12,754.5 | 12,758.8 | 186.4 | 2,858.4 | 2,979.5 | 2,961.9 | 103.5 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 216.2 | 218.2 | 217.8 | 1.6 | 180.9 | 185.8 | 186.2 | 5.3 | 35.3 | 32.4 | 31.6 | (3.7) |
| Prince Edward Island | 66.4 | 70.3 | 69.5 | 3.1 | 56.7 | 58.3 | 58.0 | 1.3 | 9.7 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 1.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 424.7 | 439.3 | 434.2 | 9.5 | 343.9 | 357.2 | 351.5 | 7.6 | 80.8 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 1.9 |
| New Brunswick | 343.5 | 343.7 | 345.3 | 1.8 | 290.2 | 290.1 | 291.7 | 1.5 | 53.3 | 53.6 | 53.6 | 0.3 |
| Quebec | 3,600.4 | 3,647.8 | 3,634.6 | 34.2 | 2,968.4 | 2,974.2 | 2,989.1 | 20.7 | 632.0 | 673.6 | 645.5 | 13.5 |
| Ontario | 6,051.9 | 6,226.8 | 6,219.1 | 167.2 | 4,977.5 | 5,059.1 | 5,060.1 | 82.6 | 1,074.4 | 1,167.8 | 1,159.0 | 84.6 |
| Manitoba | 568.6 | 569.5 | 571.1 | 2.5 | 449.5 | 458.8 | 457.4 | 7.9 | 119.1 | 110.7 | 113.6 | (5.5) |
| Saskatchewan | 480.1 | 488.7 | 487.1 | 7.0 | 383.4 | 388.2 | 386.3 | 2.9 | 96.7 | 100.5 | 100.8 | 4.1 |
| Alberta | 1,691.2 | 1,722.9 | 1,725.4 | 34.2 | 1,387.5 | 1,402.7 | 1,409.5 | 22.0 | 303.7 | 320.2 | 315.9 | 12.2 |
| British Columbia | 1,987.8 | 2,006.6 | 2,016.4 | 28.6 | 1,534.8 | 1,580.0 | 1,569.2 | 34.4 | 453.0 | 426.6 | 447.2 | (5.8) |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,810.9 | 16,074.6 | 16,090.4 | 279.5 | 13,257.5 | 13,201.9 | 13,449.9 | 192.4 | 2,553.5 | 2,872.7 | 2,640.6 | 87.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 240.7 | 238.0 | 242.4 | 1.7 | 207.5 | 205.9 | 212.9 | 5.4 | 33.2 | 32.1 | 29.5 | (3.7) |
| Prince Edward Island | 72.3 | 77.3 | 75.7 | 3.4 | 64.7 | 65.4 | 66.4 | 1.7 | 7.6 | 11.9 | 9.3 | 1.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 442.5 | 451.4 | 451.1 | 8.6 | 372.5 | 374.1 | 378.6 | 6.1 | 70.0 | 77.3 | 72.4 | 2.4 |
| New Brunswick | 364.2 | 362.1 | 365.7 | 1.5 | 317.5 | 311.9 | 319.3 | 1.8 | 46.6 | 50.2 | 46.4 | (0.2) |
| Quebec | 3,724.1 | 3,753.3 | 3,755.4 | 31.3 | 3,184.8 | 3,119.6 | 3,209.0 | 24.2 | 539.2 | 633.7 | 546.4 | 7.2 |
| Ontario | 6,154.5 | 6,312.2 | 6,309.0 | 154.5 | 5,186.3 | 5,177.3 | 5,263.9 | 77.6 | 968.3 | 1,135.0 | 1,045.1 | 76.8 |
| Manitoba | 576.9 | 579.9 | 579.1 | 2.2 | 475.9 | 473.6 | 483.1 | 7.2 | 100.9 | 106.4 | 96.1 | (4.8) |
| Saskatchewan | 494.2 | 501.5 | 500.3 | 6.1 | 408.2 | 403.9 | 409.8 | 1.6 | 86.0 | 97.6 | 90.5 | 4.5 |
| Alberta | 1,718.7 | 1,756.3 | 1,756.0 | 37.3 | 1,451.7 | 1,444.4 | 1,476.6 | 24.9 | 267.0 | 311.9 | 279.5 | 12.5 |
| British Columbia | 2,023.0 | 2,042.5 | 2,055.8 | 32.8 | 1,588.3 | 1,625.8 | 1,630.3 | 42.0 | 434.7 | 416.7 | 425.4 | (9.3) |

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,733.6 | 2,799.7 | 2,789.3 | 55.7 | 2,365.6 | 2,410.2 | 2,395.3 | 29.7 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 0.6 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 38.5 | 38.5 | 39.5 | 1.0 | 30.8 | 30.4 | 30.8 | - | 20.0 | 20.8 | 22.0 | 2.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 13.8 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 0.4 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 0.5 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 12.7 | (1.1) |
| Nova Scotia | 77.8 | 83.5 | 82.8 | 5.0 | 63.6 | 69.6 | 68.4 | 4.8 | 18.3 | 16.5 | 17.4 | (0.9) |
| New Brunswick | 62.8 | 62.9 | 62.4 | (0.4) | 53.0 | 50.6 | 52.0 | (1.0) | 15.6 | 19.6 | 16.7 | 1.1 |
| Quebec | 621.5 | 647.7 | 641.2 | 19.7 | 539.5 | 559.6 | 556.7 | 17.2 | 13.2 | 13.6 | 13.2 | - |
| Ontario | 1,036.9 | 1,080.4 | 1,057.4 | 20.5 | 894.9 | 909.3 | 896.3 | 1.4 | 13.7 | 15.8 | 15.2 | 1.5 |
| Manitoba | 110.8 | 108.2 | 108.4 | (2.4) | 99.5 | 98.4 | 97.9 | (1.6) | 10.3 | 9.0 | 9.7 | (0.6) |
| Saskatchewan | 93.1 | 95.9 | 93.3 | 0.2 | 83.0 | 85.9 | 83.4 | 0.4 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 10.6 | (0.2) |
| Alberta | 335.0 | 338.8 | 343.0 | 8.0 | 298.3 | 308.7 | 308.7 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 8.9 | 10.0 | (0.9) |
| British Columbia | 343.5 | 329.4 | 347.1 | 3.6 | 291.2 | 285.1 | 288.7 | (2.5) | 15.2 | 13.4 | 16.8 | 1.6 |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 3,199.5 | 2,990.4 | 3,254.7 | 55.2 | 2,749.1 | 2,595.2 | 2,773.4 | 24.3 | 14.1 | 13.2 | 14.8 | 0.7 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 55.7 | 45.4 | 56.5 | 0.8 | 44.6 | 36.3 | 44.5 | (0.1) | 19.7 | 20.0 | 21.2 | 1.5 |
| Prince Edward Island | 17.8 | 16.5 | 18.3 | 0.5 | 15.9 | 15.1 | 16.6 | 0.7 | 11.2 | 9.1 | 9.3 | (1.9) |
| Nova Scotia | 96.3 | 87.8 | 101.8 | 5.5 | 78.7 | 75.0 | 83.5 | 4.8 | 18.4 | 14.6 | 18.0 | (0.4) |
| New Brunswick | 79.4 | 71.1 | 79.0 | (0.4) | 68.1 | 58.0 | 67.3 | (0.8) | 14.4 | 18.6 | 14.8 | 0.4 |
| Quebec | 744.3 | 713.9 | 761.8 | 17.5 | 643.5 | 616.5 | 660.7 | 17.2 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.3 | (0.2) |
| Ontario | 1,214.5 | 1,141.3 | 1,235.1 | 20.6 | 1,033.9 | 967.8 | 1,029.4 | (4.5) | 14.9 | 15.2 | 16.7 | 1.8 |
| Manitoba | 123.9 | 112.8 | 121.0 | (2.9) | 111.7 | 103.8 | 109.6 | (2.1) | 9.9 | 8.0 | 9.4 | (0.5) |
| Saskatchewan | 109.1 | 103.1 | 108.4 | (0.7) | 96.3 | 92.8 | 95.6 | (0.7) | 11.7 | 10.0 | 11.8 | 0.1 |
| Alberta | 372.4 | 358.2 | 381.3 | 8.9 | 331.0 | 330.4 | 343.5 | 12.5 | 11.1 | 7.8 | 9.9 | (1.2) |
| British Columbia | 386.0 | 340.2 | 391.4 | 5.4 | 325.5 | 299.6 | 322.7 | (2.8) | 15.7 | 12.0 | 17.6 | 1.9 |

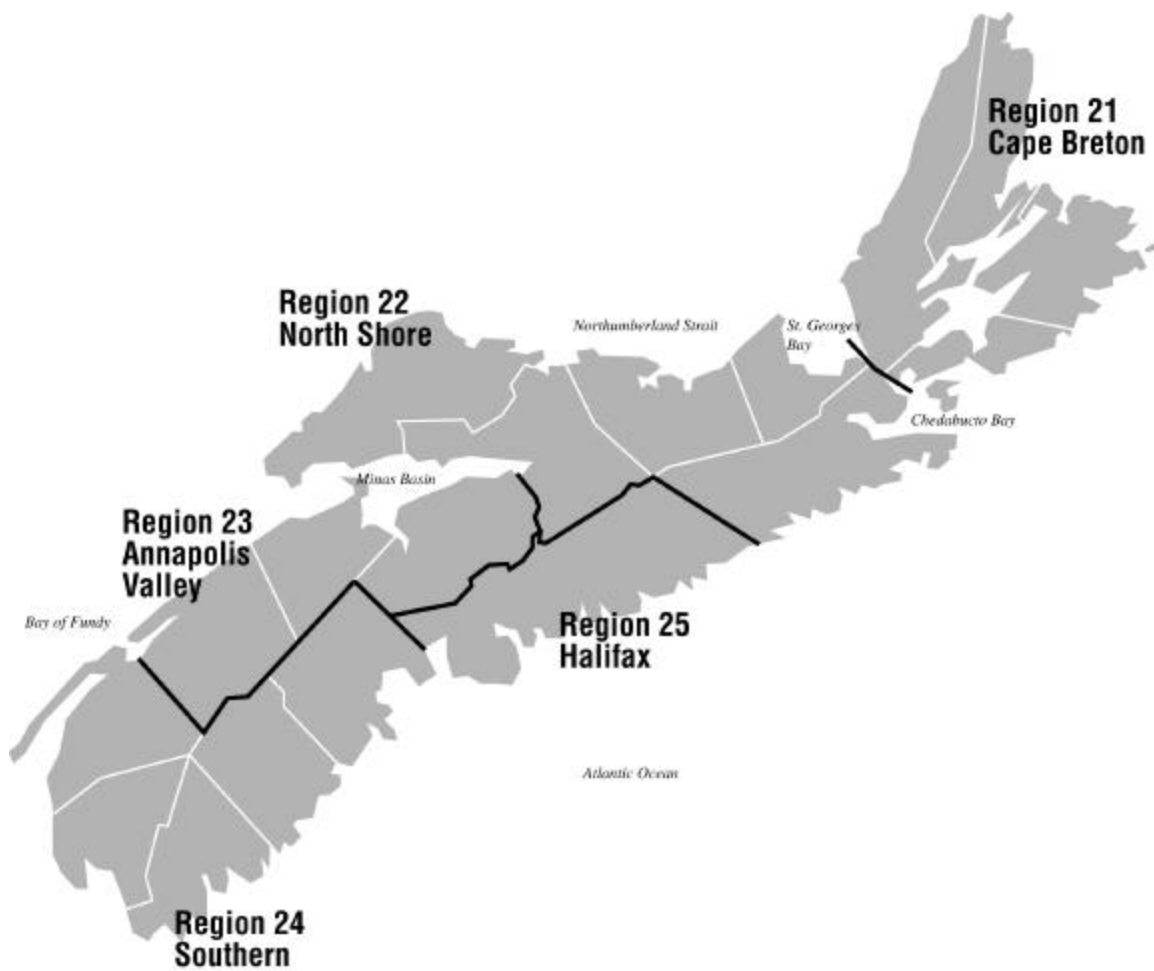
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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change | Jul 2002 | Jun 2003 | Jul 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 0.5 | 62.9 | 63.1 | 63.3 | 0.4 | 69.2 | 69.5 | 69.9 | 0.7 |
| Halifax | 7.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | (1.4) | 65.9 | 65.4 | 66.5 | 0.6 | 71.4 | 69.8 | 71.1 | (0.3) |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 8.9 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 1.1 | 62.0 | 58.1 | 58.8 | (3.2) | 68.1 | 65.0 | 65.3 | (2.8) |
| Saguenay | 11.2 | 11.9 | 9.9 | (1.3) | 52.8 | 53.7 | 55.4 | 2.6 | 59.5 | 60.9 | 61.6 | 2.1 |
| Québec | 5.5 | 6.2 | 5.2 | (0.3) | 65.4 | 64.3 | 65.8 | 0.4 | 69.3 | 68.6 | 69.4 | 0.1 |
| Trois-Rivières | 8.1 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 58.2 | 56.8 | 56.7 | (1.5) | 63.2 | 63.1 | 63.5 | 0.3 |
| Sherbrooke | 7.1 | 6.4 | 6.9 | (0.2) | 62.0 | 61.5 | 62.7 | 0.7 | 66.7 | 65.7 | 67.4 | 0.7 |
| Montréal | 8.3 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 1.6 | 62.6 | 61.6 | 62.1 | (0.5) | 68.2 | 68.4 | 68.8 | 0.6 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.2 | 6.3 | 6.6 | (0.6) | 65.0 | 67.8 | 68.3 | 3.3 | 70.1 | 72.4 | 73.1 | 3.0 |
| Sudbury | 8.9 | 7.4 | 8.0 | (0.9) | 59.4 | 58.4 | 58.1 | (1.3) | 65.2 | 63.0 | 63.1 | (2.1) |
| Oshawa | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.8 | (0.6) | 64.5 | 70.4 | 70.7 | 6.2 | 68.9 | 74.4 | 75.1 | 6.2 |
| Toronto | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 0.9 | 64.8 | 64.6 | 64.8 | - | 70.2 | 70.3 | 70.8 | 0.6 |
| Hamilton | 7.8 | 5.8 | 6.4 | (1.4) | 62.8 | 63.7 | 64.6 | 1.8 | 68.1 | 67.7 | 69.1 | 1.0 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.3 | (0.1) | 61.1 | 60.1 | 61.6 | 0.5 | 65.2 | 64.3 | 65.8 | 0.6 |
| London | 8.3 | 7.4 | 7.2 | (1.1) | 63.3 | 63.0 | 63.5 | 0.2 | 69.0 | 68.0 | 68.4 | (0.6) |
| Windsor | 8.9 | 6.9 | 7.4 | (1.5) | 62.2 | 62.0 | 62.3 | 0.1 | 68.2 | 66.6 | 67.2 | (1.0) |
| Kitchener | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 1.1 | 66.3 | 66.4 | 66.3 | - | 70.1 | 70.7 | 71.0 | 0.9 |
| Thunder Bay | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.8 | (0.6) | 60.6 | 64.0 | 65.0 | 4.4 | 64.7 | 68.2 | 69.0 | 4.3 |
| Winnipeg | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.7 | (0.4) | 67.8 | 67.7 | 68.1 | 0.3 | 71.5 | 70.8 | 71.5 | - |
| Regina | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 69.8 | 67.9 | 68.1 | (1.7) | 74.0 | 71.6 | 72.2 | (1.8) |
| Saskatoon | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.9 | (0.3) | 66.6 | 67.7 | 68.4 | 1.8 | 71.1 | 71.9 | 72.7 | 1.6 |
| Calgary | 6.4 | 5.2 | 4.9 | (1.5) | 71.9 | 71.4 | 72.4 | 0.5 | 76.7 | 75.3 | 76.1 | (0.6) |
| Edmonton | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 | (0.3) | 69.6 | 68.4 | 69.5 | (0.1) | 73.7 | 72.6 | 73.4 | (0.3) |
| Vancouver | 7.9 | 7.2 | 7.7 | (0.2) | 62.3 | 62.2 | 62.5 | 0.2 | 67.7 | 67.0 | 67.7 | - |
| Victoria | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 58.3 | 58.3 | 59.1 | 0.8 | 62.7 | 62.7 | 63.7 | 1.0 |

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

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| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - August 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,988.8 | 25,263.9 | 25,285.8 | 297.0 | 24,988.8 | 25,263.9 | 25,285.8 | 297.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 17,172.9 | 17,465.9 | 17,486.0 | 313.1 | 16,749.2 | 17,042.4 | 17,067.8 | 318.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,850.2 | 16,090.4 | 16,048.7 | 198.5 | 15,487.3 | 15,720.6 | 15,701.6 | 214.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,322.6 | 1,375.4 | 1,437.3 | 114.7 | 1,261.9 | 1,321.8 | 1,366.2 | 104.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.7 | 69.1 | 69.2 | 0.5 | 67.0 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.4 | 63.7 | 63.5 | 0.1 | 62.0 | 62.2 | 62.1 | 0.1 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 756.3 | 760.1 | 760.7 | 4.4 | 756.3 | 760.1 | 760.7 | 4.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 492.5 | 497.6 | 498.9 | 6.4 | 476.3 | 478.4 | 483.8 | 7.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 447.3 | 451.1 | 449.2 | 1.9 | 429.9 | 434.2 | 432.9 | 3.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 45.2 | 46.5 | 49.7 | 4.5 | 46.4 | 44.1 | 51.0 | 4.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.2 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 0.8 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 10.5 | 0.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.1 | 65.5 | 65.6 | 0.5 | 63.0 | 62.9 | 63.6 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.1 | 59.3 | 59.1 | - | 56.8 | 57.1 | 56.9 | 0.1 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 438.9 | 438.5 | 438.6 | (0.3) | 438.9 | 438.5 | 438.6 | (0.3) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 273.5 | 282.3 | 275.8 | 2.3 | 257.6 | 258.8 | 260.3 | 2.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 232.8 | 242.4 | 236.6 | 3.8 | 216.1 | 217.8 | 219.6 | 3.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 40.7 | 39.9 | 39.2 | (1.5) | 41.5 | 41.0 | 40.7 | (0.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 14.9 | 14.1 | 14.2 | (0.7) | 16.1 | 15.8 | 15.6 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.3 | 64.4 | 62.9 | 0.6 | 58.7 | 59.0 | 59.3 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.0 | 55.3 | 53.9 | 0.9 | 49.2 | 49.7 | 50.1 | 0.9 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 112.0 | 113.4 | 113.4 | 1.4 | 112.0 | 113.4 | 113.4 | 1.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 81.7 | 83.0 | 83.1 | 1.4 | 76.9 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 0.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 74.0 | 75.7 | 76.5 | 2.5 | 67.4 | 69.5 | 69.7 | 2.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.7 | 7.3 | 6.6 | (1.1) | 9.5 | 8.1 | 8.0 | (1.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.4 | 8.8 | 7.9 | (1.5) | 12.4 | 10.4 | 10.3 | (2.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.9 | 73.2 | 73.3 | 0.4 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 68.5 | (0.2) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.1 | 66.8 | 67.5 | 1.4 | 60.2 | 61.3 | 61.5 | 1.3 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 608.2 | 609.7 | 610.0 | 1.8 | 608.2 | 609.7 | 610.0 | 1.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 405.8 | 404.6 | 401.2 | (4.6) | 384.0 | 385.7 | 381.0 | (3.0) |
| Employment ('000) | 367.8 | 365.7 | 360.3 | (7.5) | 343.9 | 345.3 | 338.6 | (5.3) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 38.0 | 38.8 | 41.0 | 3.0 | 40.1 | 40.4 | 42.4 | 2.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.4 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 0.8 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 0.7 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.7 | 66.4 | 65.8 | (0.9) | 63.1 | 63.3 | 62.5 | (0.6) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.5 | 60.0 | 59.1 | (1.4) | 56.5 | 56.6 | 55.5 | (1.0) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,039.1 | 6,084.6 | 6,088.1 | 49.0 | 6,039.1 | 6,084.6 | 6,088.1 | 49.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 4,017.9 | 4,116.3 | 4,113.2 | 95.3 | 3,931.9 | 4,000.5 | 4,022.2 | 90.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,682.1 | 3,755.4 | 3,710.3 | 28.2 | 3,594.8 | 3,634.6 | 3,621.4 | 26.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 335.9 | 360.9 | 402.9 | 67.0 | 337.1 | 365.8 | 400.8 | 63.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.4 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 1.4 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 1.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.5 | 67.7 | 67.6 | 1.1 | 65.1 | 65.7 | 66.1 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.0 | 61.7 | 60.9 | (0.1) | 59.5 | 59.7 | 59.5 | - |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,651.8 | 9,790.3 | 9,800.9 | 149.1 | 9,651.8 | 9,790.3 | 9,800.9 | 149.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,738.2 | 6,841.7 | 6,854.7 | 116.5 | 6,562.9 | 6,704.2 | 6,691.5 | 128.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,223.7 | 6,309.0 | 6,326.3 | 102.6 | 6,093.7 | 6,219.1 | 6,213.2 | 119.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 514.4 | 532.7 | 528.3 | 13.9 | 469.2 | 485.1 | 478.3 | 9.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 0.1 | 68.0 | 68.5 | 68.3 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.5 | 64.4 | 64.5 | - | 63.1 | 63.5 | 63.4 | 0.3 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 865.2 | 868.4 | 868.8 | 3.6 | 865.2 | 868.4 | 868.8 | 3.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 608.9 | 610.8 | 612.1 | 3.2 | 597.7 | 601.5 | 601.3 | 3.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 574.3 | 579.1 | 578.5 | 4.2 | 566.8 | 571.1 | 572.0 | 5.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 34.7 | 31.7 | 33.6 | (1.1) | 31.0 | 30.5 | 29.4 | (1.6) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | (0.2) | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.4 | 70.3 | 70.5 | 0.1 | 69.1 | 69.3 | 69.2 | 0.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.4 | 66.7 | 66.6 | 0.2 | 65.5 | 65.8 | 65.8 | 0.3 |

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 758.9 | 755.8 | 755.8 | (3.1) | 758.9 | 755.8 | 755.8 | (3.1) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 527.3 | 530.6 | 531.8 | 4.5 | 510.1 | 515.2 | 515.2 | 5.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 496.4 | 500.3 | 499.3 | 2.9 | 482.3 | 487.1 | 486.1 | 3.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 30.9 | 30.3 | 32.5 | 1.6 | 27.8 | 28.1 | 29.1 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.5 | 70.2 | 70.4 | 0.9 | 67.2 | 68.2 | 68.2 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.4 | 66.2 | 66.1 | 0.7 | 63.6 | 64.4 | 64.3 | 0.7 |

Alberta

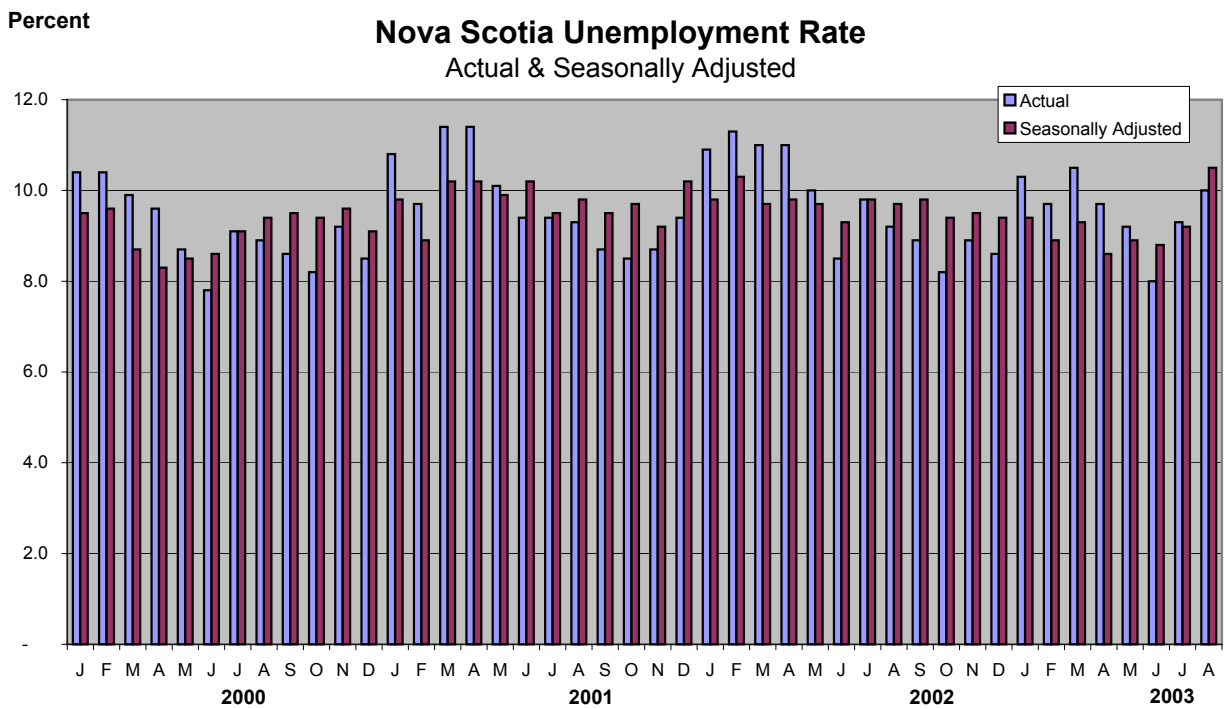
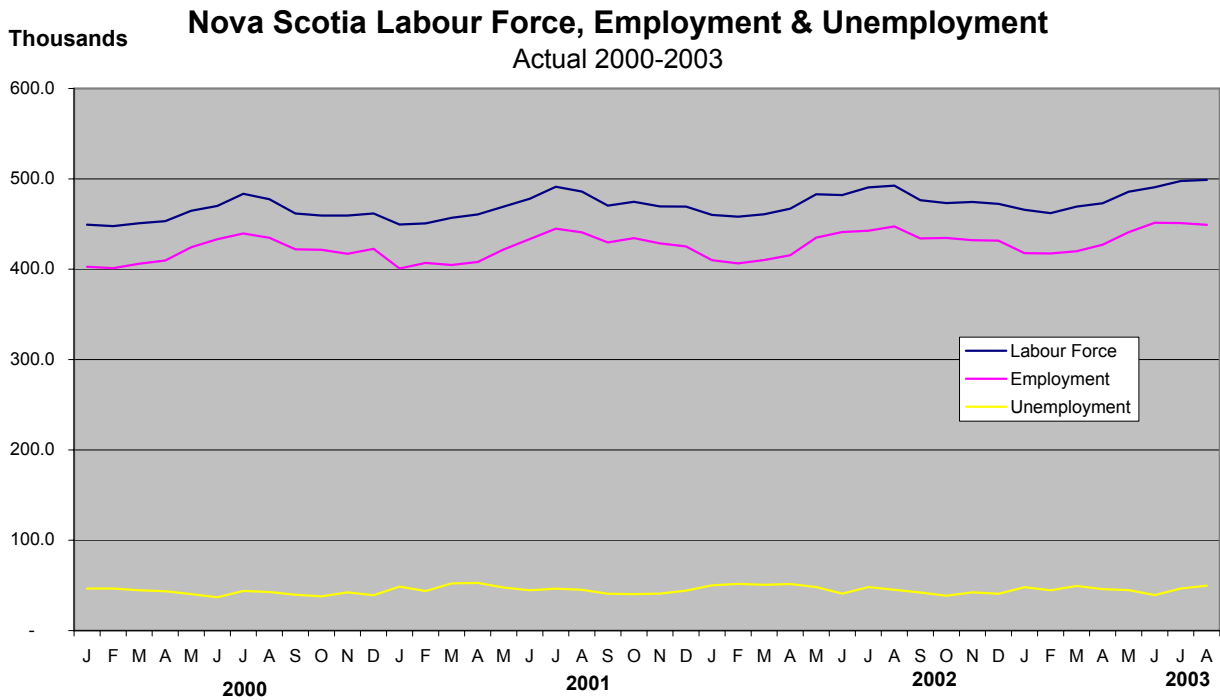
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,427.1 | 2,475.4 | 2,478.6 | 51.5 | 2,427.1 | 2,475.4 | 2,478.6 | 51.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,816.2 | 1,847.6 | 1,853.2 | 37.0 | 1,784.1 | 1,814.2 | 1,818.3 | 34.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,716.6 | 1,756.0 | 1,751.9 | 35.3 | 1,690.8 | 1,725.4 | 1,724.8 | 34.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 99.6 | 91.6 | 101.3 | 1.7 | 93.2 | 88.8 | 93.5 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | - | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 74.8 | 74.6 | 74.8 | - | 73.5 | 73.3 | 73.4 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 70.7 | 70.9 | 70.7 | - | 69.7 | 69.7 | 69.6 | (0.1) |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,331.3 | 3,367.8 | 3,370.9 | 39.6 | 3,331.3 | 3,367.8 | 3,370.9 | 39.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,210.9 | 2,251.4 | 2,262.0 | 51.1 | 2,167.7 | 2,206.2 | 2,216.4 | 48.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 2,035.3 | 2,055.8 | 2,059.9 | 24.6 | 2,001.6 | 2,016.4 | 2,023.3 | 21.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 175.7 | 195.7 | 202.2 | 26.5 | 166.1 | 189.8 | 193.1 | 27.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.9 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 1.0 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.4 | 66.9 | 67.1 | 0.7 | 65.1 | 65.5 | 65.8 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.1 | 61.0 | 61.1 | - | 60.1 | 59.9 | 60.0 | (0.1) |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

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Employment Situation - August 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,962.0 | 25,236.6 | 25,263.1 | 301.1 | 755.9 | 759.7 | 760.1 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 17,075.3 | 17,321.1 | 17,423.7 | 348.4 | 488.4 | 491.3 | 495.7 | 7.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,795.0 | 15,988.2 | 16,071.3 | 276.3 | 443.7 | 447.8 | 450.5 | 6.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,280.3 | 1,332.9 | 1,352.5 | 72.2 | 44.7 | 43.5 | 45.2 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 9.1 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.4 | 68.6 | 69.0 | 0.6 | 64.6 | 64.7 | 65.2 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.3 | 63.4 | 63.6 | 0.3 | 58.7 | 58.9 | 59.3 | 0.6 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.5 | 102.0 | 102.1 | 0.6 | 120.7 | 119.8 | 119.7 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 65.9 | 62.8 | 63.7 | (2.2) | 67.2 | 66.1 | 67.3 | 0.1 |
| Employment ('000) | 61.0 | 57.0 | 58.0 | (3.0) | 56.6 | 56.1 | 56.5 | (0.1) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 0.7 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 1.3 | 15.8 | 15.0 | 16.0 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.9 | 61.6 | 62.4 | (2.5) | 55.7 | 55.2 | 56.2 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.1 | 55.9 | 56.8 | (3.3) | 46.9 | 46.8 | 47.2 | 0.3 |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 296.3 | 300.2 | 300.6 | 4.3 | 284.3 | 288.2 | 288.6 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 208.8 | 211.6 | 213.5 | 4.7 | 202.7 | 204.8 | 206.9 | 4.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 193.5 | 198.2 | 198.9 | 5.4 | 187.9 | 191.7 | 192.8 | 4.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 15.3 | 13.4 | 14.6 | (0.7) | 14.8 | 13.0 | 14.1 | (0.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.8 | (0.5) | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.8 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.5 | 70.5 | 71.0 | 0.5 | 71.3 | 71.1 | 71.7 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.3 | 66.0 | 66.2 | 0.9 | 66.1 | 66.5 | 66.8 | 0.7 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.2 | 133.3 | 133.3 | 0.1 | 104.1 | 104.4 | 104.4 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 81.1 | 83.8 | 84.2 | 3.1 | 65.3 | 67.1 | 67.1 | 1.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 73.3 | 75.9 | 76.6 | 3.3 | 59.3 | 60.6 | 60.6 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.7 | (0.1) | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.1 | (0.5) | 9.2 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.9 | 62.9 | 63.2 | 2.3 | 62.7 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 1.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 55.0 | 56.9 | 57.5 | 2.5 | 57.0 | 58.0 | 58.0 | 1.0 |

Employment Situation - August 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,487.3 | 15,720.6 | 15,701.6 | 214.3 | 12,592.6 | 12,758.8 | 12,736.5 | 143.9 | 2,894.8 | 2,961.9 | 2,965.1 | 70.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 216.1 | 217.8 | 219.6 | 3.5 | 180.5 | 186.2 | 189.3 | 8.8 | 35.6 | 31.6 | 30.3 | (5.3) |
| Prince Edward Island | 67.4 | 69.5 | 69.7 | 2.3 | 56.4 | 58.0 | 58.8 | 2.4 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 10.9 | (0.1) |
| Nova Scotia | 429.9 | 434.2 | 432.9 | 3.0 | 348.0 | 351.5 | 349.4 | 1.4 | 81.8 | 82.7 | 83.5 | 1.7 |
| New Brunswick | 343.9 | 345.3 | 338.6 | (5.3) | 289.4 | 291.7 | 286.4 | (3.0) | 54.5 | 53.6 | 52.2 | (2.3) |
| Quebec | 3,594.8 | 3,634.6 | 3,621.4 | 26.6 | 2,954.0 | 2,989.1 | 2,970.5 | 16.5 | 640.8 | 645.5 | 650.9 | 10.1 |
| Ontario | 6,093.7 | 6,219.1 | 6,213.2 | 119.5 | 5,002.8 | 5,060.1 | 5,061.8 | 59.0 | 1,090.8 | 1,159.0 | 1,151.4 | 60.6 |
| Manitoba | 566.8 | 571.1 | 572.0 | 5.2 | 448.4 | 457.4 | 458.7 | 10.3 | 118.4 | 113.6 | 113.2 | (5.2) |
| Saskatchewan | 482.3 | 487.1 | 486.1 | 3.8 | 384.5 | 386.3 | 387.2 | 2.7 | 97.8 | 100.8 | 98.9 | 1.1 |
| Alberta | 1,690.8 | 1,725.4 | 1,724.8 | 34.0 | 1,384.6 | 1,409.5 | 1,413.9 | 29.3 | 306.2 | 315.9 | 310.9 | 4.7 |
| British Columbia | 2,001.6 | 2,016.4 | 2,023.3 | 21.7 | 1,544.5 | 1,569.2 | 1,560.4 | 15.9 | 457.1 | 447.2 | 462.9 | 5.8 |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,850.2 | 16,090.4 | 16,048.7 | 198.5 | 13,305.2 | 13,449.9 | 13,443.8 | 138.6 | 2,545.0 | 2,640.6 | 2,604.9 | 59.9 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 232.8 | 242.4 | 236.6 | 3.8 | 201.1 | 212.9 | 209.9 | 8.8 | 31.7 | 29.5 | 26.6 | (5.1) |
| Prince Edward Island | 74.0 | 75.7 | 76.5 | 2.5 | 65.6 | 66.4 | 68.1 | 2.5 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 8.4 | - |
| Nova Scotia | 447.3 | 451.1 | 449.2 | 1.9 | 376.4 | 378.6 | 376.8 | 0.4 | 70.9 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 1.5 |
| New Brunswick | 367.8 | 365.7 | 360.3 | (7.5) | 320.5 | 319.3 | 315.9 | (4.6) | 47.3 | 46.4 | 44.4 | (2.9) |
| Quebec | 3,682.1 | 3,755.4 | 3,710.3 | 28.2 | 3,136.4 | 3,209.0 | 3,157.6 | 21.2 | 545.7 | 546.4 | 552.7 | 7.0 |
| Ontario | 6,223.7 | 6,309.0 | 6,326.3 | 102.6 | 5,252.1 | 5,263.9 | 5,300.3 | 48.2 | 971.6 | 1,045.1 | 1,026.0 | 54.4 |
| Manitoba | 574.3 | 579.1 | 578.5 | 4.2 | 473.3 | 483.1 | 482.6 | 9.3 | 100.9 | 96.1 | 95.9 | (5.0) |
| Saskatchewan | 496.4 | 500.3 | 499.3 | 2.9 | 411.8 | 409.8 | 413.3 | 1.5 | 84.6 | 90.5 | 86.1 | 1.5 |
| Alberta | 1,716.6 | 1,756.0 | 1,751.9 | 35.3 | 1,453.9 | 1,476.6 | 1,487.2 | 33.3 | 262.6 | 279.5 | 264.7 | 2.1 |
| British Columbia | 2,035.3 | 2,055.8 | 2,059.9 | 24.6 | 1,614.0 | 1,630.3 | 1,632.1 | 18.1 | 421.3 | 425.4 | 427.7 | 6.4 |

Employment Situation - August 2003 Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,767.0 | 2,789.3 | 2,796.5 | 29.5 | 2,385.1 | 2,395.3 | 2,392.7 | 7.6 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 0.6 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 40.2 | 39.5 | 40.5 | 0.3 | 31.2 | 30.8 | 31.4 | 0.2 | 22.4 | 22.0 | 22.5 | 0.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.1 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 0.7 | 15.6 | 12.7 | 10.6 | (5.0) |
| Nova Scotia | 80.0 | 82.8 | 83.1 | 3.1 | 66.6 | 68.4 | 65.7 | (0.9) | 16.8 | 17.4 | 21.1 | 4.3 |
| New Brunswick | 63.4 | 62.4 | 60.3 | (3.1) | 53.4 | 52.0 | 48.3 | (5.1) | 15.8 | 16.7 | 19.9 | 4.1 |
| Quebec | 630.7 | 641.2 | 653.2 | 22.5 | 536.4 | 556.7 | 557.7 | 21.3 | 15.0 | 13.2 | 14.6 | (0.4) |
| Ontario | 1,050.8 | 1,057.4 | 1,056.4 | 5.6 | 904.6 | 896.3 | 895.6 | (9.0) | 13.9 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 1.3 |
| Manitoba | 108.8 | 108.4 | 108.0 | (0.8) | 97.3 | 97.9 | 98.0 | 0.7 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 9.3 | (1.4) |
| Saskatchewan | 93.1 | 93.3 | 94.0 | 0.9 | 83.7 | 83.4 | 84.3 | 0.6 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 0.2 |
| Alberta | 333.4 | 343.0 | 338.7 | 5.3 | 296.9 | 308.7 | 308.6 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 10.0 | 8.9 | (2.0) |
| British Columbia | 352.4 | 347.1 | 348.0 | (4.4) | 303.1 | 288.7 | 290.5 | (12.6) | 14.0 | 16.8 | 16.6 | 2.6 |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 3,134.3 | 3,254.7 | 3,168.7 | 34.4 | 2,734.4 | 2,773.4 | 2,740.5 | 6.1 | 12.8 | 14.8 | 13.5 | 0.7 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 50.5 | 56.5 | 51.1 | 0.6 | 40.8 | 44.5 | 41.4 | 0.6 | 19.2 | 21.2 | 19.0 | (0.2) |
| Prince Edward Island | 17.6 | 18.3 | 18.0 | 0.4 | 15.8 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 0.9 | 10.2 | 9.3 | 6.7 | (3.5) |
| Nova Scotia | 95.2 | 101.8 | 96.7 | 1.5 | 82.7 | 83.5 | 80.4 | (2.3) | 13.1 | 18.0 | 16.8 | 3.7 |
| New Brunswick | 78.1 | 79.0 | 74.3 | (3.8) | 68.5 | 67.3 | 62.6 | (5.9) | 12.3 | 14.8 | 15.7 | 3.4 |
| Quebec | 698.2 | 761.8 | 727.6 | 29.4 | 606.0 | 660.7 | 632.2 | 26.2 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.1 | (0.1) |
| Ontario | 1,212.2 | 1,235.1 | 1,214.1 | 1.9 | 1,050.7 | 1,029.4 | 1,033.9 | (16.8) | 13.3 | 16.7 | 14.8 | 1.5 |
| Manitoba | 119.2 | 121.0 | 118.2 | (1.0) | 108.1 | 109.6 | 108.7 | 0.6 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 8.0 | (1.3) |
| Saskatchewan | 107.8 | 108.4 | 108.2 | 0.4 | 97.4 | 95.6 | 97.8 | 0.4 | 9.6 | 11.8 | 9.7 | 0.1 |
| Alberta | 366.3 | 381.3 | 373.9 | 7.6 | 328.6 | 343.5 | 342.4 | 13.8 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 8.5 | (1.8) |
| British Columbia | 389.2 | 391.4 | 386.6 | (2.6) | 335.8 | 322.7 | 324.4 | (11.4) | 13.7 | 17.6 | 16.1 | 2.4 |

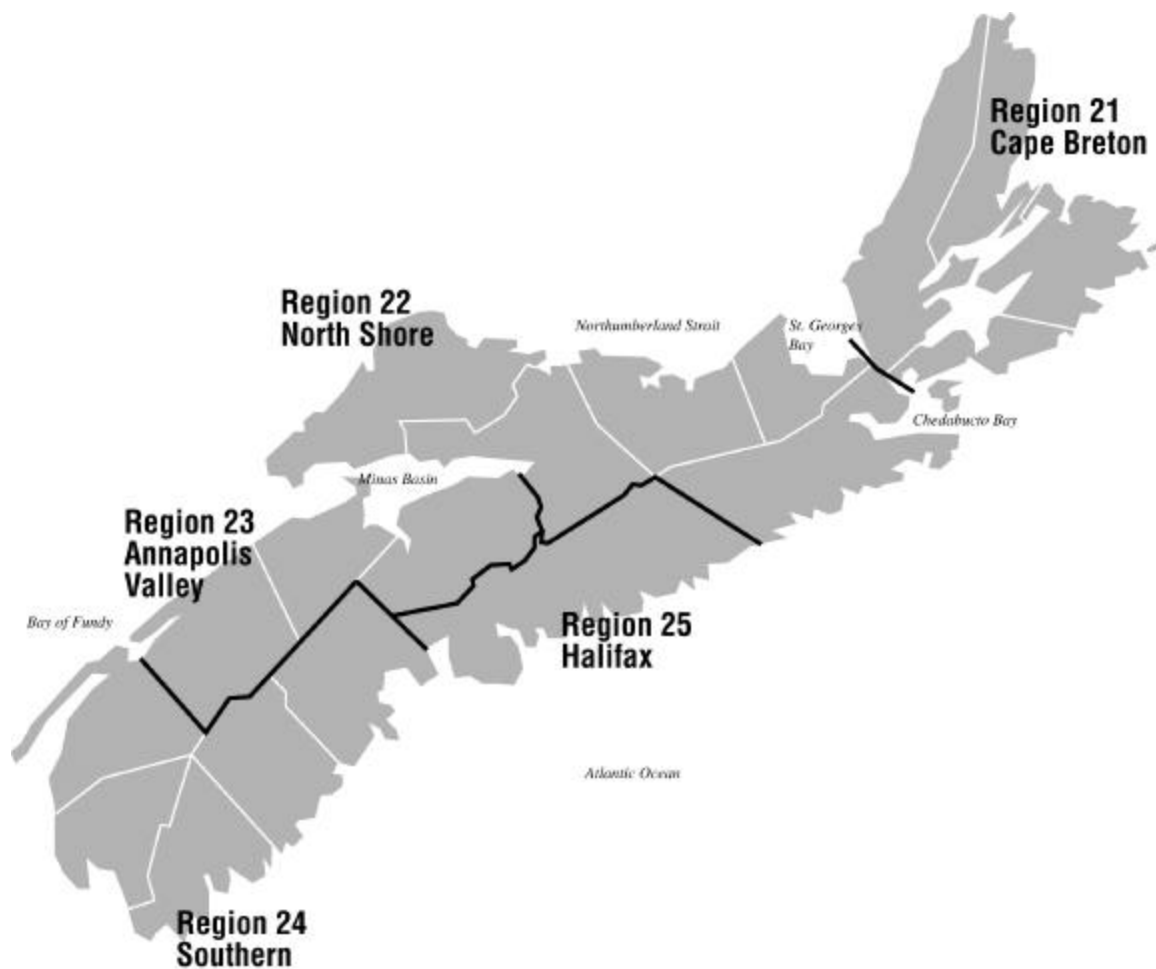
Employment Situation - August 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change | Aug 2002 | Jul 2003 | Aug 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.3 | (0.1) | 63.1 | 63.3 | 63.5 | 0.4 | 69.7 | 69.9 | 70.0 | 0.3 |
| Halifax | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.8 | (0.5) | 66.1 | 66.5 | 66.8 | 0.7 | 71.3 | 71.1 | 71.7 | 0.4 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 7.8 | 10.0 | 9.3 | 1.5 | 63.1 | 58.8 | 58.8 | (4.3) | 68.5 | 65.3 | 64.8 | (3.7) |
| Saguenay | 10.7 | 9.9 | 9.5 | (1.2) | 53.3 | 55.4 | 57.0 | 3.7 | 59.6 | 61.6 | 62.9 | 3.3 |
| Québec | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | (0.6) | 64.8 | 65.8 | 65.9 | 1.1 | 69.0 | 69.4 | 69.7 | 0.7 |
| Trois-Rivières | 9.1 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 57.9 | 56.7 | 56.0 | (1.9) | 63.8 | 63.5 | 63.1 | (0.7) |
| Sherbrooke | 6.6 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 1.2 | 63.4 | 62.7 | 63.4 | - | 67.9 | 67.4 | 68.7 | 0.8 |
| Montréal | 8.4 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 1.7 | 62.7 | 62.1 | 62.0 | (0.7) | 68.5 | 68.8 | 69.0 | 0.5 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.4 | 6.6 | 6.6 | (0.8) | 65.6 | 68.3 | 68.2 | 2.6 | 70.8 | 73.1 | 73.0 | 2.2 |
| Sudbury | 9.5 | 8.0 | 9.0 | (0.5) | 59.4 | 58.1 | 58.2 | (1.2) | 65.7 | 63.1 | 63.9 | (1.8) |
| Oshawa | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.7 | (0.7) | 65.0 | 70.7 | 70.7 | 5.7 | 69.4 | 75.1 | 74.9 | 5.5 |
| Toronto | 8.2 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 0.7 | 65.0 | 64.8 | 64.8 | (0.2) | 70.8 | 70.8 | 71.1 | 0.3 |
| Hamilton | 7.3 | 6.4 | 6.6 | (0.7) | 62.9 | 64.6 | 65.4 | 2.5 | 67.8 | 69.1 | 70.0 | 2.2 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 62.3 | 61.6 | 62.6 | 0.3 | 66.1 | 65.8 | 66.7 | 0.6 |
| London | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.2 | (0.4) | 64.3 | 63.5 | 64.0 | (0.3) | 69.6 | 68.4 | 69.0 | (0.6) |
| Windsor | 8.9 | 7.4 | 7.4 | (1.5) | 62.3 | 62.3 | 62.9 | 0.6 | 68.4 | 67.2 | 67.8 | (0.6) |
| Kitchener | 5.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 1.0 | 66.5 | 66.3 | 66.2 | (0.3) | 70.4 | 71.0 | 70.8 | 0.4 |
| Thunder Bay | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.6 | (0.9) | 61.3 | 65.0 | 64.9 | 3.6 | 65.6 | 69.0 | 68.8 | 3.2 |
| Winnipeg | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | (0.2) | 68.2 | 68.1 | 68.0 | (0.2) | 72.1 | 71.5 | 71.6 | (0.5) |
| Regina | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 69.7 | 68.1 | 68.3 | (1.4) | 73.8 | 72.2 | 72.8 | (1.0) |
| Saskatoon | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.0 | (0.5) | 67.6 | 68.4 | 68.6 | 1.0 | 72.3 | 72.7 | 73.0 | 0.7 |
| Calgary | 6.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | (1.2) | 72.6 | 72.4 | 72.7 | 0.1 | 77.3 | 76.1 | 76.4 | (0.9) |
| Edmonton | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | (0.1) | 69.8 | 69.5 | 69.7 | (0.1) | 73.6 | 73.4 | 73.4 | (0.2) |
| Vancouver | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 0.7 | 63.1 | 62.5 | 63.2 | 0.1 | 68.0 | 67.7 | 68.7 | 0.7 |
| Victoria | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | - | 58.5 | 59.1 | 59.8 | 1.3 | 63.1 | 63.7 | 64.4 | 1.3 |

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
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| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
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| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

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Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 25,023.9 | 25,285.8 | 25,321.2 | 297.3 | 25,023.9 | 25,285.8 | 25,321.2 | 297.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,790.2 | 17,486.0 | 17,092.8 | 302.6 | 16,813.8 | 17,067.8 | 17,117.6 | 303.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,613.4 | 16,048.7 | 15,832.6 | 219.2 | 15,523.6 | 15,701.6 | 15,747.9 | 224.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,176.8 | 1,437.3 | 1,260.1 | 83.3 | 1,290.2 | 1,366.2 | 1,369.6 | 79.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.0 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.1 | 69.2 | 67.5 | 0.4 | 67.2 | 67.5 | 67.6 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.4 | 63.5 | 62.5 | 0.1 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 62.2 | 0.2 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 757.0 | 760.7 | 761.0 | 4.0 | 757.0 | 760.7 | 761.0 | 4.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 476.3 | 498.9 | 482.8 | 6.5 | 476.2 | 483.8 | 483.0 | 6.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 434.1 | 449.2 | 440.4 | 6.3 | 429.6 | 432.9 | 436.2 | 6.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 42.2 | 49.7 | 42.5 | 0.3 | 46.6 | 51.0 | 46.8 | 0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.9 | 10.0 | 8.8 | (0.1) | 9.8 | 10.5 | 9.7 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.9 | 65.6 | 63.4 | 0.5 | 62.9 | 63.6 | 63.5 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.3 | 59.1 | 57.9 | 0.6 | 56.8 | 56.9 | 57.3 | 0.5 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 438.7 | 438.6 | 438.7 | - | 438.7 | 438.6 | 438.7 | - |
| Labour Force ('000) | 259.0 | 275.8 | 265.6 | 6.6 | 257.3 | 260.3 | 263.7 | 6.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 221.0 | 236.6 | 228.1 | 7.1 | 213.1 | 219.6 | 220.4 | 7.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 37.9 | 39.2 | 37.5 | (0.4) | 44.2 | 40.7 | 43.3 | (0.9) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 14.6 | 14.2 | 14.1 | (0.5) | 17.2 | 15.6 | 16.4 | (0.8) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 59.0 | 62.9 | 60.5 | 1.5 | 58.7 | 59.3 | 60.1 | 1.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 50.4 | 53.9 | 52.0 | 1.6 | 48.6 | 50.1 | 50.2 | 1.6 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 112.1 | 113.4 | 113.5 | 1.4 | 112.1 | 113.4 | 113.5 | 1.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 78.5 | 83.1 | 78.1 | (0.4) | 77.5 | 77.7 | 76.8 | (0.7) |
| Employment ('000) | 71.7 | 76.5 | 72.3 | 0.6 | 68.3 | 69.7 | 68.9 | 0.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 6.8 | 6.6 | 5.8 | (1.0) | 9.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | (1.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.4 | (1.3) | 11.7 | 10.3 | 10.3 | (1.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.0 | 73.3 | 68.8 | (1.2) | 69.1 | 68.5 | 67.7 | (1.4) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.0 | 67.5 | 63.7 | (0.3) | 60.9 | 61.5 | 60.7 | (0.2) |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 608.6 | 610.0 | 610.2 | 1.6 | 608.6 | 610.0 | 610.2 | 1.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 391.0 | 401.2 | 386.3 | (4.7) | 388.5 | 381.0 | 383.7 | (4.8) |
| Employment ('000) | 359.6 | 360.3 | 354.1 | (5.5) | 348.8 | 338.6 | 342.7 | (6.1) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 31.3 | 41.0 | 32.2 | 0.9 | 39.7 | 42.4 | 41.0 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.0 | 10.2 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 10.2 | 11.1 | 10.7 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.2 | 65.8 | 63.3 | (0.9) | 63.8 | 62.5 | 62.9 | (0.9) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.1 | 59.1 | 58.0 | (1.1) | 57.3 | 55.5 | 56.2 | (1.1) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,044.1 | 6,088.1 | 6,095.2 | 51.1 | 6,044.1 | 6,088.1 | 6,095.2 | 51.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,930.8 | 4,113.2 | 3,999.8 | 69.0 | 3,935.6 | 4,022.2 | 4,014.9 | 79.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,636.5 | 3,710.3 | 3,656.5 | 20.0 | 3,606.0 | 3,621.4 | 3,628.6 | 22.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 294.3 | 402.9 | 343.2 | 48.9 | 329.7 | 400.8 | 386.3 | 56.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 8.4 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 1.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.0 | 67.6 | 65.6 | 0.6 | 65.1 | 66.1 | 65.9 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.2 | 60.9 | 60.0 | (0.2) | 59.7 | 59.5 | 59.5 | (0.2) |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,671.6 | 9,800.9 | 9,819.2 | 147.6 | 9,671.6 | 9,800.9 | 9,819.2 | 147.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,581.0 | 6,854.7 | 6,723.6 | 142.6 | 6,605.6 | 6,691.5 | 6,741.3 | 135.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,122.3 | 6,326.3 | 6,249.3 | 127.0 | 6,124.3 | 6,213.2 | 6,251.7 | 127.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 458.7 | 528.3 | 474.3 | 15.6 | 481.3 | 478.3 | 489.6 | 8.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.0 | 69.9 | 68.5 | 0.5 | 68.3 | 68.3 | 68.7 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.3 | 64.5 | 63.6 | 0.3 | 63.3 | 63.4 | 63.7 | 0.4 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 865.1 | 868.8 | 869.6 | 4.5 | 865.1 | 868.8 | 869.6 | 4.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 598.3 | 612.1 | 597.9 | (0.4) | 597.9 | 601.3 | 598.2 | 0.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 573.5 | 578.5 | 567.3 | (6.2) | 568.4 | 572.0 | 563.7 | (4.7) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 24.8 | 33.6 | 30.6 | 5.8 | 29.5 | 29.4 | 34.4 | 4.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 1.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 0.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.2 | 70.5 | 68.8 | (0.4) | 69.1 | 69.2 | 68.8 | (0.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.3 | 66.6 | 65.2 | (1.1) | 65.7 | 65.8 | 64.8 | (0.9) |

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 758.5 | 755.8 | 756.0 | (2.5) | 758.5 | 755.8 | 756.0 | (2.5) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 518.0 | 531.8 | 513.3 | (4.7) | 515.8 | 515.2 | 511.9 | (3.9) |
| Employment ('000) | 493.7 | 499.3 | 488.2 | (5.5) | 487.4 | 486.1 | 482.7 | (4.7) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 24.3 | 32.5 | 25.1 | 0.8 | 28.4 | 29.1 | 29.2 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.7 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.3 | 70.4 | 67.9 | (0.4) | 68.0 | 68.2 | 67.7 | (0.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.1 | 66.1 | 64.6 | (0.5) | 64.3 | 64.3 | 63.8 | (0.5) |

Alberta

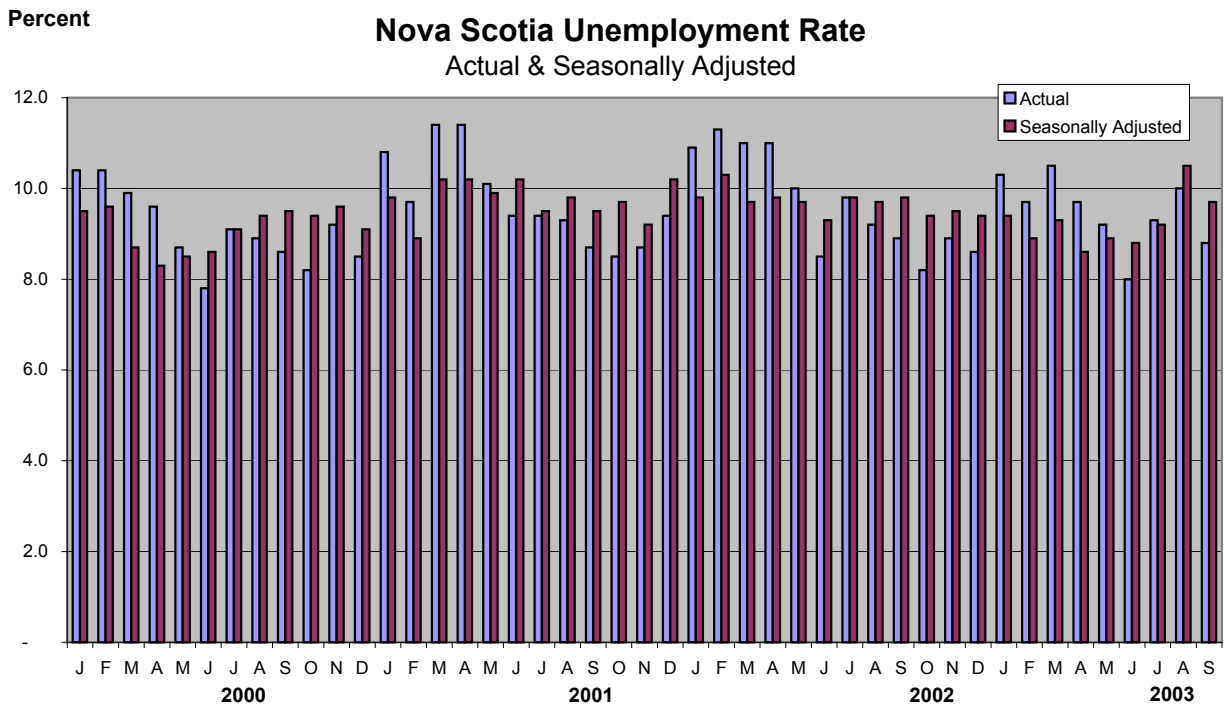
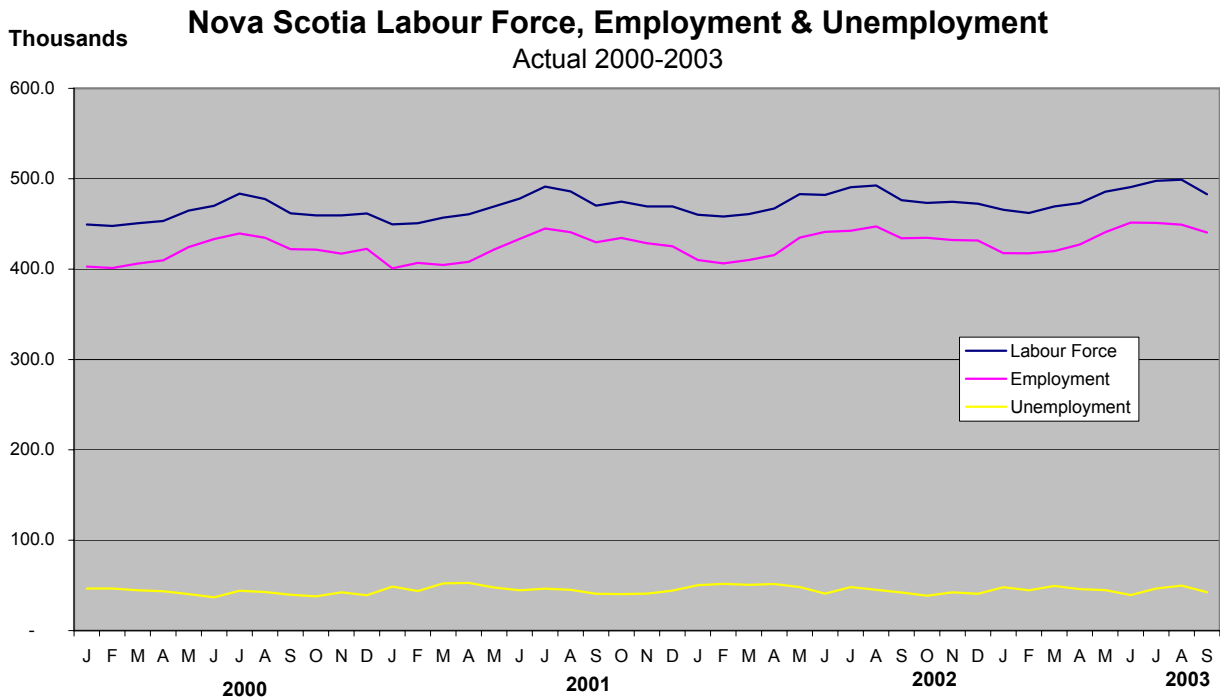
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,432.3 | 2,478.6 | 2,483.6 | 51.3 | 2,432.3 | 2,478.6 | 2,483.6 | 51.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,773.2 | 1,853.2 | 1,819.5 | 46.3 | 1,780.1 | 1,818.3 | 1,825.1 | 45.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,680.4 | 1,751.9 | 1,739.5 | 59.1 | 1,676.3 | 1,724.8 | 1,735.0 | 58.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 92.7 | 101.3 | 80.0 | (12.7) | 103.8 | 93.5 | 90.1 | (13.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.4 | (0.8) | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.9 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.9 | 74.8 | 73.3 | 0.4 | 73.2 | 73.4 | 73.5 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 69.1 | 70.7 | 70.0 | 0.9 | 68.9 | 69.6 | 69.9 | 1.0 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,335.8 | 3,370.9 | 3,374.2 | 38.4 | 3,335.8 | 3,370.9 | 3,374.2 | 38.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,184.2 | 2,262.0 | 2,226.0 | 41.8 | 2,179.4 | 2,216.4 | 2,218.9 | 39.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 2,020.6 | 2,059.9 | 2,037.1 | 16.5 | 2,001.3 | 2,023.3 | 2,018.0 | 16.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 163.6 | 202.2 | 188.8 | 25.2 | 178.1 | 193.1 | 200.9 | 22.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 1.0 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 0.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.5 | 67.1 | 66.0 | 0.5 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 65.8 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.6 | 61.1 | 60.4 | (0.2) | 60.0 | 60.0 | 59.8 | (0.2) |

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Employment Situation - September 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 24,992.6 | 25,263.1 | 25,290.3 | 297.7 | 756.4 | 760.1 | 760.6 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 17,031.6 | 17,423.7 | 17,348.2 | 316.6 | 486.5 | 495.7 | 493.1 | 6.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,758.2 | 16,071.3 | 15,990.6 | 232.4 | 441.3 | 450.5 | 446.9 | 5.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,273.4 | 1,352.5 | 1,357.6 | 84.2 | 45.2 | 45.2 | 46.2 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.1 | 69.0 | 68.6 | 0.5 | 64.3 | 65.2 | 64.8 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.1 | 63.6 | 63.2 | 0.1 | 58.3 | 59.3 | 58.8 | 0.5 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.5 | 102.1 | 102.1 | 0.6 | 120.6 | 119.7 | 119.7 | (0.9) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 65.5 | 63.7 | 63.9 | (1.6) | 67.2 | 67.3 | 65.6 | (1.6) |
| Employment ('000) | 60.5 | 58.0 | 58.5 | (2.0) | 56.7 | 56.5 | 54.8 | (1.9) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.6 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 0.9 | 15.5 | 16.0 | 16.5 | 1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.5 | 62.4 | 62.6 | (1.9) | 55.7 | 56.2 | 54.8 | (0.9) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.6 | 56.8 | 57.3 | (2.3) | 47.0 | 47.2 | 45.8 | (1.2) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 296.8 | 300.6 | 301.0 | 4.2 | 284.8 | 288.6 | 289.0 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 208.1 | 213.5 | 212.7 | 4.6 | 201.8 | 206.9 | 206.2 | 4.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 192.5 | 198.9 | 197.4 | 4.9 | 187.0 | 192.8 | 191.7 | 4.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 15.6 | 14.6 | 15.3 | (0.3) | 14.9 | 14.1 | 14.5 | (0.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.5 | 6.8 | 7.2 | (0.3) | 7.4 | 6.8 | 7.0 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.1 | 71.0 | 70.7 | 0.6 | 70.9 | 71.7 | 71.3 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.9 | 66.2 | 65.6 | 0.7 | 65.7 | 66.8 | 66.3 | 0.6 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.2 | 133.3 | 133.3 | 0.1 | 104.2 | 104.4 | 104.5 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 80.8 | 84.2 | 84.3 | 3.5 | 65.0 | 67.1 | 66.7 | 1.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 72.4 | 76.6 | 75.9 | 3.5 | 59.2 | 60.6 | 60.2 | 1.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 8.3 | 7.7 | 8.3 | - | 5.8 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.3 | 9.1 | 9.8 | (0.5) | 8.9 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 0.8 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 60.7 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 2.5 | 62.4 | 64.3 | 63.8 | 1.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.4 | 57.5 | 56.9 | 2.5 | 56.8 | 58.0 | 57.6 | 0.8 |

Employment Situation - September 2003 Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,523.6 | 15,701.6 | 15,747.9 | 224.3 | 12,599.4 | 12,736.5 | 12,773.6 | 174.2 | 2,924.1 | 2,965.1 | 2,974.4 | 50.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 213.1 | 219.6 | 220.4 | 7.3 | 177.8 | 189.3 | 189.1 | 11.3 | 35.3 | 30.3 | 31.3 | (4.0) |
| Prince Edward Island | 68.3 | 69.7 | 68.9 | 0.6 | 56.6 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 0.7 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 11.7 | - |
| Nova Scotia | 429.6 | 432.9 | 436.2 | 6.6 | 343.9 | 349.4 | 351.9 | 8.0 | 85.7 | 83.5 | 84.3 | (1.4) |
| New Brunswick | 348.8 | 338.6 | 342.7 | (6.1) | 292.1 | 286.4 | 290.6 | (1.5) | 56.6 | 52.2 | 52.1 | (4.5) |
| Quebec | 3,606.0 | 3,621.4 | 3,628.6 | 22.6 | 2,962.6 | 2,970.5 | 2,961.4 | (1.2) | 643.3 | 650.9 | 667.2 | 23.9 |
| Ontario | 6,124.3 | 6,213.2 | 6,251.7 | 127.4 | 5,006.6 | 5,061.8 | 5,113.2 | 106.6 | 1,117.8 | 1,151.4 | 1,138.5 | 20.7 |
| Manitoba | 568.4 | 572.0 | 563.7 | (4.7) | 452.5 | 458.7 | 451.7 | (0.8) | 115.9 | 113.2 | 112.0 | (3.9) |
| Saskatchewan | 487.4 | 486.1 | 482.7 | (4.7) | 387.4 | 387.2 | 379.8 | (7.6) | 100.0 | 98.9 | 102.9 | 2.9 |
| Alberta | 1,676.3 | 1,724.8 | 1,735.0 | 58.7 | 1,376.1 | 1,413.9 | 1,420.6 | 44.5 | 300.2 | 310.9 | 314.4 | 14.2 |
| British Columbia | 2,001.3 | 2,023.3 | 2,018.0 | 16.7 | 1,543.9 | 1,560.4 | 1,558.3 | 14.4 | 457.4 | 462.9 | 459.7 | 2.3 |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,613.4 | 16,048.7 | 15,832.6 | 219.2 | 12,708.6 | 13,443.8 | 12,879.3 | 170.7 | 2,904.9 | 2,604.9 | 2,953.3 | 48.4 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 221.0 | 236.6 | 228.1 | 7.1 | 186.3 | 209.9 | 197.2 | 10.9 | 34.8 | 26.6 | 30.9 | (3.9) |
| Prince Edward Island | 71.7 | 76.5 | 72.3 | 0.6 | 60.3 | 68.1 | 60.9 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 8.4 | 11.4 | 0.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 434.1 | 449.2 | 440.4 | 6.3 | 348.7 | 376.8 | 356.0 | 7.3 | 85.4 | 72.4 | 84.3 | (1.1) |
| New Brunswick | 359.6 | 360.3 | 354.1 | (5.5) | 302.7 | 315.9 | 302.6 | (0.1) | 56.9 | 44.4 | 51.4 | (5.5) |
| Quebec | 3,636.5 | 3,710.3 | 3,656.5 | 20.0 | 2,992.2 | 3,157.6 | 2,988.1 | (4.1) | 644.3 | 552.7 | 668.4 | 24.1 |
| Ontario | 6,122.3 | 6,326.3 | 6,249.3 | 127.0 | 5,014.8 | 5,300.3 | 5,126.6 | 111.8 | 1,107.5 | 1,026.0 | 1,122.7 | 15.2 |
| Manitoba | 573.5 | 578.5 | 567.3 | (6.2) | 458.1 | 482.6 | 455.1 | (3.0) | 115.4 | 95.9 | 112.2 | (3.2) |
| Saskatchewan | 493.7 | 499.3 | 488.2 | (5.5) | 396.5 | 413.3 | 386.2 | (10.3) | 97.2 | 86.1 | 102.0 | 4.8 |
| Alberta | 1,680.4 | 1,751.9 | 1,739.5 | 59.1 | 1,382.1 | 1,487.2 | 1,426.5 | 44.4 | 298.3 | 264.7 | 313.0 | 14.7 |
| British Columbia | 2,020.6 | 2,059.9 | 2,037.1 | 16.5 | 1,566.9 | 1,632.1 | 1,580.2 | 13.3 | 453.8 | 427.7 | 456.9 | 3.1 |

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,751.1 | 2,796.5 | 2,807.8 | 56.7 | 2,375.1 | 2,392.7 | 2,398.8 | 23.7 | 13.7 | 14.4 | 14.6 | 0.9 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 39.4 | 40.5 | 41.0 | 1.6 | 29.5 | 31.4 | 32.1 | 2.6 | 25.1 | 22.5 | 21.7 | (3.4) |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.6 | 14.2 | 13.7 | (0.9) | 12.2 | 12.7 | 12.1 | (0.1) | 16.4 | 10.6 | 11.7 | (4.7) |
| Nova Scotia | 80.6 | 83.1 | 83.3 | 2.7 | 64.2 | 65.7 | 69.7 | 5.5 | 20.3 | 21.1 | 16.3 | (4.0) |
| New Brunswick | 65.6 | 60.3 | 63.6 | (2.0) | 55.9 | 48.3 | 50.7 | (5.2) | 14.8 | 19.9 | 20.3 | 5.5 |
| Quebec | 623.9 | 653.2 | 643.1 | 19.2 | 538.7 | 557.7 | 548.9 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 0.9 |
| Ontario | 1,058.0 | 1,056.4 | 1,081.0 | 23.0 | 910.5 | 895.6 | 913.6 | 3.1 | 13.9 | 15.2 | 15.5 | 1.6 |
| Manitoba | 107.8 | 108.0 | 107.8 | - | 98.5 | 98.0 | 95.6 | (2.9) | 8.6 | 9.3 | 11.3 | 2.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 94.1 | 94.0 | 89.5 | (4.6) | 84.5 | 84.3 | 79.4 | (5.1) | 10.2 | 10.3 | 11.3 | 1.1 |
| Alberta | 320.1 | 338.7 | 338.7 | 18.6 | 281.6 | 308.6 | 307.3 | 25.7 | 12.0 | 8.9 | 9.3 | (2.7) |
| British Columbia | 347.0 | 348.0 | 346.3 | (0.7) | 299.4 | 290.5 | 289.4 | (10.0) | 13.7 | 16.6 | 16.4 | 2.7 |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,668.3 | 3,168.7 | 2,722.5 | 54.2 | 2,318.0 | 2,740.5 | 2,337.1 | 19.1 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 1.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 37.1 | 51.1 | 38.7 | 1.6 | 27.7 | 41.4 | 30.2 | 2.5 | 25.3 | 19.0 | 22.0 | (3.3) |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.2 | 18.0 | 13.5 | (0.7) | 12.0 | 16.7 | 12.0 | - | 15.5 | 6.7 | 11.1 | (4.4) |
| Nova Scotia | 77.7 | 96.7 | 79.8 | 2.1 | 61.6 | 80.4 | 66.8 | 5.2 | 20.7 | 16.8 | 16.3 | (4.4) |
| New Brunswick | 62.4 | 74.3 | 60.9 | (1.5) | 54.7 | 62.6 | 50.1 | (4.6) | 12.3 | 15.7 | 17.7 | 5.4 |
| Quebec | 606.0 | 727.6 | 620.9 | 14.9 | 529.7 | 632.2 | 536.5 | 6.8 | 12.6 | 13.1 | 13.6 | 1.0 |
| Ontario | 1,015.5 | 1,214.1 | 1,041.8 | 26.3 | 875.4 | 1,033.9 | 879.3 | 3.9 | 13.8 | 14.8 | 15.6 | 1.8 |
| Manitoba | 107.1 | 118.2 | 106.6 | (0.5) | 98.4 | 108.7 | 94.6 | (3.8) | 8.2 | 8.0 | 11.3 | 3.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 93.5 | 108.2 | 87.8 | (5.7) | 84.5 | 97.8 | 78.3 | (6.2) | 9.6 | 9.7 | 10.9 | 1.3 |
| Alberta | 312.5 | 373.9 | 330.7 | 18.2 | 277.5 | 342.4 | 302.1 | 24.6 | 11.2 | 8.5 | 8.6 | (2.6) |
| British Columbia | 342.3 | 386.6 | 341.7 | (0.6) | 296.6 | 324.4 | 287.2 | (9.4) | 13.4 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 2.5 |

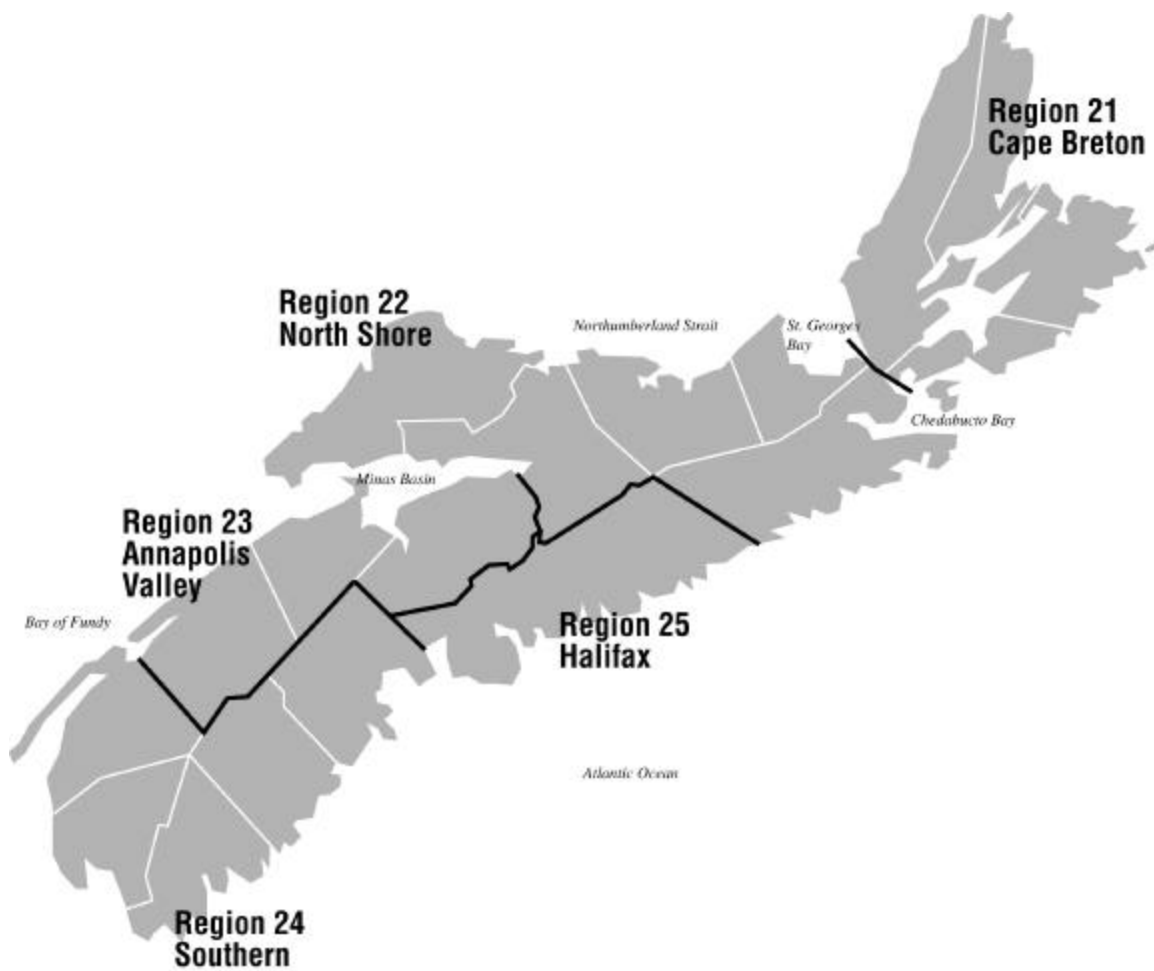
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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change | Sep 2002 | Aug 2003 | Sep 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 0.2 | 62.5 | 63.5 | 62.6 | 0.1 | 68.9 | 70.0 | 69.2 | 0.3 |
| Halifax | 7.4 | 6.8 | 7.0 | (0.4) | 65.7 | 66.8 | 66.3 | 0.6 | 70.9 | 71.7 | 71.3 | 0.4 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 6.9 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 1.9 | 63.8 | 58.8 | 58.3 | (5.5) | 68.6 | 64.8 | 64.0 | (4.6) |
| Saguenay | 9.7 | 9.5 | 9.6 | (0.1) | 53.6 | 57.0 | 56.9 | 3.3 | 59.3 | 62.9 | 62.9 | 3.6 |
| Québec | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.8 | (0.3) | 64.0 | 65.9 | 64.1 | 0.1 | 68.1 | 69.7 | 68.0 | (0.1) |
| Trois-Rivières | 9.9 | 11.2 | 11.5 | 1.6 | 56.7 | 56.0 | 55.6 | (1.1) | 63.0 | 63.1 | 62.8 | (0.2) |
| Sherbrooke | 6.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 1.2 | 62.7 | 63.4 | 63.2 | 0.5 | 67.1 | 68.7 | 68.6 | 1.5 |
| Montréal | 8.5 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 1.6 | 62.3 | 62.0 | 61.8 | (0.5) | 68.1 | 69.0 | 68.7 | 0.6 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.5 | 6.6 | 6.9 | (0.6) | 65.2 | 68.2 | 67.4 | 2.2 | 70.5 | 73.0 | 72.4 | 1.9 |
| Sudbury | 9.2 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 59.2 | 58.2 | 57.1 | (2.1) | 65.3 | 63.9 | 63.0 | (2.3) |
| Oshawa | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 | (0.7) | 65.1 | 70.7 | 70.0 | 4.9 | 69.4 | 74.9 | 74.2 | 4.8 |
| Toronto | 8.4 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 0.4 | 64.9 | 64.8 | 64.5 | (0.4) | 70.9 | 71.1 | 70.7 | (0.2) |
| Hamilton | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 62.6 | 65.4 | 65.1 | 2.5 | 67.3 | 70.0 | 70.1 | 2.8 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 62.5 | 62.6 | 62.7 | 0.2 | 66.5 | 66.7 | 66.8 | 0.3 |
| London | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 64.8 | 64.0 | 64.3 | (0.5) | 69.7 | 69.0 | 69.5 | (0.2) |
| Windsor | 8.1 | 7.4 | 7.2 | (0.9) | 63.1 | 62.9 | 62.9 | (0.2) | 68.7 | 67.8 | 67.7 | (1.0) |
| Kitchener | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0.6 | 66.0 | 66.2 | 66.1 | 0.1 | 70.2 | 70.8 | 70.8 | 0.6 |
| Thunder Bay | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 | (0.8) | 61.3 | 64.9 | 64.4 | 3.1 | 65.4 | 68.8 | 68.2 | 2.8 |
| Winnipeg | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 68.2 | 68.0 | 67.2 | (1.0) | 72.0 | 71.6 | 71.1 | (0.9) |
| Regina | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 69.5 | 68.3 | 68.5 | (1.0) | 73.8 | 72.8 | 73.0 | (0.8) |
| Saskatoon | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.1 | (0.3) | 67.7 | 68.6 | 67.4 | (0.3) | 72.3 | 73.0 | 71.7 | (0.6) |
| Calgary | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.0 | (1.3) | 72.2 | 72.7 | 72.1 | (0.1) | 77.1 | 76.4 | 75.9 | (1.2) |
| Edmonton | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | (0.2) | 69.3 | 69.7 | 69.6 | 0.3 | 72.9 | 73.4 | 73.1 | 0.2 |
| Vancouver | 7.2 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 1.4 | 63.4 | 63.2 | 63.2 | (0.2) | 68.3 | 68.7 | 69.1 | 0.8 |
| Victoria | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.8 | (0.1) | 58.9 | 59.8 | 60.0 | 1.1 | 63.3 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 1.1 |

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
| April 2003 | May 9, 2003 |
| May 2003 | June 6, 2003 |
| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

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Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 25,047.9 | 25,321.2 | 25,351.2 | 303.3 | 25,047.9 | 25,321.2 | 25,351.2 | 303.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,776.5 | 17,092.8 | 17,052.9 | 276.4 | 16,838.1 | 17,117.6 | 17,122.8 | 284.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,613.3 | 15,832.6 | 15,870.0 | 256.7 | 15,559.4 | 15,747.9 | 15,813.3 | 253.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,163.2 | 1,260.1 | 1,182.9 | 19.7 | 1,278.7 | 1,369.6 | 1,309.4 | 30.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.9 | 7.4 | 6.9 | - | 7.6 | 8.0 | 7.6 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.0 | 67.5 | 67.3 | 0.3 | 67.2 | 67.6 | 67.5 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.3 | 62.5 | 62.6 | 0.3 | 62.1 | 62.2 | 62.4 | 0.3 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 757.2 | 761.0 | 761.4 | 4.2 | 757.2 | 761.0 | 761.4 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 473.2 | 482.8 | 476.6 | 3.4 | 474.2 | 483.0 | 477.8 | 3.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 434.6 | 440.4 | 437.2 | 2.6 | 429.5 | 436.2 | 432.5 | 3.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 38.6 | 42.5 | 39.5 | 0.9 | 44.7 | 46.8 | 45.3 | 0.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.2 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 0.1 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.5 | 63.4 | 62.6 | 0.1 | 62.6 | 63.5 | 62.8 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.4 | 57.9 | 57.4 | - | 56.7 | 57.3 | 56.8 | 0.1 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 438.8 | 438.7 | 439.1 | 0.3 | 438.8 | 438.7 | 439.1 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 255.9 | 265.6 | 257.1 | 1.2 | 258.3 | 263.7 | 259.1 | 0.8 |
| Employment ('000) | 214.3 | 228.1 | 218.5 | 4.2 | 211.3 | 220.4 | 216.4 | 5.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 41.5 | 37.5 | 38.7 | (2.8) | 47.0 | 43.3 | 42.7 | (4.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 16.2 | 14.1 | 15.1 | (1.1) | 18.2 | 16.4 | 16.5 | (1.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 58.3 | 60.5 | 58.6 | 0.3 | 58.9 | 60.1 | 59.0 | 0.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 48.8 | 52.0 | 49.8 | 1.0 | 48.2 | 50.2 | 49.3 | 1.1 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 112.3 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 1.2 | 112.3 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 1.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 76.0 | 78.1 | 77.0 | 1.0 | 76.6 | 76.8 | 77.2 | 0.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 69.0 | 72.3 | 70.4 | 1.4 | 67.6 | 68.9 | 69.0 | 1.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.1 | 5.8 | 6.6 | (0.5) | 8.9 | 7.9 | 8.2 | (0.7) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.3 | 7.4 | 8.6 | (0.7) | 11.6 | 10.3 | 10.6 | (1.0) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.7 | 68.8 | 67.8 | 0.1 | 68.2 | 67.7 | 68.0 | (0.2) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 61.4 | 63.7 | 62.0 | 0.6 | 60.2 | 60.7 | 60.8 | 0.6 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 608.6 | 610.2 | 610.4 | 1.8 | 608.6 | 610.2 | 610.4 | 1.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 388.6 | 386.3 | 384.2 | (4.4) | 389.4 | 383.7 | 385.3 | (4.1) |
| Employment ('000) | 354.3 | 354.1 | 350.9 | (3.4) | 347.4 | 342.7 | 343.7 | (3.7) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 34.3 | 32.2 | 33.2 | (1.1) | 42.0 | 41.0 | 41.5 | (0.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.6 | (0.2) | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.8 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.9 | 63.3 | 62.9 | (1.0) | 64.0 | 62.9 | 63.1 | (0.9) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 58.2 | 58.0 | 57.5 | (0.7) | 57.1 | 56.2 | 56.3 | (0.8) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,048.2 | 6,095.2 | 6,101.2 | 53.0 | 6,048.2 | 6,095.2 | 6,101.2 | 53.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,927.3 | 3,999.8 | 4,008.0 | 80.7 | 3,938.3 | 4,014.9 | 4,029.3 | 91.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,636.3 | 3,656.5 | 3,671.9 | 35.6 | 3,619.2 | 3,628.6 | 3,654.1 | 34.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 291.0 | 343.2 | 336.2 | 45.2 | 319.1 | 386.3 | 375.2 | 56.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.4 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 1.0 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 1.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.9 | 65.6 | 65.7 | 0.8 | 65.1 | 65.9 | 66.0 | 0.9 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.1 | 60.0 | 60.2 | 0.1 | 59.8 | 59.5 | 59.9 | 0.1 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,684.3 | 9,819.2 | 9,833.6 | 149.3 | 9,684.3 | 9,819.2 | 9,833.6 | 149.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,589.4 | 6,723.6 | 6,698.2 | 108.8 | 6,612.8 | 6,741.3 | 6,726.8 | 114.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,157.2 | 6,249.3 | 6,268.4 | 111.2 | 6,142.1 | 6,251.7 | 6,257.0 | 114.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 432.2 | 474.3 | 429.8 | (2.4) | 470.8 | 489.6 | 469.9 | (0.9) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.4 | (0.2) | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.0 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.0 | 68.5 | 68.1 | 0.1 | 68.3 | 68.7 | 68.4 | 0.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.6 | 63.6 | 63.7 | 0.1 | 63.4 | 63.7 | 63.6 | 0.2 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 865.0 | 869.6 | 870.4 | 5.4 | 865.0 | 869.6 | 870.4 | 5.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 600.3 | 597.9 | 601.1 | 0.8 | 601.7 | 598.2 | 601.4 | (0.3) |
| Employment ('000) | 571.4 | 567.3 | 571.6 | 0.2 | 569.5 | 563.7 | 569.2 | (0.3) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 28.9 | 30.6 | 29.5 | 0.6 | 32.2 | 34.4 | 32.1 | (0.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 5.3 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.4 | 68.8 | 69.1 | (0.3) | 69.6 | 68.8 | 69.1 | (0.5) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.1 | 65.2 | 65.7 | (0.4) | 65.8 | 64.8 | 65.4 | (0.4) |

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Employment Situation - October 2003 Canada/Provinces

Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 758.2 | 756.0 | 755.8 | (2.4) | 758.2 | 756.0 | 755.8 | (2.4) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 518.2 | 513.3 | 511.2 | (7.0) | 520.5 | 511.9 | 513.4 | (7.1) |
| Employment ('000) | 492.2 | 488.2 | 486.6 | (5.6) | 490.2 | 482.7 | 484.4 | (5.8) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 26.0 | 25.1 | 24.6 | (1.4) | 30.3 | 29.2 | 29.0 | (1.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | (0.2) | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.3 | 67.9 | 67.6 | (0.7) | 68.6 | 67.7 | 67.9 | (0.7) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.9 | 64.6 | 64.4 | (0.5) | 64.7 | 63.8 | 64.1 | (0.6) |

Alberta

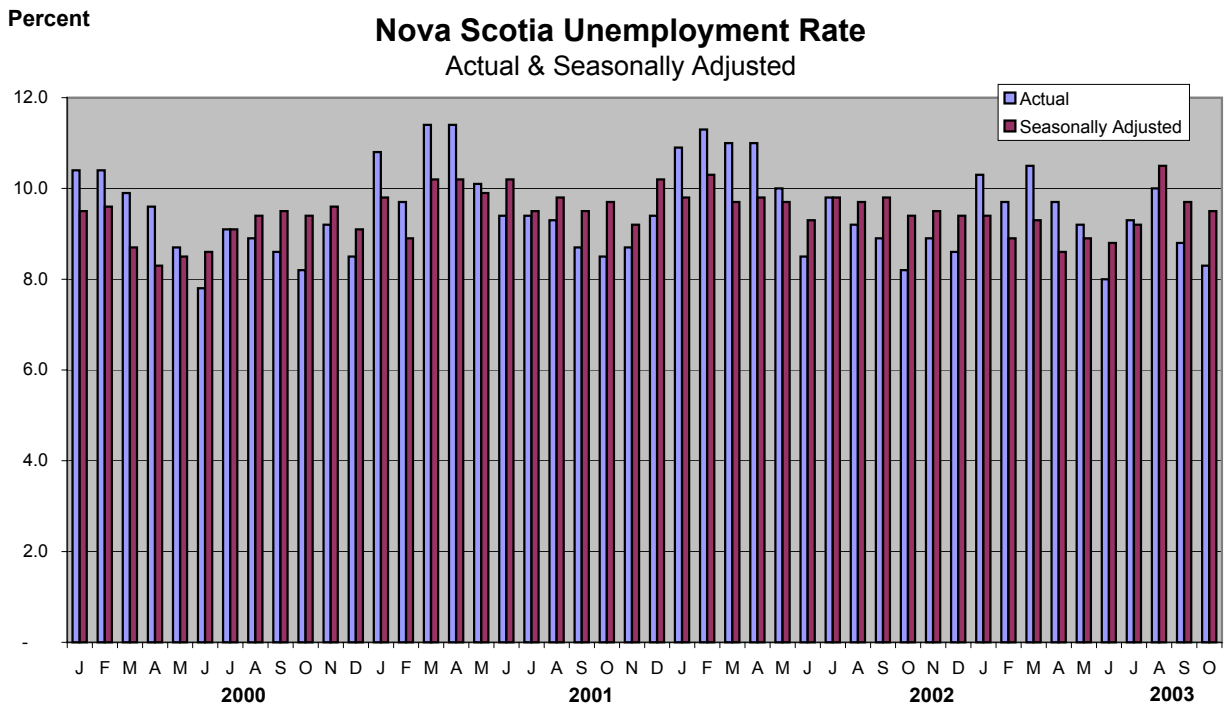
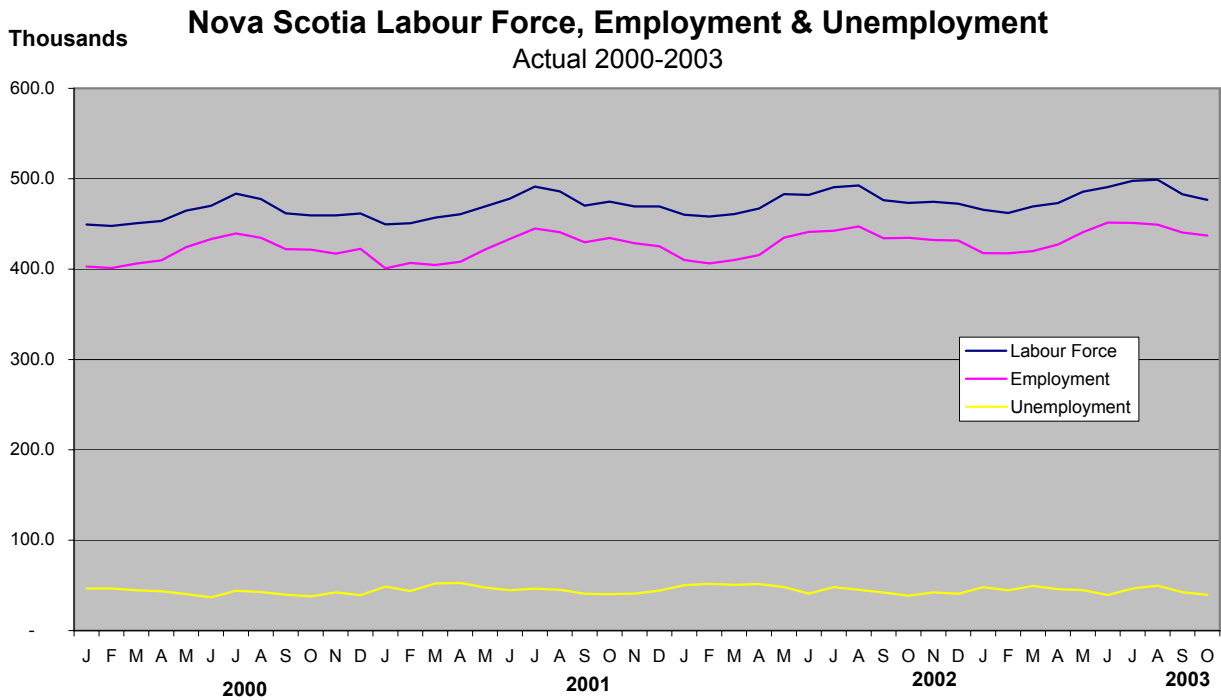
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|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,436.8 | 2,483.6 | 2,487.1 | 50.3 | 2,436.8 | 2,483.6 | 2,487.1 | 50.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,777.0 | 1,819.5 | 1,821.3 | 44.3 | 1,787.0 | 1,825.1 | 1,830.9 | 43.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,681.6 | 1,739.5 | 1,736.8 | 55.2 | 1,684.7 | 1,735.0 | 1,738.9 | 54.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 95.5 | 80.0 | 84.5 | (11.0) | 102.3 | 90.1 | 92.0 | (10.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | (0.8) | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | (0.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.9 | 73.3 | 73.2 | 0.3 | 73.3 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 69.0 | 70.0 | 69.8 | 0.8 | 69.1 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 0.8 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,338.5 | 3,374.2 | 3,378.7 | 40.2 | 3,338.5 | 3,374.2 | 3,378.7 | 40.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,170.6 | 2,226.0 | 2,218.1 | 47.5 | 2,179.3 | 2,218.9 | 2,221.6 | 42.3 |
| Employment ('000) | 2,002.5 | 2,037.1 | 2,057.7 | 55.2 | 1,997.9 | 2,018.0 | 2,048.1 | 50.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 168.1 | 188.8 | 160.4 | (7.7) | 181.5 | 200.9 | 173.4 | (8.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 8.5 | 7.2 | (0.5) | 8.3 | 9.1 | 7.8 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.0 | 66.0 | 65.6 | 0.6 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 65.8 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.0 | 60.4 | 60.9 | 0.9 | 59.8 | 59.8 | 60.6 | 0.8 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.



Employment Situation - October 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 25,020.2 | 25,290.3 | 25,319.4 | 299.2 | 756.9 | 760.6 | 761.0 | 4.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,913.2 | 17,348.2 | 17,210.6 | 297.4 | 480.6 | 493.1 | 486.1 | 5.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,692.3 | 15,990.6 | 15,917.1 | 224.8 | 438.6 | 446.9 | 442.2 | 3.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,220.9 | 1,357.6 | 1,293.4 | 72.5 | 42.0 | 46.2 | 43.9 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.2 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.6 | 68.6 | 68.0 | 0.4 | 63.5 | 64.8 | 63.9 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.7 | 63.2 | 62.9 | 0.2 | 57.9 | 58.8 | 58.1 | 0.2 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.6 | 102.1 | 102.2 | 0.6 | 120.6 | 119.7 | 119.6 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 65.0 | 63.9 | 63.9 | (1.1) | 65.8 | 65.6 | 63.5 | (2.3) |
| Employment ('000) | 60.9 | 58.5 | 59.2 | (1.7) | 56.5 | 54.8 | 52.8 | (3.7) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 1.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.3 | 8.5 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 14.3 | 16.5 | 16.9 | 2.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.0 | 62.6 | 62.5 | (1.5) | 54.6 | 54.8 | 53.1 | (1.5) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.9 | 57.3 | 57.9 | (2.0) | 46.8 | 45.8 | 44.1 | (2.7) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 297.2 | 301.0 | 301.4 | 4.2 | 285.2 | 289.0 | 289.3 | 4.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 206.3 | 212.7 | 210.6 | 4.3 | 200.3 | 206.2 | 203.9 | 3.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 191.6 | 197.4 | 196.4 | 4.8 | 186.5 | 191.7 | 190.4 | 3.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 14.7 | 15.3 | 14.3 | (0.4) | 13.8 | 14.5 | 13.5 | (0.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.1 | 7.2 | 6.8 | (0.3) | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.6 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.4 | 70.7 | 69.9 | 0.5 | 70.2 | 71.3 | 70.5 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.5 | 65.6 | 65.2 | 0.7 | 65.4 | 66.3 | 65.8 | 0.4 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.3 | 133.3 | 133.4 | 0.1 | 104.2 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 79.5 | 84.3 | 82.9 | 3.4 | 64.0 | 66.7 | 65.2 | 1.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 71.8 | 75.9 | 74.8 | 3.0 | 57.9 | 60.2 | 59.0 | 1.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 6.1 | - |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 9.4 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 59.6 | 63.2 | 62.1 | 2.5 | 61.4 | 63.8 | 62.4 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.9 | 56.9 | 56.1 | 2.2 | 55.6 | 57.6 | 56.5 | 0.9 |

Employment Situation - October 2003 Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,559.4 | 15,747.9 | 15,813.3 | 253.9 | 12,587.5 | 12,773.6 | 12,835.7 | 248.2 | 2,971.8 | 2,974.4 | 2,977.6 | 5.8 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 211.3 | 220.4 | 216.4 | 5.1 | 179.2 | 189.1 | 185.2 | 6.0 | 32.2 | 31.3 | 31.2 | (1.0) |
| Prince Edward Island | 67.6 | 68.9 | 69.0 | 1.4 | 56.3 | 57.3 | 57.0 | 0.7 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 429.5 | 436.2 | 432.5 | 3.0 | 347.5 | 351.9 | 352.6 | 5.1 | 82.0 | 84.3 | 79.8 | (2.2) |
| New Brunswick | 347.4 | 342.7 | 343.7 | (3.7) | 288.8 | 290.6 | 290.8 | 2.0 | 58.6 | 52.1 | 52.9 | (5.7) |
| Quebec | 3,619.2 | 3,628.6 | 3,654.1 | 34.9 | 2,941.2 | 2,961.4 | 2,960.5 | 19.3 | 678.0 | 667.2 | 693.6 | 15.6 |
| Ontario | 6,142.1 | 6,251.7 | 6,257.0 | 114.9 | 5,020.9 | 5,113.2 | 5,139.9 | 119.0 | 1,121.1 | 1,138.5 | 1,117.0 | (4.1) |
| Manitoba | 569.5 | 563.7 | 569.2 | (0.3) | 455.5 | 451.7 | 457.7 | 2.2 | 114.0 | 112.0 | 111.6 | (2.4) |
| Saskatchewan | 490.2 | 482.7 | 484.4 | (5.8) | 389.9 | 379.8 | 386.1 | (3.8) | 100.3 | 102.9 | 98.3 | (2.0) |
| Alberta | 1,684.7 | 1,735.0 | 1,738.9 | 54.2 | 1,382.8 | 1,420.6 | 1,419.5 | 36.7 | 301.8 | 314.4 | 319.3 | 17.5 |
| British Columbia | 1,997.9 | 2,018.0 | 2,048.1 | 50.2 | 1,525.8 | 1,558.3 | 1,586.3 | 60.5 | 472.1 | 459.7 | 461.8 | (10.3) |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,613.3 | 15,832.6 | 15,870.0 | 256.7 | 12,564.2 | 12,879.3 | 12,816.1 | 251.9 | 3,049.1 | 2,953.3 | 3,053.9 | 4.8 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 214.3 | 228.1 | 218.5 | 4.2 | 181.0 | 197.2 | 186.3 | 5.3 | 33.4 | 30.9 | 32.2 | (1.2) |
| Prince Edward Island | 69.0 | 72.3 | 70.4 | 1.4 | 57.6 | 60.9 | 58.2 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 0.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 434.6 | 440.4 | 437.2 | 2.6 | 349.3 | 356.0 | 353.8 | 4.5 | 85.2 | 84.3 | 83.4 | (1.8) |
| New Brunswick | 354.3 | 354.1 | 350.9 | (3.4) | 294.5 | 302.6 | 296.6 | 2.1 | 59.8 | 51.4 | 54.4 | (5.4) |
| Quebec | 3,636.3 | 3,656.5 | 3,671.9 | 35.6 | 2,929.2 | 2,988.1 | 2,944.8 | 15.6 | 707.1 | 668.4 | 727.1 | 20.0 |
| Ontario | 6,157.2 | 6,249.3 | 6,268.4 | 111.2 | 5,003.9 | 5,126.6 | 5,124.5 | 120.6 | 1,153.3 | 1,122.7 | 1,143.9 | (9.4) |
| Manitoba | 571.4 | 567.3 | 571.6 | 0.2 | 456.3 | 455.1 | 459.0 | 2.7 | 115.0 | 112.2 | 112.6 | (2.4) |
| Saskatchewan | 492.2 | 488.2 | 486.6 | (5.6) | 391.7 | 386.2 | 388.1 | (3.6) | 100.5 | 102.0 | 98.5 | (2.0) |
| Alberta | 1,681.6 | 1,739.5 | 1,736.8 | 55.2 | 1,377.4 | 1,426.5 | 1,415.1 | 37.7 | 304.2 | 313.0 | 321.7 | 17.5 |
| British Columbia | 2,002.5 | 2,037.1 | 2,057.7 | 55.2 | 1,523.2 | 1,580.2 | 1,589.7 | 66.5 | 479.3 | 456.9 | 468.0 | (11.3) |

Employment Situation - October 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,765.3 | 2,807.8 | 2,786.1 | 20.8 | 2,386.1 | 2,398.8 | 2,395.9 | 9.8 | 13.7 | 14.6 | 14.0 | 0.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 40.9 | 41.0 | 38.4 | (2.5) | 31.3 | 32.1 | 29.0 | (2.3) | 23.5 | 21.7 | 24.2 | 0.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.4 | 13.7 | 13.9 | (0.5) | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.0 | (0.1) | 16.0 | 11.7 | 13.7 | (2.3) |
| Nova Scotia | 79.1 | 83.3 | 79.2 | 0.1 | 65.0 | 69.7 | 65.1 | 0.1 | 17.8 | 16.3 | 17.8 | - |
| New Brunswick | 66.0 | 63.6 | 63.1 | (2.9) | 54.7 | 50.7 | 51.8 | (2.9) | 17.3 | 20.3 | 17.9 | 0.6 |
| Quebec | 635.2 | 643.1 | 634.4 | (0.8) | 548.3 | 548.9 | 538.6 | (9.7) | 13.7 | 14.6 | 15.1 | 1.4 |
| Ontario | 1,053.7 | 1,081.0 | 1,071.0 | 17.3 | 911.5 | 913.6 | 910.9 | (0.6) | 13.5 | 15.5 | 14.9 | 1.4 |
| Manitoba | 109.5 | 107.8 | 110.8 | 1.3 | 98.9 | 95.6 | 98.0 | (0.9) | 9.8 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 1.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 96.5 | 89.5 | 90.0 | (6.5) | 84.4 | 79.4 | 80.6 | (3.8) | 12.5 | 11.3 | 10.4 | (2.1) |
| Alberta | 326.2 | 338.7 | 332.9 | 6.7 | 288.5 | 307.3 | 305.4 | 16.9 | 11.5 | 9.3 | 8.3 | (3.2) |
| British Columbia | 343.9 | 346.3 | 352.5 | 8.6 | 291.5 | 289.4 | 304.4 | 12.9 | 15.2 | 16.4 | 13.6 | (1.6) |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,668.5 | 2,722.5 | 2,680.4 | 11.9 | 2,320.4 | 2,337.1 | 2,325.1 | 4.7 | 13.0 | 14.2 | 13.3 | 0.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 37.9 | 38.7 | 35.3 | (2.6) | 29.2 | 30.2 | 26.9 | (2.3) | 22.7 | 22.0 | 23.8 | 1.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.2 | (0.3) | 11.6 | 12.0 | 11.4 | (0.2) | 14.8 | 11.1 | 12.9 | (1.9) |
| Nova Scotia | 76.7 | 79.8 | 76.1 | (0.6) | 64.0 | 66.8 | 63.2 | (0.8) | 16.6 | 16.3 | 17.0 | 0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 62.7 | 60.9 | 59.7 | (3.0) | 52.8 | 50.1 | 50.4 | (2.4) | 15.8 | 17.7 | 15.6 | (0.2) |
| Quebec | 611.8 | 620.9 | 607.8 | (4.0) | 535.5 | 536.5 | 523.3 | (12.2) | 12.5 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 1.4 |
| Ontario | 1,015.9 | 1,041.8 | 1,028.1 | 12.2 | 885.5 | 879.3 | 881.7 | (3.8) | 12.8 | 15.6 | 14.2 | 1.4 |
| Manitoba | 106.5 | 106.6 | 108.4 | 1.9 | 96.9 | 94.6 | 96.4 | (0.5) | 9.0 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 2.0 |
| Saskatchewan | 93.5 | 87.8 | 86.4 | (7.1) | 82.7 | 78.3 | 78.3 | (4.4) | 11.6 | 10.9 | 9.4 | (2.2) |
| Alberta | 318.3 | 330.7 | 323.3 | 5.0 | 280.6 | 302.1 | 296.7 | 16.1 | 11.8 | 8.6 | 8.3 | (3.5) |
| British Columbia | 331.7 | 341.7 | 342.1 | 10.4 | 281.6 | 287.2 | 296.8 | 15.2 | 15.1 | 15.9 | 13.2 | (1.9) |

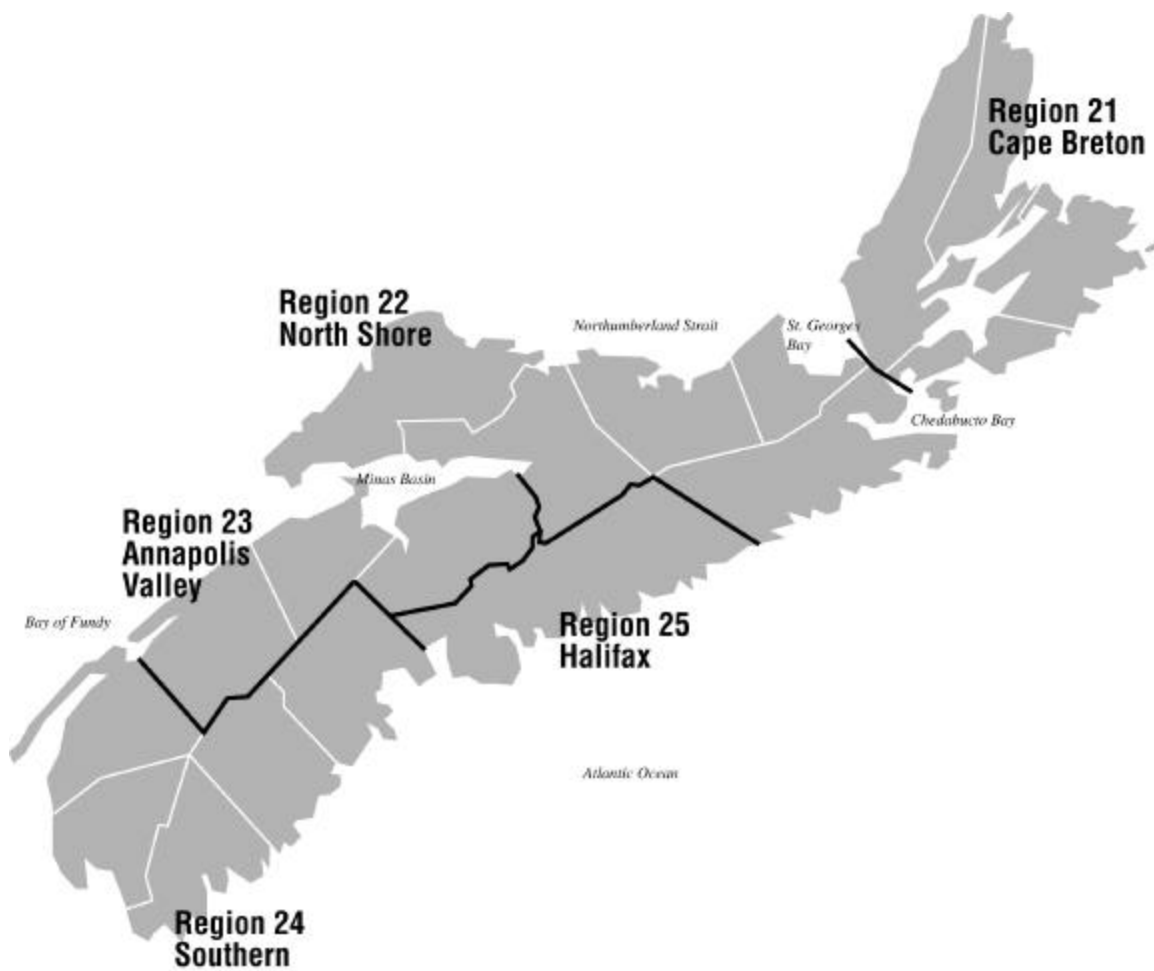
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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change | Oct 2002 | Sep 2003 | Oct 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.2 | (0.3) | 61.1 | 62.6 | 61.2 | 0.1 | 67.6 | 69.2 | 67.4 | (0.2) |
| Halifax | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.6 | (0.3) | 65.4 | 66.3 | 65.8 | 0.4 | 70.2 | 71.3 | 70.5 | 0.3 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 6.1 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 2.0 | 64.6 | 58.3 | 58.2 | (6.4) | 68.7 | 64.0 | 63.4 | (5.3) |
| Saguenay | 9.5 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 1.4 | 53.5 | 56.9 | 55.2 | 1.7 | 59.1 | 62.9 | 61.9 | 2.8 |
| Québec | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 0.6 | 63.0 | 64.1 | 62.0 | (1.0) | 67.1 | 68.0 | 66.4 | (0.7) |
| Trois-Rivières | 9.7 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 1.8 | 55.8 | 55.6 | 55.6 | (0.2) | 61.7 | 62.8 | 62.8 | 1.1 |
| Sherbrooke | 7.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 0.6 | 62.2 | 63.2 | 62.8 | 0.6 | 66.9 | 68.6 | 68.0 | 1.1 |
| Montréal | 7.9 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 1.7 | 62.1 | 61.8 | 61.9 | (0.2) | 67.4 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 1.1 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.4 | 6.9 | 7.0 | (0.4) | 65.2 | 67.4 | 66.9 | 1.7 | 70.4 | 72.4 | 71.9 | 1.5 |
| Sudbury | 8.1 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 0.6 | 58.3 | 57.1 | 56.9 | (1.4) | 63.5 | 63.0 | 62.4 | (1.1) |
| Oshawa | 6.0 | 5.6 | 4.8 | (1.2) | 65.7 | 70.0 | 69.5 | 3.8 | 69.9 | 74.2 | 73.0 | 3.1 |
| Toronto | 8.1 | 8.8 | 8.1 | - | 64.9 | 64.5 | 64.3 | (0.6) | 70.6 | 70.7 | 70.0 | (0.6) |
| Hamilton | 6.1 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 63.0 | 65.1 | 65.2 | 2.2 | 67.1 | 70.1 | 69.8 | 2.7 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 62.3 | 62.7 | 62.1 | (0.2) | 66.3 | 66.8 | 66.3 | - |
| London | 6.0 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 64.6 | 64.3 | 64.4 | (0.2) | 68.7 | 69.5 | 69.4 | 0.7 |
| Windsor | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.4 | (0.5) | 63.5 | 62.9 | 62.7 | (0.8) | 68.2 | 67.7 | 67.0 | (1.2) |
| Kitchener | 5.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 1.1 | 65.9 | 66.1 | 66.4 | 0.5 | 69.7 | 70.8 | 71.1 | 1.4 |
| Thunder Bay | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.5 | (0.3) | 61.4 | 64.4 | 63.6 | 2.2 | 65.1 | 68.2 | 67.3 | 2.2 |
| Winnipeg | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 68.3 | 67.2 | 66.7 | (1.6) | 72.0 | 71.1 | 70.5 | (1.5) |
| Regina | 5.4 | 6.1 | 5.3 | (0.1) | 68.9 | 68.5 | 69.2 | 0.3 | 72.9 | 73.0 | 73.1 | 0.2 |
| Saskatoon | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.9 | (0.2) | 67.4 | 67.4 | 66.6 | (0.8) | 71.8 | 71.7 | 70.7 | (1.1) |
| Calgary | 6.3 | 5.0 | 5.3 | (1.0) | 71.2 | 72.1 | 71.4 | 0.2 | 75.9 | 75.9 | 75.3 | (0.6) |
| Edmonton | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | (0.1) | 68.5 | 69.6 | 69.4 | 0.9 | 71.9 | 73.1 | 72.8 | 0.9 |
| Vancouver | 7.4 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 0.6 | 63.0 | 63.2 | 63.4 | 0.4 | 68.1 | 69.1 | 68.9 | 0.8 |
| Victoria | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.5 | (0.2) | 58.7 | 60.0 | 59.7 | 1.0 | 62.9 | 64.4 | 63.9 | 1.0 |

Employment Situation November 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

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| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
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| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - November 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 25,068.3 | 25,351.2 | 25,379.5 | 311.2 | 25,068.3 | 25,351.2 | 25,379.5 | 311.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,777.1 | 17,052.9 | 17,061.4 | 284.3 | 16,873.6 | 17,122.8 | 17,157.0 | 283.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,580.4 | 15,870.0 | 15,856.8 | 276.4 | 15,602.4 | 15,813.3 | 15,867.4 | 265.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,196.7 | 1,182.9 | 1,204.6 | 7.9 | 1,271.3 | 1,309.4 | 1,289.6 | 18.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.1 | - | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.9 | 67.3 | 67.2 | 0.3 | 67.3 | 67.5 | 67.6 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.2 | 62.6 | 62.5 | 0.3 | 62.2 | 62.4 | 62.5 | 0.3 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 757.5 | 761.4 | 761.7 | 4.2 | 757.5 | 761.4 | 761.7 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 474.5 | 476.6 | 481.3 | 6.8 | 476.7 | 477.8 | 484.1 | 7.4 |
| Employment ('000) | 432.2 | 437.2 | 434.6 | 2.4 | 431.5 | 432.5 | 435.4 | 3.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 42.3 | 39.5 | 46.7 | 4.4 | 45.1 | 45.3 | 48.7 | 3.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.9 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 0.8 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.6 | 62.6 | 63.2 | 0.6 | 62.9 | 62.8 | 63.6 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.1 | 57.4 | 57.1 | - | 57.0 | 56.8 | 57.2 | 0.2 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 438.9 | 439.1 | 439.3 | 0.4 | 438.9 | 439.1 | 439.3 | 0.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 253.6 | 257.1 | 254.0 | 0.4 | 256.7 | 259.1 | 258.7 | 2.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 210.2 | 218.5 | 211.9 | 1.7 | 209.1 | 216.4 | 213.6 | 4.5 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 43.4 | 38.7 | 42.2 | (1.2) | 47.6 | 42.7 | 45.1 | (2.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 17.1 | 15.1 | 16.6 | (0.5) | 18.5 | 16.5 | 17.4 | (1.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.8 | 58.6 | 57.8 | - | 58.5 | 59.0 | 58.9 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 47.9 | 49.8 | 48.2 | 0.3 | 47.6 | 49.3 | 48.6 | 1.0 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 112.4 | 113.5 | 113.7 | 1.3 | 112.4 | 113.5 | 113.7 | 1.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 74.2 | 77.0 | 76.1 | 1.9 | 76.4 | 77.2 | 78.1 | 1.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 65.1 | 70.4 | 67.0 | 1.9 | 67.7 | 69.0 | 69.4 | 1.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 9.2 | 6.6 | 9.1 | (0.1) | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.7 | - |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.4 | 8.6 | 12.0 | (0.4) | 11.4 | 10.6 | 11.1 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.0 | 67.8 | 66.9 | 0.9 | 68.0 | 68.0 | 68.7 | 0.7 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.9 | 62.0 | 58.9 | 1.0 | 60.2 | 60.8 | 61.0 | 0.8 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 608.5 | 610.4 | 610.5 | 2.0 | 608.5 | 610.4 | 610.5 | 2.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 385.8 | 384.2 | 384.6 | (1.2) | 389.8 | 385.3 | 388.2 | (1.6) |
| Employment ('000) | 348.8 | 350.9 | 348.4 | (0.4) | 349.7 | 343.7 | 348.4 | (1.3) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 37.0 | 33.2 | 36.2 | (0.8) | 40.1 | 41.5 | 39.7 | (0.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.6 | 8.6 | 9.4 | (0.2) | 10.3 | 10.8 | 10.2 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.4 | 62.9 | 63.0 | (0.4) | 64.1 | 63.1 | 63.6 | (0.5) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.3 | 57.5 | 57.1 | (0.2) | 57.5 | 56.3 | 57.1 | (0.4) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,051.7 | 6,101.2 | 6,106.8 | 55.1 | 6,051.7 | 6,101.2 | 6,106.8 | 55.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,935.1 | 4,008.0 | 4,047.5 | 112.4 | 3,970.8 | 4,029.3 | 4,079.0 | 108.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,606.0 | 3,671.9 | 3,693.6 | 87.6 | 3,627.9 | 3,654.1 | 3,708.3 | 80.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 329.1 | 336.2 | 353.9 | 24.8 | 342.9 | 375.2 | 370.6 | 27.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 0.3 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 0.5 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.0 | 65.7 | 66.3 | 1.3 | 65.6 | 66.0 | 66.8 | 1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.6 | 60.2 | 60.5 | 0.9 | 59.9 | 59.9 | 60.7 | 0.8 |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,694.8 | 9,833.6 | 9,846.5 | 151.7 | 9,694.8 | 9,833.6 | 9,846.5 | 151.7 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,581.0 | 6,698.2 | 6,679.9 | 98.9 | 6,601.4 | 6,726.8 | 6,705.9 | 104.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,175.3 | 6,268.4 | 6,268.8 | 93.5 | 6,156.2 | 6,257.0 | 6,250.4 | 94.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 405.7 | 429.8 | 411.1 | 5.4 | 445.2 | 469.9 | 455.5 | 10.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | - | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.9 | 68.1 | 67.8 | (0.1) | 68.1 | 68.4 | 68.1 | - |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.7 | 63.7 | 63.7 | - | 63.5 | 63.6 | 63.5 | - |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 864.8 | 870.4 | 871.1 | 6.3 | 864.8 | 870.4 | 871.1 | 6.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 598.3 | 601.1 | 596.6 | (1.7) | 602.2 | 601.4 | 599.5 | (2.7) |
| Employment ('000) | 567.9 | 571.6 | 565.5 | (2.4) | 570.2 | 569.2 | 567.4 | (2.8) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 30.4 | 29.5 | 31.1 | 0.7 | 31.9 | 32.1 | 32.1 | 0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.2 | 69.1 | 68.5 | (0.7) | 69.6 | 69.1 | 68.8 | (0.8) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.7 | 65.7 | 64.9 | (0.8) | 65.9 | 65.4 | 65.1 | (0.8) |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 757.9 | 755.8 | 756.1 | (1.8) | 757.9 | 755.8 | 756.1 | (1.8) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 516.6 | 511.2 | 510.3 | (6.3) | 522.5 | 513.4 | 514.9 | (7.6) |
| Employment ('000) | 489.0 | 486.6 | 483.9 | (5.1) | 491.9 | 484.4 | 485.6 | (6.3) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 27.6 | 24.6 | 26.4 | (1.2) | 30.7 | 29.0 | 29.3 | (1.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.2 | (0.1) | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.2 | 67.6 | 67.5 | (0.7) | 68.9 | 67.9 | 68.1 | (0.8) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.5 | 64.4 | 64.0 | (0.5) | 64.9 | 64.1 | 64.2 | (0.7) |

Alberta

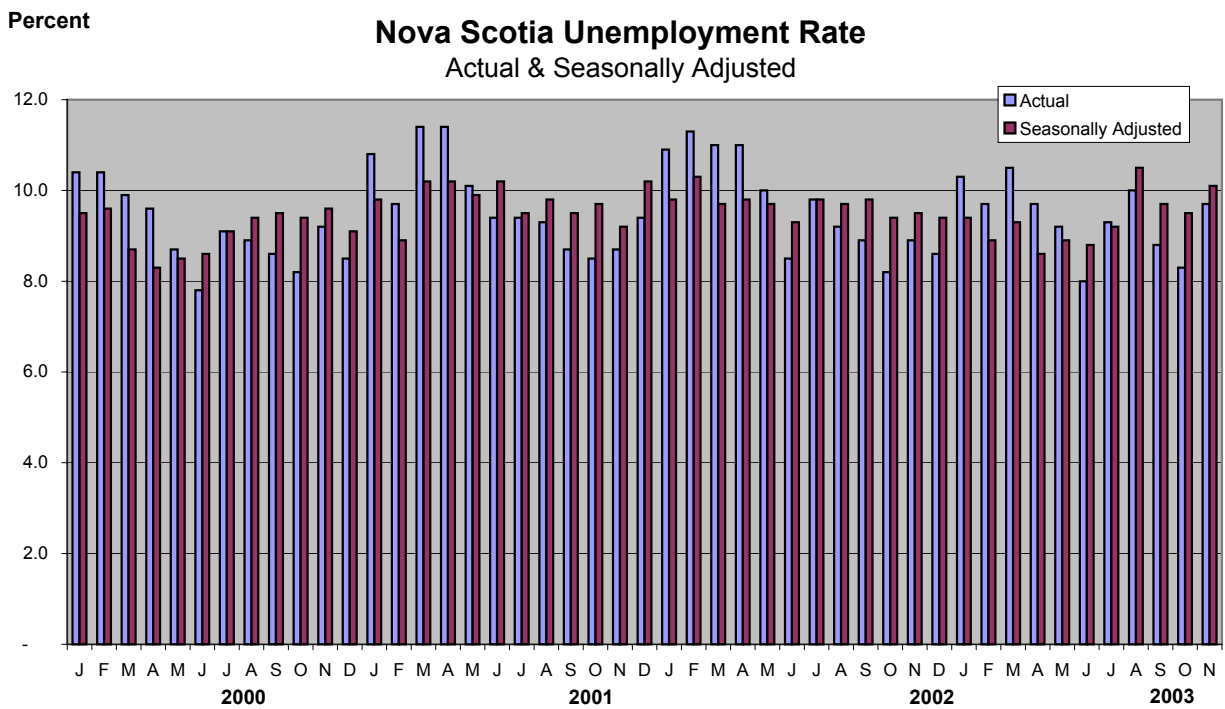
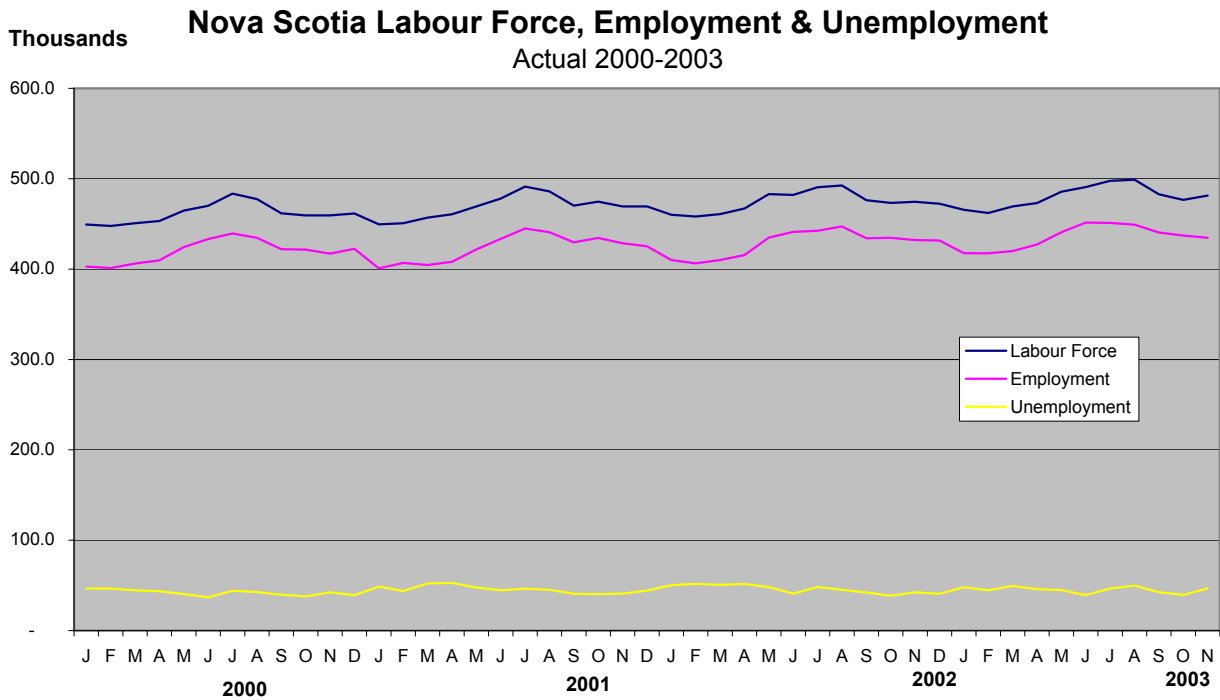
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,441.0 | 2,487.1 | 2,490.8 | 49.8 | 2,441.0 | 2,487.1 | 2,490.8 | 49.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,786.6 | 1,821.3 | 1,825.8 | 39.2 | 1,794.0 | 1,830.9 | 1,831.9 | 37.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,698.0 | 1,736.8 | 1,741.4 | 43.4 | 1,700.9 | 1,738.9 | 1,740.9 | 40.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 88.6 | 84.5 | 84.4 | (4.2) | 93.1 | 92.0 | 91.0 | (2.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 | (0.4) | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | (0.2) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.3 | 0.1 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 73.5 | - |
| Employment Rate (%) | 69.6 | 69.8 | 69.9 | 0.3 | 69.7 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 0.2 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,340.8 | 3,378.7 | 3,383.0 | 42.2 | 3,340.8 | 3,378.7 | 3,383.0 | 42.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,171.5 | 2,218.1 | 2,205.2 | 33.7 | 2,183.1 | 2,221.6 | 2,216.8 | 33.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,987.9 | 2,057.7 | 2,041.7 | 53.8 | 1,997.2 | 2,048.1 | 2,047.9 | 50.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 183.6 | 160.4 | 163.6 | (20.0) | 185.9 | 173.4 | 168.9 | (17.0) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.5 | 7.2 | 7.4 | (1.1) | 8.5 | 7.8 | 7.6 | (0.9) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.0 | 65.6 | 65.2 | 0.2 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 65.5 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.5 | 60.9 | 60.4 | 0.9 | 59.8 | 60.6 | 60.5 | 0.7 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.



Employment Situation - November 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 25,046.7 | 25,319.4 | 25,350.6 | 303.9 | 757.3 | 761.0 | 761.4 | 4.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,781.3 | 17,210.6 | 17,069.0 | 287.7 | 474.6 | 486.1 | 480.2 | 5.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,602.4 | 15,917.1 | 15,853.1 | 250.7 | 433.6 | 442.2 | 437.4 | 3.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,178.9 | 1,293.4 | 1,215.9 | 37.0 | 41.0 | 43.9 | 42.9 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.0 | 68.0 | 67.3 | 0.3 | 62.7 | 63.9 | 63.1 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.3 | 62.9 | 62.5 | 0.2 | 57.3 | 58.1 | 57.4 | 0.1 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.6 | 102.2 | 102.2 | 0.6 | 120.5 | 119.6 | 119.5 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 64.6 | 63.9 | 63.8 | (0.8) | 63.9 | 63.5 | 60.6 | (3.3) |
| Employment ('000) | 61.0 | 59.2 | 59.3 | (1.7) | 55.5 | 52.8 | 49.9 | (5.6) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.9 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.6 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 1.5 | 13.1 | 16.9 | 17.5 | 4.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 63.6 | 62.5 | 62.4 | (1.2) | 53.0 | 53.1 | 50.7 | (2.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.0 | 57.9 | 58.0 | (2.0) | 46.1 | 44.1 | 41.8 | (4.3) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 297.6 | 301.4 | 301.8 | 4.2 | 285.6 | 289.3 | 289.7 | 4.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 204.0 | 210.6 | 209.1 | 5.1 | 198.0 | 203.9 | 201.9 | 3.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 189.2 | 196.4 | 196.8 | 7.6 | 183.9 | 190.4 | 190.3 | 6.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 14.8 | 14.3 | 12.3 | (2.5) | 14.1 | 13.5 | 11.6 | (2.5) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.3 | 6.8 | 5.9 | (1.4) | 7.1 | 6.6 | 5.7 | (1.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.5 | 69.9 | 69.3 | 0.8 | 69.3 | 70.5 | 69.7 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.6 | 65.2 | 65.2 | 1.6 | 64.4 | 65.8 | 65.7 | 1.3 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.3 | 133.4 | 133.4 | 0.1 | 104.3 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 0.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 78.7 | 82.9 | 82.0 | 3.3 | 63.6 | 65.2 | 64.8 | 1.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 71.4 | 74.8 | 73.9 | 2.5 | 56.5 | 59.0 | 57.5 | 1.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.3 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 0.8 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.3 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 0.6 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 11.4 | 0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 59.0 | 62.1 | 61.5 | 2.5 | 61.0 | 62.4 | 62.0 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.6 | 56.1 | 55.4 | 1.8 | 54.2 | 56.5 | 55.0 | 0.8 |

Employment Situation - November 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,602.4 | 15,813.3 | 15,867.4 | 265.0 | 12,634.4 | 12,835.7 | 12,871.8 | 237.4 | 2,968.0 | 2,977.6 | 2,995.6 | 27.6 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 209.1 | 216.4 | 213.6 | 4.5 | 178.1 | 185.2 | 183.3 | 5.2 | 31.0 | 31.2 | 30.3 | (0.7) |
| Prince Edward Island | 67.7 | 69.0 | 69.4 | 1.7 | 56.4 | 57.0 | 56.6 | 0.2 | 11.3 | 11.9 | 12.9 | 1.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 431.5 | 432.5 | 435.4 | 3.9 | 347.6 | 352.6 | 349.5 | 1.9 | 83.9 | 79.8 | 85.9 | 2.0 |
| New Brunswick | 349.7 | 343.7 | 348.4 | (1.3) | 292.6 | 290.8 | 294.6 | 2.0 | 57.1 | 52.9 | 53.8 | (3.3) |
| Quebec | 3,627.9 | 3,654.1 | 3,708.3 | 80.4 | 2,958.9 | 2,960.5 | 3,005.1 | 46.2 | 669.0 | 693.6 | 703.2 | 34.2 |
| Ontario | 6,156.2 | 6,257.0 | 6,250.4 | 94.2 | 5,029.9 | 5,139.9 | 5,123.1 | 93.2 | 1,126.3 | 1,117.0 | 1,127.3 | 1.0 |
| Manitoba | 570.2 | 569.2 | 567.4 | (2.8) | 459.4 | 457.7 | 457.7 | (1.7) | 110.8 | 111.6 | 109.7 | (1.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 491.9 | 484.4 | 485.6 | (6.3) | 391.4 | 386.1 | 387.8 | (3.6) | 100.5 | 98.3 | 97.8 | (2.7) |
| Alberta | 1,700.9 | 1,738.9 | 1,740.9 | 40.0 | 1,390.2 | 1,419.5 | 1,419.7 | 29.5 | 310.7 | 319.3 | 321.2 | 10.5 |
| British Columbia | 1,997.2 | 2,048.1 | 2,047.9 | 50.7 | 1,529.6 | 1,586.3 | 1,594.4 | 64.8 | 467.7 | 461.8 | 453.4 | (14.3) |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 15,580.4 | 15,870.0 | 15,856.8 | 276.4 | 12,514.1 | 12,816.1 | 12,750.6 | 236.5 | 3,066.3 | 3,053.9 | 3,106.2 | 39.9 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 210.2 | 218.5 | 211.9 | 1.7 | 179.3 | 186.3 | 182.1 | 2.8 | 30.9 | 32.2 | 29.7 | (1.2) |
| Prince Edward Island | 65.1 | 70.4 | 67.0 | 1.9 | 53.9 | 58.2 | 54.0 | 0.1 | 11.2 | 12.2 | 13.0 | 1.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 432.2 | 437.2 | 434.6 | 2.4 | 345.2 | 353.8 | 344.4 | (0.8) | 87.0 | 83.4 | 90.2 | 3.2 |
| New Brunswick | 348.8 | 350.9 | 348.4 | (0.4) | 288.9 | 296.6 | 291.4 | 2.5 | 60.0 | 54.4 | 57.0 | (3.0) |
| Quebec | 3,606.0 | 3,671.9 | 3,693.6 | 87.6 | 2,912.6 | 2,944.8 | 2,959.8 | 47.2 | 693.4 | 727.1 | 733.8 | 40.4 |
| Ontario | 6,175.3 | 6,268.4 | 6,268.8 | 93.5 | 5,002.2 | 5,124.5 | 5,094.9 | 92.7 | 1,173.1 | 1,143.9 | 1,173.9 | 0.8 |
| Manitoba | 567.9 | 571.6 | 565.5 | (2.4) | 451.6 | 459.0 | 450.3 | (1.3) | 116.3 | 112.6 | 115.2 | (1.1) |
| Saskatchewan | 489.0 | 486.6 | 483.9 | (5.1) | 385.6 | 388.1 | 382.2 | (3.4) | 103.4 | 98.5 | 101.7 | (1.7) |
| Alberta | 1,698.0 | 1,736.8 | 1,741.4 | 43.4 | 1,380.3 | 1,415.1 | 1,411.6 | 31.3 | 317.7 | 321.7 | 329.8 | 12.1 |
| British Columbia | 1,987.9 | 2,057.7 | 2,041.7 | 53.8 | 1,514.4 | 1,589.7 | 1,579.7 | 65.3 | 473.5 | 468.0 | 462.0 | (11.5) |

Employment Situation - November 2003
Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,778.0 | 2,786.1 | 2,788.4 | 10.4 | 2,401.1 | 2,395.9 | 2,418.2 | 17.1 | 13.6 | 14.0 | 13.3 | (0.3) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 41.1 | 38.4 | 38.5 | (2.6) | 32.0 | 29.0 | 28.3 | (3.7) | 22.1 | 24.2 | 26.2 | 4.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.3 | 13.9 | 14.2 | (0.1) | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.9 | (0.3) | 14.7 | 13.7 | 16.2 | 1.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 80.2 | 79.2 | 84.9 | 4.7 | 65.5 | 65.1 | 70.6 | 5.1 | 18.5 | 17.8 | 17.0 | (1.5) |
| New Brunswick | 64.2 | 63.1 | 65.8 | 1.6 | 54.7 | 51.8 | 54.8 | 0.1 | 15.0 | 17.9 | 16.7 | 1.7 |
| Quebec | 639.1 | 634.4 | 650.4 | 11.3 | 552.8 | 538.6 | 557.5 | 4.7 | 13.5 | 15.1 | 14.3 | 0.8 |
| Ontario | 1,058.4 | 1,071.0 | 1,050.4 | (8.0) | 913.8 | 910.9 | 902.7 | (11.1) | 13.7 | 14.9 | 14.1 | 0.4 |
| Manitoba | 110.1 | 110.8 | 108.0 | (2.1) | 98.7 | 98.0 | 95.8 | (2.9) | 10.3 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 1.0 |
| Saskatchewan | 98.1 | 90.0 | 91.3 | (6.8) | 86.7 | 80.6 | 80.1 | (6.6) | 11.6 | 10.4 | 12.2 | 0.6 |
| Alberta | 325.4 | 332.9 | 335.4 | 10.0 | 291.5 | 305.4 | 311.5 | 20.0 | 10.4 | 8.3 | 7.1 | (3.3) |
| British Columbia | 347.1 | 352.5 | 349.4 | 2.3 | 293.2 | 304.4 | 304.8 | 11.6 | 15.6 | 13.6 | 12.8 | (2.8) |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,677.4 | 2,680.4 | 2,687.7 | 10.3 | 2,323.0 | 2,325.1 | 2,344.5 | 21.5 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 12.8 | (0.4) |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 38.2 | 35.3 | 34.6 | (3.6) | 30.5 | 26.9 | 25.9 | (4.6) | 20.2 | 23.8 | 24.9 | 4.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.7 | 13.2 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 10.5 | (0.2) | 15.7 | 12.9 | 17.2 | 1.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 76.8 | 76.1 | 81.6 | 4.8 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 67.8 | 4.6 | 17.7 | 17.0 | 17.0 | (0.7) |
| New Brunswick | 60.3 | 59.7 | 62.4 | 2.1 | 51.4 | 50.4 | 52.1 | 0.7 | 14.8 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 1.5 |
| Quebec | 614.1 | 607.8 | 626.6 | 12.5 | 531.4 | 523.3 | 538.8 | 7.4 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 14.0 | 0.5 |
| Ontario | 1,019.9 | 1,028.1 | 1,009.3 | (10.6) | 891.2 | 881.7 | 878.8 | (12.4) | 12.6 | 14.2 | 12.9 | 0.3 |
| Manitoba | 108.3 | 108.4 | 106.1 | (2.2) | 97.1 | 96.4 | 93.8 | (3.3) | 10.3 | 11.0 | 11.7 | 1.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 94.1 | 86.4 | 87.9 | (6.2) | 84.3 | 78.3 | 78.0 | (6.3) | 10.4 | 9.4 | 11.4 | 1.0 |
| Alberta | 318.1 | 323.3 | 327.5 | 9.4 | 283.4 | 296.7 | 304.4 | 21.0 | 10.9 | 8.3 | 7.1 | (3.8) |
| British Columbia | 334.9 | 342.1 | 338.9 | 4.0 | 279.7 | 296.8 | 294.4 | 14.7 | 16.5 | 13.2 | 13.1 | (3.4) |

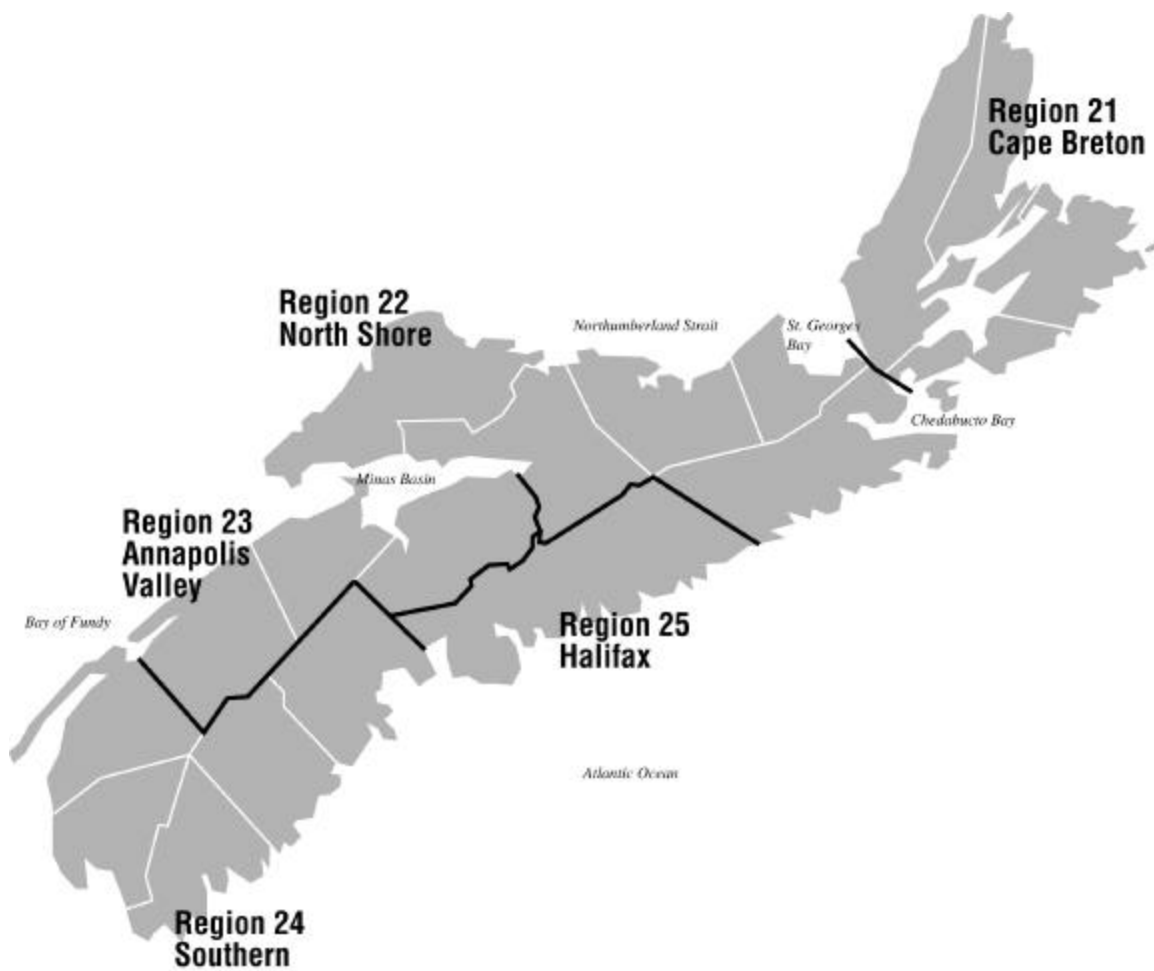
Employment Situation - November 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change | Nov 2002 | Oct 2003 | Nov 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 61.4 | 61.2 | 60.3 | (1.1) | 67.7 | 67.4 | 66.7 | (1.0) |
| Halifax | 7.1 | 6.6 | 5.7 | (1.4) | 64.4 | 65.8 | 65.7 | 1.3 | 69.3 | 70.5 | 69.7 | 0.4 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 5.7 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 2.3 | 64.1 | 58.2 | 58.3 | (5.8) | 67.9 | 63.4 | 63.4 | (4.5) |
| Saguenay | 9.3 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 1.7 | 53.8 | 55.2 | 53.8 | - | 59.4 | 61.9 | 60.4 | 1.0 |
| Québec | 5.2 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 62.7 | 62.0 | 61.0 | (1.7) | 66.2 | 66.4 | 65.1 | (1.1) |
| Trois-Rivières | 9.0 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 1.8 | 55.5 | 55.6 | 55.4 | (0.1) | 60.9 | 62.8 | 62.2 | 1.3 |
| Sherbrooke | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.3 | (0.2) | 60.9 | 62.8 | 61.7 | 0.8 | 65.8 | 68.0 | 66.6 | 0.8 |
| Montréal | 7.8 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 0.9 | 62.1 | 61.9 | 62.5 | 0.4 | 67.3 | 68.5 | 68.5 | 1.2 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.9 | (0.4) | 64.8 | 66.9 | 66.3 | 1.5 | 69.9 | 71.9 | 71.3 | 1.4 |
| Sudbury | 6.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 2.0 | 58.1 | 56.9 | 56.3 | (1.8) | 62.2 | 62.4 | 61.6 | (0.6) |
| Oshawa | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | (1.1) | 66.3 | 69.5 | 68.8 | 2.5 | 70.3 | 73.0 | 72.1 | 1.8 |
| Toronto | 7.2 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 64.9 | 64.3 | 64.2 | (0.7) | 70.0 | 70.0 | 69.2 | (0.8) |
| Hamilton | 5.4 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 63.6 | 65.2 | 65.0 | 1.4 | 67.2 | 69.8 | 69.1 | 1.9 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 61.0 | 62.1 | 60.5 | (0.5) | 65.1 | 66.3 | 64.7 | (0.4) |
| London | 5.3 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 1.0 | 64.2 | 64.4 | 64.6 | 0.4 | 67.8 | 69.4 | 68.9 | 1.1 |
| Windsor | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.5 | (0.1) | 63.5 | 62.7 | 61.8 | (1.7) | 67.9 | 67.0 | 66.1 | (1.8) |
| Kitchener | 5.2 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 65.6 | 66.4 | 66.9 | 1.3 | 69.3 | 71.1 | 70.7 | 1.4 |
| Thunder Bay | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | (0.1) | 61.4 | 63.6 | 62.6 | 1.2 | 65.0 | 67.3 | 66.2 | 1.2 |
| Winnipeg | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 68.3 | 66.7 | 66.2 | (2.1) | 71.8 | 70.5 | 69.9 | (1.9) |
| Regina | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 | (0.3) | 69.0 | 69.2 | 69.8 | 0.8 | 72.5 | 73.1 | 73.2 | 0.7 |
| Saskatoon | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | (0.1) | 67.0 | 66.6 | 65.4 | (1.6) | 71.1 | 70.7 | 69.5 | (1.6) |
| Calgary | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | (1.0) | 70.7 | 71.4 | 70.7 | - | 75.3 | 75.3 | 74.6 | (0.7) |
| Edmonton | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.3 | (0.4) | 67.7 | 69.4 | 69.2 | 1.5 | 71.0 | 72.8 | 72.4 | 1.4 |
| Vancouver | 7.7 | 8.0 | 7.2 | (0.5) | 62.8 | 63.4 | 63.2 | 0.4 | 68.0 | 68.9 | 68.1 | 0.1 |
| Victoria | 6.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 | (1.0) | 57.9 | 59.7 | 59.9 | 2.0 | 61.9 | 63.9 | 63.5 | 1.6 |

Employment Situation December 2003



About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm>

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

| Data for: | Release date: |
|------------------|----------------------|
| January 2003 | February 7, 2003 |
| February 2003 | March 7, 2003 |
| March 2003 | April 4, 2003 |
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| June 2003 | July 11, 2003 |
| July 2003 | August 8, 2003 |
| August 2003 | September 5, 2003 |
| September 2003 | October 10, 2003 |
| October 2003 | November 7, 2003 |
| November 2003 | December 5, 2003 |
| December 2003 | January 9, 2004 |
| January 2004 | February 6, 2004 |

Employment Situation - December 2003 Canada/Provinces

Canada

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 25,087.4 | 25,379.5 | 25,403.9 | 316.5 | 25,087.4 | 25,379.5 | 25,403.9 | 316.5 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,744.1 | 17,061.4 | 17,021.5 | 277.4 | 16,925.3 | 17,157.0 | 17,187.3 | 262.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,548.8 | 15,856.8 | 15,834.0 | 285.2 | 15,649.7 | 15,867.4 | 15,920.5 | 270.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,195.2 | 1,204.6 | 1,187.5 | (7.7) | 1,275.6 | 1,289.6 | 1,266.8 | (8.8) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | (0.1) | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | (0.1) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.7 | 67.2 | 67.0 | 0.3 | 67.5 | 67.6 | 67.7 | 0.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.0 | 62.5 | 62.3 | 0.3 | 62.4 | 62.5 | 62.7 | 0.3 |

Nova Scotia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 757.7 | 761.7 | 762.0 | 4.3 | 757.7 | 761.7 | 762.0 | 4.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 472.4 | 481.3 | 477.9 | 5.5 | 476.9 | 484.1 | 482.8 | 5.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 431.6 | 434.6 | 438.6 | 7.0 | 432.3 | 435.4 | 439.5 | 7.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 40.8 | 46.7 | 39.3 | (1.5) | 44.6 | 48.7 | 43.3 | (1.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.6 | 9.7 | 8.2 | (0.4) | 9.4 | 10.1 | 9.0 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.3 | 63.2 | 62.7 | 0.4 | 62.9 | 63.6 | 63.4 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.0 | 57.1 | 57.6 | 0.6 | 57.1 | 57.2 | 57.7 | 0.6 |

Newfoundland and Labrador

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 439.1 | 439.3 | 439.4 | 0.3 | 439.1 | 439.3 | 439.4 | 0.3 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 253.6 | 254.0 | 254.4 | 0.8 | 262.1 | 258.7 | 262.8 | 0.7 |
| Employment ('000) | 208.1 | 211.9 | 208.9 | 0.8 | 213.5 | 213.6 | 215.6 | 2.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 45.5 | 42.2 | 45.4 | (0.1) | 48.6 | 45.1 | 47.2 | (1.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 17.9 | 16.6 | 17.8 | (0.1) | 18.5 | 17.4 | 18.0 | (0.5) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.8 | 57.8 | 57.9 | 0.1 | 59.7 | 58.9 | 59.8 | 0.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 47.4 | 48.2 | 47.5 | 0.1 | 48.6 | 48.6 | 49.1 | 0.5 |

Prince Edward Island

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 112.5 | 113.7 | 113.7 | 1.2 | 112.5 | 113.7 | 113.7 | 1.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 73.7 | 76.1 | 75.5 | 1.8 | 76.2 | 78.1 | 78.1 | 1.9 |
| Employment ('000) | 64.0 | 67.0 | 66.4 | 2.4 | 67.9 | 69.4 | 70.2 | 2.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 9.7 | 9.1 | 9.0 | (0.7) | 8.3 | 8.7 | 7.9 | (0.4) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 13.2 | 12.0 | 11.9 | (1.3) | 10.9 | 11.1 | 10.1 | (0.8) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.5 | 66.9 | 66.4 | 0.9 | 67.7 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 1.0 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 56.9 | 58.9 | 58.4 | 1.5 | 60.4 | 61.0 | 61.7 | 1.3 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 608.5 | 610.5 | 610.6 | 2.1 | 608.5 | 610.5 | 610.6 | 2.1 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 380.7 | 384.6 | 374.8 | (5.9) | 390.2 | 388.2 | 384.2 | (6.0) |
| Employment ('000) | 341.9 | 348.4 | 338.7 | (3.2) | 350.0 | 348.4 | 346.1 | (3.9) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 38.8 | 36.2 | 36.1 | (2.7) | 40.2 | 39.7 | 38.1 | (2.1) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.2 | 9.4 | 9.6 | (0.6) | 10.3 | 10.2 | 9.9 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.6 | 63.0 | 61.4 | (1.2) | 64.1 | 63.6 | 62.9 | (1.2) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 56.2 | 57.1 | 55.5 | (0.7) | 57.5 | 57.1 | 56.7 | (0.8) |

Quebec

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 6,055.1 | 6,106.8 | 6,112.1 | 57.0 | 6,055.1 | 6,106.8 | 6,112.1 | 57.0 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 3,942.0 | 4,047.5 | 4,011.8 | 69.8 | 3,991.7 | 4,079.0 | 4,061.3 | 69.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 3,618.7 | 3,693.6 | 3,642.4 | 23.7 | 3,654.1 | 3,708.3 | 3,681.4 | 27.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 323.3 | 353.9 | 369.4 | 46.1 | 337.6 | 370.6 | 379.9 | 42.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 1.0 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 0.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.1 | 66.3 | 65.6 | 0.5 | 65.9 | 66.8 | 66.4 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.8 | 60.5 | 59.6 | (0.2) | 60.3 | 60.7 | 60.2 | (0.1) |

Ontario

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 9,703.7 | 9,846.5 | 9,857.3 | 153.6 | 9,703.7 | 9,846.5 | 9,857.3 | 153.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 6,579.0 | 6,679.9 | 6,683.9 | 104.9 | 6,633.1 | 6,705.9 | 6,736.3 | 103.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 6,153.7 | 6,268.8 | 6,278.2 | 124.5 | 6,166.0 | 6,250.4 | 6,285.8 | 119.8 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 425.3 | 411.1 | 405.7 | (19.6) | 467.1 | 455.5 | 450.5 | (16.6) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 | (0.4) | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.7 | (0.3) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.8 | 67.8 | 67.8 | - | 68.4 | 68.1 | 68.3 | (0.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.4 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 0.3 | 63.5 | 63.5 | 63.8 | 0.3 |

Manitoba

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 865.0 | 871.1 | 871.9 | 6.9 | 865.0 | 871.1 | 871.9 | 6.9 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 596.6 | 596.6 | 597.5 | 0.9 | 601.5 | 599.5 | 600.8 | (0.7) |
| Employment ('000) | 569.0 | 565.5 | 568.6 | (0.4) | 572.1 | 567.4 | 570.5 | (1.6) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 27.6 | 31.1 | 28.9 | 1.3 | 29.3 | 32.1 | 30.3 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.0 | 68.5 | 68.5 | (0.5) | 69.5 | 68.8 | 68.9 | (0.6) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 65.8 | 64.9 | 65.2 | (0.6) | 66.1 | 65.1 | 65.4 | (0.7) |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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Saskatchewan

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 757.6 | 756.1 | 756.2 | (1.4) | 757.6 | 756.1 | 756.2 | (1.4) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 511.3 | 510.3 | 509.5 | (1.8) | 520.9 | 514.9 | 517.8 | (3.1) |
| Employment ('000) | 484.2 | 483.9 | 482.5 | (1.7) | 491.7 | 485.6 | 488.5 | (3.2) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 27.1 | 26.4 | 27.0 | (0.1) | 29.2 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | - | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.5 | 67.5 | 67.4 | (0.1) | 68.8 | 68.1 | 68.5 | (0.3) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.9 | 64.0 | 63.8 | (0.1) | 64.9 | 64.2 | 64.6 | (0.3) |

Alberta

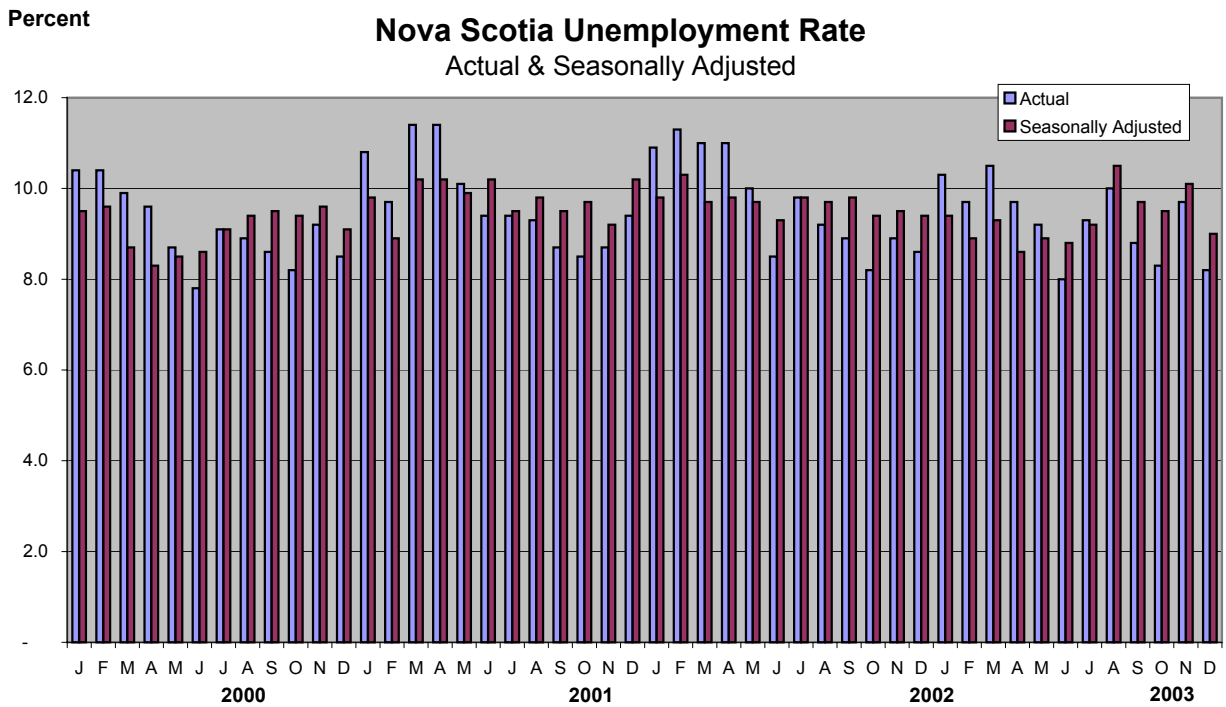
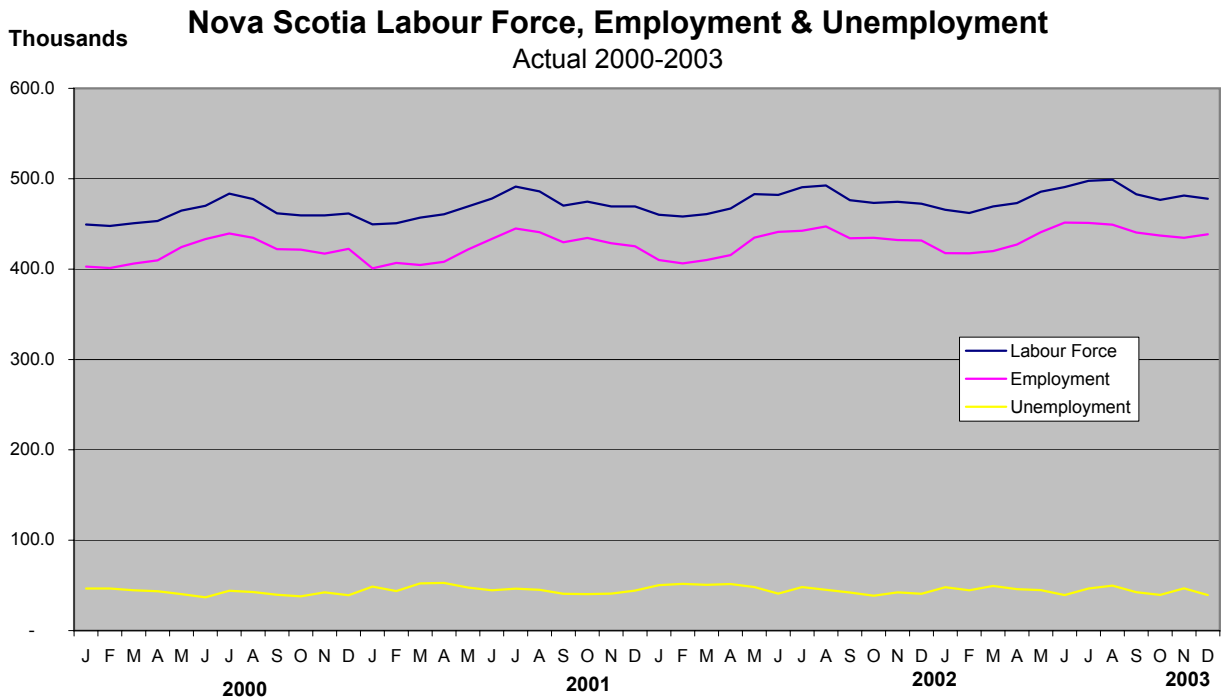
| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 2,445.1 | 2,490.8 | 2,493.7 | 48.6 | 2,445.1 | 2,490.8 | 2,493.7 | 48.6 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 1,782.7 | 1,825.8 | 1,830.4 | 47.7 | 1,795.8 | 1,831.9 | 1,840.8 | 45.0 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,700.6 | 1,741.4 | 1,747.6 | 47.0 | 1,707.5 | 1,740.9 | 1,751.5 | 44.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 82.1 | 84.4 | 82.8 | 0.7 | 88.4 | 91.0 | 89.3 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | (0.1) | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 72.9 | 73.3 | 73.4 | 0.5 | 73.4 | 73.5 | 73.8 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 69.6 | 69.9 | 70.1 | 0.5 | 69.8 | 69.9 | 70.2 | 0.4 |

British Columbia

| | Actual | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Annual Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | |
| Population ('000) | 3,343.1 | 3,383.0 | 3,386.9 | 43.8 | 3,343.1 | 3,383.0 | 3,386.9 | 43.8 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,151.9 | 2,205.2 | 2,205.8 | 53.9 | 2,176.9 | 2,216.8 | 2,222.5 | 45.6 |
| Employment ('000) | 1,977.0 | 2,041.7 | 2,062.0 | 85.0 | 1,994.6 | 2,047.9 | 2,071.5 | 76.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 174.9 | 163.6 | 143.8 | (31.1) | 182.3 | 168.9 | 151.0 | (31.3) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 7.4 | 6.5 | (1.6) | 8.4 | 7.6 | 6.8 | (1.6) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.4 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 0.7 | 65.1 | 65.5 | 65.6 | 0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.1 | 60.4 | 60.9 | 1.8 | 59.7 | 60.5 | 61.2 | 1.5 |

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.

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Employment Situation - December 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Canada | | | | Nova Scotia | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 25,067.9 | 25,350.6 | 25,378.2 | 310.3 | 757.5 | 761.4 | 761.7 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16,765.9 | 17,069.0 | 17,045.2 | 279.3 | 473.4 | 480.2 | 478.6 | 5.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 15,580.8 | 15,853.1 | 15,853.6 | 272.8 | 432.8 | 437.4 | 436.8 | 4.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,185.1 | 1,215.9 | 1,191.7 | 6.6 | 40.6 | 42.9 | 41.8 | 1.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | (0.1) | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 66.9 | 67.3 | 67.2 | 0.3 | 62.5 | 63.1 | 62.8 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.2 | 62.5 | 62.5 | 0.3 | 57.1 | 57.4 | 57.3 | 0.2 |

| | 230 - Annapolis Valley | | | | 210 - Cape Breton | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 101.7 | 102.2 | 102.2 | 0.5 | 120.4 | 119.5 | 119.4 | (1.0) |
| Labour Force ('000) | 65.1 | 63.8 | 63.8 | (1.3) | 62.6 | 60.6 | 60.8 | (1.8) |
| Employment ('000) | 61.4 | 59.3 | 59.3 | (2.1) | 54.4 | 49.9 | 49.6 | (4.8) |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.9 | 8.2 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 2.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.7 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 1.5 | 13.1 | 17.5 | 18.3 | 5.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.0 | 62.4 | 62.4 | (1.6) | 52.0 | 50.7 | 50.9 | (1.1) |
| Employment Rate (%) | 60.4 | 58.0 | 58.0 | (2.4) | 45.2 | 41.8 | 41.5 | (3.7) |

| | 250 - Halifax County | | | | Halifax Metro (CMA) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 297.9 | 301.8 | 302.1 | 4.2 | 285.8 | 289.7 | 290.0 | 4.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 202.1 | 209.1 | 208.8 | 6.7 | 196.4 | 201.9 | 201.6 | 5.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 187.6 | 196.8 | 197.4 | 9.8 | 182.5 | 190.3 | 190.8 | 8.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 14.5 | 12.3 | 11.5 | (3.0) | 13.9 | 11.6 | 10.9 | (3.0) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | (1.7) | 7.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | (1.7) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.8 | 69.3 | 69.1 | 1.3 | 68.7 | 69.7 | 69.5 | 0.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 63.0 | 65.2 | 65.3 | 2.3 | 63.9 | 65.7 | 65.8 | 1.9 |

| | 220 - North Shore | | | | 240 - Southern | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| Population ('000) | 133.3 | 133.4 | 133.4 | 0.1 | 104.3 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 0.2 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 79.5 | 82.0 | 80.4 | 0.9 | 64.2 | 64.8 | 64.7 | 0.5 |
| Employment ('000) | 72.4 | 73.9 | 72.8 | 0.4 | 57.0 | 57.5 | 57.7 | 0.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 7.0 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.0 | (0.2) |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.8 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 0.7 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 10.8 | (0.4) |
| Participation Rate (%) | 59.6 | 61.5 | 60.3 | 0.7 | 61.6 | 62.0 | 61.9 | 0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 54.3 | 55.4 | 54.6 | 0.3 | 54.7 | 55.0 | 55.2 | 0.5 |

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | | | Annual | | | | Annual | | | | Annual |
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Change |
| Canada | 15,649.7 | 15,867.4 | 15,920.5 | 270.8 | 12,673.4 | 12,871.8 | 12,917.3 | 243.9 | 2,976.3 | 2,995.6 | 3,003.2 | 26.9 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 213.5 | 213.6 | 215.6 | 2.1 | 180.9 | 183.3 | 185.2 | 4.3 | 32.6 | 30.3 | 30.4 | (2.2) |
| Prince Edward Island | 67.9 | 69.4 | 70.2 | 2.3 | 56.5 | 56.6 | 58.1 | 1.6 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 0.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 432.3 | 435.4 | 439.5 | 7.2 | 347.4 | 349.5 | 351.7 | 4.3 | 84.9 | 85.9 | 87.7 | 2.8 |
| New Brunswick | 350.0 | 348.4 | 346.1 | (3.9) | 295.8 | 294.6 | 293.3 | (2.5) | 54.2 | 53.8 | 52.7 | (1.5) |
| Quebec | 3,654.1 | 3,708.3 | 3,681.4 | 27.3 | 2,985.2 | 3,005.1 | 2,973.6 | (11.6) | 668.9 | 703.2 | 707.8 | 38.9 |
| Ontario | 6,166.0 | 6,250.4 | 6,285.8 | 119.8 | 5,039.8 | 5,123.1 | 5,146.1 | 106.3 | 1,126.2 | 1,127.3 | 1,139.7 | 13.5 |
| Manitoba | 572.1 | 567.4 | 570.5 | (1.6) | 462.3 | 457.7 | 461.3 | (1.0) | 109.9 | 109.7 | 109.2 | (0.7) |
| Saskatchewan | 491.7 | 485.6 | 488.5 | (3.2) | 390.1 | 387.8 | 392.4 | 2.3 | 101.6 | 97.8 | 96.1 | (5.5) |
| Alberta | 1,707.5 | 1,740.9 | 1,751.5 | 44.0 | 1,400.0 | 1,419.7 | 1,433.7 | 33.7 | 307.4 | 321.2 | 317.8 | 10.4 |
| British Columbia | 1,994.6 | 2,047.9 | 2,071.5 | 76.9 | 1,514.7 | 1,594.4 | 1,621.5 | 106.8 | 479.9 | 453.4 | 450.0 | (29.9) |

Employment - Actual (000's)

| | Total | | | | Full-Time | | | | Part-time | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | | | Annual | | | | Annual | | | | Annual |
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Change |
| Canada | 15,548.8 | 15,856.8 | 15,834.0 | 285.2 | 12,439.4 | 12,750.6 | 12,689.4 | 250.0 | 3,109.4 | 3,106.2 | 3,144.5 | 35.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 208.1 | 211.9 | 208.9 | 0.8 | 175.6 | 182.1 | 178.8 | 3.2 | 32.5 | 29.7 | 30.1 | (2.4) |
| Prince Edward Island | 64.0 | 67.0 | 66.4 | 2.4 | 52.1 | 54.0 | 53.6 | 1.5 | 11.9 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 1.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 431.6 | 434.6 | 438.6 | 7.0 | 343.4 | 344.4 | 345.8 | 2.4 | 88.2 | 90.2 | 92.8 | 4.6 |
| New Brunswick | 341.9 | 348.4 | 338.7 | (3.2) | 285.4 | 291.4 | 284.2 | (1.2) | 56.5 | 57.0 | 54.5 | (2.0) |
| Quebec | 3,618.7 | 3,693.6 | 3,642.4 | 23.7 | 2,914.1 | 2,959.8 | 2,894.9 | (19.2) | 704.6 | 733.8 | 747.5 | 42.9 |
| Ontario | 6,153.7 | 6,268.8 | 6,278.2 | 124.5 | 4,969.5 | 5,094.9 | 5,082.1 | 112.6 | 1,184.2 | 1,173.9 | 1,196.1 | 11.9 |
| Manitoba | 569.0 | 565.5 | 568.6 | (0.4) | 451.3 | 450.3 | 451.7 | 0.4 | 117.7 | 115.2 | 116.8 | (0.9) |
| Saskatchewan | 484.2 | 483.9 | 482.5 | (1.7) | 378.9 | 382.2 | 383.1 | 4.2 | 105.2 | 101.7 | 99.4 | (5.8) |
| Alberta | 1,700.6 | 1,741.4 | 1,747.6 | 47.0 | 1,383.4 | 1,411.6 | 1,421.4 | 38.0 | 317.1 | 329.8 | 326.2 | 9.1 |
| British Columbia | 1,977.0 | 2,041.7 | 2,062.0 | 85.0 | 1,485.6 | 1,579.7 | 1,593.8 | 108.2 | 491.4 | 462.0 | 468.2 | (23.2) |

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,772.8 | 2,788.4 | 2,812.2 | 39.4 | 2,404.5 | 2,418.2 | 2,418.8 | 14.3 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 14.0 | 0.7 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 42.1 | 38.5 | 39.7 | (2.4) | 31.5 | 28.3 | 28.2 | (3.3) | 25.2 | 26.2 | 29.0 | 3.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 14.3 | 14.2 | 13.4 | (0.9) | 12.4 | 11.9 | 11.7 | (0.7) | 13.3 | 16.2 | 13.4 | 0.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 80.5 | 84.9 | 83.0 | 2.5 | 66.7 | 70.6 | 70.7 | 4.0 | 17.1 | 17.0 | 14.8 | (2.3) |
| New Brunswick | 65.0 | 65.8 | 64.2 | (0.8) | 55.4 | 54.8 | 53.7 | (1.7) | 14.6 | 16.7 | 16.4 | 1.8 |
| Quebec | 638.6 | 650.4 | 650.7 | 12.1 | 556.0 | 557.5 | 545.4 | (10.6) | 12.9 | 14.3 | 16.2 | 3.3 |
| Ontario | 1,058.4 | 1,050.4 | 1,078.6 | 20.2 | 909.7 | 902.7 | 919.5 | 9.8 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 14.8 | 0.7 |
| Manitoba | 108.8 | 108.0 | 107.0 | (1.8) | 98.7 | 95.8 | 97.7 | (1.0) | 9.3 | 11.3 | 8.7 | (0.6) |
| Saskatchewan | 95.9 | 91.3 | 93.3 | (2.6) | 86.7 | 80.1 | 81.7 | (5.0) | 9.6 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 2.8 |
| Alberta | 320.6 | 335.4 | 327.0 | 6.4 | 291.1 | 311.5 | 300.3 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 7.1 | 8.2 | (1.0) |
| British Columbia | 348.6 | 349.4 | 355.2 | 6.6 | 296.2 | 304.8 | 309.8 | 13.6 | 15.0 | 12.8 | 12.8 | (2.2) |

15-24 Age Group - Actual

| | Labour Force - 000's | | | | Employment - 000's | | | | Unemployment - % | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| Canada | 2,645.8 | 2,687.7 | 2,682.6 | 36.8 | 2,332.8 | 2,344.5 | 2,345.1 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 0.8 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 37.9 | 34.6 | 35.2 | (2.7) | 29.5 | 25.9 | 26.1 | (3.4) | 22.2 | 24.9 | 25.9 | 3.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.1 | (0.8) | 10.9 | 10.5 | 10.3 | (0.6) | 15.5 | 17.2 | 14.9 | (0.6) |
| Nova Scotia | 76.4 | 81.6 | 78.7 | 2.3 | 64.4 | 67.8 | 67.9 | 3.5 | 15.7 | 17.0 | 13.6 | (2.1) |
| New Brunswick | 59.5 | 62.4 | 59.1 | (0.4) | 51.1 | 52.1 | 49.8 | (1.3) | 14.1 | 16.3 | 15.7 | 1.6 |
| Quebec | 607.6 | 626.6 | 615.2 | 7.6 | 537.8 | 538.8 | 522.7 | (15.1) | 11.5 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 3.5 |
| Ontario | 1,009.7 | 1,009.3 | 1,027.8 | 18.1 | 888.3 | 878.8 | 898.4 | 10.1 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 12.6 | 0.6 |
| Manitoba | 106.4 | 106.1 | 104.5 | (1.9) | 96.7 | 93.8 | 95.8 | (0.9) | 9.1 | 11.7 | 8.3 | (0.8) |
| Saskatchewan | 90.5 | 87.9 | 87.9 | (2.6) | 83.2 | 78.0 | 78.5 | (4.7) | 8.1 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 2.6 |
| Alberta | 312.0 | 327.5 | 317.5 | 5.5 | 284.2 | 304.4 | 291.5 | 7.3 | 8.9 | 7.1 | 8.2 | (0.7) |
| British Columbia | 332.9 | 338.9 | 344.7 | 11.8 | 286.7 | 294.4 | 304.1 | 17.4 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 11.8 | (2.1) |

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

| | Unemployment Rate - % | | | | Employment Rate - % | | | | Participation Rate - % | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change | Dec 2002 | Nov 2003 | Dec 2003 | Annual Change |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 9.3 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 62.1 | 60.3 | 60.0 | (2.1) | 68.5 | 66.7 | 66.3 | (2.2) |
| Halifax | 7.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | (1.7) | 63.9 | 65.7 | 65.8 | 1.9 | 68.7 | 69.7 | 69.5 | 0.8 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 6.3 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 1.3 | 63.0 | 58.3 | 58.7 | (4.3) | 67.2 | 63.4 | 63.6 | (3.6) |
| Saguenay | 10.1 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 1.4 | 54.1 | 53.8 | 54.2 | 0.1 | 60.1 | 60.4 | 61.3 | 1.2 |
| Québec | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 1.4 | 62.2 | 61.0 | 60.2 | (2.0) | 65.8 | 65.1 | 64.5 | (1.3) |
| Trois-Rivières | 9.0 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 1.3 | 55.2 | 55.4 | 55.5 | 0.3 | 60.8 | 62.2 | 61.9 | 1.1 |
| Sherbrooke | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.2 | (0.1) | 60.4 | 61.7 | 61.2 | 0.8 | 65.2 | 66.6 | 65.9 | 0.7 |
| Montréal | 7.7 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 0.9 | 62.4 | 62.5 | 62.7 | 0.3 | 67.6 | 68.5 | 68.5 | 0.9 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.9 | (0.2) | 65.3 | 66.3 | 66.0 | 0.7 | 70.3 | 71.3 | 70.8 | 0.5 |
| Sudbury | 7.1 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 57.5 | 56.3 | 57.0 | (0.5) | 61.9 | 61.6 | 62.7 | 0.8 |
| Oshawa | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.3 | (1.1) | 66.9 | 68.8 | 69.1 | 2.2 | 70.7 | 72.1 | 72.2 | 1.5 |
| Toronto | 6.7 | 7.3 | 6.7 | - | 65.2 | 64.2 | 64.4 | (0.8) | 69.9 | 69.2 | 69.0 | (0.9) |
| Hamilton | 5.5 | 5.9 | 4.9 | (0.6) | 63.8 | 65.0 | 65.2 | 1.4 | 67.5 | 69.1 | 68.5 | 1.0 |
| St. Catharines - Niagara | 7.3 | 6.5 | 6.5 | (0.8) | 59.3 | 60.5 | 59.7 | 0.4 | 64.0 | 64.7 | 63.8 | (0.2) |
| London | 5.3 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 0.7 | 63.2 | 64.6 | 64.5 | 1.3 | 66.7 | 68.9 | 68.6 | 1.9 |
| Windsor | 7.1 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 63.4 | 61.8 | 61.4 | (2.0) | 68.2 | 66.1 | 66.1 | (2.1) |
| Kitchener | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.7 | (0.2) | 66.4 | 66.9 | 66.8 | 0.4 | 69.9 | 70.7 | 70.2 | 0.3 |
| Thunder Bay | 5.2 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 1.0 | 62.5 | 62.6 | 62.1 | (0.4) | 66.0 | 66.2 | 66.1 | 0.1 |
| Winnipeg | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 68.3 | 66.2 | 66.3 | (2.0) | 71.8 | 69.9 | 69.8 | (2.0) |
| Regina | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 68.7 | 69.8 | 70.1 | 1.4 | 72.0 | 73.2 | 73.6 | 1.6 |
| Saskatoon | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.5 | (0.1) | 66.4 | 65.4 | 65.2 | (1.2) | 70.4 | 69.5 | 68.9 | (1.5) |
| Calgary | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | - | 70.8 | 70.7 | 70.9 | 0.1 | 74.9 | 74.6 | 75.0 | 0.1 |
| Edmonton | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.4 | (0.3) | 68.0 | 69.2 | 69.0 | 1.0 | 71.3 | 72.4 | 72.1 | 0.8 |
| Vancouver | 7.7 | 7.2 | 6.1 | (1.6) | 62.3 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 0.9 | 67.5 | 68.1 | 67.3 | (0.2) |
| Victoria | 6.4 | 5.5 | 4.7 | (1.7) | 57.7 | 59.9 | 60.8 | 3.1 | 61.7 | 63.5 | 63.8 | 2.1 |