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Commentary

After a pause in January, employment resumed its upward trend with an increase of 55,000 in February. Since the start of 2002, when employment began to pick up steam, job gains total 613,000 (+4.1%). Even with the increase in employment, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 7.4% in February, the result of more labour force participation.

More full-time and part-time jobs

The upward trend in full-time employment continued in February with an increase of 28,000, bringing gains over the last fourteen months to 409,000 (+3.3%). Part-time employment also increased by 28,000 in February, erasing most of the decline in the previous month. Since the start of 2002, there has been strong growth in the number of part-time jobs with gains totalling 204,000 (+7.4%).

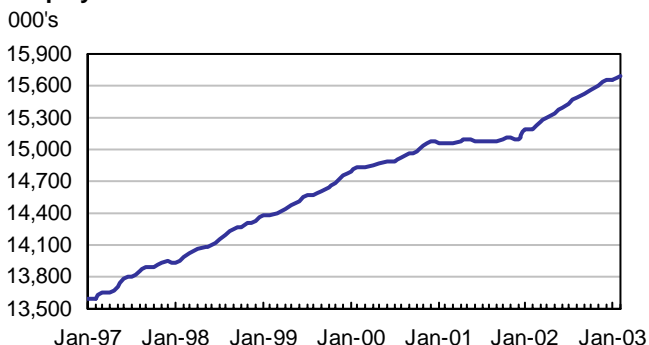
In February, employment among youth 15 to 24 rose by 30,000, mostly full-time. This increase more than offset the decline in January and pushed the youth unemployment rate down to 13.2% (-0.5 percentage points). A large share of the youth employment gains in February was among 15 to 19 year-old students in Ontario.

There was also added employment in February among adults. For adult women, the increase was 15,000, all in part-time jobs whereas among adult men there was a slight gain of 10,000, nearly all full-time. The unemployment rate among adult women was unchanged at 6.1% while for adult men, the rate edged up 0.1 to 6.4%, as more men aged 25 and over joined the labour force in search of work.

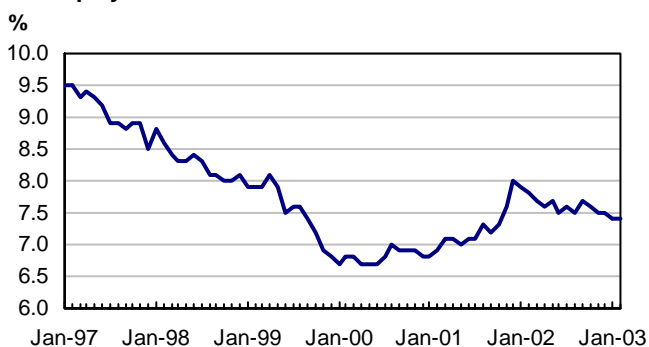
Manufacturing employment picks up in February

Factory employment rose by 21,000 with gains spread across most provinces. The largest increases were in wood and furniture production as well as food processing. Manufacturing employment was a pillar of strength over the first eight months of 2002, however it weakened in the latter part of the year.

Employment



Unemployment rate



Employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing continued to advance with an increase of 20,000 bringing gains since the start of 2002 to 60,000 (+6.9%). Employment growth in this industry has been spurred by robust construction activity. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation recently reported that 2002 ended on a high note, posting the highest level of housing starts since 1989. Although employment in construction was little changed for the second consecutive month, job gains since the start of 2002 have been very strong totalling 54,000 (+6.4%).

Employment in health care and social assistance rose by 17,000 with several provinces sharing the increase. This brings job gains in the industry since the start of 2002 to 108,000 (+6.9%).

In February, employment edged up 10,000 in public administration, mostly in local government. This increase leaves employment in public administration up 14,000 (+1.8%) from a year ago.

Employment in transportation and warehousing declined by 12,000 in February, offsetting the gain in January. Despite this decline, employment in the industry is up 30,000 (+4.1%) since March 2002.

More private sector employees

In February, employment rose in the private sector with a gain of 26,000 employees while self-employment edged up 14,000. The number of public sector employees also edged up (+16,000). All three groups have shown job strength since the start of 2002 with gains of 3.6% for private sector employees, 4.5% among the self-employed and 5.3% among public sector employees.

Continued employment strength in Ontario

Employment increased by 28,000 in Ontario, continuing the upward trend that began in the second half of 2002. The gains in February were among youths, mostly students aged 15 to 19, and adult women. By industry, the largest increases were in professional, scientific and technical services, public administration as well as trade. These increases were only partly offset by a decline in education services. The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 6.7%.

Following strong job growth over 2002, employment in Quebec was little changed for the second consecutive month. In February, there were 19,000 more people working part-time while full-time employment edged down 10,000. The unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points to 8.6% as more people entered the labour force in search of work.

Employment rose by 12,000 in British Columbia, all in full-time. This increase offsets declines over the previous five months leaving employment in the province at about the same level as last August. Job gains in February were mainly in manufacturing, health care and social assistance as well as public administration (mostly federal and local government). Even though there were added jobs in the province, the unemployment rate was unchanged in February at 8.2%, the result of an increase in labour force participation.

Employment in Alberta edged up slightly as an increase in full-time employment (+8,000) was partly offset by a decline in part-time (-4,000) work. This leaves employment in the province up 59,000 (+3.6%) since the start of 2002.

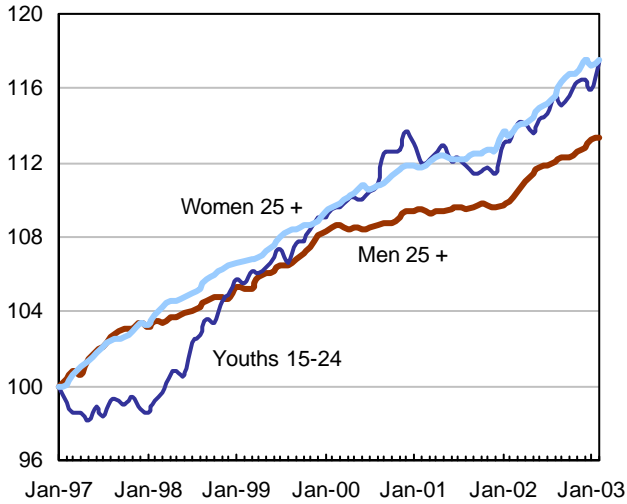
There was little change in employment for the other provinces.

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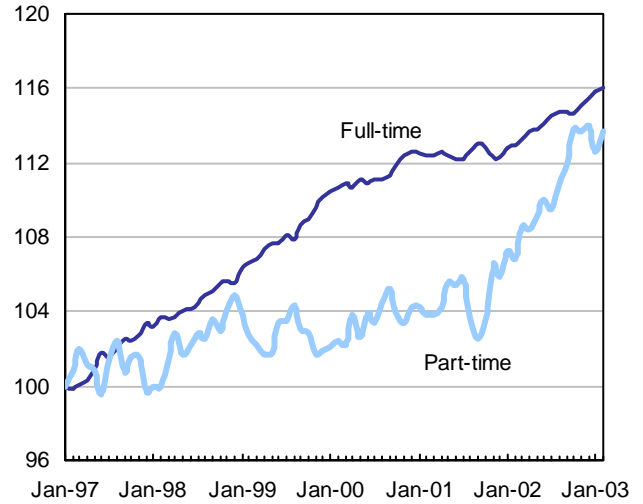
The recent flood in Badger, Newfoundland and Labrador prevented Labour Force Survey interviewing in that community in February. Since the town is relatively small, the impact on survey non-response for the province was negligible, as it was for economic region 040 (Notre Dame - Central Bonavista Bay), and employment insurance region 2 (Newfoundland and Labrador). As a result, the flood did not affect the reliability of the Labour Force Survey estimates in any of these areas.

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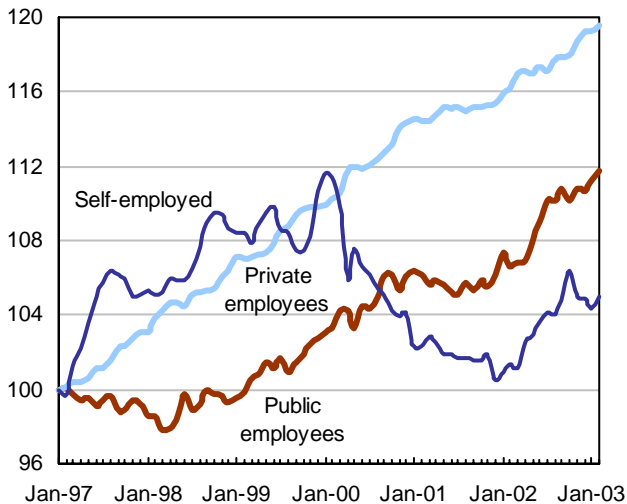
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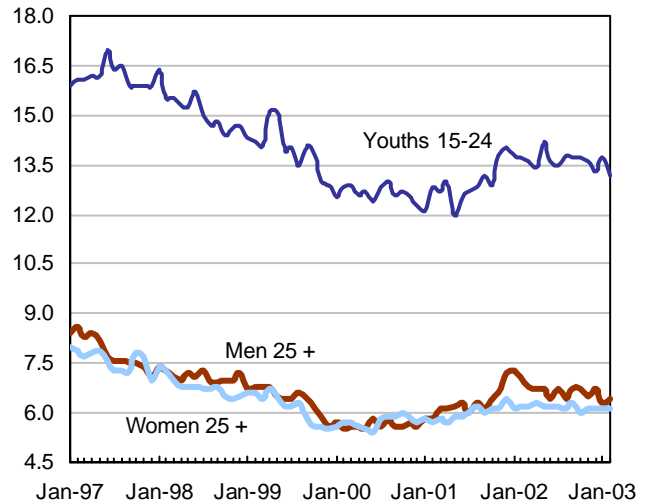
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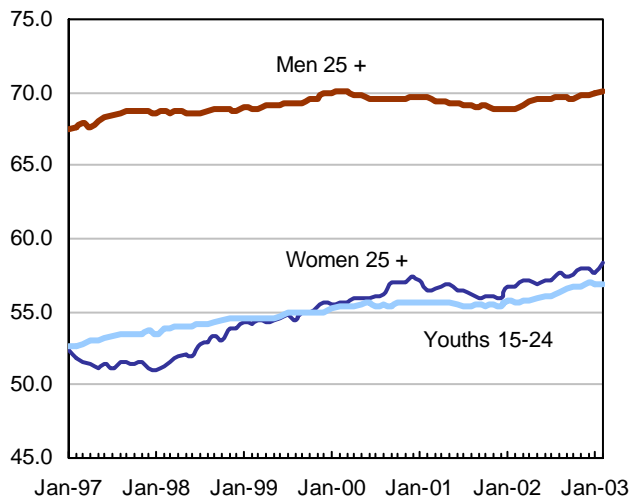
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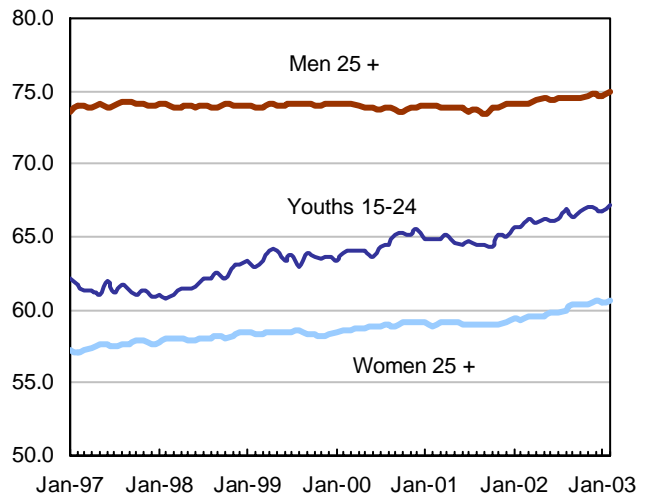
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Employment rate (%)

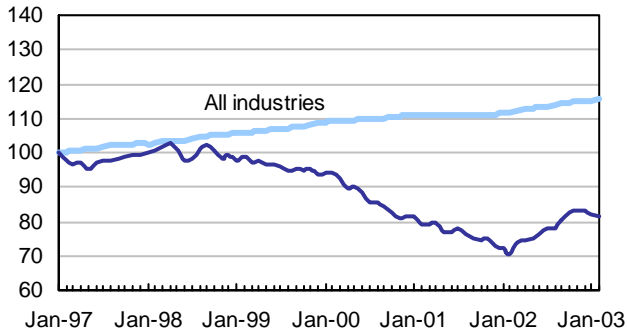


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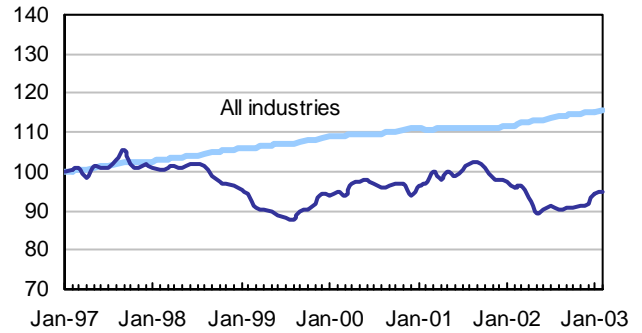


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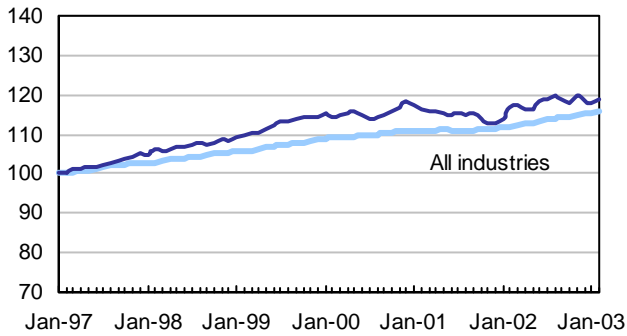
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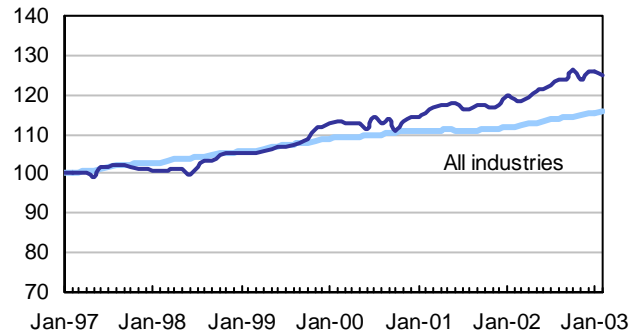
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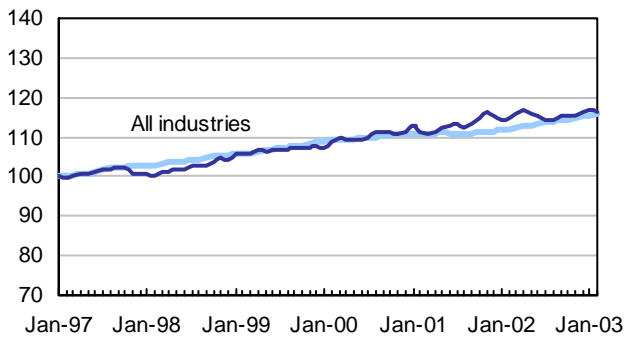
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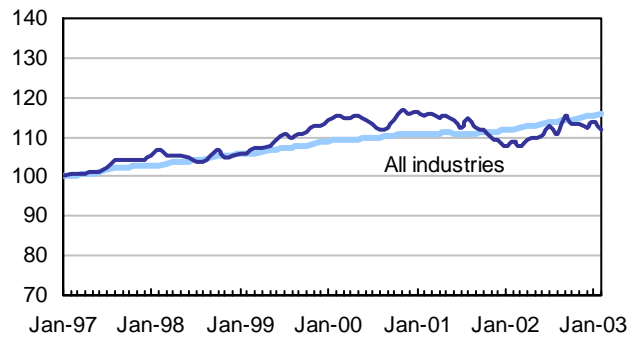
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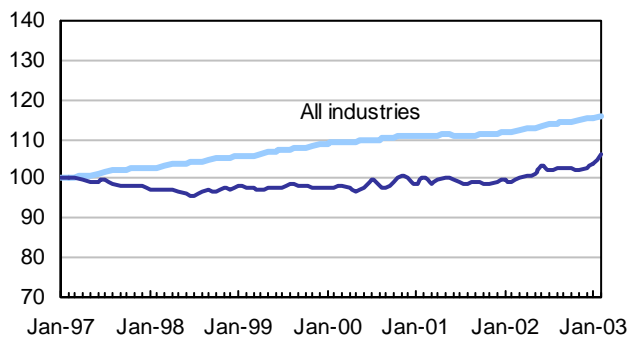
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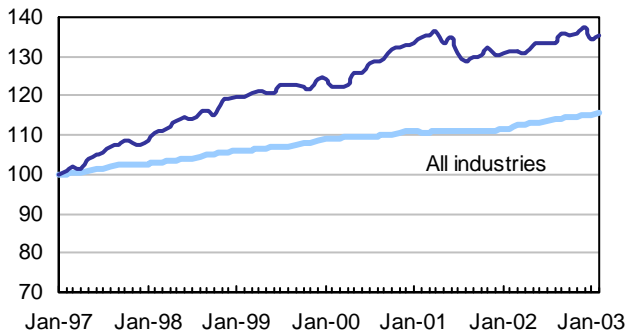


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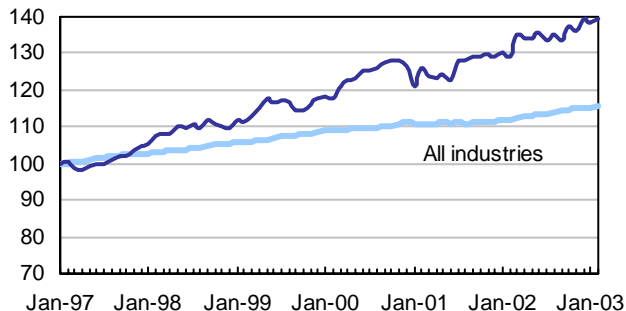


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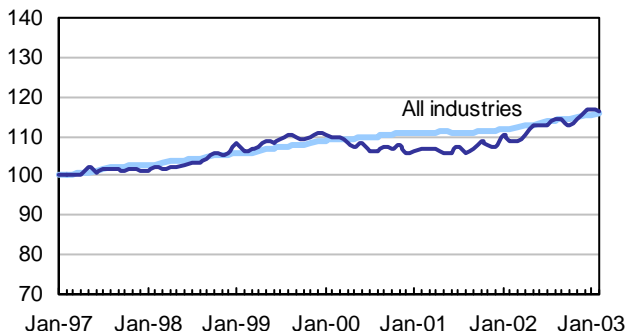
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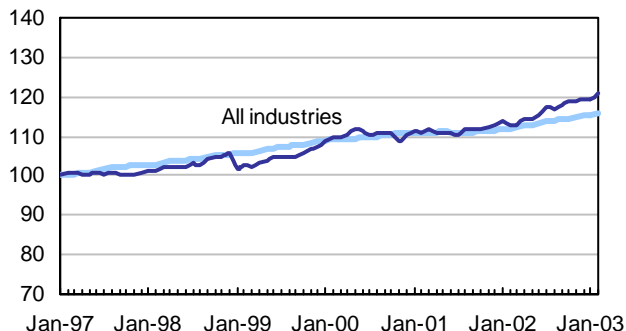
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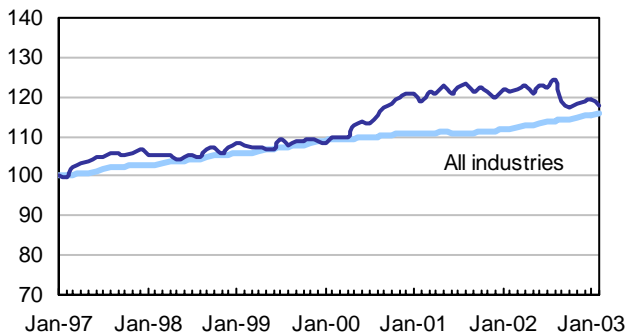
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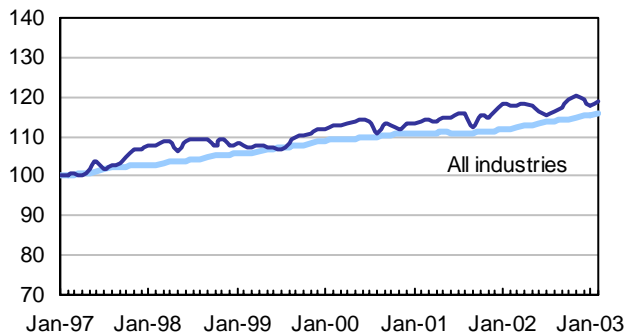
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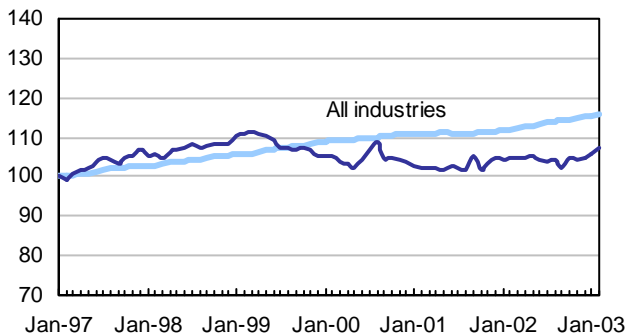
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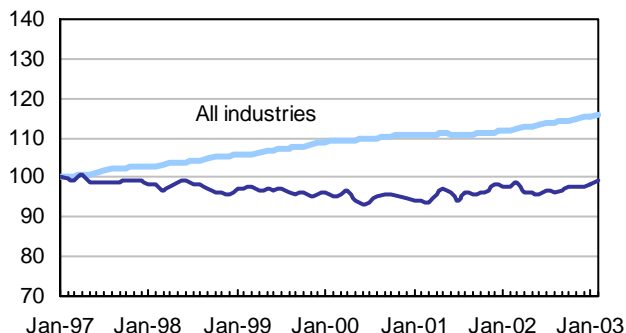
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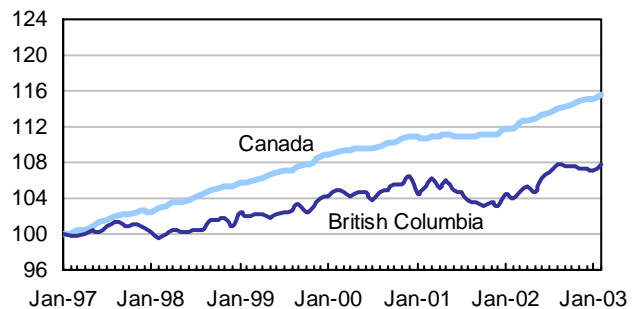
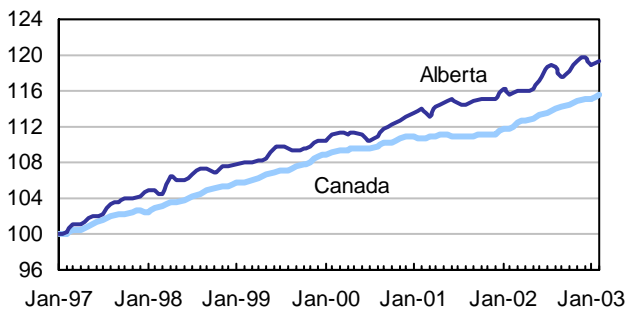
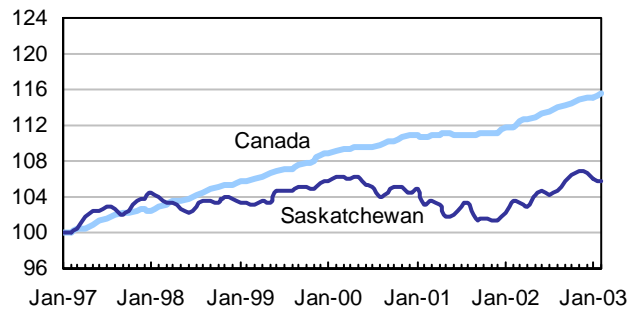
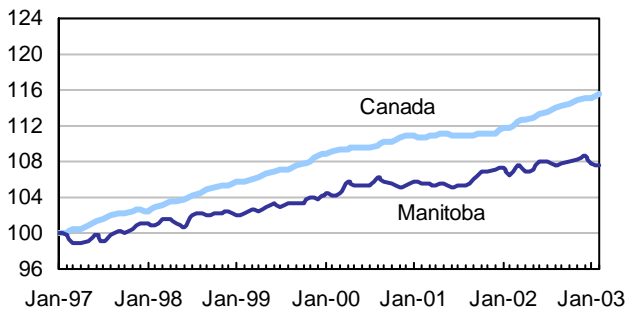
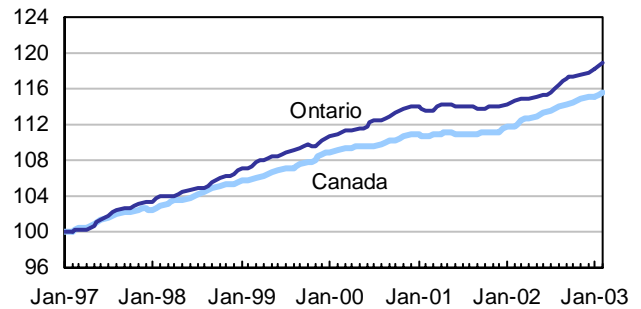
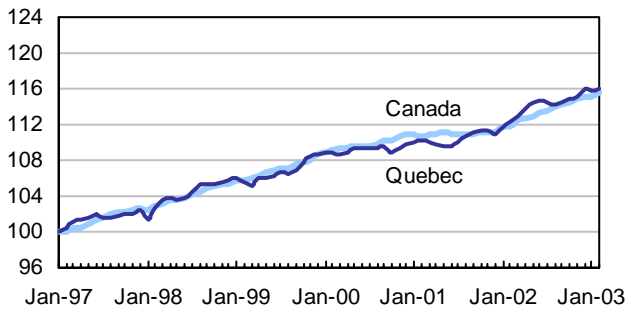
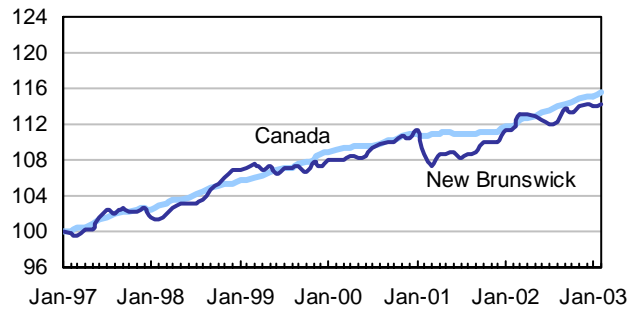
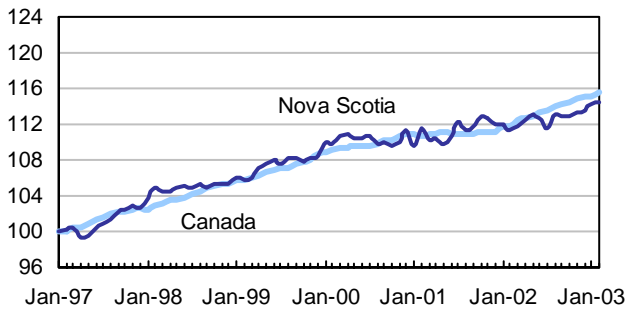
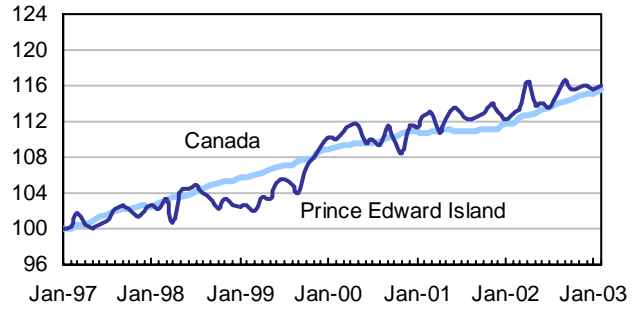
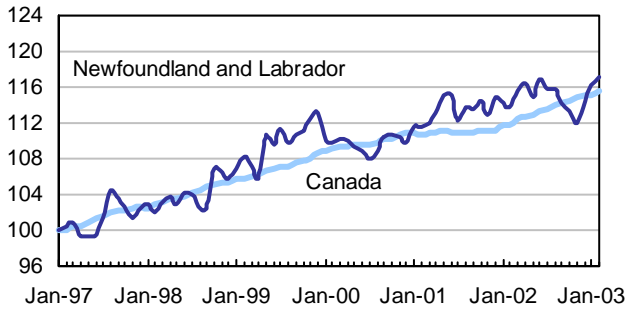
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Table 1

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	25,108.2	25,125.1	...	16.9	37.7	309.9	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	16,906.1	16,960.6	29.9	54.5	35.3	485.3	0.3	0.2	2.9
Employment	15,647.6	15,702.8	30.2	55.2	53.1	514.9	0.4	0.3	3.4
Employment full-time	12,707.8	12,735.3	34.6	27.5	61.9	335.7	0.2	0.5	2.7
Employment part-time	2,939.8	2,967.5	29.2	27.7	-8.8	179.1	0.9	-0.3	6.4
Unemployment	1,258.5	1,257.9	23.4	-0.6	-17.7	-29.5	0.0	-1.4	-2.3
Participation rate	67.3	67.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,148.5	4,150.4	...	1.9	4.5	30.6	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	2,771.7	2,789.8	17.1	18.1	17.0	84.3	0.7	0.6	3.1
Employment	2,392.2	2,422.5	16.3	30.3	18.0	86.7	1.3	0.7	3.7
Employment full-time	1,301.5	1,323.6	16.5	22.1	14.7	48.5	1.7	1.1	3.8
Employment part-time	1,090.8	1,098.9	17.0	8.1	3.3	38.2	0.7	0.3	3.6
Unemployment	379.5	367.3	13.2	-12.2	-1.0	-2.4	-3.2	-0.3	-0.6
Participation rate	66.8	67.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	13.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	58.4	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.6	45.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,224.0	10,231.0	...	7.0	15.4	138.4	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	7,642.2	7,662.9	15.6	20.7	16.9	180.1	0.3	0.2	2.4
Employment	7,161.4	7,171.6	17.3	10.2	36.3	219.3	0.1	0.5	3.2
Employment full-time	6,709.4	6,717.8	20.1	8.4	47.4	179.4	0.1	0.7	2.7
Employment part-time	452.0	453.7	13.5	1.7	-11.2	39.8	0.4	-2.4	9.6
Unemployment	480.8	491.3	13.9	10.5	-19.4	-39.2	2.2	-3.8	-7.4
Participation rate	74.7	74.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	70.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.3	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,735.7	10,743.7	...	8.0	17.9	140.9	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	6,492.2	6,508.0	17.6	15.8	1.6	221.0	0.2	0.0	3.5
Employment	6,093.9	6,108.7	17.6	14.8	-1.1	208.9	0.2	0.0	3.5
Employment full-time	4,696.9	4,693.8	21.9	-3.1	-0.3	107.8	-0.1	0.0	2.4
Employment part-time	1,397.0	1,414.9	19.1	17.9	-0.9	101.1	1.3	-0.1	7.7
Unemployment	398.2	399.3	13.0	1.1	2.7	12.1	0.3	0.7	3.1
Participation rate	60.5	60.6	0.2	0.1	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	56.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	23.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,077.6	14,078.9	...	1.3	1.3	57.4	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	12,132.0	12,137.9	21.7	5.9	-21.4	182.9	0.0	-0.2	1.5
Employment	11,369.2	11,372.2	23.4	3.0	-6.0	227.1	0.0	-0.1	2.0
Unemployment	762.8	765.7	18.1	2.9	-15.4	-44.2	0.4	-2.0	-5.5
Participation rate	86.2	86.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.8	80.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.3	...	...	...

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

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Class of worker									
Employees	13,281.9	13,323.5	31.1	41.6	52.3	432.6	0.3	0.4	3.4
Self-employed ²	2,365.7	2,379.3	18.3	13.6	0.8	82.3	0.6	0.0	3.6
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	2,967.6	2,983.5	17.8	15.9	30.1	139.3	0.5	1.0	4.9
Private sector employees	10,314.3	10,340.0	31.3	25.7	22.2	293.3	0.2	0.2	2.9
Industry	15,647.6	15,702.8	30.2	55.2	53.1	514.9	0.4	0.3	3.4
Goods-producing sector	3,988.0	4,006.6	22.7	18.6	-3.4	129.9	0.5	-0.1	3.4
Agriculture	351.0	347.8	6.3	-3.2	-7.4	46.3	-0.9	-2.1	15.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	278.0	279.9	6.0	1.9	9.6	-2.7	0.7	3.6	-1.0
Utilities	122.9	127.1	3.9	4.2	-4.0	3.5	3.4	-3.1	2.8
Construction	908.5	903.1	12.2	-5.4	-8.2	42.7	-0.6	-0.9	5.0
Manufacturing	2,327.6	2,348.7	18.3	21.1	6.5	40.0	0.9	0.3	1.7
Services-producing sector	11,659.6	11,696.2	31.0	36.6	56.6	384.9	0.3	0.5	3.4
Trade	2,462.3	2,448.7	18.8	-13.6	2.2	30.7	-0.6	0.1	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	775.7	763.4	10.7	-12.3	-2.4	21.7	-1.6	-0.3	2.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	914.5	934.3	11.4	19.8	30.7	61.9	2.2	3.4	7.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	999.5	1,008.6	12.9	9.1	-12.2	31.5	0.9	-1.2	3.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	609.1	612.5	11.0	3.4	0.2	44.6	0.6	0.0	7.9
Educational services	1,055.4	1,051.5	11.5	-3.9	1.3	69.5	-0.4	0.1	7.1
Health care and social assistance	1,653.5	1,670.7	13.3	17.2	15.9	107.7	1.0	1.0	6.9
Information, culture and recreation	696.3	685.8	11.7	-10.5	-7.7	-20.4	-1.5	-1.1	-2.9
Accommodation and food services	1,003.8	1,013.0	13.4	9.2	-3.2	7.5	0.9	-0.3	0.7
Other services	703.1	711.1	10.5	8.0	16.0	15.7	1.1	2.3	2.3
Public administration	786.4	796.5	9.6	10.1	15.5	14.4	1.3	2.0	1.8

¹ Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).² Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family business without pay.
Related CANSIM tables 282-0088, 282-0089

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	439.1	439.3	...	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	264.4	265.0	2.7	0.6	2.9	8.0	0.2	1.1	3.1
Employment	217.0	218.6	2.6	1.6	5.1	6.1	0.7	2.4	2.9
Employment full-time	182.7	182.6	2.7	-0.1	1.7	3.6	-0.1	0.9	2.0
Employment part-time	34.3	36.0	1.9	1.7	3.4	2.5	5.0	10.4	7.5
Unemployment	47.4	46.4	2.4	-1.0	-2.2	1.8	-2.1	-4.5	4.0
Participation rate	60.2	60.3	0.6	0.1	0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.9	17.5	0.9	-0.4	-1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.4	49.8	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	112.7	112.7	...	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.2	1.2
Labour force	76.0	76.5	0.7	0.5	0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.4	-0.6
Employment	67.6	67.8	0.8	0.2	-0.1	1.7	0.3	-0.1	2.6
Employment full-time	56.4	57.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	3.4
Employment part-time	11.1	10.4	0.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.2	-6.3	-8.8	-1.9
Unemployment	8.4	8.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	-2.1	4.8	6.0	-19.3
Participation rate	67.4	67.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	-2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.2	0.7	0.2	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	757.9	758.2	...	0.3	0.5	4.3	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	479.1	478.0	3.1	-1.1	1.1	6.1	-0.2	0.2	1.3
Employment	434.3	435.4	3.2	1.1	3.1	12.2	0.3	0.7	2.9
Employment full-time	350.2	351.6	3.6	1.4	4.2	4.9	0.4	1.2	1.4
Employment part-time	84.0	83.8	3.1	-0.2	-1.1	7.3	-0.2	-1.3	9.5
Unemployment	44.8	42.6	2.6	-2.2	-2.0	-6.1	-4.9	-4.5	-12.5
Participation rate	63.2	63.0	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	608.5	608.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	389.2	392.2	2.7	3.0	2.0	7.7	0.8	0.5	2.0
Employment	349.4	350.2	2.7	0.8	0.2	8.1	0.2	0.1	2.4
Employment full-time	295.5	294.3	3.0	-1.2	-1.5	4.2	-0.4	-0.5	1.4
Employment part-time	53.9	55.9	2.1	2.0	1.7	3.9	3.7	3.1	7.5
Unemployment	39.8	41.9	2.5	2.1	1.7	-0.4	5.3	4.2	-0.9
Participation rate	64.0	64.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,059.5	6,062.1	...	2.6	7.0	48.4	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	3,981.6	3,998.5	16.2	16.9	6.8	110.5	0.4	0.2	2.8
Employment	3,646.8	3,655.3	16.7	8.5	1.2	123.7	0.2	0.0	3.5
Employment full-time	3,004.1	2,993.7	19.0	-10.4	8.5	57.6	-0.3	0.3	2.0
Employment part-time	642.7	661.5	15.6	18.8	-7.4	66.1	2.9	-1.1	11.1
Unemployment	334.8	343.2	13.4	8.4	5.6	-13.3	2.5	1.7	-3.7
Participation rate	65.7	66.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.6	...	...	...

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,713.0	9,721.5	...	8.5	17.8	163.1	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	6,639.8	6,664.9	19.4	25.1	31.8	220.2	0.4	0.5	3.4
Employment	6,191.5	6,219.9	19.4	28.4	53.9	223.0	0.5	0.9	3.7
Employment full-time	5,065.6	5,082.0	22.2	16.4	42.2	160.3	0.3	0.8	3.3
Employment part-time	1,125.9	1,137.9	18.6	12.0	11.7	62.7	1.1	1.0	5.8
Unemployment	448.3	445.0	14.9	-3.3	-22.1	-2.8	-0.7	-4.7	-0.6
Participation rate	68.4	68.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	64.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	864.9	864.8	...	-0.1	-0.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	596.4	597.2	3.1	0.8	-4.3	2.2	0.1	-0.7	0.4
Employment	567.3	566.7	3.3	-0.6	-5.4	6.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.1
Employment full-time	454.3	454.9	3.8	0.6	-7.4	5.1	0.1	-1.6	1.1
Employment part-time	112.9	111.8	3.3	-1.1	1.9	1.2	-1.0	1.7	1.1
Unemployment	29.1	30.5	2.4	1.4	1.2	-4.1	4.8	4.1	-11.8
Participation rate	69.0	69.1	0.4	0.1	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	757.4	757.1	...	-0.3	-0.5	-3.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	518.0	518.6	2.9	0.6	-2.3	13.0	0.1	-0.4	2.6
Employment	488.2	487.6	3.0	-0.6	-4.1	11.0	-0.1	-0.8	2.3
Employment full-time	392.1	391.3	3.3	-0.8	1.2	9.3	-0.2	0.3	2.4
Employment part-time	96.0	96.3	2.8	0.3	-5.3	1.8	0.3	-5.2	1.9
Unemployment	29.8	31.0	2.1	1.2	1.8	2.0	4.0	6.2	6.9
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.4	0.1	-0.3	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,449.4	2,453.1	...	3.7	8.0	52.8	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,794.3	1,789.7	8.4	-4.6	-6.1	56.8	-0.3	-0.3	3.3
Employment	1,695.4	1,699.3	8.6	3.9	-8.2	54.4	0.2	-0.5	3.3
Employment full-time	1,390.4	1,398.3	10.1	7.9	-1.7	48.6	0.6	-0.1	3.6
Employment part-time	305.0	301.0	8.9	-4.0	-6.4	5.8	-1.3	-2.1	2.0
Unemployment	99.0	90.4	6.2	-8.6	2.0	2.3	-8.7	2.3	2.6
Participation rate	73.3	73.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.1	0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	69.3	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,345.8	3,347.9	...	2.1	4.8	40.8	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	2,167.3	2,180.1	11.7	12.8	3.2	61.4	0.6	0.1	2.9
Employment	1,990.3	2,002.0	11.8	11.7	7.4	68.3	0.6	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	1,516.2	1,528.0	13.7	11.8	13.3	39.1	0.8	0.9	2.6
Employment part-time	474.1	474.0	12.0	-0.1	-5.9	29.2	0.0	-1.2	6.6
Unemployment	177.0	178.1	8.9	1.1	-4.2	-6.8	0.6	-2.3	-3.7
Participation rate	64.8	65.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.2	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	1.3	...	...	...

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

Table 4

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	439.1	439.3	...	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	264.4	265.0	2.7	0.6	2.9	8.0	0.2	1.1	3.1
Employment	217.0	218.6	2.6	1.6	5.1	6.1	0.7	2.4	2.9
Employment full-time	182.7	182.6	2.7	-0.1	1.7	3.6	-0.1	0.9	2.0
Unemployment	47.4	46.4	2.4	-1.0	-2.2	1.8	-2.1	-4.5	4.0
Participation rate	60.2	60.3	0.6	0.1	0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.9	17.5	0.9	-0.4	-1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.4	49.8	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	16.5	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	74.2	74.1	...	-0.1	-0.3	-2.6	-0.1	-0.4	-3.4
Labour force	41.9	42.9	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.4	2.4	1.9	3.4
Employment	31.0	31.6	1.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.3	0.3
Unemployment	10.9	11.3	1.3	0.4	0.7	1.3	3.7	6.6	13.0
Participation rate	56.5	57.9	1.8	1.4	1.3	3.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	26.0	26.3	2.9	0.3	1.1	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	41.8	42.6	1.8	0.8	0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.2	45.9	3.6	1.7	1.1	2.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	178.0	178.2	...	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	119.5	119.8	1.5	0.3	0.9	4.2	0.3	0.8	3.6
Employment	98.9	100.5	1.5	1.6	4.1	5.2	1.6	4.3	5.5
Unemployment	20.6	19.3	1.5	-1.3	-3.2	-1.0	-6.3	-14.2	-4.9
Participation rate	67.1	67.2	0.9	0.1	0.4	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.2	16.1	1.2	-1.1	-2.8	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	56.4	0.9	0.8	2.2	2.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	5.4	0.8	0.4	1.9	1.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	186.9	187.0	...	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	103.0	102.4	1.4	-0.6	1.3	2.5	-0.6	1.3	2.5
Employment	87.1	86.5	1.3	-0.6	1.0	0.9	-0.7	1.2	1.1
Unemployment	15.9	15.8	1.3	-0.1	0.2	1.5	-0.6	1.3	10.5
Participation rate	55.1	54.8	0.8	-0.3	0.7	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	15.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	46.6	46.3	0.7	-0.3	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	18.6	1.4	0.6	1.0	0.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	217.0	218.6	2.6	1.6	5.1	6.1	0.7	2.4	2.9
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	44.0	45.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	-0.4	2.3	3.7	-0.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.4	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.4	1.6	0.0	20.0	200.0
Utilities	14.4	13.7	1.0	-0.7	1.1	-1.0	-4.9	8.7	-6.8
Construction	2.2	2.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-9.1	-20.0	-20.0
Manufacturing	10.4	11.1	0.9	0.7	-0.7	0.3	6.7	-5.9	2.8
Services-producing sector	14.6	15.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	-0.7	8.2	9.0	-4.2
Services-producing sector	173.0	173.6	2.4	0.6	3.5	6.5	0.3	2.1	3.9
Trade	39.8	38.8	1.3	-1.0	0.2	-2.3	-2.5	0.5	-5.6
Transportation and warehousing	12.4	12.3	0.8	-0.1	0.1	1.2	-0.8	0.8	10.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	6.8	6.8	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-4.2	-9.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.9	7.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	1.2	-1.3	1.3	18.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	9.0	8.7	0.8	-0.3	1.0	0.8	-3.3	13.0	10.1
Educational services	17.0	15.9	0.9	-1.1	-1.6	-3.0	-6.5	-9.1	-15.9
Health care and social assistance	33.2	34.0	1.0	0.8	1.2	5.5	2.4	3.7	19.3
Information, culture and recreation	5.7	6.9	0.7	1.2	1.0	-1.1	21.1	16.9	-13.8
Accommodation and food services	13.4	13.4	0.9	0.0	-0.1	1.0	0.0	-0.7	8.1
Other services	11.8	12.3	0.7	0.5	1.0	3.3	4.2	8.8	36.7
Public administration	16.0	16.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	4.4	5.0	3.7

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

Table 5

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	112.7	112.7	...	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.2	1.2
Labour force	76.0	76.5	0.7	0.5	0.3	-0.5	0.7	0.4	-0.6
Employment	67.6	67.8	0.8	0.2	-0.1	1.7	0.3	-0.1	2.6
Employment full-time	56.4	57.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	3.4
Unemployment	8.4	8.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	-2.1	4.8	6.0	-19.3
Participation rate	67.4	67.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	-2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.2	0.7	0.2	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.4	15.3	0.9	-1.1	-1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.1	20.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	13.9	14.0	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.7	-2.1	-1.4
Employment	11.9	11.9	0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.4	0.0	-4.0	3.5
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.6	5.0	10.5	-22.2
Participation rate	69.2	69.7	2.0	0.5	-1.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	15.0	2.5	0.6	1.7	-4.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.2	2.1	0.0	-2.5	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.0	37.8	3.0	0.8	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	44.7	44.7	...	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.4
Labour force	32.3	32.8	0.4	0.5	1.0	-0.1	1.5	3.1	-0.3
Employment	28.7	29.0	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.0	2.8	2.8
Unemployment	3.6	3.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	-1.0	5.6	5.6	-20.8
Participation rate	72.3	73.4	0.8	1.1	2.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.1	11.6	1.2	0.5	0.3	-3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.9	1.0	0.7	1.7	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	5.9	0.8	-0.8	-0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	47.9	47.9	...	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.3
Labour force	29.7	29.7	0.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	-0.3
Employment	26.9	26.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	-0.4	-1.8	1.5
Unemployment	2.8	2.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.5	3.6	3.6	-14.7
Participation rate	62.0	62.0	0.8	0.0	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.8	1.2	0.4	0.5	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	55.9	0.9	-0.3	-1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	16.0	1.6	-1.8	-2.3	-3.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	67.6	67.8	0.8	0.2	-0.1	1.7	0.3	-0.1	2.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	17.5	17.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.6	1.7	0.0
Agriculture	3.4	3.3	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.6	-2.9	0.0	-15.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.8	2.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	3.6	16.0	16.0
Utilities	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.4	4.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-2.3	-10.4	-15.7
Manufacturing	6.5	6.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0	4.6	6.3	17.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	50.1	50.2	0.7	0.1	-0.4	1.8	0.2	-0.8	3.7
Trade	9.6	9.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-2.1	-1.1	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	3.7	7.7	16.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-9.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	3.4	-3.2	11.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	3.0	2.9	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.8	-3.3	3.6	38.1
Educational services	4.8	4.8	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-2.0	-4.0
Health care and social assistance	7.9	7.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.5	-3.8	-6.2	7.0
Information, culture and recreation	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.4	3.7	0.0	-12.5
Accommodation and food services	4.9	5.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5	4.1	0.0	-8.9
Other services	3.5	3.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-5.7	-5.7	10.0
Public administration	6.4	6.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.6	3.2	6.6

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

Table 6

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	757.9	758.2	...	0.3	0.5	4.3	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	479.1	478.0	3.1	-1.1	1.1	6.1	-0.2	0.2	1.3
Employment	434.3	435.4	3.2	1.1	3.1	12.2	0.3	0.7	2.9
Employment full-time	350.2	351.6	3.6	1.4	4.2	4.9	0.4	1.2	1.4
Unemployment	44.8	42.6	2.6	-2.2	-2.0	-6.1	-4.9	-4.5	-12.5
Participation rate	63.2	63.0	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	19.2	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.5	123.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	82.6	83.3	1.9	0.7	2.8	6.5	0.8	3.5	8.5
Employment	70.6	71.6	1.8	1.0	4.9	10.7	1.4	7.3	17.6
Unemployment	12.1	11.7	1.6	-0.4	-2.1	-4.2	-3.3	-15.2	-26.4
Participation rate	66.9	67.4	1.5	0.5	2.2	5.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	14.0	1.9	-0.6	-3.1	-6.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.2	58.0	1.5	0.8	4.0	8.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.0	45.8	2.5	-2.2	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	302.7	302.9	...	0.2	0.3	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	208.3	208.2	1.6	-0.1	-1.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.1
Employment	190.9	190.8	1.9	-0.1	-0.4	3.3	-0.1	-0.2	1.8
Unemployment	17.3	17.4	1.6	0.1	-0.6	-3.7	0.6	-3.3	-17.5
Participation rate	68.8	68.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.4	0.8	0.1	-0.2	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.0	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	6.8	0.6	1.3	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	331.7	331.8	...	0.1	0.2	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	188.2	186.5	1.7	-1.7	-0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.4	-0.1
Employment	172.8	173.1	1.7	0.3	-1.3	-1.7	0.2	-0.7	-1.0
Unemployment	15.4	13.4	1.3	-2.0	0.6	1.6	-13.0	4.7	13.6
Participation rate	56.7	56.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.2	0.7	-1.0	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.1	52.2	0.5	0.1	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.0	22.0	1.1	-1.0	-2.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	434.3	435.4	3.2	1.1	3.1	12.2	0.3	0.7	2.9
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	96.3	97.5	2.0	1.2	2.6	6.2	1.2	2.7	6.8
Agriculture	6.6	7.3	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.3	10.6	17.7	4.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.6	15.1	0.9	-0.5	-0.2	2.4	-3.2	-1.3	18.9
Utilities	2.9	2.2	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.1	-24.1	-24.1	4.8
Construction	24.0	24.2	1.3	0.2	-0.8	-1.9	0.8	-3.2	-7.3
Manufacturing	47.1	48.7	1.4	1.6	3.1	5.4	3.4	6.8	12.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	338.0	337.9	3.0	-0.1	0.4	6.0	0.0	0.1	1.8
Trade	74.7	73.0	1.9	-1.7	-2.4	-3.5	-2.3	-3.2	-4.6
Transportation and warehousing	19.7	19.1	1.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-3.0	-1.0	-4.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.5	21.8	0.9	0.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	-0.9	3.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.1	20.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.8	2.8	-0.5	-3.8	16.3
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	22.2	22.2	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.3	2.3
Educational services	34.5	34.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	6.2
Health care and social assistance	52.4	54.1	1.3	1.7	2.4	3.8	3.2	4.6	7.6
Information, culture and recreation	16.7	16.0	1.1	-0.7	-1.1	-0.8	-4.2	-6.4	-4.8
Accommodation and food services	27.5	28.8	1.4	1.3	0.5	-3.6	4.7	1.8	-11.1
Other services	23.2	23.5	1.1	0.3	1.1	3.0	1.3	4.9	14.6
Public administration	25.6	25.1	1.0	-0.5	1.2	2.2	-2.0	5.0	9.6

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

Table 7

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	608.5	608.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	389.2	392.2	2.7	3.0	2.0	7.7	0.8	0.5	2.0
Employment	349.4	350.2	2.7	0.8	0.2	8.1	0.2	0.1	2.4
Employment full-time	295.5	294.3	3.0	-1.2	-1.5	4.2	-0.4	-0.5	1.4
Unemployment	39.8	41.9	2.5	2.1	1.7	-0.4	5.3	4.2	-0.9
Participation rate	64.0	64.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.4	16.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.7	97.6	...	-0.1	-0.2	-1.3	-0.1	-0.2	-1.3
Labour force	63.5	63.3	1.5	-0.2	-1.7	-1.9	-0.3	-2.6	-2.9
Employment	54.4	55.2	1.5	0.8	-0.2	1.1	1.5	-0.4	2.0
Unemployment	9.1	8.1	1.3	-1.0	-1.4	-3.0	-11.0	-14.7	-27.0
Participation rate	65.0	64.9	1.5	-0.1	-1.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	12.8	2.0	-1.5	-1.8	-4.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.7	56.6	1.5	0.9	0.0	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.1	33.5	2.1	-1.6	0.8	-3.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	247.1	247.1	...	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	174.1	174.4	1.5	0.3	1.2	2.4	0.2	0.7	1.4
Employment	154.5	153.9	1.6	-0.6	-0.4	1.9	-0.4	-0.3	1.3
Unemployment	19.6	20.5	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.5	4.6	8.5	2.5
Participation rate	70.5	70.6	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.3	11.8	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	4.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	263.7	263.7	...	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	151.7	154.5	1.4	2.8	2.5	7.3	1.8	1.6	5.0
Employment	140.5	141.1	1.4	0.6	0.9	5.1	0.4	0.6	3.8
Unemployment	11.2	13.4	1.1	2.2	1.6	2.2	19.6	13.6	19.6
Participation rate	57.5	58.6	0.6	1.1	0.9	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	8.7	0.8	1.3	0.9	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.3	53.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	21.3	1.0	1.7	0.5	2.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	349.4	350.2	2.7	0.8	0.2	8.1	0.2	0.1	2.4
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	81.9	82.6	1.9	0.7	3.0	4.1	0.9	3.8	5.2
Agriculture	6.9	5.8	0.6	-1.1	-0.7	1.1	-15.9	-10.8	23.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.4	11.8	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.6	3.5	6.3	5.4
Utilities	3.8	3.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-1.3	-2.6	-7.5	-26.0
Construction	20.0	20.5	1.0	0.5	0.9	2.1	2.5	4.6	11.4
Manufacturing	39.8	40.8	1.4	1.0	2.3	1.6	2.5	6.0	4.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	267.5	267.7	2.4	0.2	-2.7	4.1	0.1	-1.0	1.6
Trade	54.8	53.9	1.4	-0.9	0.0	0.4	-1.6	0.0	0.7
Transportation and warehousing	19.5	19.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.5	-2.1	-1.5	-2.5	-9.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	13.9	14.9	0.6	1.0	0.5	1.5	7.2	3.5	11.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.5	16.1	0.7	0.6	0.4	2.8	3.9	2.5	21.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	21.0	23.5	0.9	2.5	0.2	4.1	11.9	0.9	21.1
Educational services	21.5	20.8	0.9	-0.7	-0.5	-1.6	-3.3	-2.3	-7.1
Health care and social assistance	43.8	42.9	1.1	-0.9	-0.8	1.5	-2.1	-1.8	3.6
Information, culture and recreation	13.4	13.2	0.8	-0.2	0.3	0.2	-1.5	2.3	1.5
Accommodation and food services	24.0	23.5	1.1	-0.5	-2.3	-2.0	-2.1	-8.9	-7.8
Other services	18.6	18.2	0.9	-0.4	0.3	1.3	-2.2	1.7	7.7
Public administration	21.5	21.5	0.8	0.0	-0.2	-2.0	0.0	-0.9	-8.5

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

Table 8

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,059.5	6,062.1	...	2.6	7.0	48.4	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	3,981.6	3,998.5	16.2	16.9	6.8	110.5	0.4	0.2	2.8
Employment	3,646.8	3,655.3	16.7	8.5	1.2	123.7	0.2	0.0	3.5
Employment full-time	3,004.1	2,993.7	19.0	-10.4	8.5	57.6	-0.3	0.3	2.0
Unemployment	334.8	343.2	13.4	8.4	5.6	-13.3	2.5	1.7	-3.7
Participation rate	65.7	66.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	18.1	0.4	0.5	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	954.1	953.6	...	-0.5	-0.8	-6.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	638.6	646.2	9.0	7.6	7.6	11.7	1.2	1.2	1.8
Employment	551.5	554.8	8.7	3.3	-1.2	13.1	0.6	-0.2	2.4
Unemployment	87.1	91.4	7.3	4.3	8.8	-1.4	4.9	10.7	-1.5
Participation rate	66.9	67.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.6	14.1	1.1	0.5	1.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	58.2	0.9	0.4	-0.1	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.4	46.6	1.5	2.2	2.3	1.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,489.1	2,490.6	...	1.5	3.9	28.3	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,827.6	1,836.1	8.9	8.5	2.4	48.5	0.5	0.1	2.7
Employment	1,689.8	1,697.1	9.6	7.3	6.6	64.0	0.4	0.4	3.9
Unemployment	137.8	139.0	8.1	1.2	-4.1	-15.5	0.9	-2.9	-10.0
Participation rate	73.4	73.7	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.6	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	68.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	6.3	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,616.4	2,618.0	...	1.6	4.0	26.5	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	1,515.5	1,516.2	9.5	0.7	-3.2	50.3	0.0	-0.2	3.4
Employment	1,405.5	1,403.4	9.6	-2.1	-4.1	46.6	-0.1	-0.3	3.4
Unemployment	109.9	112.8	7.3	2.9	0.9	3.7	2.6	0.8	3.4
Participation rate	57.9	57.9	0.4	0.0	-0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	53.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.1	0.7	-0.2	-1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,646.8	3,655.3	16.7	8.5	1.2	123.7	0.2	0.0	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	954.1	950.1	12.3	-4.0	-12.7	21.5	-0.4	-1.3	2.3
Agriculture	68.9	63.8	3.1	-5.1	-3.3	6.9	-7.4	-4.9	12.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.3	37.6	2.4	1.3	-0.8	-2.3	3.6	-2.1	-5.8
Utilities	30.0	29.6	2.1	-0.4	-1.6	0.4	-1.3	-5.1	1.4
Construction	158.2	163.0	5.6	4.8	2.3	14.5	3.0	1.4	9.8
Manufacturing	660.8	656.2	10.5	-4.6	-9.1	2.1	-0.7	-1.4	0.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	2,692.7	2,705.1	16.9	12.4	13.8	102.2	0.5	0.5	3.9
Trade	608.0	602.6	10.6	-5.4	2.6	20.7	-0.9	0.4	3.6
Transportation and warehousing	161.1	156.6	5.5	-4.5	-0.2	9.4	-2.8	-0.1	6.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	186.0	192.3	6.0	6.3	9.2	-9.5	3.4	5.0	-4.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	213.3	216.6	6.6	3.3	-7.5	16.4	1.5	-3.3	8.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	120.3	118.9	5.6	-1.4	-4.1	6.5	-1.2	-3.3	5.8
Educational services	247.0	254.9	6.2	7.9	7.8	31.4	3.2	3.2	14.0
Health care and social assistance	423.8	427.1	7.7	3.3	8.7	36.1	0.8	2.1	9.2
Information, culture and recreation	158.5	152.5	6.3	-6.0	-1.2	-17.1	-3.8	-0.8	-10.1
Accommodation and food services	208.0	216.5	7.0	8.5	2.1	10.7	4.1	1.0	5.2
Other services	163.4	166.0	5.5	2.6	-1.2	5.8	1.6	-0.7	3.6
Public administration	203.3	201.2	5.5	-2.1	-2.3	-8.1	-1.0	-1.1	-3.9

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

Table 9
Selected labour force characteristics, Ontario (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	9,713.0	9,721.5	...	8.5	17.8	163.1	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	6,639.8	6,664.9	19.4	25.1	31.8	220.2	0.4	0.5	3.4
Employment	6,191.5	6,219.9	19.4	28.4	53.9	223.0	0.5	0.9	3.7
Employment full-time	5,065.6	5,082.0	22.2	16.4	42.2	160.3	0.3	0.8	3.3
Unemployment	448.3	445.0	14.9	-3.3	-22.1	-2.8	-0.7	-4.7	-0.6
Participation rate	68.4	68.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	64.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,584.8	1,586.5	...	1.7	3.7	27.1	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	1,057.1	1,074.2	11.2	17.1	15.8	44.6	1.6	1.5	4.3
Employment	913.9	932.3	10.4	18.4	22.6	39.2	2.0	2.5	4.4
Unemployment	143.1	141.9	8.5	-1.2	-6.9	5.4	-0.8	-4.6	4.0
Participation rate	66.7	67.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.5	13.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	58.8	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.6	47.1	1.1	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	3,950.2	3,953.4	...	3.2	6.5	67.9	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	3,007.9	3,001.7	9.6	-6.2	10.6	80.5	-0.2	0.4	2.8
Employment	2,839.8	2,837.6	10.8	-2.2	22.0	85.0	-0.1	0.8	3.1
Unemployment	168.1	164.2	8.5	-3.9	-11.2	-4.3	-2.3	-6.4	-2.6
Participation rate	76.1	75.9	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.9	71.8	0.3	-0.1	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,178.0	4,181.6	...	3.6	7.7	68.1	0.1	0.2	1.7
Labour force	2,574.8	2,588.9	11.6	14.1	5.3	94.9	0.5	0.2	3.8
Employment	2,437.7	2,450.0	11.7	12.3	9.3	98.8	0.5	0.4	4.2
Unemployment	137.1	138.9	8.5	1.8	-4.0	-3.9	1.3	-2.8	-2.7
Participation rate	61.6	61.9	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	21.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,191.5	6,219.9	19.4	28.4	53.9	223.0	0.5	0.9	3.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,659.4	1,658.1	15.0	-1.3	1.9	43.6	-0.1	0.1	2.7
Agriculture	81.0	81.0	3.3	0.0	-0.9	14.5	0.0	-1.1	21.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.9	35.1	2.2	-1.8	2.9	-2.0	-4.9	9.0	-5.4
Utilities	45.7	50.1	2.4	4.4	-0.3	2.4	9.6	-0.6	5.0
Construction	377.6	370.1	8.3	-7.5	-3.3	11.6	-2.0	-0.9	3.2
Manufacturing	1,118.1	1,121.8	12.6	3.7	3.6	17.1	0.3	0.3	1.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,532.1	4,561.8	20.2	29.7	52.0	179.4	0.7	1.2	4.1
Trade	939.4	947.4	12.0	8.0	10.7	29.2	0.9	1.1	3.2
Transportation and warehousing	287.5	282.9	7.0	-4.6	5.5	6.7	-1.6	2.0	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	422.7	429.7	8.0	7.0	20.5	49.7	1.7	5.0	13.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	442.5	458.2	8.7	15.7	13.4	20.3	3.5	3.0	4.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	256.0	260.0	7.7	4.0	1.7	8.1	1.6	0.7	3.2
Educational services	395.6	379.3	7.2	-16.3	-17.6	9.2	-4.1	-4.4	2.5
Health care and social assistance	583.7	586.8	8.1	3.1	1.7	39.8	0.5	0.3	7.3
Information, culture and recreation	283.2	279.3	7.7	-3.9	-0.1	-5.5	-1.4	0.0	-1.9
Accommodation and food services	365.0	370.0	8.4	5.0	-8.7	8.5	1.4	-2.3	2.4
Other services	259.4	263.0	6.6	3.6	13.9	6.1	1.4	5.6	2.4
Public administration	297.2	305.1	6.2	7.9	10.8	7.1	2.7	3.7	2.4

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

Table 10

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	864.9	864.8	...	-0.1	-0.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	596.4	597.2	3.1	0.8	-4.3	2.2	0.1	-0.7	0.4
Employment	567.3	566.7	3.3	-0.6	-5.4	6.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.1
Employment full-time	454.3	454.9	3.8	0.6	-7.4	5.1	0.1	-1.6	1.1
Unemployment	29.1	30.5	2.4	1.4	1.2	-4.1	4.8	4.1	-11.8
Participation rate	69.0	69.1	0.4	0.1	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.7	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	149.2	149.2	...	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	110.1	109.3	1.8	-0.8	0.5	-2.2	-0.7	0.5	-2.0
Employment	99.7	99.3	1.9	-0.4	0.6	1.2	-0.4	0.6	1.2
Unemployment	10.4	10.0	1.5	-0.4	-0.1	-3.4	-3.8	-1.0	-25.4
Participation rate	73.8	73.3	1.2	-0.5	0.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.1	1.3	-0.3	-0.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.6	1.2	-0.2	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.2	42.4	1.9	-1.8	-1.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	349.3	349.2	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	262.5	264.2	1.6	1.7	-2.7	3.0	0.6	-1.0	1.1
Employment	252.5	253.4	1.8	0.9	-3.1	4.8	0.4	-1.2	1.9
Unemployment	10.0	10.8	1.3	0.8	0.4	-1.8	8.0	3.8	-14.3
Participation rate	75.2	75.7	0.5	0.5	-0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.3	72.6	0.5	0.3	-0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.5	0.6	-0.3	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	366.4	366.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	223.8	223.7	1.8	-0.1	-2.1	1.3	0.0	-0.9	0.6
Employment	215.0	214.0	1.8	-1.0	-2.9	0.2	-0.5	-1.3	0.1
Unemployment	8.8	9.7	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	10.2	10.2	12.8
Participation rate	61.1	61.1	0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.3	26.1	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	567.3	566.7	3.3	-0.6	-5.4	6.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.1
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	137.7	138.8	2.6	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.3	32.7	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.6	4.1
Utilities	5.8	5.7	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-1.2	-1.7	0.0	-17.4
Construction	6.7	6.9	0.5	0.2	0.7	1.1	3.0	11.3	19.0
Manufacturing	26.0	25.9	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.7	-0.4	-0.8	7.0
Services-producing sector	66.9	67.6	1.8	0.7	-0.4	-2.8	1.0	-0.6	-4.0
Trade	429.6	427.9	3.4	-1.7	-6.1	6.2	-0.4	-1.4	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	84.0	82.6	2.0	-1.4	-1.5	-9.9	-1.7	-1.8	-10.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	35.7	35.9	1.3	0.2	1.0	0.6	0.6	2.9	1.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.7	26.3	1.0	-0.4	-1.2	-2.1	-1.5	-4.4	-7.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	22.9	21.7	1.1	-1.2	-1.6	0.8	-5.2	-6.9	3.8
Educational services	21.1	21.2	1.2	0.1	0.4	3.4	0.5	1.9	19.1
Health care and social assistance	43.0	42.8	1.4	-0.2	-0.3	3.5	-0.5	-0.7	8.9
Information, culture and recreation	75.1	74.6	1.6	-0.5	-3.0	4.5	-0.7	-3.9	6.4
Accommodation and food services	22.5	21.9	1.1	-0.6	-0.4	-2.5	-2.7	-1.8	-10.2
Other services	39.4	41.3	1.5	1.9	1.9	5.6	4.8	4.8	15.7
Public administration	27.6	28.7	1.1	1.1	-0.3	6.0	4.0	-1.0	26.4
Public administration	31.6	31.0	1.1	-0.6	-0.9	-3.7	-1.9	-2.8	-10.7

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

Table 11

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	757.4	757.1	...	-0.3	-0.5	-3.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	518.0	518.6	2.9	0.6	-2.3	13.0	0.1	-0.4	2.6
Employment	488.2	487.6	3.0	-0.6	-4.1	11.0	-0.1	-0.8	2.3
Employment full-time	392.1	391.3	3.3	-0.8	1.2	9.3	-0.2	0.3	2.4
Unemployment	29.8	31.0	2.1	1.2	1.8	2.0	4.0	6.2	6.9
Participation rate	68.4	68.5	0.4	0.1	-0.3	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	19.7	0.6	0.1	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	139.5	139.3	...	-0.2	-0.3	-2.6	-0.1	-0.2	-1.8
Labour force	95.8	98.1	1.7	2.3	2.2	6.6	2.4	2.3	7.2
Employment	85.6	87.6	1.7	2.0	0.9	5.9	2.3	1.0	7.2
Unemployment	10.2	10.4	1.3	0.2	1.2	0.6	2.0	13.0	6.1
Participation rate	68.7	70.4	1.2	1.7	1.7	5.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.6	1.3	0.0	1.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	62.9	1.2	1.5	0.8	5.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.7	40.2	1.8	-0.5	-3.1	-2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.4	301.3	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	228.3	226.7	1.5	-1.6	-3.2	-1.1	-0.7	-1.4	-0.5
Employment	216.0	213.6	1.7	-2.4	-4.1	-3.4	-1.1	-1.9	-1.6
Unemployment	12.3	13.1	1.3	0.8	0.9	2.3	6.5	7.4	21.3
Participation rate	75.7	75.2	0.5	-0.5	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	70.9	0.6	-0.8	-1.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.1	0.6	0.0	-0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.5	316.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	193.9	193.8	1.7	-0.1	-1.2	7.6	-0.1	-0.6	4.1
Employment	186.6	186.3	1.7	-0.3	-0.9	8.5	-0.2	-0.5	4.8
Unemployment	7.3	7.5	1.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.9	2.7	-3.8	-10.7
Participation rate	61.3	61.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.9	0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.6	24.6	1.0	0.0	-0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	488.2	487.6	3.0	-0.6	-4.1	11.0	-0.1	-0.8	2.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	123.4	123.9	2.4	0.5	-3.6	-1.3	0.4	-2.8	-1.0
Agriculture	48.6	48.0	1.9	-0.6	-4.7	-1.1	-1.2	-8.9	-2.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.0	17.1	0.9	0.1	0.7	1.1	0.6	4.3	6.9
Utilities	4.5	4.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	25.0
Construction	25.3	25.7	1.2	0.4	0.7	-0.1	1.6	2.8	-0.4
Manufacturing	28.0	28.6	1.1	0.6	-0.2	-2.1	2.1	-0.7	-6.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	364.7	363.7	2.9	-1.0	-0.5	12.3	-0.3	-0.1	3.5
Trade	77.6	74.6	1.7	-3.0	-5.9	-1.4	-3.9	-7.3	-1.8
Transportation and warehousing	23.1	22.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.8	-4.0	-0.9	-3.4	-14.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.7	27.9	0.9	0.2	1.5	1.1	0.7	5.7	4.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.7	17.3	0.8	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	-2.3	-1.1	3.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	12.3	12.7	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.2	3.3	7.6	1.6
Educational services	40.0	40.9	1.2	0.9	0.4	6.6	2.3	1.0	19.2
Health care and social assistance	60.3	60.0	1.3	-0.3	1.8	2.1	-0.5	3.1	3.6
Information, culture and recreation	20.7	20.8	0.9	0.1	0.6	3.4	0.5	3.0	19.5
Accommodation and food services	34.8	35.6	1.4	0.8	1.1	4.1	2.3	3.2	13.0
Other services	24.0	24.6	1.0	0.6	0.1	2.3	2.5	0.4	10.3
Public administration	26.4	26.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	-2.3	0.8	0.8	-8.0

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

Table 12

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,449.4	2,453.1	...	3.7	8.0	52.8	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	1,794.3	1,789.7	8.4	-4.6	-6.1	56.8	-0.3	-0.3	3.3
Employment	1,695.4	1,699.3	8.6	3.9	-8.2	54.4	0.2	-0.5	3.3
Employment full-time	1,390.4	1,398.3	10.1	7.9	-1.7	48.6	0.6	-0.1	3.6
Unemployment	99.0	90.4	6.2	-8.6	2.0	2.3	-8.7	2.3	2.6
Participation rate	73.3	73.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.1	0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.2	69.3	0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	17.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	460.1	460.7	...	0.6	1.5	9.7	0.1	0.3	2.2
Labour force	324.0	317.1	5.1	-6.9	-3.5	3.2	-2.1	-1.1	1.0
Employment	284.7	286.7	5.1	2.0	-4.4	4.8	0.7	-1.5	1.7
Unemployment	39.3	30.4	4.0	-8.9	0.9	-1.6	-22.6	3.1	-5.0
Participation rate	70.4	68.8	1.1	-1.6	-1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.1	9.6	1.2	-2.5	0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.2	1.2	0.3	-1.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.3	35.6	1.7	-1.7	-1.5	-3.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	995.1	996.6	...	1.5	3.2	21.7	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	811.8	814.6	4.1	2.8	-0.1	28.0	0.3	0.0	3.6
Employment	779.0	778.7	4.7	-0.3	-1.6	25.5	0.0	-0.2	3.4
Unemployment	32.9	35.9	3.5	3.0	1.5	2.4	9.1	4.4	7.2
Participation rate	81.6	81.7	0.4	0.1	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.3	78.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.7	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	994.3	995.8	...	1.5	3.3	21.4	0.2	0.3	2.2
Labour force	658.5	658.0	4.7	-0.5	-2.5	25.6	-0.1	-0.4	4.0
Employment	631.7	633.9	4.8	2.2	-2.2	24.2	0.3	-0.3	4.0
Unemployment	26.8	24.1	2.9	-2.7	-0.4	1.5	-10.1	-1.6	6.6
Participation rate	66.2	66.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.7	0.5	-0.4	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.7	0.5	0.2	-0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.5	24.4	1.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,695.4	1,699.3	8.6	3.9	-8.2	54.4	0.2	-0.5	3.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	459.8	471.5	7.1	11.7	2.5	20.6	2.5	0.5	4.6
Agriculture	68.4	70.0	2.8	1.6	1.7	12.5	2.3	2.5	21.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	93.9	94.6	3.7	0.7	0.6	-7.0	0.7	0.6	-6.9
Utilities	14.5	14.4	1.5	-0.1	-1.6	-1.8	-0.7	-10.0	-11.1
Construction	135.4	139.6	4.4	4.2	-1.2	7.4	3.1	-0.9	5.6
Manufacturing	147.5	152.9	4.6	5.4	2.9	9.5	3.7	1.9	6.6
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,235.6	1,227.8	9.1	-7.8	-10.6	33.8	-0.6	-0.9	2.8
Trade	249.5	248.8	5.4	-0.7	1.5	-14.9	-0.3	0.6	-5.7
Transportation and warehousing	97.5	97.4	3.4	-0.1	-3.7	0.5	-0.1	-3.7	0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	82.0	84.6	3.1	2.6	1.7	6.1	3.2	2.1	7.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	118.0	114.9	4.3	-3.1	-7.7	-2.9	-2.6	-6.3	-2.5
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	70.2	69.5	2.9	-0.7	-0.7	16.9	-1.0	-1.0	32.1
Educational services	108.2	106.5	3.5	-1.7	-0.1	3.9	-1.6	-0.1	3.8
Health care and social assistance	164.5	166.2	4.1	1.7	4.6	12.7	1.0	2.8	8.3
Information, culture and recreation	73.6	69.6	3.2	-4.0	-7.0	3.8	-5.4	-9.1	5.8
Accommodation and food services	121.3	121.6	4.3	0.3	2.6	-0.1	0.2	2.2	-0.1
Other services	74.9	75.9	3.5	1.0	-0.7	-3.8	1.3	-0.9	-4.8
Public administration	75.8	72.7	2.6	-3.1	-1.2	11.5	-4.1	-1.6	18.8

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

Table 13

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,345.8	3,347.9	...	2.1	4.8	40.8	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	2,167.3	2,180.1	11.7	12.8	3.2	61.4	0.6	0.1	2.9
Employment	1,990.3	2,002.0	11.8	11.7	7.4	68.3	0.6	0.4	3.5
Employment full-time	1,516.2	1,528.0	13.7	11.8	13.3	39.1	0.8	0.9	2.6
Unemployment	177.0	178.1	8.9	1.1	-4.2	-6.8	0.6	-2.3	-3.7
Participation rate	64.8	65.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.2	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	59.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	23.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	545.4	545.7	...	0.3	0.9	6.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	344.2	341.4	6.6	-2.8	-7.2	14.6	-0.8	-2.1	4.5
Employment	288.9	291.5	6.3	2.6	-4.7	10.2	0.9	-1.6	3.6
Unemployment	55.4	49.9	4.8	-5.5	-2.5	4.4	-9.9	-4.8	9.7
Participation rate	63.1	62.6	1.2	-0.5	-1.4	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.1	14.6	1.4	-1.5	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.4	1.2	0.4	-1.0	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	53.7	52.4	2.0	-1.2	-1.5	2.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,366.4	1,367.1	...	0.7	1.5	15.8	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	970.0	984.5	6.5	14.5	7.9	15.3	1.5	0.8	1.6
Employment	911.3	917.1	7.2	5.8	12.7	32.3	0.6	1.4	3.7
Unemployment	58.7	67.5	5.7	8.8	-4.7	-16.9	15.0	-6.5	-20.0
Participation rate	71.0	72.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.9	0.6	0.8	-0.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	67.1	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.5	8.0	0.7	-0.5	-0.9	-2.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,434.1	1,435.1	...	1.0	2.3	18.5	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	853.1	854.2	7.0	1.1	2.5	31.5	0.1	0.3	3.8
Employment	790.1	793.5	6.7	3.4	-0.5	25.9	0.4	-0.1	3.4
Unemployment	63.0	60.8	5.0	-2.2	3.0	5.8	-3.5	5.2	10.5
Participation rate	59.5	59.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.1	0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.1	55.3	0.5	0.2	-0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	30.5	31.2	1.0	0.7	1.1	3.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,990.3	2,002.0	11.8	11.7	7.4	68.3	0.6	0.4	3.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	416.0	421.9	7.8	5.9	5.4	37.7	1.4	1.3	9.8
Agriculture	33.4	35.7	2.4	2.3	-0.2	11.0	6.9	-0.6	44.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	45.0	46.1	2.8	1.1	4.1	7.3	2.4	9.8	18.8
Utilities	12.2	13.4	1.2	1.2	0.4	2.4	9.8	3.1	21.8
Construction	124.1	119.7	4.8	-4.4	-4.2	5.1	-3.5	-3.4	4.5
Manufacturing	201.3	207.0	5.7	5.7	5.4	11.9	2.8	2.7	6.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,574.2	1,580.1	11.8	5.9	2.0	30.6	0.4	0.1	2.0
Trade	328.3	323.6	7.1	-4.7	-1.3	11.7	-1.4	-0.4	3.8
Transportation and warehousing	116.7	116.6	4.1	-0.1	1.2	9.6	-0.1	1.0	9.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	128.4	127.9	4.1	-0.5	-1.0	16.2	-0.4	-0.8	14.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	128.4	129.0	4.8	0.6	-6.5	-11.8	0.5	-4.8	-8.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	76.9	78.6	3.9	1.7	3.7	5.0	2.2	4.9	6.8
Educational services	148.4	150.0	4.6	1.6	11.8	15.3	1.1	8.5	11.4
Health care and social assistance	207.5	211.8	5.0	4.3	-7.8	1.6	2.1	-3.6	0.8
Information, culture and recreation	101.1	101.2	4.6	0.1	-1.5	-0.5	0.1	-1.5	-0.5
Accommodation and food services	162.6	159.8	5.6	-2.8	-2.1	-15.9	-1.7	-1.3	-9.0
Other services	92.9	92.3	4.3	-0.6	0.4	-8.8	-0.6	0.4	-8.7
Public administration	83.1	89.4	3.3	6.3	5.2	8.4	7.6	6.2	10.4

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 14

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	143.2	143.3	...	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	99.7	99.7	0.8	0.0	1.5	5.4	0.0	1.5	5.7
Employment	89.4	89.5	0.9	0.1	1.1	3.7	0.1	1.2	4.3
Unemployment	10.2	10.1	0.6	-0.1	0.3	1.6	-1.0	3.1	18.8
Participation rate	69.6	69.6	0.6	0.0	0.9	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.1	0.6	-0.1	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.5	0.6	0.1	0.7	2.0	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	286.1	286.5	...	0.4	0.7	4.1	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	197.0	197.3	1.2	0.3	0.4	-2.0	0.2	0.2	-1.0
Employment	182.3	183.1	1.2	0.8	0.8	-0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.2
Unemployment	14.7	14.2	0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-1.6	-3.4	-2.7	-10.1
Participation rate	68.9	68.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	100.9	100.9	...	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Labour force	67.8	68.2	0.6	0.4	0.0	3.1	0.6	0.0	4.8
Employment	62.7	62.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	3.1	-0.3	-1.3	5.2
Unemployment	5.1	5.7	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.0	11.8	16.3	0.0
Participation rate	67.2	67.6	0.6	0.4	0.1	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	8.4	0.5	0.9	1.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	61.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	2.9	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	131.4	131.2	...	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8
Labour force	79.0	79.6	0.8	0.6	1.3	-2.6	0.8	1.7	-3.2
Employment	70.8	70.9	0.8	0.1	0.8	-1.4	0.1	1.1	-1.9
Unemployment	8.2	8.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	-1.2	6.1	6.1	-12.1
Participation rate	60.1	60.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	10.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.9	54.0	0.6	0.1	0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	573.9	574.2	...	0.3	0.6	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	380.3	382.6	2.9	2.3	3.0	7.3	0.6	0.8	1.9
Employment	355.2	353.1	3.0	-2.1	-3.8	4.1	-0.6	-1.1	1.2
Unemployment	25.2	29.5	1.5	4.3	6.8	3.3	17.1	30.0	12.6
Participation rate	66.3	66.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.7	0.4	1.1	1.7	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.3	117.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	72.8	73.9	0.7	1.1	2.2	2.4	1.5	3.1	3.4
Employment	66.0	66.9	0.7	0.9	1.8	3.4	1.4	2.8	5.4
Unemployment	6.8	7.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	-1.0	2.9	6.1	-12.5
Participation rate	62.1	63.0	0.6	0.9	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	57.0	0.6	0.7	1.5	2.8	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	127.5	127.6	...	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	83.8	84.8	0.8	1.0	1.4	2.5	1.2	1.7	3.0
Employment	77.4	78.8	0.8	1.4	1.8	3.6	1.8	2.3	4.8
Unemployment	6.4	6.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.0	-4.7	-4.7	-14.1
Participation rate	65.7	66.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	61.8	0.6	1.1	1.4	2.2	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,882.4	2,885.5	...	3.1	6.3	39.6	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	1,979.8	1,978.9	7.0	-0.9	15.0	79.7	0.0	0.8	4.2
Employment	1,809.0	1,807.5	7.4	-1.5	3.8	82.5	-0.1	0.2	4.8
Unemployment	170.9	171.4	4.7	0.5	11.2	-2.8	0.3	7.0	-1.6
Participation rate	68.7	68.6	0.2	-0.1	0.4	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.7	0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.6	0.3	-0.2	0.0	2.0	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	903.1	904.4	...	1.3	2.7	20.8	0.1	0.3	2.4
Labour force	637.1	637.1	3.3	0.0	1.1	17.9	0.0	0.2	2.9
Employment	588.0	589.6	3.4	1.6	2.7	13.4	0.3	0.5	2.3
Unemployment	49.0	47.5	1.7	-1.5	-1.7	4.5	-3.1	-3.5	10.5
Participation rate	70.5	70.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,096.2	4,103.2	...	7.0	14.3	104.5	0.2	0.3	2.6
Labour force	2,865.5	2,879.2	8.5	13.7	17.0	79.9	0.5	0.6	2.9
Employment	2,665.2	2,675.1	8.8	9.9	16.8	73.8	0.4	0.6	2.8
Unemployment	200.2	204.2	4.9	4.0	0.3	6.1	2.0	0.1	3.1
Participation rate	70.0	70.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	561.8	562.1	...	0.3	0.6	6.9	0.1	0.1	1.2
Labour force	383.4	382.1	2.7	-1.3	1.1	24.6	-0.3	0.3	6.9
Employment	358.9	359.2	2.8	0.3	1.0	24.8	0.1	0.3	7.4
Unemployment	24.4	22.9	1.3	-1.5	0.1	-0.2	-6.1	0.4	-0.9
Participation rate	68.2	68.0	0.5	-0.2	0.1	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.0	0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.9	0.5	0.0	0.1	3.7	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	353.0	353.4	...	0.4	0.8	7.3	0.1	0.2	2.1
Labour force	249.7	251.4	1.7	1.7	4.1	12.5	0.7	1.7	5.2
Employment	236.1	235.9	1.7	-0.2	1.3	12.6	-0.1	0.6	5.6
Unemployment	13.6	15.5	0.8	1.9	2.7	-0.2	14.0	21.1	-1.3
Participation rate	70.7	71.1	0.5	0.4	1.0	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.2	0.3	0.8	1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.8	0.5	-0.1	0.3	2.3	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	346.4	346.5	...	0.1	0.2	3.4	0.0	0.1	1.0
Labour force	232.0	231.7	1.8	-0.3	-0.4	7.5	-0.1	-0.2	3.3
Employment	216.6	215.8	1.8	-0.8	-1.5	7.0	-0.4	-0.7	3.4
Unemployment	15.4	15.9	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.4	3.2	7.4	2.6
Participation rate	67.0	66.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	245.0	245.4	...	0.4	0.7	5.7	0.2	0.3	2.4
Labour force	174.1	175.0	1.0	0.9	2.2	7.3	0.5	1.3	4.4
Employment	163.9	165.1	1.1	1.2	2.9	10.1	0.7	1.8	6.5
Unemployment	10.2	9.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.7	-2.7	-2.9	-6.6	-21.4
Participation rate	71.1	71.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.3	0.5	0.4	1.0	2.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	325.3	325.3	...	0.0	-0.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	209.9	210.2	1.6	0.3	0.3	2.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Employment	194.1	194.2	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.4
Unemployment	15.8	16.0	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	8.1
Participation rate	64.5	64.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.7	0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	127.5	127.3	...	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8
Labour force	78.2	78.2	0.8	0.0	-0.4	-3.0	0.0	-0.5	-3.7
Employment	71.7	71.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.7	-1.5	-0.1	-1.0	-2.1
Unemployment	6.6	6.6	0.4	0.0	0.3	-1.6	0.0	4.8	-19.5
Participation rate	61.3	61.4	0.6	0.1	-0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.4	0.5	0.0	0.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.2	0.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	101.0	100.9	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8
Labour force	67.7	68.6	0.5	0.9	1.9	3.1	1.3	2.8	4.7
Employment	63.7	65.0	0.6	1.3	2.5	5.0	2.0	4.0	8.3
Unemployment	4.1	3.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-2.0	-12.2	-14.3	-35.7
Participation rate	67.0	68.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.2	0.5	-0.9	-1.1	-3.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	64.4	0.6	1.3	2.6	5.4	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	257.8	258.1	...	0.3	0.6	5.6	0.1	0.2	2.2
Labour force	175.7	176.0	1.2	0.3	0.9	4.4	0.2	0.5	2.6
Employment	162.7	162.8	1.3	0.1	0.6	6.1	0.1	0.4	3.9
Unemployment	13.0	13.1	0.7	0.1	0.2	-1.7	0.8	1.6	-11.5
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	539.0	539.1	...	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	384.2	383.8	1.3	-0.4	-2.8	2.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.7
Employment	364.2	363.2	1.4	-1.0	-2.8	3.1	-0.3	-0.8	0.9
Unemployment	20.0	20.7	0.8	0.7	0.2	-0.5	3.5	1.0	-2.4
Participation rate	71.3	71.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	156.1	156.1	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	113.3	112.6	0.8	-0.7	-0.2	-2.4	-0.6	-0.2	-2.1
Employment	107.1	106.3	0.8	-0.8	-0.5	-2.0	-0.7	-0.5	-1.8
Unemployment	6.2	6.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.4	1.6	5.0	-6.0
Participation rate	72.6	72.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	68.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-1.1	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	182.6	182.6	...	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	130.5	129.4	0.9	-1.1	-1.1	5.0	-0.8	-0.8	4.0
Employment	122.2	121.4	0.9	-0.8	-0.9	4.5	-0.7	-0.7	3.8
Unemployment	8.3	8.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	-3.6	-2.4	6.7
Participation rate	71.5	70.9	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	2.4	...	...	...

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	825.1	826.8	...	1.7	3.5	21.7	0.2	0.4	2.7
Labour force	619.7	620.1	2.9	0.4	2.2	6.5	0.1	0.4	1.1
Employment	585.9	586.9	3.0	1.0	3.3	4.6	0.2	0.6	0.8
Unemployment	33.8	33.2	1.6	-0.6	-1.1	1.9	-1.8	-3.2	6.1
Participation rate	75.1	75.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	71.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	775.9	777.0	...	1.1	2.2	14.4	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	557.9	559.5	2.9	1.6	2.3	24.8	0.3	0.4	4.6
Employment	530.3	530.6	2.9	0.3	0.4	23.2	0.1	0.1	4.6
Unemployment	27.6	28.9	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.6	4.7	7.0	5.9
Participation rate	71.9	72.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	68.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1	1.8	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,759.4	1,761.6	...	2.2	4.5	35.3	0.1	0.3	2.0
Labour force	1,190.5	1,188.1	4.9	-2.4	-5.5	51.0	-0.2	-0.5	4.5
Employment	1,097.6	1,097.8	5.1	0.2	0.6	56.7	0.0	0.1	5.4
Unemployment	92.9	90.3	2.8	-2.6	-6.0	-5.6	-2.8	-6.2	-5.8
Participation rate	67.7	67.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	2.0	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	259.8	259.9	...	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	162.1	163.3	1.7	1.2	1.8	-2.6	0.7	1.1	-1.6
Employment	151.3	152.6	1.7	1.3	2.1	-0.9	0.9	1.4	-0.6
Unemployment	10.9	10.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-1.7	-1.8	-2.7	-13.7
Participation rate	62.4	62.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	-0.6	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	January 2003	February 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,885.9	2,888.3	...	2.4	6.2	39.1	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	1,981.8	1,972.5	15.6	-9.3	-9.9	61.0	-0.5	-0.5	3.2
Employment	1,807.1	1,800.4	16.0	-6.7	-14.6	59.4	-0.4	-0.8	3.4
Unemployment	174.7	172.1	11.5	-2.6	4.7	1.7	-1.5	2.8	1.0
Participation rate	68.7	68.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.7	0.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,103.5	4,110.2	...	6.7	14.3	104.5	0.2	0.3	2.6
Labour force	2,876.6	2,892.7	18.1	16.1	24.3	98.2	0.6	0.8	3.5
Employment	2,669.7	2,687.4	18.1	17.7	19.2	80.8	0.7	0.7	3.1
Unemployment	207.0	205.3	12.1	-1.7	5.1	17.4	-0.8	2.5	9.3
Participation rate	70.1	70.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,761.7	1,763.7	...	2.0	4.4	35.1	0.1	0.3	2.0
Labour force	1,182.7	1,188.9	10.9	6.2	-3.8	60.9	0.5	-0.3	5.4
Employment	1,095.5	1,101.6	10.9	6.1	5.3	65.8	0.6	0.5	6.4
Unemployment	87.2	87.3	7.0	0.1	-9.1	-4.9	0.1	-9.4	-5.3
Participation rate	67.1	67.4	0.6	0.3	-0.4	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	2.6	...	...	...

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

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

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2002	24,790.9	16,215.4	14,882.4	1,332.9	65.4	8.2	60.0
	2003	25,106.9	16,688.5	15,396.9	1,291.5	66.5	7.7	61.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	439.4	243.9	199.7	44.2	55.5	18.1	45.4
	2003	439.1	250.9	203.0	48.0	57.1	19.1	46.2
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	206.7	123.6	107.2	16.4	59.8	13.3	51.9
	2003	208.1	128.0	109.5	18.5	61.5	14.5	52.6
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.7	20.3	14.6	5.7	53.8	28.1	38.7
	2003	37.0	19.3	14.6	4.7	52.2	24.4	39.5
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.4	51.0	40.6	10.5	54.0	20.6	43.0
	2003	94.0	52.6	41.1	11.5	56.0	21.9	43.7
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.5	48.9	37.3	11.6	48.7	23.7	37.1
	2003	100.0	51.0	37.9	13.2	51.0	25.9	37.9
Prince Edward Island	2002	111.2	73.1	60.9	12.2	65.7	16.7	54.8
	2003	112.6	73.0	62.5	10.5	64.8	14.4	55.5
Nova Scotia	2002	753.6	462.5	413.8	48.7	61.4	10.5	54.9
	2003	757.9	466.7	422.2	44.5	61.6	9.5	55.7
210 Cape Breton	2002	121.2	61.2	51.6	9.6	50.5	15.7	42.6
	2003	120.2	61.6	52.4	9.1	51.2	14.8	43.6
220 North Shore	2002	132.9	77.0	67.1	10.0	57.9	13.0	50.5
	2003	133.2	78.8	71.2	7.5	59.2	9.5	53.5
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.2	60.7	55.5	5.2	60.0	8.6	54.8
	2003	101.7	62.3	56.5	5.9	61.3	9.5	55.6
240 Southern	2002	103.9	59.6	52.3	7.3	57.4	12.2	50.3
	2003	104.3	62.7	55.9	6.8	60.1	10.8	53.6
250 Halifax	2002	294.3	204.0	187.4	16.6	69.3	8.1	63.7
	2003	298.5	201.4	186.2	15.1	67.5	7.5	62.4
New Brunswick	2002	606.7	370.2	324.3	45.9	61.0	12.4	53.5
	2003	608.5	377.2	333.8	43.4	62.0	11.5	54.9
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	146.3	78.2	62.5	15.7	53.5	20.1	42.7
	2003	145.3	75.6	61.7	13.8	52.0	18.3	42.5
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	152.5	100.0	90.1	9.9	65.6	9.9	59.1
	2003	153.8	100.7	90.1	10.5	65.5	10.4	58.6
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.2	86.1	77.5	8.5	61.9	9.9	55.7
	2003	139.7	91.9	82.7	9.1	65.8	9.9	59.2
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	98.8	63.2	56.8	6.4	64.0	10.1	57.5
	2003	99.7	66.3	60.6	5.6	66.5	8.4	60.8
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	42.7	37.4	5.3	61.1	12.4	53.5
	2003	69.9	42.8	38.5	4.2	61.2	9.8	55.1
Quebec	2002	6,009.7	3,811.9	3,434.1	377.9	63.4	9.9	57.1
	2003	6,058.9	3,927.3	3,572.5	354.8	64.8	9.0	59.0
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.8	39.9	31.1	8.8	48.2	22.1	37.6
	2003	82.2	42.2	33.1	9.2	51.3	21.8	40.3
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	168.1	94.5	83.0	11.5	56.2	12.2	49.4
	2003	167.5	88.7	78.7	10.0	53.0	11.3	47.0
420 Québec	2002	533.4	335.6	309.3	26.3	62.9	7.8	58.0
	2003	537.4	340.2	312.6	27.5	63.3	8.1	58.2

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
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	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.1	198.3	183.1	15.2	62.1	7.7	57.4
	2003	319.8	210.3	194.9	15.4	65.8	7.3	60.9
430 Estrie	2002	237.3	144.0	129.9	14.1	60.7	9.8	54.7
	2003	238.8	155.6	142.9	12.8	65.2	8.2	59.8
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	179.8	112.7	99.9	12.8	62.7	11.4	55.6
	2003	180.3	113.6	104.4	9.3	63.0	8.2	57.9
435 Montérégie	2002	1,070.4	731.2	668.0	63.2	68.3	8.6	62.4
	2003	1,080.1	734.3	678.4	55.9	68.0	7.6	62.8
440 Montréal	2002	1,497.1	927.5	829.7	97.8	62.0	10.5	55.4
	2003	1,514.4	979.5	876.5	103.0	64.7	10.5	57.9
445 Laval	2002	288.6	197.9	177.2	20.7	68.6	10.5	61.4
	2003	292.6	193.2	178.6	14.6	66.0	7.6	61.0
450 Lanaudière	2002	322.6	208.3	188.9	19.4	64.6	9.3	58.6
	2003	326.5	228.4	209.8	18.6	70.0	8.1	64.3
455 Laurentides	2002	382.3	258.1	236.3	21.8	67.5	8.4	61.8
	2003	390.1	266.0	245.6	20.4	68.2	7.7	63.0
460 Outaouais	2002	258.7	169.0	153.5	15.5	65.3	9.2	59.3
	2003	263.7	171.8	157.6	14.3	65.1	8.3	59.8
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.6	74.6	65.6	9.0	61.3	12.1	53.9
	2003	120.5	76.0	68.3	7.7	63.1	10.1	56.7
470 Mauricie	2002	216.4	124.8	109.4	15.4	57.7	12.3	50.6
	2003	215.7	131.2	117.4	13.8	60.8	10.5	54.4
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.9	138.7	120.3	18.4	59.3	13.3	51.4
	2003	232.7	138.7	123.6	15.1	59.6	10.9	53.1
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	97.6	56.9	48.8	8.1	58.3	14.2	50.0
	2003	96.5	57.6	50.3	7.2	59.7	12.5	52.1
Ontario								
	2002	9,546.4	6,362.1	5,904.7	457.4	66.6	7.2	61.9
	2003	9,712.7	6,569.0	6,118.2	450.9	67.6	6.9	63.0
510 Ottawa	2002	924.2	628.8	585.4	43.4	68.0	6.9	63.3
	2003	941.7	649.0	600.7	48.4	68.9	7.5	63.8
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	337.1	200.0	184.5	15.4	59.3	7.7	54.7
	2003	338.1	208.1	194.0	14.2	61.5	6.8	57.4
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	294.9	166.6	151.7	14.9	56.5	8.9	51.4
	2003	298.3	160.6	152.5	8.1	53.8	5.0	51.1
530 Toronto	2002	4,191.5	2,897.6	2,694.3	203.3	69.1	7.0	64.3
	2003	4,299.6	2,996.4	2,790.1	206.4	69.7	6.9	64.9
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	865.3	606.3	568.4	37.9	70.1	6.3	65.7
	2003	885.9	625.7	588.4	37.3	70.6	6.0	66.4
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,069.3	675.9	625.5	50.3	63.2	7.4	58.5
	2003	1,080.3	715.7	665.9	49.8	66.3	7.0	61.6
560 London	2002	481.3	318.4	297.0	21.4	66.2	6.7	61.7
	2003	485.4	325.0	303.2	21.8	67.0	6.7	62.5
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	506.3	330.0	300.7	29.2	65.2	8.8	59.4
	2003	512.2	339.9	315.1	24.8	66.4	7.3	61.5

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
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	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	235.2	151.6	143.0	8.5	64.5	5.6	60.8
	2003	236.2	153.8	143.0	10.7	65.1	7.0	60.5
590 Northeast	2002	459.9	267.2	241.9	25.3	58.1	9.5	52.6
	2003	455.2	273.0	249.8	23.2	60.0	8.5	54.9
595 Northwest	2002	181.5	119.8	112.0	7.8	66.0	6.5	61.7
	2003	179.8	121.7	115.5	6.2	67.7	5.1	64.2
Manitoba								
	2002	863.6	587.4	555.3	32.2	68.0	5.5	64.3
	2003	864.9	591.0	560.3	30.7	68.3	5.2	64.8
610 Southeast	2002	69.3	47.3	45.1	2.2	68.3	4.7	65.1
	2003	70.0	47.8	45.5	2.2	68.3	4.6	65.0
620 South Central	2002	40.4	24.7	24.0	0.7	61.1	2.8	59.4
	2003	40.7	25.8	24.5	1.3	63.4	5.0	60.2
630 Southwest	2002	82.5	52.6	50.0	2.6	63.8	4.9	60.6
	2003	82.1	52.7	51.1	1.6	64.2	3.0	62.2
640 North Central	2002	34.9	23.2	22.3	0.9	66.5	3.9	63.9
	2003	34.7	24.6	23.7	0.9	70.9	3.7	68.3
650 Winnipeg	2002	500.4	352.2	332.0	20.2	70.4	5.7	66.3
	2003	501.8	351.2	331.4	19.8	70.0	5.6	66.0
660 Interlake	2002	67.3	43.4	40.7	2.7	64.5	6.2	60.5
	2003	68.0	45.3	43.0	2.3	66.6	5.1	63.2
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.9	44.1	41.2	2.9	64.0	6.6	59.8
	2003	67.5	43.6	41.1	2.5	64.6	5.7	60.9
Saskatchewan								
	2002	760.4	491.2	460.9	30.2	64.6	6.1	60.6
	2003	757.4	509.2	478.4	30.9	67.2	6.1	63.2
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.4	150.9	142.2	8.7	69.4	5.8	65.4
	2003	216.5	152.4	143.7	8.7	70.4	5.7	66.4
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	85.0	51.7	49.5	2.2	60.8	4.3	58.2
	2003	84.0	54.0	51.4	2.7	64.3	5.0	61.2
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.5	148.0	139.9	8.1	65.1	5.5	61.5
	2003	227.5	156.9	148.0	9.0	69.0	5.7	65.1
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	70.3	39.7	37.5	2.2	56.5	5.5	53.3
	2003	69.5	41.8	39.4	2.4	60.1	5.7	56.7
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.2	100.9	91.9	9.0	63.0	8.9	57.4
	2003	159.8	104.1	96.1	8.1	65.1	7.8	60.1
Alberta								
	2002	2,396.0	1,714.6	1,627.7	86.9	71.6	5.1	67.9
	2003	2,449.2	1,775.3	1,681.8	93.5	72.5	5.3	68.7
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	187.9	128.3	121.0	7.3	68.3	5.7	64.4
	2003	192.0	129.2	123.5	5.7	67.3	4.4	64.3
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	141.5	91.9	87.8	4.1	64.9	4.5	62.0
	2003	143.3	102.3	97.7	4.6	71.4	4.5	68.2
830 Calgary	2002	855.4	643.5	611.7	31.7	75.2	4.9	71.5
	2003	880.3	653.5	619.0	34.5	74.2	5.3	70.3
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.2	47.9	45.3	2.6	74.6	5.4	70.6
	2003	64.4	46.3	43.4	2.9	71.9	6.3	67.4

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

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2002	119.0	83.9	78.7	5.2	70.5	6.2	66.1
	2003	122.3	92.5	86.2	6.3	75.6	6.8	70.5
860 Edmonton	2002	784.8	541.6	514.5	27.1	69.0	5.0	65.6
	2003	800.4	568.2	539.1	29.1	71.0	5.1	67.4
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.3	118.2	112.1	6.1	70.2	5.2	66.6
	2003	169.7	121.9	114.7	7.2	71.8	5.9	67.6
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	75.0	59.3	56.6	2.7	79.1	4.6	75.5
	2003	76.9	61.4	58.2	3.2	79.8	5.2	75.7
British Columbia								
	2002	3,303.8	2,098.4	1,901.0	197.4	63.5	9.4	57.5
	2003	3,345.6	2,148.7	1,964.3	184.4	64.2	8.6	58.7
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	567.4	343.0	307.5	35.6	60.5	10.4	54.2
	2003	570.5	339.3	308.7	30.6	59.5	9.0	54.1
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,962.7	1,275.2	1,165.2	110.0	65.0	8.6	59.4
	2003	2,001.7	1,331.1	1,229.7	101.4	66.5	7.6	61.4
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	389.3	219.9	197.4	22.5	56.5	10.2	50.7
	2003	392.4	221.5	200.2	21.3	56.4	9.6	51.0
940 Kootenay	2002	125.3	78.0	70.1	7.9	62.3	10.1	55.9
	2003	125.1	77.7	67.2	10.5	62.1	13.5	53.7
950 Cariboo	2002	136.2	95.2	83.7	11.5	69.9	12.1	61.5
	2003	134.6	91.2	79.2	11.9	67.8	13.0	58.8
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.7	52.3	45.2	7.1	70.0	13.6	60.5
	2003	73.6	51.3	45.5	5.8	69.7	11.3	61.8
980 Northeast	2002	48.3	34.7	31.9	2.8	71.8	8.1	66.0
	2003	47.6	36.7	33.7	3.0	77.1	8.2	70.8

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

Table 17

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
February 2003										
15 years and over	13,020.7	35.0	658.93	18.09	10,443.4	39.5	766.80	2,577.3	16.8	221.85
15 to 24 years	2,150.2	26.3	291.64	10.29	1,042.9	38.9	464.85	1,107.3	14.4	128.51
25 years and over	10,870.5	36.7	731.58	19.63	9,400.5	39.5	800.30	1,470.1	18.6	292.15
Men	6,625.6	37.8	773.85	19.94	5,859.9	40.7	849.28	765.7	15.9	196.59
Women	6,395.0	32.0	539.87	16.17	4,583.4	37.9	661.35	1,811.6	17.2	232.52
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,268.4	35.7	754.60	20.86	3,619.1	38.7	829.02	649.2	18.8	339.73
No union coverage	8,752.3	34.6	612.28	16.74	6,824.2	39.9	733.81	1,928.1	16.2	182.15
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,579.9	36.0	688.95	18.54	9,718.6	39.5	775.18	1,861.3	17.9	238.65
Temporary	1,440.8	26.6	417.72	14.46	724.7	39.1	654.40	716.1	13.9	178.16
Occupation										
Management	890.0	40.2	1,128.04	28.17	864.1	40.9	1,150.52	25.9	18.5	377.60
Business, finance and administrative	2,524.8	34.8	617.04	17.28	2,113.8	38.3	690.92	411.0	17.1	237.04
Natural and applied sciences	882.4	38.4	988.51	25.63	855.0	39.1	1,009.04	27.4	16.8	347.94
Health	774.0	32.7	689.88	20.97	553.2	37.7	800.86	220.8	20.0	411.85
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,030.7	33.7	835.25	24.67	809.2	38.3	950.48	221.5	16.8	414.32
Art, culture, recreation and sport	298.7	29.8	569.25	17.45	198.1	38.4	773.31	100.6	12.7	167.50
Sales and service	3,499.9	30.0	401.98	12.35	2,125.4	38.7	560.39	1,374.5	16.5	157.05
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,720.4	39.9	737.59	18.33	1,605.7	41.5	774.48	114.7	16.8	221.38
Occupations unique to primary industry	207.8	40.9	661.82	15.59	175.1	45.9	757.06	32.7	14.1	151.55
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,192.0	39.3	643.78	16.23	1,143.8	40.2	662.80	48.2	17.5	192.01
February 2002										
15 years and over	12,586.7	35.1	645.24	17.66	10,157.4	39.5	747.54	2,429.3	17.0	217.46
15 to 24 years	2,069.1	26.3	284.07	10.01	994.2	38.8	454.11	1,074.8	14.7	126.78
25 years and over	10,517.7	36.9	716.29	19.16	9,163.2	39.5	779.38	1,354.5	18.8	289.42
Men	6,423.8	37.8	758.62	19.50	5,681.0	40.7	832.47	742.8	16.4	193.82
Women	6,163.0	32.3	527.05	15.74	4,476.5	37.9	639.76	1,686.5	17.3	227.88
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,111.0	35.7	735.42	20.34	3,496.6	38.7	806.31	614.4	18.9	331.98
No union coverage	8,475.7	34.8	601.49	16.35	6,660.9	39.9	716.69	1,814.8	16.4	178.69
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,143.2	36.2	676.94	18.16	9,430.2	39.5	757.27	1,713.0	18.0	234.73
Temporary	1,443.5	27.0	400.51	13.78	727.3	39.1	621.46	716.3	14.7	176.16
Occupation										
Management	899.2	40.4	1,122.85	27.83	875.9	41.0	1,143.36	23.2	19.9	349.44
Business, finance and administrative	2,535.0	35.1	603.74	16.84	2,148.5	38.2	669.97	386.6	17.5	235.60
Natural and applied sciences	846.5	38.8	968.62	25.04	820.8	39.4	985.24	25.7	18.8	437.27
Health	702.9	32.5	663.44	20.18	496.9	37.7	776.20	206.1	20.1	391.57
Social science, education, government service and religion	965.0	34.0	823.40	24.15	766.2	38.4	931.01	198.8	16.9	408.66
Art, culture, recreation and sport	270.4	30.0	572.84	17.73	181.4	38.4	762.87	89.0	12.8	185.68
Sales and service	3,407.8	30.0	389.31	11.99	2,084.3	38.6	539.13	1,323.5	16.6	153.37
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,627.6	39.9	719.90	17.90	1,517.9	41.6	755.89	109.8	17.3	222.14
Occupations unique to primary industry	185.1	42.1	715.52	16.35	160.7	46.3	803.73	24.4	14.4	133.25
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,147.3	39.3	622.97	15.71	1,104.9	40.2	638.90	42.4	17.2	207.46

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

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

Region	Effective from March 9, 2003 to April 5, 2003	Region	Effective from March 9, 2003 to April 5, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	10.1	30. London	6.9
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	22.6	31. Niagara	6.7
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	7.6
03. Prince Edward Island	11.4	33. Kitchener	6.1
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	6.4
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.1	35. South Central Ontario	4.6
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.8	36. Sudbury	8.6
06. Halifax	7.2	37. Thunder Bay	5.6
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	11.7
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.7	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	12.1	39. Winnipeg	5.4
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.3	40. Southern Manitoba	5.1
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	24.6
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	19.1	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	7.6	42. Regina	5.6
12. Trois-Rivières	9.5	43. Saskatoon	6.3
13. South Central Quebec	4.9	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.3
14. Sherbrooke	7.1	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.1
15. Montérégie	6.4	Alberta	
16. Montréal	8.6	46. Calgary	5.5
17. Central Quebec	8.7	47. Edmonton	5.4
18. Northwestern Quebec	15.1	48. Northern Alberta	10.4
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	12.6	49. Southern Alberta	6.7
20. Hull	6.8	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10.9	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.6
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	8.6
22. Ottawa	7.7	52. Vancouver	7.5
23. Eastern Ontario	7.7	53. Victoria	7.1
24. Kingston	6.4	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	9.9
25. Central Ontario	6.1	55. Northern British Columbia	15.0
26. Oshawa	5.7	Territories	
27. Toronto	7.1	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	6.0	57. Northwest Territories ⁵	25.0
29. St. Catharines	7.5	58. Nunavut ⁶	25.0

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

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

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

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

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

Data Quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal adjustment

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

Sampling error

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

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

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