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## Commentary

For a second consecutive month, employment was little changed in February (-21,000) and the unemployment rate remained at 7.4%. This recent pause in employment growth, attributable to weakness in part-time work, follows strong increases in full-time employment over the previous five months.

### Youth employment down

While the labour market situation for youths was lacklustre for much of 2003, there was relatively strong job growth that preceded the holiday season. However, this was offset by a decrease of 28,000 jobs in February, leaving the youth employment level at about the same as in August 2003. Because a large number of youths left the labour force in February, their unemployment rate rose only slightly (+0.2 percentage points) to 14.1%. The drop in youth employment was concentrated in British Columbia.

Growth in full-time employment continued for adult women, pushing up overall employment for this group by 20,000 in February. Their unemployment rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 5.8%. Since August 2003, employment among adult women has grown more rapidly (+2.1%) than among adult men (+1.0%), whose employment level was little changed in February for a second consecutive month. The unemployment rate among adult men edged up 0.1 percentage points to 6.3%.

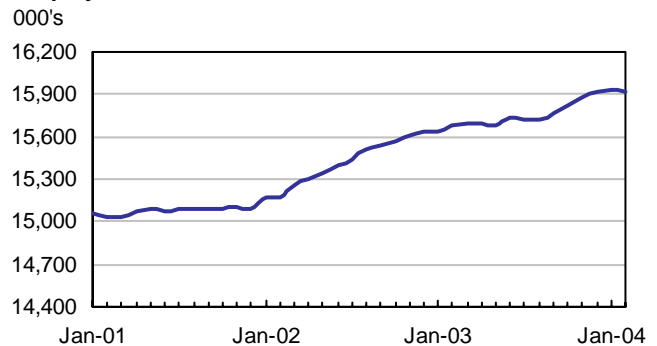
### Decrease in health care and social assistance jobs

In February, employment fell by an estimated 31,000 in health care and social assistance. The decrease was mainly observed among women in Ontario. Despite this drop, the health care and social assistance sector has been following an upward trend since the summer of 2001.

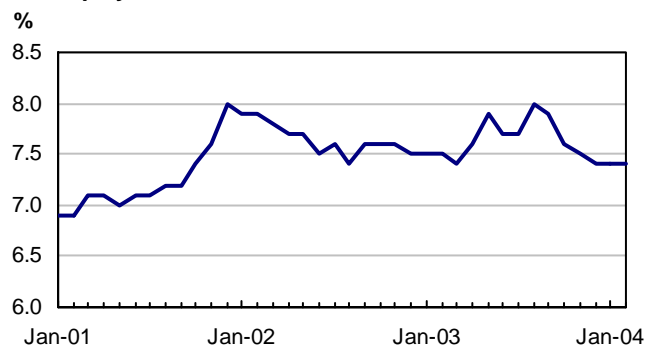
Weakness in manufacturing continued in February, with employment little changed (-12,000) for a third consecutive month. This leaves manufacturing jobs down 83,000 (-3.5%) since November 2002, when the downward trend began.

Following strong job growth in the past two years, employment has weakened in the construction sector, with cumulative losses of 18,000 jobs in January and February. The loss observed in February was concentrated in Quebec and British Columbia, while Ontario accounted for all of the decline in January.

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



Employment in educational services increased by 20,000 in February, spread over a number of provinces. The growth occurred mainly in elementary and secondary education. Despite this increase, employment in educational services has changed little over the past year.

Employment increased by 16,000 in transportation and warehousing in February, almost all in Ontario. This continues the upward trend for this sector that began in the summer of 2003.

### Number of public sector employees continues to grow

In February, a drop of 21,000 self-employed workers and a slight decrease in the number of employees in the private sector more than offset the increase of 24,000 employees in the public sector. Since August 2003, the number of public sector employees has grown by 3.1% (+92,000), exceeding the 1.1% (+118,000) growth in the number of private sector employees.

Due to the weakness in construction and retail trade in February, the number of self-employed workers has now returned to about the same level as in August 2003 (-0.4%).

### **Employment down in British Columbia and little changed in other provinces**

Following strong growth in British Columbia during the last quarter of 2003, employment fell by an estimated 36,000 jobs in February, mostly among adult men and youths.

The largest employment loss in British Columbia was in retail trade, and may be the result of weaker consumer spending over this past holiday season. Employment also dropped in construction, and follows consecutive monthly declines in housing starts. The employment decline in February pushed the unemployment rate up by 0.6 percentage points to 7.9%.

Following two consecutive monthly increases, employment in Ontario was little changed (+5,000) in February, and the unemployment rate remained at 6.6%. A sharp decrease in jobs in the health care and social assistance sector was offset by increases in transportation and warehousing and in retail and wholesale trade.

In Quebec, employment was little changed for the second consecutive month. Gains in retail and wholesale trade were offset by a decrease in construction in February. However, compared to a year ago, employment in construction is up 2.8%. Manufacturing employment remained weak in February and is down 4.8% from twelve months ago. The unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points in February to 8.8%, the result of a decline in labour force participation.

### **Winter storm forces Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island residents to miss work**

In February, employment was little changed in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, but the number of hours worked fell sharply because of the snowstorm. In Nova Scotia hours worked fell by 15.3%, while Prince Edward Island's

decrease was 13.9%. As a result, hours worked at the national level edged down 0.4%.

From the day of the storm on February 18th through the next three days, an estimated one in two Nova Scotia employees (182,000 people) missed some work as a direct result of the snow storm. This amounted to nearly 2.5 million hours, or 13.6 hours per absent employee. Similarly, just under one-half of all Prince Edward Island employees missed work due to the storm (25,000 people), with the decrease in hours worked totalling 346,000, or 14 hours per absent employee. This does not include the time lost during the cleanup period that continued the following week.

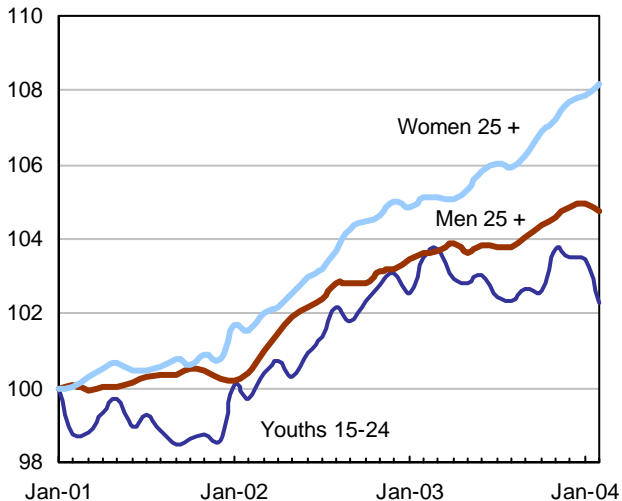
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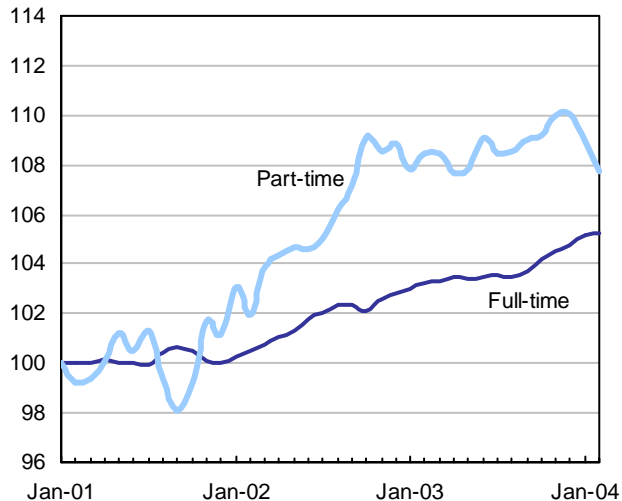
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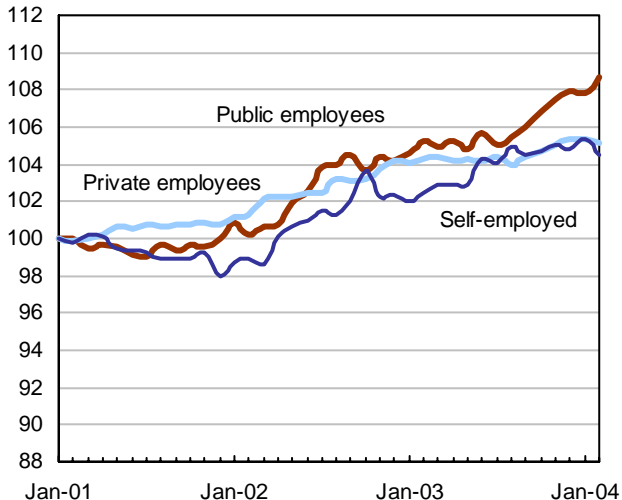
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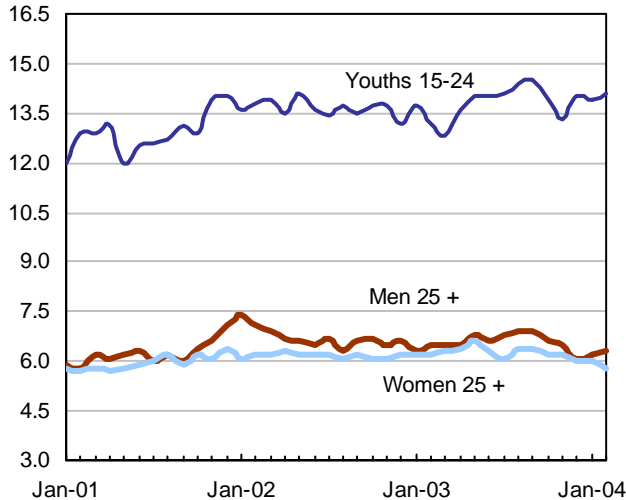
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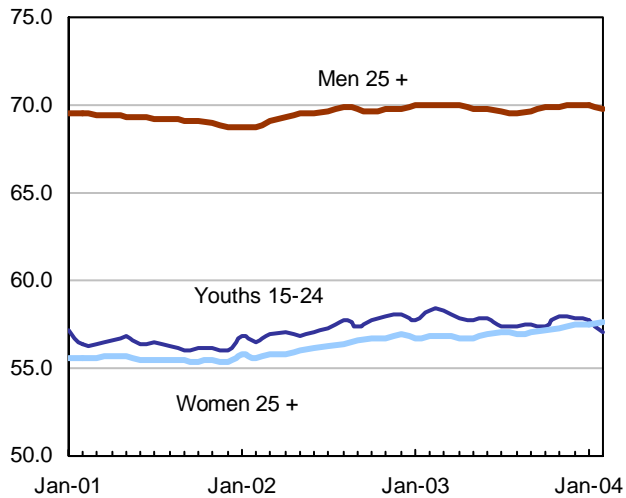
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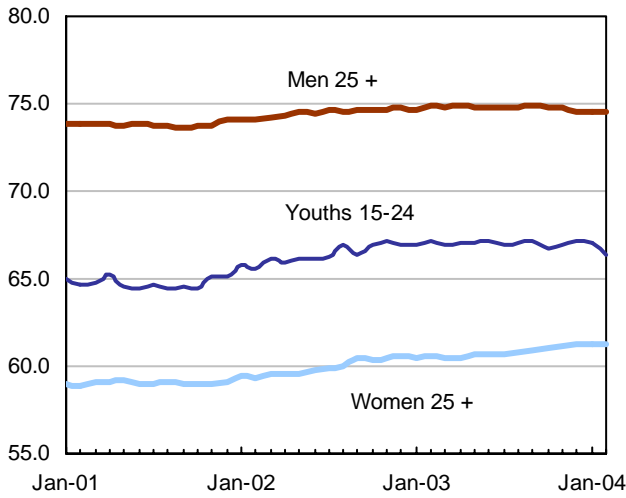
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**Employment rate (%)**



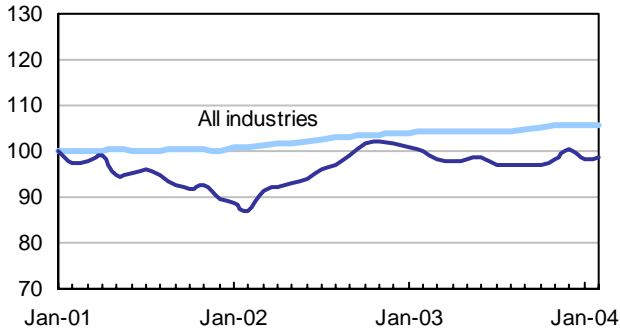
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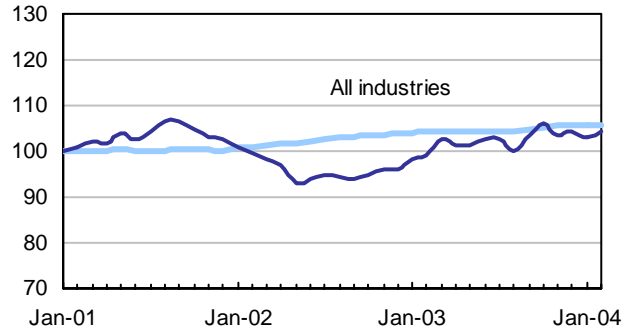


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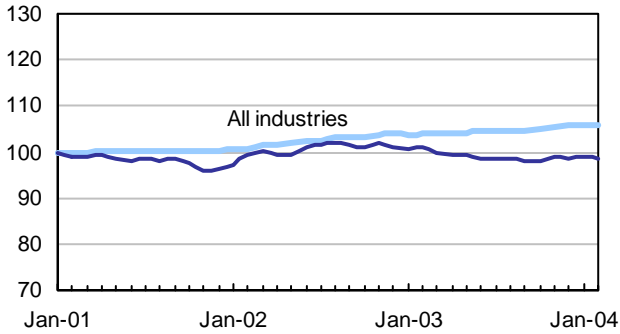
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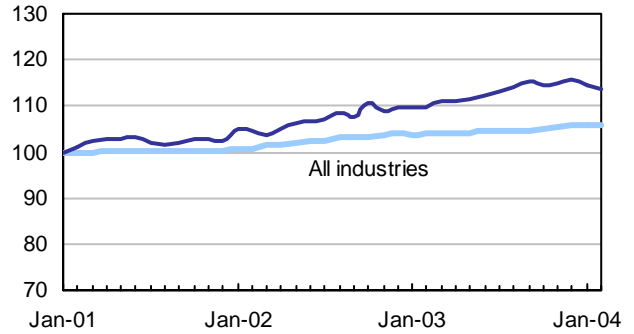
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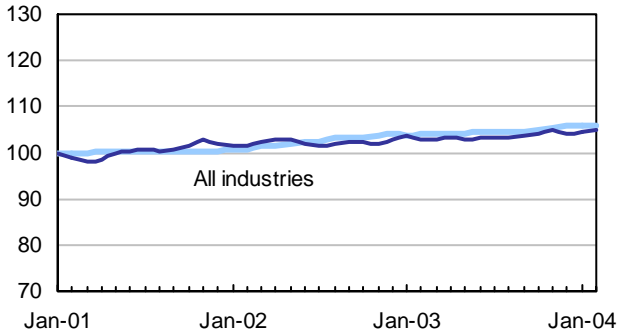
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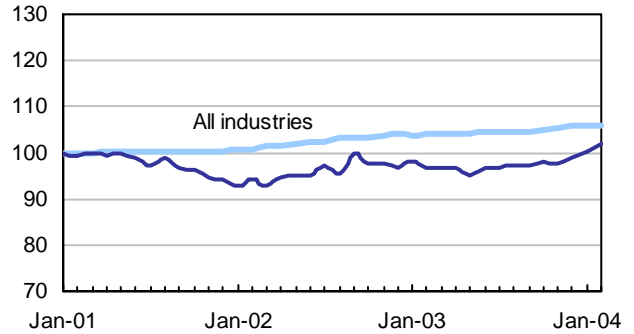
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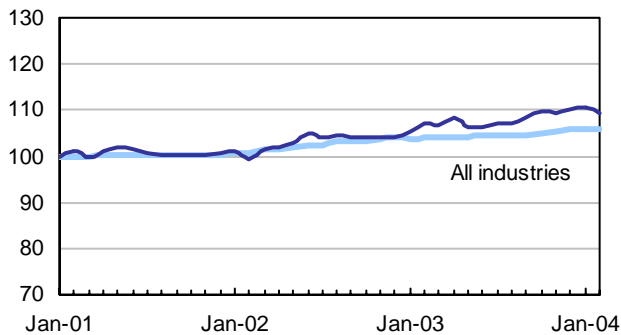
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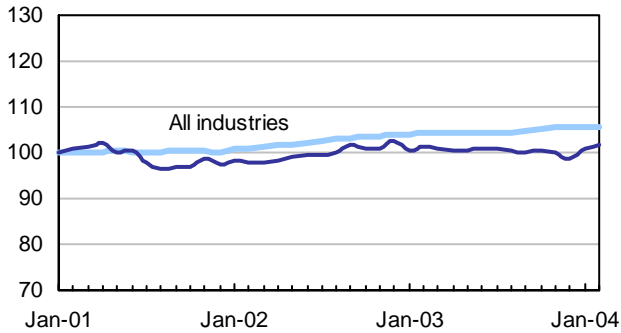


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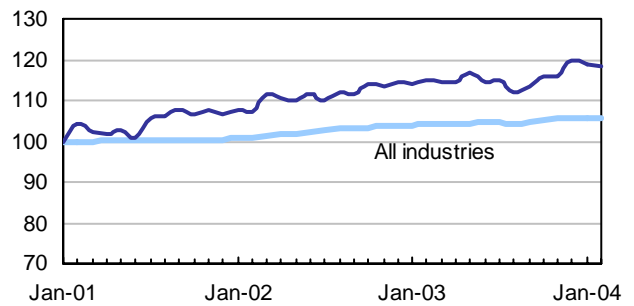


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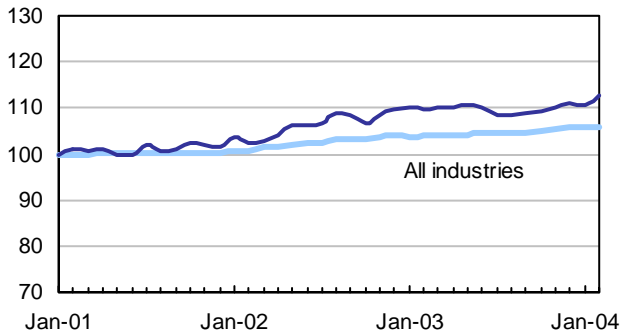
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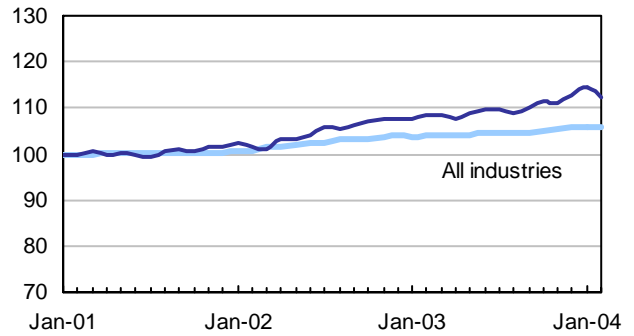
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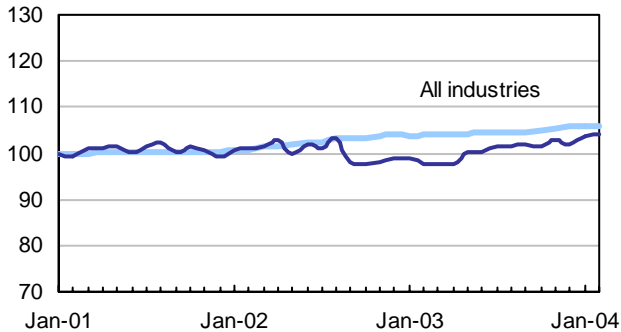
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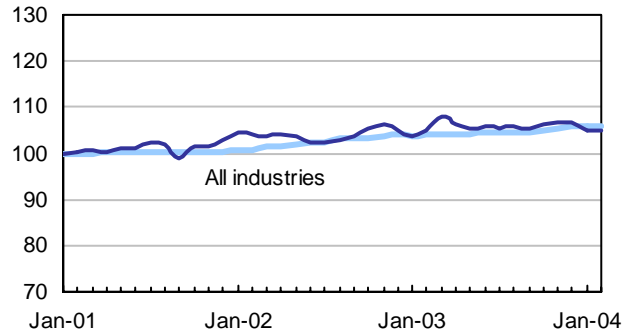
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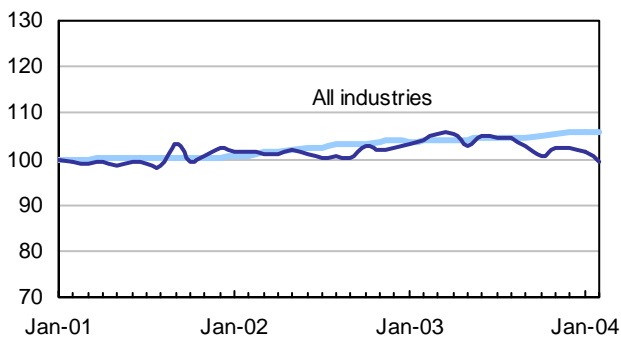
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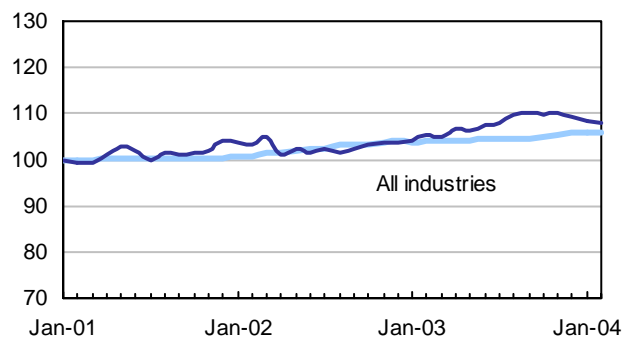
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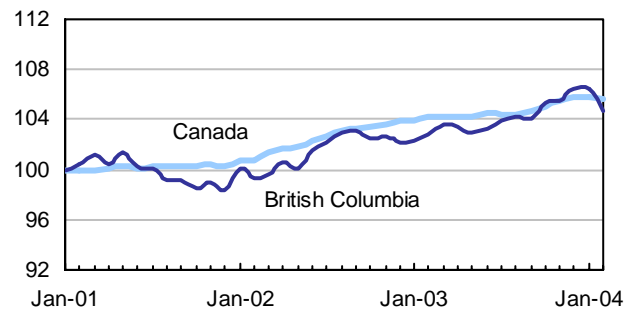
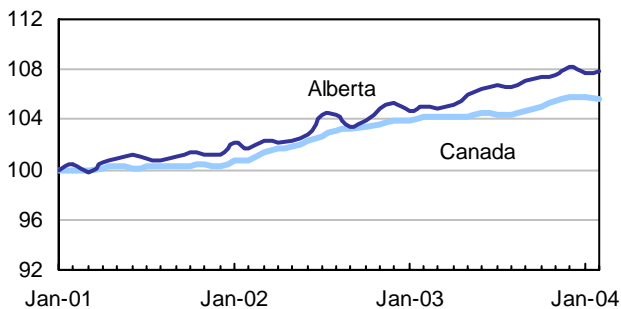
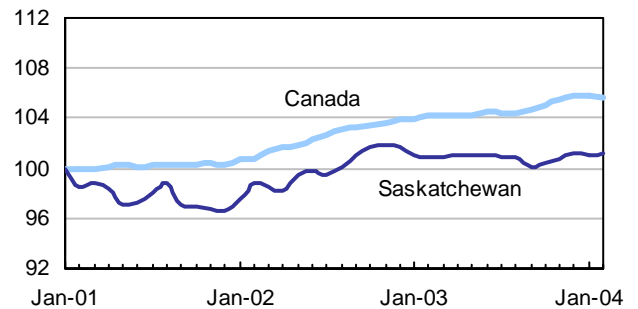
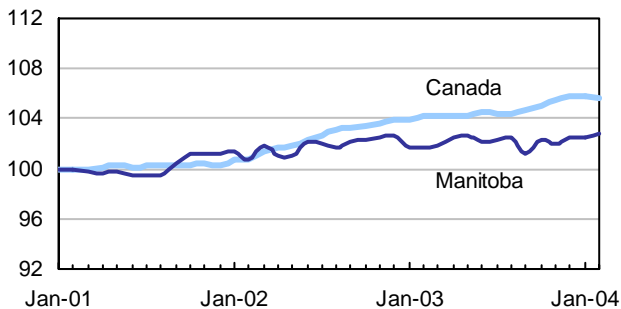
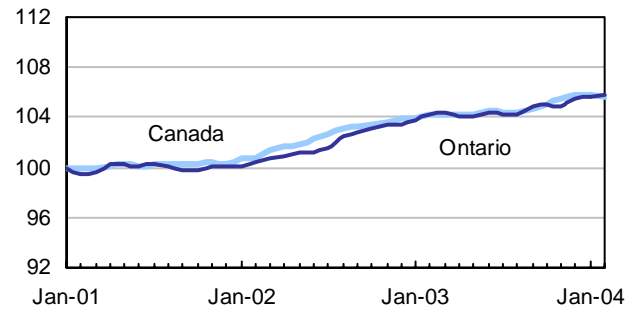
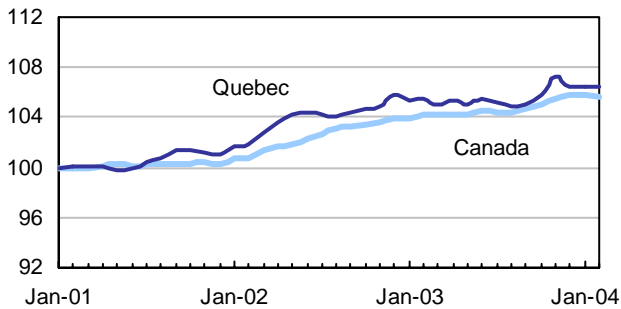
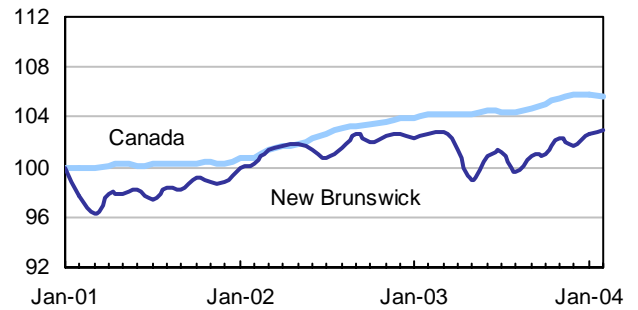
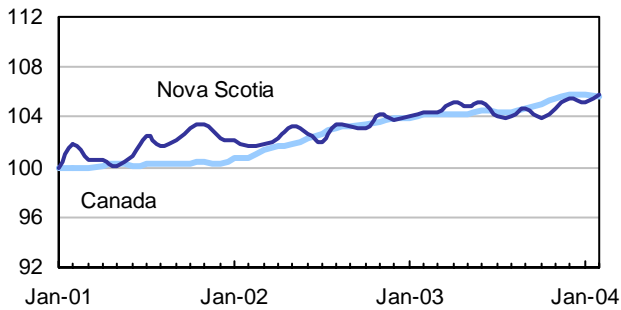
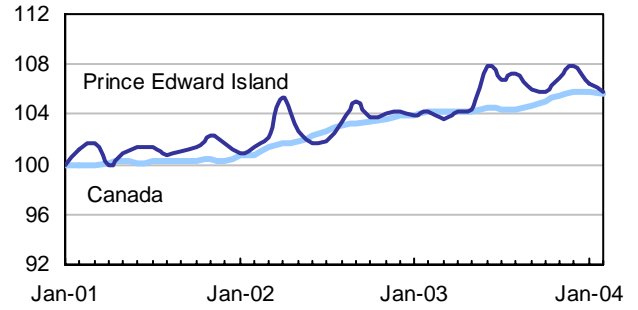
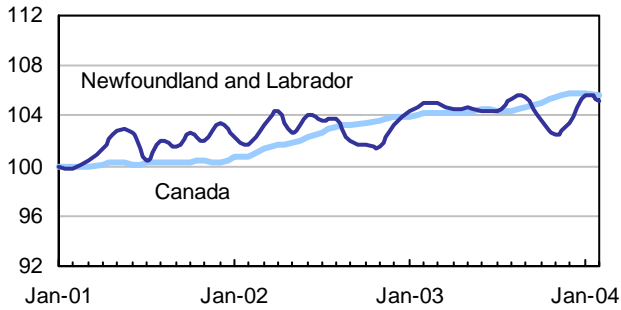
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### Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2001 = 100



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Table 1

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

	January 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,436.0	25,465.2	...	29.2	61.3	340.1	0.1	0.2	1.4
Labour force	17,202.4	17,180.3	28.2	-22.1	-7.1	228.3	-0.1	0.0	1.3
Employment	15,935.6	15,914.4	29.1	-21.2	-6.3	228.1	-0.1	0.0	1.5
Employment full-time	12,964.0	12,975.4	34.6	11.4	58.2	248.3	0.1	0.5	2.0
Employment part-time	2,971.5	2,939.0	30.2	-32.5	-64.4	-20.2	-1.1	-2.1	-0.7
Unemployment	1,266.9	1,265.9	23.6	-1.0	-0.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	18.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,187.2	4,190.1	...	2.9	7.0	39.7	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	2,806.5	2,781.3	16.3	-25.2	-30.9	-6.3	-0.9	-1.1	-0.2
Employment	2,417.5	2,389.3	15.7	-28.2	-29.5	-29.7	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
Employment full-time	1,320.5	1,306.2	16.8	-14.3	-2.7	-17.9	-1.1	-0.2	-1.4
Employment part-time	1,097.1	1,083.2	17.3	-13.9	-26.8	-11.7	-1.3	-2.4	-1.1
Unemployment	389.0	392.0	13.6	3.0	-1.4	23.4	0.8	-0.4	6.3
Participation rate	67.0	66.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	14.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.0	0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	45.3	0.6	0.0	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,362.7	10,375.4	...	12.7	26.2	144.4	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	7,735.1	7,731.5	14.6	-3.6	12.6	73.5	0.0	0.2	1.0
Employment	7,254.8	7,242.1	16.2	-12.7	-4.9	78.7	-0.2	-0.1	1.1
Employment full-time	6,788.2	6,784.2	19.5	-4.0	11.9	72.6	-0.1	0.2	1.1
Employment part-time	466.6	458.0	13.9	-8.6	-16.7	6.2	-1.8	-3.5	1.4
Unemployment	480.3	489.3	13.6	9.0	17.4	-5.3	1.9	3.7	-1.1
Participation rate	74.6	74.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.0	69.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,886.0	10,899.7	...	13.7	28.2	156.0	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	6,660.8	6,667.6	16.4	6.8	11.3	161.3	0.1	0.2	2.5
Employment	6,263.2	6,283.0	16.7	19.8	28.2	179.2	0.3	0.5	2.9
Employment full-time	4,855.4	4,885.1	22.1	29.7	49.1	193.8	0.6	1.0	4.1
Employment part-time	1,407.8	1,397.9	19.9	-9.9	-20.8	-14.6	-0.7	-1.5	-1.0
Unemployment	397.6	384.6	13.0	-13.0	-16.9	-17.9	-3.3	-4.2	-4.4
Participation rate	61.2	61.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.5	22.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,146.6	14,153.3	...	6.7	14.2	74.4	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	12,240.2	12,232.5	20.6	-7.7	4.6	108.1	-0.1	0.0	0.9
Employment	11,488.3	11,476.9	22.6	-11.4	2.7	124.5	-0.1	0.0	1.1
Unemployment	751.9	755.6	17.9	3.7	2.0	-16.3	0.5	0.3	-2.1
Participation rate	86.5	86.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,486.7	13,486.2	29.8	-0.5	2.9	182.2	0.0	0.0	1.4
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,448.9	2,428.2	17.3	-20.7	-9.2	45.9	-0.8	-0.4	1.9
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,057.0	3,081.4	17.0	24.4	21.6	98.0	0.8	0.7	3.3
Private sector employees	10,429.7	10,404.8	29.7	-24.9	-18.7	84.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.8
<b>Industry</b>	15,935.6	15,914.4	29.1	-21.2	-6.3	228.1	-0.1	0.0	1.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,997.9	3,977.1	21.1	-20.8	-38.2	-24.5	-0.5	-1.0	-0.6
Agriculture	340.0	341.3	6.2	1.3	-5.2	-4.2	0.4	-1.5	-1.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	292.8	295.6	5.5	2.8	-0.4	14.9	1.0	-0.1	5.3
Utilities	129.2	123.7	3.7	-5.5	-7.0	-3.4	-4.3	-5.4	-2.7
Construction	946.1	938.7	11.9	-7.4	-18.4	34.3	-0.8	-1.9	3.8
Manufacturing	2,289.8	2,277.7	16.9	-12.1	-7.3	-66.2	-0.5	-0.3	-2.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	11,937.6	11,937.3	29.9	-0.3	31.9	252.6	0.0	0.3	2.2
Trade	2,483.8	2,493.3	17.7	9.5	15.9	47.5	0.4	0.6	1.9
Transportation and warehousing	789.8	805.5	10.2	15.7	23.3	43.0	2.0	3.0	5.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	959.6	948.9	11.2	-10.7	-7.8	16.9	-1.1	-0.8	1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,003.5	1,014.8	12.5	11.3	30.3	8.1	1.1	3.1	0.8
Business, building and other support services	633.5	629.2	11.0	-4.3	-8.4	17.7	-0.7	-1.3	2.9
Educational services	1,057.5	1,077.4	11.4	19.9	16.3	27.6	1.9	1.5	2.6
Health care and social assistance	1,757.5	1,726.6	12.7	-30.9	-5.6	57.9	-1.8	-0.3	3.5
Information, culture and recreation	727.9	731.1	10.8	3.2	14.1	44.5	0.4	2.0	6.5
Accommodation and food services	1,012.2	1,013.7	12.7	1.5	-15.8	1.0	0.1	-1.5	0.1
Other services	692.9	680.6	10.5	-12.3	-19.0	-30.6	-1.8	-2.7	-4.3
Public administration	819.5	816.3	9.3	-3.2	-11.3	19.0	-0.4	-1.4	2.4

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	439.6	439.8	...	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	263.6	262.3	2.5	-1.3	-0.5	-2.6	-0.5	-0.2	-1.0
Employment	220.1	219.0	2.5	-1.1	3.4	0.3	-0.5	1.6	0.1
Employment full-time	187.1	186.7	2.6	-0.4	1.5	3.8	-0.2	0.8	2.1
Employment part-time	32.9	32.3	2.0	-0.6	1.9	-3.5	-1.8	6.2	-9.8
Unemployment	43.6	43.2	2.3	-0.4	-4.0	-3.0	-0.9	-8.5	-6.5
Participation rate	60.0	59.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.5	0.8	0.0	-1.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.1	49.8	0.6	-0.3	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	113.8	114.1	...	0.3	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.4	1.2
Labour force	77.7	78.0	0.7	0.3	-0.1	1.3	0.4	-0.1	1.7
Employment	69.3	68.9	0.7	-0.4	-1.3	1.1	-0.6	-1.9	1.6
Employment full-time	58.3	57.9	0.8	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.7	-0.3	1.0
Employment part-time	11.0	11.0	0.6	0.0	-1.1	0.6	0.0	-9.1	5.8
Unemployment	8.4	9.1	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.2	8.3	15.2	2.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.6	0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	11.7	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.4	0.7	-0.5	-1.3	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	762.6	763.1	...	0.5	1.1	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	485.0	486.2	3.0	1.2	3.7	9.0	0.2	0.8	1.9
Employment	438.1	440.5	3.4	2.4	1.3	5.5	0.5	0.3	1.3
Employment full-time	353.7	359.9	3.8	6.2	8.4	7.9	1.8	2.4	2.2
Employment part-time	84.4	80.6	3.3	-3.8	-7.1	-2.5	-4.5	-8.1	-3.0
Unemployment	46.9	45.7	2.7	-1.2	2.4	3.5	-2.6	5.5	8.3
Participation rate	63.6	63.7	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.4	0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	610.8	611.1	...	0.3	0.5	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	390.4	387.7	2.6	-2.7	3.5	-3.6	-0.7	0.9	-0.9
Employment	349.7	350.9	2.6	1.2	4.8	1.5	0.3	1.4	0.4
Employment full-time	296.0	295.9	2.9	-0.1	2.6	1.8	0.0	0.9	0.6
Employment part-time	53.6	55.1	2.2	1.5	2.4	-0.1	2.8	4.6	-0.2
Unemployment	40.7	36.7	2.3	-4.0	-1.4	-5.2	-9.8	-3.7	-12.4
Participation rate	63.9	63.4	0.4	-0.5	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	9.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.4	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,118.3	6,123.6	...	5.3	11.5	61.5	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,047.1	4,037.6	15.6	-9.5	-24.2	44.8	-0.2	-0.6	1.1
Employment	3,680.4	3,681.6	16.3	1.2	-0.3	35.3	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	2,999.4	2,994.9	19.0	-4.5	21.0	9.2	-0.2	0.7	0.3
Employment part-time	681.0	686.7	16.2	5.7	-21.3	26.1	0.8	-3.0	4.0
Unemployment	366.7	356.0	13.8	-10.7	-23.9	9.5	-2.9	-6.3	2.7
Participation rate	66.1	65.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...

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

	January 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,872.4	9,886.0	...	13.6	28.7	164.5	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	6,749.9	6,755.5	18.2	5.6	19.3	91.9	0.1	0.3	1.4
Employment	6,303.8	6,308.3	18.5	4.5	22.5	93.5	0.1	0.4	1.5
Employment full-time	5,170.2	5,183.5	22.1	13.3	37.3	104.8	0.3	0.7	2.1
Employment part-time	1,133.6	1,124.8	19.5	-8.8	-14.9	-11.3	-0.8	-1.3	-1.0
Unemployment	446.2	447.3	15.0	1.1	-3.1	-1.4	0.2	-0.7	-0.3
Participation rate	68.4	68.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	872.7	873.5	...	0.8	1.6	8.7	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	602.6	601.9	2.7	-0.7	1.1	5.3	-0.1	0.2	0.9
Employment	571.1	573.0	2.9	1.9	2.4	6.3	0.3	0.4	1.1
Employment full-time	457.9	462.9	3.6	5.0	1.6	8.6	1.1	0.3	1.9
Employment part-time	113.2	110.0	3.3	-3.2	0.7	-2.4	-2.8	0.6	-2.1
Unemployment	31.4	29.0	2.2	-2.4	-1.3	-0.9	-7.6	-4.3	-3.0
Participation rate	69.1	68.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	756.5	756.9	...	0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Labour force	516.4	517.8	2.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
Employment	487.4	488.4	2.7	1.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Employment full-time	394.9	396.4	3.2	1.5	4.0	5.3	0.4	1.0	1.4
Employment part-time	92.5	92.1	2.9	-0.4	-4.0	-4.0	-0.4	-4.2	-4.2
Unemployment	29.0	29.3	1.9	0.3	0.0	-1.1	1.0	0.0	-3.6
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,497.3	2,500.6	...	3.3	6.9	47.5	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	1,834.0	1,842.9	7.6	8.9	2.2	51.6	0.5	0.1	2.9
Employment	1,743.3	1,747.7	8.1	4.4	-3.8	47.7	0.3	-0.2	2.8
Employment full-time	1,429.7	1,438.4	10.3	8.7	4.7	40.3	0.6	0.3	2.9
Employment part-time	313.5	309.4	9.1	-4.1	-8.4	7.5	-1.3	-2.6	2.5
Unemployment	90.8	95.1	5.7	4.3	5.9	3.8	4.7	6.6	4.2
Participation rate	73.4	73.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.9	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,391.9	3,396.5	...	4.6	9.6	48.6	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	2,235.7	2,210.5	11.1	-25.2	-12.1	30.4	-1.1	-0.5	1.4
Employment	2,072.4	2,036.0	11.4	-36.4	-35.4	35.6	-1.8	-1.7	1.8
Employment full-time	1,616.5	1,598.6	13.7	-17.9	-22.9	66.7	-1.1	-1.4	4.4
Employment part-time	455.9	437.5	12.0	-18.4	-12.4	-31.0	-4.0	-2.8	-6.6
Unemployment	163.3	174.4	9.0	11.1	23.3	-5.3	6.8	15.4	-2.9
Participation rate	65.9	65.1	0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.9	0.4	0.6	1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	59.9	0.3	-1.2	-1.3	0.1	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	439.6	439.8	...	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	263.6	262.3	2.5	-1.3	-0.5	-2.6	-0.5	-0.2	-1.0
Employment	220.1	219.0	2.5	-1.1	3.4	0.3	-0.5	1.6	0.1
Employment full-time	187.1	186.7	2.6	-0.4	1.5	3.8	-0.2	0.8	2.1
Unemployment	43.6	43.2	2.3	-0.4	-4.0	-3.0	-0.9	-8.5	-6.5
Participation rate	60.0	59.6	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.5	0.8	0.0	-1.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.1	49.8	0.6	-0.3	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.9	14.7	0.9	-0.2	0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	72.4	72.4	...	0.0	-0.1	-1.7	0.0	-0.1	-2.3
Labour force	39.2	39.5	1.3	0.3	-0.2	-3.4	0.8	-0.5	-7.9
Employment	30.4	29.3	1.3	-1.1	1.1	-2.3	-3.6	3.9	-7.3
Unemployment	8.8	10.2	1.1	1.4	-1.3	-1.1	15.9	-11.3	-9.7
Participation rate	54.1	54.6	1.8	0.5	-0.2	-3.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	22.4	25.8	2.5	3.4	-3.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.0	40.5	1.7	-1.5	1.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	39.5	46.1	3.6	6.6	8.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	179.1	179.2	...	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	119.6	119.0	1.5	-0.6	0.9	-0.7	-0.5	0.8	-0.6
Employment	98.9	99.2	1.5	0.3	1.4	-1.1	0.3	1.4	-1.1
Unemployment	20.7	19.8	1.5	-0.9	-0.5	0.4	-4.3	-2.5	2.1
Participation rate	66.8	66.4	0.8	-0.4	0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.3	16.6	1.2	-0.7	-0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	55.4	0.8	0.2	0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.2	0.9	-0.6	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	188.1	188.2	...	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	104.8	103.8	1.3	-1.0	-1.3	1.5	-1.0	-1.2	1.5
Employment	90.8	90.5	1.4	-0.3	0.9	3.7	-0.3	1.0	4.3
Unemployment	14.0	13.3	1.2	-0.7	-2.2	-2.2	-5.0	-14.2	-14.2
Participation rate	55.7	55.2	0.7	-0.5	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	12.8	1.1	-0.6	-1.9	-2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	48.3	48.1	0.7	-0.2	0.4	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	15.1	1.3	-1.5	-0.8	-3.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	220.1	219.0	2.5	-1.1	3.4	0.3	-0.5	1.6	0.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	52.2	49.6	1.6	-2.6	1.2	4.7	-5.0	2.5	10.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-1.3	25.0	-9.1	-56.5
Utilities	19.2	17.6	0.9	-1.6	-0.4	3.8	-8.3	-2.2	27.5
Construction	2.0	1.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-5.0	-13.6	-5.0
Manufacturing	10.6	10.3	0.8	-0.3	0.1	-0.7	-2.8	1.0	-6.4
Services-producing sector	19.6	18.8	1.0	-0.8	2.0	2.9	-4.1	11.9	18.2
Services-producing sector	167.9	169.4	2.2	1.5	2.2	-4.4	0.9	1.3	-2.5
Trade	36.3	36.4	1.2	0.1	1.4	-2.2	0.3	4.0	-5.7
Transportation and warehousing	12.8	13.1	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.6	2.3	4.8	4.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	8.0	8.2	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.3	2.5	6.5	18.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.2	7.3	0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	1.4	-1.4	-6.4
Business, building and other support services	6.8	7.7	0.7	0.9	-0.2	-0.9	13.2	-2.5	-10.5
Educational services	17.0	16.6	0.8	-0.4	0.2	0.7	-2.4	1.2	4.4
Health care and social assistance	31.9	32.8	1.0	0.9	1.5	-1.4	2.8	4.8	-4.1
Information, culture and recreation	6.6	6.8	0.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	3.0	-5.6	-4.2
Accommodation and food services	12.8	12.8	0.9	0.0	0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.8	-4.5
Other services	12.9	12.4	0.9	-0.5	-0.7	0.2	-3.9	-5.3	1.6
Public administration	15.5	15.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.8	-1.6	-1.9	-5.0	-9.5

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	113.8	114.1	...	0.3	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.4	1.2
Labour force	77.7	78.0	0.7	0.3	-0.1	1.3	0.4	-0.1	1.7
Employment	69.3	68.9	0.7	-0.4	-1.3	1.1	-0.6	-1.9	1.6
Employment full-time	58.3	57.9	0.8	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.7	-0.3	1.0
Unemployment	8.4	9.1	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.2	8.3	15.2	2.2
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.6	0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	11.7	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.4	0.7	-0.5	-1.3	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.9	16.0	0.9	0.1	-1.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.1	20.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Labour force	13.5	13.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-1.5	-1.5	-5.0
Employment	11.4	11.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-1.8	-4.3	-5.9
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0
Participation rate	67.2	65.8	1.9	-1.4	-1.4	-3.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	15.8	2.2	0.2	2.5	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	55.4	2.0	-1.3	-2.8	-3.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.6	37.5	3.2	-1.1	-3.5	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.2	45.3	...	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	1.3
Labour force	32.9	33.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.9
Employment	29.4	29.5	0.4	0.1	-0.4	0.5	0.3	-1.3	1.7
Unemployment	3.5	3.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	-0.2	5.7	15.6	-5.1
Participation rate	72.8	73.3	0.8	0.5	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	11.1	1.1	0.5	1.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	65.1	0.9	0.1	-1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.4	4.7	1.0	0.3	0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.5	48.6	...	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	1.5
Labour force	31.3	31.4	0.4	0.1	-0.2	1.6	0.3	-0.6	5.4
Employment	28.5	28.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	1.3	-1.1	-1.4	4.8
Unemployment	2.9	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	13.8	10.0	13.8
Participation rate	64.5	64.6	0.8	0.1	-0.7	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	10.5	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.0	0.8	-0.8	-1.1	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	19.1	1.4	0.6	-2.5	3.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	69.3	68.9	0.7	-0.4	-1.3	1.1	-0.6	-1.9	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	18.6	18.6	0.6	0.0	-0.2	1.1	0.0	-1.1	6.3
Agriculture	3.9	3.9	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.6	0.0	-7.1	18.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.6	3.6	0.0
Utilities	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	33.3
Construction	4.3	4.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	2.3	4.8	2.3
Manufacturing	7.2	6.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	-4.2	-2.8	3.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	50.8	50.3	0.6	-0.5	-1.1	0.0	-1.0	-2.1	0.0
Trade	10.9	10.0	0.4	-0.9	-0.8	0.6	-8.3	-7.4	6.4
Transportation and warehousing	2.3	2.6	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	13.0	-7.1	-7.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.5	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.7	4.0	0.0	36.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-11.1	-20.0
Business, building and other support services	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.0	4.3	-17.2
Educational services	4.7	4.5	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-4.3	-8.2	-6.2
Health care and social assistance	7.6	8.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	5.3	2.6	3.9
Information, culture and recreation	2.6	2.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-3.8	-3.8	-10.7
Accommodation and food services	5.1	5.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	3.9	8.2	3.9
Other services	3.4	3.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-5.9	-11.1	-5.9
Public administration	6.7	6.9	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	3.0	6.2	6.2

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	762.6	763.1	...	0.5	1.1	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	485.0	486.2	3.0	1.2	3.7	9.0	0.2	0.8	1.9
Employment	438.1	440.5	3.4	2.4	1.3	5.5	0.5	0.3	1.3
Employment full-time	353.7	359.9	3.8	6.2	8.4	7.9	1.8	2.4	2.2
Unemployment	46.9	45.7	2.7	-1.2	2.4	3.5	-2.6	5.5	8.3
Participation rate	63.6	63.7	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.4	0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	18.3	0.7	-1.0	-1.7	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	124.0	124.2	...	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.6
Labour force	82.9	81.7	1.8	-1.2	-1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-1.6	-1.1
Employment	69.7	69.4	1.9	-0.3	-1.3	-1.7	-0.4	-1.8	-2.4
Unemployment	13.1	12.3	1.6	-0.8	0.0	0.8	-6.1	0.0	7.0
Participation rate	66.9	65.8	1.5	-1.1	-1.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	15.1	1.8	-0.7	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	55.9	1.6	-0.3	-1.2	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.5	40.1	2.4	-5.4	-6.9	-5.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	304.9	305.0	...	0.1	0.3	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	211.3	213.1	1.6	1.8	2.5	4.9	0.9	1.2	2.4
Employment	192.2	194.5	1.9	2.3	1.5	3.5	1.2	0.8	1.8
Unemployment	19.1	18.6	1.7	-0.5	1.0	1.3	-2.6	5.7	7.5
Participation rate	69.3	69.9	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.7	0.8	-0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	63.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.5	0.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	333.7	333.9	...	0.2	0.4	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Labour force	190.9	191.4	1.6	0.5	2.5	5.0	0.3	1.3	2.7
Employment	176.2	176.6	1.6	0.4	1.1	3.6	0.2	0.6	2.1
Unemployment	14.6	14.8	1.4	0.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	10.4	10.4
Participation rate	57.2	57.3	0.5	0.1	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.7	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.8	52.9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	22.7	1.2	-0.4	-1.0	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	438.1	440.5	3.4	2.4	1.3	5.5	0.5	0.3	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	97.7	97.1	2.3	-0.6	-2.6	-0.5	-0.6	-2.6	-0.5
Agriculture	6.4	6.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-1.2	-6.2	-9.1	-16.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.9	15.5	0.9	1.6	1.1	0.5	11.5	7.6	3.3
Utilities	2.9	3.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.9	6.9	14.8	40.9
Construction	29.0	28.0	1.4	-1.0	-0.3	3.7	-3.4	-1.1	15.2
Manufacturing	45.5	44.4	1.5	-1.1	-3.3	-4.5	-2.4	-6.9	-9.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	340.4	343.5	3.0	3.1	4.1	6.0	0.9	1.2	1.8
Trade	74.6	75.3	1.7	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.9	0.8	3.4
Transportation and warehousing	20.1	21.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	2.1	5.5	5.5	11.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	20.7	20.3	0.8	-0.4	0.7	-1.5	-1.9	3.6	-6.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.3	19.3	0.9	1.0	0.7	-0.7	5.5	3.8	-3.5
Business, building and other support services	24.7	25.9	1.2	1.2	1.8	3.7	4.9	7.5	16.7
Educational services	33.3	33.7	1.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.6	1.2	-0.3	-1.7
Health care and social assistance	57.1	56.0	1.3	-1.1	1.0	2.2	-1.9	1.8	4.1
Information, culture and recreation	18.5	17.3	1.0	-1.2	-1.5	1.3	-6.5	-8.0	8.1
Accommodation and food services	25.9	27.3	1.3	1.4	1.0	-1.7	5.4	3.8	-5.9
Other services	18.3	18.6	1.2	0.3	-0.5	-4.6	1.6	-2.6	-19.8
Public administration	28.8	28.6	1.0	-0.2	-0.8	3.3	-0.7	-2.7	13.0

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	610.8	611.1	...	0.3	0.5	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	390.4	387.7	2.6	-2.7	3.5	-3.6	-0.7	0.9	-0.9
Employment	349.7	350.9	2.6	1.2	4.8	1.5	0.3	1.4	0.4
Employment full-time	296.0	295.9	2.9	-0.1	2.6	1.8	0.0	0.9	0.6
Unemployment	40.7	36.7	2.3	-4.0	-1.4	-5.2	-9.8	-3.7	-12.4
Participation rate	63.9	63.4	0.4	-0.5	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	9.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.4	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.3	15.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.2	97.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	64.2	63.1	1.3	-1.1	-1.1	-0.2	-1.7	-1.7	-0.3
Employment	53.2	52.4	1.3	-0.8	-1.3	-2.5	-1.5	-2.4	-4.6
Unemployment	10.9	10.7	1.2	-0.2	0.2	2.2	-1.8	1.9	25.9
Participation rate	66.0	64.9	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.0	17.0	1.7	0.0	0.6	3.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	53.9	1.3	-0.8	-1.3	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.6	39.1	2.2	-1.5	-0.7	5.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	248.3	248.4	...	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	174.3	172.9	1.5	-1.4	1.7	-0.8	-0.8	1.0	-0.5
Employment	155.0	157.2	1.6	2.2	3.3	3.6	1.4	2.1	2.3
Unemployment	19.2	15.7	1.5	-3.5	-1.6	-4.5	-18.2	-9.2	-22.3
Participation rate	70.2	69.6	0.6	-0.6	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.0	9.1	0.8	-1.9	-1.0	-2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	63.3	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.4	4.5	0.6	0.1	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	265.3	265.5	...	0.2	0.3	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	152.0	151.6	1.4	-0.4	2.8	-2.6	-0.3	1.9	-1.7
Employment	141.4	141.3	1.4	-0.1	2.9	0.4	-0.1	2.1	0.3
Unemployment	10.6	10.3	1.2	-0.3	0.0	-3.0	-2.8	0.0	-22.6
Participation rate	57.3	57.1	0.5	-0.2	1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.3	53.2	0.6	-0.1	1.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	19.5	1.1	1.6	1.3	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	349.6	350.9	2.6	1.3	4.8	1.5	0.4	1.4	0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	86.0	84.7	1.8	-1.3	0.5	1.8	-1.5	0.6	2.2
Agriculture	5.5	5.6	0.6	0.1	1.0	-0.2	1.8	21.7	-3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.5	11.8	0.8	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	-5.6	-2.5	-1.7
Utilities	3.2	3.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	3.1	-2.9	-10.8
Construction	19.0	19.3	1.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.9	1.6	-1.0	-4.5
Manufacturing	45.9	44.6	1.2	-1.3	0.0	3.4	-2.8	0.0	8.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	263.6	266.2	2.4	2.6	4.3	-0.2	1.0	1.6	-0.1
Trade	54.8	53.8	1.3	-1.0	-2.0	0.2	-1.8	-3.6	0.4
Transportation and warehousing	17.7	18.4	0.8	0.7	0.8	-0.5	4.0	4.5	-2.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.7	14.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-1.4	-2.0	-2.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.3	16.3	0.7	2.0	1.9	0.2	14.0	13.2	1.2
Business, building and other support services	20.7	20.2	1.0	-0.5	-1.4	-3.0	-2.4	-6.5	-12.9
Educational services	25.6	25.8	0.8	0.2	1.6	4.9	0.8	6.6	23.4
Health care and social assistance	48.5	49.1	1.1	0.6	2.3	6.2	1.2	4.9	14.5
Information, culture and recreation	10.4	10.9	0.7	0.5	1.1	-2.3	4.8	11.2	-17.4
Accommodation and food services	22.9	22.2	1.0	-0.7	0.4	-1.1	-3.1	1.8	-4.7
Other services	15.4	16.5	0.9	1.1	-0.5	-1.6	7.1	-2.9	-8.8
Public administration	18.7	18.5	0.7	-0.2	0.5	-2.9	-1.1	2.8	-13.6

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,118.3	6,123.6	...	5.3	11.5	61.5	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	4,047.1	4,037.6	15.6	-9.5	-24.2	44.8	-0.2	-0.6	1.1
Employment	3,680.4	3,681.6	16.3	1.2	-0.3	35.3	0.0	0.0	1.0
Employment full-time	2,999.4	2,994.9	19.0	-4.5	21.0	9.2	-0.2	0.7	0.3
Unemployment	366.7	356.0	13.8	-10.7	-23.9	9.5	-2.9	-6.3	2.7
Participation rate	66.1	65.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.7	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	950.1	949.5	...	-0.6	-0.7	-4.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	642.5	636.2	8.7	-6.3	-14.9	-9.0	-1.0	-2.3	-1.4
Employment	544.6	539.7	8.6	-4.9	-6.0	-13.4	-0.9	-1.1	-2.4
Unemployment	98.0	96.5	7.5	-1.5	-8.8	4.4	-1.5	-8.4	4.8
Participation rate	67.6	67.0	0.9	-0.6	-1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.3	15.2	1.1	-0.1	-1.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	56.8	0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.6	45.7	1.5	2.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,520.4	2,523.3	...	2.9	6.1	32.7	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	1,843.2	1,837.2	8.5	-6.0	-8.5	5.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.3
Employment	1,694.3	1,689.2	9.5	-5.1	-5.0	-1.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment	148.9	147.9	8.2	-1.0	-3.6	6.8	-0.7	-2.4	4.8
Participation rate	73.1	72.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.1	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	66.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	7.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,647.8	2,650.8	...	3.0	6.1	32.8	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	1,561.4	1,564.2	9.0	2.8	-0.9	48.7	0.2	-0.1	3.2
Employment	1,441.5	1,452.6	9.2	11.1	10.7	50.4	0.8	0.7	3.6
Unemployment	119.8	111.6	7.7	-8.2	-11.5	-1.8	-6.8	-9.3	-1.6
Participation rate	59.0	59.0	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	54.8	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	21.8	0.7	0.2	-1.2	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	3,680.4	3,681.6	16.3	1.2	-0.3	35.3	0.0	0.0	1.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	928.8	911.3	11.3	-17.5	-14.8	-34.1	-1.9	-1.6	-3.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	55.4	53.6	2.7	-1.8	-3.4	-7.2	-3.2	-6.0	-11.8
Utilities	39.0	39.4	2.4	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.8	4.0
Construction	28.6	28.1	1.9	-0.5	-1.6	-1.5	-1.7	-5.4	-5.1
Manufacturing	177.7	168.3	5.7	-9.4	-9.5	4.6	-5.3	-5.3	2.8
Services-producing sector	628.0	621.8	9.6	-6.2	-1.2	-31.6	-1.0	-0.2	-4.8
Trade	2,751.7	2,770.4	16.2	18.7	14.7	69.5	0.7	0.5	2.6
Transportation and warehousing	597.8	616.1	10.3	18.3	10.4	14.2	3.1	1.7	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	171.5	174.4	5.3	2.9	10.8	17.1	1.7	6.6	10.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	199.4	198.9	5.7	-0.5	-1.8	7.7	-0.3	-0.9	4.0
Business, building and other support services	212.8	212.3	6.4	-0.5	-0.2	-3.3	-0.2	-0.1	-1.5
Educational services	113.3	113.8	5.5	0.5	1.4	-4.4	0.4	1.2	-3.7
Health care and social assistance	249.0	256.4	6.5	7.4	1.6	2.1	3.0	0.6	0.8
Information, culture and recreation	456.4	451.3	7.6	-5.1	-0.9	25.7	-1.1	-0.2	6.0
Accommodation and food services	164.0	167.5	5.9	3.5	6.2	16.1	2.1	3.8	10.6
Other services	207.8	212.8	6.8	5.0	2.5	-4.9	2.4	1.2	-2.3
Public administration	167.1	157.2	5.9	-9.9	-10.5	-7.6	-5.9	-6.3	-4.6
Public administration	212.7	209.6	5.4	-3.1	-4.9	6.7	-1.5	-2.3	3.3

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,872.4	9,886.0	...	13.6	28.7	164.5	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	6,749.9	6,755.5	18.2	5.6	19.3	91.9	0.1	0.3	1.4
Employment	6,303.8	6,308.3	18.5	4.5	22.5	93.5	0.1	0.4	1.5
Employment full-time	5,170.2	5,183.5	22.1	13.3	37.3	104.8	0.3	0.7	2.1
Unemployment	446.2	447.3	15.0	1.1	-3.1	-1.4	0.2	-0.7	-0.3
Participation rate	68.4	68.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.6	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	17.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,614.1	1,616.5	...	2.4	5.4	30.0	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	1,076.8	1,076.0	10.8	-0.8	-2.5	0.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Employment	927.3	920.1	10.2	-7.2	0.6	-11.3	-0.8	0.1	-1.2
Unemployment	149.5	155.9	9.1	6.4	-3.1	12.2	4.3	-1.9	8.5
Participation rate	66.7	66.6	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	14.5	0.8	0.6	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	56.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.4	48.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,012.0	4,017.3	...	5.3	11.0	63.9	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	3,024.6	3,033.9	9.1	9.3	14.0	34.4	0.3	0.5	1.1
Employment	2,870.3	2,872.7	10.1	2.4	2.1	37.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Unemployment	154.3	161.2	8.2	6.9	11.9	-3.5	4.5	8.0	-2.1
Participation rate	75.4	75.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.5	71.5	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,246.4	4,252.2	...	5.8	12.3	70.6	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	2,648.5	2,645.6	10.9	-2.9	7.8	56.6	-0.1	0.3	2.2
Employment	2,506.2	2,515.4	11.0	9.2	19.6	66.8	0.4	0.8	2.7
Unemployment	142.4	130.2	8.4	-12.2	-11.8	-10.2	-8.6	-8.3	-7.3
Participation rate	62.4	62.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.0	20.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,631.5	1,629.0	14.2	-2.5	-23.0	-22.3	-0.2	-1.4	-1.4
Agriculture	86.1	84.4	3.5	-1.7	-2.7	2.7	-2.0	-3.1	3.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.8	32.7	1.7	0.9	0.9	-2.0	2.8	2.8	-5.8
Utilities	56.0	52.5	2.7	-3.5	-2.5	2.4	-6.2	-4.5	4.8
Construction	368.9	375.6	7.9	6.7	-19.7	5.1	1.8	-5.0	1.4
Manufacturing	1,088.7	1,083.8	12.2	-4.9	1.0	-30.5	-0.5	0.1	-2.7
Services-producing sector	4,672.3	4,679.2	19.8	6.9	45.3	115.6	0.1	1.0	2.5
Trade	949.9	963.6	11.3	13.7	25.2	17.6	1.4	2.7	1.9
Transportation and warehousing	298.1	313.6	6.8	15.5	19.0	31.8	5.2	6.4	11.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	442.7	432.1	8.1	-10.6	-1.8	1.9	-2.4	-0.4	0.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	429.5	433.7	8.9	4.2	18.0	-23.2	1.0	4.3	-5.1
Business, building and other support services	289.7	286.2	7.8	-3.5	-3.6	25.5	-1.2	-1.2	9.8
Educational services	394.6	403.7	7.2	9.1	10.6	24.6	2.3	2.7	6.5
Health care and social assistance	639.2	615.5	7.9	-23.7	-10.4	26.3	-3.7	-1.7	4.5
Information, culture and recreation	299.2	304.7	7.2	5.5	12.7	23.5	1.8	4.3	8.4
Accommodation and food services	374.1	368.5	8.2	-5.6	-16.1	-1.4	-1.5	-4.2	-0.4
Other services	248.6	248.1	6.8	-0.5	-4.5	-15.4	-0.2	-1.8	-5.8
Public administration	306.7	309.5	6.0	2.8	-3.9	4.6	0.9	-1.2	1.5

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	872.7	873.5	...	0.8	1.6	8.7	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	602.6	601.9	2.7	-0.7	1.1	5.3	-0.1	0.2	0.9
Employment	571.1	573.0	2.9	1.9	2.4	6.3	0.3	0.4	1.1
Employment full-time	457.9	462.9	3.6	5.0	1.6	8.6	1.1	0.3	1.9
Unemployment	31.4	29.0	2.2	-2.4	-1.3	-0.9	-7.6	-4.3	-3.0
Participation rate	69.1	68.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.8	19.2	0.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	151.2	151.4	...	0.2	0.4	2.2	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	109.5	107.1	1.7	-2.4	0.1	-1.7	-2.2	0.1	-1.6
Employment	98.4	97.1	1.7	-1.3	-0.6	-1.7	-1.3	-0.6	-1.7
Unemployment	11.1	10.0	1.4	-1.1	0.7	0.0	-9.9	7.5	0.0
Participation rate	72.4	70.7	1.1	-1.7	-0.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.3	1.2	-0.8	0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	64.1	1.1	-1.0	-0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.4	44.8	1.8	0.4	-0.2	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	352.3	352.6	...	0.3	0.6	3.4	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	265.3	266.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.9
Employment	254.3	255.1	1.5	0.8	1.5	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.6
Unemployment	11.0	11.3	1.2	0.3	-0.5	1.1	2.7	-4.2	10.8
Participation rate	75.3	75.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.2	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.2	72.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.0	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	369.2	369.5	...	0.3	0.5	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	227.7	228.4	1.6	0.7	0.0	4.6	0.3	0.0	2.1
Employment	218.4	220.7	1.6	2.3	1.5	6.5	1.1	0.7	3.0
Unemployment	9.3	7.7	1.1	-1.6	-1.5	-2.0	-17.2	-16.3	-20.6
Participation rate	61.7	61.8	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.4	0.5	-0.7	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.7	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.6	22.1	1.0	-1.5	0.2	-4.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	571.1	573.0	2.9	1.9	2.4	6.3	0.3	0.4	1.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	144.2	141.0	2.1	-3.2	-1.7	1.9	-2.2	-1.2	1.4
Agriculture	31.9	31.4	1.1	-0.5	-0.3	-1.2	-1.6	-0.9	-3.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.8	5.9	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2	1.7	-1.7	3.5
Utilities	7.4	6.8	0.4	-0.6	0.2	-0.1	-8.1	3.0	-1.4
Construction	27.2	26.6	1.1	-0.6	0.1	0.5	-2.2	0.4	1.9
Manufacturing	71.9	70.3	1.4	-1.6	-1.7	2.5	-2.2	-2.4	3.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	426.9	432.0	3.0	5.1	4.2	4.4	1.2	1.0	1.0
Trade	85.3	81.9	1.7	-3.4	-3.6	-0.6	-4.0	-4.2	-0.7
Transportation and warehousing	34.2	32.9	1.1	-1.3	-1.4	-2.8	-3.8	-4.1	-7.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.0	29.8	1.0	1.8	-0.2	3.5	6.4	-0.7	13.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.7	25.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	3.3	5.5	5.5	15.2
Business, building and other support services	18.0	19.9	1.0	1.9	3.4	-1.2	10.6	20.6	-5.7
Educational services	44.0	43.0	1.2	-1.0	0.1	0.2	-2.3	0.2	0.5
Health care and social assistance	76.6	77.4	1.3	0.8	2.5	3.3	1.0	3.3	4.5
Information, culture and recreation	23.2	24.8	1.0	1.6	1.3	2.9	6.9	5.5	13.2
Accommodation and food services	37.6	38.0	1.4	0.4	-1.4	-3.5	1.1	-3.6	-8.4
Other services	23.2	25.3	1.1	2.1	0.9	-3.4	9.1	3.7	-11.8
Public administration	33.0	34.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	2.9	3.3	3.6	9.3

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	756.5	756.9	...	0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Labour force	516.4	517.8	2.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
Employment	487.4	488.4	2.7	1.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Employment full-time	394.9	396.4	3.2	1.5	4.0	5.3	0.4	1.0	1.4
Unemployment	29.0	29.3	1.9	0.3	0.0	-1.1	1.0	0.0	-3.6
Participation rate	68.3	68.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.0	18.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	138.2	138.3	...	0.1	0.1	-1.0	0.1	0.1	-0.7
Labour force	93.6	92.5	1.6	-1.1	-0.8	-5.1	-1.2	-0.9	-5.2
Employment	81.9	81.1	1.6	-0.8	-0.6	-6.2	-1.0	-0.7	-7.1
Unemployment	11.7	11.4	1.2	-0.3	-0.2	1.1	-2.6	-1.7	10.7
Participation rate	67.7	66.9	1.2	-0.8	-0.6	-3.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.5	12.3	1.2	-0.2	-0.1	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	58.6	1.1	-0.7	-0.5	-4.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.5	40.7	1.7	0.2	-1.4	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	301.4	301.6	...	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	228.9	229.1	1.3	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.1	0.0	1.3
Employment	218.9	218.2	1.4	-0.7	-0.3	4.6	-0.3	-0.1	2.2
Unemployment	10.0	10.9	1.1	0.9	0.2	-1.8	9.0	1.9	-14.2
Participation rate	75.9	76.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.8	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.6	72.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.8	0.6	0.1	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	316.9	317.0	...	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	193.8	196.2	1.5	2.4	0.8	2.5	1.2	0.4	1.3
Employment	186.6	189.1	1.5	2.5	0.8	2.8	1.3	0.4	1.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.1	0.9	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-2.7	0.0	-4.1
Participation rate	61.2	61.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.6	0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.7	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.0	24.5	1.0	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	487.4	488.4	2.7	1.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	125.8	125.1	2.0	-0.7	-0.6	1.4	-0.6	-0.5	1.1
Agriculture	48.7	49.7	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.6	2.1	1.6	3.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	20.2	20.2	0.8	0.0	-0.4	3.2	0.0	-1.9	18.8
Utilities	5.1	5.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	2.0	13.0	15.6
Construction	23.4	22.6	1.0	-0.8	-0.3	-3.0	-3.4	-1.3	-11.7
Manufacturing	28.3	27.3	1.0	-1.0	-1.5	-1.3	-3.5	-5.2	-4.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	361.6	363.4	2.7	1.8	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0
Trade	78.1	77.3	1.4	-0.8	-2.3	2.9	-1.0	-2.9	3.9
Transportation and warehousing	22.4	22.3	0.9	-0.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.4	-4.3	-3.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.2	27.8	0.8	1.6	0.9	-0.1	6.1	3.3	-0.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.2	16.7	0.7	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-2.9	-3.5	-3.5
Business, building and other support services	12.7	13.0	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5	2.4	6.6	4.0
Educational services	40.6	42.3	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.5	4.2	4.2	3.7
Health care and social assistance	58.0	59.2	1.1	1.2	1.9	-0.8	2.1	3.3	-1.3
Information, culture and recreation	24.0	22.8	0.9	-1.2	-0.5	2.2	-5.0	-2.1	10.7
Accommodation and food services	33.6	33.9	1.3	0.3	-0.2	-1.8	0.9	-0.6	-5.0
Other services	21.7	21.4	1.0	-0.3	0.6	-3.2	-1.4	2.9	-13.0
Public administration	27.2	26.6	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	-2.2	-2.6	0.0

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,497.3	2,500.6	...	3.3	6.9	47.5	0.1	0.3	1.9
Labour force	1,834.0	1,842.9	7.6	8.9	2.2	51.6	0.5	0.1	2.9
Employment	1,743.3	1,747.7	8.1	4.4	-3.8	47.7	0.3	-0.2	2.8
Employment full-time	1,429.7	1,438.4	10.3	8.7	4.7	40.3	0.6	0.3	2.9
Unemployment	90.8	95.1	5.7	4.3	5.9	3.8	4.7	6.6	4.2
Participation rate	73.4	73.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.9	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.0	17.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	466.6	466.7	...	0.1	0.4	6.0	0.0	0.1	1.3
Labour force	327.5	331.1	4.7	3.6	4.2	12.2	1.1	1.3	3.8
Employment	296.7	298.9	4.7	2.2	-1.3	10.1	0.7	-0.4	3.5
Unemployment	30.8	32.2	3.4	1.4	5.5	2.1	4.5	20.6	7.0
Participation rate	70.2	70.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.7	1.0	0.3	1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	64.0	1.0	0.4	-0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.0	37.3	1.6	-0.7	-1.7	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,015.8	1,017.4	...	1.6	3.3	20.8	0.2	0.3	2.1
Labour force	831.1	835.9	3.6	4.8	1.2	21.4	0.6	0.1	2.6
Employment	800.6	802.8	4.3	2.2	1.5	24.5	0.3	0.2	3.1
Unemployment	30.5	33.1	3.4	2.6	-0.3	-3.1	8.5	-0.9	-8.6
Participation rate	81.8	82.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.8	78.9	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	4.9	0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,014.8	1,016.5	...	1.7	3.3	20.7	0.2	0.3	2.1
Labour force	675.4	675.9	4.4	0.5	-3.1	18.1	0.1	-0.5	2.8
Employment	645.9	646.0	4.4	0.1	-3.9	13.1	0.0	-0.6	2.1
Unemployment	29.5	29.9	3.0	0.4	0.7	5.0	1.4	2.4	20.1
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.6	0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.0	24.5	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,743.3	1,747.7	8.1	4.4	-3.8	47.7	0.3	-0.2	2.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	484.5	491.3	6.1	6.8	-3.4	19.8	1.4	-0.7	4.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	68.6	70.3	2.7	1.7	-1.7	0.7	2.5	-2.4	1.0
Utilities	109.4	111.1	2.9	1.7	2.1	15.8	1.6	1.9	16.6
Construction	13.1	13.3	0.9	0.2	-1.8	-1.1	1.5	-11.9	-7.6
Manufacturing	144.3	147.4	4.1	3.1	1.6	7.0	2.1	1.1	5.0
Services-producing sector	149.0	149.2	3.6	0.2	-3.6	-2.6	0.1	-2.4	-1.7
Services-producing sector	1,258.8	1,256.4	8.4	-2.4	-0.4	27.8	-0.2	0.0	2.3
Trade	265.8	269.6	4.9	3.8	-5.3	19.8	1.4	-1.9	7.9
Transportation and warehousing	97.9	96.5	3.0	-1.4	3.2	-0.6	-1.4	3.4	-0.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	91.5	90.6	2.6	-0.9	-1.5	6.0	-1.0	-1.6	7.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	131.5	131.0	3.3	-0.5	10.2	16.1	-0.4	8.4	14.0
Business, building and other support services	60.9	58.8	3.1	-2.1	-1.7	-9.6	-3.4	-2.8	-14.0
Educational services	106.7	110.3	3.2	3.6	1.6	3.6	3.4	1.5	3.4
Health care and social assistance	164.2	160.3	3.2	-3.9	-5.5	-5.9	-2.4	-3.3	-3.5
Information, culture and recreation	70.7	71.6	2.8	0.9	2.0	2.4	1.3	2.9	3.5
Accommodation and food services	117.7	117.5	3.6	-0.2	-2.7	-5.0	-0.2	-2.2	-4.1
Other services	79.8	78.7	2.7	-1.1	-0.7	2.8	-1.4	-0.9	3.7
Public administration	72.2	71.6	2.2	-0.6	-0.1	-1.8	-0.8	-0.1	-2.5

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,391.9	3,396.5	...	4.6	9.6	48.6	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	2,235.7	2,210.5	11.1	-25.2	-12.1	30.4	-1.1	-0.5	1.4
Employment	2,072.4	2,036.0	11.4	-36.4	-35.4	35.6	-1.8	-1.7	1.8
Employment full-time	1,616.5	1,598.6	13.7	-17.9	-22.9	66.7	-1.1	-1.4	4.4
Unemployment	163.3	174.4	9.0	11.1	23.3	-5.3	6.8	15.4	-2.9
Participation rate	65.9	65.1	0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.9	0.4	0.6	1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	59.9	0.3	-1.2	-1.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	21.5	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	553.2	553.7	...	0.5	1.2	8.0	0.1	0.2	1.5
Labour force	356.7	340.7	6.1	-16.0	-14.5	1.5	-4.5	-4.1	0.4
Employment	303.9	290.0	5.9	-13.9	-19.7	-0.1	-4.6	-6.4	0.0
Unemployment	52.9	50.8	5.0	-2.1	5.3	1.7	-4.0	11.6	3.5
Participation rate	64.5	61.5	1.1	-3.0	-2.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.8	14.9	1.4	0.1	2.1	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	52.4	1.1	-2.5	-3.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.0	47.8	2.0	-2.2	-0.2	-3.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,383.4	1,385.3	...	1.9	3.8	18.2	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	1,004.0	990.8	5.9	-13.2	-0.4	3.7	-1.3	0.0	0.4
Employment	940.8	923.6	6.2	-17.2	-10.6	5.4	-1.8	-1.1	0.6
Unemployment	63.2	67.2	5.3	4.0	10.3	-1.7	6.3	18.1	-2.5
Participation rate	72.6	71.5	0.4	-1.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.8	0.5	0.5	1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	66.7	0.5	-1.3	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	8.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,455.3	1,457.5	...	2.2	4.5	22.4	0.2	0.3	1.6
Labour force	875.0	879.0	6.3	4.0	2.8	25.2	0.5	0.3	3.0
Employment	827.7	822.5	6.6	-5.2	-5.0	30.4	-0.6	-0.6	3.8
Unemployment	47.2	56.4	4.9	9.2	7.7	-5.3	19.5	15.8	-8.6
Participation rate	60.1	60.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.4	0.6	1.0	0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	27.6	26.8	1.0	-0.8	-0.5	-4.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,072.4	2,036.0	11.4	-36.4	-35.4	35.6	-1.8	-1.7	1.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	433.2	425.3	7.5	-7.9	8.5	2.3	-1.8	2.0	0.5
Agriculture	34.5	36.5	2.6	2.0	3.6	0.9	5.8	10.9	2.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	37.6	38.2	3.0	0.6	-2.7	-8.5	1.6	-6.6	-18.2
Utilities	10.4	9.0	1.2	-1.4	-1.9	-4.4	-13.5	-17.4	-32.8
Construction	141.1	135.1	4.7	-6.0	6.7	15.8	-4.3	5.2	13.2
Manufacturing	209.5	206.5	5.0	-3.0	2.8	-1.4	-1.4	1.4	-0.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,639.2	1,610.7	11.5	-28.5	-43.9	33.3	-1.7	-2.7	2.1
Trade	331.6	310.9	6.4	-20.7	-10.7	-10.7	-6.2	-3.3	-3.3
Transportation and warehousing	113.5	112.5	3.9	-1.0	-3.3	-3.3	-0.9	-2.8	-2.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	126.2	123.8	4.2	-2.4	-8.9	-4.1	-1.9	-6.7	-3.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	143.6	147.0	4.5	3.4	1.2	18.0	2.4	0.8	14.0
Business, building and other support services	89.0	86.7	3.9	-2.3	-4.3	8.3	-2.6	-4.7	10.6
Educational services	142.1	140.4	4.5	-1.7	-2.9	-9.4	-1.2	-2.0	-6.3
Health care and social assistance	216.0	212.6	4.7	-3.4	-7.7	0.8	-1.6	-3.5	0.4
Information, culture and recreation	109.5	108.1	4.3	-1.4	-2.2	6.6	-1.3	-2.0	6.5
Accommodation and food services	172.8	178.2	5.1	5.4	2.5	19.3	3.1	1.4	12.1
Other services	96.8	92.6	4.0	-4.2	-7.5	0.0	-4.3	-7.5	0.0
Public administration	98.0	98.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	8.8

<sup>1</sup> 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 14

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

	January 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	144.8	145.0	...	0.2	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	97.6	97.8	0.8	0.2	1.2	-1.8	0.2	1.2	-1.8
Employment	87.4	87.6	0.9	0.2	0.7	-2.0	0.2	0.8	-2.2
Unemployment	10.1	10.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.0	5.2	3.0
Participation rate	67.4	67.4	0.6	0.0	0.6	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	10.4	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	60.4	0.6	0.0	0.3	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	290.4	290.8	...	0.4	0.8	4.3	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	202.8	202.7	1.3	-0.1	0.2	5.2	0.0	0.1	2.6
Employment	190.9	190.5	1.3	-0.4	-0.2	7.0	-0.2	-0.1	3.8
Unemployment	12.0	12.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	-1.8	1.7	4.3	-12.9
Participation rate	69.8	69.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	101.0	101.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	64.9	65.3	0.7	0.4	0.7	-2.6	0.6	1.1	-3.8
Employment	59.5	60.2	0.7	0.7	1.3	-1.7	1.2	2.2	-2.7
Unemployment	5.4	5.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-5.6	-10.5	-16.4
Participation rate	64.3	64.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	7.8	0.6	-0.5	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.6	0.7	0.7	1.3	-1.7	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	130.4	130.3	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	81.0	82.8	0.8	1.8	3.4	3.4	2.2	4.3	4.3
Employment	71.3	72.2	0.8	0.9	2.2	1.5	1.3	3.1	2.1
Unemployment	9.7	10.5	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.8	8.2	11.7	20.7
Participation rate	62.1	63.5	0.6	1.4	2.7	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	12.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.7	55.4	0.6	0.7	1.8	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	579.1	579.6	...	0.5	1.1	5.4	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	373.7	373.4	2.8	-0.3	-4.1	-10.9	-0.1	-1.1	-2.8
Employment	349.7	347.3	2.9	-2.4	-2.4	-8.1	-0.7	-0.7	-2.3
Unemployment	24.0	26.1	1.5	2.1	-1.7	-2.8	8.8	-6.1	-9.7
Participation rate	64.5	64.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.9	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	7.0	0.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.4	59.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	117.8	117.9	...	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.5
Labour force	73.2	73.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-0.9
Employment	66.1	66.1	0.8	0.0	0.2	-0.6	0.0	0.3	-0.9
Unemployment	7.1	7.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-1.4	-9.1	-1.4
Participation rate	62.1	62.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	56.1	0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	129.1	129.2	...	0.1	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	84.8	84.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-1.2	-0.1
Employment	78.4	78.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.4	-0.1	-1.1	-0.5
Unemployment	6.4	6.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-1.6	-1.6	5.0
Participation rate	65.7	65.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-1.1	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	January 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,925.2	2,929.3	...	4.1	8.2	43.8	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	2,017.0	1,998.5	7.2	-18.5	-20.1	22.5	-0.9	-1.0	1.1
Employment	1,833.5	1,819.9	7.5	-13.6	-13.5	17.1	-0.7	-0.7	0.9
Unemployment	183.6	178.5	4.8	-5.1	-6.7	5.2	-2.8	-3.6	3.0
Participation rate	69.0	68.2	0.2	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	8.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	922.6	924.3	...	1.7	3.4	19.9	0.2	0.4	2.2
Labour force	651.2	651.3	3.1	0.1	-3.6	12.4	0.0	-0.5	1.9
Employment	606.1	607.2	3.3	1.1	-0.1	14.4	0.2	0.0	2.4
Unemployment	45.1	44.1	1.8	-1.0	-3.5	-2.0	-2.2	-7.4	-4.3
Participation rate	70.6	70.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.7	65.7	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,197.4	4,206.5	...	9.1	17.9	103.3	0.2	0.4	2.5
Labour force	2,902.2	2,918.2	8.8	16.0	16.8	37.8	0.6	0.6	1.3
Employment	2,691.5	2,708.5	9.0	17.0	18.4	37.1	0.6	0.7	1.4
Unemployment	210.7	209.7	5.3	-1.0	-1.6	0.7	-0.5	-0.8	0.3
Participation rate	69.1	69.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	568.1	568.6	...	0.5	1.0	6.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	390.1	385.3	2.6	-4.8	-5.6	2.6	-1.2	-1.4	0.7
Employment	369.3	362.3	2.7	-7.0	-7.1	2.8	-1.9	-1.9	0.8
Unemployment	20.7	23.0	1.3	2.3	1.5	-0.2	11.1	7.0	-0.9
Participation rate	68.7	67.8	0.5	-0.9	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.0	0.3	0.7	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	63.7	0.5	-1.3	-1.4	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	359.4	359.9	...	0.5	1.0	6.5	0.1	0.3	1.8
Labour force	250.2	250.6	1.6	0.4	-1.3	-1.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.4
Employment	238.3	237.3	1.7	-1.0	-1.9	1.4	-0.4	-0.8	0.6
Unemployment	11.9	13.3	0.8	1.4	0.6	-2.4	11.8	4.7	-15.3
Participation rate	69.6	69.6	0.5	0.0	-0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	65.9	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	348.9	349.0	...	0.1	0.3	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	241.9	243.9	1.9	2.0	3.1	12.1	0.8	1.3	5.2
Employment	225.1	226.8	2.0	1.7	3.3	10.7	0.8	1.5	5.0
Unemployment	16.9	17.1	0.9	0.2	-0.3	1.4	1.2	-1.7	8.9
Participation rate	69.3	69.9	0.6	0.6	0.8	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.0	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	65.0	0.6	0.5	0.9	2.6	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	250.2	250.6	...	0.4	0.8	5.2	0.2	0.3	2.1
Labour force	182.1	182.0	1.2	-0.1	1.2	6.4	-0.1	0.7	3.6
Employment	172.9	172.9	1.2	0.0	0.9	7.0	0.0	0.5	4.2
Unemployment	9.2	9.1	0.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.6	-1.1	3.4	-6.2
Participation rate	72.8	72.6	0.5	-0.2	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.0	0.5	-0.1	0.1	1.4	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	January 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	326.4	326.4	...	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	208.4	206.5	1.6	-1.9	-3.3	-3.0	-0.9	-1.6	-1.4
Employment	194.5	192.0	1.6	-2.5	-3.7	-1.5	-1.3	-1.9	-0.8
Unemployment	13.9	14.4	0.8	0.5	0.3	-1.6	3.6	2.1	-10.0
Participation rate	63.8	63.3	0.5	-0.5	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	58.8	0.5	-0.8	-1.2	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.6	126.6	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	81.1	81.6	0.7	0.5	1.7	3.4	0.6	2.1	4.3
Employment	73.3	74.7	0.7	1.4	2.7	3.0	1.9	3.8	4.2
Unemployment	7.8	6.9	0.4	-0.9	-1.0	0.4	-11.5	-12.7	6.2
Participation rate	64.1	64.5	0.6	0.4	1.4	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	8.5	0.5	-1.1	-1.4	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	59.0	0.6	1.1	2.2	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.4	100.3	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Labour force	66.8	67.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	-1.9	0.3	0.3	-2.8
Employment	61.6	61.6	0.6	0.0	-0.5	-3.9	0.0	-0.8	-6.0
Unemployment	5.1	5.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.9	5.9	14.9	54.3
Participation rate	66.5	66.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	8.1	0.3	0.5	1.1	3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.4	0.6	0.0	-0.5	-3.5	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	262.8	263.2	...	0.4	0.8	5.1	0.2	0.3	2.0
Labour force	174.0	173.4	1.4	-0.6	0.3	-2.4	-0.3	0.2	-1.4
Employment	160.5	160.4	1.5	-0.1	0.4	-2.2	-0.1	0.2	-1.4
Unemployment	13.6	13.1	0.8	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-3.7	0.0	-0.8
Participation rate	66.2	65.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	7.6	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	60.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	544.1	544.7	...	0.6	1.1	5.6	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	379.9	382.8	1.3	2.9	4.0	-1.6	0.8	1.1	-0.4
Employment	358.9	362.1	1.3	3.2	4.2	-1.5	0.9	1.2	-0.4
Unemployment	21.0	20.8	0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	69.8	70.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	66.5	0.2	0.5	0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.2	156.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	114.9	115.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	3.0	0.3	0.5	2.7
Employment	108.5	109.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	2.9	0.5	0.6	2.7
Unemployment	6.4	6.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-1.6	0.0	1.6
Participation rate	73.6	73.8	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.5	69.8	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	183.5	183.7	...	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	129.4	129.0	0.8	-0.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	-0.1
Employment	121.1	120.4	0.8	-0.7	-0.2	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment	8.3	8.6	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.7	3.6	10.3	8.9
Participation rate	70.5	70.2	0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.0	65.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...

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

	January 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	846.4	847.9	...	1.5	3.1	21.1	0.2	0.4	2.6
Labour force	639.0	643.4	3.0	4.4	8.1	23.5	0.7	1.3	3.8
Employment	603.7	607.5	3.1	3.8	7.6	21.2	0.6	1.3	3.6
Unemployment	35.3	35.9	1.6	0.6	0.5	2.3	1.7	1.4	6.8
Participation rate	75.5	75.9	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	71.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	788.9	789.7	...	0.8	1.6	12.7	0.1	0.2	1.6
Labour force	572.4	574.8	2.6	2.4	1.8	14.9	0.4	0.3	2.7
Employment	544.8	545.4	2.7	0.6	-1.2	14.7	0.1	-0.2	2.8
Unemployment	27.6	29.5	1.3	1.9	3.1	0.3	6.9	11.7	1.0
Participation rate	72.6	72.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,793.9	1,797.3	...	3.4	6.6	35.7	0.2	0.4	2.0
Labour force	1,209.8	1,209.8	4.8	0.0	0.4	24.1	0.0	0.0	2.0
Employment	1,135.3	1,133.2	5.0	-2.1	0.1	36.6	-0.2	0.0	3.3
Unemployment	74.5	76.6	3.0	2.1	0.3	-12.5	2.8	0.4	-14.0
Participation rate	67.4	67.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	262.0	262.3	...	0.3	0.6	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.9
Labour force	167.7	165.5	1.7	-2.2	-2.8	2.3	-1.3	-1.7	1.4
Employment	158.4	156.2	1.8	-2.2	-3.2	3.8	-1.4	-2.0	2.5
Unemployment	9.3	9.3	0.7	0.0	0.4	-1.5	0.0	4.5	-13.9
Participation rate	64.0	63.1	0.7	-0.9	-1.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.4	0.1	0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	59.6	0.7	-0.9	-1.3	1.0	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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 2004	February 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,929.6	2,933.5	...	3.9	8.5	45.2	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	1,993.1	1,983.9	15.7	-9.2	-34.5	14.9	-0.5	-1.7	0.8
Employment	1,816.0	1,814.8	16.2	-1.2	-14.2	20.1	-0.1	-0.8	1.1
Unemployment	177.2	169.1	11.9	-8.1	-20.3	-5.2	-4.6	-10.7	-3.0
Participation rate	68.0	67.6	0.5	-0.4	-1.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	61.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,206.7	4,216.3	...	9.6	19.8	106.1	0.2	0.5	2.6
Labour force	2,906.8	2,932.7	18.5	25.9	17.6	41.5	0.9	0.6	1.4
Employment	2,695.9	2,723.6	18.7	27.7	17.7	42.5	1.0	0.7	1.6
Unemployment	210.9	209.1	12.6	-1.8	-0.1	-1.0	-0.9	0.0	-0.5
Participation rate	69.1	69.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,797.3	1,800.9	...	3.6	7.3	37.2	0.2	0.4	2.1
Labour force	1,222.8	1,200.7	10.6	-22.1	-5.1	13.6	-1.8	-0.4	1.1
Employment	1,144.0	1,118.9	10.7	-25.1	-17.9	19.0	-2.2	-1.6	1.7
Unemployment	78.8	81.8	7.3	3.0	12.7	-5.3	3.8	18.4	-6.1
Participation rate	68.0	66.7	0.6	-1.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.8	0.6	0.4	1.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	62.1	0.6	-1.6	-1.3	-0.3	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> 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 region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2003 and February 2004**

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2003	25,106.9	16,688.5	15,396.9	1,291.5	66.5	7.7	61.3
	2004	25,435.0	16,952.8	15,665.9	1,286.9	66.7	7.6	61.6
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2003	439.1	250.9	203.0	48.0	57.1	19.1	46.2
	2004	439.6	250.6	204.8	45.8	57.0	18.3	46.6
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	208.1	128.0	109.5	18.5	61.5	14.5	52.6
	2004	209.9	125.9	109.2	16.7	60.0	13.3	52.0
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	37.0	19.3	14.6	4.7	52.2	24.4	39.5
	2004	36.4	20.1	14.9	5.2	55.2	25.9	40.9
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	94.0	52.6	41.1	11.5	56.0	21.9	43.7
	2004	93.8	53.6	41.9	11.7	57.1	21.8	44.7
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	100.0	51.0	37.9	13.2	51.0	25.9	37.9
	2004	99.6	51.0	38.8	12.2	51.2	23.9	39.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2003	112.6	73.0	62.5	10.5	64.8	14.4	55.5
	2004	113.9	74.5	64.2	10.4	65.4	14.0	56.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2003	757.9	466.7	422.2	44.5	61.6	9.5	55.7
	2004	762.6	473.8	427.8	45.9	62.1	9.7	56.1
210 Cape Breton	2003	120.2	61.6	52.4	9.1	51.2	14.8	43.6
	2004	119.3	59.3	48.9	10.4	49.7	17.5	41.0
220 North Shore	2003	133.2	78.8	71.2	7.5	59.2	9.5	53.5
	2004	133.4	79.9	71.0	8.9	59.9	11.1	53.2
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	101.7	62.3	56.5	5.9	61.3	9.5	55.6
	2004	102.4	63.2	57.3	5.8	61.7	9.2	56.0
240 Southern	2003	104.3	62.7	55.9	6.8	60.1	10.8	53.6
	2004	104.6	63.7	56.7	7.0	60.9	11.0	54.2
250 Halifax	2003	298.5	201.4	186.2	15.1	67.5	7.5	62.4
	2004	302.9	207.6	193.9	13.7	68.5	6.6	64.0
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2003	608.5	377.2	333.8	43.4	62.0	11.5	54.9
	2004	610.8	374.3	333.8	40.4	61.3	10.8	54.6
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	145.3	75.6	61.7	13.8	52.0	18.3	42.5
	2004	144.5	74.8	61.8	13.0	51.8	17.4	42.8
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	153.8	100.7	90.1	10.5	65.5	10.4	58.6
	2004	155.6	103.6	94.5	9.1	66.6	8.8	60.7
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	139.7	91.9	82.7	9.1	65.8	9.9	59.2
	2004	140.2	87.3	80.0	7.3	62.3	8.4	57.1
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	99.7	66.3	60.6	5.6	66.5	8.4	60.8
	2004	100.6	66.6	60.2	6.4	66.2	9.6	59.8
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.9	42.8	38.5	4.2	61.2	9.8	55.1
	2004	69.9	42.0	37.3	4.7	60.1	11.2	53.4
<b>Quebec</b>	2003	6,058.9	3,927.3	3,572.5	354.8	64.8	9.0	59.0
	2004	6,118.0	3,985.7	3,603.3	382.4	65.1	9.6	58.9
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	82.2	42.2	33.1	9.2	51.3	21.8	40.3
	2004	81.7	42.8	33.8	9.0	52.4	21.0	41.4
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.5	88.7	78.7	10.0	53.0	11.3	47.0
	2004	167.1	99.7	85.9	13.8	59.7	13.8	51.4
420 Québec	2003	537.4	340.2	312.6	27.5	63.3	8.1	58.2
	2004	542.4	338.3	313.1	25.2	62.4	7.4	57.7



**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2003 and February 2004 - Continued**

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	319.8	210.3	194.9	15.4	65.8	7.3	60.9
	2004	320.8	216.3	199.0	17.3	67.4	8.0	62.0
430 Estrie	2003	238.8	155.6	142.9	12.8	65.2	8.2	59.8
	2004	240.9	155.3	139.7	15.6	64.5	10.0	58.0
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.3	113.6	104.4	9.3	63.0	8.2	57.9
	2004	181.0	124.2	109.8	14.4	68.6	11.6	60.7
435 Montérégie	2003	1,080.1	734.3	678.4	55.9	68.0	7.6	62.8
	2004	1,091.8	774.5	713.6	60.9	70.9	7.9	65.4
440 Montréal	2003	1,514.4	979.5	876.5	103.0	64.7	10.5	57.9
	2004	1,533.8	975.0	873.3	101.8	63.6	10.4	56.9
445 Laval	2003	292.6	193.2	178.6	14.6	66.0	7.6	61.0
	2004	296.7	192.3	172.7	19.6	64.8	10.2	58.2
450 Lanaudière	2003	326.5	228.4	209.8	18.6	70.0	8.1	64.3
	2004	331.7	221.2	200.3	20.9	66.7	9.4	60.4
455 Laurentides	2003	390.1	266.0	245.6	20.4	68.2	7.7	63.0
	2004	398.4	273.4	256.3	17.2	68.6	6.3	64.3
460 Outaouais	2003	263.7	171.8	157.6	14.3	65.1	8.3	59.8
	2004	269.3	171.7	157.6	14.1	63.8	8.2	58.5
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	120.5	76.0	68.3	7.7	63.1	10.1	56.7
	2004	119.5	74.5	66.1	8.4	62.3	11.3	55.3
470 Mauricie	2003	215.7	131.2	117.4	13.8	60.8	10.5	54.4
	2004	215.5	127.6	113.5	14.1	59.2	11.1	52.7
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	232.7	138.7	123.6	15.1	59.6	10.9	53.1
	2004	231.6	136.9	118.6	18.3	59.1	13.4	51.2
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	96.5	57.6	50.3	7.2	59.7	12.5	52.1
	2004	95.7	62.1	50.2	11.8	64.9	19.0	52.5
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2003	9,712.7	6,569.0	6,118.2	450.9	67.6	6.9	63.0
	2004	9,871.9	6,672.4	6,232.5	439.9	67.6	6.6	63.1
510 Ottawa	2003	941.7	649.0	600.7	48.4	68.9	7.5	63.8
	2004	957.9	653.4	608.9	44.4	68.2	6.8	63.6
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	338.1	208.1	194.0	14.2	61.5	6.8	57.4
	2004	338.6	202.1	187.7	14.3	59.7	7.1	55.4
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	298.3	160.6	152.5	8.1	53.8	5.0	51.1
	2004	301.2	211.1	203.0	8.1	70.1	3.8	67.4
530 Toronto	2003	4,299.6	2,996.4	2,790.1	206.4	69.7	6.9	64.9
	2004	4,406.9	3,046.4	2,842.7	203.7	69.1	6.7	64.5
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	885.9	625.7	588.4	37.3	70.6	6.0	66.4
	2004	904.9	624.7	592.5	32.2	69.0	5.2	65.5
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,080.3	715.7	665.9	49.8	66.3	7.0	61.6
	2004	1,089.8	708.9	660.8	48.1	65.0	6.8	60.6
560 London	2003	485.4	325.0	303.2	21.8	67.0	6.7	62.5
	2004	488.8	341.9	319.6	22.3	69.9	6.5	65.4
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	512.2	339.9	315.1	24.8	66.4	7.3	61.5
	2004	517.5	328.4	302.8	25.6	63.5	7.8	58.5

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2003 and February 2004 - Continued**

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.2	153.8	143.0	10.7	65.1	7.0	60.5
	2004	236.9	161.3	150.4	10.9	68.1	6.8	63.5
590 Northeast	2003	455.2	273.0	249.8	23.2	60.0	8.5	54.9
	2004	451.2	274.4	252.9	21.5	60.8	7.8	56.1
595 Northwest	2003	179.8	121.7	115.5	6.2	67.7	5.1	64.2
	2004	178.1	119.8	111.1	8.7	67.3	7.3	62.4
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2003	864.9	591.0	560.3	30.7	68.3	5.2	64.8
	2004	872.7	595.4	563.9	31.4	68.2	5.3	64.6
610 Southeast	2003	70.0	47.8	45.5	2.2	68.3	4.6	65.0
	2004	71.4	51.3	48.7	2.5	71.8	4.9	68.2
620 South Central	2003	40.7	25.8	24.5	1.3	63.4	5.0	60.2
	2004	41.4	25.5	24.6	0.8	61.6	3.1	59.4
630 Southwest	2003	82.1	52.7	51.1	1.6	64.2	3.0	62.2
	2004	82.2	53.4	51.2	2.2	65.0	4.1	62.3
640 North Central	2003	34.7	24.6	23.7	0.9	70.9	3.7	68.3
	2004	34.8	23.1	22.4	0.8	66.4	3.5	64.4
650 Winnipeg	2003	501.8	351.2	331.4	19.8	70.0	5.6	66.0
	2004	506.5	354.2	334.4	19.8	69.9	5.6	66.0
660 Interlake	2003	68.0	45.3	43.0	2.3	66.6	5.1	63.2
	2004	69.3	45.3	43.1	2.3	65.4	5.1	62.2
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.5	43.6	41.1	2.5	64.6	5.7	60.9
	2004	67.0	42.6	39.5	3.1	63.6	7.3	59.0
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2003	757.4	509.2	478.4	30.9	67.2	6.1	63.2
	2004	756.5	508.2	478.1	30.0	67.2	5.9	63.2
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.5	152.4	143.7	8.7	70.4	5.7	66.4
	2004	216.3	154.5	145.7	8.7	71.4	5.6	67.4
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	84.0	54.0	51.4	2.7	64.3	5.0	61.2
	2004	83.2	53.6	50.3	3.3	64.4	6.2	60.5
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	227.5	156.9	148.0	9.0	69.0	5.7	65.1
	2004	228.5	156.1	146.3	9.8	68.3	6.3	64.0
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	69.5	41.8	39.4	2.4	60.1	5.7	56.7
	2004	68.7	41.1	39.2	1.9	59.8	4.6	57.1
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.8	104.1	96.1	8.1	65.1	7.8	60.1
	2004	159.8	102.9	96.6	6.4	64.4	6.2	60.5
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2003	2,449.2	1,775.3	1,681.8	93.5	72.5	5.3	68.7
	2004	2,497.2	1,820.7	1,728.1	92.6	72.9	5.1	69.2
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	192.0	129.2	123.5	5.7	67.3	4.4	64.3
	2004	195.2	130.8	126.8	4.1	67.0	3.1	65.0
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	143.3	102.3	97.7	4.6	71.4	4.5	68.2
	2004	144.8	102.9	98.5	4.5	71.1	4.4	68.0
830 Calgary	2003	880.3	653.5	619.0	34.5	74.2	5.3	70.3
	2004	903.2	681.1	643.3	37.9	75.4	5.6	71.2
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.4	46.3	43.4	2.9	71.9	6.3	67.4
	2004	64.6	47.0	45.4	1.6	72.8	3.4	70.3

**Table 16**

**Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in February 2003 and February 2004 - Concluded**

	February	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2003	122.3	92.5	86.2	6.3	75.6	6.8	70.5
	2004	125.3	94.0	90.2	3.9	75.0	4.1	72.0
860 Edmonton	2003	800.4	568.2	539.1	29.1	71.0	5.1	67.4
	2004	813.4	584.8	554.4	30.4	71.9	5.2	68.2
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	169.7	121.9	114.7	7.2	71.8	5.9	67.6
	2004	171.7	118.8	111.4	7.4	69.2	6.2	64.9
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	76.9	61.4	58.2	3.2	79.8	5.2	75.7
	2004	78.9	61.2	58.2	3.0	77.6	4.9	73.8
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2003	3,345.6	2,148.7	1,964.3	184.4	64.2	8.6	58.7
	2004	3,391.8	2,197.3	2,029.3	168.0	64.8	7.6	59.8
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	570.5	339.3	308.7	30.6	59.5	9.0	54.1
	2004	575.6	346.5	313.6	32.9	60.2	9.5	54.5
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	2,001.7	1,331.1	1,229.7	101.4	66.5	7.6	61.4
	2004	2,040.7	1,356.0	1,266.6	89.4	66.4	6.6	62.1
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	392.4	221.5	200.2	21.3	56.4	9.6	51.0
	2004	396.3	243.7	225.8	18.0	61.5	7.4	57.0
940 Kootenay	2003	125.1	77.7	67.2	10.5	62.1	13.5	53.7
	2004	125.3	71.5	62.0	9.5	57.1	13.3	49.5
950 Cariboo	2003	134.6	91.2	79.2	11.9	67.8	13.0	58.8
	2004	133.6	93.1	83.1	10.0	69.7	10.7	62.2
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	73.6	51.3	45.5	5.8	69.7	11.3	61.8
	2004	72.6	50.6	43.7	6.8	69.7	13.4	60.2
980 Northeast	2003	47.6	36.7	33.7	3.0	77.1	8.2	70.8
	2004	47.6	36.0	34.4	1.5	75.6	4.2	72.3

<sup>1</sup> 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
			\$	\$			\$			\$
<b>February 2004</b>										
15 years and over	13,203.4	35.1	678.61	18.60	10,650.5	39.4	785.33	2,552.9	17.0	233.35
15 to 24 years	2,117.6	26.5	301.38	10.52	1,025.9	39.1	480.15	1,091.7	14.8	133.40
25 years and over	11,085.8	36.7	750.66	20.14	9,624.6	39.4	817.86	1,461.2	18.7	308.02
Men	6,647.6	37.8	787.83	20.30	5,881.4	40.6	863.48	766.2	15.8	207.20
Women	6,555.9	32.3	567.85	16.88	4,769.2	37.9	688.97	1,786.7	17.5	244.56
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,315.7	35.8	775.74	21.40	3,681.2	38.7	847.85	634.4	19.1	357.31
No union coverage	8,887.8	34.7	631.44	17.24	6,969.3	39.8	752.31	1,918.5	16.3	192.36
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,751.9	36.1	709.08	19.05	9,908.1	39.4	794.79	1,843.8	17.9	248.52
Temporary	1,451.6	27.0	431.87	14.92	742.5	39.0	659.15	709.1	14.5	193.90
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	960.7	40.2	1,169.12	29.23	935.2	40.8	1,188.73	25.6	19.4	451.94
Business, finance and administrative	2,644.2	35.2	639.34	17.76	2,254.0	38.2	706.26	390.1	17.7	252.73
Natural and applied sciences	859.3	38.6	1,019.66	26.38	830.3	39.3	1,041.51	29.0	17.6	393.28
Health	779.6	33.2	742.62	22.15	580.2	37.7	849.63	199.4	20.1	431.27
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,055.3	33.7	866.29	25.56	816.7	38.3	989.27	238.6	17.9	445.40
Art, culture, recreation and sport	289.4	29.4	593.11	18.55	189.4	38.1	807.91	100.0	13.0	186.17
Sales and service	3,510.3	29.8	399.29	12.41	2,119.2	38.5	555.24	1,391.1	16.5	161.72
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,757.1	39.9	738.42	18.35	1,644.3	41.5	773.21	112.8	17.3	231.10
Occupations unique to primary industry	192.0	43.2	745.93	16.61	171.0	47.0	819.86	21.0	12.3	144.72
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,155.6	39.2	660.21	16.67	1,110.3	40.2	678.88	45.3	16.4	202.86
<b>February 2003</b>										
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
<b>Union coverage</b>										
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
<b>Job permanency</b>										
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
<b>Occupation</b>										
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

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

**Table 18****Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance Program<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted, 3 month moving average**

Region	Effective from March 14, 2004 to April 10, 2004	Region	Effective from March 14, 2004 to April 10, 2004
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	10.3	30. London	7.0
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.6	31. Niagara	6.2
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	7.5
03. Prince Edward Island	11.0	33. Kitchener	5.3
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	7.9
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	17.3	35. South Central Ontario	4.6
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.1	36. Sudbury	8.6
06. Halifax	6.0	37. Thunder Bay	8.5
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	11.7
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	6.7	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	12.1	39. Winnipeg	5.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.3	40. Southern Manitoba	5.4
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	27.9
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	22.3	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	7.0	42. Regina	5.4
12. Trois-Rivières	9.7	43. Saskatoon	6.7
13. South Central Quebec	5.6	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.3
14. Sherbrooke	7.5	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.3
15. Montérégie	7.4	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	9.0	46. Calgary	5.7
17. Central Quebec	10.3	47. Edmonton	5.3
18. Northwestern Quebec	18.3	48. Northern Alberta	10.9
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	14.3	49. Southern Alberta	5.8
20. Hull	6.3	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	12.7	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	9.0
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	5.9
22. Ottawa	7.0	52. Vancouver	6.4
23. Eastern Ontario	6.8	53. Victoria	6.2
24. Kingston	5.5	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	12.2
25. Central Ontario	5.0	55. Northern British Columbia	13.5
26. Oshawa	5.0	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.2	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	6.0	57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	7.0	58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ae-ei/reg-econ/5.1_e.shtml).

<sup>2</sup> 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>.

<sup>3</sup> 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/00-61.shtml>.

<sup>4</sup> This rate is provided by Human Resources Development Canada.

## 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.

All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.

## 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)*