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Commentary

Employment edged up 14,000 in March and the unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage points to 7.3%. While the employment rate (62.5%) and the participation rate (67.5%) remained at all-time highs, the pace of employment growth has slowed. The modest increase in employment in March brings gains for the first three months of the year to 67,000, the smallest quarterly increase since the end of 2001.

Large drop in manufacturing

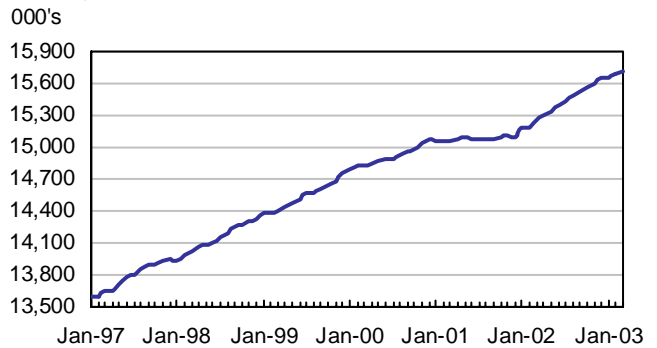
Much of the slower employment growth in the first quarter can be traced to a weaker manufacturing sector. Factory jobs have declined in five of the last seven months, including a large drop of 37,000 in March. The manufacturing losses in March were in automotive and plastics, as well as food and wood products. At 2.3 million, employment in manufacturing is now at the same level as a year ago.

The drop in manufacturing employment in March affected youth and adult men. However, because of offsetting gains in other industries, employment increased slightly for these two groups. In March, employment among adult women was unchanged.

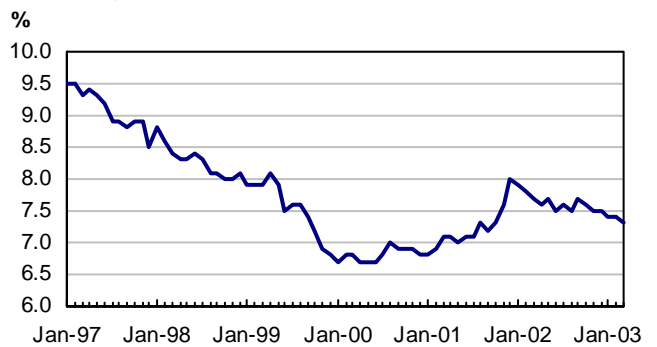
Over the first quarter, there was no increase in employment among adult women, while gains were made among adult men (+46,000) and youth (+25,000). This represents a continuation of the growth during 2002 for adult men and youth, but a slowdown for adult women.

Due mostly to a drop in labour force participation, the youth unemployment rate fell 0.5 percentage points in March to 12.7%. At 6.4%, the unemployment rate among adult men was unchanged while the rate for adult women edged up 0.1 points to 6.2%.

Employment



Unemployment rate



Jump in restaurant services

Offsetting the manufacturing decline in March were gains in accommodation and food services, construction, natural resources and "other" services employment. Of these, the largest increase was in accommodation and food, where employment increased by 33,000, concentrated in full-service restaurants. According to the Monthly Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Survey, cash receipts in full-service restaurants were up 5.3% between January 2002 and 2003.

In construction, employment jumped 12,000 in March. While this was the first gain in the industry since December, construction employment is now 59,000 (+6.8%) higher than a year ago. With mortgage rates still very low, housing construction in Canada has continued at a robust pace – in February, housing starts were 28% higher than a year earlier. At 12.4%, the unemployment rate in construction was very close to the all-time low of 11.7%.

Natural resource employment also rose in March, increasing 11,000. Most of the gains were in mining and oil and gas extraction in Alberta and British Columbia. With cold weather and ongoing concerns about supply, prices are high, spurring drilling activity. Compared with the same month a year earlier, crude oil production in January 2003 was up 4.5%, while natural gas production increased 2.0%. In the first quarter of 2003, natural resources employment was up 21,000, one of the fastest growing sectors in the country.

The only other industry where employment increased in March was “other” services, where there was a gain of 12,000. Most of this increase was in automotive repair and maintenance.

Full-time up, part-time down

Strength in food service, natural resources and construction nudged full-time employment up 23,000 in March. For the quarter, full-time is up almost 85,000, on par with the quarterly gains in 2002. Part-time employment growth, however, has weakened. By the end of the first quarter, there were 17,000 fewer people working part-time. In 2002, part-time increased by an average of 53,000 per quarter.

Job growth continues in Ontario

Despite a reduction in manufacturing, employment in Ontario continued to trend upward. A gain of 17,000 in March helped push the unemployment rate down 0.2 points to 6.5%. While automotive and plastics manufacturing fell in Ontario, this was more than offset by greater health and social assistance employment, and gains in accommodation and food. In the first quarter, employment increased 71,000 in the province, up from the average quarterly gain of 49,000 during 2002.

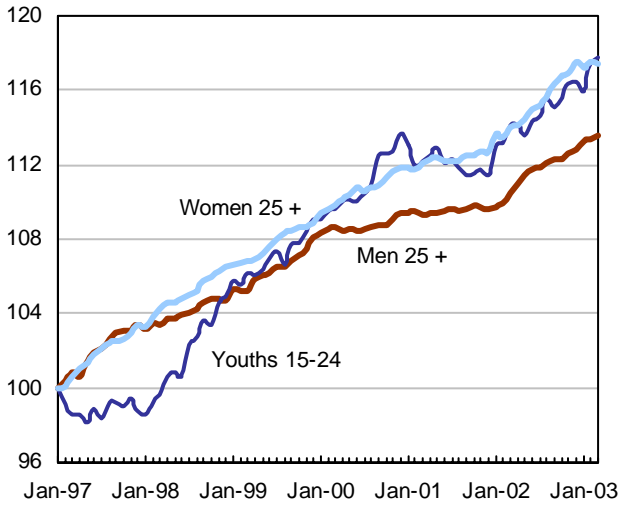
In British Columbia, employment increased by 18,000, all in full-time. As a result of the job growth, the unemployment rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 7.7%. Employment growth has picked up in the first quarter of the year in British Columbia, due to strength in the goods-producing sector.

Following two months of little change, employment in Quebec fell 21,000 in March, pushing the unemployment rate up 0.3 points to 8.9%. Due mainly to declines in wood products, clothing and in aerospace, manufacturing in the province fell by 21,000. Agriculture also fell while construction employment increased, as did accommodation and food. The recent weakness in overall employment follows strong growth over 2002.

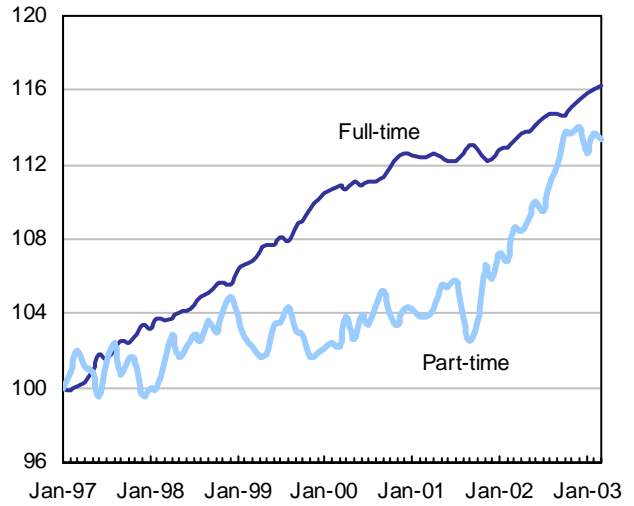
There was little change in employment for the other provinces.

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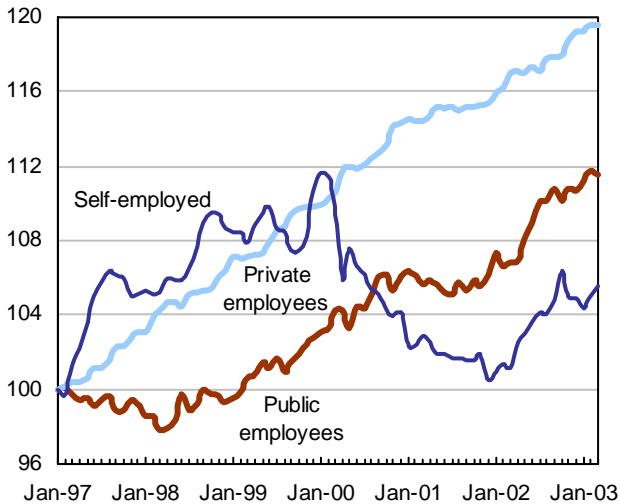
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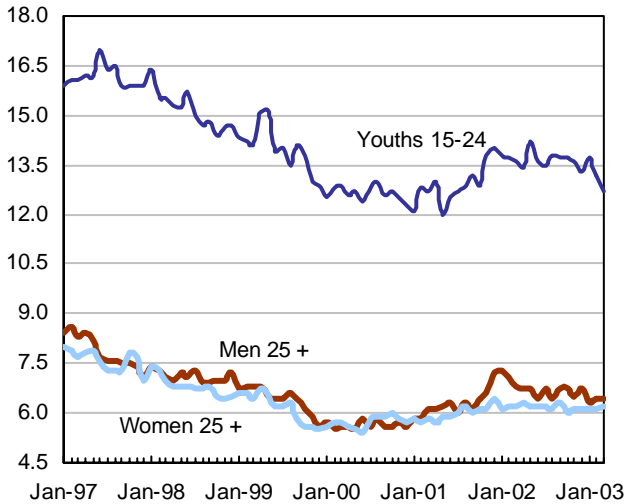
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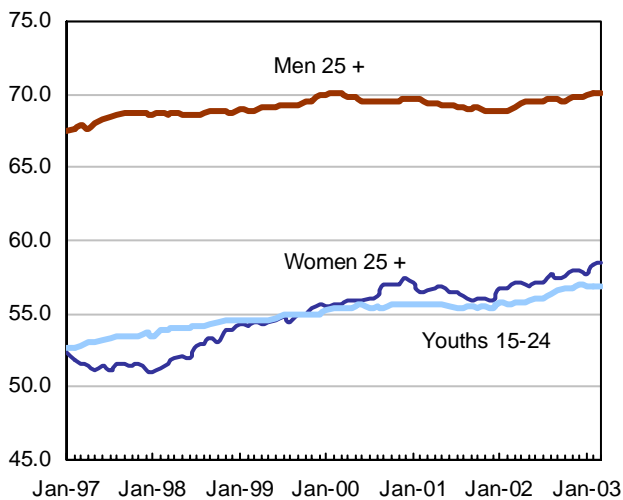
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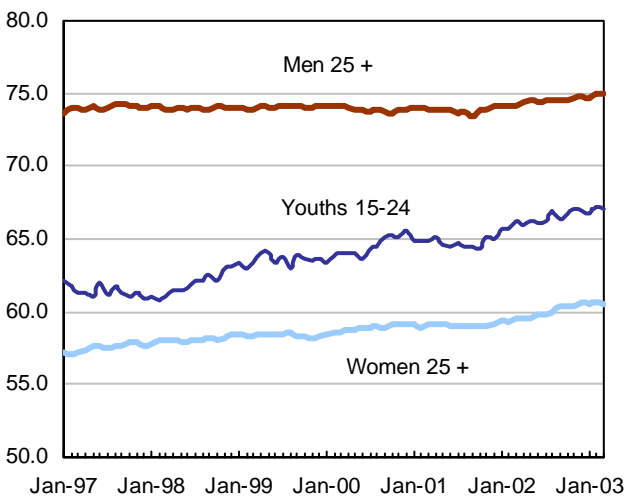
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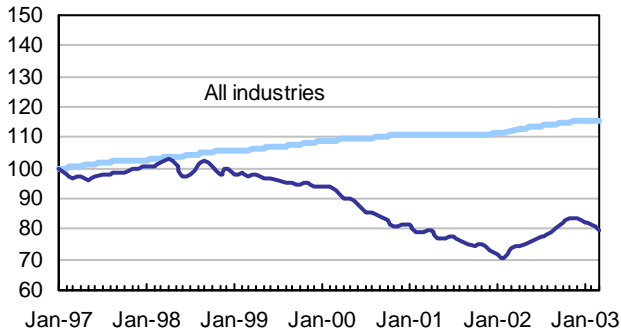


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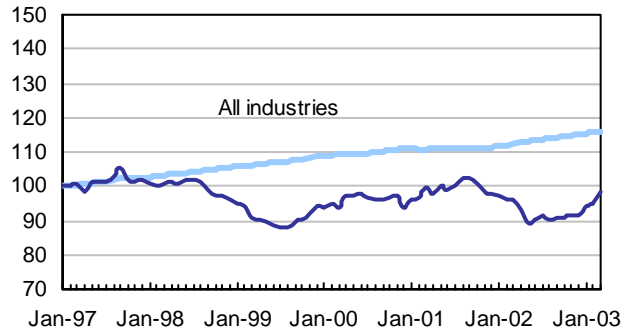


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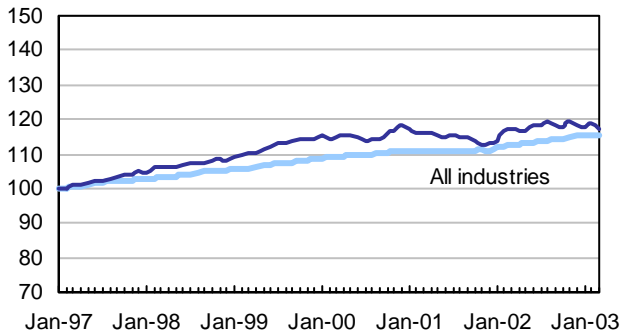
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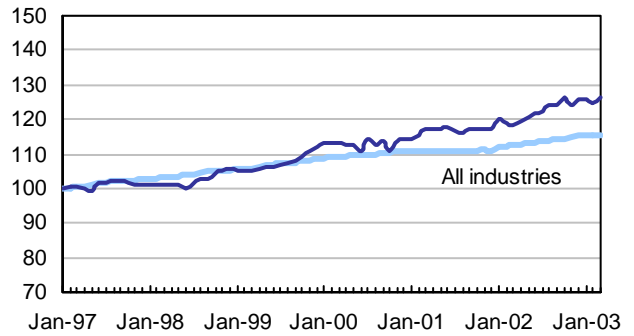
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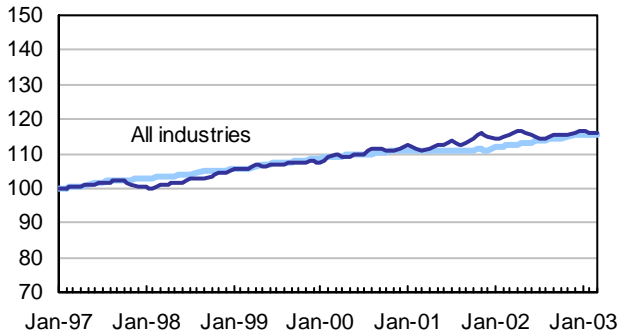
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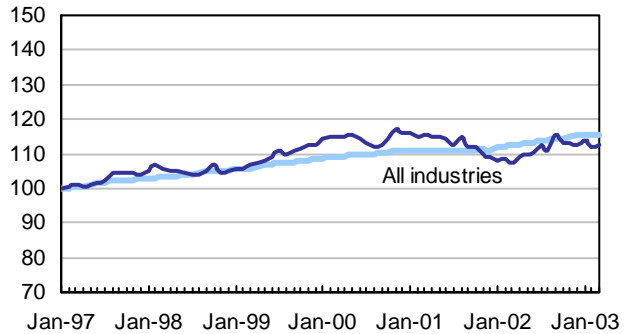
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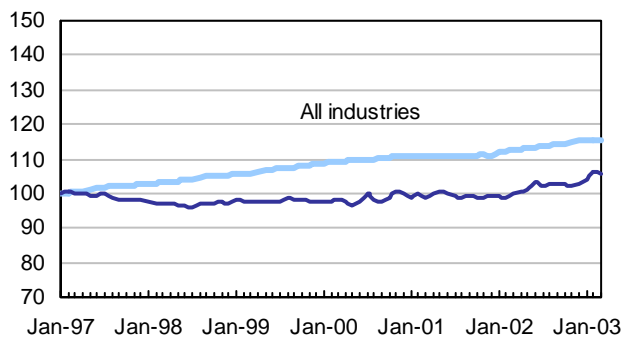
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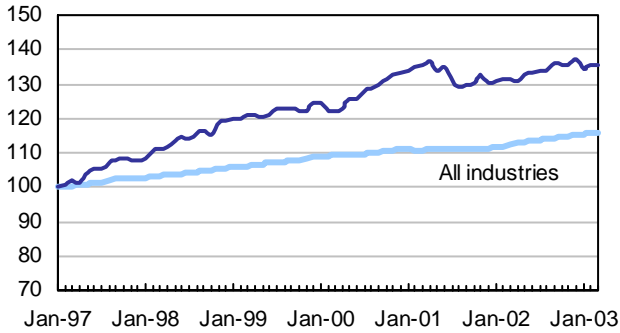


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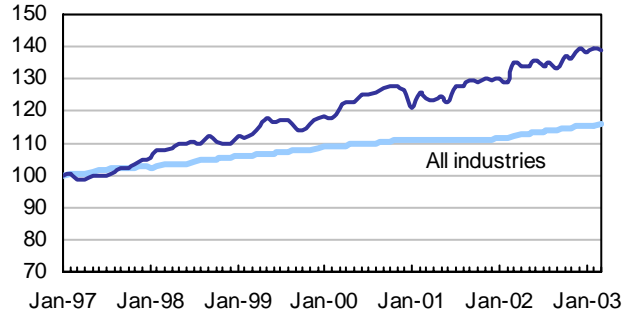


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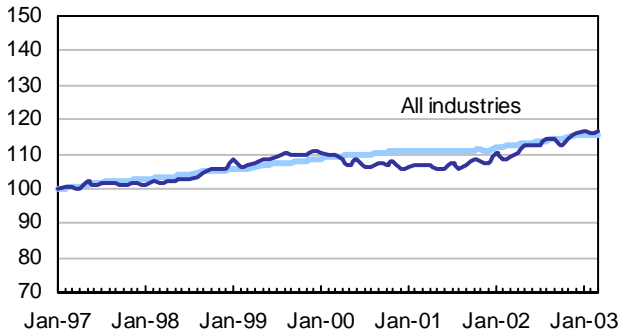
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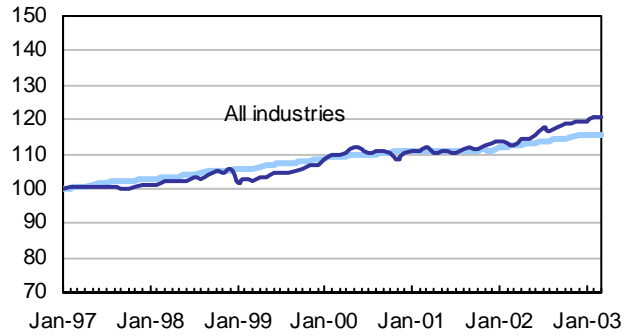
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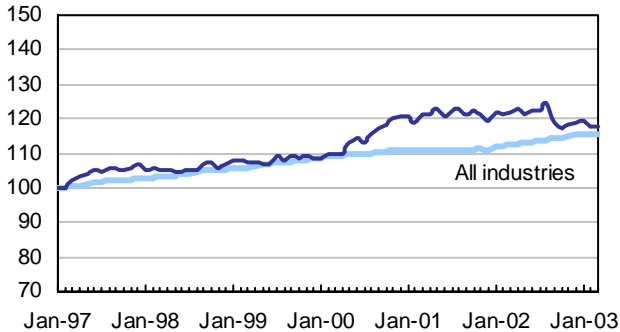
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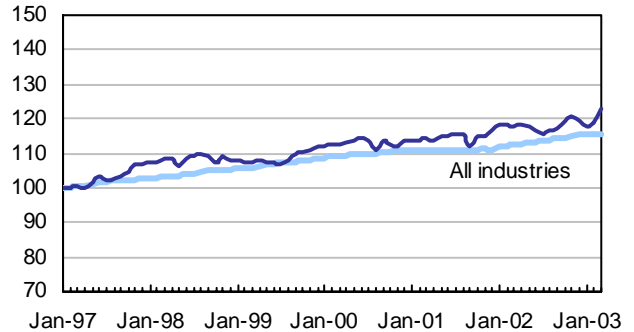
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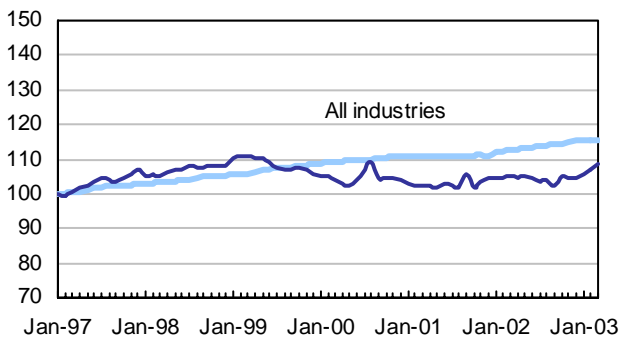
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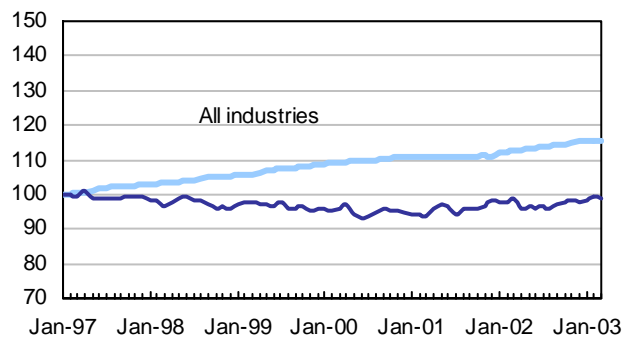
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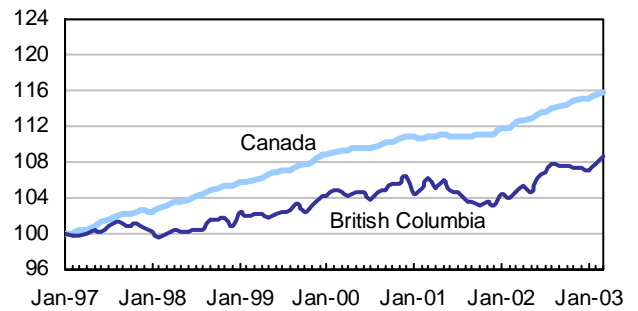
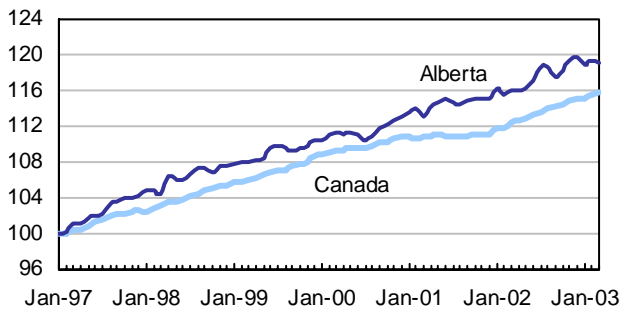
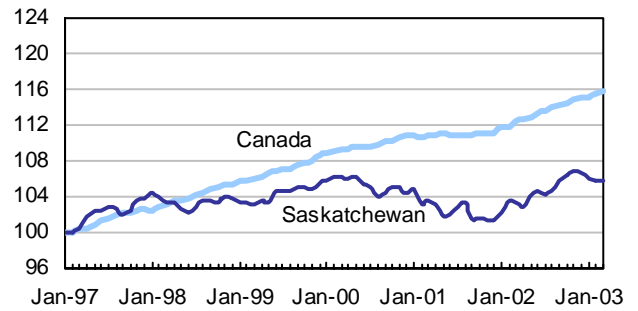
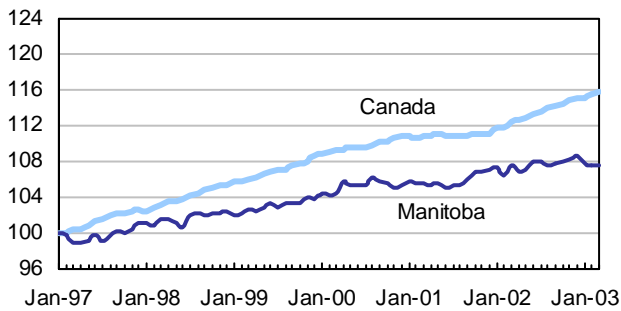
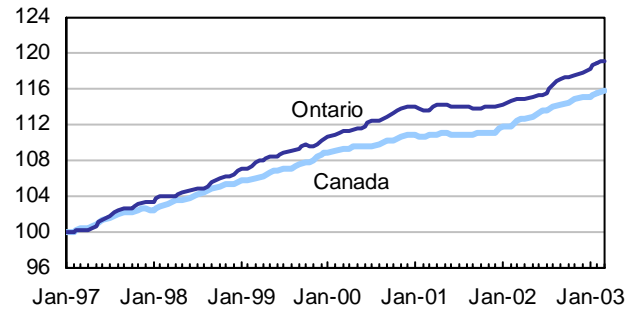
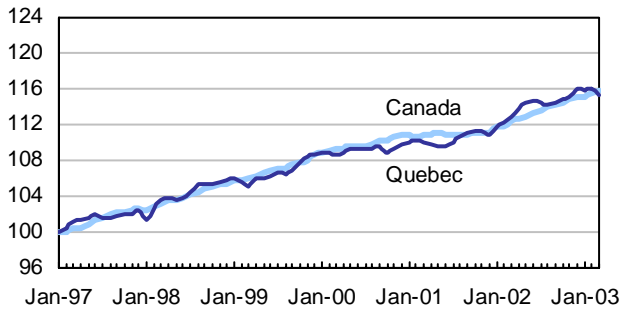
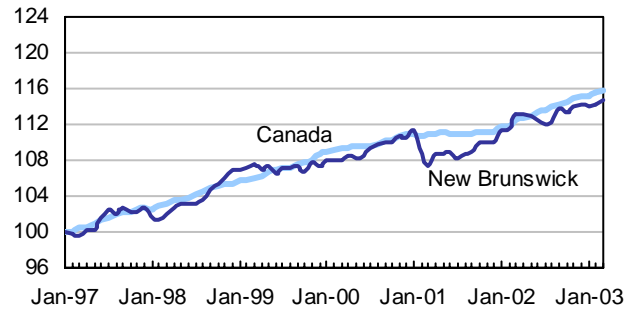
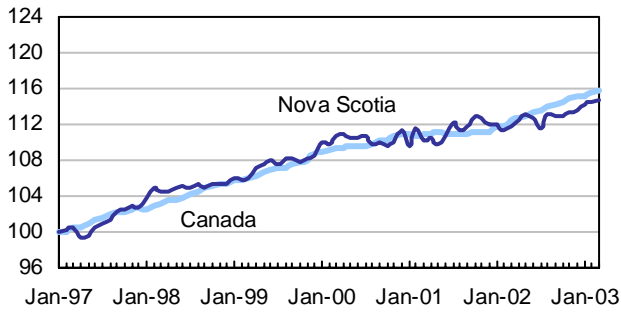
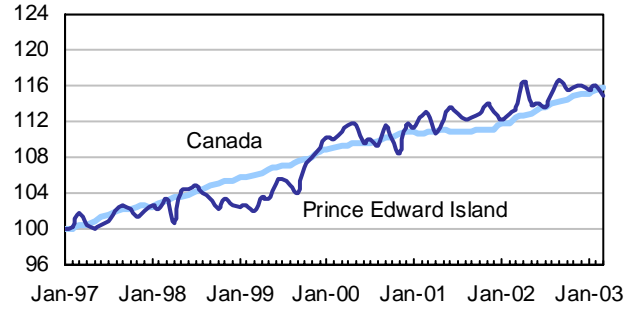
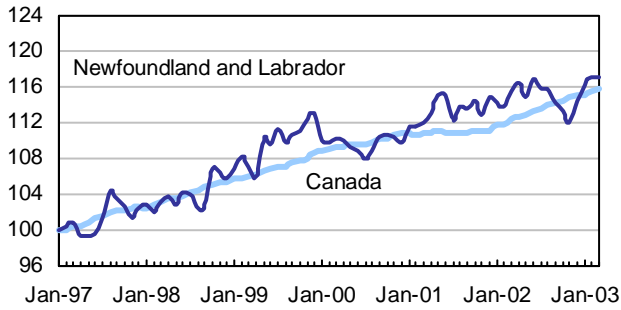
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Table 1

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	25,125.1	25,145.9	...	20.8	58.5	305.7	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	16,960.6	16,963.7	29.9	3.1	38.4	420.7	0.0	0.2	2.5
Employment	15,702.8	15,717.0	30.2	14.2	67.3	448.9	0.1	0.4	2.9
Employment full-time	12,735.3	12,758.0	34.6	22.7	84.6	324.9	0.2	0.7	2.6
Employment part-time	2,967.5	2,959.0	29.2	-8.5	-17.3	124.0	-0.3	-0.6	4.4
Unemployment	1,257.9	1,246.7	23.4	-11.2	-28.9	-28.1	-0.9	-2.3	-2.2
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.9	18.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,150.4	4,152.9	...	2.5	7.0	30.8	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	2,789.8	2,781.1	17.1	-8.7	8.3	53.2	-0.3	0.3	2.0
Employment	2,422.5	2,429.3	16.3	6.8	24.8	73.5	0.3	1.0	3.1
Employment full-time	1,323.6	1,336.2	16.5	12.6	27.3	43.2	1.0	2.1	3.3
Employment part-time	1,098.9	1,093.0	17.0	-5.9	-2.6	30.2	-0.5	-0.2	2.8
Unemployment	367.3	351.9	13.2	-15.4	-16.4	-20.2	-4.2	-4.5	-5.4
Participation rate	67.2	67.0	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	12.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	45.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,231.0	10,239.7	...	8.7	24.1	135.9	0.1	0.2	1.3
Labour force	7,662.9	7,672.1	15.6	9.2	26.1	173.8	0.1	0.3	2.3
Employment	7,171.6	7,181.6	17.3	10.0	46.3	193.1	0.1	0.6	2.8
Employment full-time	6,717.8	6,724.7	20.1	6.9	54.3	161.7	0.1	0.8	2.5
Employment part-time	453.7	456.9	13.5	3.2	-8.0	31.5	0.7	-1.7	7.4
Unemployment	491.3	490.5	13.9	-0.8	-20.2	-19.4	-0.2	-4.0	-3.8
Participation rate	74.9	74.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,743.7	10,753.3	...	9.6	27.5	138.9	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	6,508.0	6,510.5	17.6	2.5	4.1	193.8	0.0	0.1	3.1
Employment	6,108.7	6,106.1	17.6	-2.6	-3.7	182.2	0.0	-0.1	3.1
Employment full-time	4,693.8	4,697.1	21.9	3.3	3.0	120.0	0.1	0.1	2.6
Employment part-time	1,414.9	1,409.1	19.1	-5.8	-6.7	62.3	-0.4	-0.5	4.6
Unemployment	399.3	404.4	13.0	5.1	7.8	11.6	1.3	2.0	3.0
Participation rate	60.6	60.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.2	23.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,078.9	14,082.9	...	4.0	5.3	54.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	12,137.9	12,129.0	21.7	-8.9	-30.3	135.3	-0.1	-0.2	1.1
Employment	11,372.2	11,361.3	23.4	-10.9	-16.9	162.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.5
Unemployment	765.7	767.6	18.1	1.9	-13.5	-27.6	0.2	-1.7	-3.5
Participation rate	86.2	86.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.8	80.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...

¹ Average standard error change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).
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Table 2**Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted**

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Class of worker									
Employees	13,323.5	13,325.0	31.1	1.5	53.8	350.4	0.0	0.4	2.7
Self-employed ²	2,379.3	2,392.0	18.3	12.7	13.5	98.5	0.5	0.6	4.3
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	2,983.5	2,977.6	17.8	-5.9	24.2	125.8	-0.2	0.8	4.4
Private sector employees	10,340.0	10,347.4	31.3	7.4	29.6	224.6	0.1	0.3	2.2
Industry	15,702.8	15,717.0	30.2	14.2	67.3	448.9	0.1	0.4	2.9
Goods-producing sector	4,006.6	3,989.2	22.7	-17.4	-20.8	90.9	-0.4	-0.5	2.3
Agriculture	347.8	340.1	6.3	-7.7	-15.1	26.0	-2.2	-4.3	8.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	279.9	290.8	6.0	10.9	20.5	6.9	3.9	7.6	2.4
Utilities	127.1	131.5	3.9	4.4	0.4	5.4	3.5	0.3	4.3
Construction	903.1	915.2	12.2	12.1	3.9	58.5	1.3	0.4	6.8
Manufacturing	2,348.7	2,311.5	18.3	-37.2	-30.7	-6.0	-1.6	-1.3	-0.3
Services-producing sector	11,696.2	11,727.8	31.0	31.6	88.2	358.0	0.3	0.8	3.1
Trade	2,448.7	2,447.0	18.8	-1.7	0.5	9.7	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Transportation and warehousing	763.4	766.3	10.7	2.9	0.5	33.2	0.4	0.1	4.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	934.3	929.3	11.4	-5.0	25.7	46.5	-0.5	2.8	5.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,008.6	1,006.3	12.9	-2.3	-14.5	30.3	-0.2	-1.4	3.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	612.5	610.4	11.0	-2.1	-1.9	15.5	-0.3	-0.3	2.6
Educational services	1,051.5	1,054.3	11.5	2.8	4.1	68.8	0.3	0.4	7.0
Health care and social assistance	1,670.7	1,669.8	13.3	-0.9	15.0	111.1	-0.1	0.9	7.1
Information, culture and recreation	685.8	685.7	11.7	-0.1	-7.8	-23.8	0.0	-1.1	-3.4
Accommodation and food services	1,013.0	1,045.6	13.4	32.6	29.4	40.6	3.2	2.9	4.0
Other services	711.1	723.1	10.5	12.0	28.0	26.1	1.7	4.0	3.7
Public administration	796.5	790.1	9.6	-6.4	9.1	0.3	-0.8	1.2	0.0

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

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

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	439.3	439.4	...	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	265.0	263.7	2.7	-1.3	1.6	5.4	-0.5	0.6	2.1
Employment	218.6	218.7	2.6	0.1	5.2	3.2	0.0	2.4	1.5
Employment full-time	182.6	183.3	2.7	0.7	2.4	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.3
Employment part-time	36.0	35.4	1.9	-0.6	2.8	2.7	-1.7	8.6	8.3
Unemployment	46.4	45.0	2.4	-1.4	-3.6	2.2	-3.0	-7.4	5.1
Participation rate	60.3	60.0	0.6	-0.3	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.5	17.1	0.9	-0.4	-1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.8	49.8	0.6	0.0	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	112.7	112.8	...	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	76.5	77.2	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.6	0.9	1.3	2.1
Employment	67.8	67.2	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	0.9	-0.9	-1.0	1.4
Employment full-time	57.3	56.8	0.8	-0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.9	0.5	1.6
Employment part-time	10.4	10.4	0.7	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-8.8	0.0
Unemployment	8.8	9.9	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.5	12.5	19.3	5.3
Participation rate	67.9	68.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	12.8	0.8	1.3	1.9	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	59.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	758.2	758.5	...	0.3	0.8	4.4	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	478.0	480.8	3.1	2.8	3.9	9.7	0.6	0.8	2.1
Employment	435.4	436.3	3.2	0.9	4.0	10.8	0.2	0.9	2.5
Employment full-time	351.6	355.6	3.6	4.0	8.2	7.2	1.1	2.4	2.1
Employment part-time	83.8	80.7	3.1	-3.1	-4.2	3.6	-3.7	-4.9	4.7
Unemployment	42.6	44.5	2.6	1.9	-0.1	-1.2	4.5	-0.2	-2.6
Participation rate	63.0	63.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.3	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	608.5	608.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	392.2	389.7	2.7	-2.5	-0.5	3.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.8
Employment	350.2	351.4	2.7	1.2	1.4	4.6	0.3	0.4	1.3
Employment full-time	294.3	293.5	3.0	-0.8	-2.3	1.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.3
Employment part-time	55.9	58.0	2.1	2.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	7.0	6.6
Unemployment	41.9	38.3	2.5	-3.6	-1.9	-1.6	-8.6	-4.7	-4.0
Participation rate	64.5	64.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	9.8	0.6	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,062.1	6,065.4	...	3.3	10.3	47.1	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	3,998.5	3,989.8	16.2	-8.7	-1.9	88.0	-0.2	0.0	2.3
Employment	3,655.3	3,634.5	16.7	-20.8	-19.6	76.6	-0.6	-0.5	2.2
Employment full-time	2,993.7	2,974.1	19.0	-19.6	-11.1	52.5	-0.7	-0.4	1.8
Employment part-time	661.5	660.4	15.6	-1.1	-8.5	24.1	-0.2	-1.3	3.8
Unemployment	343.2	355.3	13.4	12.1	17.7	11.4	3.5	5.2	3.3
Participation rate	66.0	65.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	59.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,721.5	9,731.7	...	10.2	28.0	160.6	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	6,664.9	6,672.8	19.4	7.9	39.7	201.9	0.1	0.6	3.1
Employment	6,219.9	6,237.0	19.4	17.1	71.0	223.0	0.3	1.2	3.7
Employment full-time	5,082.0	5,095.5	22.2	13.5	55.7	158.3	0.3	1.1	3.2
Employment part-time	1,137.9	1,141.5	18.6	3.6	15.3	64.7	0.3	1.4	6.0
Unemployment	445.0	435.8	14.9	-9.2	-31.3	-21.1	-2.1	-6.7	-4.6
Participation rate	68.6	68.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	864.8	865.3	...	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	597.2	596.0	3.1	-1.2	-5.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1
Employment	566.7	567.2	3.3	0.5	-4.9	0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.0
Employment full-time	454.9	450.9	3.8	-4.0	-11.4	-5.5	-0.9	-2.5	-1.2
Employment part-time	111.8	116.2	3.3	4.4	6.3	5.5	3.9	5.7	5.0
Unemployment	30.5	28.8	2.4	-1.7	-0.5	-0.8	-5.6	-1.7	-2.7
Participation rate	69.1	68.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.5	0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	757.1	756.7	...	-0.4	-0.9	-3.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	518.6	516.3	2.9	-2.3	-4.6	11.7	-0.4	-0.9	2.3
Employment	487.6	487.4	3.0	-0.2	-4.3	11.8	0.0	-0.9	2.5
Employment full-time	391.3	396.9	3.3	5.6	6.8	16.9	1.4	1.7	4.4
Employment part-time	96.3	90.4	2.8	-5.9	-11.2	-5.2	-6.1	-11.0	-5.4
Unemployment	31.0	28.9	2.1	-2.1	-0.3	0.0	-6.8	-1.0	0.0
Participation rate	68.5	68.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.6	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.4	0.4	0.0	-0.5	1.8	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,453.1	2,456.5	...	3.4	11.4	52.4	0.1	0.5	2.2
Labour force	1,789.7	1,789.9	8.4	0.2	-5.9	49.8	0.0	-0.3	2.9
Employment	1,699.3	1,697.6	8.6	-1.7	-9.9	43.4	-0.1	-0.6	2.6
Employment full-time	1,398.3	1,388.7	10.1	-9.6	-11.3	38.1	-0.7	-0.8	2.8
Employment part-time	301.0	308.9	8.9	7.9	1.5	5.2	2.6	0.5	1.7
Unemployment	90.4	92.3	6.2	1.9	3.9	6.5	2.1	4.4	7.6
Participation rate	73.0	72.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	69.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,347.9	3,351.0	...	3.1	7.9	40.1	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	2,180.1	2,187.6	11.7	7.5	10.7	50.5	0.3	0.5	2.4
Employment	2,002.0	2,019.7	11.8	17.7	25.1	74.4	0.9	1.3	3.8
Employment full-time	1,528.0	1,562.4	13.7	34.4	47.7	54.8	2.3	3.1	3.6
Employment part-time	474.0	457.3	12.0	-16.7	-22.6	19.6	-3.5	-4.7	4.5
Unemployment	178.1	167.9	8.9	-10.2	-14.4	-23.9	-5.7	-7.9	-12.5
Participation rate	65.1	65.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.5	...	...	...

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

Table 4

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	439.3	439.4	...	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	265.0	263.7	2.7	-1.3	1.6	5.4	-0.5	0.6	2.1
Employment	218.6	218.7	2.6	0.1	5.2	3.2	0.0	2.4	1.5
Employment full-time	182.6	183.3	2.7	0.7	2.4	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.3
Unemployment	46.4	45.0	2.4	-1.4	-3.6	2.2	-3.0	-7.4	5.1
Participation rate	60.3	60.0	0.6	-0.3	0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.5	17.1	0.9	-0.4	-1.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.8	49.8	0.6	0.0	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	16.2	0.9	-0.3	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	74.1	74.0	...	-0.1	-0.4	-2.6	-0.1	-0.5	-3.4
Labour force	42.9	41.9	1.4	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5
Employment	31.6	31.6	1.4	0.0	0.1	-1.5	0.0	0.3	-4.5
Unemployment	11.3	10.3	1.3	-1.0	-0.3	1.3	-8.8	-2.8	14.4
Participation rate	57.9	56.6	1.8	-1.3	0.0	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	26.3	24.6	2.9	-1.7	-0.6	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.6	42.7	1.8	0.1	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.9	45.6	3.6	-0.3	0.8	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	178.2	178.2	...	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	119.8	119.7	1.5	-0.1	0.8	3.9	-0.1	0.7	3.4
Employment	100.5	99.9	1.5	-0.6	3.5	3.9	-0.6	3.6	4.1
Unemployment	19.3	19.7	1.5	0.4	-2.8	-0.1	2.1	-12.4	-0.5
Participation rate	67.2	67.2	0.9	0.0	0.4	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.1	16.5	1.2	0.4	-2.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	56.1	0.9	-0.3	1.9	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	5.0	0.8	-0.4	1.6	1.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	187.0	187.1	...	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	102.4	102.1	1.4	-0.3	1.0	1.7	-0.3	1.0	1.7
Employment	86.5	87.1	1.3	0.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.8
Unemployment	15.8	15.0	1.3	-0.8	-0.6	1.0	-5.1	-3.8	7.1
Participation rate	54.8	54.6	0.8	-0.2	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	14.7	1.2	-0.7	-0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	46.3	46.6	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.6	18.4	1.4	-0.2	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	218.6	218.7	2.6	0.1	5.2	3.2	0.0	2.4	1.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	45.0	44.3	1.7	-0.7	0.9	-1.4	-1.6	2.1	-3.1
Agriculture	2.4	2.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3	1.8	-4.2	15.0	360.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.7	13.1	1.0	-0.6	0.5	-2.2	-4.4	4.0	-14.4
Utilities	2.0	2.2	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	10.0	-12.0	-15.4
Construction	11.1	10.9	0.9	-0.2	-0.9	1.2	-1.8	-7.6	12.4
Manufacturing	15.8	15.8	1.1	0.0	1.3	-1.8	0.0	9.0	-10.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	173.6	174.4	2.4	0.8	4.3	4.6	0.5	2.5	2.7
Trade	38.8	38.8	1.3	0.0	0.2	-2.4	0.0	0.5	-5.8
Transportation and warehousing	12.3	12.2	0.8	-0.1	0.0	1.2	-0.8	0.0	10.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	6.8	6.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-1.5	-5.6	-15.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.8	7.9	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.3	2.6	8.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	8.7	8.7	0.8	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	13.0	13.0
Educational services	15.9	16.6	0.9	0.7	-0.9	-2.0	4.4	-5.1	-10.8
Health care and social assistance	34.0	33.8	1.0	-0.2	1.0	4.8	-0.6	3.0	16.6
Information, culture and recreation	6.9	7.3	0.7	0.4	1.4	-0.3	5.8	23.7	-3.9
Accommodation and food services	13.4	13.5	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	7.1
Other services	12.3	12.0	0.7	-0.3	0.7	1.6	-2.4	6.2	15.4
Public administration	16.7	16.8	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.6	5.7	2.4

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

Table 5

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	112.7	112.8	...	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	76.5	77.2	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.6	0.9	1.3	2.1
Employment	67.8	67.2	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	0.9	-0.9	-1.0	1.4
Employment full-time	57.3	56.8	0.8	-0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.9	0.5	1.6
Unemployment	8.8	9.9	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.5	12.5	19.3	5.3
Participation rate	67.9	68.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	12.8	0.8	1.3	1.9	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	59.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.3	15.5	0.9	0.1	-1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.1	20.2	...	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.0
Labour force	14.0	14.3	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.1	2.1	0.0	8.3
Employment	11.9	11.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.7	-1.7	-5.6	6.4
Unemployment	2.1	2.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	23.8	36.8	18.2
Participation rate	69.7	70.8	2.0	1.1	-0.3	4.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	18.2	2.5	3.2	4.9	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	57.9	2.1	-1.3	-3.8	2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.8	38.5	3.0	0.6	0.6	3.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	44.7	44.8	...	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.4
Labour force	32.8	32.8	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	3.1	0.3
Employment	29.0	28.7	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.0	-1.0	1.8	0.0
Unemployment	3.8	4.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	7.9	13.9	2.5
Participation rate	73.4	73.2	0.8	-0.2	1.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	12.5	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.9	64.1	1.0	-0.8	0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.9	0.8	0.1	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	47.9	47.9	...	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.3
Labour force	29.7	30.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	1.3	0.3	1.3
Employment	26.8	26.9	0.4	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.4	-1.5	1.1
Unemployment	2.9	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	10.3	14.3	3.2
Participation rate	62.0	62.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.6	1.2	0.8	1.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.2	0.9	0.3	-0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.0	1.6	-0.1	-2.3	-2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	67.8	67.2	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	0.9	-0.9	-1.0	1.4
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	17.6	17.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-2.3	-0.6	-2.3
Agriculture	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.6	3.0	3.0	-15.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.9	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	3.4	20.0	20.0
Utilities	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	33.3	33.3	33.3
Construction	4.3	4.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-2.3	-12.5	-12.5
Manufacturing	6.8	6.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.4	-7.4	-1.6	6.8
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	50.2	50.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.6	1.3	-0.4	-1.2	2.7
Trade	9.4	9.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.6	2.1	1.1	6.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.8	3.6	11.5	38.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1.9	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.3	5.3	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.0	2.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-6.7	-9.7	-3.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.9	2.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	-10.3	-7.1	23.8
Educational services	4.8	4.8	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-2.0	2.1
Health care and social assistance	7.6	7.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.2	-2.6	-8.6	2.8
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.5	3.6	3.6	-14.7
Accommodation and food services	5.1	5.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-7.3
Other services	3.3	3.4	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	3.0	-2.9	9.7
Public administration	6.5	6.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0	3.2	-3.0

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

Table 6

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	758.2	758.5	...	0.3	0.8	4.4	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	478.0	480.8	3.1	2.8	3.9	9.7	0.6	0.8	2.1
Employment	435.4	436.3	3.2	0.9	4.0	10.8	0.2	0.9	2.5
Employment full-time	351.6	355.6	3.6	4.0	8.2	7.2	1.1	2.4	2.1
Unemployment	42.6	44.5	2.6	1.9	-0.1	-1.2	4.5	-0.2	-2.6
Participation rate	63.0	63.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.3	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	18.5	0.7	-0.8	-1.1	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	123.5	123.5	...	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	83.3	83.7	1.9	0.4	3.2	7.9	0.5	4.0	10.4
Employment	71.6	71.5	1.8	-0.1	4.8	8.7	-0.1	7.2	13.9
Unemployment	11.7	12.2	1.6	0.5	-1.6	-0.8	4.3	-11.6	-6.2
Participation rate	67.4	67.8	1.5	0.4	2.6	6.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	14.6	1.9	0.6	-2.5	-2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	57.9	1.5	-0.1	3.9	7.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.8	45.2	2.5	-0.6	-0.1	3.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	302.9	303.1	...	0.2	0.5	2.2	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	208.2	209.0	1.6	0.8	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Employment	190.8	190.3	1.9	-0.5	-0.9	1.7	-0.3	-0.5	0.9
Unemployment	17.4	18.8	1.6	1.4	0.8	-1.5	8.0	4.4	-7.4
Participation rate	68.7	69.0	0.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.0	0.8	0.6	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.0	62.8	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.8	5.6	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	331.8	331.9	...	0.1	0.3	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	186.5	188.0	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.8
Employment	173.1	174.5	1.7	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.3
Unemployment	13.4	13.5	1.3	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.7	5.5	8.0
Participation rate	56.2	56.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.2	52.6	0.5	0.4	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.0	21.6	1.1	-0.4	-2.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	435.4	436.3	3.2	0.9	4.0	10.8	0.2	0.9	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	97.5	98.5	2.0	1.0	3.6	6.9	1.0	3.8	7.5
Agriculture	7.3	6.9	0.6	-0.4	0.7	0.2	-5.5	11.3	3.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.1	15.7	0.9	0.6	0.4	3.2	4.0	2.6	25.6
Utilities	2.2	2.4	0.3	0.2	-0.5	0.0	9.1	-17.2	0.0
Construction	24.2	24.5	1.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	1.2	-2.0	-3.5
Manufacturing	48.7	49.1	1.4	0.4	3.5	4.5	0.8	7.7	10.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	337.9	337.8	3.0	-0.1	0.3	3.9	0.0	0.1	1.2
Trade	73.0	74.5	1.9	1.5	-0.9	-5.7	2.1	-1.2	-7.1
Transportation and warehousing	19.1	19.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.3	-2.1	-0.5	-1.6	-10.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.8	21.8	0.9	0.0	-0.2	1.2	0.0	-0.9	5.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.0	19.5	1.0	-0.5	-1.3	2.4	-2.5	-6.3	14.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	22.2	22.0	1.3	-0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.9	1.4	1.9
Educational services	34.5	34.2	1.2	-0.3	-0.3	1.2	-0.9	-0.9	3.6
Health care and social assistance	54.1	52.9	1.3	-1.2	1.2	2.9	-2.2	2.3	5.8
Information, culture and recreation	16.0	16.8	1.1	0.8	-0.3	-0.6	5.0	-1.8	-3.4
Accommodation and food services	28.8	27.4	1.4	-1.4	-0.9	-2.6	-4.9	-3.2	-8.7
Other services	23.5	23.3	1.1	-0.2	0.9	2.8	-0.9	4.0	13.7
Public administration	25.1	26.2	1.0	1.1	2.3	3.9	4.4	9.6	17.5

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

Table 7

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	608.5	608.5	...	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	392.2	389.7	2.7	-2.5	-0.5	3.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.8
Employment	350.2	351.4	2.7	1.2	1.4	4.6	0.3	0.4	1.3
Employment full-time	294.3	293.5	3.0	-0.8	-2.3	1.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.3
Unemployment	41.9	38.3	2.5	-3.6	-1.9	-1.6	-8.6	-4.7	-4.0
Participation rate	64.5	64.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	9.8	0.6	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	57.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.5	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.6	97.6	...	0.0	-0.2	-1.2	0.0	-0.2	-1.2
Labour force	63.3	63.6	1.5	0.3	-1.4	-2.2	0.5	-2.2	-3.3
Employment	55.2	54.1	1.5	-1.1	-1.3	-1.9	-2.0	-2.3	-3.4
Unemployment	8.1	9.6	1.3	1.5	0.1	-0.2	18.5	1.1	-2.0
Participation rate	64.9	65.2	1.5	0.3	-1.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	15.1	2.0	2.3	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.6	55.4	1.5	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	33.5	38.4	2.1	4.9	5.8	2.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	247.1	247.1	...	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	174.4	173.8	1.5	-0.6	0.6	1.8	-0.3	0.3	1.0
Employment	153.9	156.2	1.6	2.3	1.9	2.7	1.5	1.2	1.8
Unemployment	20.5	17.5	1.5	-3.0	-1.4	-1.0	-14.6	-7.4	-5.4
Participation rate	70.6	70.3	0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	10.1	0.8	-1.7	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	63.2	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.7	5.1	0.6	0.3	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	263.7	263.8	...	0.1	0.2	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	154.5	152.3	1.4	-2.2	0.3	3.4	-1.4	0.2	2.3
Employment	141.1	141.1	1.4	0.0	0.9	3.7	0.0	0.6	2.7
Unemployment	13.4	11.2	1.1	-2.2	-0.6	-0.3	-16.4	-5.1	-2.6
Participation rate	58.6	57.7	0.6	-0.9	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.4	0.8	-1.3	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	53.5	0.6	0.0	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	20.8	1.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	350.2	351.4	2.7	1.2	1.4	4.6	0.3	0.4	1.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	82.6	84.8	1.9	2.2	5.2	3.8	2.7	6.5	4.7
Agriculture	5.8	6.7	0.6	0.9	0.2	2.1	15.5	3.1	45.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.8	13.4	0.8	1.6	2.3	1.5	13.6	20.7	12.6
Utilities	3.7	4.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.2	10.8	2.5	-4.7
Construction	20.5	19.6	1.0	-0.9	0.0	0.4	-4.4	0.0	2.1
Manufacturing	40.8	41.0	1.4	0.2	2.5	0.0	0.5	6.5	0.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	267.7	266.7	2.4	-1.0	-3.7	0.9	-0.4	-1.4	0.3
Trade	53.9	54.2	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.4	0.6	0.6	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	19.2	18.9	0.8	-0.3	-0.8	-2.7	-1.6	-4.1	-12.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.9	13.7	0.6	-1.2	-0.7	0.5	-8.1	-4.9	3.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.1	16.5	0.7	0.4	0.8	2.4	2.5	5.1	17.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.5	23.3	0.9	-0.2	0.0	2.8	-0.9	0.0	13.7
Educational services	20.8	22.0	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.2	5.8	3.3	0.9
Health care and social assistance	42.9	43.2	1.1	0.3	-0.5	1.6	0.7	-1.1	3.8
Information, culture and recreation	13.2	13.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.0	3.0	5.4	7.9
Accommodation and food services	23.5	22.9	1.1	-0.6	-2.9	-4.4	-2.6	-11.2	-16.1
Other services	18.2	17.8	0.9	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-2.2	-0.6	-0.6
Public administration	21.5	20.6	0.8	-0.9	-1.1	-1.9	-4.2	-5.1	-8.4

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

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,062.1	6,065.4	...	3.3	10.3	47.1	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	3,998.5	3,989.8	16.2	-8.7	-1.9	88.0	-0.2	0.0	2.3
Employment	3,655.3	3,634.5	16.7	-20.8	-19.6	76.6	-0.6	-0.5	2.2
Employment full-time	2,993.7	2,974.1	19.0	-19.6	-11.1	52.5	-0.7	-0.4	1.8
Unemployment	343.2	355.3	13.4	12.1	17.7	11.4	3.5	5.2	3.3
Participation rate	66.0	65.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	59.9	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.1	18.2	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	953.6	953.1	...	-0.5	-1.3	-6.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7
Labour force	646.2	648.2	9.0	2.0	9.6	6.7	0.3	1.5	1.0
Employment	554.8	555.6	8.7	0.8	-0.4	3.7	0.1	-0.1	0.7
Unemployment	91.4	92.5	7.3	1.1	9.9	3.0	1.2	12.0	3.4
Participation rate	67.8	68.0	0.9	0.2	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	14.3	1.1	0.2	1.4	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	58.3	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.6	45.0	1.5	-1.6	0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,490.6	2,492.4	...	1.8	5.7	27.6	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	1,836.1	1,834.5	8.9	-1.6	0.8	42.9	-0.1	0.0	2.4
Employment	1,697.1	1,690.5	9.6	-6.6	0.0	47.9	-0.4	0.0	2.9
Unemployment	139.0	144.0	8.1	5.0	0.9	-4.9	3.6	0.6	-3.3
Participation rate	73.7	73.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.8	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	67.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,618.0	2,619.9	...	1.9	5.9	26.1	0.1	0.2	1.0
Labour force	1,516.2	1,507.2	9.5	-9.0	-12.2	38.4	-0.6	-0.8	2.6
Employment	1,403.4	1,388.4	9.6	-15.0	-19.1	25.1	-1.1	-1.4	1.8
Unemployment	112.8	118.8	7.3	6.0	6.9	13.3	5.3	6.2	12.6
Participation rate	57.9	57.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	53.0	0.4	-0.6	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	21.2	0.7	0.0	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,655.3	3,634.5	16.7	-20.8	-19.6	76.6	-0.6	-0.5	2.2
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	950.1	934.4	12.3	-15.7	-28.4	-3.2	-1.7	-2.9	-0.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	63.8	56.1	3.1	-7.7	-11.0	-7.8	-12.1	-16.4	-12.2
Utilities	37.6	39.0	2.4	1.4	0.6	-0.7	3.7	1.6	-1.8
Construction	29.6	28.4	2.1	-1.2	-2.8	-1.2	-4.1	-9.0	-4.1
Manufacturing	163.0	176.1	5.6	13.1	15.4	29.5	8.0	9.6	20.1
Services-producing sector	2,705.1	2,700.1	16.9	-5.0	8.8	79.8	-0.2	0.3	3.0
Trade	602.6	601.0	10.6	-1.6	1.0	0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Transportation and warehousing	156.6	159.0	5.5	2.4	2.2	15.2	1.5	1.4	10.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	192.3	187.0	6.0	-5.3	3.9	-15.4	-2.8	2.1	-7.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	216.6	215.2	6.6	-1.4	-8.9	12.4	-0.6	-4.0	6.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	118.9	113.9	5.6	-5.0	-9.1	-4.4	-4.2	-7.4	-3.7
Educational services	254.9	250.3	6.2	-4.6	3.2	25.0	-1.8	1.3	11.1
Health care and social assistance	427.1	424.5	7.7	-2.6	6.1	39.3	-0.6	1.5	10.2
Information, culture and recreation	152.5	154.0	6.3	1.5	0.3	-10.1	1.0	0.2	-6.2
Accommodation and food services	216.5	226.4	7.0	9.9	12.0	19.5	4.6	5.6	9.4
Other services	166.0	167.1	5.5	1.1	-0.1	9.4	0.7	-0.1	6.0
Public administration	201.2	201.8	5.5	0.6	-1.7	-11.7	0.3	-0.8	-5.5

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 Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	9,721.5	9,731.7	...	10.2	28.0	160.6	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	6,664.9	6,672.8	19.4	7.9	39.7	201.9	0.1	0.6	3.1
Employment	6,219.9	6,237.0	19.4	17.1	71.0	223.0	0.3	1.2	3.7
Employment full-time	5,082.0	5,095.5	22.2	13.5	55.7	158.3	0.3	1.1	3.2
Unemployment	445.0	435.8	14.9	-9.2	-31.3	-21.1	-2.1	-6.7	-4.6
Participation rate	68.6	68.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,586.5	1,588.5	...	2.0	5.7	27.2	0.1	0.4	1.7
Labour force	1,074.2	1,069.7	11.2	-4.5	11.3	30.8	-0.4	1.1	3.0
Employment	932.3	935.3	10.4	3.0	25.6	41.0	0.3	2.8	4.6
Unemployment	141.9	134.4	8.5	-7.5	-14.4	-10.2	-5.3	-9.7	-7.1
Participation rate	67.7	67.3	0.7	-0.4	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.2	12.6	0.8	-0.6	-1.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.9	0.7	0.1	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.1	47.4	1.1	0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	3,953.4	3,957.3	...	3.9	10.4	66.5	0.1	0.3	1.7
Labour force	3,001.7	3,005.5	9.6	3.8	14.4	81.4	0.1	0.5	2.8
Employment	2,837.6	2,840.0	10.8	2.4	24.4	79.6	0.1	0.9	2.9
Unemployment	164.2	165.5	8.5	1.3	-9.9	1.8	0.8	-5.6	1.1
Participation rate	75.9	75.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	71.8	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.1	5.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,181.6	4,185.9	...	4.3	12.0	66.9	0.1	0.3	1.6
Labour force	2,588.9	2,597.6	11.6	8.7	14.0	89.7	0.3	0.5	3.6
Employment	2,450.0	2,461.6	11.7	11.6	20.9	102.3	0.5	0.9	4.3
Unemployment	138.9	136.0	8.5	-2.9	-6.9	-12.6	-2.1	-4.8	-8.5
Participation rate	61.9	62.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	58.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.5	21.6	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,219.9	6,237.0	19.4	17.1	71.0	223.0	0.3	1.2	3.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,658.1	1,643.9	15.0	-14.2	-12.3	33.7	-0.9	-0.7	2.1
Agriculture	81.0	78.7	3.3	-2.3	-3.2	7.1	-2.8	-3.9	9.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	35.1	36.8	2.2	1.7	4.6	1.2	4.8	14.3	3.4
Utilities	50.1	54.3	2.4	4.2	3.9	6.2	8.4	7.7	12.9
Construction	370.1	369.5	8.3	-0.6	-3.9	22.0	-0.2	-1.0	6.3
Manufacturing	1,121.8	1,104.5	12.6	-17.3	-13.7	-3.0	-1.5	-1.2	-0.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,561.8	4,593.1	20.2	31.3	83.3	189.3	0.7	1.8	4.3
Trade	947.4	942.6	12.0	-4.8	5.9	22.6	-0.5	0.6	2.5
Transportation and warehousing	282.9	281.4	7.0	-1.5	4.0	6.1	-0.5	1.4	2.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	429.7	432.7	8.0	3.0	23.5	42.3	0.7	5.7	10.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	458.2	458.0	8.7	-0.2	13.2	22.2	0.0	3.0	5.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	260.0	260.6	7.7	0.6	2.3	-7.8	0.2	0.9	-2.9
Educational services	379.3	384.5	7.2	5.2	-12.4	17.5	1.4	-3.1	4.8
Health care and social assistance	586.8	600.3	8.1	13.5	15.2	50.5	2.3	2.6	9.2
Information, culture and recreation	279.3	276.5	7.7	-2.8	-2.9	-13.0	-1.0	-1.0	-4.5
Accommodation and food services	370.0	382.2	8.4	12.2	3.5	28.5	3.3	0.9	8.1
Other services	263.0	269.1	6.6	6.1	20.0	12.8	2.3	8.0	5.0
Public administration	305.1	305.2	6.2	0.1	10.9	7.6	0.0	3.7	2.6

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

Table 10

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	864.8	865.3	...	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	597.2	596.0	3.1	-1.2	-5.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1
Employment	566.7	567.2	3.3	0.5	-4.9	0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.0
Employment full-time	454.9	450.9	3.8	-4.0	-11.4	-5.5	-0.9	-2.5	-1.2
Unemployment	30.5	28.8	2.4	-1.7	-0.5	-0.8	-5.6	-1.7	-2.7
Participation rate	69.1	68.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.5	0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	20.5	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	149.2	149.3	...	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Labour force	109.3	108.2	1.8	-1.1	-0.6	-1.8	-1.0	-0.6	-1.6
Employment	99.3	98.3	1.9	-1.0	-0.4	0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.1
Unemployment	10.0	10.0	1.5	0.0	-0.1	-1.8	0.0	-1.0	-15.3
Participation rate	73.3	72.5	1.2	-0.8	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.2	1.3	0.1	-0.1	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	65.8	1.2	-0.8	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.4	45.3	1.9	2.9	1.2	2.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	349.2	349.4	...	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	264.2	264.1	1.6	-0.1	-2.8	0.9	0.0	-1.0	0.3
Employment	253.4	255.2	1.8	1.8	-1.3	1.5	0.7	-0.5	0.6
Unemployment	10.8	8.8	1.3	-2.0	-1.6	-0.7	-18.5	-15.4	-7.4
Participation rate	75.7	75.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.3	0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.6	73.0	0.5	0.4	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	6.4	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	366.3	366.5	...	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	223.7	223.7	1.8	0.0	-2.1	0.2	0.0	-0.9	0.1
Employment	214.0	213.7	1.8	-0.3	-3.2	-1.5	-0.1	-1.5	-0.7
Unemployment	9.7	10.0	1.2	0.3	1.2	1.8	3.1	13.6	22.0
Participation rate	61.1	61.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.3	0.5	-0.1	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.1	25.9	1.0	-0.2	1.2	0.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	566.7	567.2	3.3	0.5	-4.9	0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	138.8	140.4	2.6	1.6	2.3	-0.7	1.2	1.7	-0.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.7	32.9	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.2	2.2
Utilities	5.7	5.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-1.9	-7.0	-7.0	-26.4
Construction	6.9	6.9	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	11.3	11.3
Manufacturing	25.9	26.3	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	1.5	0.8	2.3
Manufacturing	67.6	69.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	-0.7	2.2	1.6	-1.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	427.9	426.7	3.4	-1.2	-7.3	0.7	-0.3	-1.7	0.2
Trade	82.6	81.9	2.0	-0.7	-2.2	-8.7	-0.8	-2.6	-9.6
Transportation and warehousing	35.9	35.1	1.3	-0.8	0.2	0.2	-2.2	0.6	0.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.3	27.0	1.0	0.7	-0.5	-2.7	2.7	-1.8	-9.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.7	23.2	1.1	1.5	-0.1	0.5	6.9	-0.4	2.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	21.2	21.4	1.2	0.2	0.6	4.8	0.9	2.9	28.9
Educational services	42.8	43.3	1.4	0.5	0.2	4.1	1.2	0.5	10.5
Health care and social assistance	74.6	73.2	1.6	-1.4	-4.4	0.0	-1.9	-5.7	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	21.9	22.1	1.1	0.2	-0.2	-2.6	0.9	-0.9	-10.5
Accommodation and food services	41.3	40.5	1.5	-0.8	1.1	4.4	-1.9	2.8	12.2
Other services	28.7	29.0	1.1	0.3	0.0	4.5	1.0	0.0	18.4
Public administration	31.0	30.2	1.1	-0.8	-1.7	-3.6	-2.6	-5.3	-10.7

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 11

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	757.1	756.7	...	-0.4	-0.9	-3.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	518.6	516.3	2.9	-2.3	-4.6	11.7	-0.4	-0.9	2.3
Employment	487.6	487.4	3.0	-0.2	-4.3	11.8	0.0	-0.9	2.5
Employment full-time	391.3	396.9	3.3	5.6	6.8	16.9	1.4	1.7	4.4
Unemployment	31.0	28.9	2.1	-2.1	-0.3	0.0	-6.8	-1.0	0.0
Participation rate	68.5	68.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.6	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.4	0.4	0.0	-0.5	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	18.5	0.6	-1.2	-2.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	139.3	139.2	...	-0.1	-0.4	-2.6	-0.1	-0.3	-1.8
Labour force	98.1	97.2	1.7	-0.9	1.3	6.0	-0.9	1.4	6.6
Employment	87.6	86.8	1.7	-0.8	0.1	4.5	-0.9	0.1	5.5
Unemployment	10.4	10.4	1.3	0.0	1.2	1.5	0.0	13.0	16.9
Participation rate	70.4	69.8	1.2	-0.6	1.1	5.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.7	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.4	1.2	-0.5	0.3	4.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.2	38.0	1.8	-2.2	-5.2	-4.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.3	301.2	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Labour force	226.7	226.0	1.5	-0.7	-3.9	-0.3	-0.3	-1.7	-0.1
Employment	213.6	214.9	1.7	1.3	-2.8	0.4	0.6	-1.3	0.2
Unemployment	13.1	11.0	1.3	-2.1	-1.2	-0.8	-16.0	-9.8	-6.8
Participation rate	75.2	75.0	0.5	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	4.9	0.6	-0.9	-0.4	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.9	71.3	0.6	0.4	-0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	6.3	0.6	-0.8	-1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	316.5	316.4	...	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Labour force	193.8	193.2	1.7	-0.6	-1.8	6.1	-0.3	-0.9	3.3
Employment	186.3	185.7	1.7	-0.6	-1.5	6.8	-0.3	-0.8	3.8
Unemployment	7.5	7.5	1.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-3.8	-8.5
Participation rate	61.2	61.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.9	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	58.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.6	23.7	1.0	-0.9	-1.7	-2.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	487.6	487.4	3.0	-0.2	-4.3	11.8	0.0	-0.9	2.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	123.9	122.9	2.4	-1.0	-4.6	-1.0	-0.8	-3.6	-0.8
Agriculture	48.0	47.1	1.9	-0.9	-5.6	-0.8	-1.9	-10.6	-1.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	17.1	17.7	0.9	0.6	1.3	1.7	3.5	7.9	10.6
Utilities	4.5	4.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-4.4	-4.4	-6.5
Construction	25.7	25.2	1.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.4	-1.9	0.8	-1.6
Manufacturing	28.6	28.6	1.1	0.0	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	-0.7	-4.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	363.7	364.5	2.9	0.8	0.3	12.8	0.2	0.1	3.6
Trade	74.6	75.6	1.7	1.0	-4.9	-2.2	1.3	-6.1	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	22.9	23.6	1.0	0.7	-0.1	-1.3	3.1	-0.4	-5.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.9	27.6	0.9	-0.3	1.2	1.0	-1.1	4.5	3.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.3	17.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	3.5	2.3	1.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	12.7	12.2	0.9	-0.5	0.4	-0.5	-3.9	3.4	-3.9
Educational services	40.9	41.0	1.2	0.1	0.5	6.0	0.2	1.2	17.1
Health care and social assistance	60.0	59.7	1.3	-0.3	1.5	2.4	-0.5	2.6	4.2
Information, culture and recreation	20.8	21.0	0.9	0.2	0.8	3.5	1.0	4.0	20.0
Accommodation and food services	35.6	35.6	1.4	0.0	1.1	4.4	0.0	3.2	14.1
Other services	24.6	24.3	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	1.9	-1.2	-0.8	8.5
Public administration	26.6	26.0	1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-2.6	-2.3	-1.5	-9.1

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 12

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,453.1	2,456.5	...	3.4	11.4	52.4	0.1	0.5	2.2
Labour force	1,789.7	1,789.9	8.4	0.2	-5.9	49.8	0.0	-0.3	2.9
Employment	1,699.3	1,697.6	8.6	-1.7	-9.9	43.4	-0.1	-0.6	2.6
Employment full-time	1,398.3	1,388.7	10.1	-9.6	-11.3	38.1	-0.7	-0.8	2.8
Unemployment	90.4	92.3	6.2	1.9	3.9	6.5	2.1	4.4	7.6
Participation rate	73.0	72.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	69.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	18.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	460.7	461.2	...	0.5	2.0	9.7	0.1	0.4	2.1
Labour force	317.1	318.4	5.1	1.3	-2.2	1.7	0.4	-0.7	0.5
Employment	286.7	288.8	5.1	2.1	-2.3	5.2	0.7	-0.8	1.8
Unemployment	30.4	29.6	4.0	-0.8	0.1	-3.5	-2.6	0.3	-10.6
Participation rate	68.8	69.0	1.1	0.2	-0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.6	9.3	1.2	-0.3	0.1	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.6	1.2	0.4	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.6	37.3	1.7	1.6	0.2	-1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	996.6	998.1	...	1.5	4.7	21.6	0.2	0.5	2.2
Labour force	814.6	814.8	4.1	0.2	0.1	25.9	0.0	0.0	3.3
Employment	778.7	779.9	4.7	1.2	-0.4	21.0	0.2	-0.1	2.8
Unemployment	35.9	34.9	3.5	-1.0	0.5	4.9	-2.8	1.5	16.3
Participation rate	81.7	81.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.3	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.1	78.1	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.7	5.8	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	995.8	997.2	...	1.4	4.7	21.1	0.1	0.5	2.2
Labour force	658.0	656.7	4.7	-1.3	-3.8	22.3	-0.2	-0.6	3.5
Employment	633.9	629.0	4.8	-4.9	-7.1	17.3	-0.8	-1.1	2.8
Unemployment	24.1	27.8	2.9	3.7	3.3	5.1	15.4	13.5	22.5
Participation rate	66.1	65.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.1	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.4	24.8	1.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,699.3	1,697.6	8.6	-1.7	-9.9	43.4	-0.1	-0.6	2.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	471.5	467.4	7.1	-4.1	-1.6	7.9	-0.9	-0.3	1.7
Agriculture	70.0	67.6	2.8	-2.4	-0.7	10.7	-3.4	-1.0	18.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	94.6	98.6	3.7	4.0	4.6	-4.1	4.2	4.9	-4.0
Utilities	14.4	13.9	1.5	-0.5	-2.1	-2.0	-3.5	-13.1	-12.6
Construction	139.6	138.9	4.4	-0.7	-1.9	0.2	-0.5	-1.3	0.1
Manufacturing	152.9	148.4	4.6	-4.5	-1.6	3.0	-2.9	-1.1	2.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,227.8	1,230.2	9.1	2.4	-8.2	35.5	0.2	-0.7	3.0
Trade	248.8	251.0	5.4	2.2	3.7	-10.5	0.9	1.5	-4.0
Transportation and warehousing	97.4	97.4	3.4	0.0	-3.7	1.3	0.0	-3.7	1.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	84.6	83.0	3.1	-1.6	0.1	2.1	-1.9	0.1	2.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	114.9	114.8	4.3	-0.1	-7.8	-6.7	-0.1	-6.4	-5.5
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	69.5	68.9	2.9	-0.6	-1.3	17.5	-0.9	-1.9	34.0
Educational services	106.5	105.3	3.5	-1.2	-1.3	2.9	-1.1	-1.2	2.8
Health care and social assistance	166.2	159.8	4.1	-6.4	-1.8	8.9	-3.9	-1.1	5.9
Information, culture and recreation	69.6	70.5	3.2	0.9	-6.1	3.9	1.3	-8.0	5.9
Accommodation and food services	121.6	127.1	4.3	5.5	8.1	8.5	4.5	6.8	7.2
Other services	75.9	82.0	3.5	6.1	5.4	2.5	8.0	7.0	3.1
Public administration	72.7	70.6	2.6	-2.1	-3.3	5.3	-2.9	-4.5	8.1

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

Table 13

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,347.9	3,351.0	...	3.1	7.9	40.1	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	2,180.1	2,187.6	11.7	7.5	10.7	50.5	0.3	0.5	2.4
Employment	2,002.0	2,019.7	11.8	17.7	25.1	74.4	0.9	1.3	3.8
Employment full-time	1,528.0	1,562.4	13.7	34.4	47.7	54.8	2.3	3.1	3.6
Unemployment	178.1	167.9	8.9	-10.2	-14.4	-23.9	-5.7	-7.9	-12.5
Participation rate	65.1	65.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	22.6	0.6	-1.0	-1.4	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	545.7	546.3	...	0.6	1.5	6.6	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	341.4	335.9	6.6	-5.5	-12.7	3.1	-1.6	-3.6	0.9
Employment	291.5	295.6	6.3	4.1	-0.6	13.0	1.4	-0.2	4.6
Unemployment	49.9	40.3	4.8	-9.6	-12.1	-9.8	-19.2	-23.1	-19.6
Participation rate	62.6	61.5	1.2	-1.1	-2.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	12.0	1.4	-2.6	-3.0	-3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.4	54.1	1.2	0.7	-0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	52.4	48.2	2.0	-4.2	-5.7	-3.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,367.1	1,368.2	...	1.1	2.6	15.3	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	984.5	992.1	6.5	7.6	15.5	17.3	0.8	1.6	1.8
Employment	917.1	926.0	7.2	8.9	21.6	34.5	1.0	2.4	3.9
Unemployment	67.5	66.1	5.7	-1.4	-6.1	-17.1	-2.1	-8.4	-20.6
Participation rate	72.0	72.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.6	-0.2	-0.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	67.7	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	7.8	0.7	-0.2	-1.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,435.1	1,436.6	...	1.5	3.8	18.3	0.1	0.3	1.3
Labour force	854.2	859.6	7.0	5.4	7.9	30.0	0.6	0.9	3.6
Employment	793.5	798.2	6.7	4.7	4.2	27.1	0.6	0.5	3.5
Unemployment	60.8	61.5	5.0	0.7	3.7	3.0	1.2	6.4	5.1
Participation rate	59.5	59.8	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	55.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	31.2	30.4	1.0	-0.8	0.2	3.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,002.0	2,019.7	11.8	17.7	25.1	74.4	0.9	1.3	3.8
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	421.9	435.3	7.8	13.4	18.8	48.1	3.2	4.5	12.4
Agriculture	35.7	39.6	2.4	3.9	3.7	13.4	10.9	10.3	51.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	46.1	49.3	2.8	3.2	7.3	9.8	6.9	17.4	24.8
Utilities	13.4	14.6	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.3	9.0	12.3	18.7
Construction	119.7	121.8	4.8	2.1	-2.1	8.5	1.8	-1.7	7.5
Manufacturing	207.0	210.0	5.7	3.0	8.4	14.2	1.4	4.2	7.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,580.1	1,584.4	11.8	4.3	6.3	26.3	0.3	0.4	1.7
Trade	323.6	318.7	7.1	-4.9	-6.2	15.5	-1.5	-1.9	5.1
Transportation and warehousing	116.6	119.8	4.1	3.2	4.4	15.0	2.7	3.8	14.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	127.9	127.7	4.1	-0.2	-1.2	17.7	-0.2	-0.9	16.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	129.0	131.0	4.8	2.0	-4.5	-5.0	1.6	-3.3	-3.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	78.6	79.3	3.9	0.7	4.4	3.0	0.9	5.9	3.9
Educational services	150.0	153.7	4.6	3.7	15.5	14.2	2.5	11.2	10.2
Health care and social assistance	211.8	211.6	5.0	-0.2	-8.0	0.2	-0.1	-3.6	0.1
Information, culture and recreation	101.2	101.7	4.6	0.5	-1.0	-5.4	0.5	-1.0	-5.0
Accommodation and food services	159.8	159.6	5.6	-0.2	-2.3	-20.5	-0.1	-1.4	-11.4
Other services	92.3	95.4	4.3	3.1	3.5	-10.3	3.4	3.8	-9.7
Public administration	89.4	86.0	3.3	-3.4	1.8	1.9	-3.8	2.1	2.3

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Table 14

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	143.3	143.5	...	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	99.7	99.2	0.8	-0.5	1.0	4.1	-0.5	1.0	4.3
Employment	89.5	89.5	0.9	0.0	1.1	2.6	0.0	1.2	3.0
Unemployment	10.1	9.8	0.6	-0.3	0.0	1.5	-3.0	0.0	18.1
Participation rate	69.6	69.1	0.6	-0.5	0.4	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	9.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.4	0.6	-0.1	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	286.5	286.8	...	0.3	1.0	4.1	0.1	0.3	1.5
Labour force	197.3	198.7	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.8
Employment	183.1	184.1	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.5	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	14.2	14.5	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	2.1	-0.7	-4.0
Participation rate	68.9	69.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.3	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	100.9	100.9	...	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Labour force	68.2	68.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	2.7
Employment	62.5	62.2	0.6	-0.3	-1.1	1.8	-0.5	-1.7	3.0
Unemployment	5.7	5.8	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.0	1.8	18.4	0.0
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.6	-0.1	0.0	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.5	0.5	0.1	1.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.6	0.6	-0.3	-1.1	1.6	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	131.2	131.1	...	-0.1	-0.4	-1.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.8
Labour force	79.6	79.5	0.8	-0.1	1.2	-3.7	-0.1	1.5	-4.4
Employment	70.9	71.0	0.8	0.1	0.9	-2.0	0.1	1.3	-2.7
Unemployment	8.7	8.5	0.5	-0.2	0.3	-1.7	-2.3	3.7	-16.7
Participation rate	60.7	60.6	0.6	-0.1	1.1	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.9	10.7	0.6	-0.2	0.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	54.2	0.6	0.2	0.9	-1.1	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	574.2	574.5	...	0.3	0.9	4.2	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	382.6	384.3	2.9	1.7	4.7	7.5	0.4	1.2	2.0
Employment	353.1	353.8	3.0	0.7	-3.1	3.9	0.2	-0.9	1.1
Unemployment	29.5	30.6	1.5	1.1	7.9	3.7	3.7	34.8	13.8
Participation rate	66.6	66.9	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.0	0.4	0.3	2.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.6	0.5	0.1	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.3	117.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	73.9	75.3	0.7	1.4	3.6	3.8	1.9	5.0	5.3
Employment	66.9	68.5	0.7	1.6	3.4	5.0	2.4	5.2	7.9
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-1.2	-2.9	3.0	-15.0
Participation rate	63.0	64.2	0.6	1.2	3.1	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	58.4	0.6	1.4	2.9	4.2	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	127.6	127.7	...	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.2	1.1
Labour force	84.8	85.3	0.8	0.5	1.9	2.5	0.6	2.3	3.0
Employment	78.8	79.4	0.8	0.6	2.4	3.7	0.8	3.1	4.9
Unemployment	6.1	5.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-1.1	-3.3	-7.8	-15.7
Participation rate	66.5	66.8	0.6	0.3	1.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	62.2	0.6	0.4	1.8	2.3	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,885.5	2,888.4	...	2.9	9.2	39.0	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	1,978.9	1,972.9	7.0	-6.0	9.0	68.9	-0.3	0.5	3.6
Employment	1,807.5	1,796.0	7.4	-11.5	-7.7	60.0	-0.6	-0.4	3.5
Unemployment	171.4	176.9	4.7	5.5	16.7	8.9	3.2	10.4	5.3
Participation rate	68.6	68.3	0.2	-0.3	0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.0	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	904.4	905.7	...	1.3	4.0	20.7	0.1	0.4	2.3
Labour force	637.1	641.2	3.3	4.1	5.2	24.2	0.6	0.8	3.9
Employment	589.6	595.8	3.4	6.2	8.9	24.4	1.1	1.5	4.3
Unemployment	47.5	45.4	1.7	-2.1	-3.8	-0.2	-4.4	-7.7	-0.4
Participation rate	70.4	70.8	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,103.2	4,110.3	...	7.1	21.4	104.4	0.2	0.5	2.6
Labour force	2,879.2	2,887.8	8.5	8.6	25.6	79.4	0.3	0.9	2.8
Employment	2,675.1	2,681.3	8.8	6.2	23.0	69.4	0.2	0.9	2.7
Unemployment	204.2	206.6	4.9	2.4	2.7	10.1	1.2	1.3	5.1
Participation rate	70.2	70.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	562.1	562.5	...	0.4	1.0	6.8	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	382.1	382.3	2.7	0.2	1.3	19.7	0.1	0.3	5.4
Employment	359.2	360.9	2.8	1.7	2.7	22.7	0.5	0.8	6.7
Unemployment	22.9	21.4	1.3	-1.5	-1.4	-3.0	-6.6	-6.1	-12.3
Participation rate	68.0	68.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.2	0.5	0.3	0.4	3.3	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	353.4	353.7	...	0.3	1.1	7.1	0.1	0.3	2.0
Labour force	251.4	250.6	1.7	-0.8	3.3	12.4	-0.3	1.3	5.2
Employment	235.9	235.2	1.7	-0.7	0.6	12.3	-0.3	0.3	5.5
Unemployment	15.5	15.3	0.8	-0.2	2.5	0.0	-1.3	19.5	0.0
Participation rate	71.1	70.9	0.5	-0.2	0.8	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.1	0.3	-0.1	0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.8	66.5	0.5	-0.3	0.0	2.2	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	346.5	346.5	...	0.0	0.2	3.1	0.0	0.1	0.9
Labour force	231.7	233.2	1.8	1.5	1.1	9.4	0.6	0.5	4.2
Employment	215.8	217.5	1.8	1.7	0.2	9.4	0.8	0.1	4.5
Unemployment	15.9	15.7	0.8	-0.2	0.9	0.0	-1.3	6.1	0.0
Participation rate	66.9	67.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.8	0.5	0.5	0.1	2.2	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	245.4	245.7	...	0.3	1.0	5.5	0.1	0.4	2.3
Labour force	175.0	176.4	1.0	1.4	3.6	8.6	0.8	2.1	5.1
Employment	165.1	167.4	1.1	2.3	5.2	13.4	1.4	3.2	8.7
Unemployment	9.9	8.9	0.5	-1.0	-1.7	-4.9	-10.1	-16.0	-35.5
Participation rate	71.3	71.8	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.0	0.3	-0.7	-1.1	-3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	68.1	0.5	0.8	1.8	4.0	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	325.3	325.2	...	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Labour force	210.2	210.8	1.6	0.6	0.9	3.9	0.3	0.4	1.9
Employment	194.2	196.7	1.5	2.5	2.7	5.3	1.3	1.4	2.8
Unemployment	16.0	14.0	0.7	-2.0	-1.8	-1.5	-12.5	-11.4	-9.7
Participation rate	64.6	64.8	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	6.6	0.4	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	60.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.4	...	...	...
Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	127.3	127.3	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	78.2	79.0	0.8	0.8	0.4	-1.8	1.0	0.5	-2.2
Employment	71.6	72.9	0.8	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.8	0.8	1.0
Unemployment	6.6	6.1	0.4	-0.5	-0.2	-2.4	-7.6	-3.2	-28.2
Participation rate	61.4	62.1	0.6	0.7	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	7.7	0.5	-0.7	-0.3	-2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	57.3	0.6	1.1	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	100.9	100.8	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9
Labour force	68.6	69.5	0.5	0.9	2.8	4.5	1.3	4.2	6.9
Employment	65.0	66.0	0.6	1.0	3.5	5.9	1.5	5.6	9.8
Unemployment	3.6	3.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-1.4	-2.8	-16.7	-28.6
Participation rate	68.0	68.9	0.5	0.9	2.9	5.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.0	0.5	-0.2	-1.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	65.5	0.6	1.1	3.7	6.4	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	258.1	258.5	...	0.4	1.0	5.6	0.2	0.4	2.2
Labour force	176.0	176.3	1.2	0.3	1.2	4.7	0.2	0.7	2.7
Employment	162.8	162.5	1.3	-0.3	0.3	6.5	-0.2	0.2	4.2
Unemployment	13.1	13.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	-1.8	5.3	7.0	-11.5
Participation rate	68.2	68.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	539.1	539.2	...	0.1	0.2	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	383.8	382.7	1.3	-1.1	-3.9	1.0	-0.3	-1.0	0.3
Employment	363.2	361.7	1.4	-1.5	-4.3	2.0	-0.4	-1.2	0.6
Unemployment	20.7	21.0	0.8	0.3	0.5	-0.9	1.4	2.4	-4.1
Participation rate	71.2	71.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	156.1	156.0	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	112.6	111.9	0.8	-0.7	-0.9	-3.7	-0.6	-0.8	-3.2
Employment	106.3	105.2	0.8	-1.1	-1.6	-4.0	-1.0	-1.5	-3.7
Unemployment	6.3	6.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	6.3	11.7	4.7
Participation rate	72.1	71.7	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.0	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	67.4	0.5	-0.7	-1.0	-2.4	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	182.6	182.7	...	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	129.4	129.7	0.9	0.3	-0.8	5.4	0.2	-0.6	4.3
Employment	121.4	121.7	0.9	0.3	-0.6	4.3	0.2	-0.5	3.7
Unemployment	8.0	8.0	0.4	0.0	-0.2	1.1	0.0	-2.4	15.9
Participation rate	70.9	71.0	0.5	0.1	-0.5	2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.6	0.5	0.1	-0.4	2.2	...	...	...

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	826.8	828.5	...	1.7	5.2	21.2	0.2	0.6	2.6
Labour force	620.1	623.1	2.9	3.0	5.2	6.9	0.5	0.8	1.1
Employment	586.9	586.3	3.0	-0.6	2.7	1.6	-0.1	0.5	0.3
Unemployment	33.2	36.8	1.6	3.6	2.5	5.3	10.8	7.3	16.8
Participation rate	75.0	75.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.9	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.0	70.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	777.0	777.9	...	0.9	3.1	14.0	0.1	0.4	1.8
Labour force	559.5	559.2	2.9	-0.3	2.0	20.1	-0.1	0.4	3.7
Employment	530.6	529.5	2.9	-1.1	-0.7	17.6	-0.2	-0.1	3.4
Unemployment	28.9	29.7	1.4	0.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	10.0	9.2
Participation rate	72.0	71.9	0.4	-0.1	0.0	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.3	68.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,761.6	1,763.9	...	2.3	6.8	35.2	0.1	0.4	2.0
Labour force	1,188.1	1,183.6	4.9	-4.5	-10.0	46.5	-0.4	-0.8	4.1
Employment	1,097.8	1,099.1	5.1	1.3	1.9	54.3	0.1	0.2	5.2
Unemployment	90.3	84.5	2.8	-5.8	-11.8	-7.9	-6.4	-12.3	-8.5
Participation rate	67.4	67.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.1	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1	1.9	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	259.9	260.1	...	0.2	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.5
Labour force	163.3	163.8	1.7	0.5	2.3	-1.8	0.3	1.4	-1.1
Employment	152.6	154.0	1.7	1.4	3.5	1.0	0.9	2.3	0.7
Unemployment	10.7	9.8	0.7	-0.9	-1.2	-2.8	-8.4	-10.9	-22.2
Participation rate	62.8	63.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.0	0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	59.2	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.1	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	February 2003	March 2003	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,888.3	2,891.0	...	2.7	8.9	38.6	0.1	0.3	1.4
Labour force	1,972.5	1,964.4	15.6	-8.1	-18.0	60.9	-0.4	-0.9	3.2
Employment	1,800.4	1,780.6	16.0	-19.8	-34.4	43.0	-1.1	-1.9	2.5
Unemployment	172.1	183.8	11.5	11.7	16.4	17.9	6.8	9.8	10.8
Participation rate	68.3	67.9	0.5	-0.4	-0.9	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	9.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	61.6	0.6	-0.7	-1.4	0.7	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,110.2	4,117.3	...	7.1	21.4	104.3	0.2	0.5	2.6
Labour force	2,892.7	2,894.3	18.1	1.6	25.9	77.3	0.1	0.9	2.7
Employment	2,687.4	2,686.8	18.1	-0.6	18.6	64.3	0.0	0.7	2.5
Unemployment	205.3	207.4	12.1	2.1	7.2	12.9	1.0	3.6	6.6
Participation rate	70.4	70.3	0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.3	0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,763.7	1,766.2	...	2.5	6.9	34.8	0.1	0.4	2.0
Labour force	1,188.9	1,179.1	10.9	-9.8	-13.6	36.9	-0.8	-1.1	3.2
Employment	1,101.6	1,100.1	10.9	-1.5	3.8	52.4	-0.1	0.3	5.0
Unemployment	87.3	79.1	7.0	-8.2	-17.3	-15.4	-9.4	-17.9	-16.3
Participation rate	67.4	66.8	0.6	-0.6	-1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	6.7	0.6	-0.6	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.6	-0.2	0.0	1.8	...	...	...

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

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

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2002	24,816.3	16,253.5	14,879.0	1,374.5	65.5	8.5	60.0
	2003	25,126.4	16,688.2	15,355.3	1,332.9	66.4	8.0	61.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	439.5	242.6	196.4	46.2	55.2	19.0	44.7
	2003	439.2	249.7	201.1	48.6	56.9	19.5	45.8
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	206.9	124.6	107.2	17.4	60.2	14.0	51.8
	2003	208.2	128.8	110.1	18.7	61.9	14.5	52.9
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.7	19.2	13.1	6.1	50.9	31.8	34.7
	2003	37.0	18.4	13.3	5.1	49.7	27.7	35.9
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.4	50.9	40.7	10.2	53.9	20.0	43.1
	2003	94.0	53.2	41.7	11.5	56.6	21.6	44.4
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.5	47.9	35.4	12.5	47.7	26.1	35.2
	2003	100.0	49.3	36.0	13.3	49.3	27.0	36.0
Prince Edward Island	2002	111.3	72.9	60.6	12.3	65.5	16.9	54.4
	2003	112.7	73.1	62.0	11.2	64.9	15.3	55.0
Nova Scotia	2002	753.9	459.6	408.8	50.8	61.0	11.1	54.2
	2003	758.2	465.7	418.3	47.4	61.4	10.2	55.2
210 Cape Breton	2002	121.1	61.0	51.1	9.9	50.4	16.2	42.2
	2003	120.1	60.4	51.2	9.2	50.3	15.2	42.6
220 North Shore	2002	132.9	75.9	65.8	10.1	57.1	13.3	49.5
	2003	133.2	79.1	70.7	8.4	59.4	10.6	53.1
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.3	61.6	55.4	6.2	60.8	10.1	54.7
	2003	101.8	61.8	55.5	6.3	60.7	10.2	54.5
240 Southern	2002	103.9	59.9	51.5	8.4	57.7	14.0	49.6
	2003	104.3	61.7	54.4	7.4	59.2	12.0	52.2
250 Halifax	2002	294.6	201.2	185.0	16.2	68.3	8.1	62.8
	2003	298.8	202.7	186.6	16.0	67.8	7.9	62.4
New Brunswick	2002	606.8	370.5	323.3	47.2	61.1	12.7	53.3
	2003	608.5	375.2	330.3	45.0	61.7	12.0	54.3
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	146.2	78.4	62.3	16.2	53.6	20.7	42.6
	2003	145.2	74.5	60.1	14.3	51.3	19.2	41.4
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	152.5	99.6	89.3	10.2	65.3	10.2	58.6
	2003	153.9	99.4	88.5	11.0	64.6	11.1	57.5
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.3	87.4	78.0	9.4	62.7	10.8	56.0
	2003	139.7	91.8	82.1	9.8	65.7	10.7	58.8
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	98.8	62.0	56.0	6.0	62.8	9.7	56.7
	2003	99.8	67.3	61.3	6.0	67.4	8.9	61.4
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	43.1	37.6	5.5	61.7	12.8	53.8
	2003	69.9	42.2	38.3	3.9	60.4	9.2	54.8
Quebec	2002	6,014.2	3,824.0	3,444.1	379.9	63.6	9.9	57.3
	2003	6,062.4	3,926.2	3,552.2	374.0	64.8	9.5	58.6
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.8	40.5	31.3	9.2	48.9	22.7	37.8
	2003	82.1	41.3	33.1	8.2	50.3	19.9	40.3
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	168.1	93.9	82.7	11.2	55.9	11.9	49.2
	2003	167.4	90.3	80.0	10.3	53.9	11.4	47.8
420 Québec	2002	533.7	336.7	310.1	26.6	63.1	7.9	58.1
	2003	537.7	343.8	313.5	30.3	63.9	8.8	58.3

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

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.3	199.9	183.1	16.8	62.6	8.4	57.3
	2003	319.8	210.2	192.8	17.4	65.7	8.3	60.3
430 Estrie	2002	237.4	144.8	130.9	13.9	61.0	9.6	55.1
	2003	239.0	155.6	142.0	13.7	65.1	8.8	59.4
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	179.9	111.8	98.7	13.1	62.1	11.7	54.9
	2003	180.3	116.1	106.2	10.0	64.4	8.6	58.9
435 Montérégie	2002	1,071.3	732.0	665.3	66.6	68.3	9.1	62.1
	2003	1,080.8	728.6	667.0	61.6	67.4	8.5	61.7
440 Montréal	2002	1,498.5	938.8	845.7	93.2	62.6	9.9	56.4
	2003	1,515.8	979.2	870.0	109.2	64.6	11.2	57.4
445 Laval	2002	288.9	194.4	172.3	22.1	67.3	11.4	59.6
	2003	292.8	194.8	177.8	16.9	66.5	8.7	60.7
450 Lanaudière	2002	322.9	207.4	189.8	17.6	64.2	8.5	58.8
	2003	326.9	227.8	209.4	18.4	69.7	8.1	64.1
455 Laurentides	2002	383.0	260.8	237.7	23.0	68.1	8.8	62.1
	2003	390.7	262.6	243.3	19.3	67.2	7.3	62.3
460 Outaouais	2002	259.1	169.0	153.9	15.1	65.2	8.9	59.4
	2003	264.1	173.4	159.1	14.4	65.7	8.3	60.2
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.5	73.7	64.7	9.0	60.7	12.2	53.3
	2003	120.4	75.9	68.4	7.5	63.0	9.9	56.8
470 Mauricie	2002	216.3	125.2	109.8	15.4	57.9	12.3	50.8
	2003	215.7	132.0	118.3	13.6	61.2	10.3	54.8
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.9	137.9	119.0	18.9	59.0	13.7	50.9
	2003	232.5	137.8	122.2	15.6	59.3	11.3	52.6
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	97.5	57.2	49.2	8.0	58.7	14.0	50.5
	2003	96.4	56.8	49.3	7.4	58.9	13.0	51.1
Ontario								
	2002	9,559.0	6,375.4	5,890.0	485.4	66.7	7.6	61.6
	2003	9,722.0	6,574.1	6,111.8	462.2	67.6	7.0	62.9
510 Ottawa	2002	925.5	627.6	578.2	49.4	67.8	7.9	62.5
	2003	942.7	648.5	600.1	48.4	68.8	7.5	63.7
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	337.2	200.9	183.7	17.2	59.6	8.6	54.5
	2003	337.9	208.3	193.9	14.4	61.6	6.9	57.4
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	295.2	168.2	153.4	14.8	57.0	8.8	52.0
	2003	298.4	162.7	153.5	9.3	54.5	5.7	51.4
530 Toronto	2002	4,199.2	2,902.6	2,693.3	209.3	69.1	7.2	64.1
	2003	4,307.0	3,001.8	2,788.1	213.7	69.7	7.1	64.7
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	867.1	609.4	570.3	39.1	70.3	6.4	65.8
	2003	887.0	623.2	584.7	38.5	70.3	6.2	65.9
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,070.2	681.9	626.1	55.9	63.7	8.2	58.5
	2003	1,080.7	717.2	668.5	48.7	66.4	6.8	61.9
560 London	2002	481.7	316.7	293.2	23.5	65.7	7.4	60.9
	2003	485.5	326.6	304.2	22.4	67.3	6.9	62.7
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	506.8	326.4	295.9	30.5	64.4	9.3	58.4
	2003	512.5	336.6	309.8	26.8	65.7	8.0	60.4

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd
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	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	235.3	154.8	145.6	9.2	65.8	5.9	61.9
	2003	236.1	152.7	142.3	10.4	64.7	6.8	60.3
590 Northeast	2002	459.5	266.6	238.7	28.0	58.0	10.5	51.9
	2003	454.8	274.3	251.3	22.9	60.3	8.3	55.3
595 Northwest	2002	181.4	120.2	111.8	8.4	66.3	7.0	61.6
	2003	179.6	122.1	115.5	6.7	68.0	5.5	64.3
Manitoba								
	2002	863.7	589.1	554.8	34.3	68.2	5.8	64.2
	2003	865.0	589.0	557.2	31.8	68.1	5.4	64.4
610 Southeast	2002	69.4	47.6	44.8	2.8	68.6	5.9	64.6
	2003	70.1	47.3	45.0	2.4	67.5	5.1	64.2
620 South Central	2002	40.4	25.6	24.8	0.7	63.4	2.7	61.4
	2003	40.7	26.2	25.0	1.2	64.4	4.6	61.4
630 Southwest	2002	82.5	53.2	50.6	2.6	64.5	4.9	61.3
	2003	82.0	53.6	51.7	1.9	65.4	3.5	63.0
640 North Central	2002	34.9	24.0	23.1	0.9	68.8	3.8	66.2
	2003	34.7	24.4	23.6	0.8	70.3	3.3	68.0
650 Winnipeg	2002	500.4	351.3	330.0	21.3	70.2	6.1	65.9
	2003	501.9	349.3	328.4	20.8	69.6	6.0	65.4
660 Interlake	2002	67.4	44.1	41.0	3.1	65.4	7.0	60.8
	2003	68.1	44.7	42.7	2.1	65.6	4.7	62.7
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.8	43.3	40.6	2.8	62.9	6.5	59.0
	2003	67.4	43.3	40.7	2.6	64.2	6.0	60.4
Saskatchewan								
	2002	760.3	494.2	463.1	31.1	65.0	6.3	60.9
	2003	757.1	507.8	476.0	31.7	67.1	6.2	62.9
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.3	151.6	143.1	8.5	69.8	5.6	65.9
	2003	216.5	151.7	142.4	9.3	70.1	6.1	65.8
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	85.0	51.8	49.3	2.5	60.9	4.8	58.0
	2003	83.9	54.1	51.4	2.7	64.5	5.0	61.3
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.5	149.2	140.9	8.2	65.6	5.5	61.9
	2003	227.6	157.7	148.3	9.4	69.3	6.0	65.2
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	70.2	41.1	38.9	2.2	58.5	5.4	55.4
	2003	69.4	41.0	38.4	2.6	59.1	6.3	55.3
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.3	100.7	90.9	9.8	62.8	9.7	56.7
	2003	159.8	103.3	95.5	7.8	64.6	7.6	59.8
Alberta								
	2002	2,400.3	1,719.6	1,629.9	89.7	71.6	5.2	67.9
	2003	2,453.0	1,773.1	1,675.0	98.0	72.3	5.5	68.3
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	188.2	127.6	118.4	9.2	67.8	7.2	62.9
	2003	192.2	131.0	125.5	5.5	68.2	4.2	65.3
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	141.6	93.5	89.0	4.6	66.0	4.9	62.9
	2003	143.4	101.8	96.7	5.1	71.0	5.0	67.4
830 Calgary	2002	857.5	643.3	611.0	32.3	75.0	5.0	71.3
	2003	882.1	653.4	614.3	39.1	74.1	6.0	69.6
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.2	48.2	45.9	2.3	75.1	4.8	71.5
	2003	64.5	44.3	41.3	2.9	68.7	6.5	64.0

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

	March	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2002	119.3	84.4	79.1	5.3	70.7	6.3	66.3
	2003	122.5	92.2	86.4	5.8	75.3	6.3	70.5
860 Edmonton	2002	786.0	546.6	519.1	27.5	69.5	5.0	66.0
	2003	801.4	568.3	538.1	30.2	70.9	5.3	67.1
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.4	116.9	111.4	5.6	69.4	4.8	66.2
	2003	169.9	120.2	114.2	6.0	70.7	5.0	67.2
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	75.1	59.1	56.1	3.1	78.7	5.2	74.7
	2003	77.1	62.0	58.5	3.5	80.4	5.6	75.9
British Columbia								
	2002	3,307.3	2,105.6	1,908.0	197.6	63.7	9.4	57.7
	2003	3,348.3	2,154.4	1,971.3	183.0	64.3	8.5	58.9
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	567.7	344.5	309.3	35.2	60.7	10.2	54.5
	2003	570.8	344.0	313.0	30.9	60.3	9.0	54.8
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,965.4	1,276.7	1,168.3	108.4	65.0	8.5	59.4
	2003	2,004.1	1,327.5	1,228.7	98.8	66.2	7.4	61.3
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	389.7	222.1	199.3	22.8	57.0	10.3	51.1
	2003	392.6	223.3	201.7	21.6	56.9	9.7	51.4
940 Kootenay	2002	125.4	77.9	69.5	8.4	62.1	10.8	55.4
	2003	125.1	79.7	68.2	11.5	63.7	14.4	54.5
950 Cariboo	2002	136.2	95.3	82.9	12.4	70.0	13.0	60.9
	2003	134.5	91.6	79.9	11.7	68.1	12.8	59.4
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.7	53.4	45.5	7.8	71.5	14.6	60.9
	2003	73.5	51.9	46.0	5.9	70.6	11.4	62.6
980 Northeast	2002	48.2	35.7	33.1	2.6	74.1	7.3	68.7
	2003	47.6	36.4	33.8	2.6	76.5	7.1	71.0

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

Table 17

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
March 2003										
15 years and over	13,033.2	35.1	658.12	18.04	10,504.3	39.4	761.29	2,529.0	17.1	229.58
15 to 24 years	2,160.7	26.7	297.82	10.33	1,077.1	38.9	467.76	1,083.6	14.6	128.90
25 years and over	10,872.5	36.8	729.72	19.58	9,427.1	39.5	794.83	1,445.4	18.9	305.06
Men	6,635.3	37.8	769.02	19.82	5,873.2	40.6	842.68	762.1	16.0	201.30
Women	6,398.0	32.3	543.11	16.20	4,631.1	37.9	658.07	1,766.9	17.5	241.78
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,262.9	35.7	755.17	20.90	3,618.1	38.6	825.98	644.8	19.1	357.89
No union coverage	8,770.3	34.8	610.94	16.66	6,886.2	39.9	727.30	1,884.2	16.4	185.67
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,585.5	36.0	686.95	18.50	9,735.1	39.5	770.45	1,850.4	18.0	247.66
Temporary	1,447.7	27.5	427.38	14.35	769.1	39.0	645.36	678.5	14.4	180.29
Occupation										
Management	857.2	40.4	1,119.93	27.93	833.7	41.0	1,137.81	23.5	19.5	484.42
Business, finance and administrative	2,538.3	35.0	619.71	17.32	2,138.1	38.3	689.86	400.2	17.4	244.90
Natural and applied sciences	873.0	38.5	991.14	25.70	844.9	39.2	1,011.13	28.0	17.3	388.81
Health	772.4	32.8	694.07	21.04	547.8	37.7	806.55	224.6	20.6	419.72
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,040.7	33.8	833.78	24.56	819.4	38.3	941.98	221.2	17.4	433.07
Art, culture, recreation and sport	284.0	30.3	580.50	17.67	192.8	38.6	773.28	91.2	12.9	173.10
Sales and service	3,540.3	30.2	405.29	12.39	2,201.3	38.6	555.63	1,339.0	16.6	158.14
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,729.5	39.7	735.07	18.29	1,605.0	41.5	774.44	124.5	17.3	227.41
Occupations unique to primary industry	214.5	40.8	661.09	15.60	185.0	44.9	739.88	29.6	14.9	168.27
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,183.3	39.4	644.38	16.20	1,136.1	40.3	662.85	47.2	18.0	199.69
March 2002										
15 years and over	12,689.1	35.2	647.71	17.69	10,252.7	39.5	750.56	2,436.4	17.0	214.92
15 to 24 years	2,095.2	26.6	287.16	10.02	1,029.4	38.8	453.98	1,065.8	14.7	126.03
25 years and over	10,593.9	36.9	719.02	19.21	9,223.3	39.6	783.66	1,370.6	18.8	284.04
Men	6,507.0	37.9	759.35	19.50	5,770.2	40.7	832.15	736.9	16.3	189.26
Women	6,182.0	32.3	530.21	15.78	4,482.6	38.0	645.52	1,699.5	17.3	226.04
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,100.3	35.9	739.39	20.34	3,508.9	38.7	808.50	591.3	19.0	329.31
No union coverage	8,588.8	34.8	603.94	16.42	6,743.8	39.9	720.41	1,845.1	16.4	178.26
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,233.6	36.2	679.07	18.18	9,486.9	39.6	761.43	1,746.7	18.0	231.71
Temporary	1,455.5	27.3	405.68	13.87	765.8	38.8	615.79	689.7	14.5	172.37
Occupation										
Management	907.2	40.3	1,110.73	27.60	882.0	40.9	1,132.23	25.2	18.6	357.54
Business, finance and administrative	2,566.1	35.2	611.42	16.96	2,187.2	38.3	676.99	378.9	17.4	232.90
Natural and applied sciences	856.4	38.6	988.56	25.62	828.5	39.3	1,008.78	27.9	18.6	388.31
Health	704.8	32.7	668.52	20.31	506.1	37.6	772.64	198.7	20.2	403.24
Social science, education, government service and religion	964.2	34.6	827.82	23.95	782.5	38.6	929.36	181.7	17.2	390.51
Art, culture, recreation and sport	274.3	29.3	558.83	17.67	179.9	37.8	753.49	94.4	13.0	187.85
Sales and service	3,424.8	30.1	389.28	11.96	2,080.8	38.7	540.75	1,344.0	16.7	154.78
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,653.8	40.0	720.10	17.89	1,537.7	41.7	757.36	116.1	17.2	226.71
Occupations unique to primary industry	190.8	41.7	694.14	15.92	164.8	45.9	781.56	26.0	14.9	139.60
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,146.7	39.3	624.76	15.78	1,103.1	40.2	641.48	43.5	17.2	201.14

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

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

Region	Effective from April 6, 2003 to May 10, 2003	Region	Effective from April 6, 2003 to May 10, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	10.0	30. London	6.7
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	22.1	31. Niagara	6.2
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	7.8
03. Prince Edward Island	11.9	33. Kitchener	6.1
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	7.1
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.2	35. South Central Ontario	4.5
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.7	36. Sudbury	7.9
06. Halifax	7.3	37. Thunder Bay	5.5
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	11.3
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.7	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	11.6	39. Winnipeg	5.5
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.2	40. Southern Manitoba	4.9
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	24.9
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	17.8	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	7.9	42. Regina	6.0
12. Trois-Rivières	9.2	43. Saskatoon	6.3
13. South Central Quebec	5.2	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.3
14. Sherbrooke	6.9	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.7
15. Montérégie	6.5	Alberta	
16. Montréal	9.0	46. Calgary	6.0
17. Central Quebec	8.8	47. Edmonton	5.5
18. Northwestern Quebec	14.7	48. Northern Alberta	9.8
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	12.6	49. Southern Alberta	6.5
20. Hull	7.0	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10.7	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.6
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	8.9
22. Ottawa	7.1	52. Vancouver	7.1
23. Eastern Ontario	7.5	53. Victoria	6.6
24. Kingston	5.7	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	10.3
25. Central Ontario	5.7	55. Northern British Columbia	14.7
26. Oshawa	5.1	Territories	
27. Toronto	7.2	56. Yukon ⁴	25.0
28. Hamilton	5.6	57. Northwest Territories ⁵	25.0
29. St. Catharines	6.6	58. Nunavut ⁶	25.0

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

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

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

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

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

Data Quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal adjustment

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

Sampling error

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

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

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