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## Commentary

Employment edged down 19,000 in April, pushing the unemployment rate up 0.2 percentage points to 7.5%. Job gains over the first four months of 2003 total 49,000 (+0.3%), much lower than the increase of 216,000 (+1.4%) over the same period a year ago.

In the United States, employment continued on its downward trend, although the decline in April was less pronounced than in February and March. So far in 2003, job losses in the United States total 322,000 (-0.2%).

### Job losses in Ontario

The largest employment decline was in Ontario where it fell by 27,000 in April. This pushed the provincial unemployment rate up 0.3 percentage points to 6.8%. The employment decrease in Ontario was among youths (-20,000) and adult women (-13,000).

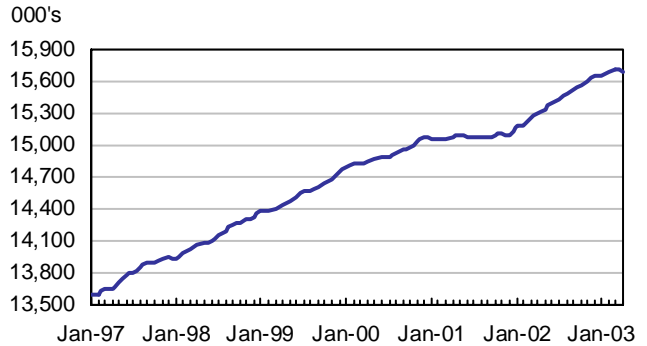
In Ontario, the industries that had the largest declines in employment in April were health care and social assistance (-14,000), and accommodation and food services (-12,000). About half of the drop in health care and social assistance in Ontario occurred in Toronto, but the entire provincial decline in the accommodation and food sector was

#### Note to readers about LFS reference week and SARS

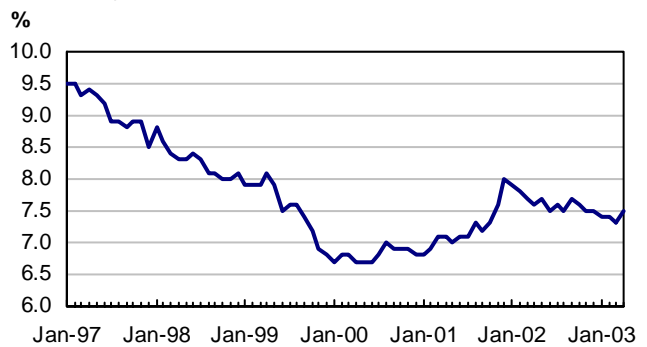
By the time of the reference week for the April 2003 Labour Force Survey (the week of April 13 to 19), the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Toronto had been on-going for a number of weeks. The travel advisory by the World Health Organization occurred after the survey reference week.

The hours that workers put in during the LFS reference week are an important barometer of economic activity. Unfortunately, the impact SARS had on the hours worked in Toronto and Ontario could not be effectively measured by the LFS since Good Friday fell during the survey reference week, the first time this has happened in eight years. The presence of Good Friday has a significant impact on total hours worked and how the hours are distributed among workers in any industry. As a result, it is not possible to differentiate the effect of Good Friday from the potential impact of SARS on hours worked.

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



concentrated among Toronto's restaurant workers. In total, employment in Toronto dipped 4,000 in April, while the unemployment rate jumped half a point to 7.7%.

Although it is not possible to measure what portion of the declines in these industries was SARS-related, some people in these industries may have been without work because of hospital ward closures, or because of slower business in the accommodation and food sector.

### Fewer youths working part-time

Nationally, part-time employment fell by 29,000 and was only partially offset by an increase of almost 11,000 in full-time. Since the start of the year, part-time employment is down 47,000 (-1.6%) in contrast to strong growth in 2002. Meanwhile full-time employment is up by 95,000 (+0.8%) over the same period, continuing the upward trend that began at the start of 2002.

Youths were affected by job losses in April as their employment fell by 20,000, mostly in part-time work. The youth unemployment rate rose 0.7 percentage points to 13.4%.

Among adults, employment was little changed in April. While there has been little employment growth among adult women and youths so far in 2003, employment has increased by 53,000 (+0.7%) among adult men over the same period.

### Job losses in accommodation and food

At the national level, employment fell in accommodation and food services (-18,000), partly offsetting a jump of 33,000 in March. Despite the decline in April, employment in the industry is up 21,000 (+2.1%) compared to a year ago.

Although there was a decrease of 17,000 in health care and social assistance in April, employment in the industry is 69,000 (+4.4%) above the level of a year ago.

Employment rose by 16,000 in trade, the first increase since the start of the year. Employment growth in the industry was particularly strong in the second half of 2002.

There was also an increase of 16,000 in public administration employment bringing gains over the last twelve months to 36,000 (+4.7%).

Employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing rose by 15,000, bringing gains since the start of the year to 41,000 (+4.5%). Increases were mostly in banking and real estate. Although employment in construction has shown little change so far in 2003 it is up strongly compared to a year ago (+50,000 or +5.7%).

Employment in manufacturing continued to weaken in April and is down 38,000 (-1.6%) since the start of the year. The largest declines over the first four months of 2003 have been in computer and electronic products. There have been offsetting employment gains in motor vehicle and parts manufacturing. Over the first four months of 2003, the overall manufacturing employment trend has been similar to the one in the United States where factory payrolls have declined 1.2%.

### Provincial perspective

In addition to the job losses in Ontario, employment fell by 5,000 in New Brunswick in April with most of the decline in part-time work. The decrease was spread across several industries. Employment in the province is now at about the same level as a year ago. The unemployment rate in April rose 0.5 percentage points to 10.3%.

In Quebec, employment edged up 12,000 in April, partly offsetting the decline in March. The unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 9.1%, the result of an increase in labour force participation. So far in 2003, employment in the province has shown little overall change compared to growth of 2.8% (+97,000) over the same period a year ago. In April, employment in public administration jumped 20,000 with the largest increases occurring in provincial and local administration. This increase was partly offset by a decline of 16,000 in information, culture and recreation. Despite a decrease of 8,000 in health care and social assistance, employment in the industry is up 22,000 (+5.6%) compared to a year ago.

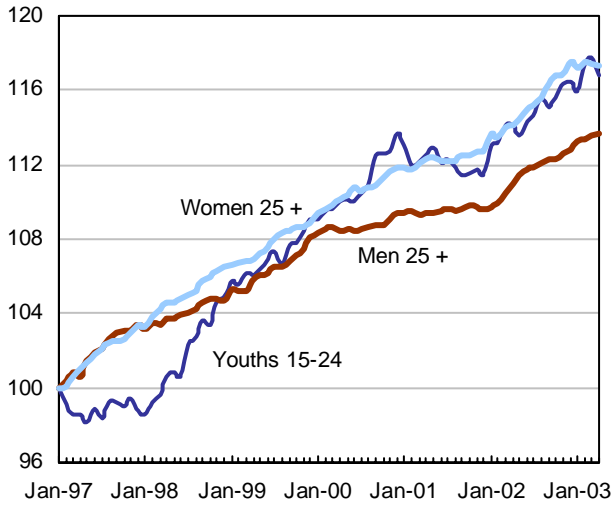
In Nova Scotia, employment rose slightly (+3,000) with gains spread across several industries. This brings gains since October 2002 to 10,000 (+2.2%) which is when the current upward employment trend began. In April, the unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 8.6%.

In Manitoba, employment also edged up 3,000 pushing the unemployment rate down 0.5 percentage points to 4.3%. Employment in the province is now 7,000 (+1.3%) above the level of a year ago.

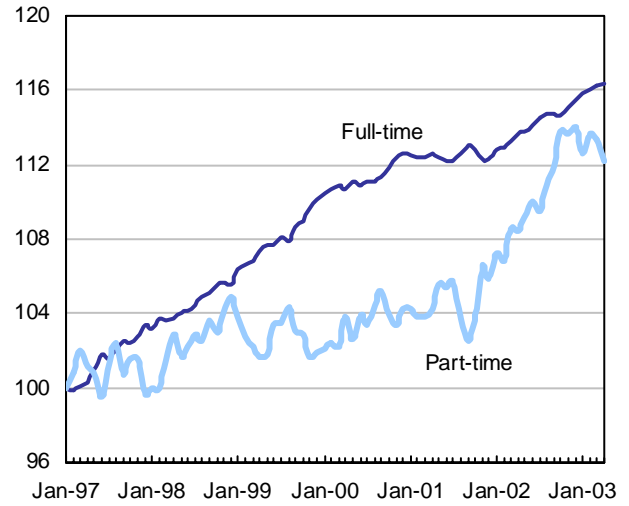
There was little change in employment for the other provinces.

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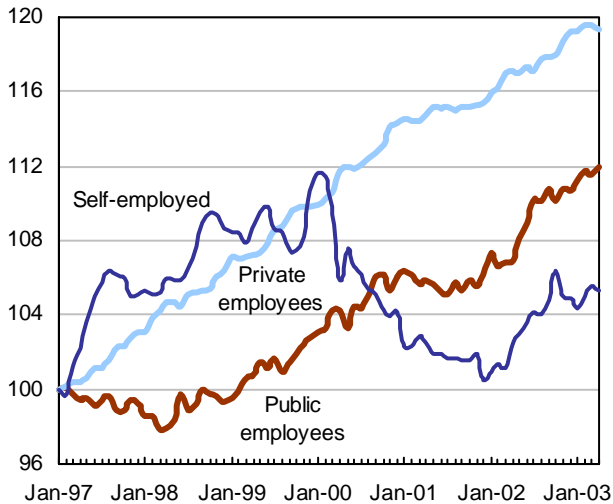
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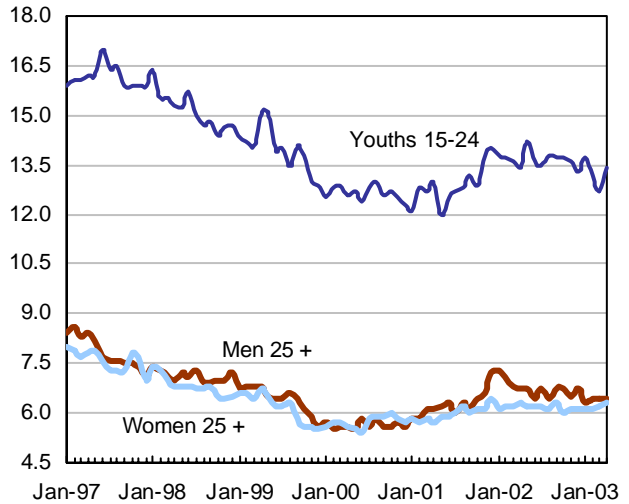
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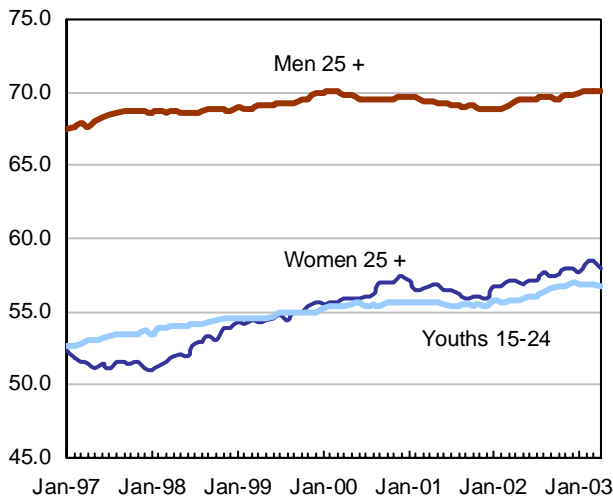
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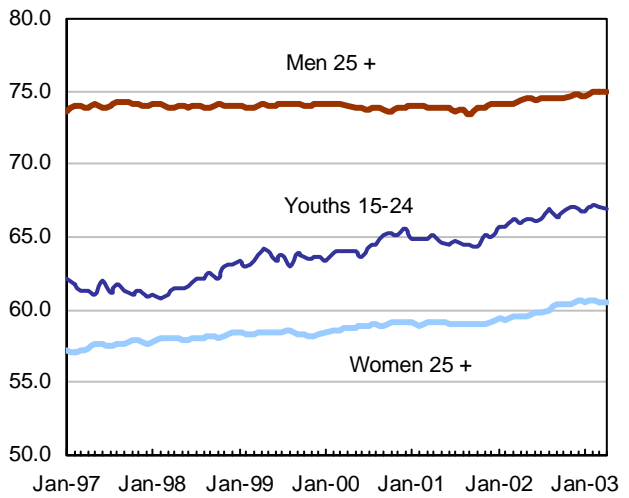
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**Employment rate (%)**



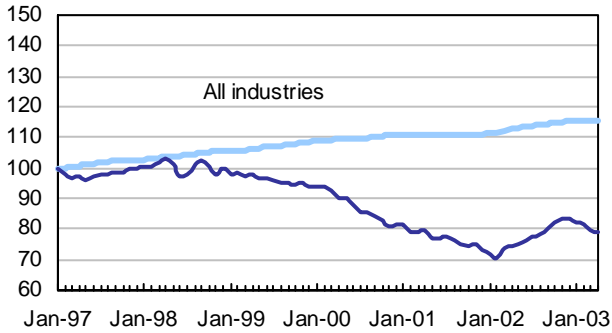
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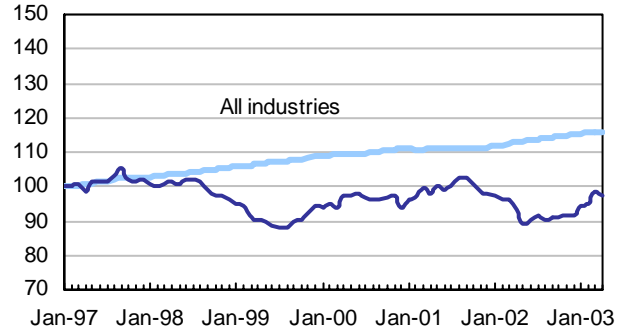


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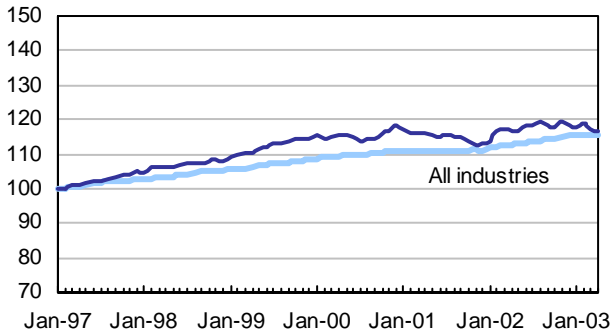
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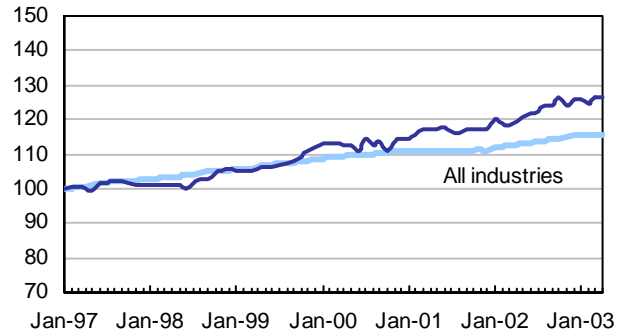
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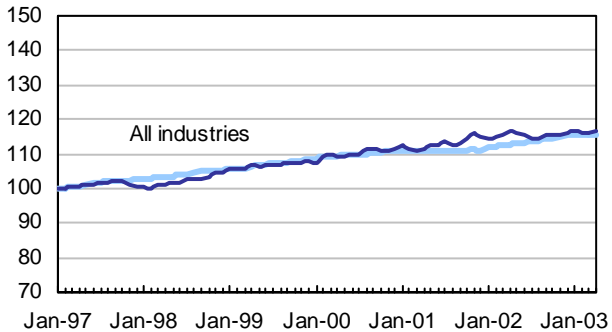
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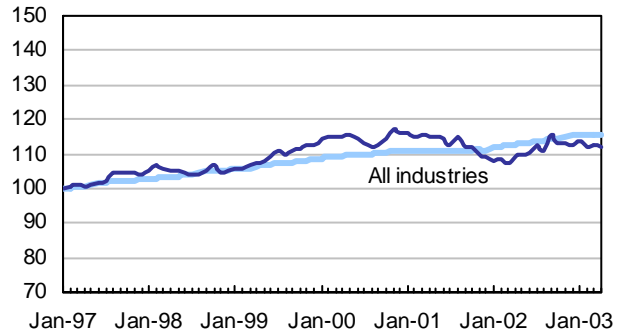
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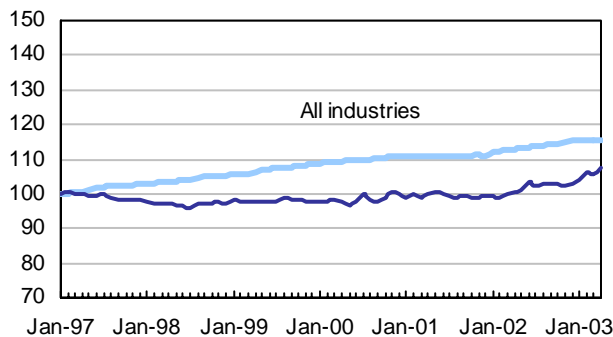
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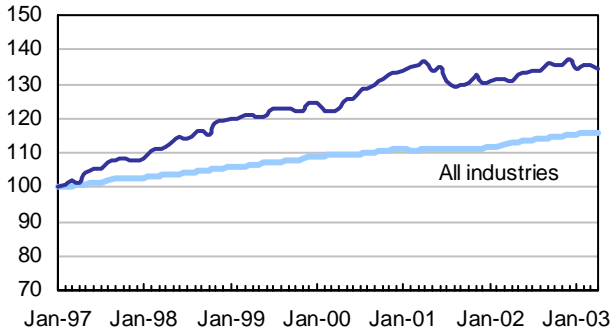


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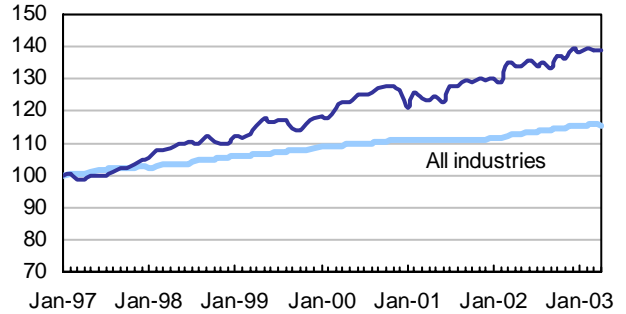


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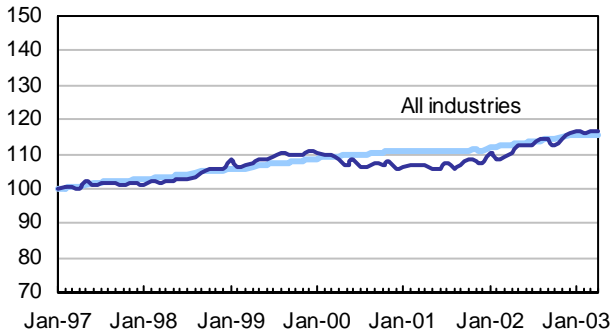
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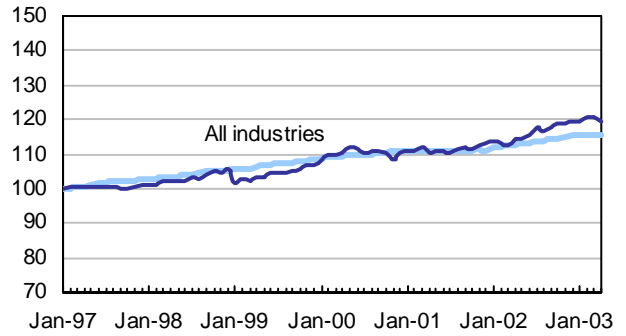
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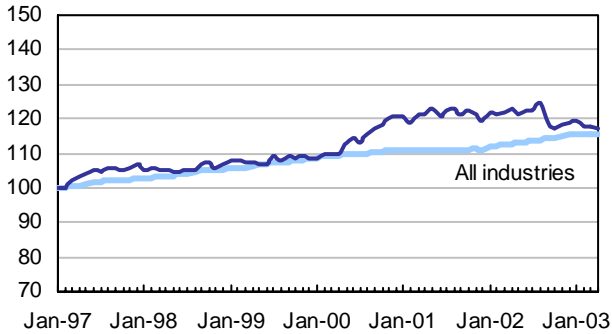
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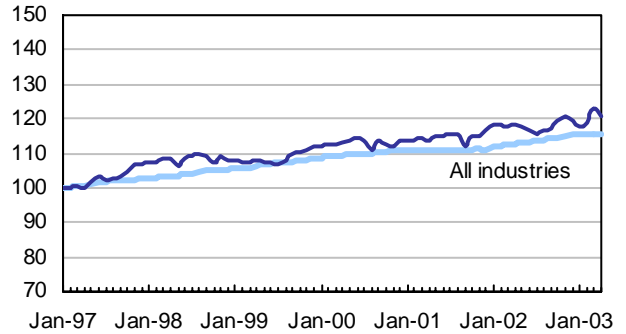
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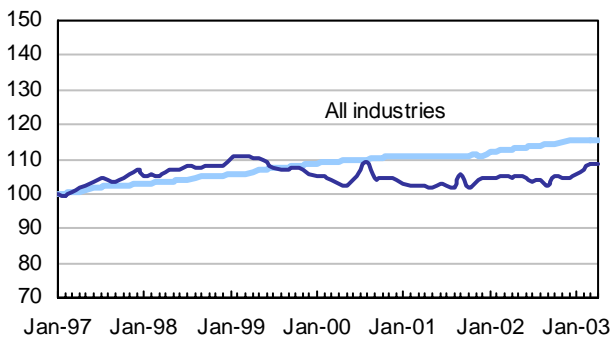
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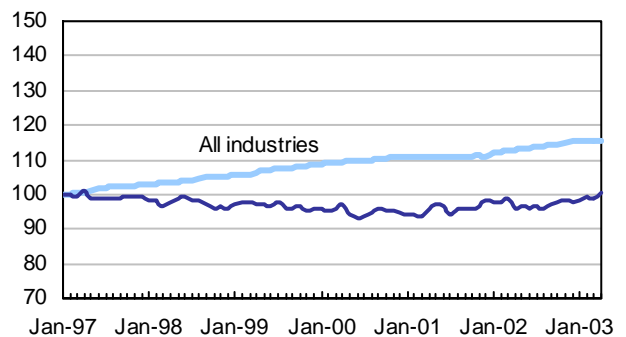
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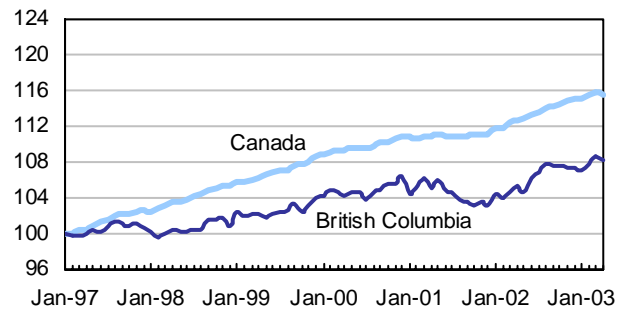
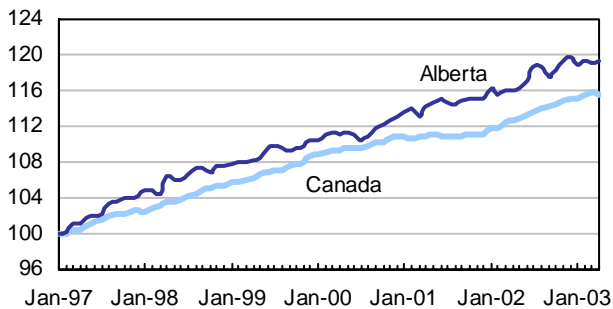
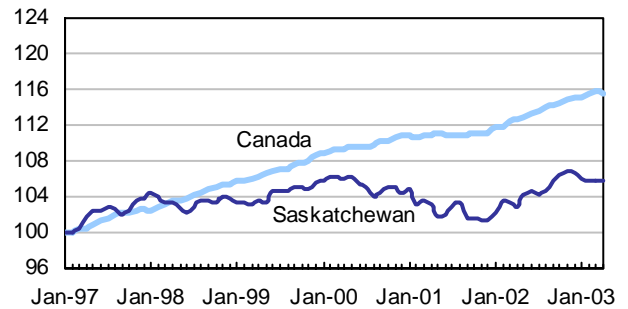
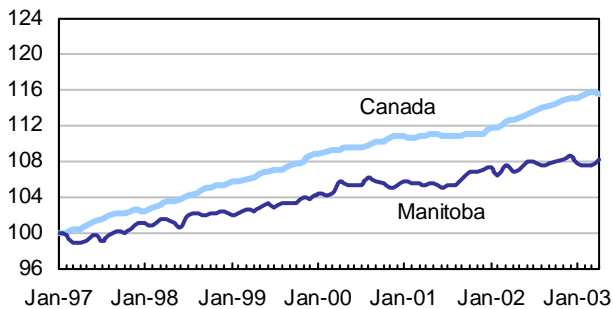
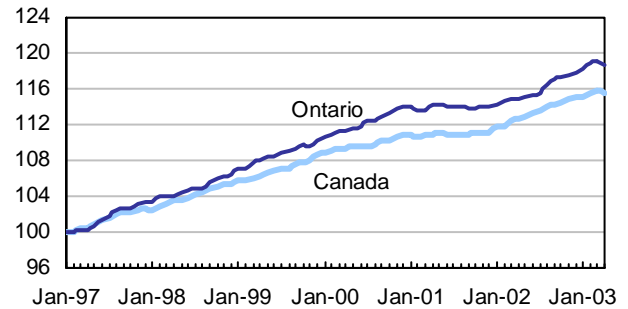
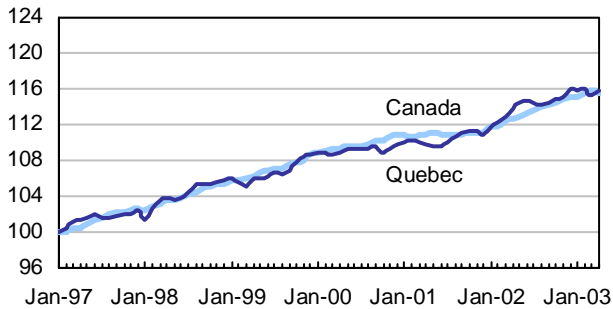
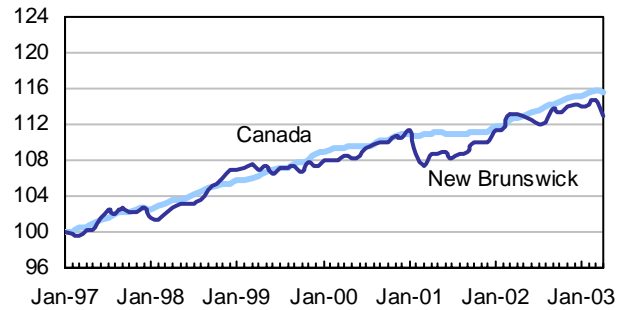
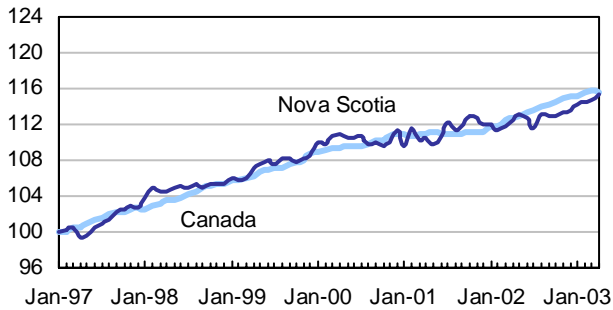
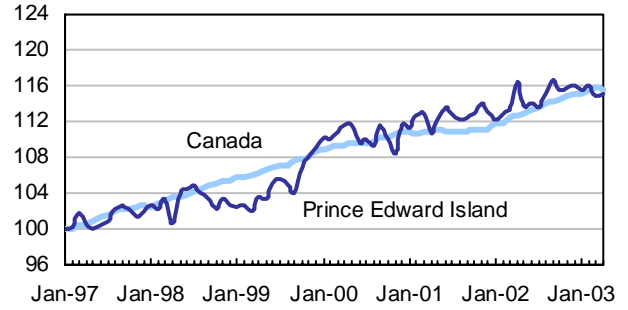
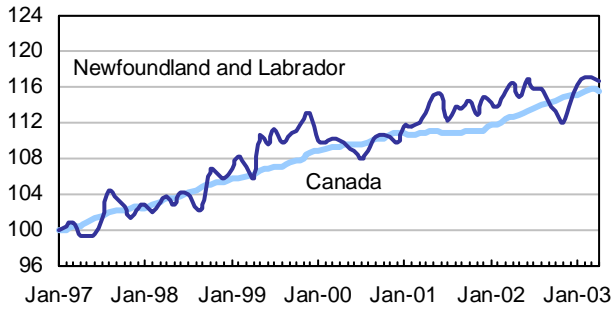
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### Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 1997 = 100



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Table 1

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,145.9	25,178.1	...	32.2	90.7	302.8	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	16,963.7	16,978.8	29.9	15.1	53.5	409.1	0.1	0.3	2.5
Employment	15,717.0	15,698.2	30.2	-18.8	48.5	393.2	-0.1	0.3	2.6
Employment full-time	12,758.0	12,768.7	34.6	10.7	95.3	295.3	0.1	0.8	2.4
Employment part-time	2,959.0	2,929.6	29.2	-29.4	-46.7	98.0	-1.0	-1.6	3.5
Unemployment	1,246.7	1,280.6	23.4	33.9	5.0	15.9	2.7	0.4	1.3
Participation rate	67.5	67.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,152.9	4,156.8	...	3.9	10.9	31.1	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	2,781.1	2,781.8	17.1	0.7	9.0	64.6	0.0	0.3	2.4
Employment	2,429.3	2,409.3	16.3	-20.0	4.8	55.3	-0.8	0.2	2.3
Employment full-time	1,336.2	1,330.2	16.5	-6.0	21.3	42.6	-0.4	1.6	3.3
Employment part-time	1,093.0	1,079.1	17.0	-13.9	-16.5	12.7	-1.3	-1.5	1.2
Unemployment	351.9	372.5	13.2	20.6	4.2	9.3	5.9	1.1	2.6
Participation rate	67.0	66.9	0.4	-0.1	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	13.4	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.0	0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.0	44.8	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,239.7	10,253.3	...	13.6	37.7	134.1	0.1	0.4	1.3
Labour force	7,672.1	7,682.8	15.6	10.7	36.8	158.3	0.1	0.5	2.1
Employment	7,181.6	7,188.4	17.3	6.8	53.1	166.7	0.1	0.7	2.4
Employment full-time	6,724.7	6,737.8	20.1	13.1	67.4	132.0	0.2	1.0	2.0
Employment part-time	456.9	450.5	13.5	-6.4	-14.4	34.6	-1.4	-3.1	8.3
Unemployment	490.5	494.5	13.9	4.0	-16.2	-8.3	0.8	-3.2	-1.7
Participation rate	74.9	74.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	70.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,753.3	10,768.0	...	14.7	42.2	137.6	0.1	0.4	1.3
Labour force	6,510.5	6,514.2	17.6	3.7	7.8	186.3	0.1	0.1	2.9
Employment	6,106.1	6,100.6	17.6	-5.5	-9.2	171.3	-0.1	-0.2	2.9
Employment full-time	4,697.1	4,700.6	21.9	3.5	6.5	120.7	0.1	0.1	2.6
Employment part-time	1,409.1	1,399.9	19.1	-9.2	-15.9	50.5	-0.7	-1.1	3.7
Unemployment	404.4	413.6	13.0	9.2	17.0	15.0	2.3	4.3	3.8
Participation rate	60.5	60.5	0.2	0.0	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	56.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.1	22.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,082.9	14,091.0	...	8.1	13.4	52.2	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	12,129.0	12,123.4	21.7	-5.6	-35.9	110.2	0.0	-0.3	0.9
Employment	11,361.3	11,348.6	23.4	-12.7	-29.6	131.6	-0.1	-0.3	1.2
Unemployment	767.6	774.8	18.1	7.2	-6.3	-21.5	0.9	-0.8	-2.7
Participation rate	86.1	86.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.7	80.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...

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

Table 2

## Employment by class of worker and industry, Canada (in thousands), seasonally adjusted

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,325.0	13,311.0	31.1	-14.0	39.8	330.4	-0.1	0.3	2.5
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,392.0	2,387.2	18.3	-4.8	8.7	62.8	-0.2	0.4	2.7
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	2,977.6	2,987.3	17.8	9.7	33.9	132.7	0.3	1.1	4.6
Private sector employees	10,347.4	10,323.7	31.3	-23.7	5.9	197.6	-0.2	0.1	2.0
<b>Industry</b>	15,717.0	15,698.2	30.2	-18.8	48.5	393.2	-0.1	0.3	2.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,989.2	3,975.2	22.7	-14.0	-34.8	92.1	-0.4	-0.9	2.4
Agriculture	340.1	337.9	6.3	-2.2	-17.3	20.9	-0.6	-4.9	6.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	290.8	287.4	6.0	-3.4	17.1	12.5	-1.2	6.3	4.5
Utilities	131.5	132.4	3.9	0.9	1.3	5.6	0.7	1.0	4.4
Construction	915.2	913.5	12.2	-1.7	2.2	49.5	-0.2	0.2	5.7
Manufacturing	2,311.5	2,304.0	18.3	-7.5	-38.2	3.7	-0.3	-1.6	0.2
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	11,727.8	11,723.0	31.0	-4.8	83.4	301.1	0.0	0.7	2.6
Trade	2,447.0	2,462.8	18.8	15.8	16.3	4.7	0.6	0.7	0.2
Transportation and warehousing	766.3	761.7	10.7	-4.6	-4.1	17.9	-0.6	-0.5	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	929.3	944.1	11.4	14.8	40.5	57.4	1.6	4.5	6.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,006.3	999.6	12.9	-6.7	-21.2	24.3	-0.7	-2.1	2.5
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	610.4	611.1	11.0	0.7	-1.2	21.2	0.1	-0.2	3.6
Educational services	1,054.3	1,053.0	11.5	-1.3	2.8	56.2	-0.1	0.3	5.6
Health care and social assistance	1,669.8	1,652.8	13.3	-17.0	-2.0	69.2	-1.0	-0.1	4.4
Information, culture and recreation	685.7	682.7	11.7	-3.0	-10.8	-34.1	-0.4	-1.6	-4.8
Accommodation and food services	1,045.6	1,027.2	13.4	-18.4	11.0	20.8	-1.8	1.1	2.1
Other services	723.1	722.4	10.5	-0.7	27.3	27.2	-0.1	3.9	3.9
Public administration	790.1	805.6	9.6	15.5	24.6	36.4	2.0	3.1	4.7

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

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

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	439.4	439.4	...	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	263.7	263.4	2.7	-0.3	1.3	6.1	-0.1	0.5	2.4
Employment	218.7	217.8	2.6	-0.9	4.3	0.4	-0.4	2.0	0.2
Employment full-time	183.3	180.9	2.7	-2.4	0.0	-3.1	-1.3	0.0	-1.7
Employment part-time	35.4	36.9	1.9	1.5	4.3	3.4	4.2	13.2	10.1
Unemployment	45.0	45.6	2.4	0.6	-3.0	5.8	1.3	-6.2	14.6
Participation rate	60.0	59.9	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.1	17.3	0.9	0.2	-1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.8	49.6	0.6	-0.2	1.0	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	112.8	113.0	...	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.4	1.3
Labour force	77.2	77.3	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.1	1.4	0.7
Employment	67.2	67.4	0.8	0.2	-0.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.7	-1.0
Employment full-time	56.8	57.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	-0.9	0.4	0.9	-1.6
Employment part-time	10.4	10.5	0.7	0.1	-0.9	0.3	1.0	-7.9	2.9
Unemployment	9.9	9.8	0.6	-0.1	1.5	1.1	-1.0	18.1	12.6
Participation rate	68.4	68.4	0.6	0.0	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	12.7	0.8	-0.1	1.8	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.6	0.7	0.0	-0.8	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	758.5	759.0	...	0.5	1.3	4.6	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	480.8	480.2	3.1	-0.6	3.3	6.5	-0.1	0.7	1.4
Employment	436.3	439.0	3.2	2.7	6.7	11.6	0.6	1.5	2.7
Employment full-time	355.6	356.9	3.6	1.3	9.5	8.0	0.4	2.7	2.3
Employment part-time	80.7	82.2	3.1	1.5	-2.7	3.7	1.9	-3.2	4.7
Unemployment	44.5	41.2	2.6	-3.3	-3.4	-5.1	-7.4	-7.6	-11.0
Participation rate	63.4	63.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.6	0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.8	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	608.5	608.6	...	0.1	0.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	389.7	385.8	2.7	-3.9	-4.4	0.4	-1.0	-1.1	0.1
Employment	351.4	346.1	2.7	-5.3	-3.9	-0.5	-1.5	-1.1	-0.1
Employment full-time	293.5	292.5	3.0	-1.0	-3.3	-2.1	-0.3	-1.1	-0.7
Employment part-time	58.0	53.6	2.1	-4.4	-0.6	1.6	-7.6	-1.1	3.1
Unemployment	38.3	39.8	2.5	1.5	-0.4	1.0	3.9	-1.0	2.6
Participation rate	64.0	63.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.3	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	56.9	0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,065.4	6,070.9	...	5.5	15.8	46.9	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	3,989.8	4,010.1	16.2	20.3	18.4	90.3	0.5	0.5	2.3
Employment	3,634.5	3,646.8	16.7	12.3	-7.3	62.2	0.3	-0.2	1.7
Employment full-time	2,974.1	2,981.1	19.0	7.0	-4.1	40.9	0.2	-0.1	1.4
Employment part-time	660.4	665.7	15.6	5.3	-3.2	21.3	0.8	-0.5	3.3
Unemployment	355.3	363.4	13.4	8.1	25.8	28.2	2.3	7.6	8.4
Participation rate	65.8	66.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.1	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,731.7	9,747.5	...	15.8	43.8	158.1	0.2	0.5	1.6
Labour force	6,672.8	6,661.3	19.4	-11.5	28.2	190.1	-0.2	0.4	2.9
Employment	6,237.0	6,210.5	19.4	-26.5	44.5	196.4	-0.4	0.7	3.3
Employment full-time	5,095.5	5,081.9	22.2	-13.6	42.1	137.7	-0.3	0.8	2.8
Employment part-time	1,141.5	1,128.7	18.6	-12.8	2.5	58.8	-1.1	0.2	5.5
Unemployment	435.8	450.8	14.9	15.0	-16.3	-6.3	3.4	-3.5	-1.4
Participation rate	68.6	68.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.8	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.7	0.2	-0.4	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	865.3	866.2	...	0.9	1.2	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	596.0	596.2	3.1	0.2	-5.3	1.2	0.0	-0.9	0.2
Employment	567.2	570.3	3.3	3.1	-1.8	7.2	0.5	-0.3	1.3
Employment full-time	450.9	456.2	3.8	5.3	-6.1	4.2	1.2	-1.3	0.9
Employment part-time	116.2	114.1	3.3	-2.1	4.2	3.1	-1.8	3.8	2.8
Unemployment	28.8	25.9	2.4	-2.9	-3.4	-6.1	-10.1	-11.6	-19.1
Participation rate	68.9	68.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.8	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	756.7	756.3	...	-0.4	-1.3	-3.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	516.3	515.2	2.9	-1.1	-5.7	11.7	-0.2	-1.1	2.3
Employment	487.4	487.3	3.0	-0.1	-4.4	13.3	0.0	-0.9	2.8
Employment full-time	396.9	391.7	3.3	-5.2	1.6	12.5	-1.3	0.4	3.3
Employment part-time	90.4	95.6	2.8	5.2	-6.0	0.9	5.8	-5.9	1.0
Unemployment	28.9	27.9	2.1	-1.0	-1.3	-1.6	-3.5	-4.5	-5.4
Participation rate	68.2	68.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.4	0.4	0.0	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,456.5	2,461.6	...	5.1	16.5	52.0	0.2	0.7	2.2
Labour force	1,789.9	1,799.8	8.4	9.9	4.0	55.8	0.6	0.2	3.2
Employment	1,697.6	1,700.7	8.6	3.1	-6.8	48.0	0.2	-0.4	2.9
Employment full-time	1,388.7	1,404.4	10.1	15.7	4.4	50.3	1.1	0.3	3.7
Employment part-time	308.9	296.3	8.9	-12.6	-11.1	-2.2	-4.1	-3.6	-0.7
Unemployment	92.3	99.0	6.2	6.7	10.6	7.7	7.3	12.0	8.4
Participation rate	72.9	73.1	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,351.0	3,355.7	...	4.7	12.6	39.3	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	2,187.6	2,189.5	11.7	1.9	12.6	46.4	0.1	0.6	2.2
Employment	2,019.7	2,012.3	11.8	-7.4	17.7	55.1	-0.4	0.9	2.8
Employment full-time	1,562.4	1,566.4	13.7	4.0	51.7	48.3	0.3	3.4	3.2
Employment part-time	457.3	445.9	12.0	-11.4	-34.0	6.8	-2.5	-7.1	1.5
Unemployment	167.9	177.2	8.9	9.3	-5.1	-8.8	5.5	-2.8	-4.7
Participation rate	65.3	65.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.1	0.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.0	0.4	-0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...

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



Table 4

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	439.4	439.4	...	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Labour force	263.7	263.4	2.7	-0.3	1.3	6.1	-0.1	0.5	2.4
Employment	218.7	217.8	2.6	-0.9	4.3	0.4	-0.4	2.0	0.2
Employment full-time	183.3	180.9	2.7	-2.4	0.0	-3.1	-1.3	0.0	-1.7
Unemployment	45.0	45.6	2.4	0.6	-3.0	5.8	1.3	-6.2	14.6
Participation rate	60.0	59.9	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.1	17.3	0.9	0.2	-1.2	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.8	49.6	0.6	-0.2	1.0	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.2	16.9	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	74.0	73.9	...	-0.1	-0.5	-2.4	-0.1	-0.7	-3.1
Labour force	41.9	42.1	1.4	0.2	0.0	2.2	0.5	0.0	5.5
Employment	31.6	31.3	1.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.9	-0.6	1.0
Unemployment	10.3	10.8	1.3	0.5	0.2	1.9	4.9	1.9	21.3
Participation rate	56.6	57.0	1.8	0.4	0.4	4.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	24.6	25.7	2.9	1.1	0.5	3.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.7	42.4	1.8	-0.3	0.1	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.6	41.5	3.6	-4.0	-3.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	178.2	178.3	...	0.1	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	119.7	119.1	1.5	-0.6	0.2	1.6	-0.5	0.2	1.4
Employment	99.9	99.2	1.5	-0.7	2.8	-0.4	-0.7	2.9	-0.4
Unemployment	19.7	19.9	1.5	0.2	-2.6	2.0	1.0	-11.6	11.2
Participation rate	67.2	66.8	0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.7	1.2	0.2	-2.2	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.6	0.9	-0.5	1.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	4.9	0.8	-0.1	1.5	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	187.1	187.2	...	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	102.1	102.2	1.4	0.1	1.1	2.3	0.1	1.1	2.3
Employment	87.1	87.2	1.3	0.1	1.7	0.3	0.1	2.0	0.3
Unemployment	15.0	14.9	1.3	-0.1	-0.7	1.9	-0.7	-4.5	14.6
Participation rate	54.6	54.6	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.7	14.6	1.2	-0.1	-0.8	1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	46.6	46.6	0.7	0.0	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	21.8	1.4	3.4	4.1	4.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	218.7	217.8	2.6	-0.9	4.3	0.4	-0.4	2.0	0.2
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	44.3	42.8	1.7	-1.5	-0.6	-8.9	-3.4	-1.4	-17.2
Agriculture	2.3	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.4	4.3	20.0	140.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.1	13.8	1.0	0.7	1.2	-3.1	5.3	9.5	-18.3
Utilities	2.2	2.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9	-9.1	-20.0	-31.0
Construction	10.9	10.5	0.9	-0.4	-1.3	0.5	-3.7	-11.0	5.0
Manufacturing	15.8	14.2	1.1	-1.6	-0.3	-6.6	-10.1	-2.1	-31.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	174.4	175.0	2.4	0.6	4.9	9.2	0.3	2.9	5.5
Trade	38.8	37.8	1.3	-1.0	-0.8	-1.2	-2.6	-2.1	-3.1
Transportation and warehousing	12.2	13.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.7	6.6	6.6	26.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	6.7	6.9	0.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.8	3.0	-2.8	-10.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.9	7.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-1.3	1.3	4.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	8.7	8.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6	0.6	-4.6	7.8	7.8
Educational services	16.6	16.8	0.9	0.2	-0.7	-1.9	1.2	-4.0	-10.2
Health care and social assistance	33.8	34.7	1.0	0.9	1.9	6.2	2.7	5.8	21.8
Information, culture and recreation	7.3	7.2	0.7	-0.1	1.3	-0.1	-1.4	22.0	-1.4
Accommodation and food services	13.5	12.9	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	0.5	-4.4	-4.4	4.0
Other services	12.0	12.6	0.7	0.6	1.3	2.1	5.0	11.5	20.0
Public administration	16.8	16.9	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	6.3	5.0

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

Table 5

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	112.8	113.0	...	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.4	1.3
Labour force	77.2	77.3	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.1	1.4	0.7
Employment	67.2	67.4	0.8	0.2	-0.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.7	-1.0
Employment full-time	56.8	57.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	-0.9	0.4	0.9	-1.6
Unemployment	9.9	9.8	0.6	-0.1	1.5	1.1	-1.0	18.1	12.6
Participation rate	68.4	68.4	0.6	0.0	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	12.7	0.8	-0.1	1.8	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.6	0.7	0.0	-0.8	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	15.6	0.9	0.1	-1.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.0
Labour force	14.3	14.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.7	1.4
Employment	11.7	11.8	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.9	-4.8	1.7
Unemployment	2.6	2.3	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.0	-11.5	21.1	0.0
Participation rate	70.8	70.3	2.0	-0.5	-0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.2	16.2	2.5	-2.0	2.9	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	58.4	2.1	0.5	-3.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.5	38.1	3.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	44.8	44.8	...	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	1.4
Labour force	32.8	33.0	0.4	0.2	1.2	-0.1	0.6	3.8	-0.3
Employment	28.7	28.7	0.4	0.0	0.5	-0.6	0.0	1.8	-2.0
Unemployment	4.1	4.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.5	4.9	19.4	13.2
Participation rate	73.2	73.7	0.8	0.5	2.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.5	13.0	1.2	0.5	1.7	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.1	1.0	0.0	0.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	4.9	0.8	-1.0	-1.2	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	47.9	48.0	...	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	1.5
Labour force	30.1	30.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.3
Employment	26.9	27.0	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	-1.1	-0.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	14.3	28.0
Participation rate	62.8	62.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.6	1.2	0.0	1.3	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.2	56.3	0.9	0.1	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.0	16.7	1.6	0.7	-1.6	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	67.2	67.4	0.8	0.2	-0.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.7	-1.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	17.2	17.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	-1.4	1.2	0.6	-7.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.4	3.3	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	-2.9	0.0	-23.3
Utilities	3.0	2.8	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.1	-6.7	12.0	3.7
Construction	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-25.0	0.0	-25.0
Manufacturing	4.2	4.5	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	7.1	-6.2	-4.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	6.3	6.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	4.8	3.1	-1.5
Trade	50.0	50.0	0.7	0.0	-0.6	0.7	0.0	-1.2	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	9.6	9.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-2.1	-1.1	-5.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.5	-6.9	3.8	22.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.0	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	10.0	15.8	4.8
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.8	2.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	-7.1	-16.1	-10.3
Educational services	2.6	2.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.4	0.0	-7.1	18.2
Health care and social assistance	4.8	4.8	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-2.0	0.0
Information, culture and recreation	7.4	7.7	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.3	4.1	-4.9	4.1
Accommodation and food services	2.9	2.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-24.1	-21.4	-21.4
Other services	5.1	5.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.1	7.8	7.8	-1.8
Public administration	3.4	3.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	8.8	5.7	15.6
Public administration	6.5	6.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	3.2	4.8

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

Table 6

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	758.5	759.0	...	0.5	1.3	4.6	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	480.8	480.2	3.1	-0.6	3.3	6.5	-0.1	0.7	1.4
Employment	436.3	439.0	3.2	2.7	6.7	11.6	0.6	1.5	2.7
Employment full-time	355.6	356.9	3.6	1.3	9.5	8.0	0.4	2.7	2.3
Unemployment	44.5	41.2	2.6	-3.3	-3.4	-5.1	-7.4	-7.6	-11.0
Participation rate	63.4	63.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.6	0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.8	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	18.7	0.7	0.2	-0.9	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	123.5	123.6	...	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Labour force	83.7	82.6	1.9	-1.1	2.1	4.3	-1.3	2.6	5.5
Employment	71.5	70.8	1.8	-0.7	4.1	6.0	-1.0	6.1	9.3
Unemployment	12.2	11.7	1.6	-0.5	-2.1	-1.8	-4.1	-15.2	-13.3
Participation rate	67.8	66.8	1.5	-1.0	1.6	3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	14.2	1.9	-0.4	-2.9	-3.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.3	1.5	-0.6	3.3	4.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	44.6	2.5	-0.5	-0.6	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	303.1	303.3	...	0.2	0.7	2.3	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	209.0	210.4	1.6	1.4	1.2	2.2	0.7	0.6	1.1
Employment	190.3	194.6	1.9	4.3	3.4	5.4	2.3	1.8	2.9
Unemployment	18.8	15.9	1.6	-2.9	-2.1	-3.1	-15.4	-11.7	-16.3
Participation rate	69.0	69.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	7.6	0.8	-1.4	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	64.2	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.6	6.2	0.6	0.5	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	331.9	332.2	...	0.3	0.6	2.2	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	188.0	187.2	1.7	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Employment	174.5	173.6	1.7	-0.9	-0.8	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.1
Unemployment	13.5	13.6	1.3	0.1	0.8	-0.2	0.7	6.2	-1.4
Participation rate	56.6	56.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.3	0.7	0.1	0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.6	52.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	22.2	1.1	0.6	-1.7	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	436.3	439.1	3.2	2.8	6.8	11.7	0.6	1.6	2.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	98.5	100.3	2.0	1.8	5.4	7.7	1.8	5.7	8.3
Agriculture	6.9	6.8	0.6	-0.1	0.6	1.1	-1.4	9.7	19.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.7	15.5	0.9	-0.2	0.2	2.5	-1.3	1.3	19.2
Utilities	2.4	3.0	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.5	25.0	3.4	20.0
Construction	24.5	25.4	1.3	0.9	0.4	-0.3	3.7	1.6	-1.2
Manufacturing	49.1	49.6	1.4	0.5	4.0	3.9	1.0	8.8	8.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	337.8	338.7	3.0	0.9	1.2	4.0	0.3	0.4	1.2
Trade	74.5	74.9	1.9	0.4	-0.5	-2.5	0.5	-0.7	-3.2
Transportation and warehousing	19.0	18.7	1.0	-0.3	-0.6	-2.3	-1.6	-3.1	-11.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.8	22.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.5	3.2	2.3	7.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	19.5	17.6	1.0	-1.9	-3.2	-1.9	-9.7	-15.4	-9.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	22.0	22.4	1.3	0.4	0.7	1.8	1.8	3.2	8.7
Educational services	34.2	35.5	1.2	1.3	1.0	4.0	3.8	2.9	12.7
Health care and social assistance	52.9	53.8	1.3	0.9	2.1	3.3	1.7	4.1	6.5
Information, culture and recreation	16.8	15.7	1.1	-1.1	-1.4	-2.5	-6.5	-8.2	-13.7
Accommodation and food services	27.4	28.3	1.4	0.9	0.0	-4.0	3.3	0.0	-12.4
Other services	23.3	23.0	1.1	-0.3	0.6	2.4	-1.3	2.7	11.7
Public administration	26.2	26.3	1.0	0.1	2.4	4.3	0.4	10.0	19.5

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

Table 7

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	608.5	608.6	...	0.1	0.1	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Labour force	389.7	385.8	2.7	-3.9	-4.4	0.4	-1.0	-1.1	0.1
Employment	351.4	346.1	2.7	-5.3	-3.9	-0.5	-1.5	-1.1	-0.1
Employment full-time	293.5	292.5	3.0	-1.0	-3.3	-2.1	-0.3	-1.1	-0.7
Unemployment	38.3	39.8	2.5	1.5	-0.4	1.0	3.9	-1.0	2.6
Participation rate	64.0	63.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.3	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	56.9	0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.5	15.5	0.6	-1.0	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.6	97.5	...	-0.1	-0.3	-1.1	-0.1	-0.3	-1.1
Labour force	63.6	63.7	1.5	0.1	-1.3	-1.5	0.2	-2.0	-2.3
Employment	54.1	52.9	1.5	-1.2	-2.5	-2.1	-2.2	-4.5	-3.8
Unemployment	9.6	10.8	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.5	12.5	13.7	4.9
Participation rate	65.2	65.3	1.5	0.1	-1.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.1	17.0	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.4	54.3	1.5	-1.1	-2.3	-1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.4	36.3	2.1	-2.2	3.6	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	247.1	247.2	...	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Labour force	173.8	169.9	1.5	-3.9	-3.3	-2.4	-2.2	-1.9	-1.4
Employment	156.2	152.2	1.6	-4.0	-2.1	-1.3	-2.6	-1.4	-0.8
Unemployment	17.5	17.7	1.5	0.2	-1.2	-1.2	1.1	-6.3	-6.3
Participation rate	70.3	68.7	0.6	-1.6	-1.4	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.1	10.4	0.8	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	61.6	0.7	-1.6	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.1	4.4	0.6	-0.7	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	263.8	263.9	...	0.1	0.3	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	152.3	152.2	1.4	-0.1	0.2	4.4	-0.1	0.1	3.0
Employment	141.1	141.0	1.4	-0.1	0.8	2.8	-0.1	0.6	2.0
Unemployment	11.2	11.2	1.1	0.0	-0.6	1.5	0.0	-5.1	15.5
Participation rate	57.7	57.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.8	0.0	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	53.4	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	19.6	1.0	-1.1	-1.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	351.4	346.1	2.7	-5.3	-3.9	-0.5	-1.5	-1.1	-0.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	84.8	81.2	1.9	-3.6	1.6	-0.2	-4.2	2.0	-0.2
Agriculture	6.7	5.7	0.6	-1.0	-0.8	1.0	-14.9	-12.3	21.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.4	12.3	0.8	-1.1	1.2	0.7	-8.2	10.8	6.0
Utilities	4.1	3.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.1	-17.1	-15.0	-24.4
Construction	19.6	20.2	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.3	3.1	3.1	6.9
Manufacturing	41.0	39.7	1.4	-1.3	1.2	-1.9	-3.2	3.1	-4.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	266.7	264.9	2.4	-1.8	-5.5	-0.3	-0.7	-2.0	-0.1
Trade	54.2	52.9	1.4	-1.3	-1.0	-1.3	-2.4	-1.9	-2.4
Transportation and warehousing	18.9	17.8	0.8	-1.1	-1.9	-3.3	-5.8	-9.6	-15.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	13.7	14.3	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.6	4.4	-0.7	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.5	16.8	0.7	0.3	1.1	3.0	1.8	7.0	21.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.3	23.8	0.9	0.5	0.5	4.6	2.1	2.1	24.0
Educational services	22.0	21.4	0.9	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	-2.7	0.5	-0.9
Health care and social assistance	43.2	43.8	1.1	0.6	0.1	1.9	1.4	0.2	4.5
Information, culture and recreation	13.6	12.8	0.8	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	-5.9	-0.8	0.8
Accommodation and food services	22.9	22.7	1.1	-0.2	-3.1	-4.7	-0.9	-12.0	-17.2
Other services	17.8	17.6	0.9	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-1.1	-1.7	-3.8
Public administration	20.6	21.1	0.8	0.5	-0.6	-0.2	2.4	-2.8	-0.9

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

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,065.4	6,070.9	...	5.5	15.8	46.9	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	3,989.8	4,010.1	16.2	20.3	18.4	90.3	0.5	0.5	2.3
Employment	3,634.5	3,646.8	16.7	12.3	-7.3	62.2	0.3	-0.2	1.7
Employment full-time	2,974.1	2,981.1	19.0	7.0	-4.1	40.9	0.2	-0.1	1.4
Unemployment	355.3	363.4	13.4	8.1	25.8	28.2	2.3	7.6	8.4
Participation rate	65.8	66.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.1	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.3	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	953.1	952.8	...	-0.3	-1.6	-6.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	648.2	642.2	9.0	-6.0	3.6	-2.7	-0.9	0.6	-0.4
Employment	555.6	553.3	8.7	-2.3	-2.7	-6.6	-0.4	-0.5	-1.2
Unemployment	92.5	89.0	7.3	-3.5	6.4	4.0	-3.8	7.7	4.7
Participation rate	68.0	67.4	0.9	-0.6	0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	13.9	1.1	-0.4	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.1	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.0	45.4	1.5	0.4	1.1	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,492.4	2,495.3	...	2.9	8.6	27.4	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	1,834.5	1,836.7	8.9	2.2	3.0	33.4	0.1	0.2	1.9
Employment	1,690.5	1,689.8	9.6	-0.7	-0.7	29.5	0.0	0.0	1.8
Unemployment	144.0	146.9	8.1	2.9	3.8	3.9	2.0	2.7	2.7
Participation rate	73.6	73.6	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.8	67.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	6.9	0.5	0.0	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,619.9	2,622.8	...	2.9	8.8	26.1	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	1,507.2	1,531.2	9.5	24.0	11.8	59.6	1.6	0.8	4.1
Employment	1,388.4	1,403.7	9.6	15.3	-3.8	39.4	1.1	-0.3	2.9
Unemployment	118.8	127.5	7.3	8.7	15.6	20.2	7.3	13.9	18.8
Participation rate	57.5	58.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.3	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	53.5	0.4	0.5	-0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.2	21.3	0.7	0.1	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	934.4	937.2	12.3	2.8	-25.6	0.7	0.3	-2.7	0.1
Agriculture	56.1	53.1	3.1	-3.0	-14.0	-11.8	-5.3	-20.9	-18.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	39.0	41.3	2.4	2.3	2.9	0.3	5.9	7.6	0.7
Utilities	28.4	29.3	2.1	0.9	-1.9	2.3	3.2	-6.1	8.5
Construction	176.1	172.4	5.6	-3.7	11.7	18.6	-2.1	7.3	12.1
Manufacturing	634.8	641.0	10.5	6.2	-24.3	-8.8	1.0	-3.7	-1.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	2,700.1	2,709.6	16.9	9.5	18.3	61.6	0.4	0.7	2.3
Trade	601.0	601.2	10.6	0.2	1.2	-7.4	0.0	0.2	-1.2
Transportation and warehousing	159.0	158.8	5.5	-0.2	2.0	14.1	-0.1	1.3	9.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	187.0	193.4	6.0	6.4	10.3	-6.4	3.4	5.6	-3.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	215.2	213.1	6.6	-2.1	-11.0	5.4	-1.0	-4.9	2.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	113.9	119.7	5.6	5.8	-3.3	-6.6	5.1	-2.7	-5.2
Educational services	250.3	252.8	6.2	2.5	5.7	25.1	1.0	2.3	11.0
Health care and social assistance	424.5	416.1	7.7	-8.4	-2.3	22.1	-2.0	-0.5	5.6
Information, culture and recreation	154.0	138.5	6.3	-15.5	-15.2	-27.5	-10.1	-9.9	-16.6
Accommodation and food services	226.4	230.0	7.0	3.6	15.6	20.0	1.6	7.3	9.5
Other services	167.1	164.4	5.5	-2.7	-2.8	8.3	-1.6	-1.7	5.3
Public administration	201.8	221.3	5.5	19.5	17.8	14.0	9.7	8.7	6.8

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

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,731.7	9,747.5	...	15.8	43.8	158.1	0.2	0.5	1.6
Labour force	6,672.8	6,661.3	19.4	-11.5	28.2	190.1	-0.2	0.4	2.9
Employment	6,237.0	6,210.5	19.4	-26.5	44.5	196.4	-0.4	0.7	3.3
Employment full-time	5,095.5	5,081.9	22.2	-13.6	42.1	137.7	-0.3	0.8	2.8
Unemployment	435.8	450.8	14.9	15.0	-16.3	-6.3	3.4	-3.5	-1.4
Participation rate	68.6	68.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.8	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.7	0.2	-0.4	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,588.5	1,591.3	...	2.8	8.5	27.2	0.2	0.5	1.7
Labour force	1,069.7	1,065.0	11.2	-4.7	6.6	35.4	-0.4	0.6	3.4
Employment	935.3	915.6	10.4	-19.7	5.9	31.6	-2.1	0.6	3.6
Unemployment	134.4	149.4	8.5	15.0	0.6	3.8	11.2	0.4	2.6
Participation rate	67.3	66.9	0.7	-0.4	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	14.0	0.8	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	57.5	0.7	-1.4	0.0	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.4	47.1	1.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	3,957.3	3,963.4	...	6.1	16.5	64.9	0.2	0.4	1.7
Labour force	3,005.5	3,009.5	9.6	4.0	18.4	81.4	0.1	0.6	2.8
Employment	2,840.0	2,845.8	10.8	5.8	30.2	75.7	0.2	1.1	2.7
Unemployment	165.5	163.7	8.5	-1.8	-11.7	5.7	-1.1	-6.7	3.6
Participation rate	75.9	75.9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	71.8	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.9	0.3	0.0	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,185.9	4,192.7	...	6.8	18.8	65.8	0.2	0.5	1.6
Labour force	2,597.6	2,586.8	11.6	-10.8	3.2	73.3	-0.4	0.1	2.9
Employment	2,461.6	2,449.1	11.7	-12.5	8.4	89.2	-0.5	0.3	3.8
Unemployment	136.0	137.8	8.5	1.8	-5.1	-15.8	1.3	-3.6	-10.3
Participation rate	62.1	61.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.3	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	21.7	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,237.0	6,210.5	19.4	-26.5	44.5	196.4	-0.4	0.7	3.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,643.9	1,641.2	15.0	-2.7	-15.0	31.6	-0.2	-0.9	2.0
Agriculture	78.7	83.4	3.3	4.7	1.5	12.6	6.0	1.8	17.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.8	34.8	2.2	-2.0	2.6	0.4	-5.4	8.1	1.2
Utilities	54.3	54.6	2.4	0.3	4.2	2.1	0.6	8.3	4.0
Construction	369.5	370.3	8.3	0.8	-3.1	23.2	0.2	-0.8	6.7
Manufacturing	1,104.5	1,098.0	12.6	-6.5	-20.2	-6.7	-0.6	-1.8	-0.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,593.1	4,569.3	20.2	-23.8	59.5	164.8	-0.5	1.3	3.7
Trade	942.6	948.0	12.0	5.4	11.3	32.5	0.6	1.2	3.5
Transportation and warehousing	281.4	286.0	7.0	4.6	8.6	4.3	1.6	3.1	1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	432.7	434.1	8.0	1.4	24.9	42.1	0.3	6.1	10.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	458.0	457.0	8.7	-1.0	12.2	24.3	-0.2	2.7	5.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	260.6	255.4	7.7	-5.2	-2.9	0.6	-2.0	-1.1	0.2
Educational services	384.5	381.3	7.2	-3.2	-15.6	11.7	-0.8	-3.9	3.2
Health care and social assistance	600.3	586.8	8.1	-13.5	1.7	30.2	-2.2	0.3	5.4
Information, culture and recreation	276.5	282.2	7.7	5.7	2.8	-18.9	2.1	1.0	-6.3
Accommodation and food services	382.2	370.1	8.4	-12.1	-8.6	17.9	-3.2	-2.3	5.1
Other services	269.1	267.1	6.6	-2.0	18.0	8.0	-0.7	7.2	3.1
Public administration	305.2	301.3	6.2	-3.9	7.0	12.0	-1.3	2.4	4.1

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

Table 10

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	865.3	866.2	...	0.9	1.2	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Labour force	596.0	596.2	3.1	0.2	-5.3	1.2	0.0	-0.9	0.2
Employment	567.2	570.3	3.3	3.1	-1.8	7.2	0.5	-0.3	1.3
Employment full-time	450.9	456.2	3.8	5.3	-6.1	4.2	1.2	-1.3	0.9
Unemployment	28.8	25.9	2.4	-2.9	-3.4	-6.1	-10.1	-11.6	-19.1
Participation rate	68.9	68.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.8	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	20.0	0.6	-0.5	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	149.3	149.6	...	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Labour force	108.2	107.1	1.8	-1.1	-1.7	-1.6	-1.0	-1.6	-1.5
Employment	98.3	98.1	1.9	-0.2	-0.6	1.1	-0.2	-0.6	1.1
Unemployment	10.0	9.0	1.5	-1.0	-1.1	-2.6	-10.0	-10.9	-22.4
Participation rate	72.5	71.6	1.2	-0.9	-1.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	8.4	1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.6	1.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.3	44.9	1.9	-0.4	0.8	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	349.4	349.8	...	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	264.1	265.4	1.6	1.3	-1.5	2.3	0.5	-0.6	0.9
Employment	255.2	256.3	1.8	1.1	-0.2	4.6	0.4	-0.1	1.8
Unemployment	8.8	9.0	1.3	0.2	-1.4	-2.4	2.3	-13.5	-21.1
Participation rate	75.6	75.9	0.5	0.3	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.4	0.5	0.1	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.0	73.3	0.5	0.3	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.6	0.6	0.2	1.6	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	366.5	366.8	...	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	223.7	223.8	1.8	0.1	-2.0	0.5	0.0	-0.9	0.2
Employment	213.7	215.9	1.8	2.2	-1.0	1.6	1.0	-0.5	0.7
Unemployment	10.0	7.9	1.2	-2.1	-0.9	-1.1	-21.0	-10.2	-12.2
Participation rate	61.0	61.0	0.5	0.0	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	3.5	0.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.9	0.5	0.6	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	25.9	24.6	1.0	-1.2	-0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	567.2	570.3	3.3	3.1	-1.8	7.2	0.5	-0.3	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	140.4	141.2	2.6	0.8	3.1	2.1	0.6	2.2	1.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.9	32.1	1.3	-0.8	-0.1	0.2	-2.4	-0.3	0.6
Utilities	5.3	5.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-1.8	-1.9	-8.8	-25.7
Construction	6.9	7.0	0.5	0.1	0.8	1.4	1.4	12.9	25.0
Manufacturing	26.3	27.9	1.4	1.6	1.8	3.0	6.1	6.9	12.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	69.1	69.0	1.8	-0.1	1.0	-0.7	-0.1	1.5	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	426.7	429.1	3.4	2.4	-4.9	5.2	0.6	-1.1	1.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	81.9	83.0	2.0	1.1	-1.1	-7.3	1.3	-1.3	-8.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	35.1	34.4	1.3	-0.7	-0.5	0.7	-2.0	-1.4	2.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	27.0	27.1	1.0	0.1	-0.4	-1.9	0.4	-1.5	-6.6
Educational services	23.2	23.8	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	2.6	2.1	2.6
Health care and social assistance	21.4	21.7	1.2	0.3	0.9	4.7	1.4	4.3	27.6
Information, culture and recreation	43.3	42.6	1.4	-0.7	-0.5	3.5	-1.6	-1.2	9.0
Accommodation and food services	73.2	72.7	1.6	-0.5	-4.9	-1.0	-0.7	-6.3	-1.4
Other services	22.1	22.8	1.1	0.7	0.5	-1.5	3.2	2.2	-6.2
Public administration	40.5	39.4	1.5	-1.1	0.0	4.2	-2.7	0.0	11.9
	29.0	30.4	1.1	1.4	1.4	5.4	4.8	4.8	21.6
	30.2	31.1	1.1	0.9	-0.8	-2.4	3.0	-2.5	-7.2

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

Table 11

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	756.7	756.3	...	-0.4	-1.3	-3.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	516.3	515.2	2.9	-1.1	-5.7	11.7	-0.2	-1.1	2.3
Employment	487.4	487.3	3.0	-0.1	-4.4	13.3	0.0	-0.9	2.8
Employment full-time	396.9	391.7	3.3	-5.2	1.6	12.5	-1.3	0.4	3.3
Unemployment	28.9	27.9	2.1	-1.0	-1.3	-1.6	-3.5	-4.5	-5.4
Participation rate	68.2	68.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.4	0.4	0.0	-0.5	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.5	19.6	0.6	1.1	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	139.2	138.9	...	-0.3	-0.7	-2.7	-0.2	-0.5	-1.9
Labour force	97.2	95.9	1.7	-1.3	0.0	4.7	-1.3	0.0	5.2
Employment	86.8	87.1	1.7	0.3	0.4	5.9	0.3	0.5	7.3
Unemployment	10.4	8.8	1.3	-1.6	-0.4	-1.2	-15.4	-4.3	-12.0
Participation rate	69.8	69.0	1.2	-0.8	0.3	4.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	9.2	1.3	-1.5	-0.4	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.7	1.2	0.3	0.6	5.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.0	40.9	1.8	2.9	-2.4	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	301.2	301.1	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	226.0	226.7	1.5	0.7	-3.2	1.6	0.3	-1.4	0.7
Employment	214.9	214.9	1.7	0.0	-2.8	1.6	0.0	-1.3	0.8
Unemployment	11.0	11.8	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.0	7.3	-3.3	0.0
Participation rate	75.0	75.3	0.5	0.3	-1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.2	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.3	71.4	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.9	0.6	0.7	-0.6	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	316.4	316.3	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	193.2	192.7	1.7	-0.5	-2.3	5.5	-0.3	-1.2	2.9
Employment	185.7	185.3	1.7	-0.4	-1.9	5.9	-0.2	-1.0	3.3
Unemployment	7.5	7.4	1.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-1.3	-5.1	-3.9
Participation rate	61.1	60.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.7	58.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	24.3	1.0	0.6	-1.1	-2.0	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	487.4	487.3	3.0	-0.1	-4.4	13.3	0.0	-0.9	2.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	122.9	120.6	2.4	-2.3	-6.9	-1.2	-1.9	-5.4	-1.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	47.1	46.8	1.9	-0.3	-5.9	-0.6	-0.6	-11.2	-1.3
Utilities	17.7	16.5	0.9	-1.2	0.1	0.9	-6.8	0.6	5.8
Construction	4.3	4.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.8	7.0	2.2	21.1
Manufacturing	25.2	25.4	1.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.8	1.6	-0.4
Services-producing sector	28.6	27.3	1.1	-1.3	-1.5	-2.2	-4.5	-5.2	-7.5
Services-producing sector	364.5	366.7	2.9	2.2	2.5	14.5	0.6	0.7	4.1
Trade	75.6	76.3	1.7	0.7	-4.2	-1.9	0.9	-5.2	-2.4
Transportation and warehousing	23.6	23.9	1.0	0.3	0.2	-1.3	1.3	0.8	-5.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.6	28.7	0.9	1.1	2.3	1.7	4.0	8.7	6.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.9	17.8	0.8	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	1.7	-1.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	12.2	12.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	-0.1	3.3	6.8	-0.8
Educational services	41.0	40.4	1.2	-0.6	-0.1	6.0	-1.5	-0.2	17.4
Health care and social assistance	59.7	61.9	1.3	2.2	3.7	4.2	3.7	6.4	7.3
Information, culture and recreation	21.0	19.2	0.9	-1.8	-1.0	2.4	-8.6	-5.0	14.3
Accommodation and food services	35.6	34.3	1.4	-1.3	-0.2	3.1	-3.7	-0.6	9.9
Other services	24.3	24.6	1.0	0.3	0.1	1.4	1.2	0.4	6.0
Public administration	26.0	26.9	1.0	0.9	0.5	-0.8	3.5	1.9	-2.9

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



Table 12

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,456.5	2,461.6	...	5.1	16.5	52.0	0.2	0.7	2.2
Labour force	1,789.9	1,799.8	8.4	9.9	4.0	55.8	0.6	0.2	3.2
Employment	1,697.6	1,700.7	8.6	3.1	-6.8	48.0	0.2	-0.4	2.9
Employment full-time	1,388.7	1,404.4	10.1	15.7	4.4	50.3	1.1	0.3	3.7
Unemployment	92.3	99.0	6.2	6.7	10.6	7.7	7.3	12.0	8.4
Participation rate	72.9	73.1	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.1	0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	17.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	461.2	462.0	...	0.8	2.8	9.7	0.2	0.6	2.1
Labour force	318.4	327.4	5.1	9.0	6.8	13.4	2.8	2.1	4.3
Employment	288.8	295.5	5.1	6.7	4.4	12.0	2.3	1.5	4.2
Unemployment	29.6	31.9	4.0	2.3	2.4	1.4	7.8	8.1	4.6
Participation rate	69.0	70.9	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.7	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	64.0	1.2	1.4	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.3	36.7	1.7	-0.5	-0.3	-2.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	998.1	1,000.2	...	2.1	6.8	21.4	0.2	0.7	2.2
Labour force	814.8	817.2	4.1	2.4	2.5	20.8	0.3	0.3	2.6
Employment	779.9	779.6	4.7	-0.3	-0.7	20.3	0.0	-0.1	2.7
Unemployment	34.9	37.6	3.5	2.7	3.2	0.5	7.7	9.3	1.3
Participation rate	81.6	81.7	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.1	77.9	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.8	4.6	0.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	997.2	999.4	...	2.2	6.9	21.0	0.2	0.7	2.1
Labour force	656.7	655.2	4.7	-1.5	-5.3	21.6	-0.2	-0.8	3.4
Employment	629.0	625.7	4.8	-3.3	-10.4	15.8	-0.5	-1.6	2.6
Unemployment	27.8	29.5	2.9	1.7	5.0	5.7	6.1	20.4	23.9
Participation rate	65.9	65.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.9	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.6	0.5	-0.5	-1.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.8	24.2	1.0	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,697.6	1,700.7	8.6	3.1	-6.8	48.0	0.2	-0.4	2.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	467.4	469.6	7.1	2.2	0.6	22.9	0.5	0.1	5.1
Agriculture	67.6	67.2	2.8	-0.4	-1.1	8.3	-0.6	-1.6	14.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	98.6	96.7	3.7	-1.9	2.7	1.8	-1.9	2.9	1.9
Utilities	13.9	13.7	1.5	-0.2	-2.3	-2.6	-1.4	-14.4	-16.0
Construction	138.9	140.0	4.4	1.1	-0.8	1.5	0.8	-0.6	1.1
Manufacturing	148.4	152.0	4.6	3.6	2.0	13.9	2.4	1.3	10.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,230.2	1,231.2	9.1	1.0	-7.2	25.2	0.1	-0.6	2.1
Trade	251.0	255.2	5.4	4.2	7.9	-4.1	1.7	3.2	-1.6
Transportation and warehousing	97.4	94.3	3.4	-3.1	-6.8	-4.3	-3.2	-6.7	-4.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	83.0	83.1	3.1	0.1	0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	114.8	111.0	4.3	-3.8	-11.6	-8.3	-3.3	-9.5	-7.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	68.9	65.6	2.9	-3.3	-4.6	13.5	-4.8	-6.6	25.9
Educational services	105.3	106.2	3.5	0.9	-0.4	0.6	0.9	-0.4	0.6
Health care and social assistance	159.8	159.1	4.1	-0.7	-2.5	4.0	-0.4	-1.5	2.6
Information, culture and recreation	70.5	72.9	3.2	2.4	-3.7	7.8	3.4	-4.8	12.0
Accommodation and food services	127.1	125.5	4.3	-1.6	6.5	5.5	-1.3	5.5	4.6
Other services	82.0	84.2	3.5	2.2	7.6	2.7	2.7	9.9	3.3
Public administration	70.6	74.1	2.6	3.5	0.2	8.4	5.0	0.3	12.8

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

Table 13

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,351.0	3,355.7	...	4.7	12.6	39.3	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	2,187.6	2,189.5	11.7	1.9	12.6	46.4	0.1	0.6	2.2
Employment	2,019.7	2,012.3	11.8	-7.4	17.7	55.1	-0.4	0.9	2.8
Employment full-time	1,562.4	1,566.4	13.7	4.0	51.7	48.3	0.3	3.4	3.2
Unemployment	167.9	177.2	8.9	9.3	-5.1	-8.8	5.5	-2.8	-4.7
Participation rate	65.3	65.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.1	0.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.0	0.4	-0.3	0.3	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.6	22.2	0.6	-0.5	-1.9	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	546.3	547.1	...	0.8	2.3	6.5	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	335.9	341.5	6.6	5.6	-7.1	9.9	1.7	-2.0	3.0
Employment	295.6	292.8	6.3	-2.8	-3.4	6.8	-0.9	-1.1	2.4
Unemployment	40.3	48.7	4.8	8.4	-3.7	3.0	20.8	-7.1	6.6
Participation rate	61.5	62.4	1.2	0.9	-1.6	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	14.3	1.4	2.3	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.1	53.5	1.2	-0.6	-0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.2	47.9	2.0	-0.4	-6.0	-2.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,368.2	1,369.9	...	1.7	4.3	14.8	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	992.1	995.1	6.5	3.0	18.5	17.7	0.3	1.9	1.8
Employment	926.0	927.3	7.2	1.3	22.9	31.9	0.1	2.5	3.6
Unemployment	66.1	67.7	5.7	1.6	-4.5	-14.3	2.4	-6.2	-17.4
Participation rate	72.5	72.6	0.5	0.1	1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.6	0.1	-0.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.7	0.5	0.0	1.5	1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	8.0	0.7	0.2	-0.9	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,436.6	1,438.7	...	2.1	5.9	18.0	0.1	0.4	1.3
Labour force	859.6	852.9	7.0	-6.7	1.2	18.8	-0.8	0.1	2.3
Employment	798.2	792.1	6.7	-6.1	-1.9	16.3	-0.8	-0.2	2.1
Unemployment	61.5	60.8	5.0	-0.7	3.0	2.5	-1.1	5.2	4.3
Participation rate	59.8	59.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.1	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	55.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	30.4	29.2	1.0	-1.2	-0.9	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	2,019.7	2,012.3	11.8	-7.4	17.7	55.1	-0.4	0.9	2.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	435.3	424.8	7.8	-10.5	8.3	36.2	-2.4	2.0	9.3
Agriculture	39.6	35.6	2.4	-4.0	-0.3	9.4	-10.1	-0.8	35.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	49.3	49.0	2.8	-0.3	7.0	10.8	-0.6	16.7	28.3
Utilities	14.6	14.4	1.2	-0.2	1.4	3.2	-1.4	10.8	28.6
Construction	121.8	116.9	4.8	-4.9	-7.0	0.1	-4.0	-5.6	0.1
Manufacturing	210.0	208.7	5.7	-1.3	7.1	12.5	-0.6	3.5	6.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,584.4	1,587.5	11.8	3.1	9.4	18.9	0.2	0.6	1.2
Trade	318.7	321.7	7.1	3.0	-3.2	0.6	0.9	-1.0	0.2
Transportation and warehousing	119.8	114.3	4.1	-5.5	-1.1	8.1	-4.6	-1.0	7.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	127.7	128.9	4.1	1.2	0.0	20.7	0.9	0.0	19.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	131.0	133.7	4.8	2.7	-1.8	-1.2	2.1	-1.3	-0.9
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	79.3	79.4	3.9	0.1	4.5	2.8	0.1	6.0	3.7
Educational services	153.7	149.5	4.6	-4.2	11.3	6.4	-2.7	8.2	4.5
Health care and social assistance	211.6	214.5	5.0	2.9	-5.1	-1.8	1.4	-2.3	-0.8
Information, culture and recreation	101.7	107.7	4.6	6.0	5.0	4.3	5.9	4.9	4.2
Accommodation and food services	159.6	156.9	5.6	-2.7	-5.0	-22.1	-1.7	-3.1	-12.3
Other services	95.4	96.5	4.3	1.1	4.6	-1.9	1.2	5.0	-1.9
Public administration	86.0	84.4	3.3	-1.6	0.2	3.0	-1.9	0.2	3.7

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

Table 14

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	143.5	143.6	...	0.1	0.6	1.5	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	99.2	99.6	0.8	0.4	1.4	4.2	0.4	1.4	4.4
Employment	89.5	90.3	0.9	0.8	1.9	2.6	0.9	2.1	3.0
Unemployment	9.8	9.3	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	1.5	-5.1	-5.1	19.2
Participation rate	69.1	69.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	9.3	0.6	-0.6	-0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.9	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	286.8	287.2	...	0.4	1.4	4.2	0.1	0.5	1.5
Labour force	198.7	198.7	1.2	0.0	1.8	2.2	0.0	0.9	1.1
Employment	184.1	184.7	1.2	0.6	2.4	3.0	0.3	1.3	1.7
Unemployment	14.5	14.0	0.7	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-3.4	-4.1	-5.4
Participation rate	69.3	69.2	0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	100.9	100.8	...	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Labour force	68.1	67.3	0.6	-0.8	-0.9	0.6	-1.2	-1.3	0.9
Employment	62.2	61.1	0.6	-1.1	-2.2	0.1	-1.8	-3.5	0.2
Unemployment	5.8	6.2	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.4	6.9	26.5	6.9
Participation rate	67.5	66.8	0.6	-0.7	-0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	9.2	0.5	0.7	2.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	60.6	0.6	-1.0	-2.1	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	131.1	131.0	...	-0.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8
Labour force	79.5	80.1	0.8	0.6	1.8	-2.7	0.8	2.3	-3.3
Employment	71.0	71.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	-1.4	0.1	1.4	-1.9
Unemployment	8.5	9.0	0.5	0.5	0.8	-1.3	5.9	9.8	-12.6
Participation rate	60.6	61.1	0.6	0.5	1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.7	11.2	0.6	0.5	0.7	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.3	0.6	0.1	1.0	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	574.5	574.9	...	0.4	1.3	4.3	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	384.3	387.2	2.9	2.9	7.6	7.0	0.8	2.0	1.8
Employment	353.8	357.2	3.0	3.4	0.3	2.4	1.0	0.1	0.7
Unemployment	30.6	30.0	1.5	-0.6	7.3	4.6	-2.0	32.2	18.1
Participation rate	66.9	67.4	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.7	0.4	-0.3	1.7	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	62.1	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	117.3	117.4	...	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	75.3	75.0	0.7	-0.3	3.3	3.3	-0.4	4.6	4.6
Employment	68.5	68.0	0.7	-0.5	2.9	4.3	-0.7	4.5	6.8
Unemployment	6.8	7.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.9	2.9	6.1	-11.4
Participation rate	64.2	63.9	0.6	-0.3	2.8	2.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	57.9	0.6	-0.5	2.4	3.5	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	127.7	127.8	...	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.1	0.3	1.1
Labour force	85.3	85.0	0.8	-0.3	1.6	2.3	-0.4	1.9	2.8
Employment	79.4	79.3	0.8	-0.1	2.3	3.4	-0.1	3.0	4.5
Unemployment	5.9	5.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	-3.4	-10.9	-14.9
Participation rate	66.8	66.5	0.6	-0.3	1.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.7	0.4	-0.2	-1.0	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.1	0.6	-0.1	1.7	2.1	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,888.4	2,891.5	...	3.1	12.3	38.8	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	1,972.9	1,965.2	7.0	-7.7	1.3	53.2	-0.4	0.1	2.8
Employment	1,796.0	1,784.3	7.4	-11.7	-19.4	39.2	-0.7	-1.1	2.2
Unemployment	176.9	180.8	4.7	3.9	20.6	13.9	2.2	12.9	8.3
Participation rate	68.3	68.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.7	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	905.7	907.2	...	1.5	5.5	20.5	0.2	0.6	2.3
Labour force	641.2	646.4	3.3	5.2	10.4	34.0	0.8	1.6	5.6
Employment	595.8	602.9	3.4	7.1	16.0	34.6	1.2	2.7	6.1
Unemployment	45.4	43.4	1.7	-2.0	-5.8	-0.7	-4.4	-11.8	-1.6
Participation rate	70.8	71.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.7	0.3	-0.4	-1.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	66.5	0.4	0.7	1.4	2.4	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,110.3	4,118.4	...	8.1	29.5	104.5	0.2	0.7	2.6
Labour force	2,887.8	2,897.7	8.5	9.9	35.5	87.8	0.3	1.2	3.1
Employment	2,681.3	2,685.8	8.8	4.5	27.5	72.5	0.2	1.0	2.8
Unemployment	206.6	211.9	4.9	5.3	8.0	15.3	2.6	3.9	7.8
Participation rate	70.3	70.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	562.5	562.9	...	0.4	1.4	6.5	0.1	0.2	1.2
Labour force	382.3	379.7	2.7	-2.6	-1.3	13.5	-0.7	-0.3	3.7
Employment	360.9	360.1	2.8	-0.8	1.9	19.2	-0.2	0.5	5.6
Unemployment	21.4	19.6	1.3	-1.8	-3.2	-5.8	-8.4	-14.0	-22.8
Participation rate	68.0	67.5	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.0	0.5	-0.2	0.2	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	353.7	354.2	...	0.5	1.6	7.0	0.1	0.5	2.0
Labour force	250.6	250.2	1.7	-0.4	2.9	12.9	-0.2	1.2	5.4
Employment	235.2	234.7	1.7	-0.5	0.1	10.9	-0.2	0.0	4.9
Unemployment	15.3	15.5	0.8	0.2	2.7	1.9	1.3	21.1	14.0
Participation rate	70.9	70.6	0.5	-0.3	0.5	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	1.8	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	346.5	346.7	...	0.2	0.4	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.9
Labour force	233.2	234.5	1.8	1.3	2.4	10.5	0.6	1.0	4.7
Employment	217.5	218.6	1.8	1.1	1.3	11.0	0.5	0.6	5.3
Unemployment	15.7	15.9	0.8	0.2	1.1	-0.5	1.3	7.4	-3.0
Participation rate	67.3	67.6	0.5	0.3	0.6	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	0.4	0.1	0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	63.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	2.7	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	245.7	246.0	...	0.3	1.3	5.3	0.1	0.5	2.2
Labour force	176.4	178.1	1.0	1.7	5.3	11.0	1.0	3.1	6.6
Employment	167.4	169.1	1.1	1.7	6.9	15.0	1.0	4.3	9.7
Unemployment	8.9	9.1	0.5	0.2	-1.5	-3.9	2.2	-14.2	-30.0
Participation rate	71.8	72.4	0.4	0.6	1.8	3.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.1	0.3	0.1	-1.0	-2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	68.7	0.5	0.6	2.4	4.7	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	325.2	325.2	...	0.0	-0.2	1.4	0.0	-0.1	0.4
Labour force	210.8	209.2	1.6	-1.6	-0.7	2.8	-0.8	-0.3	1.4
Employment	196.7	195.7	1.5	-1.0	1.7	5.1	-0.5	0.9	2.7
Unemployment	14.0	13.6	0.7	-0.4	-2.2	-2.2	-2.9	-13.9	-13.9
Participation rate	64.8	64.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.5	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.2	0.5	-0.3	0.6	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	127.3	127.2	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	79.0	80.3	0.8	1.3	1.7	-0.5	1.6	2.2	-0.6
Employment	72.9	74.2	0.8	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.3
Unemployment	6.1	6.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-2.2	0.0	-3.2	-26.5
Participation rate	62.1	63.1	0.6	1.0	1.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	58.3	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.8	100.8	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.8
Labour force	69.5	69.1	0.5	-0.4	2.4	4.6	-0.6	3.6	7.1
Employment	66.0	65.6	0.6	-0.4	3.1	5.4	-0.6	5.0	9.0
Unemployment	3.5	3.5	0.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.8	0.0	-16.7	-18.6
Participation rate	68.9	68.6	0.5	-0.3	2.6	5.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.1	0.5	0.1	-1.2	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.1	0.6	-0.4	3.3	5.8	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	258.5	258.8	...	0.3	1.3	5.4	0.1	0.5	2.1
Labour force	176.3	175.8	1.2	-0.5	0.7	3.8	-0.3	0.4	2.2
Employment	162.5	161.8	1.3	-0.7	-0.4	4.0	-0.4	-0.2	2.5
Unemployment	13.8	14.0	0.7	0.2	1.1	-0.2	1.4	8.5	-1.4
Participation rate	68.2	67.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	539.2	539.5	...	0.3	0.5	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	382.7	383.4	1.3	0.7	-3.2	2.3	0.2	-0.8	0.6
Employment	361.7	363.4	1.4	1.7	-2.6	4.2	0.5	-0.7	1.2
Unemployment	21.0	20.0	0.8	-1.0	-0.5	-1.9	-4.8	-2.4	-8.7
Participation rate	71.0	71.1	0.2	0.1	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.1	67.4	0.3	0.3	-0.5	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.0	156.0	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	111.9	111.8	0.8	-0.1	-1.0	-3.2	-0.1	-0.9	-2.8
Employment	105.2	105.3	0.8	0.1	-1.5	-3.5	0.1	-1.4	-3.2
Unemployment	6.7	6.5	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.3	-3.0	8.3	4.8
Participation rate	71.7	71.7	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.5	0.5	0.1	-0.9	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	182.7	182.7	...	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	129.7	129.4	0.9	-0.3	-1.1	4.6	-0.2	-0.8	3.7
Employment	121.7	121.8	0.9	0.1	-0.5	4.3	0.1	-0.4	3.7
Unemployment	8.0	7.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	0.3	-5.0	-7.3	4.1
Participation rate	71.0	70.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.6	66.7	0.5	0.1	-0.3	2.3	...	...	...

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	828.5	830.3	...	1.8	7.0	21.2	0.2	0.9	2.6
Labour force	623.1	623.7	2.9	0.6	5.8	5.9	0.1	0.9	1.0
Employment	586.3	587.7	3.0	1.4	4.1	4.0	0.2	0.7	0.7
Unemployment	36.8	36.0	1.6	-0.8	1.7	1.9	-2.2	5.0	5.6
Participation rate	75.2	75.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.8	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.8	70.8	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	777.9	779.0	...	1.1	4.2	13.8	0.1	0.5	1.8
Labour force	559.2	559.6	2.9	0.4	2.4	19.6	0.1	0.4	3.6
Employment	529.5	528.9	2.9	-0.6	-1.3	17.9	-0.1	-0.2	3.5
Unemployment	29.7	30.7	1.4	1.0	3.7	1.7	3.4	13.7	5.9
Participation rate	71.9	71.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	67.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,763.9	1,766.6	...	2.7	9.5	34.8	0.2	0.5	2.0
Labour force	1,183.6	1,186.7	4.9	3.1	-6.9	44.7	0.3	-0.6	3.9
Employment	1,099.1	1,102.2	5.1	3.1	5.0	51.9	0.3	0.5	4.9
Unemployment	84.5	84.5	2.8	0.0	-11.8	-7.2	0.0	-12.3	-7.9
Participation rate	67.1	67.2	0.3	0.1	-0.7	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.1	0.2	0.0	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.8	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	260.1	260.3	...	0.2	0.7	1.5	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	163.8	163.3	1.7	-0.5	1.8	-0.8	-0.3	1.1	-0.5
Employment	154.0	153.3	1.7	-0.7	2.8	1.8	-0.5	1.9	1.2
Unemployment	9.8	9.9	0.7	0.1	-1.1	-2.7	1.0	-10.0	-21.4
Participation rate	63.0	62.7	0.6	-0.3	0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.1	0.4	0.1	-0.7	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	58.9	0.7	-0.3	0.9	0.4	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	March 2003	April 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,891.0	2,895.1	...	4.1	13.0	38.5	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	1,964.4	1,958.6	15.6	-5.8	-23.8	37.6	-0.3	-1.2	2.0
Employment	1,780.6	1,771.9	16.0	-8.7	-43.1	15.3	-0.5	-2.4	0.9
Unemployment	183.8	186.7	11.5	2.9	19.3	22.4	1.6	11.5	13.6
Participation rate	67.9	67.7	0.5	-0.2	-1.1	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	9.5	0.6	0.1	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.2	0.6	-0.4	-1.8	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,117.3	4,127.6	...	10.3	31.7	104.4	0.3	0.8	2.6
Labour force	2,894.3	2,906.2	18.1	11.9	37.8	88.1	0.4	1.3	3.1
Employment	2,686.8	2,683.1	18.1	-3.7	14.9	72.2	-0.1	0.6	2.8
Unemployment	207.4	223.1	12.1	15.7	22.9	15.9	7.6	11.4	7.7
Participation rate	70.3	70.4	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,766.2	1,769.8	...	3.6	10.5	34.4	0.2	0.6	2.0
Labour force	1,179.1	1,192.2	10.9	13.1	-0.5	36.3	1.1	0.0	3.1
Employment	1,100.1	1,105.0	10.9	4.9	8.7	37.5	0.4	0.8	3.5
Unemployment	79.1	87.2	7.0	8.1	-9.2	-1.3	10.2	-9.5	-1.5
Participation rate	66.8	67.4	0.6	0.6	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.3	0.6	0.6	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.9	...	...	...

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

Table 16

Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in April 2002 and April 2003

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2002	24,843.6	16,325.6	14,978.5	1,347.2	65.7	8.3	60.3
	2003	25,149.7	16,757.5	15,426.1	1,331.4	66.6	7.9	61.3
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2002	439.4	244.7	199.4	45.3	55.7	18.5	45.4
	2003	439.4	251.3	202.9	48.4	57.2	19.3	46.2
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	207.0	126.2	109.1	17.1	61.0	13.5	52.7
	2003	208.4	130.7	111.6	19.1	62.7	14.6	53.6
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.6	19.0	13.4	5.6	50.5	29.5	35.6
	2003	36.9	17.6	12.8	4.7	47.7	26.7	34.7
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.4	51.7	42.1	9.6	54.8	18.6	44.6
	2003	94.0	54.4	43.1	11.3	57.9	20.8	45.9
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.4	47.8	34.8	12.9	47.6	27.0	34.7
	2003	100.0	48.7	35.3	13.3	48.7	27.3	35.3
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2002	111.4	73.7	62.0	11.7	66.2	15.9	55.7
	2003	112.8	74.2	62.6	11.7	65.8	15.8	55.5
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2002	754.1	461.9	410.7	51.3	61.3	11.1	54.5
	2003	758.6	468.2	421.5	46.7	61.7	10.0	55.6
210 Cape Breton	2002	121.0	62.0	52.1	10.0	51.2	16.1	43.1
	2003	120.0	60.9	51.2	9.7	50.8	15.9	42.7
220 North Shore	2002	133.0	75.9	65.6	10.3	57.1	13.6	49.3
	2003	133.2	79.8	71.5	8.3	59.9	10.4	53.7
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.3	62.3	55.6	6.7	61.5	10.8	54.9
	2003	101.9	62.1	55.9	6.1	60.9	9.8	54.9
240 Southern	2002	103.9	61.4	52.8	8.6	59.1	14.0	50.8
	2003	104.3	62.9	55.3	7.5	60.3	11.9	53.0
250 Halifax	2002	294.9	200.2	184.6	15.7	67.9	7.8	62.6
	2003	299.2	202.4	187.5	15.0	67.6	7.4	62.7
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2002	606.8	373.7	326.6	47.1	61.6	12.6	53.8
	2003	608.5	376.9	330.5	46.4	61.9	12.3	54.3
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	146.1	79.3	63.3	16.0	54.3	20.2	43.3
	2003	145.1	75.5	60.8	14.7	52.0	19.5	41.9
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	152.6	100.1	89.7	10.4	65.6	10.4	58.8
	2003	154.0	99.7	88.6	11.1	64.7	11.1	57.5
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.3	88.7	79.2	9.4	63.7	10.6	56.9
	2003	139.7	91.8	81.7	10.2	65.7	11.1	58.5
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	98.8	62.2	56.3	5.9	63.0	9.5	57.0
	2003	99.8	67.4	60.8	6.6	67.5	9.8	60.9
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	43.5	38.1	5.3	62.2	12.2	54.5
	2003	69.8	42.4	38.6	3.9	60.7	9.2	55.3
<b>Quebec</b>	2002	6,018.6	3,855.9	3,486.5	369.4	64.1	9.6	57.9
	2003	6,066.1	3,953.1	3,572.6	380.5	65.2	9.6	58.9
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.7	41.5	31.3	10.2	50.2	24.6	37.8
	2003	82.1	41.8	33.3	8.5	50.9	20.3	40.6
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	168.1	94.3	83.0	11.3	56.1	12.0	49.4
	2003	167.4	93.0	81.9	11.1	55.6	11.9	48.9
420 Québec	2002	534.0	341.2	316.6	24.5	63.9	7.2	59.3
	2003	538.1	350.3	319.6	30.7	65.1	8.8	59.4



**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd  
April 2002 and April 2003**

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.4	203.1	186.8	16.3	63.6	8.0	58.5
	2003	319.8	213.0	196.2	16.8	66.6	7.9	61.4
430 Estrie	2002	237.6	147.1	134.5	12.5	61.9	8.5	56.6
	2003	239.1	155.7	142.3	13.4	65.1	8.6	59.5
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	180.0	113.0	100.6	12.3	62.8	10.9	55.9
	2003	180.3	121.0	109.2	11.8	67.1	9.8	60.6
435 Montérégie	2002	1,072.3	739.8	674.4	65.4	69.0	8.8	62.9
	2003	1,081.6	729.9	670.1	59.7	67.5	8.2	62.0
440 Montréal	2002	1,499.9	951.5	863.2	88.2	63.4	9.3	57.6
	2003	1,517.1	981.7	870.0	111.8	64.7	11.4	57.3
445 Laval	2002	289.3	193.8	170.8	22.9	67.0	11.8	59.0
	2003	293.1	197.3	179.2	18.1	67.3	9.2	61.1
450 Lanaudière	2002	323.3	208.5	190.2	18.4	64.5	8.8	58.8
	2003	327.3	226.4	207.1	19.3	69.2	8.5	63.3
455 Laurentides	2002	383.7	258.5	235.6	22.9	67.4	8.9	61.4
	2003	391.3	262.2	242.7	19.4	67.0	7.4	62.0
460 Outaouais	2002	259.5	169.4	155.7	13.7	65.3	8.1	60.0
	2003	264.5	178.1	163.9	14.2	67.3	8.0	62.0
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.4	72.9	64.9	7.9	60.0	10.8	53.5
	2003	120.2	75.9	68.4	7.5	63.1	9.9	56.9
470 Mauricie	2002	216.3	125.5	109.4	16.1	58.0	12.8	50.6
	2003	215.6	129.7	116.8	12.9	60.2	9.9	54.2
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.8	137.5	119.0	18.5	58.8	13.5	50.9
	2003	232.3	138.6	121.6	17.0	59.7	12.3	52.3
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	97.4	58.5	50.4	8.1	60.1	13.8	51.7
	2003	96.3	58.6	50.5	8.1	60.9	13.8	52.4
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2002	9,573.0	6,389.9	5,920.2	469.7	66.7	7.4	61.8
	2003	9,733.5	6,590.1	6,132.6	457.6	67.7	6.9	63.0
510 Ottawa	2002	926.9	621.6	574.1	47.4	67.1	7.6	61.9
	2003	943.9	646.8	601.5	45.4	68.5	7.0	63.7
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	337.4	204.6	187.2	17.5	60.6	8.6	55.5
	2003	337.9	207.6	194.1	13.5	61.4	6.5	57.4
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	295.6	168.0	156.1	11.9	56.8	7.1	52.8
	2003	298.6	169.2	159.1	10.1	56.7	6.0	53.3
530 Toronto	2002	4,207.7	2,904.3	2,699.4	204.9	69.0	7.1	64.2
	2003	4,315.3	3,013.6	2,796.7	216.9	69.8	7.2	64.8
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	868.9	610.7	574.1	36.6	70.3	6.0	66.1
	2003	888.3	626.0	588.2	37.8	70.5	6.0	66.2
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,071.3	689.5	634.3	55.2	64.4	8.0	59.2
	2003	1,081.2	715.3	670.7	44.7	66.2	6.2	62.0
560 London	2002	482.1	317.7	294.9	22.8	65.9	7.2	61.2
	2003	485.7	329.0	306.5	22.5	67.7	6.8	63.1
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	507.4	327.0	299.4	27.6	64.4	8.4	59.0
	2003	512.8	333.8	306.5	27.3	65.1	8.2	59.8

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Cont'd  
April 2002 and April 2003**

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	235.4	157.1	149.1	8.1	66.7	5.2	63.3
	2003	236.2	150.9	141.5	9.4	63.9	6.2	59.9
590 Northeast	2002	459.2	268.9	239.7	29.2	58.6	10.9	52.2
	2003	454.4	275.4	253.0	22.4	60.6	8.1	55.7
595 Northwest	2002	181.3	120.5	111.8	8.7	66.5	7.2	61.7
	2003	179.4	122.5	114.8	7.7	68.3	6.3	64.0
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2002	863.9	590.9	555.9	34.9	68.4	5.9	64.3
	2003	865.4	591.0	560.2	30.7	68.3	5.2	64.7
610 Southeast	2002	69.4	48.3	45.0	3.3	69.6	6.8	64.8
	2003	70.2	48.0	45.8	2.2	68.4	4.6	65.2
620 South Central	2002	40.4	25.9	25.1	0.8	64.1	3.1	62.1
	2003	40.8	27.0	25.8	1.3	66.2	4.8	63.2
630 Southwest	2002	82.5	53.4	50.8	2.5	64.7	4.7	61.6
	2003	82.0	54.0	52.0	2.0	65.9	3.7	63.4
640 North Central	2002	34.9	24.6	23.6	1.0	70.5	4.1	67.6
	2003	34.7	24.3	23.5	0.8	70.0	3.3	67.7
650 Winnipeg	2002	500.5	351.0	329.8	21.2	70.1	6.0	65.9
	2003	502.1	350.1	330.2	19.9	69.7	5.7	65.8
660 Interlake	2002	67.5	44.8	41.6	3.2	66.4	7.1	61.6
	2003	68.2	44.8	42.9	1.9	65.7	4.2	62.9
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.7	43.0	40.1	2.9	62.6	6.7	58.4
	2003	67.4	42.7	40.0	2.7	63.4	6.3	59.3
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2002	760.2	496.4	465.0	31.4	65.3	6.3	61.2
	2003	756.7	507.7	476.6	31.1	67.1	6.1	63.0
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.3	150.9	143.0	7.9	69.4	5.2	65.8
	2003	216.3	151.4	142.9	8.6	70.0	5.7	66.1
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	84.9	52.0	49.7	2.3	61.2	4.4	58.5
	2003	83.8	54.1	51.6	2.4	64.6	4.4	61.6
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.6	150.7	141.7	9.0	66.2	6.0	62.3
	2003	227.6	158.4	149.1	9.2	69.6	5.8	65.5
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	70.2	41.9	39.1	2.8	59.7	6.7	55.7
	2003	69.3	40.9	38.2	2.7	59.0	6.6	55.1
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.3	100.9	91.5	9.4	62.9	9.3	57.1
	2003	159.7	102.9	94.8	8.1	64.4	7.9	59.4
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2002	2,404.7	1,723.8	1,631.4	92.5	71.7	5.4	67.8
	2003	2,457.0	1,777.6	1,678.8	98.8	72.3	5.6	68.3
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	188.6	125.9	117.9	8.0	66.8	6.4	62.5
	2003	192.4	132.5	127.3	5.2	68.9	3.9	66.2
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	141.7	95.2	90.8	4.4	67.2	4.6	64.1
	2003	143.6	102.0	96.9	5.1	71.0	5.0	67.5
830 Calgary	2002	859.6	646.4	611.3	35.2	75.2	5.4	71.1
	2003	884.0	655.4	616.5	39.0	74.1	6.0	69.7
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.2	47.5	45.6	1.9	74.0	4.0	71.0
	2003	64.5	44.1	41.1	3.0	68.4	6.8	63.7

**Table 16****Labour force characteristics by economic region<sup>1</sup> (1996 boundaries, in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in - Concluded April 2002 and April 2003**

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2002	119.6	85.7	80.1	5.6	71.7	6.5	67.0
	2003	122.8	91.3	85.9	5.3	74.3	5.8	70.0
860 Edmonton	2002	787.2	548.8	520.3	28.5	69.7	5.2	66.1
	2003	802.5	570.4	539.7	30.8	71.1	5.4	67.3
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.6	115.2	109.2	6.0	68.3	5.2	64.8
	2003	170.1	119.4	112.6	6.8	70.2	5.7	66.2
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	75.2	59.1	56.2	2.9	78.6	4.9	74.7
	2003	77.3	62.4	58.8	3.6	80.7	5.8	76.1
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2002	3,311.5	2,114.8	1,920.8	194.0	63.9	9.2	58.0
	2003	3,351.5	2,167.5	1,987.8	179.7	64.7	8.3	59.3
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	568.1	345.6	313.0	32.6	60.8	9.4	55.1
	2003	571.2	344.9	316.3	28.6	60.4	8.3	55.4
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,968.9	1,284.0	1,178.5	105.5	65.2	8.2	59.9
	2003	2,007.0	1,334.9	1,238.0	96.9	66.5	7.3	61.7
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	390.2	225.0	201.7	23.3	57.7	10.4	51.7
	2003	392.8	225.9	203.7	22.2	57.5	9.8	51.9
940 Kootenay	2002	125.4	75.8	66.9	8.9	60.4	11.7	53.3
	2003	125.1	82.1	69.8	12.3	65.6	15.0	55.8
950 Cariboo	2002	136.1	94.3	81.7	12.5	69.3	13.3	60.0
	2003	134.4	91.3	79.8	11.4	67.9	12.5	59.4
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.7	53.9	45.5	8.5	72.2	15.8	60.9
	2003	73.4	52.4	46.8	5.7	71.4	10.9	63.8
980 Northeast	2002	48.2	36.2	33.4	2.8	75.1	7.7	69.3
	2003	47.7	36.0	33.4	2.6	75.5	7.2	70.0

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

Table 17

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
<b>April 2003</b>										
15 years and over	13,091.7	35.2	659.75	18.04	10,615.6	39.5	761.19	2,476.1	17.0	224.86
15 to 24 years	2,154.2	27.2	301.20	10.30	1,106.0	39.1	463.56	1,048.2	14.7	129.89
25 years and over	10,937.5	36.8	730.37	19.57	9,509.5	39.5	795.80	1,427.9	18.7	294.58
Men	6,673.1	38.0	771.40	19.82	5,955.7	40.7	840.71	717.4	15.9	195.96
Women	6,418.6	32.4	543.67	16.19	4,659.9	38.0	659.55	1,758.7	17.4	236.65
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,285.3	35.8	758.07	20.92	3,659.7	38.7	828.62	625.6	18.9	345.34
No union coverage	8,806.4	34.9	611.91	16.64	6,955.9	39.9	725.71	1,850.5	16.3	184.13
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,636.3	36.2	688.34	18.49	9,827.3	39.5	770.55	1,809.0	18.0	241.74
Temporary	1,455.4	27.8	431.13	14.46	788.3	39.2	644.44	667.1	14.3	179.09
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	857.9	40.4	1,128.96	28.10	836.5	41.0	1,145.88	21.5	19.0	470.08
Business, finance and administrative	2,529.1	35.0	619.95	17.34	2,132.4	38.3	690.15	396.6	17.2	242.57
Natural and applied sciences	874.7	38.6	990.73	25.62	850.1	39.2	1,008.58	24.6	18.0	373.72
Health	759.3	32.9	698.74	21.06	552.9	37.8	806.54	206.4	20.0	409.91
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,036.7	34.2	845.37	24.75	828.4	38.4	948.29	208.3	17.4	436.01
Art, culture, recreation and sport	265.3	30.9	607.42	18.23	188.3	38.1	782.64	77.0	13.3	178.87
Sales and service	3,585.8	30.4	406.40	12.36	2,241.3	38.8	555.26	1,344.4	16.6	158.24
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,759.9	39.8	732.22	18.25	1,644.5	41.4	768.31	115.4	17.4	217.81
Occupations unique to primary industry	238.0	41.0	619.77	14.70	202.4	45.6	705.02	35.6	14.7	134.65
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,185.0	39.4	652.02	16.40	1,138.6	40.3	670.30	46.4	18.1	203.75
<b>April 2002</b>										
15 years and over	12,771.0	35.3	650.90	17.73	10,365.7	39.5	750.93	2,405.3	17.2	219.86
15 to 24 years	2,100.3	27.1	292.20	10.03	1,062.1	38.8	452.79	1,038.2	15.0	127.90
25 years and over	10,670.7	37.0	721.51	19.25	9,303.5	39.6	784.96	1,367.2	18.8	289.70
Men	6,554.8	38.1	764.26	19.54	5,853.4	40.7	833.43	701.4	16.1	186.92
Women	6,216.2	32.4	531.38	15.83	4,512.3	38.0	643.90	1,704.0	17.6	233.42
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,124.1	36.0	745.55	20.50	3,541.7	38.8	811.79	582.5	19.0	342.78
No union coverage	8,646.9	35.0	605.76	16.41	6,824.0	39.9	719.34	1,822.9	16.6	180.59
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,274.4	36.3	681.96	18.26	9,538.9	39.6	762.88	1,735.5	18.1	237.18
Temporary	1,496.7	28.3	416.99	13.79	826.8	39.3	613.05	669.9	14.8	175.00
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	892.4	40.4	1,127.79	27.93	865.3	41.0	1,152.58	27.1	19.4	335.64
Business, finance and administrative	2,542.6	35.2	612.44	16.98	2,168.0	38.3	677.67	374.6	17.4	234.88
Natural and applied sciences	839.1	38.7	991.24	25.63	812.3	39.3	1,008.83	26.8	19.5	458.97
Health	744.2	32.8	677.77	20.60	538.1	37.6	780.87	206.0	20.1	408.53
Social science, education, government service and religion	989.3	34.4	830.23	24.11	799.1	38.4	930.10	190.2	17.6	410.56
Art, culture, recreation and sport	263.0	30.1	572.04	17.58	176.5	38.4	765.01	86.5	13.2	178.23
Sales and service	3,423.2	30.4	394.47	12.03	2,116.5	38.8	540.92	1,306.7	16.8	157.26
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,672.7	40.0	726.15	18.00	1,563.0	41.6	762.31	109.7	17.0	211.22
Occupations unique to primary industry	224.3	41.1	645.57	15.09	189.4	46.0	737.13	34.9	14.7	148.86
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,180.2	39.4	619.65	15.58	1,137.3	40.3	636.00	42.8	17.1	185.39

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

Table 18

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

Region	Effective from May 11, 2003 to June 7, 2003.	Region	Effective from May 11, 2003 to June 7, 2003.
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	9.5	30. London	6.8
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	22.0	31. Niagara	6.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	8.0
03. Prince Edward Island	12.4	33. Kitchener	6.2
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	7.6
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.6	35. South Central Ontario	4.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.3	36. Sudbury	7.7
06. Halifax	7.1	37. Thunder Bay	5.5
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	11.1
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	8.2	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.2	39. Winnipeg	5.2
09. Restigouche-Albert	15.8	40. Southern Manitoba	4.9
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	24.9
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.0	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	7.8	42. Regina	5.8
12. Trois-Rivières	9.4	43. Saskatoon	6.0
13. South Central Quebec	5.5	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.1
14. Sherbrooke	6.7	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.0
15. Montérégie	6.5	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	9.2	46. Calgary	5.9
17. Central Quebec	9.0	47. Edmonton	5.6
18. Northwestern Quebec	14.8	48. Northern Alberta	9.7
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	13.0	49. Southern Alberta	6.6
20. Hull	7.3	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11.2	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	10.9
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	8.7
22. Ottawa	6.6	52. Vancouver	7.1
23. Eastern Ontario	7.9	53. Victoria	6.7
24. Kingston	5.7	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	10.1
25. Central Ontario	5.7	55. Northern British Columbia	14.0
26. Oshawa	5.1	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.3	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	5.2	57. Northwest Territories <sup>5</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	6.5	58. Nunavut <sup>6</sup>	25.0

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

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

<sup>3</sup> This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: <http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/common/news/insur/00-61.shtml>.

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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)*