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Commentary

Following slight declines in the previous two months, employment rose by an estimated 50,000 in April, all in full-time jobs. The unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 7.3%, the lowest since September 2001.

April's increase in employment brings job gains since August 2003, when the recent upward trend began, to 235,000 (+1.5%).

More full-time jobs

Full-time employment increased by 56,000 in April while the number of part-time jobs was little changed. So far in 2004, full-time employment has grown by 117,000 (+0.9%) while part-time employment has fallen by 87,000 (-2.9%). This continues the trend observed over the last four months of 2003 when employment growth was mainly in full-time work.

Youth employment improves

Employment among youths rose by 21,000, partly offsetting declines over the previous four months. The increase in April was all in full-time jobs and pushed the youth unemployment rate down 0.4 percentage points to 13.9%. The largest employment gains were in accommodation and food services as well as information, culture and recreation. Despite this month's job increase, the trend in youth employment has been weak since the start of 2003.

For adult women, employment rose by 21,000, offsetting a decline in March. The upward trend that began last August among adult women has generated job gains totalling 134,000 (+2.2%). The increase over this period has been in full-time work.

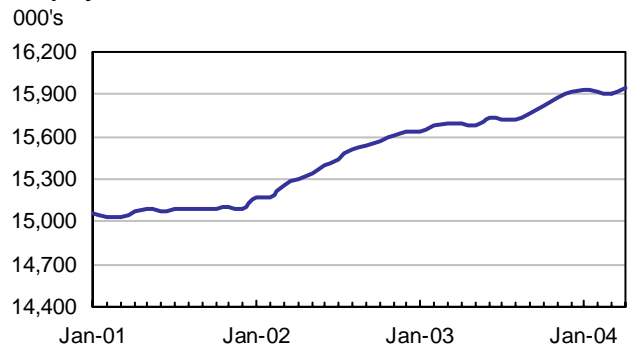
Over the first four months of 2004, there has been little change in employment among adult men. This contrasts with the last four months of 2003 when employment for this group increased by 74,000. As a result, employment is up 1.2% since last August for adult men.

Upward trend continues for health care and social assistance employment

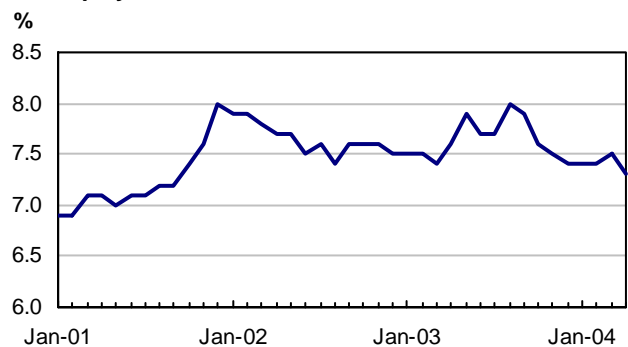
Employment rose by 19,000 in health care and social assistance in April, continuing the upward trend that began two years ago. The gain this month was primarily in offices of health care practitioners.

Employment rose by 13,000 in both the construction and finance, insurance, real estate and leasing sectors. Although employment in construction has shown little change since

Employment



Unemployment rate



the start of the year it is up 3.9% (+36,000) from a year ago. Employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing is up 3.5% (+33,000) over the same period. The upward trend in these sectors has coincided with strength over the same period in building permits and housing starts.

An increase of 12,000 jobs in business, building and other support services partly offset a loss in March, leaving employment in this sector down 2.6% (-16,000) since the start of the year. The recent weakness follows gains totalling 43,000 (+7.2%) in the last four months of 2003. The largest increase in April was in building services.

There was also job growth in other services in April, up 18,000. This sector includes persons employed in industries such as repair and maintenance, personal and laundry services as well as private household services.

Employment fell by 21,000 in trade, mostly in retail sales. The decline in April offsets gains observed earlier in the year and leaves employment in the industry slightly below the level of December 2003. The decline this month was mainly in retail jobs in British Columbia.

Employment fell by 13,000 in educational services in April, mostly in Quebec and British Columbia.

In April, employment in manufacturing was little changed for the fifth consecutive month, leaving losses since November 2002, when the downward trend started, at 72,000 (-3.1%).

More self-employed workers

Virtually all of the employment gain in April was added by the private sector (+49,000). The increase was especially evident among the self-employed with a gain of 35,000, offsetting declines of the previous two months. The largest increase in the number of self-employed was mainly in health care and social assistance but there were also gains in business, building and other support services as well as construction. Despite little change year-to-date, the number of self-employed is up 2.3% (+55,000) from a year ago.

Job gains in Quebec

Driven by a large gain in full-time jobs, employment in Quebec increased by 28,000 in April following little change in the previous three months. Almost all of the increase was in Montreal. Industries with employment gains in the province include health care and social assistance, finance, insurance, real estate and leasing as well as other services. The unemployment rate edged down 0.2 percentage points to 8.4%.

Employment in Ontario edged up 14,000, partly offsetting a loss in March. The largest increases this month were in construction and other services. Overall job gains total 80,000 (+1.3%) since last August when growth in the province regained momentum. In April, the unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage points to 6.8%.

In Saskatchewan, employment rose by an estimated 6,000 following little change over the first quarter of the year. The gains were spread across a number of industries with youths accounting for most of the increase. The unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 5.4%.

Employment fell by 4,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador, offsetting a similar gain in March. This leaves employment in the province at about the same level as at the start of the year. Job losses were spread across several industries with the largest in education, retail sales, and in other services such as private household services as well as personal and laundry services. The unemployment rate increased by a full point in April to 16.5%.

Although provincial public sector workers were on strike from April 1 to April 28, they are considered employed according to Labour Force Survey definitions. However, given the large number of employees involved, the strike may have had an effect on other industries resulting in job losses.

Information collected from the Labour Force Survey for Newfoundland and Labrador indicate that 20,000 employees were absent from work during the entire survey reference week from Sunday April 11 to Saturday April 17 due to a labour dispute. During this week, the number of hours lost as a result of the conflict was 731,000 or 36.5 hours per striking employee.

Employment continued to trend down in Prince Edward Island with a decline of 900 in April. Since December 2003, employment losses in the province total 2,300 (-3.3%). Losses in April and since the end of 2003 have been spread across a number of industries. The unemployment rate in April increased by 0.6 percentage points to 12.6%.

There was little change in employment in the other provinces in April.

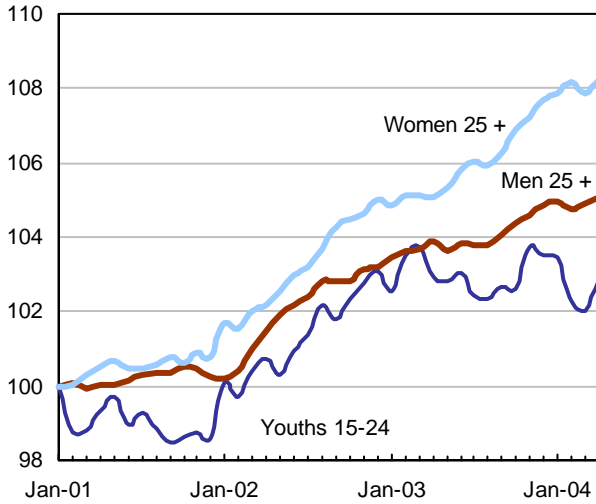
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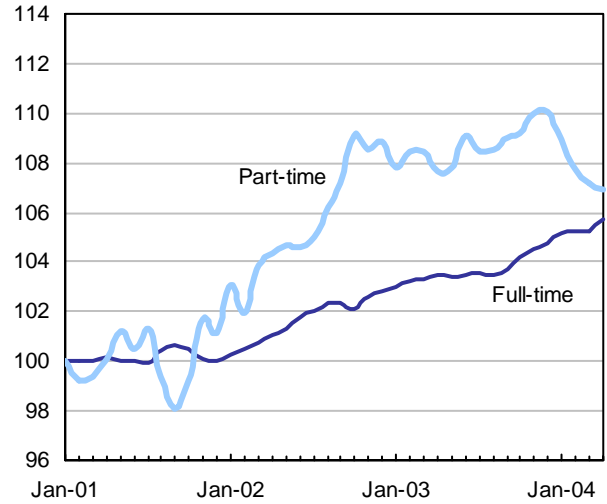
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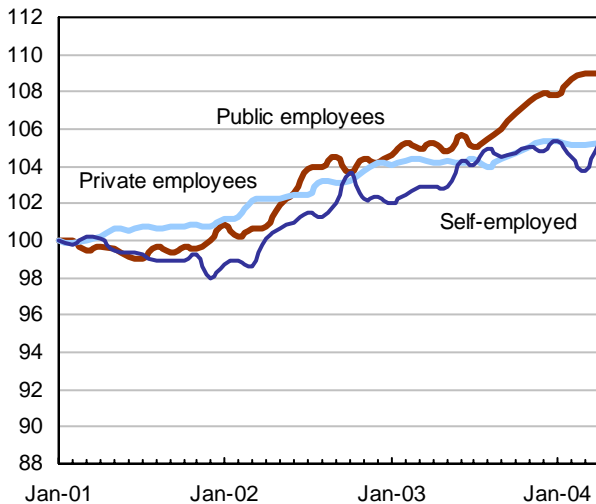
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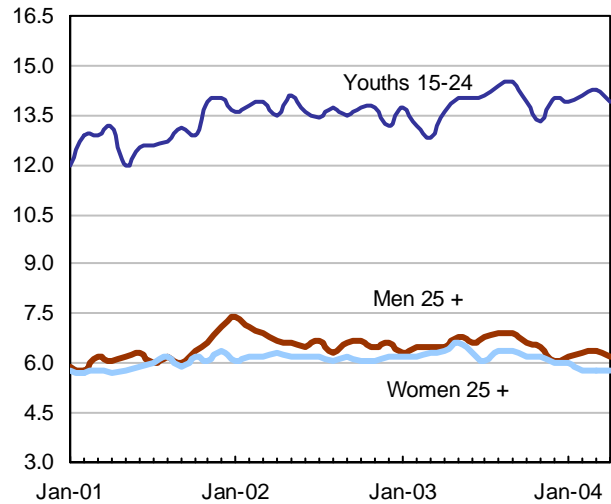
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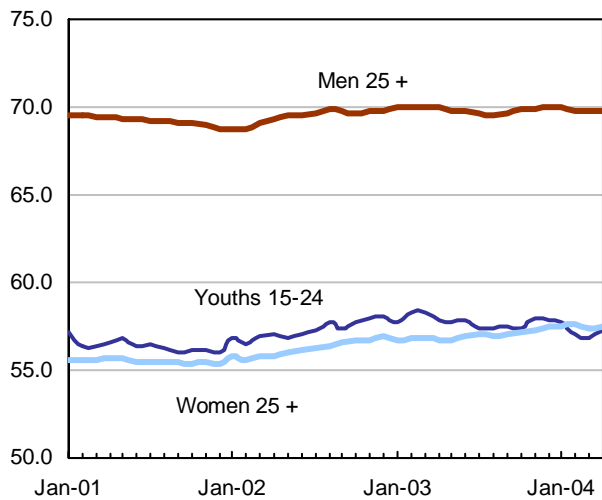
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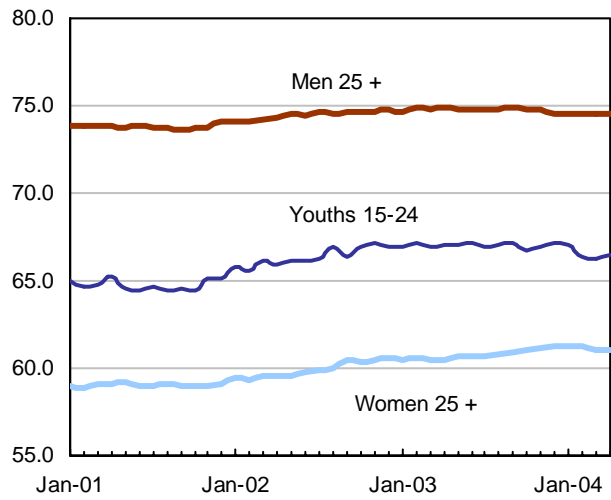
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Employment rate (%)

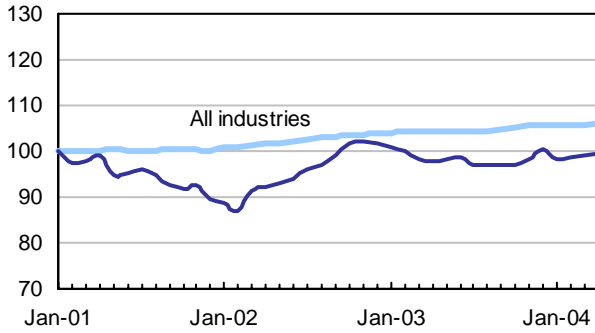


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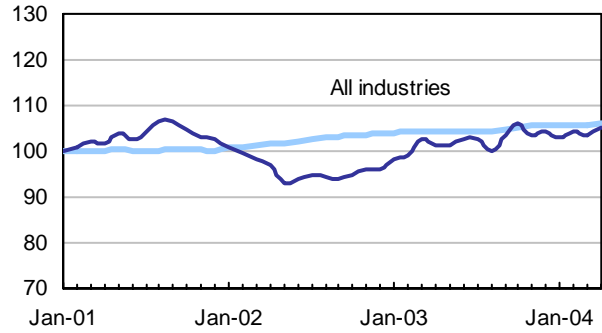


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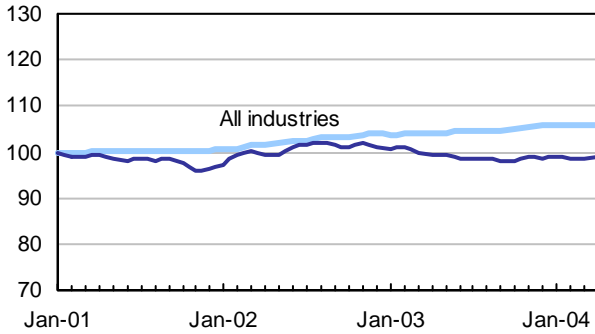
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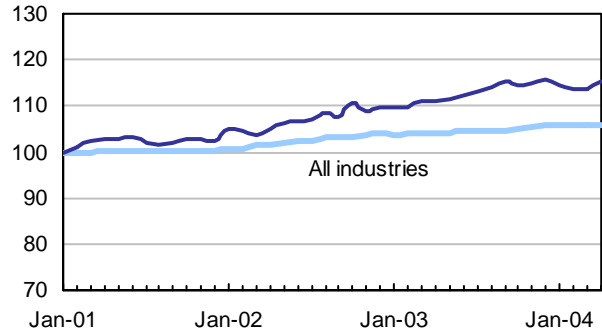
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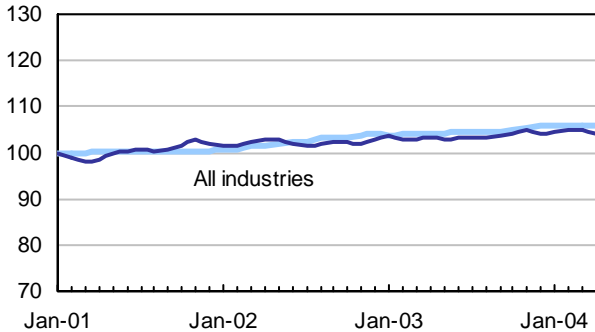
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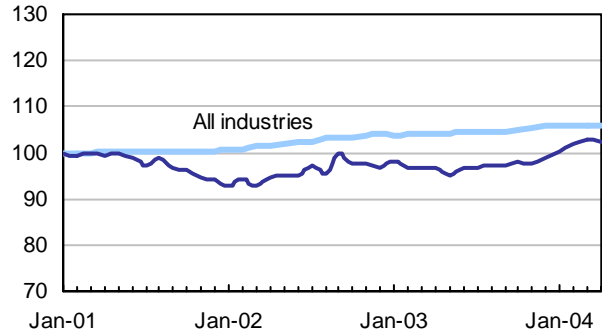
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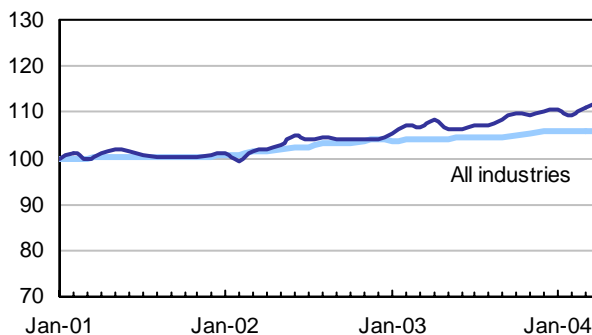
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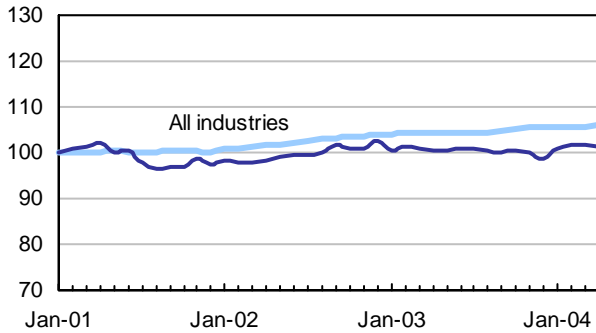


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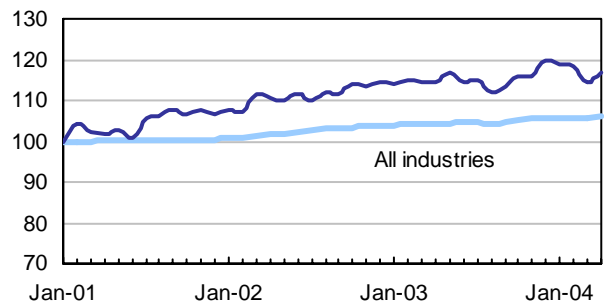


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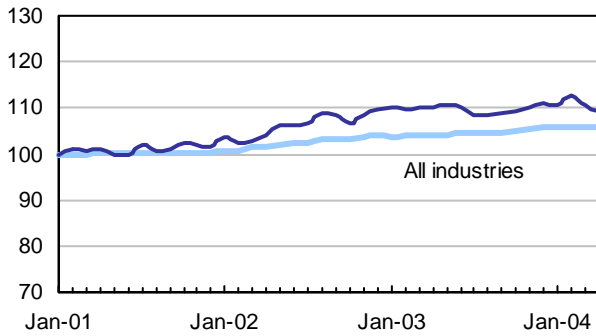
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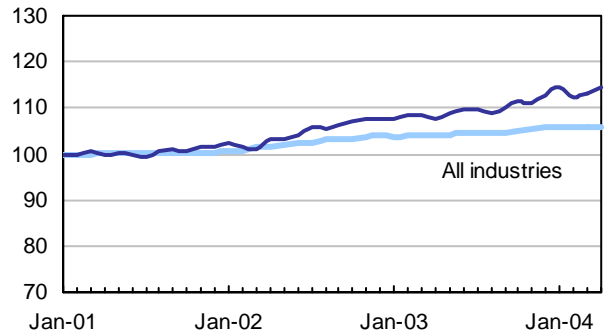
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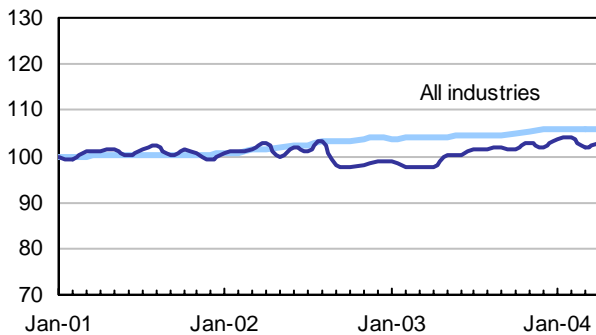
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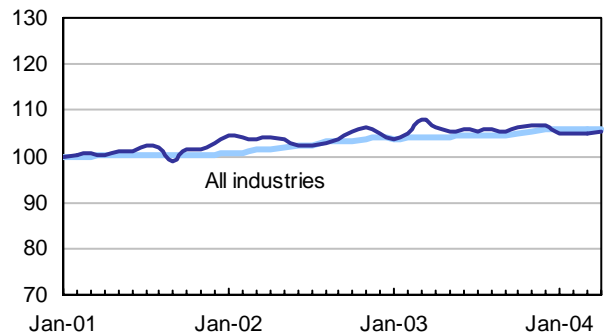
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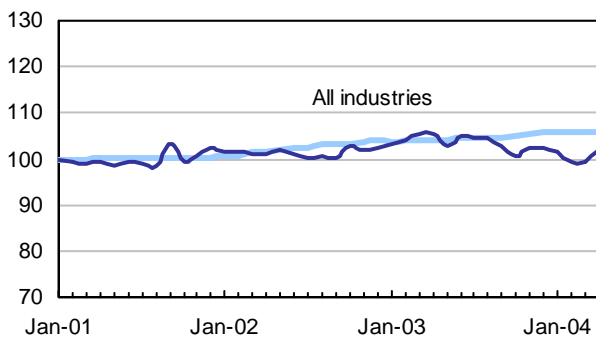
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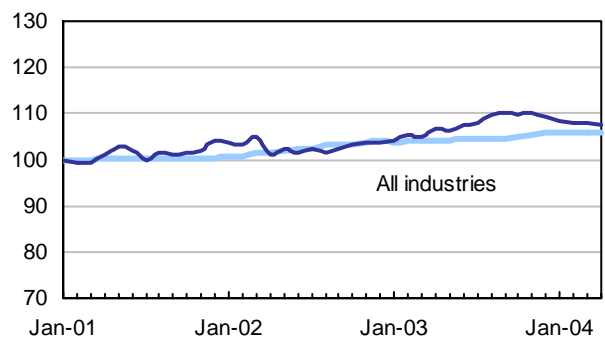
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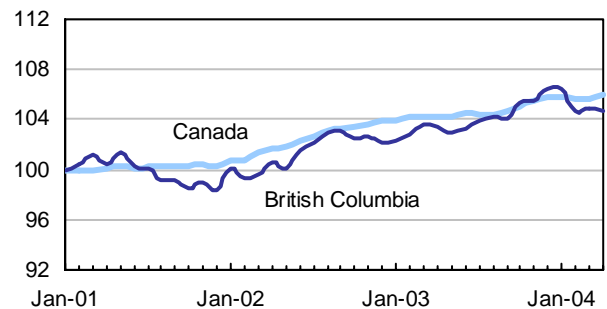
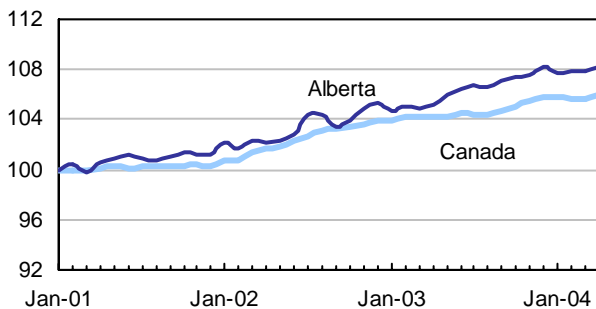
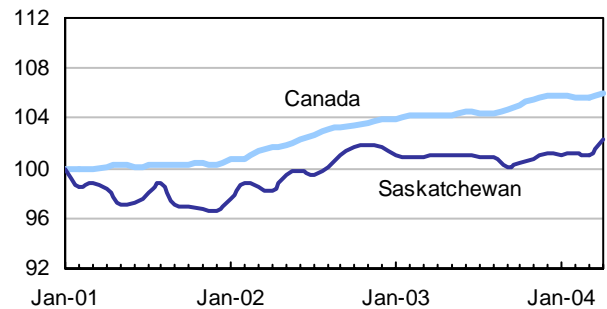
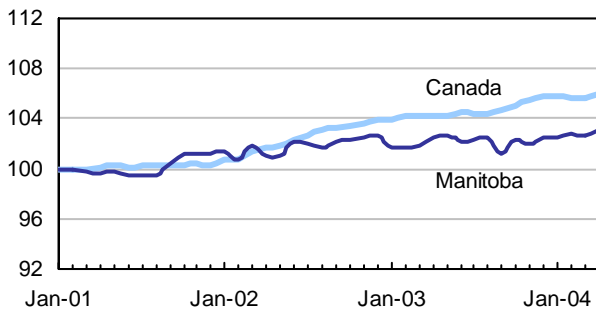
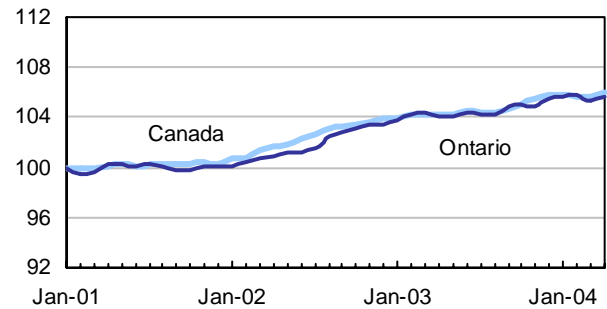
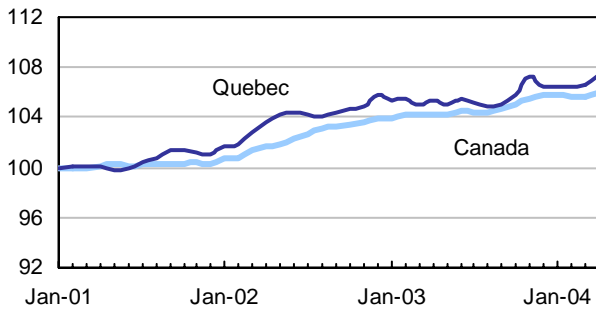
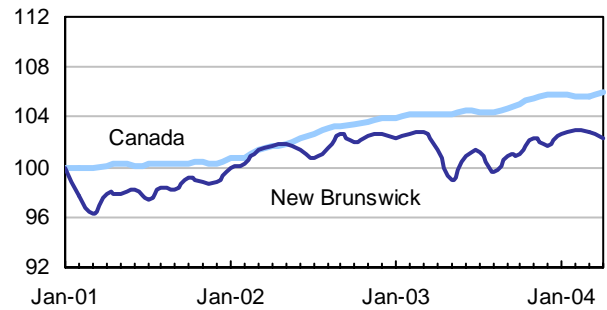
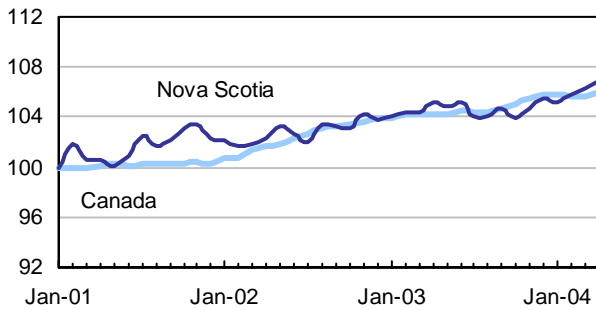
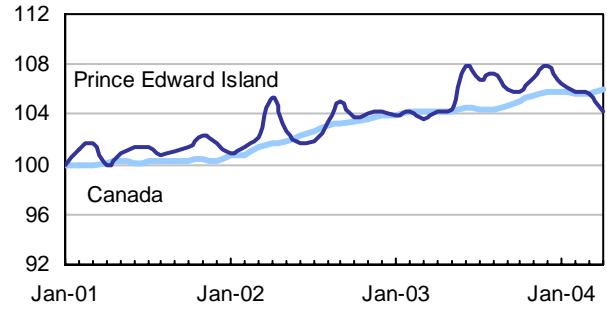
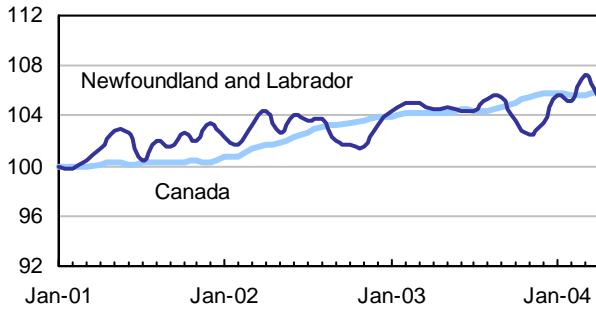
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Table 1

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	25,492.9	25,524.1	...	31.2	120.2	346.0	0.1	0.5	1.4
Labour force	17,188.1	17,205.0	28.2	16.9	17.6	221.9	0.1	0.1	1.3
Employment	15,901.1	15,950.7	29.1	49.6	30.0	261.6	0.3	0.2	1.7
Employment full-time	12,978.3	13,033.9	34.6	55.6	116.7	281.0	0.4	0.9	2.2
Employment part-time	2,922.9	2,916.7	30.2	-6.2	-86.7	-19.6	-0.2	-2.9	-0.7
Unemployment	1,287.0	1,254.3	23.6	-32.7	-12.5	-39.7	-2.5	-1.0	-3.1
Participation rate	67.4	67.4	0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.5	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	4,193.6	4,197.4	...	3.8	14.3	40.6	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	2,781.8	2,792.8	16.3	11.0	-19.4	8.8	0.4	-0.7	0.3
Employment	2,383.0	2,403.6	15.7	20.6	-15.2	-1.1	0.9	-0.6	0.0
Employment full-time	1,294.4	1,317.1	16.8	22.7	8.2	-5.9	1.8	0.6	-0.4
Employment part-time	1,088.6	1,086.4	17.3	-2.2	-23.6	4.7	-0.2	-2.1	0.4
Unemployment	398.7	389.2	13.6	-9.5	-4.2	9.9	-2.4	-1.1	2.6
Participation rate	66.3	66.5	0.4	0.2	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	13.9	0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.3	0.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.7	45.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	10,387.0	10,400.4	...	13.4	51.2	147.1	0.1	0.5	1.4
Labour force	7,753.0	7,743.1	14.6	-9.9	24.2	62.4	-0.1	0.3	0.8
Employment	7,253.5	7,261.7	16.2	8.2	14.7	79.8	0.1	0.2	1.1
Employment full-time	6,789.4	6,799.6	19.5	10.2	27.3	70.7	0.2	0.4	1.1
Employment part-time	464.1	462.1	13.9	-2.0	-12.6	9.0	-0.4	-2.7	2.0
Unemployment	499.5	481.4	13.6	-18.1	9.5	-17.3	-3.6	2.0	-3.5
Participation rate	74.6	74.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.8	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	10,912.2	10,926.2	...	14.0	54.7	158.2	0.1	0.5	1.5
Labour force	6,653.4	6,669.1	16.4	15.7	12.8	150.6	0.2	0.2	2.3
Employment	6,264.6	6,285.4	16.7	20.8	30.6	182.9	0.3	0.5	3.0
Employment full-time	4,894.4	4,917.3	22.1	22.9	81.3	216.3	0.5	1.7	4.6
Employment part-time	1,370.2	1,368.1	19.9	-2.1	-50.6	-33.4	-0.2	-3.6	-2.4
Unemployment	388.8	383.7	13.0	-5.1	-17.8	-32.3	-1.3	-4.4	-7.8
Participation rate	61.0	61.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.9	21.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 25 to 54 years									
Population	14,162.3	14,172.8	...	10.5	33.7	81.8	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	12,257.0	12,249.6	20.6	-7.4	21.7	126.7	-0.1	0.2	1.0
Employment	11,492.5	11,503.1	22.6	10.6	28.9	161.6	0.1	0.3	1.4
Unemployment	764.5	746.5	17.9	-18.0	-7.1	-34.8	-2.4	-0.9	-4.5
Participation rate	86.5	86.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.1	81.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.7	...	...	...

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

Table 2

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Class of worker									
Employees	13,489.6	13,504.4	29.8	14.8	21.1	206.2	0.1	0.2	1.6
Self-employed ²	2,411.6	2,446.3	17.3	34.7	8.9	55.3	1.4	0.4	2.3
Public/private sector employees									
Public sector employees	3,087.9	3,088.4	17.0	0.5	28.6	105.6	0.0	0.9	3.5
Private sector employees	10,401.7	10,416.0	29.7	14.3	-7.5	100.6	0.1	-0.1	1.0
Industry	15,901.1	15,950.7	29.1	49.6	30.0	261.6	0.3	0.2	1.7
Goods-producing sector	3,990.4	4,012.4	21.1	22.0	-2.9	35.8	0.6	-0.1	0.9
Agriculture	343.1	343.7	6.2	0.6	-2.8	6.2	0.2	-0.8	1.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	293.3	298.3	5.5	5.0	2.3	10.6	1.7	0.8	3.7
Utilities	130.3	130.0	3.7	-0.3	-0.7	-2.4	-0.2	-0.5	-1.8
Construction	938.9	952.0	11.9	13.1	-5.1	35.8	1.4	-0.5	3.9
Manufacturing	2,284.8	2,288.4	16.9	3.6	3.4	-14.3	0.2	0.1	-0.6
Services-producing sector	11,910.7	11,938.3	29.9	27.6	32.9	225.7	0.2	0.3	1.9
Trade	2,491.9	2,470.9	17.7	-21.0	-6.5	15.6	-0.8	-0.3	0.6
Transportation and warehousing	810.5	809.3	10.2	-1.2	27.1	47.2	-0.1	3.5	6.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	963.5	976.9	11.2	13.4	20.2	33.1	1.4	2.1	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,014.6	1,009.6	12.5	-5.0	25.1	11.0	-0.5	2.5	1.1
Business, building and other support services	609.5	621.3	11.0	11.8	-16.3	12.5	1.9	-2.6	2.1
Educational services	1,058.3	1,044.9	11.4	-13.4	-16.2	-6.9	-1.3	-1.5	-0.7
Health care and social assistance	1,737.2	1,755.9	12.7	18.7	23.7	101.0	1.1	1.4	6.1
Information, culture and recreation	717.5	722.2	10.8	4.7	5.2	36.5	0.7	0.7	5.3
Accommodation and food services	1,011.9	1,017.6	12.7	5.7	-11.9	-7.5	0.6	-1.2	-0.7
Other services	678.9	696.4	10.5	17.5	-3.2	-23.6	2.6	-0.5	-3.3
Public administration	816.8	813.3	9.3	-3.5	-14.3	6.7	-0.4	-1.7	0.8

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

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

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	439.9	439.9	...	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	264.4	262.4	2.5	-2.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Employment	223.3	219.3	2.5	-4.0	3.7	1.6	-1.8	1.7	0.7
Employment full-time	187.4	187.5	2.6	0.1	2.3	6.7	0.1	1.2	3.7
Employment part-time	36.0	31.8	2.0	-4.2	1.4	-5.0	-11.7	4.6	-13.6
Unemployment	41.1	43.2	2.3	2.1	-4.0	-1.3	5.1	-8.5	-2.9
Participation rate	60.1	59.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.5	16.5	0.8	1.0	-1.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.8	49.9	0.6	-0.9	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island									
Population	114.2	114.3	...	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	78.2	77.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	0.4
Employment	68.8	67.9	0.7	-0.9	-2.3	0.1	-1.3	-3.3	0.1
Employment full-time	57.3	56.4	0.8	-0.9	-1.7	-0.7	-1.6	-2.9	-1.2
Employment part-time	11.4	11.5	0.6	0.1	-0.6	0.8	0.9	-5.0	7.5
Unemployment	9.4	9.8	0.7	0.4	1.9	0.2	4.3	24.1	2.1
Participation rate	68.5	67.9	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	12.6	0.8	0.6	2.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	59.4	0.7	-0.8	-2.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Nova Scotia									
Population	763.4	763.7	...	0.3	1.7	4.7	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	487.6	489.3	3.0	1.7	6.8	9.2	0.3	1.4	1.9
Employment	442.7	445.5	3.4	2.8	6.3	7.3	0.6	1.4	1.7
Employment full-time	361.1	361.7	3.8	0.6	10.2	6.2	0.2	2.9	1.7
Employment part-time	81.5	83.8	3.3	2.3	-3.9	1.1	2.8	-4.4	1.3
Unemployment	44.9	43.8	2.7	-1.1	0.5	1.9	-2.4	1.2	4.5
Participation rate	63.9	64.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.0	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	58.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
New Brunswick									
Population	611.3	611.6	...	0.3	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
Labour force	388.8	387.5	2.6	-1.3	3.3	1.8	-0.3	0.9	0.5
Employment	350.2	348.6	2.6	-1.6	2.5	3.3	-0.5	0.7	1.0
Employment full-time	294.9	294.4	2.9	-0.5	1.1	2.5	-0.2	0.4	0.9
Employment part-time	55.3	54.2	2.2	-1.1	1.5	0.8	-2.0	2.8	1.5
Unemployment	38.6	38.9	2.3	0.3	0.8	-1.5	0.8	2.1	-3.7
Participation rate	63.6	63.4	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	10.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.0	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Quebec									
Population	6,128.4	6,134.7	...	6.3	22.6	63.8	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	4,033.0	4,055.4	15.6	22.4	-6.4	48.2	0.6	-0.2	1.2
Employment	3,686.1	3,714.5	16.3	28.4	32.6	71.4	0.8	0.9	2.0
Employment full-time	2,995.8	3,040.1	19.0	44.3	66.2	62.2	1.5	2.2	2.1
Employment part-time	690.3	674.4	16.2	-15.9	-33.6	9.2	-2.3	-4.7	1.4
Unemployment	346.9	340.9	13.8	-6.0	-39.0	-23.2	-1.7	-10.3	-6.4
Participation rate	65.8	66.1	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.4	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	...	...	...

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Ontario									
Population	9,899.9	9,914.7	...	14.8	57.4	167.2	0.1	0.6	1.7
Labour force	6,763.3	6,760.6	18.2	-2.7	24.4	95.8	0.0	0.4	1.4
Employment	6,283.8	6,298.1	18.5	14.3	12.3	93.7	0.2	0.2	1.5
Employment full-time	5,167.4	5,185.2	22.1	17.8	39.0	112.6	0.3	0.8	2.2
Employment part-time	1,116.4	1,113.0	19.5	-3.4	-26.7	-18.8	-0.3	-2.3	-1.7
Unemployment	479.5	462.5	15.0	-17.0	12.1	2.0	-3.5	2.7	0.4
Participation rate	68.3	68.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.8	0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.5	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Manitoba									
Population	874.3	875.2	...	0.9	3.3	9.0	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	601.4	606.8	2.7	5.4	6.0	10.0	0.9	1.0	1.7
Employment	571.7	574.2	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.7	0.4	0.6	0.6
Employment full-time	464.1	463.6	3.6	-0.5	2.3	7.6	-0.1	0.5	1.7
Employment part-time	107.5	110.5	3.3	3.0	1.2	-3.9	2.8	1.1	-3.4
Unemployment	29.8	32.6	2.2	2.8	2.3	6.3	9.4	7.6	24.0
Participation rate	68.8	69.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Saskatchewan									
Population	757.0	757.3	...	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	518.8	521.6	2.6	2.8	3.8	6.6	0.5	0.7	1.3
Employment	487.5	493.5	2.7	6.0	5.1	6.2	1.2	1.0	1.3
Employment full-time	392.9	397.5	3.2	4.6	5.1	7.0	1.2	1.3	1.8
Employment part-time	94.6	96.0	2.9	1.4	-0.1	-0.8	1.5	-0.1	-0.8
Unemployment	31.4	28.1	1.9	-3.3	-1.2	0.4	-10.5	-4.1	1.4
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	65.2	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Alberta									
Population	2,504.2	2,508.2	...	4.0	14.5	46.6	0.2	0.6	1.9
Labour force	1,837.6	1,834.5	7.6	-3.1	-6.2	31.8	-0.2	-0.3	1.8
Employment	1,746.0	1,751.1	8.1	5.1	-0.4	47.4	0.3	0.0	2.8
Employment full-time	1,440.3	1,439.6	10.3	-0.7	5.9	35.0	0.0	0.4	2.5
Employment part-time	305.7	311.6	9.1	5.9	-6.2	12.4	1.9	-2.0	4.1
Unemployment	91.6	83.4	5.7	-8.2	-5.8	-15.6	-9.0	-6.5	-15.8
Participation rate	73.4	73.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.8	0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
British Columbia									
Population	3,400.2	3,404.5	...	4.3	17.6	48.8	0.1	0.5	1.5
Labour force	2,215.0	2,209.1	11.1	-5.9	-13.5	17.8	-0.3	-0.6	0.8
Employment	2,041.1	2,037.9	11.4	-3.2	-33.5	26.6	-0.2	-1.6	1.3
Employment full-time	1,616.7	1,607.9	13.7	-8.8	-13.6	42.0	-0.5	-0.8	2.7
Employment part-time	424.4	430.0	12.0	5.6	-19.9	-15.4	1.3	-4.4	-3.5
Unemployment	173.9	171.2	9.0	-2.7	20.1	-8.8	-1.6	13.3	-4.9
Participation rate	65.1	64.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.7	0.4	-0.2	0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.9	0.3	-0.1	-1.3	0.0	...	...	...

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

Table 4

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	439.9	439.9	...	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	264.4	262.4	2.5	-2.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Employment	223.3	219.3	2.5	-4.0	3.7	1.6	-1.8	1.7	0.7
Employment full-time	187.4	187.5	2.6	0.1	2.3	6.7	0.1	1.2	3.7
Unemployment	41.1	43.2	2.3	2.1	-4.0	-1.3	5.1	-8.5	-2.9
Participation rate	60.1	59.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.5	16.5	0.8	1.0	-1.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	50.8	49.9	0.6	-0.9	0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.1	14.5	0.9	-1.6	0.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	72.2	72.0	...	-0.2	-0.5	-1.9	-0.3	-0.7	-2.6
Labour force	39.5	39.2	1.3	-0.3	-0.5	-2.6	-0.8	-1.3	-6.2
Employment	29.7	29.1	1.3	-0.6	0.9	-2.2	-2.0	3.2	-7.0
Unemployment	9.8	10.1	1.1	0.3	-1.4	-0.4	3.1	-12.2	-3.8
Participation rate	54.7	54.4	1.8	-0.3	-0.4	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	24.8	25.8	2.5	1.0	-3.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	41.1	40.4	1.7	-0.7	1.5	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	50.5	43.3	3.6	-7.2	5.4	1.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	179.3	179.4	...	0.1	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	120.8	119.5	1.5	-1.3	1.4	1.3	-1.1	1.2	1.1
Employment	103.6	100.7	1.5	-2.9	2.9	1.8	-2.8	3.0	1.8
Unemployment	17.1	18.7	1.5	1.6	-1.6	-0.5	9.4	-7.9	-2.6
Participation rate	67.4	66.6	0.8	-0.8	0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	15.6	1.2	1.4	-1.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	56.1	0.8	-1.7	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	4.9	0.9	-0.5	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	188.4	188.4	...	0.0	0.5	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.6
Labour force	104.2	103.8	1.3	-0.4	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	-1.2	1.6
Employment	90.0	89.4	1.4	-0.6	-0.2	2.0	-0.7	-0.2	2.3
Unemployment	14.1	14.4	1.2	0.3	-1.1	-0.4	2.1	-7.1	-2.7
Participation rate	55.3	55.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.8	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.5	13.9	1.1	0.4	-0.8	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.8	47.5	0.7	-0.3	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.0	15.9	1.3	-1.1	-0.1	-5.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	223.3	219.3	2.5	-4.0	3.7	1.6	-1.8	1.7	0.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	51.5	51.3	1.6	-0.2	2.9	8.2	-0.4	6.0	19.0
Agriculture	1.1	0.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4	-18.2	-18.2	-60.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	18.5	18.7	0.9	0.2	0.7	4.7	1.1	3.9	33.6
Utilities	1.8	2.1	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.1	16.7	-4.5	5.0
Construction	11.6	11.1	0.8	-0.5	0.9	0.7	-4.3	8.8	6.7
Manufacturing	18.6	18.5	1.0	-0.1	1.7	4.1	-0.5	10.1	28.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	171.8	168.0	2.2	-3.8	0.8	-6.6	-2.2	0.5	-3.8
Trade	39.4	39.1	1.2	-0.3	4.1	1.5	-0.8	11.7	4.0
Transportation and warehousing	12.7	12.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-3.1	-1.6	-6.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.6	7.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	-5.3	-6.5	2.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.4	8.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	8.1	8.1	2.6
Business, building and other support services	7.9	7.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-4.8
Educational services	16.6	15.3	0.8	-1.3	-1.1	-1.4	-7.8	-6.7	-8.4
Health care and social assistance	32.4	32.3	1.0	-0.1	1.0	-2.3	-0.3	3.2	-6.6
Information, culture and recreation	7.0	6.8	0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-2.9	-5.6	-6.8
Accommodation and food services	12.9	12.7	0.9	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-1.6	0.0	-1.6
Other services	12.5	11.1	0.9	-1.4	-2.0	-1.4	-11.2	-15.3	-11.2
Public administration	15.3	15.3	0.8	0.0	-0.7	-1.6	0.0	-4.4	-9.5

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

Table 5

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	114.2	114.3	...	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	78.2	77.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	0.4
Employment	68.8	67.9	0.7	-0.9	-2.3	0.1	-1.3	-3.3	0.1
Employment full-time	57.3	56.4	0.8	-0.9	-1.7	-0.7	-1.6	-2.9	-1.2
Unemployment	9.4	9.8	0.7	0.4	1.9	0.2	4.3	24.1	2.1
Participation rate	68.5	67.9	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.0	12.6	0.8	0.6	2.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	59.4	0.7	-0.8	-2.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.6	16.9	0.9	0.4	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Labour force	13.6	12.9	0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.2	-5.1	-4.4	-8.5
Employment	11.5	10.7	0.4	-0.8	-1.0	-1.2	-7.0	-8.5	-10.1
Unemployment	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	4.8	22.2	0.0
Participation rate	67.3	63.9	1.9	-3.4	-3.3	-5.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	17.1	2.2	1.7	3.8	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	53.0	2.0	-3.9	-5.2	-5.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.3	40.2	3.2	1.9	-0.8	1.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	45.4	45.4	...	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	1.3
Labour force	32.9	33.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.6
Employment	29.6	29.1	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	0.3	-1.7	-2.7	1.0
Unemployment	3.3	4.1	0.4	0.8	0.9	-0.1	24.2	28.1	-2.4
Participation rate	72.5	73.1	0.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	12.3	1.1	2.3	2.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.1	0.9	-1.1	-2.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.1	5.5	1.0	0.4	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	48.7	48.7	...	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.6	1.5
Labour force	31.6	31.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.3	-0.3	-0.3	4.3
Employment	27.6	28.1	0.4	0.5	-0.5	1.0	1.8	-1.7	3.7
Unemployment	4.0	3.4	0.4	-0.6	0.4	0.3	-15.0	13.3	9.7
Participation rate	64.9	64.7	0.8	-0.2	-0.6	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	10.8	1.2	-1.9	1.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.7	0.8	1.0	-1.4	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.6	1.4	-0.4	-2.1	2.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	68.8	67.9	0.7	-0.9	-2.3	0.1	-1.3	-3.3	0.1
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	18.5	17.3	0.6	-1.2	-1.5	-0.3	-6.5	-8.0	-1.7
Agriculture	3.9	3.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.5	-2.6	-9.5	15.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.9	2.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-6.9	-3.6	0.0
Utilities	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-25.0	0.0
Construction	4.3	3.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.7	-1.0	-18.6	-16.7	-22.2
Manufacturing	7.0	6.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-1.4	-2.8	3.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	50.3	50.6	0.6	0.3	-0.8	0.4	0.6	-1.6	0.8
Trade	10.6	10.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.9	-0.9	-2.8	9.4
Transportation and warehousing	2.5	2.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-8.0	-17.9	-14.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.6	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	3.8	3.8	22.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.4	2.5	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	4.2	-7.4	-3.8
Business, building and other support services	2.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	4.3	4.3	-7.7
Educational services	4.4	4.6	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	4.5	-6.1	-4.2
Health care and social assistance	7.7	7.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.3	-2.6	-2.6
Information, culture and recreation	2.4	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	8.3	0.0	18.2
Accommodation and food services	5.1	5.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.3	2.0	6.1	-5.5
Other services	3.3	2.9	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-12.1	-19.4	-21.6
Public administration	7.1	7.4	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.8	4.2	13.8	12.1

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 6

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	763.4	763.7	...	0.3	1.7	4.7	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	487.6	489.3	3.0	1.7	6.8	9.2	0.3	1.4	1.9
Employment	442.7	445.5	3.4	2.8	6.3	7.3	0.6	1.4	1.7
Employment full-time	361.1	361.7	3.8	0.6	10.2	6.2	0.2	2.9	1.7
Unemployment	44.9	43.8	2.7	-1.1	0.5	1.9	-2.4	1.2	4.5
Participation rate	63.9	64.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.0	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	58.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.4	18.8	0.7	0.4	-1.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	124.2	124.3	...	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	84.2	81.4	1.8	-2.8	-1.6	-1.3	-3.3	-1.9	-1.6
Employment	70.4	69.0	1.9	-1.4	-1.7	-1.3	-2.0	-2.4	-1.8
Unemployment	13.8	12.5	1.6	-1.3	0.2	0.1	-9.4	1.6	0.8
Participation rate	67.8	65.5	1.5	-2.3	-1.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.4	15.4	1.8	-1.0	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	55.5	1.6	-1.2	-1.6	-1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.3	45.1	2.4	4.7	-1.9	0.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	305.1	305.2	...	0.1	0.5	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	211.4	214.2	1.6	2.8	3.6	4.0	1.3	1.7	1.9
Employment	193.9	195.0	1.9	1.1	2.0	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.4
Unemployment	17.5	19.1	1.7	1.6	1.5	3.1	9.1	8.5	19.4
Participation rate	69.3	70.2	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	63.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.5	6.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	334.0	334.2	...	0.2	0.7	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	192.0	193.7	1.6	1.7	4.8	6.5	0.9	2.5	3.5
Employment	178.4	181.5	1.6	3.1	6.0	7.8	1.7	3.4	4.5
Unemployment	13.6	12.2	1.4	-1.4	-1.2	-1.3	-10.3	-9.0	-9.6
Participation rate	57.5	58.0	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.3	0.7	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.4	54.3	0.5	0.9	1.7	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.7	22.6	1.2	-0.1	-1.1	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	442.7	445.5	3.4	2.8	6.3	7.3	0.6	1.4	1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	95.0	95.2	2.3	0.2	-4.5	-4.4	0.2	-4.5	-4.4
Agriculture	6.2	5.7	0.6	-0.5	-0.9	-1.0	-8.1	-13.6	-14.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.9	14.4	0.9	0.5	0.0	-0.7	3.6	0.0	-4.6
Utilities	2.4	2.6	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	8.3	-3.7	-13.3
Construction	28.0	27.5	1.4	-0.5	-0.8	2.1	-1.8	-2.8	8.3
Manufacturing	44.4	45.0	1.5	0.6	-2.7	-4.4	1.4	-5.7	-8.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	347.7	350.3	3.0	2.6	10.9	11.7	0.7	3.2	3.5
Trade	77.4	78.0	1.7	0.6	3.3	3.2	0.8	4.4	4.3
Transportation and warehousing	20.4	19.6	1.0	-0.8	-0.5	0.9	-3.9	-2.5	4.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	21.3	20.5	0.8	-0.8	0.9	-1.8	-3.8	4.6	-8.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.8	20.2	0.9	-0.6	1.6	2.6	-2.9	8.6	14.8
Business, building and other support services	26.3	26.0	1.2	-0.3	1.9	3.7	-1.1	7.9	16.6
Educational services	33.3	35.1	1.3	1.8	1.3	-0.2	5.4	3.8	-0.6
Health care and social assistance	55.0	56.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	3.7
Information, culture and recreation	18.3	19.3	1.0	1.0	0.5	3.5	5.5	2.7	22.2
Accommodation and food services	30.1	30.1	1.3	0.0	3.8	1.4	0.0	14.4	4.9
Other services	18.0	18.2	1.2	0.2	-0.9	-4.3	1.1	-4.7	-19.1
Public administration	26.8	27.3	1.0	0.5	-2.1	0.8	1.9	-7.1	3.0

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

Table 7

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	611.3	611.6	...	0.3	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
Labour force	388.8	387.5	2.6	-1.3	3.3	1.8	-0.3	0.9	0.5
Employment	350.2	348.6	2.6	-1.6	2.5	3.3	-0.5	0.7	1.0
Employment full-time	294.9	294.4	2.9	-0.5	1.1	2.5	-0.2	0.4	0.9
Unemployment	38.6	38.9	2.3	0.3	0.8	-1.5	0.8	2.1	-3.7
Participation rate	63.6	63.4	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	10.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.0	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.8	15.5	0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	97.2	97.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	63.9	61.6	1.3	-2.3	-2.6	-1.7	-3.6	-4.0	-2.7
Employment	53.0	50.8	1.3	-2.2	-2.9	-1.4	-4.2	-5.4	-2.7
Unemployment	10.9	10.8	1.2	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.9	2.9	-2.7
Participation rate	65.7	63.4	1.4	-2.3	-2.6	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.1	17.5	1.7	0.4	1.1	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	52.3	1.3	-2.2	-2.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.5	35.8	2.2	-5.7	-4.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	248.5	248.6	...	0.1	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	172.5	173.0	1.5	0.5	1.8	2.7	0.3	1.1	1.6
Employment	155.6	155.3	1.6	-0.3	1.4	2.9	-0.2	0.9	1.9
Unemployment	16.9	17.7	1.5	0.8	0.4	-0.3	4.7	2.3	-1.7
Participation rate	69.4	69.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.2	0.8	0.4	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.5	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.2	5.0	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	265.6	265.8	...	0.2	0.6	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.7
Labour force	152.4	152.9	1.4	0.5	4.1	0.8	0.3	2.8	0.5
Employment	141.5	142.5	1.4	1.0	4.1	1.8	0.7	3.0	1.3
Unemployment	10.8	10.4	1.2	-0.4	0.1	-0.9	-3.7	1.0	-8.0
Participation rate	57.4	57.5	0.5	0.1	1.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.8	0.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.3	53.6	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	19.9	1.1	1.1	1.7	0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	350.2	348.6	2.6	-1.6	2.5	3.3	-0.5	0.7	1.0
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	84.5	84.4	1.8	-0.1	0.2	3.6	-0.1	0.2	4.5
Agriculture	6.6	6.4	0.6	-0.2	1.8	0.8	-3.0	39.1	14.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	11.5	11.9	0.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	3.5	-1.7	-2.5
Utilities	3.4	3.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	11.8	11.8	11.8
Construction	19.0	19.3	1.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	1.6	-1.0	-3.0
Manufacturing	44.1	42.9	1.2	-1.2	-1.7	3.2	-2.7	-3.8	8.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	265.6	264.2	2.4	-1.4	2.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.9	-0.1
Trade	55.3	53.7	1.3	-1.6	-2.1	0.8	-2.9	-3.8	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	18.7	19.3	0.8	0.6	1.7	1.5	3.2	9.7	8.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	13.5	14.0	0.6	0.5	-0.8	-0.3	3.7	-5.4	-2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.7	15.3	0.7	-0.4	0.9	-1.5	-2.5	6.2	-8.9
Business, building and other support services	19.4	21.4	1.0	2.0	-0.2	-2.0	10.3	-0.9	-8.5
Educational services	25.7	25.8	0.8	0.1	1.6	4.3	0.4	6.6	20.0
Health care and social assistance	49.1	50.0	1.1	0.9	3.2	6.0	1.8	6.8	13.6
Information, culture and recreation	10.9	9.2	0.7	-1.7	-0.6	-3.6	-15.6	-6.1	-28.1
Accommodation and food services	21.7	19.7	1.0	-2.0	-2.1	-2.8	-9.2	-9.6	-12.4
Other services	16.9	17.2	0.9	0.3	0.2	-0.3	1.8	1.2	-1.7
Public administration	18.7	18.5	0.7	-0.2	0.5	-2.4	-1.1	2.8	-11.5

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

Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 8

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	6,128.4	6,134.7	...	6.3	22.6	63.8	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	4,033.0	4,055.4	15.6	22.4	-6.4	48.2	0.6	-0.2	1.2
Employment	3,686.1	3,714.5	16.3	28.4	32.6	71.4	0.8	0.9	2.0
Employment full-time	2,995.8	3,040.1	19.0	44.3	66.2	62.2	1.5	2.2	2.1
Unemployment	346.9	340.9	13.8	-6.0	-39.0	-23.2	-1.7	-10.3	-6.4
Participation rate	65.8	66.1	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.4	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.2	0.4	-0.6	-1.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	949.4	949.4	...	0.0	-0.8	-3.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	632.0	648.3	8.7	16.3	-2.8	6.6	2.6	-0.4	1.0
Employment	538.7	547.5	8.6	8.8	1.8	-4.3	1.6	0.3	-0.8
Unemployment	93.3	100.8	7.5	7.5	-4.5	10.9	8.0	-4.3	12.1
Participation rate	66.6	68.3	0.9	1.7	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.8	15.5	1.1	0.7	-0.7	1.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	57.7	0.9	1.0	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.7	46.4	1.5	-1.3	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	2,525.8	2,529.1	...	3.3	11.9	33.8	0.1	0.5	1.4
Labour force	1,844.1	1,843.9	8.5	-0.2	-1.8	9.4	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Employment	1,698.6	1,709.7	9.5	11.1	15.5	23.7	0.7	0.9	1.4
Unemployment	145.4	134.1	8.2	-11.3	-17.4	-14.5	-7.8	-11.5	-9.8
Participation rate	73.0	72.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.2	67.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	7.1	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	2,653.2	2,656.3	...	3.1	11.6	33.5	0.1	0.4	1.3
Labour force	1,556.9	1,563.3	9.0	6.4	-1.8	32.3	0.4	-0.1	2.1
Employment	1,448.8	1,457.4	9.2	8.6	15.5	52.0	0.6	1.1	3.7
Unemployment	108.1	106.0	7.7	-2.1	-17.1	-19.6	-1.9	-13.9	-15.6
Participation rate	58.7	58.9	0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	6.8	0.5	-0.1	-1.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	20.5	0.7	-1.3	-2.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	3,686.1	3,714.5	16.3	28.4	32.6	71.4	0.8	0.9	2.0
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	926.3	920.9	11.3	-5.4	-5.2	-13.9	-0.6	-0.6	-1.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	55.2	54.6	2.7	-0.6	-2.4	1.6	-1.1	-4.2	3.0
Utilities	38.9	37.3	2.4	-1.6	-1.4	-3.6	-4.1	-3.6	-8.8
Construction	32.7	31.8	1.9	-0.9	2.1	2.5	-2.8	7.1	8.5
Manufacturing	169.2	164.8	5.7	-4.4	-13.0	-6.5	-2.6	-7.3	-3.8
Services-producing sector	630.5	632.4	9.6	1.9	9.4	-8.0	0.3	1.5	-1.2
Services-producing sector	2,759.8	2,793.7	16.2	33.9	38.0	85.4	1.2	1.4	3.2
Trade	603.7	608.2	10.3	4.5	2.5	9.0	0.7	0.4	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	176.9	177.3	5.3	0.4	13.7	17.5	0.2	8.4	11.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	196.9	204.3	5.7	7.4	3.6	11.3	3.8	1.8	5.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	222.9	221.2	6.4	-1.7	8.7	8.8	-0.8	4.1	4.1
Business, building and other support services	109.3	110.6	5.5	1.3	-1.8	-8.5	1.2	-1.6	-7.1
Educational services	248.6	237.2	6.5	-11.4	-17.6	-16.1	-4.6	-6.9	-6.4
Health care and social assistance	456.4	467.8	7.6	11.4	15.6	51.5	2.5	3.4	12.4
Information, culture and recreation	162.0	163.2	5.9	1.2	1.9	24.1	0.7	1.2	17.3
Accommodation and food services	209.2	214.3	6.8	5.1	4.0	-16.8	2.4	1.9	-7.3
Other services	161.4	176.8	5.9	15.4	9.1	13.3	9.5	5.4	8.1
Public administration	212.5	212.9	5.4	0.4	-1.6	-8.7	0.2	-0.7	-3.9

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

Table 9

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	9,899.9	9,914.7	...	14.8	57.4	167.2	0.1	0.6	1.7
Labour force	6,763.3	6,760.6	18.2	-2.7	24.4	95.8	0.0	0.4	1.4
Employment	6,283.8	6,298.1	18.5	14.3	12.3	93.7	0.2	0.2	1.5
Employment full-time	5,167.4	5,185.2	22.1	17.8	39.0	112.6	0.3	0.8	2.2
Unemployment	479.5	462.5	15.0	-17.0	12.1	2.0	-3.5	2.7	0.4
Participation rate	68.3	68.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.8	0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.5	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	17.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	1,619.1	1,621.8	...	2.7	10.7	30.5	0.2	0.7	1.9
Labour force	1,074.3	1,072.9	10.8	-1.4	-5.6	6.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.6
Employment	909.1	922.2	10.2	13.1	2.7	8.6	1.4	0.3	0.9
Unemployment	165.2	150.7	9.1	-14.5	-8.3	-2.6	-8.8	-5.2	-1.7
Participation rate	66.4	66.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	14.0	0.8	-1.4	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	56.9	0.6	0.8	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.3	47.5	1.1	-0.8	-1.0	0.2	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	4,022.7	4,028.4	...	5.7	22.1	65.0	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	3,051.9	3,038.7	9.1	-13.2	18.8	29.6	-0.4	0.6	1.0
Employment	2,872.2	2,866.2	10.1	-6.0	-4.4	22.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.8
Unemployment	179.7	172.4	8.2	-7.3	23.1	6.5	-4.1	15.5	3.9
Participation rate	75.9	75.4	0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	71.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	4,258.1	4,264.4	...	6.3	24.5	71.7	0.1	0.6	1.7
Labour force	2,637.1	2,649.0	10.9	11.9	11.2	60.3	0.5	0.4	2.3
Employment	2,502.5	2,509.7	11.0	7.2	13.9	62.2	0.3	0.6	2.5
Unemployment	134.6	139.3	8.4	4.7	-2.7	-2.0	3.5	-1.9	-1.4
Participation rate	61.9	62.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.9	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.2	20.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	6,283.8	6,298.1	18.5	14.3	12.3	93.7	0.2	0.2	1.5
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	1,635.0	1,641.0	14.2	6.0	-11.0	-0.9	0.4	-0.7	-0.1
Agriculture	83.0	83.6	3.5	0.6	-3.5	-0.3	0.7	-4.0	-0.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.8	36.2	1.7	1.4	4.4	2.1	4.0	13.8	6.2
Utilities	52.9	52.4	2.7	-0.5	-2.6	-2.2	-0.9	-4.7	-4.0
Construction	367.7	375.8	7.9	8.1	-19.5	3.1	2.2	-4.9	0.8
Manufacturing	1,096.5	1,093.0	12.2	-3.5	10.2	-3.6	-0.3	0.9	-0.3
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	4,648.8	4,657.1	19.8	8.3	23.2	94.6	0.2	0.5	2.1
Trade	958.1	953.1	11.3	-5.0	14.7	8.5	-0.5	1.6	0.9
Transportation and warehousing	313.1	305.6	6.8	-7.5	11.0	19.5	-2.4	3.7	6.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	438.7	440.8	8.1	2.1	6.9	7.7	0.5	1.6	1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	433.2	426.5	8.9	-6.7	10.8	-27.9	-1.5	2.6	-6.1
Business, building and other support services	270.5	278.1	7.8	7.6	-11.7	22.5	2.8	-4.0	8.8
Educational services	400.1	403.3	7.2	3.2	10.2	22.5	0.8	2.6	5.9
Health care and social assistance	614.3	618.6	7.9	4.3	-7.3	31.0	0.7	-1.2	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	297.5	300.6	7.2	3.1	8.6	16.6	1.0	2.9	5.8
Accommodation and food services	368.3	365.9	8.2	-2.4	-18.7	-3.7	-0.7	-4.9	-1.0
Other services	249.9	258.0	6.8	8.1	5.4	-7.5	3.2	2.1	-2.8
Public administration	305.2	306.6	6.0	1.4	-6.8	5.4	0.5	-2.2	1.8

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

Table 10

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	874.3	875.2	...	0.9	3.3	9.0	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	601.4	606.8	2.7	5.4	6.0	10.0	0.9	1.0	1.7
Employment	571.7	574.2	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.7	0.4	0.6	0.6
Employment full-time	464.1	463.6	3.6	-0.5	2.3	7.6	-0.1	0.5	1.7
Unemployment	29.8	32.6	2.2	2.8	2.3	6.3	9.4	7.6	24.0
Participation rate	68.8	69.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	19.2	0.6	0.4	0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	151.7	151.9	...	0.2	0.9	2.3	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	104.9	109.1	1.7	4.2	2.1	1.8	4.0	2.0	1.7
Employment	94.5	96.2	1.7	1.7	-1.5	-1.9	1.8	-1.5	-1.9
Unemployment	10.4	12.9	1.4	2.5	3.6	3.7	24.0	38.7	40.2
Participation rate	69.1	71.8	1.1	2.7	0.9	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.9	11.8	1.2	1.9	3.1	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	63.3	1.1	1.0	-1.4	-2.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.2	41.6	1.8	-1.6	-3.5	-3.3	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	352.8	353.2	...	0.4	1.2	3.4	0.1	0.3	1.0
Labour force	266.2	267.6	1.4	1.4	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.8	0.8
Employment	255.2	255.8	1.5	0.6	2.2	-0.3	0.2	0.9	-0.1
Unemployment	11.0	11.8	1.2	0.8	0.0	2.5	7.3	0.0	26.9
Participation rate	75.5	75.8	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.3	72.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.6	0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	369.8	370.2	...	0.4	1.2	3.4	0.1	0.3	0.9
Labour force	230.3	230.1	1.6	-0.2	1.7	6.0	-0.1	0.7	2.7
Employment	221.9	222.2	1.6	0.3	3.0	5.9	0.1	1.4	2.7
Unemployment	8.4	7.9	1.1	-0.5	-1.3	0.1	-6.0	-14.1	1.3
Participation rate	62.3	62.2	0.4	-0.1	0.3	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	24.1	1.0	1.6	2.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	571.7	574.2	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.7	0.4	0.6	0.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	142.9	144.8	2.1	1.9	2.1	3.7	1.3	1.5	2.6
Agriculture	31.4	31.5	1.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.6	-1.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.2	6.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.1	3.2	6.7	20.8
Utilities	6.4	6.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-1.6	-4.5	-10.0
Construction	28.2	28.0	1.1	-0.2	1.5	0.0	-0.7	5.7	0.0
Manufacturing	70.7	72.6	1.4	1.9	0.6	3.7	2.7	0.8	5.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	428.8	429.3	3.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0
Trade	83.8	82.8	1.7	-1.0	-2.7	-0.4	-1.2	-3.2	-0.5
Transportation and warehousing	33.7	33.8	1.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.6	0.3	-1.5	-1.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	29.0	28.4	1.0	-0.6	-1.6	1.3	-2.1	-5.3	4.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.3	24.8	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.0	6.4	4.6	4.2
Business, building and other support services	20.0	18.7	1.0	-1.3	2.2	-2.6	-6.5	13.3	-12.2
Educational services	43.8	43.1	1.2	-0.7	0.2	0.5	-1.6	0.5	1.2
Health care and social assistance	76.7	78.3	1.3	1.6	3.4	5.7	2.1	4.5	7.9
Information, culture and recreation	24.2	25.2	1.0	1.0	1.7	2.2	4.1	7.2	9.6
Accommodation and food services	33.6	31.8	1.4	-1.8	-7.6	-7.6	-5.4	-19.3	-19.3
Other services	25.6	24.8	1.1	-0.8	0.4	-5.6	-3.1	1.6	-18.4
Public administration	35.1	37.7	1.0	2.6	4.8	6.2	7.4	14.6	19.7

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

Table 11

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	757.0	757.3	...	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	518.8	521.6	2.6	2.8	3.8	6.6	0.5	0.7	1.3
Employment	487.5	493.5	2.7	6.0	5.1	6.2	1.2	1.0	1.3
Employment full-time	392.9	397.5	3.2	4.6	5.1	7.0	1.2	1.3	1.8
Unemployment	31.4	28.1	1.9	-3.3	-1.2	0.4	-10.5	-4.1	1.4
Participation rate	68.5	68.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	65.2	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	19.5	0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	138.3	138.3	...	0.0	0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.4
Labour force	95.2	97.9	1.6	2.7	4.6	2.6	2.8	4.9	2.7
Employment	82.9	87.7	1.6	4.8	6.0	1.1	5.8	7.3	1.3
Unemployment	12.2	10.2	1.2	-2.0	-1.4	1.5	-16.4	-12.1	17.2
Participation rate	68.8	70.8	1.2	2.0	3.3	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	10.4	1.2	-2.4	-2.0	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	63.4	1.1	3.5	4.3	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.4	38.2	1.7	-3.2	-3.9	-3.0	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	301.6	301.7	...	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	227.6	228.0	1.3	0.4	-1.1	1.3	0.2	-0.5	0.6
Employment	216.8	218.4	1.4	1.6	-0.1	3.4	0.7	0.0	1.6
Unemployment	10.8	9.7	1.1	-1.1	-1.0	-2.0	-10.2	-9.3	-17.1
Participation rate	75.5	75.6	0.4	0.1	-0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.9	72.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	6.0	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-1.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	317.1	317.2	...	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	196.1	195.7	1.5	-0.4	0.3	2.7	-0.2	0.2	1.4
Employment	187.7	187.5	1.5	-0.2	-0.8	1.9	-0.1	-0.4	1.0
Unemployment	8.4	8.3	0.9	-0.1	1.2	0.9	-1.2	16.9	12.2
Participation rate	61.8	61.7	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	0.5	-0.1	0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.9	26.5	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	487.5	493.5	2.7	6.0	5.1	6.2	1.2	1.0	1.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	126.7	128.5	2.0	1.8	2.8	7.4	1.4	2.2	6.1
Agriculture	49.9	48.9	1.5	-1.0	0.0	1.6	-2.0	0.0	3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	20.9	21.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	5.1	3.8	5.3	30.7
Utilities	5.8	5.9	0.3	0.1	1.3	1.3	1.7	28.3	28.3
Construction	22.7	23.1	1.0	0.4	0.2	-2.1	1.8	0.9	-8.3
Manufacturing	27.4	28.9	1.0	1.5	0.1	1.5	5.5	0.3	5.5
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	360.7	365.1	2.7	4.4	2.4	-1.1	1.2	0.7	-0.3
Trade	77.0	77.5	1.4	0.5	-2.1	1.1	0.6	-2.6	1.4
Transportation and warehousing	21.5	22.5	0.9	1.0	-0.8	-1.4	4.7	-3.4	-5.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.6	27.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	-0.6	1.1	3.7	-2.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.2	16.3	0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-1.5	-5.2	-5.8	-8.4
Business, building and other support services	13.9	13.5	0.8	-0.4	1.3	1.1	-2.9	10.7	8.9
Educational services	42.3	43.2	1.2	0.9	2.6	2.8	2.1	6.4	6.9
Health care and social assistance	58.4	59.6	1.1	1.2	2.3	-2.3	2.1	4.0	-3.7
Information, culture and recreation	21.7	22.3	0.9	0.6	-1.0	3.1	2.8	-4.3	16.1
Accommodation and food services	34.6	35.2	1.3	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.7	3.2	3.2
Other services	21.2	21.5	1.0	0.3	0.7	-3.1	1.4	3.4	-12.6
Public administration	25.3	25.5	0.8	0.2	-1.8	-1.5	0.8	-6.6	-5.6

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

Table 12

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	2,504.2	2,508.2	...	4.0	14.5	46.6	0.2	0.6	1.9
Labour force	1,837.6	1,834.5	7.6	-3.1	-6.2	31.8	-0.2	-0.3	1.8
Employment	1,746.0	1,751.1	8.1	5.1	-0.4	47.4	0.3	0.0	2.8
Employment full-time	1,440.3	1,439.6	10.3	-0.7	5.9	35.0	0.0	0.4	2.5
Unemployment	91.6	83.4	5.7	-8.2	-5.8	-15.6	-9.0	-6.5	-15.8
Participation rate	73.4	73.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.8	0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.5	17.8	0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	467.2	467.7	...	0.5	1.4	5.7	0.1	0.3	1.2
Labour force	329.8	328.1	4.7	-1.7	1.2	-1.0	-0.5	0.4	-0.3
Employment	298.8	300.0	4.7	1.2	-0.2	2.7	0.4	-0.1	0.9
Unemployment	31.0	28.1	3.4	-2.9	1.4	-3.7	-9.4	5.2	-11.6
Participation rate	70.6	70.2	1.0	-0.4	0.1	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.6	1.0	-0.8	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.1	1.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.3	37.8	1.6	0.5	-1.2	0.5	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,019.0	1,020.8	...	1.8	6.7	20.6	0.2	0.7	2.1
Labour force	832.7	829.8	3.6	-2.9	-4.9	12.2	-0.3	-0.6	1.5
Employment	800.4	801.1	4.3	0.7	-0.2	21.0	0.1	0.0	2.7
Unemployment	32.3	28.7	3.4	-3.6	-4.7	-8.7	-11.1	-14.1	-23.3
Participation rate	81.7	81.3	0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.5	78.5	0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.2	5.4	0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,018.0	1,019.7	...	1.7	6.5	20.3	0.2	0.6	2.0
Labour force	675.1	676.5	4.4	1.4	-2.5	20.5	0.2	-0.4	3.1
Employment	646.9	650.0	4.4	3.1	0.1	23.7	0.5	0.0	3.8
Unemployment	28.2	26.5	3.0	-1.7	-2.7	-3.2	-6.0	-9.2	-10.8
Participation rate	66.3	66.3	0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.7	0.4	0.2	-0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.7	23.8	0.9	0.1	0.0	-0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	1,746.0	1,751.1	8.1	5.1	-0.4	47.4	0.3	0.0	2.8
Goods-producing sector									
Agriculture	490.8	500.2	6.1	9.4	5.5	28.6	1.9	1.1	6.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	70.9	70.2	2.7	-0.7	-1.8	2.7	-1.0	-2.5	4.0
Utilities	110.8	114.4	2.9	3.6	5.4	16.4	3.2	5.0	16.7
Construction	14.4	13.3	0.9	-1.1	-1.8	-0.4	-7.6	-11.9	-2.9
Manufacturing	149.6	152.8	4.1	3.2	7.0	11.8	2.1	4.8	8.4
Services-producing sector	145.0	149.5	3.6	4.5	-3.3	-1.9	3.1	-2.2	-1.3
Services-producing sector	1,255.2	1,250.9	8.4	-4.3	-5.9	18.8	-0.3	-0.5	1.5
Trade	268.3	266.3	4.9	-2.0	-8.6	9.5	-0.7	-3.1	3.7
Transportation and warehousing	99.5	99.9	3.0	0.4	6.6	6.1	0.4	7.1	6.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	94.3	92.7	2.6	-1.6	0.6	9.3	-1.7	0.7	11.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	124.6	125.8	3.3	1.2	5.0	14.8	1.0	4.1	13.3
Business, building and other support services	59.3	59.4	3.1	0.1	-1.1	-5.7	0.2	-1.8	-8.8
Educational services	109.0	107.1	3.2	-1.9	-1.6	0.2	-1.7	-1.5	0.2
Health care and social assistance	164.8	165.2	3.2	0.4	-0.6	6.1	0.2	-0.4	3.8
Information, culture and recreation	70.5	71.8	2.8	1.3	2.2	-1.2	1.8	3.2	-1.6
Accommodation and food services	117.9	122.6	3.6	4.7	2.4	-2.1	4.0	2.0	-1.7
Other services	79.1	75.0	2.7	-4.1	-4.4	-9.2	-5.2	-5.5	-10.9
Public administration	67.9	65.1	2.2	-2.8	-6.6	-9.1	-4.1	-9.2	-12.3

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

Table 13

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	3,400.2	3,404.5	...	4.3	17.6	48.8	0.1	0.5	1.5
Labour force	2,215.0	2,209.1	11.1	-5.9	-13.5	17.8	-0.3	-0.6	0.8
Employment	2,041.1	2,037.9	11.4	-3.2	-33.5	26.6	-0.2	-1.6	1.3
Employment full-time	1,616.7	1,607.9	13.7	-8.8	-13.6	42.0	-0.5	-0.8	2.7
Unemployment	173.9	171.2	9.0	-2.7	20.1	-8.8	-1.6	13.3	-4.9
Participation rate	65.1	64.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.7	0.4	-0.2	0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.9	0.3	-0.1	-1.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	21.1	0.6	0.3	-0.6	-1.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	554.1	554.6	...	0.5	2.1	7.5	0.1	0.4	1.4
Labour force	344.3	341.3	6.1	-3.0	-13.9	-0.4	-0.9	-3.9	-0.1
Employment	294.4	290.4	5.9	-4.0	-19.3	-1.3	-1.4	-6.2	-0.4
Unemployment	49.9	50.9	5.0	1.0	5.4	0.9	2.0	11.9	1.8
Participation rate	62.1	61.5	1.1	-0.6	-2.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.5	14.9	1.4	0.4	2.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.1	52.4	1.1	-0.7	-3.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.3	48.5	2.0	2.2	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	1,386.8	1,388.6	...	1.8	7.1	18.7	0.1	0.5	1.4
Labour force	992.9	995.3	5.9	2.4	4.1	-0.3	0.2	0.4	0.0
Employment	927.4	930.3	6.2	2.9	-3.9	3.3	0.3	-0.4	0.4
Unemployment	65.4	65.0	5.3	-0.4	8.1	-3.5	-0.6	14.2	-5.1
Participation rate	71.6	71.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.5	0.5	-0.1	0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.0	0.5	0.1	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	7.6	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	1,459.3	1,461.3	...	2.0	8.3	22.6	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	877.8	872.5	6.3	-5.3	-3.7	18.5	-0.6	-0.4	2.2
Employment	819.2	817.2	6.6	-2.0	-10.3	24.7	-0.2	-1.2	3.1
Unemployment	58.5	55.3	4.9	-3.2	6.6	-6.2	-5.5	13.6	-10.1
Participation rate	60.2	59.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.3	0.6	-0.4	0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	55.9	0.5	-0.2	-1.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.0	26.8	1.0	0.8	-0.6	-2.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	2,041.1	2,037.9	11.4	-3.2	-33.5	26.6	-0.2	-1.6	1.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	420.9	429.8	7.5	8.9	13.0	5.3	2.1	3.1	1.2
Agriculture	35.6	38.0	2.6	2.4	5.1	3.0	6.7	15.5	8.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	35.0	35.2	3.0	0.2	-5.7	-14.1	0.6	-13.9	-28.6
Utilities	10.1	11.5	1.2	1.4	0.6	-2.9	13.9	5.5	-20.1
Construction	141.0	145.4	4.7	4.4	17.0	28.0	3.1	13.2	23.9
Manufacturing	199.2	199.7	5.0	0.5	-4.0	-8.7	0.3	-2.0	-4.2
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	1,620.2	1,608.1	11.5	-12.1	-46.5	21.3	-0.7	-2.8	1.3
Trade	317.7	301.0	6.4	-16.7	-20.6	-20.2	-5.3	-6.4	-6.3
Transportation and warehousing	113.6	119.5	3.9	5.9	3.7	5.8	5.2	3.2	5.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	131.9	135.8	4.2	3.9	3.1	6.9	3.0	2.3	5.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	145.4	146.2	4.5	0.8	0.4	12.5	0.6	0.3	9.3
Business, building and other support services	82.7	85.1	3.9	2.4	-5.9	5.6	2.9	-6.5	7.0
Educational services	135.3	129.6	4.5	-5.7	-13.7	-19.0	-4.2	-9.6	-12.8
Health care and social assistance	223.7	219.2	4.7	-4.5	-1.1	4.7	-2.0	-0.5	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	105.2	97.9	4.3	-7.3	-12.4	-9.9	-6.9	-11.2	-9.2
Accommodation and food services	174.4	180.0	5.1	5.6	4.3	22.6	3.2	2.4	14.4
Other services	89.7	92.5	4.0	2.8	-7.6	-4.1	3.1	-7.6	-4.2
Public administration	100.6	101.3	3.5	0.7	3.3	16.3	0.7	3.4	19.2

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Related CANSIM tables 282-0087, 282-0088

Table 14

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
Population	145.2	145.3	...	0.1	0.7	1.7	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	96.3	95.6	0.8	-0.7	-1.0	-3.9	-0.7	-1.0	-3.9
Employment	87.3	87.3	0.9	0.0	0.4	-2.9	0.0	0.5	-3.2
Unemployment	9.0	8.3	0.5	-0.7	-1.4	-1.0	-7.8	-14.4	-10.8
Participation rate	66.3	65.8	0.6	-0.5	-1.0	-3.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	8.7	0.5	-0.6	-1.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	-2.7	...	...	...
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
Population	291.2	291.5	...	0.3	1.5	4.3	0.1	0.5	1.5
Labour force	203.8	205.8	1.3	2.0	3.3	6.4	1.0	1.6	3.2
Employment	190.9	192.7	1.3	1.8	2.0	7.4	0.9	1.0	4.0
Unemployment	12.8	13.0	0.7	0.2	1.3	-1.1	1.6	11.1	-7.8
Participation rate	70.0	70.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.3	0.4	0.0	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	66.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Saint John, New Brunswick									
Population	101.0	101.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	66.1	66.4	0.7	0.3	1.8	-0.4	0.5	2.8	-0.6
Employment	60.8	61.1	0.7	0.3	2.2	0.6	0.5	3.7	1.0
Unemployment	5.3	5.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-1.1	-1.9	-8.8	-17.5
Participation rate	65.4	65.7	0.7	0.3	1.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.8	0.6	-0.2	-1.0	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.5	0.7	0.3	2.2	0.5	...	...	...
Saguenay, Quebec									
Population	130.2	130.1	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7
Labour force	84.5	84.7	0.8	0.2	5.3	4.7	0.2	6.7	5.9
Employment	74.1	75.0	0.8	0.9	5.0	4.1	1.2	7.1	5.8
Unemployment	10.4	9.7	0.5	-0.7	0.3	0.5	-6.7	3.2	5.4
Participation rate	64.9	65.1	0.6	0.2	4.3	4.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	11.5	0.6	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	57.6	0.6	0.7	4.0	3.5	...	...	...
Québec, Quebec									
Population	580.1	580.6	...	0.5	2.1	5.7	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	375.4	380.1	2.8	4.7	2.6	-8.2	1.3	0.7	-2.1
Employment	351.6	354.9	2.9	3.3	5.2	-4.0	0.9	1.5	-1.1
Unemployment	23.9	25.2	1.5	1.3	-2.6	-4.2	5.4	-9.4	-14.3
Participation rate	64.7	65.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.6	0.4	0.2	-0.8	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	61.1	0.5	0.5	0.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
Population	117.9	118.0	...	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.5
Labour force	72.6	72.7	0.7	0.1	-0.9	-2.2	0.1	-1.2	-2.9
Employment	65.5	65.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.7	-2.5	-0.5	-1.1	-3.7
Unemployment	7.1	7.5	0.4	0.4	-0.2	0.3	5.6	-2.6	4.2
Participation rate	61.6	61.6	0.7	0.0	-0.9	-2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.8	10.3	0.6	0.5	-0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	55.3	0.7	-0.3	-0.6	-2.4	...	...	...
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
Population	129.4	129.5	...	0.1	0.6	1.7	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	84.0	85.3	0.7	1.3	-0.3	0.4	1.5	-0.4	0.5
Employment	78.3	79.6	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.7	0.5	0.6
Unemployment	5.7	5.8	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.1	1.8	-9.4	1.8
Participation rate	64.9	65.9	0.6	1.0	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.8	0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	61.5	0.6	1.0	0.1	-0.4	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,933.3	2,937.2	...	3.9	16.1	45.7	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	1,984.4	1,984.6	7.2	0.2	-34.0	19.8	0.0	-1.7	1.0
Employment	1,812.4	1,818.4	7.5	6.0	-15.0	36.3	0.3	-0.8	2.0
Unemployment	172.0	166.2	4.8	-5.8	-19.0	-16.5	-3.4	-10.3	-9.0
Participation rate	67.7	67.6	0.2	-0.1	-1.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.9	0.3	0.1	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec									
Population	926.1	927.9	...	1.8	7.0	20.7	0.2	0.8	2.3
Labour force	650.6	650.2	3.1	-0.4	-4.7	3.6	-0.1	-0.7	0.6
Employment	607.7	606.1	3.3	-1.6	-1.2	2.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.4
Unemployment	42.9	44.1	1.8	1.2	-3.5	1.3	2.8	-7.4	3.0
Participation rate	70.3	70.1	0.3	-0.2	-1.0	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.2	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,216.0	4,225.2	...	9.2	36.6	106.8	0.2	0.9	2.6
Labour force	2,933.9	2,950.6	8.8	16.7	49.2	54.0	0.6	1.7	1.9
Employment	2,711.8	2,726.3	9.0	14.5	36.2	46.3	0.5	1.3	1.7
Unemployment	222.1	224.3	5.3	2.2	13.0	7.7	1.0	6.2	3.6
Participation rate	69.6	69.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.6	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Hamilton, Ontario									
Population	569.2	569.8	...	0.6	2.2	6.9	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	385.8	387.6	2.6	1.8	-3.3	7.9	0.5	-0.8	2.1
Employment	359.2	358.2	2.7	-1.0	-11.2	-1.9	-0.3	-3.0	-0.5
Unemployment	26.6	29.5	1.3	2.9	8.0	9.9	10.9	37.2	50.5
Participation rate	67.8	68.0	0.5	0.2	-0.9	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.6	0.3	0.7	2.1	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	62.9	0.5	-0.2	-2.2	-1.1	...	...	...
Kitchener, Ontario									
Population	360.4	360.9	...	0.5	2.0	6.7	0.1	0.6	1.9
Labour force	251.3	251.4	1.6	0.1	-0.5	1.3	0.0	-0.2	0.5
Employment	237.4	237.3	1.7	-0.1	-1.9	2.8	0.0	-0.8	1.2
Unemployment	13.8	14.1	0.8	0.3	1.4	-1.6	2.2	11.0	-10.2
Participation rate	69.7	69.7	0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	65.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
London, Ontario									
Population	349.2	349.4	...	0.2	0.7	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	243.7	244.4	1.9	0.7	3.6	9.8	0.3	1.5	4.2
Employment	228.3	230.0	2.0	1.7	6.5	11.2	0.7	2.9	5.1
Unemployment	15.4	14.4	0.9	-1.0	-3.0	-1.5	-6.5	-17.2	-9.4
Participation rate	69.8	69.9	0.6	0.1	0.8	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.9	0.4	-0.4	-1.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.4	65.8	0.6	0.4	1.7	2.7	...	...	...
Oshawa, Ontario									
Population	251.0	251.5	...	0.5	1.7	5.5	0.2	0.7	2.2
Labour force	181.5	181.4	1.2	-0.1	0.6	2.8	-0.1	0.3	1.6
Employment	172.2	171.6	1.2	-0.6	-0.4	2.0	-0.3	-0.2	1.2
Unemployment	9.4	9.8	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.7	4.3	11.4	7.7
Participation rate	72.3	72.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.6	68.2	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
Population	326.5	326.6	...	0.1	0.3	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	205.7	204.5	1.6	-1.2	-5.3	-5.0	-0.6	-2.5	-2.4
Employment	190.1	188.4	1.6	-1.7	-7.3	-7.5	-0.9	-3.7	-3.8
Unemployment	15.5	16.1	0.8	0.6	2.0	2.5	3.9	14.2	18.4
Participation rate	63.0	62.6	0.5	-0.4	-1.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.9	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.2	57.7	0.5	-0.5	-2.3	-2.5	...	...	...
Greater Sudbury, Ontario									
Population	126.5	126.4	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	82.1	82.0	0.7	-0.1	2.1	1.9	-0.1	2.6	2.4
Employment	75.6	75.3	0.7	-0.3	3.3	1.2	-0.4	4.6	1.6
Unemployment	6.4	6.7	0.4	0.3	-1.2	0.6	4.7	-15.2	9.8
Participation rate	64.9	64.9	0.6	0.0	1.8	1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.2	0.5	0.4	-1.7	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.6	0.6	-0.2	2.8	1.3	...	...	...
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
Population	100.3	100.2	...	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	66.4	66.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.6	-3.0	-0.3	-0.9	-4.3
Employment	61.6	61.8	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-3.8	0.3	-0.5	-5.8
Unemployment	4.8	4.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.8	-8.3	-6.4	22.2
Participation rate	66.2	66.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.4	-2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.7	0.6	0.3	-0.2	-3.4	...	...	...
Windsor, Ontario									
Population	263.7	264.1	...	0.4	1.7	5.3	0.2	0.6	2.0
Labour force	173.4	173.8	1.4	0.4	0.7	-1.7	0.2	0.4	-1.0
Employment	160.5	160.9	1.5	0.4	0.9	-0.9	0.2	0.6	-0.6
Unemployment	12.9	12.9	0.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.9	0.0	-1.5	-6.5
Participation rate	65.8	65.8	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.4	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.9	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
Population	545.3	545.8	...	0.5	2.2	6.3	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	384.9	387.2	1.3	2.3	8.4	3.2	0.6	2.2	0.8
Employment	364.7	367.3	1.3	2.6	9.4	3.2	0.7	2.6	0.9
Unemployment	20.1	19.9	0.8	-0.2	-0.9	0.0	-1.0	-4.3	0.0
Participation rate	70.6	70.9	0.2	0.3	1.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	67.3	0.2	0.4	1.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Regina, Saskatchewan									
Population	156.3	156.4	...	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	115.0	115.3	0.7	0.3	0.6	3.6	0.3	0.5	3.2
Employment	108.9	109.2	0.7	0.3	0.8	3.9	0.3	0.7	3.7
Unemployment	6.1	6.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-3.2	-4.7
Participation rate	73.6	73.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.7	69.8	0.5	0.1	0.4	2.3	...	...	...
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
Population	183.9	184.1	...	0.2	0.7	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.8
Labour force	128.7	128.5	0.8	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	-0.2	0.1	-0.6
Employment	119.7	119.8	0.8	0.1	-0.8	-2.0	0.1	-0.7	-1.6
Unemployment	9.0	8.7	0.4	-0.3	0.9	1.1	-3.3	11.5	14.5
Participation rate	70.0	69.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.3	-0.2	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.1	0.5	0.0	-0.7	-1.6	...	...	...

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Calgary, Alberta									
Population	849.6	851.2	...	1.6	6.4	20.9	0.2	0.8	2.5
Labour force	646.0	645.9	3.0	-0.1	10.6	22.3	0.0	1.7	3.6
Employment	609.7	610.2	3.1	0.5	10.3	22.2	0.1	1.7	3.8
Unemployment	36.4	35.6	1.6	-0.8	0.2	-0.1	-2.2	0.6	-0.3
Participation rate	76.0	75.9	0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	71.7	0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Edmonton, Alberta									
Population	790.5	791.4	...	0.9	3.3	12.4	0.1	0.4	1.6
Labour force	577.2	578.2	2.6	1.0	5.2	18.0	0.2	0.9	3.2
Employment	546.5	548.7	2.7	2.2	2.1	19.1	0.4	0.4	3.6
Unemployment	30.7	29.5	1.3	-1.2	3.1	-1.1	-3.9	11.7	-3.6
Participation rate	73.0	73.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.1	0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.3	0.4	0.2	-0.1	1.3	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,800.7	1,803.8	...	3.1	13.1	37.2	0.2	0.7	2.1
Labour force	1,214.5	1,213.8	4.8	-0.7	4.4	27.1	-0.1	0.4	2.3
Employment	1,131.9	1,126.5	5.0	-5.4	-6.6	25.8	-0.5	-0.6	2.3
Unemployment	82.7	87.3	3.0	4.6	11.0	1.3	5.6	14.4	1.5
Participation rate	67.4	67.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.2	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	...	...	...
Victoria, British Columbia									
Population	262.6	262.9	...	0.3	1.2	2.6	0.1	0.5	1.0
Labour force	165.0	165.4	1.7	0.4	-2.9	2.7	0.2	-1.7	1.7
Employment	155.8	157.1	1.8	1.3	-2.3	4.0	0.8	-1.4	2.6
Unemployment	9.1	8.3	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	-1.3	-8.8	-6.7	-13.5
Participation rate	62.8	62.9	0.7	0.1	-1.4	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.3	59.8	0.7	0.5	-1.1	1.0	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	March 2004	April 2004	S.E. ¹	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
Montréal, Quebec									
Population	2,936.9	2,941.2	...	4.3	16.2	46.1	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	1,976.2	1,993.8	15.7	17.6	-24.6	33.0	0.9	-1.2	1.7
Employment	1,806.4	1,833.9	16.2	27.5	4.9	61.1	1.5	0.3	3.4
Unemployment	169.8	159.8	11.9	-10.0	-29.6	-28.2	-5.9	-15.6	-15.0
Participation rate	67.3	67.8	0.5	0.5	-1.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.0	0.6	-0.6	-1.4	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	62.4	0.6	0.9	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Toronto, Ontario									
Population	4,225.1	4,234.3	...	9.2	37.8	106.7	0.2	0.9	2.6
Labour force	2,962.3	2,956.8	18.5	-5.5	41.7	51.7	-0.2	1.4	1.8
Employment	2,715.8	2,739.5	18.7	23.7	33.6	60.7	0.9	1.2	2.3
Unemployment	246.5	217.4	12.6	-29.1	8.2	-8.9	-11.8	3.9	-3.9
Participation rate	70.1	69.8	0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	7.4	0.4	-0.9	0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Vancouver, British Columbia									
Population	1,803.7	1,806.9	...	3.2	13.3	37.1	0.2	0.7	2.1
Labour force	1,220.2	1,220.4	10.6	0.2	14.6	27.5	0.0	1.2	2.3
Employment	1,132.7	1,127.9	10.7	-4.8	-8.9	24.8	-0.4	-0.8	2.2
Unemployment	87.5	92.5	7.3	5.0	23.4	2.7	5.7	33.9	3.0
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.6	0.6	0.4	1.9	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	62.4	0.6	-0.4	-1.0	0.1	...	...	...

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

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in April 2003 and April 2004**

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Canada	2003	25,149.7	16,757.5	15,426.1	1,331.4	66.6	7.9	61.3
	2004	25,494.1	16,980.1	15,652.9	1,327.2	66.6	7.8	61.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	2003	439.4	251.3	202.9	48.4	57.2	19.3	46.2
	2004	439.9	251.4	205.3	46.1	57.1	18.3	46.7
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	208.4	130.7	111.6	19.1	62.7	14.6	53.6
	2004	210.3	127.1	111.6	15.4	60.4	12.1	53.1
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	36.9	17.6	12.8	4.7	47.7	26.7	34.7
	2004	36.2	19.9	14.8	5.1	55.0	25.6	40.9
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	94.0	54.4	43.1	11.3	57.9	20.8	45.9
	2004	93.8	52.9	40.2	12.7	56.4	24.0	42.9
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	100.0	48.7	35.3	13.3	48.7	27.3	35.3
	2004	99.5	51.5	38.6	12.8	51.8	24.9	38.8
Prince Edward Island	2003	112.8	74.2	62.6	11.7	65.8	15.8	55.5
	2004	114.2	75.3	63.3	12.0	65.9	15.9	55.4
Nova Scotia	2003	758.6	468.2	421.5	46.7	61.7	10.0	55.6
	2004	763.4	478.2	429.0	49.2	62.6	10.3	56.2
210 Cape Breton	2003	120.0	60.9	51.2	9.7	50.8	15.9	42.7
	2004	119.1	62.1	51.4	10.7	52.1	17.2	43.2
220 North Shore	2003	133.2	79.8	71.5	8.3	59.9	10.4	53.7
	2004	133.4	80.2	71.1	9.1	60.1	11.3	53.3
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	101.9	62.1	55.9	6.1	60.9	9.8	54.9
	2004	102.5	63.0	55.9	7.1	61.5	11.3	54.5
240 Southern	2003	104.3	62.9	55.3	7.5	60.3	11.9	53.0
	2004	104.7	62.8	55.2	7.7	60.0	12.3	52.7
250 Halifax	2003	299.2	202.4	187.5	15.0	67.6	7.4	62.7
	2004	303.6	210.0	195.4	14.6	69.2	7.0	64.4
New Brunswick	2003	608.5	376.9	330.5	46.4	61.9	12.3	54.3
	2004	611.3	376.2	332.7	43.5	61.5	11.6	54.4
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	145.1	75.5	60.8	14.7	52.0	19.5	41.9
	2004	144.4	77.6	63.5	14.1	53.7	18.2	44.0
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	154.0	99.7	88.6	11.1	64.7	11.1	57.5
	2004	156.0	102.9	93.3	9.5	66.0	9.2	59.8
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	139.7	91.8	81.7	10.2	65.7	11.1	58.5
	2004	140.3	89.0	80.3	8.7	63.4	9.8	57.2
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	99.8	67.4	60.8	6.6	67.5	9.8	60.9
	2004	100.8	64.8	58.1	6.6	64.3	10.2	57.6
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.8	42.4	38.6	3.9	60.7	9.2	55.3
	2004	69.9	42.0	37.4	4.6	60.1	11.0	53.5
Quebec	2003	6,066.1	3,953.1	3,572.6	380.5	65.2	9.6	58.9
	2004	6,128.9	3,998.3	3,628.5	369.8	65.2	9.2	59.2
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	82.1	41.8	33.3	8.5	50.9	20.3	40.6
	2004	81.7	41.7	33.1	8.6	51.0	20.6	40.5
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.4	93.0	81.9	11.1	55.6	11.9	48.9
	2004	167.0	99.7	87.0	12.7	59.7	12.7	52.1
420 Québec	2003	538.1	350.3	319.6	30.7	65.1	8.8	59.4
	2004	543.4	347.1	321.6	25.5	63.9	7.3	59.2

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in April 2003 and April 2004 - Continued**

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Quebec - Continued								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	319.8	213.0	196.2	16.8	66.6	7.9	61.4
	2004	321.1	216.5	198.0	18.5	67.4	8.5	61.7
430 Estrie	2003	239.1	155.7	142.3	13.4	65.1	8.6	59.5
	2004	241.3	153.3	140.3	12.9	63.5	8.4	58.1
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.3	121.0	109.2	11.8	67.1	9.8	60.6
	2004	181.2	123.3	110.1	13.2	68.0	10.7	60.8
435 Montérégie	2003	1,081.6	729.9	670.1	59.7	67.5	8.2	62.0
	2004	1,094.0	761.3	702.1	59.2	69.6	7.8	64.2
440 Montréal	2003	1,517.1	981.7	870.0	111.8	64.7	11.4	57.3
	2004	1,537.3	979.1	885.1	93.9	63.7	9.6	57.6
445 Laval	2003	293.1	197.3	179.2	18.1	67.3	9.2	61.1
	2004	297.4	198.8	179.3	19.5	66.8	9.8	60.3
450 Lanaudière	2003	327.3	226.4	207.1	19.3	69.2	8.5	63.3
	2004	332.7	226.8	208.9	18.0	68.2	7.9	62.8
455 Laurentides	2003	391.3	262.2	242.7	19.4	67.0	7.4	62.0
	2004	399.9	274.3	253.4	20.9	68.6	7.6	63.4
460 Outaouais	2003	264.5	178.1	163.9	14.2	67.3	8.0	62.0
	2004	270.3	176.5	162.1	14.4	65.3	8.2	60.0
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	120.2	75.9	68.4	7.5	63.1	9.9	56.9
	2004	119.4	75.2	66.1	9.0	63.0	12.0	55.4
470 Mauricie	2003	215.6	129.7	116.8	12.9	60.2	9.9	54.2
	2004	215.5	125.0	111.2	13.8	58.0	11.0	51.6
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	232.3	138.6	121.6	17.0	59.7	12.3	52.3
	2004	231.4	136.7	116.9	19.8	59.1	14.5	50.5
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	96.3	58.6	50.5	8.1	60.9	13.8	52.4
	2004	95.6	63.1	53.4	9.7	66.0	15.4	55.9
Ontario								
	2003	9,733.5	6,590.1	6,132.6	457.6	67.7	6.9	63.0
	2004	9,900.2	6,684.4	6,213.1	471.2	67.5	7.0	62.8
510 Ottawa	2003	943.9	646.8	601.5	45.4	68.5	7.0	63.7
	2004	960.8	642.1	597.4	44.7	66.8	7.0	62.2
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	337.9	207.6	194.1	13.5	61.4	6.5	57.4
	2004	338.8	197.9	182.8	15.0	58.4	7.6	54.0
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	298.6	169.2	159.1	10.1	56.7	6.0	53.3
	2004	301.7	206.3	197.9	8.4	68.4	4.1	65.6
530 Toronto	2003	4,315.3	3,013.6	2,796.7	216.9	69.8	7.2	64.8
	2004	4,426.3	3,074.4	2,852.8	221.6	69.5	7.2	64.5
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	888.3	626.0	588.2	37.8	70.5	6.0	66.2
	2004	908.1	629.0	593.5	35.5	69.3	5.6	65.4
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,081.2	715.3	670.7	44.7	66.2	6.2	62.0
	2004	1,091.4	711.3	653.6	57.7	65.2	8.1	59.9
560 London	2003	485.7	329.0	306.5	22.5	67.7	6.8	63.1
	2004	489.4	341.0	320.0	21.1	69.7	6.2	65.4
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	512.8	333.8	306.5	27.3	65.1	8.2	59.8
	2004	518.4	329.3	302.7	26.6	63.5	8.1	58.4

Table 16**Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in April 2003 and April 2004 - Continued**

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Ontario - Continued								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.2	150.9	141.5	9.4	63.9	6.2	59.9
	2004	237.1	161.7	153.8	8.0	68.2	4.9	64.9
590 Northeast	2003	454.4	275.4	253.0	22.4	60.6	8.1	55.7
	2004	450.5	272.1	248.9	23.3	60.4	8.6	55.2
595 Northwest	2003	179.4	122.5	114.8	7.7	68.3	6.3	64.0
	2004	177.8	119.3	109.8	9.5	67.1	8.0	61.8
Manitoba								
	2003	865.4	591.0	560.2	30.7	68.3	5.2	64.7
	2004	874.3	598.6	565.9	32.6	68.5	5.4	64.7
610 Southeast	2003	70.2	48.0	45.8	2.2	68.4	4.6	65.2
	2004	71.7	51.1	47.9	3.2	71.3	6.3	66.8
620 South Central	2003	40.8	27.0	25.8	1.3	66.2	4.8	63.2
	2004	41.5	26.0	25.4	0.6	62.7	2.3	61.2
630 Southwest	2003	82.0	54.0	52.0	2.0	65.9	3.7	63.4
	2004	82.3	54.2	51.5	2.7	65.9	5.0	62.6
640 North Central	2003	34.7	24.3	23.5	0.8	70.0	3.3	67.7
	2004	34.9	22.8	21.7	1.1	65.3	4.8	62.2
650 Winnipeg	2003	502.1	350.1	330.2	19.9	69.7	5.7	65.8
	2004	507.5	355.6	335.6	20.0	70.1	5.6	66.1
660 Interlake	2003	68.2	44.8	42.9	1.9	65.7	4.2	62.9
	2004	69.5	46.4	44.6	1.9	66.8	4.1	64.2
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.4	42.7	40.0	2.7	63.4	6.3	59.3
	2004	66.9	42.3	39.2	3.1	63.2	7.3	58.6
Saskatchewan								
	2003	756.7	507.7	476.6	31.1	67.1	6.1	63.0
	2004	757.1	510.6	479.1	31.5	67.4	6.2	63.3
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.3	151.4	142.9	8.6	70.0	5.7	66.1
	2004	216.4	153.8	144.8	8.9	71.1	5.8	66.9
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	83.8	54.1	51.6	2.4	64.6	4.4	61.6
	2004	83.1	52.8	49.9	2.9	63.5	5.5	60.0
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	227.6	158.4	149.1	9.2	69.6	5.8	65.5
	2004	228.9	155.6	145.3	10.3	68.0	6.6	63.5
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	69.3	40.9	38.2	2.7	59.0	6.6	55.1
	2004	68.6	41.8	39.4	2.5	60.9	6.0	57.4
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.7	102.9	94.8	8.1	64.4	7.9	59.4
	2004	159.9	106.6	99.7	6.9	66.7	6.5	62.4
Alberta								
	2003	2,457.0	1,777.6	1,678.8	98.8	72.3	5.6	68.3
	2004	2,504.4	1,817.8	1,724.2	93.6	72.6	5.1	68.8
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	192.4	132.5	127.3	5.2	68.9	3.9	66.2
	2004	195.6	129.0	124.5	4.6	66.0	3.6	63.7
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	143.6	102.0	96.9	5.1	71.0	5.0	67.5
	2004	145.0	100.1	95.2	4.9	69.0	4.9	65.7
830 Calgary	2003	884.0	655.4	616.5	39.0	74.1	6.0	69.7
	2004	906.8	681.1	642.4	38.7	75.1	5.7	70.8
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.5	44.1	41.1	3.0	68.4	6.8	63.7
	2004	64.6	45.7	44.1	1.6	70.7	3.5	68.3

Table 16

Labour force characteristics by economic region¹ (in thousands), unadjusted, 3 month moving average ending in April 2003 and April 2004 - Concluded

	April	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
Alberta - Continued								
850 Red Deer	2003	122.8	91.3	85.9	5.3	74.3	5.8	70.0
	2004	125.7	92.5	88.9	3.6	73.6	3.9	70.7
860 Edmonton	2003	802.5	570.4	539.7	30.8	71.1	5.4	67.3
	2004	815.3	589.7	558.8	30.9	72.3	5.2	68.5
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	170.1	119.4	112.6	6.8	70.2	5.7	66.2
	2004	172.1	118.6	111.9	6.7	68.9	5.6	65.0
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	77.3	62.4	58.8	3.6	80.7	5.8	76.1
	2004	79.2	61.1	58.4	2.7	77.1	4.4	73.7
British Columbia								
	2003	3,351.5	2,167.5	1,987.8	179.7	64.7	8.3	59.3
	2004	3,400.4	2,189.4	2,011.8	177.6	64.4	8.1	59.2
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	571.2	344.9	316.3	28.6	60.4	8.3	55.4
	2004	576.7	346.3	313.2	33.1	60.0	9.6	54.3
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	2,007.0	1,334.9	1,238.0	96.9	66.5	7.3	61.7
	2004	2,047.8	1,360.3	1,262.6	97.7	66.4	7.2	61.7
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	392.8	225.9	203.7	22.2	57.5	9.8	51.9
	2004	397.1	239.1	220.5	18.7	60.2	7.8	55.5
940 Kootenay	2003	125.1	82.1	69.8	12.3	65.6	15.0	55.8
	2004	125.4	69.9	62.1	7.8	55.7	11.2	49.5
950 Cariboo	2003	134.4	91.3	79.8	11.4	67.9	12.5	59.4
	2004	133.4	92.4	80.3	12.1	69.3	13.1	60.2
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	73.4	52.4	46.8	5.7	71.4	10.9	63.8
	2004	72.4	47.6	41.0	6.6	65.7	13.9	56.6
980 Northeast	2003	47.7	36.0	33.4	2.6	75.5	7.2	70.0
	2004	47.6	33.8	32.2	1.7	71.0	5.0	67.6

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

Table 17

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
April 2004										
15 years and over	13,293.5	35.3	681.16	18.60	10,819.9	39.4	783.63	2,473.6	17.2	232.91
15 to 24 years	2,151.6	27.1	303.57	10.42	1,098.7	38.9	467.87	1,052.9	14.9	132.13
25 years and over	11,142.0	36.9	754.07	20.18	9,721.2	39.5	819.32	1,420.8	18.9	307.60
Men	6,719.6	38.0	790.03	20.28	5,979.5	40.7	863.12	740.1	16.1	199.51
Women	6,573.9	32.5	569.87	16.88	4,840.4	37.9	685.44	1,733.5	17.6	247.18
Union coverage										
Union coverage	4,318.9	35.9	782.38	21.55	3,697.1	38.7	853.44	621.8	19.1	359.84
No union coverage	8,974.6	35.0	632.44	17.18	7,122.8	39.8	747.39	1,851.8	16.5	190.29
Job permanency										
Permanent	11,772.3	36.2	711.61	19.08	9,982.1	39.5	794.60	1,790.2	18.2	248.85
Temporary	1,521.2	28.0	445.49	14.86	837.8	39.0	652.95	683.4	14.7	191.17
Occupation										
Management	954.3	40.2	1,163.21	29.15	929.7	40.7	1,182.42	24.6	20.2	436.38
Business, finance and administrative	2,715.7	35.2	640.88	17.81	2,314.4	38.2	707.89	401.3	17.7	254.42
Natural and applied sciences	872.1	38.4	1,023.88	26.60	839.6	39.2	1,048.86	32.5	18.7	379.41
Health	787.1	33.2	753.33	22.49	587.8	37.6	860.14	199.3	20.3	438.31
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,003.7	34.0	883.47	25.94	795.6	38.3	997.42	208.0	17.6	447.69
Art, culture, recreation and sport	261.8	32.3	658.40	19.16	192.4	39.0	825.71	69.4	13.7	194.74
Sales and service	3,516.1	30.2	396.74	12.22	2,177.5	38.5	541.30	1,338.6	16.7	161.61
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,787.6	40.0	743.61	18.39	1,665.0	41.7	782.46	122.6	17.1	216.05
Occupations unique to primary industry	236.3	41.7	688.95	16.11	207.6	45.4	762.34	28.7	14.5	157.69
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,158.9	39.4	666.54	16.77	1,110.3	40.4	687.03	48.6	16.9	198.21
April 2003										
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
Union coverage										
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
Job permanency										
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
Occupation										
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

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

Table 18

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

Region	Effective from May 9, 2004 to June 5, 2004	Region	Effective from May 9, 2004 to June 5, 2004
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
Newfoundland and Labrador		Ontario - Continued	
01. St. John's	8.8	30. London	5.9
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.4	31. Niagara	6.8
Prince Edward Island		32. Windsor	7.4
03. Prince Edward Island	11.9	33. Kitchener	5.6
Nova Scotia		34. Huron	7.6
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	16.8	35. South Central Ontario	4.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	10	36. Sudbury	8.3
06. Halifax	6.3	37. Thunder Bay	7.2
New Brunswick		38. Northern Ontario	12.2
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	6.7	Manitoba	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte ²	12	39. Winnipeg	5.2
09. Restigouche-Albert	16	40. Southern Manitoba	5.6
Quebec		41. Northern Manitoba	28
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	20.8	Saskatchewan	
11. Québec	6.6	42. Regina	5.3
12. Trois-Rivières	10.4	43. Saskatoon	6.8
13. South Central Quebec	6.1	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.6
14. Sherbrooke	6.7	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.2
15. Montérégie	7.2	Alberta	
16. Montréal	8.4	46. Calgary	5.6
17. Central Quebec	9.6	47. Edmonton	5.3
18. Northwestern Quebec	18.4	48. Northern Alberta	10.5
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord ³	14	49. Southern Alberta	5.8
20. Hull	6.3	British Columbia	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11.5	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.8
Ontario		51. Abbotsford	6.2
22. Ottawa	7	52. Vancouver	7.3
23. Eastern Ontario	6.9	53. Victoria	5.7
24. Kingston	5.3	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	13.2
25. Central Ontario	4.4	55. Northern British Columbia	14.6
26. Oshawa	5.4	Territories	
27. Toronto	7.6	56. Yukon ⁴	25
28. Hamilton	7.6	57. Northwest Territories ⁴	25
29. St. Catharines	7.9	58. Nunavut ⁴	25

¹ The boundaries of these regions are determined by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of employment insurance regions, see the HRSDC website: <http://www14.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/ei-ae/canadaei.htm>.

² This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.shtml.

³ This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml.

⁴ This rate is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Data Quality

About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.

Seasonal adjustment

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

Sampling error

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

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

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