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## Commentary

Employment dipped 13,000 in May, the second consecutive monthly decline. A jump in the number of people entering the labour market in search of work pushed the unemployment rate up 0.3 percentage points to 7.8%.

So far in 2003, employment growth has been relatively weak compared to 2002. In the first five months of the year, employment has increased 35,000, or 0.2%, not enough to keep pace with population growth. By this point in 2002, employment had surged 249,000 (+1.6%).

The share of the population which was employed (employment rate) was 62.2%, down 0.3 percentage points from the record high set in February and March of this year. However, the employment rate in Canada has been higher than the rate in the United States since October 2002.

While full-time employment is up 76,000 (+0.6%) so far in 2003, it fell 20,000 in May. Youths accounted for most of the full-time decline in May.

Health care employment in Ontario recovered in May from the losses the month before while a gain in accommodation and food only partially offset the loss in April. The reference week of the Labour Force Survey (May 11th to 17th), occurred after the end of the first outbreak and before the second round of SARS hit Toronto.

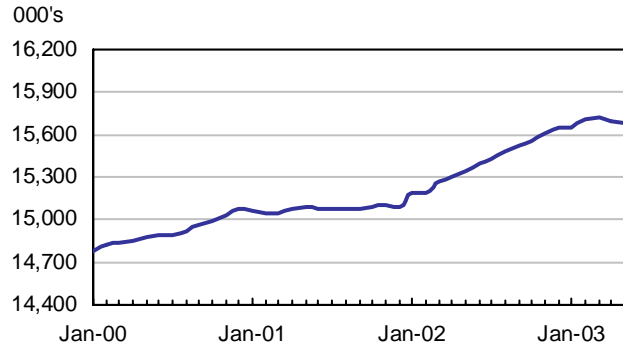
### Drop in employment for adult men

Employment among adult men fell 23,000 in May, with almost two-thirds of the decline in part-time. Losses for adult men were widespread in a number of industries with the largest decline in retail and wholesale trade. The unemployment rate for adult men increased 0.3 percentage points to 6.7%.

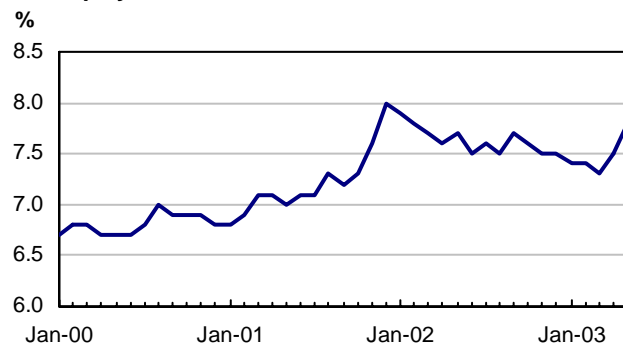
Part-time gains among youths offset full-time losses, leaving overall youth employment unchanged for the month. With more youths looking for work, their unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points to 13.8%.

Despite the lack of job growth in May for youths as a whole, the summer job market for students was better than it was a year earlier. The employment rate for 20 to 24 year old students (those who had been attending school full-time and who planned on returning in the fall) was 61.2%, up 1.6 percentage points from May 2002. However, all the increase in summer employment for students has come in the form of part-time work.

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



For adult women, employment was up slightly (+13,000), with all of the gain in full-time. The largest increase for adult women came in health care and social assistance. There was also a large increase in labour force participation among adult women, pushing their unemployment rate up 0.3 percentage points to 6.6%.

Compared to the start of the year, employment among adult women and youths is virtually unchanged, in sharp contrast to the strong upward trend in 2002. Despite this month's decline, employment for adult men remains 30,000 higher than at the start of the year (+0.4%).

### Manufacturing employment stalled

Manufacturing employment was unchanged in May. After rebounding in the first half of 2002, manufacturing employment has been on a downward trend since last August (-65,000 or -2.7%), driven mainly by declines in transportation equipment and computer and electronic product manufacturing. In May, transportation equipment manufacturing fell but this was offset by gains in food processing and other non-durable goods production.

In May, there were 278,000 people employed in food processing, the second largest component of the manufacturing sector in Canada (after transportation equipment). The case of mad cow in Alberta was reported on May 20th, just after the end of the Labour Force Survey reference week. As a result, any impact of mad cow on the labour market would not be reflected in the May estimates.

Employment fell in a number of service-producing industries in May. The largest drop was in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing which was down 19,000. However, this remains a growth industry, due to the booming real estate sector. In the last year, employment in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing is up 33,000 (+3.7%), with half of the increase coming from real estate. Construction employment was up slightly in May and is 44,000 (5.1%) higher than a year ago.

In May, retail and wholesale trade employment fell 14,000. After strong gains in the 1998 to 2001 period, trade employment growth slowed in 2002, and has been unchanged so far this year.

Transportation and warehousing employment fell 12,000 in May, driven by a decline of 21,000 in Ontario. Since peaking in September 2002, transportation and warehousing employment has fallen 38,000 (-4.8%), with all of the decline in Ontario.

After falling 18,000 in April, employment in accommodation and food fell another 11,000 in May. While April's decline was concentrated in restaurants in Toronto, the decline in May occurred in restaurants in the province of Quebec. Toronto saw some recovery in accommodation and food employment in May.

### **Gains in information, culture and recreation**

The largest gain in employment in May was in information, culture and recreation, where an additional 20,000 people were employed. Gains were made in publishing and gambling.

Following a decline of 17,000 the month before, health care and social assistance employment increased 18,000 in May, with 11,000 of the gains in Ontario. This puts health care and social assistance back on its strong upward trend. In the last year, employment in the industry has increased 88,000 (+5.5%).

Added employment in the building maintenance services industry in May pushed employment up 13,000 in the management, administrative and other business support services sector. In the last year, this sector has been adding workers at a rapid pace. Compared to May 2002, there are 36,000 (+6.0%) more people working in management, administrative and other support services.

### **Employment trend flattens in Ontario**

After strong job gains in the second half of 2002 and into the early part of 2003, employment growth has stalled in Ontario in the last two months. A large drop in full-time was offset by part-time gains leaving employment in the province in May unchanged. The unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 7.1% due to a large number of people entering the labour force.

In Toronto, food and accommodation recovered about a third of the loss in April while gains in health care in May fully offset the losses the month earlier. However, there was a large drop in transportation and warehousing, dragging overall employment down 11,000 in the city. In both Ottawa and Oshawa there were continued job gains, helping offset the loss in Toronto.

With drops in accommodation and food and public administration, employment was down slightly in Quebec and the unemployment rate in the province rose 0.2 percentage points to 9.3% in May. So far in 2003, employment in Quebec has dropped 17,000 (-0.5%).

Although full-time employment in British Columbia increased 13,000, part-time declined 21,000, pushing the unemployment rate up half a percentage point to 8.6% in May.

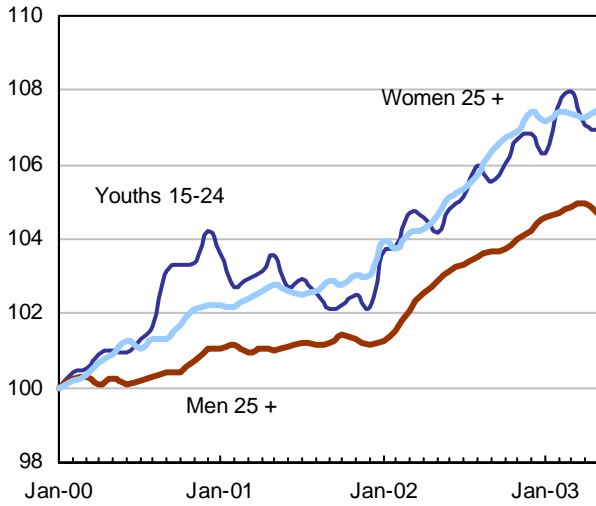
Following a decline of 5,000 in April, employment fell by another 9,000 in May in New Brunswick. This caused the unemployment rate to leap 1.7 percentage points to 12.0%. Losses were widespread in a number of industries, but the largest decline was in food manufacturing. Almost all the decline was in full-time work.

The only province with a notable increase in employment in May was Alberta, where an additional 13,000 people were employed, due to gains in oil and gas, education and health care and social assistance. With more people also looking for work, the unemployment rate in Alberta increased slightly to 5.6% (+0.1 percentage points).

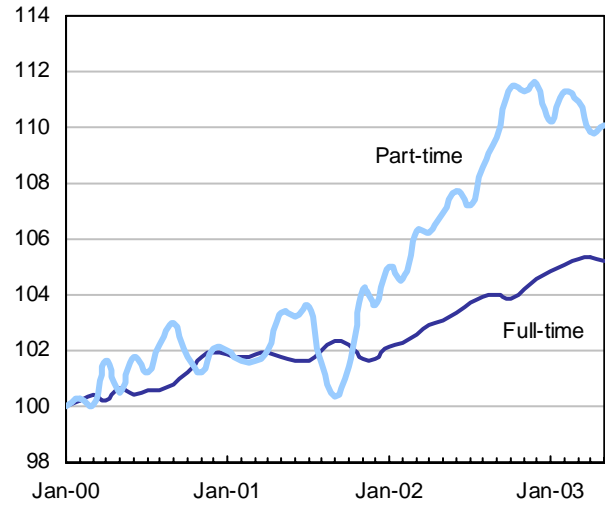
There were no significant changes in employment in any of the other provinces.

## Employment and unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted, Canada

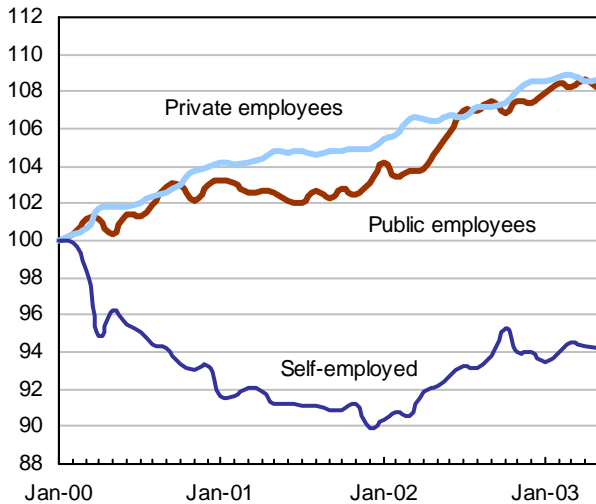
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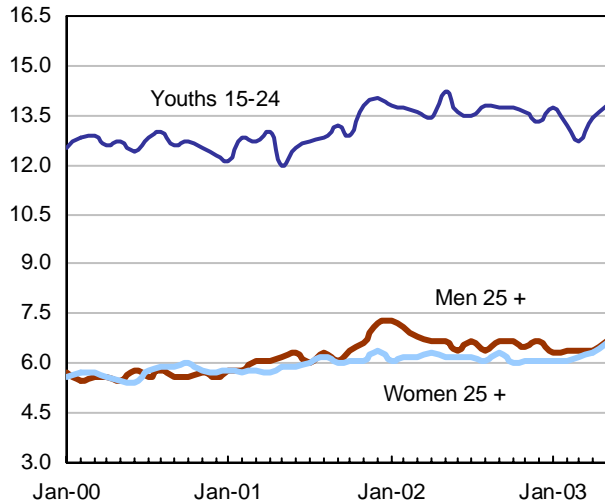
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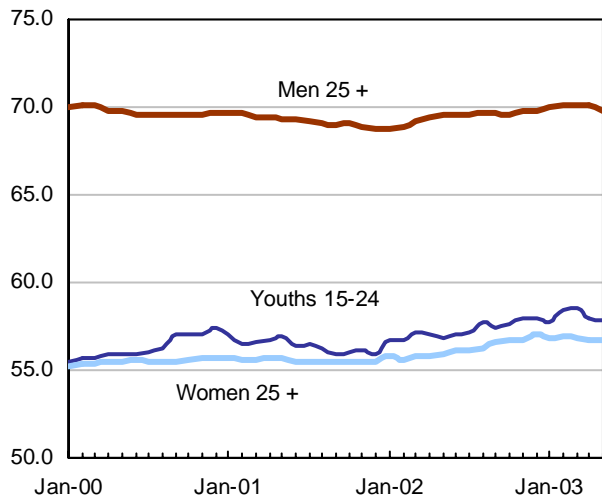
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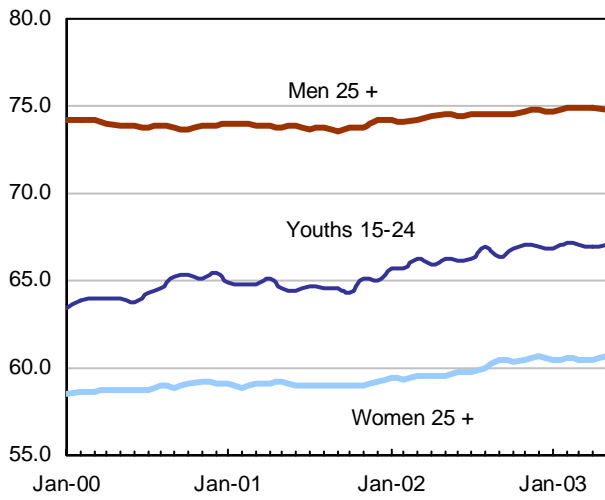
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**Employment rate (%)**



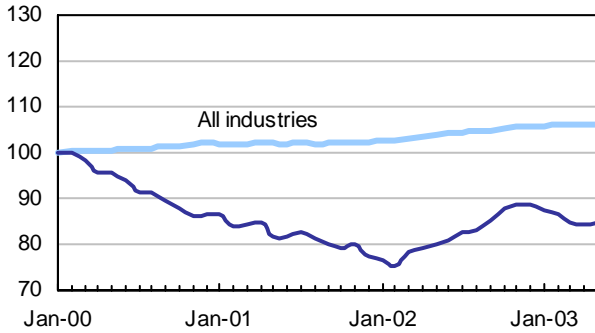
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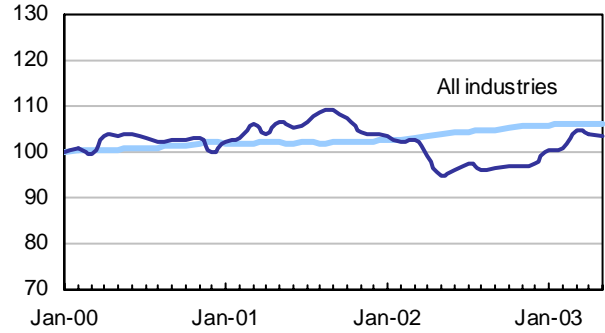


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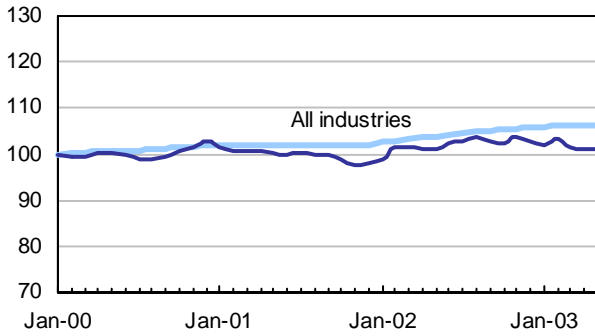
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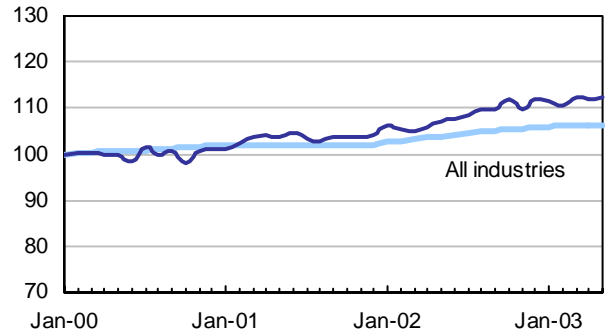
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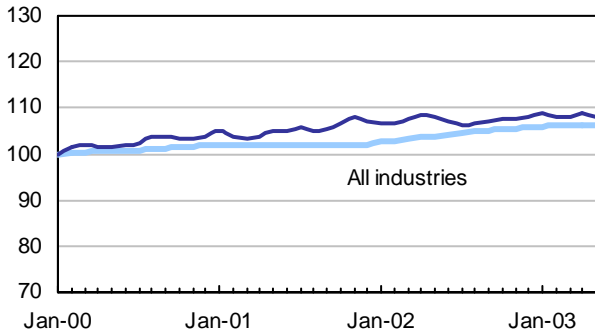
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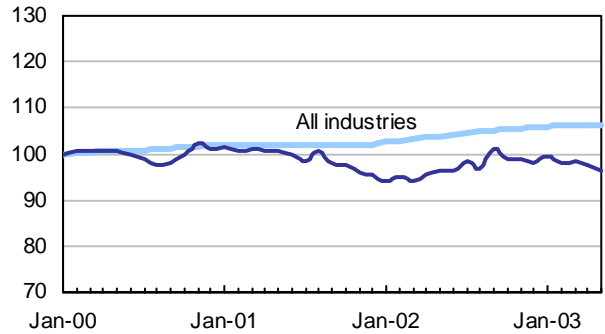
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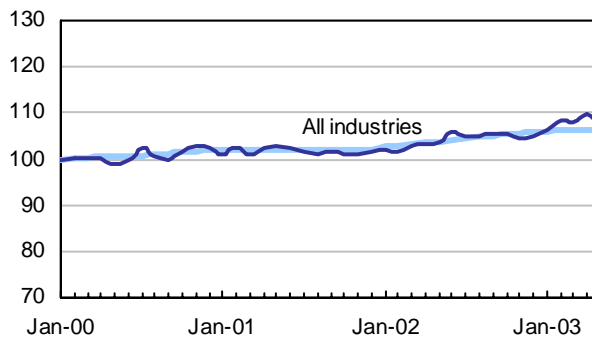
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**Transportation and warehousing**

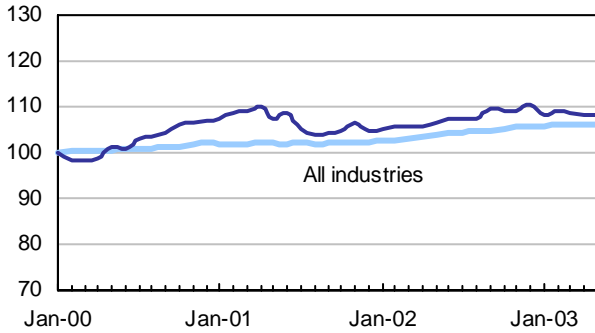


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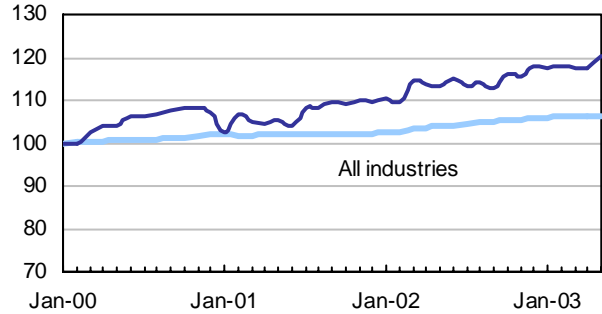


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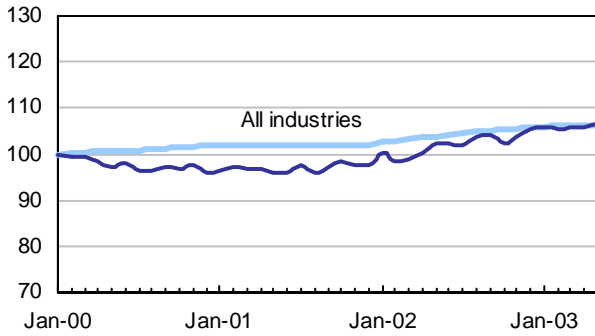
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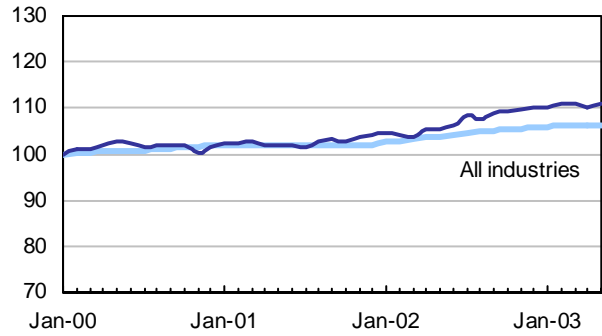
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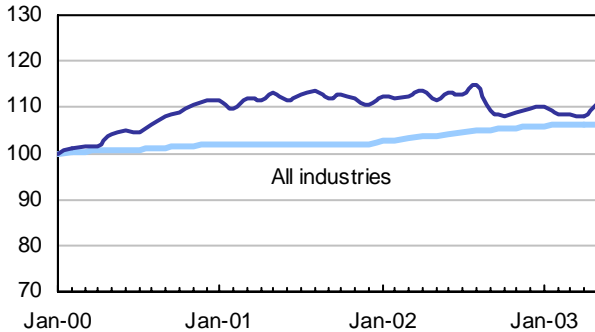
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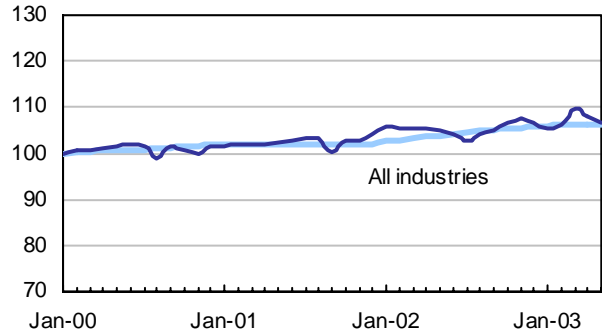
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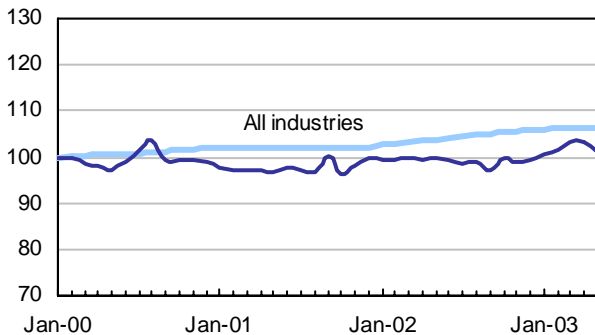
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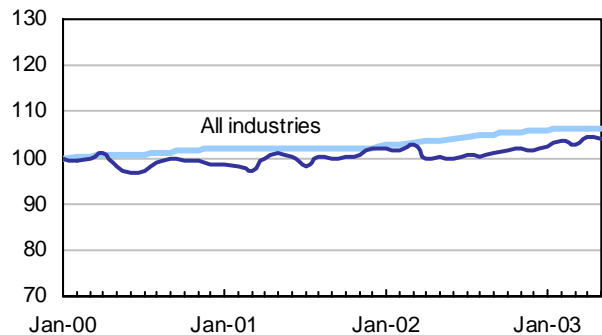
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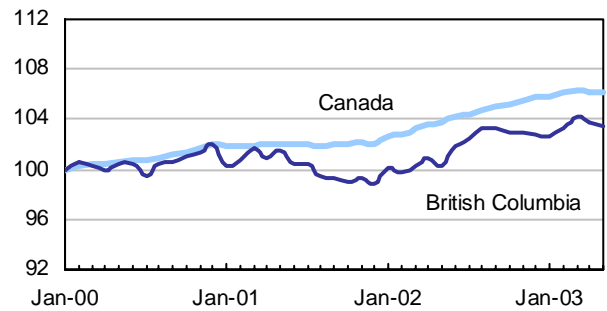
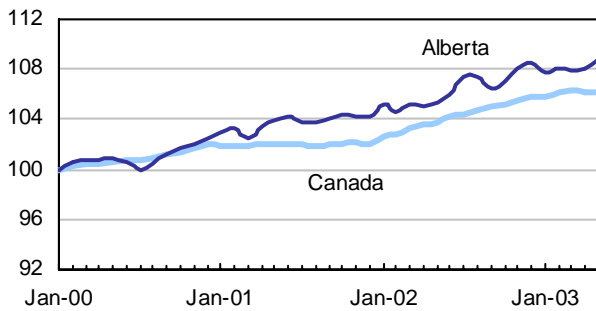
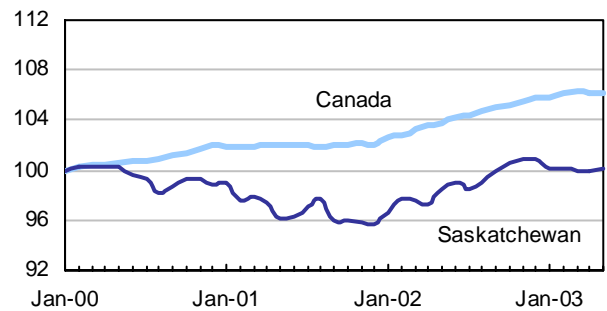
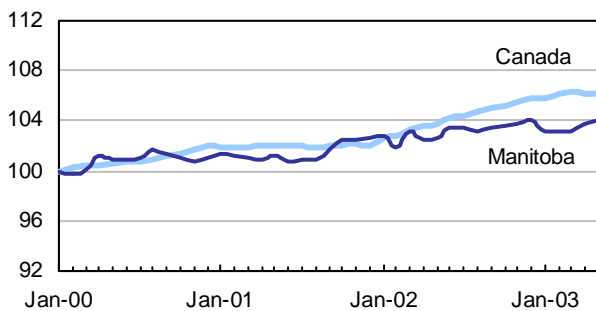
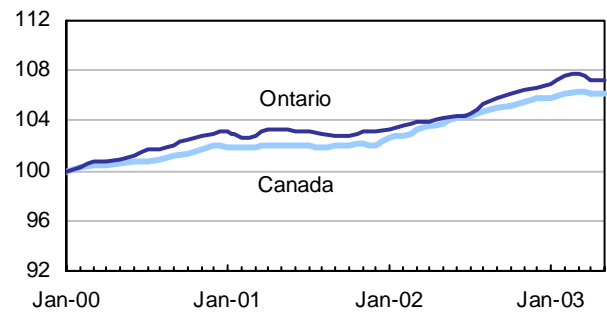
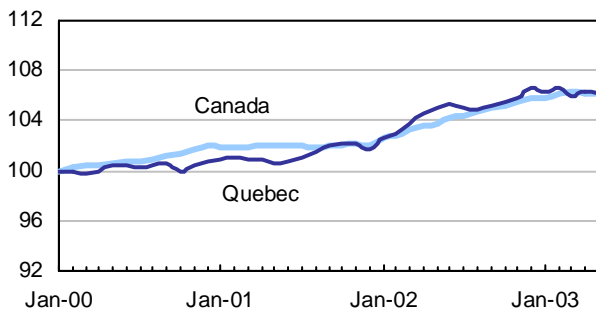
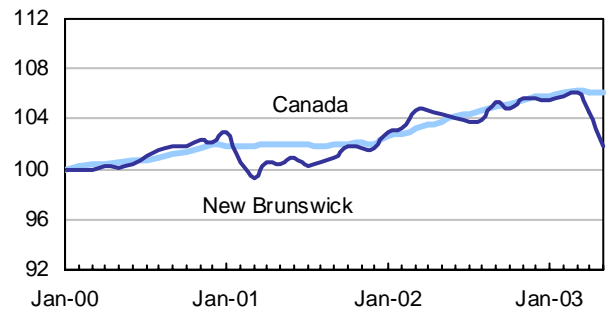
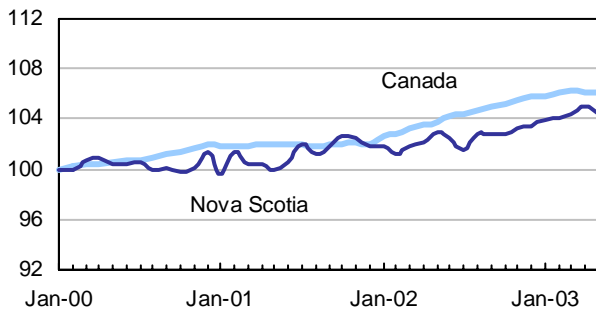
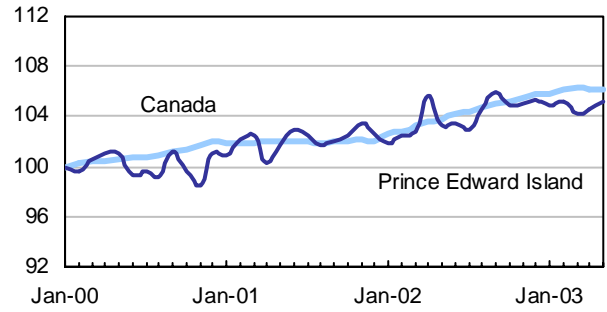
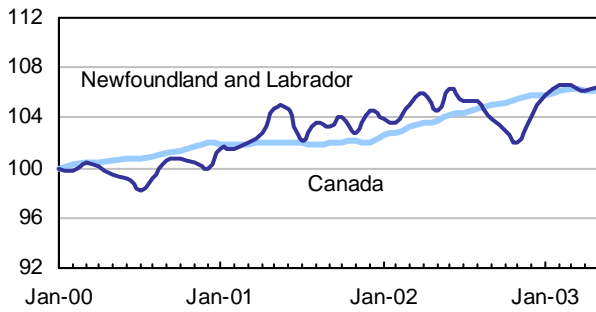
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### Index of employment by province, seasonally adjusted, January 2000 = 100



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Table 1

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,178.1	25,206.3	...	28.2	118.9	302.3	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	16,978.8	17,020.1	29.9	41.3	94.8	394.8	0.2	0.6	2.4
Employment	15,698.2	15,685.1	30.2	-13.1	35.4	346.7	-0.1	0.2	2.3
Employment full-time	12,768.7	12,749.1	34.6	-19.6	75.7	262.3	-0.2	0.6	2.1
Employment part-time	2,929.6	2,936.1	29.2	6.5	-40.2	84.5	0.2	-1.4	3.0
Unemployment	1,280.6	1,335.0	23.4	54.4	59.4	48.2	4.2	4.7	3.7
Participation rate	67.4	67.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.5	7.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.3	62.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.7	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,156.8	4,160.1	...	3.3	14.2	32.7	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	2,781.8	2,793.1	17.1	11.3	20.3	60.0	0.4	0.7	2.2
Employment	2,409.3	2,406.6	16.3	-2.7	2.1	62.0	-0.1	0.1	2.6
Employment full-time	1,330.2	1,306.8	16.5	-23.4	-2.1	21.0	-1.8	-0.2	1.6
Employment part-time	1,079.1	1,099.9	17.0	20.8	4.3	41.1	1.9	0.4	3.9
Unemployment	372.5	386.5	13.2	14.0	18.2	-2.0	3.8	4.9	-0.5
Participation rate	66.9	67.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	13.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.0	57.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.8	45.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,253.3	10,265.3	...	12.0	49.7	132.4	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	7,682.8	7,683.2	15.6	0.4	37.2	134.8	0.0	0.5	1.8
Employment	7,188.4	7,165.1	17.3	-23.3	29.8	121.6	-0.3	0.4	1.7
Employment full-time	6,737.8	6,729.2	20.1	-8.6	58.8	122.6	-0.1	0.9	1.9
Employment part-time	450.5	435.9	13.5	-14.6	-29.0	-1.0	-3.2	-6.2	-0.2
Unemployment	494.5	518.1	13.9	23.6	7.4	13.2	4.8	1.4	2.6
Participation rate	74.9	74.8	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.1	69.8	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.3	6.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,768.0	10,780.9	...	12.9	55.1	137.1	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	6,514.2	6,543.8	17.6	29.6	37.4	200.1	0.5	0.6	3.2
Employment	6,100.6	6,113.4	17.6	12.8	3.6	163.1	0.2	0.1	2.7
Employment full-time	4,700.6	4,713.1	21.9	12.5	19.0	118.6	0.3	0.4	2.6
Employment part-time	1,399.9	1,400.4	19.1	0.5	-15.4	44.5	0.0	-1.1	3.3
Unemployment	413.6	430.4	13.0	16.8	33.8	37.0	4.1	8.5	9.4
Participation rate	60.5	60.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.7	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	22.9	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,091.0	14,098.6	...	7.6	21.0	51.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	12,123.4	12,156.0	21.7	32.6	-3.3	119.7	0.3	0.0	1.0
Employment	11,348.6	11,337.1	23.4	-11.5	-41.1	92.8	-0.1	-0.4	0.8
Unemployment	774.8	818.9	18.1	44.1	37.8	26.9	5.7	4.8	3.4
Participation rate	86.0	86.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	80.5	80.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	...	...	...

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

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,311.0	13,299.4	31.1	-11.6	28.2	294.4	-0.1	0.2	2.3
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,387.2	2,385.7	18.3	-1.5	7.2	52.3	-0.1	0.3	2.2
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	2,987.3	2,972.5	17.8	-14.8	19.1	86.4	-0.5	0.6	3.0
Private sector employees	10,323.7	10,326.9	31.3	3.2	9.1	208.0	0.0	0.1	2.1
<b>Industry</b>	15,698.2	15,685.1	30.2	-13.1	35.4	346.7	-0.1	0.2	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	3,975.2	3,977.0	22.7	1.8	-33.0	80.7	0.0	-0.8	2.1
Agriculture	337.9	339.8	6.3	1.9	-15.4	18.8	0.6	-4.3	5.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	287.4	286.8	6.0	-0.6	16.5	24.1	-0.2	6.1	9.2
Utilities	132.4	132.9	3.9	0.5	1.8	-4.2	0.4	1.4	-3.1
Construction	913.5	916.7	12.2	3.2	5.4	44.3	0.4	0.6	5.1
Manufacturing	2,304.0	2,300.8	18.3	-3.2	-41.4	-2.2	-0.1	-1.8	-0.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	11,723.0	11,708.1	31.0	-14.9	68.5	266.0	-0.1	0.6	2.3
Trade	2,462.8	2,448.6	18.8	-14.2	2.1	4.0	-0.6	0.1	0.2
Transportation and warehousing	761.7	749.8	10.7	-11.9	-16.0	0.5	-1.6	-2.1	0.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	944.1	924.9	11.4	-19.2	21.3	33.2	-2.0	2.4	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	999.6	1,002.2	12.9	2.6	-18.6	15.2	0.3	-1.8	1.5
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	611.1	623.9	11.0	12.8	11.6	35.5	2.1	1.9	6.0
Educational services	1,053.0	1,061.8	11.5	8.8	11.6	41.8	0.8	1.1	4.1
Health care and social assistance	1,652.8	1,671.2	13.3	18.4	16.4	87.7	1.1	1.0	5.5
Information, culture and recreation	682.7	702.8	11.7	20.1	9.3	-2.5	2.9	1.3	-0.4
Accommodation and food services	1,027.2	1,016.2	13.4	-11.0	0.0	14.2	-1.1	0.0	1.4
Other services	722.4	705.8	10.5	-16.6	10.7	7.8	-2.3	1.5	1.1
Public administration	805.6	800.9	9.6	-4.7	19.9	28.6	-0.6	2.5	3.7

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

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

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	439.4	439.2	...	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	263.4	261.4	2.7	-2.0	-0.7	3.7	-0.8	-0.3	1.4
Employment	217.8	218.4	2.6	0.6	4.9	4.0	0.3	2.3	1.9
Employment full-time	180.9	183.9	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.3
Employment part-time	36.9	34.5	1.9	-2.4	1.9	1.8	-6.5	5.8	5.5
Unemployment	45.6	43.0	2.4	-2.6	-5.6	-0.3	-5.7	-11.5	-0.7
Participation rate	59.9	59.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.3	16.4	0.9	-0.9	-2.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.6	49.7	0.6	0.1	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	113.0	113.2	...	0.2	0.7	1.6	0.2	0.6	1.4
Labour force	77.3	77.2	0.7	-0.1	1.0	2.0	-0.1	1.3	2.7
Employment	67.4	67.8	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.2	0.6	-0.1	1.8
Employment full-time	57.0	56.7	0.8	-0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.4	0.4
Employment part-time	10.5	11.1	0.7	0.6	-0.3	1.0	5.7	-2.6	9.9
Unemployment	9.8	9.4	0.6	-0.4	1.1	0.8	-4.1	13.3	9.3
Participation rate	68.4	68.2	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	12.2	0.8	-0.5	1.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.9	0.7	0.3	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	759.0	759.4	...	0.4	1.7	4.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	480.2	479.3	3.1	-0.9	2.4	2.1	-0.2	0.5	0.4
Employment	439.0	436.6	3.2	-2.4	4.3	5.9	-0.5	1.0	1.4
Employment full-time	356.9	357.8	3.6	0.9	10.4	6.8	0.3	3.0	1.9
Employment part-time	82.2	78.8	3.1	-3.4	-6.1	-0.9	-4.1	-7.2	-1.1
Unemployment	41.2	42.8	2.6	1.6	-1.8	-3.7	3.9	-4.0	-8.0
Participation rate	63.3	63.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.5	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	608.6	609.0	...	0.4	0.5	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	385.8	383.4	2.7	-2.4	-6.8	0.1	-0.6	-1.7	0.0
Employment	346.1	337.5	2.7	-8.6	-12.5	-8.4	-2.5	-3.6	-2.4
Employment full-time	292.5	285.1	3.0	-7.4	-10.7	-7.4	-2.5	-3.6	-2.5
Employment part-time	53.6	52.4	2.1	-1.2	-1.8	-1.0	-2.2	-3.3	-1.9
Unemployment	39.8	45.9	2.5	6.1	5.7	8.5	15.3	14.2	22.7
Participation rate	63.4	63.0	0.4	-0.4	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	12.0	0.6	1.7	1.7	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	55.4	0.5	-1.5	-2.1	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,070.9	6,075.1	...	4.2	20.0	46.6	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	4,010.1	4,010.3	16.2	0.2	18.6	78.1	0.0	0.5	2.0
Employment	3,646.8	3,637.5	16.7	-9.3	-16.6	33.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.9
Employment full-time	2,981.1	2,970.4	19.0	-10.7	-14.8	7.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.3
Employment part-time	665.7	667.1	15.6	1.4	-1.8	25.9	0.2	-0.3	4.0
Unemployment	363.4	372.8	13.4	9.4	35.2	44.7	2.6	10.4	13.6
Participation rate	66.1	66.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,747.5	9,762.1	...	14.6	58.4	156.9	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	6,661.3	6,685.0	19.4	23.7	51.9	200.4	0.4	0.8	3.1
Employment	6,210.5	6,209.6	19.4	-0.9	43.6	179.0	0.0	0.7	3.0
Employment full-time	5,081.9	5,060.3	22.2	-21.6	20.5	117.3	-0.4	0.4	2.4
Employment part-time	1,128.7	1,149.3	18.6	20.6	23.1	61.8	1.8	2.1	5.7
Unemployment	450.8	475.4	14.9	24.6	8.3	21.3	5.5	1.8	4.7
Participation rate	68.3	68.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	866.2	866.8	...	0.6	1.8	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	596.2	598.9	3.1	2.7	-2.6	3.6	0.5	-0.4	0.6
Employment	570.3	572.0	3.3	1.7	-0.1	8.0	0.3	0.0	1.4
Employment full-time	456.2	457.2	3.8	1.0	-5.1	10.2	0.2	-1.1	2.3
Employment part-time	114.1	114.7	3.3	0.6	4.8	-2.3	0.5	4.4	-2.0
Unemployment	25.9	26.9	2.4	1.0	-2.4	-4.4	3.9	-8.2	-14.1
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	0.4	0.3	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.5	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	66.0	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	756.3	755.9	...	-0.4	-1.7	-3.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	515.2	516.6	2.9	1.4	-4.3	7.1	0.3	-0.8	1.4
Employment	487.3	488.1	3.0	0.8	-3.6	8.1	0.2	-0.7	1.7
Employment full-time	391.7	391.3	3.3	-0.4	1.2	10.5	-0.1	0.3	2.8
Employment part-time	95.6	96.8	2.8	1.2	-4.8	-2.4	1.3	-4.7	-2.4
Unemployment	27.9	28.5	2.1	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	2.2	-2.4	-3.4
Participation rate	68.1	68.3	0.4	0.2	-0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.6	0.4	0.2	-0.3	1.4	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,461.6	2,465.9	...	4.3	20.8	51.6	0.2	0.9	2.1
Labour force	1,799.8	1,814.8	8.4	15.0	19.0	52.8	0.8	1.1	3.0
Employment	1,700.7	1,713.2	8.6	12.5	5.7	55.7	0.7	0.3	3.4
Employment full-time	1,404.4	1,407.3	10.1	2.9	7.3	46.8	0.2	0.5	3.4
Employment part-time	296.3	305.9	8.9	9.6	-1.5	8.9	3.2	-0.5	3.0
Unemployment	99.0	101.6	6.2	2.6	13.2	-2.9	2.6	14.9	-2.8
Participation rate	73.1	73.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.5	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,355.7	3,359.8	...	4.1	16.7	40.0	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	2,189.5	2,193.2	11.7	3.7	16.3	44.8	0.2	0.7	2.1
Employment	2,012.3	2,004.5	11.8	-7.8	9.9	59.7	-0.4	0.5	3.1
Employment full-time	1,566.4	1,579.7	13.7	13.3	65.0	68.2	0.8	4.3	4.5
Employment part-time	445.9	424.8	12.0	-21.1	-55.1	-8.5	-4.7	-11.5	-2.0
Unemployment	177.2	188.7	8.9	11.5	6.4	-14.9	6.5	3.5	-7.3
Participation rate	65.2	65.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.7	0.4	-0.3	0.0	1.1	...	...	...

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



Table 4

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	439.4	439.2	...	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Labour force	263.4	261.4	2.7	-2.0	-0.7	3.7	-0.8	-0.3	1.4
Employment	217.8	218.4	2.6	0.6	4.9	4.0	0.3	2.3	1.9
Employment full-time	180.9	183.9	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.3
Unemployment	45.6	43.0	2.4	-2.6	-5.6	-0.3	-5.7	-11.5	-0.7
Participation rate	59.9	59.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.3	16.4	0.9	-0.9	-2.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.6	49.7	0.6	0.1	1.1	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.9	15.8	0.9	-1.1	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	73.9	73.6	...	-0.3	-0.8	-2.4	-0.4	-1.1	-3.2
Labour force	42.1	41.1	1.4	-1.0	-1.0	2.0	-2.4	-2.4	5.1
Employment	31.3	31.8	1.4	0.5	0.3	3.1	1.6	1.0	10.8
Unemployment	10.8	9.4	1.3	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	-13.0	-11.3	-9.6
Participation rate	57.0	55.8	1.8	-1.2	-0.8	4.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	25.7	22.9	2.9	-2.8	-2.3	-3.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	42.4	43.2	1.8	0.8	0.9	5.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.5	38.4	3.6	-3.2	-6.4	-8.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	178.3	178.3	...	0.0	0.4	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.7
Labour force	119.1	118.5	1.5	-0.6	-0.4	1.3	-0.5	-0.3	1.1
Employment	99.2	99.0	1.5	-0.2	2.6	0.9	-0.2	2.7	0.9
Unemployment	19.9	19.5	1.5	-0.4	-3.0	0.3	-2.0	-13.3	1.6
Participation rate	66.8	66.5	0.9	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.7	16.5	1.2	-0.2	-2.4	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	55.5	0.9	-0.1	1.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.9	6.0	0.8	1.0	2.5	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	187.2	187.3	...	0.1	0.5	1.5	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	102.2	101.7	1.4	-0.5	0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.6	0.4
Employment	87.2	87.7	1.3	0.5	2.2	0.2	0.6	2.6	0.2
Unemployment	14.9	14.0	1.3	-0.9	-1.6	0.3	-6.0	-10.3	2.2
Participation rate	54.6	54.3	0.8	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.6	13.8	1.2	-0.8	-1.6	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	46.6	46.8	0.7	0.2	1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	18.7	1.4	-3.1	1.0	2.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	217.8	218.4	2.6	0.6	4.9	4.0	0.3	2.3	1.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	42.8	44.7	1.7	1.9	1.3	-3.0	4.4	3.0	-6.3
Agriculture	2.4	2.1	0.3	-0.3	0.1	1.2	-12.5	5.0	133.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	13.8	14.9	1.0	1.1	2.3	-0.2	8.0	18.3	-1.3
Utilities	2.0	1.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-1.0	-5.0	-24.0	-34.5
Construction	10.5	10.0	0.9	-0.5	-1.8	-0.3	-4.8	-15.3	-2.9
Manufacturing	14.2	15.8	1.1	1.6	1.3	-2.7	11.3	9.0	-14.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	175.0	173.8	2.4	-1.2	3.7	7.2	-0.7	2.2	4.3
Trade	37.8	36.3	1.3	-1.5	-2.3	-3.1	-4.0	-6.0	-7.9
Transportation and warehousing	13.0	13.8	0.8	0.8	1.6	3.2	6.2	13.1	30.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	6.9	7.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.6	4.3	1.4	-7.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	7.8	7.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	-2.5
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	8.3	8.3	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	7.8	3.8
Educational services	16.8	16.8	0.9	0.0	-0.7	-1.9	0.0	-4.0	-10.2
Health care and social assistance	34.7	33.9	1.0	-0.8	1.1	4.8	-2.3	3.4	16.5
Information, culture and recreation	7.2	7.9	0.7	0.7	2.0	1.0	9.7	33.9	14.5
Accommodation and food services	12.9	14.0	0.9	1.1	0.5	2.1	8.5	3.7	17.6
Other services	12.6	11.5	0.7	-1.1	0.2	1.6	-8.7	1.8	16.2
Public administration	16.9	16.6	0.8	-0.3	0.7	0.2	-1.8	4.4	1.2

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

Table 5

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	113.0	113.2	...	0.2	0.7	1.6	0.2	0.6	1.4
Labour force	77.3	77.2	0.7	-0.1	1.0	2.0	-0.1	1.3	2.7
Employment	67.4	67.8	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.2	0.6	-0.1	1.8
Employment full-time	57.0	56.7	0.8	-0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.4	0.4
Unemployment	9.8	9.4	0.6	-0.4	1.1	0.8	-4.1	13.3	9.3
Participation rate	68.4	68.2	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	12.2	0.8	-0.5	1.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.9	0.7	0.3	-0.5	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.6	16.4	0.9	0.8	-0.4	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.0
Labour force	14.2	14.2	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.7	2.9
Employment	11.8	11.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.2	-0.8	-5.6	1.7
Unemployment	2.3	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	8.7	31.6	4.2
Participation rate	70.3	70.3	2.0	0.0	-0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.2	17.6	2.5	1.4	4.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	57.9	2.1	-0.5	-3.8	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.1	41.0	3.0	2.9	3.1	6.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	44.8	44.9	...	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.6
Labour force	33.0	32.7	0.4	-0.3	0.9	0.8	-0.9	2.8	2.5
Employment	28.7	28.6	0.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	1.4	-0.3
Unemployment	4.3	4.0	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.8	-7.0	11.1	25.0
Participation rate	73.7	72.8	0.8	-0.9	1.5	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.0	12.2	1.2	-0.8	0.9	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.7	1.0	-0.4	0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.9	4.2	0.8	-0.7	-1.8	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.0	48.1	...	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.6	1.5
Labour force	30.1	30.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.3	3.4
Employment	27.0	27.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	1.1	1.9	0.7	4.2
Unemployment	3.2	2.9	0.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-9.4	3.6	-3.3
Participation rate	62.7	63.2	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.6	9.5	1.2	-1.1	0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	57.2	0.9	0.9	0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.7	18.5	1.6	1.9	0.2	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	67.4	67.8	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.2	0.6	-0.1	1.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	17.4	17.3	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.8	-0.6	0.0	-4.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	3.3	3.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	-3.0	-3.0	-27.3
Utilities	2.8	2.5	0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-10.7	0.0	-7.4
Construction	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-25.0
Manufacturing	4.5	4.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-6.7	-12.5	0.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	50.0	50.5	0.7	0.5	-0.1	2.0	1.0	-0.2	4.1
Trade	9.4	9.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	2.1	1.1	2.1
Transportation and warehousing	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	3.7	7.7	21.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.2	2.0	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-9.1	5.3	-9.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.6	2.7	0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.1	3.8	-12.9	3.8
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	2.6	2.6	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-7.1	13.0
Educational services	4.8	4.8	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-2.0	-2.0
Health care and social assistance	7.7	8.0	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.7	3.9	-1.2	9.6
Information, culture and recreation	2.2	2.3	0.2	0.1	-0.5	-0.4	4.5	-17.9	-14.8
Accommodation and food services	5.5	5.2	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-5.5	2.0	-5.5
Other services	3.7	3.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0	5.7	23.3
Public administration	6.5	6.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	4.6	7.9	9.7

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

Table 6

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	759.0	759.4	...	0.4	1.7	4.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	480.2	479.3	3.1	-0.9	2.4	2.1	-0.2	0.5	0.4
Employment	439.0	436.6	3.2	-2.4	4.3	5.9	-0.5	1.0	1.4
Employment full-time	356.9	357.8	3.6	0.9	10.4	6.8	0.3	3.0	1.9
Unemployment	41.2	42.8	2.6	1.6	-1.8	-3.7	3.9	-4.0	-8.0
Participation rate	63.3	63.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.9	0.5	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.8	57.5	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	18.0	0.7	-0.7	-1.6	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	123.6	123.6	...	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	82.6	81.3	1.9	-1.3	0.8	1.9	-1.6	1.0	2.4
Employment	70.8	68.4	1.8	-2.4	1.7	3.2	-3.4	2.5	4.9
Unemployment	11.7	12.9	1.6	1.2	-0.9	-1.3	10.3	-6.5	-9.2
Participation rate	66.8	65.8	1.5	-1.0	0.6	1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	15.9	1.9	1.7	-1.2	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	55.3	1.5	-2.0	1.3	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.6	43.6	2.5	-1.1	-1.7	-2.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	303.3	303.4	...	0.1	0.8	2.3	0.0	0.3	0.8
Labour force	210.4	211.6	1.6	1.2	2.4	3.1	0.6	1.1	1.5
Employment	194.6	194.9	1.9	0.3	3.7	4.0	0.2	1.9	2.1
Unemployment	15.9	16.8	1.6	0.9	-1.2	-0.8	5.7	-6.7	-4.5
Participation rate	69.4	69.7	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.9	0.8	0.3	-0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.2	64.2	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.2	5.8	0.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	332.2	332.3	...	0.1	0.7	2.2	0.0	0.2	0.7
Labour force	187.2	186.4	1.7	-0.8	-0.8	-2.9	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5
Employment	173.6	173.3	1.7	-0.3	-1.1	-1.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7
Unemployment	13.6	13.1	1.3	-0.5	0.3	-1.6	-3.7	2.3	-10.9
Participation rate	56.4	56.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.0	0.7	-0.3	0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.3	52.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	21.8	1.1	-0.5	-2.2	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	439.1	436.6	3.2	-2.5	4.3	5.9	-0.6	1.0	1.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	100.3	100.0	2.0	-0.3	5.1	6.2	-0.3	5.4	6.6
Agriculture	6.8	6.5	0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-4.4	4.8	0.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	15.5	15.1	0.9	-0.4	-0.2	1.6	-2.6	-1.3	11.9
Utilities	3.0	2.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-6.7	-3.4	3.7
Construction	25.4	26.0	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.5	2.4	4.0	2.0
Manufacturing	49.6	49.6	1.4	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	8.8	8.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	338.7	336.5	3.0	-2.2	-1.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1
Trade	74.9	73.8	1.9	-1.1	-1.6	-1.9	-1.5	-2.1	-2.5
Transportation and warehousing	18.7	20.5	1.0	1.8	1.2	-1.0	9.6	6.2	-4.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.5	21.2	0.9	-1.3	-0.8	0.4	-5.8	-3.6	1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.6	17.2	1.0	-0.4	-3.6	-2.4	-2.3	-17.3	-12.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	22.4	22.3	1.3	-0.1	0.6	1.1	-0.4	2.8	5.2
Educational services	35.5	33.2	1.2	-2.3	-1.3	-1.1	-6.5	-3.8	-3.2
Health care and social assistance	53.8	54.0	1.3	0.2	2.3	2.2	0.4	4.4	4.2
Information, culture and recreation	15.7	15.9	1.1	0.2	-1.2	-1.3	1.3	-7.0	-7.6
Accommodation and food services	28.3	29.0	1.4	0.7	0.7	-2.2	2.5	2.5	-7.1
Other services	23.0	22.5	1.1	-0.5	0.1	0.5	-2.2	0.4	2.3
Public administration	26.3	26.8	1.0	0.5	2.9	5.4	1.9	12.1	25.2

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

Table 7

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	608.6	609.0	...	0.4	0.5	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Labour force	385.8	383.4	2.7	-2.4	-6.8	0.1	-0.6	-1.7	0.0
Employment	346.1	337.5	2.7	-8.6	-12.5	-8.4	-2.5	-3.6	-2.4
Employment full-time	292.5	285.1	3.0	-7.4	-10.7	-7.4	-2.5	-3.6	-2.5
Unemployment	39.8	45.9	2.5	6.1	5.7	8.5	15.3	14.2	22.7
Participation rate	63.4	63.0	0.4	-0.4	-1.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	12.0	0.6	1.7	1.7	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	55.4	0.5	-1.5	-2.1	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	15.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.5	97.5	...	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	0.0	-0.3	-1.0
Labour force	63.7	59.7	1.5	-4.0	-5.3	-6.0	-6.3	-8.2	-9.1
Employment	52.9	49.3	1.5	-3.6	-6.1	-6.8	-6.8	-11.0	-12.1
Unemployment	10.8	10.4	1.3	-0.4	0.9	0.8	-3.7	9.5	8.3
Participation rate	65.3	61.2	1.5	-4.1	-5.3	-5.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.0	17.4	2.0	0.4	2.8	2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	50.6	1.5	-3.7	-6.0	-6.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.3	35.7	2.1	-0.6	3.0	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	247.2	247.3	...	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.5
Labour force	169.9	170.7	1.5	0.8	-2.5	1.5	0.5	-1.4	0.9
Employment	152.2	148.8	1.6	-3.4	-5.5	-4.0	-2.2	-3.6	-2.6
Unemployment	17.7	21.8	1.5	4.1	2.9	5.4	23.2	15.3	32.9
Participation rate	68.7	69.0	0.6	0.3	-1.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	12.8	0.8	2.4	1.9	3.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	60.2	0.7	-1.4	-2.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.4	4.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	263.9	264.1	...	0.2	0.5	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.6
Labour force	152.2	153.1	1.4	0.9	1.1	4.7	0.6	0.7	3.2
Employment	141.0	139.4	1.4	-1.6	-0.8	2.4	-1.1	-0.6	1.8
Unemployment	11.2	13.7	1.1	2.5	1.9	2.3	22.3	16.1	20.2
Participation rate	57.7	58.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	8.9	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.4	52.8	0.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	20.0	1.0	0.4	-0.8	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	346.1	337.5	2.7	-8.6	-12.5	-8.4	-2.5	-3.6	-2.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	81.2	75.3	1.9	-5.9	-4.3	-5.2	-7.3	-5.4	-6.5
Agriculture	5.7	4.9	0.6	-0.8	-1.6	0.1	-14.0	-24.6	2.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.3	12.0	0.8	-0.3	0.9	1.0	-2.4	8.1	9.1
Utilities	3.4	3.6	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-1.0	5.9	-10.0	-21.7
Construction	20.2	18.8	1.0	-1.4	-0.8	-0.8	-6.9	-4.1	-4.1
Manufacturing	39.7	36.1	1.4	-3.6	-2.4	-4.3	-9.1	-6.2	-10.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	264.9	262.3	2.4	-2.6	-8.1	-3.1	-1.0	-3.0	-1.2
Trade	52.9	53.0	1.4	0.1	-0.9	-0.3	0.2	-1.7	-0.6
Transportation and warehousing	17.8	16.9	0.8	-0.9	-2.8	-3.9	-5.1	-14.2	-18.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.3	14.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.8	16.0	0.7	-0.8	0.3	2.4	-4.8	1.9	17.6
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	23.8	22.3	0.9	-1.5	-1.0	2.4	-6.3	-4.3	12.1
Educational services	21.4	23.1	0.9	1.7	1.8	1.5	7.9	8.5	6.9
Health care and social assistance	43.8	43.6	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	1.3	-0.5	-0.2	3.1
Information, culture and recreation	12.8	13.1	0.8	0.3	0.2	-0.4	2.3	1.6	-3.0
Accommodation and food services	22.7	22.1	1.1	-0.6	-3.7	-5.4	-2.6	-14.3	-19.6
Other services	17.6	17.0	0.9	-0.6	-0.9	-1.2	-3.4	-5.0	-6.6
Public administration	21.1	20.7	0.8	-0.4	-1.0	0.4	-1.9	-4.6	2.0

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

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,070.9	6,075.1	...	4.2	20.0	46.6	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	4,010.1	4,010.3	16.2	0.2	18.6	78.1	0.0	0.5	2.0
Employment	3,646.8	3,637.5	16.7	-9.3	-16.6	33.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.9
Employment full-time	2,981.1	2,970.4	19.0	-10.7	-14.8	7.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.3
Unemployment	363.4	372.8	13.4	9.4	35.2	44.7	2.6	10.4	13.6
Participation rate	66.1	66.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.9	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	952.8	952.2	...	-0.6	-2.2	-6.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7
Labour force	642.2	639.9	9.0	-2.3	1.3	-4.5	-0.4	0.2	-0.7
Employment	553.3	548.9	8.7	-4.4	-7.1	-9.2	-0.8	-1.3	-1.6
Unemployment	89.0	91.1	7.3	2.1	8.5	4.8	2.4	10.3	5.6
Participation rate	67.4	67.2	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	14.2	1.1	0.3	1.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.1	57.6	0.9	-0.5	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.4	44.8	1.5	-0.5	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,495.3	2,497.7	...	2.4	11.0	26.9	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	1,836.7	1,837.2	8.9	0.5	3.5	26.4	0.0	0.2	1.5
Employment	1,689.8	1,682.0	9.6	-7.8	-8.5	8.2	-0.5	-0.5	0.5
Unemployment	146.9	155.3	8.1	8.4	12.2	18.3	5.7	8.5	13.4
Participation rate	73.6	73.6	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	8.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	6.2	0.5	-0.6	-0.2	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,622.8	2,625.2	...	2.4	11.2	26.0	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	1,531.2	1,533.1	9.5	1.9	13.7	56.2	0.1	0.9	3.8
Employment	1,403.7	1,406.6	9.6	2.9	-0.9	34.4	0.2	-0.1	2.5
Unemployment	127.5	126.5	7.3	-1.0	14.6	21.8	-0.8	13.0	20.8
Participation rate	58.4	58.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.3	0.5	0.0	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	53.6	0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	22.5	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	3,646.8	3,637.5	16.7	-9.3	-16.6	33.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	937.2	931.2	12.3	-6.0	-31.6	-8.2	-0.6	-3.3	-0.9
Agriculture	53.1	54.5	3.1	1.4	-12.6	-7.3	2.6	-18.8	-11.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	41.3	38.6	2.4	-2.7	0.2	1.7	-6.5	0.5	4.6
Utilities	29.3	30.5	2.1	1.2	-0.7	2.5	4.1	-2.2	8.9
Construction	172.4	166.7	5.6	-5.7	6.0	7.3	-3.3	3.7	4.6
Manufacturing	641.0	640.9	10.5	-0.1	-24.4	-12.5	0.0	-3.7	-1.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	2,709.6	2,706.3	16.9	-3.3	15.0	41.6	-0.1	0.6	1.6
Trade	601.2	608.4	10.6	7.2	8.4	3.0	1.2	1.4	0.5
Transportation and warehousing	158.8	157.0	5.5	-1.8	0.2	10.7	-1.1	0.1	7.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	193.4	185.4	6.0	-8.0	2.3	-10.9	-4.1	1.3	-5.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	213.1	217.0	6.6	3.9	-7.1	6.5	1.8	-3.2	3.1
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	119.7	121.0	5.6	1.3	-2.0	-1.0	1.1	-1.6	-0.8
Educational services	252.8	254.3	6.2	1.5	7.2	5.0	0.6	2.9	2.0
Health care and social assistance	416.1	425.5	7.7	9.4	7.1	24.8	2.3	1.7	6.2
Information, culture and recreation	138.5	152.5	6.3	14.0	-1.2	-10.6	10.1	-0.8	-6.5
Accommodation and food services	230.0	214.0	7.0	-16.0	-0.4	3.3	-7.0	-0.2	1.6
Other services	164.4	161.0	5.5	-3.4	-6.2	7.1	-2.1	-3.7	4.6
Public administration	221.3	210.2	5.5	-11.1	6.7	3.8	-5.0	3.3	1.8

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

Table 9

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,747.5	9,762.1	...	14.6	58.4	156.9	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	6,661.3	6,685.0	19.4	23.7	51.9	200.4	0.4	0.8	3.1
Employment	6,210.5	6,209.6	19.4	-0.9	43.6	179.0	0.0	0.7	3.0
Employment full-time	5,081.9	5,060.3	22.2	-21.6	20.5	117.3	-0.4	0.4	2.4
Unemployment	450.8	475.4	14.9	24.6	8.3	21.3	5.5	1.8	4.7
Participation rate	68.3	68.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	63.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,591.3	1,593.9	...	2.6	11.1	28.0	0.2	0.7	1.8
Labour force	1,065.0	1,074.6	11.2	9.6	16.2	39.0	0.9	1.5	3.8
Employment	915.6	922.3	10.4	6.7	12.6	37.1	0.7	1.4	4.2
Unemployment	149.4	152.3	8.5	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.9	2.4	1.3
Participation rate	66.9	67.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	14.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.9	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.1	49.1	1.1	1.9	1.3	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	3,963.4	3,969.2	...	5.8	22.3	63.7	0.1	0.6	1.6
Labour force	3,009.5	2,998.9	9.6	-10.6	7.8	55.9	-0.4	0.3	1.9
Employment	2,845.8	2,826.5	10.8	-19.3	10.9	46.8	-0.7	0.4	1.7
Unemployment	163.7	172.4	8.5	8.7	-3.0	9.1	5.3	-1.7	5.6
Participation rate	75.9	75.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.7	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.8	71.2	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.9	5.9	0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,192.7	4,199.0	...	6.3	25.1	65.3	0.2	0.6	1.6
Labour force	2,586.8	2,611.5	11.6	24.7	27.9	105.5	1.0	1.1	4.2
Employment	2,449.1	2,460.9	11.7	11.8	20.2	95.2	0.5	0.8	4.0
Unemployment	137.8	150.7	8.5	12.9	7.8	10.4	9.4	5.5	7.4
Participation rate	61.7	62.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	21.5	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,210.5	6,209.6	19.4	-0.9	43.6	179.0	0.0	0.7	3.0
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,641.2	1,647.6	15.0	6.4	-8.6	32.9	0.4	-0.5	2.0
Agriculture	83.4	85.6	3.3	2.2	3.7	11.8	2.6	4.5	16.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	34.8	32.6	2.2	-2.2	0.4	-1.8	-6.3	1.2	-5.2
Utilities	54.6	54.1	2.4	-0.5	3.7	0.1	-0.9	7.3	0.2
Construction	370.3	376.7	8.3	6.4	3.3	35.2	1.7	0.9	10.3
Manufacturing	1,098.0	1,098.5	12.6	0.5	-19.7	-12.4	0.0	-1.8	-1.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,569.3	4,562.0	20.2	-7.3	52.2	146.1	-0.2	1.2	3.3
Trade	948.0	938.9	12.0	-9.1	2.2	24.9	-1.0	0.2	2.7
Transportation and warehousing	286.0	265.1	7.0	-20.9	-12.3	-22.0	-7.3	-4.4	-7.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	434.1	431.5	8.0	-2.6	22.3	35.1	-0.6	5.4	8.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	457.0	452.4	8.7	-4.6	7.6	17.3	-1.0	1.7	4.0
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	255.4	263.4	7.7	8.0	5.1	11.3	3.1	2.0	4.5
Educational services	381.3	389.7	7.2	8.4	-7.2	12.8	2.2	-1.8	3.4
Health care and social assistance	586.8	597.3	8.1	10.5	12.2	44.0	1.8	2.1	8.0
Information, culture and recreation	282.2	286.7	7.7	4.5	7.3	-11.4	1.6	2.6	-3.8
Accommodation and food services	370.1	377.1	8.4	7.0	-1.6	21.5	1.9	-0.4	6.0
Other services	267.1	261.8	6.6	-5.3	12.7	3.2	-2.0	5.1	1.2
Public administration	301.3	298.0	6.2	-3.3	3.7	9.4	-1.1	1.3	3.3

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

Table 10

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	866.2	866.8	...	0.6	1.8	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	596.2	598.9	3.1	2.7	-2.6	3.6	0.5	-0.4	0.6
Employment	570.3	572.0	3.3	1.7	-0.1	8.0	0.3	0.0	1.4
Employment full-time	456.2	457.2	3.8	1.0	-5.1	10.2	0.2	-1.1	2.3
Unemployment	25.9	26.9	2.4	1.0	-2.4	-4.4	3.9	-8.2	-14.1
Participation rate	68.8	69.1	0.4	0.3	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.5	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	66.0	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	20.1	0.6	0.0	0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	149.6	149.7	...	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Labour force	107.1	108.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	-0.8	1.6	0.0	-0.7
Employment	98.1	98.3	1.9	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.4	0.6
Unemployment	9.0	10.6	1.5	1.6	0.5	-1.2	17.8	5.0	-10.2
Participation rate	71.6	72.7	1.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	9.7	1.3	1.3	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.7	1.2	0.1	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.9	45.3	1.9	0.4	1.2	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	349.8	350.0	...	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	265.4	266.2	1.6	0.8	-0.7	3.5	0.3	-0.3	1.3
Employment	256.3	256.2	1.8	-0.1	-0.3	4.5	0.0	-0.1	1.8
Unemployment	9.0	10.0	1.3	1.0	-0.4	-0.9	11.1	-3.8	-8.3
Participation rate	75.9	76.1	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.8	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	73.3	73.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.0	0.6	-0.6	1.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	366.8	367.1	...	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Labour force	223.8	223.9	1.8	0.1	-1.9	0.9	0.0	-0.8	0.4
Employment	215.9	217.5	1.8	1.6	0.6	3.0	0.7	0.3	1.4
Unemployment	7.9	6.4	1.2	-1.5	-2.4	-2.1	-19.0	-27.3	-24.7
Participation rate	61.0	61.0	0.5	0.0	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	2.9	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.6	25.2	1.0	0.6	0.5	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	570.3	572.0	3.3	1.7	-0.1	8.0	0.3	0.0	1.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	141.2	141.6	2.6	0.4	3.5	4.0	0.3	2.5	2.9
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	32.1	32.6	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.6	1.2	1.9
Utilities	5.2	5.5	0.5	0.3	-0.2	-1.3	5.8	-3.5	-19.1
Construction	7.0	7.1	0.5	0.1	0.9	1.2	1.4	14.5	20.3
Manufacturing	27.9	27.2	1.4	-0.7	1.1	4.3	-2.5	4.2	18.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Trade	69.0	69.2	1.8	0.2	1.2	-0.7	0.3	1.8	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	429.1	430.4	3.4	1.3	-3.6	4.0	0.3	-0.8	0.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	83.0	83.1	2.0	0.1	-1.0	-7.3	0.1	-1.2	-8.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	34.4	34.7	1.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	-0.6	-1.7
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	27.1	27.5	1.0	0.4	0.0	-0.8	1.5	0.0	-2.8
Educational services	23.8	22.1	1.1	-1.7	-1.2	-1.3	-7.1	-5.2	-5.6
Health care and social assistance	21.7	20.7	1.2	-1.0	-0.1	3.7	-4.6	-0.5	21.8
Information, culture and recreation	42.6	42.7	1.4	0.1	-0.4	4.0	0.2	-0.9	10.3
Accommodation and food services	72.7	71.7	1.6	-1.0	-5.9	-2.3	-1.4	-7.6	-3.1
Other services	22.8	23.5	1.1	0.7	1.2	-1.6	3.1	5.4	-6.4
Public administration	39.4	40.0	1.5	0.6	0.6	4.9	1.5	1.5	14.0
	30.4	30.5	1.1	0.1	1.5	5.0	0.3	5.2	19.6
	31.1	33.9	1.1	2.8	2.0	0.2	9.0	6.3	0.6

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

Table 11

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	756.3	755.9	...	-0.4	-1.7	-3.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	515.2	516.6	2.9	1.4	-4.3	7.1	0.3	-0.8	1.4
Employment	487.3	488.1	3.0	0.8	-3.6	8.1	0.2	-0.7	1.7
Employment full-time	391.7	391.3	3.3	-0.4	1.2	10.5	-0.1	0.3	2.8
Unemployment	27.9	28.5	2.1	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	2.2	-2.4	-3.4
Participation rate	68.1	68.3	0.4	0.2	-0.5	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.6	0.4	0.2	-0.3	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	19.8	0.6	0.2	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	138.9	138.7	...	-0.2	-0.9	-2.7	-0.1	-0.6	-1.9
Labour force	95.9	96.8	1.7	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.9
Employment	87.1	86.1	1.7	-1.0	-0.6	2.3	-1.1	-0.7	2.7
Unemployment	8.8	10.7	1.3	1.9	1.5	-0.5	21.6	16.3	-4.5
Participation rate	69.0	69.8	1.2	0.8	1.1	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	11.1	1.3	1.9	1.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.7	62.1	1.2	-0.6	0.0	2.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.9	40.9	1.8	0.0	-2.4	-1.8	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	301.1	300.9	...	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	226.7	227.0	1.5	0.3	-2.9	0.3	0.1	-1.3	0.1
Employment	214.9	215.3	1.7	0.4	-2.4	-0.3	0.2	-1.1	-0.1
Unemployment	11.8	11.7	1.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.7	-0.8	-4.1	6.4
Participation rate	75.3	75.4	0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.4	71.6	0.6	0.2	-0.6	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.9	6.5	0.6	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	316.3	316.2	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Labour force	192.7	192.8	1.7	0.1	-2.2	4.9	0.1	-1.1	2.6
Employment	185.3	186.7	1.7	1.4	-0.5	6.1	0.8	-0.3	3.4
Unemployment	7.4	6.1	1.1	-1.3	-1.7	-1.2	-17.6	-21.8	-16.4
Participation rate	60.9	61.0	0.5	0.1	-0.6	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	59.0	0.5	0.4	-0.1	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.3	25.4	1.0	1.1	0.0	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	487.3	488.1	3.0	0.8	-3.6	8.1	0.2	-0.7	1.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	120.6	121.3	2.4	0.7	-6.2	-3.2	0.6	-4.9	-2.6
Agriculture	46.8	47.6	1.9	0.8	-5.1	-2.8	1.7	-9.7	-5.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	16.5	15.8	0.9	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7	-4.2	-3.7	-4.2
Utilities	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	2.2	21.1
Construction	25.4	24.7	1.2	-0.7	-0.3	-0.9	-2.8	-1.2	-3.5
Manufacturing	27.3	28.5	1.1	1.2	-0.3	0.4	4.4	-1.0	1.4
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	366.7	366.8	2.9	0.1	2.6	11.3	0.0	0.7	3.2
Trade	76.3	75.6	1.7	-0.7	-4.9	-3.9	-0.9	-6.1	-4.9
Transportation and warehousing	23.9	24.0	1.0	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.4	1.3	-1.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.7	28.8	0.9	0.1	2.4	0.7	0.3	9.1	2.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.8	17.4	0.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-2.2	-0.6	-4.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	12.6	12.2	0.9	-0.4	0.4	0.0	-3.2	3.4	0.0
Educational services	40.4	40.7	1.2	0.3	0.2	6.7	0.7	0.5	19.7
Health care and social assistance	61.9	61.0	1.3	-0.9	2.8	3.2	-1.5	4.8	5.5
Information, culture and recreation	19.2	20.9	0.9	1.7	0.7	2.6	8.9	3.5	14.2
Accommodation and food services	34.3	35.9	1.4	1.6	1.4	3.9	4.7	4.1	12.2
Other services	24.6	23.7	1.0	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-3.7	-3.3	-3.3
Public administration	26.9	26.6	1.0	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-1.1	0.8	0.0

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



Table 12

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,461.6	2,465.9	...	4.3	20.8	51.6	0.2	0.9	2.1
Labour force	1,799.8	1,814.8	8.4	15.0	19.0	52.8	0.8	1.1	3.0
Employment	1,700.7	1,713.2	8.6	12.5	5.7	55.7	0.7	0.3	3.4
Employment full-time	1,404.4	1,407.3	10.1	2.9	7.3	46.8	0.2	0.5	3.4
Unemployment	99.0	101.6	6.2	2.6	13.2	-2.9	2.6	14.9	-2.8
Participation rate	73.1	73.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.5	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	17.9	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	462.0	462.7	...	0.7	3.5	9.7	0.2	0.8	2.1
Labour force	327.4	339.0	5.1	11.6	18.4	15.9	3.5	5.7	4.9
Employment	295.5	302.0	5.1	6.5	10.9	18.3	2.2	3.7	6.5
Unemployment	31.9	37.0	4.0	5.1	7.5	-2.4	16.0	25.4	-6.1
Participation rate	70.9	73.3	1.1	2.4	3.5	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	10.9	1.2	1.2	1.7	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	65.3	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	36.7	39.2	1.7	2.5	2.1	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,000.2	1,002.2	...	2.0	8.8	21.3	0.2	0.9	2.2
Labour force	817.2	818.2	4.1	1.0	3.5	19.8	0.1	0.4	2.5
Employment	779.6	783.4	4.7	3.8	3.1	21.5	0.5	0.4	2.8
Unemployment	37.6	34.8	3.5	-2.8	0.4	-1.8	-7.4	1.2	-4.9
Participation rate	81.7	81.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.3	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.9	78.2	0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.6	5.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	999.4	1,001.1	...	1.7	8.6	20.7	0.2	0.9	2.1
Labour force	655.2	657.6	4.7	2.4	-2.9	17.1	0.4	-0.4	2.7
Employment	625.7	627.8	4.8	2.1	-8.3	15.8	0.3	-1.3	2.6
Unemployment	29.5	29.8	2.9	0.3	5.3	1.3	1.0	21.6	4.6
Participation rate	65.6	65.7	0.5	0.1	-0.8	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.7	0.5	0.1	-1.4	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.2	23.5	1.0	-0.8	-1.4	-0.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,700.7	1,713.2	8.6	12.5	5.7	55.7	0.7	0.3	3.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	469.6	468.3	7.1	-1.3	-0.7	15.1	-0.3	-0.1	3.3
Agriculture	67.2	67.7	2.8	0.5	-0.6	10.4	0.7	-0.9	18.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	96.7	101.3	3.7	4.6	7.3	10.8	4.8	7.8	11.9
Utilities	13.7	13.2	1.5	-0.5	-2.8	-7.4	-3.6	-17.5	-35.9
Construction	140.0	138.7	4.4	-1.3	-2.1	-5.0	-0.9	-1.5	-3.5
Manufacturing	152.0	147.5	4.6	-4.5	-2.5	6.4	-3.0	-1.7	4.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,231.2	1,244.9	9.1	13.7	6.5	40.6	1.1	0.5	3.4
Trade	255.2	255.9	5.4	0.7	8.6	-4.0	0.3	3.5	-1.5
Transportation and warehousing	94.3	95.2	3.4	0.9	-5.9	1.3	1.0	-5.8	1.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	83.1	82.8	3.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.6	-0.4	-0.1	-1.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	111.0	115.3	4.3	4.3	-7.3	-6.3	3.9	-6.0	-5.2
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	65.6	66.5	2.9	0.9	-3.7	15.4	1.4	-5.3	30.1
Educational services	106.2	112.4	3.5	6.2	5.8	7.3	5.8	5.4	6.9
Health care and social assistance	159.1	164.7	4.1	5.6	3.1	10.5	3.5	1.9	6.8
Information, culture and recreation	72.9	71.5	3.2	-1.4	-5.1	10.2	-1.9	-6.7	16.6
Accommodation and food services	125.5	123.0	4.3	-2.5	4.0	5.6	-2.0	3.4	4.8
Other services	84.2	84.0	3.5	-0.2	7.4	-3.9	-0.2	9.7	-4.4
Public administration	74.1	73.6	2.6	-0.5	-0.3	6.0	-0.7	-0.4	8.9

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

Table 13

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,355.7	3,359.8	...	4.1	16.7	40.0	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	2,189.5	2,193.2	11.7	3.7	16.3	44.8	0.2	0.7	2.1
Employment	2,012.3	2,004.5	11.8	-7.8	9.9	59.7	-0.4	0.5	3.1
Employment full-time	1,566.4	1,579.7	13.7	13.3	65.0	68.2	0.8	4.3	4.5
Unemployment	177.2	188.7	8.9	11.5	6.4	-14.9	6.5	3.5	-7.3
Participation rate	65.2	65.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	59.7	0.4	-0.3	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.2	21.2	0.6	-1.0	-2.9	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	547.1	547.8	...	0.7	3.0	6.7	0.1	0.6	1.2
Labour force	341.5	337.7	6.6	-3.8	-10.9	10.4	-1.1	-3.1	3.2
Employment	292.8	288.0	6.3	-4.8	-8.2	13.3	-1.6	-2.8	4.8
Unemployment	48.7	49.7	4.8	1.0	-2.7	-2.9	2.1	-5.2	-5.5
Participation rate	62.4	61.6	1.2	-0.8	-2.4	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	14.7	1.4	0.4	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	52.6	1.2	-0.9	-1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.9	48.1	2.0	0.2	-5.9	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,369.9	1,371.4	...	1.5	5.8	14.9	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	995.1	1,002.2	6.5	7.1	25.6	22.2	0.7	2.6	2.3
Employment	927.3	930.4	7.2	3.1	26.0	40.1	0.3	2.9	4.5
Unemployment	67.7	71.8	5.7	4.1	-0.4	-17.8	6.1	-0.6	-19.9
Participation rate	72.6	73.1	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.2	0.6	0.4	-0.2	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.7	67.8	0.5	0.1	1.6	2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.0	7.4	0.7	-0.6	-1.6	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,438.7	1,440.6	...	1.9	7.8	18.3	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	852.9	853.3	7.0	0.4	1.6	12.2	0.0	0.2	1.5
Employment	792.1	786.1	6.7	-6.0	-7.9	6.3	-0.8	-1.0	0.8
Unemployment	60.8	67.2	5.0	6.4	9.4	5.9	10.5	16.3	9.6
Participation rate	59.3	59.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.9	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.1	54.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	29.2	27.7	1.0	-1.5	-2.4	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	<b>2,012.3</b>	<b>2,004.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	424.8	428.7	7.8	3.9	12.2	43.0	0.9	2.9	11.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	35.6	35.3	2.4	-0.3	-0.6	6.8	-0.8	-1.7	23.9
Utilities	49.0	49.8	2.8	0.8	7.8	13.7	1.6	18.6	38.0
Construction	14.4	14.7	1.2	0.3	1.7	0.6	2.1	13.1	4.3
Manufacturing	116.9	118.5	4.8	1.6	-5.4	1.0	1.4	-4.4	0.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>1,587.5</b>	<b>1,575.8</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Trade	208.7	210.4	5.7	1.7	8.8	21.0	0.8	4.4	11.1
Transportation and warehousing	321.7	314.7	7.1	-7.0	-10.2	-5.7	-2.2	-3.1	-1.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	114.3	117.5	4.1	3.2	2.1	10.5	2.8	1.8	9.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	128.9	119.8	4.1	-9.1	-9.1	8.3	-7.1	-7.1	7.4
Management of companies and administrative and other support services	133.7	136.6	4.8	2.9	1.1	0.8	2.2	0.8	0.6
Educational services	79.4	82.3	3.9	2.9	7.4	4.8	3.7	9.9	6.2
Health care and social assistance	149.5	148.9	4.6	-0.6	10.7	10.0	-0.4	7.7	7.2
Information, culture and recreation	214.5	210.9	5.0	-3.6	-8.7	-2.7	-1.7	-4.0	-1.3
Accommodation and food services	107.7	108.4	4.6	0.7	5.7	9.1	0.6	5.6	9.2
Other services	156.9	155.4	5.6	-1.5	-6.5	-17.7	-1.0	-4.0	-10.2
Public administration	96.5	96.0	4.3	-0.5	4.1	-4.0	-0.5	4.5	-4.0
	84.4	85.3	3.3	0.9	1.1	3.2	1.1	1.3	3.9

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

Table 14

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	143.6	143.7	...	0.1	0.7	1.6	0.1	0.5	1.1
Labour force	99.6	99.4	0.8	-0.2	1.2	3.6	-0.2	1.2	3.8
Employment	90.3	90.3	0.9	0.0	1.9	2.5	0.0	2.1	2.8
Unemployment	9.3	9.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.7	1.2	-2.2	-7.1	15.2
Participation rate	69.4	69.2	0.6	-0.2	0.5	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.8	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.8	0.6	-0.1	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	287.2	287.5	...	0.3	1.7	4.2	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	198.7	199.7	1.2	1.0	2.8	0.8	0.5	1.4	0.4
Employment	184.7	186.0	1.2	1.3	3.7	2.2	0.7	2.0	1.2
Unemployment	14.0	13.8	0.7	-0.2	-0.8	-1.3	-1.4	-5.5	-8.6
Participation rate	69.2	69.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.3	64.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	100.8	100.8	...	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Labour force	67.3	66.3	0.6	-1.0	-1.9	-0.8	-1.5	-2.8	-1.2
Employment	61.1	59.9	0.6	-1.2	-3.4	-1.0	-2.0	-5.4	-1.6
Unemployment	6.2	6.4	0.3	0.2	1.5	0.2	3.2	30.6	3.2
Participation rate	66.8	65.8	0.6	-1.0	-1.7	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.7	0.5	0.5	2.5	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	59.4	0.6	-1.2	-3.3	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	131.0	130.9	...	-0.1	-0.6	-1.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8
Labour force	80.1	80.3	0.8	0.2	2.0	-1.0	0.2	2.6	-1.2
Employment	71.1	71.0	0.8	-0.1	0.9	-0.2	-0.1	1.3	-0.3
Unemployment	9.0	9.3	0.5	0.3	1.1	-0.8	3.3	13.4	-7.9
Participation rate	61.1	61.3	0.6	0.2	1.8	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	11.6	0.6	0.4	1.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	54.2	0.6	-0.1	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	574.9	575.3	...	0.4	1.7	4.3	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	387.2	388.2	2.9	1.0	8.6	3.0	0.3	2.3	0.8
Employment	357.2	359.8	3.0	2.6	2.9	-1.4	0.7	0.8	-0.4
Unemployment	30.0	28.4	1.5	-1.6	5.7	4.4	-5.3	25.1	18.3
Participation rate	67.4	67.5	0.5	0.1	1.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.3	0.4	-0.4	1.3	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	117.4	117.4	...	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	75.0	75.0	0.7	0.0	3.3	3.1	0.0	4.6	4.3
Employment	68.0	67.7	0.7	-0.3	2.6	3.4	-0.4	4.0	5.3
Unemployment	7.0	7.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	-0.3	4.3	10.6	-3.9
Participation rate	63.9	63.9	0.6	0.0	2.8	2.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.3	9.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	57.7	0.6	-0.2	2.2	2.8	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	127.8	127.9	...	0.1	0.5	1.4	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	85.0	84.5	0.8	-0.5	1.1	1.6	-0.6	1.3	1.9
Employment	79.3	79.4	0.8	0.1	2.4	3.1	0.1	3.1	4.1
Unemployment	5.7	5.2	0.4	-0.5	-1.2	-1.4	-8.8	-18.8	-21.2
Participation rate	66.5	66.1	0.6	-0.4	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.2	0.4	-0.5	-1.5	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.1	0.6	0.0	1.7	1.8	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,891.5	2,894.8	...	3.3	15.6	38.5	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	1,965.2	1,963.8	7.0	-1.4	-0.1	50.2	-0.1	0.0	2.6
Employment	1,784.3	1,773.4	7.4	-10.9	-30.3	22.8	-0.6	-1.7	1.3
Unemployment	180.8	190.4	4.7	9.6	30.2	27.4	5.3	18.9	16.8
Participation rate	68.0	67.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.7	0.2	0.5	1.5	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.3	0.3	-0.4	-1.3	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	907.2	908.8	...	1.6	7.1	20.3	0.2	0.8	2.3
Labour force	646.4	653.8	3.3	7.4	17.8	42.4	1.1	2.8	6.9
Employment	602.9	610.8	3.4	7.9	23.9	42.2	1.3	4.1	7.4
Unemployment	43.4	43.0	1.7	-0.4	-6.2	0.2	-0.9	-12.6	0.5
Participation rate	71.3	71.9	0.4	0.6	1.4	3.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.3	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	67.2	0.4	0.7	2.1	3.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,118.4	4,127.2	...	8.8	38.3	104.6	0.2	0.9	2.6
Labour force	2,897.7	2,902.2	8.5	4.5	40.0	88.8	0.2	1.4	3.2
Employment	2,685.8	2,680.8	8.8	-5.0	22.5	69.3	-0.2	0.8	2.7
Unemployment	211.9	221.4	4.9	9.5	17.5	19.5	4.5	8.6	9.7
Participation rate	70.4	70.3	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	65.0	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	562.9	563.5	...	0.6	2.0	6.4	0.1	0.4	1.1
Labour force	379.7	379.4	2.7	-0.3	-1.6	8.5	-0.1	-0.4	2.3
Employment	360.1	358.6	2.8	-1.5	0.4	15.2	-0.4	0.1	4.4
Unemployment	19.6	20.7	1.3	1.1	-2.1	-6.8	5.6	-9.2	-24.7
Participation rate	67.5	67.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.5	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	63.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	2.0	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	354.2	354.7	...	0.5	2.1	6.7	0.1	0.6	1.9
Labour force	250.2	250.8	1.7	0.6	3.5	12.3	0.2	1.4	5.2
Employment	234.7	235.4	1.7	0.7	0.8	10.1	0.3	0.3	4.5
Unemployment	15.5	15.4	0.8	-0.1	2.6	2.2	-0.6	20.3	16.7
Participation rate	70.6	70.7	0.5	0.1	0.6	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.1	0.3	-0.1	0.9	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	66.4	0.5	0.1	-0.1	1.7	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	346.7	346.8	...	0.1	0.5	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	234.5	235.4	1.8	0.9	3.3	8.8	0.4	1.4	3.9
Employment	218.6	219.2	1.8	0.6	1.9	9.6	0.3	0.9	4.6
Unemployment	15.9	16.2	0.8	0.3	1.4	-0.8	1.9	9.5	-4.7
Participation rate	67.6	67.9	0.5	0.3	0.9	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.9	0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.1	63.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	246.0	246.5	...	0.5	1.8	5.3	0.2	0.7	2.2
Labour force	178.1	181.0	1.0	2.9	8.2	14.2	1.6	4.7	8.5
Employment	169.1	171.7	1.1	2.6	9.5	17.0	1.5	5.9	11.0
Unemployment	9.1	9.2	0.5	0.1	-1.4	-2.9	1.1	-13.2	-24.0
Participation rate	72.4	73.4	0.4	1.0	2.8	4.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0	-1.0	-2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.7	69.7	0.5	1.0	3.4	5.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	325.2	325.3	...	0.1	-0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	209.2	208.2	1.6	-1.0	-1.7	2.6	-0.5	-0.8	1.3
Employment	195.7	195.7	1.5	0.0	1.7	5.7	0.0	0.9	3.0
Unemployment	13.6	12.5	0.7	-1.1	-3.3	-3.1	-8.1	-20.9	-19.9
Participation rate	64.3	64.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.0	0.4	-0.5	-1.5	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.5	0.0	0.6	1.6	...	...	...
<b>Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	127.2	127.1	...	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7
Labour force	80.3	80.5	0.8	0.2	1.9	-0.4	0.2	2.4	-0.5
Employment	74.2	74.5	0.8	0.3	2.2	1.4	0.4	3.0	1.9
Unemployment	6.1	5.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.9	-3.3	-6.3	-24.4
Participation rate	63.1	63.3	0.6	0.2	1.7	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.7	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.6	0.6	0.3	1.9	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.8	100.8	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.8
Labour force	69.1	69.0	0.5	-0.1	2.3	4.8	-0.1	3.4	7.5
Employment	65.6	65.2	0.6	-0.4	2.7	4.9	-0.6	4.3	8.1
Unemployment	3.5	3.8	0.3	0.3	-0.4	0.0	8.6	-9.5	0.0
Participation rate	68.6	68.5	0.5	-0.1	2.5	5.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.5	0.5	0.4	-0.8	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	64.7	0.6	-0.4	2.9	5.3	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	258.8	259.2	...	0.4	1.7	5.3	0.2	0.7	2.1
Labour force	175.8	174.8	1.2	-1.0	-0.3	2.6	-0.6	-0.2	1.5
Employment	161.8	161.2	1.3	-0.6	-1.0	3.6	-0.4	-0.6	2.3
Unemployment	14.0	13.6	0.7	-0.4	0.7	-1.1	-2.9	5.4	-7.5
Participation rate	67.9	67.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.8	0.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	539.5	540.0	...	0.5	1.0	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.4
Labour force	383.4	383.3	1.3	-0.1	-3.3	2.7	0.0	-0.9	0.7
Employment	363.4	364.9	1.4	1.5	-1.1	5.0	0.4	-0.3	1.4
Unemployment	20.0	18.3	0.8	-1.7	-2.2	-2.4	-8.5	-10.7	-11.6
Participation rate	71.1	71.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.4	67.6	0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.0	155.9	...	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Labour force	111.8	112.1	0.8	0.3	-0.7	-2.8	0.3	-0.6	-2.4
Employment	105.3	105.8	0.8	0.5	-1.0	-2.6	0.5	-0.9	-2.4
Unemployment	6.5	6.3	0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-3.1	5.0	-3.1
Participation rate	71.7	71.9	0.5	0.2	-0.3	-1.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.6	0.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.5	67.9	0.5	0.4	-0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	182.7	182.7	...	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	129.4	129.4	0.9	0.0	-1.1	4.4	0.0	-0.8	3.5
Employment	121.8	122.1	0.9	0.3	-0.2	4.3	0.2	-0.2	3.7
Unemployment	7.6	7.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.9	0.0	-3.9	-11.0	0.0
Participation rate	70.8	70.8	0.5	0.0	-0.7	2.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.7	66.8	0.5	0.1	-0.2	2.3	...	...	...

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	830.3	832.1	...	1.8	8.8	21.0	0.2	1.1	2.6
Labour force	623.7	625.1	2.9	1.4	7.2	9.7	0.2	1.2	1.6
Employment	587.7	589.0	3.0	1.3	5.4	9.9	0.2	0.9	1.7
Unemployment	36.0	36.1	1.6	0.1	1.8	-0.2	0.3	5.2	-0.6
Participation rate	75.1	75.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	70.8	70.8	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	779.0	780.1	...	1.1	5.3	13.6	0.1	0.7	1.8
Labour force	559.6	560.5	2.9	0.9	3.3	13.1	0.2	0.6	2.4
Employment	528.9	529.4	2.9	0.5	-0.8	11.9	0.1	-0.2	2.3
Unemployment	30.7	31.0	1.4	0.3	4.0	1.1	1.0	14.8	3.7
Participation rate	71.8	71.8	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.9	67.9	0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,766.6	1,769.6	...	3.0	12.5	34.7	0.2	0.7	2.0
Labour force	1,186.7	1,183.6	4.9	-3.1	-10.0	29.7	-0.3	-0.8	2.6
Employment	1,102.2	1,099.2	5.1	-3.0	2.0	40.3	-0.3	0.2	3.8
Unemployment	84.5	84.4	2.8	-0.1	-11.9	-10.7	-0.1	-12.4	-11.3
Participation rate	67.2	66.9	0.3	-0.3	-1.0	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.1	7.1	0.2	0.0	-1.0	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.1	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	260.3	260.6	...	0.3	1.0	1.6	0.1	0.4	0.6
Labour force	163.3	163.2	1.7	-0.1	1.7	1.1	-0.1	1.1	0.7
Employment	153.3	152.5	1.7	-0.8	2.0	2.0	-0.5	1.3	1.3
Unemployment	9.9	10.7	0.7	0.8	-0.3	-0.9	8.1	-2.7	-7.8
Participation rate	62.7	62.6	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.6	0.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	58.5	0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	April 2003	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,895.1	2,898.3	...	3.2	16.2	38.5	0.1	0.6	1.3
Labour force	1,958.6	1,968.3	15.6	9.7	-14.1	51.8	0.5	-0.7	2.7
Employment	1,771.9	1,767.7	16.0	-4.2	-47.3	10.0	-0.2	-2.6	0.6
Unemployment	186.7	200.6	11.5	13.9	33.2	41.9	7.4	19.8	26.4
Participation rate	67.7	67.9	0.5	0.2	-0.9	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	10.2	0.6	0.7	1.8	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.2	61.0	0.6	-0.2	-2.0	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,127.6	4,136.6	...	9.0	40.7	104.8	0.2	1.0	2.6
Labour force	2,906.2	2,906.1	18.1	-0.1	37.7	101.1	0.0	1.3	3.6
Employment	2,683.1	2,672.4	18.1	-10.7	4.2	71.3	-0.4	0.2	2.7
Unemployment	223.1	233.7	12.1	10.6	33.5	29.8	4.8	16.7	14.6
Participation rate	70.4	70.3	0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.0	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	64.6	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,769.8	1,772.8	...	3.0	13.5	34.9	0.2	0.8	2.0
Labour force	1,192.2	1,179.5	10.9	-12.7	-13.2	15.8	-1.1	-1.1	1.4
Employment	1,105.0	1,092.5	10.9	-12.5	-3.8	31.0	-1.1	-0.3	2.9
Unemployment	87.2	87.0	7.0	-0.2	-9.4	-15.2	-0.2	-9.8	-14.9
Participation rate	67.4	66.5	0.6	-0.9	-1.3	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.4	0.6	0.1	-0.7	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	61.6	0.6	-0.8	-0.7	0.5	...	...	...

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

Table 16

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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2002	24,873.2	16,511.1	15,181.4	1,329.7	66.4	8.1	61.0
	2003	25,176.8	16,913.6	15,567.4	1,346.1	67.2	8.0	61.8
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2002	439.2	253.0	206.7	46.3	57.6	18.3	47.1
	2003	439.3	257.6	209.4	48.2	58.6	18.7	47.7
010 Avalon Peninsula	2002	207.0	129.6	112.5	17.0	62.6	13.1	54.3
	2003	208.5	132.7	113.5	19.2	63.6	14.5	54.4
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2002	37.6	19.9	14.2	5.6	52.9	28.1	37.8
	2003	36.9	18.1	13.7	4.4	49.1	24.3	37.1
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2002	94.3	54.0	43.6	10.4	57.3	19.3	46.2
	2003	94.0	56.6	45.3	11.3	60.2	20.0	48.2
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2002	100.4	49.5	36.3	13.2	49.3	26.7	36.2
	2003	99.9	50.2	36.9	13.3	50.3	26.5	36.9
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2002	111.5	75.1	65.3	9.9	67.4	13.2	58.6
	2003	113.0	76.5	65.6	10.9	67.7	14.2	58.1
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2002	754.4	470.2	420.2	50.1	62.3	10.7	55.7
	2003	759.0	476.0	429.3	46.7	62.7	9.8	56.6
210 Cape Breton	2002	120.9	64.5	54.1	10.4	53.3	16.1	44.7
	2003	119.9	62.6	52.5	10.1	52.2	16.1	43.8
220 North Shore	2002	133.0	77.3	67.4	9.9	58.1	12.8	50.7
	2003	133.2	81.5	72.9	8.7	61.2	10.7	54.7
230 Annapolis Valley	2002	101.4	62.3	55.9	6.4	61.4	10.3	55.1
	2003	101.9	62.4	56.5	5.9	61.2	9.5	55.4
240 Southern	2002	104.0	62.6	55.2	7.4	60.2	11.8	53.1
	2003	104.3	64.4	57.1	7.3	61.7	11.3	54.7
250 Halifax	2002	295.2	203.6	187.6	16.0	69.0	7.9	63.6
	2003	299.5	205.0	190.3	14.7	68.4	7.2	63.5
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2002	606.8	380.4	335.8	44.6	62.7	11.7	55.3
	2003	608.7	381.0	333.6	47.4	62.6	12.4	54.8
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2002	146.0	80.8	66.2	14.6	55.3	18.1	45.3
	2003	145.0	78.2	62.9	15.3	53.9	19.6	43.4
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2002	152.7	101.2	91.0	10.2	66.3	10.1	59.6
	2003	154.2	100.7	90.0	10.7	65.3	10.6	58.4
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2002	139.3	90.2	80.7	9.5	64.8	10.5	57.9
	2003	139.7	91.0	80.6	10.4	65.1	11.4	57.7
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2002	98.9	63.5	57.6	5.9	64.2	9.3	58.2
	2003	99.9	67.5	60.7	6.8	67.6	10.1	60.8
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2002	69.9	44.8	40.3	4.4	64.1	9.8	57.7
	2003	69.8	43.5	39.3	4.2	62.3	9.7	56.3
<b>Quebec</b>	2002	6,023.6	3,901.6	3,551.0	350.6	64.8	9.0	59.0
	2003	6,070.5	3,988.4	3,605.6	382.7	65.7	9.6	59.4
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2002	82.7	43.5	32.6	10.9	52.6	25.1	39.4
	2003	82.0	43.1	34.6	8.5	52.6	19.7	42.2
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	168.1	95.9	84.0	11.9	57.0	12.4	50.0
	2003	167.3	96.4	85.4	11.1	57.6	11.5	51.0
420 Québec	2002	534.4	349.2	326.0	23.1	65.3	6.6	61.0
	2003	538.4	353.8	324.8	28.9	65.7	8.2	60.3



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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2002	319.5	208.8	194.5	14.3	65.4	6.8	60.9
	2003	319.8	216.9	201.6	15.3	67.8	7.1	63.0
430 Estrie	2002	237.8	150.1	138.4	11.6	63.1	7.7	58.2
	2003	239.3	156.1	144.4	11.7	65.2	7.5	60.3
433 Centre-du-Québec	2002	180.1	116.9	106.4	10.5	64.9	9.0	59.1
	2003	180.4	122.6	111.8	10.8	68.0	8.8	62.0
435 Montérégie	2002	1,073.3	751.5	692.8	58.8	70.0	7.8	64.5
	2003	1,082.5	732.9	675.3	57.6	67.7	7.9	62.4
440 Montréal	2002	1,501.3	958.5	868.3	90.1	63.8	9.4	57.8
	2003	1,518.5	991.4	870.0	121.4	65.3	12.2	57.3
445 Laval	2002	289.7	194.0	174.4	19.5	67.0	10.1	60.2
	2003	293.4	199.0	180.9	18.2	67.8	9.1	61.7
450 Lanaudière	2002	323.6	211.5	194.4	17.1	65.4	8.1	60.1
	2003	327.8	227.3	208.2	19.1	69.3	8.4	63.5
455 Laurentides	2002	384.4	253.1	230.6	22.5	65.8	8.9	60.0
	2003	391.9	262.9	243.3	19.6	67.1	7.5	62.1
460 Outaouais	2002	259.9	171.0	158.7	12.3	65.8	7.2	61.1
	2003	265.0	180.8	167.2	13.6	68.2	7.5	63.1
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2002	121.4	74.1	66.0	8.1	61.0	10.9	54.4
	2003	120.2	74.6	67.0	7.7	62.1	10.3	55.7
470 Mauricie	2002	216.3	126.1	110.7	15.4	58.3	12.2	51.2
	2003	215.6	131.0	118.5	12.5	60.8	9.5	55.0
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2002	233.8	138.1	120.1	17.9	59.1	13.0	51.4
	2003	232.2	139.7	121.2	18.4	60.2	13.2	52.2
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2002	97.4	59.3	52.9	6.4	60.9	10.8	54.3
	2003	96.2	59.7	51.5	8.2	62.1	13.7	53.5
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2002	9,588.6	6,451.0	5,981.6	469.4	67.3	7.3	62.4
	2003	9,747.1	6,644.4	6,176.3	468.1	68.2	7.0	63.4
510 Ottawa	2002	928.5	621.8	574.4	47.4	67.0	7.6	61.9
	2003	945.2	653.3	609.3	44.0	69.1	6.7	64.5
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2002	337.6	209.6	192.7	16.8	62.1	8.0	57.1
	2003	337.9	206.7	193.7	13.0	61.2	6.3	57.3
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2002	295.9	167.1	158.4	8.8	56.5	5.3	53.5
	2003	298.8	177.9	166.9	11.1	59.5	6.2	55.9
530 Toronto	2002	4,216.8	2,920.8	2,711.1	209.7	69.3	7.2	64.3
	2003	4,324.5	3,033.4	2,803.2	230.3	70.1	7.6	64.8
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2002	870.9	613.5	579.0	34.5	70.4	5.6	66.5
	2003	889.8	631.3	596.5	34.8	70.9	5.5	67.0
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2002	1,072.5	702.5	646.1	56.4	65.5	8.0	60.2
	2003	1,082.0	720.9	675.4	45.5	66.6	6.3	62.4
560 London	2002	482.6	324.4	299.9	24.5	67.2	7.6	62.1
	2003	485.9	333.9	310.5	23.5	68.7	7.0	63.9
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2002	508.0	330.9	305.9	25.0	65.1	7.6	60.2
	2003	513.2	333.0	307.9	25.1	64.9	7.5	60.0

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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2002	235.5	161.2	153.8	7.4	68.5	4.6	65.3
	2003	236.2	151.6	142.1	9.5	64.2	6.3	60.2
590 Northeast	2002	459.0	276.7	247.2	29.6	60.3	10.7	53.9
	2003	454.1	278.3	256.0	22.3	61.3	8.0	56.4
595 Northwest	2002	181.2	122.5	113.2	9.3	67.6	7.6	62.5
	2003	179.3	124.0	115.0	9.1	69.2	7.3	64.1
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2002	864.1	594.2	561.8	32.4	68.8	5.5	65.0
	2003	866.1	595.2	567.1	28.1	68.7	4.7	65.5
610 Southeast	2002	69.5	48.5	45.3	3.2	69.8	6.6	65.2
	2003	70.3	49.4	47.5	1.9	70.3	3.8	67.6
620 South Central	2002	40.4	26.5	25.6	1.0	65.6	3.8	63.4
	2003	40.9	27.1	25.8	1.3	66.3	4.8	63.1
630 Southwest	2002	82.5	54.0	51.8	2.2	65.5	4.1	62.8
	2003	82.0	54.7	52.7	2.0	66.7	3.7	64.3
640 North Central	2002	34.9	24.5	23.4	1.1	70.2	4.5	67.0
	2003	34.7	24.0	23.1	0.9	69.2	3.8	66.6
650 Winnipeg	2002	500.7	352.6	332.9	19.7	70.4	5.6	66.5
	2003	502.5	351.9	334.5	17.4	70.0	4.9	66.6
660 Interlake	2002	67.5	45.0	42.3	2.6	66.7	5.8	62.7
	2003	68.3	45.2	43.4	1.8	66.2	4.0	63.5
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2002	68.6	43.2	40.5	2.7	63.0	6.3	59.0
	2003	67.3	42.8	40.1	2.7	63.6	6.3	59.6
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2002	760.0	503.9	472.0	31.9	66.3	6.3	62.1
	2003	756.3	513.0	482.7	30.4	67.8	5.9	63.8
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2002	217.3	152.9	144.7	8.2	70.4	5.4	66.6
	2003	216.2	152.2	144.0	8.3	70.4	5.5	66.6
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2002	84.8	53.4	50.8	2.5	63.0	4.7	59.9
	2003	83.7	54.6	52.1	2.4	65.2	4.4	62.2
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2002	227.6	154.2	145.1	9.1	67.8	5.9	63.8
	2003	227.5	160.8	151.9	9.0	70.7	5.6	66.8
740 Yorkton-Melville	2002	70.1	42.5	39.5	3.0	60.6	7.1	56.3
	2003	69.2	41.0	38.5	2.5	59.2	6.1	55.6
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2002	160.2	101.0	91.8	9.1	63.0	9.0	57.3
	2003	159.6	104.4	96.2	8.1	65.4	7.8	60.3
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2002	2,409.3	1,745.2	1,647.0	98.2	72.4	5.6	68.4
	2003	2,461.3	1,798.3	1,695.2	103.1	73.1	5.7	68.9
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2002	188.9	125.4	118.5	6.9	66.4	5.5	62.7
	2003	192.7	135.6	129.8	5.7	70.4	4.2	67.4
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2002	141.9	97.5	93.4	4.1	68.7	4.2	65.8
	2003	143.7	102.6	97.8	4.8	71.4	4.7	68.1
830 Calgary	2002	861.8	648.9	610.2	38.7	75.3	6.0	70.8
	2003	886.0	661.7	622.3	39.4	74.7	6.0	70.2
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2002	64.2	47.9	46.0	1.9	74.6	4.0	71.7
	2003	64.5	43.9	40.7	3.2	68.1	7.3	63.1

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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2002	119.9	87.7	82.6	5.1	73.1	5.8	68.9
	2003	123.0	92.4	87.1	5.2	75.1	5.6	70.8
860 Edmonton	2002	788.6	562.2	530.8	31.4	71.3	5.6	67.3
	2003	803.6	577.8	544.8	32.9	71.9	5.7	67.8
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2002	168.7	115.8	108.4	7.4	68.6	6.4	64.3
	2003	170.3	120.8	112.9	7.9	70.9	6.5	66.3
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2002	75.4	59.8	57.0	2.8	79.3	4.7	75.6
	2003	77.5	63.5	59.6	3.9	81.9	6.1	76.9
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2002	3,315.7	2,136.5	1,940.1	196.3	64.4	9.2	58.5
	2003	3,355.5	2,183.2	2,002.6	180.6	65.1	8.3	59.7
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2002	568.5	345.7	315.5	30.2	60.8	8.7	55.5
	2003	571.7	345.4	316.5	28.9	60.4	8.4	55.4
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2002	1,972.4	1,302.6	1,194.8	107.8	66.0	8.3	60.6
	2003	2,010.3	1,337.4	1,240.6	96.9	66.5	7.2	61.7
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2002	390.6	229.3	205.5	23.7	58.7	10.3	52.6
	2003	393.2	236.4	212.4	24.0	60.1	10.2	54.0
940 Kootenay	2002	125.5	74.6	66.3	8.3	59.4	11.1	52.8
	2003	125.1	83.4	72.3	11.0	66.7	13.2	57.8
950 Cariboo	2002	136.1	93.8	80.0	13.8	68.9	14.7	58.8
	2003	134.3	91.2	79.7	11.5	67.9	12.6	59.3
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2002	74.6	53.9	45.2	8.7	72.3	16.1	60.6
	2003	73.3	53.4	47.5	6.0	72.9	11.2	64.8
980 Northeast	2002	48.1	36.6	32.9	3.7	76.1	10.1	68.4
	2003	47.7	36.0	33.6	2.4	75.5	6.7	70.4

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

Table 17

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

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
			\$	\$			\$			\$
<b>May 2003</b>										
15 years and over	13,401.7	35.6	662.79	17.99	10,980.1	39.6	758.36	2,421.6	17.5	229.45
15 to 24 years	2,330.8	28.6	314.53	10.27	1,294.1	39.2	459.57	1,036.7	15.4	133.49
25 years and over	11,070.9	37.0	736.11	19.62	9,686.0	39.6	798.28	1,384.9	19.1	301.29
Men	6,864.4	38.4	773.22	19.71	6,180.6	40.8	836.97	683.8	16.4	197.01
Women	6,537.3	32.6	546.84	16.19	4,799.5	38.0	657.14	1,737.8	17.9	242.22
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,334.5	36.1	764.53	20.95	3,727.1	38.8	831.82	607.4	19.4	351.66
No union coverage	9,067.2	35.3	614.15	16.58	7,253.0	40.0	720.61	1,814.2	16.9	188.54
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,667.7	36.3	694.55	18.59	9,906.5	39.6	774.31	1,761.2	18.3	245.95
Temporary	1,734.0	30.5	449.06	13.97	1,073.6	39.7	611.20	660.4	15.4	185.48
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	880.2	40.3	1,133.02	28.29	855.8	40.9	1,152.86	24.4	19.6	437.34
Business, finance and administrative	2,544.0	35.1	620.54	17.29	2,162.0	38.3	685.97	382.1	17.4	250.30
Natural and applied sciences	885.3	38.7	988.42	25.53	856.3	39.3	1,008.38	29.0	20.0	398.16
Health	769.9	33.0	694.21	20.87	560.9	37.7	799.37	208.9	20.4	411.88
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,047.9	34.4	846.77	24.52	852.6	38.2	941.20	195.3	17.8	434.61
Art, culture, recreation and sport	278.8	31.8	623.08	18.64	202.9	38.6	790.03	75.9	13.7	176.39
Sales and service	3,632.0	31.0	413.11	12.39	2,318.8	38.9	554.89	1,313.2	17.1	162.78
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,837.8	40.3	742.15	18.29	1,731.0	41.7	774.29	106.8	17.7	221.28
Occupations unique to primary industry	305.5	41.1	600.55	14.21	261.8	45.3	676.04	43.8	15.8	148.98
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,220.2	39.5	645.92	16.21	1,178.0	40.3	660.98	42.3	18.3	226.29
<b>May 2002</b>										
15 years and over	13,121.2	35.7	650.33	17.61	10,780.8	39.6	742.02	2,340.4	17.6	227.97
15 to 24 years	2,270.6	28.7	308.93	10.09	1,281.1	38.9	444.78	989.6	15.6	133.07
25 years and over	10,850.5	37.1	721.78	19.19	9,499.7	39.7	782.11	1,350.8	19.1	297.50
Men	6,792.5	38.4	759.20	19.35	6,101.2	40.9	822.46	691.4	16.4	200.98
Women	6,328.7	32.8	533.48	15.74	4,679.6	38.0	637.15	1,649.0	18.1	239.29
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,231.6	36.2	750.77	20.55	3,653.0	38.9	812.40	578.6	19.6	361.69
No union coverage	8,889.6	35.4	602.52	16.21	7,127.8	40.0	705.95	1,761.8	17.0	184.06
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,361.8	36.5	684.82	18.26	9,712.6	39.6	759.53	1,649.2	18.5	244.81
Temporary	1,759.4	30.4	427.65	13.44	1,068.2	39.9	582.86	691.2	15.6	187.80
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	885.7	40.4	1,119.96	27.71	859.4	41.1	1,141.34	26.2	20.3	419.73
Business, finance and administrative	2,538.1	35.3	614.71	17.05	2,177.6	38.2	677.14	360.5	17.7	237.64
Natural and applied sciences	858.7	38.8	984.63	25.40	833.2	39.4	1,002.39	25.5	18.8	405.44
Health	755.4	33.3	697.45	20.84	566.3	37.6	791.49	189.1	20.4	415.88
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,005.3	34.8	832.35	24.03	814.1	38.6	919.40	191.2	18.9	461.72
Art, culture, recreation and sport	257.2	31.1	580.37	17.44	181.6	38.6	745.63	75.6	13.1	183.35
Sales and service	3,519.4	30.9	398.55	12.01	2,241.0	38.7	533.53	1,278.4	17.3	161.92
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,801.9	40.3	723.09	17.84	1,685.3	41.9	757.71	116.6	17.0	222.64
Occupations unique to primary industry	279.3	42.0	591.91	13.72	243.2	45.9	658.95	36.1	15.6	140.48
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,220.2	39.5	616.05	15.43	1,179.1	40.3	631.00	41.1	17.9	187.01

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

Table 18

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

Region	Effective from June 8, 2003 to July 12, 2003	Region	Effective from June 8, 2003 to July 12, 2003
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	9.3	30. London	6.9
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	21.6	31. Niagara	6.5
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	7.8
03. Prince Edward Island	12.6	33. Kitchener	6.2
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	7.7
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	14.9	35. South Central Ontario	5.3
05. Western Nova Scotia	9.3	36. Sudbury	7.5
06. Halifax	6.9	37. Thunder Bay	6.0
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	11.3
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	8.5	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.4	39. Winnipeg	4.9
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.5	40. Southern Manitoba	5.4
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	25.5
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	18.1	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	7.4	42. Regina	5.6
12. Trois-Rivières	9.8	43. Saskatoon	5.7
13. South Central Quebec	5.7	44. Southern Saskatchewan	6.7
14. Sherbrooke	6.1	45. Northern Saskatchewan	14.2
15. Montérégie	6.6	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	9.7	46. Calgary	5.8
17. Central Quebec	9.2	47. Edmonton	5.7
18. Northwestern Quebec	15.2	48. Northern Alberta	10.1
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	13.1	49. Southern Alberta	6.7
20. Hull	7.2	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11.5	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	11.1
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	8.7
22. Ottawa	6.5	52. Vancouver	7.2
23. Eastern Ontario	7.5	53. Victoria	7.1
24. Kingston	6.6	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	10.7
25. Central Ontario	5.7	55. Northern British Columbia	13.6
26. Oshawa	5.1	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.6	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	5.5	57. Northwest Territories <sup>5</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	6.0	58. Nunavut <sup>6</sup>	25.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 19

## Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 by detailed age groups, unadjusted data (in thousands)

	May 2001	May 2002	May 2003	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from		% change from	
					last year	two years ago	last year	two years ago
<b>Students<sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>15 to 24 years</b>								
Population	2,140.0	2,213.5	2,204.5	26.1	-9.0	64.5	-0.4	3.0
Labour force	1,120.2	1,210.7	1,217.7	26.9	7.0	97.5	0.6	8.7
Employment	950.8	986.0	1,004.7	25.4	18.7	53.9	1.9	5.7
Full-time employment	251.0	249.8	246.5	18.2	-3.3	-4.5	-1.3	-1.8
Part-time employment	699.8	736.3	758.2	20.5	21.9	58.4	3.0	8.3
Unemployment	169.4	224.7	213.0	12.0	-11.7	43.6	-5.2	25.7
Participation rate	52.3	54.7	55.2	0.8	0.5	2.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.1	18.6	17.5	0.9	-1.1	2.4	...	...
Employment rate	44.4	44.5	45.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	...	...
Part-time rate	73.6	74.7	75.5	1.3	0.8	1.9	...	...
<b>15 to 16 years</b>								
Population	774.5	784.5	765.2	4.1	-19.3	-9.3	-2.5	-1.2
Labour force	255.2	276.0	270.1	11.1	-5.9	14.9	-2.1	5.8
Employment	197.8	211.4	202.0	10.4	-9.4	4.2	-4.4	2.1
Full-time employment	6.6	4.9	1.8	4.2	-3.1	-4.8	-63.3	-72.7
Part-time employment	191.3	206.5	200.2	9.9	-6.3	8.9	-3.1	4.7
Unemployment	57.4	64.7	68.1	6.6	3.4	10.7	5.3	18.6
Participation rate	33.0	35.2	35.3	1.4	0.1	2.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	22.5	23.4	25.2	2.0	1.8	2.7	...	...
Employment rate	25.5	26.9	26.4	1.3	-0.5	0.9	...	...
Part-time rate	96.7	97.7	99.1	1.6	1.4	2.4	...	...
<b>17 to 19 years</b>								
Population	802.8	800.3	794.8	14.1	-5.5	-8.0	-0.7	-1.0
Labour force	465.9	487.1	481.8	15.2	-5.3	15.9	-1.1	3.4
Employment	406.8	400.1	408.1	14.8	8.0	1.3	2.0	0.3
Full-time employment	71.9	65.9	67.9	9.7	2.0	-4.0	3.0	-5.6
Part-time employment	334.9	334.1	340.2	13.3	6.1	5.3	1.8	1.6
Unemployment	59.2	87.1	73.7	7.6	-13.4	14.5	-15.4	24.5
Participation rate	58.0	60.9	60.6	1.4	-0.3	2.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	17.9	15.3	1.3	-2.6	2.6	...	...
Employment rate	50.7	50.0	51.3	1.5	1.3	0.6	...	...
Part-time rate	82.3	83.5	83.4	1.8	-0.1	1.0	...	...
<b>20 to 24 years</b>								
Population	562.7	628.7	644.4	20.8	15.7	81.7	2.5	14.5
Labour force	399.1	447.5	465.8	18.5	18.3	66.7	4.1	16.7
Employment	346.2	374.6	394.6	17.6	20.0	48.4	5.3	14.0
Full-time employment	172.6	178.9	176.8	14.3	-2.1	4.2	-1.2	2.4
Part-time employment	173.6	195.7	217.7	11.8	22.0	44.1	11.2	25.4
Unemployment	52.9	72.9	71.3	6.5	-1.6	18.4	-2.2	34.8
Participation rate	70.9	71.2	72.3	1.8	1.1	1.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.3	16.3	15.3	1.4	-1.0	2.0	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	59.6	61.2	1.9	1.6	-0.3	...	...
Part-time rate	50.1	52.2	55.2	2.4	2.9	5.0	...	...
<b>Other persons aged 15 to 24<sup>3</sup></b>								
Population	1,958.3	1,914.0	1,955.6	21.1	41.6	-2.7	2.2	-0.1
Labour force	1,615.1	1,612.4	1,663.0	22.9	50.6	47.9	3.1	3.0
Employment	1,423.4	1,397.1	1,432.1	22.5	35.0	8.7	2.5	0.6
Full-time employment	1,105.0	1,077.1	1,091.0	23.8	13.9	-14.0	1.3	-1.3
Part-time employment	318.4	320.0	341.2	18.6	21.2	22.8	6.6	7.2
Unemployment	191.9	215.3	230.8	14.2	15.5	38.9	7.2	20.3
Participation rate	82.5	84.2	85.0	0.6	0.8	2.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.9	13.4	13.9	0.6	0.5	2.0	...	...
Employment rate	72.7	73.0	73.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	...	...
Part-time rate	22.4	22.9	23.8	0.9	0.9	1.5	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Average standard error of change over the year (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

<sup>2</sup> Students are persons aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall. Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.

<sup>3</sup> Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.

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**Table 20****Students and other persons aged 15 to 24 by province, May 2003 and May 2002, unadjusted data (in thousands)**

	May	Population	Labour force					Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Full-time employment	Part-time employment	Unemployment			
<b>Students<sup>1</sup></b>										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	42.3	16.7	11.0	3.1	7.9	5.7	39.5	34.1	26.0
	2003	37.2	12.9	8.6	3.0	5.6	4.3	34.7	33.3	23.1
Prince Edward Island	2002	10.3	6.2	4.8	1.8	3.1	1.4	60.2	22.6	46.6
	2003	10.9	6.9	5.0	1.7	3.4	1.9	63.3	27.5	45.9
Nova Scotia	2002	66.0	34.3	27.6	7.6	19.9	6.7	52.0	19.5	41.8
	2003	68.8	39.9	31.3	11.0	20.3	8.6	58.0	21.6	45.5
New Brunswick	2002	48.0	27.1	20.9	6.5	14.4	6.1	56.5	22.5	43.5
	2003	49.6	22.8	18.0	4.6	13.5	4.7	46.0	20.6	36.3
Quebec	2002	509.8	269.9	227.1	49.2	177.9	42.8	52.9	15.9	44.5
	2003	515.6	270.7	227.4	46.0	181.3	43.4	52.5	16.0	44.1
Ontario	2002	907.8	515.5	410.2	106.3	304.0	105.3	56.8	20.4	45.2
	2003	901.2	533.3	432.1	103.2	328.9	101.1	59.2	19.0	47.9
Manitoba	2002	71.7	44.9	40.2	9.9	30.3	4.7	62.6	10.5	56.1
	2003	68.6	41.5	37.2	10.0	27.2	4.3	60.5	10.4	54.2
Saskatchewan	2002	67.5	37.5	31.2	8.5	22.8	6.3	55.6	16.8	46.2
	2003	66.3	39.9	34.1	11.4	22.7	5.8	60.2	14.5	51.4
Alberta	2002	210.3	124.5	105.9	34.4	71.5	18.6	59.2	14.9	50.4
	2003	209.2	130.9	111.0	34.2	76.8	19.9	62.6	15.2	53.1
British Columbia	2002	279.9	134.2	107.0	22.4	84.6	27.1	47.9	20.2	38.2
	2003	277.1	118.9	99.9	21.5	78.4	19.0	42.9	16.0	36.1
<b>Other persons aged 15-24<sup>2</sup></b>										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2002	33.7	24.6	16.5	11.1	5.4	8.1	73.0	32.9	49.0
	2003	36.4	28.8	21.4	14.9	6.5	7.4	79.1	25.7	58.8
Prince Edward Island	2002	9.7	8.7	7.5	6.3	1.2	1.2	89.7	13.8	77.3
	2003	9.4	8.3	7.4	5.8	1.7	x	88.3	x	78.7
Nova Scotia	2002	57.5	47.8	37.7	28.9	8.9	10.0	83.1	20.9	65.6
	2003	54.9	44.5	37.2	28.9	8.3	7.4	81.1	16.6	67.8
New Brunswick	2002	50.5	41.3	35.8	28.8	7.1	5.5	81.8	13.3	70.9
	2003	47.9	39.0	31.1	26.5	4.6	7.9	81.4	20.3	64.9
Quebec	2002	448.8	381.9	331.4	265.1	66.3	50.5	85.1	13.2	73.8
	2003	436.7	377.3	321.0	256.2	64.8	56.4	86.4	14.9	73.5
Ontario	2002	658.1	566.9	492.9	380.6	112.3	74.0	86.1	13.1	74.9
	2003	692.6	588.7	506.0	383.5	122.5	82.7	85.0	14.0	73.1
Manitoba	2002	77.7	66.5	59.7	46.1	13.5	6.8	85.6	10.2	76.8
	2003	81.1	69.2	63.3	45.6	17.6	6.0	85.3	8.7	78.1
Saskatchewan	2002	73.9	62.4	54.8	42.2	12.7	7.6	84.4	12.2	74.2
	2003	72.4	61.2	53.7	41.3	12.3	7.5	84.5	12.3	74.2
Alberta	2002	242.7	207.4	183.6	145.5	38.0	23.8	85.5	11.5	75.6
	2003	253.5	218.7	197.8	157.3	40.5	20.9	86.3	9.6	78.0
British Columbia	2002	261.2	205.0	177.2	122.5	54.7	27.9	78.5	13.6	67.8
	2003	270.8	227.2	193.3	131.0	62.2	33.9	83.9	14.9	71.4

<sup>1</sup> Students are persons aged 15-24 who attended school full-time in March and who are planning to return to school in the fall. Other persons are all other youths aged 15-24 who are not included in the student population.

<sup>2</sup> Other persons are all other youths aged 15 to 24 who are not included in the student population.  
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## Data Quality

### About the Labour Force Survey

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

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

### Definitions and explanations

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

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

**Unemployed** persons are those who, during the reference week:

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Seasonal adjustment

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

### Sampling error

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

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

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