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- <sup>r</sup> revised
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## Commentary

Employment rose for the second consecutive month with a gain of 56,000 in May. Despite a pause during the first quarter of this year, May's increase in employment brings job gains since August 2003, when the recent upward trend began, to 291,000 (+1.9%). The unemployment rate declined in May by 0.1 percentage points to 7.2%, the lowest rate since July 2001.

### More full-time jobs

The employment gain in May was concentrated in full-time work (+37,000). Since August 2003, full-time employment has grown by 315,000 (+2.5%) while part-time employment has declined by 24,000 (-0.8%). Weakness in part-time employment was concentrated in the first quarter of this year.

Hours worked increased by 2.6% in May, more than offsetting a decline in April. Continued strength in full-time employment has pushed the number of hours worked up 4.7% since last August.

### Job growth continues for adult women

Employment rose by 25,000 among adult women bringing gains since last August, when the upward trend began for this group, to 159,000 (+2.6%). Although most of the increase in May was in part-time work, gains over the nine month period have been mostly in full-time employment. Their unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points in May to 5.7%.

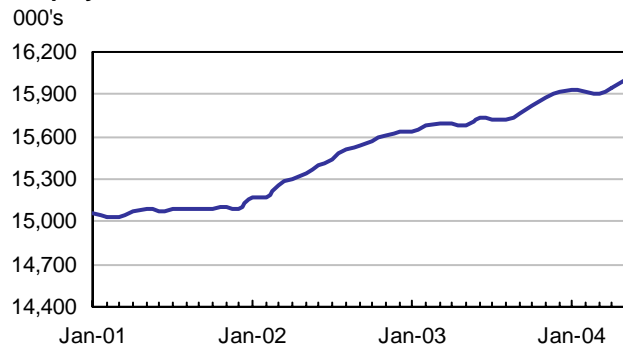
In May, employment among adult men rose slightly, up 16,000. So far this year, employment growth has slowed for this group, with gains totalling only 31,000 (+ 0.4%). This contrasts with the last four months of 2003 when employment was up 74,000 (+1.0%). In May, their unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage points to 6.0%.

Employment among youths edged up slightly (+15,000) in May, bringing gains over the past two months to 35,000. These recent increases, all in full-time jobs, follow a period of continued weakness that began at the start of 2003.

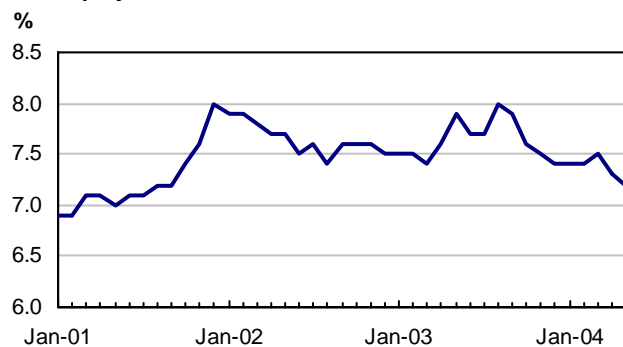
### Summer job market

From May to August, the Labour Force Survey collects labour market information about young people aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full-time in March and intend to return to school in the fall. Survey results for May give an early indication of the summer job market for older students aged 20 to 24 while many students aged 15 to 19 are not

### Employment



### Unemployment rate



yet out of school for the summer. Survey results for June, July and August will provide further insight into the summer job market. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted, therefore comparisons can only be made on a year-over-year basis.

In May 2004, the employment rate for 20 to 24 year-old students was 59.1%, down 2.1 percentage points from May 2003. Over the same period, the unemployment rate for this group of students increased 1.9 percentage points to 17.2%.

### Job strength builds on construction activity

Employment rose by 20,000 in construction in May, the second consecutive monthly increase. This follows a pause during the first quarter of the year. The strength this month was spread across several provinces. Recent growth brings gains to 52,000 (+5.6%) from a year ago and coincides with strength over the past year in building permits and housing starts.

In May, employment in manufacturing edged up 12,000, continuing a period of little change that began during the fall of 2003. However, employment in manufacturing has not recovered the losses incurred between November 2002 and September 2003.

Employment rose slightly in educational services (+11,000), offsetting most of the decline observed in the previous month. The gain was spread across several provinces with the largest increase in British Columbia.

There were 13,000 fewer people working in information, culture and recreation in May, leaving employment in this sector at about the same level as a year ago.

### More self-employed workers

Employment in the private sector increased by 42,000 in May with the gain concentrated among the self-employed (+25,000). This is the second consecutive monthly increase in the number of self-employed with gains totaling 60,000. Despite recent gains, losses earlier in the year leave year-to-date employment for this group up by only 1.4% (+34,000).

### Job gains in Ontario

Employment in Ontario increased by 31,000, all in full-time work. The largest increases were in health care and social assistance as well as finance, insurance, real estate and leasing. Overall job gains total 111,000 (+1.8%) since last August when growth in the province regained momentum. In May, the unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 7.0%, the result of more people in the labour force looking for work.

Employment in British Columbia increased by 15,000 with gains mostly in educational services as well as business, building and other support services. Despite the increase in May, losses earlier in the year leave year-to-date employment down 0.9% (-18,000).

In Quebec, employment was little changed in May following a large increase in April. Gains in public administration and construction were offset by employment declines in finance, insurance, real estate and leasing as well as information, culture and recreation. There was a substantial decline in the number of people in the labour force searching for work in May, especially among youths, and this pushed the unemployment rate down 0.4 percentage points to 8.0%.

### Employment gains across Atlantic Canada

There were 4,000 more people employed in New Brunswick with half of the increase in retail and wholesale trade. This month's increase brings total job gains since August 2003, when employment in the province gained momentum, to 13,000 (+3.9%). The unemployment rate was unchanged in May at 10.0%.

In Nova Scotia, employment increased by 4,000, bringing total gains since the start of the year to 10,000 (+2.3%). The largest increases in May were in educational services, construction, as well as finance, insurance, real estate and leasing. The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 8.9%.

Employment rose by 3,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador, offsetting most of the decline in April. This brings total job gains since the start of the year to 7,000 (+3.2%). Sectors with the largest employment gains in May and since the start of the year are construction and retail and wholesale trade. Despite more people working in May, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 16.5% due to an increase in labour force participation.

With an increase in full-time employment in May and the return to work of 20,000 striking public sector workers, the number of hours worked in Newfoundland and Labrador jumped 8.3%, erasing the loss in April.

In May, employment rose by 1,000 in Prince Edward Island. Gains were mostly in construction, offsetting losses in this sector the month before. Despite the increase in May, year-to-date job losses total 1,300 (-1.9%). The unemployment rate was unchanged at 12.6%, the result of an increase in labour force participation.

There was little change in employment in the other provinces.

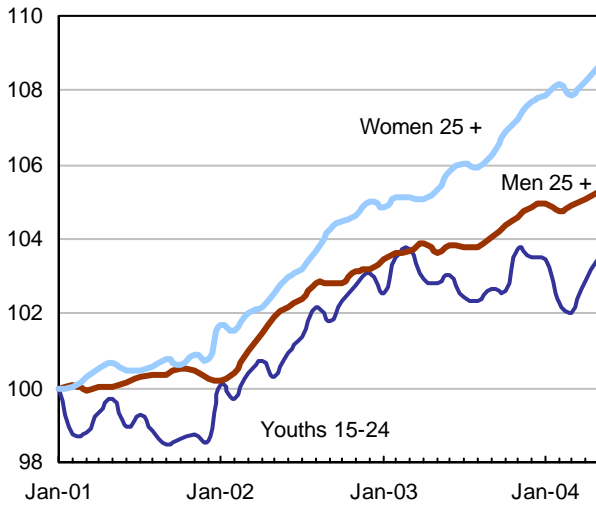
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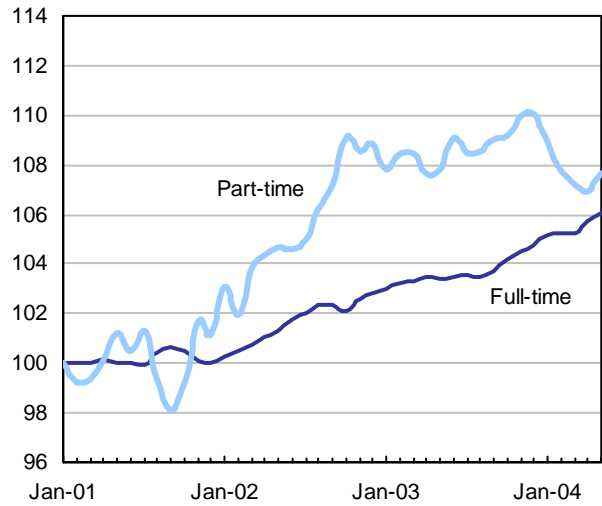
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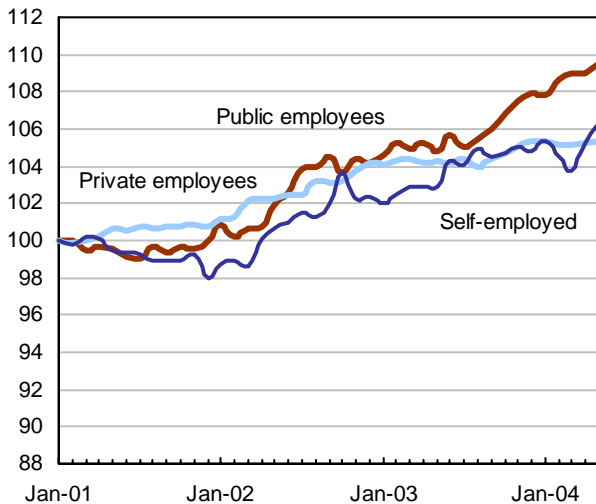
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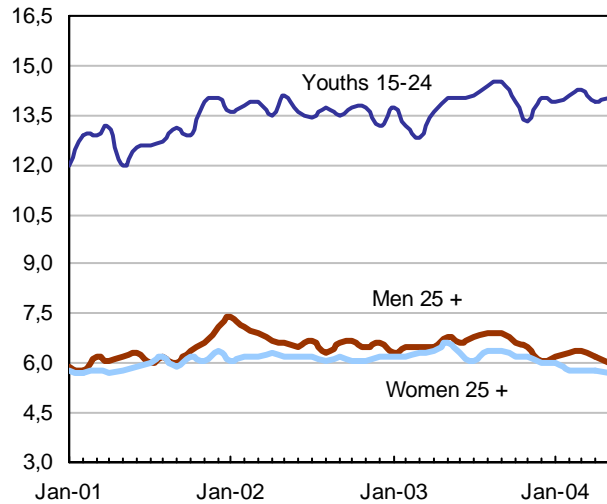
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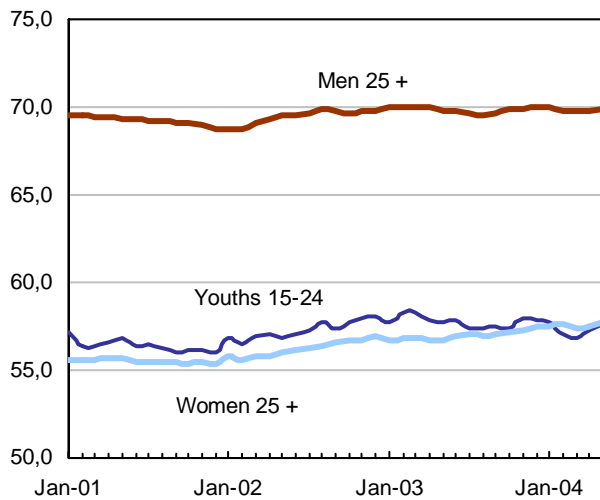
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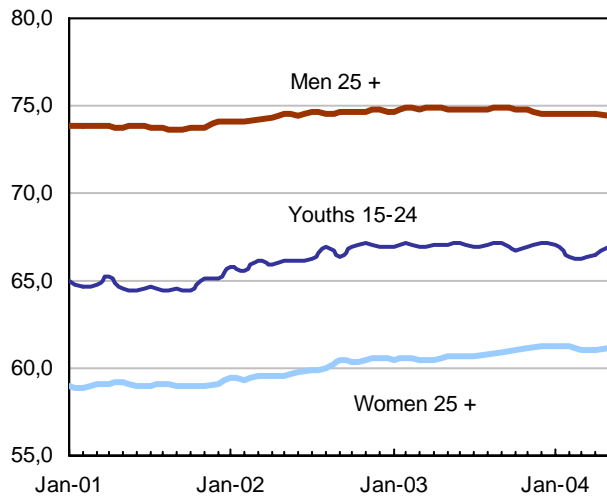
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**Employment rate (%)**



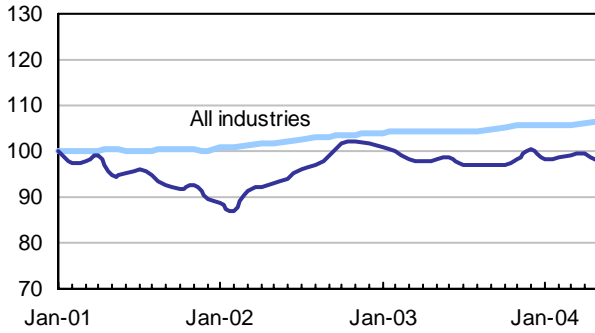
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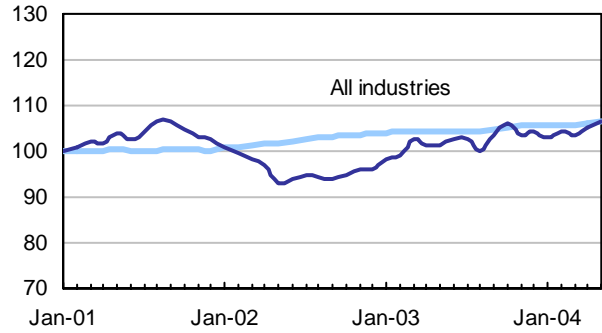


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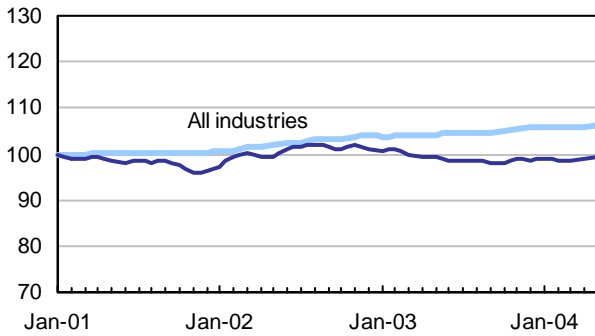
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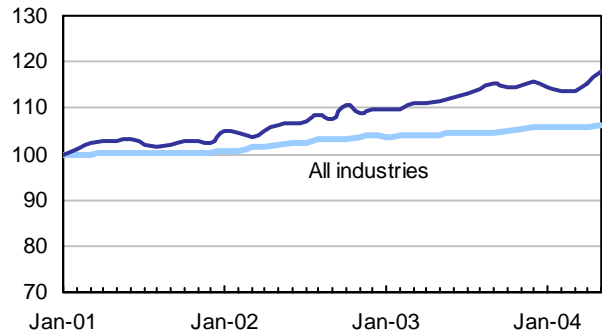
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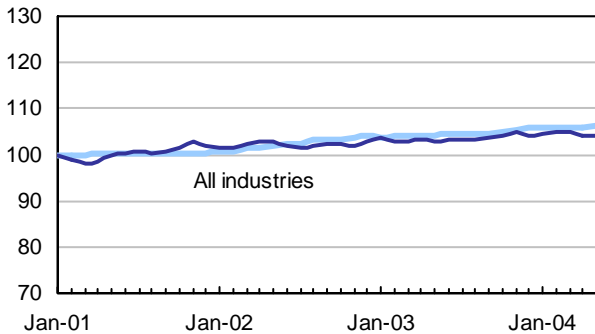
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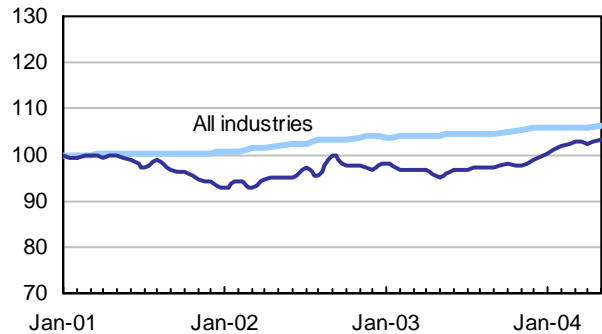
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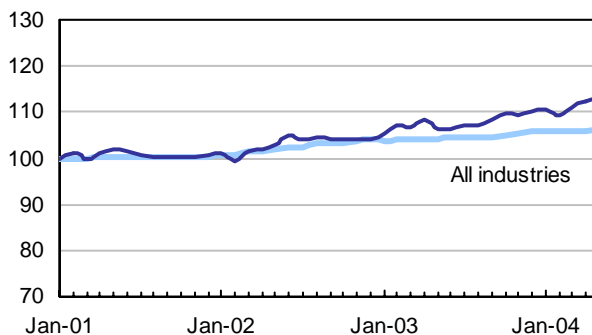
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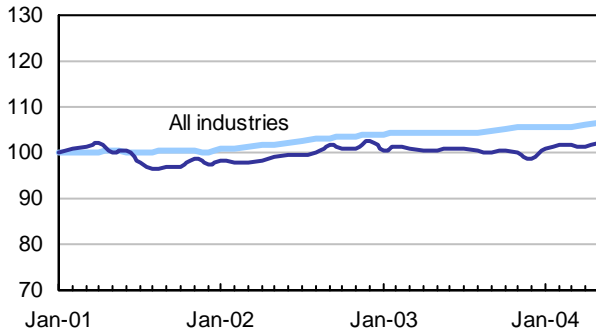


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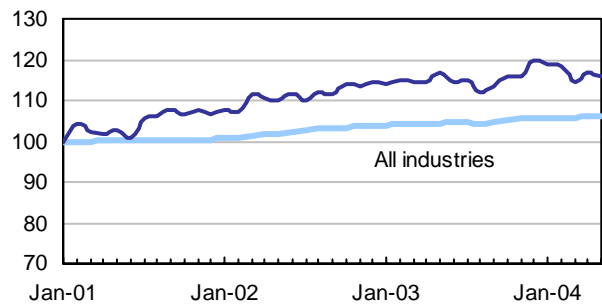


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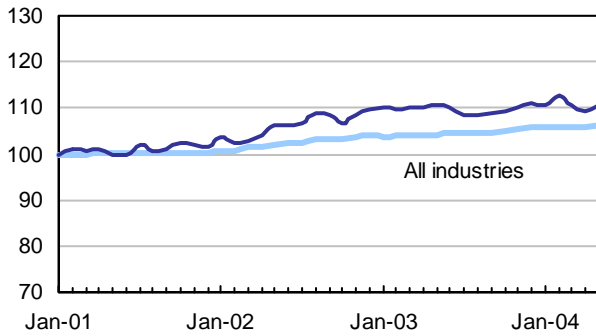
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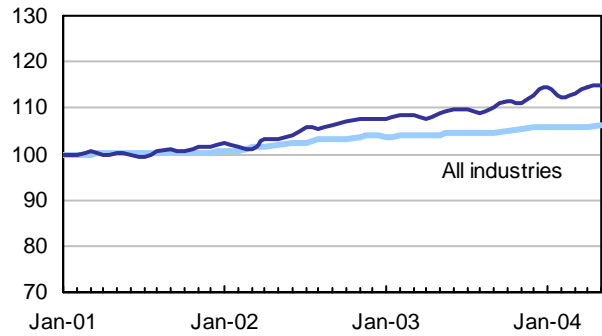
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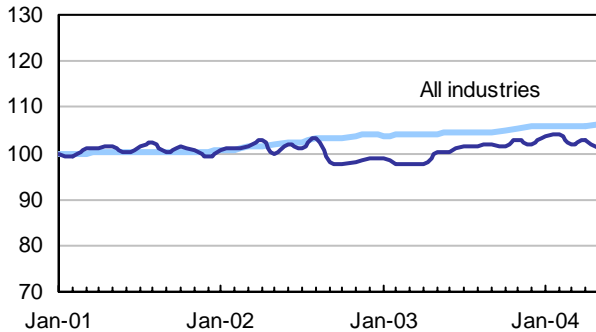
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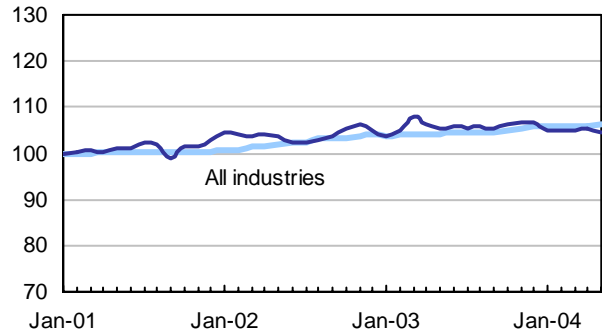
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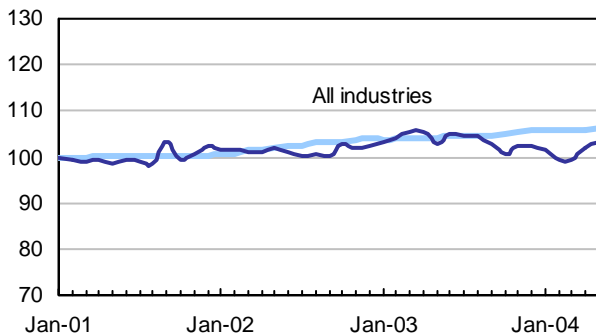
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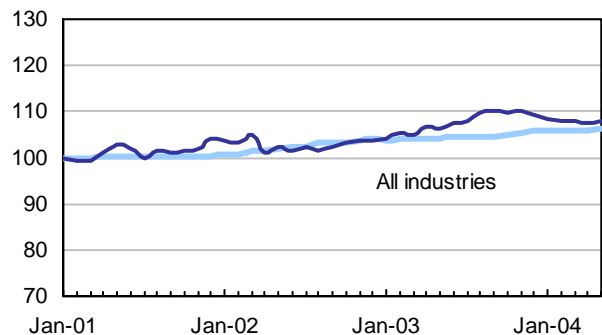
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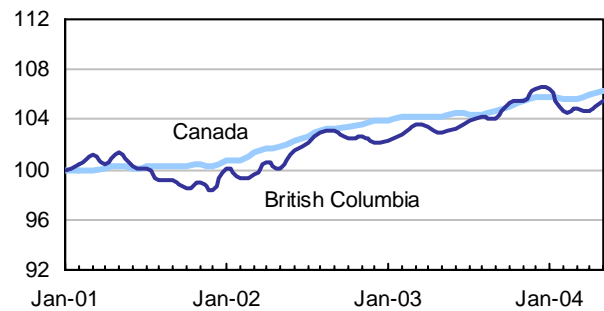
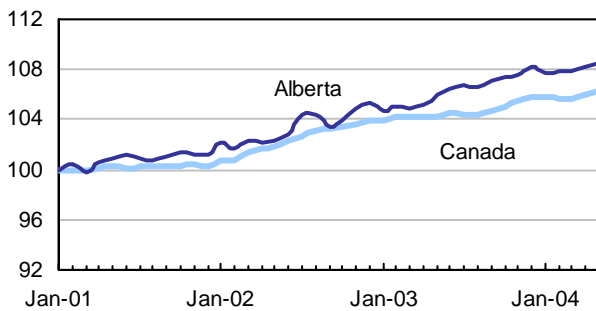
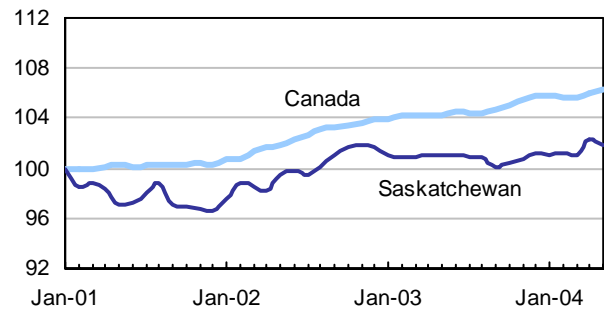
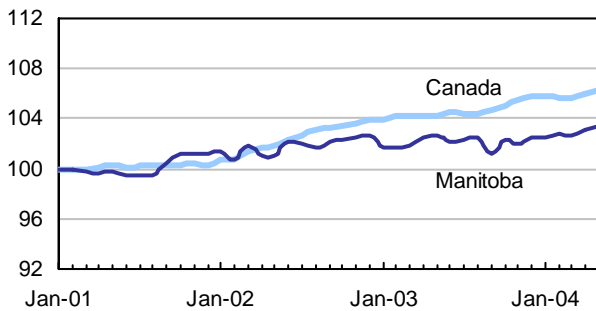
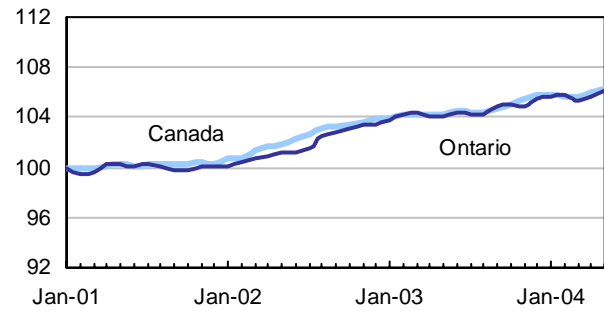
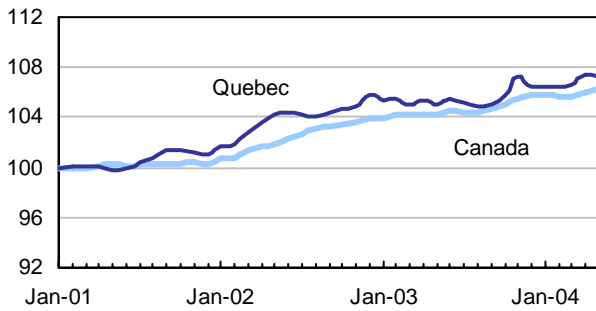
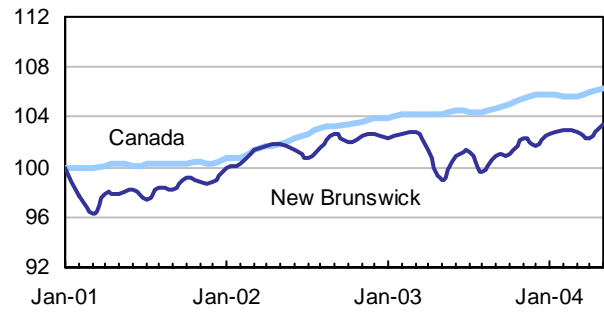
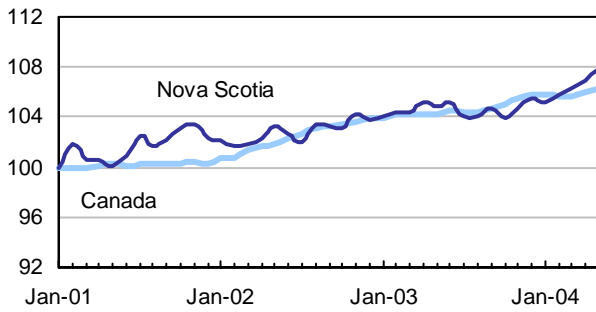
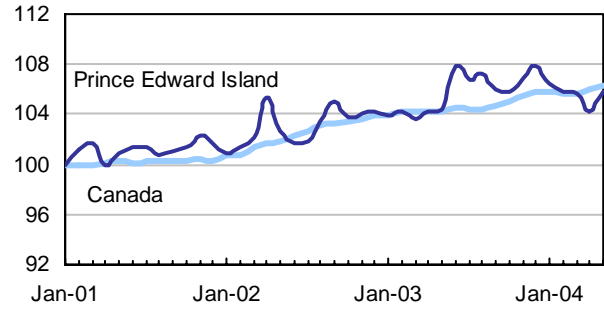
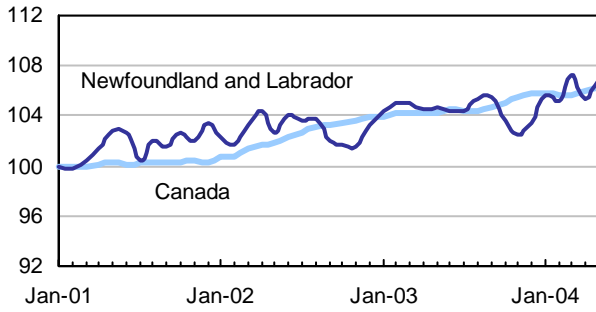
**Other services**



**Public administration**



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



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Table 1

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	25,524.1	25,555.1	...	31.0	151.2	348.8	0.1	0.6	1.4
Labour force	17,205.0	17,247.0	28.2	42.0	59.6	225.5	0.2	0.3	1.3
Employment	15,950.7	16,006.8	29.1	56.1	86.1	324.7	0.4	0.5	2.1
Employment full-time	13,033.9	13,071.1	34.6	37.2	153.9	329.2	0.3	1.2	2.6
Employment part-time	2,916.7	2,935.7	30.2	19.0	-67.7	-4.5	0.7	-2.3	-0.2
Unemployment	1,254.3	1,240.2	23.6	-14.1	-26.6	-99.1	-1.1	-2.1	-7.4
Participation rate	67.4	67.5	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	18.3	0.2	0.1	-0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	4,197.4	4,200.6	...	3.2	17.5	40.5	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	2,792.8	2,811.8	16.3	19.0	-0.4	19.9	0.7	0.0	0.7
Employment	2,403.6	2,418.4	15.7	14.8	-0.4	16.0	0.6	0.0	0.7
Employment full-time	1,317.1	1,338.8	16.8	21.7	29.9	34.3	1.6	2.3	2.6
Employment part-time	1,086.4	1,079.6	17.3	-6.8	-30.4	-18.3	-0.6	-2.7	-1.7
Unemployment	389.2	393.3	13.6	4.1	-0.1	3.8	1.1	0.0	1.0
Participation rate	66.5	66.9	0.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	14.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	57.6	0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.2	44.6	0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,400.4	10,414.0	...	13.6	64.8	148.7	0.1	0.6	1.4
Labour force	7,743.1	7,745.3	14.6	2.2	26.4	63.8	0.0	0.3	0.8
Employment	7,261.7	7,277.7	16.2	16.0	30.7	114.9	0.2	0.4	1.6
Employment full-time	6,799.6	6,809.4	19.5	9.8	37.1	86.4	0.1	0.5	1.3
Employment part-time	462.1	468.3	13.9	6.2	-6.4	28.6	1.3	-1.3	6.5
Unemployment	481.4	467.6	13.6	-13.8	-4.3	-51.2	-2.9	-0.9	-9.9
Participation rate	74.5	74.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.4	6.4	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	10,926.2	10,940.4	...	14.2	68.9	159.5	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	6,669.1	6,689.9	16.4	20.8	33.6	141.9	0.3	0.5	2.2
Employment	6,285.4	6,310.6	16.7	25.2	55.8	193.6	0.4	0.9	3.2
Employment full-time	4,917.3	4,922.9	22.1	5.6	86.9	208.5	0.1	1.8	4.4
Employment part-time	1,368.1	1,387.7	19.9	19.6	-31.0	-14.8	1.4	-2.2	-1.1
Unemployment	383.7	379.3	13.0	-4.4	-22.2	-51.8	-1.1	-5.5	-12.0
Participation rate	61.0	61.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.8	22.0	0.3	0.2	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 25 to 54 years</b>									
Population	14,172.8	14,182.7	...	9.9	43.6	84.1	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	12,249.6	12,248.1	20.6	-1.5	20.2	89.4	0.0	0.2	0.7
Employment	11,503.1	11,522.9	22.6	19.8	48.7	186.0	0.2	0.4	1.6
Unemployment	746.5	725.2	17.9	-21.3	-28.4	-96.6	-2.9	-3.8	-11.8
Participation rate	86.4	86.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.2	81.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...

<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 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Class of worker</b>									
Employees	13,504.4	13,535.3	29.8	30.9	52.0	244.3	0.2	0.4	1.8
Self-employed <sup>2</sup>	2,446.3	2,471.5	17.3	25.2	34.1	80.4	1.0	1.4	3.4
<b>Public/private sector employees</b>									
Public sector employees	3,088.4	3,102.8	17.0	14.4	43.0	131.7	0.5	1.4	4.4
Private sector employees	10,416.0	10,432.4	29.7	16.4	8.9	112.4	0.2	0.1	1.1
<b>Industry</b>	15,950.7	16,006.8	29.1	56.1	86.1	324.7	0.4	0.5	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	4,012.4	4,045.3	21.1	32.9	30.0	67.4	0.8	0.7	1.7
Agriculture	343.7	338.7	6.2	-5.0	-7.8	-0.8	-1.5	-2.3	-0.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	298.3	301.6	5.5	3.3	5.6	13.9	1.1	1.9	4.8
Utilities	130.0	133.5	3.7	3.5	2.8	0.6	2.7	2.1	0.5
Construction	952.0	971.7	11.9	19.7	14.6	51.5	2.1	1.5	5.6
Manufacturing	2,288.4	2,299.9	16.9	11.5	14.9	2.3	0.5	0.7	0.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	11,938.3	11,961.5	29.9	23.2	56.1	257.3	0.2	0.5	2.2
Trade	2,470.9	2,471.1	17.7	0.2	-6.3	25.6	0.0	-0.3	1.0
Transportation and warehousing	809.3	814.1	10.2	4.8	31.9	63.7	0.6	4.1	8.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	976.9	978.4	11.2	1.5	21.7	54.2	0.2	2.3	5.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,009.6	1,018.8	12.5	9.2	34.3	18.0	0.9	3.5	1.8
Business, building and other support services	621.3	617.6	11.0	-3.7	-20.0	-4.6	-0.6	-3.1	-0.7
Educational services	1,044.9	1,055.8	11.4	10.9	-5.3	-2.4	1.0	-0.5	-0.2
Health care and social assistance	1,755.9	1,763.8	12.7	7.9	31.6	89.1	0.4	1.8	5.3
Information, culture and recreation	722.2	709.0	10.8	-13.2	-8.0	5.1	-1.8	-1.1	0.7
Accommodation and food services	1,017.6	1,009.0	12.7	-8.6	-20.5	-7.6	-0.8	-2.0	-0.7
Other services	696.4	705.4	10.5	9.0	5.8	2.7	1.3	0.8	0.4
Public administration	813.3	818.4	9.3	5.1	-9.2	13.5	0.6	-1.1	1.7

<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 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	439.9	439.7	...	-0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	262.4	266.5	2.5	4.1	3.7	5.9	1.6	1.4	2.3
Employment	219.3	222.6	2.5	3.3	7.0	4.5	1.5	3.2	2.1
Employment full-time	187.5	190.1	2.6	2.6	4.9	6.3	1.4	2.6	3.4
Employment part-time	31.8	32.5	2.0	0.7	2.1	-1.8	2.2	6.9	-5.2
Unemployment	43.2	43.9	2.3	0.7	-3.3	1.3	1.6	-7.0	3.1
Participation rate	59.6	60.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.5	0.8	0.0	-1.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.9	50.6	0.6	0.7	1.5	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Population	114.3	114.6	...	0.3	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.8	1.2
Labour force	77.6	78.8	0.7	1.2	0.7	1.6	1.5	0.9	2.1
Employment	67.9	68.9	0.7	1.0	-1.3	0.9	1.5	-1.9	1.3
Employment full-time	56.4	58.2	0.8	1.8	0.1	1.3	3.2	0.2	2.3
Employment part-time	11.5	10.6	0.6	-0.9	-1.5	-0.5	-7.8	-12.4	-4.5
Unemployment	9.8	9.9	0.7	0.1	2.0	0.7	1.0	25.3	7.6
Participation rate	67.9	68.8	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	12.6	0.8	0.0	2.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	60.1	0.7	0.7	-1.6	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	763.7	763.9	...	0.2	1.9	4.5	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	489.3	492.9	3.0	3.6	10.4	12.8	0.7	2.2	2.7
Employment	445.5	449.2	3.4	3.7	10.0	12.7	0.8	2.3	2.9
Employment full-time	361.7	363.4	3.8	1.7	11.9	6.5	0.5	3.4	1.8
Employment part-time	83.8	85.8	3.3	2.0	-1.9	6.2	2.4	-2.2	7.8
Unemployment	43.8	43.8	2.7	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.5
Participation rate	64.1	64.5	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.8	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.3	...	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Population	611.6	612.1	...	0.5	1.5	3.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
Labour force	387.5	391.6	2.6	4.1	7.4	8.4	1.1	1.9	2.2
Employment	348.6	352.5	2.6	3.9	6.4	15.2	1.1	1.8	4.5
Employment full-time	294.4	297.7	2.9	3.3	4.4	12.8	1.1	1.5	4.5
Employment part-time	54.2	54.8	2.2	0.6	2.1	2.3	1.1	4.0	4.4
Unemployment	38.9	39.1	2.3	0.2	1.0	-6.7	0.5	2.6	-14.6
Participation rate	63.4	64.0	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	57.6	0.4	0.6	0.9	2.2	...	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>									
Population	6,134.7	6,140.4	...	5.7	28.3	65.3	0.1	0.5	1.1
Labour force	4,055.4	4,028.9	15.6	-26.5	-32.9	22.7	-0.7	-0.8	0.6
Employment	3,714.5	3,708.0	16.3	-6.5	26.1	75.2	-0.2	0.7	2.1
Employment full-time	3,040.1	3,025.3	19.0	-14.8	51.4	60.2	-0.5	1.7	2.0
Employment part-time	674.4	682.7	16.2	8.3	-25.3	15.0	1.2	-3.6	2.2
Unemployment	340.9	320.9	13.8	-20.0	-59.0	-52.5	-5.9	-15.5	-14.1
Participation rate	66.1	65.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.3	-0.4	-1.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.4	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.6	...	...	...

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Ontario</b>									
Population	9,914.7	9,929.5	...	14.8	72.2	167.4	0.1	0.7	1.7
Labour force	6,760.6	6,801.7	18.2	41.1	65.5	113.2	0.6	1.0	1.7
Employment	6,298.1	6,328.9	18.5	30.8	43.1	119.7	0.5	0.7	1.9
Employment full-time	5,185.2	5,215.2	22.1	30.0	69.0	156.4	0.6	1.3	3.1
Employment part-time	1,113.0	1,113.8	19.5	0.8	-25.9	-36.6	0.1	-2.3	-3.2
Unemployment	462.5	472.8	15.0	10.3	22.4	-6.5	2.2	5.0	-1.4
Participation rate	68.2	68.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.7	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Population	875.2	876.1	...	0.9	4.2	9.3	0.1	0.5	1.1
Labour force	606.8	607.8	2.7	1.0	7.0	8.8	0.2	1.2	1.5
Employment	574.2	575.8	2.9	1.6	5.2	4.0	0.3	0.9	0.7
Employment full-time	463.6	468.2	3.6	4.6	6.9	11.0	1.0	1.5	2.4
Employment part-time	110.5	107.7	3.3	-2.8	-1.6	-6.9	-2.5	-1.5	-6.0
Unemployment	32.6	32.0	2.2	-0.6	1.7	4.9	-1.8	5.6	18.1
Participation rate	69.3	69.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.3	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	757.3	757.4	...	0.1	1.2	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	521.6	516.5	2.6	-5.1	-1.3	0.4	-1.0	-0.3	0.1
Employment	493.5	491.7	2.7	-1.8	3.3	3.9	-0.4	0.7	0.8
Employment full-time	397.5	398.4	3.2	0.9	6.0	8.0	0.2	1.5	2.0
Employment part-time	96.0	93.3	2.9	-2.7	-2.8	-4.1	-2.8	-2.9	-4.2
Unemployment	28.1	24.8	1.9	-3.3	-4.5	-3.5	-11.7	-15.4	-12.4
Participation rate	68.9	68.2	0.3	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.8	0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.9	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>									
Population	2,508.2	2,512.2	...	4.0	18.5	46.3	0.2	0.7	1.9
Labour force	1,834.5	1,835.7	7.6	1.2	-5.0	19.1	0.1	-0.3	1.1
Employment	1,751.1	1,756.1	8.1	5.0	4.6	39.9	0.3	0.3	2.3
Employment full-time	1,439.6	1,443.5	10.3	3.9	9.8	35.5	0.3	0.7	2.5
Employment part-time	311.6	312.7	9.1	1.1	-5.1	4.5	0.4	-1.6	1.5
Unemployment	83.4	79.6	5.7	-3.8	-9.6	-20.9	-4.6	-10.8	-20.8
Participation rate	73.1	73.1	0.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.9	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Population	3,404.5	3,409.2	...	4.7	22.3	49.4	0.1	0.7	1.5
Labour force	2,209.1	2,226.6	11.1	17.5	4.0	32.7	0.8	0.2	1.5
Employment	2,037.9	2,053.1	11.4	15.2	-18.3	48.7	0.7	-0.9	2.4
Employment full-time	1,607.9	1,611.8	13.7	3.9	-9.7	31.7	0.2	-0.6	2.0
Employment part-time	430.0	441.2	12.0	11.2	-8.7	16.9	2.6	-1.9	4.0
Unemployment	171.2	173.5	9.0	2.3	22.4	-16.1	1.3	14.8	-8.5
Participation rate	64.9	65.3	0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.4	0.1	1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.2	0.3	0.3	-1.0	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 282-0087



Table 4

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	439.9	439.7	...	-0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Labour force	262.4	266.5	2.5	4.1	3.7	5.9	1.6	1.4	2.3
Employment	219.3	222.6	2.5	3.3	7.0	4.5	1.5	3.2	2.1
Employment full-time	187.5	190.1	2.6	2.6	4.9	6.3	1.4	2.6	3.4
Unemployment	43.2	43.9	2.3	0.7	-3.3	1.3	1.6	-7.0	3.1
Participation rate	59.6	60.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.5	16.5	0.8	0.0	-1.5	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	49.9	50.6	0.6	0.7	1.5	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	14.5	14.6	0.9	0.1	0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	72.0	71.8	...	-0.2	-0.7	-1.8	-0.3	-1.0	-2.4
Labour force	39.2	41.2	1.3	2.0	1.5	0.5	5.1	3.8	1.2
Employment	29.1	31.2	1.3	2.1	3.0	-0.3	7.2	10.6	-1.0
Unemployment	10.1	10.0	1.1	-0.1	-1.5	0.8	-1.0	-13.0	8.7
Participation rate	54.4	57.4	1.8	3.0	2.6	2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	25.8	24.3	2.5	-1.5	-4.7	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	40.4	43.5	1.7	3.1	4.6	0.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.3	37.8	3.6	-5.5	-0.1	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	179.4	179.4	...	0.0	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	119.5	120.6	1.5	1.1	2.5	2.5	0.9	2.1	2.1
Employment	100.7	100.8	1.5	0.1	3.0	2.1	0.1	3.1	2.1
Unemployment	18.7	19.8	1.5	1.1	-0.5	0.4	5.9	-2.5	2.1
Participation rate	66.6	67.2	0.8	0.6	1.2	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.6	16.4	1.2	0.8	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	56.2	0.8	0.1	1.6	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	4.9	5.3	0.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.8	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	188.4	188.5	...	0.1	0.6	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	103.8	104.8	1.3	1.0	-0.3	3.0	1.0	-0.3	2.9
Employment	89.4	90.6	1.4	1.2	1.0	2.8	1.3	1.1	3.2
Unemployment	14.4	14.1	1.2	-0.3	-1.4	0.1	-2.1	-9.0	0.7
Participation rate	55.1	55.6	0.7	0.5	-0.3	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.9	13.5	1.1	-0.4	-1.2	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	47.5	48.1	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.9	17.0	1.3	1.1	1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	219.3	222.6	2.5	3.3	7.0	4.5	1.5	3.2	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	51.3	52.2	1.6	0.9	3.8	7.9	1.8	7.9	17.8
Agriculture	0.9	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.7	33.3	9.1	-36.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	18.7	18.2	0.9	-0.5	0.2	3.4	-2.7	1.1	23.0
Utilities	2.1	2.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-4.8	-9.1	5.3
Construction	11.1	12.3	0.8	1.2	2.1	2.4	10.8	20.6	24.2
Manufacturing	18.5	18.5	1.0	0.0	1.7	2.7	0.0	10.1	17.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	168.0	170.4	2.2	2.4	3.2	-3.3	1.4	1.9	-1.9
Trade	39.1	41.3	1.2	2.2	6.3	5.0	5.6	18.0	13.8
Transportation and warehousing	12.3	11.7	0.7	-0.6	-0.8	-2.1	-4.9	-6.4	-15.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	7.2	7.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.4	6.9	0.0	5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.0	7.5	0.6	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	-6.2	1.4	-2.6
Business, building and other support services	7.9	7.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-5.1	-5.1	-8.5
Educational services	15.3	16.7	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.0	9.2	1.8	0.0
Health care and social assistance	32.3	32.0	1.0	-0.3	0.7	-1.7	-0.9	2.2	-5.0
Information, culture and recreation	6.8	7.1	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	4.4	-1.4	-10.1
Accommodation and food services	12.7	12.5	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	-10.7
Other services	11.1	12.1	0.9	1.0	-1.0	0.5	9.0	-7.6	4.3
Public administration	15.3	14.3	0.8	-1.0	-1.7	-2.3	-6.5	-10.6	-13.9

<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 5

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	114.3	114.6	...	0.3	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.8	1.2
Labour force	77.6	78.8	0.7	1.2	0.7	1.6	1.5	0.9	2.1
Employment	67.9	68.9	0.7	1.0	-1.3	0.9	1.5	-1.9	1.3
Employment full-time	56.4	58.2	0.8	1.8	0.1	1.3	3.2	0.2	2.3
Unemployment	9.8	9.9	0.7	0.1	2.0	0.7	1.0	25.3	7.6
Participation rate	67.9	68.8	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.6	12.6	0.8	0.0	2.5	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	60.1	0.7	0.7	-1.6	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	16.9	15.4	0.9	-1.6	-1.9	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	20.2	20.2	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Labour force	12.9	13.8	0.4	0.9	0.3	-0.4	7.0	2.2	-2.8
Employment	10.7	11.4	0.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.4	6.5	-2.6	-3.4
Unemployment	2.2	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.0	9.1	33.3	0.0
Participation rate	63.9	68.3	1.9	4.4	1.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.1	17.4	2.2	0.3	4.1	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.0	56.4	2.0	3.4	-1.8	-2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	40.2	34.2	3.2	-6.0	-6.8	-6.5	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	45.4	45.5	...	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	1.3
Labour force	33.2	33.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.9	1.2	2.8
Employment	29.1	29.3	0.4	0.2	-0.6	0.6	0.7	-2.0	2.1
Unemployment	4.1	4.2	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.3	2.4	31.2	7.7
Participation rate	73.1	73.6	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	12.5	1.1	0.2	2.8	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	64.4	0.9	0.3	-1.8	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.5	5.5	1.0	0.0	1.4	1.3	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	48.7	48.8	...	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.8	1.5
Labour force	31.5	31.5	0.4	0.0	-0.1	1.1	0.0	-0.3	3.6
Employment	28.1	28.1	0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.6	0.0	-1.7	2.2
Unemployment	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	13.3	17.2
Participation rate	64.7	64.5	0.8	-0.2	-0.8	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	10.8	1.2	0.0	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.6	0.8	-0.1	-1.5	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.6	18.1	1.4	-1.4	-3.5	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	67.9	68.9	0.7	1.0	-1.3	0.9	1.5	-1.9	1.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	17.3	17.7	0.6	0.4	-1.1	0.2	2.3	-5.9	1.1
Agriculture	3.8	3.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	-2.6	-11.9	12.1
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	2.7	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	7.4	3.6	16.0
Utilities	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	33.3	0.0	33.3
Construction	3.5	4.4	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.2	25.7	4.8	4.8
Manufacturing	6.9	6.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-7.2	-9.9	-11.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	50.6	51.1	0.6	0.5	-0.3	0.6	1.0	-0.6	1.2
Trade	10.5	10.6	0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.9	1.0	-1.9	9.3
Transportation and warehousing	2.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	4.3	-14.3	-14.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	2.7	2.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	3.8	35.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.5	2.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-4.0	-11.1	-11.1
Business, building and other support services	2.4	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	12.5	17.4	3.8
Educational services	4.6	4.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-2.2	-8.2	-6.2
Health care and social assistance	7.6	7.6	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	-2.6	-5.0
Information, culture and recreation	2.6	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	3.8	3.8	17.4
Accommodation and food services	5.2	5.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	3.8	10.2	3.8
Other services	2.9	3.1	0.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.6	6.9	-13.9	-16.2
Public administration	7.4	7.0	0.3	-0.4	0.5	0.2	-5.4	7.7	2.9

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

Table 6

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	763.7	763.9	...	0.2	1.9	4.5	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	489.3	492.9	3.0	3.6	10.4	12.8	0.7	2.2	2.7
Employment	445.5	449.2	3.4	3.7	10.0	12.7	0.8	2.3	2.9
Employment full-time	361.7	363.4	3.8	1.7	11.9	6.5	0.5	3.4	1.8
Unemployment	43.8	43.8	2.7	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.5
Participation rate	64.1	64.5	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.9	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.8	0.4	0.5	1.2	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	19.1	0.7	0.3	-0.9	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	124.3	124.3	...	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.6
Labour force	81.4	83.5	1.8	2.1	0.5	1.5	2.6	0.6	1.8
Employment	69.0	70.9	1.9	1.9	0.2	2.3	2.8	0.3	3.4
Unemployment	12.5	12.6	1.6	0.1	0.3	-0.8	0.8	2.4	-6.0
Participation rate	65.5	67.2	1.5	1.7	0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	15.1	1.8	-0.3	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.5	57.0	1.6	1.5	-0.1	1.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.1	45.4	2.4	0.3	-1.5	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	305.2	305.3	...	0.1	0.6	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	214.2	213.4	1.6	-0.8	2.8	2.1	-0.4	1.3	1.0
Employment	195.0	195.4	1.9	0.4	2.4	1.0	0.2	1.2	0.5
Unemployment	19.1	18.0	1.7	-1.1	0.4	1.1	-5.8	2.3	6.5
Participation rate	70.2	69.9	0.5	-0.3	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.4	0.8	-0.5	0.0	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	64.0	0.6	0.1	0.7	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.7	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	334.2	334.3	...	0.1	0.8	2.0	0.0	0.2	0.6
Labour force	193.7	196.0	1.6	2.3	7.1	9.2	1.2	3.8	4.9
Employment	181.5	182.8	1.6	1.3	7.3	9.2	0.7	4.2	5.3
Unemployment	12.2	13.2	1.4	1.0	-0.2	0.0	8.2	-1.5	0.0
Participation rate	58.0	58.6	0.5	0.6	2.0	2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.7	0.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.3	54.7	0.5	0.4	2.1	2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.6	22.2	1.2	-0.4	-1.5	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	445.5	449.2	3.4	3.7	10.0	12.7	0.8	2.3	2.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	95.2	97.2	2.3	2.0	-2.5	-2.3	2.1	-2.5	-2.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	5.7	4.9	0.6	-0.8	-1.7	-1.6	-14.0	-25.8	-24.6
Utilities	14.4	15.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.4	5.6	5.6	2.7
Construction	2.6	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	15.4	11.1	7.1
Manufacturing	27.5	29.4	1.4	1.9	1.1	3.3	6.9	3.9	12.6
Services-producing sector	45.0	44.7	1.5	-0.3	-3.0	-4.6	-0.7	-6.3	-9.3
Services-producing sector	350.3	352.0	3.0	1.7	12.6	15.0	0.5	3.7	4.5
Trade	78.0	76.5	1.7	-1.5	1.8	2.7	-1.9	2.4	3.7
Transportation and warehousing	19.6	19.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.6	-1.6	-0.5	-3.0	-7.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	20.5	22.0	0.8	1.5	2.4	0.8	7.3	12.2	3.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	20.2	20.4	0.9	0.2	1.8	3.2	1.0	9.7	18.6
Business, building and other support services	26.0	25.3	1.2	-0.7	1.2	3.0	-2.7	5.0	13.5
Educational services	35.1	37.4	1.3	2.3	3.6	4.5	6.6	10.7	13.7
Health care and social assistance	56.0	55.8	1.3	-0.2	0.8	1.8	-0.4	1.5	3.3
Information, culture and recreation	19.3	18.9	1.0	-0.4	0.1	2.7	-2.1	0.5	16.7
Accommodation and food services	30.1	31.1	1.3	1.0	4.8	1.9	3.3	18.3	6.5
Other services	18.2	19.4	1.2	1.2	0.3	-2.7	6.6	1.6	-12.2
Public administration	27.3	25.8	1.0	-1.5	-3.6	-1.2	-5.5	-12.2	-4.4

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

Table 7

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	611.6	612.1	...	0.5	1.5	3.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
Labour force	387.5	391.6	2.6	4.1	7.4	8.4	1.1	1.9	2.2
Employment	348.6	352.5	2.6	3.9	6.4	15.2	1.1	1.8	4.5
Employment full-time	294.4	297.7	2.9	3.3	4.4	12.8	1.1	1.5	4.5
Unemployment	38.9	39.1	2.3	0.2	1.0	-6.7	0.5	2.6	-14.6
Participation rate	63.4	64.0	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	10.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	57.6	0.4	0.6	0.9	2.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	15.5	15.5	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	97.2	97.2	...	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	61.6	64.5	1.3	2.9	0.3	4.9	4.7	0.5	8.2
Employment	50.8	53.9	1.3	3.1	0.2	4.7	6.1	0.4	9.6
Unemployment	10.8	10.6	1.2	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-1.9	1.0	2.9
Participation rate	63.4	66.4	1.4	3.0	0.4	5.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.5	16.4	1.7	-1.1	0.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.3	55.5	1.3	3.2	0.3	5.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	35.8	36.0	2.2	0.2	-3.9	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	248.6	248.9	...	0.3	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	173.0	172.9	1.5	-0.1	1.7	2.0	-0.1	1.0	1.2
Employment	155.3	155.2	1.6	-0.1	1.3	6.1	-0.1	0.8	4.1
Unemployment	17.7	17.7	1.5	0.0	0.4	-4.1	0.0	2.3	-18.8
Participation rate	69.6	69.5	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.2	10.2	0.8	0.0	0.1	-2.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.4	0.7	-0.1	0.4	2.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.0	5.3	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	265.8	266.0	...	0.2	0.8	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.7
Labour force	152.9	154.2	1.4	1.3	5.4	1.5	0.9	3.6	1.0
Employment	142.5	143.4	1.4	0.9	5.0	4.4	0.6	3.6	3.2
Unemployment	10.4	10.7	1.2	0.3	0.4	-3.0	2.9	3.9	-21.9
Participation rate	57.5	58.0	0.5	0.5	1.9	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.9	0.8	0.1	0.0	-2.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.6	53.9	0.6	0.3	1.7	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.9	19.0	1.1	-0.9	0.8	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
	348.6	352.5	2.6	3.9	6.4	15.2	1.1	1.8	4.5
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	84.4	84.2	1.8	-0.2	0.0	8.6	-0.2	0.0	11.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	6.4	6.5	0.6	0.1	1.9	1.6	1.6	41.3	32.7
Utilities	11.9	11.5	0.8	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-3.4	-5.0	-4.2
Construction	3.8	3.6	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-5.3	5.9	0.0
Manufacturing	19.3	19.8	1.0	0.5	0.3	1.1	2.6	1.5	5.9
	42.9	42.7	1.2	-0.2	-1.9	6.3	-0.5	-4.3	17.3
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
	264.2	268.3	2.4	4.1	6.4	6.5	1.6	2.4	2.5
Trade	53.7	55.8	1.3	2.1	0.0	2.7	3.9	0.0	5.1
Transportation and warehousing	19.3	20.1	0.8	0.8	2.5	3.1	4.1	14.2	18.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	14.0	14.2	0.6	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	1.4	-4.1	-1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	15.3	15.5	0.7	0.2	1.1	-0.5	1.3	7.6	-3.1
Business, building and other support services	21.4	21.9	1.0	0.5	0.3	-0.2	2.3	1.4	-0.9
Educational services	25.8	25.8	0.8	0.0	1.6	2.9	0.0	6.6	12.7
Health care and social assistance	50.0	49.1	1.1	-0.9	2.3	5.4	-1.8	4.9	12.4
Information, culture and recreation	9.2	10.3	0.7	1.1	0.5	-2.7	12.0	5.1	-20.8
Accommodation and food services	19.7	19.3	1.0	-0.4	-2.5	-2.7	-2.0	-11.5	-12.3
Other services	17.2	18.4	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.6	7.0	8.2	9.5
Public administration	18.5	17.7	0.7	-0.8	-0.3	-2.9	-4.3	-1.7	-14.1

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

Table 8

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	6,134.7	6,140.4	...	5.7	28.3	65.3	0.1	0.5	1.1
Labour force	4,055.4	4,028.9	15.6	-26.5	-32.9	22.7	-0.7	-0.8	0.6
Employment	3,714.5	3,708.0	16.3	-6.5	26.1	75.2	-0.2	0.7	2.1
Employment full-time	3,040.1	3,025.3	19.0	-14.8	51.4	60.2	-0.5	1.7	2.0
Unemployment	340.9	320.9	13.8	-20.0	-59.0	-52.5	-5.9	-15.5	-14.1
Participation rate	66.1	65.6	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.3	-0.4	-1.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.4	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.2	18.4	0.4	0.3	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	949.4	949.0	...	-0.4	-1.2	-3.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.3
Labour force	648.3	637.2	8.7	-11.1	-13.9	-0.4	-1.7	-2.1	-0.1
Employment	547.5	549.6	8.6	2.1	3.9	2.7	0.4	0.7	0.5
Unemployment	100.8	87.6	7.5	-13.2	-17.7	-3.1	-13.1	-16.8	-3.4
Participation rate	68.3	67.1	0.9	-1.2	-1.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.5	13.7	1.1	-1.8	-2.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.9	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.4	46.4	1.5	-0.1	0.6	1.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,529.1	2,532.2	...	3.1	15.0	34.5	0.1	0.6	1.4
Labour force	1,843.9	1,839.0	8.5	-4.9	-6.7	4.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
Employment	1,709.7	1,706.3	9.5	-3.4	12.1	28.0	-0.2	0.7	1.7
Unemployment	134.1	132.7	8.2	-1.4	-18.8	-23.7	-1.0	-12.4	-15.2
Participation rate	72.9	72.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.2	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.4	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	7.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	2,656.3	2,659.2	...	2.9	14.5	34.0	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	1,563.3	1,552.7	9.0	-10.6	-12.4	18.9	-0.7	-0.8	1.2
Employment	1,457.4	1,452.1	9.2	-5.3	10.2	44.5	-0.4	0.7	3.2
Unemployment	106.0	100.6	7.7	-5.4	-22.5	-25.7	-5.1	-18.3	-20.3
Participation rate	58.9	58.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.5	0.5	-0.3	-1.4	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	54.6	0.3	-0.3	0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.5	21.2	0.7	0.7	-1.8	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	3,714.5	3,708.0	16.3	-6.5	26.1	75.2	-0.2	0.7	2.1
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	920.9	927.8	11.3	6.9	1.7	-2.4	0.7	0.2	-0.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	54.6	54.8	2.7	0.2	-2.2	-0.3	0.4	-3.9	-0.5
Utilities	37.3	36.6	2.4	-0.7	-2.1	-2.2	-1.9	-5.4	-5.7
Construction	31.8	30.8	1.9	-1.0	1.1	0.3	-3.1	3.7	1.0
Manufacturing	164.8	171.2	5.7	6.4	-6.6	4.8	3.9	-3.7	2.9
Services-producing sector	632.4	634.5	9.6	2.1	11.5	-4.9	0.3	1.8	-0.8
Trade	2,793.7	2,780.2	16.2	-13.5	24.5	77.6	-0.5	0.9	2.9
Transportation and warehousing	608.2	612.2	10.3	4.0	6.5	6.3	0.7	1.1	1.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	177.3	178.0	5.3	0.7	14.4	19.9	0.4	8.8	12.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	204.3	195.4	5.7	-8.9	-5.3	10.4	-4.4	-2.6	5.6
Business, building and other support services	221.2	225.8	6.4	4.6	13.3	9.3	2.1	6.3	4.3
Educational services	110.6	106.0	5.5	-4.6	-6.4	-13.7	-4.2	-5.7	-11.4
Health care and social assistance	237.2	235.4	6.5	-1.8	-19.4	-17.9	-0.8	-7.6	-7.1
Information, culture and recreation	467.8	463.3	7.6	-4.5	11.1	36.9	-1.0	2.5	8.7
Accommodation and food services	163.2	155.3	5.9	-7.9	-6.0	2.2	-4.8	-3.7	1.4
Other services	214.3	209.0	6.8	-5.3	-1.3	-3.2	-2.5	-0.6	-1.5
Public administration	176.8	178.6	5.9	1.8	10.9	17.4	1.0	6.5	10.8
Public administration	212.9	221.3	5.4	8.4	6.8	10.2	3.9	3.2	4.8

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

Table 9

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	9,914.7	9,929.5	...	14.8	72.2	167.4	0.1	0.7	1.7
Labour force	6,760.6	6,801.7	18.2	41.1	65.5	113.2	0.6	1.0	1.7
Employment	6,298.1	6,328.9	18.5	30.8	43.1	119.7	0.5	0.7	1.9
Employment full-time	5,185.2	5,215.2	22.1	30.0	69.0	156.4	0.6	1.3	3.1
Unemployment	462.5	472.8	15.0	10.3	22.4	-6.5	2.2	5.0	-1.4
Participation rate	68.2	68.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.5	63.7	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	17.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	1,621.8	1,624.4	...	2.6	13.3	30.5	0.2	0.8	1.9
Labour force	1,072.9	1,087.3	10.8	14.4	8.8	12.1	1.3	0.8	1.1
Employment	922.2	923.8	10.2	1.6	4.3	4.4	0.2	0.5	0.5
Unemployment	150.7	163.4	9.1	12.7	4.4	7.6	8.4	2.8	4.9
Participation rate	66.2	66.9	0.7	0.7	0.0	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	15.0	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.9	0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	47.5	45.9	1.1	-1.7	-2.7	-3.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,028.4	4,034.3	...	5.9	28.0	65.1	0.1	0.7	1.6
Labour force	3,038.7	3,047.2	9.1	8.5	27.3	46.9	0.3	0.9	1.6
Employment	2,866.2	2,878.6	10.1	12.4	8.0	49.7	0.4	0.3	1.8
Unemployment	172.4	168.6	8.2	-3.8	19.3	-2.8	-2.2	12.9	-1.6
Participation rate	75.4	75.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.5	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.1	71.4	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	4,264.4	4,270.8	...	6.4	30.9	71.8	0.2	0.7	1.7
Labour force	2,649.0	2,667.3	10.9	18.3	29.5	54.4	0.7	1.1	2.1
Employment	2,509.7	2,526.5	11.0	16.8	30.7	65.6	0.7	1.2	2.7
Unemployment	139.3	140.7	8.4	1.4	-1.3	-11.4	1.0	-0.9	-7.5
Participation rate	62.1	62.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.9	59.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.1	20.4	0.5	0.3	-0.6	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	6,298.1	6,328.9	18.5	30.8	43.1	119.7	0.5	0.7	1.9
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	1,641.0	1,656.9	14.2	15.9	4.9	8.2	1.0	0.3	0.5
Agriculture	83.6	82.5	3.5	-1.1	-4.6	-3.0	-1.3	-5.3	-3.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	36.2	36.6	1.7	0.4	4.8	4.2	1.1	15.1	13.0
Utilities	52.4	55.0	2.7	2.6	0.0	0.9	5.0	0.0	1.7
Construction	375.8	380.6	7.9	4.8	-14.7	0.3	1.3	-3.7	0.1
Manufacturing	1,093.0	1,102.2	12.2	9.2	19.4	5.8	0.8	1.8	0.5
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	4,657.1	4,672.0	19.8	14.9	38.1	111.5	0.3	0.8	2.4
Trade	953.1	948.8	11.3	-4.3	10.4	11.8	-0.5	1.1	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	305.6	308.1	6.8	2.5	13.5	41.6	0.8	4.6	15.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	440.8	450.2	8.1	9.4	16.3	19.0	2.1	3.8	4.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	426.5	430.7	8.9	4.2	15.0	-19.4	1.0	3.6	-4.3
Business, building and other support services	278.1	268.2	7.8	-9.9	-21.6	5.0	-3.6	-7.5	1.9
Educational services	403.3	408.0	7.2	4.7	14.9	18.0	1.2	3.8	4.6
Health care and social assistance	618.6	630.6	7.9	12.0	4.7	31.1	1.9	0.8	5.2
Information, culture and recreation	300.6	294.7	7.2	-5.9	2.7	7.8	-2.0	0.9	2.7
Accommodation and food services	365.9	365.6	8.2	-0.3	-19.0	-10.4	-0.1	-4.9	-2.8
Other services	258.0	262.6	6.8	4.6	10.0	1.2	1.8	4.0	0.5
Public administration	306.6	304.6	6.0	-2.0	-8.8	5.8	-0.7	-2.8	1.9

<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 10

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	875.2	876.1	...	0.9	4.2	9.3	0.1	0.5	1.1
Labour force	606.8	607.8	2.7	1.0	7.0	8.8	0.2	1.2	1.5
Employment	574.2	575.8	2.9	1.6	5.2	4.0	0.3	0.9	0.7
Employment full-time	463.6	468.2	3.6	4.6	6.9	11.0	1.0	1.5	2.4
Unemployment	32.6	32.0	2.2	-0.6	1.7	4.9	-1.8	5.6	18.1
Participation rate	69.3	69.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.3	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.6	65.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.2	18.7	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	151.9	152.1	...	0.2	1.1	2.4	0.1	0.7	1.6
Labour force	109.1	108.6	1.7	-0.5	1.6	-0.1	-0.5	1.5	-0.1
Employment	96.2	96.0	1.7	-0.2	-1.7	-2.2	-0.2	-1.7	-2.2
Unemployment	12.9	12.6	1.4	-0.3	3.3	2.1	-2.3	35.5	20.0
Participation rate	71.8	71.4	1.1	-0.4	0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.8	11.6	1.2	-0.2	2.9	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.1	1.1	-0.2	-1.6	-2.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.6	42.5	1.8	0.9	-2.5	-2.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	353.2	353.5	...	0.3	1.5	3.5	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	267.6	267.6	1.4	0.0	2.2	1.5	0.0	0.8	0.6
Employment	255.8	257.2	1.5	1.4	3.6	1.3	0.5	1.4	0.5
Unemployment	11.8	10.3	1.2	-1.5	-1.5	0.1	-12.7	-12.7	1.0
Participation rate	75.8	75.7	0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	3.8	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.4	72.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	-0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.6	6.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.6	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	370.2	370.5	...	0.3	1.5	3.4	0.1	0.4	0.9
Labour force	230.1	231.7	1.6	1.6	3.3	7.5	0.7	1.4	3.3
Employment	222.2	222.6	1.6	0.4	3.4	4.8	0.2	1.6	2.2
Unemployment	7.9	9.0	1.1	1.1	-0.2	2.6	13.9	-2.2	40.6
Participation rate	62.2	62.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.9	0.5	0.5	-0.1	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.0	60.1	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.1	22.9	1.0	-1.2	1.0	-2.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	574.2	575.8	2.9	1.6	5.2	4.0	0.3	0.9	0.7
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	144.8	142.7	2.1	-2.1	0.0	1.2	-1.5	0.0	0.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	31.5	31.1	1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-1.3	-1.3	-1.9	-4.0
Utilities	6.4	6.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.0	6.7	16.4
Construction	6.3	7.1	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.0	12.7	7.6	0.0
Manufacturing	28.0	27.9	1.1	-0.1	1.4	0.5	-0.4	5.3	1.8
Services-producing sector	72.6	70.2	1.4	-2.4	-1.8	1.1	-3.3	-2.5	1.6
Services-producing sector	429.3	433.2	3.0	3.9	5.4	2.9	0.9	1.3	0.7
Trade	82.8	82.5	1.7	-0.3	-3.0	-0.8	-0.4	-3.5	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	33.8	32.9	1.1	-0.9	-1.4	-1.8	-2.7	-4.1	-5.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	28.4	31.0	1.0	2.6	1.0	3.5	9.2	3.3	12.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.8	25.4	1.0	0.6	1.7	3.3	2.4	7.2	14.9
Business, building and other support services	18.7	20.7	1.0	2.0	4.2	0.3	10.7	25.5	1.5
Educational services	43.1	42.2	1.2	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3	-2.1	-1.6	-0.7
Health care and social assistance	78.3	78.0	1.3	-0.3	3.1	6.0	-0.4	4.1	8.3
Information, culture and recreation	25.2	25.5	1.0	0.3	2.0	2.0	1.2	8.5	8.5
Accommodation and food services	31.8	32.5	1.4	0.7	-6.9	-7.5	2.2	-17.5	-18.8
Other services	24.8	26.3	1.1	1.5	1.9	-4.2	6.0	7.8	-13.8
Public administration	37.7	36.2	1.0	-1.5	3.3	2.3	-4.0	10.0	6.8

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

Table 11

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	757.3	757.4	...	0.1	1.2	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.2
Labour force	521.6	516.5	2.6	-5.1	-1.3	0.4	-1.0	-0.3	0.1
Employment	493.5	491.7	2.7	-1.8	3.3	3.9	-0.4	0.7	0.8
Employment full-time	397.5	398.4	3.2	0.9	6.0	8.0	0.2	1.5	2.0
Unemployment	28.1	24.8	1.9	-3.3	-4.5	-3.5	-11.7	-15.4	-12.4
Participation rate	68.9	68.2	0.3	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.8	0.4	-0.6	-0.9	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.9	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.5	19.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.7	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	138.3	138.3	...	0.0	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Labour force	97.9	93.4	1.6	-4.5	0.1	-3.0	-4.6	0.1	-3.1
Employment	87.7	85.1	1.6	-2.6	3.4	-0.5	-3.0	4.2	-0.6
Unemployment	10.2	8.3	1.2	-1.9	-3.3	-2.5	-18.6	-28.4	-23.1
Participation rate	70.8	67.5	1.2	-3.3	0.0	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.4	8.9	1.2	-1.5	-3.5	-2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.4	61.5	1.1	-1.9	2.4	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	38.2	38.9	1.7	0.7	-3.2	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	301.7	301.8	...	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	228.0	227.5	1.3	-0.5	-1.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	0.2
Employment	218.4	217.6	1.4	-0.8	-0.9	2.2	-0.4	-0.4	1.0
Unemployment	9.7	9.9	1.1	0.2	-0.8	-1.7	2.1	-7.5	-14.7
Participation rate	75.6	75.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	72.4	72.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.0	6.6	0.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	317.2	317.3	...	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	195.7	195.7	1.5	0.0	0.3	3.0	0.0	0.2	1.6
Employment	187.5	189.0	1.5	1.5	0.7	2.3	0.8	0.4	1.2
Unemployment	8.3	6.6	0.9	-1.7	-0.5	0.7	-20.5	-7.0	11.9
Participation rate	61.7	61.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.2	3.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	59.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.5	24.3	1.0	-2.2	-0.6	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	493.5	491.7	2.7	-1.8	3.3	3.9	-0.4	0.7	0.8
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	128.5	125.5	2.0	-3.0	-0.2	4.7	-2.3	-0.2	3.9
Agriculture	48.9	45.8	1.5	-3.1	-3.1	-1.6	-6.3	-6.3	-3.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	21.7	20.6	0.8	-1.1	0.0	4.8	-5.1	0.0	30.4
Utilities	5.9	5.8	0.3	-0.1	1.2	1.2	-1.7	26.1	26.1
Construction	23.1	24.5	1.0	1.4	1.6	-0.1	6.1	7.0	-0.4
Manufacturing	28.9	28.9	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.3	1.8
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	365.1	366.1	2.7	1.0	3.4	-0.9	0.3	0.9	-0.2
Trade	77.5	77.3	1.4	-0.2	-2.3	1.3	-0.3	-2.9	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	22.5	23.1	0.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	2.7	-0.9	-3.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	27.9	27.2	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-1.5	-2.5	1.1	-5.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	16.3	16.8	0.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.6	3.1	-2.9	-3.4
Business, building and other support services	13.5	13.2	0.8	-0.3	1.0	1.3	-2.2	8.2	10.9
Educational services	43.2	45.0	1.2	1.8	4.4	4.3	4.2	10.8	10.6
Health care and social assistance	59.6	58.8	1.1	-0.8	1.5	-2.2	-1.3	2.6	-3.6
Information, culture and recreation	22.3	22.1	0.9	-0.2	-1.2	1.3	-0.9	-5.2	6.2
Accommodation and food services	35.2	36.1	1.3	0.9	2.0	0.2	2.6	5.9	0.6
Other services	21.5	21.6	1.0	0.1	0.8	-2.1	0.5	3.8	-8.9
Public administration	25.5	25.0	0.8	-0.5	-2.3	-2.1	-2.0	-8.4	-7.7

<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 12

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	2,508.2	2,512.2	...	4.0	18.5	46.3	0.2	0.7	1.9
Labour force	1,834.5	1,835.7	7.6	1.2	-5.0	19.1	0.1	-0.3	1.1
Employment	1,751.1	1,756.1	8.1	5.0	4.6	39.9	0.3	0.3	2.3
Employment full-time	1,439.6	1,443.5	10.3	3.9	9.8	35.5	0.3	0.7	2.5
Unemployment	83.4	79.6	5.7	-3.8	-9.6	-20.9	-4.6	-10.8	-20.8
Participation rate	73.1	73.1	0.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	69.9	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.8	17.8	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	467.7	468.3	...	0.6	2.0	5.6	0.1	0.4	1.2
Labour force	328.1	327.8	4.7	-0.3	0.9	-11.7	-0.1	0.3	-3.4
Employment	300.0	298.1	4.7	-1.9	-2.1	-5.3	-0.6	-0.7	-1.7
Unemployment	28.1	29.6	3.4	1.5	2.9	-6.5	5.3	10.9	-18.0
Participation rate	70.2	70.0	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-3.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	9.0	1.0	0.4	0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.1	63.7	1.0	-0.4	-0.7	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	37.8	38.4	1.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,020.8	1,022.5	...	1.7	8.4	20.3	0.2	0.8	2.0
Labour force	829.8	828.0	3.6	-1.8	-6.7	9.3	-0.2	-0.8	1.1
Employment	801.1	802.3	4.3	1.2	1.0	18.5	0.1	0.1	2.4
Unemployment	28.7	25.7	3.4	-3.0	-7.7	-9.2	-10.5	-23.1	-26.4
Participation rate	81.3	81.0	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.9	-1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	78.5	78.5	0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	5.4	5.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,019.7	1,021.4	...	1.7	8.2	20.3	0.2	0.8	2.0
Labour force	676.5	680.0	4.4	3.5	1.0	21.6	0.5	0.1	3.3
Employment	650.0	655.7	4.4	5.7	5.8	26.8	0.9	0.9	4.3
Unemployment	26.5	24.3	3.0	-2.2	-4.9	-5.2	-8.3	-16.8	-17.6
Participation rate	66.3	66.6	0.4	0.3	-0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.7	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.7	64.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.8	23.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	1,751.1	1,756.1	8.1	5.0	4.6	39.9	0.3	0.3	2.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	500.2	505.9	6.1	5.7	11.2	35.3	1.1	2.3	7.5
Agriculture	70.2	69.1	2.7	-1.1	-2.9	1.2	-1.6	-4.0	1.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	114.4	115.4	2.9	1.0	6.4	13.1	0.9	5.9	12.8
Utilities	13.3	13.9	0.9	0.6	-1.2	0.7	4.5	-7.9	5.3
Construction	152.8	154.2	4.1	1.4	8.4	14.2	0.9	5.8	10.1
Manufacturing	149.5	153.3	3.6	3.8	0.5	6.0	2.5	0.3	4.1
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	1,250.9	1,250.2	8.4	-0.7	-6.6	4.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.4
Trade	266.3	260.3	4.9	-6.0	-14.6	3.1	-2.3	-5.3	1.2
Transportation and warehousing	99.9	100.0	3.0	0.1	6.7	4.5	0.1	7.2	4.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	92.7	88.8	2.6	-3.9	-3.3	5.5	-4.2	-3.6	6.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	125.8	124.2	3.3	-1.6	3.4	8.9	-1.3	2.8	7.7
Business, building and other support services	59.4	59.9	3.1	0.5	-0.6	-5.5	0.8	-1.0	-8.4
Educational services	107.1	110.9	3.2	3.8	2.2	-1.8	3.5	2.0	-1.6
Health care and social assistance	165.2	167.2	3.2	2.0	1.4	2.5	1.2	0.8	1.5
Information, culture and recreation	71.8	69.9	2.8	-1.9	0.3	-2.0	-2.6	0.4	-2.8
Accommodation and food services	122.6	122.2	3.6	-0.4	2.0	-0.3	-0.3	1.7	-0.2
Other services	75.0	80.1	2.7	5.1	0.7	-3.9	6.8	0.9	-4.6
Public administration	65.1	66.8	2.2	1.7	-4.9	-6.3	2.6	-6.8	-8.6

<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 13

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	3,404.5	3,409.2	...	4.7	22.3	49.4	0.1	0.7	1.5
Labour force	2,209.1	2,226.6	11.1	17.5	4.0	32.7	0.8	0.2	1.5
Employment	2,037.9	2,053.1	11.4	15.2	-18.3	48.7	0.7	-0.9	2.4
Employment full-time	1,607.9	1,611.8	13.7	3.9	-9.7	31.7	0.2	-0.6	2.0
Unemployment	171.2	173.5	9.0	2.3	22.4	-16.1	1.3	14.8	-8.5
Participation rate	64.9	65.3	0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.4	0.1	1.0	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	60.2	0.3	0.3	-1.0	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	21.5	0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.3	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	554.6	555.1	...	0.5	2.6	7.3	0.1	0.5	1.3
Labour force	341.3	354.6	6.1	13.3	-0.6	16.6	3.9	-0.2	4.9
Employment	290.4	298.4	5.9	8.0	-11.3	10.7	2.8	-3.6	3.7
Unemployment	50.9	56.2	5.0	5.3	10.7	5.9	10.4	23.5	11.7
Participation rate	61.5	63.9	1.1	2.4	-0.4	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	15.8	1.4	0.9	3.0	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.4	53.8	1.1	1.4	-2.3	1.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.5	48.5	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,388.6	1,390.6	...	2.0	9.1	19.2	0.1	0.7	1.4
Labour force	995.3	995.7	5.9	0.4	4.5	-6.0	0.0	0.5	-0.6
Employment	930.3	935.0	6.2	4.7	0.8	5.5	0.5	0.1	0.6
Unemployment	65.0	60.7	5.3	-4.3	3.8	-11.5	-6.6	6.7	-15.9
Participation rate	71.7	71.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.1	0.5	-0.4	0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.0	67.2	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.6	7.9	0.6	0.3	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	1,461.3	1,463.5	...	2.2	10.5	22.9	0.2	0.7	1.6
Labour force	872.5	876.3	6.3	3.8	0.1	22.1	0.4	0.0	2.6
Employment	817.2	819.7	6.6	2.5	-7.8	32.6	0.3	-0.9	4.1
Unemployment	55.3	56.6	4.9	1.3	7.9	-10.5	2.4	16.2	-15.6
Participation rate	59.7	59.9	0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.5	0.6	0.2	0.9	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.9	56.0	0.5	0.1	-1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	26.8	27.2	1.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>	2,037.9	2,053.1	11.4	15.2	-18.3	48.7	0.7	-0.9	2.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Agriculture	429.8	430.4	7.5	0.6	13.6	2.9	0.1	3.3	0.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	38.0	39.5	2.6	1.5	6.6	4.7	3.9	20.1	13.5
Utilities	35.2	37.0	3.0	1.8	-3.9	-12.7	5.1	-9.5	-25.6
Construction	11.5	11.9	1.2	0.4	1.0	-2.8	3.5	9.2	-19.0
Manufacturing	145.4	141.4	4.7	-4.0	13.0	22.3	-2.8	10.1	18.7
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	1,608.1	1,622.7	11.5	14.6	-31.9	45.8	0.9	-1.9	2.9
Trade	199.7	200.6	5.0	0.9	-3.1	-8.6	0.5	-1.5	-4.1
Transportation and warehousing	301.0	306.2	6.4	5.2	-15.4	-9.4	1.7	-4.8	-3.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	119.5	117.7	3.9	-1.8	1.9	1.0	-1.5	1.6	0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	135.8	136.3	4.2	0.5	3.6	16.5	0.4	2.7	13.8
Business, building and other support services	146.2	148.8	4.5	2.6	3.0	12.2	1.8	2.1	8.9
Educational services	85.1	89.6	3.9	4.5	-1.4	7.6	5.3	-1.5	9.3
Health care and social assistance	129.6	136.0	4.5	6.4	-7.3	-11.7	4.9	-5.1	-7.9
Information, culture and recreation	219.2	221.8	4.7	2.6	1.5	10.9	1.2	0.7	5.2
Accommodation and food services	97.9	100.8	4.3	2.9	-9.5	-7.6	3.0	-8.6	-7.0
Other services	180.0	174.0	5.1	-6.0	-1.7	17.2	-3.3	-1.0	11.0
Public administration	92.5	92.9	4.0	0.4	-7.2	-3.1	0.4	-7.2	-3.2
	101.3	98.6	3.5	-2.7	0.6	12.3	-2.7	0.6	14.3

<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 14

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Population	145.3	145.4	...	0.1	0.8	1.7	0.1	0.6	1.2
Labour force	95.6	96.1	0.8	0.5	-0.5	-3.1	0.5	-0.5	-3.1
Employment	87.3	87.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	-2.3	0.6	1.0	-2.6
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	0.5	0.0	-1.4	-0.8	0.0	-14.4	-8.8
Participation rate	65.8	66.1	0.6	0.3	-0.7	-2.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.6	0.5	-0.1	-1.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	60.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	-2.3	...	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>									
Population	291.5	291.8	...	0.3	1.8	4.3	0.1	0.6	1.5
Labour force	205.8	208.2	1.3	2.4	5.7	7.9	1.2	2.8	3.9
Employment	192.7	195.2	1.3	2.5	4.5	8.7	1.3	2.4	4.7
Unemployment	13.0	13.0	0.7	0.0	1.3	-0.8	0.0	11.1	-5.8
Participation rate	70.6	71.4	0.5	0.8	1.6	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	66.1	66.9	0.5	0.8	1.1	2.0	...	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>									
Population	101.0	101.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Labour force	66.4	66.4	0.7	0.0	1.8	0.5	0.0	2.8	0.8
Employment	61.1	61.1	0.7	0.0	2.2	1.6	0.0	3.7	2.7
Unemployment	5.2	5.3	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-1.1	1.9	-7.0	-17.2
Participation rate	65.7	65.7	0.7	0.0	1.7	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	0.6	0.2	-0.8	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.5	60.5	0.7	0.0	2.2	1.5	...	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>									
Population	130.1	130.1	...	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.6
Labour force	84.7	86.0	0.8	1.3	6.6	5.7	1.5	8.3	7.1
Employment	75.0	76.5	0.8	1.5	6.5	5.6	2.0	9.3	7.9
Unemployment	9.7	9.5	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-2.1	1.1	1.1
Participation rate	65.1	66.1	0.6	1.0	5.3	4.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.5	11.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.8	-0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	58.8	0.6	1.2	5.2	4.6	...	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>									
Population	580.6	581.1	...	0.5	2.6	5.8	0.1	0.4	1.0
Labour force	380.1	381.5	2.8	1.4	4.0	-7.2	0.4	1.1	-1.9
Employment	354.9	359.2	2.9	4.3	9.5	-1.8	1.2	2.7	-0.5
Unemployment	25.2	22.4	1.5	-2.8	-5.4	-5.4	-11.1	-19.4	-19.4
Participation rate	65.5	65.7	0.5	0.2	0.4	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	5.9	0.4	-0.7	-1.5	-1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.1	61.8	0.5	0.7	1.4	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>									
Population	118.0	118.1	...	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.6
Labour force	72.7	72.2	0.7	-0.5	-1.4	-2.5	-0.7	-1.9	-3.3
Employment	65.2	64.2	0.8	-1.0	-1.7	-3.0	-1.5	-2.6	-4.5
Unemployment	7.5	8.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	6.7	3.9	6.7
Participation rate	61.6	61.1	0.7	-0.5	-1.4	-2.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.3	11.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	54.4	0.7	-0.9	-1.5	-2.8	...	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>									
Population	129.5	129.7	...	0.2	0.8	1.8	0.2	0.6	1.4
Labour force	85.3	86.5	0.7	1.2	0.9	2.0	1.4	1.1	2.4
Employment	79.6	81.1	0.7	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.4
Unemployment	5.8	5.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.9	0.2	-5.2	-14.1	3.8
Participation rate	65.9	66.7	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.4	0.4	-0.4	-1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	62.5	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.6	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,937.2	2,941.0	...	3.8	19.9	46.2	0.1	0.7	1.6
Labour force	1,984.6	1,984.0	7.2	-0.6	-34.6	18.7	0.0	-1.7	1.0
Employment	1,818.4	1,825.2	7.5	6.8	-8.2	51.2	0.4	-0.4	2.9
Unemployment	166.2	158.8	4.8	-7.4	-26.4	-32.5	-4.5	-14.3	-17.0
Participation rate	67.6	67.5	0.2	-0.1	-1.6	-0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.4	8.0	0.2	-0.4	-1.2	-1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	62.1	0.3	0.2	-0.7	0.8	...	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>									
Population	927.9	929.6	...	1.7	8.7	20.8	0.2	0.9	2.3
Labour force	650.2	654.3	3.1	4.1	-0.6	0.9	0.6	-0.1	0.1
Employment	606.1	607.4	3.3	1.3	0.1	-3.4	0.2	0.0	-0.6
Unemployment	44.1	46.9	1.8	2.8	-0.7	4.3	6.3	-1.5	10.1
Participation rate	70.1	70.4	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	7.2	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.3	65.3	0.4	0.0	-0.6	-1.9	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,225.2	4,234.3	...	9.1	45.7	107.1	0.2	1.1	2.6
Labour force	2,950.6	2,969.9	8.8	19.3	68.5	68.7	0.7	2.4	2.4
Employment	2,726.3	2,739.0	9.0	12.7	48.9	62.5	0.5	1.8	2.3
Unemployment	224.3	230.9	5.3	6.6	19.6	6.2	2.9	9.3	2.8
Participation rate	69.8	70.1	0.2	0.3	0.8	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.7	0.2	0.2	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>									
Population	569.8	570.4	...	0.6	2.8	6.9	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	387.6	394.2	2.6	6.6	3.3	14.2	1.7	0.8	3.7
Employment	358.2	365.7	2.7	7.5	-3.7	6.7	2.1	-1.0	1.9
Unemployment	29.5	28.5	1.3	-1.0	7.0	7.5	-3.4	32.6	35.7
Participation rate	68.0	69.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	1.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.2	0.3	-0.4	1.7	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	64.1	0.5	1.2	-1.0	0.4	...	...	...
<b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>									
Population	360.9	361.5	...	0.6	2.6	6.8	0.2	0.7	1.9
Labour force	251.4	250.2	1.6	-1.2	-1.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2
Employment	237.3	235.8	1.7	-1.5	-3.4	0.6	-0.6	-1.4	0.3
Unemployment	14.1	14.3	0.8	0.2	1.6	-1.2	1.4	12.6	-7.7
Participation rate	69.7	69.2	0.5	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.2	0.5	-0.6	-1.4	-1.1	...	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>									
Population	349.4	349.7	...	0.3	1.0	2.9	0.1	0.3	0.8
Labour force	244.4	241.3	1.9	-3.1	0.5	6.0	-1.3	0.2	2.5
Employment	230.0	228.5	2.0	-1.5	5.0	9.4	-0.7	2.2	4.3
Unemployment	14.4	12.8	0.9	-1.6	-4.6	-3.4	-11.1	-26.4	-21.0
Participation rate	69.9	69.0	0.6	-0.9	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.3	0.4	-0.6	-1.9	-1.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.8	65.3	0.6	-0.5	1.2	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>									
Population	251.5	251.9	...	0.4	2.1	5.4	0.2	0.8	2.2
Labour force	181.4	181.4	1.2	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1
Employment	171.6	171.9	1.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment	9.8	9.5	0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.2	-3.1	8.0	2.2
Participation rate	72.1	72.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.2	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.2	68.2	0.5	0.0	-0.7	-1.5	...	...	...

Table 14

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>									
Population	326.6	326.7	...	0.1	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	204.5	203.9	1.6	-0.6	-5.9	-4.9	-0.3	-2.8	-2.3
Employment	188.4	187.5	1.6	-0.9	-8.2	-8.6	-0.5	-4.2	-4.4
Unemployment	16.1	16.4	0.8	0.3	2.3	3.7	1.9	16.3	29.1
Participation rate	62.6	62.4	0.5	-0.2	-1.9	-1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.0	0.4	0.1	1.3	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.4	0.5	-0.3	-2.6	-2.9	...	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>									
Population	126.4	126.4	...	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	82.0	82.1	0.7	0.1	2.2	2.0	0.1	2.8	2.5
Employment	75.3	74.7	0.7	-0.6	2.7	0.5	-0.8	3.8	0.7
Unemployment	6.7	7.3	0.4	0.6	-0.6	1.3	9.0	-7.6	21.7
Participation rate	64.9	65.0	0.6	0.1	1.9	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.9	0.5	0.7	-1.0	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	59.1	0.6	-0.5	2.3	0.7	...	...	...
<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>									
Population	100.2	100.2	...	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.6
Labour force	66.2	66.2	0.6	0.0	-0.6	-2.8	0.0	-0.9	-4.1
Employment	61.8	61.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	-3.5	-0.3	-0.8	-5.4
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.7	4.5	-2.1	17.9
Participation rate	66.1	66.1	0.6	0.0	-0.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.9	0.3	0.3	-0.1	1.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-3.1	...	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>									
Population	264.1	264.6	...	0.5	2.2	5.4	0.2	0.8	2.1
Labour force	173.8	174.6	1.4	0.8	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.1
Employment	160.9	160.9	1.5	0.0	0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment	12.9	13.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	7.0	5.3	3.8
Participation rate	65.8	66.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.9	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-1.4	...	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>									
Population	545.8	546.4	...	0.6	2.8	6.4	0.1	0.5	1.2
Labour force	387.2	388.4	1.3	1.2	9.6	5.2	0.3	2.5	1.4
Employment	367.3	368.1	1.3	0.8	10.2	3.2	0.2	2.8	0.9
Unemployment	19.9	20.4	0.8	0.5	-0.4	2.1	2.5	-1.9	11.5
Participation rate	70.9	71.1	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	67.3	67.4	0.2	0.1	1.6	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	156.4	156.4	...	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3
Labour force	115.3	115.6	0.7	0.3	0.9	3.5	0.3	0.8	3.1
Employment	109.2	109.6	0.7	0.4	1.2	3.9	0.4	1.1	3.7
Unemployment	6.1	6.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-1.6	-4.8	-4.8
Participation rate	73.7	73.9	0.5	0.2	0.4	2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.8	70.1	0.5	0.3	0.7	2.3	...	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>									
Population	184.1	184.3	...	0.2	0.9	1.6	0.1	0.5	0.9
Labour force	128.5	128.3	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8
Employment	119.8	120.0	0.8	0.2	-0.6	-2.0	0.2	-0.5	-1.6
Unemployment	8.7	8.3	0.4	-0.4	0.5	1.0	-4.6	6.4	13.7
Participation rate	69.8	69.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.5	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	65.1	65.1	0.5	0.0	-0.7	-1.7	...	...	...

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>									
Population	851.2	852.9	...	1.7	8.1	20.8	0.2	1.0	2.5
Labour force	645.9	643.8	3.0	-2.1	8.5	19.2	-0.3	1.3	3.1
Employment	610.2	611.6	3.1	1.4	11.7	22.1	0.2	2.0	3.7
Unemployment	35.6	32.1	1.6	-3.5	-3.3	-3.1	-9.8	-9.3	-8.8
Participation rate	75.9	75.5	0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.0	0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	71.7	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>									
Population	791.4	792.4	...	1.0	4.3	12.3	0.1	0.5	1.6
Labour force	578.2	574.7	2.6	-3.5	1.7	13.5	-0.6	0.3	2.4
Employment	548.7	548.4	2.7	-0.3	1.8	17.9	-0.1	0.3	3.4
Unemployment	29.5	26.2	1.3	-3.3	-0.2	-4.5	-11.2	-0.8	-14.7
Participation rate	73.1	72.5	0.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.6	0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	69.3	69.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,803.8	1,806.9	...	3.1	16.2	37.3	0.2	0.9	2.1
Labour force	1,213.8	1,229.4	4.8	15.6	20.0	44.1	1.3	1.7	3.7
Employment	1,126.5	1,138.4	5.0	11.9	5.3	39.8	1.1	0.5	3.6
Unemployment	87.3	90.9	3.0	3.6	14.6	4.2	4.1	19.1	4.8
Participation rate	67.3	68.0	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.4	0.2	0.2	1.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	63.0	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.9	...	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>									
Population	262.9	263.2	...	0.3	1.5	2.6	0.1	0.6	1.0
Labour force	165.4	167.3	1.7	1.9	-1.0	4.4	1.1	-0.6	2.7
Employment	157.1	159.0	1.8	1.9	-0.4	6.5	1.2	-0.3	4.3
Unemployment	8.3	8.3	0.7	0.0	-0.6	-2.1	0.0	-6.7	-20.2
Participation rate	62.9	63.6	0.7	0.7	-0.7	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.0	0.4	0.0	-0.3	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	60.4	0.7	0.6	-0.5	1.9	...	...	...

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

Table 15

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

	April 2004	May 2004	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			% change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>									
Population	2,941.2	2,944.9	...	3.7	19.9	46.6	0.1	0.7	1.6
Labour force	1,993.8	1,982.1	15.7	-11.7	-36.3	11.6	-0.6	-1.8	0.6
Employment	1,833.9	1,835.3	16.2	1.4	6.3	64.8	0.1	0.3	3.7
Unemployment	159.8	146.9	11.9	-12.9	-42.5	-53.1	-8.1	-22.4	-26.6
Participation rate	67.8	67.3	0.5	-0.5	-1.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.0	7.4	0.6	-0.6	-2.0	-2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	62.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>									
Population	4,234.3	4,243.5	...	9.2	47.0	106.9	0.2	1.1	2.6
Labour force	2,956.8	2,990.6	18.5	33.8	75.5	85.6	1.1	2.6	2.9
Employment	2,739.5	2,761.7	18.7	22.2	55.8	91.2	0.8	2.1	3.4
Unemployment	217.4	228.8	12.6	11.4	19.6	-5.7	5.2	9.4	-2.4
Participation rate	69.8	70.5	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	7.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	65.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	...	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>									
Population	1,806.9	1,810.2	...	3.3	16.6	37.4	0.2	0.9	2.1
Labour force	1,220.4	1,247.6	10.6	27.2	41.8	64.7	2.2	3.5	5.5
Employment	1,127.9	1,154.7	10.7	26.8	17.9	61.2	2.4	1.6	5.6
Unemployment	92.5	92.8	7.3	0.3	23.7	3.4	0.3	34.3	3.8
Participation rate	67.5	68.9	0.6	1.4	1.7	2.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.4	0.6	-0.2	1.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.4	63.8	0.6	1.4	0.4	2.1	...	...	...

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

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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Canada</b>	2003	25,176.8	16,913.6	15,567.4	1,346.1	67.2	8.0	61.8
	2004	25,524.0	17,136.0	15,825.9	1,310.1	67.1	7.6	62.0
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	2003	439.3	257.6	209.4	48.2	58.6	18.7	47.7
	2004	439.8	260.4	212.9	47.5	59.2	18.2	48.4
010 Avalon Peninsula	2003	208.5	132.7	113.5	19.2	63.6	14.5	54.4
	2004	210.4	130.0	114.2	15.8	61.8	12.2	54.3
020 South Coast-Burin Peninsula	2003	36.9	18.1	13.7	4.4	49.1	24.3	37.1
	2004	36.2	21.2	16.4	4.8	58.6	22.6	45.3
030 West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador	2003	94.0	56.6	45.3	11.3	60.2	20.0	48.2
	2004	93.8	55.3	41.3	14.0	59.0	25.3	44.0
040 Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	2003	99.9	50.2	36.9	13.3	50.3	26.5	36.9
	2004	99.5	53.9	41.0	12.9	54.2	23.9	41.2
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	2003	113.0	76.5	65.6	10.9	67.7	14.2	58.1
	2004	114.4	77.4	66.2	11.2	67.7	14.5	57.9
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	2003	759.0	476.0	429.3	46.7	62.7	9.8	56.6
	2004	763.7	487.8	439.5	48.3	63.9	9.9	57.5
210 Cape Breton	2003	119.9	62.6	52.5	10.1	52.2	16.1	43.8
	2004	119.1	65.2	54.6	10.6	54.7	16.3	45.8
220 North Shore	2003	133.2	81.5	72.9	8.7	61.2	10.7	54.7
	2004	133.5	81.5	72.0	9.5	61.0	11.7	53.9
230 Annapolis Valley	2003	101.9	62.4	56.5	5.9	61.2	9.5	55.4
	2004	102.5	63.5	56.5	6.9	62.0	10.9	55.1
240 Southern	2003	104.3	64.4	57.1	7.3	61.7	11.3	54.7
	2004	104.7	63.5	56.7	6.8	60.6	10.7	54.2
250 Halifax	2003	299.5	205.0	190.3	14.7	68.4	7.2	63.5
	2004	303.9	214.1	199.7	14.4	70.5	6.7	65.7
<b>New Brunswick</b>	2003	608.7	381.0	333.6	47.4	62.6	12.4	54.8
	2004	611.7	385.0	340.3	44.6	62.9	11.6	55.6
310 Campbellton-Miramichi	2003	145.0	78.2	62.9	15.3	53.9	19.6	43.4
	2004	144.4	81.7	67.1	14.6	56.6	17.9	46.5
320 Moncton-Richibucto	2003	154.2	100.7	90.0	10.7	65.3	10.6	58.4
	2004	156.2	106.0	96.1	9.9	67.9	9.3	61.5
330 Saint John-St. Stephen	2003	139.7	91.0	80.6	10.4	65.1	11.4	57.7
	2004	140.4	90.0	80.4	9.6	64.1	10.7	57.3
340 Fredericton-Oromocto	2003	99.9	67.5	60.7	6.8	67.6	10.1	60.8
	2004	100.9	64.8	58.6	6.3	64.2	9.7	58.1
350 Edmundston-Woodstock	2003	69.8	43.5	39.3	4.2	62.3	9.7	56.3
	2004	69.9	42.4	38.2	4.3	60.7	10.1	54.6
<b>Quebec</b>	2003	6,070.5	3,988.4	3,605.6	382.7	65.7	9.6	59.4
	2004	6,134.5	4,025.3	3,676.0	349.2	65.6	8.7	59.9
410 Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	2003	82.0	43.1	34.6	8.5	52.6	19.7	42.2
	2004	81.7	42.2	33.4	8.8	51.7	20.9	40.9
415 Bas-Saint-Laurent	2003	167.3	96.4	85.4	11.1	57.6	11.5	51.0
	2004	166.9	101.5	88.9	12.6	60.8	12.4	53.3
420 Québec	2003	538.4	353.8	324.8	28.9	65.7	8.2	60.3
	2004	543.9	350.3	327.6	22.6	64.4	6.5	60.2



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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Quebec - Continued</b>								
425 Chaudière-Appalaches	2003	319.8	216.9	201.6	15.3	67.8	7.1	63.0
	2004	321.2	220.4	205.4	14.9	68.6	6.8	63.9
430 Estrie	2003	239.3	156.1	144.4	11.7	65.2	7.5	60.3
	2004	241.5	152.9	142.8	10.1	63.3	6.6	59.1
433 Centre-du-Québec	2003	180.4	122.6	111.8	10.8	68.0	8.8	62.0
	2004	181.2	121.4	109.8	11.5	67.0	9.5	60.6
435 Montérégie	2003	1,082.5	732.9	675.3	57.6	67.7	7.9	62.4
	2004	1,095.1	754.9	700.2	54.7	68.9	7.2	63.9
440 Montréal	2003	1,518.5	991.4	870.0	121.4	65.3	12.2	57.3
	2004	1,538.9	988.8	898.8	90.0	64.3	9.1	58.4
445 Laval	2003	293.4	199.0	180.9	18.2	67.8	9.1	61.7
	2004	297.7	201.9	182.5	19.4	67.8	9.6	61.3
450 Lanaudière	2003	327.8	227.3	208.2	19.1	69.3	8.4	63.5
	2004	333.2	227.3	212.0	15.2	68.2	6.7	63.6
455 Laurentides	2003	391.9	262.9	243.3	19.6	67.1	7.5	62.1
	2004	400.6	276.3	254.5	21.8	69.0	7.9	63.5
460 Outaouais	2003	265.0	180.8	167.2	13.6	68.2	7.5	63.1
	2004	270.8	181.7	166.9	14.8	67.1	8.1	61.6
465 Abitibi-Témiscamingue	2003	120.2	74.6	67.0	7.7	62.1	10.3	55.7
	2004	119.3	76.5	67.4	9.1	64.1	11.9	56.5
470 Mauricie	2003	215.6	131.0	118.5	12.5	60.8	9.5	55.0
	2004	215.5	124.8	111.0	13.8	57.9	11.1	51.5
475 Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2003	232.2	139.7	121.2	18.4	60.2	13.2	52.2
	2004	231.3	140.6	120.8	19.9	60.8	14.2	52.2
480 and 490 Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec	2003	96.2	59.7	51.5	8.2	62.1	13.7	53.5
	2004	95.5	63.9	53.9	9.9	66.9	15.5	56.4
<b>Ontario</b>								
	2003	9,747.1	6,644.4	6,176.3	468.1	68.2	7.0	63.4
	2004	9,914.7	6,746.2	6,262.7	483.5	68.0	7.2	63.2
510 Ottawa	2003	945.2	653.3	609.3	44.0	69.1	6.7	64.5
	2004	962.3	649.0	600.3	48.7	67.4	7.5	62.4
515 Kingston-Pembroke	2003	337.9	206.7	193.7	13.0	61.2	6.3	57.3
	2004	338.9	200.4	186.1	14.3	59.1	7.1	54.9
520 Muskoka-Kawartha	2003	298.8	177.9	166.9	11.1	59.5	6.2	55.9
	2004	302.0	200.8	192.2	8.6	66.5	4.3	63.6
530 Toronto	2003	4,324.5	3,033.4	2,803.2	230.3	70.1	7.6	64.8
	2004	4,435.7	3,102.9	2,869.7	233.2	70.0	7.5	64.7
540 Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie	2003	889.8	631.3	596.5	34.8	70.9	5.5	67.0
	2004	909.7	637.8	602.9	34.9	70.1	5.5	66.3
550 Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula	2003	1,082.0	720.9	675.4	45.5	66.6	6.3	62.4
	2004	1,092.4	724.2	667.9	56.3	66.3	7.8	61.1
560 London	2003	485.9	333.9	310.5	23.5	68.7	7.0	63.9
	2004	489.7	339.9	319.9	19.9	69.4	5.9	65.3
570 Windsor-Sarnia	2003	513.2	333.0	307.9	25.1	64.9	7.5	60.0
	2004	518.9	334.2	307.3	26.9	64.4	8.0	59.2

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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Ontario - Continued</b>								
580 Stratford-Bruce Peninsula	2003	236.2	151.6	142.1	9.5	64.2	6.3	60.2
	2004	237.2	163.4	156.4	7.0	68.9	4.3	65.9
590 Northeast	2003	454.1	278.3	256.0	22.3	61.3	8.0	56.4
	2004	450.3	273.4	249.6	23.7	60.7	8.7	55.4
595 Northwest	2003	179.3	124.0	115.0	9.1	69.2	7.3	64.1
	2004	177.7	120.3	110.3	10.0	67.7	8.3	62.1
<b>Manitoba</b>								
	2003	866.1	595.2	567.1	28.1	68.7	4.7	65.5
	2004	875.2	604.0	572.0	32.1	69.0	5.3	65.4
610 Southeast	2003	70.3	49.4	47.5	1.9	70.3	3.8	67.6
	2004	71.8	51.5	48.2	3.3	71.7	6.4	67.1
620 South Central	2003	40.9	27.1	25.8	1.3	66.3	4.8	63.1
	2004	41.6	27.3	26.6	0.7	65.6	2.6	63.9
630 Southwest	2003	82.0	54.7	52.7	2.0	66.7	3.7	64.3
	2004	82.3	54.9	52.2	2.8	66.7	5.1	63.4
640 North Central	2003	34.7	24.0	23.1	0.9	69.2	3.8	66.6
	2004	34.9	23.0	21.8	1.2	65.9	5.2	62.5
650 Winnipeg	2003	502.5	351.9	334.5	17.4	70.0	4.9	66.6
	2004	508.0	358.1	338.6	19.5	70.5	5.4	66.7
660 Interlake	2003	68.3	45.2	43.4	1.8	66.2	4.0	63.5
	2004	69.7	46.9	45.2	1.7	67.3	3.6	64.8
670 and 680 Parklands and North	2003	67.3	42.8	40.1	2.7	63.6	6.3	59.6
	2004	66.9	42.3	39.4	2.9	63.2	6.9	58.9
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
	2003	756.3	513.0	482.7	30.4	67.8	5.9	63.8
	2004	757.2	515.5	485.9	29.6	68.1	5.7	64.2
710 Regina-Moose Mountain	2003	216.2	152.2	144.0	8.3	70.4	5.5	66.6
	2004	216.5	154.7	146.4	8.3	71.5	5.4	67.6
720 Swift Current-Moose Jaw	2003	83.7	54.6	52.1	2.4	65.2	4.4	62.2
	2004	83.1	53.3	50.7	2.6	64.1	4.9	61.0
730 Saskatoon-Biggar	2003	227.5	160.8	151.9	9.0	70.7	5.6	66.8
	2004	229.1	157.5	147.9	9.6	68.7	6.1	64.6
740 Yorkton-Melville	2003	69.2	41.0	38.5	2.5	59.2	6.1	55.6
	2004	68.6	42.3	40.1	2.2	61.7	5.2	58.5
750 and 760 Prince Albert and Northern	2003	159.6	104.4	96.2	8.1	65.4	7.8	60.3
	2004	160.0	107.7	100.9	6.8	67.3	6.3	63.1
<b>Alberta</b>								
	2003	2,461.3	1,798.3	1,695.2	103.1	73.1	5.7	68.9
	2004	2,508.2	1,826.9	1,738.0	88.9	72.8	4.9	69.3
810 Lethbridge-Medicine Hat	2003	192.7	135.6	129.8	5.7	70.4	4.2	67.4
	2004	195.9	133.3	128.3	5.0	68.0	3.8	65.5
820 Camrose-Drumheller	2003	143.7	102.6	97.8	4.8	71.4	4.7	68.1
	2004	145.1	100.0	96.3	3.8	68.9	3.8	66.4
830 Calgary	2003	886.0	661.7	622.3	39.4	74.7	6.0	70.2
	2004	908.6	683.0	647.7	35.3	75.2	5.2	71.3
840 Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House	2003	64.5	43.9	40.7	3.2	68.1	7.3	63.1
	2004	64.7	45.5	43.9	1.6	70.3	3.5	67.9

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

	May	Population	Labour force			Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
			Labour force	Employment	Unemployment			
<b>Alberta - Continued</b>								
850 Red Deer	2003	123.0	92.4	87.1	5.2	75.1	5.6	70.8
	2004	126.0	92.4	87.8	4.5	73.3	4.9	69.7
860 Edmonton	2003	803.6	577.8	544.8	32.9	71.9	5.7	67.8
	2004	816.3	591.3	562.1	29.3	72.4	5.0	68.9
870 Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	2003	170.3	120.8	112.9	7.9	70.9	6.5	66.3
	2004	172.3	120.0	112.9	7.0	69.6	5.8	65.5
880 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	2003	77.5	63.5	59.6	3.9	81.9	6.1	76.9
	2004	79.4	61.4	59.0	2.4	77.3	3.9	74.3
<b>British Columbia</b>								
	2003	3,355.5	2,183.2	2,002.6	180.6	65.1	8.3	59.7
	2004	3,404.6	2,207.3	2,032.3	175.1	64.8	7.9	59.7
910 Vancouver Island and Coast	2003	571.7	345.4	316.5	28.9	60.4	8.4	55.4
	2004	577.3	349.4	318.5	30.9	60.5	8.8	55.2
920 Lower Mainland-Southwest	2003	2,010.3	1,337.4	1,240.6	96.9	66.5	7.2	61.7
	2004	2,051.2	1,377.5	1,279.6	97.9	67.2	7.1	62.4
930 Thompson-Okanagan	2003	393.2	236.4	212.4	24.0	60.1	10.2	54.0
	2004	397.4	238.4	220.5	17.8	60.0	7.5	55.5
940 Kootenay	2003	125.1	83.4	72.3	11.0	66.7	13.2	57.8
	2004	125.4	69.2	61.7	7.5	55.2	10.8	49.2
950 Cariboo	2003	134.3	91.2	79.7	11.5	67.9	12.6	59.3
	2004	133.3	91.8	79.8	11.9	68.9	13.0	59.9
960 and 970 North Coast and Nechako	2003	73.3	53.4	47.5	6.0	72.9	11.2	64.8
	2004	72.3	47.6	40.7	6.9	65.8	14.5	56.3
980 Northeast	2003	47.7	36.0	33.6	2.4	75.5	6.7	70.4
	2004	47.7	33.4	31.3	2.1	70.0	6.3	65.6

<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 2004</b>										
15 years and over	13,635.6	35.5	680.24	18.51	11,177.4	39.5	777.09	2,458.2	17.5	239.90
15 to 24 years	2,348.7	28.7	317.47	10.37	1,321.0	38.9	458.86	1,027.7	15.5	135.72
25 years and over	11,287.0	36.9	755.73	20.20	9,856.4	39.5	819.74	1,430.6	18.9	314.74
Men	6,916.6	38.1	787.69	20.17	6,172.9	40.7	857.74	743.7	16.4	206.22
Women	6,719.1	32.8	569.64	16.80	5,004.5	37.9	677.60	1,714.6	17.9	254.51
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	4,375.5	35.9	783.32	21.59	3,752.7	38.7	852.72	622.8	19.1	365.18
No union coverage	9,260.1	35.3	631.54	17.05	7,424.7	39.9	738.86	1,835.4	16.9	197.39
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent	11,839.2	36.3	714.55	19.15	10,063.5	39.5	794.94	1,775.7	18.4	258.95
Temporary	1,796.4	30.2	454.14	14.31	1,113.9	39.4	615.77	682.5	15.1	190.36
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management	960.4	40.1	1,187.15	29.73	935.2	40.7	1,208.72	25.3	18.5	388.76
Business, finance and administrative	2,694.3	35.4	643.92	17.86	2,313.6	38.2	705.33	380.7	18.0	270.70
Natural and applied sciences	897.5	38.5	1,020.67	26.55	868.5	39.2	1,039.40	29.0	17.9	459.83
Health	787.1	33.2	751.12	22.48	584.0	37.7	853.34	203.1	20.4	457.29
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,020.6	34.3	884.72	25.75	817.2	38.2	991.12	203.5	18.3	457.38
Art, culture, recreation and sport	259.6	31.5	645.41	19.06	185.6	38.5	828.75	74.0	14.1	185.89
Sales and service	3,601.7	30.5	397.12	12.13	2,280.5	38.4	532.80	1,321.2	16.9	162.93
Trades, transport and equipment operators	1,877.0	40.0	738.57	18.29	1,748.5	41.6	774.97	128.5	18.2	243.32
Occupations unique to primary industry	309.2	42.0	642.09	14.85	271.4	45.9	710.66	37.8	14.1	149.39
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,228.2	39.4	657.50	16.55	1,173.0	40.4	678.49	55.2	17.5	210.98
<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

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 6, 2004 to July 10, 2004	Region	Effective from June 6, 2004 to July 10, 2004
	Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
	%		%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>		<b>Ontario - Continued</b>	
01. St. John's	8.7	30. London	5.3
02. Newfoundland and Labrador	20.6	31. Niagara	7.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>		32. Windsor	7.9
03. Prince Edward Island	12.1	33. Kitchener	5.8
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		34. Huron	7.8
04. Eastern Nova Scotia	16.1	35. South Central Ontario	4.8
05. Western Nova Scotia	10.0	36. Sudbury	9.1
06. Halifax	6.2	37. Thunder Bay	7.4
<b>New Brunswick</b>		38. Northern Ontario	12.1
07. Fredericton-Moncton-Saint John	7.0	<b>Manitoba</b>	
08. Madawaska-Charlotte <sup>2</sup>	11.9	39. Winnipeg	5.3
09. Restigouche-Albert	16.2	40. Southern Manitoba	6.0
<b>Quebec</b>		41. Northern Manitoba	27.5
10. Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine	21.0	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
11. Québec	5.8	42. Regina	5.2
12. Trois-Rivières	11.1	43. Saskatoon	6.5
13. South Central Quebec	5.9	44. Southern Saskatchewan	7.1
14. Sherbrooke	6.3	45. Northern Saskatchewan	13.2
15. Montérégie	7.2	<b>Alberta</b>	
16. Montréal	8.0	46. Calgary	5.1
17. Central Quebec	9.3	47. Edmonton	4.8
18. Northwestern Quebec	18.3	48. Northern Alberta	10.0
19. Bas-Saint-Laurent-Côte-Nord <sup>3</sup>	14.1	49. Southern Alberta	5.8
20. Hull	6.7	<b>British Columbia</b>	
21. Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11.0	50. Southern Interior British Columbia	8.7
<b>Ontario</b>		51. Abbotsford	6.2
22. Ottawa	7.3	52. Vancouver	7.6
23. Eastern Ontario	7.5	53. Victoria	5.5
24. Kingston	5.5	54. Southern Coastal British Columbia	12.5
25. Central Ontario	4.6	55. Northern British Columbia	14.8
26. Oshawa	5.2	<b>Territories</b>	
27. Toronto	7.8	56. Yukon <sup>4</sup>	25.0
28. Hamilton	7.2	57. Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup>	25.0
29. St. Catharines	8.1	58. Nunavut <sup>4</sup>	25.0

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

<sup>2</sup> This unemployment rate has been determined using a transition formula prescribed in the EI Regulations. For further information, see: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913a_e.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.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/comm/news/2000/000913b_e.shtml).

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

Table 19

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

	May 2002	May 2003	May 2004	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	2,213.5	2,204.5	2,184.5	26.3	-20.0	-29.0	-0.9	-1.3
Labour force	1,210.7	1,217.7	1,197.4	26.9	-20.3	-13.3	-1.7	-1.1
Employment	986.0	1,004.7	959.3	25.3	-45.4	-26.7	-4.5	-2.7
Full-time employment	249.8	246.5	245.0	17.9	-1.5	-4.8	-0.6	-1.9
Part-time employment	736.3	758.2	714.3	20.8	-43.9	-22.0	-5.8	-3.0
Unemployment	224.7	213.0	238.1	12.2	25.1	13.4	11.8	6.0
Participation rate	54.7	55.2	54.8	0.9	-0.4	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.6	17.5	19.9	0.9	2.4	1.3	...	...
Employment rate	44.5	45.6	43.9	0.8	-1.7	-0.6	...	...
Part-time rate	74.7	75.5	74.5	1.3	-1.0	-0.2	...	...
<b>15 to 16 years</b>								
Population	784.5	765.2	772.5	4.5	7.3	-12.0	1.0	-1.5
Labour force	276.0	270.1	272.9	11.4	2.8	-3.1	1.0	-1.1
Employment	211.4	202.0	200.4	10.7	-1.6	-11.0	-0.8	-5.2
Full-time employment	4.9	1.8	6.6	4.3	4.8	1.7	266.7	34.7
Part-time employment	206.5	200.2	193.8	10.2	-6.4	-12.7	-3.2	-6.2
Unemployment	64.7	68.1	72.5	6.7	4.4	7.8	6.5	12.1
Participation rate	35.2	35.3	35.3	1.4	0.0	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	23.4	25.2	26.6	2.0	1.4	3.2	...	...
Employment rate	26.9	26.4	25.9	1.4	-0.5	-1.0	...	...
Part-time rate	97.7	99.1	96.7	1.5	-2.4	-1.0	...	...
<b>17 to 19 years</b>								
Population	800.3	794.8	806.5	14.5	11.7	6.2	1.5	0.8
Labour force	487.1	481.8	492.5	15.5	10.7	5.4	2.2	1.1
Employment	400.1	408.1	401.1	15.0	-7.0	1.0	-1.7	0.2
Full-time employment	65.9	67.9	66.5	9.8	-1.4	0.6	-2.1	0.9
Part-time employment	334.1	340.2	334.5	13.4	-5.7	0.4	-1.7	0.1
Unemployment	87.1	73.7	91.4	7.6	17.7	4.3	24.0	4.9
Participation rate	60.9	60.6	61.1	1.4	0.5	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	17.9	15.3	18.6	1.3	3.3	0.7	...	...
Employment rate	50.0	51.3	49.7	1.5	-1.6	-0.3	...	...
Part-time rate	83.5	83.4	83.4	1.8	0.0	-0.1	...	...
<b>20 to 24 years</b>								
Population	628.7	644.4	605.4	20.6	-39.0	-23.3	-6.1	-3.7
Labour force	447.5	465.8	432.0	18.4	-33.8	-15.5	-7.3	-3.5
Employment	374.6	394.6	357.8	17.5	-36.8	-16.8	-9.3	-4.5
Full-time employment	178.9	176.8	171.9	14.0	-4.9	-7.0	-2.8	-3.9
Part-time employment	195.7	217.7	185.9	12.0	-31.8	-9.8	-14.6	-5.0
Unemployment	72.9	71.3	74.2	6.5	2.9	1.3	4.1	1.8
Participation rate	71.2	72.3	71.4	1.8	-0.9	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.3	15.3	17.2	1.4	1.9	0.9	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	61.2	59.1	1.9	-2.1	-0.5	...	...
Part-time rate	52.2	55.2	52.0	2.4	-3.2	-0.3	...	...
<b>Other persons aged 15 to 24<sup>3</sup></b>								
Population	1,914.0	1,955.6	2,016.2	21.9	60.6	102.2	3.1	5.3
Labour force	1,612.4	1,663.0	1,698.1	23.6	35.1	85.7	2.1	5.3
Employment	1,397.1	1,432.1	1,487.1	23.1	55.0	90.0	3.8	6.4
Full-time employment	1,077.1	1,091.0	1,120.3	24.0	29.3	43.2	2.7	4.0
Part-time employment	320.0	341.2	366.8	18.8	25.6	46.8	7.5	14.6
Unemployment	215.3	230.8	211.0	14.4	-19.8	-4.3	-8.6	-2.0
Participation rate	84.2	85.0	84.2	0.6	-0.8	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.4	13.9	12.4	0.6	-1.5	-0.9	...	...
Employment rate	73.0	73.2	73.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	...	...
Part-time rate	22.9	23.8	24.7	0.9	0.8	1.8	...	...

<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, 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	2003	37.2	12.9	8.6	3.0	5.6	4.3	34.7	33.3	23.1
	2004	37.4	16.3	11.2	4.0	7.2	5.1	43.6	31.3	29.9
Prince Edward Island	2003	10.9	6.9	5.0	1.7	3.4	1.9	63.3	27.5	45.9
	2004	10.1	5.8	4.8	2.0	2.9	1.0	57.4	17.2	47.5
Nova Scotia	2003	68.8	39.9	31.3	11.0	20.3	8.6	58.0	21.6	45.5
	2004	65.2	37.3	29.6	7.5	22.1	7.8	57.2	20.9	45.4
New Brunswick	2003	49.6	22.8	18.0	4.6	13.5	4.7	46.0	20.6	36.3
	2004	49.0	26.7	19.7	6.6	13.0	7.0	54.5	26.2	40.2
Quebec	2003	515.6	270.7	227.4	46.0	181.3	43.4	52.5	16.0	44.1
	2004	510.7	266.1	223.2	45.2	178.0	42.9	52.1	16.1	43.7
Ontario	2003	901.2	533.3	432.1	103.2	328.9	101.1	59.2	19.0	47.9
	2004	899.2	520.1	401.9	110.0	291.9	118.2	57.8	22.7	44.7
Manitoba	2003	68.6	41.5	37.2	10.0	27.2	4.3	60.5	10.4	54.2
	2004	73.2	43.3	36.3	9.6	26.8	7.0	59.2	16.2	49.6
Saskatchewan	2003	66.3	39.9	34.1	11.4	22.7	5.8	60.2	14.5	51.4
	2004	63.3	34.8	29.8	9.6	20.2	5.1	55.0	14.7	47.1
Alberta	2003	209.2	130.9	111.0	34.2	76.8	19.9	62.6	15.2	53.1
	2004	204.9	118.5	101.4	27.8	73.6	17.1	57.8	14.4	49.5
British Columbia	2003	277.1	118.9	99.9	21.5	78.4	19.0	42.9	16.0	36.1
	2004	271.4	128.5	101.5	22.8	78.7	27.0	47.3	21.0	37.4
<b>Other persons aged 15-24<sup>2</sup></b>										
Newfoundland and Labrador	2003	36.4	28.8	21.4	14.9	6.5	7.4	79.1	25.7	58.8
	2004	34.4	26.2	18.3	13.7	4.7	7.8	76.2	29.8	53.2
Prince Edward Island	2003	9.4	8.3	7.4	5.8	1.7	x	88.3	x	78.7
	2004	10.1	8.6	7.0	5.9	1.1	1.6	85.1	18.6	69.3
Nova Scotia	2003	54.9	44.5	37.2	28.9	8.3	7.4	81.1	16.6	67.8
	2004	59.1	48.6	41.4	32.2	9.1	7.3	82.2	15.0	70.1
New Brunswick	2003	47.9	39.0	31.1	26.5	4.6	7.9	81.4	20.3	64.9
	2004	48.3	40.4	34.5	28.1	6.5	5.8	83.6	14.4	71.4
Quebec	2003	436.7	377.3	321.0	256.2	64.8	56.4	86.4	14.9	73.5
	2004	438.3	378.2	328.4	247.7	80.7	49.8	86.3	13.2	74.9
Ontario	2003	692.6	588.7	506.0	383.5	122.5	82.7	85.0	14.0	73.1
	2004	725.2	615.7	538.4	405.8	132.6	77.3	84.9	12.6	74.2
Manitoba	2003	81.1	69.2	63.3	45.6	17.6	6.0	85.3	8.7	78.1
	2004	78.9	67.2	61.3	47.0	14.3	5.9	85.2	8.8	77.7
Saskatchewan	2003	72.4	61.2	53.7	41.3	12.3	7.5	84.5	12.3	74.2
	2004	75.0	62.8	57.3	44.8	12.6	5.4	83.7	8.6	76.4
Alberta	2003	253.5	218.7	197.8	157.3	40.5	20.9	86.3	9.6	78.0
	2004	263.4	216.6	199.4	160.8	38.6	17.2	82.2	7.9	75.7
British Columbia	2003	270.8	227.2	193.3	131.0	62.2	33.9	83.9	14.9	71.4
	2004	283.7	234.0	201.0	134.4	66.6	33.0	82.5	14.1	70.8

<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.

All geographic regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries.



## Seasonal adjustment

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

## Sampling error

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

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

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